

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...

A modern day phenomenon that many school teachers are familiar with is the degree to which the modern generation has less general knowledge than was the case twenty or thirty years ago. There are various reasons for this e.g. newspapers are not a part of most modern homes; secondly, children spend more time playing on digital devices and less time reading; thirdly, parents are so busy that time spent at home tends to be recreational. Children with good levels of general knowledge are better equipped to succeed in life than are children who are impoverished for general knowledge.

Our College staff had been providing newspapers throughout this year to encourage our Grade 8 pupils to expand their general knowledge. I also have taken the decision to organise a Senior Inter-House General Knowledge Competition and to have some stimulating ingredients in my Friday assemblies that will promote a desire among our children to expand their general knowledge.

Helpful Hints

Parents who role model a strong desire to acquire a good general knowledge are the most successful at causing their children to follow in their footsteps.

RECEPTION : 011-794 2878





New Pupils



Cailin Vlotman



Liam Lötter



Liam Steyn

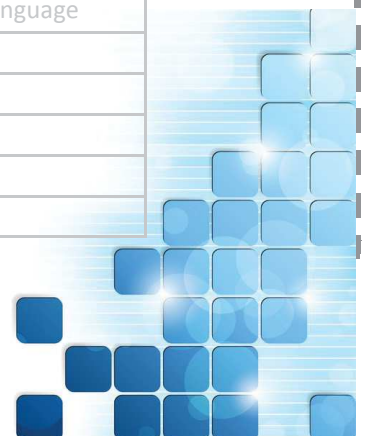


Keyan de Klerk

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."
William Butler Yeats

Cycle Tests and Exam Timetable

Date	Test/Exam/Task
*13 October	English Cycle Test
*20 October	Mathematics Cycle Test
*27 October	Afrikaans Cycle Test
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



An artist impression on the new cottages



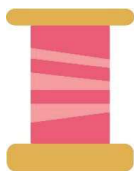
School Notices

- A reminder that any Grade 0-5 children who are not collected by 13:15 will immediately be sent down to the waiting class. This is located on the grass area outside Mrs Cox and Mrs van Niekerk classrooms. At 13:40 they will be taken up to the waiting area outside the cottages. This is for your children's safety, please assist us in enforcing this.
- Children should now be dressed in full Summer uniform. Blazers are compulsory on Mondays and Fridays, as these are Assembly days. If it is hot, they may ask their teachers permission to remove their blazers while in class.
- Children are also reminded to bring their full (correct shoes and socks included) Phys Ed uniforms on the relevant days.
- Our Grade Seven pupils are away on camp at Nandini on the Vaal River this weekend. We wish them safe travels and that they will have lots of fun together.
- On Thursday 29th of October the Travelling Bookshop will be visiting our school. They have a wide selection of books that can be bought at reasonable prices. More information will be given closer to the time.



Sports and Performing Arts

- The extra-mural timetable has been sent out this week. Due to Senior Primary examinations, this is a much shorter term with regards to extra murals. Owing to the complexity of the timetable, clashes are sometimes unavoidable. At this point, children will need to prioritize one activity over another. As with other terms, they may, with a valid reason, choose to attend one practice instead of both. Please communicate this with the teachers involved. Their contact e-mails are provided on the extra mural timetable.
- Please encourage your child to participate in at least one active extra mural this term. A healthy body leads to a healthy mind. The benefits to self-esteem, concentration, socialising etc. cannot be underestimated. #ichoosetobeactive
- Our first swimming gala takes place on Friday 16 October at Panorama Primary School.
- Well done to all the children who swam in the swimming trials yesterday. It was wonderful to see the children's passion and effort. Congratulations to those who have been selected for the team. The team list has been posted outside Mr Groom's class and letters have been sent home.



School Uniform Repair Service



School dress coming apart at the seams?
 Trouser hem falling down?
 Badge no longer attached properly?

Don't Despair...Repair!!!

Convenient and quick school uniform repair service
 Pick up and drop off at school
 Cost of repair ranges from R45 to R65

Contact Susan on 076 424 0357

