

KUDU BULLETIN

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in this issue...

A couple of words from our NEWBIES!

TICK TOCK...TICK TOCK...



Welcome to 2022!

Queen's College
BOYS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the new year and a fresh start. We certainly hope that this is going to be an even more normal year than the past two years we have had.

Queen's Junior is a school that is on the move and in the light of the pandemic, we have never stood still using the virus as an excuse. In fact, the pandemic has given us an opportunity to build on the solid foundation of our school and to adapt our mindset to provide only the best for our boys and our parents.

I remind you that education is like a potjie that stands on three legs. If one of the legs is not standing tall and supporting the potjie, it is going to collapse and the cooking process is going to be interrupted. Education is also held together by three "legs"; the boy, the teacher and the parent. All three need to be strong and involved so that the education process can be on the boil. Let this be a year where the best is provided in the teaching and learning of our boys. This is, after all, the core business of the school.

Communication is key to forming a good relationship between the parent and the school. Therefore it is of vital importance to ensure that you are part of our Class and Grade WhatsApp groups. This is the platform that our school is using

to relay important information to our parents. For the benefit of your son, it is important that you read all the information that is placed on the groups.

We have a number of new staff members who have joined our dynamic team. We welcome them and we are sure that their stay with us is going to be a long and enjoyable one. You can see their profiles in this bulletin.

It has been noted that the water that is drawn from our taps is not clear and rather resembles iced tea. It is highly recommended that your son brings a water bottle filled with water that is fit for drinking to school.

More information will be provided to you at our Parent Meeting on Monday 24 January. It will also give you an opportunity to meet your son's teacher. I do understand that due to Covid many parents are hesitant to attend large gatherings, but I would urge you then to set up an appointment with your son's teacher to meet them and they can also get to meet you.

In closing, I would like to wish you all the best for this term and this year. Stay safe and stay strong.

Colin Hartley

4th Year Learnership

Give us ONE WORD to describe how you are feeling about your new venture...

THRILLED!

What primary school did you attend?

Queen's College Boys' Primary School

Who has been your favourite ever school teacher?

Mr Venter – He used to tell us funny stories from the "good old days"!

What has made you smile at QCJ?

The friendly faces of the staff and boys.



Solulwe Bless

3rd Year Learnership

Give us ONE WORD to describe how you are feeling about your new venture...

INSPIRED!

What primary school did you attend?

Stirling Primary School

Who has been your favourite ever school teacher?

Rodney Harris – his love for teaching inspired me to become a teacher.

What has made you smile at QCJ?

Everyone is so friendly and have made me feel so welcome!



Maggie-Beth McGill

1st Year Learnership

Give us ONE WORD to describe how you are feeling about your new venture...

ENTHUSIASTIC!

What primary school did you attend?

Clarendon Primary School

Who has been your favourite ever school teacher?

Mr Cloran – History teacher, very passionate about teaching.

What has made you smile at QCJ?

How well-mannered the boys are.



Summer Mair

Headmaster's PA

Give us ONE WORD to describe how you are feeling about your new venture...

AWESOME!

What primary school did you attend?

Carlisle Bridge Primary School

Who has been your favourite ever school teacher?

Mrs Shwempe - she had the craziest laugh!

What has made you smile at QCJ?

Charwin! Just kidding!

The welcoming environment.



Vuyokazi Ngamlana

2nd Year Learnership

Give us ONE WORD to describe how you are feeling about your new venture...

AMBITIOUS

What primary school did you attend?

Queen's College Boys' Primary School

Who has been your favourite ever school teacher?

Mr Pietersen - because of how much care and kindness he showed us. It made me feel at home.

What has made you smile at QCJ?

Being back at my old school with my teachers and now colleagues!



Dillon Oelofse

4th Year Learnership

Give us ONE WORD to describe how you are feeling about your new venture...

EXCITEMENT

What primary school did you attend?

Port Alfred School

Who has been your favourite ever school teacher?

My Grade 2 teacher, because she is the most loving and caring person. Her passion for teaching has encouraged me.

What has made you smile at QCJ?

The friendly faces of the boys and staff.



Deidre-Anne Schenck

Art Educator

Give us ONE WORD to describe how you are feeling about your new venture...

EXCITED!

What primary school did you attend?

Ixhadi Primary School

Who has been your favourite ever school teacher?

Mr Kuraheng. He taught me wisdom, resilience and determination

What has made you smile at QCJ?
Charwin ;)



Abongile Zongola

TICK-TOCK!

We have decided to allow boys to wear watches at our school!

Strangely enough, we have identified in Mathematics, that when our teachers deal with the section on time, we have a number of our boys who battle to tell the time.

We certainly do not want the watch to become a distraction, but we feel that it would be a good learning tool for our boys.

It is not compulsory, and we don't want our parents to pay a fortune. All our Queenians need is a plain, black, analogue watch. Smart watches and digital watches are not permitted.

Please also note, it may be advisable to have your son's name engraved on the back of the watch. The school can't be held responsible for any loss or damage incurred to your son's watch.



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