

Northwood News

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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents

My contribution to the Northwood News has, over the past few weeks, focussed mainly on challenges, and as such can make for some heavy reading. So this week I have chosen to share some positive information and updates with you – in particular it is a focus on what we have in store for the 2021 academic year.

Perhaps the information also serves as a reminder why you chose Northwood as a school for your boy in the first place.

Northwood's education philosophy is a simple one; it is to treat all of your sons with significance. They are all individuals, with their own strengths, weaknesses, talents, shortcomings, joys, sadness and ambitions. We as staff have a great responsibility to ensure that we provide your sons with all the tools they need to be successful during their time at Northwood, so that they all have the opportunity to flourish, improve, if needs be, and can excel in the areas where they have been blessed with specific talents.

All our academic, cultural and sporting goals are set to achieve excellence, without losing sight of the fact that each one of the boys brings something different. Our job is to serve these boys by ensuring they reach their absolute potential in all they do. Always equipping them with the life skills, they need to turn from Squires to Knights, or Boys to Men.

The world in which our young people are growing up in is so different from when I was a young man. In many ways, society has showed incredible development and progress in almost all industries. People now have access to a multitude of electronic and technological innovations and stimuli, and continuous development in all areas of life seems to be a massive driving force in sectors of the economy.

The reality is that this level of innovation and creation is happening at such a pace, that new careers are constantly being created through this process, while other traditional career paths are becoming redundant.

As a boys' school with over 1100 boys, we recognize that we now have a bigger responsibility than ever to add innovative and creative industry specific content to the curriculum we offer. This dynamic thought process and strategic additions to our educational offering will allow

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Thought for the Week

"This is the true joy in life, being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. Being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it what I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

~ George Bernard Shaw



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our boys to go into life after school already being employable or even able to employ. In addition to this, they will also be well equipped with the 21st century skills that industry requires of the "next generation".

These skills include:

- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- Communication
- Entrepreneurial thinking
- Collaboration
- Curiosity
- Adaptability
- Leadership

Our boys

Many things in our world and society are changing. The expectations, pressures, social conventions, laissez faire approaches and expectations that things must simply happen, is now the norm.

It is within the context of the above that I believe schools have a far bigger responsibility than ever to teach and treasure some traditional values.

- Work hard
- Be absolutely dedicated to all you do
- Serve others to the best of your ability
- Be kind, gentle and caring
- Respect and honour women
- Leave every place in a better way than you found it and
- Be Grateful and humble for all you have

Will Smith, the famous American actor was also correct, when he pointed out that being realistic is the most commonly travelled road to mediocrity. Maybe I should repeat that – being realistic is the most commonly travelled road to mediocrity.

Why would we want to be realistic? Why are we happy to accept that we are a fine school? When we can in fact be great. There is no mystery surrounding what it takes to be great. One does not need to be super talented, exceptional or even incredibly gifted. The tenacity required to be great is that absolute dog-like determination, painstaking effort, an complete commitment to hard work and a resilience to deal with whatever comes our way. These are the attributes we endeavour to inculcate in our boys.

I know that many of you and your sons have faced disappointments and hardships during this lockdown period, but through God's grace we look forward to a very special and exciting 2021.

May God bless you all.

PP Viljoen

Academics

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Be more dedicated to making solid achievement, than in running after swift but synthetic happiness

Top achievers

Congratulations to all our boys who achieved academically so far this year. A special mention goes to our top achievers listed below. We are incredibly proud of them and hope they keep up their hard work going forward.

Grade 8

	Learner	Average
1	James Ivey	92.3
2	Sahil Matai	91.1
3	Suvay Dass	90.9
4	Daniel Ivey	90.4
5	Zak Steele	89.5
6	Andre Strydom	88.3
7	Uzayr Mohamed Sayeed	88.2
8	Goodnews Godfrey	88
9	Zanru Roets	87.6
10	Andrew Deeb	87.1
10	Lwandle Khumalo	87.1
10	Jonathan Le Roux	87.1
13	Nirav Jeeawon	86.7
14	Robert McIntosh	86.3
15	Levi Manickum	85.6
16	Dhiyash Nandkuar	85.2
17	Rourke Gessner	84.8
18	Ty Breslin	84.5
19	Oswald Aumuller	84.4
20	James Dwyer	84.3
20	Theesan Moodley	84.3
20	Dylan Potgieter	84.3

Grade 9

	Learner	Average
1	Yakecen Goevender	94.7
2	Kavish Singh	88.8
3	Leal Jensen	88.7
4	Lesharn Govender	88.6
5	Damien Naidoo	88.4
6	Ethan Govender	88.3
7	Joshua Bezuidenhout	86.9
8	George Buckle	86.4
9	Pradhi Patel	85.6
10	Zario Di Paolo	84.3
10	Armaan Manilall	84.3
10	Slate Wilson	84.3
13	Roman Ramsewak	83.8
14	Kyle Price	83.7
15	Wade Poacher	83.3
16	Ethan Chetty	83.2
16	Kian Naidoo	83.2
16	Pavan Naidoo	83.2
19	Tahir Anandavasagar	82.9
19	Thivaar Juggernath	82.9

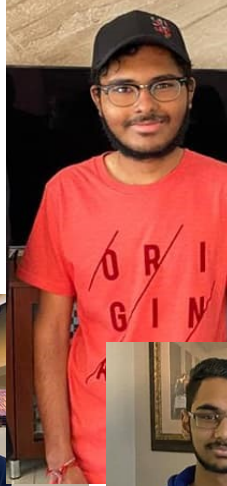


Grade 10

	Learner	Average
1	Dilan Kantilal	87
2	Michael Naidoo	86.3
2	Suven Naidoo	86.3
4	Joel Bosch	86
5	Jason Pearce	85.6
6	Uzayr Sarkhot	85.4
7	Jaden Chetty	85.2
8	Akeer Nursingh	84.7
9	Tanay Mooruth	84
10	Kyush Mahadeo	83.2
11	Preyen Govender	82.7
12	Xander Links	82.5
13	Marco Collett	81.8

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14	Muhammed Ganie	81.7
15	Lafras Uys	80.3
16	Devaj Jairam	80

Mrs Stanley and Mr Viljoen ventured out on a very special assignment: A surprise visit to our Top 10 in grade 10 students to personally deliver their Top 10 Badge, awarded for their excellent academic results and placement. Well done young Squires, we are incredibly proud of your achievements and look forward to having you back on campus soon!



Grade 11

	Learner	Average
1	Eli Govender	94.8
2	Timothy Bax	90.2
3	Sanidhya Soni	90.1
4	Kashan Pillay	90
5	Andrew Flynn	89.3
6	Tanner Capell	88.8
7	Joshua Clemens	88.3
8	Yastheen Deonundhan	86.7
9	Liaan Govender	85.7
10	Sachin Daya	85.6
11	Daniel Rademeyer	85.3
12	Christiaan Putter	85
13	Christian Wessels	84.6
14	Mohammed Paruk	84
15	Camryn Pillay	82.8
16	Zimvo Nte	82.7
16	Arran Stevens	82.7
18	Joshua De Klerk	81.3
19	Kian Robert	80.8
20	Sean Hatton	80.7

Grade 12

	Learner	Average
1	Ishan Jewnarain	95.2
2	Yagen Murugan	93.5
3	Dean Van Dijn	92.7
4	Reshay Naidoo	91.5
5	Jodil Ramkissoon	91.2
6	Yashil Sukram	90.5
7	Rahul Mohanlall	89.7
8	Joachim Gengan	89.3
9	Yasheel Pillay	88.5
10	Thomas Buckle	88.3
11	Uzair Ameen	87.8
12	Akill Moonsamy	87.7
13	Arkaj Maharaj	87
14	Mohammed Osman	86.3
15	Aphiwe Pitso	85.2
16	Jashin Sewpersad	85
17	Deyuran Reddy	84.7
18	Tanayo Nunkoo	84.5
19	Revashan Soobiah	83.3
20	Aditya Raghunandan	82.5

Request for Donations of Plants, Stones and Rocks

We are exceptionally proud of our amazing grounds and beautiful gardens. Between the green fingers of our own Ant Beukes and his team and the imagination and creativeness of parents, Annie Steele and Ingrid Price, our gardens are constantly evolving and improving which adds to the aesthetic of our school.

In a bid to continue these efforts, Annie and Ingrid are making an appeal to the Northwood community for any plants, stones or rocks that you would be willing to donate.

Any donations can be dropped off at the front gate of the school.

We thank you in advance for your help.



Northwood

SPORTS
MEDICINE CENTRE

Phone Number: 031 564 7675

Address: 47 Mackeurtan Avenue, Durban North

Email: medicalcentrenorthwood@gmail.com

Open Hours: 8am – 5pm

Practitioners:

Senzo Mthembu – Physiotherapist

Ace Hendricks – A&H Elite Professional Sports Recovery

Nicole Redman – Physiotherapist

Dr Kevin Worth – Chiropractor

Ashleigh Reynolds – Counsellor

Naina Bhikha – Counsellor

Doungkamol Naidoo – Professional Thai Massage Therapist

Northwood Gear Shop Hours

Due to the Covid-19 regulations Northwood Gear will be operating by appointment only.
Please Phone Yvonne on 083 691 0135

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Situated on Lower Campus next to Northwood Gear. Open Wednesdays.
If you would like something from the 2nd Hand Shop please contact Lesley Sleeman on 073 202 4290 to make an appointment.

FOR SALE

Smalls

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