

KOPANO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

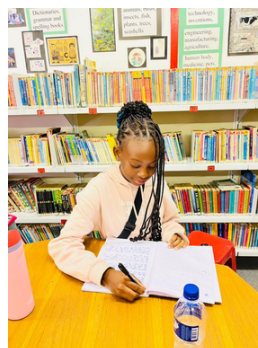
"Not For Ourselves But For All"

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK:

As we come to the end of another incredibly busy month, I am reminded that education extends far beyond the four walls of a classroom. While academic learning remains an important part of school life, some of our greatest learning opportunities take place on the sports field, on the stage, during assemblies, and through the many experiences that we provide for our students.

The past few weeks have certainly reflected this philosophy. Our students have represented Kopano School with enthusiasm in numerous soccer and netball fixtures, demonstrating teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We were privileged to host Production 2000, whose performances both entertained and educated our learners in a memorable way.

A highlight of the month was the Cultural Weekend hosted by Clifton School in Francistown. Our students immersed themselves in music, dance, drama, art, marimba, craft and many other creative activities. Opportunities such as these expose our learners to new ideas, develop their confidence and allow them to appreciate the richness of our cultural heritage. We are grateful to the staff who accompanied the students and to the organisers for another outstanding event.



Our annual Inter-House Athletics was another tremendous success. The level of participation, enthusiasm and healthy competition displayed by both houses made for a wonderful two days of school spirit. Congratulations to those athletes who have been selected to represent Kopano at the upcoming Inter-Zonal Athletics competition in early July. We wish them every success as they compete against the region's best athletes.

One of the proudest moments this month was hosting our Under-11 Soccer and Netball Festival. Nine schools from across northern Botswana joined us for a day of friendly competition. Rather than focusing on trophies and winners, the festival celebrated participation, enjoyment and the development of young athletes. The overwhelmingly positive feedback from visiting schools confirmed that this format successfully achieved its purpose of building friendships and encouraging a lifelong love of sport.

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) also organised two wonderful fundraising initiatives that brought a great deal of fun and laughter to our school. On Parents' Day, learners embraced the opportunity to dress as their parents, with many wonderfully creative and humorous interpretations on display. Last Friday, our students also participated in Funky Sock Day, filling the campus with bright colours, mismatched patterns and plenty of smiles.

Beyond raising valuable funds, both events created a relaxed, joyful atmosphere that reminded us that school should also be a place where children enjoy themselves, build friendships and create lasting memories. We sincerely thank our PTA for their continued commitment to enriching school life and supporting projects that enhance our learning environment.

Within the classroom, our learners have also challenged themselves academically. The first two rounds of our Spelling Bee have produced some outstanding performances, and we eagerly look forward to the final on 3 July. Our assemblies have continued to inspire our students, with themes including Parent's Day, Caring for our Environment, and several uplifting performances from our Music and Dance departments. These occasions help to shape not only knowledgeable learners, but responsible, compassionate and confident young people.



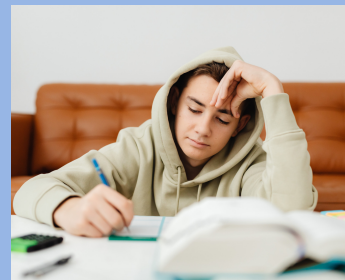
Last weekend, our nation celebrated Khama Day, honouring the remarkable legacy of Sir Seretse Khama. His life reminds us that true leadership is built upon integrity, humility, service and an unwavering commitment to doing what is right, even when faced with difficult choices. These are values that we strive to nurture in every Kopano learner, encouraging them to become young men and women who will one day make a positive contribution to Botswana and the wider world.



As this newsletter reaches you, our High School students will already have begun their mid-year examinations, while our Primary School learners are preparing for Assessment Week. Although assessments are an important part of measuring progress, they should never be a source of unnecessary anxiety. Children perform best when they feel supported, encouraged and well prepared.

Parents can make a tremendous difference by:

- Providing a quiet, distraction-free place for revision.
- Helping children establish a regular study routine rather than relying on last-minute cramming.
- Ensuring they get plenty of sleep each night and eat healthy, nutritious meals.
- Encouraging regular breaks and some physical activity to keep minds refreshed.
- Limiting unnecessary screen time during the assessment period.
- Offering encouragement and reassurance, reminding children that their best effort is what matters most.
- Celebrating progress and perseverance, regardless of the final results.



Perhaps the greatest gift we can give our children during Assessment Week is confidence. When children know that they are loved and supported regardless of their marks, they are far more likely to approach their work with a positive attitude and perform to the best of their ability.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. Together we are creating an environment where our children can grow academically, socially, physically and emotionally. I wish all our learners every success during Assessment Week and our High School students the very best for their examinations.

Warm regards,

Steve Phillips

Headmaster

Building a Better School Together – Thank You, PTA!



This term has seen some welcome improvements to our school campus, made possible through the efforts and financial support of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). While there is always room for greater parent involvement in the life of the school, we are grateful to the members of the PTA Executive who have invested their time, energy and resources into projects that will benefit our learners, staff and wider school community for many years to come.

We are delighted to unveil our newly constructed Lapa, which now serves as a central gathering and serving area for our sporting events and outdoor functions. The facility was immediately put to excellent use during both our Inter-House Athletics and the Under-11 Soccer and Netball Festival, where it provided a welcoming space for refreshments, parents and visitors.

Beyond its role during school events, the Lapa is a wonderful addition to our campus. It provides comfortable seating and a shaded area where parents can relax while supporting their children during sporting fixtures. During the school day, it also serves as a sheltered tea and rest area for our support staff, offering protection from the elements during periods of extreme heat or inclement weather.

The PTA has also funded the construction of a much-needed storage shed alongside the Art Room. This practical addition now provides secure storage for the school's chairs, trestle tables and carpets that are regularly used for assemblies, performances, functions and events in the school shelter. Having these resources stored safely and conveniently will greatly improve the organisation and preparation of our many school activities.

These projects are lasting investments in our school and are a direct result of the generosity and commitment of the PTA Executive. Their willingness to support these developments has already made a noticeable difference to the appearance and functionality of our campus.

On behalf of our staff and students, I extend my sincere appreciation to the PTA Executive for their contribution to these projects. We also hope that these successes will encourage even greater parent involvement in the future, as we continue working together to enhance our school and provide the very best environment for our children. We look forward to seeing additional improvements and structures added to our campus during the remainder of the year.



THANK YOU
SO MUCH



PRIVATE SPORTS & CLUBS



DANCE STARZ STUDIO

Under the guidance and skill set provided by Mrs. Pelotshweu, this programme is perfect for young kids who aspire to be dancers.

Venue: Kopano School Art Room

Time: Every Friday from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Contact: Mrs. Pelotshweu at 75697461

Cost: P150.00 per month

Please note that this club is not part of the school program.



ELITE MOVES CHESS CLUB

Our chess coach, Mr. Makgethe, is currently offering private lessons. Please note that while Kopano includes chess in its extracurricular program, Mr. Makgethe's sessions are distinct and not part of the school's activities. If you would like your child to engage in additional chess lessons, please reach out to him directly.

Venue: Kopano School

Time: Every Saturday from 9AM - 10AM

Contact: Mr. Makgethe at 72995194 or 77839845

Cost: P300.00 per month



ZUMBA - DANCE STARZ STUDIO

Join the new Zumba Club at Dance Starz Studio with Mrs. Pelotshweu for a fun way to improve your health and fitness! No dance experience is required, and it's a judgment-free zone focused on having fun while being active.

Venue: Kopano School

Time: Every Saturday at 9 AM

Contact: Mrs. Pelotshweu at 75697461

Cost: P50.00 per class

Please note that this club is not part of the school program.



Children's Corner



Learning Beyond the Classroom!

Can you find 6 differences in the picture on the right?



Fun Facts



A standard soccer ball has 32 panels – 20 hexagons and 12 pentagons!



Netball was invented in 1895 in England.



The first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece in 1896.



Being creative helps your brain make new connections.



Drinking water, eating well and enough sleep help you learn and feel your best!



Mini Maths Challenges

1 Sports Score

Our soccer team scored 4 goals in the first half and 3 goals in the second half. How many goals did they score in total?

2 Athletics Team

We chose 12 boys and 8 girls for the Inter-zonal athletics. How many athletes are in the team?

3 Spelling Stars

There are 24 words to learn. I already know 9 words. How many more words do I need to learn?

4 Festival Fun

Nine schools took part in our festival. If each school brought 15 players, how many players were there in total?



Brain Teasers (Ages 4-7)

- I have a head, but no body. I have hands, but I cannot clap. What am I?
- I follow you everywhere, but you cannot see me. What am I?
- The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
- I can be cracked, made, told and played. What am I?
- What has many keys but does not open any locks? What am I?



Word Search

FIND THE WORDS BELOW:

- LEARN
- TEAMWORK
- RESPECT
- FRIENDS
- SPORT
- MUSIC
- ATHLETICS
- CREATIVE
- FESTIVAL
- CULTURE
- KINDNESS
- SUCCESS



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Monthly Challenge

Try to do at least ONE each day!

- ✓ Read for 20 minutes
- ✓ Move your body
- ✓ Help at home
- ✓ Get outside and enjoy nature
- ✓ Say something kind
- ✓ Practise your spelling words
- ✓ Set a goal and try your best



Every experience is a lesson. Every day is an opportunity!



ANSWERS

Spot the Difference – 6 differences

- Banner – heart added
- Netball bib – GA to GS
- Tent colour – blue to red
- Boy's shoes – black to red
- Painting – mountains to rainbow
- Sign – KINDNESS to COURAGE

Mini Maths Challenges

- 7 goals
- 20 athletes
- 15 words
- 135 players

Brain Teasers

- A clock
- Your shadow
- Footsteps
- A joke
- A piano



2026 July

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JULY IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 6th

·High School Examinations

Tuesday 7th

·High School Examinations

Wednesday 8th

·High School Examinations

·U11 Soccer and Netball @ Morula

·U13 Soccer and Netball vs Morula @ Kopano

Thursday 9th

·High School Examinations

Friday 10th

·High School Examinations

Saturday 11th

·North vs South Soccer

Monday 13th

·High School Examinations

·English Assessments: Gr 3 – 7

·Agriculture Assessments: Gr 6 & 7

Tuesday 14th

·High School Examinations

·Mathematics Assessments: Gr 3 – 7

Wednesday 15th

·High School Examinations

·Setswana Assessments: Gr 3 – 7

·Social Studies Assessments: Gr 6 & 7

Thursday 16th

·High School Examinations

·Science Assessments: - Gr 3 – 7

Friday 17th

·Presidents' Weekend

·School Closes at 10:00

Wednesday 22nd

·School opens @ 07:15

Thursday 23rd

·Inter-House Cross Country

Friday 24th

·Assembly: Reception C

Wednesday 29th

·U11 Soccer and Netball vs JMS @ Kopano

·U13 Soccer and Netball vs JMS in Francistown

Thursday 30th

·Music and Dance Evening: 18:00

Friday 31st

·Pre-Primary to Grade 2 Sports Day

Saturday 01st August

·Inter-School Soccer and Netball vs Morula @ Kopano
(all age groups)