

Newton House School



Our Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Physical-Education every Wednesday for Grade 2-3, Thursday for Grade 4-7
- Playball for Grade 0 and 1 every Tuesday.
- Remember school caps for PE and Playball
- Children to be in their full winter uniform.

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From the Headmaster's desk...

The first term is behind us and the reports have been studied and digested. We have had a rest and now the train leaves the station for the second term. As is always the case it will be a busy term with lots of learning and many experiences.

During the holidays a report was presented to Parliament indicating that in the last financial year 27 000 school children in South Africa were made pregnant. Of that 27 000, just on 750 were primary school girls. These statistics are alarming and constitute a serious national problem. I have noticed that since those statistics were presented, government has started speaking of tackling this issue to reduce the incidents. Permit me to say that educational approaches in which the children are spoken to and warned of the hardship and the dangers do not solve the problem on their own. This is a problem that cannot be solved without significant help from parents and also from very direct policies at schools. Parents that permit their primary school daughters to be dating older boys and to be attending places where there is no control are obviously far more at risk. If primary school girls are allowed to be dating (and I do not think that it is appropriate to be happening at that age), the parents need to be hands on as to where the child goes and in picking up the child at the end of the activity. Above all this problem is best solved when the parents imprint a very firm and strong moral code on their children so that the children can be guarded by adherence to a value system. I am happy to say that in my 16 years at my previous school not one primary school child ever needed to leave school because of pregnancy. I am happy to say that I do not allow social activities with young children that are inappropriate, for example, I never allow Valentine dances in the primary school. It is not age appropriate.

Helpful Hints



It should not be acceptable that young children be allowed to hold hands, kiss and engage in other activities that lead to sexual activity.



“You may
have to fight
a battle more
than once to
win it.”
Margaret
Thatcher



Sports and Performing Arts

All extra murals begin on Monday 20 April. Should you have any queries, please contact the relevant coach/teacher. The Extra Mural Timetable for Term 2 is attached. We encourage every pupil to participate in at least one activity over and above their support group attendance. It is impossible to avoid clashes due to the number of activities on offer. We have made every effort to divide these as equitably as possible. E.g. A child attending Grade 6 English support can go straight to soccer and will only have missed 15 minutes of the practice. If a pupil can only attend one practice due to attending another activity, this should be communicated to the relevant coach.

Please remember to join the Remind groups for your child's sports to receive important announcements.

Grade 0-1 Sports Skills – nsports01

T-Ball - ntball

Softball - nsoft

Tennis - ntennis

Soccer - nfootball

Soccer

The staff allocation is as follows:

Grade 2-3 Mr Martin

Grade 4-5 Mr Kaunda

Grade 6-7 Mr Groom

School Notices

All children should now be in full winter uniform. This includes long grey pants for boys, long grey socks/stockings for girls and blazers and ties for all pupils. If your child wants to wear a jersey, they must wear a blazer over it. They are welcome to ask for permission to remove their blazer while in class .



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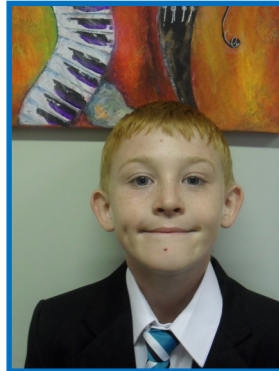
<http://newtonhouse.co.za/>



New Pupils



Marco Guerra



Kevin Musto



Caitlan Peters



Rourke Muller



Ethan Tate



Keara Marshall



**GRADE 1—4
MOMS WITH DAUGHTERS.**

PLEASE BOOK SATURDAY, 23
MAY (09H00-12H00)

SOME EXCITING NEWS
TO FOLLOW.

Honeydew Drapers School Wear

Buy your winter uniform before the cold
and miss the uniform rush!

c/o Beyers Naude & Blueberry streets

011 795-1617



NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE SCHOOL

087 945 2580 (PRIMARY) 087 945 2584 (HIGH)

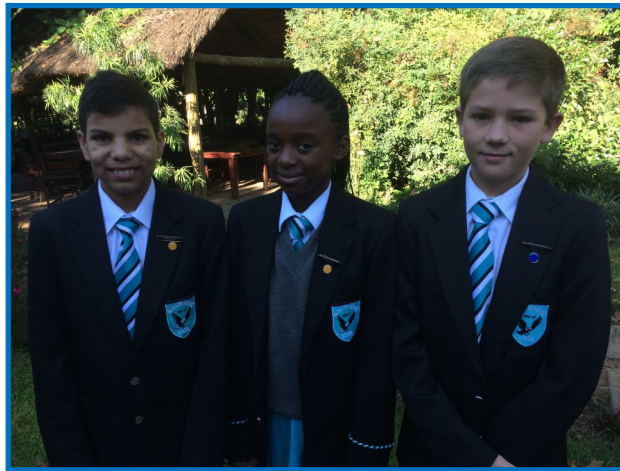


Prefect and Monitors

This morning we inducted two new monitors. They are Niven Arendse and Cameron Wilson.

We also inducted Manana Nkiwane onto the prefect body.

We congratulate them on their selection and look forward to their service of the school.



"I praise
loudly, I
blame softly."
Catherine the
Great

Cycle Tests

21 April	English
28 April	Afrikaans
5 May	Social Sciences
12 May	Mathematics
19 May	Natural Sciences



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