



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 full winter uniform including blazer everyday.

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From the Headmaster's desk...

Chaos reigned in the Johannesburg CBD on Wednesday when young people, disillusioned with our country's education system, took to the streets to make their voices heard. While it is commendable that these young people have the courage to stand up for what is rightfully theirs, it is a shame that it is spoilt by the manner in which they conducted themselves.

So what went wrong? Why do young people feel the need to resort to violence, looting and intimidation to make themselves heard?

Partly, their reactions are born out of frustration. Our public school system has been degenerating for too long with seemingly little being done to stem the downward spiral. However, fingers must also be pointed at our children's role models. When a protest occurs in any sector of our country, it is most likely accompanied by violence and vandalism. Why then should the youth protest in peace and with dignity?

We have lost the art of communication- the ability to make our voices heard through clarity and logic. We have also lost patience. We seek immediate solutions and resolutions, rather than allowing time for these to occur. It is our duty as adults to enable and teach our children to express their feelings and desires rationally and with forethought. They must be taught not to demand but to request, and to have patience while the request is considered. Then they must be taught to deal positively with the response, regardless of its positive or negative outcomes. If this is done, child will not only learn to make their voices heard, but more importantly they will learn how to have a powerful voice that people are willing to listen to.

Helpful Hints

Our mouths were made to close;
our ears were not.



"Problems
are only
opportuni-
ties in work
clothes."

Henry J
Kaiser



School Notices

Charity

Our charity for the month of August is the Free Me Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre (<http://www.freemewildlife.org.za>). They caused much excitement in our school when they visited on Tuesday morning with some of their residents.

The children were both educated and thoroughly entertained. Free Me does excellent work and we would like to support them in any small way we can. Please talk to your children about the value of sharing their blessings and allow them to use their piggy banks to collect spare change throughout the month.

School parking

As the numbers in our school increase, so does the need for patience and courteousness in our parking lots. Please remember that our parking lots are full of children and by not using common courtesy, you are putting them at risk.

Imagine the lifetime consequences of inconsiderate driving just because you were in a rush.

We have had several near misses where cars have almost hit each other. These could be easily avoided with a little patience. Please can we work together to ensure the safety of all our children.

Sports and Performing Arts

Chess :

On Monday we played our first chess match against Melpark Primary. The score was Newton House 9 and Melpark 3. The following boys are to be congratulated for winning both their games: Ben Wilson, Taine Mitchley and Rhys Donald. The next match is on Monday, 4 August, against Generaal Christiaan de Wet and we will be playing away.

Cross Country: Our first Cross Country race takes place at the Ruimsig Athletics Stadium on Thursday 7 August. Good luck to all our runners.

Tennis:

Please note that tennis practice has moved to Panorama Tennis Club.

General:

South Africa is a beautiful country, blessed with plenty of sunshine. Please bear in mind the harmful effects the sun can have. It is important that children wear sunscreen and bring a hat along to sports practices as well as to their PE lessons. It has been so pleasing to see the pride our children take in their School Badge. They have dressed exceptionally well for both matches and practices. This gives an excellent impression to all who see us. Thank you.

New Pupils



We are happy to welcome
Matthew Archer into our
School family.

"We can
do anything
we want
to do if
we stick
to it long
enough."
Helen
Keller

Lost Property / Second Hand Shop

We have a huge pile of lost property in the office at the moment. Please remember to clearly label all your child's clothing. Also, please collect any items of clothing that belong to you. We cannot store these indefinitely, any unallocated items will be put up for sale in our second hand shop at the end of each month.



Khaya Machimana (Grade 0) proudly
displaying his art.