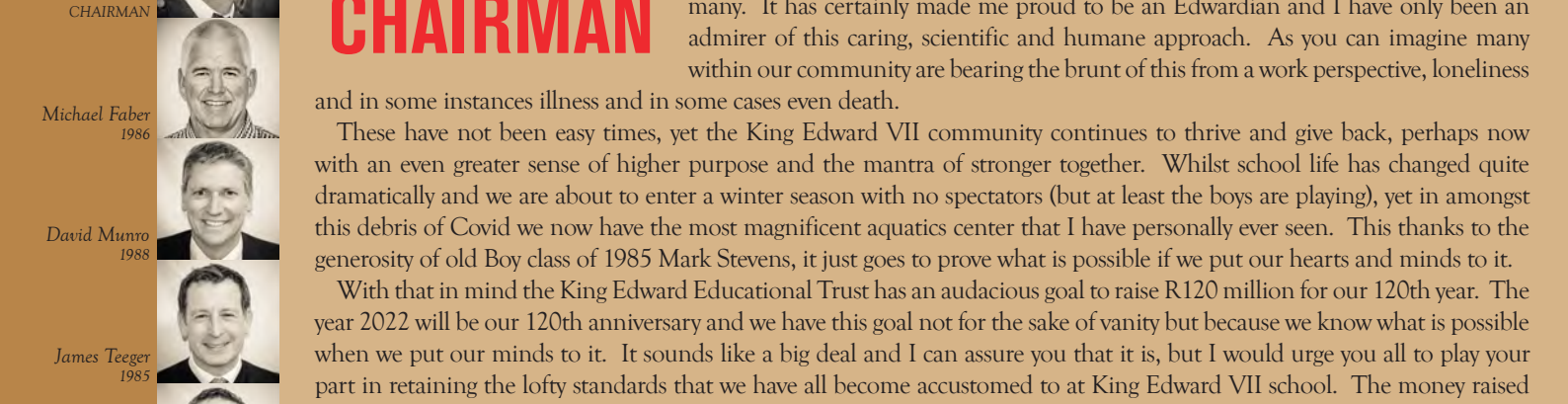




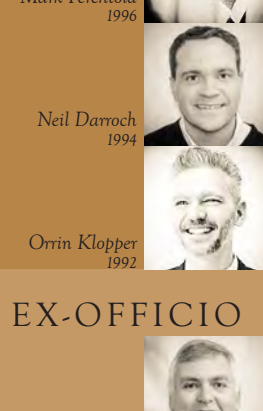
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THE KING EDWARD EDUCATIONAL TRUST NEWSLETTER



## OUR TRUSTEES



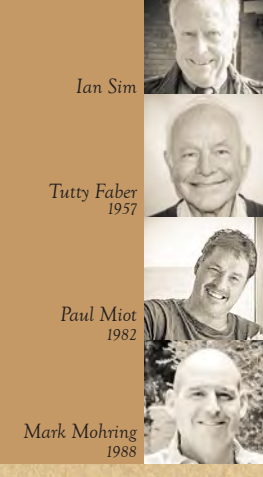
## NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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. 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.

## NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

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 VII 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.

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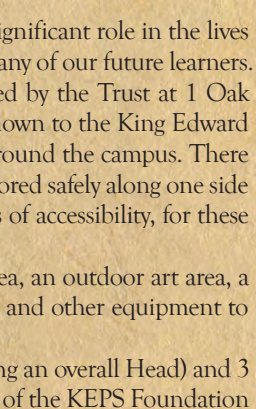


## WELCOME TO DAVE ERNSTZEN - HEADMASTER KING EDWARD VII PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The High School are thrilled with the appointment of Mr Dave Ernsten to the Preparatory School. Mr Ernsten 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 Ernsten, 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 Ernsten a long and fruitful tenure at KES.

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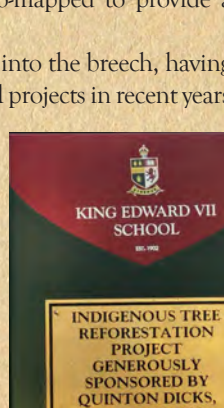
David Lovatt, Headmaster King Edward VII

## THE BABY BEARS PROJECT

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!

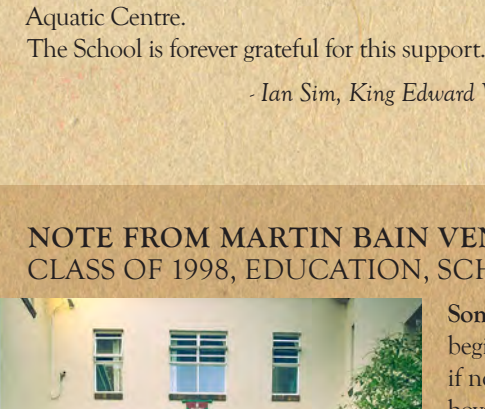
## REFORESTATION PROJECT

The emergence of the significant threat of the 'Shot Hole Borer Beetle' to Johannesburg's world renowned reputation as having the largest 'man-made' 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.



James Haydock, King Edward VII School Governing Body

## NOTE FROM MARTIN BAIN VENN - CLASS OF 1998, EDUCATION, SCHOOL HOUSE MASTER & CHAIRMAN OF THE KING EDWARD ASSOCIATION



Some time 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 1 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 on 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 care put a values-based program together with each of our boys' values are considered. Individual values have led to core drum 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 STRENUUS. 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.

STRENUUS

## EVENTS: GOLF DAYS 2021

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. For every 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.'

Invest in the tradition of excellence.

## TAG Foundation

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.

These funds are critical to secure the future of the School and ensure financial depth and future planning. No amount is too small and it 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.

"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

## OUR OVERSEAS CHAPTERS

A NOTE FROM THE KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TRUST UK:  
There are 4 important things we'd like to share with you:

1 KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TRUST UK is a registered charity in the UK and recognised by both the Charities Commission and HMRC as a charitable charity. See [here](#) for details of the trust's eligible charity, objects, trustees, etc.

2 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 [here](#).

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3 Do you or your family members use Amazon for shopping? By using AmazonSmile for King Edward VII School Education Trust UK the price of eligible purchases will be donated to our charity. Visit [here](#). Search for Shopping VII School Education Trust UK once you've registered for AmazonSmile. Please ask your other halves to do the same!

4 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 [kessoldboys@gmail.com](mailto:kessoldboys@gmail.com)

## adopt-a-classroom

King Edward VII School is continually improving and upgrading our facilities in order to enhance the learning experience for students and teachers alike. The environment where our students learn is paramount to their success and therefore the time has come for us to upgrade our classrooms. We are appealing to our Old Boys, Parents and those that have a love for the School to consider adopting a Classroom!

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

The Trust 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 donate investment, please get in touch with the office on [dvaneeden@kes.co.za](mailto:dvaneeden@kes.co.za)

## TAX BENEFITS OF BENEFACTION

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 to 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.

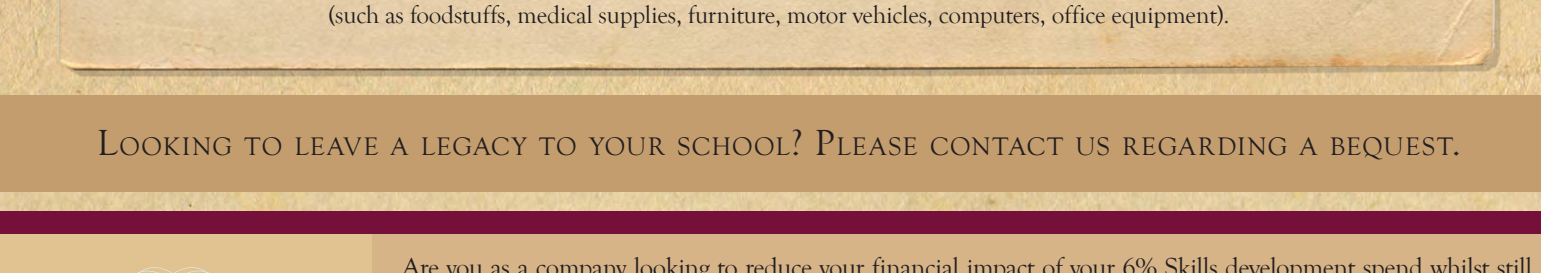
**DONATIONS - IN - KIND**  
There are tax concessions, subject to valuation, for the donation of property (including adjuncts such as security fencing, scaffolding etc), financial instruments (such as shares in a listed company), trading stock and assets (such as foodstuffs, medical supplies, furniture,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

LOOKING TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO YOUR SCHOOL? PLEASE CONTACT US REGARDING A BEQUEST.

## STRENUUS TRUST 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 BBEED had to be so daunting! Contact us to assist you with our holistic model providing:

MEET OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Paul Marketos Chairman, Orrin Klapper Founder & Trustee, Zubaydah Kirsten Trustee, Thabiso Madiba Trustee, Wakule Tshabangu Trustee, Mafura Chavosa Trustee

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAIRMAN PAUL MARKETOS Class of 1986

The King Edward Educational Trust and Strenuous Trust would like to welcome Paul Marketos as the new chairman of the Strenuous Trust. Paul, a founder and director of IsoMetric, 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](http://www.endeavor.org) as a High Impact Entrepreneur.

His specialities: "Once upon a time I was a programmer, but over the past couple of years I have focused mainly on potential 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.

## A TRIBUTE AND NOTE OF THANKS

Grant Manicom, Class of 1992 has served the Strenuous 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 Strenuous Trust grow from strength to strength and has made a difference in so many young adults lives. Grant, on behalf of the Strenuous Trust, King Edward Educational Trust, King Edward VII Schools and the entire community - thank you.

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