



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

This Newsletter has been designed to keep you informed as to the various activities, events and functions happening at RBHS. This newsletter was initiated towards the end of 2006 - if you have any contributions you wish to make or have any queries regarding news items please contact: Ms Caroline Fowler email: fowler@rondebosch.com

❖ 2007 SENIOR CERTIFICATE MATRIC RESULTS - AS AT 28 DECEMBER 2007

Rondebosch has again achieved excellent matric results.

Saadiq Moolla and **Matthew Black** both attained seven distinctions out of seven subjects and a further ten matrics obtained six distinctions each.

Saadiq Moolla was Rondeboschs' top matriculant and was placed first in the Western Cape in Additional Maths, first in Computer Studies, second in Physical Science and joint first in Maths and in Accounting. **Le Roux van der Vyver** achieved second place in Additional Mathematics. **James Wallace** and **Michael Leroy** were in first and third place respectively in Metalwork and **Matthew Hichens** second in Design.

The Premier of the Western Cape presented the School with an award for having the highest number of higher grade Physical Science passes in the province. This is the second consecutive year that Rondebosch received this honour.

150 candidates wrote the examinations.

Matriculation Passes with A Aggregates (46 – this equals 31% of the candidates)

Matriculation Passes with B Aggregates (50 – this equals 33% of the candidates)

Matriculation Passes with C Aggregates (40 – this equals 27% of the candidates)

Matriculation Passes with D Aggregates (9 – this equals 6% of the candidates)

Subject Distinctions: 24 candidates achieved four distinctions or more

Congratulations to E2007 and the Rondebosch staff on these excellent results.

❖ PRIZE GIVING - 2008

Congratulations to all boys who received awards and prizes at Prize Giving last week.

❖ **NEW STAFF – 2008**

Welcome to the following people who have joined our staff this year.

- Mr Rudrich Claassen (Accounting)
- Mrs Jackie Crawford (Maths)
- Mr André Fransman (Afrikaans)
- Mr Sean Friedenthal (Life Orientation)
- Mrs Laura Kannemeyer (Life Sciences)
- Mrs Bernadette Lee (Afrikaans)

RBHS bids farewell to two members of staff who are leaving at the end of this term.

- Mr Rob MacLean (Life Orientation) will be taking up a post as Aquatic co-ordinator at Paul Roos Gimnasium.
- Dr Penny Kew (English) leaves the teaching profession to embark on a career as an editor.

❖ **OPEN DAY**

Prospective parents of boys entering High School in Grade 8 - 2009 are invited to attend our Open Day which will be held on **Wednesday 27 February 2008**. 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 021 686 3987 or email: fowler@rondebosch.com

❖ **APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION**

We would like to advise parents and friends of the closing dates for applications and the scholarship examination for pupils wishing to join RBHS in 2009.

Scholarship examination for Grade 8 2009 will be written on **14 March 2008**

Closing date for Scholarship Examination entries: **7 March 2008**

Applications for admission - Grade 8 2009 close on **20 March 2008**

❖ **RAMON THOMAS – 6 FEBRUARY, MEMORIAL HALL 18:30**

Parents and friends are invited to attend a talk by Ramon Thomas, a leading South African expert on the Psychology of Technology. This is a joint initiative of RBPS and RBHS to keep our parents informed as to various issues affecting children today. This exclusive opportunity will allow parents to gain a better understanding of mobile technologies and their psychological impact on children.

There is no cost for this talk- everyone is welcome to attend.

Contact: Ms

Caroline Fowler 021 686 3987 ext. 126 or email: fowler@rondebosch.com

Topics covered will include:

- **The growth of cell phone and Internet worldwide and in South Africa**
- **Impact on Communication, Emotional Intelligence, Relationships and Neurology**
- **Chat room lingo, lessons and predators looking for victims**
- **What really happens with meeting strangers in person**
- **How to deal with cell phone, internet addiction, sms and MXit**
- **Boundaries and technology etiquette**
- **Risks of Face book (Social networking websites)**

❖ **RONDEBOSCH MATRICS - 2008**

As is the tradition for the new leaders of the school, a Matric breakfast was held in their honour and boys received their Matric ties. They then made their way to the Matric lawn, where-as a grade unified- they sang the school song cementing the bond that embraces every Bosch Boy - unity, compassion and the striving for success. **Altius et Latius.**

❖ CONTACT INFORMATION - 2008

Below is a table that has been compiled to assist new parents in making contact with the correct person/teacher at the High School.

All contact persons can be reached by:

Telephone: 021686 3987

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Headmaster	<i>Mr Martin Barker</i>	Individual Sport Heads	
Deputy Headmaster	<i>Mr Leon Erasmus</i>	Sports Administrator	<i>Mr John Whitehead</i>
Deputy Headmaster	<i>Mr Chris Wren-Sargent</i>	Athletics	<i>Mr Grant Paarman</i>
Grade Heads		Basketball	<i>Mr Max Brock</i>
Grade 8	<i>Mr Shaukat Ebrahim</i>	Chess	<i>Mrs Ferial Allie-Ebrahim</i>
Grade 9	<i>Mr Kevin Jenkins</i>	Cricket	<i>Mr Rob Dalrymple</i>
Grade 10	<i>Mr Gustaf Pienaar</i>	Cross Country	<i>Mr Max Brock</i>
Grade 11	<i>Dr Neil Teubes</i>	Golf	<i>Mr Craig Milligan</i>
Grade 12	<i>Mr Rowan Harmuth</i>	Hockey	<i>Mr Lloyd Nel</i>
		Rowing	<i>Mr Rob Bowley</i>
		Rugby	<i>Mr Leon Erasmus</i>
		Squash	<i>Mr Darius Geldenhuys</i>
		Soccer	<i>Mr Bassier Halday</i>
		Swimming	<i>Mr Kevin Jenkins</i>
		Table Tennis	<i>Mr Shaukat Ebrahim</i>
		Tennis	<i>Mr Leon Erasmus</i>
		Waterpolo	<i>Mr Gary Endley</i>

AREA OF COMMUNICATION	CONTACT PERSON	AREA OF COMMUNICATION	CONTACT PERSON	AREA OF COMMUNICATION	CONTACT PERSON
Absenteeism	<i>Mrs Sharon Lyall</i>	Computers	<i>Mr Ryan Busby</i>	Library	<i>Mrs Peggy Quayle</i>
Academics	<i>Mr Chris Wren-Sargent</i>	Counselling	<i>Mrs Tracy Starke</i>	Marketing	<i>Ms Caroline Fowler</i>
Admissions	<i>Mrs Alison v Rensburg</i>	Cultural Information	<i>Mr William Haggard</i>	Public Relations	<i>Mrs Pam Ogilvie</i>
Bursar	<i>Mrs Amanda Barnard</i>	Database Information	<i>Mrs Sheryl Damster</i>	School Policy	<i>Mr Chris Wren-Sargent</i>
BOG - Board of Governors	<i>Mrs Alison v Rensburg</i>	Finance	<i>Mr Dennis Rewitzky</i>	Security	<i>Mr Grant Paarman</i>
Bosch Shop	<i>Mrs Ida Bumstead</i>	Functions HS	<i>Mrs Pam Ogilvie</i>	Socials	<i>Mr Roy Hellenberg</i>
Clothing Exchange - HS	<i>Mrs Sharon Lyall</i>	Fundraising	<i>Ms Caroline Fowler</i> <i>Mrs Pam Ogilvie</i>	Sport	<i>Mr Leon Erasmus</i>
Communication with Headmaster	<i>Mrs Alison v. Rensburg</i>	Grounds and Buildings	<i>Mr Wally Wood</i> <i>Mr Zolile Mketso</i>	Sports Administration	<i>Mr John Whitehead</i>
Communication with teachers	<i>Mr Chris Wren-Sargent</i>	Boarding House	<i>Mr Gary Endley</i> <i>Mrs Kathy Duncan</i>	Tuckshop	<i>Mrs Sandi King</i>
Community Service	<i>Mrs Susan Carletti</i>	Ladies Committee	<i>Mrs Sandi King</i>	Venue Hire/Field Hire	<i>Mrs Pam Ogilvie</i>

❖ BOARDING HOUSE CONTACT DETAILS:

All members of the Boarding House can be reached by: Telephone/Fax: 021 686 3749

Email: hostel@rondebosch.com

Boarding House Superintendent	Mr Gary Endley	Mason House Masters	Prof. Heyns Mr Kevin Jenkins
Boarding House Manager	Mrs Kathy Duncan	Mason House Student House Masters	Mr Garth Olivier Mr Bradley vd Westerhuizen
Mason House Master Canigou House Master	Mr Roy Hellenberg Mr Gustaf Pienaar	Canigou House Masters	Mr George Kairuz Mr Mr Antonie Nel Mr John Whitehead

❖ BOARDERS' ORIENTATION WEEKEND

A Boarders' Orientation weekend was held from 18-20 January to integrate the new Gr 8 boarders into the Hostel at RBHS. The weekend included many fun activities that were aimed at introducing the younger boys to the senior boys and to make them feel that the hostel is their "home away from home." With sporting activities, general knowledge quizzes and a braai beside the pool the boys were made to feel most welcome.

There is no doubt that the new boys now feel completely at home and ready to take advantage of all that hostel life has to offer them!

❖ MTN ART AWARDS

Congratulations to Julian Goulding (E07) who won 2nd prize in the Western Cape at the MTN awards.

❖ SPIER CONTEMPORARY 2007 EXHIBITION ART AWARDS

Mr Andrew Putter (Design teacher) was one of six artists who won awards at this exhibition. His winning work "Secretly I Will Love You More" was praised for "its conceptual precision and flawless execution ... as a teacher he has been one of the city's most influential art mentors" (Mail & Guardian - January 2008)

We salute Mr Putter on this outstanding achievement and acknowledge the level of knowledge and expertise he brings to boys at RBHS.

❖ DEBATING

The National Debating Championships were held over the holidays and four Rondebosch learners were part of the Western Province teams: Sean Darge, Noah de Villiers, Wonga Ndopu and Blair Van der Watt attended the competition representing senior and junior provincial teams respectively. The junior tournament resulted in a quarter-final loss for Wonga Ndopu's team. Blair Van der Watt's team managed to reach the final debate - only to lose out to a well-prepared Gauteng team. At the closing gala evening, Wonga Ndopu was ranked 5th best speaker overall and Blair Van der Watt ranked 3rd best speaker overall.

Sean Darge and Noah de Villiers were ranked in the top twelve speakers in the country and have been invited to attend the South African Debating Team trials which are to be held in Cape Town.

The senior team hopes to attend an international debating invitational tournament in April this year where sixteen international teams will be participating.

Support is welcome at all evening debates which not only prove to be incredibly interesting but showcase the best RBHS Debating has to offer.

❖ 2007 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The 2007 School Magazine has arrived and will be distributed shortly. Thanks to Mr Dave Watt and his editorial team for all the effort they have put into this publication during the December break.

❖ CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The 2nd 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. 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.

❖ LADIES' COMMITTEE - 2008

The Ladies Committee at RBHS supports the School in the many functions it hosts throughout the year. We require the service of Moms and Dads to assist at these events - serving teas/suppers and other tasks that may be requested by the School from time to time.

Grade representatives have been elected and you may be contacted by your rep to ask for assistance from time to time. Please feel free to contact your grade rep directly if you are available to help.

Ladies' Committee Staff and Grade representatives - contact details

CONTACT	GRADE REP	PHONE NO	MOBILE NO	EMAIL ADDRESS
Mrs Sandi King	Tuckshop Manager	021 6863987 ext. 127	0722116704	seking@webmail.co.za
Ms Caroline Fowler	Marketing	021 6863987 ext. 126	0842096972	fowler@rondebosch.com
Mrs Rita Handt	Grade 8	021 5583536	0822958229	chandt@mweb.co.za
Mrs Caroline Perren	Grade 9	021 6863310	0833992206	cperren@mweb.co.za
Mrs Lydia Mostert	Grade 10	021 7941088	0722407699	fpmostert@telkomsa.net
Mrs Lesley MacDonald	Grade 11	021 6862222	0836807841	acmac@iafrica.com
Mrs Stella Colli	Grade 12	021 6742271	0835349006	shaun_colli@telkomsa.net

❖ RECYCLING

The RBHS Recycling Centre appeals to everyone to make 2008 the year to start recycling (if you aren't doing so already)

Here follows the different categories of items accepted:-

- Newsprint, white paper, glass bottles and jars - no lids, food and beverage cans, magazines, telephone directories
- Cardboard = 2 layers separated by corrugation. Please flatten boxes and place in garage which is never locked.
- Common mix = Single layer, no corrugation for eg. Cereal, tissue, biscuit, tea, toothpaste, egg boxes and toilet roll inners etc. Please flatten and place in bag in shed.

We receive different remuneration rates for the various paper/ cardboard categories.

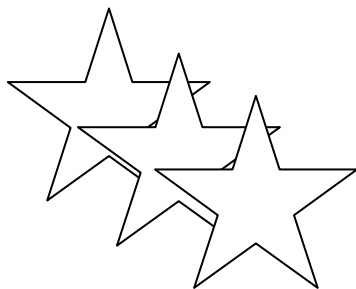
Your co-operation in sorting is most appreciated.

Any queries: Judy Scott 021 7947622 / 082 5759185

❖ **BAND TOUR 2008**

RBHS Concert and Jazz Bands will be embarking on a tour of towns and schools along the garden route to Port Elizabeth from 13-20 March 2008.

We would like to encourage parents, friends and supporters of Rondebosch Schools to join us for our forthcoming Sunset Concert which is a fundraising event for the tour.



RBHS Jazz and Concert Bands

SUNSET CONCERT

7 MARCH



Time: 18:30

Venue: Red Brick Quad

Cost: R50 adults and R30 scholars

You are invited to bring a picnic hamper, fold-up chairs and drinks and join us for an evening of great music under the stars. In the event of bad weather the gig will move to the Gymnasium. The concert should be over by 21:30 - 22:00. The last event was sold out so get your bookings in early!! To avoid disappointment please reserve your tickets with Mrs Lyall at reception.

Tel: 021 686 3987 or email: sharon@rondebosch.com

ART AUCTION - 12 February 2008

We regret to inform you that this blue-carded fundraising event has been cancelled.

❖ **SIGNED SPRINGBOK RUGBY JERSEY**

2008 Head Prefect, Niel Naudé, and Deputy Head Prefect, Nicholas Groom accompanied the Jazz Band to the Springboks' Breakfast at the end of last year and were successful in arranging for a Springbok World Cup rugby jersey to be signed by Jake White and some prominent members of the team. This jersey will be auctioned at the Sunset Concert.

❖ **NEW SWIMMING AND WATER POLO POOL**

The new swimming and water polo pool is fast nearing completion. On Sunday evening the 20th January, Mike Gluckman and Ken Hodge (land surveyors), confirmed that the dimensions were within the strict FINA tolerances. By the next morning the pool was full and is now curing and the filtration is being tested. The attractive surrounds and landscaping are taking shape and it is now obvious that we are getting a magnificent facility.

Even though the project is a little behind schedule, it appears to be on budget. There is still a shortfall of about R70 000 to complete the heating plant. For those in a position to donate or wishing to put up advertising material, please contact Mrs Pam Ogilvie (021 685 1923 or marketing@rondebosch.com) or Mr Deon Keet (021 686 3145 or deon@mda.co.za).

❖ **RBPS RUGBY REFEREE**

Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory School is proud of Mr Joey Salmans - Gr. 7 teacher who has been selected to be a Touch Judge at the Super 14 rugby games.

- Waratahs vs Hurricanes in Sydney, Aus - 16 February
- Hurricanes vs Reds in Wellington, NZ - 22 February
- Bulls vs Sharks in Pretoria - 1 March
- Lions vs Sharks in Johannesburg - 8 March
- Sharks vs Blues in Durban - 15 March

❖ HIGH SCHOOL: UPCOMING EVENTS

February

1	Paarl Athletics Meeting
2	Cricket vs Paarl Gimnasium
5	Gr. 8 Parents Evening 18:30
6	HS Board of Governors Meeting 17:30 Talk by Ramon Thomas - Memorial Hall 18:30
7	Swimming Gala - RBHS
8	Inter-House Swimming Gala 08:20-10:00 RBHS Social (for Interact with Herschel)
8-10	Squash Tour to St. Andrews Festival (Bloemfontein)
9	Cupid Evening
13	Newlands A League Gala 17:30 Rugby Overseas Tour Fundraising Dinner- Kelvin Grove 19:30
14	Athletics: School Championships (afternoon)
15	Athletics: School Championships (morning) Staff Development Seminar
15-17	Tour to Chess Tournament (Grey College, Bloemfontein)
19	Gr. 9 Entrepreneurship Day 08:15 -15:00 Visit by Mr Barker to RBPS Gr. 7's 09:00
20-22	Gr. 10 History Field Trip
21	Gr.11 Geography Field Trip (all day) BRSC Welcoming function-E1942 Centenary Pavilion 18:00
22	Rugby Overseas Tour Golf Day (Durbanville GC)
22-24	RCU Camp (with Rustenberg)
23	Cricket vs SACS / Water Polo vs. SACS (home)
26	Cricket 1 st XI vs. Haagse Cricket Club (from Holland)
27	Open Day 16:00-18:30 Grade 7 Information Evening 18:30
28	Gr 10 Geography Field Trip (all day) Hostel Management Council Meeting 17:30 Inter-House One-Act Play Competition 19:00
29-2/3	U19 Water Polo Tour to KES Festival (JHB)
29-2/3	U19 Basketball Tour to St Johns Tournament (JHB)

❖ SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOURS 1ST TERM - 2008

Team	Venue/Tour/Festival	Travel details/dates
1 st team squash	St Andrews, Bloem	8 - 10 Feb
1 st Chess	Grey Bloem	16, 17 Feb
1 st team water polo	KES	28 Feb - 2 March
U15 water polo	Parktown	28 Feb - 2 March
U16 Rugby	Paarl Gym	20 - 24 March
U15 Rugby	Paarl HJS	19 - 24 March (Play: 20, 22, 24 th)
KES Hockey	KES	22 - 24 March
U14 Hockey	Northwood (Dbn)	24 - 28 March
1 st XV Rugby	Argentine Tour	26 March - 6 April
U16 Hockey	Kearsney College	8 - 11 April
QC 150(2 nd term) (Rugby, Hockey, Squash, X-country)	Queen's College	27 April - 3 May (Compete 28 - 2 nd)

❖ BRSC - WELCOMING OPENING FUNCTION

The first Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club function of 2008 for parents and friends of Rondebosch will be held on **Thursday 21 February in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion, RBHS at 18:00.**

A light meal will be provided. Guest Speaker: to be confirmed

For more information contact: Mrs Pam Ogilvie - 021 685 1923

❖ RUGBY OVERSEAS TOUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CORPORATE DINNER

Date: Wednesday 13 February 2008

Time: 19:30 for 20:00

Venue: Kelvin Grove, Newlands

Guest Speaker: Rassie Erasmus

Master of Ceremonies: Roger Young (Ex British Lions rugby player).

Springboks **Schalk Burger** and **Jean de Villiers** will give their accounts of the Rugby World Cup 2007 and ex Rondebosch Springbok rugby players will attend the dinner to lend their support to the event.

Auction: An auction will take place on the evening and will include a variety of lots including:

- 3l Groot Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon signed by retiring Springbok coach, Jake White.
- An all-inclusive travel package for two to fly to Durban to see South Africa vs. Australia (23/8/08)
- Springbok memorabilia

Cost: Corporate Table R6 500 per table of 10 or R650 pp.

To book: Contact Mr Brett Matthews Tel: 083 321 2300 or email: brettmatt@mweb.co.za

GOLF DAY – DURBANVILLE GOLF COURSE

This fundraising golf day will take place on 22 February. Cost: R1 000 for a four ball and this includes dinner and halfway house refreshments.

If anyone is able to assist with sponsors for a tee box and greens please contact Mr Des Berry 0828261969 or email: desb@medscheme.co.za. Any donations/prizes will be gratefully accepted.

❖ OLD BOYS' ANNUAL DINNER

Guest speaker is Old Boy **Braam Malherbe** who with his friend David Grier are the first people to have run the entire length of the Great Wall of China, a distance of some 5000km, starting in the Gobi desert and ending at Shanhaiguan on the Yellow Sea.

Date: Friday 14 March 2008

Time: 19h00 for 19h30

Venue: Kelvin Grove, Newlands

Cost: R175 per ticket

Dress: Black tie, or dark suit with Old Boys' Union tie if possible

Bookings contact: Mrs Angela Andrew 021 686 1897 or email: 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



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