

CARACAL NEWS



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

DEAR PARENTS

WELCOME BACK TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR OF 2023

It is my pleasure to offer you all a very warm welcome to the 2023 academic year!

A special welcome to all our new learners and parents who joined the HS Elspark community for the first time.

To all our new teachers, we are delighted to have you as part of HS Elspark's ever-growing community of excellent teachers.

To all returning learners, teachers, admin officials and ground staff, welcome back.

May God bless us all in this exciting 50th anniversary year of celebrations. See more info below!

The school has grown in numbers to more than 1700 learners. See the new educators below that joined us this year.

We started our athletics trials last week and will have our **Inter House Athletics Meeting** tomorrow, 20 January.

Learners must wear a shirt of the same colour than his/her team with a denim and slacks/tekkies. Athletes should wear a T-shirt in the colour of their different teams with running shorts and tekkies. Learners must come correctly dressed as either an athlete or a spectator. **No bags allowed!** Small see-through bags for lunch only. No open bellies, skipants only, slops, make-up or jewellery will be allowed. Unfortunately, **no spectators** can be allowed. The meeting will end by 13:30.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

- 27 January: Home Athletics Meeting vs HS Voortekker and HS Delmas
- 2 February: Honours Evening for Grade9 to 12
- 4 February: Community Street Walk (50 Years Celebration)
- 7 February: Long Distances from 12:00
- 8 February: Inter High at Germiston Stadium
- 17 February: Valentines Ball
- 18 February: Black & White 50 Years Parents Event

Please keep yourselves up to date with everything that will be happening at the school this year by regularly reading our newsletters.

See the **Extra classes schedule** as well as the Grade 12 Compulsory classes below. The test timetable for the first term will be in the next newsletter.

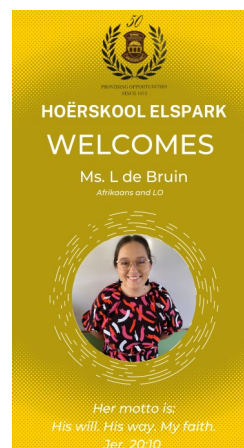
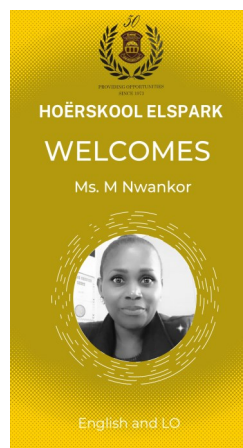
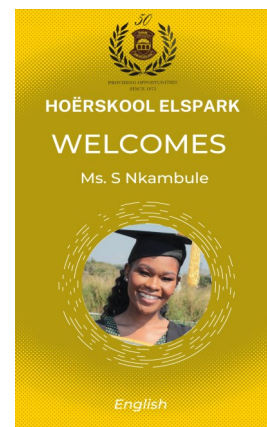
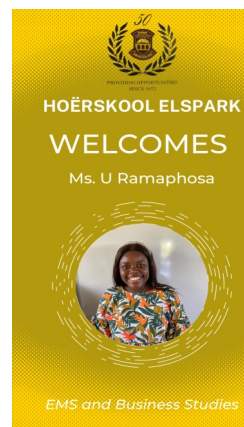
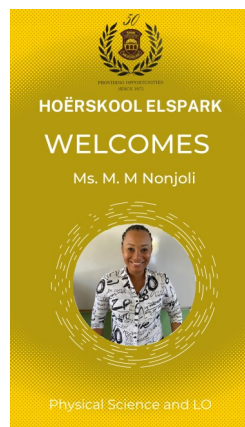
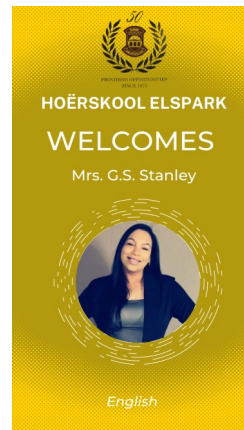
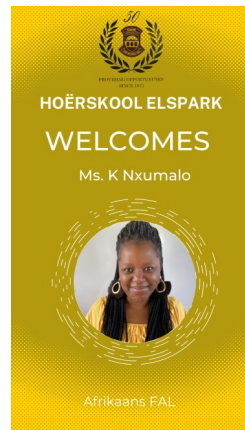
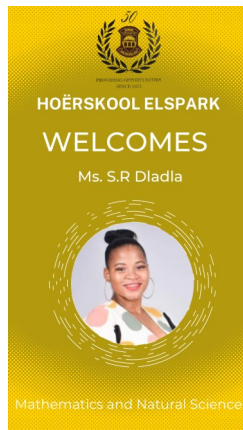
Kind regards

Mr. J van Niekerk

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

Malcom Forbes

NEW EDUCATORS



Not in the photos :

Ms. P. Mbhele - *Life Science and Natural Science*

Ms. A. Grobler—*Natural Science*

Mr. S. Segodi—*Computer Applications Technology*

50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

History and Background of HS Elspark

The school started in 1973 and over the years it was a Parallel Medium School, a Boys-only Technical School, then a mixed Afrikaans medium school and again became a parallel medium school in 2016 until last year when it offered Afrikaans Home Language for the last time. On 1 January 2023 it became a pure English medium School.

50th Year Celebrations include the following:

- 4 February: Community Street Walk
- 18 February: Black & White Evening Parents Event
- 22 April: Sports Festival home games vs visiting schools
- 28 July: Christmas in July
- 1-4 August: Revue
- 2 September: Main 50 Year Anniversary Celebration Event

CARACAL INTERACT CLUB

The Caracal Interact Club is all about Hoërskool Elspark students and community. We strive to promote student empowerment, and bring awareness of life and unity among different cultures, and to allow students to experience a part of this through community service.

Our first project this year is to help students cover their books.

Please support us as we make a difference where we go.



PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES SINCE 1973

Caracal Interact Club

BOOK COVERING SERVICES



**SO MANY BOOKS,
SO LITTLE TIME**

Textbooks

WITH PLASTIC COVER = R5
WITH DESIFIX COVER = R10

A4 books = R5

Where : L203B
When : During Break +
after school till 15:00pm

SPORT

ATHLETICS

Athletics is already in full swing. We started last week and this Friday (20 Jan 23) the interhouse will take place during school hours. Our first event is on the 27 January 2023 against Hoërskool

Voortrekker and Hoërskool Delmas. Here is some pictures of last week's trials.



**HOËRSKOO
ELSPARK**

INTERHOUSE



DATE:

JANUARY 20, 2023



WINNING DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN BEING FIRST. WINNING
MEANS YOU'RE DOING BETTER THAN YOU'VE DONE BEFORE.

Hoërskool Elspark

Athletics Event

FRIDAY | JANUARY 27, 2023



**HOËRSKOO
ELSPARK**

VS



**HOËRSKOO
VOORTREKKER
HIGH**

VS



**HOËRSKOO
DELMAS**

You don't want to miss out

GRADE 12



GRADE 12 COMPULSORY CLASSES TERM 1 2023

- Classes will start promptly at 14:00 – 15:00
- *If you cannot attend these classes your parents must contact Mr J van Niekerk for permission not to attend.*

DATE	DAY	SUBJECT	DATE	DAY	SUBJECT
16/01	Mon.	Maths/Maths Lit	28/02	Tues.	BS/Tech Science
17/01	Tues.	Physical Science	01/03	Wed.	IT/CAT
18/01	Wed.	Life Science	02/03	Thurs.	Accounting
19/01	Thurs.	English HL	03/03	Fri.	Tourism
20/01	Fri.	Interhouse	06/03	Mon.	Maths/Maths Lit
23/01	Mon.	Afrikaans FAL	07/03	Tues.	Physical Science
24/01	Tues.	History	08/03	Wed.	Life Science
25/01	Wed.	Geography	09/03	Thurs.	English HL
26/01	Thurs.	BS/Tech Science	10/03	Fri.	Afrikaans FAL
27/01	Fri.	IT/CAT	13/03	Mon.	History
30/01	Mon.	Accounting	14/03	Tues.	Geography
31/01	Tues.	Tourism	15/03	Wed.	BS/Tech Science
01/02	Wed.	Maths/Maths Lit	16/03	Thurs.	IT/CAT
02/02	Thurs.	Physical Science	17/03	Fri.	Accounting
03/02	Fri.	Life Science	20/03	Mon.	Special School Holiday
06/02	Mon.	English HL	21/03	Tues.	Humans Rights Day
07/02	Tues.	Afrikaans FAL	22/03	Wed.	Maths/Maths Lit
08/02	Wed.	Interhigh	23/03	Thurs.	Physical Science
09/02	Thurs.	History	24/03	Fri.	School close
10/02	Fri.	Geography			
13/01	Mon.	BS/Tech Science			
14/02	Tues.	IT/CAT			
15/02	Wed.	Accounting			
16/02	Thurs.	Tourism			
17/02	Fri.	Maths/Maths Lit			
20/02	Mon.	Physical Science			



HOËRSKOOL ELSPARK
INTERVENTION PROGRAMME 2023

	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
MON.	Afr./ EMS/ACC/ ENG	NS./Technology	Maths/ Maths Lit/ EGD/ IT/ CAT	Eng./History/ ACC/Geo/CAT
TUES.	Eng./SS/ENG	Afr./SS.	PS/Tech. Science./BS	Afr./ LS, /Tourism Tech. Subjects/IT
WED.	Maths./CA/ENG	Eng./EMS/ACC	Afr./ LS,/Tourism/ Tech subjects	PS/ Tech. Science. BS
THUR.	NS./Technology/ENG	Maths./CA	Eng./History/ ACC/ Geo/ Agr. Tech.	Maths/ Maths Lit/ EGD/IT/CAT

- You **MUST** make an appointment with your subject teacher when you want to attend these classes. It is learner's responsibility to show up. Teacher will not make follow up.
- Classes are compulsory for all progressed learners, repeaters in a grade, and if you fail any subject.
- You must sign a register when you have attended these classes.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all parents who are paying their school fees monthly.

School fees are payable on or before the 7th of each month.

Please send queries to ronelsmit@hselspark.co.za or phone us.

Banking details:

Bank: FNB Bank Cheque

Account no.: 62443715547

Branch code: 201209

Reference: your family code or child's name and surname

*Any person/organisation interested to hire the school hall/
entertainment area/field can phone Nicole at 011 893 2013/4.*