



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...

With the passage of time mankind is becoming better informed on how the brain works and how to optimize both brain and body. There are countless research projects being conducted in universities across the planet that are aiming to make us smarter. During this last week I read a report on a research project that has been conducted at the North Western University in the USA. In short, they have taken two years to test the effects of music on the brains of school going children who were from less affluent homes. The children were subjected to significant daily and weekly inputs of music and taught to recognise and discriminate between sounds. They have found that the control group benefitted quite significantly in the quality and the speed of mental functioning and that being exposed to music on this scale causes additional brain pathways to be generated. The report summary can be read on the BBC science app. for those of you have iPads or tablets.

Helpful Hints



Many parents invest significant amounts of money in trying to make their children smarter. Sometimes we overlook the fact that there are many things we can do that don't require money yet contribute to the child's brain functioning. Seeing that the child has a healthy well-toned body that is capable of work and exercise has a direct spin-off on mental function.

Healthy capable bodies lead to better mental functioning.

School Notices

Tuckshop

It has come to my attention that one or two of our enterprising pupils have been coming to school with money to buy food at the tuck shop and have been pretending to their parents that they are buying food but in fact they are buying things that are not good for them. Please exercise control on your child's tuck shop expenditure.

Friday Detention

Our Friday detention system is now in full swing for our Senior Primary children. If you receive a detention notice, please sign and return it to Mr Groom as soon as possible. Please note that it is your child's responsibility to show the letter to you and to return it. If they fail to do so, they will be issued with a further detention as punishment. Thank you for working with us to instill discipline and responsibility in our children.

Lost Property

We still have an inordinately large amount of lost property in the office. Please remember to mark your children's clothing clearly and to check the lost property box for any missing items. The box will be cleared at the end of each month and any unclaimed or unmarked items will be sent to the second hand shop.

"If
opportunity
doesn't
knock, build
a door."

Milton Berle

New Pupils



We are happy to welcome
Matthew Morrell into our
school family.

Sports and Performing Arts

Chess : On Monday we played against Unika. Unfortunately, we were beaten by a very strong and experienced team. The results were Unika 9 and Newton House 3. Our next match is at home against Trinityhouse on 18 August.

Cross-Country Our next Cross Country race will be held at Albert's Farm on Thursday, 21 August. Please remember to return your reply slips and check the information on the attached letter.

Our team ran at Delta Park yesterday. The children that excelled are:

Shani Mare (5th)

Charlie van Niekerk (11th)

Jenson Harvey (12th)

Niel Nkonde (20th)



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