

KING'S CONNECT 05/ 2022
April 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians

The Biblical theme for this term will be SELF-WORTH. The children will learn that God is a wise Father. He is faithful and true and that He Leads us on the right path. They will also learn that God is all powerful.

The Bible teaches that man is created by God in His image and man has great dignity and worth. When man sinned, that relationship was broken. The peace and harmony between God and man was broken. Jesus came to restore the broken harmony within each man.

This is the basis for a Biblical understanding of SELF-WORTH.

Out of this will flow an understanding of true joy, self-control, forgiveness, holiness, hope, love, peace and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

God Bless!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Your child's photograph was taken at the end of last term. These photos will be available for order online within the next few days. More detail to follow!

Due to the Covid regulations being lifted, we are thrilled to say that the photographer will be back on 5 May 2022 to take the class photographs.

Class photos will be available later in May.

Dates to Diarise	
15 April	Good Friday Public Holiday
18 April	Family Day Public Holiday
25/26 April	Book Sale
27 April	Freedom Day
2 May	Public Holiday (Workers' Day)
5 May	Class Photographs
6 May	Civvies Day
14 May	Amazing Race
25 May	Africa Day
27 May	ECD & F Phase Grandparents' Tea
2 June	Exams begin (Gr 4 – 7)
16 June	Youth Day
17 June	School Holiday
22/23 June	Parent Consultations
24 June	2 nd Term Ends at 11am



2022 WORTELGAT CAMP – Grade 5, 6 and 7

We had a fantastic time on the camp. It was jam packed with many activities and exciting events. The children were able to work together in teams and enjoyed learning to rock climb and kayak.

The Wortelgat team exposed the children to working in different ways in teams. They also explained various options of co-operating with those around you. Leadership skills and techniques were learnt in a fun way!



2021 SYSTEMIC TESTS

Our Gr 3s participated in the annual WCED Systemic Tests. These are administered by UCT and serve as an exceptionally good external benchmark for our school.

Due to Covid, the last time the Systemic Tests took place was in 2019. Reduced in-person school attendance has had a negative impact on children around the world. The lack of basic skills and knowledge is evident across the grades but more so in the initial stages of the child's cognitive development. Children have missed out so much.

Please encourage your child to come to school regularly and to do their work to the best of their ability. Our dedicated academic staff are aware of the fallout and to the best of their ability, working hard at addressing these backlogs.

The stats below show the fall out our children are facing. At King's we have worked very hard and will continue to ensure that we do our best for our children. A notable set of results given all the challenges we faced over the last few years.

MATHEMATICS Pass %	2019	2021
King's School	100%	92.3%
Province	58.1%	44.3%
MATHEMATICS Average %	2019	2021
King's School	78.6%	74.4%
Province	54.5%	46.7%

ENGLISH Pass %	2019	2021
King's School	94.1%	84.6%
Province	44.9%	36.9%
ENGLISH Average %	2019	2021
King's School	73.8%	78.5%
Province	44.2%	38.8%

COVID 19

This week has seen our school return to a new form of normality! It has been wonderful to see the children just being children again! Please note the following:

- The wearing of face mask indoors for teachers and children still applies.
- Face masks are not necessary to be worn outdoors by adults and children.
- Face masks are not necessary to be worn when engaging in exercise activities indoors, by adults and children.
- Children under 6 do not have to wear a face mask at all.

We do, however, want to continue to adopt the following measures in our school for health and safety reasons:

- That parents screen their children prior to sending them to school. If a child is unwell or shows any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, parents must keep their child at home and consult a health official if necessary.
- If a learner presents with COVID-19 symptoms at school, we will isolate the child and the parents to collect the learner.

- Learners and staff with symptoms should stay at home if unwell and seek medical advice if necessary.

ACCOUNTS

All account enquiries must be made to Unity in our accounts department finance@kings.org.za . Please note the following regarding fees:

- School fees are paid monthly in advance, by the **1st of each month** for 12 months of the year
- Our preferred method of payment is debit order.
- EFT: when making an EFT payment, please ensure that we the correct reference for the payment
- **Fee Collections:** We are appealing to all parents to ensure that their account is up to date. Whilst we understand that many of us are still recovering from the effects of lockdown, consistent and timeous payment of fees are necessary. The first quarter of the year indicates a decline in collection rates compared to the same period last year. This is a worry for us. We are operating on very small margins and are reliant on the commitment of our parents to pay their fees on time.
- **3 Months Notice Period:** Please complete the official Notice Period Form which can be obtained from the office if you wish to remove your child from the school.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

This term is packed with fun events for our children. Just to highlight a few:



Book Sale: World Book Day this year takes place on 23 April 2022. The aim of it is to celebrate authors, books, illustrators and - of course - reading! To this end we have invited the Book Box company to come and display their range of books. The display will be in the Arena and will take place on 25 – 26 April 2022. The children will be given an opportunity to view the books with their teachers and make their purchases. Please feel free to pop in on either of those days. They have card and snapscan facilities.

The school does benefit from the book sale as we receive a small percentage of the sales in books of our choice! So please support this venture.

Let us take this time to encourage a love for reading to our young people!



Grandparents Tea. It is always a pleasure to host our Grandparents. We recognize the very important role they play in the lives of our children. This term the ECD and Foundation classes (Gr RRR – Gr 3) are inviting their Grandparents for a morning tea, snacks and some delightful entertainment in honour of their 'Grandies'.

Amazing RACE. Another fun filled morning with plenty of exercise for the whole family. Please join King's School family on this morning. Sponsor forms will be sent home closer to the time.

CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS



Easter weekend is a very important time of remembrance on the Christian calendar. We have this responsibility to educate our children about the life and times of our Lord, Jesus Christ. So, Easter, is much more than just a holiday weekend.

We wish our Muslim families well during this holy month Ramadan

This year we want to highlight the following days as we get to grips with our current realities in South Africa.

27 April. Freedom Day. On this day in 1994, ALL South Africans could cast their vote. Not just some South Africans.

16 June. Youth Day. On this day in 1976, Hector Petersen was killed by the Apartheid regime as he and many young South Africans, protested an unfair and unequal educational system.

This is our history. We must embrace it and celebrate it.



We will also celebrate **Africa Day on the 25 May**. Africa is a beautiful, rich continent. Rich in culture, heritage, diverse people groups, languages, cuisine, fashion and so on. Not just wildlife and minerals. We encourage our children to embrace and celebrate this wonderful heritage.

Yours faithfully

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