



15 February 2018

Dear Parents

This week saw celebrations on the streets of Cape Town as the heavens opened and rain poured from the sky, albeit only for a few hours. Social media feeds filled with videos and photos of drivers in the CBD stopping their cars to dance in the rain, children splashing in puddles and relieved residents running around with buckets catching what they could to add to their home supply. It was a moment in which we could catch our breath in the midst of a challenging time, a moment to reflect on God's goodness and a moment to be reminded that no matter our economic status or reality, we can all celebrate a downpour and learn to dance in the rain!

It has been interesting to listen to our children over the past few weeks and to hear their perspective on the drought. Some are eager water warriors and seem quite nonplussed about a possible Day Zero while others, although also trying their best to save water, speak with fear and trepidation about what might happen to them, their families and their pets, should the taps be turned off.

I encourage you to engage positively with your children on issues of water-saving, to involve them in setting up tanks or other water-saving practices and to have open, realistic but age-appropriate conversations with them so that they are informed and don't let their imaginations wander into apocalyptic scenarios!

The drought continues to teach us lessons of patience, resilience and gratitude. It also continues to drive innovation in water-saving practices and has certainly changed the manner in which we interact with this life-giving resource. We will, I think, one day look back and remember this time as one when we began to appreciate the value of fresh water as a natural resource and began to empathise with those in this country and beyond our borders for whom Day Zero is a daily reality.

Our children's efforts to save water are commendable and I thank them for their efforts in helping us do our part as a school to conserve. Thank-you for your part in teaching them and modelling for them, how to be responsible water consumers.

SPORT @ ELKANAH

Match Results

Softball

U10 vs Blouberg Ridge - Lost 5-7

U11 vs Blouberg Ridge - Won 10 - 8

U12 vs Blouberg Ridge - Won 9-3

Dates To Diarrise

School Camps

Grade 4 - Simonsberg R900

Guinea Fowls and Quails -
Monday 26 to Wednesday
28 February

Partridges and Pheasants
Wednesday 28 February to
Friday 2 March

Grade 5 High Africa R1 250.00

Wednesday 7 to Friday 9
March

Beach Clean-up

Tuesday 20 March
10h30 to 13h00

Public Holiday

Wednesday 21 March
(Human Rights Day)

ParentLine

Monday 26 March
(14h45 - 20h00)

Tuesday 27 March
(14h45 - 17h00)

Orange River Trail R2 440.00 Per Person

11 - 15 April

Kromrivier Hike

Saturday 24 February
OR

Sunday 4 March
(Please e-mail

timr@elkanah.co.za for
bookings)

Grade 6 Camp

Wednesday 20 to
Friday 22 June

Tennis vs Blouberg Ridge - Won 5-1

Congratulations

Liam Ellis earned a silver medal in the Western Province Open Water Championships held at Benguela Cove on Saturday 3 February. In ideal conditions, Liam showed his long distance mettle to earn a well deserved 2nd place. What a swimmer!



ELKANAH HOUSE

SCHOOLYARD *Community Events*

MARCH

16 March - Chilled Vibes (music evening)

MAY

17& 18 May - Whose song is it anyway? (quiz night)

AUGUST

25, 27-31 August - So you think you can Elkanah? (dance event)

SEPTEMBER

1 September - So you think you can Elkanah FINAL

14 September - Flavours of the flag (food festival)

NOVEMBER

3 November - Art on the Avenue (art exhibition & market)

DECEMBER

30 November - Christmas and Carols Market

