

ELKANAH HOUSE

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

19 July 2018

Welcome Back! I hope that you and your children had a good winter break and that some of you managed to get in a little rest and recuperation. For those of you who did not manage to get away, I hope you survived 3 full weeks of having your teen at home!

It was certainly a holiday during which one could become completely absorbed in the world's major sporting events. Last Sunday, the TV remote in my household was almost smoking as it flipped the channels between the Soccer World Cup, The Wimbledon Men's final and the Tour de France (they were cycling on cobbles....SO exciting and nail biting!). But now it is back to work and the serious business of learning!

Having just had an exam term, all of the pupils know exactly what areas of their learning they need to work on and that hard work will be involved! In the spirit of working together to help your son/daughter reach their full potential, I encourage you to make an appointment to see your son/daughter's teachers next week at the parent-teacher meetings. The communication between teachers and parents is vital in ensuring that everyone in the team is working towards the same goal; mid-year, post-examinations is a perfect time for a 'recalibration' of each pupil's effort and attitude!



"WHAT A RELIEF TO GET BACK TO WORK. ALL THIS VACATION WAS WEARING ME OUT."

DATES TO Diarise

24 July

Gr7 - Gr11

Parent Teacher Meetings
17h00 - 20h00

25 July

Gr12 Parent Teacher Meeting
18h00 - 20h00

2 August

HS Music Basket
18h30 - R30

4 August

Winter Sports Day
Curro Langebaan

9 August

Public Holiday

10 August

School Closed

15 August

EH Choirs In Tune
with
Loukmaan Adams
19h00 - R80

18 August

House Fever
07h15 - 13h00
Compulsory

Quote

Stand firm and you will
win life!

Luke 21 v 19

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We have welcomed back Mrs Leech (EMS) from maternity leave; and new to the school are Mrs Pretorius (Design/Technology) and Mrs Kriek (Science). You are welcome to make an appointment to meet these new teachers, but please remember that they will only have had a week to get to know your children so will not necessarily have much to feed back – but they will happily welcome your input regarding your son/daughter's needs in their subject.

I would also like to remind you all that we will be hosting our House Fever sports day on **Saturday 18th August**. This is a **compulsory** event for all pupils, and of course we would love as many parents to be there as possible. This is a fabulous community event and the House Prefects are already devising their winning strategies and composing and choreographing their War Cries!

I hope that Term 3 will be a good one for you and your family. We have some wonderful sporting and cultural events planned for this term (so keep your eye on the Calendar) AND our campus is beginning to look beautiful again as we bounce back from the effects of the drought and replant our gardens with water-wise plants – which is lifting everyone's spirits and making it once again feel like #OurHouse!

Mrs Vivienne Jones
Head : High School

Just One of the things that make us special....

Our Buddy System between Gr12 and Gr7 students.
Pictured below: Luke Pieterse (Gr7) and Ruan Louw (Gr12)



D6 Communicator

As from 01 August, we will no longer be communicating with you via the D6 School Communicator. We have taken this decision as most of our parents are using the parent portal as their primary source of information and do not require an alternative communication tool. Please therefore ensure that you regularly check the Parent Portal and read your weekly newsletters to diarise any important dates and events relevant to your child/ren.



Long Weekend

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 10 August - Enjoy the long weekend!

A graphic titled 'UPCOMING EVENTS' for Elkanah House. It features two event posters. The first poster is for 'Elkanah House Choirs IN TUNE with Loukmaan Adams' on '15 AUGUST 19:00' for 'R80' tickets available on Quicket. The second poster is for 'The High School Music Department Presents the music basket' on '2 AUGUST 2018 18:30 FOR 19:00PM' at 'THEATRE@ELKANAH' for 'R30' tickets, with a note to 'BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC SUPPER'. A central green circle contains the text 'ELKANAH HOUSE UPCOMING EVENTS'. The Quicket logo is visible on both posters.

Sport

Netball Holiday Clinic

During the last week of the holidays we hosted a very successful netball clinic. It was headed up by Karin Verschoor, an ex Springbok player with many years of playing and coaching experience. Karin was assisted by our netball coaches who gained invaluable experience from working alongside her. The clinic was well supported by our players. A special thank you to our coaches and especially Miss Slabbert, our 1st Team Coach, who gave up their precious time during the holidays to offer our players this opportunity.



Grade 11 Inter-Tutor Soccer Challenge

At the end of last term the Grade 11 boys' tutor groups had an inter-tutor indoor soccer challenge. This is an event that started last year and will continue until the boys are in Grade 12. Mrs Johnson and Mr Stanton's boys battled it out in a round robin tournament. Mrs Johnson's boys came out tops narrowly beating Mr Stanton's team in the final. Great fun was had by all and we look forward to their next inter-tutor soccer challenge.



Swimming

Kelsey Chiang (Grade 8) participated in the Western Cape Winter Short Course Championships on 13th to 15th July. She won a gold medal for the 200m freestyle and a bronze medal for the 400m freestyle races.