



Dear Newberry Parents and Staff

Kindly go through the information below as it pertains to this week, changes in the calendar, events, and happenings at school:

### 1. Calendar Items

- Middle School are visiting Vergelegen on Tuesday 9 May - this outing takes place during school hours. Kindly send through the indemnity form if you have not already done so (no indemnity = no outing), and remember your R 5.00 admission fee.
- Toddler Mothers and Grandmothers are invited to a Mothers Day tea on Friday 12 May at 11:30 - more information will be emailed to those concerned.
- High school students are in the throes of **Cambridge IGCSE and AS/A exams**. They write exams in the Breeze environment and we ask that staff, parents and children alike are quiet when near this area.
- Newberry House is hosting a 3 month Montessori Mathematics Enrichment Programme on our premises each Saturday - offered by AMI qualified Michelle Graham. We have 3 staff members attending the course - Gava Cloete, Zain Cassiem and Mariana van Niekerk, and after just one session they are realising the benefit and are excited to share their knowledge with colleagues and children alike.
- Open Day - 13 May 2017 from 09:00 - 12:00.
- Lower Elementary Parent Social/Meet and Greet - Thursday 18 May 17:30 - 19:30 - more information will be mailed to parents concerned.

### 2. Open Day - 13 May 2017

Five days to go!

Newberry House will be hosting our first Open Day of the year on Saturday 13 May 2017. Open Days are always a wonderful time to showcase and promote our school and we would appreciate if our parent body could assist us by mentioning the day to friends, colleagues, and family. In addition, an invitation/event has been posted on Facebook on our page and at least three other Helderberg/Somerset West community pages - kindly also promote this far and wide, sharing with friends and family for maximum impact. It has also been advertised on our website.

Radio Helderberg is running 20 Live Read ads each day ending 12 May - let us know if you hear one of them!

*Jo Mostert, our Advisory Head, will be on Radio Helderberg this week on Thursday 11 May at 16:20, chatting to Anel about what makes Newberry House so special and promoting our Open Day. Be sure to tune in.*



So much of the success of this day lies in the hands of our parents, particularly as you talk with friends and share posts on Social Media and we kindly ask for your heightened awareness and involvement of this upcoming event this week. The PA also play a big role and will be contacting parents for input and assistance prior to and on the day.

Basic programme for the day:

The day commences at 09h00 with Silent Tours scheduled for 09h15; 10h15 and 11h15 followed by an informative Q&A session in each plane at 09h45; 10h45 and 11h45. These are not to be missed so plan your visit around these times.

There will be an activity area for energetic children with games and refreshments, as well as opportunity to walk through the grounds, spot the squirrels and chat with our delightful staff over a cup of coffee. See you there!

### **3. Newberry House Community Project - Winter Warm-Up Drive**

Our Newberry Community Service committee (Marina, Chantall, Deidre, Katie, Noline and Evette) are driving a project called "**Winter Warm-up Drive**".

There are many in our community who are struggling in various ways, and as winter cold and wetness approaches, so things seem to get more difficult. With this in mind, Newberry House will be collecting scarves, jackets, blankets and jerseys for donation to two causes:

- Rape Crisis Helderberg - Rape Crisis Helderberg is a non-profit organization committed to help survivors of rape and abuse overcome their trauma through caring counseling amongst all the people in the Helderberg basin and surroundings. They are in regular need of personal items for those who come to them for help, and as winter approaches can really make use of donated warm clothing items. They have been very touched by our willingness as a school to assist.
- We have many families on the Estate (behind our school) who are in desperate need and barely make it through each month. For the upcoming winter, in addition to any blankets and warm clothing we manage to collect, and in keeping with our Winter Warm-Up theme, we will be collecting canned or packet soup for distribution to these families. Your donations would be so appreciated.

If you are willing to get involved, kindly make donations of the needed clothing and other sundry items by dropping them at the office. We would like to gather as much as possible as quickly as possible so that we can donate the items to these two causes early in June. Let's warm up someone's winter!

### **4. Donation of Setwork Books**

We have two students doing A-level Afrikaans and they need to read certain set-work books. We would like to ask parents to check their bookshelves for the following books that they might be willing to donate to the school before we purchase them.

- Die kremetartekspedisie - Wilma Stockenstrom



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- Roepman - Jan van Tonder
  - Fiela se kind - Daleen Matthee
  - Die groot anders-maak - Jan Rabie
  - Mis - Reza de Wet
  - Raka - NP van Wyk Louw

## 5. Chicken Pox

One case of chicken pox has been reported in the Pre-Primary plane. Kindly be aware of the following related to the disease:

Chickenpox, which is caused by the varicella-zoster virus, is highly contagious, and it can spread quickly. The virus is transmitted by direct contact with the rash or by droplets dispersed into the air by coughing or sneezing. Once infected, you can spread the virus for up to 48 hours before the rash appears, and you remain contagious until all spots crust over.

Chickenpox infection appears 10 to 21 days after exposure to the virus and usually lasts about five to 10 days. The rash is the telltale indication of chickenpox. Other signs and symptoms, which may appear one to two days before the rash, include:

- Tiredness and a general feeling of being unwell (malaise)
- Headache
- Fever
- Loss of appetite

## 6. Happy Mothers Day

To all the mothers, grandmothers and everyone who mothers our wonderful Newberry children - we value and appreciate you. Thank you for all you do and have a lovely relaxing family day on Sunday.

## 7. General

Thank you for your patience and understanding as the new pathway from the main gate has been under "construction" this past week. We are hopeful that it will be completed mid-week.

All the best for a wonderful week.