



Dear Newberry 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:

- 20 June: Parent Awareness Evening 18:00
- 22 June: Middle School Presentations 18:00 for 18:30

2. Parent Awareness Evening - 20 June 2017

We are delighted to invite all interested parents to our Parent Awareness evening on Tuesday 20 June from 18:00 - 19:30 in the Upper Elementary environment.

Our guests will be Occupational Therapist Wilma Smit and her colleague Renee Peters. Wilma is a practicing Occupational Therapist with 30 years experience, 8 of which have taken place in the Somerset West area. In addition, Wilma understands the Montessori methodology and has been aligned with our school for several years.

The discussion will take approximately 50 minutes, with time for questions thereafter. Wilma will talk about the role of Occupational Therapy in general terms, with particular reference to the age groups of 3-12 years. She will touch on areas such as the purpose of developmental tests, sensory modulation, gross/fine motor development and more.

We hope you can join us for an interesting evening. Tea and coffee will be served, and Aftercare will be available.

P.S. Our solar lights have not yet been installed and may not be in place before tomorrow evening. Inasmuch as it does get dark quickly in winter, kindly bring a torch to use when navigating the pathways back to the parking area.

3. Orienteering Programme

The Yzerfontein adventure day scheduled for 26 and 27 June as per the website calendar has been postponed. The Peninsula Orienteering Club (PenOC) wants to train more learners and get additional schools involved before they proceed with the organization of an event.

Beth from PenOC will be at Newberry House on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June. She will be working with Lower, Upper and Middle school to extend their orienteering skills since Orienteering will be part of our lifestyle sports extra-mural programme from next term.



Orienteering is a lot more than just running. Learners need to know how to read a map, they need to orientate themselves in unfamiliar terrain by finding true and magnetic north and then to navigate using a compass and landmarks. It challenges the mind and body.

4. Reminder: 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.

5. School Starting time

It has come to our attention that more and more children are consistently arriving after 08:00, some as late as 09:00 for school. We realize it is almost the end of term but kindly make an effort to get here on time as it is very disruptive to the cycles which commence shortly after 08:00.

6. Parking

Parking will always be an issue until we feel that all parents and staff understand the safety procedures and protocols in place for the parking lot, and as such we will continue to emphasize the need for care and circumspection in this area. Thank you to those who respect the rules of the parking lot and also to those who respond positively to the staff who are on duty each day when there has been a need for correction.

As a summary:

- The flow of traffic in the parking area is 1-way
- The speed limit is 10km per hour, or in other words SLOW
- The Drop and Go area is to be used for this purpose only - please do not park in this space - and please drop and go promptly
- The lane next to the school and particularly at the office entrance is not a Drop and Go area
- The Turning area at the end of the parking lot is not a parking area, nor is any area beyond that. There are many small children who walk in and out of the main gate and we will not tolerate any vehicle parking or driving in this area - the safety of these little ones is pre-eminent
- If you need to talk with other parents or expect to be delayed when you drop off or pick up a child, kindly use the parking spaces against the Aleit wooden fence so as not to block open parking spaces in front of your vehicle
- Please reverse out of parking spaces slowly and carefully at all times



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- Please respectfully give heed to the staff on duty when you are approached by them for any misdemeanour, however minor or justified you think it may be - they are only acting in the best interests of your children. If you are unhappy with this, please make an appointment to talk with us at the admin office
- Kindly note that the small parking area behind the office is not be used by staff or parents until Lourensford farm has come to clear the limbs and branches which are caught in the large trees surrounding the area because of the storm 10 days back. We will inform you when the work has been done.

7. Thank you

Thank you to all who responded so promptly to the request for stationery for Knysna Montessori. They will certainly appreciate and benefit from your generosity. We plan to get everything to them early this week. If you would still like to make donations, kindly bring to the office before the end of the term as we have had a gracious offer from one of our Directresses to drop off any additional donations to the school through the upcoming school holiday.

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