



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Physical-Education every Wednesday for Grade 2-3, Thursday for Grade 4-7
- Playball for Grade 0 every Friday, Grade 1 every Tuesday.
- Remember school caps for PE and Playball
- Children to be in their full summer uniform.

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## Our Newsletter

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## From the Headmaster's desk...

### Dear Parents

The private education sector has been rocked in the past week and a half by allegations of racism in a school. These allegations have been speedily investigated and, according to the media, there have been admissions of wrong practice. Allow me to comment on behalf of Newton House School.

We do not, nor have, practiced any form of racism whatsoever at any stage in the short history of our school. Our classes are structured by practical and educational criteria and are representative of the whole fabric of our country. Every child in our school is loved equally by the teachers. Every activity we engage in is open to all children in the school. Our present prefect body in the Preparatory school comprises of four children fully representative of the demographics of South Africa. They were chosen not by quotas but by their personal conduct and abilities. Let me say it unambiguous : racism has been a blight on the development of South Africa and we are against racism in all its forms.

## Helpful Hints



Racism is learned behaviour and is almost always caused by the parents. Analyse how you speak to people of other culture and analyse how often you speak about people of other culture and start changing habits.



## School Notices

### Tuckshop

Please note that the tuck shop will no longer be open before school, but only during breaks and after school. Children are playing in the tuck shop area before school. This poses a great safety hazard with the through flow of cars dropping off children for the day.

We have also found that pupils are buying hot chocolate, tea etc. and loading them with sugar. This leads to a lack of concentration and disruptions during class time.



## Extramural Program

We have just completed our audit of Extra Murals at Newton House School for the first term. Currently, we offer 34 different Extra Mural activities with 260 participants. We are very proud of these statistics as they are very impressive for a school of our size. This means that our school continues to function after academic hours and that we are forming a strong school community.

Please continue to encourage your children to participate in sport, cultural and academic extra murals and use the opportunity to teach them the values of commitment and seeing things through to completion.

Gymnastics and Karate are the only extra murals for which payment is required as these are provided by outside providers. Please remember to complete your forms and keep your accounts with these coaches up to date.

In particular, there are still several Gymnastics indemnities outstanding and these children will unfortunately not be allowed to participate until we have these in hand. If you require the forms, please speak to the gymnastics coaches.

There has been a minor Extra Mural timetable swap. Mr Martin will be assisting Mrs Verster with Drama on a Tuesday and Mrs Scott will be doing tennis along with Mrs van Tonder and Mr Kaunda on a Friday. All times will remain the same.

The academic timetable swap in the Senior Primary has also allowed for Grade 4-5 Afrikaans support on a Monday to be moved to its original time slot of 13:15-13:45. This means the children will not need to wait around after school and can be fetched earlier.



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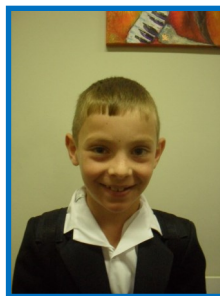
# Senior Primary, Cycle Tests

FEBRUARY	
10	Social Science
17	Mathematics
24	Natural Science
MARCH	
3	English
10	Social Science

“The time is always right to do what is right.”  
 Dr Martin Luther King Jr



## New Pupils



Matthew Teles



Luke Teles



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