



Northwood News

The School Of Choice

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Quote of the Week

"Beginnings are scary. Endings are usually sad, but it's what's in the middle that counts. So, when you find yourself at the beginning, just give hope a chance to float up. And it will."

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

From the Acting Headmaster

MR M RICH

January 15 marks the arrival of another generation of Northwood Squires. This year we once again have a diverse group of talented young men from all over the world.

The five years our squires will be with us go by so quickly, so don't forget to take time to stop and enjoy all that you are doing and learning.

Apart from welcoming back our "old" staff members, we extend a very warm welcome to our new staff. Mr T. Barry has been appointed Deputy Principal and will be teaching English. He is also the Boarding Establishment Superintendent. Ms T. Halsall joins the History Department, Mrs B. Prins the Afrikaans department, Mr J. Richter will be teaching EMS and Mrs N. Torgius returns to teach English. A warm welcome is extended to our three interns, Mr B. Dlamini, Ms K. Kraay and Mr J. Strydom. Mrs A. Pollock joins us in the Marketing Department as the Knights Secretary.

Congratulations to Ms Hean who got engaged during the holidays and to Mr and Mrs Sessions who were blessed with a baby daughter.

I would like to thank Mr Beukes and all the cleaning and maintenance staff for working so hard while we were on holiday. They really put in a good effort to maintain our wonderful facilities.

It is pleasing to note that teaching started yesterday and that we have a very busy academic, sport and cultural calendar.

As always, the first Northwood News of the year is full of useful information – keep this one handy! It provides contact details and guidance that will help boys and parents alike as they navigate 2018.

Only the first Northwood News of the year will be published in hard copy, although limited numbers of regular editions are available from the back office or reception. The Northwood News will be emailed every Thursday. For new parents, please fill in the form on the back of this edition so that we can add you to the mailing list. The Northwood News is also available on the website and D6.

From the Counsellor's Desk

MR M RICH mrich@nwood.co.za

St George's University, Granada MEDICAL AND VETERINARY DEGREES

Entry into medical or veterinary schools around the world is extremely competitive and St George's offers a real alternative to home based schools for students as they have places available for those with the level of qualifications and the drive and determination to succeed as doctors or vets.

Any students who may be interested in finding out more, please see their website (www.sgu.edu).

St George's hold regular events in countries around the world where students and their parents can go and speak to graduates and representatives of the university to find out more and details. These are published on the site <http://www.sgu.edu/future-students/university-open-house.html>

Becoming a Knight

The process of training for knighthood began before adolescence, inside the prospective knight's home, where he learned courtesy and manners. Around the age of 6 to 7 years, he would be sent away to train. For at least seven years a page was instructed in manners, courtesy, cleanliness, and religion. A page became a squire when he turned 14 years of age (if he did well) being assigned or picked by a knight to become his personal aide. This allowed the squire to observe his master while he was in battle, in order to learn from his techniques. This was to uphold the knight's code - chivalry that promoted generosity, courtesy, compassion, and most importantly, loyalty. The knight acted as a tutor and taught the squire all he needed to know to become a knight. Some squires became knights for performing an outstanding deed on the battlefield, but most were knighted by their lord when their training was judged to be complete.



A squire could hope to become a knight when he was about 18 to 21 years old. Once the squire had established sufficient mastery of the required skills, he was dubbed a knight. The squire was made to vow that he would obey the regulations of chivalry, and never flee from battle. Knights followed the code of chivalry, which promoted honour, honesty, respect to God, and other knightly virtues.

Northwood Parent Group

The events run by the NPG are twofold in purpose: to raise funds for the general benefit of the school and to cultivate, build and enhance the school spirit, family and community of Northwood.

The NPG comprises a committee of talented parents who use their energy and insight for the betterment of the school.

Projects will include, golf day, Old Boys day, hospitality for sports events, fundraising and much more.

If you would like to be part of the NPG please contact Mrs Kennedy on tkennedy@nwood.co.za or on 031 563 6501 ext 302.



Communication at Northwood

We have numerous communication platforms in place which enable Northwood parents and students to be kept up-to-date with all the latest academic, sport and cultural news.



The D6 Communicator plays an integral part in our communication, not only with news, instant alerts etc., but as an resource in terms of academic content and homework dissemination. Please download from either the Google Play Store, Apple App Store, or visit **www.d6technology.com/downloads/school**



Our recently revamped school website offers a complete overview of our school's ethos along with information on our Knights and Corbishley Ellis Foundation. A tour of our facilities is on offer, as well as direct link to our Payment Portal, Newsletters and important contact information.

www.northwoodschool.co.za



Our school facebook page has a vibrant and growing community of over 3000 followers, showcasing our latest news, events and achievements.

Our facebook name is: Northwood School



The Northwood sport twitter feed will keep you posted with the latest sport news and results as they happen.

Follow us on twitter: @NorthwoodSport



The newest addition to our social media platform is our Instagram feed. It offers a fun and relaxed view of school life at Northwood with most content being generated by the boys themselves.

Find us on Instagram: nwoodschool



To streamline payments we have introduced an Online Payment Portal which can be found on our school website or alternatively: payments@northwoodschool.co.za
This portal offers parents the opportunity to pay for school tours, events, supporters gear etc.

payments.northwoodschool.co.za



Knights Induction Ceremony

The Knights Old Boys Association cordially invites ALL MATRICS (and their father or adult representative) to the Knights' Induction Ceremony on **Friday 19 January 2018 at 7:45am** in the Northwood School Hall
All learners to wear full school uniform.

Information Evenings

All learners and their parents are invited to attend Grade Information Evening which will lay out the requirements for your son's year in 2018.

Please note that learners need to wear their school uniform to this meeting.

All meetings take place from 5:30 – 6:30 in the school hall

Matrics: Monday 22 January

(It is recommended that all Matrics and their parents attend)

Grade 9: Tuesday 23 January

Grade 10 & 11: Thursday 25 January

Grade 8 Information Evening and Braai

Friday 26 January

All parents of new boys are invited to join the Headmaster and Staff after the Grade 8 Information Evening
Braais will be provided. Bring your own meat, salad, rolls etc and drinks.

Please also bring your own cutlery, crockery and glasses.

Mr Rich's welcome at 5:45 pm.

Please watch press
for details

Grade 7 Discovery Day

There will be an Open Day for Grade 7 pupils on

Tuesday 6 February. Meet in the hall at **7:30am**.

Busses will return pupils to their primary schools at approximately 12pm.

Open Evening for Parents

There will be an Open Evening for any interested North Durban parents on

Thursday 08 February to meet in the hall at **5:30pm**

(not only Grade 7 parents).

This evening will include a presentation, a school tour and a John Bruyns House boarding establishment tour for those interested in boarding.

Admissions

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

For pupils entering Northwood School in Grade 8 in 2019

Applications to write the Scholarship Exam close on

Friday 23 February 2018

The Scholarship Examination will be written on

Friday 02 March February 2018

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in AV1.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 CLOSE

Friday 23 March 2018

Awards

DECEMBER 2017

Congratulations to the following boys who received awards at the end of last year.

GAMES ROOM

Half Colours: Ashraf Vahed
Mbasa Zozi

Scroll: Quinton Sibisi
Jason Bromley

PRESS CLUB

Scroll: Daveno Proudfoot

FIRST AID

Half Colours: Cameron Brink
Daveno Proudfoot

Scroll: Brandon Tugwete
Dali Wu
Priyul Mahabeer

CHESS

Full Colours: Ananta Reddy

Half Colours: Sachin Reddy

Scroll: Charles Lin

TECH TEAM

Half Colours: Connor Leven
Daveno Proudfoot
Dali Wu

Scroll: Matthew Rossiter
Taine Hancke
Daniel Knight
Dale Wakefield

PERFORMING ARTS

Honours: Andrew Sutton
Kiaav Sunderlall

Full Colours: Nathan Hill
Sayen Mirza

Half Colours: Kyle Chrystal

Scroll: Tyrell Rangasamy
Dean Thiels
Jeremy Chagadama
Quinton Sibisi
Lindokuhle Goge
Lwazi Motha

BRASS BAND

Full Colours: Julian Gaul
Mitchell Kruger

CRICKET

Honours: Jordan Edy

SA REPRESENTATIVE

Cameron Souchon Touch Rugby

HOCKEY

Half Colours: Zinzan George

SOCCER

Full Colours: Adam Brun
Bruno Bou-Melhem
Liven Singh

ACADEMIC AWARDS will be presented at our Prizegiving function on the evening of Monday 29 January.

Prizegiving

Junior Prizegiving will take place on **Monday 29 January** starting at **18h00** and will last approximately 1 hour in the School Hall.

Invitations will be issued to prize winners. Parents and extended family are welcome to attend.

Areas of Responsibility

NAME	DEPARTMENT	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Acting Headmaster		Mr M Rich mrich@nwood.co.za
Deputy Headmaster		Mrs R Stanley rstanley@nwood.co.za Mr NL Govender ngovender@nwood.co.za Mr G le Roux gleroux@nwood.co.za Mr T. Barry tbarry@nwood.co.za
Subject Heads:	English	Mr V Pillay vpillay@nwood.co.za
	Afrikaans	Mr Jankeepersad ajankeepersd@nwood.co.za
	IsiZulu	Ms Nkwanyana lnkwanyana@nwood.co.za
	Mathematics	Mrs Sander gsander@nwood.co.za
	Commerce Subjects	Ms Raftopoulos eraftopoulos@nwood.co.za
	Life Science	Dr Pillay spillay@nwood.co.za
	Physical Science	Mrs Reddy sreddy@nwood.co.za
	History	Mr Sessions bsessions@nwood.co.za
	Geography	Mr Naidoo (NG) sgnaidoo@nwood.co.za
	Engineering, Graphics & Design	Mr Chetty pchetty@nwood.co.za
	Information Technology	Mr Gebreab mgebreab@nwood.co.za
	Art & Culture/Visual Art	Mrs Dawson fdawson@nwood.co.za
	Physical Education	Mr Stanley lstanley@nwood.co.za
	Life Orientation	Mr Rich mrich@nwood.co.za
Dean of Grade:	Grade 8	Mrs Stanley rstanley@nwood.co.za
	Grade 9	Mr le Roux gleroux@nwood.co.za
	Grade 10	Mr Barry tbarry@nwood.co.za
	Grade 11	Mr Rich mrich@nwood.co.za
	Grade 12	Mr Govender ngovender@nwood.co.za
Grade Tutors:	Grade 8CE, 8JO, 8MS, 8PR	Mr Steenhuisen rsteenhuisen@nwood.co.za
	Grade 8CO, 8HT, 8NE, 8SD, 8WB	Mrs le Roux sleroux@nwood.co.za
	Grade 9AD, 9BR, 9GN, 9GA	Mr Naidoo (NG) sgnaidoo@nwood.co.za
	Grade 9HL, 9HK, 9ST, 9TG	Mr McDowall rmcdowall@nwood.co.za
	Grade 10BS, 10RO, 10SR	Mr Halse khalse@nwood.co.za
	Grade 10BT, 10MJ, 10MU, 10RG	Ms Hean kerryh@nwood.co.za
	Grade 11FR, 11HA, 11PB	Mrs Scott lindas@nwood.co.za
	Grade 11RK, 11RT, 11VW, 11WD	Mr Krause mkrause@nwood.co.za
	Grade 12BA, 12MD, 12NA, 12P	Mr Blake pblake@nwood.co.za
	Grade 12DM, 12EV, 12MT	Mrs Dawson fdawson@nwood.co.za
Counselling:		Mr Rich mrich@nwood.co.za Mrs Butt dbutt@nwood.co.za Mrs Reddy sreddy@nwood.co.za
Other	Library	Mrs Beissner abeissner@nwood.co.za & Mrs Ross mross@nwood.co.za
	Jubilee Room	Mr Stanley lstanley@nwood.co.za
	Discipline	Mr Govender ngovender@nwood.co.za
Finance:	Financial Manager	Mrs Thomas rthomas@nwood.co.za
	Collections – School Fees	Mrs Thompson jthompson@nwood.co.za
	Collections School Fees, Debtors	Mrs Frankson rfrankson@nwood.co.za
	Creditors Clerk	Mrs Monk cmonk@nwood.co.za
	Back Office Finance	Mrs Foxcroft lketteringham@nwood.co.za
Admin	Reception	Mrs de Sousa mdesousa@nwood.co.za
	Admissions Secretary	Mrs Dalais jdalais@nwood.co.za
	Back Office/Northwood News	Mrs Dreyer sdreyer@nwood.co.za
Grounds & Buildings	Estate Manager	Mr Beukes abeukes@nwood.co.za
	Workshop/Maintenance	Mr Manicom mmanicom@nwood.co.za

Areas of Responsibility Continued...

Boarding Establishment	Superintendent	Mr Barry tbarry@nwood.co.za
	Senior Housemaster (Grade 8 House)	Mr Sorensen tsorensen@nwood.co.za
	Senior Housemaster (JB House)	Mr Scruby jscruby@nwood.co.za
	Systems Administrator/Student Affairs	Mrs Jooste jjooste@nwood.co.za
	Admin Clerk	Mr Govender kgovender@nwood.co.za
Marketing	Marketing	Mrs van Niekerk jvniekerk@nwood.co.za
	Communications & Media	Mrs Klingbeil gklingbiel@nwood.co.za
	Old Boys (The Knights)	Ms Pollock apollock@nwood.co.za
	NPG/Functions	Mrs Kennedy tkennedy@nwood.co.za
Sport/Clubs	Deputy Headmaster in charge of Sport	Mr le Roux gleroux@nwood.co.za
	Athletics	Ms Hean kerryh@nwood.co.za
	Basketball	Mr Naidoo NG sgnaidoo@nwood.co.za
	Brass Band	Mr Scott rscott@nwood.co.za
	Chess	Mrs Reddy sreddy@nwood.co.za
	Cross Country	Mr Stanley lstanley@nwood.co.za
	Cricket	Mr van Wyk dvanwyk@nwood.co.za
	Cycling	Mr le Roux gleroux@nwood.co.za
	Debating	Mr McDowall rmcdowall@nwood.co.za
	Environmental Club	Dr Pillay spillay@nwood.co.za
	First Aid	Mr Sessions bsessions@nwood.co.za
	Golf	Mr Naidoo snaidoo@nwood.co.za
	Hindu Society	Mr Naidoo NG sgnaidoo@nwood.co.za
	Hockey	Mr Baker sbaker@nwood.co.za
	Hockey Admin	Mr Baker sbaker@nwood.co.za & Mr Wiblin awiblin@nwood.co.za
	Investment/Junior Achievers	Ms Raftopoulos eraftopoulos@nwood.co.za
	Musical	Mr Scott rscott@nwood.co.za
	Muslim Students' Association	Mr Peerbhay apeerbhay@nwood.co.za
	Photographic Society/Press Club	Mr Gow bgow@nwood.co.za
	Rugby	Mr Scruby jscruby@nwood.co.za
	S.C.A.	Ms Coetzee ecoetsee@nwood.co.za
	Science Expo	Mr Peerbhay apeerbhay@nwood.co.za
	Soccer	Mr Gow bgow@nwood.co.za
	Surfing/Body Boarding	Mr Hosking mhosking@nwood.co.za
	Softball	Mr Gow bgow@nwood.co.za
	Squash	Ms Hean kerryh@nwood.co.za
	Swimming	Mrs Morton jtesta@nwood.co.za
	Tech Team	Mr Scott rscott@nwood.co.za
	Tennis	Mrs le Roux sleroux@nwood.co.za
	Volleyball	Mr Parsons jparsons@nwood.co.za
	Waterpolo	Mr Richter jrichter@nwood.co.za

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

2nd Hand Uniform Shop – Lesley Sleeman 073 202 4290

Northwood Gear – Yvonne Haswell 031 564 1439 (office hours) or 083 691 0135

Gym – Simon Vickers – 084 420 8230

Hockey Shop – Alan Paton 082 892 4900 - Di Paton 083 654 8072

Astro Bookings – Robyn Thomas – 082 466 5045

Boarding Establishment (Bruyns House) – 031 563 7302 / 031 563 7328

Wayne Gregory (Tennis): 083 300 2419

School Procedures

A Week at a Glance: School begins at 07h40 every day, boys are expected to be on the property by 07h30, and ends at 14h15 on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays and at 14h00 on Wednesday. The day ends at 13h30 on Fridays except for reinforcement classes. **We expect you to arrive on time!** If you are late for school, we also expect a note of explanation from your parents.

Assembly: Regular assemblies take place on Mondays and Fridays.

Breaks: Grade 8s spend break in the Lower Campus Quad. You may, of course, go to the tuck shop on the Lower Campus.


Drop off and Collection

You must be dropped off or collected either at the Lower Campus entrance, Upper Campus entrance or at the corner of Margaret Maytom Avenue and Burnside Place. **DO NOT DRIVE INTO BURNSIDE PLACE.**

All gates are locked at 07h40. If you are late you will need to enter via the main gate on Adelaide Tambo Avenue (previously Kensington), where your name will be written down and you will be expected to report to the 'back office' for a late slip. We expect a note of explanation from your parents.

You must wait inside the school property at the Lower Campus entrance until your lift arrives. From 15h30 the Upper Campus main gate is locked and boys must go to the Lower Campus entrance to wait for collection. No boys will be allowed to wait outside the main entrance at Upper Campus after 15h30.

Parents MAY NOT drive into the school property.




DURBAN ACTORS STUDIO

Durban Actors Studio is an extramural performing arts training centre with classes for ages 5 to 18 held at Northwood School.

We excel at weekly performance and communication classes, international exams and youth led productions. We advance artistic ability and cultivate creative confidence in all our students. For class information and online registration visit www.durbanactorsstudio.co.za or call 031 3320173







THE KNIGHTS

<p>KNIGHTS IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 January Knighting Ceremony of Grade 12 Boys 24 May Reunion and School Golf Day 25 May Reunion Dinner 26 May Old Boys Day TBA Circle Of Valour Awards Dinner 9 November Remembrance Day 	<p>Reminder to submit your nominations for the 2018 Circle of Valour Award winners to apollock@nwood.co.za.</p> <p>Remember to look at the Knights website (www.theknights.co.za) for the latest news and events.</p> <p>Please "Like" us on Facebook and support the Knights.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
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From the Head of Academics

MRS R STANLEY

Email: rstanley@nwood.co.za

NEW LEARNERS AND PARENTS

Welcome to all the grade 8 learners and their parents as well as those in the higher grades. Northwood is a school of endless potential, educating young men with achieve even more. Get involved, work hard at everything you do and most importantly, ENJOY it.

ORIENTATION

The grade 8 orientation on the first two days of this week went exceptionally well. The boys learnt about the history of Northwood, met their class mates and registration teachers and had fun activities in class groups. This is always a special and important part of entering high school. The whole purpose is for the individuals to get to know each other, understand the ethos of Northwood and have some fun!

I would like to thank all the staff and prefects who were involved.

EXTRA LESSONS

Lessons after school as advertised on the POA, will commence from Monday 22 January.

**New Years shouldn't
be the only time you
resolve to do better.**

**Strive to be the best
version of you every
single day.**

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Programme of Assessment

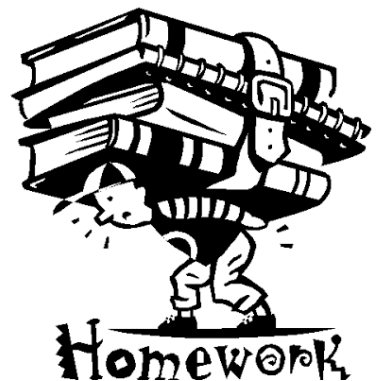
The term 1 POA has been on the D6 since the end of last year. Please look under resources and make yourselves aware of dates of subject assessments.

Homework Centre

The Homework Centre will be operating from Monday 22 January in Mrs Morton's classroom (UC 140). The homework sessions will run from 2.30 to 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday.

The Homework Centre is free to all Northwood pupils. This is a wonderful opportunity to complete homework before returning home. Academic Mentors are available to assist with academic matters on a daily basis.

All queries can be directed to Mrs Morton by email on itesta@nwood.co.za.



Books

Please note that workbooks will start arriving on Monday. If you still need to order these, please keep an eye on the D6 – we are waiting for first order deliveries before the next order can be made.

We are totally reliant on the printers to send our books.

Fees and Boarding Fees for 2017

In terms of Section 38 (2) of the South African Schools Act No.84 of 1996, the Northwood School budget for 2018 was approved at the general meeting of parents held on the 6th November 2017 at the school.

The following resolutions were passed and approved by all parents present at the meeting:

1. The payment of school fees for 2018 is compulsory for parents in terms of Section 39, 40 and 41 of the South African Schools Act No.84 of 1996. Compulsory school fees are regarded as a statutory debt which is prescribed by law and may not be referred to a Debt Counsellor for debt review under Section 129 of the National Credit Act.
2. The criteria and procedures for the total, partial or conditional exemption of parents who are unable to pay school fees in terms of Section 39(b) of the South African School Act No.84 of 1996 was approved and the closing date for these applications is 28th March 2018.
3. Full payment of school fees to be received by 31st October 2018.
Method of payment of fees: Upfront payments or monthly payments & debit orders over 10 months
4. Self-funding activities: Boarding establishment, textbooks, stationery, uniforms, sport equipment, tours and functions, and cultural evenings.



Fees for 2018:

Grade 8: R52,630 less * R3,500 (Monthly payments = R4,913.00 per month x 10 months, Jan to Oct)

New learners: R52,630 less * R3,500 (Monthly payments = R4,913.00 per month x 10 months, Jan to Oct)

Grade 9 to 12: R49,130 (Monthly payments = R4,913.00 per month x 10 months, Jan to Oct)

Boarding fees: R62,920 (Monthly payments = R6,292.00 per month x 10 months, Jan to Oct)

Early settlement discounts for receipt of full fees by dates below (applicable only to school fees):

1. **Last discount: 31st January 2018** 4% = cash/eft deposit 2% = debit/credit/cheque card

Please note the following information:

1. * The Grade 8 and new learners advance payment, already paid in 2017, is deducted from the above amount of R52,630. Please note that this “non-refundable” payment is **NOT** subject to any discount structure. Discount is calculated after taking into account the “non-refundable” payment.
2. Scholarships: early settlement discounts are calculated after taking into account the scholarship awarded.
3. Debit orders, currently in place for 2017, will be carried forward by the finance department into 2018 and the amount of the debit order will be adjusted accordingly.
4. The school would prefer that upfront payments be made via EFT. Banking details: **First National Bank – Durban North (220426), Account number 507 9100 3665, Reference: Child’s admin no/name & surname.**

We are looking forward to a great year in 2018 and would like to thank all parents in advance for your financial support in contributing towards Northwood achieving its vision.

Permission for Photographs

Dear Parents

From time to time photographs / videos are taken of our students highlighting their various achievements, school life, outings, or for school marketing material. Some of these photographs are then used across various online and print mediums such as our facebook page, school magazine, local press, website, posters etc. Should you have any objections to you son being photographed for these purposes, please send us written note specifying his name and grade with your relevant contact details, or alternatively email: marketing@nwood.co.za for attention Mrs Klingbeil in the Marketing Office.

School Bell Times

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
07h40 Registration	07h40 Registration	07h40 Registration	07h40 Registration	07h40 Registration
07h50 Assembly	07h55 Lesson 1	07h55 Lesson 1	07h55 Lesson 1	07h50 Lesson 1
08h15 Lesson 1	08h50 Lesson 2	08h50 Lesson 2	08h50 Lesson 2	08h40 Lesson 2
09h05 Lesson 2	09h50 Lesson 3	09h45 Lesson 3	09h50 Lesson 3	09h30 Lesson 3
09h55 Lesson 3	10h45 Break	10h40 Break	10h45 Break	10h20 Assembly
10h45 Break	11h15 End of Break	11h10 End of Break	11h15 End of Break	Break after assembly
11h15 End of Break	11h20 Lesson 4	11h15 Lesson 4	11h20 Lesson 4	11h05 End of Break
11h20 Lesson 4	12h20 Lesson 5	12h10 Lesson 5	12h20 Lesson 5	11h10 Lesson 4
12h20 Lesson 5	13h15 Lesson 6	13h05 Lesson 6	13h15 Lesson 6	12h00 Lesson 5
13h15 Lesson 6	14h15 End of Day	14h00 End of Day	14h15 End of Day	12h50 Lesson 6
14h15 End of Day				13h40 End of Day
		14h10 to 15h00		13h45 – 14h30
		Staff Meetings etc.		Reinforcement lessons

CONTROL TESTS

TUESDAY
07h40 Registration
07h50 Control Test
08h50 End of Test
08h55 Lesson 1
09h45 Lesson 2
10h35 Break
11h05 End of break
11h10 Lesson 3
11h55 Lesson 4
12h40 Lesson 5
13h25 Lesson 6
14h15 End of day

FRIDAY
07h40 Registration
07h50 Control Test
08h50 End of Test
08h55 Lesson 1
09h35 Lesson 2
10h15 Break
10h45 End of Break
10h50 Lesson 3
11h30 Lesson 4
12h10 Lesson 5
12h50 Lesson 6
13h30 End of Day
13h45 – 14h30
Reinforcement lessons

IMPORTANT!

Medical Information

The Department of Education will only allow us to administer paracetamol (Panado) to pupils. If your son/ward has a condition which requires that he receive medication other than a Panado (e.g. adrenalin for bee sting allergies, insulin for diabetes, stomach medication for IBS, inhaler for asthma – we have a nebulizer but require that you send the drops) please send the medication to the school, clearly marked with your son's name and instructions for administration, and a note which gives us permission to administer this medication should the need arise.

Northwood Medical Centre

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

Northwood Gear Shop Hours

MONDAY AND SATURDAY – CLOSED

TUESDAY – THURSDAY 13h30 – 15h15

FRIDAY 13h15 – 14h30

For assistance please phone Yvonne Haswell
On 083 691 0135 or 031 564 1439

2ⁿ Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays at 2nd Break and is situated on the lower campus and sells good quality, second hand school clothing.

For more information contact Mrs Lesley Sleeman on 073 202 4290.

The Hockey Shop

The Hockey Shop is situated on the lower campus and is open on every weekday afternoon from 2pm until 5:30 pm.

Also open most Saturdays (contact Mr or Mrs Paton first on the telephone numbers below to be sure.)

For more information contact Alan Paton on 082 902 4900 or Di Paton on 083 654 8072.

Gym

The cost for the Gym for 2018 is R180 per term which is to paid directly to the gym.

Unfortunately Grade 8's may not join the gym at this stage unless they are accompanied by their coach.

For more information call Simon Vickers on 084 420 8230.

Bus

ROUTE

Pick up **06h30** Drop off **17h30** at Shell Garage adjacent to Lifestyle Centre Ballito

Pick up **06h40** Drop off **17:05** at Westbrook Centre (Post Office) – cnr Aloe and Strelitzia Place

Pick up **06h55** Drop off **16h45** at Umdloti – South Parking Bay area opp Total Garage below circle

PAYMENT

The cost is R950 per month and payment can be made directly to the school either via EFT or cheque. Should you require the service for a shorter period, arrangements can be made with Mr Gow on (031) 563-6501 ext 410 or email bgow@nwood.co.za or for any further information regarding the bus service.



2018 School Year

TERM	SCHOOL TERMS		NO OF WEEK	NO OF DAYS
1	Staff 15) (Boys 17) January	28 March	11	53 (51)
2	10 April	22 June	11	51
3	17 July	28 September	11	51
4	9 October	(Boys 12) (Staff 14) December	10	47 (49)

Important Dates for 2018

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Day	Dates			Event	Venue	
JANUARY						
Fri	05				Matric Results Released	Northwood
Thurs	11	to	13		1 st Team Cricket tour to Grey College	Bloem
Fri	12	To	16		U15 Dukes Cricket Festival	Johannesburg
Sun	14				New BE boys arrive	John Bruyns
Mon	15	To	16		Grade 8 Orientation	Northwood
Mon	15				Teachers Return to School	Northwood
Tues	16				BE Boys Return	John Bruyns Hse
Wed	17			07h30	School Term Begins	
Wed	17			07h45	Squire Induction	School Hall
Thurs	18	To	21		2 nd Team – Port Rex Waterpolo Tour	East London
Fri	19				Knighting Ceremony	School Hall
Fri	19				Clifton Gala	Clifton
Sat	20				Cricket & Basketball vs St Charles	Northwood
Sat	20				Virginia 6-A-Side Cricket	Northwood
Mon	22				Matric Information Evening	School Hall
Tues	23				Grade 9 Information Evening	School Hall
Wed	24				Marketing Photo's	Northwood
Wed	24				Glenwood Gala	Glenwood
Thurs	25				Grade 10 Information Evening	School Hall
Thurs	25				Grade 11 Information Evening	School Hall
Thurs	25	To	27		1 st Team Waterpolo – Grey College Tour	Bloemfontein
Fri	26				New Parents & Grade 8 Information Evening & Braai	Northwood
Sat	27				Cricket & Basketball vs Hilton	
Sat	27				Michaelhouse Gala	Michaelhouse
Mon	29				Junior Prize Giving	School Hall
Wed	31				DHS Gala (TBC)	DHS
Wed	31				RCL Elections	Northwood
Wed	31				Chelsea Prep High School Evening	Chelsea
FEBRUARY						
Fri	02				Grade 8 Plays	School Hall
Sat	03				Cricket & Basketball vs Michaelhouse	
Tues	06				Open Day for Grade 7 Boys	Northwood
Thurs	08				Open Evening for Prospective Parents	Northwood
Sat	10				Cricket & Basketball vs Clifton	Northwood
Sat	10	To	11		Midmar Weekend	Midmar Dam
Tues	13				Individual and Class Photos	School Hall
Wed	14				Kearsney Gala	Kearsney
Thurs	15	To	17		1 st Waterpolo to Vides Waterpolo Tourn. – Selborne	East London
Thurs	15	To	17		U15 Waterpolo to Port Rex Tournament	East London
Fri	16				Valentine's Day Social	School Hall
Sat	17				Cricket & Basketball vs Glenwood	
Thurs	22				Top 8 Gala	
Fri	23				Closing Date for Scholarship Applications	Northwood
Sat	24				Cricket & Basketball vs DHS	
Tues	27				DND Gala (Northwood Hosting)	Kings Park

MARCH						
Fri	02				Scholarship Exam	Northwood
Sat	03				Cricket & Basketball vs Westville	Westville
Sat	10				1 st Team Rugby Day at the Sharks Stadium	Kings Park
Sat	10				u14, u16 & Open Hockey Fixtures	Pretoria
Fri	16				Quiz Evening (School Fundraiser)	School Hall
Sat	17				Rugby vs Kearsney (Classic Clash)	Kearsney
Fri	23				Admissions Close for 2019	Northwood
Sat	24				Rugby vs Westville	Westville
Sun	25				Northwood music Festival (School Fundraiser)	Northwood
Mon	26	To	31		u16 Jeppe Rugby Festival	Johannesburg
Mon	26	To	31		Parktown u14 & u15 Rugby Festival	Johannesburg
Wed	28				End of Term 1	
Wed	28	To	02		1 st Team Rugby & Hockey KES Festival	Johannesburg
Wed	28	To	31		Northwood u15 Rugby Festival	Northwood
APRIL						
Mon	02	To	05		U14 Hockey Ken Florens Festival	Northwood
Mon	02				U16B Jeppe Hockey Festival	Johannesburg
Tues	03	To	07		1 st Team Hockey Founders Festival	
Tues	06	To	08		2 nd Team Crawford Hockey Festival	Crawford
Tues	10				Schools Re-Open	
Thurs	12				Grade 12 Parents Evening	School Hall
Sat	14				Rugby & Hockey vs DHS (Provisional Compulsory)	Northwood
Mon	16				Grade 8 Parent Evening	School Hall
Wed	18				Grade 9 – 11 Parent Evening	School Hall
Sat	21				Rugby & Hockey vs St Charles	St Charles
Thurs	26				Rugby & Hockey vs Maritzburg College	Northwood
Fri	27				Freedom Day	
Mon	30				School Holiday	
MAY						
Tues	01				Worker's Day	
Thurs	03				Knights Gathering (TBC)	Pretoria
Sat	05				Rugby, Hockey, Chess, Tennis & Squash vs Parktown	Johannesburg
Sat	12				Rugby & Hockey vs Michaelhouse	Michaelhouse
Wed	16	To	18		Northwood Musical	School Hall
Sat	19				Rugby & Hockey vs Clifton	Northwood
Thurs	24	To	26		Reunion Weekend & Old Boys Day	Northwood
Sat	26				Rugby & Hockey vs St Charles	Northwood
JUNE						
Sat	02				Rugby & Hockey vs St Benedicts	Northwood
Mon	04				Midyear Exam Start	Northwood
Sun	10				Comrades Marathon	
Sat	16				Youth Day	
Fri	22				End of Term 2	
Fri	22	To	26		1 st Team Soccer Tournament	DHS/Kloof
Mon	25	To	07		Cultural Tour	USA
JULY						
Tues	17				School Reopens	
Wed	18	To	19		Mark Check	Northwood
Wed	25				Report Hand Out	Northwood
Fri	27				Grade 11 Dance	School Hall
Sat	28				Marketing Fundraiser (TBC)	
Mon	30				Academic Concerns Evening	School Hall

AUGUST						
Tues	07				Subject Choice Evening	School Hall
Thurs	09				Women's Day	
Fri	10				School Holiday	
Fri	17				Closing Date for Subject Choice forms	Northwood
Fri	17	To	18		Eastern Evening	School Hall
Tues	21				Sport Photo Day	School Hall
Wed	22				Eid	
Fri	31				2019 Prefects Announced	School Hall
SEPTEMBER						
Mon	03				Prefects Tie Ceremony	Jubilee Room
Mon	03				Matric Trials Start	Northwood
Fri	07				LO Exam (TBC)	Northwood
Thurs	27				Sportsmen's Banquet	School Hall
Fri	28				End of Term 3	
Fri	28	To	02		Shaun Pollock u14 Cricket Festival	Northwood
Fri	28	To	09		1 st Team Cricket Michaelmas Week	
Fri	28	To	02		U16 Kookaburra Festival	
Fri	28	To	02		1 st Team Grey College Soccer Tournament	Bloemfontein
Fri	28	To	01		1 st Team Waterpolo SACS Tournament	Cape Town
Fri	28	To	02		U14 Hilton Waterpolo Tournament	Hilton
OCTOBER						
Thurs	04	To	07		U16 DHS Waterpolo Tournament	DHS
Tues	09				School Reopens	
Tues	09				Prefect's Dinner	Jubilee Room
Fri	12				Speech Day	School Hall
Thurs	18	To	21		1 st Team Stayers Waterpolo Tournament St Stithians	Johannesburg
Thurs	18	To	21		U15 Crawford Lonehill Waterpolo Tournament	Johannesburg
Fri	19				Marketing Fundraiser (TBC)	
Thurs	25	To	28		U14 Grey College Waterpolo Tournament	Bloemfontein
Fri	26				BE Year End Function	John Bruyns Hse
NOVEMBER						
Wed	07				Diwali	
Fri	09				Remembrance Day	
Fri	23				Sardine Run	
DECEMBER						
Wed	12				School Closes for Learners	
Fri	14				School Closes for Staff	

High Days and Holidays

Wednesday 21 March
 Friday 30 March
 Monday 2 April
 Friday 27 April
 Mon 30
 Tuesday 01 May
 Saturday 16 June
 Thursday 09 August
 Friday 10 August
 Monday 24 September

Human Rights Day
 Good Friday
 Easter Monday
 Freedom Day
 School Holiday
 Workers' Day
 Youth Day
 Women's Day
 School Holiday
 Heritage Day



Sport & Culture

From the Head of Extramurals

Mr G. Le Roux

Deputy Headmaster – Extramurals

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Welcome back to all our learners as well as our parents and in particular our new parents and Grade 8 learners. After what was hopefully a good rest for everyone we are straight back into the swing of things at Northwood with an action packed weekend ahead of us.

Some points to remember with regards to Sport at Northwood:

1. All learners are expected to get involved in at least one extra-mural per term.
2. After sports practice learners may not leave school in their sports kit, but either full school uniform or full school tracksuit. This applies to all learners irrespective where the learner is picked up from.
3. All learners are to arrive in full school uniform for all sports fixtures, whether home or away.
4. Learners are to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the stated bus departure time.
5. Discipline and good sportsmanship on the field is required at all times.
6. Parental support is welcome and encouraged, but parental coaching from the side-lines is not allowed.
7. Parents of boys participating in sport/cultural activity will be requested to provide a plate of eats at some point during a season.
8. Learners are expected to attend all practices and fixtures for their chosen sport.
9. Please use the contact details below for communication with our Director's and Masters in Charge for all matters relating to that sport.

Wishing our learners and parents a great 2018.

MIC BASKETBALL: S. NAIDOO

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NORTHWOOD VS ST CHARLES

@ ST CHARLES 20 JANUARY 2018

TIME	TEAM	COURT	COACH
09:00	14A	Indoor	S. Gindina
	15B	Outdoor 3	N. Mchunu
	15C	Outdoor 2	V. Kuhle
	14D	Outdoor 1	C. Munnik
10:00	26B	Outdoor 2	L. Lelo
	15A	Indoor	E. Haarsdveld
	14C	Outdoor 1	J. Parsons
	14B	Outdoor 3	E. Murphy
11:00	16A	Indoor	S. Gindina
12:00	2 ND	Indoor	E. Haarsdveld
13:00	1 ST	Indoor	Pastor George

TRANSPORT
Busses leave at 07h00 from the front gates.
BUS 1 : Juniors : Mr Parsons and Mrs Munnik BUS 2 : Seniors: Mr Naidoo
Bus 1 will return at approximately 11h30
All pupils must arrive and leave in full school uniform.

School Tours 2018

Date	Tour Name	Cost 2017	Approx Cost 2018
11-14 Jan	1st Cricket Grey College	New	R2920
12-16 Jan	U15 Dukes Cricket Festival	New	R600
25-28 Jan	1st Water Polo - Grey Bloem	R1960	R2200
15-17 Feb	1st Vides Water Polo Tournament	R1890	R2100
15-17 Feb	U15 Water Polo - Port Rex	R1440	R1600
10 March	U14/U16/Open Hockey Fixtures in PTA	R450	R500
28-31 March	U14/u15 Parktown Rugby Festival	R835	R1000
28-31 March	U15B Northwood Rugby Festival	R450	R500
28-31 March	U16 Jeppe Rugby Festival	R1935	R2200
29 Mar-2 April	1st Hockey KES Festival	R2900	R3200
29 Mar-2 April	1st Rugby KES Festival	R1760	R2000
31 Mar-3 April	U16A Founders Hockey Festival	R1675	R1800
2-5 April	U14 Ken Florens Hockey Festival	R1500	R1600
2-5 April	U16B Jeppe Hockey Festival	New	R3000
3-7 April	1st Hockey Founders Festival	R2170	R2300
6-8 April	2nd Crawford Hockey Festival	R175	R200
5 May	All Hockey, Rugby, Chess, Tennis, Squash, vs Parktown-JHB	R450	R500
July Holidays	1st DHS / Kloof Soccer Festival	R580	R650
July Holidays	U14A Penryn Cricket Tournament	R2200	R2400
28 Sept-3 Oct	1st Grey Bloem Soccer Tournament	R2500	R2700
28 Sept-2 Oct	U14 Shaun Pollock Cricket Festival	R1500	R1650
28 Sept-2 Oct	U16 Kookaburra Festival	R850	R1000
28 Sept-2 Oct	1st Cricket Michaelmas Festival	R1600	R1750
28 Sept-2 Oct	U14 Hilton Water Polo Tournament	R1615	R1750
28 Sept-2 Oct	1st SACS Water Polo Tour	R4560	R5500
4-7 Oct	U16 DHS Water Polo Festival	R480	R550
18-21 Oct	1st Saints Stayers Water Polo Tournament	R1700	R1850
18-21 Oct	U15A Crawford Lonehill Water Polo Tournament	R930	R1050
25-28 Oct	U14A Water Polo - Grey Bloem	R1791	R2000

PLEASE NOTE:

- If your son is likely to be involved in any of these tours please make sure the necessary payment has been made, as no boy will be allowed to tour without full payment reflecting in the schools account at least one week prior to departure.
- The figures given above are estimates only and the prices may vary slightly.
- Formal letters will be issued to boys involved by each MIC well in advance of each tour.



Chess

Congratulations to Ananta Reddy who was selected as captain of South African u16 Olympiad (B) Team.

Cricket, Basketball and Water Polo Fixtures and Tours

TERM 1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Venue</u>
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11-14 January	Grey Bloem 1 st Team Cricket Festival	Bloemfontein
12-16 Jan	U15 Dukes Cricket Festival	Westville
20 January	Cricket, Water Polo and Basketball vs St Charles	St Charles
25-28 Jan	1st Water Polo - Grey College	Grey College
27 January	Cricket, Water Polo and Basketball vs Hilton	Northwood
3 February	Cricket, Water Polo and Basketball vs Michaelhouse	Michaelhouse
10 February	Cricket, Water Polo and Basketball vs Clifton/ Others	Clifton
15-17 Feb	1st Vides Water Polo Tournament	Selborne
15-17Feb	U15 Water Polo - Port Rex	Port Rex
17 February	Cricket and Basketball vs Glenwood	Glenwood
24 February	Cricket, Water Polo and Basketball vs DHS	DHS
3 March	Cricket and Basketball vs Westville	Westville

Rugby and Hockey Fixtures and Tours

TERM 1 AND 2

Date	Opposition	Venue
10 March	Rugby vs Hilton (pre-season warm up)	Hilton
9-11 March	Hockey vs St Albans and Pretoria Boys High School	Pretoria
17 March	Rugby/Hockey vs Kearsney	Kearsney
24 March	Rugby/Hockey vs Westville	Westville
28-31 March	U14/u15 Parktown Rugby Festival	Parktown
28-31 March	U15B Northwood Rugby Festival	Northwood
28-31 March	U16 Jeppe Rugby Festival	Jeppe
29 Mar-2 April	1st Hockey KES Festival	King Edward VII
29 Mar-2 April	1st Rugby KES Festival	King Edward VII
31 Mar-3 April	U16A Founders Hockey Festival	Affies
2-5 April	U14 Ken Florens/Founders Hockey Festival	Northwood
2-5 April	u16B Jeppe Hockey Festival	Jeppe
3-7 April	1st Hockey Founders Festival	Dale College
6-8 April	2nd Crawford Hockey Festival	Crawford
14 April	Rugby/ Hockey vs Durban High School	Northwood
21 April	Rugby/ Hockey vs St Charles	St Charles
26 April	Rugby/ Hockey vs Maritzburg College	Northwood
5 May	Rugby/Hockey/Squash/Tennis/Chess vs Parktown	Parktown
12 May	Rugby/ Hockey vs Michaelhouse	Michaelhouse
19 May	Rugby/ Hockey vs Clifton/ George Campbell	Northwood
26 May	Rugby/Hockey vs St Charles – OLD BOYS DAY	Northwood
2 June	Rugby/Hockey/Squash/Tennis/Chess vs St Benedict's	Northwood

Co-Curricular Details

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FIXTURES FOR WEEK: THURSDAY 18 JANUARY - WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	HOME/AWAY	VENUE	TIME	TRANSPORT	DPT	RTN	COACH	REF/UMPIRE
CRICKET										
19 January	3rd	St Charles	Home	Smith Oval	14h30	-	-	-	T Joseph	T Joseph
	4th	St Charles	Away	Harwin	15h00	Ricallan	13h30	17h30	N Mtembu	N Mtembu
	5th	St Charles	Away	Crookes	15h00	Ricallan	13h30	17h30	D Smith	D Smith
	16B	St Charles	Away	Colts	15h00	Ricallan	13h30	17h30	K Rawling	K Rawling
	16C	St Charles	Away	Conway	15h00	Ricallan	13h30	17h30	C Berry	C Berry
	15C	St Charles	Home	Pollock Oval	14h30	-	-	-	T Rankin	T Rankin
	14D	St Charles	Home	Whitfield	14h30	-	-	-	W Marias	W Marais
	14E	St Charles	Away	Jolivet	15h30	Ricallan	13h30	17h30	A Leven	A Leven
20 January	1st	St Charles	Away	SCC Oval	09h30	Ricallan	07h00	17h30	R Minnie	R Minnie
	2nd	St Charles	Away	Harwin	09h30	Ricallan	07h00	17h30	T Pillay	T Pillay
	16A	St Charles	Away	Crookes	09h30	Ricallan	07h00	17h30	J Ricket	J Ricket
	15A	St Charles	Away	Conway	09h30	Ricallan	07h00	17h30	J Grobler	J Grobler
	15B	St Charles	Home	Virginia Primary	09h30	-	-	-	B Payne	B Payne
	14A	St Charles	Away	Colts	09h30	Ricallan	07h00	17h30	S Takobza	S Takobza
	14B	St Charles	Away	Jolivet	09h30	Ricallan	07h00	17h30	D Smith	D Smith
	14C	St Charles	Away	Smith	09h30	Northwood	07h00	13h00	M Krause	M Krause
WATERPOLO										
20 January	1st	Michaelhouse	Home	NW Pool	9:00	-	-	-	J. Le Roux	J. Richter
	1st	St Charles	Home	NW Pool	13:40	-	-	-	J. Le Roux	J. Richter
	2nd	St Charles 1st	Home	NW Pool	9:40	-	-	-	J. Le Roux	TBC
	3rd	St Charles 2nd	Home	NW Pool	13:00	-	-	-	T. Sorensen	TBC
	4th	St Charles 3rd	Home	NW Pool	12:20	-	-	-	T. Sorensen	TBC
	15A	Northwood 2nd	Home	NW Pool	11:40	-	-	-	J. Richter	TBC
	14A	St Charles	Home	NW Pool	11:00	-	-	-	M. Chambers	TBC
	14B	St Charles	Home	NW Pool	10:20	-	-	-	M. Chambers	TBC
SWIMMING										
19 January	1st	Numerous	Clifton	Clifton Pool	14:30	Ricallan	13:30	17:00	J. Le Roux	-

See basketball fixtures on page 25

TEACH HIM KINDLY, WORLD

By Abraham Lincoln

On the eve of Lincoln Jnr. going to school

World take this boy by the hand – he starts Grade 5 (Grade 8) today.

It's going to be strange and new for a while and I wish you would sort of treat him gently. You see, up to now, he's been king of the roost. He's been the boss of the back yard. We have always been around to repair his wounds and been handy to soothe his feelings.

But now, things are going to be different. This morning he's going to walk down the front steps, wave his hand and start on a great adventure that probably will include wars and tragedy and sorrow.

To live in this world will require faith and love and courage. So, World, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know.

Teach him – but gently, if you can.

He will have to learn, I know, that all people are not just – that all people are not true. Teach him that for every scoundrel there is a hero; that for every crooked politician there is a dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy there is a friend. Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick.

Teach him the wonders of books. Give him the quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hill. Teach him that it is far more honourable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong.

Try to give this boy the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is getting on the bandwagon. Teach him to listen to all people, but to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and to take only the good that comes through.

Teach him to sell his brawn and brain to the highest bidder but never to put a tag on his heart and soul. Teach him to close his ears on a howling mob – and to stand and fight if he thinks he's right.

Teach him gently, World, but don't coddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel.

This is a big order, World, but see what you can do. He's such a nice boy ...

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If you **do not have an email address**. Hard copies of the Northwood News are available from the **Back Office** after school every Thursday afternoon.

KINDLY COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO YOUR SON'S CLASS TEACHER.

I would like to receive the Northwood News on the following email address/s:

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Son's Name: Grade:

Or email your son's name and grade with your name to: sdreyer@nwood.co.za

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