

# ELKANAH HOUSE

## Weekly Newsletter

### Weekly Newsletter - High School

Dear Parents

21 June 2018

### **Mathematics is Alive and Well!** **(by Mr Carl Fourie)**

Our Grade 7s experienced their first Pi Day. They also participated in a new Primary School Pi Reciting and Writing Competition (Fallon Brown, Lynn de Kock, Josh Ellis), initiated by Elnor Primary in Elsie's River. Fallon came second, and Josh third overall.



The Grade 7s also participated in the Horizon Maths Competition, their first major and South Africa's largest Primary School Competition. Over 50 000 students from 310 schools wrote nationally, with 7 000 students from 50 schools in the Western Cape. Our top achievers are Fallon Brown (156th), Teo Benz (130th), Josef Clarke (117th) and Reece Govender (14th). We are very proud of these young mathematicians!



### 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**

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.  
Psalm 90 v 12

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Last year at the HMC Prize Giving, 10 of our students were represented. They were Julian Jeannes (14th), Andreia De Sousa (40th), Sanoshen Naidoo (43rd), Kelsey Chiang (61st), Quinn Waters (62nd), Leo Karner (64th), Nathan Goch, Alessia Gironi, Caitlin Adams and Thando Mayekiso. We are watching their mathematical journey closely!



Teo Benz has also been selected as part of the Western Cape team that will be travelling to China in September for the annual International Mathematics and Science Olympiad



Pi Day (ideally held on March 14th, that is 3.14) is an annual international event, where young people are encouraged to learn and recite from memory as many digits as possible of this irrational, non-recurring, important number. We had four finalists: Paige Potgieter (Gr 9), Andreia de Sousa (Gr 8), Josh Ellis and Fallon Brown (Gr 7).

For the second year in a row, Andreia won the competition, this time also breaking our record – she recited 1 013 digits in a mere 7 minutes, 20 seconds! This is a huge achievement, and was a moment in Elkanah's mathematical history to savour! And of course, the day included the much-anticipated pie-eating contest at break time, which was won by the Grade 11s.



The South African Maths Foundation Olympiad (Grades 8 to 12) is the country's premiere high school competition and mathematical talent search. We entered 120 students for the first round, of which about 50% were invited to write the second. We are currently eagerly awaiting the outcome to see who will be invited to write the third and final round, consisting of a single 4½ paper! Only the top 100 junior and top 100 senior students from throughout the country are invited to write this paper. Last year, three students from Elkanah House were invited to write: Justin Botes, Dario Hendrickse, and Chase Ting-Chong.



The UCT Mathematics Competition results were recently announced at a prize giving at the Baxter Theatre. About 500 individuals and 500 pairs per grade from throughout the Western Cape write this highly respected competition. Some of our individuals did exceptionally well: Julian Jeannes (Gr8, 29th), Thandeka Matrose (Gr9, 26th), Dario Hendrickse (Gr12, 15th), Noah Raubenheimer (Gr11, 12th), and Justin Botes (Gr9, 2nd and a gold medal winner).

Of the pairs, Kieran Stadler and Blake Marias (Gr9, 33rd), Kelsey Chiang and Jada Clement (Gr8, 22nd), Francesca Savio and Lauren Coe (Gr9, 17th), Jason MacKechnie and Andre Nieuwoudt (Gr9, 14th) were our top achievers.



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Each year the schools participating in the UCT Competition are ranked according to their top 30 achievers. This year, Elkanah House was ranked 14th, our best placing in recent years.

Flowing out of this and the SAMF results, UCT invited Thandeka, Justin and Dario to attend their training for provincial competitions. Both Justin and Dario were awarded bronze medals for the UCT Olympiad, the forerunner to provincial selections.



Of the 100 students (out of 7 000 participants) who received Gold Medals at UCT's prize Giving, 20 have travelled with us on our International Mathematics tours.

Concerning international mathematical tours, Elkanah House selects and trains the Western Cape teams for the Po Leung Kuk (Hong Kong) and itinerant International Mathematics Competitions, the former for 14 years and the latter for ten. Last year's teams to India achieved the best results by winning our first medals.



Grade 7s counting the faces, edges and vertices of their octahedrons and dodecahedrons!



## Science rocks on!

Congratulations to Teo Benz who was selected to represent South Africa at the international Science Olympiad being held in China on the 28th September. He will be tutored by Mr James Wewege from Elkanah House who is tutoring the South African team.

We wish them all the best - bring the home the medals South Africa!



## **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:

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| 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 <b>Friday, 22 June</b> . |

## **Reports**

We will start loading Reports onto the Parent Portal on Friday, 22 June and if all goes according to plan, you will be able to view your child's report from about 5pm.

## **Lost Property**

Again, our lost property bins overflow with unmarked property. Please check the lost property table in the JH Foyer and SH Foyer before the end of term. Marked items, will be kept back and returned to the owners; unclaimed items, will be donated to charity.

Enjoy the holidays!  
Term 3 commences: 17 July 2018

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ARE YOU READY?**

*For the love of dance*



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INTER-HOUSE CHALLENGE

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY 18 AUGUST**  
**ELKANAH HOUSE HIGH SCHOOL**

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