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WHAT'S UP AT KING DAVID?

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Building for the future - An update on King David Ariel

Building a brand new school from scratch is never an easy task. It requires a dedicated team of people and the necessary financial support to make a dream into a reality.

It gives me great pleasure to update all our King David parents and the greater Jewish community on the progress of King David Ariel – the latest crown in the King David family.

In January 2016, the South African Board of Jewish Education (SABJE) announced their intention to build a new Jewish remedial school, initially catering for a Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3. The initial interest and level of support has been overwhelming and has reinforced the Board's decision to proceed with the building of King David Ariel.

A mere 18 months later, the building of King David Ariel is nearing completion and is on track to open for the first day of school on 16 January 2018. Built on the King David Victory Park Campus, with thousands of hours of planning and co-ordination,

the building is looking magnificent. King David Ariel will initially have 8 modern, fully equipped classrooms, office spaces, a Therapy Centre and a fully equipped Snoezelen room (which is a specially designed multi-sensory environment). All these spaces will be equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and furniture, some of which is already being fitted. There will also be a beautiful garden and play area, solely for the use of the King David Ariel students. The students will share some of the KDVP spaces such as the Media Centre, Art room, Music room, Computer laboratory, Hall and all sporting facilities.



A school is simply just a structure until it has the people in it. The SABJE undertook to employ high quality management, teachers and therapists who will ensure that

the students of King David Ariel receive the very best in educational remediation, the skills and foundation necessary to mainstream back into the conventional school system as soon as possible.

We welcome our highly trained and experienced team at King David Ariel:

- Principal – Sally Ann Knowles
- Clinical Director – Genevieve Sandler
- Personal Assistant to Principal – Belinda Urdang
- Grade 1 Teacher – Michelle Prager
- Grade 2 Teacher – Natasha Treves
- Grade 3 Teacher – Candice Sifris
- NDT Physiotherapist – Tracy Parker
- Speech and Language Therapists – Lara Fleshel and Nicole Smith
- Occupational Therapists – Melissa Adler and Leigh Freeman
- Remedial Therapist – Lauren Creamer

All our teachers have been attending various training sessions and refresher courses including, Snoezelen training, Singapore Maths and Ravo-O workshops.



The KD Ariel staff having a bit of fun at the Challah Bake

Our student numbers for 2018 are remarkable. The Grade 1 class is full, the Grade 2 class is 90% full and the numbers for Grade 3 are looking encouraging. In addition, applications for 2019 are open with a large number of applicants for Grade 1. Interest in King David Ariel by new and current parents is continuing at a positive rate.

The SABJE and King David Schools are looking forward to a brand new beginning and to fulfilling an important role in the Jewish Johannesburg Community by providing another King David School of excellence.

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