



NEWSLETTER

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The Keep Flying (KF) initiative has quite literally exploded over the last two weeks. A week after the World Cup final, Louis Oosthuizen quite literally kept South Africa flying by winning the British Open at Saint Andrews, the home of golf! The South African public has also responded in spectacular fashion - the ad industry; corporates; media owners; NGO's and the general public have been absolutely amazing in taking this open source concept and running with it.

Brand South Africa has launched "Fly the Flag Fridays" as a way to continue the momentum of "Football Fridays". "Fly the Flag Fridays" will be an ongoing campaign, encouraging South Africans to wear the colours of their flag; to keep flying the flag on their vehicles and at their homes and offices; to buy South African goods; and once a month, give an hour (or more) of their time to helping other people. To date over 240 companies have signed up to Keep Flying and are embracing the initiative in a variety of ways.

RBHS invites staff, pupils and the extended Rondebosch family to adopt "Fly the Flag Fridays" by embracing this initiative.

❖ STAFF NEWS

- We welcome a group of six UCT students who are doing their prac teaching at RBHS for the next few weeks.
- Our condolences to Mr Martin Barker on the recent loss of his mother and Mrs Tracy Starke (Counsellor) on the loss of her mother-in-law.
- Congratulations to Mr Zweljikile Nongqotho (Xhosa) and his family on the birth of a beautiful son and brother.
- Congratulations to Mrs Priska Newham (Visual Arts) on attaining her Masters Degree in Art History studies.
- Mr Geldenhuys (Mathematics) is currently away for two weeks representing SA in athletics.

❖ RAMADAN

We would like to wish our Muslim families well over the month of Ramadan.

❖ COUNSELLING TEAM

Mr Austin Smith(E94) and part-time RBHS psychologist will be hosting another in his series of presentations for parents.

Subject: **"Alcohol, Teenagers and their need for Boundaries"**

Date: Wednesday 11 August

Venue: E1942 Centenary Pavilion

Time: 07:45 - 08:45

Bookings will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please contact: Mr Austin Smith email: austin.smith@rondebosch.com

❖ ENGLISH FOCUS WEEK : 16-20 AUGUST

English Focus Week (16-20 August) will concentrate on heightening the awareness of English language and culture in the school. We hope it will be a vibrant celebration of words, books, poetry and varied activities.

❖ ZIGGER ZAGGER

Mr David Bennie is producing a play, **Zigger-Zagger**, which will be staged in the last week of Term 3. This play will feature a large number of our Grade 8 and Grade 9 boys, and also some Rustenburg girls. Please watch the website for details.

❖ SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION:

The school drama production which was scheduled to take place from 3 - 6 August will now take place from 6 - 8 October 2010. Details of costs and bookings will be posted on the website in due course.

❖ HISTORY SOCIETY

Rondebosch Boys' High School History Society will run a "first-of-its-kind" three-part series, which aims to expose participants to the TRC events in a sensitive but forthright manner. Multi-media presentations will be used to cover some of the important aspects of the TRC's work. Discussion will focus on key questions and engaging with fellow participants around the content and its implications for us today in our school, our community and our country.

Topics include:

- The TRC - An Introduction
- Human Rights Violations - The Sphiwo Mtimkulu Story
- Amnesty
- Boys on the Border

DATES: 5th, 12th & 19th August 2010 (venue to be confirmed for the 19th)

TIME: 18:30 - 20:00

VENUE: E1942 Pavilion, RBHS, Canigou Avenue

PRESENTER: Roy Hellenberg

BOOKINGS: hellenberg@rondebosch.com

There is no charge for these lectures, everyone welcome.

❖ PARENT EMAIL SURVEY

Sincere thanks to all those parents who participated in our recent parent email survey - we had responses from 473 parents (47.1%).

Data has been collated and benchmarked, where possible, with our 2007 parent survey. The report will be made available to parents once it has been discussed by management. The Headmaster will include an abbreviated version of the report in his next newsletter (end August) and thereafter the report will be available for review by any interested parents at the school.

❖ INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD: KAZAKHSTAN

Ashraf Moolla (Grade 11) represented South Africa in the International Mathematics Olympiad which was held in Kazakhstan earlier this month. He was one of the top 6 mathematicians in the country. He received an Honourable Mention at the competition, where South Africa came 58th out of 97 countries. Well done, Ashraf.

❖ GRADE 9 SUBJECT CHOICE MEETING

Parents of Grade 9 pupils are asked to please diarize the Grade 9 subject choice meeting which will take place on **TUESDAY 17 AUGUST** in the Memorial Hall from 17:15. This is an extremely important meeting at which subject choices will be discussed and staff will be available to assist you with information you may require regarding these choices.

Parents will receive hard copy information about this evening shortly and the subject choice booklet will also be made available on the website.

❖ GRADE 12 - SEPTEMBER EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The Grade 12 September Examination timetable is available on the website. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all E10 students the very best of luck for these important examinations.

❖ FINAL NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

To view the final national senior certificate examination timetable please consult -

<http://wced.wcape.gov.za> (go to the LHS link and call up Search and select the A-Z index under examinations).

❖ CLASSROOM MAINTENANCE

The Estates Department has been re-furbishing classrooms this year: Rooms 55, 56 and 57 have all been spruced up. Next in the line-up are classrooms 60, 64, 68 and 69.

The Science Lab has been extensively renovated and the last laboratory to be re-furbished will be Life Sciences' Room 22, which will be completed in 2011.

Sincere thanks to Mr Wally Wood and his team who were responsible for completing these projects.

❖ INTERACT

- The RBHS Interact Society will be hosting a day out at Grand West Casino for a group of 20 children from the Heatherdale Children's Home. The Interact Society raises funds throughout the year to host this outing which provides children with the opportunity to visit the amusement arcade as well as have lunch.
- Interact will also be involved with the One-to-One Day at the Good Hope Centre on Sunday 15 August. The idea for this day was started by Izak Wolfaardt (a Rondebosch Old Boy) and provides pupils with the opportunity to pair up, befriend and spend quality time with peers and adults who are disabled. If your son would like to be part of this group please ask them to speak to Mrs Susan Carletti. The RBHS Jazz Band will also be performing at this gig - see note on Music Upcoming Gigs.
- Interact pupils will be manning a water station outside the Sunnybrae gates on Sunday 22 August for the Don Lock Memorial Race. Although an early start to the morning, it is great fun!

❖ STANDARD BANK NATIONAL YOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Matthew Budden, Matthew Ehrenreich and Matthew Hurworth (all Grade 11) who were selected for the National Youth Jazz Orchestra at the Grahamstown Festival held during the holidays.

❖ CHORAL CELEBRATION IN THE CITY HALL

The choirs and bands of RBHS, Rustenburg and SACS high schools will be presenting a Choral Celebration in the City Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, 4 and 5 August 2010 at 19:30.

The Choral Celebration runs over two nights and includes favourites from Handel's Messiah, Carmina Burana and Medleys from Abba and Lloyd - Webber, plus vibrant performances from the bands of all three schools. Don't miss it!

Tickets are R50 for adults and R30 for scholars available from Mrs Damster in the Reception Office tel: 681 7930.

❖ MUSIC DEPARTMENT - UPCOMING 'GIGS'

Sunday 15 August	14:30 - 15.30	<u>Jazz and Concert Bands</u> play at Good Hope Centre for our annual charity gig for the disabled.
Wednesday 25 August	19:30 - Reeler Centre	The Prestige Music Evening started in 2005 when an Old Boy living in England, Mr Brian van Breda (E49), donated the grand piano, currently used in the Reeler Centre, to the School. Initially this event was a Piano Prestige evening, but later combined with other leading students in the music department and recent Old Boys to become a showcase of the boys' talent. By invitation only.
Friday 3 September	19:30	Emilio Farella Cup Competition & Matric Music Recital - Reeler Centre

❖ RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling continues to be very busy with excellent volumes of all recyclable material.

Mrs Delene van der Schyff will be taking over as the recycling co-ordinator from Mrs Tracey Stokes. RBHS extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs Stokes for the tremendous amount of work and effort she has put into the RBHS recycling depot.

If there are any parents who have an interest in recycling and can afford to spend some time at the depot assisting with cleaning and sorting, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact: Mrs Delene van der Schyff, Tel: 021 671 7198

❖ CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The 2nd hand Clothing Exchange operates on Monday afternoons from 15:45 - 16:30. If you are in search of good quality secondhand clothing you may email your request to: exchange@rondebosch.com. You will be notified as and when items requested are available. Payment for items purchased - cash or cheque only. For further information contact Mrs Sharon Lyall Tel: 021 686 3987 or via email address above.

❖ BOSCH SHOP

Shop Hours:

Please note that in the 3rd term ONLY, the shop is closed on a Tuesday.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	07:30 - 10:30	Closed	07:30 - 10:30	07:30 - 10:30	07:30 - 10:30
Afternoon	14:00 - 16:30	Closed	14:00 - 16:30	15:30 - 17:30	12:45 - 14:45

The Bosch Shop contact details:

Tel: 021 681 7996 E-mail: rbhsshop@rondebosch.com

❖ CRICKET TOUR TO ENGLAND

Congratulations to the two RBHS cricket sides that went on tour to England during the holidays - both teams were unbeaten by their English opponents.

RBHS extends sincere thanks to the parents, sponsors, donors and friends of Rondebosch who made this tour possible through their enthusiastic fundraising efforts.

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Bosch stumps English hosts

TWO cricket teams from Rondebosch Boys' High School recently returned from a three-week tour of England unbeaten in 26 matches.

The Rondebosch BHS First XI sailed through their first 12 matches, played in a variety of limited overs formats. Then, in a "declaration" match against Rugby School, they just failed to clinch a win.

Rondebosch, batting first, compiled 284/9 declared in 49 overs, and then had the opposition hanging on on 229/9 after 59 overs. Rondebosch BHS captain, off-spinner Hilio de Abreu, claimed 6/70 in the match.

An interested spectator at the Rugby match was Rondebosch old boy and current England player, Jonathan Trott.

The First XI completed their tour with an easy six-wicket win over St Edward's. Their run of victories included a 126-run win over Harrow in a 55-overs match, with De Abreu contributing 84 and Dewald Keulder scoring 85.

Keulder notched the only century of the tour for RBHS, hitting 114 not out against Hampton School.

Leading run-scorer for the First XI was Matthew Norris, whose aggregate of 550 runs included five half-centuries, with De Abreu (524, five fifties) and Keulder (501, one century and four fifties) also passing the 500-run mark.

De Abreu, who had been on a cricket exchange in England before the tour, claimed the most wickets for RBHS. His 31 wickets cost him 15.55 runs each, with seamer Matt Sutcliffe taking 23 wickets at 13.48. Keulder grabbed 17 wickets at 19.29.

The Rondebosch cubs team - the 15-man squad comprised second team (under-19) players and seven under-15s - won 12 out of 12 matches, seldom being in danger of losing.

On the batting front, there were two centuries each for Zubayr Hamza, Michael Cursons and Devon van Rensburg. Hamza, RBHS' under-15A captain, pummelled the Wellington College (Crowthorne) attack to the tune of 173 not out in a total of 380/8, in a match won by 208 runs.

Others to hit centuries were Greg Scott and Matthew Steel.

The standout bowling performances for the Cubs were the 6/18 by off-spinner Riaz Sader against Oundle School, and a hat-trick by Richard Stirton against Princethorpe College.



TOUR HIGHLIGHT: The Rondebosch Boys' High first team and management seen with RBHS old boy and England cricketer Jonathan Trott are, front row from left: Carl Davis, Keegan Smith, Taariq Chiektey, Hilio de Abreu (captain), Devlin Quinn and Hayes van der Berg. Back: Rob Dalrymple (RBHS master in charge of cricket), Jonathan Trott, Matthew Norris, Jaco Zeeman, Aidan Morris, Matt Sutcliffe, Dewald Keulder (vice-captain), Drew Matthews, Michael Sparkman, Shabier Sayed and Sean Friedenthal (manager).

Photo: Supplied

❖ ROWING

Win a VUKA SCUTA for just R25!! RBHS Rowing Club members are selling tickets for the Scuta that is on display in the foyer of the school. Please support this fundraising drive - we desperately need more boats!! Tickets can be bought from any rowing team member.

❖ SQUASH: SA TOP SCHOOLS' SQUASH TOURNAMENT

RBHS were runners-up at the SA Top Schools' Squash Tournament held in Pietermaritzburg. RBHS now occupies second place on the ranking list for top squash schools in South Africa.

The 1st team players Kyle Brown, Daniel Tromp, Luke Bax, Daniel van Wezel, Owen de Jager and Joshua van der Ploeg must be congratulated on their fine performances at this tournament which was contested by the top school team of each province.

- A special note of congratulations must go to Luke Bax who won all of his matches for the 3rd consecutive year.
- This year's tournament was Owen de Jager's first SA Top Schools outing and he also managed to win all 5 of his matches.

Results:

RBHS vs CBC Boksburg Won 5 / 0

RBHS vs Pretoria Boys' High Won 3 / 2

RBHS vs Michaelhouse Won 3 / 2

Semi-finals:

RBHS vs Paarl Boys' High Won 3 / 2

Finals:

RBHS vs Selborne Lost 3 / 2

❖ TENNIS

Congratulations to Keaton Saunders (Grade 9), who won the boys U16 singles title at the Gauteng North Belgrave tournament, and the U16 singles and doubles titles at the Gauteng North Dunlop Super 7 tournament, both of which were held in Pretoria during the holidays.

❖ HOCKEY

Congratulations to Robin Blampied and Adrian Abrahams (both Grade 12) who were selected for the SAU17 Hockey and SAU18 Hockey sides respectively. It is an exceptional achievement to be chosen for a national team and RBHS is honoured to have two representatives in this league.

Please go to www.rondebosch.com/high to view the latest hockey newsletter and recent results.

If you have hockey information or wish to have your name added to this database please contact:

Mr John Sparkman, Tel: 021 910 0412 Cell: 083 325 7291 Email: sparkman@mweb.co.za

❖ PARKING AT HOME RUGBY MATCHES

Parents are asked to park with due consideration for neighbours in Oakhust Avenue and surrounds for the last of the home matches against SACS (31/7) and Drostdy (7/8).

❖ RUGBY CHALET

Parents, visitors and friends of the extended Rondebosch family are reminded that they are most welcome to join staff, coaches and Old Boys in the rugby chalet on rugby home match days. This coming Saturday parents of 1st XV players have been specially invited as guests of the Headmaster.

Please go to www.rondebosch.com/high to view the rugby fixtures and results.

❖ OLD BOY V SCHOOL MATCHES

The traditional rugby, hockey and squash matches between Rondebosch Old Boys and the school boys will be played on **Tuesday 24 August**.

Seven rugby matches will be played between the Old Boys and the U19 sides and the hockey matches will be played at WPCC. The various fixtures will be posted on the website. Parents and other Rondebosch supporters are most welcome to attend - there will be an informal function in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion from 17:30.

❖ RBHS UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

AUGUST

- 1 Combined Band Rehearsal 14:00-17:00 (at SACS)
- 2 Rotary Debating Competition - semi-finals (Home)
Dress Rehearsal 18:30-21:30 (City Hall)
- 3 Table tennis against Deutsche Schule (Away)
- 4-5 Choral Presentation (City Hall)
- 3-8 Sun City Golf
- 5 Squash against Bishops
Australian Maths Competition
- 6 Chess vs Alexander Sinton (Away)
- 7-9 Western Cape Schools' Provincial Debating Tournament (to be held at Bishops)
- 7 Rugby vs Drostdy (Home)
Boarders Out Weekend
- 9 Public Holiday
- 11 Ramadaan Starts
BOG Meeting - 17:30
Parent Talk: "Alcohol, Teenagers and their need for Boundaries" (07:45-08:45)
- 13 Chess vs Herzlia (Home)
- 14 Rugby/Hockey vs. Wynberg BHS (Away)
- 15 Jazz and Concert Bands play at One-to-One Day for Mentally Handicapped (Good Hope Centre)
- 16-20 English Focus Week
- 17 Gr 9 Subject Choice Meeting and PLM (Parent Learner Meeting)
Table tennis vs Pinelands (Away)
- 18 English Best-Speakers Competition
- 19 Gr 10 History Outing (Slave Lodge)
- 20 Hockey vs. Bishops (Away)
Old Boys' and BRSC function
Chess vs Pinelands (Home)
- 21 Rugby vs Bishops (Away)
- 21-28 African Schools' Debating Championships (Jhb)
- 22 Don Locke Memorial Race
- 24 OBU Winter Sports vs. School
Grade 12 Design Pre-Exhibition
- 25 Prestige Music Evening (Reeler Centre - 19:30)
- 26 Grade 12 CASS Marks completed
BRSC Annual Dinner (Kelvin Grove - 19:00)
- 26-28 Gr 11 Fieldtrip (Clanwilliam)
- 27 Gr 12 Mock-Matric Music Practical Exams (09:00)
Rowing LAN Evening Fundraiser
Chess vs WBHS A (Home)
- 30 Gr 12 Mock-Matric Exams commence
- 31 National Natural Sciences Olympiad (SAASTE)

❖ RBPS: UPCOMING EVENTS

"LADIES NITE OUT" : 18 AUGUST

The RBPS "Ladies Nite Out" will take place on **Wednesday the 18 August** in the RBPS Hall.

- Executive Chef Alfred Henry and Wine Connoisseur Duncan Savage will provide some inspiration on easy entertaining.
- The evening will also include fabulous stalls and amazing prizes to be won.

Cost: R60 and bookings can be made by contacting *Carol* - 082 652 0799.

❖ 2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Term	Opens	Closes
<i>First</i>	17 January (educators) 19 January (learners)	1 April
<i>Second</i>	11 April	24 June
<i>Third</i>	18 July	30 September
<i>Fourth</i>	10 October	9 December (learners) 13 December (educators)

2011 Public Holidays:

Date	Title
01 January 2011	New Year's Day
21 March 2011	Human Rights Day
22 April 2011	Good Friday
25 April 2011	Family Day
26 April 2011	School holiday
27 April 2011	Freedom Day
01 May 2011	Workers' Day
02 May 2011	Public Holiday
16 June 2011	Youth Day
17 June 2011	School holiday
08 August 2011	School holiday
09 August 2011	National Women's Day
24 September 2011	Heritage Day
16 December 2011	Day of Reconciliation
25 December 2011	Christmas Day
26 December 2011	Day of Goodwill



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