



KING'S CONNECT

Dear King's School Community,

Welcome to the Heart of Autumn!

As we stride into the vibrant heart of Autumn, we are excited to share with you the wonderful events, accomplishments, and updates that have coloured our community this season. It's been a bustling time filled with learning, growth, and engagement, reflecting the richness of the changing leaves around us.

Dates to Diarise

9 May
Ascension Day

20 May
Gr 7 Exams begin

24 May
Gr 4 – 6 Exams begin

29 May
Voting Day
School will be closed

5 June
Exams Finish

12 & 13 June
Parent Consultations

14 June
School closes @ 11am

9 July
3rd Term begins.

ACADEMICS



The Grade 7 class will be starting exams on 20th May and the Gr 4 – 6 classes will start on 24 May 2024. The teachers have been busy preparing the pupils for this all-important task that lies ahead of them.

Whilst we believe they will all do their best and produce the desired results, which we

can all be proud of, we must remember that it will require commitment, dedication, and significant effort from all to achieve an outstanding result.

Parents, you have a role to play. Your child must come to school regularly and on-time, check that the homework, projects, assignments are done and handed in on time and do not hesitate to contact the class/ subject teacher when necessary.

We have also sent out notification of webinars hosted by ELEVATE STUDY programme. All parents have access to attend these sessions as per the scheduled dates. The class teachers regularly send these out to their class address group. ELEVATE also does study skills programs without Gr 5's and Gr 7's, once a term. All this to assist and upskill our pupils so that they can reach their potential.

SPORTS PROGRAMMES

We are immensely proud of our U 9 and U 13 soccer boys and girls. Both teams have played matches against other bigger schools in the Milnerton, Table View, Parklands area. Given the fact that it is the first season, they are doing very well.

We urge parents to encourage and support them when you can. It is heartwarming to see the joy on their faces when Mommy and Daddy are cheering them on.

At this stage we are still working through the planning of team selections. Some of the players are not available every week and this affects the consistency of the teams.

We also ask that parents acquire the proper equipment...i.e. they should all get soccer boots and shin guards. The school will provide the kit – jersey, shorts, and socks.

We have managed to secure a transport company to assist us with the transport of our soccer teams for their respective matches.

The Wednesday afternoon sports development programme for the Gr 4 – 7's is also bearing the desired fruit. Many of our pupils do not participate in any physical or cultural activities outside of school. Children need to develop holistically to become well balanced – mentally, emotionally, physically, culturally, and socially – and sports and culture is a positive way for them to achieve that. So, whilst we do not have all the facilities at King's School we are providing the opportunities for that development, in a safe, loving caring, nurturing environment.



FUND RAISER/ BEACH WALK

Unfortunately, the planned Beach Walk on Milnerton beach scheduled for the 4 May, was rained out. A few pupils with their parents braved the elements together with our staff member. We were all looking forward to a wonderful, cool refreshing walk on one of the most beautiful spots in the world, but alas, it was too wet. Thank you to all who arrived with much enthusiasm.

Our sincere thanks to our parents, friends and relatives who contributed to the Sponsor Form. The funds generated from this event as well as future Food Friday fundraisers will go towards the purchase of a Smart Board for our Computer Lab. Smart Boards retail at approximately R35 000.

The lucky drawer took place on Monday morning. The winners thereof were as follows:

Jamie Barlow (Gr 5) and Lukhanyo Momo (Gr RRR) were our lucky drawer winners.

Blake Esterhuizen (Gr RRR) was the deserving winner of the prize for bringing in the most number of completed Sponsor Forms.

Well done to everyone!



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Vanessa Davids who served on our Board of Governors for many years. Her time and dedication over the years have been greatly appreciated.

Mr Reinhardt Overmeyer has also stepped down and we thank him for his time and medical advice over the years that he served the Board.

Mr Brent Barlow (Parent Representative) and Mr Ian Sheard (Every Nation Church) have been elected respectively to the Board.

Our Board of Governors are made of up the following members:



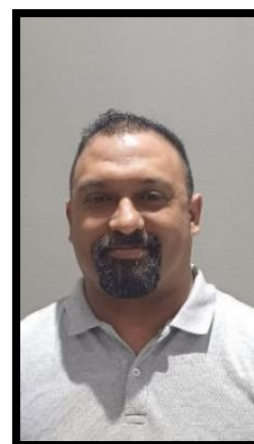
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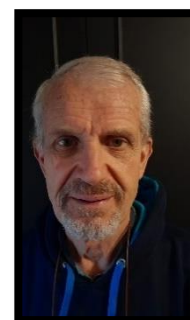
Miss Rose May



Mr Ntale Lelimo



Mr Ian Sheard



Mr David Hunter

Mr Ontong (Principal) Mr Gareth Stead (Chairman) Mr Eddie Moses (Finance)

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Mr Ntale Lelimo (Parent Representative) Mr Ian Sheard (Every Nation Representative)

Mr Brent Barlow (Parent Representative)

ARTS AND CULTURE

We will soon start preparations for the annual school musical which will take place at the end of September. Our vision is to give every child an opportunity to take part in the musical spectacular. This does make the process more challenging. Sometimes children are assigned key parts and then somewhere down the line they are withdrawn from the musical.

We will be having an Arts and Culture exhibition in August. Gr R - Gr 3: 14 August and Gr 4 – 7: 15 August. More info to follow.

D6 AND STICIT

Thank you to all who are utilizing the D6 App. It has proved to be most effective.

Please note that due to the fact that items need to be ordered and bought i.e. rolls, boerewors, we need to close the app by the latest Tuesday midday. This is also due to the fact that some bank transactions can take up to 24 hours to reflect on the Food Friday lists. We will endeavour to post each week's Friday Food on the Friday before to give parents enough time to make their purchase.

There was a little confusion with regard last week's offer of the Civvies Day. Each item needed to be listed separately as some children may not have wanted the cold drink or perhaps the hamburger. It is also important to stipulate correctly as the funds are allocated directly into the school's specific accounts i.e. Fundraising : Civvies Day Fundraising: Snack Pack etc.

If you have any queries relating to the App – please do not hesitate to contact the office.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

As temperatures drop, please remember to dress warmly, and encourage flu vaccinations to keep our community healthy. Let's continue our combined efforts to maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

NB: Drop off of ECD pupils

Please note that all Gr RRR, Gr RR and Gr R parents/guardians are to walk their children into school in the morning and make sure they are handed over to the early care staff.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Parent Consultation meetings will be held on 12 & 13 June. These meetings are a perfect opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how we can work together to support their educational journey. The teachers will have lists up outside their classes closer to this time.

School closes on 14 June 2024 at 11am.

A Note from the Principal.....

“As we watch the leaves turn and feel the crisp autumn air, let's remind ourselves of the importance of change and growth. Each leaf, each brisk breeze, brings with it a reminder of how beautiful and necessary change can be. Let's embrace this season with open hearts and minds, ready to learn and grow together.”

Thank you to each one of you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. Let's keep this momentum going strong through the rest of the season!



Warm regards,

**N. ONTONG
PRINCIPAL**