

# ELKANAH HOUSE

## Weekly Newsletter

### Weekly Newsletter - High School

Dear Parents,

20 September 2018

Not only is it good to look back on another busy, successful term, but it is also fabulous that the rain has been falling and the dams have been filling, the spring flowers are starting to pop and we are all about to enjoy a two week break!

The Grade 12s will still have the opportunity to participate in 'Spring Sessions' during the holiday time, in preparation for their final examinations. We also say 'BonVoyage and Good Luck' to Mr Wewege and Teo Benz (Grade 7) as they head to China for the International Science Olympiad.

As you are all aware, last week the City of Cape Town relaxed the water restrictions in the Western Cape from Level 6b to Level 5. At the beginning of the year we communicated to parents that we would not be swimming due to the water restrictions. We are currently awaiting further reduction in the water restriction levels, but in anticipation of that, we are in the process of putting together our summer programme for January 2019 which will include Swimming and Waterpolo. During the course of this holiday and the first few weeks of next term we will be having all of the waterpolo and swimming pool equipment made, purchased and installed in preparation for the new year. We are very excited to be able to start using our new facilities and to be able to introduce a new sport for 2019.

Finally, we say farewell to Miss Slabbert, History teacher, who is leaving us to teach at Wynberg Girls; she will be missed, but we wish her well as she takes up this new challenge. We have appointed Mrs Carol Wengrowe as a locum History teacher; she comes to us with a lot of experience in teaching History both in the IEB system and at schools overseas.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your immense support this term; we have hosted a lot of cultural and sporting activities and the parental support has been amazing; it is always heartwarming to know that we are all in this educational journey together!

Have a wonderful holiday!

Ms Vivienne Jones / Head: High School

### DATES TO Diarise

#### **21 September**

Last Day of Term  
School ends 12pm

#### **9 October**

First Day of Term 4  
Extra-Murals Start

#### **12 October**

Valedictory  
School ends 12h30

#### **17 October**

Grade 12 Final Exams  
Commence

#### **8 November**

Sports & Cultural  
Awards Evening  
(By Invite Only)

#### **10 November**

Grades 10 - 11  
Exams Commence

#### **19 November**

Grades 7 - 9  
Exams Commence

### Quote

Come to me all  
who are weak and  
burdened, and I will  
give you rest.  
Matthew 11 v 28

Friday afternoons can sometimes be hard. Students are tired and they don't feel ready to go on a Social Outreach mission and work for/with others. It is not always neat, clean, easy or obviously rewarding. It is a demanding schedule and amassing the 20 hours they need per phase seems too difficult sometimes; but then they persevere. They commit. We are so very proud of them when they do. In the midst of this weekly faithfulness, along comes a moment, unexpected and beautiful, that helps them realise that our Social Outreach program has meaning beyond their involvement. It has meaning in the life-construct of another person; a person whom God loves and that they are ministering to, caring for, loving, cherishing and partnering with on the journey.

Our school is turned outwards. Our school serves as a commitment of the heart. Our students serve others every Friday and throughout the week. We don't do it to tick a box, or meet a quota. We do it because that's the Elkanah Way. We do it because we are determined to love beyond self. Please keep encouraging your young person to see this service as key, to serve with a smile even when it is hard and to give of their time and energy from the heart. Service changes the server more than anyone.

Read this account of one of our service leaders, who had that moment of insight. Imagine what happens to your son or daughter when they have their moment!

Warmest regards  
Mr Peter Le Roux and Mrs Ilse Pretorius

***An Ysterplaat Experience: Emily Raubenheimer  
Grade 9: Ysterplaat Team***

I don't think I realised the impact we, Elkanah as a school and the social outreach team, had on the children at Ysterplaat until a Friday a few weeks ago. I was used to arriving at Ysterplaat and having all the children chant "Elkanah Elkanah". This time when we arrived I saw a child crying. I walked over to the little girl and asked her what was wrong. She replied saying that she was very upset because she had to go home and Elkanah had just arrived to play. This was when I realised how much these children loved and needed Elkanah's attention. Friday afternoons is a highlight in their week. For some of the children it is the only good part of their week. I am glad that I am able to contribute to, even if it is a small amount, of joy to each of those children. Making someone smile or laugh and seeing their faces light up has made me fall in love with Social Outreach.



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## VISUAL ARTS

The Grade 10 Visual Arts students visited the brand new Norval Foundation in Tokai. The highlight of this was surely the excellent work of Mmakgoba Sebidi that made us aware of the social injustices of the Apartheid years. The sculpture pieces in the stunning gardens were also highly appreciated.



## MATHEMATICS

On Thursday 13 Sept, 16 of our Grade 7s participated in the 12th annual De Kock Maths Competition, hosted by Van Riebeeck Strand Primary School. The competition featured 38 teams from 11 schools throughout the greater Cape Town region. The pupils trained with Mr Fourie and Mrs Riddin over the past two months, and were very eager to bring home the trophy again. Overall as a school we came second. Our top teams were the Whales who placed 8th (Thato Sotashe, Lynn de Kock, Fallon Brown, karabo Bapelo) and the Wolves who placed 7th (Josef Clarke, Charlie Williams, Teo Benz, Reece Govender). The only other school to have more than one team in the top 10 was Jan Van Riebeeck Primary, who won the competition. We are very proud of our budding junior mathematicians, and look forward to what they will achieve in the years ahead.



# Sport

## Hockey

With the start of our Summer Sports Programme, our 5-a-side 1st and 2nd Girls' Hockey Teams played a friendly warm-up match on Tuesday against Table View High School. Our 1st Team won 7-0 with Emilia Matuszewski being the Player of the Match and the 2nd Team won 9-1 with Pia Daniel being the Player of the Match. Both teams are congratulated on these excellent results and we look forward to all four of our girls' team competing in the 5-a-side league from the start of next term.

On Thursday, our 5-a-side 1st Boys' Team will be playing against Table View High and we wish them all the best.



## Surfing

Daniel Toerien (Grade 10) received his WP colours for surfing earlier this year after competing and winning the U16 division at the Grom Games held in Port Elizabeth. He competed against 8 regions from all over South Africa and will be going to Jeffrey's Bay at the end of the month to represent WP at the SA Junior Champs.

