



Dear Parents and Staff

Kindly note the following:

1. Calendar Items

Please note that we have an up-to-date calendar on our website - www.newberryhouse.com - with details of events where necessary. The following items serve as reminders to items already scheduled there:

- 13 June: **POSTPONED** Parent Awareness Evening. We have a guest speaker/facilitator for the evening but she is unable to make it on 13 June. Please accept our sincere apologies for the postponement and any inconvenience it may have caused. We also have a concern with the school being so very dark (and often wet) in the evenings and we are currently in the process of exploring options for pathway lighting to make it safer and more pleasant when we have these Parent evenings through the winter months. A new date for the evening will be communicated soon.
- 14 June: Internal Newberry Examinations commence - High School
- 14 June: Cape Leopard Trust visit Newberry House
- 15 June: Youth Day Celebrations
- 16 June: **Public Holiday - Youth Day**. Kindly note that Aftercare will not be available on this day.

2. Knysna Montessori School

Knysna is still reeling from the devastation of last week, and many efforts are in place to assist communities, individuals, schools and businesses. Knysna Montessori also needs assistance and have indicated what their needs are. Newberry House will be collecting and donating stationery to their school. Our Community Service/Outreach Committee is organizing this campaign and parents should shortly receive a message from class reps regarding what items each class will collect for donation to Knysna Montessori. We appeal to you all to make a donation, however small.

"I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something." - Helen Keller

3. Cape Leopard Trust visit to the School

Catherine Kuhn from the Cape Leopard Trust will be visiting our school on Wednesday 14 June. She will be doing a presentation on Cape leopards and raising awareness with regards to their presence in the Helderberg region as well as the dangers they face with regards to farmers, and farmland encroaching on their territory.

She will be presenting to Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary and Middle School and she will be also be presenting to the preschool plane. We are sure your children will enjoy the presentation and have much to share with you after school on Wednesday.



4. Orienteering Programme

The Peninsula Orienteering Club spent two days at Newberry House last week and did introductory orienteering sessions with most of the school - from Pre-Primary to Middle School, and even the teachers. The Peninsula Orienteering Club (PenOC - <http://www.penoc.org.za/>) is Western Cape's original orienteering club est 1981. They organise local Forest and Park Orienteering events and are affiliated to the International Orienteering Federation (<http://www.orienteering.org/>) through the South African Orienteering Federation (<http://www.saof.org.za/>)

We are exploring the inclusion of Orienteering as part of our lifestyle sports extra-mural programme (trail running, nature awareness, and hopefully soon, mountain biking again).

5. Internal Newberry Examinations commence

Our High School students start with internal examinations on Wednesday 14 June. Good luck to all - we know you have prepared well and as a result, will do well!

6. Entrepreneurs/Market Day

As per a previous communication, we will **NOT** be having an entrepreneurs/market day this term. Classes will have individual fun activities to conclude the 2nd term. The last day of our 3rd term will see students and teachers prepare for an International Day at school and we will have an Entrepreneurs/market day again at the end of the school year in December.

7. Parking above the school office

For your own safety and the safety of your vehicles, please do not use the parking above the school office. The trees in that area have been hammered by the storm and wind and there are several large broken limbs caught up in the foliage of the tree. A gust of wind could bring them crashing down. We have informed the farm and we will let you know when it is safe to use this parking area again.

8. Thank you

We have wonderful parents in our Newberry family. Special thanks this week to the following parents for their contributions and commitment to our lovely school community:

- The Kelly family for facilitating the donation of a hydroponics Hanging Garden which was presented to the school this past week by Mark from Microgarden. He taught the Middle School all about hydroponics - the method of growing plants without soil, using mineral nutrient solutions in a water solvent - and directed the students as they put the garden together. It's very exciting! Mark's website is under construction but will be live in a few days if you would like to have a look - www.microgarden.co.za
- Thanks to all those parents and staff who donated warm clothes and blankets, as well as soup, to our Winter Warm-up Drive. Your generosity is appreciated, particularly by the recipients of these items. We were in a position to help several families in our Lourensford community who took some



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strain through the storm last week, thanks to your kindness. We will still be delivering further items to the Helderberg Rape Crisis centre as planned.

For further information, news, feedback on sports games and more, kindly have a look at our Facebook page, as well as our website www.newberryhouse.com

And finally, a Happy Father's Day to all our Newberry dads for Sunday 18 June...