

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOLS

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These past 12 months have hopefully taught us a lot both as individuals and as a community. Covid has undoubtedly thrown the World a curve ball, perhaps overdue some may say and perhaps opportune to consider one's part in the world.

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The school has been absolutely brilliant in its approach and response to the Pandemic. In many instances it has been a shining light, a trendsetter and a beacon of hope to many. It has certainly made me proud to be an Edwardian and I have only been an admirer of this caring, scientific and humane approach. As you can imagine many within our community are bearing the brunt of this from a work perspective, loneliness and in some instances illness and in some cases even death.

These have not been easy times, yet the King Edward VII community continues to thrive and give back, perhaps now with an even greater sense of higher purpose and the mantra of stronger together. Whilst school life has changed quite dramatically and we are about to enter a winter season with no spectators (but at least the boys are playing), yet in amongst this debris of Covid we now have the most magnificent aquatics center that I have personally ever seen. This thanks to the generosity of old Boy class of 1985 Mark Stevens, it just goes to prove what is possible if we put our hearts and minds to it.

With that in mind the King Edward Educational Trust has an audacious goal to raise R120 million for our 120th year. The year 2022 will be our 120th anniversary and we have this goal not for the sake of vanity but because we know what is possible when we put our minds to it. It sounds like a big deal and I can assure you that it is, but I would urge you all to play your part in retaining the lofty standards that we have all become accustomed to at King Edward VII school. The money raised will go towards an endowment to help those less privileged to be able to attend a school like King Edward VII, it will also go towards securing and retaining the best possible educators as well as helping to continue to develop our magnificent Campus through various projects.

We hope to tell you more in this regard in the coming months. But in the meantime, you can and should all be proud of our school making a real difference. The school has changed since I matriculated in 1986, in my view it is not comparable, it is better, more inclusive and a shining example of what efficient and effective Government Education should be. Thank you for playing a part, whether financially, in spirit or anecdotally it is critical that schools like ours not only survive but indeed thrive. Thanks to many of you we continue to lead the way, long may that continue. Strenue.



Dear King Edward VII Community

As I look back on Term 1, I wish to pause and reflect on the remarkable job done by the entire Staff Team at King Edward V11 School. The Staff have been extraordinary during these difficult times; facing the reality of COVID daily, teaching all day behind a mask and ensuring that 1100 plus boys adhere to all the necessary protocols. It is a testament to their hard work that no staff member has contracted COVID this term and we have only had three positive cases within the learner community.

The boys have been nothing short of superb as well, even though they have been faced with many constraints and challenges.

The re-introduction of the extra-curricular programme and some inter school competition has brought back some sense of normality, which was brought to a halt on 19 May 2021.

The King Edward VII Schools are extremely fortunate to have the support of the Trust and we wish to thank Mr Gerber and his fellow Trustees for their unwavering leadership during this difficult time. It has been very comforting to know that the Trust continues to seek new and innovative methods of growing the Endowment and securing the schools long term future.

I look forward to the day when we can re open the school to our community and welcome the Red Army back onto the Campus. In the meantime continue to support from afar and stay safe.

WELCOME TO DAVE ERNSTZEN -

HEADMASTER KING EDWARD VII PREPARATORY SCHOOL The High School are thrilled with the appointment of Mr Dave Ernstzen to the Preparatory School. Mr Ernstzen has a wealth of experiences, in both Primary and Secondary education, and he is well placed to lead the Preparatory School as they embark on their new and exciting chapter. I have been very fortunate to have taught with Mr Ernstzen, at both Roosevelt High and Uplands College. I believe this history will enable us to ensure a cohesive working relationship and bring the two schools even closer together. We wish Mr Ernstzen a long and fruitful tenure at KEPS.





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David Lovatt, Headmaster King Edward VII

THE PROJECT

The Baby Bears project is a hugely exciting project that we hope will play a significant role in the lives of both King Edward schools going forward, as the foundational nursery for many of our future learners. The plan is to set up a Grade 00 and a Grade 000 in the property purchased by the Trust at 1 Oak Street. The plans have been drawn up by Andrew Hodgkinson, who is well known to the King Edward Community and who has had significant influence in a number of projects around the campus. There is also an intention to create a space in which the High School's boats can be stored safely along one side of the property, which will provide protection, as well as convenience in terms of accessibility, for these significant assets.

Work on the property is due to commence on 26 April 2021 and will ultimately result in four classrooms, a shared reading area, an outdoor art area, a therapy room, a reception area, kitchen and bathrooms. There will also be an outdoor play area with a jungle gym, bike track and other equipment to keep the little ones active and stimulated!

The plan is ultimately to have 60 little learners, both boys and girls, across the two grades, together with 4 educators (including an overall Head) and 3 assistants. Lunches will be provided as part of a bespoke education programme, which has already been developed by members of the KEPS Foundation Phase in close consultation with a very special person who has deep experience of this area of education, who has given an enormous amount of time and energy to the project so far, and who we very much hope will head it up, once the doors open.

If all goes well with the building work, we anticipate being able to open for the third term, which commences on 26 July 2021.

We are extremely excited about this project and look forward to the work commencing!

- James Haydock, King Edward VII School Governing Body



The emergence of the significant threat of the 'Shot Hole Borer Beetle' to Johannesburg's world renowned reputation as having the largest 'manmade' city forest on the planet, drew greater attention to the School's

objective of ensuring we timeously plant indigenous trees in anticipation of incrementally losing our exotics (English Oaks) to the beetle. The School's 'Grounds and Buildings' Sub Committee had previously embarked on a

reforestation project as part of our objective of sustaining the tree population on campus - expert advice was engaged, and every tree on campus was geo-mapped to provide a measure of the potential loss of exotics.

Old Boy Quinton Dicks, Class of 1982, again generously stepped into the breech, having previously donated indigenous trees to complement various capital projects in recent years. Quinton's donation of a further 24 Wild Olive trees which

now grace the pathway between the main rugby field and hockey astro, is testament to how our old boys rally to the cause.

Similarly 3 'Sweet Thorn' Acacias (Vachelia Karroo), courtesy of Quinton, will provide future shade at the front of the new Aquatic Centre. The School is forever grateful for this support.

- Ian Sim, King Edward VII Schools Bursar





NOTE FROM MARTIN BAIN VENN -



CLASS OF 1998, EDUCATION, SCHOOL HOUSE MASTER & CHAIRMAN OF THE KING EDWARD ASSOCIATION Sometime life goes full circle, and you end up where it all started. That is where I found myself at the beginning of the year. 27 years after I first set foot in School House I found myself there again. Just as nervous if not more than the first time around as a form 1 (grade 8). There was a strange feeling of deja vu seeing the boys hugging their parent on last time before they embarked of their journey as King Edward's next generation. A large part of the nerves I felt and still feel is due to the pressure of living up to the legacy of the giants that have come before me. Names like 'Torchie' Kerr and my Head of House Trevor Von Berg. The second part of the pressure is making sure that we as a mentorship group within the House lay the right foundation that will ensure that our boys become good contributors to our school and society in the future.

> The reality is just like the grade 8's I need to run my own race. I have an amazing team of staff and mentors that have all bought into our vision. We have put a values-based program together where each boys' values are considered. Individual values have led to core dorm values which in turn tie into the main House values. These values are intended to pull the boys in the same direction and our main object of STRENUE. To achieve the best outcome, we have taken on a life coach in the form of Andrew Johnson who has run workshops and been a great support to myself and our mentors.

> I believe that passion and energy are contagious. I believe in and love King Edwards and just want each boy to have his best experience of the school.

> Every boy is on the same path but on a different journey. Only time will tell whether the structure we have put in place will pay off. I am confident they will.

STRENUE



The Annual Golf Day in the UK has been scheduled for 22 October 2021

SA is confirmed for 5 November 2021 at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club





#Hundreds campaign - The endowment is critical for securing the future success of the school and it is our mandate as the Trust to ensure we have a healthy bank balance. If every individual reading this newsletter signed up to this campaign, we would be able to educate 154 students a year at King Edward School!! For only R100 per month? Let that sink in. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all our donors that have signed up so far, the impact you have made is far reaching. Sign up here

King Edward VII School turns 120 years old in the year 2022 and the Trust, along with the support of both KES and KEPS, Old Boys, Staff and the greater King Edward community, are embarking on an exciting campaign to celebrate this milestone. The goal is to raise R120 million. KES alumni have a loyalty to their friends and schoolmates and a generosity of spirit, which cannot easily be matched anywhere - a legacy which all great schools admire, and it is this that sets us apart and makes us special - 'Sons of This Place.'

This campaign will remain the focus in terms of fundraising. The funding will be allocated to four pillars:

- The endowment
- Capital works projects
- Bursaries
- Educator/staff enhancement

These funds are critical to secure the future of the School and ensure financial depth and future planning. No amount is too small and its thanks to the generosity of our supporters and donors that the School is in such a healthy position to date, it is our duty and honour to keep this legacy alive.

Should you wish to contribute to the 120 Campaign, please contact:

dvaneeden@kes.co.za or for easy reference herewith the banking details: King Edward Educational Trust · Standard Bank · Branch: Killarney · Branch code: 07205 ·

Account number: 200289047 Reference: Your name and surname/120

International Deposits: SWIFT Address: SBZAZAJJ • Swift Code: 00720535 Should you wish to sign up a debit order (Debit orders are deducted on the 1st of each month). Please email dvaneeden@kes.co.za who will forward you the debit order form.



Invest in the tradition of excellence.



"TAG Foundation is driven by the spirit of Ubuntu and the will to make a difference in the lives of competent learners from financially challenged home backgrounds." - Jonathan & Traci Gerber

As you can all imagine Covid has played havoc with the core business of TAG, which is travel. These have undoubtedly been the toughest 12 months of our business lives and we can only thank those that continue to support us through thick and thin and keep us going. The TAG Foundation is in a very strong financial position all thanks to our very generous donors and supporters. Due to their generosity, the Foundation has been remarkably able to meet all of our current and future obligations in terms of all fees, food vouchers, stationary and in some cases school uniforms. Whilst the 'day-to-day' items and needs of our 'kids' were met, the pandemic has raised another vital 'need' that our boys and girls desperately required

during these trying times, their mental and emotional needs. My wife Traci has been an unbelievable support here, her personal touch and role that she adds to the TAG Foundation, is truly special and in my opinion it does make TAG Foundation rather unique - thank you Vleis, I am so proud of you! Ensuring we 'move with the times' and best position our Foundation into the future, we have taken the bold step of employing a full time TAG Foundation Programme Manager, Senzo Mkhize.

Covid-2020 sadly had us miss out on holding our annual TAG Foundation fundraiser event and for now we are uncertain of what will transpire with regards to our 2021 annual event, but we remain hopeful, that as the year unfolds, we may look ahead to hosting not only the 'greatest party' gathering our TAG Tribe Family and Friends together, but this event is a very important 'cog of our fundraising machine'. But for now, we push on, we simply must! For those that are still keen to make some form of donation please go on to our website, www.tagfoundation.co.za. It really does take a village to raise a child and I still vehemently believe that what we are doing will change lives for the better. We are richer for your

love and support, now more than ever. Jonathan and Traci Gerber, you are the special type of people that change lives, lift people up, make the world a better place and give so much hope to

many to fulfil their dreams. Thank you for all you do, you are all greatly appreciated.



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A NOTE FROM THE KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL EDUCATION TRUST UK:

There are 4 important things we'd like to share with you:

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TRUST UK is a registered charity in the UK and recognised by both the Charities 1 Commission and HMRC as an eligible charity. CHARITY COMMISSION See <u>here</u> for details of the trust's charitable status, objects, trustees, etc. FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

A JustGiving page has been set up for donors to donate as little as they wish on a monthly or one-off basis. The reason for setting up the JustGiving page is that they assist with collecting an additional 25p from the UK Government for every £ donated (25% top up on your donation). Read more about Gift Aid here. Donate <u>here</u>.



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- Visit here. Search for King Edward VII School Education Trust UK once you've registered for AmazonSmile. Please ask your other halves to do the same!
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A UK bank account us up and running in the UK and in order to donate directly to the Trust here are the bank details: Bank: Nedbank Private Wealth Account name: King Edward VII Schools Edu Tst UK Sort Code: 16 57 06

Account Branch Number: 93774590 IBAN: GB64-RFLC-1657-0693-7745-90

If you have any questions please email kesukoldboys@gmail.com



"The biggest room in the world, is the room for improvement!" - Helmut Schmidt

The School continues to strive for excellence and we are continuing to upgrade classrooms in order to offer the learners and educators the best possible learning experience. We are appealing to our year groups to pull together and 'Adopt a Classroom' Each class will be named after the donor/class that commits to its upgrade. To date, we have completed 16 classroom upgrades with 26 still to be done. We are not even half way yet but we do believe that we will achieve the refurbishment of all classrooms in 2021. If you are in a position to get involved, please get in touch with the office on dvaneeden@kes.co.za



TAX BENEFITS BENEFACTION OF

It is best to consult your financial adviser for your tax planning, but we summarise here the tax benefits available to donors to educational institutions, which are classified as public benefit organisations:

ANNUAL TAXABLE INCOME

Both individuals and business can give up to 10% of annual taxable income t

o the King Edward Educational Trust and receive a tax certificate for this deductible contribution.

Tax certificates, under Section 18 (A) of the Income Tax Act, are issued to donors as soon as the donation has been received. In most cases the tax deduction ensures that the donor will in effect be paying 60% of the amount actually donated to the Foundation.

DONATIONS TAX

There is no donations tax payable on any donation made to the King Edward Educational Trust.

ESTATE DUTY/BEQUEST

Any property bequeathed to the King Edward Educational Trust is excluded from the value of the estate and therefore not subject to estate duty.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Any capital gain or loss determined in respect of an asset which has been donated or bequeathed to the King Edward Educational Trust will be disregarded.

DONATIONS - IN - KIND

There are tax concessions, subject to valuation, for the donation of property (including adjuncts such as security fencing, scaffolding etc), financial instruments (such as shares in a listed company), trading stock and assets (such as foodstuffs, medical supplies, furniture, motor vehicles, computers, office equipment).

Looking to leave a legacy to your school? Please contact us regarding a bequest.



OFFERING

Are you as a company looking to reduce your financial impact of your 6% Skills development spend whilst still receiving your full BEE benefit? We have partnered with a highly reputable company who was birthed due to the high unemployment rate and increasing lack of qualified youth available for jobs. They also offer a corporate tax saving of around 15% of your PAYE bill monthly. Who said BBEEE had to be so daunting! Contact us to assist you with our holistic model providing:

- Socio economic development solutions
- Skills development solutions
- Enterprise and supplier development solutions
- Procurement options
- Ownership structures

How can you help? Do you have a company that utilizes BEE spend or do you have a contact in a company that does? If so please contact the office on paul.marketos@isometrix.com in order for us to arrange a meeting.

MEET OUR ROAR TRUSTEES



Chairman









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WELCOME PAUL MARKETOS Class of 1986



AND NOTE OF THANKS

The King Edward Educational Trust and Strenue Trust would like to welcome Paul Marketos as the new Chairman of the Strenue Trust. Paul, a founder and director of IsoMetrix, his primary focus was to develop the company to become recognised as a leading brand internationally within Governance Risk and Compliance. In 2013 he was identified by www.endeavor.org as a High Impact Entrepreneur.

His specialties: "Once upon a time I was a programmer, but over the past couple of years I have focussed mainly on solution selling and business development. My main strength is the ability to build a strong team and empower people to attain their potential." We wish you the very best Paul.

Grant Manicom, Class of 1992 has served the Strenue Trust as Chairman since 2014. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Grant for his utmost dedication and commitment. He has seen the Strenue Trust grow from strength to strength and has made a difference in so many young adults lives. Grant, on behalf of the Strenue Trust, King Edward Educational Trust, King Edward VII Schools and the entire community - thank you.



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