



# NORTHFIELDS NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We are very pleased with the fantastic end to the year we have had at Northfields this year. Our students have worked well overall for their end of year examinations and assessments, and reports have been provided to you highlighting their strengths and areas for improvement. In true Northfields fashion, our students have also participated enthusiastically in a wide variety of team building and enriching activities up to the last day of school.

Our staff this year have come together as a cohesive team through to the last day as well, putting forth an amazing effort to ensure Northfields is a truly wonderful place. The positive atmosphere prevailing in our school was apparent in our final assembly, where we celebrated the achievements of many of our students, recognised the hard work of our teaching and support staff, said farewell to those students and teachers who are departing, and thanked our Parents Committee for their contributions throughout the year.

This year has been exciting and challenging, full of opportunities for growth and development for our students, staff, parents and our wider community. We have been able to improve in many areas and build our strengths as a school so that as this year draws to a close, we can look forward to continued efforts and positive outcomes for our entire community in the years to come.

We thank you for your support as parents throughout the year and as a result, we can look to a very bright future at Northfields together. Our entire staff wish you and your families a wonderful holiday and a happy return to school in August.

Phyllis Philogène  
Principal

JUNE 2018

## STUDENT EXCHANGE

On the 16th July we will be saying goodbye to two of our students for three weeks as they jet off to South Africa on exchange. They will be hosted by the families of students at Crawford College in La Lucia, Durban.

This is the second year we are partnering with Crawford College and we are looking forward to hosting their students in October. Maddie B. and Phoebe C., both Year 10 students, will be experiencing life at Crawford as well as visiting interesting and beautiful places in and around Durban.

We would like to wish them all the best for their trip and know that they will have a wonderful time in South Africa and come back full of good memories and exciting stories.

Bon voyage Maddie and Phoebe!

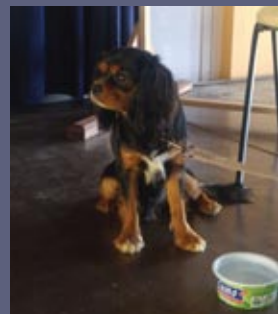


## INTERHOUSE SCIENCE

All Year 7 and 8 students spent time on the last week researching and building bridges in their house groups. This was equally messy and successful as the only equipment allowed was marshmallows and spaghetti. All teams achieved well and constructed stable bridges, but the winning submission, from 8R, was able to support 1200k. This was very impressive as all teams were given 8-10 marshmallows and approximately 100g of spaghetti per team. The winning house was Eagles followed by Phoenix. However all must be commended for their hard work and ingenuity.

## PAWS

On 13th June SAVE (Save Animals Via Education) and PAWS (Protection of Animal Welfare) delivered a talk to students in Year 5 and 6. Lily the dog attended and helped demonstrate to students how to look after a dog. Students were given workbooks to take away, providing further reading on how to care for animals. Thanks must go to the Parents' Committee who supported the event by providing refreshments and cupcakes, which were a great hit! Students from all year groups took part in the initiative to donate to PAWS, resulting in 6 boxes of food, bedding and newspapers being collected. Thank you to all those who donated so that PAWS can continue the great work that they do.



# INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL



## INTERHOUSE SPELLING BEE

A big thank you to the English department for yet another successful event. The students tried their hardest and the level of the competition was great.

Here are the winners in each year group:

Year 7: Dylan L.  
Year 8: Sia H.  
Year 9: Rayaan J.  
Year 10: Michael M.

### House Points:

1st: Phoenix with 117 points  
2nd: Dolphins with 79 points  
3rd: Eagles with 77 points



On Saturday 23rd June, Northfields hosted an U13 football and netball festival involving 12 football and 8 netball teams.

The teams consisted of players from Le Bocage, Lighthouse, West Coast, Redhill (South Africa), Northfields and Standard Chartered Football Academy. All the teams were involved in round robin pool matches with the top 2 teams in each pool progressing to the semi-final.

The Northfields cheerleaders did a fantastic job of encouraging our players throughout the day, pushing them to perform at their best. Well done to these ladies! Both the netball and football semi-finals took place after lunch with

the winning teams contesting the final and the losing teams playing for 3rd and 4th place.

The final results were as follows:

### Football

1. Northfields
2. Le Bocage
3. Redhill Knight Riders

Player of the tournament: William L. (Northfields)

### Netball

1. Redhill Shooting Stars
2. Redhill Crouching Tigers
3. Northern Foxes

Player of the tournament: Mia B. (Redhill Shooting Stars)



## MATHEMATICS TREASURE HUNT



The students of Year 7 have participated in a Maths end of year interhouse treasure hunt on Monday the 25th of June on the school ground. It was a cross-curricular hunt where other departments were involved by providing questions of their own subject but Maths related.

Despite the rain, the event was very successful and the students enjoyed looking for the treasure. The treasure which consisted of vouchers from MCine and Amigo restaurant as well as chocolates was then shared among the team.

We thank our sponsors and all the faculties involved in making this event possible.

## FUN DAY



Northfields hosted our Fun Day on Saturday 23rd June. The event was a huge success with plenty of opportunities for all of our community and guests to shop, eat great food and enjoy a variety of fun games.

The Fun Day was organized in conjunction with our Sports Festival, with a Craft Market; Car Boot Sale; Food Court; Battlezone - Speed Laser Tag; Kids Play Area - Gladiator, Bungee Run, Pony Rides, Dunking Booth and Giant Fuse Ball, to name a few; and a Place of Play (POP) under the watchful eyes of Northfields Pre-Primary staff for little ones with face painting and Monkeynastics.

The Parents Committee were instrumental in organizing the day and ensuring all went off so well - a huge thank you to them for their

endless ideas and hard work! Thanks go as well to everyone who donated items or volunteered their help for the day. We extend a special thanks to our biggest sponsors for the day: l'Artigiano for their plentiful and delicious contributions to the food court; to Club d'Equitation du Nord (CEN) for hosting their ever-popular pony rides and an very impressive vaulting display; and to Curtin Mauritius for their generous support overall for the event.

Fun Day was a wonderful opportunity to share in our community spirit as we finished this academic year. We were delighted to see so many families and friends there to share in the good times together, and we look forward to many successful Fun Days in the years to come.



# INTERHOUSE ROUNDERS



Interhouse rounders took place on Thursday 28th June. There were 3 rounds of matches (combined Year 7/8, combined Year 10/12 and Year 9's) and most were extremely close and competitive. Students have been working hard during Physical Education lessons to prepare for these matches and this was evident by the quality of some of the matches. The Dolphins Year 10/12 team was particu-

larly impressive, winning both their matches with ease.

The final results were as follows:

- 1st: Dolphins
- 2nd: Eagles
- 3rd: Phoenix

Congratulations to all students for playing the matches in an outstanding spirit.

## YEAR 10 SERVICE PROJECT

On Friday, the 22nd June, the Year 10 students along with Mr Avish, Madame Canakiah, Miss Amber, Mr Gopaul and Madame Duval spent the morning at the Ranger foundation located Curepipe, as part of our Duke of Edinburgh service project. The Ranger Foundation is a school that was set up in 2008 for children with special needs, specifically Cerebral palsy, to provide them with a suitable and safe learning environment.

Cerebral Palsy is a permanent movement disorder that appears in the early stages of childhood. Signs, symptoms and the intensity of the disease varies among different people. Cerebral palsy is caused by abnormal development or damage to the parts of the brain that control movement, balance and posture.

Upon our arrival at the Ranger Foundation, we were greeted by the children with a good morning song, prayers and a solo performance by one of the students. After listening to such a moving song performed by such a brave and determined young girl, we began with planned activities. The morning commenced with face painting, playing board games talking, reading and interacting with the children. We had two sport demonstrations, both rugby and volleyball, as well as several excellent musical performances by Dillon, Saphia and Vidia. Kushy, Carolin, Jemimah and Solene danced the traditional Mauritian Sega dance for the children. The staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the talent Northfields had to offer. Towards the end

of our service project, the students of the Ranger foundation showed us how to play their version of petanque, and the staff sung a group song. We then started to distribute our gifts and donations to each student of the Ranger foundation.

On behalf of Year 10 and the Ranger foundation, I would like to thank our school community for their kind contribution and donations. It has most definitely gone a long way in improving the lives of those in our external community. The whole of Year 10 had a humbling and rewarding experience at the Ranger foundation, and we all feel privileged that we could visit such a unique and dedicated centre in Mauritius. I hope that this maintains a tradition at Northfields as I have personally walked away with such an irreplaceable experience.

A huge thank you to Madame Canakiah and Mr Avish for making this trip the success it was!



## EID-UL-FITR CELEBRATION



On Monday 18th June, we celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr at school. The students participating were Lina in Year 8, Rehan, Celine, and Luqman in Year 6. Together they prepared a very informative and beautiful presentation describing the festival and how it is celebrated both in Mauritius and Indonesia, followed by a beautiful song from Luqman. At the end of the assembly, they shared dates with the other students and staff of the school.



## PROBABILITY FAIR



The Mathematics department organised a Probability mini-fair on Wednesday the 27th of June for the Year 7 students.

The Students worked in small groups to design a probability game that would be played at a carnival or an amusement park. The students had to create a fully functional game with a set of typed instructions to clearly explain the game. They were also asked to explain the probability of their game.

On the day, the Maths teachers came to the fair to trial all the games and awarded a prize to the top 3 teams. The students were very creative and the fair was a success.

# PREP SCHOOL PLAY



On Friday 8th and Saturday 9th June, the Prep school students staged a musical titled, "Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies". It was an outstanding performance from our young actors, dancers and singers. The students showed such talent and their hard work and practice throughout the year paid off. Congratulations to all the performers!

## PHYSICS TRIP

On the 26th of June, the Physics and Chemistry students visited the Mauritius Meteorological Station in Vacoas. Mr Ganessen Virasami and his team there were very welcoming and gave us a very detailed visit of the station. Students were separated into two groups so that they could visit different areas simultaneously. They were given explanations about how the speed of the wind, atmospheric pressure and amount of rainfall were measured and a description of how the different apparatus work and the Physics behind. Students also had a brief scientific description of the formation of cyclones and in the end Mr. Ganessen addressed questions from the students and



gave a few ideas of different career path of a meteorologist. Finally, we learned also, that the Mauritius Meteorological Station is among the oldest meteorological station in the world.



## MARS ONE PROJECT

On the 12th June Northfields was honoured to welcome Dr Adriana Marais, an accomplished theoretical physicist and a finalist in the international Mars One astronaut selection process, to speak with us about her experience and the innumerable opportunities available for technological and scientific advancement through the space programme.

Mr Neerunjun Beegun, Administrator for the Ministry of Education, and students and teachers from Lighthouse, Lady Sushil Ramgoolam State Secondary School and Piton State College joined our own students, teachers and parents for this highly enriching and memorable event. We are sure that each and every person who attended Dr Marais' presentation today left with a great sense of optimism and new personal aspirations for how they can contribute positively to our future. Truly outstanding!



## MUSIC DAY



"Where words fail, music speaks" (Hans Christian Andersen)

Northfields celebrated Music Day for the second time this year on International Music Day, i.e. the 21st of June. This provided a welcome release after our end of year examinations.

Each and every year group, as well as teachers and the non-academic staff, came together as one around music. It was hence extremely moving to see all the different walks of school represented on stage for Music Day.

With Saphia from Year 10 and Aiden from Year 7, we spent two terms, during Precas and outside school hours, creating a musical, entitled 'My School Years', which tells a story of Northfields students from Year 7 up to Year 13. Actors from those different year groups performed on stage and it was extremely rewarding to see so many of them overcoming their stage fright.

The show took place in two parts: Part 1 consisted of musical performances from several students, and Part 2 was the play with songs and dances performed between different scenes.

Students from Year 5 to Year 12 played instruments, danced or sang beautifully altogether and made us extremely proud.

Sandrine Lalouette Marrier d'Unienville



## NURSERY ASTRO TURF

We are proud to announce that our Nursery grounds have been upgraded for the comfort and safety of our youngest students.

"The artificial turf provides a much safer and cleaner outdoor space for the little ones to enjoy - and they love it!"  
Nursery parent



# INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

## SENIOR PREFECT TEAM

We are very proud to announce our new Senior Prefect team for 2018-2019:

Head Boy: Adam S.

Head Girl: Georgianna G.

Deputy Head Boy: Domenico S.

Deputy Head Girl: Sophia R.



Congratulations to our new student leaders and their families! The entire Northfields community supports them as they take on this important commitment to the school throughout the coming year.



On Saturday 2nd June, Northfields hosted its very first inter-schools athletics competition against Lighthouse School on the sport fields. It was a track event consisting of sprints, middle distance and relay races involving approximately 50 of our students. The races were competitive and there was great spirit and camaraderie between the two schools. The event also served as excellent preparation for Nationals which took place the following week. Thank you to all the athletes who attended as well as to the parents who came out in support.



# MSSSA NATIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all the Northfields athletes who represented the school with distinction at the recent National Athletics Championships in Bambous.

After 4 days of extremely tough competition, Northfields had won an incredible 7 medals. Many of our athletes just missed out on medals with a number of 4th and 5th places recorded.

The best athletes in Mauritius and Rodrigues competed for top honours and we are so proud of our athletics team for delivering on the big stage. We will be back, even bigger and stronger next year.

### Medal winners:

Jenna R. - silver medal (high jump)

Ilona K. - silver medal (javelin)

Dillon S. - bronze medal (3000m)

Sebastian K. - bronze medal (high jump)

Malcolm D. - bronze medal (shot put)

Clemence P. - 2 bronze medals (100m hurdles & 300m hurdles)



## CHESS TOURNAMENT

Kenji has participated in the junior chess tournament on Saturday 2nd June, against participants from 28 other schools. He was the stand off favourite for the competition for his age category as he won the tournament last year.



We are proud to announce that, this year again, he has won all his 6 matches and the trophy for the 10yr old category.

We hope that he will continue to represent Northfields successfully in the years to come.

Congratulation Kenji!

# GRADUATION

## ARCHERY



Another excellent term of Archery with coach, Sunjay Chooramun at the Northfields Sports Club fields. Students are shooting very accurately now and good technique is helping with consistency.

Our second competition was closely fought with some impressive shooting by all.

There were three rounds of three shots each, the winners being:

1. Joseph (234 points)
2. Raphael (214 pints)
3. Adi (203 points)



## VISIT FROM HONG KONG

On the 25th June, Northfields welcomed a group of 29 students accompanied by their teachers from Stewards Pooi Kei College in Hong Kong.

They spent half a day with our students following various classes. This trip forms part of their language and cultural education programme. At the end of the half day spent at Northfields, the visiting teachers presented Mrs Philogene with a flag of their school.



## DANCESPORT

On the 26th June, some of the DSSL U/13 girls had an opportunity to perform their solo and team dances for Pieter Kistemaker, CEO of International DanceSport. He was excited to see that the DSSL is developing in Mauritius. The girls were given an opportunity to chat with Pieter after their performance and learn about stage presence as well as the regulations for DSSL dancers. It was a privilege to have Pieter Kistemaker visit Northfields during his time in Mauritius.



On Friday, 22nd June, we celebrated the accomplishments of our 11th graduating class at Northfields International High School. Many of our graduates had been with us for seven years, while others had joined us much more recently, but together they have grown to be a close-knit, happy group who we are sure will carry with them many fond memories of their time at Northfields.

We were very fortunate to have with us as our Guest of Honour for the ceremony Ambassador Mrs Usha Chandnee Dwarka-Canabady, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Mauritius. She spoke very eloquently on the value of formal education and practical experience as our graduates move on to the next stages of their lives.

We also enjoyed the reflections and advice offered by their Form Tutors, Mrs Burtenshaw and Mr Nixon. They both infused wisdom and humour into their final messages to their classes, which meant a great deal to the graduates and their parents.

Finally, we heard the thoughts of our Senior Prefects, who reminisced on their time together over the years and anticipated the challenge and excitement that lie ahead for all. Shankaren, Elise, Max and Kira all spoke very eloquently and elicited great rounds of applause.

We wish all of our graduating class of 2018 the very best for the future.

# GOOD LUCK!

### African Youth Games

We wish Thomas E. (Year 12) all the best as he travels to Algiers to represent Mauritius in equestrian events at the upcoming African Youth Games. We know he is very excited to compete at this level with his teammates and we are sure this will be a wonderful experience for them all.



### Oxford Royale Academy

We congratulate Océane S. (Year 9) for being selected by Oxford Royale Academy to attend their summer programme on full scholarship this year. We wish her all the best for her trip to the UK and this exciting opportunity to learn with other students from around the world.

