

ELKANAH HOUSE

Weekly Newsletter



Weekly Newsletter - Junior Primary

Dear Parents

23 August 2018

Introducing our new BeeBots

In keeping with our future focused learning and digital literacy programme, we were delighted to receive our first set of BeeBots last week. These sets of little bee robots can be coded to dance, treasure hunt, jump numbers and well...really do whatever you can imagine!

We are not teaching our children to code with these robots so much as using code instructions to accomplish tasks that reinforce what they are learning in class. Our children are also discovering how to formulate instructions and hone in on vital skills needed to reinforce and improve learning, listening, reading and writing abilities. In a fun way, the BeeBots are also excellent tools which assist in improving skills such as sequencing, following instructions, problem solving, sense of direction and "empathetic visualising" (being able to put yourself in another's place and see things from their point of view).

We are currently in the introductory phase with the new BeeBots and will continue to explore and become more familiar with these amazing little robots, offering our children an opportunity to engage in hands on work with a toy that moves, lights up and makes noises. What fun! We are so excited to be on this journey.

Copy and paste this link to see a fun video from the Gr 3 class:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y3M9K11Rji6-ZQq8_ct-PkSz575OCGssD/view?ts=5b7ea389

Simone Peel
Head of Digital Learning Foundation Phase

DATES TO Diarise

31 August

Grandparent's Day
& Spring Day Dress
Up (flowers)

3-12 September

Parent/Teacher
meeting bookings
open on Parent
Portal

7-16 September

Extra-mural book-
ings open on Parent
Portal

18 September

Late Parent/Teacher
meetings

21 September

Sunflower Day

21 September

Break Up Day



Recycling Duty

27 August
Badgers
Kingfishers



Bee-Bot Boffins



Sunflower Day: 21 September

Buy your Tope (Tube of Hope) from your campus secretary or from Pick 'n Pay and wear it to school on 21 September (break up day) in order to show support for the Sunflower fund. Junior Primary children wearing this year's Tope may wear civvies to school on this day.

Please buy before stocks run out.



Reminders:

Grandparents Day & Spring Day : 31 August
Spring Day Dress Up : 31 August (floral theme)

Blouberg Prep Annual Dinner Dance : 13 October

Please diarise the date. Venue - Atlantic Beach country club.
Further details to follow soon.

Holiday care for working parents

We run a holiday care programme during the school holidays and this is open for children of working parents. If your child is not in aftercare during the term they may still join our holiday care programme if we have space to accommodate your child, based on how many current aftercare children attend during the school holiday.

Should you be interested in signing your child up, please email Jacqueline. The daily rate is R85 half day (until 3pm) and R135 full day (until 5:30pm). This includes a cooked lunch and afternoon snack. The children go on various outings on the school bus (beach walk, Spur, Bounce World etc) for which there is an additional fee.

Signing up for holiday care is via your parent portal once Jacqueline has confirmed that there is space to accommodate your child. The deadline for signing up for the holiday care programme is Friday 31 August. Please ensure that you contact Jacqueline before this date.

Grade 3 Outing to Durbanville Nature Reserve

The Grade 3s went on an outing to Durbanville Nature Reserve to learn about Biodiversity. This small reserve offers a wealth of endemic vegetation and small animals - the perfect setting to explore and learn about the importance of all life and how they were created in perfect balance. We were so proud of the children as they worked creatively and collaboratively to present posters on their interpretations of Biodiversity. Very important knowledge for life.



Extra Murals within the School Day

Elkanah House advocates educating the whole child and we therefore include sport and cultural extra murals within the school day. Parents are requested to refrain from collecting their children earlier than the end time of their school day please.

Hooked on Books

We were treated to some hilarious and dramatic interpretations of several children's books by Hooked on Books this week. The fun, interactive performances really help to create excitement to read books and we know that they will be eager to get copies of the books for themselves or borrow these books from the library. For a list of the books please visit;

<http://www.hookedonbooks.org.za/cape-town-book-list/>

Special Achievements

Pei-Chi Tsai-Rieb (Gr 1) has been awarded Champion of Champion award at a maths competition. A very deserving prize following a National Mathematics Competition (first ever held in Western Cape). Pei-Chi has once again qualified for the PAMA SA Team and she will be competing in Malaysia this year in December!



Pei-Chi Tsai-Rieb

Summer Reevell (Gr 1) achieved Champion Winner (top 20% in her group, Nationally). Summer has been identified to work hard in achieving her levels to be chosen for the SA Team next year.



Summer Reevell

Well done to both Pei-Chi and Summer on these outstanding achievements.

Cross-Country

Steffan Hillebrand (Gr 3) won silver (2nd place) this weekend at the WP Cross Country Champs. Steffan has been taking part in cross-country events consistently throughout the season and has gone from strength to strength. Well done Steffan, we are so proud of you on this wonderful achievement!



Steffan Hillebrand

Sport@Elkanah

Rugby

On Wednesday the 15th of August, our Blouberg U9 rugby team played against Milnerton Primary. The score was 3 tries to Milnerton and 2 to Elkanah, but what a game it was! Our boys played with courage and showed fantastic team spirit. Well done boys!

Hockey Girls

The U/9 girls played a hockey match on Thursday, 16 August against Milnerton Primary School. The score was a draw of 2 - 2. The girls applied the skills which they have been learning and showed good team spirit. Congratulations to Lanette Bester who was chosen as the player of the match.

Hockey Boys

The boys played a hockey match on Thursday, 16 August against Holy Cross Primary School. Even though we lost the match, the boys played with determination and good team spirit. Congratulations to Joshua Kalapac who was chosen as player of the the match.

A big thank you to all our parents who came support our hockey teams. Add photos from Edith

Netball

Our U9 netball team beat Wolraad Woltemade 8-1 in last week's match. Kirsten de Kock was awarded player of the match. Well done to all our players, we are very proud of you.



Brainbuster



Can you guess this week's riddle?

What is the next letter in the following sequence? O T T F F S S

Last week's answer:

50 Pens in 10 boxes.
30 red pens in 10 boxes.
20 blue pens in 10 boxes.

Last week's winners:
Pei-Chi Tsai-Rieb (Gr 1)
Ethan Tsai (Gr 1)
Skyla Viljoen (Gr 2)
Tom Jones (Gr 2)



Place your answers on Jacqueline's desk by Wednesday morning.



ELKANAH HOUSE SENIOR PRIMARY



TEACHERS MUSIC SHOW

YOUR TEACHERS (AND PRINCIPAL) LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN OR HEARD BEFORE

25 August | 7PM | Theatre@Elkanah | R30
Tickets are available on Quicket | Cafe will be open for dinner from 5:30pm




ELKANAH HOUSE

FLAVOURS OF THE FLAG

Elkanah House Food Festival

14 September 2018 | 6:00-9pm
 Elkanah House High School, 85 Sunningdale Drive, Sunningdale

Food Stalls | Live Music | DJ
 Kids Zone | Free skate park

Available on Quicket @ R20



ELKANAH HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN ELKANAH

For the love of dance



TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QUICKET

HEATS
 28th - 30th August
 7pm to 9pm | R30

FINALS
 1st September
 7pm to 9:00pm | R40




PLEASE NOTE
 The So you think you can Elkanah tickets for the heats and finals are listed as two separate events on quicket.