

Thought for the Week "The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return." ~ Eden Ahbez *Happy Valentíne's Day*

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Last week presented prospective grade 6 and 7 parents with the opportunity to visit our school campus during our annual open evenings. It was wonderful to see how many parents and boys wanted to find out about what Northwood has to offer.

Prospective boys had the opportunity to walk through the school, engage with current learners, teachers and governing body members to ultimately get a feel for what the school is about. Speaking to these boys and parents after their various tours, I was so proud to find them complimenting our school and its facilities, but more importantly making a point of mentioning the boy's manners, attitude and heart for the school. Treating all visitors with respect, kindness and welcoming all with open arms to our "house" is what we are all about. We are not perfect in this regard yet, but we will continue to enforce this message to the boys until they are all aligned to the value system of the school.

During his SONA speech in parliament, President Ramaphosa addressed numerous areas around education, one particular area of interest is the greater focus on skills development and problem solving as well as the focus on implementing some new subjects relating to environmental and technological development. The President stated the following:

"In line with our Framework for Skills for a Changing World, we are expanding the training of both educators and learners to respond to emerging technologies including the internet of things, robotics and artificial intelligence. Several new technology subjects and specialisations will be introduced, including technical mathematics and technical sciences, maritime sciences, aviation studies, mining sciences, and aquaponics."

As a school our aim will also be to provide opportunities to our boys, and to give them access to subject areas that could benefit them in terms of both tertiary study and/or career opportunities. In light of this, we have put a school task team together to investigate the possibility of adding some of the subjects mentioned above to our current curriculum. This will not be a fast process as there are many variables to consider, but if there are potential benefits to our boys, we will do everything possible to make it happen. I will keep you posted on the progress during the course of the next couple of months.

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From the Headmaster Continued...

Thank you very much to the parents who have offered assistance to our garden project – we still need some paving stones and benches, but we have been very well supported in terms of donations of plants and features, so I am most grateful to you all for the support. Please email me pviljoen@nwood.co.za if you want to support this project. It will be wonderful for our boys to have an additional area to work at while waiting for sport or lessons so, if at all possible, please assist.

In terms of the arrangements for end of term, reports, June examinations, parent teacher conferences and matters relating to the school being a marking centre at the end of the year, please look out for a letter from me that will be posted on the D6 communicator tomorrow.

REMINDER: No boy will be allowed to leave school before 1st break unless otherwise arranged with the Headmaster personally.

Lastly - may you all have an enjoyable Valentine's day and a great weekend.

Admissions

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS For pupils entering Northwood School in Grade 8 in 2020 Applications to write the Scholarship Exam close on Friday 22 February 2019

The Scholarship Examination will be written on Friday 1 March February 2019 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in AV1.

Class and Individual Photos will take place on 5 March 2019

ORDERING PROCEDURE:

You need to order and pay for your photographs before photograph day. Please collect a Prestige envelope from the school's Back Office, label carefully with your name, grade and registration class.

For Class and Individual Photo Set:R70Class Photo on its own:R30Individual Photo Set:R50

Please ensure the correct money is placed in the envelope and handed in at the Back Office. **DO NOT DEPOSIT THE MONEY INTO YOUR SCHOOL ACCOUNT.**

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

From the Counsellor's Desk

MR M RICH

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MARINE CAREERS COURSE

What the Marine Careers Course entails:

This four-day course covers the qualifications and personal attributes required to work in the marine field, the nature of the work done by Scientists, the Animal Health Unit, Aquarium staff and Marine Mammal staff. Participants will also get the opportunity to visit behind the scenes at uShaka Sea World, in order to get a feel for the work that is done here. This course has half a day of theory and three and a half days of practical experience with the above mentioned departments.



The Course is from 08h00 to 16h00 on each of the four days, and is held at uShaka Sea World Education Centre.

This course will be repeated Three times during 2019 and the dates are as follows: Course 1: 25 - 28 March (FULLY BOOKED) Course 2: 24 - 27 June Course 3: 1 - 4 July

The cost of the Marine Careers Course:

This course costs R300 per person for the 4 days (excluding meals).

How to apply for the Marine Careers Course:

There are a limited number of positions per course (total of 15), you can book for a particular course by following the link: <u>https://goo.gl/sG3NKE</u> or contact <u>education@seaworld.org.za</u>

For more information please email <u>education@seaworld.org.za</u> <u>https://www.saambr.org.za/education/#marine-careers-courses</u>



Academics

MRS R STANLEY

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Control Tests

DATE	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
14/02	Life Science	Geography	Bus Studies	EGD	Life Science
19/02	Creative Arts Task	LO	Life Science	History	LO
21/02	EMS	History	LO	Maths/ Maths Lit	Phy Science
26/02	Maths	Technology	Geography	LO	Maths/ Maths Lit
28/02	Technology	Maths	Accounting	Phy Science P2	Bus Studies

REINFORCEMENT LESSONS

If your son fails a Control Test, he is required to attend a Reinforcement Lesson, to establish where he went wrong and to help him understand the subject matter better.

Reinforcement lessons for term 2 are follows:

DATE OF CONTROL TEST	DATE OF REINFORCEMENT LESSON
07 February	15 February
12 February	22 February
14 February	22 February
19 February	01 March
21 February	01 March
26 February	08 March
28 February	08 March



Important Dates Term 1

(Subject to Change)

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DAY	DATE	DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	
FEBRU	FEBRUARY					
Thurs	14			Valentine's Day		
Thurs	14			Valentine's Visits (Prefects)		
Thurs	14	17		Selborne Vides Waterpolo Tournament	East London	
Thurs	14	16		Duzi Canoe Marathon		
Fri	15		6:00-10:00	Junior Social	Hall	
Sat	16			Waterpolo, Basketball, Cricket vs Glenwood	Various	
Wed	20		6:00-8:30	Top 10 Gala	Clifton	
Fri	22			Scholarship Applications Close		
Fri	22	24		u15A/B Dallas Hutton Waterpolo Tournament	Northwood	
Sat	23			Waterpolo, Basketball, Cricket vs DHS		
Sun	24			Glenwood Expo	Glenwood	
Mon	25		2pm	Interhouse Cricket, Waterpolo, Basketball	Northwood	
Wed	27		6:00-8:30	DnD Gala	DHS	
Thurs	28			Knights Networking Breakfast	TBC	
Thurs	28	3/3		u15A Indigo Parktown Waterpolo Tournament	Johannesburg	
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Fri	1			Scholarship Exam		
Fri	1			Surfing Fundraiser Movie Night	Northwood	
Sat	2			Kearsney & St Charles Waterpolo, Basketball & Cricket	Various	
Tues	5			Individual & Class Photos		
Fri	8			Closing Date for Applications for 2020		
Fri	8		8am	Matric Hamlet Excursion	Playhouse	
Sat	9			Rugby & Hockey vs Maritzburg College	Maritzburg Coll.	
Sun	10	23		Hockey Tour to Malaysia		
Wed	13			Toastmaster Graduation	AV1	
Fri	15			End of Term 1		
Fri	15	18		u14 Parktown Rugby Tournament	Johannesburg	
Fri	15	18		u15B Northwood Rugby Festival	Northwood	
Wed	21	24		Grey High School – 1 st and all A Teams	Port Elizabeth	
Thurs	21			Human Rights Day		
Thurs	28	31		1 st Team Founders Hockey Festival	Northwood	
APRIL						
Tues	2			Term 2 Begins		

Smalls

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



Although advertising in the Northwood News Smalls is free of charge, Northwood reserves the right not to post your advertisement if we feel that the content is inappropriate for our learners and if we need the space for "real" Northwood content.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST ASHLEY WHITE will be moving from the Northwood Sports Medicine Centre to Kensington Health Centre, 110 Adelaide Tambo Drive. Telephone 031 563 1359 or mobile 071 607 0883. Email: physioajwhite@hotmail.com

ENGLISH TUITION: Lessons for Grades 8 – 11 in Umhlanga and Durban North area (willing to travel). 8 years of experience in tutoring. Contact Karl on 076 501 3481.

Sport & Culture

MR G. LE ROUX

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We have recently started a drive to upgrade our existing basketball/volleyball facility as well as to introduce two new basketball/volleyball courts at Northwood. We are fortunate to be able to use the space available at the Burnside entrance part of the school. With the massive growth in numbers in basketball over the last few years, we have had to make do with two courts between 150 boys at times.

We are really excited about this new project and we know it will add immense value to both our volleyball and basketball programs.

We have outlined a list of items needed to make this possible:

- 1) Installation of four new basketball posts on the old Tennis courts.
- 2) Installation of awnings on the existing basketball courts.
- 3) Resurfacing of old tennis courts/ new basketball courts.
- 4) Installation of a drinking fountain at the courts.
- 5) Upgrade of supporters stands and viewing areas at existing courts.

After a recent appeal to basketball parents for donations towards this project and some generous donations received, we are pleased to be able to get started with this and make this upgrade a reality. We are currently in the process of items 1 and 2 listed above with both looking at completion by the 22 February. We are still looking for additional funding to complete items 3, 4 and 5 so if you are interested in supporting this initiative, please make donations at the link below.

<u>http://payments.northwoodschool.co.za/product/new-basketball-courts/</u> If you would like to get involved in a different way, please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>gleroux@nwood.co.za</u>.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank all those parents who have generously donated to this project and other projects at Northwood. This parental support and commitment to Northwood's continued growth is what makes our school truly special.

For all extra mural details with regards to 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.



Midmar Mile

Four of the 1st team waterpolo boys participated and all did extremely well:

Left to right: Ethan Robert - 26.06 Nicolas Bright - 25.30 Hano de Beer - 25.36 Kian Robert - 23.57

Well done, boys!

Fixtures Term 1 & 2 These fixtures are subject to change

Date	Opposition	Venue
14-17 February	Vides Water Polo Tournament	Selborne
16 February	Cricket, Water Polo, Basketball vs Glenwood	Various
20 February	Top 10 Swimming Gala	Clifton
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
27 February	D and D Gala	DHS
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	1st, U16A,U15A,U14A Grey High Rugby Festival	Grey High School
28-31 March	1st Hockey Founders Festival	Northwood
5 March	Inter-house Rugby, Hockey and Volleyball	Northwood
6-7 April	2nd Crawford Hockey Festival	Crawford La Lucia
13 April	Hockey and Rugby vs Durban High School	DHS
17-22 April	1st Hockey KES Festival	KES
17-22 April	1st 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
27 April	Hockey and Rugby vs Hilton	Northwood
4 May	Hockey and Rugby vs Westville	Northwood
11 May	Hockey and Rugby vs Parktown	Northwood
18 May	Hockey and Rugby vs Michaelhouse (Compulsory)	Northwood
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	Northwood
13-16 June	1st Kloof Soccer Tournament	Kloof