

ELKANAH HOUSE

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

14 March 2019

The first term has flown by and next week you will receive your child's first term report as the first formal communication of your child's progress.

Please note that this report's marks are based on a limited number of formative assessments and hence, marks might be slightly inflated or deflated. It remains vital to look at the application and attitude symbols that accompany the marks.

The first term report includes feedback on your child's level of competency in a number of skills; we report on the global competencies (generic skills) and some subject specific skills. A full list of the new skills and level descriptors will be published on the parent portal shortly.

The Parent Teacher Meetings at the beginning of next term, 9 & 10 April, represent another opportunity for feedback of your child's progress. You are reminded that these are brief five minute meetings and are not intended for in-depth discussion as the public format of these meetings does not allow for this. If it becomes clear to you that more time is needed, then please book separate appointments with specific subject teachers or your child's tutor; this can be done at any stage throughout the year.

Bookings for these meetings open on the Parent Portal on Friday, 22 March. A "How to" document will be posted under the Newsletters tab on the parent portal to help you navigate this process. Please allow some time between each appointment so that you can get to the next venue.

Angus Morton
Deputy Head : Academics

DATES TO Diarise

20 March
Swimming Gala
Inter-House

Last day of Term
School ends 12pm

3 April
Term 2 Begins
Extra-Murals Start

9 April
Parent/Teacher
Meetings
17h00 - 20h00
Book via Parent Portal

10 April
Parent/Teacher
Meetings
17h00 - 20h00
Book via Parent Portal

8 May
Voting Day
Public Holiday

Quote

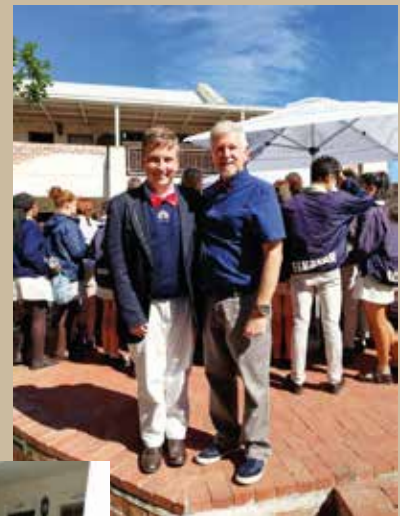
I run in the path of your
commands, for you
have broadened my
understanding.
Psalm 119 v 32

Afrikaans Dag

On Friday, 8 March we celebrated Afrikaans Day at the High School Campus with everyone asked to wear a touch of red. The saying goes : **'n Oulap se rooi maak mooi!** (A dash of red - brings beauty).

The day started with an assembly which was mostly in Afrikaans - a devotion by Marnus Grobler in Gr12; Guest Speaker; Child Author - Adriaan Blom, who inspired our pupils to use their talents and never give up; and our very own Suzelle & Mariaan, aka Mrs Trew-Browne and Miss Wendt who had us in stiches with their take on the very popular TV show.

Both breaks were given over to Afrikaans sokkie and music and the Grade 11s surprised us with a flash mob dance routine to a current Afrikaans pop song while others tucked into boerewors rolls, melktert and koeksusters!



Poetry Slam

Our English Department's annual Poetry Slam evening again proved to be popular with pupils, parents and past pupils. On this evening, students are encouraged to showcase their creativity by reciting their own poems to the audience. Audience participation is also included and fun is had by all.

The Senior Winner was Lucas Budler (Grade 12) and the Junior Winner, Courtney Roach (Grade 7). Special awards went to Kwakhanya Max (Grade 12) and Kamogelo Mathekgana (Grade 11).



Pictured (left to right) Kamogelo; Kwakhanya; Lucas and Courtney



Debating

Our senior Debating team, Kwakhanya Max, Courtney Deiner and Jessica Anthony, debated on Monday 11 March vs Milnerton High School. The topic: This House supports violent revolution in countries with severe economic inequality.

Kwakhanya Max was awarded best speaker.

Grade 11 Art Outing

The Grade 11-12 Visual Arts students visited the Investec Cape Town Art Fair in February, where they viewed the best African artworks from various Galleries all over the world. There were more than 70 galleries representing the best contemporary artists from all over the African continent. This visit not only inspired the Visual Art students to do better work, but also gave them some great insight into the Visual Art Culture of today.



Sport

INTER-HOUSE WATER POLO AND SWIMMING GALA

On the last day of term we will be hosting our first ever inter-house gala in our new High School swimming pool. Our House Captains have been hard at work preparing their Houses for their war cries and the sign ups for all the events. The gala will take on the format of a relay gala and we look forward to seeing our swimmers in action. Our water polo players will also have the opportunity to showcase their skills in the pool.

Milnerton - U19 Hockey Festival

Well done to our teams on their performance at the hockey festival last week. Both teams gained invaluable pre-season match time on astro. Our boys team showed great determination and character against some strong opposition and Player of the Match for the team went to the goalie, Thomas Grobler, who made some exceptional saves.

Our girls team won three of their four matches with Player of the Tournament being awarded to two pupils: - Brenna McRae as defender and Morgan O'Kennedy as striker.

Argus

Congratulations to all our pupils who rode in and completed the Cape Town Cycle Tour this past weekend.

Swimming

Zac Ellis and Liam Ellis represented Western Cape Aquatics at the SA National Open Water Championships at Marina Martinique in Jeffreys Bay recently.

10km – Saturday 2nd March 2019

The 10km race is an open event with no age group categories, so Zac was racing against a very elite group of long distance swimmers. Zac finished 14th out of a entry list of 26 swimmers. In his age group of 15 years he placed 1st with a PB and this years fastest 15 year old time of 2 hours 6 minutes and 50 seconds. This fantastic performance has promoted him from SA Youth Squad to SA Elite Youth Squad.

5km – Sunday 3rd March 2019

Zac placed 6th in the 5km race on Sunday, the highlight being that he dipped under the magical 1 hour mark in a time of 59 minutes 54 seconds.

Zac was commended for his performance by the SA National Coach as not 1 of the 15 – 16 year old swimmers in this race participated in 10km the day before, yet Zac was able to finish in the group, the winning time being 58 minutes 48 seconds.

3km – Saturday 2nd March 2019

Liam Ellis finished 7th in the 3km event in the 12 – 14 year old category in calm conditions on Saturday. Liam was incredibly proud to represent his Province and managed the physical element of Open Water Swimming among the older swimmers very well.

Next stop is SA National Junior Championships in Durban starting 20 March 2019.





Sport Photo Collage

