## **Newton House School**



#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Physical-Education every
   Wednesday for
   Grade 2-3, Thursday for Grade 4-7
- Playball for Grade
   0 and I every
   Tuesday.
- Remember school caps for PE and Playball
- Children to be in their full winter uniform.

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# Our Newsletter

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### From the Headmaster's desk...

Newspapers sometimes get things wrong and sometimes print a distorted perception of reality. At face value however, we have a looming problem relating to teenage pregnancies. The Sunday Times this past weekend published a front page article suggesting that 10 year old school children would be given condoms and the implication was that schools would provide the necessary information on the usage of condoms. If this is correct, the policy is misguided and will cause far more problems than it will solve. Ten year old children are usually in Grade 4. It is social insanity to be exposing 10 year olds to this knowledge no matter what the good intentions may be. The trusted societal norm across the world is that 10 year olds do not engage in sex. The strongest cultures on the planet all guard against 10 year olds engaging in activities that promote sexual interaction. This wisdom has come down through the millennia. I have also learned that when children are taught things with the purpose of preventing behaviours, it frequently has the opposite outworking. Curiosity is engendered and children often experiment to see if what was told to them is correct.

Newton House School will never co-operate with any approach to child sexuality that promotes the activity and tells children how to engage in it without the consequences. Instead, our approach is a Christian-normative one which encourages children not to be involved in sexual activity until the right time and context.

# **Helpful Hints**



Do not promote activities with young children that makes them vulnerable to sexual conduct. This is one of the reasons, for example, that Newton House School does not promote Valentine's Day and the like in the Primary School.



# **Sports and Performing Arts**

#### Soccer announcement

Congratulations to all the soccer boys and girls who played in the various festivals last Saturday. We played against schools with far greater numbers and who were vastly more experienced. Our children played with heart and pride and represented our school admirably.

Good luck to the U8 and U9 soccer players, who are playing at Kyalami Preparatory this afternoon.

Please take note of the following soccer matches which will involve all soccer players.

26 May vs. Orban at Newton House

27 May vs Beaulieu Preparatory, home and away

30 May, Orion Festival at Allen Glen High School



"You attract not what you want but what you are." Brian Tracy

## **School Notices**

- Exam "What to Learn" booklets went home with our Senior Primary children this week. Please ask your child to show you the booklet and take note of the examination dates contained therein.
- Although some schools are making the 15th June an additional holiday, Newton House school will not be doing so and we have an exam scheduled for that day for the Senior Primary children.

# Cycle Tests

19 May

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