



# Weekly Newsletter

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8 December 2017

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Dear Parents

As we get to the end of 2017 I would like to thank all of you for the input which you have given to us as a school. Thank you for your valuable support to me as a new headmaster and to our staff.

Our focus for the Blouberg Campus this year has been Community which is one of the values we hold dear. In order to foster a stronger sense of community, we have hosted termly Friday evening picnics, our James Bond themed Dinner Dance, the Grade 3 Appreciation Day, the Grade 2 Heroes' Day and Grandparents' Day. We have been very proud to host these events. It was pleasing to therefore receive the results of the parent survey which went out mid-year, as these indicated that we are on the right track in this regard. We will continue to build on this community and 'family feel' as we move into 2018, together with another value of focus which will be Creativity.

This year also saw the realization of a few new projects and I want to thank all the parents who took such an interest and who were pivotal in getting these projects off the ground.

You will agree with me that the Junior Primary amphitheatre has been a place where our children are able to learn outdoors, produce plays, and even share snack time together. We have some budding actors who really make use of it whenever they can.

Our animal enclosure has become the talk of the town and the addition of alpacas, lambs and guinea pigs have enriched our outdoor learning experiences and brought a lot of joy to our parents and children and teachers.

Next is our aquaponics system. The structures have been put in place and we will be adding to this project in 2019.

**18 January 2018**  
First Day of School

We are also looking at a new amphitheatre on the Pre-primary side of the campus which will reduce the amount of lawn we have and serve a purpose.

And last but not least, we will be sinking a borehole which will provide us with much needed water now and for the future.

We've had changes this year, too. Elkanah House has had a change of ownership, having been purchased by AdVtech, and at the Blouberg Campus, the appointment of me as the new Principal was also a change. I would like to praise and thank our staff and parents for their acceptance of these changes. This support enables us to continually improve and create an even better school.

Top of the list for our staff news was the birth of Olivia Grace Parring to Taryn and Rob on the 14th of November. Little Olivia decided to come very early so their new chapter as a family of four has had a challenging start. We wish them well on this journey with Olivia.

We also say goodbye to Leah Frost and Natalie Joubert as they finish their learner-ship program with us. Leah is exploring other learning opportunities and Natalie will take up a Grade Two position at Sunningdale Primary School in 2018. We are confident that they'll be successful.

We welcome Dylan McDonald as a new intern and Gillian Baker who will be taking care of the Badgers class for Terms 1 and 2 of 2018.

Each year, we bid our grade three classes farewell as they move on to grade four at the Senior Primary Campus. By the time they leave grade three, many of these children have been at our campus for six years! We've all bonded with them after so long. Sharon Childes and Edith Preiss are sad to say goodbye but hope that they will be visited often.

We would like to wish you, our Elkanah Blouberg families, a wonderful festive season and a good rest so that you are recharged for 2018. Travel safely and have a blessed Christmas.

Hannes van der Westhuysen



# Farewell to our Gr 3s - We will miss you!



Keira



Kyra



Luke



Lehakwe



Caitlin



Shannon



Amy



Jamie



Alon



Tatum



Isabell



Matthew



Mika



Raphaella



Julia



Daniel



Liam



Kayden



Kate



Marc



Emma



Jessica



Danika



Ethan



Zamanguni





Hannah



Adam



Kari



Adam



Daniel



Shikina



Mathew



Arianne



Jessica



Zoe



Emily



Sarah



Seth



Peter



Aimee



Zachary



Lameez



Sasha



Simone

*"Be bold enough to use your voice,  
brave enough to listen to your heart,  
and strong enough to live the life  
you've always imagined."*



