

# Northwood News

Thursday 12 March 2020 — Volume 9

## *From the Headmaster's Desk*

Dear Parents

I thought it appropriate to share some of our current plans, strategies and timelines with you. These may not be as interesting as the value based pieces I have been writing over the past few weeks, but nevertheless I believe that as one of our key stakeholders you should all be aware of the strategies. I will therefore be dedicating the next couple of newsletters to the aspects mentioned above.

At the first level it is our aim to create a school where, according to the IBSC author, Dr Phil Cummins, it feels like a place where the students, the staff, the families, the community belong. With belonging, comes performance and the propensity of the members of the community to do what is good and right individually and collectively. This is the character capital that a high-performing school community builds together. It is an ongoing act of collaboration built on shared values and a willingness to put the needs of students and their learning above all else.

Its foundations, therefore, lie in the acceptance of a school as a generator of self-awareness, relationships, service, and vocations that are motivated by a desire to be selfless. This is how great schools feel when we walk into them, regardless of socio-economic status, governance structure or provenance. They feel like a home for learning whose students are growing in character and competency, whose people are valued, and whose cultures are long term goals of the school.

The most significant step that we have taken as a school this year is the implementation of computer coding as a compulsory subject for all of our grade 8 and 9 boys. Through the very generous support of both our Governing Body and through a significant donation from B.E.T.- Technologies yesterday, our boys are now able to develop skills that are of such a shortage, that they will be employable or employers straight out of school. In addition to the coding, we are working closely with the SGB and negotiating with a number of corporate companies to invest in robotics and mega-tronics on a much larger scale. Our aim is to run Robotics as a fully-fledged subject by 2021. This strategy, along with the continued investment in Engineering Graphic and

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## Thought for the Week

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit down for a month."

~ Theodore Roosevelt

## Important Dates

### MARCH

Fri 13 Matric Hamlet Excursion @ Durban Playhouse  
Fri 13 Closing Date for Applications  
Fri 13 Prefects' Braai  
Sat 14 Rugby/Hockey vs Maritzburg College @ Home **Compulsory**  
Mon 16 1st Hockey vs Waterkloof @ Home  
Thurs 19 – Sun 22 u18 Founders Hockey Tournament @ Affies/Pretoria  
Thurs 19-Tues 31 Vietnam Cultural Tour  
**Fri 20 End of Term 1**  
Fri 20-Sun 22 u15A Parktown Rugby Fest  
Fri 20-Sun 22 u14A Parktown Rugby Fest  
Fri 20-Sun 22 u14 Founders Hockey Tourn.  
Fri 20-Mon 23 u15B Northwood Rugby Fest  
Sat 21 Human Rights Day  
Sun 22 – Tues 24 2nd Team Crawford La Lucia Hockey Fest.  
Thurs 26-Sun 29 u14 Ken Florens Hockey Festival @ Home  
Thurs 26-Sun 29 u16B Jeppe Hockey Fest  
**Tues 31 Term 2 Begins**

### APRIL

Fri 3 Reports Out  
Fri 3-Sat 4 vs Parktown. All Spots to JHB  
Mon 6 17:30 Grade 9 & 12 Parents Evening in Hall  
Tues 7 17:30 Grade 10 & 11 Parents Evening in Hall  
Wed 8 17:30 Grade 8 Parents Evening in Hall



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Design, Design, and Coding links our boys beautifully to what is required to cope with the fourth industrial revolution and beyond. If you as parents, business owners or company employees are aware of anyone that can assist with potentially investing in the robotics expansion please won't you email me [pviljoen@nwood.co.za](mailto:pviljoen@nwood.co.za), so I can get in touch with them. With your help we may just be able to get this massive value add up and running sooner rather than later.

In terms of our school gardens our Mothers Group, along with our dedicated staff are doing tremendous work in improving our already special facility. Through their efforts the bank overlooking our main rugby field will be rehabilitated and improved and might even have a little addition that we will keep as a surprise for now.

Mr Beukes and his team have, during the last few weeks, also upgraded and improved three of our classrooms, with the upgrading of another three planned for the impending holiday.

I will continue to share other plans and strategies next week.

In terms of the weekend, we look forward to welcoming Maritzburg College for a full set of winter sport fixtures. Please be aware that parking will be available at a small fee on the Lower Campus field, with preference given to first come first served. The fixture is also a compulsory one for all our boys, who will be seated along the covered stands. The boys will be taking their places at 14.15 so you may be asked to move from your seat at that time.

There is plenty space available around the field and on the banks, so please bring your camping chairs and blankets and come and enjoy a day of top class schoolboy sport.

I pray that God will keep all our boys safe and strong this week and over the weekend.

**A CUT ABOVE THE REST**  
**ELLIS PARK BUTCHERY**  
**WEEKLY SPECIALS**

	<b>PORK FILLET</b>	<b>R59<sup>90</sup></b> PER KG
	<b>CHICKEN FLATTIES</b>	<b>R39<sup>90</sup></b> PER KG
	<b>HONEYGLAZE PORK RASHERS</b>	<b>R69<sup>90</sup></b> PER KG
	<b>DURBAN BEST BOERIE</b>	<b>R64<sup>90</sup></b> PER KG

31 Romsey Grove, Durban North **TEL: 031 564-3316**  
**WEEKLY SPECIALS - WHILE STOCKS LAST E&OE**

## Northwood

SPORTS

MEDICINE CENTRE

**Phone Number:** 031 564 7675

**Address:** 47 Mackeurtan Avenue, Durban North

**Email:** [medicalcentrenorthwood@gmail.com](mailto:medicalcentrenorthwood@gmail.com)

**Open Hours:** 8am – 5pm

**Practitioners:**

**Senzo Mthembu** – Physiotherapist

**Dr Bruce Douglas** – Chiropractor

**Ace Hendricks** – A&H Elite Professional Sports Recovery

**Nicole Redman** – Physiotherapist

## 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

## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Situated on Lower Campus next to Northwood Gear. Please feel free to drop off all your "Pre-loved" uniforms and kit. Open every Wednesday from 12:00 to 3:00pm. Contact Lesley Sleeman on 073 202 4290

## Smalls

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

**CANON CAMERA EOS 450D FOR SALE.** Complete with lens, carry bag and charger. In good condition. Price: R2000.00 onco. Contact 084 500 9437

**FOR SALE**

# Northwood School



## AN EVENING OF MUSIC

When  
**MARCH 16**  
**18H00**

JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC PRESENTED  
BY TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS

TICKETS R120 AVAILABLE FROM THE  
BACK OFFICE  
TICKET INCLUDES SNACKS AND DRINKS

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## PKF Budget Talk 2020



The main budget presentation is held annually by PKF and Northwood is very fortunate to be invited to hear the tax expert, Mr Paul Geiring, speak on the economy of South Africa.

Mrs Coulter, Ms Hartwig, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Joseph, Mr Marais and Mrs Raftopoulos accompanied some of the Commerce learners being: Joshua Bodenstein, Keaven Govender, Ishan Jewanarain, Sihle Mkungu and Priyavrata Tolmen from the Matric group and Yastheen Deonundhan, Nicholas Naidoo and Akshay Sathanand from the Grade 11 learners.

The students mingled with the guests after the talk and thoroughly enjoyed delicious snacks prepared by the ICC!

We must also make mention of Mr Geiring's secretary, Mrs Jeanette Scoulellis who always allows us to bring so many learners to this event.

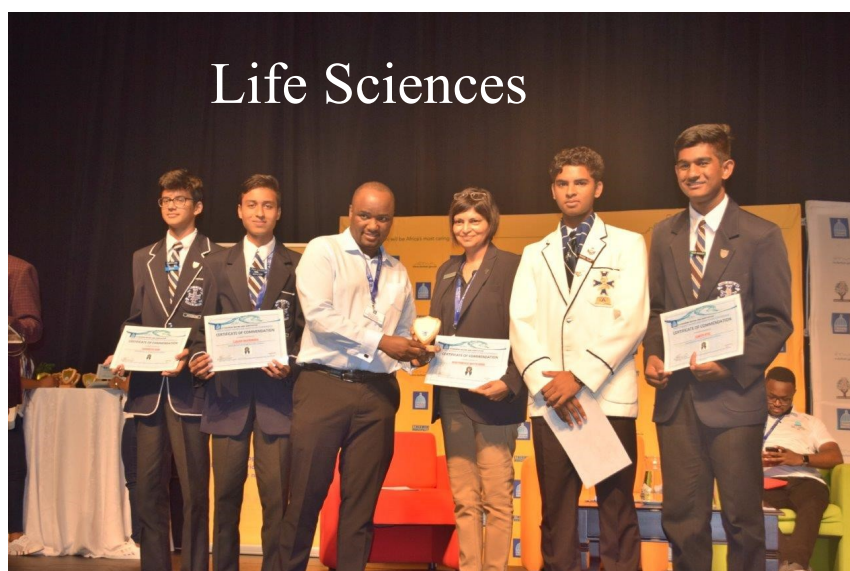
Congratulations to Northwood student, Dean Van Dijk, on being awarded the Highest Achievement Trophy for the Dale Carnegie Generation Next course, we are proud of you Dean!



Northwood is very proud to have been awarded a certificate and trophy by the South African National Blood Services (SANBS) for having donated the 2nd most blood units in KwaZulu-Natal (246 units)

SANBS comes to Northwood on the first Wednesday of every term and sets up shop in the media centre. If you are over 16 and weigh more than 50kg you can donate blood. Learner, parents, staff as well as the general public are all welcome to come to Northwood and donate.

## Life Sciences



Northwood students, Yasheel Pillay, Sanidhya Soni, Liaan Govender and Akeer Nursingh have done us proud in representing their school at the Water and Sanitation Student Conference at the ICC yesterday.

"I am honoured that we at Northwood have the resources and skills to have afforded them this ground breaking opportunity. In a space of a few months, their innovation of a Water Saving App (WSA) as a strategy to improving sanitation, and piloting of it has gained recognition by relevant stakeholders in the province. Well done!" Dr Pillay - Head of Life Science, Northwood

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# REUNION WEEKEND



**21 May to 23 May 2020**

**W**e look forward to welcoming Old Boys from all over South Africa and internationally to celebrate their founder school years with our Annual Old Boys Day festivities. A 3 day itinerary is planned offering a Golf Day, Breakfast and Special Assembly, as well as our traditional Reunion Dinner on the Friday evening before match day on Saturday 23 May.

## Bookings

marketing@nwood.co.za

(031) 563 6501 Ext 353

Please email your proof of payment along with your name , year and event choices, using REUN and your surname as reference.

## Golf Day

**Mount Edgecombe Country Club**

**Thursday 21 May**

R2600 (per Four Ball)

Betterball

Dinner and prize giving included

## Special Assembly and Breakfast

**Friday 22 May - 7:45am to 10:00am**

R200

## Reunion Dinner

**Friday 22 May - 6:30pm**

R350

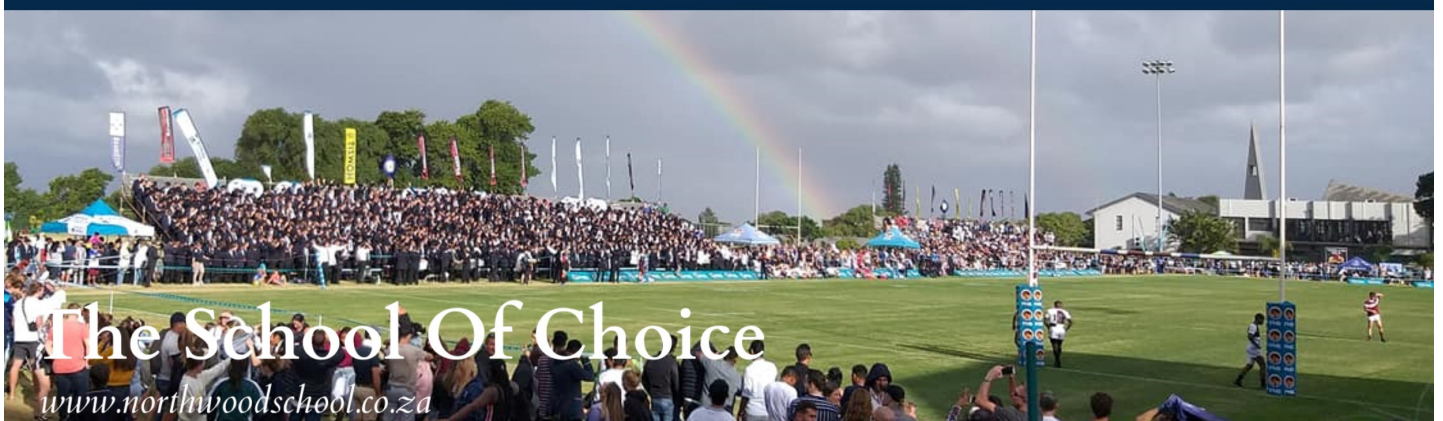
## Old Boys Day

**Saturday 23 May - All Day**

Northwood vs DHS

**Bank Details: Northwood Money Market, FNB, Acc: 62074454895, Branch Code: 220426**

## Remembering the Past as we Embrace the Future



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# Academics

MRS R STANLEY

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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)

## Saturday Lessons

**This Saturday 14 March**

All lessons are from 07:30 – 09:00

DATE	SUBJECT	VENUE	EDUCATOR
14/03	EGD Extension	Room 99	Mr Addo-Kuffour
	EGD Support	Room TD3	Mr Chetty



## TERM 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> LAN PARTY 2020:

**VENUE:** Mr Gebreab's Classroom (Lower Campus)

**DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**TIME:** 4:30PM – 7:00AM (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March)

**COST:** R200-00 (Pay at back office and bring proof of payment to Mr Mc Dowall- U129)

**GAMES:** Fortnite, LOL, DOTA 2, Paladins, CS: GO and Fifa (you must bring your own console/screen/adapter to use school monitors).

**TO BRING:** Players may book a school pc or bring their own – players are encouraged to bring their own controllers / keyboards etc. as well as money to buy supper from Debonairs/Dominos.

Mr Gebreab

Mr Mc Dowall

# Sport & Culture

MR G. LE ROUX

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Well done to all our boys who represented the school in activities over this past weekend. We had some very encouraging results against Kearsney, probably our best results in some time against them. In many of those games our teams went down early only to fight back and take the lead when it counted. This determination and spirit is exciting to see.

Well done to our 15A Volleyball team, who for the second consecutive year, won the Pre-Season Volleyball Tournament at Westville. Congratulations boys, we wish you all the best for the league.



Just another reminder of the JHB tour to Parktown. Please click on the link below. It is applicable to all Rugby, Hockey, Chess, Tennis and Squash boys at Northwood. Please fill out the online form and make payment as soon as possible. <http://www.northwoodschoolsport.com/Downloads.asp?Id=27543>

We look forward to this weekend's compulsory attendance event where our entire school gets behind our teams. All boys are to meet at Northwood at 14:00 and will be dismissed at the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby match at around 17:00. Parents are to please bring additional seating, such as camping chairs and perhaps some picnic blankets as the covered stands will be reserved for our boys as it is a compulsory for all learners. Come and make a day of it.

There will be additional parking on the bottom field with access from Mackeurtan Avenue at R20 per vehicle.

We look forward to seeing the fighting spirit in our boys once again this weekend. Good luck.

**For all extra mural details with regards to fixtures, notices, practice times and transport arrangements please visit [www.northwoodschoolsport.com](http://www.northwoodschoolsport.com). Remember to create a shortcut on your home screen of your mobile device for a very user friendly version of the site.**

Congratulations to Frank Pullen on his selection to the KZN Athletics Team after winning the u16 Triple Jump event with a winning jump of 12,6m. We wish him well in his preparations for the SA Schools Athletics Championships later this month. Well done Frank!



Congratulations to Northwood's Xyle Singh on his selection to the U14 Boys' Water Polo team which will participate at the CANA ZONE IV Water Polo Championships in Harare, Zimbabwe. A fantastic achievement and opportunity for this young Squire, well done Xyle.

## Swimming



Our Northwood Swimmers competing in the SA Open Water Championship and Olympic Qualifiers did incredibly well, holding their own against some of the top swimmers in the country with the following results:

Dhilan Govender - 3km event, came 58th out of 90 swimmers overall, and in his age group (13 and under) he came 13th and placed 2nd in the KZN team.

Steven Seagreen - 3km event, came in 36th out of 90 swimmers overall and in his age group, 14-15, he came 20th and placed 4th in the KZN team.

Trevin Reddhi - 3km event, coming in 46th place out of 90 swimmers overall and in his age group, 14-15, he came 26th, placing 5th in the KZN team.

Josh Crocker - 3km event coming 59th out of 90 swimmers overall and in his age group, 14-15, he came 34th and placed 7th in the KZN team.

## Band



Today our Northwood Band was proudly recognised with custom designed band uniforms. We are so incredibly proud of these young men and the hours of practice they put in behind the scenes. The spirit they create with each performance is evident in the culture of our school, and appreciated by all who hear them play. We look forward to seeing them perform in their new uniform against the backdrop of our home fixtures vs Maritzburg College this coming weekend!