

# 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 on Friday and Grade 1 every Monday.
- Remember school caps for PE and Playball
- Children to be in their summer uniform. Winter Uniform will be required from 2 May



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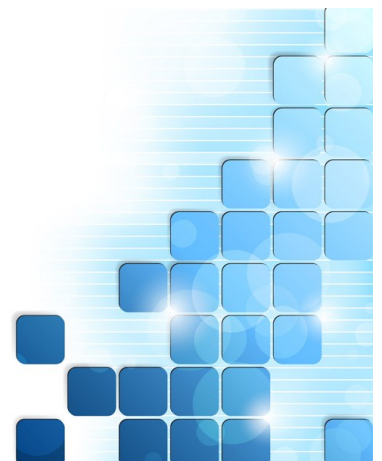
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## From the Headmaster's desk...

The Travelling Bookshop visited us for two days this past week. The tables were set out in the hall and packed to overflowing with brand new enticing books. Reading, and the ability to read, is one of the means that contributes massively to the development of our personalities and to the knowledge that we acquire. People who struggle to read and more so, people who cannot read, are severely disadvantaged in life. This is why the developing of the ability to read is almost the primary focus in early schooling. Children need to be stimulated, encouraged and enticed to read. Buying them beautifully illustrated books on subjects that interest them is one such method. Reading those books with and to them before bed time is another valuable technique. It will also pay dividends to engage with them about the books they have read. The cost of literacy is high, but not nearly as high as the cost of illiteracy.

## Helpful Hints

Create a bedroom door chart so that your child can write down the titles of the books they have read in the last three months. The figure might spur them on and encourage them.





## Exams Timetable

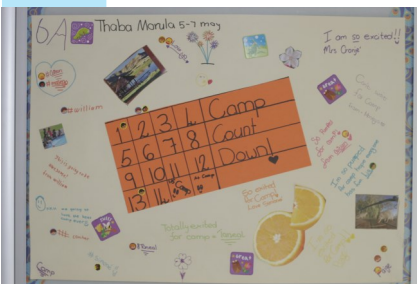
Cycle 1 reports will be issued on Tuesday, 26 April 2016.

Date	Subject
Senior Primary	Examination Timetable
14 June	English
15 June	Mathematics
16 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
17 June	Afrikaans
20 June	Social Sciences
21 June	Natural Sciences

“We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes.”  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

## School Notices

- Should weather force us to cancel a practise or matches, our standard arrangement would be that the coach will take the children along to her/his class.
- School will be closed from Wednesday 27 April until Tuesday 3 May.
- A reminder that children may wear either full winter or full summer uniform for the next two weeks. Full winter uniform is compulsory from 1 May.



A reminder that Grade 6 and 7 children leave for camp in the first week of May. If you have not already done so, please remember to return your camp forms and make your camp payments.



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## Sports and Performing Arts

We have noticed a general lack of fitness amongst our children and would like to encourage families to work together to improve this. We would like to recommend that you consider taking part in the Parkrun initiative. Park runs are free, safe, family oriented 5km runs (or walks) which take place at 8:00 every Saturday morning. Many people run or walk as families and pets on a lead are most welcome. By participating, you will increase the general health levels of your family and give yourself opportunities for fun, family bonding. Our closest park run takes place at Golden Harvest Park (near Northgate shopping center) but they take place all across Johannesburg. If you would like to find a venue or get more information, you can visit [www.parkrun.co.za](http://www.parkrun.co.za)

### Soccer Matches

We arrived at La Salle College and the boys and girls were excited about their first match of the season. Since we only had one practise session, we were a little wary of our opponents.

Our U11 boys played like champs defending the goals all the way. The opposition hammered ahead but we made them work for their goals. At half time we were 2 – 0 down and feeling exhausted. The second half seemed to go on for a very long time while our boys worked hard at trying to get the ball into the nets but without success. Final time left our team very tired but pleased with our performance of 5 - 0. Our goalie Ethan Naidoo was splendid, saving many attempts.

Eagle of the week: Ethan Naidoo

The U13 boys and girls played excellent soccer in the first half, conceding only one very lucky goal. In the second half we were run off our feet and our lack of fitness counted against us. We lost an extremely tiring match 7-0 in the end. Our goalkeeper, Josh Harris, and our wing, Daniella Bradbrooke, were the stars of our team.

Eagle of the week: Daniella Bradbrooke



Sebastian Fasanelli

## New Pupils



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