



# NEWSLETTER

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## ❖ W. CAPE SWIMMING REPRESENTATIVES 2009

*Congratulations to the following boys who were selected for the Western Cape team:*

*Christoph Blake, Duncan Bonney, Neil De Villiers, Kyle Drury, Todd Dugmore, Craig Emslie, Joshua Herselman, Kyle Smith, Jandr  Strauss and Martin V gel.*

*Mr. Kevin Jenkins will be the Senior Western Cape Coach for the boys.*

## ❖ WP TENNIS

*Congratulations to Trent Pike on having been selected for the WP U19 Schools Tennis Team. Trent will participate in the U19 Inter-Provincial Tournament vs Boland in Somerset West in March.*

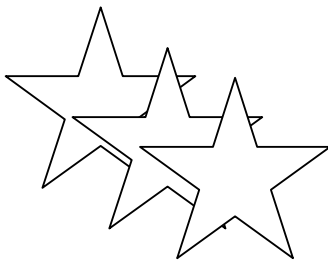
## ❖ MATHEMATICS NEWS

*We are pleased to inform parents that RBHS has been chosen for special funding from two Anglo-American trusts. These trusts are focussing upon Mathematics education and performance, and the funding they have approved will pay for a support teacher who will be starting work on Monday 2 March.*

*They have also approved our purchase of educational technology, so a number of Maths classrooms will be equipped with interactive white boards and projectors. Lastly, we will use a small amount to coach the top Maths pupils - we would rather like to re-capture that overall first place in the UCT Maths competition this year!*

## ❖ SUNSET CONCERT

*Following the success of our joint concert with the Prep School at the end of last year the High School Music Department has invited the Prep School's Concert Band and newly formed Jazz Band to join us for the occasion.*

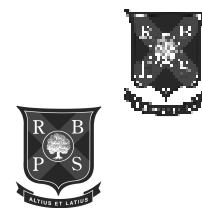


RBHS Jazz and Concert Bands  
**SUNSET CONCERT**  
**27 FEBRUARY**

*Time: 18:30*

*Venue: Rugby A field*

*Rondebosch Boys' High School, Canigou Avenue, Rondebosch*



## EVERYONE WELCOME

*You are invited to bring a picnic hamper, fold-up chairs and drinks and join us for an evening of music under the stars. In the event of bad weather the concert will move to the Memorial Hall.*

*The concert should be over by 20:45.*

***The last event was sold out so get your bookings in early!!***

*To avoid disappointment please reserve your tickets with Mrs Lyall at RBHS reception.*

*Tel: 021 686 3987 or email: [sharon@rondebosch.com](mailto:sharon@rondebosch.com)*

***Cost: R30 adults, R15 scholars and children under 6 - free.***



### ❖ VISIT TO RBPS – GR 7 PROMOTION

Headmaster - Mr Barker, Head Prefect - Darryn Berry and Daniel Stephens - Gr 8 will visit RBPS on Thursday 26 February to talk to the current Gr 7 boys about the High School and invite them to the RBHS Open Day.

### ❖ OPEN DAY

Prospective parents of boys entering High School in Grade 8 - 2010 are invited to attend our Open Day which will be held on **Tuesday 3 March 2009**. There will be numerous subject-related and extra-mural displays, exhibitions, live music and tours of the school grounds.

For information please contact:

Ms Caroline Fowler 021 681 7941 or email: [fowler@rondebosch.com](mailto:fowler@rondebosch.com)

### ❖ APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

We would like to remind parents and friends of the closing dates for applications and the scholarship examination for pupils wishing to join RBHS in 2010.

Scholarship examination for Grade 8 2010 will be written on **20 March 2009**

Closing date for Scholarship Examination entries: **13 March 2009**

Applications for admission - Grade 8 2010 close on **31 March 2009**

**All scholarship forms can be accessed on our website: [www.rondebosch.com](http://www.rondebosch.com) under High School.**

### ❖ TELEPHONE

This is a repeat article from our January newsletter which serves as a reminder about the school's new automated telephone system.

When contacting the School you will be greeted by an automated voice recording which gives you six options namely:

Finance	Press 1
Marketing / Public Relations	Press 2
General Enquiries	Press 3
Headmaster's PA / Admissions	Press 4
Sports Administrator	Press 5
Daily Bulletin	Press 6

The system allows you to contact people directly should you know their extension numbers.

As is the school policy on giving out staff email addresses, it is up to the individual staff member to provide parents with their direct telephone extension number. Each staff member has a voicemail box message option and messages are accessed and cleared on a daily basis.

Below is a list of people you may frequently need to contact at the school. You can dial the school switchboard: **021 686 3987** and dial the extension or dial the prefix **021 681** followed by the extension number.

EXT No.		USER NAME	EXT No.		USER NAME
9	Switchboard	Sharon Lyall	7992	Grounds	Wally Wood
7926	Bursar	Amanda Barnard	7993	Grounds	Zolile Mketso
7929	Business Manager	Peter Coutts	7925	Headmaster Secretary	Alison van Rensburg
7924	Counsellor	Tracy Starke	7935	Library	Marilyn Hawkins
7950	Clinical Psychologist	Austin Smith (Tuesday and Wednesday)	7941	Marketing	Caroline Fowler
7930	Data Capture	Sheryl Damster	7944	Prefects	Prefects Room
7922	Deputy Headmaster	Leon Erasmus	7928	Public Relations	Pam Ogilvie
7923	Deputy Headmaster	Chris Wren -Sargent	7948	Sports Administrator	John Whitehead
7927	Fees	Kathlyn Duvill	7942	Tuckshop	Sandi King

### **Daily Bulletin – option 6**

The purpose of this extension is so that parents are able to ascertain information related to daily events, sporting fixtures and changes to the school programme. This option can be accessed through the switchboard or you can dial 021 681 7994. This extension facility can accommodate six incoming calls at any given time.

Please feel free to contact Caroline Fowler via email: [fowler@rondebosch.com](mailto:fowler@rondebosch.com) if you are experiencing any problems with the new telephone system.

### **❖ CULTURAL ASSEMBLY**

A weekly Cultural presentation at Thursday Assemblies was introduced at RBHS last year. These slots afford cultural societies and music pupils the opportunity to display their talent and to create a greater cultural awareness in the school.

Performances to date have included the jazz and concert bands, solo performances, and presentations by the Debating and History Societies.

### **❖ HISTORY SOCIETY**

The RBHS History Society held their first function of the year by attending the movie Valkyrie. The History Society meets once a month highlighting different functions.

### **❖ OUTDOOR SOCIETY CAMP FOR GR 8.**

A group of Grade 8 boys recently joined Mr La Grange on an adventurous weekend camp on the farm Vaatjie near Melkbosstrand.

The boys learnt the basics of camping in nature and had to rely on small hikers' tents for shelter and the absolute minimum of camping gear while preparing their own food on the camp fire. Apart from various activities where they were taught the finer arts of camping in harmony with nature, they also learnt somewhat more about the night skies and eventually were able to identify and name about 14 prominent stars without hesitation. It was an action-filled weekend in the bush!

### **❖ BOSCH SHOP**

Please take note of the new shop hours.

#### **First and Fourth Terms - 5 days per week**

Monday-Thursday 07:30-10:30 and 14:00-16:30  
Friday 07:30-10:30 and 13:00-15:00  
Saturday Closed

#### **Second and Third Terms - 3 days per week**

Monday and Wednesday 07:30-10:30 and 14:00-16:30  
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](mailto:rbhsshop@rondebosch.com)

### **❖ CLOTHING EXCHANGE**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Clothing Exchange operates at the High School 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](mailto:exchange@rondebosch.com). Clothing items for sale may only be dropped off on a Monday between 15:45 - 16:30.

For further information contact Mrs Sharon Lyall Tel: 021 6863987 or via email at the above address.

### **❖ RECYCLING**

We accept the following sorted items:

Magazines, newspaper, white paper, telephone directories, food and beverage cans, glass bottles and jars, cardboard and common mix (biscuit, cereal, toothpaste, egg boxes and toilet roll inners etc). We DO NOT recycle PLASTIC.

The Recycling centre is user friendly, so please post the items into the various containers. Any queries: Judy Scott 021 794 7622 / 082 575 9185.

## ❖ FLOWERS

We urgently need parents to assist with flower arrangements for events/functions at the school. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact: Mrs Pam Ogilvie - 021 681 7928 / 021 685 1923.

## ❖ GRADE REPRESENTATIVES - 2009

The parent grade representatives are confirmed below - it is great to have our first dad as part of this active parent group!

CONTACT	GRADE REP	PHONE NO	MOBILE NO	EMAIL ADDRESS
Mrs Lesley MacDonald	Grade 12	021 686 2222	083 680 7841	<a href="mailto:acmac@iafica.com">acmac@iafica.com</a>
Mrs Cindy Giger	Grade 11	021 930 1794	082 745 5831	<a href="mailto:cindy.giger@mweb.co.za">cindy.giger@mweb.co.za</a>
Mrs Caroline Perren	Grade 10	021 686 3310	083 399 2206	<a href="mailto:cperren@mweb.co.za">cperren@mweb.co.za</a>
Mrs Sheila Taylor and Mrs Lesely Bernberg	Grade 9 Grade 9	021 686 3106 021 671 0887	084 606 3106 082 979 1898	<a href="mailto:sheila.taylor@uct.ac.za">sheila.taylor@uct.ac.za</a> <a href="mailto:lespeter@mweb.co.za">lespeter@mweb.co.za</a>
Mr Rene Nolte	Grade 8	021 689 3320	082 573 1342	<a href="mailto:rene@eventmix.co.za">rene@eventmix.co.za</a>

## ❖ TUCKSHOP

The planning for our Triangular Athletics Meeting on **11 March 2009** is well under way. The tuckshop will operate from the side of the athletics field and requires an enormous amount of help. If you can spare some time to come along and 'do your bit' between 13:00 and 18:00 please contact Sandi King tel: 021 681 7942 / 072 211 6704.

### NOTE:

Sandi King is also looking for gazebo's to erect for some shelter on the day- if you are able to assist please make contact on the above number/s.

## ❖ NEWLANDS GALA

The Newlands Gala serves to showcase the best swimming talent in the Western Province. Rondebosch supporters, learners and educators cheered our RBHS swimmers in their blue and gold to produce a good set of results.

The final positions for the day in the Boys' League:

1st:	RBHS	240 points
2nd:	Paul Roos	202
3rd:	Bishops	178
4th:	SACS	166
5th:	WBHS	149
6th:	Reddam	130
7th:	Camps Bay	104
8th:	JVR	89
9th:	Fish Hoek	68

## ❖ WATER POLO NEWSLETTER

Please go to [www.rondebosch.com](http://www.rondebosch.com) to view the latest water polo newsletter.

## ❖ CRICKET NEWSLETTER

Please go to [www.rondebosch.com](http://www.rondebosch.com) to view the latest cricket newsletter.

If you have cricket 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](mailto:sparkman@mweb.co.za)

## ❖ RUGBY NEWSLETTER

Head of Rugby at RBHS, Sean Friedenthal has initiated a monthly rugby newsletter. Please go to [www.rondebosch.com](http://www.rondebosch.com) under RBHS to read the latest update on RBHS rugby news.

## ❖ RUGBY FIXTURES – 2009

Please go to [www.rondebosch.com](http://www.rondebosch.com) to view the rugby fixtures - 2009.

## ❖ HIGH SCHOOL: UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

- 25 Cricket U15A vs.SACS T20  
Senior Staff Meeting
- 26 Swimming Gala at Bishops
- 27 Band Sunset Concert 18:30 - Rugby A
- 27+28 U16 Basketball Tour to St Johns Tournament (Joburg)
- 28 Cricket vs. Paarl Gym  
Water Polo vs. Bishops

### March

- 3 Open Day 16:00 -18:30
- 4 English Olympiad  
Board of Governors Meeting 17:30
- 5-7 U19 Basketball Tour to St Johns Tournament (Joburg)
- 5-8 U19 Water Polo Tour to KES Festival (Joburg)  
U15 Water Polo Tour to Parktown Festival (Joburg)
- 6-8 SA Schools Swimming Champs in Durban  
Rowing: SA Champs in Tshwane
- 7 Cricket vs Wynberg BHS  
Water polo vs Wynberg BHS
- 8 Argus Cycle Tour
- 10 Inter-House Choir Competition 10:00
- 11 Triangular Athletics at RBHS 14:00
- 12 Swimming Gala at Wynberg BHS
- 13 Cricket 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Wynberg BHS T20  
RBHS Social  
Old Boys' Dinner 19:00
- 14 Cricket vs Bishops
- 15 Founders' Day Service, Memorial Hall 19:30
- 16 Old Boys' Union Annual General Meeting 18:00
- 17 Inter-House One-Act Play Competition 19:00
- 18 Founders' Day  
Old Boys vs School summer sports and social function  
SA Maths Olympiad 1<sup>st</sup> Round 14:00
- 20 Gr 7 Academic Scholarship Examination
- 21 Human Rights Day/Public Holiday Boarders Out Weekend
- 26 Hostel Management Council Meeting 17:30
- 27 Marks and ratings due (Grades 8-12)
- 27-29 U16 Rugby Camp
- 29-1/4 U16 Hockey Tournament at Michaelhouse

## ❖ SPORTS TOURS 1<sup>ST</sup> TERM - 2009

A number of teams are making trips to tournaments and festivals during the first term and over the Easter holidays. Parents are requested to be aware of the cost implications. More details will be communicated once all the relevant costs are available.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Venue/Tour./Fest.</u>	<u>Travel details/dates</u>
U16 Basketball	St John's	26-28 Feb
Junior and Senior Rowing	Roodeplaat (Pretoria)	4-8 March
1 <sup>st</sup> team Water Polo	KES	6-8 March
U15 Water Polo	Parktown	6-8 March
U16 Hockey	Michaelhouse	29 March-1 April
U14 Hockey	Northwood (Dbn)	3-5 April
U19 Basketball	St Johns	5-7Apr
U15 Rugby	Paarl HJS	7, 9, 11 April
1 <sup>st</sup> team Hockey	KES	8-12 Apr
1 <sup>st</sup> team Rugby	KES	8-12 Apr

### ❖ **BOSCH RUGBY SUPPORTERS' CLUB**

The BRSC will again host the Wine Festival, the Golf Day, the Annual Dinner and a number of informal functions with a variety of guest speakers.

The ongoing support given to Rondebosch, both financially as members and next to the rugby field, is of great importance to Rondebosch and in particular to the boys.

Membership fees: R500 for a couple, R300 for single and country membership and R100 for U25 membership. Membership payment is a donation to the school- all but R50 is deductible for income tax purposes. To get the tax benefit in the 2009 tax year your payment should be made by 28 February 2009.

**All members who join or renew their membership this year will receive a Rondebosch cushion for use on the stands at home and away matches or taking to Newlands.**

Please contact Mrs Pam Ogilvie tel: 021-685 1923 or email [marketing@rondebosch.com](mailto:marketing@rondebosch.com).

### ❖ **OLD BOYS' ANNUAL DINNER**

The guest speaker is Eric Simons, former South African Proteas cricket player and national coach, and the toast to the School will be proposed by Prof JP van Niekerk (E53), former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at UCT.

Date: Friday 13 March 2009  
Time: 19:00 for 19:30  
Venue: Kelvin Grove, Newlands  
Cost: R175 per ticket  
Dress: Black tie, or dark suit with Old Boys' tie

Bookings and payments close on 4 March or earlier if capacity is reached. **NO LATE BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Bookings contact: Mrs Angela Andrew 021 686 1897 or email: [obu@rondebosch.com](mailto:obu@rondebosch.com)

### ❖ **NAN MEARS SCHOLARSHIP**

Information about the Nan Mears Scholarship for postgraduate study at Cambridge University appears on the OBU website [www.rondebosch.com/obu](http://www.rondebosch.com/obu) - interested Old Boys are required to apply by 30 April 2009.

### ❖ **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Old Boys' Union's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Mears Centre Honours Room on Monday 16 March at 18:00.

### ❖ **OLD BOYS' LUNCH**

A lunch for Old Boys and their wives / partners will be held at RBPS hall on **Wednesday 18 March from 12:00**. The lunch will be preceded by a tour of the Prep School buildings at 11:00. The lunch is on Founders' Day when the Old Boys play cricket, tennis and water polo matches versus the school boys during the afternoon at RBHS.

Tickets are **R100 per person** and a cash bar will be available

Booking and other details may be obtained from the Union's office on 021 686 1897 or at [obu@rondebosch.com](mailto:obu@rondebosch.com).

**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](mailto:marketing@rondebosch.com)**



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