

ELKANAH HOUSE

Weekly Newsletter



Weekly Newsletter - Pre-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 Zebon 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 and will ultimately be replaced by automated intelligences.

DATES TO Diarise

18 October

Parent Ed talk

13 November

Gr 1 2019 Parent Talk
(current Grade R parents)

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

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 event 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 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.



The Otters harvested their first crop of radishes from their garden today. They all tasted them too!



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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 Primary (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)



Alligators and Hippos

12 October - Teddy Tennis Inting
23 October - Hippo & Alligator Picnic

Chameleons, Dolphins and Hedgehogs

18 October - Hedgehog Ostrich Farm Outing
19 October - Chameleon and Dolphin Ostrich Farm Outing
2 November - Butterfly World Outing (Chameleons, Dolphins
and Hedgehogs)
27 November - Chameleons Class Concert and Class Picnic
28 November - Dolphins Class Concert and Class Picnic
29 November - Hedgehogs Class Concert and Class Picnic

Badgers, Otters and Giraffes

26 October - Spier Outing
13 November - Grade 1 2019 Parent Information Evening
14, 15, 16 November - Sanccob Outing
23 November - Grade R Movie Night & Class Picnics

Whole School

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



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These dates are subject to change • Check weekly notice for updates.