



19 October 2017

Dear Parents

Emotional Intelligence Theme : Be Bold and Adventurous
In each one of us lies the ability to direct and influence change, either for our own good and for the good of those around us or adversely to negatively impact those around us. We carry within our words, our minds and our actions the ability to create beauty yet also potentially destruction. The way we choose determines if our actions will be positive or negative.

In the words of Edmund Burke: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." The state of not wanting to get involved or not wanting to do the right thing at the right time often leads to the deterioration of ourselves and the society in which we live.

The world needs heroes like Jesus, Gandhi, Nelson Mandela. Leaders that will not be afraid to stand and be counted but who will promote justice and peace. People bold enough to challenge with respect and adventurous enough to look for better ways for us as a society to move forward.

Ann Landers says: " It's not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings." Our job is not to teach them to be tough but to let them learn from life and to teach them to look at life and people with a sense of compassion and caring.

Let's teach our children as Gandhi taught : "To be the change that they want to see in the world."

As Jesus taught: "If you want to be great in the Kingdom of God, learn to be the servant of all."

And as Nelson Mandela said: "The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Dates To Diary

Term 4

24, 25 & 27

November

Nativity Concert

6 December

Swop over day

7 December

Break up day
(school closes at
11h15)

15 December

Aftercare closes



Term 4

**Recycling and
Lunch Pals Duty**

24 October

Alligators

31 October

Hippos

Let's be bold and adventurous and change the world around us a little bit every day. We need to be courageous enough to teach our children to do the same. Our voice and courage can make the world a better place.



Health Tip of the Week

Be realistic - Setting realistic goals and limits are key to adopting any new behavior. Small steps and gradual changes can make a big difference in your health over time, so start small and build up.

Water Wise - Grey Water

As our rainy season comes to an end, we would like to encourage our children to bring a 2 litre bottle of grey water from home again. The children will use this water for the gardens. The aim of this initiative is to raise awareness around the current water crisis and to encourage our children to play an active part in keeping their own gardens alive.



Please put a label with your child's name on the bottle.

Recycling

On behalf of the Elkanah House Recycling Committee, we would like to thank our community for your continued support towards our Recycling Project. Funds from Averda are used to buy essential items to stock the swop shop as part of the Beyond Education Recycle Swop Shop initiative. Now is the perfect time of year to spring clean, so please remember we also collect the following second hand items for the swop shop in Dunoon.



- * Second hand clothes, bags and shoes for all ages (incl. babies);
- * Toys, books, lunch boxes, puzzles, games etc..;
- * Household items, bedding, blankets, pillows, kitchen utensils, plates, bowls, tupperware and cutlery etc.

You can drop these items off on your campus recycling day to support this worthy cause.

Concert / Nativity

We are full steam ahead with concert preparations. Our class reps will be in touch with you shortly, if they haven't already to discuss the costume requirements for your grade. The majority of our grades will be wearing either jeans or leggings from home (depending on the animal they are). The school will be providing the t-shirts for the children. Tickets will go on sale via Quicket in the next few weeks. We look forward to sharing our Christmas story with you.



We are building at Sunningdale Prep Junior Primary

On Tuesday evening, we held a meeting in conjunction with our architect, informing our parents of the plans to expand our Junior Primary during the course of 2018. For those of you who were not able to attend, the following details were given. We are planning to build four new classrooms at the start of 2018. These classrooms will be built above the existing Grade 1 and 2 classrooms. Our Grade 1 and 2 classes (with the exception of the Sugarbird class) will all be housed in temporary classrooms which will be located at the back of the existing Grade 3 classrooms on the SP field. These spaces will be spacious and fitted with air conditioning and all the necessary network cabling. We also have plans to reconfigure our JP play area in order to maximise space and create some new exciting play spaces for our children. Designs are also underway to create a cycle track for our Pre-primary.

This is a very exciting time of growth for our school and while the building process comes with it's own set of challenges, we are very confident that all the correct structures are in place to ensure that this is a smooth process. Please be assured that your children's safety is of the utmost importance during this process. Should you have any queries or concerns around this, please feel free to pop in and see me to discuss it further.

Brainbuster

Can you solve this week's brainbuster:

The ages of a father and son add up to 66. The father's age is the son's age reversed. How old could they be?

Last weeks answer: Answer: Piano or computer keyboard

Brainbuster winners:

Caitlin Smith - Sunbirds
Christopher Iles - Sunbirds
Courtney Blewett - Wagtails
Lola Henning - Sugarbirds
Ava Bowler - Robins
Kayla-Lee Kriel - Robins
Azrah Jakoet - Weavers
Zac Blewett - Swallows
Rose Ebomtene - Swallows
Chumile Raziya - Swallows
Amy van Deventer - Swallows
Lisa Mc Dermid - Swallows
Denielia Raidoo - Kingfishers

