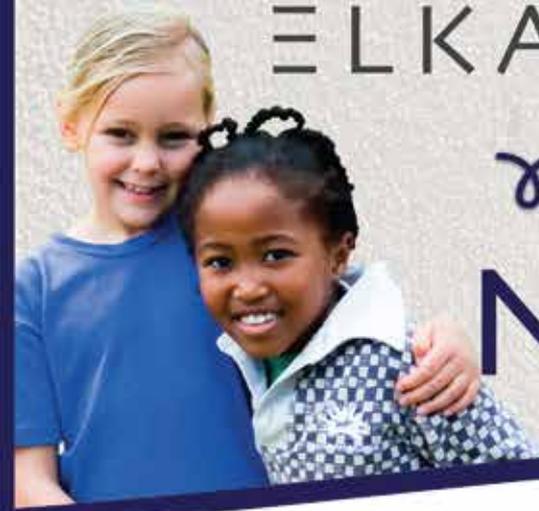


# ELKANAH HOUSE

## Weekly Newsletter



### Weekly Newsletter - Junior Primary

7 June 2018

Dear Parents

The recent rains have brought renewed hope to our parched province. Our children have enjoyed playing in puddles and harvesting the fresh water in all available containers. There is excitement in the air as we wait for the next rains and continue to pray for our dam levels to rise.

While we celebrate the blessing of new rain, we are acutely aware of the current state of our playing fields and gardens which have been devastated by the severity of the drought. We are aware of the growing concern amongst our community around the state of our Senior Primary field and garden aesthetics across all our campuses. We remain committed to finding a sustainable and responsible solution, and implementing this within the coming months.

Elkanah House has the full commitment and support of AdvTech in this process and we are working closely with an AdvTech Properties Project Manager in this regard. There is active work currently underway to investigate every possible solution including water harvesting and the relaying of grass.

As a community which has always prided ourselves on beautiful grounds and playing areas, we look forward with much anticipation to once again enjoying the benefits of our restored field and gardens.

Kind regards

Arthur Preston  
Head of Primary

Hannes van der Westhuysen  
Principal:  
Blouberg Prep

Pippa Sinclair  
Principal:  
Sunningdale Prep

### DATES TO Diarise

#### 19 June

Late Parent and Teacher Meetings

#### 19 & 20 June

Sibling Photos

#### 22 June

Break-up day.  
School closes at 11h15

### Recycling and Fruit Pals

#### Term 2

12 June  
Hippos

19 June  
Swallows

## Reminders:

- \* Parent/Teacher meeting reminder: Opens for booking Friday, 8 June
- \* Extra-mural bookings reminder: Opens for booking Friday, 8 June

## Book Sale

The Rural Child Foundation will be selling second hand books:  
20th and 21st June 10h30 - 15h00

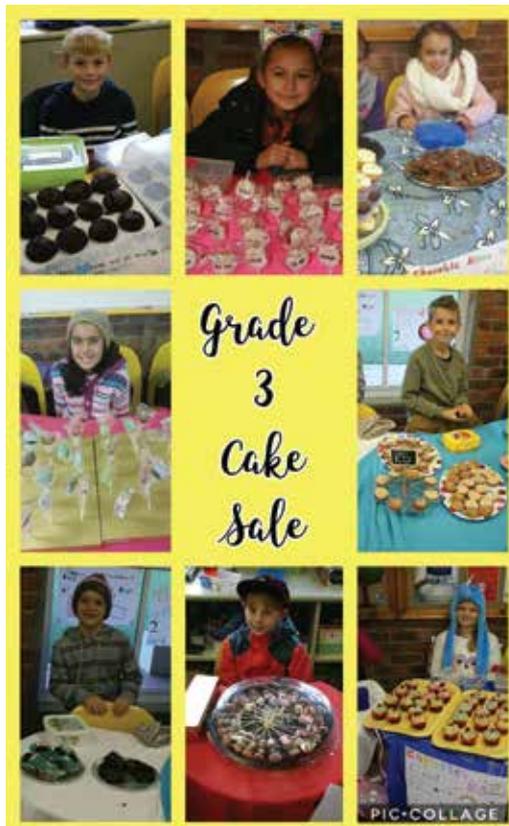
## Grade 3 Cake Sale

The whole school had great fun shopping and buying yummy eats from our Grade 3s last week Friday. Thank you to everyone for contributing and making it such a success! We managed to raise R8100 towards The Children's Court and Masigcine Children's Home.

Congratulations to our cake raffle winners:

Barry van der Helm

Maya-Bella Gibbs



## Ice Lollies

We will be selling Ice Rockets on break up day. If you wish to order, please give your teacher the money in a clearly marked envelope before break up day. The cost of one Ice Rocket is R5.

## Building and traffic

We are very excited that our building has started. During this time we ask for your patience when it comes to parking and traffic. We encourage drop-n-go for the children who are confident and happy enough to do so. We have received complaints that some of our parents are parking on our neighbours lawns. Please be mindful of our neighbours at all times.

# Academics@Elkanah

The Sugarbirds love to learn collaboratively. We used inside, outside circle this morning to help reinforce our cvc words. They had to construct a sentence, sound out their word and then give a rhyming word. They made use of the Kagan technique to work with a face partner and the inside circle moved clockwise in order for them to engage with a new partner. This ensures that everyone participates equally in the task. They have to greet their new partner and end with a compliment. This helps to build up their confidence and self image.



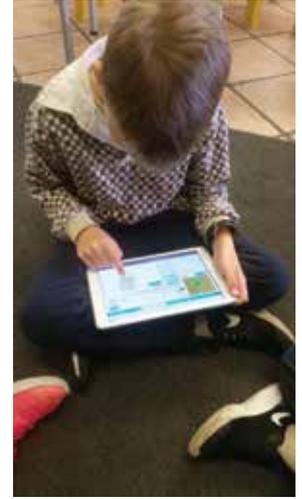
## Grade 3 Coding

The Grade 3's are coding with code.org this year! We are very excited to introduce them to coding as we feel it not only benefits the children in their general life but also gives those who are wired this way a space to shine their talents and thinking skills.

Coding encourages children to think logically using set problems on a gamified platform. They do not play for points but rather to advance their own skills and thinking. Coding at this level does not focus on the coding language but rather the actions and order of steps to solve problems. This can help a child to see that all of life comes with little problems that can be solved by following little steps to attain a goal.

The graphics are lovely and link to the various recent movies and games that children are watching. They can play on the iPads or any computer as progress is saved to

their Elkanah profile on Google. Children who enjoy coding will naturally want to play further at home and must be encouraged to do so. They are in control of their own learning as all the information and tutorial videos are on the site to help them forward. Parents you are welcome to play too. I am sure your kids will be more than happy help you solve the games!



**Coding...it's about life.**



**Learning is fun@Elkanah**



# Sport @ Elkanah

## Hockey

The U9 Hockey boys and girls played matches against CBC on Thursday, 31 May. The children have improved a great deal and it shows in their application of skills during the match. The girls beat CBC 6 - 1. The player of the match was Annie Clack. The boys beat CBC 3 - 2. The player of the match was Kyle Kloft. A big thank you to all our parents who supported our children!



## Rugby

On Wednesday afternoon our U9 rugby team played a friendly match against our Blouberg campus. It was our boy's first opportunity to put their rugby skills to the test and they played like superstars! Although there may well be a few bumps, scrapes and bruises, they had loads of fun with many tries being scored by both teams. Well done boys!

## Netball

Our netball girls were blessed with beautiful weather and the pleasure of all going to our Elkanah Blouberg campus to enjoy an afternoon of friendly games and coaching. The girls played well. They used all the coaching tips and rules that they have been learning thus far. Our teams are enjoying the game and are showing great signs of improvement and much promising talent. Our thanks goes to all the coaches for their help and encouragement and to the parents for their support and wonderful cheering.

## Netball and Tennis Courts

We are pleased to announce that we have received approval for the resurfacing of our netball and tennis courts. We have secured a contractor for the job and work will commence as soon as possible (weather permitting).



## Well done!

We are super proud of Rebecca Jacobs who took part in the Western Province XCO Mountain Biking series on Sunday, 3 June. She is now officially the the Girls Champion for age category 8-10 years.

# Soccer World Cup @ Elkanah

We are very excited to be celebrating the start of the World Cup Soccer next week Thursday, 14 June. A fun and interactive morning of round robin soccer has been planned by our Sports Department for our Grade R and Junior primary children. The 3/4 & 4/5 age groups will also join in the fun on the day, supporting their favourite teams. Our Pre-primary children will be focusing on improving their soccer skills during their movement lessons on Friday.

Each class has been allocated a country as per below. Our teachers will communicate with you regarding what colour your child should wear to represent their country on Thursday, 14 June.

**Pizza - Due to our World Cup Celebration, our Pizza day will be changed from Wednesday to Thursday, 14 June.**

START TIME: 08H45  
BREAK: 10H00 - 10H30  
END TIME: 12H00

Class	Country	Flag
Alligators	Australia	
Hippos	England	
Chameleons	Switzerland	
Dolphins	Sweden	
Hedgehogs	Japan	
Badgers	Poland	
Giraffes	Belgium	
Otters	France	
Sugarbirds	Brazil	
Sunbirds	Germany	
Wagtails	Portugal	
Bishops	Russia	
Robins	Mexico	
Weavers	Iceland	
Kingfishers	Argentina	
Swallows	Spain	

# Brainbuster @ Elkanah

How many 9's are there between 1 and 100?

**Last weeks answer:**

Zero - roosters don't lay eggs

**SO YOU THINK YOU CAN**  
**ELKANAH**

**COMING SOON!**  
**ARE YOU READY?**

*For the love of dance*

  
ELKANAH HOUSE