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## From the **PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

The articles in the King's Ken have been focused on the executive functioning skills we aspire to teach our children and the value of Christian Education.

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Another, less discussed skill we want our children to master before matriculating is the ability to fail Christianly. I read an article about sports in schools a few years ago, and the author spoke about his observations as a sportsman (he played 2 sports for the Ireland national team), coach, and principal of 2 large Christian schools. An observation that stood out was how often a person's character is revealed by their response to a loss.

The reality of life is that we will have more losses than wins. Even those who are at the "top of their game" face many losses. It is in our losses that character is developed, loss is the soil in which resilience grows, and loss is what makes the win so much sweeter. An easy 80% is not as sweet as a child who misses his or her goal and through hard work and effort, moves up gradually until they finally receive that assessment back with the 80% written on the front. Hebrews 12:11 "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained

by it." Without discipline, a "win" becomes even more elusive. There are many more lessons and opportunities for growth in a loss than in a win. It is where we learn areas of weakness to become stronger, tougher, and more effective – and this is not just a physical loss like a "no" in an interview, or on a sports field, or a broken relationship, but mental and spiritual losses where we "miss the mark" and have to realign our hearts and minds to Christ & the Word.

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But another reality about losing is that it exposes our hearts. We envy those who succeed when we don't, we sulk, we are quick to point fingers, and claim how unfair it was that we lost, and someone else had a victory. I was struck again recently when watching our learners play 2 different sporting codes how difficult it is to lose "Christianly". We easily get upset with the ref, other teammates, the coach, and in the process treat people in a way that shows character flaws that, as Christians, should not be so quick to surface. I am an extremely competitive person, and my blood boils just as quickly on the field & in the stands - and I want our children to have a deep-seated drive for excellence and achievement but what I want more for them than any trophy or "league winner" badge, is for them to learn how to lose Christianly.

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We dare not become complacent, and merely accept loss – but we must embrace it as a necessary part of life if we want to grow & develop. What we must not do, is lie in the dust, kicking and screaming and showing shallow character. We must learn from it, realign our strategy, get up, dust ourselves off and get back in the game. May our children learn how to fail at The King's School and through those lessons, learn how to win.

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#### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF PERFORMING ART

Congratulations to Bonolo Chaane in Grade 6, who received a full sponsorship from SACOPA to perform at the World Championship of Performing Arts in Los Angeles, California in June 2024.

The value of this sponsor is almost R90 000.00.

Bonolo is very excited to represent South Africa at WCOPA and she can't wait for this exciting adventure.

Bonolo will take part in Acting: Dramatical, Comical and Contemporary as well as Modeling: Formal, Casual and Photographic modelling.

We wish her all the best and we are very proud of her.

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On Friday, 26 April, we honoured the hard work of our Grade 12 Top- Improvers. These students improved by the most positions in the rank order of their grade. The results achieved in the Term 1 reporting period were compared to those achieved at the end of 2023.

Congratulations and well done to the following students: Samuel Mudoti Ndivhuwo Maduse Kea Morake Tshegofatso Rathebe (Top Improver) Christine Jordan

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#### **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

Written by the LRC King's Ken Team

As we enter Term 2, the High School's termly theme also changes along with the biblical story that goes along with it. Last term we focused on the "Effect of Respect" and how Jesus changed the life of the Samaritan woman at the well by respecting her and giving value to her life. This term we intend to explore ways to achieve this respect that we see in Jesus, by revisiting the theme "Speak life".



Our words have the power over life and death (Proverbs 18:21) and should be used as such. A grand example of how Jesus used his words to bring life to others is the story found in John 8:1 - 11. Jesus was in a temple and during this time, the Pharisees brought a woman accused of adultery before Jesus with the intention of trapping Jesus in hypocrisy. Jesus always preaches of forgiveness and love, so if he said that the woman should be stoned as was the law of the time, Jesus would lose support from those he preached to. However, if Jesus told the Pharisees to leave her, he would be disobeying the laws of Moses and could be arrested for blasphemy.

Jesus did not answer immediately, rather turning to the ground and drawing in the sand. There are many theories about what Jesus drew, but it is never stated so we can only speculate. Personally, I like to believe that Jesus, knowing that the situation was a trap, decided to take time to ask his Father for wisdom, and eventually answered, "He who never sinned may throw the first stone." After time all the Pharisees left the temple and the woman. When Jesus asked the woman where her accusers went, she answered that there are none. Finally, Jesus never told her to leave, he said "Go on and sin no more."

As we enter the new term and beyond, let us not forget this story and the lessons that it teaches us. To not judge, but not to concede to sin, but rather to guide to the correct path.

## SCOK DAY FUN – Nursery School «



### **GIRLS UI3 LEAGUE (ROUND 3) VS RIDGEVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Lost 5 - 1

On Saturday 27 April, our girls competed in the EmpowHer Tournament @ Constantia Kloof Primary School. The tournament is used as a trial for the District

Teams. Our girls played well in their first tournament but unfortunately did not progress from the pool stage.





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#### Soccer Score Update for the week of 22 - 26 April:

Primary School (League Round 3) vs Discovery Primary School: U10 won 2 - 1 U11 lost 2 - 1 U12 lost 1 - 0 U13 drew 1 - 1

Primary School (KO Cup Round 2) vs Discovery Primary School: U9 won 5 - 2 Congratulations u9s. They will play Crawford in Round 3. U10 lost 3 - 1 U11 lost 3 - 0 U12 lost 1 - 0 U13 lost 3 - 1

High School (League Round 3) vs Curro Wilgeheuwel: U14 lost 2 - 1 U16 lost 4 - 3 U17 lost 5 - 0 The First Team drew 2 - 2

#### **Mini Soccer Festival:**

Please take note of the following arrangements for ROUND 2 of the Mini Soccer Festival on Friday 3 May 2024:

Venue: U7 & U8 (Gr1 & 2) The King's School West Rand Venue: U9 (Gr3) AWAY @ Constantia Kloof Primary School (CKPS): Liebenberg The matches will start at 14:15 and are scheduled to be completed by approximately 16:15 depending on the number of teams entered on the day.

Please take note of the date of the FINAL Mini Soccer Festival Date: Friday, 10 May 2024

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#### 23 APRIL 2024 LEAGUE MATCH VS PANORAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

On April 23, 2024, we hosted a thrilling match against Panorama Primary School. Despite the challenges, our girls rose to the occasion, displaying remarkable resilience. Here are the match results:

**TKSWR vs PPS:** 

- U10A: 20-0
- U10B: 6-0
- U11A: 5-0
- U11B: 2-0
- U12A: 15-1
- U12B: 7-2
- U13A: 18-2
- U13B: 4-5

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated coaches and team managers for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment. We also extend our deepest gratitude to the parents and teachers who showed up to support us. Keep shining brightly, Kings!

## 26 APRIL 2024 FRIENDLY PRACTICE @ SOWETO

On Friday, 26 April 2024 our netball 1st team players had the opportunity to engage in a friendly practice session at Soweto against Cheddars Netball Club. This experience served as a valuable learning opportunity for both our players and coaches as they were exposed to the unique style of netball played in the township. Our TKSWR players gained first hand insights into the importance of effective communication with their teammates and the significance of seeking guidance when

needed. We extend our gratitude to Cheddars Netball Club for graciously hosting us and providing us with an enriching experience. We have gained a wealth of knowledge from this encounter, and we look forward to applying these lessons in our future games.





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### GRADE 4-7 HIGHLY EFFECTIVE STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY DR EMSIE RHEEDERS

#### DATE: SATURDAY, 11 MAY 2024

TIME: 9:00-12:15

VENUE: THE KING'S SCHOOL WEST RAND Teacher Palesa's class Bottom Floor - High School Block

#### COST: R260 - payable on the day

Collect an application form from your Grade head RSVP on the reply slip. Return it to your register teacher asap. Space is limited.

Bring your stationery and notebook Arrive 15 minutes earlier for registration purposes.

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Friday, 3rd May | Registration & finger supper 17h30, Sessions 18h30 to 20h30 & Saturday, 4th May | 08h00 to 14h00

You are invited to the Focus on the Family, Journey to Us, marriage event!



