



9 December 2011

Dear Edwardian Family

The School campus is once again quiet apart from the scurrying back and forth of the educators finishing off the business for 2011 and planning and preparing for the New Year. As is customary this time of year, I would like to thank the Governing Body, my executive and management, the staff (teaching, administration, ground and hostel) for all their dedication, effort and hard work. Without you all this magnificent School could not and would not operate as efficiently as it does. I would also like to thank all the Old Boys' for their interest in King Edward and for their time and financial generosity which has enabled us to undertake so many projects and to ensure our School remains in its pristine state.

Reports are issued today and I urge parents to peruse their son's reports carefully and ensure that the necessary assistance is obtained to address areas of weakness.

It is always sad to bid farewell to friends and colleagues. We have occasion to say farewell to one of King Edward's long serving employees. After 29 years, Mrs Helen Charlesworth takes up retirement at the end of this year. We thank her for her dedication and service to the School and hope that she enjoys her new role. We also bid farewell to Mr Patrick du Plooy who leaves us after twelve years of commitment and dedication to the School and to Mrs Angela Norman-Smith who leaves us after serving the School excellently for four years. We also say goodbye to Miss Monique Wessels, Miss Tannith Prout and Miss Jeani Groenewald. We wish them well in their new posts. We thank the above educators for their contribution to the School and wish them luck in their new endeavours. Our congratulations to Ms Nabeela Patel on her marriage to Dr Ebrahim Gangat at the end of September and to Mr Streene Parseramen and his fiancée, who will get married in December. Mrs Naomi Jardim will proceed on accouchement leave at the end of this term.

We welcome a number of new faces, namely Mr Chris Choyce, Mr Ed Goodier, Miss Natalie Hill, Miss Candice Hirson, Mr Dennis Howard, Miss Leonie Koekemoer and Miss Claire Paton as well as the return of some familiar faces Mr Mark Julyan, and Mrs Michelle Thorne who will be joining as members of staff in 2012.

School dates for 1st term 2012

Boarding Establishment Prefects	15 January 2012
Grade 8 boarders	16 January 2012
Grade 12 Mentors	16 January 2012
All School Prefects	16 January 2012
Grade 8 day boys	17 January 2012
Returning boarders (Grades 9 – 12)	17 January 2012
School opens	18 January 2012
New Parents' evening	20 February 2012
AGM	20 February 2012

School Calendar for 2012

First Term	(16) 18 January – 30 March 2012
Second Term	10 April – 22 June 2012
Third Term	16 July – 28 September 2012
Fourth Term	8 October – 7 (11) December 2012

MySchool Card – our sincere thanks to all those parents who have registered and use their cards. This support has ensured a steady stream of monthly funds to supplement our other fundraising efforts. A reminder that these funds are only utilized for facilities enhancements and not operational expenses. As previously indicated, this is a `money-for-jam` opportunity to assist the School, and we again appeal to all parents who are not MySchool users to please consider registering via the MySchool website – www.myschool.co.za - regardless of where you are in the country, the School benefits if you produce your card when making purchases at selected retailers – these include Woolworths, Pick'nPay, Jack's Paint, Lifestyle Garden Centre, Spar, Waltons, Toys 'R' Us, Reggies, Super Quick, Hi-Q Tyres, Engen Shops, Waltons and Stax. To our Grade 12 leaver parents, remember that you can continue to generate revenue for the School by simply producing your existing card at relevant outlets. In addition, **Woolworths** rewards and benefits **MySchool Cardholders** - now you can earn rewards for yourself and others every time you shop at Woolworths. As a MySchool cardholder you automatically qualify for special lower prices, sale previews and more.

I would like to remind the parents and boys that we will adopt a zero tolerance approach concerning learners returning to School in the New Year with the incorrect hair (length, colour and style) and uniform. An inspection will be done on the first day back and parents will be asked to rectify the problem before their sons are allowed back on campus. Therefore, in the best interests of all, learners should be attired as per School rules to reduce inconvenience all round. One of the reasons that King Edward is such a fine establishment is due to the fact that we have and uphold exacting standards within our tradition and ethos.

The festive season is upon us and I urge all parents to travel safely to your destination if you are holidaying away from home. Recharge, relax and enjoy each other's company. We wish you all the best over the holiday period and look forward to a successful and happy New Year, together.

Yours sincerely

R J H Hansen
Acting Headmaster