



NEWSLETTER

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❖ STAFF NEWS

- ❖ Headmaster, Mr Martin Barker attended the 50th Anniversary of George Randell High School in East London recently, which was his first tenure as Headmaster from 1990-1994.
- ❖ Congratulations to Mr Gary Endley on the recent marriage of his daughter.
- ❖ Mr Craig Milligan (Maths) has become engaged to Robyn Baynes and they will be getting married in December.
- ❖ Mrs Marilyn Hawkins (Library) has become a grandmother to Aime, born in the UK on 27 April.
- ❖ Congratulations to Gareth Wright (RBHS rugby coaching co-ordinator) on his recent marriage.

❖ APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT - 2010

A record number of entrants wrote the 2009 Scholarship Exam for entry into RBHS in 2010. The Headmaster and staff will be kept busy during this term conducting interviews with boys who have applied to the High School in 2010. All applicants who have applied for a place at the school will be advised of the outcome at the end of the second term.

❖ RBHS U19 2ND XI CRICKETERS COLLECTION DRIVE

RBHS U19 2nd XI Cricketers and their parents embarked on a drive to collect unwanted, outgrown but serviceable Cricket kit for the Khayalitsha Cricket Club.

The appeal resulted in donations of kit from as far afield as Kimberley. **Collect Cellular** donated tog bags, water bottles and caps whilst **New Balance** donated 2 dozen pairs of sports shoes. These exceptionally generous donations were supplemented by individual players donating pads, gloves, protective gear, helmets, cricket longs and shorts.

RBHS 2nd XI Captain, Michael Sparkman, handed over the kit to Mr Dave Ramsay, Convenor of the Khayalitsha Cricket Club at the Ryan Maron Cricket Clinic, held during the holidays at RBHS and attended by some of the Khayalitsha Cricket Club Juniors. The Khayalitsha Cricket Club players were delighted with the kit and thanked the Rondebosch players and parents for their generous donations.

❖ HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society welcomed Rondebosch Old Boy and political cartoonist, Jonathan Shapiro to their most recent meeting at which he discussed "Freedom of the Media".

❖ BOSCH SHOP

Please take note of the shop hours for the **Second and Third Terms – 2009**

Monday and Wednesday 07:30-10:30 and 14:00-16:30

Thursday 16:00 - 18:00

Note: This late opening time is an experiment to assist the situation where both parents work. Please support it if it is to your convenience.

Friday 07:30-10:30 and 13:00-15:00

Saturday Closed

The Bosch Shop contact details: Tel: 021 685 4825 or email: rbhsshop@rondebosch.com

❖ MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

We encourage parents, family and friends to attend these performances to lend support to our very talented musicians.

8 May	19:00 for 19:45	Gala Concert Please see advert below.	Memorial Hall
15-22 May		Music Practical Exams	
17 May	17:00 - 18:30	Music Pupils Concert This concert features all senior subject music pupils as well as the pick of the Grade 8 & 9 soloists.	Reeler Centre, RBHS
21 May	19:45	RBHS Jazz Band plays at the Annual Cape Town Big Band Jazz Festival This is the 11 th anniversary of the Cape Town Big Band Jazz Festival (21 - 23 May). Book at Computicket.	Baxter Theatre, Rondebosch
23 May	19:00	Band Supper Concert Bring own picnic supper and drinks.	Reeler Centre, RBHS

RONDEBOSCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT GALA CONCERT

Date: 8 May 2009

Time: 19:00 for 19:45

Pre-concert drinks and snacks in the restaurant.

Venue: Rondebosch Boys' High School,
Memorial Hall, Canigou Avenue.

Dress: Formal

Cost: R100 per ticket

To Book: contact Sandy Hurworth

083 676 1496 email: shurworth@hotmail.com

This formal concert will showcase the depth of musical talent at RBHS in a slick, professional presentation. The evening will feature a stunning array of soloists and ensembles, which will include the **Jazz Band, Concert Band, Chamber Choir, Saxophone Quartet** and **String Orchestra** - all playing a wide variety of musical styles.

Two of the featured soloists who will be performing are:

Multi-award winning violinist, **Michael Duffett**, continued to draw accolades in 2008.

- Was appointed leader of the Miagi Youth Orchestra.
- Performed as soloist with the Kwazulu-Natal and Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestras.
- Won the Strings Category at the Lubner National Music Competition for under 25 year olds.
- Won the Pieter Kooij Music Competition.
- Won all possible string prizes in the Cape Town and Afrikaans Eisteddfods: Gold Medal, Best String Player, Most Outstanding String Player, Most Promising String Player. Best Concerto, as well as a piano prize. He obtained special diplomas for achieving 100% in his categories.
- Passed his Royal Schools Grade 8 Violin Exam with 97%.

Highly accomplished Alto Saxophonist and pianist, **Nick Hurworth**

- Was chosen as **Lead Alto Saxophonist** for the **National School's Jazz Band** after competing at the auditions with 27 other alto sax players from across SA.
- The Gala Concert will see Nick featuring as:
 - Saxophone and piano soloist.
 - Soloist in RBHS Jazz Band.
 - Leader Saxophone Quartet.

❖ ORANGE RIVER 2009

The 2009 Orange River tour will take place from 24 -29 September and will be led by Xama Adventures in inflatable rafts.

Cost: R2 700.00 for the 6 day tour which includes transport, food (breakfast, lunch and supper every day), all equipment and two guides.

For more information please go to www.rondebosch.com/high. Interested boys can collect the indemnity and medical forms from Mr Jenkins.

❖ TRAINING AND HELPING THOSE WITH OR LIVING ALONGSIDE AD/HD- MAY 2009

Various courses are being presented at RBHS in conjunction with the counselling dept, and are really well worth attending, if relevant for your family. Please make the effort to attend.

For detailed schedule visit: www.rondebosch.com/high

❖ ACTIVE LEARNING SKILLS COURSE

Pupils at RBHS have an opportunity to participate in a 4-hour learning skills course which actively assists pupils with the following skills:

- ✿ Efficient Listening, Note Taking in Class, Summarising Techniques, Mind Maps Memory Skills, Exam Techniques, Descriptive Headings and Keywords, Goal Setting, Time Management, Visualisation and Association.

For further information and application form visit: www.rondebosch.com/high

❖ STAFF DATABASE

It has been brought to our attention by the RBHS staff that they would be interested in having a database set up on the school network of parent service providers. This database would provide RBHS parents with the opportunity to advertise their business, home craft, services to the staff who will in turn, hopefully, support the parent advertisers, provided that the service offered is competitive and the fees/cost reasonable. If you intend offering a discount related to your business please indicate this in your advertisement.

- ✿ **Copy only:** maximum 35 words incl. (no logos or photographs).

- ✿ Include: Name, son's name and class and contact telephone number.

If you are interested in registering on this database please email your information to:

fowler@rondebosch.com or tel: 021 681 7941 for further information.

❖ CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The 2nd hand Clothing Exchange operates on Monday afternoons from 15:45 - 16:30. The clothing exchange is situated diagonally opposite the bicycle shed in the Plane Tree Quad, RBHS. 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 6863987 or via email at the above address.

❖ RECYCLING NEWS

- ✿ RBHS collected 55,000 cans, c35 tons of glass and c38 tons of paper in 2008. This earned the school R11, 366.00 - in effect money for old rubbish! We started recycling plastics towards the end of 2008 and have not yet generated any income as the volumes are fairly small, but still of great value to our environment.

- ✿ The value of recycling collection in the first quarter of 2009 is R4, 542.23. Perhaps we should be aiming to get as close as possible to the value of one boy's school fees from recycling in 2009?

- ✿ Recycling just takes a bit of organisation at home. The most organised enthusiasts have a crate or box for newspapers, a bin for bottles and cans and something else for plastic. It is simply a matter of loading these into the car and delivering them to school. If you make recycling easy, it becomes a habit. RBHS is a **self-sort depot** which means that people dropping things off need to put them into the right bins - separating glass, plastic, paper and cans.

❖ RECYCLING NEWS CONT...

Paper

This is our biggest volume and largest earner and we have the space to cope with more. Please put the flattened corrugated cardboard in the garage, the newspaper in the igloos and the other paper & flattened soft cardboard inside the 'shed' next to the glass igloos.

We earn different amounts for the various types:

Description	Price per Ton	Value in 2008
Common Mix soft cardboard – Cereal boxes etc	R50	52.00
Cardboard – Corrugated boxes etc	R100	314.00
Igloos – News paper and mixed paper	R200	3974.45
Magazines	R300	996.00
White Paper	R550	1089.00
Telephone Books	R200	12.60
		R6438.05

We accept shredded white paper which can be left in bags in the garage. White paper is the most lucrative earner so it is worth keeping it apart. Please separate magazines & glossy pamphlets and don't put them into the igloos.

Plastic

We are not getting anything for this, but it is environmentally important to reduce landfill. PLEASE TAKE THE LIDS OFF AND JUMP ON THE BOTTLES TO SQUASH THEM so that we can fit more into the bags in the shed - also ensure the plastic is washed.

Glass & Cans

Please ensure the lids of the bottles & jars are removed and they are all clean.

Any queries: Janet Lytwynchuk Cell: 083 635 7117.

❖ TENNIS

Keaton Saunders (Grade 8) won the boys U14 singles title at the Boland Junior Grand Prix and the WP Junior Open which was held in the Easter school holidays.

Keaton has been selected to represent WP as the no.1 ranked player in the boys' U14 team to compete in the upcoming SATA Interprovincial Tennis Championships to be held in Bloemfontein.

❖ ROWING

Congratulations to Chris Buddle (Grade 11) who was selected to represent Western Province at the junior national trials that took place at the Roodeplaas Dam, Gauteng.

Win a VUKA SCUTA for just R25!! *RBHS Rowing Club members will be selling tickets during the second term. To wet your appetite, the Scuta will be on display in the foyer of the school. Please support this fundraising drive - we desperately need more boats!! Tickets can also be bought from Sheena Buddle 083 468 8245, Anne Kidd 083 630 7917 and Tania Shamley 082 856 5484.*

❖ HOCKEY

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

❖ RUGBY

Please go to www.rondebosch.com/high to view the rugby fixtures, rugby results and the rugby newsletter, "Bosch Huddle".

Note: *date to diarise:*

VILLAGER SCHOOL SEVENS 2009: *Friday 4th September - "BATTLE OF BROOKSIDE 3".*

❖ RUGBY: TO ALL RBHS PARENTS - RBHS REALLY NEEDS YOU!

Our school tuckshop provides an enormous service to the community on Saturday mornings when we host rugby matches. Your help goes a long way towards creating a slick operation which in turn creates a good impression. If you are able to assist in the tuckshop for any of the matches and have not already volunteered, please contact: Mrs Sandi King - 072 211 6704.

❖ RBHS: UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 1 Workers' Day (Public Holiday)
Boarders' Out-Weekend
- 4 Blood Clinic
Rugby Development Day
- 6 Board of Governors Meeting (17:30)
- 8 Music Department Gala Concert: Memorial Hall (19:00)
- 9 Rugby/Hockey vs. SACS (Home)
- 10 Mothers' Day
- 11-14 Afrikaans Week
- 11 Beste Sprekers Kompetisie - 19:00
- 12 Boeresport
- 12+13 Afrikaans Eisteddfod - 17:00-20:00
- 14 Cricket Golf Day
Tiekie-Aand - 19:00 (Mears Centre)
Combined Rehearsal: 'Vivaldi Gloria' at RBHS (18:30-21:30)
- 15 RBHS Social
- 15-23 Music Practical Exams
- 16 Rugby vs. Paul Roos Gym (Home)
- 17 Music Pupils' Concert 17:00 (Reeler Centre)
- 20 Senior Staff Meeting 18:00
- 21 Ascension Day
SA Mathematics Olympiad 2nd Round 14:00
Gr 10-12 CASS marks completed
- 22 Computer Olympiad 2nd Round 14:00
- 23 Rugby vs. HTS Drostdy (Away-Worcester)
Band Supper Concert 19:00 (Reeler Centre)
- 25 Gr 10-12 Midyear Examinations begin
- 26 UCT Maths Competition Prize Giving
- 29 Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club function 18:00
- 30 Rugby/Hockey vs. HJS Paarl (Home)

June

- 1 Rugby Development Day
- 4 Gr 8 & 9 Midyear Examinations begin
- 6 Rugby/Hockey vs. Wynberg BHS (Away)
- 10 Board of Governors Meeting (17:30)
- 13 Rugby BYE
- 15 School Holiday (Long Weekend)
- 13-16 Boarders' Out-Weekend
- 16 Youth Day (Public Holiday)

Please encourage parents who are not receiving this communication via email to kindly forward their email address to: Mrs Pam Ogilvie at marketing@rondebosch.com



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