



NEWSLETTER

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GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS

Wednesday 24 June 2009

Time: 18:00

Parents are requested to be present at the meeting **before 18:00**.
(approximate duration - 45 minutes, if there is a quorum).

Venue: Memorial Hall, RBHS.

The election of **seven parent representatives** of the School Governing Body will take place on the above date.

It is imperative that we have at least 120 parents present for a statutory quorum to be achieved for the meeting to go ahead.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting so that we are able to elect the best parent members to govern the school over the next three years.

- ✿ The School Governing Body comprises 13 members: 7 parents, the Headmaster, 2 educators, 1 member of the school staff who is not a teacher and 2 members of the School Council. The Board has the right to co-opt members if so required.
- ✿ A number of portfolios ensure good governance and appropriate focus on imperatives and initiatives: Finance, Hostel, IT, Marketing, Security, Sport and Staff appointments.
- ✿ 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 17 JUNE 2009 until 15:00 on 23 JUNE 2009**.
- ✿ 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 10 June. Forms can also be accessed from our website www.rondebosch.com/high

❖ UCT MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all who entered. RBHS came second in this prestigious competition.

There were over 6 300 participants in the annual UCT Mathematics competition in April.

When calculating the team score, the top 30 scores are added. Rondebosch scored a total of 4 137 points which is equivalent to an average of 77%. Bishops scored 115 points more than us, which put them 2% above us.

Outstanding results this year include:

Grade	Name(s)	Position
Grade 8	Nicholas Cotchobos	1 st
Grade 8 pairs	Jonathan Prest & Daniel Stephens	5 th
Grade 9	Ihsaan Bassier	6 th
	Travis Taylor	12 th
Grade 9 pairs	John Roux & Tony Wan	7 th
Grade 10	Ashraf Moolla	1 st with 100%
	Robert Cloete	17 th
Grade 11	Daron Golden	14 th
	Kai Coetzee	19 th
Grade 11 pairs	Chris Day & William Hillock	1 st
	Tariq Allie-Ebrahim & Blair van der Watt	10 th
Grade 12	Carl Eriksen	8 th
	James Davis	18 th
Grade 12 pairs	Greg Burman & Sean Peters	1 st
	Imran Amien & Noah de Villiers	5 th

❖ STAFF NEWS

- ❖ *Congratulations to Leon Erasmus on his daughter's recent sporting achievement - winner of the SA U16 National Squash Championships.*
- ❖ *Our condolences to staff that have recently lost family members:
Mr Dave Watt-his mother-in-law, Mr Terrence Scarr, his step-mother and Mr Martin Barker, his father-in-law.*
- ❖ *Congratulations to Mr Marc de Kock (part-time Sax teacher) on his recent engagement.*
- ❖ *Mr Ryan Maron (1st team cricket coach) became the proud uncle of a niece, Jorja.*

❖ JUNE EXAM CONTENT AND TIMETABLE

*For your information the **exam timetable** and the **exam content table** may be found on our website. www.rondebosch.com/high.*

❖ DATA VERIFICATION FORMS

Data verification forms have been handed out to boys to be duly completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

❖ JUNIOR PREFECTS

The following boys have been selected as Junior Prefects for 2009.

GROUP A	GROUP B
Blampied, Robin	Abrahams, Zubayr
Burman, Richard	Allie-Ebrahim, Tariq
Dugmore, Michael	Buddle, Christopher
Golden, Daron	Colli, Nicholas
Hillock, William	Day, Chris
Jordaan, Kyle	Gluckman, Daniel
Keulder, Dewald	Kellermann, Sebastian
Morris, Aidan	Marais, Jeffrey
Muller, Gareth	Melck, Nicholas
Philip, Chad	Mercorio, Tim
Prins, Cameron	Mostert, Gareth
Robinson, Duncan	Smid, Rayn
Schoeman, Graham	Sparkman, Michael
Vorster, Justin	Sutcliffe, Matt
Winter, Timothy	Van der Watt, Blair
Xanga, Qhamani	Visser, Keegan

❖ COUNSELLING TEAM

Mr Austin Smith (E94) recently joined the counselling team at RBHS.

Mr Smith recently returned from London with particular experience in dealing with adolescents and currently works at a Private Practice in Newlands and now in a part-time capacity at RBHS.

- He is available at RBHS on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** for appointments.
- His focus is the **emotional and psychological health** of the boys (such as adjusting to a new school, problems with peers, feelings of anxiety, difficulties with self esteem and depression).
- He works to allow the boy to obtain a **better understanding** on related issues.
- Number of sessions vary and is determined by **what would be most helpful**.
- He will also put **information on the website** regarding issues that appear relevant to the needs of the boys.

If you have a concern regarding your son's emotional or psychological health that is impacting on his school life you are welcome to contact Mr Smith via the school switchboard or via email austin.smith@rondebosch.com.

❖ 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.

❖ RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling continues to be very busy with excellent volumes of all recyclable material.

Thanks for the positive response thus far and please keep it going.

Any queries: **Janet Lytwynchuk** Cell: 083 635 7117.

❖ AFRIKAANS WEEK

RBHS celebrated its annual Afrikaans Week (11-14 May).

Events and activities focused on establishing awareness of Afrikaans not only in our immediate school interaction, but also in terms of understanding a broader social context of the language and its importance to its people, many of whom are a part of our school community. Leading Afrikaans musician, Anton Goosen, gave what could be regarded as a keynote address on the relevance of Afrikaans music in the background of South African art, a talk with pertinent observations and which was well received by the audience of learners and staff. Other highlights of the week included the complimentary delivery of three hundred newspapers from Die Burger and an oratory competition and forum discussion which stimulated controversial yet cogent debate about the relevance of the language and other related issues.

RBHS hosted the Afrikaans Eisteddfod, which provided an opportunity for students around the province to share their talent in a showcase of high-level, Afrikaans performing arts. We congratulate and thank the RBHS Afrikaans Department and the AFFRO learner committee for the success of Afrikaans Week '09.

Wonga Ndopu

❖ MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Gala Concert

The RBHS Gala Concert held on 8 May was certainly a highlight of our music calendar. The concert boasted spectacular performances by boys in our chamber choir, jazz and concert bands, string orchestra and those in various other ensembles. The foyer, restaurant and hall entrances were adorned with dramatic decor, adding to the quality of the production and revealing the appreciation of the prestige of the occasion. Our music department exposed the wealth of talent it has, evident in the technical finesse of the soloists, the breadth of repertoire and the diversity in instrumental ability. All credit is due to the teachers in the music department for juggling organising this event in tandem with their busy school schedules. Many thanks go to Mr Scarr, Mrs Joubert and Mr van der Merwe of the RBHS music department. We also extend our gratitude to the parent committees and tuckshop team for assisting with catering and administration. Finally, thanks to the performers themselves who proved the depth of talent in musical performance at RBHS.

Wonga Ndopu

Vivaldi Gloria Rehearsal

The next combined rehearsal will take place on Thursday 18 June at 18:30 -21:30 at RBHS. The orchestra will practise in the Reeler Centre and the choir will be in the Memorial Hall.

There will be another rehearsal on Tuesday 23 June at the same time.

❖ 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

Tuesday Closed

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

❖ 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.

❖ ROWING

Win a VUKA SCUTA for just R25!! RBHS Rowing Club members are selling tickets to stand a chance of winning a VUKA Scuta which is on display in the foyer of the school.

Please support this fundraising drive - we desperately need more boats!!

Tickets can also be bought by contacting any members of a rowing team or from:

Sheena Buddle 083 468 8245, Anne Kidd 083 630 7917 and Tania Shamley 082 856 5484.

❖ HOCKEY

Hockey Fundraiser

The RBHS Hockey Parents Committee is organizing this fundraiser with moneys raised going towards coaching.

Rocky Horror Show

Date: Tuesday - 23 June 2009

Time: Doors open 18:30 - Show Starts 20:00

Venue: The Barnyard Theatre

1st Floor Willowbridge, 39 Carl Cronje Drive, Tygervalley, Durbanville

Tickets: R150-00 per person

On sale at all RBHS 1st Team Home Games at WPCC Astro and from:

Cindy Giger cindy.giger@mweb.co.za

Penni Sparkman sparkman@mweb.co.za

Lesley MacDonald lesleymacdonald1@gmail.com

Pam Ogilvie marketing@rondebosch.com

Newsletter

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".

❖ MOUTH GUARDS

RBHS would like to encourage all boys who play rugby or hockey to wear mouth guards. Sports dentists are frequently confronted with acute dental facial trauma that occurs on the sports field.

These dental injuries are mostly lacerations to the lips and soft tissues of the face and fractures, or even loss of teeth. Without a mouth guard, a blow to the face can result in severe and very costly dento-facial trauma. These injuries can be prevented by wearing a custom-fitted mouth guard made by professionals.

For more information on custom-fitted mouth guards, please contact: Mr John Whitehead, Sports Administrator email: whitehead@rondebosch.com

❖ RBHS TUCKSHOP

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.

❖ OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CARLETON LLOYD STAND

The official opening of the Carleton Lloyd Stand will take place on 29 May 2009 at 17:15. Carleton Lloyd (E1927) was a great supporter of Rondebosch sport, in particular rugby and cricket, and the Carleton Lloyd Educational Trust was established after his death in 2003. During his lifetime Mr Lloyd proposed the construction of a stand overlooking Rugby A. The stand is accordingly a memorial to him and acknowledges the tremendous contribution he made to Rondebosch in establishing the Trust.

The Schools extend thanks to the trustees for this magnificent new facility, and in particular acknowledge the leading role which Prof Tinkie Heyns played in ensuring that the stand was constructed.

❖ RBHS: UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 29 Official opening of the Carleton Lloyd Stand(17:15)
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)
- 18 Midyear Examinations end
Hostel Management Council Meeting(17:30)
Debate vs Bishops
BRSC function (18:00)
Combined Rehearsal "Vivaldi Gloria" 18:30-21:30 (at RBHS)
- 20 Rugby/Hockey vs. Bishops (Away)
- 23-25 Gr11 Work Shadow
- 23 Combined Rehearsal "Vivaldi Gloria" 18:30-21:30 (at RBHS)
- 24 BOG Elections (18:00)
- 25-30 Jazz Band Tour to Nat. Youth Festival (Grahamstown)
- 25 Gr 10 Post-Exam Parents Learner Meeting(17:30)
- 26 School closes 11:00
- 26-30 Cape Schools Rugby & Cross Country Week (SACS)
- 27 - Okavango Delta Trail

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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