



### 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...

On Tuesday 5 August 2014 our Country was shaken to its core, quite literally. Fears of tsunamis at Emmerentia Dam and local swimming pools were only eclipsed by the wave of responses, both panicked and humorous, which rolled across the various social media platforms.

Every radio station, newspaper and most conversations were focused on only one thing, "Did you feel it?", and shortly thereafter, "Did you know they even felt it in Durban!"

An earth tremor like we experienced would have gone largely unnoticed in most U.S. Cities, and yet it caused headline news across our Country for two whole days. The reason for this is quite simple. It was unexpected and completely out of the ordinary for many of us in the northern suburbs. Earth tremors are as foreign to our area as crime free streets and trustworthy politicians. Thus, a tremor caused excitement, conversation and ultimately shared experience and therefore unity of spirit across our nation.

As adults we often get so caught up in the necessities of life that we fall into comfortable routines and shun and even fear spontaneity. Children, however are still filled with wonder and discovery as they are experiencing many aspects of life, which we take for granted.

When time and circumstance permit, it can be educational and valuable to do something spontaneous with your child. Try to shake up their world and surprise them in a fun way they never thought you would. In doing so, you will create excitement, opportunities for conversation and ultimately shared experience and therefore a unity of spirit within your house.

## Helpful Hints

In your busy life, don't forget the importance of sharing new and fun experiences with your child.



# School Notices

## Waiting area

It has come to our attention that several children have been waiting for their parents outside the school gate. For obvious safety reasons, we cannot allow this. The waiting area, though not the most convenient is the best compromise that we have. Please instruct your children that they must wait for you in the area outside the cottages. Any children found waiting outside the gates will be chased inside and given immediate punishment. Your assistance in ensuring your child's safety and well-being would be most appreciated.

## Leaving School and Absenteeism

Often, appointments can only be made during school hours as and when they are made available. If you are going to be taking your child out of school for an appointment, please remember to inform the class teacher in advance. Also, any child leaving the school property must be signed out at the school office.

In checking our registers, we have been alerted to the fact that one or two children have a higher rate of absenteeism than they ought to. It goes without saying that our children need as much school contact time as it is possible to give them.

"When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this. You haven't."  
Thomas Edison

# Sports and Performing Arts

## Chess :

On Monday we played a chess match against Generaal Christiaan de Wet. The score was Newton House 6½ and Generaal Christiaan de Wet 5½. Ben Wilson and Geoffrey Carr won both of their games. The next match will be against Unika (away) on 11 August.

## Cross-Country

Next week's cross country race takes place on 14 August at Delta Park (Standard Drive, Blairgowrie). Good luck to all our runners.

## Tennis:

Tennis practice venues have now been finalised. These will take place at Trinityhouse Randpark Ridge on Mondays and at The Panorama Tennis Club on Fridays.

## General

Thank you to all the parents who have so kindly helped to transport and come out to support our Cross Country team. We are very proud of their performances at Ruimsig on 7th August. Congratulations to Shani Maré who came 4<sup>th</sup>, Jensen Harvey who came 26th and Lia Lambert who came 23rd in their respective age groups. These positions are all more remarkable when we remember that there are more than 150 runners participating in each race.

# New Pupils



We are happy to welcome  
Caitlin Sarjoo into our  
school family.

"You can't  
build a  
reputation  
on what  
you are  
going to  
do."  
Henry Ford



The Grade 5's making rain gauges in Social Science.



The Grade 3's baking doughnuts.