



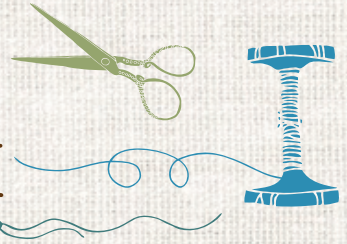
The King's Ken

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My
TAPESTRY
in progress

from the

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK



I started my journey at The King's School West Rand in 2009 as the High School Physical Science teacher. That was a challenging year, as it is difficult to teach senior students without having formed a trust-relationship. There is a very wise quote that stayed with me: "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Teaching is not only about the transmission of knowledge. It's not just about writing Physics formulas or Chemical equations on the board and waiting for students to upload the knowledge. Instead, it's about taking care of the whole student - their feelings, their struggles, their search for purpose. I really enjoyed the smaller classes and the opportunity to get to know my students. I believe that there is a really unique, special bond between teachers and students at The King's School, which I had not previously experienced.

I started my teaching career in 1992 at Princess High School. From there I moved to Northcliff High School, where I taught for just over 10 impactful years. I gained valuable experience there under the excellent mentorship of the school management. I also taught at Allen Glen High School for a year, but balancing

career and family became challenging at this point. When my eldest son was almost 2 years old, I gave birth to twins. They were born 3 months prematurely, with birth weights of less than 1 kg. While on ventilators, both babies experienced bleeding on the brain and sadly our little boy passed away. My daughter, Reinette, had some health challenges and I made the pivotal decision to leave teaching for more family time. During this time, I completed my Master's Degree through RAU. An intriguing opportunity then led me into the Insurance industry, overseeing Assessors and managing the company's financial records. I completed a Higher Certificate in Insurance and learned how to use Pastel software for bookkeeping.

In 2008, Mr Langley invited me to come and visit the school and I started to feel my heart being tugged towards teaching again. I knew that it was time for me to return to what I have been called to. At The King's School I was able to rekindle my passion for teaching Physical Science and integrate it with a Biblical Worldview, which greatly influences one's teaching philosophy and shapes your interactions with students, colleagues and parents.

My children also attended The King's School West Rand from Grades 6 and 8 respectively. I am very grateful for how the school prepared them for life. Not only did they soar academically after school, but they are also well-grounded and resilient young adults. My son, Jaco, qualified as an Electrical & Electronic Engineer through UJ, has a fulfilling job, and recently got engaged to Melita, also a past student of The King's School. My daughter obtained a BEd Foundation Phase degree through NWU and is currently furthering her studies in Psychology.

I met my husband, Hennie, while both our sons were part of The King's School's Shell Eco Marathon team. We got married in 2016 and I gained another son, Humarno, whom, I am very proud to say, is also now my colleague in the Physical Sciences Department. My husband's enthusiasm for cycling rubbed off on me and for a while we were avid cyclists. I very much enjoy watching events like the Tour De France, the Giro d'Italia and the Vuelta and I hope to travel and experience those countries with my husband in the future.

I am grateful for the journey so far, for God's providence and the support of the school community. I am excited to see what God has planned for the school's future. I believe that, like Ester, we can also trust God as we live out our "for a time such as this" each day, right where we have been called to be.

- **MRS. VIVIENNE SCHOONWINKEL, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**



Our new Prefect body for 2023/2024 was announced on Monday. We wish them well in their year as leaders. Watch this space next week for the announcement of our Head Prefects!

Bottom row from left to right: Joshua Stater, Mia Beckmann, Rachel Grobbellaar, Ndzalama Chauke, Anda Mkhaliipi, Kea Morake, Andrea Fynn.

Middle row left to right: Unathi Kraai, Lisa vd Byl, Kyle Moore, Thato Pinkoane, Micaiah Thompson, Anashe Makota,

Back row left to right: Madison Ludick, Lwazi Hleza, Alexis Rall, Tyrese Pillay, Raphael Fröbus

IMPORTANT DATES

New Learner Induction Reports out	- 21 August
High School Prefect Inauguration	- 21 August
PP Granny and Grandpa Day	- 24 August
Gr. 12 Study Leave	- 23, 24 + 25 August
Prelims Start	- 28 August
Summer/Winter Uniform Interim period	- 28 August
SACSSA Invitational Athletics	- 30 August
Fun Run and Spring Day Festivities	- 2 September
Gr. 7 Market Day	- 2 September
Text Book order forms distributed	- 4 September
Prayer Day	- 4 September
Dads and Daughters	- 9 September
Blue Certificate Assembly (FP and IP)	- 11 September
Extra Murals End	- 15 September
Production Full Dress Rehearsal	- 15 September
Gr. 6 Prefect Applications Open	- 18 September
Gr. 1 to Gr. 7 Production Performances	- 18 to 20 Sep
Prelims End	- 20 September
Gr. 6 Prefect Applications Close	- 21 September
Heritage Day Celebrations	- 22 September
NS Fun Day	- 22 September
Gr. 8 to Gr. 12 Production Performances	- TBC
SCHOOL CLOSES	- 22 September
	(PS – 11:45 & HS – 12:00)
SACOPA	- 29 Sep to 7 Oct
SCHOOL STARTS	- 10 October





HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

CHANGE - BY CONNOR BEIJL, GR12 PREFECT



I recently listened to a Pastor from America who visited us at Youth. His sermon was focused on the overall theme of “change” and that in a world full of change the only safe place to build your life is on that that is unchangeable. In a world full of uncertainty and unrest (constantly at war, with conflicting opinions and beliefs), God and His Word act as the only constant factors amongst all the chaos.

After hearing this, I began analyzing how modern media is constantly using their platforms to push certain opinions onto the public, often to fuel a specific agenda to manipulate the masses.

Think of how so many people instantly regard the stances of certain influencers, athletes and celebrities as absolute; placing them on a pedestal when they are humans of flesh and blood just like us. Thus, we need to begin taking all the words we hear from external sources at face value rather than pure face, trust in the words of God not man. Psalm 146:3 states: "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation."

So when you hear something and are unsure whether it aligns with God's Word, try to make a conscious effort to compare statements from others to the Word and make your own conclusions through continuous reflection, using the Bible as a reference point. Even though the Bible was written thousands of years ago, it has always been relevant and will continue to always be relevant.

Always remember that unlike the media and people, God's Word has only pure intentions. His Word pierces our hearts and minds, revealing the truth to us. It convicts us of our sin and points us to Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation. It acts as a roadmap that provides guidance and direction. It shows us the way to go and what to avoid. When we are lost, it is there to guide us back to the right path. And when we are feeling alone, it is there to comfort us and remind us that God is with us.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Prestige central Gauteng Athletics Championships: Round 3 – 10 August 2023, vs Edenvale, St Barnabas and Florida Park.

Our athletes achieved the following:

U/14 GIRLS

*100m	-	Zoe Nkosi	-	1st place
		Gabriella Henry	-	4th place
*200m	-	Bokang Maithufi	-	1st place

U/15 GIRLS

*100m	-	Ofentse Mahlo	-	1st place
		Mvelo Gova	-	2nd place
*200m	-	Skyla Blignaut	-	1st place
		Ofentse Mahlo	-	2nd place

U/16 GIRLS

*100m	-	Gloria Shaba	-	2nd place
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U/17 GIRLS

*100m	-	Naomi Dziga	-	1st place
*200m	-	Naomi Dziga	-	1st place

U/19 GIRLS

*100m	-	Lusani Mudau	-	1st place
*200m	-	Lusani Mudau	-	2nd place

JUNIOR GIRLS

*400m	-	Nyakallo Modise	-	3rd place
		Bokang Maithufi	-	4th place

SENIOR GIRLS

*400m	-	Naomi Dziga	-	1st place
		Mvelo Gova	-	3rd place

U/14 BOYS

*1500m	-	Jesse	-	3rd place
		Liam Bester	-	4th place

U/15 BOYS

*100m	-	Khodani Nwedo	-	1st place
		Theo Tshipamba	-	4th place
*200m	-	Khodani Nwedo	-	1st place
400m	-	Lorenzo Gregorio	-	1st place
*800m	-	Lorenzo Gregorio	-	1st place

U/16 BOYS

*100m	-	Olwethu Khoza	-	1st place
*200m	-	Olwethu Khoza	-	1st place

U/17 BOYS

*100m	-	Mario Gomez	-	1st place
*200m	-	Mario Gomez	-	1st place
*400m	-	Mario Gomes	-	1st place

RELAY RESULTS

U/14 Girls relay	-	1st place
U/15 Girls relay	-	1st place
U/16 Girls relay	-	1st place
U/17 Boys relay	-	1st place

OVERALL RESULTS:**21 Gold medals****4 Silver medals****3 Bronze medals**

We look forward to the Inter-High on Wednesday, 23 August 2023.



HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER JBFL

(Johannesburg Boys Football League)

Round 3 vs Krugersdorp High School

- U15's lost 4 - 0
- U19's lost 2 - 0

Round 4 vs Jan De Klerk High School

- U15's and U19's – Jan De Klerk forfeit the matches, T KSWR receive the points.
- Next fixture vs Nic Diederichs on Wednesday 23 August @ home.

GIRLS SOCCER

(JVW LEAGUE ROUND 3 RESULTS)

- U16 and U17 had a BYE week



D12 TENNIS LEAGUE

PRIMARY SCHOOL:

- **U11 vs FLORIDA LAERSKOOL: won 24 – 18**

HIGH SCHOOL:

- **U15 vs ROODEPOORT HIGH: LOST 37 – 17**
- **U17 had a BYE.**





Team	Won/Lost/Drew	Result
U10 Girls	Won	4 – 0
U11 Girls	Drew	0 – 0
U12 Girls	Lost	0 – 2
U13 Girls	Won	2 – 0
Snr Boys	Won	2 – 0

HOCKEY

League Match Results

Thursday, 10 August 2023 vs Laerskool Florida @ Hoërskool Florida

Fast 5 Hockey

We had the opportunity to enter the U13 Girls and Snr Boys into a Fast 5 Hockey Tournament organised by GS Hockey academy and is taking place at Trinityhouse Little Falls on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

On Monday, 14 August, the first match took place and the girls and boys did very well. The girls had some tough competition and lost 5-4. The boys were victorious with a win of 9-0.



Back: Coach Donovan Lindeque
Middle: Warona Merafe, Kwandiwe Mhlope, Wandile Mchunu, Donell Pietersen
Front: Jaden Smith, Timothy Seelhammer, Hlumelo Mathebula, Karabo Tsotsotso



Back: Lethabo Tsoai, Samantha Uwakata, Siphosihle Zondi, Mrs Palesa Mahlobo, Gemma Mokuena, Siphosihle Mhlanga, Coach Kyle McTaggart, Coach Jaryd Dyzel, Mia Botha, Zoey Michael
Front: Davina Makota



Tshegofatso Mokome, a Grade 8 PAC member, represented South Africa at the World Championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles, during July 2023, where more than 70 countries were represented.

Tshegofatso did us proud and received 2 Bronze medals as well as a Talent Based Scholarship from the NEW YORK FILM ACADEMY, in New York.

This a unique opportunity for Tshegofatso to advance her acting career and we are all super proud of our champion!

SPRING FUN DAY

**SAT
2 SEPT**

Join us for a day full of fun and laughter for the whole family. This is a great opportunity for creating memories and building friendships. Save the date and don't miss out!

- ✓ 5 km Fun Run
- ✓ Soap Box races
- ✓ Gr7 Market Day
- ✓ Inflatables & water slides
- ✓ High School Movie night

"Lord I need you!" I exclaimed.
 Fill my heart with your love.
 Open my eyes to see your light.
 Open my ears to hear your
 voice.
 Soften my heart of stone and
 take me back home,
 Lord I am lost.
 O, Lord, I am a lost shepard in
 your tame herd,
 The prodigal son in your family.
 Take me back, Lord.
 For you are my home and your
 Kingdom is where my heart
 rests.
 Without you I am nothing
 And with nothing I am lost.

Lord you are my way, my truth
 and my light.
 Lead me not into temptation but
 rather to
 Your everlasting love and
 eternity,
 Your kingdom of life where a
 place is kept just for me.
 Lord rescue me from my sinful
 nature.
 See my heart, it's sorrows and
 grievances.
 Fill me with your spirit and your
 faith.
 For your spirit in me is not of
 fear nor timidity,
 But of power, love and
 self-discipline.

Lord call upon my name as I
 wonder valleys and unknown
 paths in vain, lost and without a
 destination.
 Lead me back to your fortress,
 clothe me and restore me.
 Resurrect my spirit from the
 death of my sin.
 Impart your knowledge of truth
 and life in me.
 Steer me away from the spells
 cast upon my life
 And make me yours again.
 "Lord I need you!" I proclaimed.
 This time with all my heart,
 with all my mind and with all
 my soul,
 Because without you I am all
 with nothing.

**POEM WRITTEN
 BY NKAZIMULO
 NKOZI (GRADE 8)**