### **Newton House School**





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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERST

- Physical-Education every Wednesday for Grade 2-3, Thursday for Grade 4-7
- Playball for Grade 0 and I every Tuesday.
- Remember school caps for PE and Playball
- Children to be in their full summer uniform
- Blazers are compulsory for assemblies on Mondays and Fridays.

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### From the Headmaster's desk...

All parents desire for their children to show an increasing ability to act responsibly. Sometimes parents do not recognise that certain behaviours can hinder the realisation of this goal. Parents who are too "hands on" often wind up making the decisions for their children and just expecting them to obey and follow. What is needed is the progressive loosening of the reins. In other words, with each successive year, the child should be given more responsibilities and more freedom to choose responsible options and to feel the consequences of wrong decisions.

# **Helpful Hints**



Draw up a duty list that is reasonable and challenging and equip your children to do it to the best of their abilities.



The Grade 3's getting ready for the planetarium .

## **School Notices**

Senior Primary Extra Murals end today. Junior Primary Extra Murals will end next Friday, 14 November.

Please note that there will be no Junior choir next week as they will be unable to practise without the Seniors.

We are now only one week away from exams for the senior primary. Please encourage your children to study and work hard during this time. Exams start on Tuesday, 18 November. The Senior Primary will finish school at 11:00 and the Junior Primary will finish at 12:00 from this date until the end of the year.

There will be a waiting class for both phases until 13:10 each day. A roster showing where these will take place will be sent out with next week's newsletter and will be on the notice boards. You are welcome to fetch your child from the waiting class as soon as you arrive at the school, you do not need to wait until 13:10.

The aftercare will be open from 13:10 at the usual rates.

Thank you to all who contributed towards the Guide Dogs Association. We will publish the total amount raised as soon as this becomes available.

We will be having a Grade 7 market day on Friday 14 November. This is a project designed to teach our Grade 7's valuable entrepreneurial skills. Each Grade 7 will have a stall offering games, novelties or food. The children will be able to browse and purchase from the stalls during the school day. This will also be a civvies day. Any child wishing to wear civvies must bring R10 to their register teacher on Thursday morning. Any child not paying R10 will be required to dress in their normal school uniform. The proceeds from the day will go towards the Grade 7 farewell and the Grade 7 gift to the school.

"A mind stretched to a new idea, never goes back to its original

dimensions."

Oliver Wendell

Holmes

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. If you wish to contribute please send a contribution in an envelope marked Ground Staff for attention Mrs Mason. Your support is much appreciated. Mrs Mason Gr 1B. This is entirely voluntary.

