

ELKANAH HOUSE

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

4 April 2019

Welcome back to the Autumn term - I trust that you all had a good holiday and enjoyed some quality family time.

Many of us had a good rest; but as usual, 'school' was still happening for some of our pupils. A group went to the KKNK in Oudtshoorn accompanied by Mr Grobler, Miss Retief and Mr Gordon – and a great time was had by all as they were immersed in Afrikaans theatre and music. This was an excellent precursor to our own Tented Theatre: Celebrating the Arts, which is happening on 2 & 3rd May. Mr Grobler has also managed to secure one of the performers from the festival for our Tented Theatre event, which is very exciting. Whilst I am talking about Mr Grobler I also want to let you know that we are incredibly proud of him! He continues to exercise his creativity through his writing and was recently awarded a prize at the prestigious Stellenbosch Woordfees, for a short story that he had published in an anthology called **Jonk**. Make sure that you book your tickets for the Tented Theatre, so that you too can witness some of Mr Grobler's creativity!

We also hosted a Netball clinic during the holidays, so that our netball teams could start working on their fitness and skills for this winter season. The girls all seemed to have a lot of fun, whilst benefitting hugely from this extra coaching.

The latest update on the construction of the Astroturf is that all has been going smoothly and it looks as if we will be on track for completion at the end of May. It has been exciting to see the infrastructure being installed – the lights are up and the scoreboard has been designed – and it makes it all feel very imminent.

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DATES TO Diarise

9 April

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

10 April

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13 April

U14 Winter Sports Day
@ Table View High

17 April

Gr12 Variety Show

2/3 May

Tented Theatre
6pm - 9pm
R60 Adults
R30 Children

8 May

Voting Day
Public Holiday

Quote

The LORD is my chosen
portion and my cup;
You have made my lot
secure.
Psalm 16:6

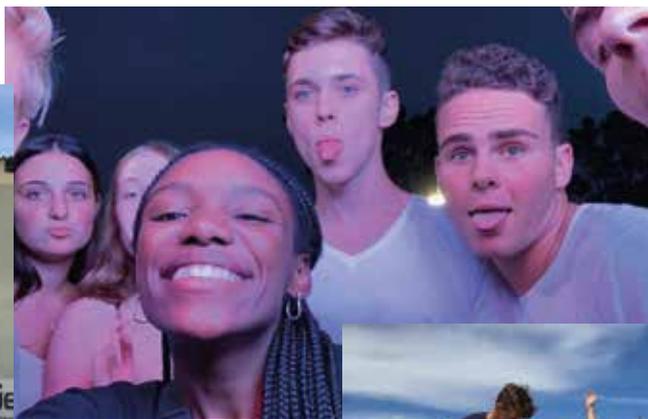
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After the fun that was had in the swimming pool last term, I can only imagine that the same enthusiasm for sport will continue with the completion of the astroturf; which will mark the end of the development of our own sports' precinct. The swimming pool, the extra tennis/netball courts, the pavilion and our new Astro are a big boon to our sporting offering!

Finally, a reminder that next week we will be having our parent/teacher meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, for which you will need to book your appointments.

I hope this term is a happy and successful one for the whole Elkanah House Community!

Vivienne Jones
High School Head



Parent/Teacher Meetings
Tuesday, 9 and Wednesday, 10 April
17h00 - 20h00

Parents are invited to book appointments with their child's subject teachers to discuss their report marks - Five minute appointments per teacher per subject. If you feel that you need more than five minutes with a teacher, it is advised that you set up an appointment for an alternative date and time.

Bookings can be made via the Parent Portal.

Reminder: Keep a note of the teacher's name and time of appointment.

Life Sciences

The Grade 10's did cooking with *Porphyra capensis*, aka seaweed, as part of the Marine Ecology module. The dishes were judged by Guest judge, Mr Oppenlander!



The Grade 10's dissected crabs (invasive to the South African shore) as part of their Marine Ecology module.



Pi Day!

Pi day, the annual celebration of the irrational number, took place on 15 March. The day kicked off with the Pi day assembly where Grade 7, 8 and 9 students are challenged to see how many decimal digits of Pi they can learn off by heart and recite in front of the school. Our brave contenders this year were David Durandt (7), Noah Kemp (8), Ryan Naidoo (8) and Sriya Naidu (9). Our winner this year, reciting 196 digits, was Ryan Naidoo - congratulations to him on this fantastic achievement.



Ryan Naidoo

As always, the day culminates in the very competitive Pi eating competition where tensions run high as one pair from each grade compete to see who can finish a milk tart in the shortest time. This year the winning streak of Noah Raubenheimer and Djebbe Hiscock was cut short by the Grade 11 team of Benjamin van der Westhuizen and Malemo Phethlu who raced to a convincing victory- well done, boys!



The Defenders!



The Champions!

Library News!

Our "chill table" has been revamped and doubled in size for our games.

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Sport

Lifesaving

Celina Isaacs competed at the South African Lifesaving Championships in Port Elizabeth from 25 to 30 March. She won 2 silver medals for sprints and beach relay and was placed 5th for flags. Celina was selected to represent Lifesaving Western Cape at the Inter-Provincials to be held on 13 April 2019.

North District Softball Trials

Congratulations to Gia Gonsalves (U15), Jessica Ginsberg and Dominique Ferreira (U18) who have been selected to the North District Softball Squads. We wish them all the best for the final team selection.

Netball Clinic

A special thank you to all our netball coaches who were involved in running another very successful netball clinic during the March holidays. The clinic was well supported by our players who received intense training over the three days from Karin Ver-schoor, ex Springbok player. Another clinic will be held in the July holidays - watch this space for details!

U14 Table View High School Winter Sports Day

On Saturday 13 April our U14 Netball and Boys' and Girls' Hockey Teams will be participating in Table View High School's annual U14 Winter Sports Day. The event is run over the course of the morning with our teams playing matches against various opposition. We hope you are able to pop in and support our teams.

Inter-House Swimming Gala and Water Polo

The last day of Term 1 ended on a high with our first water polo and swimming gala in our High School pool. The House Captains did a superb job of preparing their Houses for the war cries and the Best Spirit went to Sapphire with the Best War Cry going to Ruby. It was wonderful to see so many pupils participating in the Relay Gala and to see our water polo players showcasing what they've learned over the course of the term - wow, they have come so far since their first session in the pool. The overall points were as follows:

Swimming Gala

- 1st - Ruby
- 2nd - Emerald
- 3rd - Sapphire

Water polo

- 1st - Sapphire
- 2nd - Emerald
- 3rd - Ruby





Inter-House Gala 2019



Tented Theatre

2 & 3 May

As winter approaches, there is no better way to warm the soul than by enjoying an evening under the African skies, celebrating the arts whilst taking in the aromas of a typical South African braai! Experience the first ever Elkanah House Tented Theatre: this will include live music, dance and theatrical dramas, which will unfold in intimate tented theatres. The evening is yours to discover as you move between shows - who knows, you may even meet a Merman who makes you laugh, or a character who touches your heart!

Between shows, you can enjoy hearty food and have a few drinks with friends and family; enjoy occasional dance and musical performers as they busk amongst the audience; or take a wander through imaginative art and design exhibits. Our younger audience will be captivated in a moment of storytelling as our Grade 11 pupils host a puppet show for them as part of the evening's line-up. Don't miss out on this wonderful evening - Book your tickets today: <https://qkt.io/TentedTheatre>

See next page for full page poster and upcoming events.



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