

# 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 summer uniform.

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## From the Headmaster's desk...

Valentine's Day has come and gone. My wife and I went to our favourite Chinese restaurant and enjoyed the evening.

Valentine's Day was an invention designed to make couples in a relationship appreciate each other. Sadly, it has been expanded into a cult event for the sake of making money for retail outlets. Children have been enlisted into the whole scope of Valentine's Day. It is not uncommon nowadays to find Grade 2 or 3 children being taught by the example of other people to buy and distribute gifts to express sentiment for another child. Children as young as 10 years of age are encouraged to engage in a "going steady relationship". This is totally inappropriate for children that young. In fact, it is not appropriate at all with primary school children. Parents seldom stop to think of the pain that is induced in the minds of young girls who get nothing while other pretty girls are inundated with Valentine's Day gifts and gestures. There is little that will damage a girl's self-esteem more than the thought that she may not be pretty or desirable. These things give rise to psychological problems. At Newton House Primary School we deliberately do not promote the cult and in Newton House College I only permit a boy to buy something for Valentine's Day if he is buying it for every girl in the class. The same also applies for gifts from girls to boys.



## Helpful Hints

Always consider what the ramifications of a yes or no answer is, before granting permission.

It is a wise thing for parents to downplay Valentine's Day until much later in life.



"Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there." Will Rogers



## School Notices

The half way mark in the term has passed and you will have noticed that children are writing more tests in their various subjects. Please ensure that your children are always well prepared for their tests.



### Friday Detention

Friday detentions take place for an hour after school. These are for Grade 4-7 pupils who are not conforming to the discipline procedures or dress code of the school.

Should your child be placed on a Friday detention, they will bring home a letter which must be signed and then returned to the teacher who gave the detention. Should a child fail to return the letter, they will be required to attend a further detention.

Your assistance in ensuring your child's continued discipline is most appreciated.

### General

Do not forget to download the "remind app" or to subscribe to the Remind mailing lists so that you don't miss important school information.

Admin (whole school announcements) @adm123

Tennis @ntennis

Swimming @nswimming

Grade 0-1 Sports Skills @nsports01

## New Pupils



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## Senior Primary, Cycle Tests

FEBRUARY	
24	Natural Science
MARCH	
3	English
10	Social Science

## Extramural Program



### Swimming

On Friday 13 February we participated in our first gala of the year against Panorama Primary School. They proved to be excellent hosts and there was a competitive yet friendly spirit to the proceedings. Although we lost, our children showed great tenacity and learned from the experience.

Yesterday, we swam against Cedarwood Preparatory and Orion College. We are very proud of all our swimmers and their fantastic results. They showed tremendous spirit and perseverance, and can be most proud of the achievements.

Newton House 1<sup>st</sup> – 326 Points

Orion College 2<sup>nd</sup> – 306 Points

Cedarwood Preparatory 3<sup>rd</sup> – 292 Points

Our children acquitted themselves well and threw themselves wholeheartedly into both fixtures. It was particularly pleasing to note their pride in the school which they exhibited through singing, cheering and wearing the correct uniform.

We are still awaiting confirmation of the dates for our next galas and will release these as soon as they become available.



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