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OF INDEPENDENT
reading



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From the Principal's desk

THE CURRICULUM OF INDEPENDENT READING

One of the advantages of lockdown in the education sector is that kids can be expected to read more. Reading a broad range of literature has immense educational value, and might remedy some of the downsides of the digital Information age that our kids have suffered. Educational psychologists must now distinguish between the ability to read and the ability to read with understanding. That's because so many kids read by skimming and scanning to accommodate the flood of information coming at them through their screens, and fail to engage deeply and meaningfully with texts.

kids turning away from all the clicking and scrolling to the reading of whole books. This is an educational adventure that will awaken their imagination and ignite a natural curiosity like no other curriculum and no other electronic media can.

MR. KEN LANGLEY
Principal

Sven Birkert in his book *The Gutenberg Elegies: The Fate of Reading in an Electronic Age*, writes, "We know countless more "bits" of information, both important and trivial, than our ancestors. . . [But] inundated by perspectives, by lateral vistas of information that stretch endlessly in every direction, we no longer accept the possibility of assembling a complete picture. Instead of carrying on the ancient project of philosophy—attempting to discover the "truth" of things—we direct our energies to managing information."



I'm praying that in this time, we may see

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Thank you TO OUR EXCELLENT EXECUTIVE TEAM!

At The King's School West Rand we are very fortunate to have an Executive Team who not only fears God, but turns to Him in times of hardship.

Mr. Langley and Team, we thank you for what you do behind the scenes during these trying times. Please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed and we appreciate ALL you do for the enhancement of Christian Education. We can say with pride that we strive for 'Excellence in Education to God's glory' under your leadership.

We continue to pray for you Mr. Langley, Mrs. Pelsler, Mr. Botha and Mr. Muddiman.

FOR IT STANDS IN SCRIPTURE

Behold! I lay a stone in Zion
a chosen and valuable
cornerstone, and the
one who believes
in Him will never
be put to shame!

1 Peter 2:6



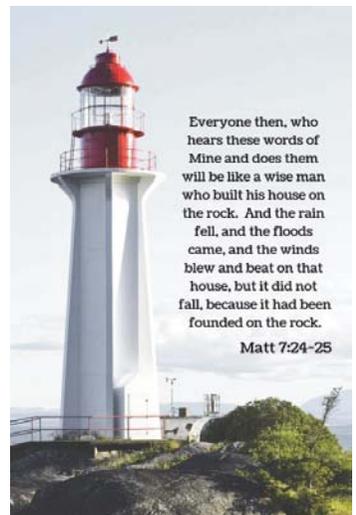
Reflect On:
Matthew 7: 24-27

Praise God:
For His unshakable faithfulness

Offer Thanks:
For the security we have in Christ

Confess:
Any habit of worry that keeps
you from God

Ask God:
To help us put His words into
practice



Everyone then, who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Matt 7:24-25

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28 April 2020

Dear Parents within ACSI Schools

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

The COVID-19 pandemic has caught the world by surprise. When we started the school year in January 2020, who would have thought that we would be sitting at home dealing with the drastic implications of lockdown.

We are all aware of the seriousness of the plight of the economy. Very few people in our nation will not be affected financially, with some facing devastating consequences. We can only pray for Gods divine providence during these difficult times. At the same time God is calling His people to stand up and share the love He so freely gives to us.

During his communications with the nation, Cyril Ramaphosa has urged citizens to ensure that we do everything in our power to save the failing economy. He urged people to pay their bills to avoid the domino effect of withholding money due to a supplier. Everyone understands that where job losses have occurred, these debts need to be re-negotiated and plans made for later payments.

ACSI schools have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to ensure that your children have continued their education albeit in a very different environment.

Teachers have been overwhelmed with the new and changing workload, yet have successfully managed to maintain contact with and support the learning of the children. Parents too, have been remarkable in their support to the teachers and the school whilst being so supportive of their children.

Whilst we are uncertain about the future, we are certain that we will overcome this difficult time and that schools will return to 'normal'. We have little doubt that the delivery of education in the future will improve as the teachers and leaders learn new skills, new technology and new methods. We look forward, with great excitement, to what the education platform will look like in the future.

It is essential that each community do everything within its power to keep their local school open. For Independent schools, this can only be possible if parents pay the fees they committed to at the beginning of the year. We must all ensure that the school is ready and waiting for when the children return to classes. Many schools are considering the laying off of teachers due to financial constraints as a result of non-payment of fees. This will certainly affect the functioning of the school and will result in the children being forced to find alternative schooling. This would be devastating for all concerned.

Parents are to be re-assured that school leaders, administrators and teachers are working around the clock to support teaching and learning during these difficult days. With God's help, we will prevail and our schools will continue to be a light in every community. We pray for unity at this time and where faith and sacrifice is needed, may His people respond generously.

Please pay your school fees. It is the right thing to do. If this is not possible, please contact your school to make alternative arrangements to fulfill the commitment you have.

May the Lord be your portion during this time. We collectively pray for His protection and provision over all our people.

God bless you and your faithfulness.

Yours sincerely

Sean Moore
Director: ACSI Southern Africa

I ASKED MRS SMITH FROM THE SCHOOL WEAR SHOP WHAT KEEPS HER BUSY DURING LOCKDOWN. SHE WROTE THIS INSPIRING PIECE THAT WILL FEED YOUR SOUL.



God's abundance is reflected from the vegetable garden – Praise Him! Tending one's own 'veggie garden' is worshipping life in its most giving form. God's earth is covered with His creation of grass, herbs and trees. And God has told them to multiply, and they continue to obey with such enthusiasm. Perhaps we should also?

In case it's not obvious, I treasure these little plants, and would like to share my love for growing plants from seeds, to maturity to harvest from my backyard.

After a busy day with work, suppliers, customers, students and family, I visit my 'veggie garden' and potter around to unwind, centre myself and find my balance. And I get excited about new shoots, growing stalks and some that are ready for harvest.

I have found that my family and grandchildren are more willing to eat vegetables that they themselves have helped to plant and harvest. Gardens are also great for delivering incredible flavour to your meals especially when picked fresh just before the meal.

This 'seed to the table' vegetable experience is such a tasty pleasure that everyone should experience if they possibly can. Your mind is a garden. Our thoughts are the seeds. We can grow flowers or we can grow weeds.

I have a very strong spiritual connection to my garden. In such a processed and fast paced world, the garden has become a place for soul-therapy and its really a symbol of my spiritual path.

It enables me to escape the trouble of this world, to still my mind, and connect with our Father. It gives me the opportunity to see the fruitfulness and richness of life, it brings hope, and it brings much joy.

It gives me a glimpse of Father Gods' splendour, His love for His creation. And it is always a reminder that I was created to tend what He created, He shares His love with me. Then I am encouraged and motivated and reminded that, for all the heaviness and fear that surrounds us all during this lockdown over the COVID virus, nature is never finished.....

It is Gods visual reminder to me that His love is never finished, and that it can fill me with peace and joy every day.

When God seems impossibly far away, check the veggie patch... I often find Him lingering there among the strawberries, beans and tomatoes. It's like He is waiting to walk with me in the cool of the day...

GARDENING IS AN INSTRUMENT OF GRACE.

I miss my school, love you all.
Liza from the Schoolwear Shop :)



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DILIGENT DURING LOCKDOWN

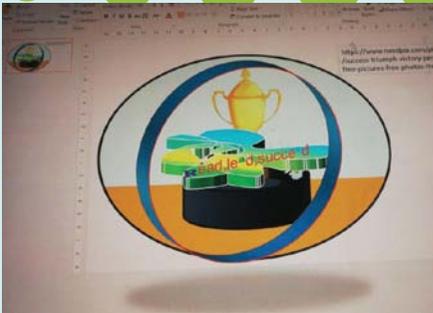
OUR LEARNERS ARE VERY DILIGENT IN HANDING IN THEIR HOMEWORK AND ACTIVITIES TO THEIR TEACHERS ON TIME. THANK YOU PARENTS FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT IN GETTING THIS DONE!



Teacher Danica's Class working hard on shapes and to cut and paste. Well done!



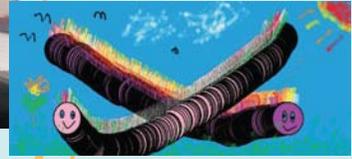
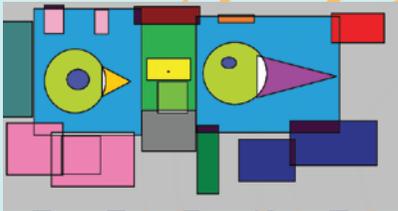
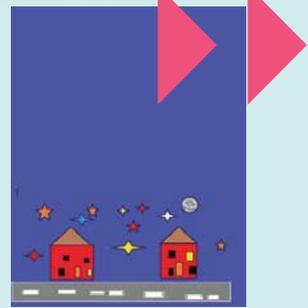
**HARDWORKING FRIENDLY
FACES FROM TEACHER
ANNE'S CLASS.**



BEAUTIFUL IT WORK
SUBMITTED FROM GR. 9



Our children moving in behind the computer to produce beautiful IT projects for Teacher Maria. Well done!



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Teacher Joanne's children learning all about Fruits of the Spirit this week while having lots of fun!

MRS. RIEKIES HUISAMEN, DIRECTOR FROM OUR MORE THAN A TEACHER PROGRAMME, HAD LOTS OF FUN WITH HER FAMILY OVER THE EASTER WEEKEND. CHECK OUT THIS COOL VIDEO FOR LOTS OF IDEAS HOW TO KEEP BUSY DURING LOCKDOWN...



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



Teacher Chantel Theunissen gave the kids a dance challenge in Afrikaans to do with a family member! They had great FUN!!! Click on the link HERE to look at the videos.



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

CHILDREN OF THE KING

KEEPING BUSY DURING LOCKDOWN

OUR LEARNERS ARE VERY CREATIVE WHEN NOT BUSY WITH SCHOOLWORK! VIRTUAL PLAYDATES, DRESSING UP, LEARNING HOW TO MAKE COFFEE, BAKING, COOKING, CLEANING THE HOUSE, MOWING THE LAWN, WORKING IN THE GARDEN THE LIST GOES ON AND ON.



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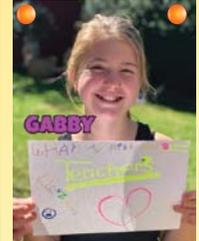
NEXT WEEK WE WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE SOME CREATIVE PHOTOS.

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WHAT TEACHER ROBYN BERRANGÈ'S CLASS IS MISSING ABOUT SCHOOL



As revealed in the fantasy novel, *The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe* being read by our Grade 7's this term "Our God is a powerful God." Grade 7's were asked to write a prayer to show that God our Father is significant in their lives. These are some of their responses.

Thank you lord for what your son did on the cross for me I pray that you will guide m in everything I do. Amen.

Dear God I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for watching over me and my family and all others during this very hard time we are facing, you are our rock that we depend on. Amen

Heavenly Father thank you for the greatness you have done in my life and all the amazing people who have changed me for the better I pray that I will never lose them thank you that I have people who love me I pray that you will help me be stronger and not let me let people walk all over me but I pray that I will not be rude or mean either I pray that you are keeping us all safe and that we will return safely to school, work, etc.

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for loving me no matter what I do. Thank You that You also want a relationship with me and that You are omnipresent. Thank You that You are carrying me and my family through this difficult time in our lives. Thank you for providing for us an helping us. Lord, I pray for all the people who are also struggling in this time, please bless them and be with them as You are with us, in Jesus name. Amen.

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FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHILL WHILE HAVING FUN AND MISSING SCHOOL



MasterChef in the making!

Dreaming and ready to go back to school at ANY time!



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