

# 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 and 1 every Tuesday.
- Remember school caps for PE and Playball
- Children to be in their summer uniform.



## From the Headmaster's desk...

I find the incidence of anxiety among children to be increasing. There are many and various causes for anxiety in children. Obviously, if the child is not coping at school, anxiety is a natural consequence. That, however, is a burden for which we as adults must accept responsibility. From time to time I discover that careless behaviour on the part of certain parents causes undue anxiety in their children. Things that should never happen, sometimes do. Examples are:-

1. Parents arguing or having strong disagreements in the hearing of their children,
2. Parents using abusive language to each other in the hearing of their children,
3. Parents speaking negatively to other people about their children in the hearing of their children.

I occasionally hear a parent say out loud in front of their children, "Oh my child can't do Maths!" Such a statement causes barriers rather than solves them.

### CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of our internal security officer, Melusi Ndebele this past week. He was admitted to the Lerotong Hospital last weekend with pneumonia and sadly passed away Sunday evening. He served us with distinction and was roundly appreciated by the teachers of both schools. The staff has visibly been in pain. Our hearts and sympathies go out to his wife, Thalita at this extremely difficult time in their lives. She too, has served us with distinction in the tuckshop. Melusi is survived by his wife and three children, the youngest of which was welcomed into the home during last year. The school will remember his life at a little memorial service in our hall on Friday.



## Helpful Hints

Never argue or squabble in front of your children and never speak disparagingly of your children in their hearing.



## Cycle Tests and Exam Timetable

Date	Test/Exam/Task
*Cycle Tests (Tuesdays, 09h05 – 10h00)	
10 November	<b>ENGLISH WRITING EXAM</b>
17 November	<b>AFRIKAANS WRITING EXAM</b>
<b>EXAMINATION WEEK</b>	
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

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” Eleanor Roosevelt

## School Notices



It is a blessing to be able to enrich the lives of others who are less fortunate. This serves as our Christmas Collection appeal for our dedicated and hard-working Ground Staff. They spend many hours tirelessly improving our school site and making our lives easier. In the event that you are willing to contribute to their Christmas blessing, please send your monetary donation in an envelope marked Ground Staff for the attention of Mrs Mason. Your support is much appreciated.



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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. From which animated film do the songs “I Wanna Be Like You” and “The Bear Necessities” come?
2. What is the correct name for a young swan?
3. What does an astronomer study?
4. Does a concave mirror or lens bend inwards or outwards?
5. What is the code number for ‘James Bond’?
6. Who wrote The Tale of Peter Rabbit?
7. Which is the second largest planet?
8. Mulberry leaves are the favourite food of which insect?
9. What is the horse piece in chess called?
10. The Jolly Roger is the traditional flag of what?

AND the answers from last week....

1. 100
2. Sahara
3. 32
4. Saturn
5. Penguin
6. Tadpole
7. Prunes
8. Metamorphosis
9. Die
10. animal

