

KING'S CONNECT

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Dear Parents / Guardians

Luke 2: 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. **11** The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! **12** And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." **13** Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

The Christmas story, the birth of our Lord and Saviour, never fails to stir one's feelings of goodwill and kindness. What a wonderful opportunity to let all the hostilities cease. Not just warring nations, but personal anger and bitterness towards people and circumstances can be ended, so that we can enjoy a time of peace and goodwill towards all people around us.

May this be your experience at this time of Christmas!

Looking at 2020 in the rear-view mirror...

Who would have known that a virus would change the whole world? That for more than 200 days the country would be in 'lockdown'. Apparently, the word 'lockdown' became the most used word in 2020. No prizes for guessing why!



DATES TO DIARISE

7 December 2020

Gr 4 – 7 Award Ceremony

8 December 2020

Gr R Graduation

8 December 2020

Gr 1 – 7 Award Ceremony

9 December 2020

School closes

27 January 2021

1st Term Begins



A brave new world awaited us. A world without physical contact, but in which more people attended online meetings and webinars. A world in which we had to learn new skills so that we could continue our work of teaching albeit, online.

We are also aware of the psycho-social impact the lockdown has had on people. Many lost loved ones, we lived with high levels of anxiety and great uncertainty. Some of our parents lost jobs, faced the reality of reduced income and have had to deal with the resultant challenges.

Here we are, at the end of the year. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to our parents, firstly. Thank-you for your support and encouragement. To the Governing Body for their support and guidance during those days of great uncertainty. To our staff who willingly sacrificed ... giving extra time and taking salary cuts. The academic staff working online after hours, putting themselves out there with Zoom lessons; the housekeeping staff for coming in at odd hours and cleaning/ decontaminating the school building and to those staff members whose jobs were changed in order to manage the COVID-19 health and safety protocols so efficiently and effectively.

We have completed the academic year as per the prescripts from the Department of Basic Education. All the grades are busy with a credible formal assessment and will be issued with an industry standard report card at the end of the year.



CHRITSTMAS HAMPER

Our housekeeping staff have truly done a remarkable job over the past year in ensuring that our school has been kept Covid19 compliant. Most of their tasks are done when the school has been vacated in the afternoons, with the sanitizing process being diligently adhered to, ensuring that we were all kept safe during this very trying year!

We would like to put together a Christmas hamper each for Buck, Felicity, Jean and Trevor to show our appreciation for their dedicated and sometimes unseen work. Biscuits, sweets, chocolates, crisps, cold-drinks, peanuts or any tasty non-perishable treat would make their Christmas Day special! A box will be situated in the Arena where the children can drop off their contributions on arrival at school. Thank you in anticipation!





THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Stefan van der Vyver, (Mila van der Vyver's Dad, Gr 3)) most sincerely for his assistance during lockdown. He most graciously trained and assisted the teachers with regard to the Moodle platform. His patience, dedication and passion for the task at hand is tangible and is greatly appreciated.

FINANCES

DEBIT ORDER FORMS

Thank you to all who have submitted their Debit Order Forms timeously. Just a reminder, if you have not as yet sent in your completed Debit Order Form, please do so as a matter of urgency.

3 MONTH NOTICE PERIOD

Please note as per our Financial Contract, a 3 month (term's notice) is required when your child exits King's School. Notice Period Form is available from the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please be advised that once the uniforms, that were ordered earlier this term, are delivered, you will be contacted in order to organize a time for you to collect from the office.



END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

We would like to end the year on a high note so our Award ceremonies will take place at Every Nation Church. Due to Covid19 and the need to adhere to our strict health and safety measure **only** the child's **parents** may attend the respective event. No extended family members or grandparents will be allowed to attend. Your co-operation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

The events will take place as follows:

GR 4 – 7 AWARD CEREMONY

*Monday, 7 December 2020 Time: 10:30 am – 12:00pm

GRADE R GRADUATION CEREMONY

*Tuesday, 8 December 2020 Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

GRADE 1 – 3 AWARDS CEREMONY AND FINAL ASSEMBLY

*Tuesday, 8 December 2020 Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm



Reports will be handed out on the day of your child's award ceremonies. The children will be dismissed after their award ceremony and may leave with their parents from the venue. It will be your prerogative as a parent, if you want to send your child to school until 09 December 2020.

2021 SCHOOL TIMES

The 2021 school year will resume on 27 January 2021.

King's School will resume normal operational times from Monday – Friday as set out below:

Grade RRRR & Gr RRR	08h00	12h15
Grade RR	08h00	12h30
Grade R	08h00	12h45
Grade 1, 2	08h00	13h00
Grade 3	08h00	14h00 (Monday – Thursday)
Grade 4 – 7	08h00	14h45 (Monday to Thursday)
Grade 3 - 7	08h00	13h00 (Fridays)

All being well, the After School Care will also become operational in 2021.

We wish all our King's School families a safe and very Blessed Christmas and New Year!

Yours faithfully

**N. ONTONG
PRINCIPAL**

