

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK 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 VILJOEN

Dear Parents

The world we live in today is one that is filled with continued examples of how one should not act. Short cuts, dishonesty, bribery, corruption, violence, a complete disregard for integrity, a lack of respect and other negatives are so part of society, that it is fast becoming "acceptable" to act in this way. It is, of course, never acceptable, and as such Northwood, its boys and staff will always strive to do the right thing.

The school, and with it, its traditional values, its code of chivalry and the expectations we have for ourselves, has a more important role than ever to play in a society as the one briefly discussed above. We have to teach our boys to respect, to be principled, to be honest, to be resilient, to do the right thing, to work hard and to be absolutely committed to achieve quality.

Dennis Prager said: "Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people."

So it is within this context that I share a note a received from one of our Durban North Citizens – a note that means more to me than any sporting victory or cultural achievement this year. She wrote this...

"Good Day Northwood Staff,

I felt I needed to write and share with you the details of an incident that I witnessed in Woolworth's on Monday 19th November. I had just entered the store and 2 boys from Northwood entered the store at almost the same time as myself. They went straight up to a lady a little further up the aisle. They addressed the lady as Ma'am and explained to her that she has left the cash she had drawn in the cash machine outside. They handed back her cash and although she thanked them profusely - we were both so taken aback that neither of us thought quickly enough to ask for their names.

These 2 young men are a fine example of how men should behave and are a credit to both their parents and to Northwood School. As a society we are always quick it seems to criticize the "youth" of today and many of us do not take the time to really acknowledge the good as well. I am not sure whether the lady who the money belonged to has also contacted the school however I decided I would like to commend these young men.

To the 2 young men whoever they are thank you for restoring my faith in humanity and brightening my day with a happy moment."

What a lovely message, and a great testament to what can happen when we show care and respect. Thank you to those boys for being exactly what our country and world needs!

From the Head of Extramurals

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The year ended with our traditional Sardine Run that took place on Wednesday at the conclusion of the exams. It was very well supported with just under 700 boys taking part. Congratulations to Dwayne Goodwin who finished 1st in a time of 18:32, followed by Johann Cronje, Zazi Msomi, Musa Moyo and our first junior runner in Okuhle Nkosi.

Age Group winners: U14: Kaden Cooke/ Darren Vermeulen U15: Okuhle Nkosi U16: Zazi Msomi U17: Dwayne Goodwin U19: Musa Moyo.

Well done to all boys who took part.

A reminder to parents to please view and fill in the Sport Survey below. Your feedback is important to us. <u>https://goo.gl/forms/H6OZ1jCA4KTDF1392</u>

On the next page are our fixtures as they currently stand for Term 1 and 2 next year. Please click on the link below for our full tour schedule for 2019 as well as estimated costs for planning purposes.

https://www.socscms.com/socs/documents/SSPResources/90427dce-705c-4f76-a760-e9b8968642c2.pdf

For all extra mural details about fixtures, notices, practice times and transport arrangements please visit <u>www.northwoodschoolsport.com</u>. Remember to create a shortcut on your home screen of your mobile device for a very user-friendly version of the site.

ECR Toy Story Relay



Congratulations to the six Northwood boys who participated in the ECR Toy Story Relay race at Northlands Primary School on 20 November. They placed second.

The boys were: Grade 9s, Kian Robert, Micheal Broughton and Camryn Pillay and Grade 8s Steven Seagreen, Trevan Reddy, and Aaron Ramadu, pictured here with Darren Maul from ECR.

We are so proud of our boys who gave up a few study hours to give back to charity and their community.

Northwood Fixtures Term 1 & 2 2019

Date	<u>Opposition</u>	Venue
4-7 January	1 st Cricket Grey College Festival	Grey High School
18 January	Clifton Time Trial Gala	Clifton
19 January	Cricket, Water Polo, Basketball vs Clifton	Various
22 January	Inter-house Swimming Gala	Northwood
24-27 January	1 st Water Polo Grey College Tournament	Grey College
26 January	Cricket, Water Polo, Basketball vs Hilton	Various
31 Jan-2 Feb	2 nd Water Polo Pearson Tournament	Pearson
2 February	Cricket, Water Polo, Basketball vs Michaelhouse	Various
8 February	Westville Invitational Gala	Westville
9 February	Cricket, Water Polo, Basketball vs Westville	Various
11 February	Northwood Championship Gala	Northwood
13 February	Government Schools Gala	Maritzburg College
14-17 February	Vides Water Polo Tournament	Selbourne
16 February	Cricket, Water Polo, Basketball vs Glenwood	Various
20 February	Top 10 Swimming Gala (Compulsory)	Kings Park
22-24 February	Dallas Hutton Northwood Water Polo Festival	Northwood
23 February	Cricket, Water Polo, Basketball vs DHS	Various
25 February	Inter-house Cricket, Water Polo and Basketball	Northwood
28 Feb-3 March	15A Indigo Water Polo Tournament	Parktown
2 March	Cricket, Water Polo, Basketball vs St Charles & Kearsney	Various
9 March	Hockey and Rugby vs Maritzburg College	Maritzburg College
15-18 March	U15B Northwood Rugby Festival	Northwood
15-18 March	U14A Parktown Rugby Festival	Parktown
21-24 March	1 st , U16A,U15A,U14A Grey High Rugby Festival	Grey High School
28-31 March	1 st Hockey Founders Festival	Northwood
5 April	Inter-house Rugby, Hockey and Volleyball	Northwood
6-7 April	2 nd Crawford Hockey Festival	Crawford La Lucia
10 April	Cross Country at Kingway	Kingsway
13 April	Hockey and Rugby vs Durban High School	DHS
17 April	Cross Country at Curro Hillcrest	Hillcrest
17-22 April	1 st Hockey KES Festival	KES
17-22 April	1 st Rugby KES Festival	KES
17-22 April	U16A Jeppe Rugby Festival	Jeppe
17-22 April	U15A Parktown Rugby Festival	Parktown
19-22 April	U14A Founders Hockey	Parktown
19-22 April	U14B Ken Florens Hockey Festival	Northwood
24 April	Cross Country at Clifton	Virginia Bush
27 April	Hockey and Rugby vs Hilton (Compulsory)	Northwood
4 May	Hockey and Rugby vs Westville (Compulsory)	Northwood
8 May	Cross Country vs Kearsney	Kearsney
11 May	Hockey and Rugby vs Parktown	Northwood
15 May	Cross Country vs Crawford	Crawford
18 May	Hockey and Rugby vs Michaelhouse (Compulsory)	Northwood
22 May	Cross Country vs Waterfall	Waterpolo
25 May	Hockey and Rugby vs St Benedicts	St Benedicts
1 June	Hockey and Rugby vs St Charles	St Charles
8 June	Hockey and Rugby vs Kearsney - Old Boys Day (Compulsory)	Northwood
13-16 June	1 st Kloof Soccer Tournament	Kloof

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