

12 FEB 2020

The King's Ken

EVERYDAY
communion



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From the Principal's desk

*"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"
1 Corinthians 10:16 KJV*

The Christian school has the privilege of living out everyday communion with its students. Not as in the sacrament or ceremony of communion, but in actually *living in that communion*.

Here are 6 aspects of the communion life that we get to practice every day.

1. **Oneness with Christ.** "Communion of the blood of Christ" signifies us becoming one with Christ, taking on his heart, his mission and his desires (Romans 13:14) and abiding in the Vine (John 15:1-11). Practically, we do this every day by spending time in God's Word and by praying and by meditating on his truth.

2. **Unity of the family of faith.** "Communion of the body of Christ" refers to how the family of faith do life together, bearing one another's burdens and showing humility, patience and gentleness to our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-6). Practically, we do this every day by building a community of peace and unity with Jesus at the centre.

3. **Serving others.** Some scholars say that when Jesus says, "this is my body, broken for you, do this in remembrance of me", he might have been referring to us following his journey to the cross in being willing to have our bodies 'broken'. We have not had to shed blood (Hebrews 12:4), but we nevertheless daily take up our cross, deny ourselves and follow him (Luke 9:23).

4. **Welcome and hospitality.** The table of the Lord is a term used in Scripture for communion, and in the culture of the time, sharing a meal with someone was the essence of welcome and hospitality. Jesus was even prepared to have Judas at his table (and wash his feet), a beautiful picture of his abundant grace. We live communion lives when we welcome all who will come.

5. **Remembering Jesus and his work.** Communion is remembering Jesus until he comes again (1 Corinthians 11:25), and we do this every day at the Christian school through Biblical Integration. Whatever we study, we intentionally consider how Jesus and the Gospel impact that learning area. We live a communion life in curriculum.

6. **Thanksgiving.** In some churches, communion is called the Eucharist. This word comes from the Greek eucharisto meaning 'to give thanks'. Our communion lives are marked by thankful hearts for every good gift that comes from God (James 1:17).

When students come to celebrate the sacrament of Communion in a Sunday worship service, let them do it with the knowledge that they live in the reality of communion life every day in their school.

MR. KEN LANGLEY
Principal

RESPONDING to the PARKTOWN BOYS HIGH TRAGEDY

I'm sure that all of us were heart-broken to hear of the tragic drowning of a Grade 8 student from Parktown Boys last month. We mourn with those who mourn, and stand with that school community and with the parents of that boy. We pray that God will comfort the family, the students and the school management as they grieve together.

Besides a reaction of grief, there has been a natural public reaction to say "is my child going to be safe on school camp?". Many parents, even those that have sent their children on many previous school outings, will now be reluctant to send their kids on school camps for fear that something similar may happen to their own kids. We understand these feelings of fear, but want to assure parents that

we have not waited for a tragedy of this magnitude to happen before developing policies and procedures for the safety of our children. We already have them in place, and regularly review them. The teacher to student ratio on camp is 1-20 and for every activity that students undertake, there is strict monitoring and supervision from both teachers and camp facilitators. We use high quality campsites that we regularly visit or campsites that have been pre-checked by our management team to ensure that safety and facilitation is of a standard we expect. Our students will tell you that they are always "being checked on" and sometimes feel that they are not trusted, but the supervision is a necessary duty of care.

Because we have seen that, in many schools, the school management and parents have had a knee-jerk reaction to this tragedy where they try to eliminate any conceivable potential risks, outings have now been called off and for others, and parents have opted to keep their kids at home. We believe that this is not a helpful response, and prefer to continue with school outings where we maintain a strong vigilance on our safety measures.

However, we cannot dictate to parents in terms of attendance at outings, so if your child will not attend an outing or camp please follow the procedure indicated in the official newsletter handed to your child.

Our hope is that our schooling sector will embrace the great educational value of camps and outings with a focus on duty of care.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT!

14 February - Soup/Gravy

21 February - Baked Beans

28 February - Dishwashing Soap

6 March - Handy Andy/Savlon

13 March - Mielie Meal

20 March - Rice

In addition to the above, any warm clothes for children from 3 months to 9 years old will be greatly appreciated.

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Friendly Reminder: School fees must be paid in advance, before the 7th of each month, 12 Months of the year.

NB! DATES FOR THE TERM

- 10-14 Feb. - Fun Week
- 14 February - School Picnic/Civvies Day
- 14 February - Cluster D Athletics PS
- 15 February - Agape Ball
- 15 February - Pre-Primary Sports Day
- 19 February - School Day Prayer Day
- 22 February - Nursery School Sports Day
- 24 February - Intermediate Phase Blue Certificate Assembly
- 25 February - Roodepoort Athletics Championships (PS)
- 26 February - Ash Wednesday
- 28/2-2 March - Festival of Fame
- 28 February - HS Athletics: D12 Championships
- 29 February - Roodepoort Individual Chess
- 5 March - D12 Athletic Championships (PS)
- 6 March - HS Certificate Assembly
- 6 +7 March - Gauteng Athletics Championships
- 7 March - Open Day (09:00 – 14:00)
- 11-13 March - School Camp (Gr. 5 – Matric)
- 11 March - Gr. 4 Day Camp
- 19 March - Shavathon
- 20 March - Wintersport Interhouse
- 20 March - Nursery School Fun Day
- 20 March - SCHOOL CLOSES

@ 11:45 for Pre-School and Foundation Phase

@ 12:00 for Intermediate Phase and High School

Finance Office Times

Please note that the Finance Office will only be available for calls and visits during the following times daily:
07:30 to 10:00 and again from 13:00 to 15:00

Please Note: In case of absenteeism a doctor's note must be provided for all summative assessments (tests, orals, practical assessments etc) missed.

THE SCHOOL WEAR SHOP

Liza Smith - 072 108 3670
E-mail - ropacc@vodamail.co.za

OPERATING HOURS - SCHOOL TERMS ONLY

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:
06:45 to 13:30**

*Mrs. Smith may be contacted on the number above
from Monday to Friday from 06:45 to 16:00*

CLOSED: Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays

**TO ACCOMMODATE OUR
FULL-TIME WORKING PARENTS:
Saturdays by appointment only**

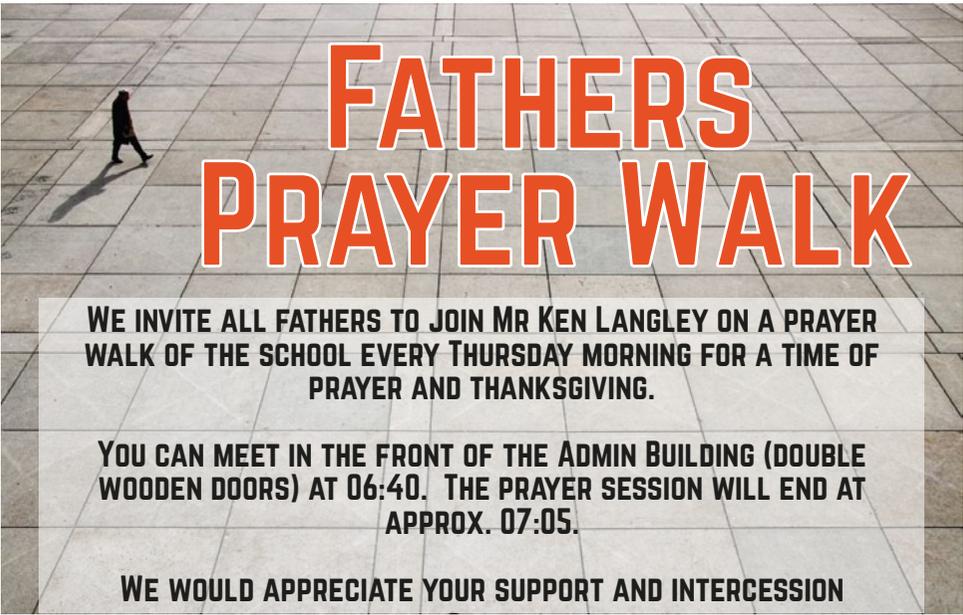


SWOP SHOP

For second hand school items to buy or swap

The shop will be open on **Mondays & Thursdays from 06:45 to 07:30**.
Please keep in mind that all items that you want to swap or donate must be in a usable condition. We will not accept clothes that are torn

CONTACT:
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FATHERS PRAYER WALK

WE INVITE ALL FATHERS TO JOIN MR KEN LANGLEY ON A PRAYER WALK OF THE SCHOOL EVERY THURSDAY MORNING FOR A TIME OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING.

YOU CAN MEET IN THE FRONT OF THE ADMIN BUILDING (DOUBLE WOODEN DOORS) AT 06:40. THE PRAYER SESSION WILL END AT APPROX. 07:05.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND INTERCESSION