

ELKANAH HOUSE

Weekly Newsletter

Weekly Newsletter - High School

Dear Parents

14 June 2018

As the exams come to an end, we are looking at a busy week ahead, and then a lovely 3 week holiday. As usual, the pupils have had a very full 6 months and the school has been thriving; our Grade 7s are firmly settled in now and our Grade 12s are heading for their final term!

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Mrs Bartholomew (Science) and Mr Engelbrecht (Art and Design) will be leaving at the end of this term as they are both relocating.

We have appointed Mrs Lijsha Pretorius to the post of Design and Art Teacher. Mrs Pretorius is moving to Cape Town, from Pretoria, with her husband and two sons. We have also appointed, Mrs Annelee Kriek, to teach Science until the end of the year, in a Locum capacity. Mrs Kriek has been in Prague for the last year, and prior to that she was a teacher at CBC. We look forward to welcoming both of them to Elkanah House.

Mrs Antrobus is currently in hospital after undergoing her scheduled surgery; she has been remarkable in the way that she has stayed strong throughout her treatment during the last 5 months – she has truly been an inspiration to us all! Mrs Antrobus will return to Elkanah House in the third term in her new capacity as Deputy Head: Student Affairs.

In moving into the Deputy Head position Mrs Antrobus will no longer be the English Head of Department. Mr Greg Scott will be the new Head of English, which he will do alongside his current position of Grade Head.

We are in the process of appointing a new Grade Head for Grade 10 to replace Mrs Antrobus in that capacity and I will communicate that to you when the process is complete.

Vivienne Jones - High School Head

DATES TO Diarise

22 June

Inter-House Cultural
Day
Last Day of Term
School ends 12pm

10 - 11 July

Netball Clinic
09h00 - 15h00
Cost R200

17 July

Term 3 Begins

24 July

Gr7 - Gr11
Parent Teacher
Meetings
17h00 - 20h00
(Book via Parent
Portal)

25 July

Gr12 Parent Teacher
Meeting
18h00 - 20h00
(Book via Parent
Portal)

Quote

He counts the number
of the stars; He gives
names to all of them.
Psalm 147 v 5

Chess

Congratulations to Ropafadzo Donza (Gr 8) and Aimee van Staden (Gr 10) who received their Western Province colours for chess and recently participated in a WP tournament held at Kleinmond in Hermanus.

Ropafadzo won 4 out of 6 matches and Aimee 3.5 out of 6.

We are extremely proud of them!

Our U19s chess team are also achieving good results having drawn/won their matches against Melkbos, Atlantis and Table View. Also a huge achievement!

Boys Choir

Our High School students remain committed to their cultural activities, even in the midst of exams. Last week, the Elkanah House High School vocal ensemble, G major, participated in the annual Cape Town Music Eisteddfod and received a diploma, the highest award given. Well done boys, we are so proud of you and your dedicated teacher, Mr Gordon, for the hard work that has gone into preparing for this #learningbeyondexaminations



Back row: Nathan Goch; Andre Nieuwoudt; Jordan Heugh; Joshua Preston, Oliver Johnson, Benjamin van der Westhuizen;
Front row: Jayden Coetzer; Josh Ellis; Ethan Cameron; Dario Hendrickse; Dylan Jeannes

Medication

In keeping with the Department of Education directive based on the South African Schools' Act and AdvTech's Health and Safety policy, the following will now apply to medication at our school. We are no longer allowed to administer over the counter medications like Panado, Nurofen, Allergex etc. However, in the case of an extremely high fever, we will give you a call and on your instruction will be able to administer Panado while waiting for you to collect your child.

Prescribed medication may be given at school but this needs to be in its original packaging, with a letter from the parents and the doctor giving us permission to administer it to your child.



Parent Teacher Meeting - 24 July - Grade 7 - 11

Grade 7 - 11 parents are invited to book appointments with their child's respective subject teachers to discuss their report marks and for general feedback. Five minute appointments per teacher per subject is allocated between 17h00 - 20h00. It is advisable to give yourself a few minutes between each appointment so that you can move to the next teacher appointment timeously. If you feel you need more than five minutes with a teacher, it is advised that you set up an appointment for an alternative date.

Parents may book these appointments via the Parent Portal which will be open for bookings from **Friday, 22 June**.

Parent Teacher Meeting - 25 July - Grade 12

Parent teacher meetings will take a different format for the Grade 12s. We have set aside Wednesday, 25 July as an evening which is only for Grade 12s and their parents so we can address their very specific needs in order to help them achieve their academic targets. We would like to invite you and your Grade 12 son/daughter to attend this evening.

The evening will consist of two parts:

- 18:00 – 18:30 Information session outlining the activities, examination programme, dates and procedures for the last few months of your child's Grade 12 year.
- 18:30 – 20:30 Opportunity for you to meet with your son/daughter's teachers in the individual appointments that you will have booked on the Parent Portal which will be open for bookings from **Friday, 22 June**.

Sport News



Rugby

On Saturday 2 June the U12/U13 rugby team participated in a Rugby Tournament at Somerset College. They played four matches, won 1 and lost 3. Congratulations to Daniel Peycke who was the Elkanah House Player of the Tournament.





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HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL
CLINIC
— JULY HOLIDAYS —

Karin Verschoor, an ex Springbok netball player with 36 years netball coaching experience will be offering our High School netball players the opportunity to attend a holiday training clinic. Karin not only represented South Africa but also represented the Senior WP Netball Team. She has extensive coaching and umpiring experience, notably as Head Coach for the UCT 1st Team that participated in the Inter-Varsity League. Karin will be assisted by our own Marie-Rose Slabbert who coaches our 1st Team as well as by our contracted coaches.

The aim of the clinic is to :

- Cultivate a culture of hard-work amongst the players.
- Improve individual skill level and knowledge of the game.
- Familiarise the players with the rules and foundations of netball.
- Maintain mid-season fitness.
- Improve players self-esteem.
- Increase players enjoyment of the game.
- Effectively develop the potential netball talent in each player and ready each player for match day.

VENUE

Elkanah House
High School

DATES

10 & 11 July 2018

TIMES

09H00 - 15H00

COST

R200 per player
(Includes both days)

PLEASE DRESS IN APPROPRIATE SPORTS GEAR INCLUDING TAKKIES (NO DARK SOLES), ALSO BRING ALONG SOMETHING WARM, SNACKS AND LUNCH, WATER/JUICE

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN

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**COMING SOON!
ARE YOU READY?**

For the love of dance



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HOUSE FEVER!

INTER-HOUSE CHALLENGE

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 18 AUGUST
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