



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. Summer uniform on 8 October

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From the Headmaster's desk...

I have just finished reading through every child's report. It has been an uplifting experience in that the overwhelming majority of pupils have, according to the teachers, made significant progress across the year. As this is the purpose of our existence it leaves us with a feeling of well-being that we are making a difference. Perhaps most convincingly of all is the happiness that we see on our children's faces when they come to school speaks volumes.

When we return to school on 6 October, we will have to make interim arrangements for new play areas for the children. We have decided to use the paved drop-off zone that many of our parents use on the north side of the school. To ensure that the children can play safely we will not allow vehicles to enter this car park between 09h00-12h30. Parents are respectfully asked to bear with us while the earth moving equipment prepares our fields. A letter and email has been sent out providing you with the details.

Helpful Hints

It is good for us to have lots of challenges and a sensible amount of stress in our lives. It is also good to have times of rest. Enjoy the next two weeks and chill well.



School Notices

- A reminder that we will begin wearing summer uniform on Wednesday 8 October, as school photos will be taken on Tuesday, 7 October.
- The Extra Mural timetable for next term will be sent out in the first week of the term.

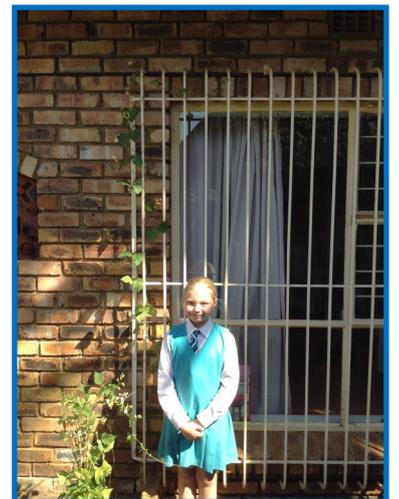
Guide Dogs

On Wednesday morning Newton House hosted three very important visitors, Pieter, O'Riley and Rosemary. Pieter is a blind man and O'Riley is his beautiful Golden Retriever guide dog. Pieter explained to the pupils the journey a dog takes from the time it leaves its mother at seven weeks old. The puppy spends a year being raised by a family and then returns to the training center for 6—9 months and is taught how to assist a blind person. Rosemary, who is a volunteer with the Vodacom Change the World Programme, showed the pupils how blind people use a cane to assist their mobility. It was fascinating to learn that the South African Guide Dog Association also train service dogs to assist people who are wheelchair bound. By the end of the talk we really understood that a dog is a man's best friend. We have decided The Guide Dog Association will be the beneficiaries of our next charity collection. We would like to encourage you to start putting any small change in your money box, so that we too can contribute to making a difference in someone else's life.



*"There is no limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder."
Ronald Regan*

In January the Grade 4 NS classes were encouraged to grow five bean and five mealie seeds and see how they grow. Many nurtured them so well, but this one takes the cake! Tayla Christie still has her bean plant and protects it and waters it regularly. It is now full of flowers for the new season.



Grade 4 Outing

On Tuesday, 9 September, the Grade 4's went on an outing to the James Hall Transport Museum. It was fascinating to see real life examples of Transport Through the Ages which we had learnt about in Social Science. They even have a 1917 Model T Ford that is still licenced to drive!



"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards."
Vernon Law

Grade 7 Outing

On Monday 15 September the Grade Seven pupils visited the South African National Museum of Military History. The museum is world class and places its emphasis not on glorifying war, but on preserving history for future generations. Some of the exhibits are completely unique and range from knives and small arms to aircraft, tanks and sub-marines. It was a fascinating and insightful outing where the children had a wonderful time and learned a great deal about the history of our country and the world.



Grade 7 Camp

Our Grade Sevens will be going on camp next term from 17-19 October. A letter has been sent home to Grade Seven parents in this regard.

ENJOY THE BREAK!