



NEWSLETTER

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❖ STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome the following staff members to RBHS. We wish them a long and happy association with the School.

- Mr Erik de Wet - Life Orientation and Physical Education
- Mr Duncan Smith (who is also an Old Boy) to the English Department

We extend our condolences to Mr Zweljikile Nongqotho on the loss of his mother.

Congratulations to Mr Darius Geldenhuys - Maths Department who participated in the SA Master's Athletics Championships in Sasolburg. Mr Geldenhuys attained a silver medal in the 100m with a time of 11.27secs. and a gold medal in the relay.

❖ RBHS AND GOOD HOPE FM BOOK CLUB DRIVE

RBHS has been selected as one of 12 high schools to participate in the campaign known as the 'Nigel Pierce Book Club' which aims to collect books and stationery for pupils from less fortunate schools in Cape Town.

We would like to appeal to pupils, staff, old boys and our extended "Bosch" family to donate books and stationery in the week leading up to the live outdoor broadcast. Donations may be brought to RBHS prior to the event or on the day of the broadcast. RBHS will be supporting:

Capricorn Primary School - Muizenberg
Mount View High School - Hanover Park

Please bring all donations of new as well as good second-hand books and stationery to: Rondebosch Boys' High School, Main Reception foyer or on the day of the live broadcast.

LIVE BROADCAST

Catch the Good Hope FM team, Nigel Pierce, Sandra Rosenberg (news) and JP Naudé (sport) live at RBHS in the Memorial Hall on:

13 May 2008 from 06:00 - 09:00

For information contact: Ms Caroline Fowler tel: 021 686 3987 email: fowler@rondebosch.com

❖ APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT – 2009

A record number of entrants wrote the 2008 Scholarship Exam for entry into RBHS in 2009. The Headmaster and staff will be kept busy during this term conducting interviews with boys applying to the High School in 2009. All applicants who have applied for a place at the school will be advised of the outcome at the end of the term.

❖ AFRICAN SCHOOLS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The RBHS senior debating team participated in the African Schools Debating Championships, held in Johannesburg during the long weekend.

The event boasts teams from over fourteen nations together with sixteen teams from South Africa. Results will appear on the website.

❖ HISTORY SOCIETY

The RBHS History Society, together with Mr. Roy Hellenberg, attended a lecture on what the future holds regarding the current Zimbabwean crisis. The lecture was held in conjunction with the Mail & Guardian and the Centre for Conflict and Resolution.

Boys were privy to insight from the editor of the Mail & Guardian, a Zimbabwean himself, a political analyst from UCT and the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in Parliament.

RBHS was the only school in attendance amongst some of South Africa's top journalists and academics; and the boys were given the opportunity to voice their own opinions and ask questions.

❖ 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 this workshop.

Date: 24 May 2008

Time: 08:30 for 09:00 - 15:00

Venue: E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

Cost: R1100 (Medical aid reclaimable, all or a portion thereof).

For more information contact:

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

❖ BAND TOUR

The RBHS Concert and Jazz Bands enjoyed an extremely successful tour of towns and schools along the Garden Route at the end of the first term.

The Music Department would like thank everyone who was involved in their fundraising efforts, as well as Mr. Brent Schnell of Nu-Pharmacy in Cavendish Square for his generous donation of "goodie bags", and Kathy Malherbe for organizing the tour clothing items. The band members would like to thank Mrs Veranza Joubert, Ms Margie Kershaw and in particular Mr Terrence Scarr for his endless hours of hard work in preparing the bands for their public performances.

❖ MUSIC DEPARTMENT – UPCOMING 'GIGS' AND DATES OF PRACTICAL EXAMS

The Music Department has secured a number of "gigs" for the 2nd term. We encourage parents, family and friends to attend these performances to lend support to our very talented musicians.

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| 9 May | 18:30 - 19:30 | Jazz Band plays at the St. James Church Food Fair | St James's Church, Kenilworth |
| 18 May | 17:00 - 18:30 | Music Pupils Concert This concert features all senior subject music pupils as well as the pick of the Grade 8 & 9 soloists. | Reeler Centre, RBHS |
| 19-23 May | | Music Practical Exams | |
| 23 May | 19:00 | Band Supper Concert | Reeler Centre, RBHS |
| 31 May | 19:45 | Jazz Band plays at the annual Baxter Jazz Festival This is the 10 th 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. | Baxter Theatre, Rondebosch |

❖ CHORAL CONCERT: 'RUTTER REQUIEM'

Rehearsals are well underway for the choral concert, 'Rutter Requiem' to be performed by RBHS, Rustenberg 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.

More information about bookings will be advised in the next newsletter.

❖ 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 000,00. 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).

❖ FUNDRAISING THEATRE EVENING

Mark Banks in his all-new sketch comedy revue *SEE WHO'S AT THE DOOR!*

"Mark Banks has become one of the most recognised and respected stand-up comedians of his time.

Widely recognised for his political satire and commonplace poke at the rich and famous, nothing and no one is sacred to Mark's blatant humour." excerpt from www.entertainment-online.co.za

Date: Monday 2 June Time: 19:00 for 20:00 Venue: Baxter Theatre Cost: R125

Tickets available from Mrs Sharon Lyall 021 686 3987 email: sharon@rondebosch.com

Please support this fundraiser for The White Rhino and Okavango Wilderness trails

❖ THE BOSCH SHOP

Please can we remind parents of the current trading hours:

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|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| 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 | | | |

Based on communication in last month's newsletter regarding reviewing the current trading hours of The Bosch Shop, we would like to advise parents that a questionnaire will be emailed to you shortly requesting feedback.

The Bosch Shop contact details: tel: 021 685 4825 email: rbhsshop@rondebosch.com

❖ RONDEBOSCH RECYCLING

We are most grateful to all those ardent recyclists who continue to make a difference and encourage all those who aren't to start bringing your recyclables to the depot.

Please sort into the following categories:

Glass bottles and jars, food and beverage cans, telephone directories, newspapers, white paper, magazines, cardboard and common mix.

The containers for the various items are clearly marked.

Any queries contact: Judy Scott 021 794 7622 / 082 575 9185

❖ TWO OCEANS MARATHON

A number of RBHS boys and staff ran the Two Oceans Marathon and the Half- Marathon.

Congratulations to all participants. Sincere thanks to Mrs Susan Carletti and her team of helpers who manned a watering stand near the Newlands Forest Station. Thank you to all boys who gave up their time to assist over the weekend.

❖ HOCKEY RESULTS FROM TOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

First team tour results at KES:

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| Vs St Johns | Lost | 0-2 |
| Vs Hilton | Lost | 1-2 |
| Vs Jeppe | Lost | 0-2 |
| Vs Pretoria Boys | Won | 1-0 |
| Vs KES | Lost | 0-1 |

Although the results did not go Rondebosch's way, all the matches were very competitive against some of the top hockey schools in the country.

U/16A tour results at Kearsney College:

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| Vs Parktown Boys | Won | 2-1 |
| Vs St Andrews (Bloem) | Won | 3-0 |
| Vs St Bennedicts | Won | 2-1 |
| Vs St Stithians | Won | 2-1 |
| Vs Michaelhouse | Won | 3-0 |

U/14A tour results at Northwood:

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|----------------|------|-----|
| Vs Thomas More | Won | 6-0 |
| Vs Glenwood | Won | 1-0 |
| Vs Westville | Won | 2-1 |
| Vs Northwood | Lost | 1-3 |
| Vs Kearsney | Won | 1-0 |
| Vs St Charles | Drew | 0-0 |

HOCKEY FIXTURES - 2ND TERM 2008

| | 19-Apr | 26-Apr | 10-May | 17-May | 24-May | 31-May | 07-Jun | 14-Jun | 21-Jun |
|------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
| U19A | Stellenberg | Bye | SACS | Settlers HS | Pinelands | Wynberg BHS | Bye | Bye | Bishops |
| U19B | Langa | Bellville HS | SACS | Reddam House | Pinelands | Wynberg BHS | Bye | Bye | Bishops |
| U19C | Stellenberg | Bye | SACS | Settlers HS | Steenberg HS | Wynberg BHS | Bye | Bye | Bishops |
| U19D | N. Henshilwood | Bellville HS | Bye | Settlers HS | Chesterhouse | Wynberg BHS | DF Malan | Bye | Bishops |
| U16A | Stellenberg | Bye | SACS | Settlers HS | Pinelands | Wynberg BHS | Bye | Bye | Bishops |
| U16B | Langa | Bellville HS | SACS | Reddam House | Chesterhouse | Wynberg BHS | Bye | Bye | Bishops |
| U16C | Stellenberg | El Shaddai CS | SACS | Settlers HS | Pinelands | Wynberg BHS | Westerford HS | Bye | Bishops |
| U16D | Fairmont | Bellville HS | SACS | Eben Donges | Steenberg | Wynberg BHS | Westerford HS | Bye | Bishops |
| U16E | Westerford | Westerford | De Kuilen HS | Settlers HS | Fairbairn Coll. | Bellville HS | Westerford HS | Bye | Bishops |
| U16F | Bye | Westerford | Fairmont HS | Fairbairn | Chesterhouse | Zwaanswyk HS | Bishops | Bye | Chesterhouse |
| U14A | Stellenberg | Bye | SACS | Settlers HS | Pinelands | Wynberg BHS | Bye | Bye | Bishops |
| U14B | Langa | Bellville HS | SACS | Reddam House | Steenberg | Wynberg BHS | Bye | Bye | Bishops |
| U14C | Stellenberg | Bellville HS | SACS | Settlers HS | Pinelands | Wynberg BHS | Wynberg BHS | Bye | Bishops |

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❖ RUGBY: TO ALL RBHS PARENTS - RBHS REALLY NEEDS YOU!

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.

❖ RUGBY FIXTURES - 2ND TERM 2008

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| 10-May | SACS (A) |
| 17-May | Drostdy (H) |
| 24-May | BYE |
| 31-May | WBHS (H) |
| 07-Jun | Paarl Boys' High (A) |
| 14-Jun | Paul Roos (A) |
| 21-Jun | Bishops (H) |

KIA PAARDEN EILAND franchise is the official sponsor of the RBHS 1st XV rugby team for the 2008 season.



❖ BOSCH RUGBY SUPPORTERS' CLUB

The next Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club function for parents and friends of Rondebosch will be held on **Friday 30 May** in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion, RBHS at 18:00. Details of the guest speaker will be posted on the website.

Fundraising Theatre Evening: Chess the Musical

CHESS is a musical about how the Cold War affected the lives of all it touched.

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 021 686 3987/ 021 685 1923

❖ BUSINESS BREAKFAST- 21 MAY

The next Rondebosch networking breakfast will be on **21 May - 07h30 for 08h00**. The guest speaker will be **Jock McKenzie** (E64,) who was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for Caltex globally. The breakfast is open to all parents, Old Boys and other friends of the Rondebosch. This is an excellent opportunity to network within the Rondebosch School community.

Cost: R90. - please email your details to obu@rondebosch.com and transfer your payment to Rondebosch Old Boys' Union, Standard Bank, Rondebosch, account 071502904 by 14 May.

❖ HIGH SCHOOL: UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5 Xhosa Focus
Blood Clinic
- 7 Board of Governors meeting
- 8 Combined Rehearsal: 'Rutter Requiem' 18:30 - 21:30 (at RGHS)
- 10 Rugby/Hockey vs. SACS (Away)
- 12-15 Afrikaans Week
- 12 Beste Sprekers Kompetisie - 19:00(Reeler Centre)
- 13 RBHS and Good Hope FM Book Club Drive (06:00-09:00 Memorial Hall)
Boeresport
- 13-14 Afrikaans Eisteddford - 17:00-20:00
- 15 Tiekie-Aand - 19:00 Mears Centre
Inter-house Best Speakers' Competition
- 16 RBHS Social
- 17 Rugby vs. HTS Drostdy (Home)
Canigou Dance
- 18 Don Lock 8km Inter-Schools Fun Run/Walk 07:30 (Brookside)
Music Pupil's Concert 17:00 (Reeler Centre)
- 19-23 Music Practical Exams
- 21 Rondebosch Business Breakfast - E1942 Pavilion (07:30)
Senior Staff Meeting
- 22 SA Mathematics Olympiad 2nd round 14:00
- 23 Band Supper Concert 19:00 (Reeler Centre)
- 24 Rugby (Bye)
- 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)

Please encourage parents who are not receiving this communication via email to kindly forward their email address to: marketing@rondebosch.com



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