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The King's Ken



**LEARNING
FOCUS**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

When I was young, my grandfather gave me a handheld magnifying glass. While I mostly used it to look at insects and bugs, I also used it to burn holes into whatever I could find. It was also the cause of several disciplinary “measures”.... my mom’s slipper if I have to be really honest. The power of a magnifying glass lies in its ability to focus the rays of the sun onto a small spot, powerful enough to start a fire.

The ability to focus is a battle for many people, and as our children are exposed to an ever increasingly fast-paced world, “instant” everything and multi-tasking several activities at once, focus is often a skill that is lost. As you know, at TKSQR, we are passionate about equipping our students with life skills that will help them beyond their school years. The ability to stay focused and on task is a critical aspect of executive functioning that we emphasize in our teaching.

Focus requires discipline and the resilience to avoid distractions. By teaching our students to keep their eyes fixed on their goals, we’re equipping them with the tools to complete tasks efficiently and effectively.

The ability to stay on task is instrumental in achieving academic success. It enables students to manage their time effectively, complete assignments according to a

schedule, and meet their academic goals. It also gives them a sense of accomplishment and boosts self-confidence, as students see the results of their focused efforts.

We provide practical strategies to help students maintain focus, such as breaking down tasks into manageable parts, setting clear, achievable goals, and creating structured schedules.

Beyond the classroom, staying on task is crucial to their future aspirations. Whether our students aspire to attend university, embark on a specific career path, or pursue a personal passion, the ability to focus and stay on task will be key to realizing these goals. It promotes productivity, builds resilience, and enables students to reach their full potential.

As parents you can reinforce this skill at home by setting clear expectations, providing a distraction-free environment, and encouraging regular breaks. You can significantly enhance your child’s ability to stay on task with a few small adjustments to daily routines, decluttering areas where homework is done, instructions around the house and engagement with other family members should all be done with this in mind. While it is also just good manners, putting down a phone and listening attentively when a sibling or parent is talking, is such an example.

Together, we can equip our children with the skills they need to succeed in life. Let's work hand in hand to nurture focused minds that will lead to successful futures, promoting productivity, resilience, and the realization of their full potential.

We want to thank you for a successful 1st term – it has been wonderful to see our learners excel in so many areas; in the class, on the sports fields and on stage. We pray that this break will be a blessed time for you and your family and as we celebrate the death & resurrection of our Lord, also a time of closeness to our Heavenly Father.

-MR. PHILIP THERON, CAMPUS PRINCIPAL



On Saturday, 9 March 2024, our U7-U9 Netball teams had the honour of participating in the Nova Pioneer Ruimsig Festival. We competed against teams from Nova Pioneer and Skye College. A big congratulations to our U8 and U9 teams for securing victories in two of their games. Kudos to the managers and coaches for their excellent guidance and support throughout the event.



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

FOUNDATION PHASE SOCCER

Our u7 / u8 / u9 soccer teams competed at the NOVA Pioneer Ruimsig Primary School Football Festival last Saturday. Five schools participated: NOVA Pioneer Ruimsig, Silverfields Primary, Skye College, Legends Academy and TKSWR.

Congratulations to our u8 & u9 teams for winning the soccer. Thank you to our parent body for the fantastic support given to all our players. Well done and thank you to NOVA Pioneer for hosting a fantastic festival.



FAR LEFT:
U7 SOCCER
TEAM

U8 SOCCER
TEAM



ARCHERY

Casey-Lee Adam participated in the Ramkat and Riebeeckrand Archery AGA Bullseye Competition and achieved two 1st places in the Junior Girls division (gold medal) and her team won second place at both competitions.



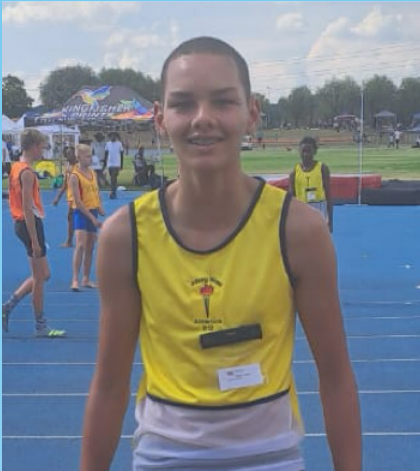
She also received a certificate for Archery Achievement for outstanding performance and attendance. Congratulations Casey!

Primary School Athletics

Congratulations to the following three learners who represented the D12 District at the Provincial Primary Schools' Athletic Championships (Gauteng) on 8 and 9 March 2024 at Boksburg Athletics Stadium, Ekurhuleni.

ZACH MACE- Boys u13 High Jump

MIGUEL CHIKATI- Boys u13 Shot Put



SIYANDA TWALA

Boys u13 100 & 200m - Siyanda did well to qualify on the day for the 200m semi-final.

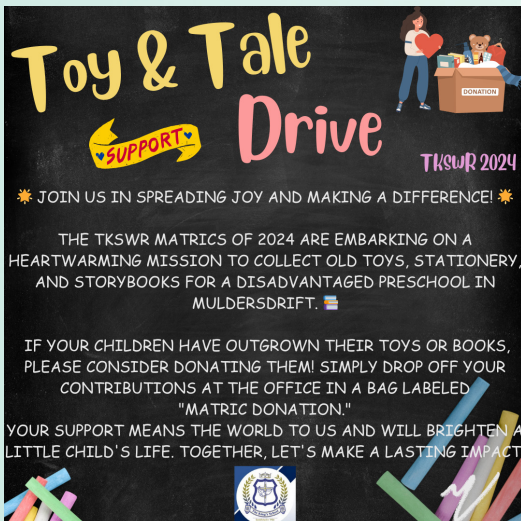
After running a great time of 25.73 he placed 11th out of 34 athletes at Gauteng level - well done Siyanda!

HOLIDAY training

Team managers for the following teams will be making arrangements with their respective teams to have training sessions during the school holiday in the week of 1 - 5 April 2024:

High School Soccer; Primary School Soccer (u10 / u11 & u13's and Girls u13); High School Netball Teams and High School Hockey Boys and Girls.

Please support this initiative as it helps prepare our teams and the individual players to be ready for their first league matches in our first week back in Term 2 (9 - 12 April 2024).



Toy & Tale Drive

SUPPORT


TKSWR 2024

* JOIN US IN SPREADING JOY AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE! *

THE TKSQR MATRICS OF 2024 ARE EMBARKING ON A HEARTWARMING MISSION TO COLLECT OLD TOYS, STATIONERY, AND STORYBOOKS FOR A DISADVANTAGED PRESCHOOL IN MULDESDRIFT. 🇿🇦

IF YOUR CHILDREN HAVE OUTGROWN THEIR TOYS OR BOOKS, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THEM! SIMPLY DROP OFF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE OFFICE IN A BAG LABELED "MATRIC DONATION."

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS THE WORLD TO US AND WILL BRIGHTEN A LITTLE CHILD'S LIFE. TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE A LASTING IMPACT!




Save the Date

The King's School West Rand
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Moms & Daughter Tea

Saturday
13 April 2024

The King's School
West Rand Hall

Tickets on sale from 4 March 2024