

Newton House School

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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 summer uniform.

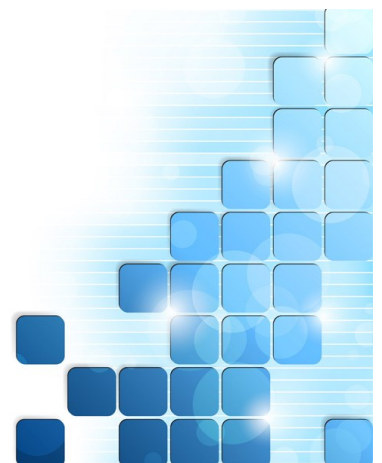


From the Headmaster's desk...

Modern society and South Africa in particular have to contend with cultural variances and conflicts. A simple illustration of this is seen in address forms. In previous generations, children always greeted or addressed with standardised address forms, e.g. "Good Morning Sir, Good Morning Ma'am, Mr, Mrs, Auntie or Uncle". Children never referred to adults by first name. In the modern area some parents have relaxed this and allow their children to refer to them by name. When the child gets to school, the child experiences a role conflict because the pattern in the home is radically different from that at school. On occasion this even results in a child being reprimanded or punished. Permit me to explain Newton's position on this. In Newton House no child at any time may address a teacher by his or her first name, even if it is on an outing or a sports field. I request that we keep to convention whereby children speak to teachers and other adults on the school property with respect forms that I deem appropriate. Despite the fact that my own children are in their forties I am Dad to them and never anything else. If you re-inforce these values, you will protect your child from being disliked by older people who would be affronted if, in their estimation, the child was behaving disrespectfully.

Helpful Hints

Before you change cultural norms and patterns, reflect deeply on what the reason was for such cultural norms and values. Do not readily attempt to counter culture, unless the culture is obviously tolerating immoral practices like racism.



Cycle Tests and Exam Timetable

Date	Test/Exam/Task
*Cycle Tests (Tuesdays, 09h05 – 10h00)	
*27 October	Afrikaans Cycle Test
3 November	NS Practical EXAM
10 November	ENGLISH WRITING EXAM
17 November	AFRIKAANS WRITING EXAM
EXAMINATION WEEK	
Wednesday, 18 November	English Comprehension & Language
Thursday, 19 November	Mathematics
Friday, 20 November	Social Science
Monday, 23 November	Natural Sciences
Tuesday, 24 November	Afrikaans Begrip & Taal
Wednesday, 2 December	School closes; reports issued

Please refer to the “What to Learn” which your child has received.

“The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it.” – Chinese Proverb

School Notices

From the beginning of the examination period until the second last day of the year (i.e. 18 November to 1 December) the Senior Primary Grades (4-7) will end school at 11h00. There will, however, be a waiting class until 13h10 for the child who cannot be fetched earlier.

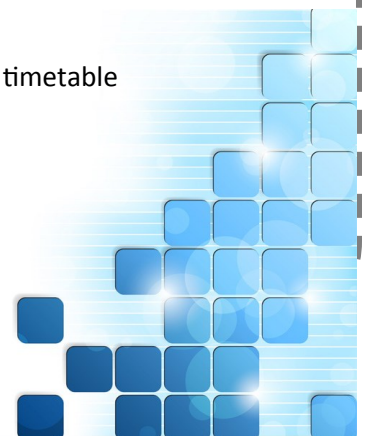
The Junior Primary Grades (Grade 0-3) will continue with their normal timetable until 1 December.

School will close for the year at 10h00 on the 2 December.



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Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz

“ TEST YOURSELF LIST”

Broaden your general knowledge by finding the answers to the following questions.

Here are the next 10 questions...

1. What is the English name for the American game of “Checkers”?
2. Which animal’s young is known as a ‘joey’?
3. What is the name of the trophy awarded to the winner of the Rugby World Cup?
4. What metal, with the chemical symbol Au, is prized for its bright yellow colour?
5. The central part of a hurricane is known by what other name?
6. Which Italian company produces famous sports cars?
7. What name is given to a strong wind carrying much sand?
8. What does an ecologist study?
9. Which famous singer is coming to South Africa in March 2016?
10. Who in the Bible lost his strength when his hair was cut?

AND the answers from last week....

1. Mona Lisa
2. Vatican City
3. Zanzibar
4. Bucket
5. Orange
6. Hockey
7. Knee
8. Hair
9. Zambezi River
10. Cullinan Diamond



Sports and Performing Arts

Well done to all the swimmers who competed in our very first league gala. The event was a resounding success and we were placed in 4th place. This achievement is even more impressive when we remember that we were, by far, the smallest school there.

The organiser of the gala commented afterwards, that Newton House was by far the best dressed and behaved school. It is hard to describe how proud this makes us. Our swimmers have done their schools and themselves proud.

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| 1) St. Catherine's | - 154 |
| 2) Trinity House Little Falls | - 130 |
| 3) Panorama Primary | - 123 |
| 4) Newton House | - 100 |
| 5) Kings School RH | - 80 |
| 6) Boskop | - 72 |
| 7) Greenside | - 57 |
| 8) Cedarwood. | - No show |



Our next gala is at Trinityhouse Little Falls on 30 October. (Please note, **Little Falls**, not Randpark Ridge where we do our swimming practices.)

Beginner swimming will be cancelled next week Thursday.

Congratulations to our chess teams for their fantastic performance in the North West Rand Chess League this year.

We came 3rd in both the Mixed A and Mixed B age groups. This achievement is remarkable since there are 27 primary schools in the league. Well done to all our players.

Special congratulations to the following pupils who won board prizes. This means that they were the best player on their particular board in the league.

Conor Howarth

Juan Senekal

Connor Hardie



Music Department



REQUEST FOR HELP

I am looking to buy a second hand piano for our school for next year. If you have such to sell or know of someone that wishes to sell, please contact Mrs de Wit with the details. I am hoping to buy for less than the price music shops will sell to me.



School Uniform Repair Service

School dress coming apart at the seams?
Trousers hem falling down?
Badge no longer attached properly?

Don't Despair...Repair!!!

Convenient and quick school uniform repair service
Pick up and drop off at school
Cost of repair ranges from R45 to R65

Contact Susan on 076 424 0357

