

ELKANAH HOUSE

Weekly Newsletter

PRE - PRIMARY

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Intelligence @elkanah

Dear Parents

Wise choices:

“Show me your friends and I will show you your future.”

Did you know that the friends you surround yourself with now, can determine and shape the kind of person you will become in five years from now? The people you associate with have a major impact and influence on you. You can tell where most people are going to end up in life simply based on who they spend their time with.

Relationships are like elevators; they are either bringing you up or taking you down. Every connection isn't meant to last forever... sometimes we hold on to toxic relationships. This is why it is so important to make the right choices in our friendships.

1. Choose friends with similar values.
2. Choose friends with common goals and interests
3. Choose friends who can bring balance in areas where you are weaker.
4. Choose friends that stretch, motivate and encourage you.
5. Choose friends that uplift and energise you.
6. Choose friends that have a thirst for knowledge.
7. Choose friends who will celebrate your success.

When you make the right friends, they will influence you to follow the right path and make the right choices. Good friends will guide and lead you to become the best version of yourself that you can be.

We have to constantly evaluate and reassess our friendships to make sure that we are moving forward and are not being held back.

Dates To Diarise

Term 4

11 November
Pre-primary Sports
Day

**24, 25 & 27
November**
Nativity Concert

6 December
Swop over day

7 December
Break up day
(school closes at
11h00)

15 December
Aftercare closes



Term 4
**Recycling and
Lunch Pals Duty**

7 November
Robins

14 November
Weavers

My challenge for us today is to look at the choices we make in our friendships and to identify if this is what we want for ourselves and our children five years from now. We cannot choose the friends our children make but we can be there to guide them in the process of making friends.

Hannes

Health Tip of the Week



Keep things positive - Kids don't like to hear what they can't do, tell them what they can do instead. Keep it fun and positive. Every one likes to be praised for a job well done. Celebrate successes and help children and teens develop a positive self-image.

Pre-loved stationery collection

As you clear out your child's stationery in preparation for the new year, please consider donating your used stationery to the nursery schools and children of Home of Hope and Little Lambs. Please drop off your donations in the allocated box in our reception area. Thank you so much in anticipation for your support.

<http://littlelambsnpo.co.za/>

<http://www.homeofhope.co.za/>

Heaven and Nature Sing

Tickets are now available for purchase on Quicket. Please don't forget to purchase your tickets in order to avoid disappointment.

If anyone has a contact to get straw bales donated or at a good cost please could you let Michelle know. We need about 10 bales for our nativity play.

We are still needing help in the cafe to assist with selling tickets and serving meals. Please could you let Michelle know if you are able to assist.

We need help as follows:

Friday, 24 November: 2 helpers needed

Saturday, 25 November (10h00): 2 helpers needed

Saturday, 25 November (18h30): 3 helpers needed

Monday, 27 November: 3 helpers needed

Grey Water

After careful consideration, we have decided to discontinue the grey water initiative due to the potential health risk associated with reusing grey water in a public space during the hot summer months.

Staff changes 2018

Due to the exciting expansion taking place at our campus next year the following staff changes will be taking place:



Ignet Niehaus - Bishops Grade 2 class teacher

I am currently a Grade 1 teacher at Founders Hill College, a very young but extremely successful school in Gauteng. I have spent the last 10 years expanding curious little minds and have an unwavering passion for teaching. I am blessed with an incredible family. My wonderfully supportive husband and two amazing little children, one whom will be joining the Elkanah House family next year.



Ignet Niehaus

Di Marais - Robins Grade 2 class teacher

I am married with two children. I have a daughter, Amy, who is 18 years old and a son, Matthew, who is 11 years old who are both pupils at Elkanah House. This is my sixth year at and most recently I taught the Hedgehog class in our Pre-primary school. I am thrilled to be joining the Junior Primary teaching staff next year as the Grade 2 Robins class teacher.



Dianne Marais

Bronwen Esterhuyse - 4 - 5 Hedgehog class teacher

I have been teaching in Grade R for 12 years and I have loved working with little children from the beginning. Their inquisitive nature and inquiring minds make every day exciting and an absolute delight. I can't wait to start my journey at Elkanah House as the new Hedgehog teacher and get to know your little one's.



Bronwen Esterhuyse

Helen Heynike

As many of you already know, Mrs Heynike will be retiring from 38 years of teaching at the end of this year. Mrs Heynike is an educator of the highest calibre and we will miss her as she leaves us to begin a new and exciting chapter in her life. We wish you only the very best, Helen. You will be greatly missed by us all at Elkanah House.



Helen Heynike



Thank you to Dharshana, Denelia and Variya for sharing more with us about the celebration of Divali. It is wonderful to learn more about the different cultures and religions that form a part of our school community.



Heaven & Nature Sing

Friday 24th November &
Monday 27th November
19h00 | theatre@elkanah

Saturday 25th November
10h00 & 16:30 | theatre@elkanah

Adults R50 | Kids R35 | Tickets available on Quicket
(Children under 3 watch for free, but will sit on your lap)



Schoolyard Cafe will be

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BLOUBERG DISCOVERY OPEN DAY

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2017 | 10AM-12PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

INTERACTIVE CAMPUS TOURS | FOOD STALLS | FACE
PAINTING
TOUR TIMES | 10H30 | 11H00 | 11H30

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ELKANAH HOUSE

Parent ED Talk

The Good, The Bad, and the Digital...

SOCIAL MEDIA AND CHILDREN

Presented by Dr. Hugo Theron

All of us to a larger or lesser degree, live in a world that is digital and connected - 24/7. What are the implications of growing up in a digital world? This talk will focus on all the relevant research — discussing both the positives (yes, there are actual good things about social media use!) and the all too present dangers and pitfalls of social media use in childhood and adolescence. Practical suggestions for parents will be given, as to how to mentor children when it comes to this important aspect of their lives.

Wednesday, 15 November 2017
19h00-20h00

Tea and coffee will be served in the Schoolyard Cafe from 18h30



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UPCOMING EVENTS