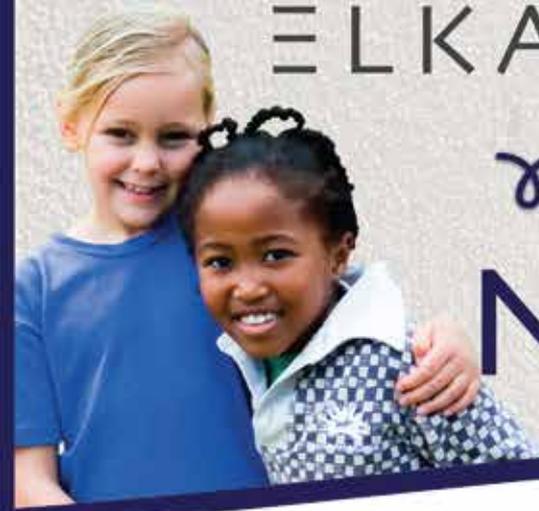


# ELKANAH HOUSE

## Weekly Newsletter



### Weekly Newsletter - Junior Primary

18 October 2018

Dear Parents

It is predicted that by the year 2022, 133 million new jobs would have been created as potential career options for our children. Furthermore, 75 million jobs as we know today, would have been made redundant. Last weekend, members of our leadership team attended the AdVTech annual academic conference in Gauteng. At this conference we had the privilege of listening to Professor Zeblon Vilakazi, an astrophysicist from WITS University address us on the subject of Artificial Intelligence and how this will impact the future of teaching. More importantly he explored ways in which we can best prepare our children for the digital future of education.

The top ten emerging jobs in the years to come are predicted to be:

1. Data Analysts and scientists
2. Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning Specialists
3. General and Operations Managers
4. Software and Application Developers and Analysts
5. Sales and Marketing professionals
6. Big Data Specialists
7. Digital Transformation Specialists
8. New Technology Specialists
9. Organisational Development Specialists
10. Information Technology Services

Careers in jobs such as data entry clerks, bookkeeping, payroll clerks, accounting, administrative and executive secretaries, client information and customer service workers, to mention just a few, are thought to be on the decline

### DATES TO Diarise

**18 October**

Parent Ed talk

**17 November**

Sunningdale Campus Sports Day (Pre-primary & Junior Primary combined)

**6 December**

Swop over day

**7 December**

Break up day



### Recycling and Fruit Pals Term 4

**23 October**

Hedgehogs

**30 October**

Alligators

**6 November**

Hippos

**13 November**

Swallows

**20 November**

Kingfishers

**27 November**

Robins

and will ultimately be replaced by automated intelligences.

As a result of this, preparing our children for the future workplace is integral to the way we do school today. Schooling has to look and feel different to when we were at school. At Elkanah House, the global competencies of thinking, research, communication, self management and social skills are at the forefront of our thinking and planning. Digital literacy is integrated into our curriculum and our children are learning to code, both formally and informally through the introduction of BeeBots and coding in our foundation phase. Enquiry-based learning, global citizenship and a relevant, future focused curriculum will prepare our children to be resourceful and adaptable in their thinking. Our emotional intelligence programmes equip our children with coping and self management skills, allowing them to identify what they are feeling and prepare them to move out into the world as emotionally confident young adults.

Professor Vilikazi highlighted the concern around increasing levels of depression and anxiety amongst our children attributed to this ever changing environment where not only are our children expected to compete against one another but also against automated intelligences. In light of this, special attention must be given to ensuring that our children can have opportunities to relax and connect in fun ways. Our termly outings, camps, dress up days and sports programmes are designed with this in mind and allow our children to refuel and simply just be.

Through various professional learning programmes, our staff are continuously engaging in ways to provide the pupils of Elkanah House with a well balanced, future focused education in order to best prepare our children for our ever changing and competitive world.

Pippa Sinclair  
Principal: Sunningdale Prep

### **Grade 3 2019 Post**

We are delighted to announce that Talita Lucas has been appointed as the new teacher for our additional Grade 3 class for 2019. Talita is well known to many of you and has been a part of our Elkanah Family for the past six years. She has recently completed her Bachelors of Education degree in Foundation phase teaching through UNISA. Talita will be an outstanding asset to our Junior Primary team and we congratulate her on this appointment.



### **3 November postponed**

Although no formal correspondence went out to our parents, some of you may have been aware that we were planning to host a Primary School Fun Fair on the 3 November. Please note that this event has been postponed until further notice. More details to follow at the start of next year.



## 2019 School fee payment option form

A reminder if you haven't already done so to please complete the School Fee Payment Option form. It was due on 15 October. Please complete and email it to [accounts@elkanah.co.za](mailto:accounts@elkanah.co.za) as a matter of urgency.

### "No sick" policy

Please note that we have a "no sick" policy at school. Please do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well, presenting with a fever or are showing any other symptoms of illness. Not only is this not fair on your child but also puts other children and staff at risk of becoming ill. We do have children in our school who have compromised immune systems and not following this policy does place these children at great risk of further infections. We appeal to all our parents to please abide and respect this policy.



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# SCHOOL CALENDAR

2019

## TERM 1

*17 January 2019 - 20 March 2019*

16 January 2019

Open day in Grade 000 - 3 (new pupils only)

Open day at Senior Primay (Grade 4 only)

High School (All pupils grades 7 - 12)

## TERM 2

*3 April 2019 - 21 June 2019*

## TERM 3

*16 July 2019 - 20 September 2019*

## TERM 4

*8 October 2019 - 6 December 2019*

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Thursday, 21 March 2019 (Human Rights Day)

Friday, 19 April 2019 (Good Friday)

Monday, 22 April 2019 (Family Day)

Saturday, 27 April 2019 (Freedom Day)

Wednesday, 01 May 2019 (Workers Day)

Sunday, 16 June 2019 (Youth Day)

Monday, 17 June 2019 (Public holiday)

Friday, 09 August 2019 (Women's Day)

Tuesday, 24 September 2019 (Heritage Day)

## Grade 1 sleepover

The Grade Ones had their annual sleepover at school on Friday 12 October. They brought their wheels and squeals of delight were heard as they whizzed around our PP bicycle track. Then it was off to practice their ball skills with a soccer session lead by Coach Thursten and his team. A delicious supper was served which helped to fill their tummies. Thereafter, Mr West (Principal of our Blouberg campus) brought the group together in a sing-a-long session, which for many was a highlight of the evening!

We settled our children into their sleeping bags and with a movie to watch, many little eyes closed and drifted off into dreamland until the new morning beckoned.

As Grade One teachers, it was a real privilege and pleasure to spend the night with your children. For many of them, it was the first time they had slept away from home. Having to be responsible for their belongings and being independent of their parents helps to build up and shape their character. All this is done in a safe, secure, known environment under the guidance of their teachers. This all develops grit, endurance and tenacity in our children. These life skills are so important for their futures and are extremely valuable lessons to embrace.

We are confident that events such as these in your child's life, will be remembered and looked back on fondly for many years to come.





### **Grade 1**

12 October - Grade 1 Sleepover

22 November - Grade 1 Class Picnics

27 November - Wagtails Red Cross Childrens Hospital Outing

28 November - Sunbirds Red Cross Childrens Hospital Outing

29 November - Sugarbirds Red Cross Childrens Hospital Outing

### **Grade 2**

14 - 15 November - Simonsberg Camp (Stellenbosch)

28 November - Class Picnics

### **Grade 3**

21 - 23 November - Rocklands Camp (Simonstown)

30 November - Grade 3 End of year event

4 December - Science Centre Outing

### **Whole School**

12 October - Stranger Danger Talk by Manners 4 Minors

18 October - Parent Ed talk

17 November - Sunningdale Campus Sports Day  
(Pre-primary & Junior Primary combined)

6 December - Swop over day

7 December - Break up day

14 December - Aftercare closes