

# Northwood News

Thursday 15 April 2021 - Volume 11

## From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents

There is great excitement around the school as the sporting programme starts to resemble familiarity. We are grateful that our boys have the opportunity to once again engage in those sporting and cultural activities that mean so much to them. I know it is hard, as a passionate and devoted parent, to not be able to watch your son in action, but we hope that this situation will soon change too. In the meantime, our Tech Team is hard at work to ensure that we can live stream fixtures for you, so look out for details around this offering.

The boys have also been hard at work writing the various control tests and will continue to do so until next week Thursday. The term one reports will therefore be made available during the second week of term two. Details around the collection of these and parent teacher contact time will be communicated when school reopens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May.

Yesterday was also a special day for us, as a school, as we took delivery of our new 65 seater bus. The bus will be used to serve the North Coast Shuttle Service but will also add to our current fleet, allowing us to transport our boys to various other events with greater comfort and ease. A very big thank you goes out to the School Governing Body, and in particular the finance team who worked very hard to make this acquisition possible. We pray that God will bless us with many safe kilometers of travel.

A reminder that the Hope Project is still going strong, with a number of boys and families within our own school and community now benefiting from your contributions. If you want to find out more about how to get involved, please feel free to email [hope@nwood.co.za](mailto:hope@nwood.co.za).

Lastly we would like to welcome Mr Francois Schoeman to the Northwood Family – Mr Schoeman is serving our boys in the Afrikaans department as Mrs Johnson awaits the birth of her first born. May you enjoy a happy time with us Mr Schoeman.

## Quote of the Week

"There is no talent here, this is hard work. This is obsession. Talent does not exist, we are all equal as human beings. You could be anyone, if you put in the time, you will reach the top, and that's that. I am not talented, I am obsessed."

~ Connor McGregor



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Let This Tamil New Year 2021  
Be Called Hevilambi.  
Let Your Thoughts Be Guided  
in the Right Way.

**Happy  
Puthandu!**

**Wednesday 14 April**

**13 April—12 May**

**Ramadan Mubarak**

May the Mercy of Allah envelope you this  
Ramadan

May Allah ease all your  
difficulties in this month

May this month bring you  
Iman, peace, forgiveness  
and barakah!

## Minor Drinking is a Major Problem

Joshua Mearns

Is South Africa the worst country in the world in terms of underage alcohol consumption?

Statistics in relation to the topic of underage drinking are unclear, but it is evident that 32% of South African youth members (11-20 years of age) have drunk alcohol in the past seven months, the third highest figures in Africa, however, the acceptance and the encouragement of alcohol consumption in South Africa makes this case specifically dangerous.

The normalization and romanticization of alcohol usage among minors in society nowadays is one in a long line of causes of teen drinking and it is the one that proves to be the largest threat. Drinking alcohol is something that has become second nature in today's day and age and as a result the thought process on the matter has transcended from "will I drink?" to "when will I drink?" and has convinced the youth that experimenting with alcohol is an essential checkpoint in one's life.

Alcohol is a harmful substance and bears only negative effects regarding health. Excessive or binge drinking (among adults) is not a means of solving problems, it is a means of creating whole new problems, including ones physical and mental health and well-being, and on numerous occasions results in relentless liver and brain damage. If alcohol has effects of that severity on adults, the potential damage it has on the still-developing brain and body of a minor is unrestricted.

"Alcohol is the *real* gateway drug" says Varsity College psychology student. In critical assessment of the above statement, it is an unproven theory, but it does entail a lot of truth. Though alcohol is not publicly nor constitutionally recognized as a drug, it shares all the characteristics and detrimental side-effects with drugs and, alcohol is often the initial stepping stone of a life of substance abuse- the direct definition of a gateway drug. In addition, whilst under the influence of alcohol people tend to proceed to indulge in various other damaging substances.

Underage alcohol consumption is too often affiliated with delinquency, however, in terms of teen drinking, the teenagers are not the perpetrators, they are the victims. The victims of a society and ongoing culture in which alcohol is accepted and even required as human beings. Underage Alcohol consumption bears no benefit to anyone and must be stopped in its tracks. In this world of 'cancel culture', we must cancel underage, illegal alcohol indulgence.



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# Academics

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## Extra Lesson Timetable

|       | GRADE 8   |
|-------|---|
| MON   | SPORT   |
| TUES  | English – Ms Hartwig<br>Life Science – Mrs Morton<br>Maths – Mr Hosking |
| WED   | SPORT   |
| THURS | Afrikaans – Mrs Johnson<br>EMS – Mr Richter<br>Maths – Ms Alborough     |

|       | GRADE 10   |
|-------|--|
| MON   | Afrikaans – Ms Naidoo<br>Accounting – Mrs Coulter<br>Maths – Ms Evans                                |
| TUES  | SPORT  |
| WED   | English – Mr Hale<br>Life Science – Mrs Hayden<br>Maths – Mrs le Roux<br>Accounting – Ms Raftopoulos |
| THURS | SPORT  |

|       | GRADE 12  |
|-------|---|
| MON   | English – Ms Domun<br>Life Science – Mr Govender<br>Bus.Studies – Mr Wiblin<br>Accounting – Ms Dorman<br>Economics – Ms Raftopoulos |
| TUES  | SPORT   |
| WED   | Afrikaans – Mr Harishun<br>Maths Lit – Ms Evans (3-4 pm)<br>Phys Science – Mrs Ramseook   |
| THURS | SPORT   |

|       | GRADE 9  |
|-------|--|
| MON   | SPORT  |
| TUES  | Life Science – Mrs Morton<br>Maths – Mr Dlamini  |
| WED   | SPORT  |
| THURS | Afrikaans – Mrs Prins<br>English – Mr Halse<br>EMS – Ms Dorman<br>Maths – Mr Hildebrandt |

|       | GRADE 11   |
|-------|--|
| MON   | Afrikaans – Mr Jankeeparsad<br>Life Science – Mrs Morton<br>Accounting – Mrs Joseph  |
| TUES  | SPORT  |
| WED   | English – Mr Krause<br>Bus.Studies – Mr Wiblin<br>Maths – Mrs Scott<br>Maths Lit – Ms Evans (3-4 pm)<br>Phys Science – Mrs Coulter |
| THURS | SPORT  |



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# The Knights cordially invite you to attend the Circle of Valour Awards Dinner

26 May 2021 - 6pm for 6:30pm

Northwood School - The Victor Daitz Centre for Innovation  
R450 per person - Includes 3 course dinner and welcome drink



This year we will award the following Old Boys for their excellent achievements in their respective careers:

Sport  
Community Service  
Business  
Music, Art and Culture  
Science and Technology

Mr Grant Bashford  
Mr Bruce de Gier  
Mr Andrew Wood  
Mr Kevin Gibson  
Dr Alan Whitfield



RSVP to [reunion@nwood.co.za](mailto:reunion@nwood.co.za) by 15 May 2021 Including any dietary requirements.  
For further queries, please contact our Knights Executive, [dvanwyk@nwood.co.za](mailto:dvanwyk@nwood.co.za) / 031 563 6501

Bank Details: Northwood Money Market, FNB, Account: 6207445495, Branch Code: 220246  
Use your name and COV as reference - please email POP to [reunion@nwood.co.za](mailto:reunion@nwood.co.za)

## Homework Centre

The Homework Centre is open. Learners who would like after school assistance or just a quiet place to work, please speak with Mrs Morton or Mrs Butt.

## Northwood

SPORTS

MEDICINE CENTRE

**Phone Number:** 031 564 7675

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

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

**Open Hours:** 8am – 5pm

### Practitioners:

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

**Nicole Redman** – Physiotherapist

**Dr Kevin Worth** – Chiropractor

**Ashleigh Reynolds** – Counsellor

**Naina Bhikha** – Counsellor

**Amanda Hawke** – Physiotherapist

**Rogan Heyns** – Biokineticist

**The Medical Centre is open for business with  
strict Covid-19 protocols in place.**

## Northwood Gear

### Business Hours

Tuesday to Thursday

1.30 to 3.15

Friday

1.15 to 2.30

Monday and Saturday

CLOSED

Queries – 083-6910135

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# Sport & Culture

MR G. LE ROUX

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**NB:** As a courtesy to their team-mates, players who are unable to play a fixture need to give their coach **7** days notice so that arrangements can be made for the team.



## Rugby & Hockey Fixtures 2021

| Date          | Fixture   | Venue |
|---------------|---|-------|
| <b>TERM 2</b> |   |       |
| 23 April      | Northwood vs Westville - Rugby                    | Home  |
| 8 May         | Northwood vs Hilton - Rugby and Hockey            | Home  |
| 15 May        | Northwood vs Kearsney - Rugby and Hockey          | Home  |
| 22 May        | Northwood vs College - Rugby and Hockey           | Away  |
| 29 May        | Northwood vs DHS - Rugby and Hockey- Old Boys Day | Home  |
| 5 June        | Northwood vs Michaelhouse - Rugby and Hockey      | Away  |
| 12 June       | Northwood vs St Charles - Rugby and Hockey        | Away  |
| 19 June       | Northwood vs Westville - Rugby and Hockey         | Home  |
| 24 June       | Northwood vs Clifton- Hockey                      | Away  |
| <b>TERM 3</b> |   |       |
| 31 July       | Northwood vs Jeppe - Rugby, Hockey, Soccer        | Home  |
| 7 August      | Northwood vs DHS - Rugby                          | Away  |
| 14 August     | TBC   |       |
| 21 August     | Northwood vs Glenwood- Rugby                      | Away  |



## Basketball



## Swimming

Another fantastic performance from Northwood's Bryce Loom who took part in the SA National Junior Gala this past week.



Bryce participated in 6 events and won medals as follows:  
 Gold – 200m Backstroke - achieving a National Senior qualifying time of 2:19:82  
 Silver – 100m Backstroke – 1:04:19  
 Silver – 50m Backstroke – 29:61  
 Bronze – 50m Freestyle – 25:95  
 This was his first SA National Junior Gala, and his first time racing in a long course pool since December 2019 due to Covid.  
 Huge congratulations to this talented and determined young athlete!