



# NEWSLETTER



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## ❖ **ESKOM CAPE TOWN EXPO FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS**

*RBHS achieved exceptional results at the Eskom Science Expo. A total of 25 projects were entered and 10 Projects won medals as follows:*

### **1 x Gold Medal Prize and team travelling to National Finals: Pretoria**

- *Mogamad Ali Parker and Travis Taylor*

*Mogamad Ali Parker and Travis Taylor also won the Kevin Rochford Memorial Prize for the Best overall project at the Expo for 2010*

### **The following boys won special prizes:**

- *Justin Paul* *Best Grassland Project*
- *Devin Smith* *Royal Society Chemistry Prize*
- *Mogamad Ali Parker and Travis Taylor* *Popular Mechanics Best Recycling Prize*

### **2 x Silver Medal Prizes:**

- *Robin Dwyer and Matthew Worthington-Smith*
- *James Carmichael-Green and Oliver Thompson*

### **8 x Bronze Medal Prizes:**

- *Sang-Woo Jun and Matthew Norris*
- *Ihsaan Bassier and Michael Brooke*
- *Michael Wood*
- *Tahir Dawood and Zain Karodia*
- *Naasir Bawa and Waseem Amien*
- *Devon Keyser and Nicholas Roux*
- *Christopher Knutsen*
- *Ashley James and Daniel Clark*

## ❖ **SA U18 WATER POLO TEAM**

*Congratulations to Brad Pepler (Grade 11) on his selection to the SA U18 water polo team which will see him travel to Auckland, New Zealand in mid-December to take on his Australian and New Zealand counterparts.*

*Brad is one of the two players chosen from the Western Cape.*

## ❖ **RUGBY**

*Congratulations to Rayn Smid and Warren Hill on being selected as the RBHS "Player of the Year" and the "Most improved Player of the Year" respectively at the annual BRSC Dinner held at Kelvin Grove. All first team players who have run out 8 times or more during the season are also capped at this dinner. Congratulations to all recipients.*

## ❖ BUDGET AND FEES MEETING 2011

### **BUDGET AND FEES FOR 2011**

#### **APPROVAL MEETING FOR PARENTS**

*Please diarise this extremely important meeting to be held in the*

***Memorial Hall, RBHS on Wednesday 3 November 2010 at 19:30.***

*At the meeting the budget, setting out the school fees for 2011, is presented to parents. The Treasurer, Mr Dale Smith, will explain the income and expenditure profile and be available to answer questions. A full copy of the budget for 2011 is available for inspection at the School 14 days before the meeting.*

***Please make every effort to attend this meeting.***

## ❖ BY-ELECTION FOR SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

*The by-election of **two parent representatives** to the School Governing Body will take place on the above date preceding the budget approval meeting.*

- ***It is imperative that we have at least 120 parents present for a statutory quorum to be achieved for the by-election to go ahead.***
- *The school is looking for parents who can afford the time to attend meetings and are committed to ensuring that the high standards that have been achieved in the past will continuously be challenged.*
- *The School Governing Body meets twice a term for two hours. Governors are expected to contribute several hours each month in subcommittee meetings and work associated with these meetings.*
- *A candidate may be nominated by lodging a nomination form, duly completed by the proposer, seconder and candidate, with the electoral officer, **not more than seven days and not less than 24 hours** prior to the commencement of the above meeting.*
- *For this purpose nominations will be accepted at the School from **08:00 on 28 October 2010 until 15:00 on 03 November 2010.***
- *If you are interested in making yourself available for election as a school governor, nomination forms are available from the High School reception from the 28 October. Forms can also be accessed from our website [www.rondebosch.com/high](http://www.rondebosch.com/high)*

## ❖ WEBSITE

*The RBHS School Council have initiated and developed an academics website to assist pupils and parents with managing work, dates and deadlines associated with SBA's (Student Based Assessments) and projects. This pilot project is currently functioning for Grade 8's only at this time. Please go to: [www.rondebosch.com/high](http://www.rondebosch.com/high) - click on Assessment Information (LHS) you will be linked to the academics website.*

*Grateful thanks to Matthew Poulter (Grade 8) and Ihsaan Bassier (Grade 10) for all their efforts in setting up this programme.*

### ❖ ENGLISH FOCUS WEEK 13-16 AUGUST

English Focus Week was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The staff vs. prefects soccer challenge presented its own “challenges” and ended in a draw.

During the Monday and Thursday assemblies were enlivened by guest speakers, KFM’s morning presenter, Jeremy Harris and comedian, Mark Sampson.

Thank you to the English Department for their efforts in putting this programme together.

### ❖ COUNSELLING TEAM

Mr Austin Smith (E94) and part-time RBHS psychologist hosted another in his series of presentations to parents called “**Alcohol, Teenagers and their need for Boundaries**”.

The presentation is available on the website for parents who were unable to attend.

### ❖ MUSIC DEPARTMENT - UPCOMING ‘GIGS’

<b>Friday 3 September</b>	19:30	<b>Emilio Farella Cup Competition &amp; Matric Music Recital - Reeler Centre</b>
<b>Saturday 9 October</b>	19:00	<b>Band Matric Farewell Concert - Reeler Centre</b>

### ❖ CABARET 2010: 19, 21 (Pupils only), 22 and 23 OCTOBER

Preparations for this highly acclaimed event on the High School calendar are well underway. The Grade Elevens will be the main force behind the show; however, assistance from parents is essential in making this cabaret a success.

The organising committee is appealing to parents who have contacts in:

**Decor, Recording of the show, Catering, Printing and Sound and Lighting gear.**

Parents who are able to assist, or can sponsor an aspect of the show, please email Ms Ghignone: [ghignone@rondebosch.com](mailto:ghignone@rondebosch.com)

### ❖ PARENT EMAIL SURVEY

Thank you once again to all parents who took the time and trouble to complete this online survey. The Headmaster included details of the report in his last newsletter (18 August). The results will be discussed and incorporated into the staff strategic planning meeting which takes place this coming weekend. Parents wishing to study the complete survey document should contact Ms Fowler at email: [fowler@rondebosch.com](mailto:fowler@rondebosch.com).

### ❖ ADVERTISING IN THE 2010 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Rondebosch Boys’ Schools annually publish a prestigious magazine, recording the year’s achievements and activities. The School has been complimented on the quality of its magazine. This quality unfortunately comes at a cost and we are striving to increase our advertising base, thereby reducing the cost to the Schools.

We are appealing to the Rondebosch families and, in particular, to Grade 12 pupils, to support our efforts by sponsoring a R100 one-liner in this year’s magazine. One-liners for companies are also available as an advertising option. Naturally, if you wish to take out a larger advertisement on behalf of a firm or organisation, that would be most welcome. Advertising rates are available on the website.

For more information please contact Ms Caroline Fowler, email: [fowler@rondebosch.com](mailto:fowler@rondebosch.com)

### ❖ BOSCH SHOP

**Shop Hours:** Please note that in the 3<sup>rd</sup> term ONLY, the shop is closed on a Tuesday.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Morning</b>	07:30 - 10:30	Closed	07:30 - 10:30	07:30 - 10:30	07:30 - 10:30
<b>Afternoon</b>	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](mailto:rbhsshop@rondebosch.com)

## ❖ CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## ❖ RECYCLING NEWS: GO GREEN: REDUCE, RE-USE AND RECYCLE: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*One of the easiest ways to reduce our carbon footprint and go green is by recycling.*

The RBHS Recycling Facility accepts the following recyclables:

- **Tins and cans:**

*Please wash and deposit in tin/can sacks in shed.*

- **Glass bottles and jars:**

*Please rinse, remove lids( lids are collected in garage) and deposit glass into blue igloos.*

- **Plastics:**

*PET 1 + 2 plastic bottles only – please rinse remove lids, lids separate collecting sacks*

*PET 5 some yoghurt, dip, feta and ice cream containers,*

*Check for the recycling triangle with number 1, 2 or 5 in it as this is the only recycling accepted*

- **Polystyrene:**

*All colours taken, please place in sacks marked white only or colour polystyrene only.*

*PS 6 = disposable plates,cups, take-out containers, place in the sack with colour polystyrene.*

- **Paper:**

*White paper – into designated sacks in the garage.*

*Magazines – into designated sacks in the garage*

*Newspaper and mixed paper – into orange igloos down the side of the garage.*

- **Cardboard:**

*Corrugated cardboard – flatten and deposit into large sacks inside the garage.*

*Common mix = cereal boxes, toilet roll inners, tissue boxes, egg boxes, etc please flatten and deposit into designated sacks in the garage.*

*Please self-sort your recycling wherever possible this is very much appreciated*

*Contact: Delene van der Schyff Recycling co-ordinator 074 4474 381*

## ❖ 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.*

## ❖ TENNIS

*Keaton Saunders (Grade 9) continued his winning form by clinching the Boys' U18 singles title at the recent WP Mini Series 3 tennis tournament after ousting the top-ranked U18 WP player in straight sets.*

## ❖ HOCKEY:

### **Knock Out Competition Results:**

*The 1<sup>st</sup> XI lost to Central Hockey Club based on Penalty Flicks.*

*Congratulations to the RBHS U16A team on winning this competition by beating Bishops 2-0.*

*The U14A team were defeated by Wynberg BHS in a match that also went to Penalty Flicks.*

*Tickets for the RBHS Hockey Parents Support Committee fundraising raffle are available from players at a cost of R20.00 each. Prizes include a LCD TV, a Nokia cell phone, a hockey stick and a voucher for R750.00.*

*Please go to [www.rondebosch.com/high](http://www.rondebosch.com/high) to view the latest hockey newsletter and recent results.*

## ❖ VILLAGER SCHOOL SEVENS TOURNAMENT

The Villager Sevens 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual School Seven-a-side rugby tournament will be taking place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the Villagers rugby club. Matches are played from 14:00 onwards with the final will taking place at 20:00.

### RBHS Fixtures:

14:20 Rondebosch B vs DF Malan B field  
 14:40 Rondebosch A vs Plumstead C field

## ❖ RBHS UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Senior Staff Meeting (18:00)
- 2 National Physical Sciences Olympiad (SAASTE)  
Hostel Management Meeting (17:30)
- 3 Emilio Farella Cup Music Competition & Matric Music Recital (Reeler Centre - 19:30)
- 4 Staff Strategy Meeting (08:30 - 13:00)
- 8 National Mathematics Olympiad 3<sup>rd</sup> Round  
Dr John Buswell : Substance Abuse Workshops for Grades 8 - 11 and talk for parents
- 9 Ramadaan ends  
Liaison Meeting
- 10 Eid-ul-Fitr
- 13 Inter-House Cross Country (13:40-15:00)
- 15 Board of Governors Meeting (17:30)
- 16 Wynberg Water Polo Tournament (U15)  
Ubuntu Society (time to be confirmed)
- 17 Grades 8-11 Marks Due
- 17-19 RBHS U14 Water Polo Tournament
- 18 Yom Kippur
- 20-23 Xhosa Focus Days
- 20-21 "Zigger Zagger" drama production (produced by Mr David Bennie)
- 22 Gr 12 Mock-Matric Exams end.  
Matric Dance- Kelvin Grove
- 23 School Closes (11:00)
- 23-26 Otter Trail Group
- 24-27 Cape Schools Cricket Week (at WBHS)
- 24 Heritage Day (Public Holiday)
- 24-26 SACS Water Polo Tournament
- 26-28 Computer Olympiad 3<sup>rd</sup> Round
- 25-30 White Rhino Trail (end 2 Oct)
- 25-30 Orange River Trip

### 4<sup>th</sup> TERM Confirmation of dates

Speech Night: Wednesday 20 October  
 Valedictory: Thursday 21 October

## ❖ 2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR:

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

❖ 2011 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
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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