

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...

Sex education is a contention issue in schools and particularly in Primary Schools. Parents will differ in terms of when it should be given and the detail which should be provided. At the outset of the HIV epidemic, I saw panic reactions from parents and journalists and even government officials advocating that sex education should happen from Grade 1 and 2. Permit me to outline Newton House School's perspective and policy:

1. Sex education, when done too prematurely, simply makes the children inquisitive and is counter-productive.
2. Sex education has a place in a school curriculum, but it should be done in the time frame just prior to puberty when bodily forces are starting to make it the focus of thinking.
3. Sex education should always be given from a normative framework. It is value-based and these values are strongly inculcated by the various religious backgrounds of the homes. For example - Islamic, Hindu, Christian and Jewish teachings will not have an approach that says to school children that they should be engaging in sexual activity.
4. As a Christian-ethos school, our stand-point is unambiguously that no child in our school should be engaging in sexual activity at all.
5. Any sex education that we give, will be based firmly on this stand-point. We will never, therefore, be alerting the children to use contraceptives or visit clinics to obtain condoms. Rather, we will encourage children to protect themselves from the devastating effects of premature sexual interaction and to view it as a wonderful gift, and part of humanness, to be kept for a time that is appropriate..

Helpful Hints

Guard the nature of sexual content that your child is exposed to in movies and videos. More than any other factor it promotes conduct that destroys young lives.



Cycle Tests and Exam Timetable

Date	Test/Exam/Task
*Cycle Tests (Tuesdays, 09h05 – 10h00)	
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

“If you do not have the time to read, you do not have the time to lead”. Phillip Schlechty

School Notices

Good luck to the Senior Primary children who write their first examination next week (Natural Sciences practical). The full examination schedule is only two weeks away. Please refer to the “What to Learn” booklets which have gone home for the schedule.

Please remember to be careful and vigilant in our car parks. We had a near disaster some while ago when a driver entered our premises while talking on a cellphone. Imagine the consequences and trauma which can be brought about from a momentary lapse in concentration.



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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. How many squares are there on a traditional Snakes and Ladders board?
2. What is the largest desert in the world?
3. How many pieces are there in a chess game?
4. Jupiter and Uranus are on either side of which planet?
5. Macoroni and Emperor are all species of which flightless bird?
6. What do we call a young frog?
7. When dried, what do we call plums?
8. What is the term for the process by which a chrysalis turns in to a butterfly?
9. What is the singular of 'dice'?
10. Is a sea cucumber a plant or an animal?

AND the answers from last week....

1. Draughts
2. Kangaroo
3. William Webb Ellis Trophy
4. Gold
5. Eye
6. Ferrari/ Lamborghini/ Maserati
7. Sandstorm
8. Living things and their environment
9. Lionel Richie
10. Samson



Sports and Performing Arts

On Friday 23 October we swam a gala at St. Ursula's. As always our children gave their very best and represented the school with pride.

The results were as follows:

1st Discovery Primary School – 189

2nd The Kings School – 159

3rd Newton House School – 142

4th St. Ursula's School – 133



Our next gala takes place of Friday 6 November at Discovery Primary School.



New Pupils



Kiano Gonsalves



Jorja Garrett

