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IN THE
STORM



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From the Principal's desk

PERSEVERING IN THE STORM

The past month has been a time like no other. It's almost as if the whole world has been transported overnight into a different dimension where all the rules of the game have been changed and everyone is trying to figure out how to operate within new constraints that we've never faced before.

I'm aware of teachers that have worked through the night preparing lessons, learning new skills, making mistakes, trying again, crying, laughing, feeling hopeless and pushing themselves to new limits. Others have set alarms to wake up at 3 in the morning to prepare lessons while their own kids are still asleep. Others still have waited until 12 midnight so that they could benefit from 'night owl' data to prepare lessons.

I also know parents who have had to continue working as essential workers, and then come home to help their kids with the new challenges of online learning. They too have experienced those times of crying, laughing, feeling hopeless and pushing themselves to new limits.

And then there are the students who have had to figure out this new world - what to download, when to download, how to ask a teacher a question, how to organise their

workday, and a myriad other questions. For them too there have been those times of crying, laughing, feeling hopeless and pushing themselves to new limits.

There has not been even one in our community that has not felt the discomfort and angst of these new conditions. We have all had to sacrifice in so many different ways and all of us have experienced the loss of simple things we had previously taken for granted. But, as a community, we have not allowed these hardships to dominate our thinking, we have chosen instead be other-centered, to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). I have been so encouraged to hear stories of incredible support from parents to teachers, and from teachers to students that are God-honouring testimonies of our community of faith.

Thank you to everyone, especially the students, for persevering through the storm. Keeping your eyes on Jesus is the secret to not sinking in the storm, so spend your first time each day in God's word and in prayer. He is mighty to save.

MR. KEN LANGLEY
Principal

ENCOURAGEMENT

FROM OUR HEAD BOY TADIWANASHE TEKERE



National lockdown due to the Coronavirus-19, came upon us all as an unexpected eventuality. We are all experiencing this time of uncertainty differently as individuals, families, schools, and businesses. As time passes, speculations continue to come and as students we begin to worry about our academic future. For my peers in matric and students everywhere, remember God has carried us this far; He has guided and watched over our every being and will continue to do so throughout this time of great uncertainty. Let us look at this time under lockdown as an opportunity to interact with family members, discover more about ourselves and work hard to cover all our work in preparation for our return to school. Let's find time to keep up with our education, one

way or the other, so that when this time passes, we will still be on our way to achieve our educational goals and dreams. I believe our generation is built for greatness, we are all young prodigies with different exceptional qualities and a moment like this is here to test us and help us grow. Let us not allow the challenge of this moment to be an obstacle and a future excuse, but trusting God, let's show our resilience, push through and come out with the best of the moment. As a Nation, let us obey and trust our leaders, for they have been placed in power to lead us. Let us continue to persevere and push forward as one nation, Joshua 1:9 says, "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

**NOT TOO COOL
TO BE
MISSING SCHOOL**

**So you think it is only the
kids missing school
Here is what our Teachers
had to say!**



<https://tkswr.co.za/justamminute.php>

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Lockdown Learning

Lockdown has taught many people many things and has taught me a lot too. Some good and some not so good. It is good to encourage one another and spur one another on as well as enable our learners at this time more than ever before to understand that we work as if we are working unto the Lord and not as unto man. I have been stretched and learnt many new skills in a very short period and so have my Accounting learners. I am so incredibly proud of them. They have been keeping up and submitting their work to me on a weekly basis and even completing online quizzes.

I would like to encourage all learners, my fellow colleagues as well as parents to maintain balance and look after yourself as the most important thing is that our immune systems are working well as when we return to the "world" we must be able to fight this virus should it affect us. Get enough sleep, exercise and eat well. Soak yourself in God's word so that you are healthy spiritually which is so vital at this time and as times may get tougher, we will be able to raise a hallelujah and trust fully in

our ever faithful and loving Father. Just as we have all learnt so many lessons, so have our beautiful learners. I asked them to give me some feedback on how online learning in general has been for them and they were honest and gave some great feedback. This is what they had to say. I have not disclosed names of learners as I have given their honest opinions.

**Mrs. Lara Henry
(AKA MAMA HEN) –
Accounting Teacher**

JUST LIKE YOU DO AT SCHOOL....



**YOU CAN STILL GET A
CONCEPT
RE-EXPLAINED BY
ANOTHER TEACHER AT
HELPDESK. EMAIL THE
TEACHER THAT DOES
HELPDESK FOR THAT
SUBJECT OR GRADE TO
REQUEST ASSISTANCE.**

It feels like I am preparing for university.

GRADE 12

I see the advantage of this as it is preparing us for tertiary studies. I can do stuff that I did not know how to do before.

GRADE 12

Personally, I think it is a great platform to understand how online schooling works and it allows us to improve self-discipline. And so far, I am getting the just of it. At first it felt overwhelming and I felt confused with the platform used but once I planned each day it is much better to meet deadlines.

GRADE 12

Online schooling has been an interesting experience for me. It has been tough, it has been challenging, but it has also been exciting too. Trying out something new like this, definitely got me amped. Although it was difficult and frustrating at times, not being able to have one on one time with all my teachers, I still enjoyed this opportunity. As much as I love online learning, I miss my teachers and my school. I know my teachers have put a lot of effort into making sure that we still do well, and that is what I love about my teachers and I love about my school.

GRADE 12

I have really enjoyed it. Although the first week was a bit of a mess, I was able to find a routine that works for me. Personally, I prefer working in this environment as I don't have any things to distract me. I am also not as stressed. I am very thankful that every one of my teachers gave me a weekly plan of how the lessons work and what is expected in that week. All the resources are also clearly labelled. I was also quite surprised that we did not get more work, but the workload is manageable and content interesting.

GRADE 11

To all my teachers, I want to thank you for all your hard work and extra hours you have put into making this online schooling as easy as possible and most of all for all your prayers for us. I appreciate all of you and love you dearly.

GRADE 11

Missing everyone tons. Online school has pros and cons. Pros are that there is less stress and I work according to my schedule and how I feel that day. There is less anxiety. The cons are that climbing the stairs kept me fit!!! You need a lot of discipline to do online schooling, no one is watching you, except for my mom and I miss my friends and peers in my class and my teachers.

GRADE 11

JUST LIKE YOU DO AT SCHOOL...

IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT IS BOTHERING YOU, YOU CAN STILL DISCUSS IT WITH MR. SCHOONWINKEL IN THE COUNSELING CENTRE, OR WITH ANY TEACHER. CALL MR. SCHOONWINKEL ON 082-854-3564 AND HE WILL ASSIST.



I have been coping with the work. There is a lot of work, sometimes feel it is even more than would be given in class. I also have other responsibilities at home too, but other than that I am coping.

GRADE 11

Online learning is something different and will take some time to get used to. I truly want to thank the teachers who invested their time, energy and other resources into us receiving our education. I am well aware of the other responsibilities they have at home therefore knowing that they managed to produce work for us while dealing with other responsibilities is something that I would like to thank God for. I thank God for all my teachers.

GRADE 11

I am really enjoying online schooling. At first it was really hard for me but once I sat down and made a proper schedule for myself it became much easier.

GRADE 10

Online schooling has been going well for me. I can work at my own pace and start with the subjects I would like to start with and give more time to certain topics that I need to understand better. Thank you for all that you have been doing and always being available. I enjoy online but miss the interaction in classes with teachers and friends.

GRADE 11

Doing online schooling was hard the first week we had to adjust to how things were done but now that I understand it is helping me a lot as I know how to work. If I don't understand something I can go back and look over the videos again to get a better understanding.

GRADE 10

JUST LIKE YOU DO AT SCHOOL....

TEACHERS STILL LOVE TO GET YOUR FEEDBACK (REMEMBER HOW OFTEN THEY'D ASK YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LESSON) SO DON'T HESITATE TO POP YOUR TEACHER A MESSAGE, EVEN IF IT'S JUST TO SAY, "GREAT LESSON, TEACHER!"



THIS WEEK LET'S FOCUS ON PRAYING FOR OUR PRESIDENT. I FOUND THIS POEM THAT TOUCHED MY HEART ON FACEBOOK. THE AUTHOR IS UNKNOWN. I JUST HAD TO SHARE IT WITH YOU.

My President, you're tired
We can see it in your eyes
It's not really something
You can easily hide

We see you across
Our television screens
Addressing the nation
On a history unseen

We see you stumble
Over words being said
And I pause to wonder
What's going on in your head

Are you coping, Sir
With all that you face
A broken nation
Looking to you for grace

Are you okay, Mr President
You look so sad
Your eyes tell a story
I'm sorry it's so bad

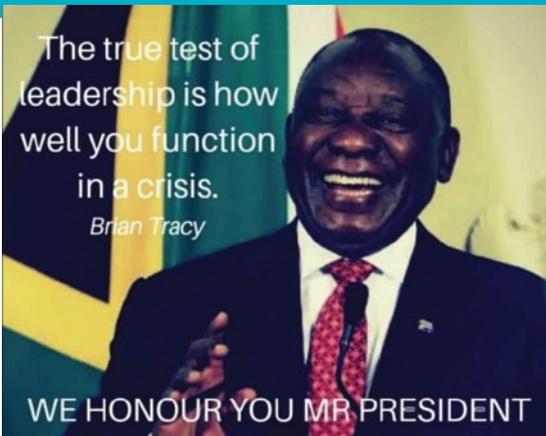
We pray for you
Hold you in our thoughts
This is a war
We have never fought

I'm glad that you're ours
That we don't have to share
That our precious nation
Is under your care

With our cries of faith
We trusted God for a man
Who could steer a nation
Into unknown lands

Thank you, my President
For being so brave
Whilst a nation is judging
Each move that you've made

We pray for you Sir
We really do
And we thank God
For a leader like you



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MOTIVATION AND FEEDBACK FROM OUR STAFF



Rebecca Winkworth (Grade 1) making some noise on her Gideon trumpet that she made for Bible



Beautiful artwork from Zane in Teacher Lee's class.

Grade 1's spelling with the play dough they had to make from instructions.



Do we have worldly things or the Lord Jesus as our foundation in life. When things shake our lives upside down, like this Coronavirus, worldly foundations may crumble and fall and we are left hopeless, but with Jesus as our foundation, we know that we can always trust Him and His plan for our lives! I was reminded of this when I listened to "We will not be shaken" by

Bethel music.
Teacher Claire Parsons

GIRLIE, FROM OUR MORE THAN A TEACHER PROGRAMME, TUTORING THE CHILDREN IN THE CHILDREN'S HOME AT DAYSPRING.





Grade 2 learners took some time out of their Online Learning to do their memory verse for everyone: Joshua 1:9 "This is my command- be strong and courageous! Don't be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Mr Fernando learned how to play Ludo. His younger brothers drew the board and they have been playing on it ever since.

'After seeing the passion my youngest brother plays with, I gave it a try. Still not sure who the family champion is'



TEACHER LEE'S CLASS HAS BEEN VERY BUSY WITH ENGLISH SPELLING TEST AND SIGWOORDE.

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**AN EMS ACTIVITY,
BASED ON THE IMPACT OF
NATURAL DISASTERS,
AND AN INTRODUCTION
TO POETRY, ALL DONE BY OUR
GR. 7'S DURING
LOCKDOWN**



JUST LIKE YOU DO AT SCHOOL....

**YOU MAY STILL CHAT TO ANY
OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM,
INCLUDING MR. LANGLEY,
MRS. PELSER, MR. BOTHA,
MR. MUDDIMAN OR YOUR HOD.
JUST MAIL
ADMIN@TKSWR.CO.ZA, OR
CALL THE ADMIN OFFICE ON
011-100-5377 TO SET THIS UP.**

**This week Teacher Ronelle's
Gr R's learnt about pollution. They
worked like superstars and made
their teacher so proud. Teacher
says she can't wait to get back to
school to see her little
owls again!**



TEACHER BRONWYN'S CLASS IS REALLY ENJOYING LEARNING ABOUT COMMUNITY WORKERS. HERE IS SOME OF THE BRILLIANT WORK THEY ARE PRODUCING

IN LIGHT OF IT BEING COMMUNITY WORKERS THEME THIS WEEK - MATILDA IN TEACHER GERALDINE'S CLASS DREW A PICTURE OF HER DADDY TREATING THE "NAUGHTY COVID-19" WITH A MASK. BOTH MATILDA'S PARENTS WORK IN THE FRONTLINE WITH DAD AT LENMED RANDFONTEIN PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND MOM ALICIA AT DISCHEM TO HELPS WITH TESTING THERE



JUST LIKE YOU DO AT SCHOOL...

YOU SOMETIMES NEED A CONCEPT TO BE EXPLAINED MORE THAN ONCE. WHEN YOU DOWNLOAD A TUTORIAL VIDEO EXPLAINING SOME WORK, SAVE IT TO YOUR PC SO THAT YOU CAN WATCH IT AGAIN TO REINFORCE THE CONCEPT. YOU CAN ALSO PHONE YOUR TEACHER TO REQUEST HELP.



Teacher Daphney's class had so much fun while doing their activities!

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We miss making tuck for you. Can't wait to open the doors to serve you. Stay safe.

From the Mouthful Team
Emily, Grace and Bontle

Dear Mouthful Café supporter. As we are currently not trading, we'd like to request that you revise your debit orders and pause any recurring payments being made into our account, until we are open for business again. Thank you for your assistance! May you all stay safe and healthy in this time.

Words of praise from parents

Hi Teacher

Thank you very much for all your assistance. Thank you for making this near impossible task to be possible... You guys at Kings epitomizes what dedication, diligence, loving and caring for the Teaching profession is.... If the country had many of You! We would have a Great country! Shooooo! Just imagine. Thank you again Teacher

My hat goes off to the teachers & school for this resource. Thank you.

I am completely in awe with the foresight and quick action from Kings school. I commend you for all the work you have done. It is a mammoth task you have undertaken, and I am so glad that Kai is part of this amazing school

Hi all Teachers
Just want to say thank you for all the hard work you are putting in to make schooling possible for our children. Pray for every one of you.