

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to *guide* all of our learners to attain their optimal level of intellectual, cultural and physical *potential*, by providing a warm, disciplined and stimulating learning *environment*.

## Objectives of the School

1. Through the implementation of a variety of life skills, innovative and progressive teaching methods, consistent discipline and the use of modern technology, we seek to prepare our learners for the changing society of which they are a part and to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing future.
2. The school seeks through all its activities to promote individuality and a happy, balanced approach to life and acknowledges the complimentary roles played by the school and the community. It therefore encourages an attitude of openness among educators, parents and learners, and at the same time is committed to the sharing of high moral values and standards.
3. Kenridge Primary School endeavours to instill in the staff, learners and parents a sense of pride in the school and its achievements, in the firm belief that its fine traditions lay the foundation of its future growth.

## A Brief History of the School

In 1955, the first school in Kenridge was opened in the "Olde Barn", an old cowshed on the original farm. Mrs Patricia Mashford, the principal, and Mrs H. Kierswetter, her assistant, taught their first intake of 25 learners.

On 20 September 1956, the new building, built by Mr Störzner, at the lower end of the original estate, was officially opened by Ds. Klopper of the Parow School Board.

In January 1957, Mr F. Swiegelaar of Philadelphia was appointed as Principal. The school had now attained preparatory status. By 1961, Kenridge had attained primary status.

In December 1963, the first Standard Five learners left for high school and during the following year, a new west wing was built, comprising of four new classrooms and extra cloakrooms for the senior primary classes.

In 1971 major re-construction took place at Kenridge. Most of the original building was demolished and a double-storey building erected. Mr Swiegelaar resigned due to ill health and Mr L. Hoorn, the vice-principal, took over as Acting Principal.

In 1972 Mr G. F. van Wyk was appointed as Principal. At this stage the enrolment stood at 346 learners. By 1974 it had almost doubled to 648 learners.

Barretts laid four tennis courts in 1977 and in 1978 Clifford & Harris constructed the sports field, now known as the Mashford Fields, below the Technology Room.

Despite the establishment of two more primary schools in the area, the enrolment at Kenridge remained remarkably stable and during the 1980's stood at 800 plus.

In 1989 Mr G.F. van Wyk retired after seventeen years of service as Principal and Mr M. Lötter was appointed to this post in 1990. During this time impressive growth and development took place at Kenridge. Amongst the more obvious was the appointment and remuneration of additional teachers by the Governing Body and the introduction of Xhosa lessons for learners. IBM-compatible machines replaced BBC computers. A new playing field, the Lötter field, was established alongside the school grounds, a reception area was built in the foyer and the pre-fabricated classrooms were given a face-lift. Hockey for boys was introduced and a recycling club, the "Green Team", came into being.

In 1992 the Trust started a Pre-Primary school with three classrooms. Mrs D. Riley was appointed Principal. In 1996 a fourth classroom was added.

Due to an increase in demand for pre-school education a pre-Grade R class (Fledglings) was started in 1998 and increased to two classes in 1999.

In 1993 Mr M. Lötter retired due to ill health and Mr G.V. Albrecht took over the reins in 1994. During this year, the impressive Gerrit van Wyk Centre and four additional classrooms were built. Our enrolment was just under 1 000 learners. Towards the end of 1994 plans were put into operation for the building of a swimming pool. On 27 March 1995 the "Keith O'Kennedy Pool" was officially opened, bringing a new dimension to our sports programme.

In 1996 five additional classrooms were added and in 1997 the new wing consisting of five classrooms, an Art Room and two changing rooms was built. The Grade Three classes occupy this new building. The pre-fabricated classrooms have become an After School Centre. The newly upgraded computer room with forty workstations was ready for use in April 1997. Three additional music rooms were added to the existing block.

At the end of 1998 four new classrooms were added above the existing Grade One classrooms to accommodate the Grade Two learners, thereby providing each grade with six classrooms. The new utility rooms were also added, one to accommodate co-operative learning and the other to serve as an enrichment centre for both learners and educators.

During the second term of 1999 our Foundation Phase computer room became operational. Recent developments include a fifth pre-primary class.

In 2001, the new garage was built. The old garage was converted into a school shop. This was the culmination of many years of gradually building a fully stocked shop.

Mrs Linda Carstens started all this eight years previously. Mrs Jenny Martin, the first full-time school shop co-ordinator, was appointed in 2002.

During 2002, much negotiation with the Girl Guides Association took place concerning their Municipal lease and building. In October 2002 work commenced with the building of 2 new pre-primary classrooms, a small guide hall and toilets.

From January 2003 a sixth Grade R class was started. The Fledglings also began 2003 with a third class, bringing our total enrolment of pre-schoolers to 217.

The need for Aftercare has increased steadily over the last few years. As from 2003, Aftercare learners also use the pre-primary facilities. Much is done by the teachers to create a warm, caring environment for those children who spend long hours at school each day.

In 2003, Kenridge commenced with a learnership programme for two students to undergo teacher training at our school, as well as a full-time HR Manager, Mrs A. Barrett.

During 2004, 4 additional classrooms were built in the Foundation Phase wing.

Kenridge Primary celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2005. Ablution facilities and 2 additional classes were added towards the end of the year and utilized in January 2006.

During 2007, the Koos Eksteen Park was upgraded and enclosed. The Voortrekker Hall was renovated and utilized by the school. In 2008 new additions to the school shop were completed.

In 2009 and 2010 the new extensions comprising of a Security Entrance, Utility Centre (the Greg Albrecht Centre), Senior Art Room and undercover walkways further enhanced the facilities of our school.

In February 2010 the Pre-Primary School was registered as an Independent School.

Mr Albrecht retired in December 2010 and Mrs Smith became the principal in January 2011.

At the beginning of 2011 the new Foundation Computer Room became operational. Thirty two workstations enable full classes to attend at once, for a longer period of time.

In 2012, due to the increase in the number of learners, a further eight classrooms were built to accommodate additional intermediate phase classes.

The new Pre Grade R building will be completed by the end of March 2014. This completes phase three of the Independent School building.

At the start of 2014, there were 1 548 learners in the primary school and 343 in the Independent School.

Whatever the future may hold, one fact will hold true:

*Kenridge Primary School strives to provide a world-changing education by developing 'Kenridge Kids with Character'.*



## Feeder Community of the School

### **Suburbs within the school feeder community:**

Kenridge, Durbell, Durbanville Hills, De Bron, Doordekraal, Welgemoed North, Protea Valley, Kanonberg, Welgedacht, Van Riebeeckshof and Oude Westhof. Application for admission is processed by 30 June if the applicant resides within the feeder community. A municipal services account or copy of Lease Agreement must be produced as proof of address.

### **Outside the school feeder community:**

Should you live outside the school feeder community your application for admission will be placed on a waiting list. Admission is subject to the number of vacancies in each grade.

## School Times

Grade 1	Monday - Thursday	07:43 - 12:45
Grade 2	Monday - Thursday	07:43 - 13:00
Grade 3 - Grade 7	Monday - Thursday	07:43 - 14:10
Grade 1 - Grade 3	Friday	07:43 - 12:45
Grade 4 - Grade 7	Friday	07:43 - 13:20

## Letters

All reply slips on letters need to be completed and returned to the class teacher the following day.

## **School Communicator**

School Communicator is an innovative and exciting way of communicating with parents. The School Communicator keeps you up-to-date with what's happening at the school. It updates automatically, and brings you all the latest news and calendar events. It also includes a photo gallery, contact list and a range of useful links and documents.

School Communicator is accessible on iPhone, iPad, Blackberry as well as all major Android devices.

School Communicator can be downloaded from the internet:  
*[www.school-communicator.com/downloads](http://www.school-communicator.com/downloads)*.

School Communicator is compatible with Windows XP, Vista and Windows 7, as well as Mac OS 10.5 and 10.6.

## **Website Address**

[www.kenridgeprimary.co.za](http://www.kenridgeprimary.co.za)

## **Teleschool**

Teleschool is a telecommunication system. Teleschool is updated at 12:30 daily to keep everyone informed of current events or cancelled sport matches. To access the information, dial 021 976 3046 Ext. 7.

## **iText**

For a text message concerning sport fixtures and updates, dial \*120\*494\*777\*19# (save this number as iText). This is updated at 12:30 daily.

## **Tutoring**

A particularly high academic standard has been maintained over many years, as we have been fortunate to have a devoted and well-qualified team of educators.

We are at present implementing the new CAPS curriculum, as per departmental guidelines.

Remedial Educators assist children with specific learning difficulties or developmental problems.

The services of a Psychologist, Speech Therapist and an Occupational Therapist are available.

An active Didactic Aid Team works with learners to reinforce skills in literacy and numeracy.

The library comprises of many different facets: a Media Centre, an Enrichment Centre, and a Co-operative Learning Centre. It forms an integral part of the daily school activities. The library creates a love for reading and helps to develop research skills through the use of books, CD-ROMs, DVDs, the Internet and other available resources. A full-time librarian offers media guidance in our well-stocked library. Laminating services are also offered.

Learners in Grade R - 7 participate in a specialised Physical Education programme intended to improve motor co-ordination.

Learners from Grades R - 7 make use of our Computer Centres. They are adequately equipped, enabling every learner in a class to have access to a computer. Two full time computer educators act as facilitators in these venues.

Xhosa forms an integral part of the curriculum and this language is taught by Xhosa Educators from Grade R to Grade 7.

The learners undertake regular educational excursions during the year. All learners from Grades 4 - 7 attend an Outdoor Education Programme (Camp).

Art - Learners are assisted by 2 qualified art educators in specially equipped art rooms.

## **Leadership Development**

Kenridge is extremely proud of the variety of leadership programmes to which our learners are exposed.

All Grade 6 learners undergo a variety of activities to encourage a sense of responsibility, commitment and duty. This programme allows the educators to identify learners with leadership potential.

The school prefects assist with leadership tasks during the school day, and work in portfolio groups to initiate interaction between the learners and to reach out into the community.

Some Grade 6 learners are chosen as library monitors and P.E. monitors. These learners play an invaluable role with regard to the smooth running of the school library and the organization of Physical Education equipment. Recycling monitors are also appointed to promote recycling in our school.

House captains are chosen to organize and liaise with educators and learners for a number of interhouse competitions. First team sport captains play an important role in liaising with the coach and players. They are also responsible for writing progress reports.

At the Prestige Evenings leaders from the sport, academic and cultural fields are rewarded.

## **Cultural**

Many of our learners have excelled in the cultural field due to the on-going activities being offered at the school.

Music students are encouraged to enter the UNISA examinations in both practical and theory of music.

Learners are encouraged to participate in both the English and Afrikaans Eisteddfods e.g. Singing, Art, Prose and Poetry, Piano, Violin and Recorder.

We strive to include each learner in a stage production during his/her time spent at this school.

## **Menu System (Extra-mural activities)**

During 1995, the parent body overwhelmingly supported the menu system concept.

The objectives included the following:

- To generate additional income by utilising our facilities more fully for the purpose of employing additional educators.
- To stimulate greater learner participation in and commitment to extra-mural activities.
- To provide a wider selection of extra-mural activities.
- To make use of professional coaches and trainers.
- To provide a "One Stop Service" to our parents.
- To interact with the community.

Our basic fee entitles a learner to participate in any winter sport, any summer sport and any cultural activity at no additional cost (as indicated on the SCHOOL menu form).

Parents are required to pay for all other activities that their child/ren participate in, and a once off administrative fee is payable in order to register for participation in any other activity on the TRUST menu. One month's written notice is required for any changes made to the monthly accounts.

## **After School Centre**

Enrolment forms for this facility are obtainable from the After School Centre and will be subject to final approval by Mr Mike de Villiers.

We offer these facilities for the children of working mothers. This facility is also offered during the school holidays. Holiday times are 07:00 - 18:00

## **After School Centre Times**

Grade 1	12:50 - 18:00
Grade 2	12:55 - 18:00
Grade 3 - Grade 7	14:10 - 18:00
Early Morning Care	06:30 - 07:30 (subject to numbers)

## **Menu System Activities**

Days and times when these activities are offered, are indicated on a quarterly Sport and Cultural Programme

## **Cultural Menu (included in fees)**

- **Enhanced Library** is an extension of the services and facilities at the library. It consists of enrichment activities, creative thinking skills, play-acting, crafts, interactive CD-ROM activities, DVDs, etc. The learners meet after school for fun, enjoyment and learning.
- **Outdoor Club** is an environmental awareness group, which offers activities such as visits to places of interest in the peninsula and hikes. (Grade 4 - 7)
- **Kids Collage** offers a variety of fun activities such as music, drama, art and crafts.
- **Scrabble** is offered to learners from Grade 4 - 7. Learners are encouraged to join as their word-building and spelling skills are developed in this challenging game.
- **KATS** - Kenridge Amateur Theatrical Society
- **Debating Club** - We shall be focusing on logical reasoning, discussing certain issues and having opinion rallies amongst each other. The art of public speaking will be addressed occasionally. (Grade 5 - 7)
- **Choir** - Junior and Senior (by assessment only)

- Touch Typing - Grade 3

## Cultural Menu (additional costs)

- Music - Offers tuition in Piano, Violin, Cello, Keyboard, Recorder, Music for Little Ones, Drumkit, Guitar and Orchestra. Music evenings are held in the form of Chamber, Keyboard and Symphony Concerts.
- Art Club - Picture-making, ceramics, three dimensional work and crafts in various media are offered to Kenridge learners. The learners have the opportunity to experience a vast range of art media and learn the concepts of art in a relaxed environment.
- Hip Hop
- Ballet
- Modern Dance
- Riverdance (Irish Dancing)
- Pottery

## Sport (included in fees)

We have an extensive sports programme and have appointed code heads who arrange practices and matches for learners participating in school sport. We encourage learners to participate in at least one winter and one summer sport.

### Summer Sport offered:

- Athletics
- School Sport Skills
- Cricket & Mini Cricket
- Swimming (Grade 2 - 7)
- Tennis & Mini Tennis
- Speedstacking

### Winter Sport offered:

- Cross Country
- Rugby & Mini Rugby
- Netball & Mini Netball
- Hockey & Mini Hockey
- Speedstacking

## Sport Menu (additional costs)

- Karate
- Combat Jiu-Jitsu
- Professional Cricket
- Professional Tennis

- *Gymnastics*
- *Active Golf*
- *Cycling (Grade 4 - 7)*

## **General (additional costs)**

**Chess** is a cultural activity that takes place throughout the year, in which Grade 1 - 7 learners can participate. Learners get the chance to learn the basics of chess as well as time to play the game. On Fridays, friendly matches and league matches take place. Regular Saturday inter-school tournaments are held.

**Craft Legacy** - Grade 1 & 2 and Grade 3 - 7 (1 hour per week)

**Computer Academy** - Qualified computer tutors offer computer skills at all levels to Grade 3 - 7 learners. **Kenridge keeps abreast of technological advances in the computer field.**

**Experi-buddies** - Grade 1 & Grade 2 learners

**"Mighty Mice" Computer Club** - Grade 1 and Grade 2 learners

**Tuckshop**: The tuckshop offers a monthly pre-order service, which can be filled in on the Menu and Charge form.

## **Tuckshop**

We have a well-stocked tuckshop, which is open daily during first and second breaks. A list of tuckshop items and prices is sent out on a yearly basis.

Parents are encouraged to assist in the tuckshop during break times.

## **School Shop**

### **School Shop Times:**

Monday - Thursday:	08:00 - 15:00
Friday:	08:00 - 13:30
Every Wednesday evening:	17:00 - 18:00
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month:	08:00 - 09:00

☎ Hanneljie 021 976 3046 or 083 316 9573.

## **Lost Property**

We request that all personal possessions and clothing be clearly marked with the learner's name and surname. All marked clothing and possessions will be returned to the learner. Unmarked possessions and clothing will be immediately directed to the School Shop where it will be sold.

## **School Uniform**

Kenridge learners are required to *dress appropriately* and to be *neat in appearance* at all times. *Only prescribed school uniform* may be worn. Sport and school uniform may not be worn together. All learners must wear the correct sports uniform to school on days when they have Physical Education. During winter, learners must wear the full school tracksuit to school on their Physical Education days.