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From the Principal's desk

HOW ENTITLED AND FRAGILE ADULTS ARE RAISED

A news story broke recently.

A teacher was fired in the USA for refusing to comply with the school's "No Zero" policy. The school had created a rule that even if a student fails to submit an assignment, he or she still could not receive a "0" for the assignment. They get a 50%. In short, they should get half the maximum for doing nothing.

When I went to school, if you handed everything in, you had no guarantee of even passing. Your work had to excel. If you turned half your work in, you got half of what you earned for what you turned in. And—if you handed in nothing, you got nothing. That exchange is fair and reasonable. What message is a "no zero" policy sending?

Students quickly conclude:

- They can literally do no work at all, and get some credit.
- The school will acquiesce to a culture that says we must make children feel good at all

costs.

- They can expect the same treatment as an adult—something for nothing.

Does this policy resemble anything remotely like the world they will enter as an adult? Fast forward with me into the future. A recent graduate enters the workforce, with this grading policy as a backdrop. Her boss gives her an assignment and a deadline. It's part of a bigger project that several team members are collaborating on. They're depending on her. When the deadline hits, this young professional fails to get anything done. (She's been busy posting on Instagram.) Not only does the entire team fall behind, they become resentful and disassociate with her. Gossip spreads about her. She feels bullied. Only, this time, there isn't a "no zero" policy like the one she had in school. Suddenly this young female is unemployed and blaming those "mean people" at that company. It's a false narrative, fostered by her school's policies.

More and more psychologists who treat young adults with mental health issues are starting to report on how parents and schools are unwittingly landing kids in therapy. We constantly 'save' children from even the slightest discomfort that they might face in life. As a result, the child has no idea what discomfort feels like, and will have no framework for how to recover when she feels discomfort later in life.

(I strongly recommend every parent in our school read the second article below, it contains some of the best parenting advice I've seen.)

Ref:

1. <https://laptrinhx.com/one-cause-of-entitled-and-fragile-adults-2307762029/>
2. How to land your kid in therapy, The Atlantic, 2011

MR. KEN LANGLEY
Principal



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

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

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

TO OUR GRADE 7 PREFECTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

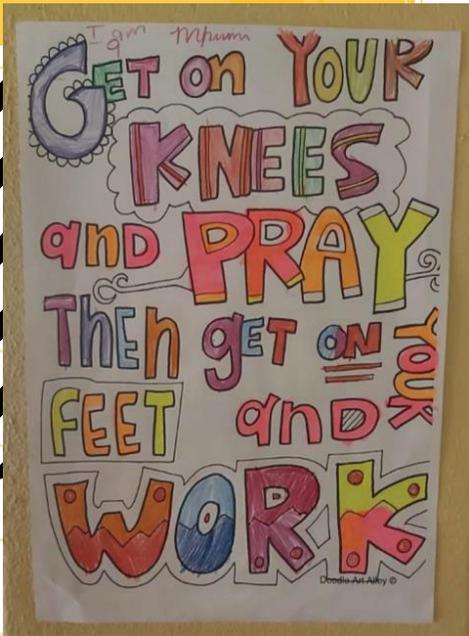
They are: Tristan Bastiaans,
Lorenzo Gregorio, Tiago Kahn,
Sibabalo Kalipa, Lemogang Matsepe,
Cadence Meiring, Daniela Mendle, Oletilwe Mokoena,
Danielle Naidoo, Khodani Nwedo, Tshegofatso Nxumalo,
Michelle Nyathi, Hayley Padayachee, Lauren Pretorius, Theo Tshipamba



Prayer Day

RECAP

We spent last week focusing on our prayer-lives. It was a week of being mindful of our thoughts and our Father's thoughts for our lives. We purposefully made time to grow in relationship and prayer by sacrificing screen time between 18:00 and 20:00 for four days. And, as He does, God showed up.



Testimonies of breakthrough and even restored relationships were received. We want to thank our community for taking our hands and praying with us. We hope you felt as blessed by the Lord's presence as we did.

Netball News

The netball girls have shown lots of enthusiasm for this season and what it might bring. We would just like to congratulate the following teams and individual players for their achievements.

Congratulations!



Oratile Ntseke
(U/15) represented our Region at the GSS (Provincial) trials on Saturday, 15 May 2021.



Michelle Nyathi (U/13) represented D12 at the Regional trials on Monday, 19 April 2021.

National SACSSA festival

On Saturday, 15 May 2021, our U/13A, U/15A and Open A netball girls represented our school during the SACSSA National Festival at The King's School Robin Hills. They played their hearts out and demonstrated true passion for netball as well as good sportsmanship on and off the court. It was a successful day as our U13 and U15 teams received bronze medals. Congratulations, we are proud of you!

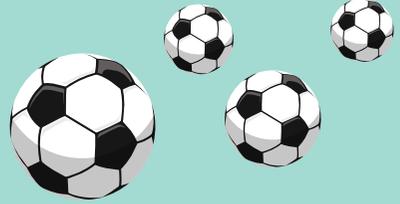


U13 A netball team, with coach Anita Thiel at SACSSA



U15 A netball team with, coach Tia Farmer at SACSSA

SOCCER



Congratulations to the following U13 soccer players who attended the BST trials held on 14/15 May 2021 at Trinity House Little Falls and have been selected for the provisional squad to represent the West Rand Primary Schools Football Association Team (WRPPSFA) at the inter-provincial Protea Bill Stewart Tournament to be held at Camp Discovery in Limpopo from 23 September 2021 to the 27 September 2021.

We are super proud of you all and wish the four of you the best of success.

- Khodi Nwedo
- Lorenzo Gregorio
- Matthew Sinclair
- Tiago Kahn

Thank you to their Team Managers Mrs Shelly Miller, Mr Hector Magagula and Coach Robbie Last for your support and guidance this season.



FUN WEEK



FUNWEEK 2021: Cown and slipper Monday! 24 May 2021

Please bring a blanket on Monday the 24th of May as we would like to donate to charity



FUN WEEK 2021: HAT TUESDAY! 25 MAY 2021

Don't forget to bring a beanie so we can donate it to charity!



POLAR BEAR SWIM DAY:

YOU MAY WEAR CIVVIES AND BRING YOUR PACKED PICNIC LUNCH!



Bring a Beanie and blanket for donation

Made by Reithabile Makwakwa Gr11

FUN WEEK 2021: DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER WEDNESDAY! 26 May 2021

Bring parisable food on Wednesday the 26th of May as we would like donate to charity



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THE SCHOOL WEAR SHOP

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS:
BOOKINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ACCORDING
TO STRICT COVID PROTOCOLS.
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We encourage parents to send your child to the School Wear shop during break to come for a fitting and quotation.

SCHOOL BREAK

IMPORTANT

When we started this term one week earlier than scheduled, it was to put teaching time 'in the bank' to mitigate the possibility of a school lockdown as a result of Easter gatherings leading to a surge of Covid infections.

By God's grace, we have been spared this and we are on track with the curriculum.

However, this term is significantly longer than in the past, and we will thus be making Friday 28 May a school holiday to create an additional small break for our students.

Please note this on your calendar for planning purposes.



SWOP SHOP

For second hand school items to buy or swop

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 swop or donate must be in a usable condition. We will not accept clothes that are torn

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