



KOPANO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Not For Ourselves But For All”

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK:

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting and productive term at Kopano School. We trust that families enjoyed the holiday break and that our students have returned refreshed, motivated, and ready for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Term 2 is traditionally a very important academic term. It is a time when routines, consistency, and disciplined work habits become increasingly important. At the same time, it is also a term filled with tremendous excitement as our soccer and netball seasons begin. The energy and enthusiasm that sport brings to our school community is something truly special, and we look forward to seeing our students grow not only in skill, but also in teamwork, discipline, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Athletics will also play a major role during the course of the term. Participation in athletics is compulsory for all primary students, as we firmly believe that every child benefits from involvement in physical activity and healthy competition. Athletics teaches valuable life lessons such as resilience, commitment, courage, determination, and the importance of striving to improve oneself. It also encourages school spirit and unity as students work together in support of their respective houses. We look forward to seeing the results of our students' hard work and effort during our annual Inter-House Athletics Meetings, which will take place on **Thursday 11 June and Friday 12 June.**

As we begin the term, I would like to encourage all parents to continue partnering closely with the school in supporting your children academically, emotionally, and socially. Simple daily habits such as ensuring punctuality, monitoring homework, encouraging reading, limiting unnecessary screen time, and maintaining healthy routines can make a tremendous difference in a child's overall success.

At Kopano, I often speak to parents about what I call the “three pillars” of a successful school community - the school, the parents, and the students. These three pillars must work together in partnership if our children are to thrive.

I compare these three pillars to a traditional three-legged pot. Each leg plays a vital role in keeping the pot balanced and stable. If one leg is removed, the pot cannot stand properly and eventually collapses. In the same way, when either the school, the parents, or the students are not fully engaged, the support structure around the child weakens. However, when all three work together with a common vision and mutual respect, children are given the strongest possible foundation for success.



This term also brings exciting developments through the efforts of our PTA. We are pleased to share that construction has begun on a new serving area next to the sports field, which will greatly benefit our sporting events and festivals. In addition, work has also started on a new storage shed to safely house the chairs purchased for the shelter.

We are incredibly grateful to our PTA for their initiative, dedication, and commitment to improving our school facilities. The PTA is eager to continue with a number of additional projects as the term progresses, and we warmly encourage more parents to become involved, whether through ideas, time, practical assistance, or support at events and fundraising activities. Every contribution, no matter how small, strengthens our school community and enriches the experience of our children.

Thank You
Kopano PTA!

I would also like to address an important matter regarding school fees. We fully understand that many families continue to experience financial pressure within the current economic climate, and we sincerely appreciate the sacrifices parents make in order to provide quality education for their children.

As a non-profit organisation, Kopano School relies almost entirely on the payment of school fees in order to function effectively and continue providing the quality education, care, facilities, sporting programmes, and opportunities that our children deserve. School fees directly support the daily running of the school, including staff salaries, classroom resources, transport, maintenance of facilities, educational programmes, and student activities.

We therefore kindly but earnestly appeal to parents to prioritise the payment of school fees wherever possible and to maintain open communication with the school should challenges arise. The continued strength and sustainability of our school depends on the collective commitment and support of all families. Every payment contributes directly towards maintaining the quality education and opportunities that make Kopano School special.

As always, we remain committed not only to academic achievement and sporting success, but also to the development of young people of strong character, integrity, responsibility, and compassion.

Thank you for your continued trust, encouragement, and partnership. We look forward to a successful term filled with growth, achievement, school spirit, and continued collaboration between home and school.

Together, we can continue creating an environment where every child feels supported, challenged, valued, and inspired to become the very best version of themselves.

Warm regards,
Steve Phillips
Headmaster

Mother's day at KPS

This Mother's Day, Kopano School was filled with extra warmth, love, and gratitude as we celebrated the incredible mothers and maternal figures in our community. Mothers are the backbone of our families and the ultimate guiding lights for our children—their unconditional love, sacrifice, and support shape our students every single day.

To show our deep appreciation, our creative students poured their hearts into making beautiful, custom artwork. Seeing the joy on our students' faces as they crafted these masterpieces to say "thank you" was truly the highlight of the week. Thank you to all our wonderful mothers for everything you do!



Honk, Clip-Clop, and Vroom! Our Pre-Primary "Touch a Truck" 🚚🐎

Our pre-schoolers brought their current "Transport" theme to life with an exciting, hands-on "Touch a Truck" event! The school parking lot was transformed as the children explored an amazing variety of ways to travel. They got up close to a massive dump truck, an excavator, a bicycle, two roaring motorbikes, a horse and a donkey cart!

The day was also a wonderful lesson in kindness. We partnered with the visiting Bikers Club for their charity drive in Mogapi. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school management, our students proudly handed over a big and warm blanket to the bikers.

It was a fantastic day where learning met community spirit. A huge thank you to everyone who brought their wheels, vehicles, and animals, and to our school management for supporting the blanket drive.



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.

Spot the Difference

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



Fun Facts



A 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.



Exercise helps your brain work better and improves your mood!



Drinking water before, during and after sport keeps your body strong and healthy!



Mini Maths Challenges

1 Team Goals

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

2 Netball Points

The A team scored 18 points and the B team scored 27 points. What is the difference in their scores?

3 Match Time

A netball match is 60 minutes long. If each quarter is the same length, how long is each quarter?

4 Sports Day

There are 6 teams. Each team has 8 players. How many players are there altogether?



Brain Teasers (Ages 4-7)

1 I have keys but no locks. What am I?

2 The more you take away, the bigger I get. What am I?

3 I go up and down but never move. What am I?

4 What has hands but cannot clap?

5 I have a face and two hands, but no arms or legs. What am I?



Word Search

FIND THE WORDS BELOW:

SPORTS • SOCCER • NETBALL
TEAM • GOALS • FITNESS
TRAINING • WIN • PLAY
FRIENDS • ACTIVE • FUN



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Monthly Challenge

Try to do at least ONE each day!

- ✓ Be active for 30 minutes 
- ✓ Drink lots of water 
- ✓ Help at home 
- ✓ Read a book 
- ✓ Be kind and encourage others
- ✓ Set a goal and try your best 



Play fair, have fun and always do your best!



ANSWERS (Turn upside down!)

Mini Maths: 2. Keyboard 2. Goals 4. 15 minutes 4. 8 points 3. Stairs 2. A clock 5. A watch





JUNE IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 3rd

- U11 Soccer and Netball vs Mophato at Kopano
- U13 Soccer and Netball vs Mophato at Mophato

Thursday 4th

- Science Assessment (Grades 3 – 7)
- School Photos – Summer School Uniform

Friday 5th

- Cultural Weekend - Clifton

Saturday 6th

- Cultural weekend - Clifton

Monday 8th

- Social Studies Assessment: Gr – 6 & 7
- Global Perspectives Assessment: Gr 3 - 5

Wednesday 10th

- Production 2000 (P15 per child)
- U9 Soccer and Netball vs Morula @ Kopano
- U11 Soccer and Netball vs Morula @ Morula

Thursday 11th

- Maths Assessment (Grade 3 – 7)
- HS Sport vs Morula
- Inter-House Athletics (Primary School - Field Events)

Friday 12th

- Inter-House Athletics (Primary School – Track Events)
- U13 Soccer and Netball Camp – Kgaswe (Selected Students)

Saturday 13th

- U13 Soccer and Netball Camp – Kgaswe (Selected Students)
- U9 and U11 Soccer and Netball Festivals
- High School Soccer and Netball@ JMS/Clifton/Mophato

Wednesday 17th

- U11 Soccer and Netball vs Clifton @ Clifton
- U13 Soccer and Netball vs Clifton @ KPS

Thursday 18th

- English Assessment (Grades 3 – 7)

Friday 19th

- Spelling Bee (Round 2)

Thursday 25th

- Science Assessment (Grade 3 – 7)

Friday 26th

- Grandparents Day
- School Closes at 10:00 – Khama Weekend

Monday 29th

- No School – Long Weekend

Tuesday 30th

- No School – Long Weekend

Wednesday 1 July

- No School – Long Weekend

Tuesday 2 July

- School resumes at 07:15