

# CARACAL NEWS



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK :

### Matrics of 2022, we celebrate you!

Congratulations on your excellent matric results! Hoërskool Elspark achieved a **94% pass rate**.

This speaks of the Esties' pride, late nights, hard work, and giving 100% every day in everything you undertake. We are proud of every learner, teacher and parent/guardian who contributed to this achievement!

Congratulations to the following top achievers!

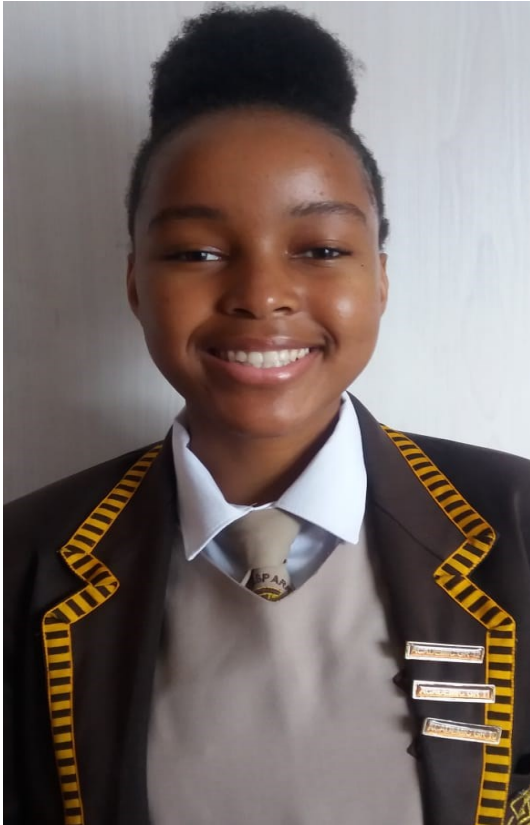
- Bongiwe Mkashibe 6 A's and 1 B
  - Owethu Ntuli 4 A's and 3 B's
  - Mbali Tshamase 4A's and 1 B
- Kgaugelo Matsena 3A's and 4 B's
- Neo Mothebele 3 A's and 3 B's

Subjects with 100% pass rate: Afr HL, Eng FAL, LO, CAT, Civil Tech, Mech Tech, Tourism.

# TOP LEARNERS

What did the top learner have to say about achieving distinctions in Afrikaans, Mathematical Literacy, Life Orientation, Business Studies, Geography and History.

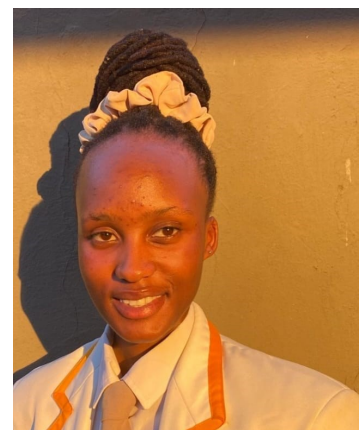
## TOP LEARNER



**Bongwiwe Mkhshibe:** "I did not expect the marks that I achieved in my final exams. It was honestly a surprise but I achieved my marks through hard work and determination. At the beginning of my matric year I had set certain goals for myself and through out the year I faced challenges that made me believe that I wouldn't achieve my goals. But I persevered and studied really hard and achieved my goals. But I could not do it alone. I had really great teachers who believed in me and gave me the support that I needed during my final exams. And my mom that stayed up late with me just so that I can study and helped me in every way possible. I plan to study at the University of Johannesburg and pursue a B.Com degree in Economics and Econometrics. And I aspire to become the Governor of the South African Reserve Bank or even establish my very own bank."

## WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR THE REST OF THE TOP LEARNERS?

Owethu Ntuli achieved distinctions in Mathematics, Technical Science, Life Orientation and Afrikaans. Owethu is going to study Civil Engineering.



## WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR THE REST OF THE TOP LEARNERS? *CONTINUE*



Mbali Tshamase (left) achieved distinctions in Mathematical Literacy, Life Orientation , Business Studies and Tourism. Mbali is going to study Law.

Kgaugelo Matsena (right) achieved distinctions in Accounting, Life Orientation and Business Studies. Kgaugelo is going to study BIT Information Systems.



Neo Mothebele (left) achieved distinctions in Life Science, Life Orientation and Accounting. Neo is going to study a Bachelor of Pharmacy.

***Hoërskool Elspark wish the Matrics of 2022 all the happiness and success that they so richly deserve. May your future be bright and full of opportunities.***

# ACADEMICS

## IMPORTANCE OF ACADEMICS

Academic achievement is important for the successful development of young people in society. Learners who do well in school are better able to make the transition into adulthood and to achieve occupational and economic success.

Ten steps to improve academic results:

1. Prepare well for School Based Assessments.
2. Attend extra classes from 14:00 – 15:00 – no cost. Make an appointment with your subject teacher. See Intervention Programme for different subjects on different days of the week.
3. Prepare each and every day for tests and do homework at the best of your ability. This will reduce anxiety about tests and deadlines.
4. Better communication between learner and parent. This will reduce the factor of surprise if the learner is failing. If a learner received results back for tests or SBA's the learner must communicate his/her results to the parent.
5. After reports are handed out parents need to attend the parent meeting to discuss any concerns with the teacher of that particular subject. Do not wait for end of year and think there will be a miracle.
6. If a learner does not pass for one or more terms, parents are expected to act drastically and can not assume that the learner will be promoted to the next grade, or act surprised at the end of the year that your child is not being promoted to the next grade.
7. To prevent suicidal tendencies from your child at the end of a year for not being promoted, attend all parent meetings and encourage your child to attend all extra classes and not to be absent from school.
8. Encouragement for each learner: Be organized, learn and apply good study habits, do the work, know your limits, have meaningful and respectful relationships with peers, establish high expectations and clear goals, get competitive, make progress and stay motivated.
9. Learners are expected to spend much of their time on their education and need to graduate with good academic results.
10. Academically good students have better employment benefits, higher income, higher self-esteem and self-confidence, low levels of anxiety and depression, and are less likely to engage in substance abuse.

***“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”***

***Malcolm X.***

# INTER HIGH

## 7TH AND 8TH FEBRUARY 2023

This year, the Inter High Athletics is hosted by Hoërskool Elspark.

On Tuesday 7 February (normal school day), the long distances and hurdles events will take place at our school from 12:00.

On Wednesday 8 February, the rest of the events will take place at the Germiston Stadium. Athletes must be at the school by 6:00 to travel to the stadium by bus. Learners who want to be spectators, will also travel to the Stadium by bus from 7:00 at a cost of R100 per learner and will include a cap. Please note that the last day to pay the R100 is on Friday 3 February as transport needs to be arranged in advance. Learners will be back at school by 15:00. All other learners will stay at school for the day.

## 50 YEAR COMMEMORATIVE WALK

On February 11, Hoërskool Elspark will embark on a commemorative walk through the community in Elspark. This is part of our year long celebration. Parents and learners who are interested to join in this walk, please note the following:

Date: 11 February 2023

Time: 07:00 am sharp from the C and D fields.

Entrance Fee : R20 per person, paid in advance.

***Learners/parents pay upfront before the event at the finance office or the homeroom teacher.***

***(Closing date for entries: Friday 10 Feb 2023)***



**Due to safety and security reasons, tickets will not be sold on the day of the event.**

**You do not want to miss out!**



# FEBRUARY MONTH OF LOVE

It is the month of love and Hoërskool Elspark did not forget about Valentine's Day. This year, there are two events, one for our learners and one for our parents.

The Valentines Ball is for the Gr10-12 learners (please see advert below) and the Black and White Event is for the parents.

Parents, we have 20 tables available that can accommodate 10 persons each or 5 couples per table. The price per person is R250.00. The dress code is formal and there are prizes to be won. Come unwind and share this special day with your one and only. Hope to see you there.

**P.S. Letters were sent to parents on February 1st about the Black and White event.**



HOËRSKOOEL ELSPARK

VALENTINE'S BALL

17 FEBRUARY 2023  
18:00 - 22:00 PM

NO BAGS ALLOWED

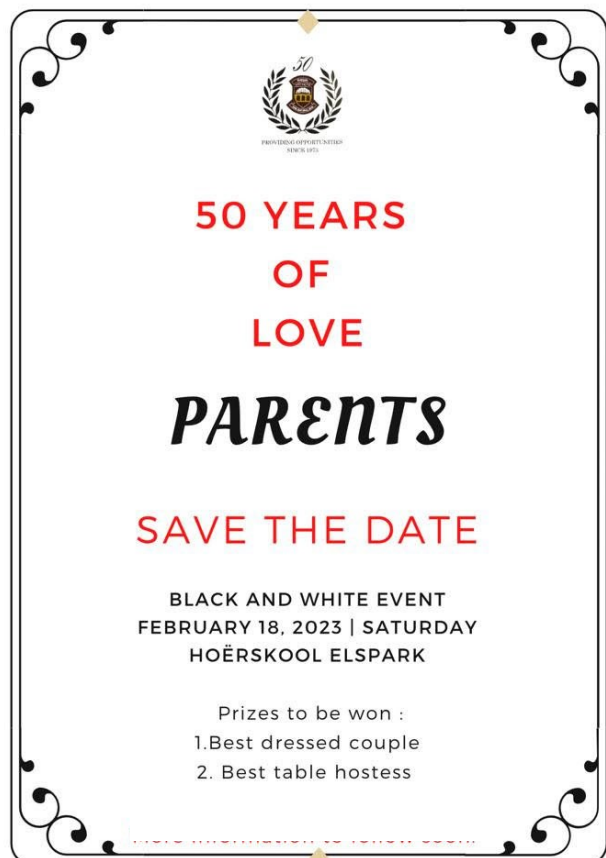
FIRST 20 TICKETS GET A FREE SONG REQUEST

R80  
per single person  
R150 per couple

GR12 TICKETS @ MR. W BEZUIDENHOUT  
GR11 & GR10 @ MS. JANSEN

Prizes to be won :

1. Best dressed couple
2. Best dressed female
3. Best dressed male



50 YEARS  
OF  
LOVE

**PARENTS**

SAVE THE DATE

BLACK AND WHITE EVENT  
FEBRUARY 18, 2023 | SATURDAY  
HOËRSKOOEL ELSPARK

Prizes to be won :

1. Best dressed couple
2. Best table hostess

**'Tomorrow is not promised to everyone, live each day as your last.' - Author Unknown**

# MEASEL OUTBREAK

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The Gauteng Department of Health will be conducting a province wide measles outbreak *vaccination campaign*. At our school, it will be on Monday 6 February from 08:00 am – 10:00 am. Consent forms were distributed to all learners on Wednesday 2 February. Please send these forms back with learners as **no vaccination will take place without the consent form signed by parents**. Your assistance in this matter is highly appreciated.

## INTERVENTION PROGRAMME 2023

	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
<b>MON.</b>	Afr./ EMS/ACC/ ENG	NS./Technology	Maths/ Maths Lit/ EGD/ IT/ CAT	Eng./History/ ACC/Geo/CAT
<b>TUES.</b>	Eng./SS/ENG	Afr./SS.	PS/Tech. Science./BS	Afr./ LS, /Tourism Tech. Subjects/IT
<b>WED.</b>	Maths./CA/ENG	Eng./EMS/ACC	Afr./ LS,/Tourism/ Tech subjects	PS/ Tech. Science. BS
<b>THUR.</b>	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 assessment in a subject.
- You must sign a register when attending these classes.