

# Northwood News

Thursday 20 February 2020 — Volume 6

## *From the Headmaster's Desk*

MR P P VILJOEN

Dear Parents

It is not always easy to find inspiration for my weekly contribution in the Northwood News. Luckily, this week is pretty easy as I have been inspired by quite a few people and events around the school recently.

Inspiration number one comes from our gardens – It has now become a regular sight to see two of our moms working on beautifying and improving our school gardens. They do this completely out of their own accord and simply because they want to serve the boys and community in this way. Thank you for your incredibly hard work, moms!

Inspiration number two comes from deep within the walls of the school – Every Friday a group of our mothers find a quiet corner and pray to God for our staff, boys and parents. Their prayers protect, guide and strengthen all of us every day. They pray because they love all of us, and give of themselves to ensure that we as a school feel loved and cared for. Thank you for your prayers for each and every one of us, moms.

Inspiration number three comes from our staff – thank you staff for sacrificing afternoons, holidays and now Saturdays to teach and support our boys. You are always willing to do that little bit more, to go the extra mile, often at the expense and detriment of your own families. I love you and respect you for this.

Inspiration number four comes from what I see on the sports fields every weekend – young men who are determined, well presented, spirited and proud, but also humble and courageous. But also young men who honour and serve the games that they play, the opponents that they face and the officials, umpires and referees that adjudicate. When our boys display these characteristics, we have won, no matter the results of the game.

Inspiration number five comes from all the mistakes that I as a headmaster, we as teachers, and us as sport coaches make. Every single time we make a mistake, we are inspired to do better the next time. Criticism does not scare us – it inspires

## Thought for the Week

"There is no acceptable reason for abuse or cruelty to any living being.  
None.

~ Anthony Douglas Williams

## Important Dates

### FEBRUARY

Thurs 20 18:00 Championship Gala  
Fri 21 Dallas Hutton W/Polo Tourn. @ Northwood  
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)

### MARCH

Wed 4 14:30 Toastmasters in AV1  
Thurs 5-Sun 8u15 Parktown Indigo Waterpolo Tourn. @ JHB  
Sat 7 Rugby/Hockey vs Kearsney @ Kearsney  
Fri 8 Matric Hamlet Excursion @ Durban Playhouse  
Tues 10 Individual & Class Photos  
Wed 11 17h00 Toastmasters Graduation @ AV1  
Thurs 12 TBC BE Plays  
Fri 13 Closing Date for Applications  
Fri 13 Prefects' Braai  
Sat 14 Rugby/Hockey vs Maritzburg College Compuslry @ Home



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## *From the Headmaster's Desk continued...*

us to do better. To be more professional, caring, loving and understanding when dealing with our boys. It reminds us that our jobs are simple, it is to serve our boys and parents. It is to keep going, to be resilient, to be role models and most importantly to remember that each and every boy is someone and that he is indeed significant in his own right.

Our Northwood School is not a perfect one, but we take inspiration from everything. We are determined as a staff and community to make our school the best version that it can be.

I want to challenge you as parents today –to find the positive in what the school does for your boy, but also to inform us and work with us if you have any concerns.

Let us remember the words of Ryunosuke Satoro who said simply, but powerfully: “Individually we are one drop, but together we are an ocean.

Have a great weekend!

## University Visits

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

26 February University of Cape Town  
4 March Pretoria University



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## Congratulations, Mr Govender

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Govender on his appointment as Deputy Headmaster by the Department of Education. Mr Govender takes up the position formerly held by Mr Rich and brings with him 19 years of dedicated service to the school and a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of education.

# Northwood

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# Academics

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## NBT

There will be National Benchmark training at Northwood on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March from 08:00 – 12:30.

Please keep an eye on the D6 for further information and booking details.

## 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)

## Maths Olympiad

Maths Olympiad First round to be written on 12 March 2020 at 1pm in AV1.

There is a higher court than  
courts of justice and that is  
the court of

**conscience.** It  
supercedes all other courts.

~Mohandas Gandhi

## Saturday Classes

This Saturday we have a Physical Science Support class . Certain learners have received notice of compulsory attendance.

All lessons are from 07:30 – 09:00

DATE	SUBJECT	VENUE	EDUCATOR
22/02	Physical Science Support	Room 53	Mrs Reddy
29/02	Life Sciences Support	Room 147	Dr Pillay
	Life Sciences Extension	Room 138	Mr Govender
	History Support	LC Room 78	Ms Halsall

## Smalls

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# Sport & Culture

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On Tuesday night our swimming team competed in the Top Schools Gala at Clifton College. While I was watching, there were a number of things that stood out for me that I really enjoyed. I often talk about results and good performances, but today I would like to look from a different angle.

As I arrived at the gala it started raining. It continued to rain heavily for the entire gala. It wasn't a light drizzle either and at times was coming down fairly hard. Not once did I hear a single learner complain about having to be there and to swim for the school, despite the horrid conditions. Looking around I also saw boys who, earlier in the day, were on the verge of being sent home due to feeling incredibly ill and under the weather. This learner however still arrived despite not feeling 100%, and he swam his heart out for the school. The format of the gala is a relay of four swimmers in each stroke. Some swimmers are naturally better than others, but again not once did I hear a learner blame another for a poor result or did I hear a learner taking the credit for a good one. The boys knew they were a team and they did their best for each other and for the school despite their differences in abilities and times. Then right at the end of the gala after the results had been read out our boys did their war cry and headed home. Before I left, I looked around for any items our boys may have forgotten. Upon looking around, it was a very pleasant surprise to see how neat and tidy our boys had left the grandstand. The photo on the bottom left is where Northwood was sitting on the evening. The photo on the right is where a number of other schools had been seated for the gala. This massive contrast, which in no way relates to the gala and talent that was displayed, but rather what we stand for and what we value as a school. This excites me more than any result as I know we are bringing up men that will do well as husbands, fathers and productive members of society. A massive congratulations to all our swimmers who swam last night. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the school and demonstrating all of these wonderful qualities that we stand for as a school. We are incredible proud of you all.



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