



KING'S CONNECT

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Jn 13:34 'A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another.'

When man sinned, the fellowship and harmony with God was broken. We will help the children understand that this fellowship and harmony was restored when Jesus gave His life for us, through His death on the cross.

God is love. God is our Abba Father, our loving, caring, nurturing Daddy and He loves us unconditionally.

During this term children will be taught the following character qualities: Love for God, wisdom, gratitude, creativity, humility, faith, reverence for God and orderliness

God bless!

PARENT MEETING

Thank you to all who attended the annual Parent Meeting on 24 January. It was most gratifying to have such a good turnout. We hope that you found it informative and inspiring.

The Parent / Teacher Consultations on 30 March will take place in your child's respective classroom. This will take the form of 10 minute appointments with the class teacher. Details will follow closer to the time.

VALENTINE'S DAY

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Tuesday, 14 February 2017. The children may come dressed in casual red and / or white clothes. There will be a charge of R5.00 and a tin of either cat or dog food which we would like to donate to an animal shelter.

EVENTS & SPECIAL DATES

14 February
CIVVIES DAY/VALENTINE'S DAY

16 February
FANSA (Gr 1 – 6)

17 February
INTER-HOUSE SPORTS DAY

2 March
PRE RECEPTION EYE SCREEN

8 March
PRE RECEPTION HEARING SCREENING

10 March
ECD – SHOW

11 March
JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

24 March
GRANDPARENTS' TEA

20 & 21 March
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

30 March
PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATION
BY APPOINTMENT

31 March
SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 11AM



AD HOC AFTERCARE / SIBLING AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The Ad hoc facility is an emergency facility **only**. As from March, Ad Hoc After School Care will be limited to no more than **5 hours per term per child**.

Younger siblings may remain in Aftercare until such time as the older child is dismissed so long as the time difference is not greater than an hour and a half. This does not include any sport activity – it is purely school dismissal times. This will be a free service which does not include lunch. A separate application must be completed for the younger sibling who will be cared for in the After School Care. If you are not able to collect your children once the older sibling is dismissed then unfortunately, both children must be booked in to After School Care permanently either on the 3pm or 6pm option. Your co-operation in this regard will be appreciated.

DROPPING AND COLLECTING OF CHILDREN

We respectfully ask that **all parents** leave the school premises **as soon as the bell rings at 08h00** in the morning. We are experiencing congestion in the school quad when the children dismiss to their various classrooms.

We also request that parents arrive outside their child's respective class **just a minute or two before their child's respective school day ends**. The entrance gates will only be opened at 12:10 pm for the Discovery and Beginner Classes. Gr 1 & Gr 2 parents are asked to wait until 13h00 before entering the school premises and Gr 2, 14h00 and Grades 4, 5 and 6, 14h30. Your co-operation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Your child's safety whilst at school is vital to us. The school has put certain measures in place, which has worked for us in the past. We ask that you familiarize yourselves with them so that we can enjoy mutual co-operation for the smooth running of the school. Please take careful note of the extract below which is found in our Prospectus:

ARRIVAL OF CHILDREN

- ❖ Children must arrive punctually in the mornings and be collected at the appropriate times each day.
- ❖ **All** children attending Early care (07h00 - 08h00) must be accompanied by an adult and signed in **each morning**. Breakfast is only served from **07h00 – 07h45**.
- ❖ **Children from Discovery Class – Grade R (included)** must be handed to their respective teacher at 08h00. Children **may not** be left unattended. Should you not be able to remain with your child until 08h00 your child must be booked into Early care. **No ECD child** may be left unattended on the playground before 08h00.
- ❖ **Children from Gr 1 – Grade 6** may be dropped off at school from 07h30. Should you not be able to remain with your child until such time, you may utilise the Early care on an adhoc basis at the current hourly rate.

DEPARTURE OF CHILDREN

- ❖ Parent / person collecting child is required to sign in on arrival at King's School.
- ❖ The School must be notified if your child is being collected by anyone other than yourselves. (This includes play dates with classmates) This may be done in either of the following ways:
 - Noted in the Message Book in the foyer of the school.
 - Noted in your child's message book.
 - Telephonically or by email to the office in emergency cases.
- ❖ The School must be notified if your child is to be collected outside of the normal school hours.
- ❖ Children not collected within **10 minutes** of the end of their official school day will be booked into Aftercare and parents will be charged accordingly.
- ❖ There is **NO** grace period after extra mural activities or any of the after school care options. Children left unattended will be booked in to Aftercare and parents charged accordingly.
- ❖ Children may only leave the premises once their Exit Card, which is issued by the School, is handed to security.'

UNIFORM

As you are aware, the consensus in the meeting was to have the blue insert golf shirt rather than the white insert golf shirt. Please be assured you do not have to rush to get the blue shirt as these will only be ready by next season. The existing golf shirt can be worn until your child outgrows it.

Vanessa Davids extended an open invitation to the parent body at large to engage her in this regard. That invitation still stands. Her contact details are: vanessa.davids@hispeople.org

SCHOOL SPORTS

Cricket

Coach Wayde Forbes has worked very hard at setting up the KFC mini-cricket. The children are already busy with the scheduled weekly practice sessions at the Northerns' Goodwood Cricket field on the corner at Smartt and Hamilton Streets in Goodwood. The fixtures are due to start soon. Further information to follow in this regard.



If you are not transporting your own child to the fields each week, please ensure that you complete and return the Indemnity Form. This can be obtained from Coach Wayde or the office.

Due to the fact that we do not have soccer playing schools in our area, hockey will be our preferred winter sport code. We would then be able to organize matches against other schools.

Gr 1 – 6 Fun Sports Day



This event will take place at the Tygerberg Athletics Track on Friday, 17th February 2017. The school will arrange a bus to transport the children to and from the track. Children must be fetched from King's School after the event.

The facility does have a tuck-shop where various foodstuffs, soft drinks can be bought, however the children may bring their own snack, water and so on.

It would be advisable for them to have a sun hat, sunscreen and enough water on the day.

Event to start at 9:00 am and will finish approximately 1:00 pm. A final programme will be available closer to the time.

Parents are most welcome to join us at the fields for a fun sporting morning. Thanking you in anticipation for your support.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Please see your child's homework book/ message book for specific information regarding assignments/ projects and official test dates.

Due to the fact that the Gr 4 – 6 pupils do not write an exam at the end of this term, the Continuous Assessment [CASS] mark is **very** important as it will affect the final mark at the end of the year. To this end, it is very important that the children are at school regularly and on time. If pupils are absent, they will obviously lag behind which makes it very difficult to catch up.

LATE COMING

This is such a nuisance to the class and the child. The child is embarrassed and it disturbs the children who have already started their day. Therefore, we ask that parents please assist us in this regard.

Teachers will be issuing a late-coming note to pupils arriving late. Parents will need to complete and return the following day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gemma Russell who was selected to participate in the Two Oceans Aquarium February / March Junior Biologist Course. There were 290 children that applied and only 50 were selected. We proud of you, Gemma!

Yours faithfully

N. ONTONG
PRINCIPAL

