

Northwood News

Thursday 6 February 2020 — Volume 4

From the Headmaster's Desk

MR P P VILJOEN

Dear Parents

As I write to you, we are in the midst of our open days and open evenings. It is always a wonderfully busy time of the year and it is really great to welcome so many prospective boys and parents to our beautiful campus.

In preparation for these days and evenings, our marketing department puts together our annual marketing video. This year they based the video on the story of our head boy, Vernon Matongo, which he shared during his inauguration speech. They then, of course, added their own creative touches. It is so beautifully put together that I felt it was appropriate to share it with you in this week's edition.

In my mind, it perfectly sums up what our school is about.

"The Northwood Story"

A Squire.

The start of a journey.

The journey of becoming the man I know I am destined to be.

I was a young boy in a new place. I stood surrounded by buildings that seemed impossibly high and fields that looked as if they went on forever. But I soon learnt that I never stood alone.

I looked to my left and saw the countless squires around me who were in the same position that I was, starting this journey alongside me. Young men from different backgrounds, all wearing the same badge as me, like we were a family. Young men who would learn with me, laugh with me, and cry with me. But most importantly I saw young men who would grow with me.

I looked to my right and saw all the young men who had started this journey already. The men who would inspire me. Who would help me and all the other squires on our journey. Who would offer advice and guidance. These are the men who would pick me up when I fell and set me back on my path when I may stray from it. The men who would be my brothers, even long after we have left these halls.

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Thought for the Week

"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

~ Roy T Bennett

Important Dates

FEBRUARY

Thurs 7 17:30 Grade 6 Open Evening

Sat 8–Sun 9 Midmar Mile

Tues 11 Government Schools Gala @ Maritzburg College

Wed 12 14:30 Toastmaster in AV1

Thurs 13 -Sun 16 Vides Waterpolo Tournament @ East London

Fri 14 Valentines vis- **Sold Out** its

Fri 14 Junior Social

Sat 15 Cricket/W/Polo/Basketball vs Glenwood @ Glenwood

Tues 18 Top Schools Gala @ Clifton

Wed 19 14:30 Toastmaster in AV1

Thurs 20 18:00 Championship Gala

Fri 21 Dallas Hutton W/Polo Tourn. @ NW

Sat 22 Cricket W/Polo/Basketball at Maritzburg College @ College

Tues 25 DnD Gala @ DHS

Wed 26 14:30 Toastmasters in AV1

Thurs 27 Duzi Canoe Marathon

Fri 28 Closing date for scholarships

Sat 29 Cricket/W/Polo/Basketball vs DHS at home (cricket varied)



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From the Headmaster's Desk continued. . .

I looked behind me and I saw the names on the memorial wall. The Honours boards. The Shield on the wall. I saw the proud tradition of honour, integrity, compassion and respect that I was to become a part of. I saw the men who had walked these halls long before I was even born. I saw the names of sports heroes that inspire me. I saw the names of doctors and scientists who had blazed new paths in their fields. I saw endless possibilities for my future.

Lastly I looked in front of me and I saw the people who lead me on this journey. I saw the teachers who would encourage me, teach me about the world and inspire my creativity. I saw the teachers who would give me the knowledge I needed to achieve my dreams and shape me into the man I would become. The man I didn't know I could be. I saw the coaches and trainers who would challenge me. Push me harder than I have even been pushed. The coaches who would teach me that it is not always about winning but about getting back up and never giving up, no matter how big the task ahead of me may seem. All around me I saw people who would shape me into the knight I am today.

*A knight.
The end of a journey.
But the start of a much bigger one.*

A journey I am now prepared for. A preparedness I owe to each individual that I encountered in my five years at Northwood. To my family. To my teachers. To my coaches. To the groundskeepers, the team behind the scenes who make so many things possible. And lastly to the men who walked this journey with me. To the men who walked before me and to the men who will walk this journey long after me. To my brothers.



This is my story. This is your story. This is OUR story.

Information Technology

03 February 2020

SEACOM tour Report by Kiashen Maharajh edited by Mr M. Gebreab

On the 30th of January 2020, ten IT students had a tour to SEACOM underwater Cable Landing Facility in Mtunzini. SEACOM is a company which launched Africa's first broadband submarine cable system along the continent's Eastern and Southern coasts in 2009. Currently SEACOM provides African businesses, network carriers, and service providers with a reliable high speed internet connection which connects South and East Africa directly to Europe and South Asia.

It was a very exciting and informative field trip. The 10 IT students and Mr. Gebreab were split amongst the highly qualified engineers at the facility and the two groups were taken on a tour of the facility. We were taken into areas with specialised equipment and advanced technology to ensure that we have a reliable fibre connection in our country. We also learned many interesting facts such as that 13 Terabits of data flows into and out of their facility every second! We were also shown how the facility runs on diesel generators, batteries and other special equipment when load shedding occurs to ensure that our country is still supplied with a reliable internet connection. We were also given the opportunity to view the server room where big companies confidential data is stored and we were shown an actual example of the cable which connects our fibre network to other companies for communication

We thoroughly enjoyed our experience at SEACOM and would like to thank SEACOM for giving us the opportunity to visit their facility and feel privileged to have been the first school ever to visit their amazing facility.



Holy Family Careers Expo

Holy Family College will be hosting a Careers Expo on the **28 February 2020**. **Grade 11 and 12 learners** (and parents) are invited to attend this exciting event. Approximately 50 Institutions have been invited to exhibit, including:

WITS University
Rhodes University
UKZN
University of Pretoria
VEGA
DUT (various Departments)
LISOF-House of Fashion Design
Swiss International School
1000 Hills Chef Academy
Keyline IT College

Varsity College
UCT
University of Johannesburg
International Hotel School
AFDA
SA Maritime School
PWC
MEDUNSA
US Embassy
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International Education Link

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from all over the world and some scholarships too



On 17 February 2-6pm
At Durban Girls College

University Visits

The following universities will be at Northwood School on the following dates.

19 February	Wits University
26 February	University of Cape Town
4 March	Pretoria University

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CLOSED

TUESDAY – THURSDAY
13h30 – 15h15

FRIDAY
13h15 – 14h30

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Northwood

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SATURDAY LESSONS

This Saturday will be the first of our Saturday classes for Grade 12 learners. If you have not yet read the letter posted on D6 by the Head Master, please take the time to do so.

All lessons are from 07:30 – 09:00

DATE	SUBJECT	VENUE	EDUCATOR
08/02	English Extension	Room 129	Mrs Ganesh
	English Support*	Room126	Mrs Domun
15/02	Maths Extension	Room 150	Mr Steenhuisen
	Maths Support*	Room110	Mrs Sander

Learners who need the support lessons have been identified and parents will receive a letter in this regard. The Extension lessons are for those who would like to excel in the Subject.
All pupils are to be in full School uniform.

Further dates and Subjects will be published soon.

Smalls

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Extra lessons for Maths:

Grade 8: Tuesday (Mr Hosking)
Grade 9: Tuesday (Miss Bristow)
Grade 10: Monday (Mrs Scott)
Grade 11: Monday (Mrs Le Roux)

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Sport & Culture

MR G. LE ROUX

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On Saturday 25 January I believe we witnessed one of the most remarkable efforts of true grit and utmost determination from our 1st Cricket team. Two weeks ago our boys took on Michaelhouse at Northwood and we were sent in to bat first. Before we knew it we had 57 runs on the board and we were 7 wickets down. It wasn't looking good for the boys and it looked as though the game would be over before lunch. In stepped Devon Rogers and Dyllan Ferreira. Their composure and pure determination was something special to witness as the boys put on an incredible partnership of just under 100 runs. A few more runs from the tail took the Northwood total to 173, a total the team believed they could defend. Michaelhouse however seemed to be cruising along and made a very good start to the chase, making it look easy. Despite this, our boys dug deep and the wickets started to fall. The end of the match was nail-biting where in the second last over of the match, things got really really tight. Some superb fielding, tight bowling and a fair amount of composure ensured the final wicket was taken with Northwood winning the match by 2 runs. The same can be said about our 1st team Basketball where, at one stage, they were down 13-26 and managed to come to within 2 points of winning but unfortunately going down 40-44 to Michaelhouse. Both of these comebacks were immense and showed true determination as expected by our Northwood boys. To come back when the chips are down and when it looks as though all is lost is not easy. But what we can all take out of this is that with a little bit of courage, determination and grit, anything is possible. If you are willing to put in the hard yards, dig deep and get dirty we can achieve anything. This fight made them stronger, more courageous and would put them in good stead going forward, when this past weekend we saw both teams cruise past Clifton. This is what Northwood is about. Not necessarily the victories but the ability and character to fight until then very end. Let us continue like this throughout the course of the year, whether it be in the classroom or on the sport fields. Let's not be satisfied with mediocrity, let's set our sights high and make sure we achieve our goals

Congratulations to our 1st Water Polo team who competed in the Grey College Water Polo Tournament just over a week ago. Our boys finished 8th in the tournament out of 15 schools. And well done to all our sports teams against Clifton. There were some fantastic performances and we are incredibly proud of you.

We wish all our boys the best of luck against Westville this weekend.

For all extra mural details with regards to fixtures, notices, practice times and transport arrangements please visit www.northwoodschoollsport.com. Remember to create a shortcut on your home screen of your mobile device for a very user friendly

Northwood 6 aside Hockey tournament



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