



NEWSLETTER

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❖ STAFF NEWS

RBHS bids farewell to two members of staff who are leaving RBHS.

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

We wish these staff members well in their new positions and thank them for their unconditional dedication and commitment to RBHS. Being members of the Rondebosch family we trust they will continue to support RBHS at social and sporting events and we look forward to keeping abreast of their careers.

- *Congratulates Mrs Kathy van Aarde (Rondebosch Shop Manageress) and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Anna.*
- *Mr. Rob MacLean competed in the two day 80km Umkomaas River Marathon, reclaiming the Masters Title he and his canoeing partner won in 2006.*

❖ VISIT TO RBPS – GR 7 PROMOTION

Headmaster - Mr Barker, Head Prefect - Niel Naudè and Luke van Rensburg - Gr 8 visited RBPS on Tuesday 19 February to talk to the current Gr 7 boys about the High School and invite them to the RBHS Open Day.

❖ 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 2009.

*Scholarship examinations 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***

❖ INVITATIONAL DEBATING LEAGUE

RBHS Debating Society will celebrate its Centenary Year in 2008.

In celebration of this milestone RBHS will host an Invitational Debating League in conjunction with Bishops, Herschel and Springfield schools.

In the first round of the Invitational League both the RBHS junior and senior teams performed well with decisive wins against the Springfield teams. The second round of the Invitational Debating League will be held on Tuesday 18 March at RBHS in the Memorial Hall.

The first Rotary debate will take place on Monday 3 March. Supporters are encouraged to attend.

The RBHS Debating Society plans to attend the International Debating Championships being held in May, at which over twenty international teams will be participating.

❖ CULTURAL ASSEMBLY

RBHS has introduced a weekly cultural assembly which affords cultural societies and music pupils the opportunity to display their talent.

Performances to date have included the jazz and concert bands, violin soloist Michael Duffett and a debate by the senior team of the RBHS Debating Society.

❖ **INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA**

On Friday 8 February a cluster of colours could be seen alongside the newly-constructed swimming pool. House teams gave their all both in and alongside the pool.

The gala evoked healthy competition between houses and demonstrated the vocal support and passion of every Rondebosch boy.

Results:

Canigou 231 points, Fletcher 212 points, Ramage 143 points, Andrews 139 points and Marchand 93 points.

❖ **INAUGURAL RONDEBOSCH GALA**

The inaugural inter-school swimming gala was held on Thursday 7 February - RBHS held the top position throughout the gala.

An Old Boys' medley race was introduced to the gala; this saw Rondebosch tying in first place with Rustenberg Girls' High School.

❖ **NEW SWIMMING AND WATER POLO POOL OPENING CEREMONY**

The attractive landscape and surrounds of the new swimming and water polo pool are taking shape. This magnificent new facility has already been put to full use with several water polo matches and an inter schools gala being hosted by RBHS. The old pool continues to be used by the junior sides and the Prep School and will be resurfaced during the Easter holidays.

The official opening of the new pool will be on:

Wednesday 12 March, Founders' Day, this coincides with the Old Boys vs School sports.

Programme:

16:30 OBU 2nd team vs RBHS 2nd team

17:15 OBU 1st team vs RBHS 1st team

18:00 Opening Ceremony

Parents and friends of Rondebosch are welcome to attend.

❖ **NEWLANDS GALA**

The Newlands Gala serves to showcase the best swimming talent in the Western Province.

Three hundred 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 Paul Roos 235 points

2nd RBHS 230

3rd Bishops 183

4th SACS 167

5th WBHS 140

6th Reddam 136

7th Camps Bay 118

8th Fish Hoek 91

❖ **HISTORY SOCIETY - MOVIE EVENING**

The RBHS History Society held their first function of the year by showcasing the movie Elizabeth-the Golden Age.

The History Society will be putting together a presentation for Founders' Day - 12 March to celebrate the schools 111 years of educational excellence.

❖ **INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS MEETING**

Rondebosch Prep and High Schools celebrated the best of sportsmanship among their athletes on 16 February.

There were many notable performances achieved by athletes in both the junior and the senior categories. Giovanni Hofmeyer- grade nine, succeeded in breaking two records - one of which has been unbeaten for twenty-three years! Congratulations.

❖ THE BOSCH SHOP

The School Shop will be closed on **Tuesdays from 09:30 to 15:00** until further notice. The shop opening hours are currently under review, as is the possible closure of the shop on Saturdays. Updates will be communicated. If you wish to comment please contact Ms Caroline Fowler tel: 021 686 3987 ext 126 or email: fowler@rondebosch.com

New shop hours:

Mon, Wed, Thurs	07:30 - 11:00	14:00 - 17:00	
Tues	Open: 07:30 - 09:30	Closed: 09:30 - 15:00	Open: 15:00 - 17:00
Fri	07:30 - 11:00	13:00 - 16:00	
Sat	10:00 - 12:00		

❖ RONDEBOSCH RECYCLING

In response to a headline in the Sunday Argus 17 February 2008, "RUBBISH PILES UP AS ROOM TO RECYCLE DWINDLES " and particularly the paragraph, "A recycling drop-off centre in Wynberg was recently forced to suspend collection drop-offs after tons of rubbish and recyclables piled up on its premises", we appeal to you to bring your recyclables to the RBHS Recycling Centre.

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

❖ CLOTHING EXCHANGE

A 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. Clothing items for sale may only be dropped off on a Monday between 15:45 - 16:30. If you are in search of good quality secondhand clothing you may email your request to: exchange@rondebosch.com

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

❖ OLD BOYS' UNION - NAN MEARS SCHOLARSHIP

The Nan Mears Scholarship is awarded every three to four years alternately to a former pupil of St Stithians College and a Rondebosch Old Boy. The scholarship is for postgraduate study in the humanities, the arts or law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. It will be available to a Rondebosch Old Boy during 2008 or 2009. Old Boys who may be interested in applying for this scholarship should contact the Old Boys' Union to obtain further information. obu@rondebosch.com

❖ RUGBY OVERSEAS TOUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The 1st rugby team travel to Argentina on 26 March. Fundraising for this tour has been passionately undertaken by parents of the 1st rugby team. The main fundraising function for the Tour was a Corporate Dinner held at Kelvin Grove on 13 February - thank you to everyone who was involved in making the evening a great fundraising success.

Vuka scuta raffle

Win a Vuka XS125 Scuta worth R6999

Price: R30 per ticket

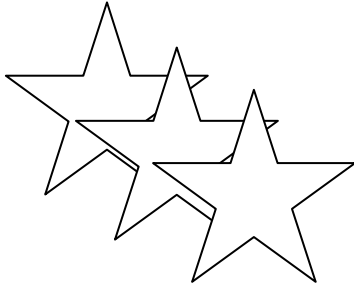
The more tickets you buy, the better your chances to win!

Buy your ticket from any of the rugby tour squad members or from Mrs Lyall tel: 021 686 3987

❖ SUNSET CONCERT

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

❖ SIGNED SPRINGBOK RUGBY JERSEY

Head Prefect, Niel Naudè, 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.

❖ BAND TOUR ITINERARY

The RBHS Concert and Jazz Bands are going on tour during March to Knysna, Plettenberg Bay and Port Elizabeth.

The Concert Band 45 piece ensemble consists of a woodwind and a percussion section. The band plays a wide variety of music from classical to light pop and jazz. The Jazz Band is a 16 piece Big Band line-up and the repertoire consists of Jazz standards of varying styles including Glen Miller classics, African Jazz, Bebop, Swing, Funk and Blues.

The tour group includes RBHS violinist Michael Duffett who has won numerous awards including the ABSA National Youth Music Competition and who has performed as a soloist with orchestras both at home and abroad.

Public concerts:

- 📅 Saturday 15 March - 10:30 - 12:00
Woodmill Lane, Knysna - open to all, no cost.

- 📅 Saturday 15 March - 19:30
St. Christopher's Catholic Church Hall, Church Street, Plettenberg Bay.
To book contact Sylvia on 044 532 7625 or 083 470 4790.

- 📅 Tuesday, 18 March – 19:30
Pearson High School, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth.
This is a joint concert with the Pearson Wind Band.
To book telephone: Simon Stickells, Pearson High School Music Department 041 583 2111.

Other concerts will be held during school hours at various schools in Plettenberg Bay, Knysna and Port Elizabeth.

❖ HIGH SCHOOL: UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 3 Rotary Debate against Wynberg Girls HS 18:30
5 Triangular at Bishops
6 Board of Governors Meeting 17:30
7 Sunset Concert - Red Brick Quad, 18:30
8 Cricket vs Wynberg, Water polo vs Bishops
9 Cricket vs Grey High School (various teams - home)
Founders' Day Service, Memorial Hall 19:30
11 Senior Staff Meeting
12 Founders' Day
Old Boys vs School summer sports and social function
13 Water polo Mazinter Cup Final
Ubuntu Society Variety Show
13-20 Jazz and Concert bands Tour to the Garden Route & PE
14 Gr 7 Academic Scholarship Examination
RBHS Social
Old Boys' Dinner 19:00
15 Cricket vs Bishops
17 Old Boys' Union Annual General Meeting 18:00
Rotary Debating 18:30
18 SA Maths Olympiad 1st Round 14:00
1st XV at Toyota Schools' Rugby Day (Newlands)
Invitational Debating League 18:30
19 Gr 12 History Field Trip
20 School closes 11:00

❖ WATER POLO RESULTS:

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED AT KES TOURNAMENT

Grey PE	w	8 - 5	
KES	l	7 - 10	
Northwood	w	11 - 5	
Pretoria Boys	w	8 - 5	
SACS	w	11 - 7	Quarters
Parktown	w	12 - 6	Semi
St John's	l	13 - 20	Final

UNDER 15 WATER POLO, PARKTOWN, JHB.

Group Matches:

- Beat St Stithians 9 - 2
Beat Pretoria Boys' High 9 - 8
Beat Northwood 7 - 4

Quarter Final

- Beat Clifton 8 - 7

Semi Final

- Beat St John's College 7 - 6

Final

- Lost Pretoria Boys' High 10 - 13

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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