

NEWTON HOUSE SCHOOL



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From the Headmaster's Desk...

The Senior Primary reports will be handed out today. My requirement of my teachers is that they must write comprehensive and detailed comments on the performance of each child during the previous cycle. These comments must explain why a child's marks have dropped in the event that this has occurred. Obviously, a one or two percent drop in any mark could just be the result of natural factors that caused variants. In the event that a child has struggled to grasp a section of the work, I require that the teacher indicate this. Needless to say, our teachers are also required to encourage the children for improvements during the term. Our style of report writing takes dozens of hours from the teachers. Schools that simply put marks down do not have to agonise over the content of reports.

In the event that you are concerned about any significant drop in marks, please do avail yourself of the opportunity for a 30 minute discussion with the home-room or the subject teacher. Do not be afraid to ask probing questions of the teacher as the education of a child is a situation in which three separate parties must play a role. Here is hoping that the reports will encourage you and your child and obviously if the child is making progress, the teacher will also be encouraged.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- PE is every Wednesday for Grades 2-3 and every Thursday for Grades 4-7.
- Grade R Playball is every Friday and Grade 1 Playball is every Monday.
- Please remember school caps for PE and Playball.
- Children are to be in their winter uniform.
- The Second Hand Shop is open on Tuesdays from 13h15-15h00.

EISTEDDFOD



Simone Wessels took part in the Central Gauteng Piano Eisteddfod this week. She did very well and was awarded a gold certificate.

“Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher.” Oprah Winfrey



NEW PUPILS



Oarona Magau



Phillip Lucht

SENIOR PRIMARY CYCLE TEST DATES

Cycle Test Dates	
29 August	Afrikaans
5 September	Natural Sciences and Technology
12 September	Social Sciences (History)

A reminder that if a Senior Primary pupil misses a cycle test due to being ill, a doctor's note is required before he/she will be allowed to write the test.



IMPORTANT DATES

30 August	Grade 6 Outing (National Children's Theatre)
28-31 August	Senior Primary Parent/Teacher Meetings
1 September	Grade 7 Market Day and Civvies Day
6 September	Grade 7 Outing
8 September	Junior Primary Spelling Bee
14-15 September	Grade 4 Camp
15 September	Newton House Golf Day (No School)
19-21 September	Grade 5 Camp
21 September	Junior Primary General Knowledge Quiz
22 September	Term 3 Ends at 11h00





JP GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

The Junior Primary's General Knowledge Quiz is on Thursday, 21 September.

Test your child's general knowledge with these three questions from the quiz:

- In which city do we find Table Mountain?
- How many minutes are in one hour?
- Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?

JUNIOR PRIMARY SPELLING BEE

Remember to learn your Spelling Bee words carefully. Elimination rounds will take place before the 8th of September. Your teacher will let you know if you qualify for the competition. Good luck!



TENNIS

On Monday, 21 August, our tennis team played against Kings School West Rand. Our team put in a great effort, but lost 24 games to 18 games. Well done to Shannon Griessel, Jack Cauldwell, Keyan de Klerk and Juan-Pierre van Tonder for showing good sportsmanship.

GOLF DAY

Remember to visit our Facebook page and place your bid for the amazing Centurions of Rugby print.

Thank you to all those who have already returned completed raffle sheets. Please continue to drive this initiative as there are only two weeks to go. All proceeds will go towards the school's Care Fund to assist families in need.

IMPORTANT: Due to staff involvement at the golf day, the school will be closed on Friday, 15 September.

MARKET DAY

COME ONE, COME ALL

It is that time of the year again when we come and support our Grade 7's as they display their entrepreneurial skills.

There will be games to play, prizes to win and food, sweets and goodies to buy. Don't forget to enter into the many different raffles on sale. Make sure you don't miss out.



WHEN: 1st September 2017

The Grade 7's thank you in advance for your support.

Children must please pay R10 to their homeroom teacher if they would like to wear civvies.



SPORT NOTICES

- Good luck to our Tennis players who are playing a match at Constantia Kloof Primary School on Monday, 28 August.
- The next Tennis match will take place at Florida Laerskool on Monday, 4 September.
- We will be hosting an Athletics meeting on the school field on Wednesday, 30 August.
- Due to the races, there will be no Athletics practice on this day.
- The next Athletics meeting takes place at Agape Christian School on Thursday, 7 September.