## **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 winter uniform including blazer everyday.

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

Society usually tries to structure itself with 'one size fits all' strategies. Mainstream schools are an example of just that. However, the reality in life is that, educationally speaking, one size does not fit all. A class size of 25 or 30 might be fine for the majority but it is not true that is it fine for all. Some children have very low anxiety levels, some have higher anxiety levels and others have extremely high anxiety levels. Children in the latter category or the middle category will fair less well in a big, robust, busy environment. A school like Newton satisfies the needs of such children, and many others besides, to a far better degree because it has intentionally been structured to satisfy those needs.

Preparations for our High School are taking shape encouragingly. We have settled on our uniform and both the girls and the boys are going to be able to wear the uniform proudly. The classrooms are under construction and they are going to be spacious and modern. We are also close to full with our first class and are expecting to be able to open up a second class as well.

## **Helpful Hints**



Good parenting demands that, with increasing age, we give our children increasing responsibility. Do not spare your children from having appropriate responsibilities and tasks at home and elsewhere.

### **School Notices**

- Thank you to all the children who donated to FreeMe. Several children have indicated that
  they would still like to bring their money on Monday. Please feel free to do this. We will
  publish the total raised in next week's newsletter and we will hand over the money as
  soon as FreeMe can visit us.
- Parents are reminded not to speed when driving into our property. Our children frequently are not as traffic-savvy as an adult is and do not watch to see what dangers are close. The burden therefore rests on the adults to take all due precaution. As the internal speed limit of our school is 10km/hour, a parent who accidently knocks over a child faces the risks of a double litigation.

# Sports and Performing Arts

Chess:

"The time

is always

right to

do what

is right."

Dr Martin

Luther

King

Our chess children will take part in the Trinityhouse Chess Festival next

Saturday 6 September.

**Cross-Country** 

We have had a fantastic Cross Country season. It is so gratifying to see our

children's enthusiasm and the amazing increase in their commitment and

fitness levels throughout the term.

Our last race took place at Golden Harvest park. Well done to Jensen Harvey

who came 8th and Shani Mare who came 5th.

Soccer:

As of next week, we will be switching to Soccer in the usual Tuesday and Thursday time slots. As with Cross Country, practices for Grade 0-2 will take place at the school whilst Grade 3-7 will travel to the Randburg Soccer

grounds for their practices.

General:

Well done to Hannah Murphy- Spencer. She is in level 2 gymnastics and is the Gauteng champion. She has qualified for her junior colours and will compete

in the North Zone Championship representing Gauteng.

**New Pupils** 



We are happy to welcome Jack Damhuis into our school family.



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