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Dear Parents

2017 has certainly been a busy and full year for Elkanah House. Our Senior Primary campus has been an active centre of learning and our pupils have participated in a large variety of activities both inside and outside the classroom.

As we close off this academic year, I'd like to make you aware of several staff changes:

Ms Simone Crous will be moving to our Prep campuses in the role of Head of Digital Learning for the Grade 1-3s. She will return to school in January as Mrs Peel as she will be celebrating her wedding during the upcoming break. We congratulate her on this exciting moment and wish her a wonderful, memorable wedding and honeymoon.

Mr Kevin Bezuidenhout completes his time with us at the end of this year. We congratulate him on the completion of his education degree and wish him all the very best as he takes up his first teaching post as a Grade 5 teacher at Monte Vista Primary. We thank Mr Bezuidenhout for the incredible contribution he has made to the life of the Senior Primary campus over the past four years.

Mrs Veronica Gogwana has been part of the domestic support staff of Elkanah House for 17 years. She leaves us at the end of this year for a well-deserved early retirement. We thank her for all her efforts in keeping our school clean, tidy and for keeping the staffroom kettles prepped and ready for the teachers.

Mr Corbin Costley has been our sports administration intern for the past year. He has now completed his degree and will be leaving us at the end of the year. We thank him for his hard work and efforts in the sports department.

I would like to thank every member of the Senior Primary team for their contribution to what has been a successful year on the campus. This is truly a first-class team here at the Senior Primary. Our children are indeed fortunate to have teachers who genuinely care for each one of them, way beyond the academic curriculum.

Thank-you to you, our campus parents who have supported our pupils and teachers throughout the year. Your encouragement and support of our campus is much appreciated.

As we enter this Christmas season, I would like to wish each of our families a peaceful and blessed time with family and friends. May you each come to know Him more as you celebrate the joy and hope of His birth.

Arthur Preston
Head: Primary School

Dates To Diary

**Grade 4 and 5
Last Day of Term**
Thursday 7 December
(11h30)

First Day 2018
Thursday 18 January

Orange River Canoe Trail
11 to 15 April 2018

SPORT @ ELKANAH

2017 Winning House

This year we are delighted that Ruby is the winning house for 2017! There was much spirit and excitement happening in our hall while we completed our final house point activity of the year - the General Knowledge quiz. Well done to the three teams who had to think quick and answer questions under pressure! House points are calculated from a variety of activities which happen over the year that cover our academic, cultural and sporting fields.



Congratulations

Luke Webb and Liam Goslett attended the Tai-Shin Do Karate Academy's 2017 grading awards ceremony last Saturday. Luke received the Pre-Junior Outstanding Achievement floating trophy and Liam received a certificate for Pre-Junior Most Improved. Well done, Luke and Liam! We are proud of you.

Hannah Burgess and her Crew - B2D Dynamites, took 1st place Gold Medal at the Western Province Hip Hop Championship (11-15 years Amateur Category) on Saturday. Well done, Hannah!



Luke Webb



Liam Goslett



Hannah Burgess

