

THE KING'S SCHOOL

Gr 1 Sport Newsletter

Dear Grade 1 Parents

Welcome to The King's School Robin Hills Sports Department. We are looking forward to developing the God-given sporting talents of our future sports stars. The Sports Office would like to give you, as new parents to the Primary School, guidelines on how we operate in the Sports Department.

Physical Education (PE)

Your child will participate in a PE lesson once a week during school time. He/She must come to school in their PE kit on that day, unless otherwise stated. It is compulsory for them to participate. If they cannot do PE, please send a note with your child on the day, and this must be handed to the PE teacher. If your child does not have a letter excusing them from PE, they will be required to participate in the PE lesson. If they are not participating in PE, they must wear full school uniform.

Extra Murals

We offer the following sports for the Grade 1's:

<u>Term 1</u>	-	Swimming	<u>Term 2</u>	-	Mini Netball
	-	Mini Tennis		-	Mini Soccer
	-	Chess		-	Rugby
	-	Art Club		-	Chess
	-	Netball (Mid-term)		-	Art Club
	-	Soccer (Mid-term)			
	-	Rugby (Mid-term)			
<u>Term 3</u>	-	Athletics	<u>Term 4</u>	-	Swimming
	-	Mini Cricket		-	Mini Cricket
	-	Mini Tennis		-	Mini Tennis
	-	Chess		-	Chess
	-	Art Club		-	Art Club

Sports Timetable

You will receive a sports timetable every term stating the days and times on which practices and matches will take place. We have tried to space the different sport practices in such a way that the learners can take part in as many different sports as possible. We do realise that at this age they still need to find out what they enjoy and where their talents lie.

Newsletters

There will also be a newsletter handed out to every child at the end of each term. Please read through these newsletters carefully as they contain vital information regarding the next term's sport. They also contain any changes that might have occurred due to unforeseen circumstances.

Mini Gala and Athletics

Due to the fact that official athletics and swimming events only make provision for U/10 – U/19 age groups, we have included in our yearly programme 2 Mini Galas in the 1st term and 2 Mini Athletics events in the 3rd term. This is for all our learners Gr 1 – 3. These are fun-filled days that are arranged by the Sports Department (a morning event) to introduce the learners to both swimming and athletics. We do follow a programme on the day, but we allow the learners to decide for themselves which events they would like to participate in. We have a lot of parents attending and the day is enjoyed by all. Learners will receive a certificate at the end of the 1st event, congratulating them on their achievements. Dates for the training will be shown on the Sports Timetable.

Matches

If learners are selected for matches, they will receive a letter stating that they have been selected and giving the date, venue, dress and time of the match. This letter will have a reply slip that you need to return to the person in charge on or before the deadline date, to confirm that your child will be able to participate in the match. If your child does not receive a letter, this simply means that they have not been chosen to participate in that particular match. They may be chosen for another match. We do understand that they are excited about their sport and will try to include them in at least one match.

Sport Practices

If your child is attending practice for the **1st time**, please inform their class teacher. The teacher will ensure that they go to the correct place. Thereafter it is your responsibility to remind them of practice.

If you do not collect your child directly after a practice, it is your responsibility to arrange with them where they need to meet you or where they need to go afterwards. An Extra Curricular Activities Timetable will be sent to you stating venues and areas that are available for your child to go to.

Expectations & Awards

Please take note that we have the following expectations of our players:

- To attend practices regularly
- To be on time for practices and matches
- To be dressed correctly.
- To come with a good attitude.

They will be awarded with a certificate at the end of the year if they have fulfilled the above expectations.

Dress Code

We have included on the website and School Communicator the dress code for every sport type as well as where the clothing can be purchased. We are very strict when it comes to the correct dress as it plays a vital role in teamwork and discipline. Your child will not be allowed to play in a match if he/she is not correctly dressed.

Practice and Match Cancellations

Please take note that any decision regarding a practice or match cancellation will be taken at 12:00. If you would like to phone us for confirmation, please only do so after 12:15. If there is a cancellation on the match day due to unforeseen circumstances, your child will be notified during the course of the day and if he/she needs to phone you to make alternative arrangements, he/she is welcome to come to the sports office. This information will also be put on the School Communicator.

Communicator & Website

All information regarding sport will be available on the school's Communicator. The King's School website (www.thekingsschool.co.za) will be kept up to date with the latest sport timetable, results, upcoming dates, newsletters and events. This letter will also be on Communicator and the website for the duration of the year.

Art Club

Art Club takes place on a Tuesday or Thursday from 13:30 – 14:30. Your child can choose either one of these days to attend. He/She may not alternate days through the term. The cost per term is R150 and is payable at the front office at the start of the term. A letter regarding fees for the term will be handed out at the beginning of the term. He/She must bring an art t-shirt and extra lunch to their lesson. For any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs Lubbe directly.

Questions and Concerns

Please feel free to come and discuss any questions or concerns you might have regarding sport, as we can only improve on those things about which we are aware. Please contact the Sports Department and make an appointment with the following teachers:

Mr Kilian	-	Swimming
	-	Chess
	-	Any matters pertaining the sports office
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Miss Höll	-	Tennis – Girls
	-	Netball
	-	Athletics
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Mr Martin	-	Rugby
	-	Tennis – Boys
	-	Cricket
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Mr Zulu	-	Soccer
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Mrs Lubbe	-	Art

We are really looking forward to an awesome year of sport. Thank you so much for your support.

The Sports Department