



NEWSLETTER

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❖ NATIONAL NATURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES OLYMPIADS 2009

SA ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATORS (SAASTE)

RBHS recently achieved a position in the top 10 schools in South Africa and third in the top 10 Science Schools in the country (Sunday Times, 18 October 2009).

RBHS is proud to announce its outstanding results achieved in the National Natural and Life Sciences Olympiads 2009. Results are based on Grade and individual achievements. RBHS had overwhelming results in both divisions of these Olympiads.

Grade Results:

RBHS Grade 9 - 1st place in SA (Natural Sciences)

RBHS Grade 10 - 1st place in SA (Physical Sciences)

RBHS Grade 11 - 1st place in SA (Physical Sciences)

Individual Results:

Grade 9 - 2nd place **Michael Brooke** (93%) (Natural Sciences)

Grade 10 - 2nd place **Matthew Kabot** (83%) (Physical Sciences)

Grade 11 - 2nd place **Daron Golden** (83%) (Physical Sciences)

❖ LIVINGS MATHS OLYMPIAD

RBHS did extremely well in the Living Maths Olympiad with the following positions being obtained:

Grade 9 Individual	Michael Wood	2 nd
Grade 9 pairs	Travis Taylor and Ihsaan Bassier	1 st
	Cian Cullinan and Matthew Worthington-Smith	2 nd
	Uzair Ebrahim and Mogamad Ali Parker	3 rd
Grade 8 pairs	Sacha Brandt and Alistair Norman	1 st
	Daniel Stephens and Jonathan Prest	2 nd

Congratulations to all participants of both Olympiads – these are exceptional results.

❖ STAFF NEWS

- 🌳 Mr Kyle Dowie joins RBHS in January as Mr Craig Milligan's (Mathematics) replacement.
- 🌳 Mrs Lenka Bierman will replace Mrs Sandi King as Tuck shop manageress in January and she will be ably assisted by Mrs Caroline Perren (Jacob -Gr.9 and Nathan-Gr.10) who will take on the functions portfolio.
- 🌳 Congratulations to Mr Austin Smith on his recent marriage to Dr Brigid Brennan.

❖ CAROL SERVICE

The annual combined Carol Service will take place in the Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 9 December** at 19:00. All welcome.

❖ APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION - 2010

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 2011.

- Scholarship examination for Grade 8 2011 will be written on **19 March 2010**
- Applications for admission - Grade 8 2011 close on **19 March 2010**

❖ OPEN DAY

Prospective parents of boys entering High School in Grade 8 in 2011 are invited to attend our Open Day which will be held on **Wednesday 24 February 2010**.

More information will follow in the first newsletter of 2010.

For further information contact: Ms Caroline Fowler 021 681 7941 email: fowler@rondebosch.com

❖ ADVERTISING IN 2009 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

We have had an overwhelming response to advertising in this year's magazine - thank you to the many parents, friends and Old Boys for supporting us.

If any Rondebosch families would still like to advertise in this year's magazine this option is still available by sponsoring a R100 one-liner advert. This message is acknowledged at the bottom of copy pages.

For more information please contact Ms Caroline Fowler, email: fowler@rondebosch.com for the necessary forms to be forwarded to you should you still wish to take a one-liner advert.

❖ MUSIC PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

Exams have been completed and some boys have done exceptionally well across all musical disciplines.

❖ EMILIO FARELLA CUP COMPETITION

This is one of the most prestigious events on the RBHS cultural calendar and congratulations to all the participants and organizers for a great show. Michael Duffett's outstanding violin work has always impressed audiences and once again he excelled, winning the trophy for the fifth year in a row.

❖ BOSCH SHOP

The Bosch Shop will be closing on **FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2009** and re-opening on **WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY 2010**.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	07:30 - 10:30	07:30 - 10:30	07:30 - 10:30	07:30 - 10:30	07:30 - 10:30
Afternoon	14:00 - 16:30	14:00 - 16:30	14:00 - 16:30	15:30 - 17:30	12:45 - 14:45

Times relevant for the 1st, 2nd and 4th terms. In the 3rd term ONLY, there is a change to the schedule as the shop is closed on a Tuesday.

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.

❖ RECYCLING CO-ORDINATOR

Judy Scott has done a sterling job in this voluntary role for the past 4 years and will be leaving the RBHS family at the end of this year when her son matriculates.

We are looking for a volunteer to take her place for 2010. The person in this position is really there to 'oil the wheels' and keep things moving. This involves creating the annual recycling roster and liaising with the 5 recycling companies that make collections if they are slow to pick up etc. The accounts department at RBHS handles payments for collections, so there is no financial responsibility. We also include a short paragraph on recycling in the RBHS newsletter from time to time to remind parents of the recycling centre's existence and to encourage them to use it. Recycling contributes about R13 000 to the school fund each year.

This person will be assisted by Delene van der Schyff who is happy to play a practical role in keeping the recycling centre tidy. If you are interested in taking this on, kindly contact Judy Scott on 0825759185.

❖ SWIMMING

The following boys took part in the 8th Junior Africa Swimming Championships held recently in Mauritius. Congratulations to the boys on these outstanding results.

Niel De Villiers:

- Bronze – 50m backstroke
- Silver – 100m backstroke (new junior Africa record)
- Gold – 200m backstroke (new junior Africa record)
- Bronze – 200m freestyle
- Gold – 200m IM (new junior Africa record)
- Gold – 4 X 200m freestyle relay (new junior Africa record)
- Gold – 4 X 100m freestyle relay (new junior Africa record)

Craig Emslie:

- Silver – 100m breaststroke
- Gold – 50m breaststroke
- Gold – 4X 100m medley relay (new junior Africa record)

Kurt Benjamin:

- Silver – 200m IM (Individual Medley)
- Silver – 200m breaststroke (new junior Africa record)
- Gold – 400m freestyle

❖ KARATE

Taariq Hartley (Grade 9) represented South Africa at the 5th Karate-do Goju Kai World Championships held during October at the Bellville Velodrome in Cape Town.

❖ CRICKET

Congratulations to Helio de Abreu on his selection as Captain of the 1st team and Dewald Keulder as Vice-Captain for 2010.



❖ CRICKET TOUR TO UK

The 1st Cricket Team will travel to the UK in June 2010. Fundraising for this tour has been undertaken by parents of the 2010 1st Cricket Team. The main fundraising function for the Tour will be a Formal Dinner scheduled for 10 April 2010.

An appeal is made to parents and friends of Rondebosch to support the Cricket Fundraising Committee in their efforts to raise funds for this tour.

Some additional events are still in the planning stages - see the website for details and updates in the cricket newsletters.

❖ CRICKET FUNDRAISING EVENTS: 2009/2010

DATES	FUNDRAISING EVENT	VENUE
4 th term 2009 - end of 1 st term 2010	Vuka Scuta Raffle: Model XL110 (110cc engine - semi automatic) This prize has been generously donated by:  TOYOTA McCarthy Toyota Kenilworth 	Tickets are available from any 1 st team player. Cost: R20 per ticket.
5 March 2010	ABBA Featuring the music of well-known pop group ABBA. Details in the New Year Cost: R200-00 Contact: Lynn Smith 0824412832 email: om93832@oldmutual.com	Barnyard Theatre, Willowbridge Centre, Durbanville
10 April 2010	Formal Dinner Details in the New Year	Kelvin Grove

❖ WATER POLO REPORT - FOURTH TERM

The RBHS water polo teams have experienced a successful season.

The First team had a rather disappointing SACS tournament at the start of the September holidays but redeemed themselves by playing some exciting water polo beating Paul Roos, Wynberg, Sacs, and Bishops and only losing to Reddam in the fourth term

The U14A team travelled to Bloemfontein to play in the Grey College u14 tournament. The team did very well in making it through to the final and losing in a very tight game by 2-4 to Grey PE. This is the first time a Rondebosch team has made it to the final in this tournament

The team was impeccable in their behaviour, dress, sportsmanship and general demeanour and drew many unsolicited favourable comments. We look forward to the 2010 season.

❖ HOCKEY

The Hockey Astro Committee made a presentation to the High School Board of Governors (BOG).

- *The BOG agreed in principle that the School would support an Astro turf facility with specifications suitable to meet the standards for school inter-provincial level hockey should sufficient funding be secured.*
- *The Committee was authorized to progress with the application to the City Council for the development of this facility.*
- *It was proposed that the facility be positioned on Desert A - adjacent to the existing tennis courts.*

Follow-up information will be posted on the website.

❖ SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOURS 1ST TERM - 2010

Team	Venue/Tour/Festival	Travel details/dates
1 st Cricket	Grey Festival	8-12 Jan
1 st Team Squash	St Andrews, Bloem	12-14 Feb
U16 Basketball	St John's	18-21 Feb
U19 Basketball	St John's	25-28 Feb
1 st team Water Polo	KES	25-28 Feb
U15 Water Polo	Parktown	25-28 Feb
U16 Hockey	Kearsney	1-4 Apr
U14 Hockey	Northwood (Dbn)	7-11 Apr
KES Hockey + Rugby	KES	31 Mar-5 Apr

❖ BOSCH RUGBY SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Golf Day: 3 December

The annual BRSC Golf Day will be held at Rondebosch Golf Club on **Thursday 3 December 2009**.
For more information please contact: Sandy Van Breda at Tel: 021 683-1061

❖ RBHS: UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 1 Goodwill Function (18:00)
- 3 End-of-year examinations end (Gr 8-11)
- 4-5 Boarders Gr 8 Camp
- 8 Inter-House Summer Sports (morning)
Combined Carol Evening Dress Rehearsal - Memorial Hall (18:00)
- 9 Inter-House Touch Rugby
Carol Evening - Memorial Hall (19:00)
- 10 Inter-House Golf, Chess and Soccer
- 11 School closes for Learners & Educators (11:00)

❖ SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2010

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
13 Jan - 26 Mar	12 Apr - 9 June	13 July - 23 Sept	4 Oct - 10 Dec

❖ SCHOOL REBATE PROGRAMMES

RBHS is linked to both the **Makro** and **MySchool Card** rebate programmes. Both programmes offer the School opportunities to earn a percentage return on consumer purchases.
If you would like a Makro or MySchool card which can be linked to the school rebate programme, please contact Mrs Pam Ogilvie tel: 021 681 7928 or email: pr_rbhs@mweb.co.za.



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