

KING'S CONNECT 01/ 2023
January 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Gen 1: 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God is our wonderful Creator. We are His masterpiece. The truth is, God created mankind to be dependent on Him for all things.

During this term the children will learn that we are created by God for His purposes; that He wants us to have fellowship with Him; that He loves us unconditionally; that God is always patient and kind and is always in control, even though it doesn't look like it.

God does have a plan for each of our lives. God Bless!



It is a pleasure to welcome you to King's School. To our existing parents and children, it's great to have you continue the journey with us! To our new parents and children, we trust that the journey ahead will be filled with excitement and great adventure. An exciting and memorable year during which we will be celebrating King's School, Goodwood's 20th Anniversary!

Dates to Diarise

31 January
Parent Meeting @
6:30pm

20 March
School Holiday

21 March
Human Rights Day

28 – 30 March
Gr 5 & 6 Camp

31 March
1st Term Ends

12 April
2nd Term Begins

PARENT EVENING AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

This year 2023, King's School, Goodwood is celebrating its **20th Anniversary**. We have a few exciting events planned for the year. Our first 2023 Parent Meeting takes place at the end of this month which will kick start our celebratory year! Please join us for this special Parent Meeting on 31st January 2023 at 6pm to celebrate King's School's wonderful achievement!



STAFF NEWS

A very warm welcome to our new staff member Ms. Emily Swanepoel. Ms Swanepoel will be the Grade 5 class teacher and manage the school's Physical Education programme and the school's hockey and cricket teams.

TERMLY/ QUARTERLY THEMES

Each quarter we structure our Biblical worldview teaching around specific Biblical themes. The King's Connect will inform you of the relevant themes for that specific period of time. The intention of this information is to keep you abreast of what the teachers are doing at school and it would be great if you re-enforce this at home as well.

2023 SCHOOL TERMS

| TERM | OPENS | CLOSES |
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| 1 ST | 18 January | 31 March |
| 2 nd | 12 April | 23 June |
| 3 rd | 18 July | 29 September |
| 4 th | 10 October | 13 December (TBC) |

2023 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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| 20 March | School holiday |
| 21 March | Human Rights Day |
| 7 April | Good Friday |
| 10 April | Family Day |
| 27 April | Freedom Day |
| 28 April | School Holiday |
| 1 May | Workers' Day |
| 16 June | Youth Day |
| 9 August | Women's Day |
| 24 September | Heritage Day |
| 25 September | Public Holiday |

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As you are aware, we do not hold stock of the uniform. It is advisable to place your order for your child's winter uniform **by no later than 31 January 2023**. An Order Form is available on the D6 CONNECT and will also be sent home via your child's Message Book.

Second hand uniform

We have a number of items of various sizes in our School Second Hand Clothing Store. Contact the office in order to view what is available.



COMMUNICATION

We are aware that many problems and misunderstandings arise due to a lack of communication. To this end we have chosen the following avenues for communicating with our parents:

- **Homework Book/ Message Book.** Each child is given a homework book which will contain regular messages from the class teacher. We assume that parents will read this on a daily basis and respond via the same medium if necessary.
- **Term Letter.** At the beginning of each term the class teacher will send out a letter informing you of her/ his term plan.
- **D6 Connect.** This is an APP which can be downloaded onto your smart phone, PC, tablet etc. Vital school information is captured on the D6 . If you need further info regarding the D6 Connect **please** contact the front office. Just a reminder, the D6 Connect is not the same as the old D6 Communicator.
- **King's Connect.** This is the official newsletter and is **only** put on the D6 Communicator, usually monthly. The King's Connect contains a range of relevant information which, we again assume parents will familiarize themselves with. A hard copy of the King's Connect can be obtained from the office upon request.
- **Website.** Our website is updated on a regular basis. You are invited to visit the site. www.kings.org.za
The website is currently under construction.
- We also have a **FACEBOOK** page.
- **WHATSAPP.** The class teachers will inform their class parent group at the first parent meeting, how they will be using WhatsApp as tool for communication.
- **NB** see attached communications policy.



SCHOOL FEE INFORMATION

Please see attached 2023 Fee Schedule and note that there is a once off per annum fees for Computers and Technology.

Our Computer Lab has been upgraded. We have 25 workstations which will allow every pupil in Gr 1 – Gr 6 to have access to the use of a computer. The children will be taught a range of computer skills as well as Coding. Each child will need to pay the very minimum cost of R 265.00 per annum to pay for the annual license of the programme.

Similarly, there is a per annum cost of R 530.00 for Technology – Gr 4 – Gr 6. This money will be used to acquire various pieces of consumable materials and equipment which will be used for technology projects.

MUSIC SCHOOL

We are partnering with the **WET RAIN Music Academy** to teach music at King's School for Grades 1 – 6. Your child received an introductory note yesterday in this regard. Please complete and return to school by Monday, 23 January 2023. Once we receive the feedback we will inform parents of the days when lessons will take place.

Yours in Education

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