

# ELKANAH HOUSE

## Weekly Newsletter

### Weekly Newsletter - High School

Dear Parents

13 September 2018

I find myself in a state of bafflement, when I witness the phenomena of 'carpark-amnesia' as soon as some drivers turn into our school parking lot – all common sense and courtesy is forgotten!

Some parents are insisting on pulling up right by the entrance to the school, at which point a child emerges from the car, strolls to the boot to retrieve all of the important paraphernalia for the day, then saunters around to the driver's window to kiss mum or dad goodbye.....and while this is going on, the traffic is backing up all the way to the circle. This is dangerous!

I know that our car park is not ideal, but if everybody sticks to the current rules it will be considerably better than it is now.

I am aware the problems are caused by a minority of parents. To those of you who have never parked/ stopped inconsiderately, I am sorry you have to receive yet another communication of this nature. I would very much prefer never to have to write in these terms again. To those of you who have parked/stopped inconsiderately, even if only once or twice, we know all parents are short of time, but the safety of the children and needs of the local residents are paramount. So PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, just give yourself a few extra minutes to park/stop carefully and considerately and let your child walk a bit further if necessary.

Please re-acquaint yourself with the parking lot rules below:

- Please do not simply pull over and wait, thereby causing a traffic jam behind you.
- Please pull into available parking spaces, even if they are far from the gate.
- Please yield coming in and out of the car park so that the road in front of the school does not become congested.
- Please remember that we are a community, and that everyone in the car park is there for the same reason.
- Please be courteous and kind to each other

Ms Vivienne Jones  
Head : High School

### DATES TO Diarise

#### **14 September**

Flavours of our Flag  
Festival  
18h00 - 21h00  
Tickets R20 via  
Quicket

#### **19 September**

Bandana Day at the  
HS - Buy a Bandana  
from campus  
secretary R30 and  
wear civvies on the  
day.

#### **21 September**

Last Day of Term  
School ends 12pm

#### **9 October**

First Day of Term 4  
Extra-Murals Start

#### **16 October**

Valedictory  
School ends 12h30

### Quote

Love  
never  
fails!

1 Corinthians 13 v 8

## Teachers being taught to teach with technology!

The Human & Social Sciences Department have received introductory training on how to incorporate virtual and augmented reality into their lessons, using the school's VR headsets, smartphones and the Google Expeditions application. Led by IT Co-ordinator Debbie Fanti, the staff were guided through the process of facilitating this type of immersive technology in Geography and History lessons.




The app allows teachers to "take" the students virtually anywhere in the world (apologies for the pun). Students can swim amongst coral reefs, stare into the eye of a Category 5 hurricane and even visit the Holocaust Museum - without incurring any excursion costs! Expeditions are therefore collections of linked virtual reality content and supporting materials that can be used alongside the existing curricula.

In addition to Google Expeditions, teachers can also make use of the VR headsets with any virtual reality or 360° YouTube videos in their lessons. The staff were confident that this type of methodology would assist with content understanding, stimulate sensory learning and promote student engagement. #LearningBeyondExams

Mr Michael Stanton  
HoD : Human & Social Sciences



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# Grade 11 Service Learning Project 2018

*“Help others and give something back. I guarantee you will discover that while public service improves the lives and the world around you, its greatest reward is the enrichment and new meaning it will bring your own life.”*

*- Arnold Schwarzenegger*

It is with the above sentiments that The Life Orientation Department at Elkanah House continues to make The Service Learning Project part of the curriculum each year. This student planned, managed and implemented project runs over the course of 2 terms and Grade 11's are taught the basic skills of Project Methodology and Management. The extent of pride, satisfaction and euphoria that they feel after the successful implementation of their projects is most encouraging. Our hope is that our students – after experiencing the enormous power that comes with service - will continue to serve those less fortunate than themselves throughout their lives. This will naturally ensure that our students live fulfilled and empowered lives.

We wish to thank and congratulate our 2018 Grade 11's on a job well done. Collectively, they managed to accumulate an astounding R98 928 worth of donations – which will certainly support their various target organisations in a very tangible way – and many hours were spent at the various organisations on the Implementation Day and prior to (excluding the many hours spent planning their projects, sourcing donations and meeting with their various organisations etc.).

We are so proud to be able to boast that OUR HOUSE never grows tired of extending our reach far into our Cape Town community year on year!

#LovingBeyondSelf

I am honoured to be part of this Team!!

Mrs Ilse Pretorius - HoD : Life Orientation



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#Living An Authentic Life  
#Loving Beyond Self

# Sport



Our Summer Sports Programme kicked off successfully on Monday. With the exit of the Grade 12's from sport, many of the coaches will use this time until the end of the term to re-select their squads. We are delighted to have some new coaches on board and look forward to bringing their experience, passion and commitment to the programme. For the majority of the leagues, fixtures will commence next term. These fixtures shall be posted on the parent and student portals once we have received them from the various leagues.

## Swimming

Jayden Coetzer (Grade 7) competed in a qualifying gala over the weekend where he placed first in the 200m backstroke. This qualified him for the SA Junior Nationals. He also swam 100m Butterfly and 200m Freestyle where he placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.





**14 September 2018  
18h00 - 21h00  
FLAVOURS OF THE FLAG!**

Our annual food festival, Flavours of the Flag will be hosted at the High School campus on Friday, 14 September (18h00 - 21h00).

This year we have added more entertainment for the kids, including a free skate park and a live performance by Homegrown.

We invite the community to come together for an evening of good food, entertainment and quality time with family and friends.

Tickets R20 available on Quicket



**The High School will be  
celebrating Sunflower Day on  
WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER!**

**BUY A TOPE R30 FROM YOUR CAMPUS SECRETARY  
TOPE = CIVVIES ON THE DAY!**