



NEWSLETTER

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❖ STAFF NEWS

- *It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Mr Andrew Putter, Design teacher, at the end of this term. Mr Putter has been at RBHS since 1996 and has made the decision to pursue his career as an artist. You will have read of Mr Putter's recent success at the Spier Contemporary 2007 Exhibition Art Awards in our January newsletter. We salute the immense contribution Mr Putter has made to the Design Department and wish him every success in his new endeavours. Mr Putter will be replaced by Ms Elmarie Lategan.*
- *Mr Erik de Wet - Physical Education teacher, will be leaving RBHS after a term as his fiancée has been transferred to Dubai. Even in the short time that Mr de Wet has been at RBHS he has had a profound impact on the Physical Education programme at the School; we thank him for his contribution and wish him Bon Voyage. Mr de Wet will be replaced by Mr Johan Snijmann.*

❖ BROTHERS SELECTED FOR INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD IN INFORMATICS

Rondebosch Boys' High is extremely proud of brothers Saadiq (E07) and Haroon Moolla (Grade 12) who have been selected as team members for the International Olympiad in Informatics who will travel to Egypt in August.

The IOI is the international competition for Computer Science (known internationally as "Informatics") for young people under the age of 20. The South African team of four is always chosen from the six medal winners of the previous year's South African Computer Olympiad, comprised mainly of matrics in their medal winning year, and first year students by the time they represent SA at the IOI.

Saadiq Moolla is one of the university students and the brother of Haroon. Saadiq matriculated from Rondebosch Boys' High School last year. He is currently studying medicine at the University of Cape Town.

Rondebosch Boys' High School rewrote the history of the Computer Olympiad by having firstly more than one candidate in the final round, then more than one medal winner from the same school, and last year dominating with 4 out of the 6 medals, we are now making history by providing 2 of the 4 IOI team members.

Note:

At the time of going to print, we have just been informed that Haroon has been selected for the International Maths Olympiad team. He will be travelling to Spain in July to compete.

❖ AID FOR REFUGEES

RBHS has started a drive to collect donations to assist the refugees affected by the xenophobic violence in our city. We would like to appeal to boys, parents and the extended Rondebosch community to donate items that will be distributed to the many organisations created for this purpose. These items include: Tinned food, clothing, baby food, nappies, toiletries, etc.

Please bring any donations to the High School Reception.

Closing date: Friday 6 June 2008.

For further details or queries contact Grant Greeff (Grade 11) - 082 885 7332

❖ JUNE 2008 EXAM TIMETABLE

This is available for download on the website: www.rondebosch.com.

Exams start on 29 May for the Grade 10-12's and on 6 June for the Grade 8-9's.

❖ **MATHS REVISION**

Maths Revision books are available from the Printing Room at a cost of R30 each. Note that these are selling out very quickly.

❖ **COMPUTER OLYMPIAD FIRST ROUND RESULTS**

139 boys (48 seniors and 91 juniors) boys took part in the first round of the Computer Olympiad.

Senior Division:

1. Haroon Moolla (Grade 12, Silver Medal winner at last year's Computer Olympiad) 96%

There was a two-way tie for second position between

2. Muneeb Baderoen (Grade 11) 95%.

2. Greg Burman (Grade 11) 95%.

4. Robert Salzwedel (Grade 12) 92%

5. Robert Ketteringham (Grade 12) 91%

Learners in the Junior Division (Grade 8 and 9) tackled exactly the same problems as the seniors, with outstanding results:

1. Ashraf Moolla (Grade 9) 95%

2. Alessio de Gouveia (Grade 9) 93%.

3. Tony Wan (only Grade 8) 91%

4. Robert Cloete (Grade 9) 89%

5. Michael Lawrenson (Grade 9) 88%

The Second Round will be written on Friday, 30 May. After last year's very successful achievements, we are confident that our learners will once again excel.

❖ **UCT PROVINCIAL DEBATING COMPETITION**

At the recent UCT Provincial Debating Competition, the following boys excelled:

Ihsaan Bassier - Grade 8

Sean Darge - Grade 11

Both were ranked number one in their respective categories. RBHS is proud to have both the top Junior and Senior speakers in the Western Province.

❖ **ROTARY DEBATING LEAGUE**

The quarter finals of the Rotary Debating League will take place on Monday 28 July at 18:30 – venue to be confirmed. Both the senior and junior RBHS teams will be participating. Parent support is welcomed. Details will be posted on the website.

❖ **RONDEBOSCH HOSTS MINQUIZ**

RBHS hosted the final championship of the internationally-recognised Minquiz Science challenge. Teams from throughout the Western Province were represented. RBHS were unsuccessful in maintaining the winner's trophy which the school won attained last year.

❖ **CALTEX SCHOOLS' QUIZ**

The RBHS Quiz team was one of a handful of schools honoured by the South African Institute for International Affairs for over ten years of participation in the Caltex Schools' Quiz which has been in existence for seventeen years.

The team consisted of Sean Darge (participating for the third year), Noah de Villiers (participating for the second year), Carl Eriksen and Simon Bergman (both participating for the first time).

Questions varied from international relations, sports and entertainment. RBHS was one of thirty three schools in the WP that participated in the quiz.

RBHS boys who acted as runners for the quiz master were Wonga Ndopu, Blaire van der Watt, Aidan Morris and Qhamani Xanga.

❖ PHILOSOPHY COURSE

Eighteen boys from RBHS recently undertook a three week philosophy course hosted by the University of Cape Town's Philosophy Department.

The course challenged the boys to think out of conventional mindsets and engage in critical dialogue regarding three different themes of freedom, namely; the freedom of will, the freedom of speech and the freedom of expression.

❖ JUNIOR PREFECTS

The following boys have been selected as Junior Prefects for 2008

GROUP A	GROUP B
<i>Darryn Berry</i>	<i>David Coombes</i>
<i>Greg Burman</i>	<i>Sean Darge</i>
<i>Joshua de Villiers</i>	<i>Noah de Villiers</i>
<i>Todd Dugmore</i>	<i>Kent Deutschmann</i>
<i>Chris Faure</i>	<i>Carl Eriksen</i>
<i>Matthew Foster</i>	<i>Justin Fielies</i>
<i>Edward Gregory</i>	<i>Grant Greeff</i>
<i>Nick Hurworth</i>	<i>Nick Hamman</i>
<i>Glenn Kisela</i>	<i>Faheem Jakoet</i>
<i>Chad Matthews</i>	<i>Chris Keet</i>
<i>Andrew Moir</i>	<i>Luke Kirsten</i>
<i>Louw Naude</i>	<i>Varish Ramesar</i>
<i>Benjamin Shaw</i>	<i>Peter Schwellnus</i>
<i>Richard Steinhaus</i>	<i>Scott van Breda</i>
<i>Rhys Stevenson</i>	<i>Stephen Wallace</i>
<i>Hendri van Niekerk</i>	<i>Nicholas Walker</i>
	<i>Sebastian Wolfaardt</i>

❖ VOLUNTARY SCHOLARS PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE (P.A.I.)

We have recently received correspondence from our underwriters and would like to bring the following to your attention:

- a) All hospital admissions, MRI & CAT scans and specialised dentistry must be authorised prior to treatment. Please contact the Bursar, Mrs. Barnard on 021 686 3987 or bursar@rondebosch.com.*
- b) If emergency treatment is required outside of business hours, the request for authorisation must be submitted in the morning of the next business day.*
- c) In the event of an emergency (outside of business hours), where the service provider is unaware of the P.A.I. and will not admit the scholar without authorisation, this can be obtained on 071 503 1996 - this telephone line is only manned after hours.*

Please note that the underwriter has the right to decline any hospital admission / MRI Scan / CAT Scan or specialised dentistry claim that has not been authorized.

❖ MAGIC

Alex Gregory, Grade 10, is a student at the College of Magic. He was selected to attend the International Magician's Teen Seminar in Las Vegas in April. Alex was part of the act that came third in the stage competition- they have been selected to present their winning act at a Heads of State banquet at the Cape Town ICC on the 4th June.

❖ **RBHS AND GOOD HOPE FM BOOK CLUB DRIVE**

In keeping with Rondebosch's long-standing reputation of serving the community and supporting various charities, the High School was selected as one of 12 high schools to participate in the Good Hope FM campaign known as the 'Nigel Pierce Book Club' which collects books and stationery for pupils who attend less fortunate schools in Cape Town. The Good Hope FM team broadcast live from the RBHS Memorial Hall on 13 May.

Nigel Pierce, the morning show host conducted interviews with Mrs Susan Carletti, Head of Interact, Chris Nussey, Grade 12 - President of Interact, and Headmaster Mr Martin Barker. In true Rondebosch style, the cheerleaders of 2008 led the boys in singing the Rondebosch war-cry and school song. The atmosphere in the Memorial Hall clearly personified what it means to be a learner at Rondebosch but also recognised the value and importance of helping others.

An appeal was made to pupils, parents, Old Boys and the extended Bosch family to donate books and stationery. Over 6 000 new and good second-hand books were donated along with stationery and equipment. The RBHS boarding house donated a much-needed CCTV camera to Mount View High School. Hostel Head boy, Josh Carew officially handed over the camera equipment to the Good Hope FM team. Cellucity donated 400 school packs for learners as well as equipment – thanks to Mrs Bridgette Fonseca (parent of Jarryd, Grade 12) for this generous contribution. Donations were collected on behalf of Capricorn Primary School in Muizenberg and Mount View High School in Hanover Park.

The book drive, however, is not over; the Interact Society will be delivering books and stationery to the two schools involved in the last week of the second term. They will be constructing book shelves at Capricorn Primary School. Donations may still be brought to the RBHS foyer until the middle of June. For further details contact Caroline Fowler at RBHS on fowler@rondebosch.com

❖ **CAREER COACHING WORKSHOP – GRADE 11 & 12'S**

RBHS in partnership with Mr Marc Rogatschnig, a clinical Psychologist is offering a workshop to assist learners discover what purpose they have for their future career direction. There are still spaces available to attend these workshops.

For more information regarding dates, times and cost please contact:

Mrs Tracy Starke: 021 686 3987 or Mr Marc Rogatschnig: 083 278 7276

❖ **LIBRARY OF BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS**

RBHS Counselling Department headed by Mrs Tracy Starke would like to inform parents that she has an extensive range of library books which you are most welcome to use. If you have already made use of these library books please ensure that you have returned any books you may have borrowed.

If there is a particular book you are looking for or you need some assistance related to a particular parental issue, please contact the Counselling Department.

❖ **KILIMANJARO/SERNGETI TRIP**

In discussions with staff and members of the Wilderness Leadership School, we have decided to offer boys a once-in-a-life-time experience, that of conquering Kilimanjaro-the highest peak in Africa- as well as following the migration of the wildebeest in the Serengeti.

The trip is open to current Gr 9's, 10's and 11's. The age restriction is based on the safety regulations of climbing Kilimanjaro. We would like to encourage boys who are passionate about facing a challenge presented by a trip of this magnitude and who are committed to getting fit together. The Exercise Teachers Academy (ETA) has agreed to come on board to train the group. Proposed date: June/July holidays 2009

Based on our association with the Wilderness School of South Africa we shall receive some discounts that will be passed on to parents. We are currently awaiting quotes for the cost of this trip.

An initial meeting of interested parents and boys has already taken place - should you be interested in sending your son on this trip please contact: Mrs Tracy Starke.

❖ CULTURAL TOUR TO SWITZERLAND DECEMBER 2008 /JANUARY 2009

The Art Department of RBHS will be offering boys the opportunity to travel to Switzerland for two weeks during the December/ January school holidays. Two experienced teachers will accompany the tour as guides.

Week 1: Visit art galleries, museums and places of interest in Zurich and Lucerne, Berne or Basel.

Week 2: Skiing/ snowboarding in Scuol, a well known winter resort that offers 80km of skiing slopes. Skiing/ snowboarding equipment, professional instructions and the ski pass will be included.

The proposed overall cost of the trip is around R23 000. The exact cost of the trip will depend on the finalized travel schedule, the cost of the plane ticket and the exchange rate at the time of payments.

Accommodation, travelling expenses, breakfasts and dinners will be included, as well as entry fees to art galleries, museums and sightseeing places. All lunches, personal insurance and spending money are not included.

If your son is interested in taking advantage of this opportunity please contact: Mrs. Newham (021 686 3987/021 686 8568) or Mr. Jenkins (083 236 7207).

❖ MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to the following boys who took part in the Piano Section of the Cape Town Eisteddfod: Merit = 70 - 79%; Honours = 80 - 89%; Diploma = 90 - 100%

Grade 12: Jonathan Tait (Honours and Merit), Lelethu Mdunyelwa (Diploma)

Grade 11: Greg Burman (Honours and Merit), Ben Sheard (Diploma & Merit), Nick Hurworth (Honours), Michael Duffett (Diploma and Honours)

Grade 10: Richard Burman (Diploma and Merit)

Grade 9: Ashraf Moolla (Merit)

Grade 8: Barry Box (Honours)

Three music boys passed the Royal Schools Grade 5 Theory exam; 2 of them with distinction: Ashraf Moolla and Ben Sheard 93%. Jaymie Phore 78%

❖ MAPAC SUPPER CONCERT

The Concert and Jazz Bands had yet another in their series of Supper Concerts in the Reeler Room on Friday 23 May. The Band too the opportunity to report back to the assembled parents, friends and invited guests on their highly successful Summertime-Birdland Tour of the Garden Route. The entire evening was a credit to the musicians and Bandmaster, Mr Terrence Scarr.

❖ VIOLIN MAESTRO - MICHAEL DUFFETT

Michael Duffett, Grade 11, recently went overseas and played the violin for 5 different professors - from the National Paris Conservatoire, Royal College of Music London and Royal Academy of Music London, with the Royal Academy's Head of Strings commenting that his proficiency would have ensured acceptance at the age of 15.

In London he had personal master classes with Midori, a famous American violinist, and Pieter Schoeman, Leader of the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Michael, at 16, was appointed leader and first violinist of the MIAGI Youth Orchestra which consists of 47 members under the age of 25 years including university music students (post graduate violin performance as well) who auditioned from around South Africa. Leadership is awarded to the most proficient violinist during a week long orchestra course and includes various leadership roles. Most excitingly the orchestra spent a full day being coached by Maxim Vengerov, possibly the world's most famous and most popular violinist culminating in a performance conducted by him at the Cape Town City Hall. Michael also led the orchestra in a performance in Johannesburg under the baton of Vengerov.

❖ MUSIC DEPARTMENT – UPCOMING ‘GIGS’

31 May	19:45	Jazz Band plays at the annual Baxter Jazz Festival <i>This is the 10th anniversary of the Cape Town Big Band Jazz Festival from 29 - 31 May. Cost: R60 adults /R35 scholars or R150 for all three evening performances. Book at Computicket.</i>	Baxter Theatre, Rondebosch
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❖ CHORAL CONCERT: ‘RUTTER REQUIEM’

Rehearsals are well underway for the choral concert, ‘Rutter Requiem’ to be performed by RBHS, Rustenburg Girls’ School and SACS on 23 and 24 July in the City Hall.

In addition to the choral Requiem, the 1st movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto will be performed. The RBHS Band will also feature on the programme. Parents will be advised when bookings open.

❖ BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC DEAN’S LIST

RBHS Old Boy, David Cousins (E2000) has earned placement on the Dean’s List at the Berklee College of Music, Boston, USA for the fall semester of the 2007 academic year.

David attended RBHS from 1996-2000 and thereafter graduated from UCT -2004 attaining a BMus (with distinction). David was awarded no less than three scholarships, namely the Rondebosch Overseas Scholarship awarded by the Rondebosch Old Boys’ Union, the Skye Foundation Scholarship and the Berklee College of Music Entrance Scholarship which made it possible for him to study at the Berklee College of Music.

❖ RONDEBOSCH RECYCLING

Mondi Paper has a drive on until the end of August to collect both telephone and yellow pages directories. Please support this drive by bringing in your directories - they are to be left in the garage (this is often closed but not locked so it is always accessible). Please do **not** drop directories in the orange igloos. Any queries contact: 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: 021 686 3987 or via email at the above address.

❖ FUNDRAISING THEATRE EVENING

This fundraiser for The White Rhino and Okavango Wilderness Trails advertised in our April newsletter, “See who’s at the door!” has been cancelled. The show is being replaced by a performance of: “**Andre the Hilarious Hypnotist**”

Date: Friday 8 August

Venue: RBHS Memorial Hall, Canigou Avenue

Time: 19:30

Cost: R50 per person

For bookings contact: Mr Sean Harris at the school.

❖ VUKA SCUTA RUGBY FUNDRAISER

Mr Doni del Sal was the winner of the Vuka Scuta which was raffled by the 1st XV team to raise funds for their Argentinean Tour. The winning ticket was sold by Taahir Allie.

❖ CYCLING

Stock of the new branded cycling strip is available for purchase from the RBHS cycling club. Tops cost R260 and the tie shorts R280. To view the kit and place orders please contact: Mrs Margie Kershaw at the school.

❖ 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

❖ WP CRAVEN WEEK FINAL TRIALS

The following rugby players have made the final trials of the WP Craven Week:

U18 - Justin Fielies, Nicholas Groom and Gareth Topkin

U16 - Zubayr Abrahams, Joel Carew and Rayn Smid



❖ WESTERN PROVINCE CRICKET - WINTER SQUADS

Congratulations to the following boys' on being selected for the Western Province winter squads.

U19

Junaid Buffkins, Irshaad Hayat, Michael Rippon and Matthew Snyman

U15

Hilio De Abreu and Jaco Zeeman

❖ OPTIMIST AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Matthew Smith (A5) who has been selected to represent South Africa at the Optimist African Championship Sailing Regatta in Grand Baie, Mauritius.

This event takes place from 9 - 17 August 2008.

❖ HOCKEY

SA U/21 World Cup qualifier side:

Ashlin Freddy (Captain RBHS 1st Team - 2007) has been selected for the SA U21 hockey team to take part in the African qualifying tournament in Cairo in July this year, in preparation for the World Junior Hockey tournament in Singapore / Malaysia in 2009.

Western Province Hockey Selection:

The following RBHS boys have been selected for the various U/18 and U/16 provincial sides. Our congratulations go out to all players.

Western Province U/16 Inter provincial side:

Dewald Keulder

Graham Schoeman

Adrian Abrahams

Western Province Disas U/16 intra-provincial side:

Timothy Winter

Timothy Spence

Cameron Prins

Byron Athony

Western Province U/18 Inter provincial side:

Lee-Roy Fredericks

Dane Clark

Warren McEwan

Western Province Disas U/18 intra-provincial side:

Peter Schwellnus

Nic Bester

Cole Milton

Jonathan Cox

Non-travelling reserves - Todd Dugmore and Lloyd Tanner

❖ HOCKEY AND RUGBY FIXTURES

Hockey and Rugby fixtures can be found on the website www.rondebosch.com in the news section.

❖ RBHS TUCKSHOP

Thank you to all the parents who give of their time to help in the 2 tuckshops on rugby Saturdays. In particular thanks go to those parents who manage the tuckshop at the pavilion on the Meadows fields. As many as 50 to 70 parents are needed on these days so please consider volunteering for a duty. There are still 2 home games this term:

- 31 May vs Wynberg
- 21 June vs Bishops.

Please contact Mrs Sandi King cell: 072 211 6704.

❖ SA SCHOOLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS: REGIONAL QUALIFYING

RBHS came 6th out 10 schools in the SA Schools Golf Champs: Regional Qualifying Competition. Congratulations to Iwan Muller, Grade 12, who came 2nd overall in the individual competition.

❖ SQUASH

The RBHS squash team is the Top Squash High School in the Western Province for 2008 having beaten Bishops in the semi-finals and Wynberg Boys' High School in the finals. The team will now travel to Durban in August 2008 to compete in the SA Top Schools Tournament. The following players together with a reserve will represent RBHS:

Zachary Abrahams (Capt.), Nicholas Tromp (V.Capt.), Luke Bax, Kyle Brown and Daniel Tromp.

❖ BOSCH RUGBY SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Springbok Coach at BRSC function:

Springbok coach Peter de Villiers will be the guest at the Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club function for parents and friends of Rondebosch on Friday 30 May in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion from 18h00. A cash bar will be available and a meal will be served. There is no charge for club members and staff. Non-members are welcome at R60 per person. For catering purposes please confirm your attendance by contacting Mrs Pam Ogilvie 021 685 1923.

Fundraising Theatre Evening: Chess the Musical

Rondebosch has secured "Chess" as a rugby fundraising show. The musical by Sir Tim Rice includes the famous ballad "I Know Him So Well" and the song "One Night in Bangkok".

Date: Friday 13 June Time: 19:00 for 20:00

Venue: Theatre on the Bay

Cost: R275 inclusive of a cheese and wine before the show and during intermission (cash bar also available). Tickets available from Mrs Pam Ogilvie.

Strapping of Rugby players:

The Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club is sponsoring the services of a physio to professionally strap Rondebosch rugby players before matches. The service is available until 10:00 on the Mears Meadows fields when Rondebosch plays at home. Players are required to provide their own strapping material.

❖ NEWS FROM RONDEBOSCH BOYS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory school learner, Nicholas Cotchobos (Gr.7) has been selected for the team that will be competing in the Hong Kong Junior Maths Competition. Nicholas will travel to Hong Kong to take part in this International Junior Maths competition in July.

135 top maths students in Cape Town participated in the 1st round of the Hong Kong Junior Maths Competition in March. For the last 3 years RBPS boys have been selected for the team to participate in the Hong Kong Junior Maths Competition.

❖ HIGH SCHOOL: UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 29 Gr 10-12 Midyear Examinations begin
30 Computer Olympiad 2nd round 14:00
Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club function 18:00
31 Rugby/Hockey vs. Wynberg BHS (Home)

June

- 6 Gr 8 & 9 Midyear Examinations begin
7 Rugby/Hockey vs. HJS Paarl (Away)
11 Board of Governors Meeting 17:30
UCT Maths Competition Prize Giving
13-16 Boarders' Out Weekend
14 Rugby/Hockey vs. Paul Roos Gymnasium (Away)
16 Youth Day (Public Holiday)
19 Midyear Examinations end
Combined Rehearsal "Rutter Requiem" 18:30-21:30 (at RGHS)
21 Rugby vs. Bishops (Home)
24-26 Gr11 Work Shadow
24 Combined Rehearsal "Rutter Requiem" 18:30-21:30 (at RGHS)
26 Gr 12 Post-Exam Parents Learner Meeting 17:30
27 School closes 11:00
28-1/7 Cape Schools Golf Week (Knysna/Plettenberg Bay)
1-6/7 Okavango Delta Trail

Please can we ask parents who you know that may not be receiving this communication via email to kindly forward their email address to: marketing@rondebosch.com



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