



Northwood News

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Quote of the Week

"And the Grinch with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?"

~ Dr Seuss



From the Headmaster

MR P L McAVOY

Although this will be the last formal edition of the Northwood News this year, please look out for important information on the D6 Communicator in the weeks before the start of the 2018 academic year. A special Headmaster's newsletter will also be published before the end of the year, with important information on staffing, including new appointments and related matters.

In the meantime, in my final piece for the News, ever, allow me to thank staff who will be leaving us at the end of term. We said goodbye to Mr Lyle at the end of August when he retired from the employ the Department of Education, and we have been fortunate enough to enjoy his company this term as he taught in a relief capacity in the History department. We wish you well as always, Sir, and trust you will be a frequent visitor as you take on retirement full time!

Mrs Adendorff has taught in a locum role in the Afrikaans department in the second half of this year. Her pleasant and engaging manner has endeared her to many, and we thank her sincerely for her positive contribution to the school. In a similar vein, Mr Weston has only been with us for a term, but has worked in a dedicated and professional way. I thank him for what he has done – it is never easy stepping into a role late on in the year, and wish him well as he continues his career in education.

Mr Skinner joined Northwood at the beginning of 2014, and made an immediate impact with his obvious passion and work ethic. He has continued to contribute in a positive and tangible manner in many areas of the school. Both prior to and following his appointment as Director of Aquatics, the interest and performance in water polo continued to improve. He has laid a fine foundation for boys in the school to build upon in this area. It is not only current Northwood learners that have benefitted however, as the regular junior school sessions – mainly in the evenings – exposed many primary school boys to water polo far earlier than might otherwise have been the case. The school will continue to reap the benefits from this for years to come. Mr Skinner has also been a valuable contributor to the Commerce department, and as a senior Economics teacher, he achieved excellent results. Outside of water sports, Mr Skinner made strong contributions to general conditioning and to rugby coaching, often inspiring boys to play their hearts out against tough opposition. In the Boarding Establishment, Mr Skinner played a key role as Senior Boarder Master, and continued his progression when he was appointed as Acting Director of Boarding earlier this term. He has chosen to take up an opportunity at another school, where I am sure he will be successful. We thank him sincerely for all that he has done across the various areas of the school.



From the Headmaster Continued...

This sentence is here just to see if anybody has bothered to read this far. And to ask you to keep reading to remind you of important matters below...

The Grade 12 Bell Ringing ceremony takes place directly after their final English exam – at 11:30 on Monday. All are welcome to attend as the Knights make their way out into the world.

Take note of arrangements for second-hand books – see the D6 for more information.

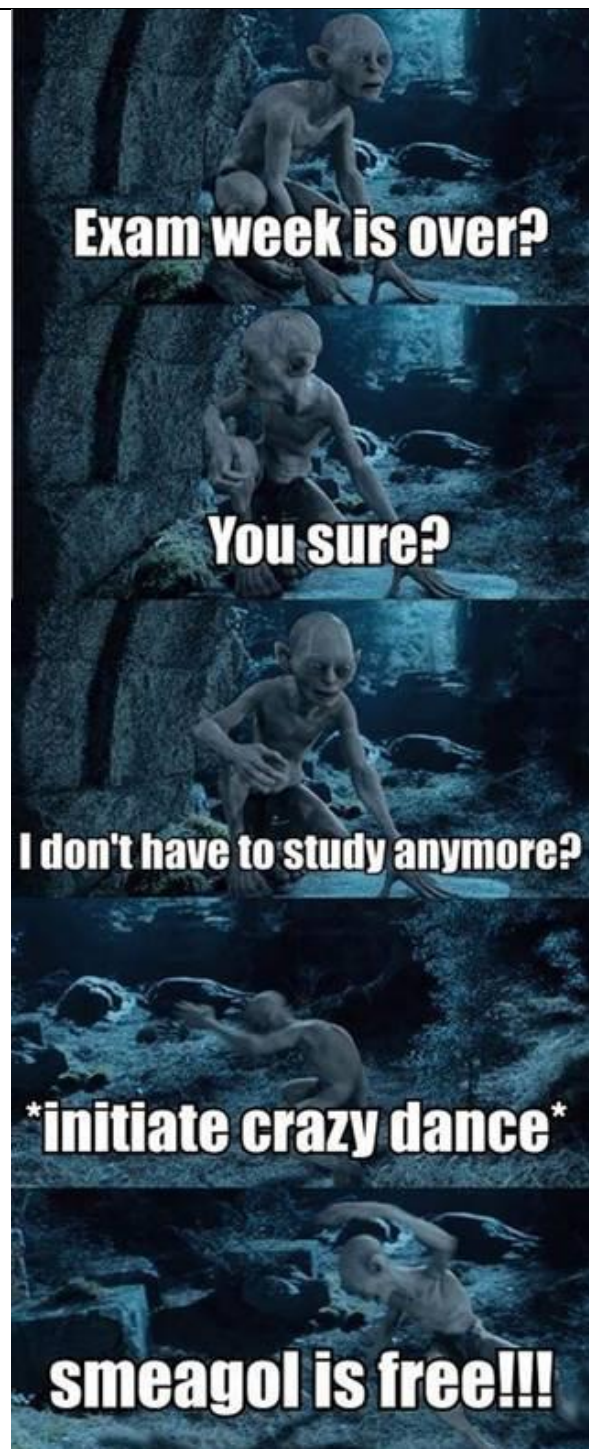
Discounts are available on the price of new textbooks ordered before the end of November – details also on the D6. Parents are strongly encouraged to make early arrangements for the procurement of textbooks and stationery for 2018. Boys **MUST** arrive prepared to work at the beginning of the new year.

School fees for 2018 have been set. Significant discounts are available for the upfront payment of these fees during this year. *Why not get this out of the way and not have to worry about school fees until close to 2019?* Contact the school, or see the D6 for details.

Still with me? *Good, good....* I read that in the voice of the Emperor from Star Wars, did you?

Tomorrow is Sardine Run day! Boys are to arrive at school in house colours, NOT school uniform. When exam sessions are finished, boys will assemble on the Lower Campus field to prepare for the run. A reminder that participation in the Sardine Run is compulsory – the weather forecast is for cool and overcast conditions so it should be fun for all.

An assembly/prizegiving will take place after the run, and boys are expected to be released no later than 12:30. Thank you for your support of this event.



Break up Day

For the sake of clarity – **boys are not required to attend school on the days after exams end** – Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 November. From 29 November onwards, **no boys or parents are permitted on the Upper Campus** at all. Reports will be issued on the morning of Wednesday 6 **December** from the Lower Campus quad.

Online Ordering of Sports Photos

Parents can visit the Prestige website on www.prestigemoments.co.za and enter the unique code c2102 or alternately click on the link below to order their son's school sports photographs.

<http://www.prestigemoments.co.za/c2102/Photos.aspx>



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Important Dates

TERM 4

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Day	Dates	Time	Event	Venue
NOVEMBER				
Fri	24		Exams End	
Fri	24		Sardine Run – Colour Run	Around Durban North
Mon	27	11h30	Matric Bell Ringing	
Wed	29		Various Leadership Camps	TBC
DECEMBER				
Wed	06		Grade 8 – 11 Collect Reports	
Fri	08		School Closes for Staff	



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Staying Active in the holidays

The year is over and it is time to enjoy a well-deserved break from studying and busy training schedules at school. While it is the ideal time to rest and recover, sleep in... but it is also a perfect time to keep fit and active in a variety of different ways.

Back to school in the first term means returning to all the sporting activities too. While it is tempting to just take time out in the holidays I would really encourage one to remain active and relatively fit. This could reduce the risk of overload injuries that can occur after a prolonged physical break from regular exercises.



Academics

From the Head of Academics

MRS R STANLEY

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RESPONSIBILITY

No single drop of water thinks it is responsible for the flood.

Thank You

A big thank you to all staff of Northwood for their continued hard work and dedication. I would like to wish each and every one a wonderful holiday and a blessed Christmas.

PARENTS and PUPILS

Enjoy the few weeks together as a family and we hope to see you all back in 2018 rejuvenated and ready for an exciting year.

Second Hand Books

Books have been coming in very slowly. Please see the following table for delivery and sale times.

OPEN TIMES FOR BOOK ROOM.		ROOM 45 UPPER CAMPUS	
DATE - NOVEMBER		TIME	
Friday 24/11		07:00 – 14:00	Hand in books
Saturday 25/11		09:00 – 13:00	Hand in books

OPEN TIMES FOR BOOK ROOM.		RM 14 LOWER CAMPUS	
DATE - NOVEMBER		TIME	
Wednesday 29/11	Gr 8 and 9 books on sale	09:00 – 14:00	
Thursday 30/11	Gr 10, 11 and 12 books on sale	09:00 – 14:00	
Wednesday 6/12 December – collect money From Lower Campus, Room TBC		09:00 – 10:00	

Stationery and Text Books

If you have not ordered yet, don't forget that there are discount prices offered for all text books ordered by 30th November. All the information is on D6 Resources.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Adnan Bassa who, as a result of his outstanding performance in the Biology Olympiad, will be representing South Africa in Iran next year. Well done, Adnan, we are extremely proud of you!



Exam Timetables

Matric Finals

DATE	09H00	14H00
Mon 27 Nov	English P3 (2½ Hrs)	

Matric Bell Ringing Monday 27 November at 11h30

Grade 8 & 9

DATE	TIME	GRADE 8	GRADE 9
24/11 Fri	08h15-10h15	Physical Science (1½ Hrs)	Creative Arts/ Music

Grade 10 & 11

DATE	TIME	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
24/11 Fri	08h15	English P1	Afrikaans P2/ IsiZulu P2

ALL PAPERS 2 HRS UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE.

Northwood Gear

Lower Campus (off Mackeurtan Ave)

Back to School Shopping Hours

December

1st – 6th Monday to Friday 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
7th - 20th Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Saturday 9th 09:30 am – 12:30 pm

January

Shop reopens on 3 January 2018

Monday – Friday 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Saturday 6th – 13th 9:30 am – 12h30 pm

Term Trading Hours

Tuesday – Thursday 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Monday & Saturday Closed

Sport & Culture

From the Head of Extramurals

MR G. LE ROUX gleroux@nwood.co.za
Deputy Headmaster – Extramurals

With this being the last full Northwood News of the year I would like to personally thank all our staff who have worked so tirelessly over the year on the sports field. I think, as a parent and a student, only you know the true impact each of these people has had on your life.

One person in particular that will be moving on to an exciting opportunity at the end of 2017 is Mr Hadyn Skinner. Mr Skinner has done an amazing job as Director of Aquatics at Northwood since his arrival and has truly taken Northwood Water Polo to new heights. Mr Skinner, your dedication, commitment, passion, integrity, and drive is going to be sorely missed. Mr Skinner has added immense value in so many different areas of the school. From coaching water polo, rugby, swimming and involvement in conditioning, to your long list of responsibilities within Bruyns House and on top of that still managing to be an excellent teacher. It still surprises me how you have managed to do this all at the high standards at which you had set yourself. Thank you for all the hours and hard work, and thank you for leaving Northwood in a better place through your guidance and leadership. We wish you well on your new adventures.

Good luck to our 1st XI Cricket as they head off to Grey College in January.

I wish all our families, learners and staff a well-deserved rest and a very happy and joyous festive season.



Cricket

T20 RESULTS

Crawford LL 94 (R Shedlock 3/20)

Northwood 1st 95/1 (A Chiradza 69 no.)

Northwood won by 9 wickets.

School Tours 2018

DATES	TOUR NAME	COST 2017	APPROX COST 2018
11 – 14 Jan	1 st Cricket Grey College	New	R2 920
12 – 16 Jan	u15 Dukes Cricket Festival	New	R600
18 – 21 Jan	2 nd Water Polo – Port Rex	R1 200	R1 350
25 – 28 Jan	1 st Water Polo – Grey Bloem	R1 960	R2 200
15 – 17 Feb	1 st Vides Water Polo Tournament	R1 890	R2 100
15 – 17 Feb	u15 Water Polo – Port Rex	R1 440	R1 600
10 March	u14/u16/Open Hockey Fixtures in Pretoria	R450	R500
28 – 31 March	u14/u15 Parktown Rugby Festival	R835	R1 000
28 – 31 March	u15 Northwood Rugby Festival	R450	R500
28 – 31 March	u16 Jeppe Rugby Festival	R1 935	R2 200
29 Mar – 2 Apr	1 st Hockey KES Festival	R2 900	R3 200
29 – 2 April	1 st Rugby KES Festival	R1 760	R2 000
31 Mar – 3 April	u16A Founders Hockey Festival	R1 675	R1 800
2 – 5 April	u14 Ken Florens Hockey Festival	R1 500	R1 600
2 – 5 April	u16B Jeppe Hockey Festival	New	R3 000
3 – 7 April	1 st Hockey Founders Festival	R 2 170	R2 300
6 – 8 April	2 nd Crawford Hockey Festival	R175	R200
5 May	All Hockey, Rugby, Chess, Tennis, Squash vs Parktown JHB	R450	R500
July Holidays	1 st DHS/ Kloof Soccer Festival	R580	R650
July Holidays	u14A Penryn Cricket Tournament	R2 200	R2 400
28 Sept – 3 Oct	1 st Grey Bloem Soccer tournament	R2 500	R2 700
28 Sept – 2 Oct	u14 Shaun Pollock Cricket Festival	R1 500	R1 650
28 Sept – 2 Oct	u16 Kookaburra Festival	R850	R1 000
28 Sept – 2 Oct	1 st Cricket Michaelmas Festival	R1 600	R1 750
28 Sept – 2 Oct	u14 Hilton Water Polo Tournament	R1 615	R1 750
28 Sept – 2 Oct	1 st SACS Water Polo Tournament	R4 560	R5 500
4 – 7 Oct	u16 DHS Water Polo Festival	R480	R550
18 – 21 Oct	1 st Saints Stayers Water Polo Tournament	R1 700	R1 850
18 – 21 Oct	u15A Crawford Lonehill Water Polo Tournament	R930	R1 050
25 – 28 Oct	u14A Water Polo - Grey Bloem	R1 791	R2 000