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From the Principal's desk

AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR OF EXPOSURE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND THE COLLECTION OF SCIENTIFIC DATA AND OBSERVATIONS, WHAT ARE THE LESSONS WE'VE LEARNT?

1. **HARM REDUCTION.** Early on, countries learnt that risk elimination as a strategy for preventing infection was not going to work. Hard lockdowns led to job losses, economies stalled, social unrest followed and the collateral damage was immense. Instead, all across the world, countries adopted an approach of harm reduction. This is an approach that realises the necessity for society to function as normally as possible with risk prevention measures, to find ways to co-exist with the virus but minimise infection through various precautions. Like realising cars are dangerous, but using seatbelts and speed limits to minimise risk.

2. **LAYERED MITIGATION.** Secondly, scientists found that the best protection against the virus was to use multiple precautions simultaneously, an approach of "every little bit helps". Good hand hygiene, mask-wearing, physical distancing, avoiding long meetings in

poorly ventilated spaces all need to be considered together. Many mistakes were made. In the United States, the public was initially told that "close contact" meant coming within six feet of an infected individual, for 15 minutes or more. This messaging led to ridiculous gaming of the rules; some establishments moved people around at the 14th minute to avoid passing the threshold. It also led to situations in which people working indoors with others, but just outside the cut-off of six feet, felt that they could take their mask off. None of this made any practical sense.

3. **VIRAL LOAD.** One of the most important findings during the course of the pandemic was the critical observation how airborne particles carrying the virus hung in the air and increased the viral load in a room. The transmission of this pathogen by aerosols that can float and accumulate, especially in poorly ventilated indoor spaces was ignored for months. As a result, we have seen workplaces that are following the formal guidelines, but in ways that defy reason: for example, some have installed plexiglass, but barred workers from opening their windows.

4. **OUTDOOR VS INDOOR.** There are relatively few documented cases of transmission outdoors, even after a year of epidemiological work: The open air dilutes the virus very quickly, and the sun helps deactivate it, providing further protection. Poorly ventilated indoor spaces, on the other hand, can facilitate the spread of the virus over longer distances, and in shorter periods of time, than the guidelines originally suggested, and help fuel the pandemic.
5. **FOMITE TRANSMISSION.** There are also relatively few documented cases of fomite transmission (transmission via surfaces of groceries, for example).
6. **PRESYMPTOMATIC TRANSMISSION.** It has become increasingly clear that presymptomatic transmission is a massive factor in the spread of the virus. Like most Coronaviruses, this novel Coronavirus can be transmitted well before the infected person starts to feel ill. Consistent, disciplined adherence to mitigation measures is essential all the time, not just around sick people.



MR. KEN LANGLEY
Principal

INTERIM REPORTS

INTERIM REPORTS RELEASED ON **MONDAY 12 APRIL 2021** WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT **TILL 23:45 ON FRIDAY 23 APRIL 2021.**

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU PRINT OUT A COPY OF THE REPORT SHOULD YOU WISH TO ACCESS IT LATER.



THE DAY MRS ANGIE MOTSHEKGA *Said Yes!!!*

It was with great excitement that schools were given the go-ahead to start extra murals on 22 February 2021.

It was an absolute delight to experience the excitement, enthusiasm and big smiles on the faces of our children that very first day. Having not done any extra murals activities for almost a year, the children could hardly contain themselves and could not wait for that bell to go at 13:00. There was an incredible buzz and electricity in the air.

Talking about electricity, that day the heavens opened, bolts of lightning flashed across the sky and sadly our soccer, netball and high school hockey boys and girls could not practice. But not even the slight drizzle could stop them from experiencing the feel of the grass and courts under their feet once the rain had stopped.

We are once again registered in the various sports leagues (D12, ISSL - high school boys soccer, JvW High School Girls Soccer and the Westrand Protea Primary School Soccer League) and fixtures will be confirmed as soon as committees have finalised dates.

We are full steam ahead in preparation for the SACSSA Netball and 6-a-side Soccer Festivals that are coming up on 15 May and 22 May 2021.

For the first time in the history of the school, we had such an incredible turnout – we even had to find extra venues for Art and Chess. What a **good** problem to have!



Our "culture vultures" got an amazing opportunity during our Festival of Fame to showcase their talents and will be progressing to the Eisteddfod later this term. PAC and Drama students are equally delighted to be back on stage!



What a lovely sight it was to see our Pre-School and Nursery School kiddies all lined up and waiting for their coaches to arrive. The little ballet girls in their pink tutus and ballet shoes doing twirls and swirls while they waited for Rosslynnne. Teachers from High Five Pandas also had a wonderful turnout of little ones excited to get active.

How fabulous that our Pre-School area is too small to contain all of the avid little golfers and soccer players. They have practice on the grass opposite the Administration Building. Our Buzzi Bodies coaches are also "buzzi" improving gross motor skills.



Once again our inquisitive "scientists-to-be" couldn't wait for Teacher Magda to arrive to start with experiments again as well as our Abacus Maths Teachers. Our "Young Engineers" are having such fun building with lego!



For further information about our Pre-School and Nursery School activities please contact:

DAY	ACTIVITY
MON	DANCE MOUSE westrand@dancemouse.co.za
TUES	HIGH FIVE PANDAS Julie@pandas.co.za
WED	TINY TUTUS info@tinytutus.co.za
FRIDAY	GLACIER GOLF Anttramz8@gmail.com
FRIDAY	SWIMMING (FROM SEPT ONLY) info@swimjozi.co.za

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

DAY	ACTIVITY
MON	DANCE MOUSE westrand@dancemouse.co.za Gaynor - 076 430 1867
MON	BUZZI BODIES beyondpotentialinfo@gmail.com Brett - 082 312 5053
TUES	BALLET Lynch27@gmail.com Rosslynne - 082 298 1697
TUES	SOCCER - JOSHUA McNAMARA joshuamcnamara@gmail.com Joshua – 071 334 0177
TUES	NETBALL (Active Xposure) danaeneykloppers@gmail.com Danae - 083 260 6156
TUES	YOUNG ENGINEERS FOR GRADE R infojhbnw@youngengineers.co.za Rochelle - 087 550 0504
WED	PULZATION DANCE STUDIO pdsdancestudio@gmail.com Gia - 082 852 0390
WED	GLACIER GOLF Anttramz8@gmail.com Anthony – 082 524 6683
THURS	EXPERI-BUDDIES magda@experi.co.za Magda - 083 785 2902
THURS	ABACUS MATHS sharne.bresler@gmail.com Sharné - 084 652 4000
THURS	YOUNG ENGINEERS FOR GRADE RR infojhbnw@youngengineers.co.za Rochelle - 087 550 0504
FRIDAY	SWIMMING (From September) aquatots@vodamail.co.za Caron - 082 898 7790



AFTERCARE 2021

For those Parents who are unaware, we wish to inform you that our Aftercare Centre is fully operational again. We will take care of your child from 13:00 to 17:30 Monday to Friday. We cater for Grade RR to Grade 8. Our services include supervised homework Monday to Thursday, a cooked meal and snack every day. However, above all else, we provide a nurturing, homely atmosphere. Our staff members are kind, capable and enthusiastic ladies.

Pre-Covid saw us having much anticipated super activities for the children every fortnight on a Friday, which we hope to resume soon.



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Our casual daily fee is R110. This caters for the parent who does not require their child to be a permanent student. Our monthly permanent rate is R1 400 per month over 12 months.

We welcome hearing from you. We are offering a free Visit Day for non-Aftercare children on Friday, 23 April. Please feel free to let your child visit us for a fun afternoon. RSVP Jenny on 082 940 3831 should you wish to book for the Visit Day. Bookings close on 20 April to allow for preparations to be made.



SIBLING APPLICATIONS

for 2022 are open!

PLEASE APPLY BY EMAILING
ADMISSIONS@TKSWR.CO.ZA

LIMITED SPACE! APPLY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!



KINGDOM FATHERHOOD WORKSHOPS

ALL FATHERS OF THE KING'S SCHOOL FAMILY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS:

- 29 MAY – TERM 2
- 21 AUGUST – TERM 3
- 6 NOVEMBER – TERM 4

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION DURING TERM 2.

PLEASE DIARISE THESE IMPORTANT DATES. WORKSHOPS TO BE HOSTED BY CLETE STEVIS.



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IMPORTANT DATES!

TO REMEMBER

FOR EXTRA MURALS



AMENDMENT TO DATES

The Executive Committee of SACSSA (South African Christian Schools Sports Association) has advised us that we will go straight through to the SACSSA National Netball and 6-a-side Soccer Tournaments. This means that we will not participate in or host the G7 Netball and Soccer Tournaments which would have taken place on 17 April and 8 May 2021.

Furthermore, SACSSA have decided that there will only be **one Netball Festival on 15 May hosted at The King's School Robin Hills** and **one Six-a-side Soccer Festival on 22 May 2021 hosted at The King's School West Rand.**

Only the following age groups will take place: u11, u13, u15 and u19 for Soccer and u13, u15 and u19 for Netball.

Detailed communication will be distributed closer to the time.

DEPENDING UPON THE EASING UP OF COVID-19 REGULATIONS, PLEASE KEEP THE FORTHCOMING EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDARS:

SACSSA Netball - Saturday 15 May 2021 08:00 - 17:00

SACSSA 6-a-side Soccer - Saturday 22 May 2021 08:00 - 17:00

THE SCHOOL WEAR SHOP

Liza Smith - 072 108 3670

E-mail - ropacc@vodamail.co.za

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS:
BOOKINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ACCORDING
TO STRICT COVID PROTOCOLS.

CLOSED ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Please remember when you visit the shop:

1. Wearing of masks is compulsory.
No mask – No entry.
2. Hand sanitiser will be available in the shop for Parents and Children on entry and exit of the shop.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT!

23 April - Baked Beans
30 April - Dishwashing Soap
7 May - Handy Andy/Savlon
14 May - Mielie Meal
21 May - Rice
28 May - Soup/Gravy
4 June - Baked Beans
11 June - Dishwashing Soap
18 June - Handy Andy/Savlon
25 June - Mielie Meal

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



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:

**Kim 066 521-8717 or
Antoinette 061 944 3898.**



Hygiene Guidelines

FOR SWOP SHOP/2nd HAND SHOP

Guidelines for the management of the swop shop/2nd hand uniform shop, based on the principles set out by the NCID in the control of Covid-19.

- Surfaces of the shop to be cleaned with household detergent, then disinfected applied to surfaces before the shop opens.
- All surfaces, including floors to be disinfected at the end of each day that the shop is open.
- Gloves to be used when cleaning the surfaces and handling soiled clothing items. Proper personal hygiene to be followed before and after the use of gloves. Correct disposal of gloves to be followed.
- Parents accessing the school grounds will be required to follow the access rules as set out by the school.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitiser to be used on entry to the shop.
- No mask No entry policy to be enforced.
- Maximum of 2 people to be allowed into the shop at any given time.
- Minimum social contact and a safe distance of 1,5m between customers.
- Parents advised to please bring their own bags or packets.
- Parents are requested to please wash any items brought in for exchanging.

**Please contact Kim 066 521-8717 or
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