



# Northwood News

TOMORROW'S ACHIEVERS TODAY

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## Quote of the Week

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause, who at best knows achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

~ Theodore Roosevelt

*From a speech given in Paris at the Sorbonne in 1910*

## From the Headmaster

MR P L McAVOY

I know we have a number of primary school teachers amongst the readers of this newsletter, pre-primary even, and I'm not saying that my words below are true for all, but it's time to tell you why...

### Being a High School Teacher is the Best

I love teaching older kids. High school kids are really just little kids trapped in big kid bodies. High school kids look like adults and sometimes act like adults, but just under the surface are little kids looking for advice, guidance, and reassurance that things will be OK. They are funny, witty, and their company is genuinely easy to enjoy.

Teaching high school is hands-down the best job there is. If you're not currently a high school teacher and are wondering if a career change would be worth it (CVs to [nwood@nwood.co.za](mailto:nwood@nwood.co.za) J), well here are some reasons why it would be!

#### 1. They are more independent.

Older kids have a particular desire to be more independent. Many have jobs so understand responsibility. Their whole goal is to "save face" and appear independent, but truly appreciate a teacher who recognizes when to step in.



#### 2. The rebellion starts to wear off

Something happens right around Grade 11. There's a big shift when kids start realizing that the future is fast approaching. The rebelliousness of the last few years disappears, and they actually turn to you for help and advice. You get this real opportunity to guide students as they make huge life decisions, like where (or if) they'll go to university and what passions they will pursue. They tell you their hopes and plans, but you know they are actually looking for advice and reassurance from someone they trust. It becomes less about the subject you are teaching and more about the relationship you've built as a mentor. To know that you have played a small part in shaping these big "kids" makes it all worth it.

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## 3. They are flexible adults.

Students can hold it down in a conversation and are still flexible in their thinking:

## 4. They are starting to get serious.

There is something about approaching the 'last years' of school that instills a sense of urgency in students. We try to take advantage of this and push students a little harder. And it is amazing how they respond. They know they are no longer children and that it is time to get serious about education, as the next step is either career or tertiary.

## 5. They still need help.

We know that our boys want to be adults but that they still need a lot of guidance when it comes to getting jobs, filling out varsity/college applications and voting for the very first time.

They're at that age where sometimes they feel like adults and sometimes they still feel like kids. They try and act like they are grown up but once it comes to filling out forms like Matric entries and looking for jobs they really lean on me as a teacher to help them through. I also enjoy working with them when they are at the age of voting for the first time. There are so many things we talk about in the classroom that are hot topics in the media. I like that they feel informed to make a good decisions and their own judgements.

## 6. Those "Ooooh, I get it now!" moments.

There is absolutely nothing as awesome as a Grade 11 or 12 learner finally understanding what it means to solve an equation with variables on both sides or something that used to be very challenging.

Yes, this is taught way before Grade 11, but a boy can easily be carrying small deficiencies from that week in Grade 5 when they were off sick with the flu or a curriculum change between two grades that may have significantly impacted their understanding throughout school. The opportunity to find and remediate these deficiencies is one of my favourite parts of teaching high school students.

## 7. They get the jokes!

With all the learning that goes on in high school, there's got to be times throughout the day to cut the tension with the lamest jokes possible. We have certain teachers that specialise in this.

Joking with high school students is a way to let them know you are watching, that you want them to do well and that you care about them as people. Jokes get the same point across as discipline in a much more kid-friendly way. After all, they are still kids.

As mentioned, we are very aware about high school kids wanting to "save face". These kids – boys as much as girls - never want to feel embarrassed. As soon as they do, the walls go up and it may take a while to knock them back down. Joking, when used appropriately, helps us get important points across while allowing students to keep their dignity.

So as all this marking starts to wind down, and we see the fruits of much hard labour over the first six months of the year, we reflect on just why we do this job and love it so much!

"Students this age are sophisticated enough to have interesting, adult-like conversations but aren't quite as inflexible or jaded as"



"The opportunity to help them overcome huge learning gaps."

## EARLY TERM 3 EVENTS

Note that reports will be issued on Wednesday 2 August, with the Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening following on Monday 7 August.

# From the Counsellor's Desk

MR M RICH ext 402

[mr rich@nwood.co.za](mailto:mr rich@nwood.co.za)

## BURSARY TO STUDY ASTROPHYSICS ASTROPHYSICS AND COSMOLOGY RESEARCH UNIT

Bursary application for undergraduate bursary applications to the Astrophysics and Cosmology Research Unit (ACRU) for the BSc M Stream degree (astronomy major) at UKZN Westville for the 2018 academic year.

**Application closing date: 31 OCTOBER 2017**

Queries may be directed to Mr Strini Rajgopaul (Tel: 031-260 7138/ [rajgopaul@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:rajgopaul@ukzn.ac.za)) until 12h00 on 31 October 2017.

See Mr Rich for application form.

## ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS

\* in Grade 12

\* study Engineering

\* are strong academically

\* get B's and above for Maths and Science.

See Mr Rich

## WINTER SCHOOL 2017

### GRADE 11 & 12

**Venue:** Agriculture, Engineering and Science Building (across from the main library Howard Campus) University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)

Accessed at Gate 3 off Rick Turner Road opposite KFC.

**Cost:** R250 per day

**Dates:** 2 – 5 July

For more **information** and to **register** call 031 332 2330/061 788 1885/071 362 8322 or

[kznwschool@mweb.co.za](mailto:kznwschool@mweb.co.za)

**See Mr Rich for more details.**



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## NORTHWOOD SCHOOL MAGAZINE ADVERTISING OPTIONS

Northwood's 2016 annual magazine will be a high quality, full colour publication which will offer a reflective look at the year past in terms of academic and sporting achievements, as well as cultural and social events detailing school life. Our school magazines will also be available as an E-book on our website.

**By advertising your company in our magazine you will reach the following:**

- Students, staff, parents and extended family and friends of Northwood.
- Grade 6 and 7 boys and their families from surrounding primary schools in Durban North.
- Local community centres, libraries and waiting rooms in the area.

The magazine is used extensively as a marketing tool for our school and will be on display at parent open evenings, as well as prospective parent events at various educational venues.

### **Investment Options**

Inside full page:	R2500
Inside back cover:	R3000
Outside back cover:	R5000
1/2 page advert (page allocated as per availability):	R1000
1/4 page advert (page allocated as per availability):	R 500

***For further information, advert specifications or to book your space, please contact Gina Klingbeil on (031) 563 6501 ext 329***

Email: [gklingbeil@nwood.co.za](mailto:gklingbeil@nwood.co.za)

## Smalls

***These mini adverts are put in as a community service and are not specifically endorsed by Northwood.***

**UMHLANGA TOURISM TALISMAN HIRE WINTER TRAIL RUN/WALK:** 2 July.

**Location:** Sibaya Casino (Main parking lot). **Starting:** 06h30. **Registration:** Sibaya Casino, 05h30-06h30 on the day. **Online entries:** <https://www.roag.co.za> until midnight on 29 June 2017. **Race categories:** 18km run: Pre-entry fee R140 (late entry fee on the day R160). 12km run: Pre-entry fee R120 (late entry fee on the day R140). 6km run/walk: Pre-entry fee R70 (late entry fee on the day R90). The entry fee includes a small breakfast to the value of R35.



**GYROKINESIS CLASSES:** Come awaken your senses through a series of arching, curling, twisting and spiralling movement. Special June Promo Price – 2 people for the price of 1 – R100. Times: Tuesday to Thursday 09h00 -10h30, Saturdays 13h30 – 15h00 and Sundays 10h00 – 11h30. Getfit Studio situated at 54 Adelaide Tambo Drive, Durban North. Contact Kurt Marais on 081 716 3723 or email [maraiskurt@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:maraiskurt@yahoo.com.hk) or facebook GyerokinesisClassesDurban. To view a class see [Youtube video](#).

**WINDOW GLEAM:** Multi-level window cleaning services. Environmentally friendly NO harmful chemicals. Professional, friendly service. Water-fed, pole cleaning system. Tried and trusted traditional methods. Sparking clean windows – FAST. BEE LEVEL2. Call Gerald on 031 563 0670 for no obligation quote or 082 577 1504 or email [info@windowgleamkzn.co.za](mailto:info@windowgleamkzn.co.za).

**EMBROIDERY:** As the previous owners of the successful Copy Katz in Gateway, we are excited to announce our new business venture. **Create a Stitch** is a forward moving company which applies embroidery to your choice of fabric, be it for branding of linen, towelling, corporate event clothing, school clothing or accessories. There are endless possibilities which we will be only too happy to provide assistance with. We look forward to offering you many more years of amazing service. Paul and Cheryl Cell: 082 326 4421 Tel: 031 564 3078 Email: [createastitchembroidery@gmail.com](mailto:createastitchembroidery@gmail.com)

# Important Dates

TERM 2  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Day	Dates			Time	Event	Venue
JUNE						
Fri	30				Exams end	
Fri	30				School Closes	
Fri	30	to	03		1st Team Soccer Tournament	DHS
JULY						
Wed	19				Water Polo Camp	
Mon	24				School Re-opens	
Sat	29			19h00	Matric Dance	School Hall
AUGUST						
Mon	07			17h30 – 19h00	Academic Concerns Evening	School Hall
Tues	08				Inter House Athletics	Northwood
Wed	09				Women’s Day	
Fri	11				Quadrangular Series (TBC)	Kings Park
Wed	16	to	18		Northwood Musical	School Hall
Fri	18	to	20		Grade 7 BE Sleep Over	Bruyns House
Tues	22			17h30 – 19h00	Grade 9 Subject Choice Evening	School Hall
Thurs	24				Sports photos	School Hall
Fri	25				Athletics - Quadrangular Coastal Schools Series (TBC)	Kings Park
Thurs	31				New Prefects Announced	
SEPTEMBER						
Fri	01				Matric Trials Start	
Fri	01				Closing date for Subject choices	
Mon	04			18h00	Prefects Tie Ceremony	Jubilee Room
Thurs	07				Circle Of Valour Awards	TBC
Wed	27				Sportsmen’s Banquet	TBC
OCTOBER						
Mon	09				School Re Opens	
Tues	10				Prefects Dinner	
Fri	13				Speech Day	
Thurs	19				Diwali	
Fri	27				BE Christmas Dinner	Bruyns House
NOVEMBER						
Fri	03				School Exams Start (TBC)	
Fri	10				Remembrance Day	
Fri	24				Exams End	
Wed	29				Various Leadership Camps	TBC
DECEMBER						
	06				School Closes	
	08				Staff Closing	

## Northwood Medical Centre

Reception		031 564 7675	<a href="mailto:medicalcentrenorthwood@gmail.com">medicalcentrenorthwood@gmail.com</a>
Physiotherapist	Ashleigh White	071 607 0883	<a href="mailto:physioajwhite@hotmail.com">physioajwhite@hotmail.com</a>
Chiropractor	Michael Wiggett	071 485 5201	<a href="mailto:michael@chiro.durban">michael@chiro.durban</a>
Homeopath	Colette Kell	073 019 9799	<a href="mailto:colette.kell@gmail.com">colette.kell@gmail.com</a>
Psychologist	Shannon Ownhouse	072 737 1610	<a href="mailto:shannonownhouse@gmail.com">shannonownhouse@gmail.com</a>

# Academics

## From the Head of Academics

MRS R STANLEY

Email: [rstanley@nwood.co.za](mailto:rstanley@nwood.co.za)

## June Exam Timetable

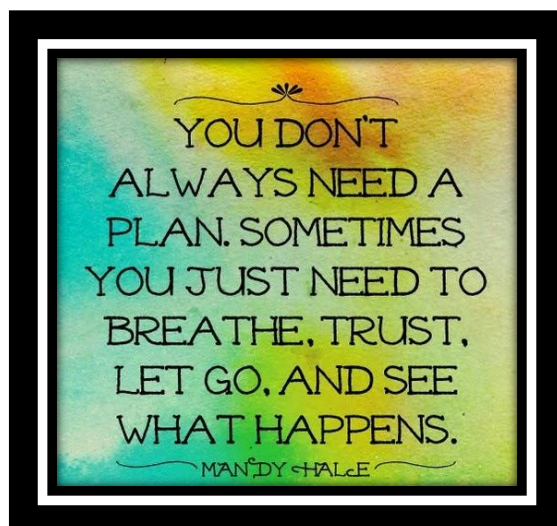
### GRADE 8 & 9

Date	Time	Grade 8	Grade 9
Fri 23 June	08h30-10h30	EMS	Maths
Mon 26 June		<b>Religious Day - Eid</b>	<b>Religious Day - Eid</b>
Tues 27 June	08h00-9h00	Study	Study
	09h45-11h45	Life Science (1½ Hrs)	English P4 (1½ Hrs)
Wed 28 June	08h00-9h00	Study	Study
	09h45-11h45	Physical Science (1½ Hrs)	History (1½ Hrs)
Thurs 29 June	08h00-13h30	<b>Study</b>	<b>APTITUDE TEST</b>
Fri 30 June	08h30-10h30	Geography (1½ Hrs)	Afrikaans P4 (1½ Hrs)/ Zulu P4 (1½ Hrs)

### GRADE 10, 11 & 12

Date	Time	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Fri 23/06	08h30	Life Science (2½ Hrs)	Maths P1/ Math Lit P1 (1½ Hrs)	Physical Science P1
Mon 26/06		<b>Religious Day - Eid</b>		
Tues 27/06	08h15	Afrikaans P2/ IsiZulu P2	Maths P2/ Math Lit P2 (1½ Hrs)	Physical Science P2
	11h00	Economics P2	EGD P1	
Wed 28/06	08h15	Maths / Math Lit	Afrikaans P2/ IsiZulu P2	English P1
	11h00		Economics P2	Life Science (2½ Hrs)
Thur 29/06	08h15	Geography P1	EGD P2	History P2 (2½Hrs)
	11h00	Geography P2 (1½ Hrs)		
Fri 30/06	08h30	Music	IT P2/ Art P1	Econ P2

All papers are 2 hours unless indicated otherwise.



# Grade 12 Holiday Lessons

There will be lessons offered in certain subjects during the first week of the July holiday. Your son will bring home more details of these early next week.

The Grade 12 learners will be given the opportunity to view their scripts of subjects where marking has been completed.

## Days and times:

Friday 23 June: 10h30 – 12h00

Tuesday 27 June: 11h00 – 13h00

Thursday 29 June: 11h00 – 13h00

## Venue:

Subject teacher venues.

# Homework Centre

The Homework Centre will be open during exams Monday to Thursday from 12h30 to 15h30.

# Mathematics Olympiad

Congratulations to Sachin Reddy, in Grade 10, who has qualified for the final round of the Mathematics Olympiad for the third year in a row. He will compete with the top 100 learners in the country on 27 July. We wish him the best of luck.

## LAN Party

Dear Parents,

Northwood will be hosting a LAN PARTY on the final day of the second term. This initiative is to raise funds for the Northwood eSports (electronic sports) society. eSports is a new extramural at Northwood and is growing in popularity and this event is a great way for your son to gain exposure and experience in the activity.

**DATE:** 2PM FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2017 – 7AM SATURDAY 1 JULY

**COST:** R150-00 (Payable to the back office)

**VENUE:** Mr Gebreab's IT room (lower campus)

The event will run on a first-come-first-serve basis. There are 28 Northwood PCs able to run DOTA 2, LOL and CS GO. Payment is to be made at the back office and the receipt brought to Mr McDowall (upper campus) for seating allocation.

8 Additional wired connections are available to learners if they bring their own PCs (all updates should be done before the event). An additional 5-10 wireless devices can be accommodated if laptops are to be used.

Learners may bring their own peripherals (keyboards/mouse/headset etc.) The classroom next to the venue will be open for learners to sleep in if they require rest. They will need to bring bedding.

The learners will be monitored by Mr Gebreab and Mr McDowall during the course of the afternoon and morning. Please ensure that you pick up your children promptly at 7AM.

Please note that cash will be needed for any food purchased at the venue and is not included in the above cost.

Thank you for your valued support of Northwood.

# Sport & Culture

## From the Head of Extramurals

Mr G. Le Roux [gleroux@nwood.co.za](mailto:gleroux@nwood.co.za)

Deputy Headmaster – Extramurals

Northwood has been blessed this year to have a large number of our Hockey boys being selected to represent the KZN Coastal Hockey teams. In addition to this we have had two of our u16 Rugby players selected in the starting line-up for the u16 KZN team for the Grant Khomo Week . Our boys have the opportunity to test themselves against the best in the country but these tours obviously come at a cost to the parents. A number of parents have expressed financial difficulties in financing these tours and we are therefore asking for assistance to make this possible.

Thank you kindly to the parents who have indicated they are willing to support this cause and make the tours for these boys possible.

Please use the link below to donate.

<http://payments.northwoodschool.co.za/product-category/kzn-rep-tour-donations/>

We thank all donors in advance for your assistance.

## Sports Tours 2017

DATE	TOUR NAME	APPROX. COST
30 June – 3 July	DHS Soccer Festival	R 800
June/July Holidays	U14A Cricket Tour to Penryn (cost excl. Transport) Mpumalanga	R 2 200
29 Sept – 03 Oct	1st Team Soccer Grey College (Bloemfontein)	R 3 000
29 Sept – 03 Oct	1st Team Michaelmas Cricket Festival	R 1 800
29 Sept – 03 Oct	U14 Shaun Pollock Cricket Festival	R 1 500
29 Sept – 03 Oct	U16 Kookaburra Cricket Festival	R 750
29 Sept – 02 Oct	1st Team SACS Water Polo Tour (Cape Town)	R 3 500
October	U14A Water Polo Tour Grey College (Bloemfontein)	R 1 600
October	U15 Crawford Lonehill Water Polo Tournament (Johannesburg)	R 1 330

## Soccer

### FIXTURES TERM 3

DATE	OPPOSITION	VENUE
29 July	Hilton College	Hilton
5 August	Westville	Away
9 August	Age-group Tournaments	Various
12 August	Durban High School	Northwood
19 August	Glenwood	Northwood
26 August	Michaelhouse	Northwood
2 September	Kearsney	Kearsney
3 September	5-a-side Tournament	Various
9 September	St Charles College	St Charles