



# NEWSLETTER

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We would like to confirm that there was no newsletter distributed for the month of September. Parents will have received a comprehensive end-of-term letter from acting Headmaster, Mr Leon Erasmus which highlighted much of the news usually communicated in the monthly newsletter. A copy of this letter is available on the website.



1909 - 2009

*Rondebosch Old Boys' Union*  
*Established 1909*



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## Celebrating 100 years of supporting Rondebosch

On 20 November 1909 a group of Old Boys and boys met in Canigou and established the RBHS Union with the first president being the headmaster, Mr Sydney Mason. From those modest beginnings the Union has grown to more than 6700 members in 47 countries and is one of the leading Old Boy Unions in South Africa and quite possibly in the world.

Over the past 100 years the Union is proud to have made immense contributions to both the Prep and High Schools which have helped them become the leading schools they are today. The excellent facilities have benefited generations of Rondebosch boys. The Union has also helped many Old Boys maintain contact with the school and with each other through numerous social occasions, including dinners, reunions and sub-union functions.

### **Altius et Latius**

*Excerpt from Old Boys' Union Newsletter - October 2009*

To mark this momentous occasion the Old Boys' Union will be hosting a cocktail function on the lawns outside Canigou on 19 November and a formal Dinner at Kenilworth Racecourse on 20 November for Old Boys and invited guests. Guest speaker at the Dinner will be Richard Steyn (E60), who was editor of the Natal Witness and Editor in Chief of the Star.

### **Presentation to the Union by E2009**

E2009 Head Prefect, Darryn Berry, made a presentation of an aerial photograph of the school and grounds to the Old Boys' Union.

The gift commemorates the Union's Centenary and the special and enduring relationship between the School and the OBU. The photograph was accepted on behalf of the Union by its Chairman, Stephen Duffett.

The plaque reads: "Presented by E'09 to the Old Boys' Union in the year of their Centenary to honour their achievement and to mark the goodwill shared by RBHS and the OBU 1909-2009.

*Semper natos nobiles alma mater pariat!"*

## **BUDGET AND FEES FOR 2010**

### **APPROVAL MEETING FOR PARENTS**

Please diarise this extremely important meeting to be held in the **Memorial Hall, RBHS on Tuesday 10 November 2009 at 19:30.**

During the meeting the budget, setting out the school fees for 2010, is presented to parents. The Treasurer, Mr Dale Smith, will explain the income and expenditure profile and be available to answer questions. A full copy of the budget for 2010 is now available for inspection at the School.

Kindly contact Mr Peter Coutts: [peter.coutts@rondebosch.com](mailto:peter.coutts@rondebosch.com) to make an arrangement to view.

**Please make every effort to attend this meeting.**

#### **❖ TOP SCHOOLS REVIEW**

Rondebosch Boys' High School earned a place in the Top 10 Public Schools List which formed part of the Top 100 Schools Survey published in the Sunday Times - 18 October 2009.

The survey is based on data provided by the Department of Education and on the results of the 2008 Matrics who were the first learners of the new outcomes-based curriculum which was introduced in stages 12 years ago.

Schools were selected on five criteria including their outstanding Mathematics and Physical Sciences performances which are critical government priorities.

RBHS achieved 9<sup>th</sup> position in the Top 10 Public Schools list and attained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the country for Mathematics and 3<sup>d</sup> place in the country for Physical Sciences.

RBHS is extremely proud of these outstanding results and pays tribute to its staff complement in assisting boys to achieve this success.

The full report/supplement can be accessed on the website: [www.rondebosch.com/high](http://www.rondebosch.com/high)

#### **❖ NATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD**

Ashraf Moolla (Grade 10) came in the Top 10 pupils in the country in the senior National Mathematics Olympiad. He was competing against Grades 10, 11 and 12. Congratulations to Ashraf on this remarkable achievement.

#### **❖ LEADERSHIP MAGAZINE**

RBHS featured in an article "Principal Educators - shaping our future Leaders" in the Leadership Magazine - October 2009 edition.

The article can be accessed on the website - as above.

#### **❖ SPEECH NIGHT**

Speech Night was held on 21 October. The guest speaker was David McKenzie (E95) who is a CNN International correspondent for Africa based in Nairobi. Congratulations to all prize winners of the evening.

#### **❖ MATRIC ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION**

This event continues to be one of the highlights on the Rondebosch calendar. This year 78 Matric boys exhibited their final exam Art and Design practical work which was viewed by a number of visiting schools including grade 7's from Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory School.

The standard of work on display was of an exceptionally high standard and the Art and Design pupils must be congratulated.

## ❖ PREFECTS 2010

Congratulations to the following boys on being selected as prefects for 2010.

**Nicholas Melck - Head Prefect**  
**Qhamani Xanga - Deputy Head Prefect**

<i>Tariq Allie-Ebrahim</i>	<i>Gareth Mostert</i>
<i>Daniel Gluckman</i>	<i>Michael Sparkman</i>
<i>Daron Golden</i>	<i>Matt Sutcliffe</i>
<i>Kyle Jordaan</i>	<i>Blair Van der Watt</i>
<i>Tim Mercorio</i>	<i>Keegan Visser - Head of Boarding House</i>

## ❖ STAFF NEWS

- Mr Stephen Carletti has been nominated for appointment as a permanent member of the RBHS Music Department. Mr Carletti has been a part-time vocal coach at RBHS for 3 years. Mr Carletti is married to Mrs Susan Carletti (Mathematics) and they have two children, Simon, who attends RBPS, and Samantha who is at Oakhurst Girls' Primary School.

The Carletti/Reeler association with Rondebosch is synonymous. Susan's father, Mr Michael Reeler, was Headmaster of RBHS from 1977-1985, is a past President of the OBU and currently serves as a trustee on the Rondebosch Boys' Schools' Education Trust. Mr Tony Reeler (E81), her brother was Deputy Headmaster at RBHS from 1999 to 2003 and is now Headmaster of Pinelands High School. His son, Michael-John Reeler attends RBPS and is the recipient of an academic scholarship for 2010 at RBHS. Cousins, Matthew (also a recipient of an academic scholarship for 2010 at RBHS) and Daniel Poulter also attend RBPS.

- Mr Kyle Dowie joins RBHS in January as Mr Craig Milligan's (Mathematics) replacement.

## ❖ ADVERTISING IN 2009 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Rondebosch Boys' Schools annually publish a prestigious magazine, recording the year's achievements and activities. The School has been complimented on the quality of its magazine. This quality unfortunately comes at a cost and we are striving to increase our advertising base, thereby reducing the cost to the Schools.

We are appealing to the Rondebosch families and, in particular to Grade 12 pupils, to support our efforts by sponsoring a R100 one-liner in this year's magazine. One-liners for companies are also available as an advertising option. Naturally, if you wish to take out a larger advertisement on behalf of a firm or organisation, that would be most welcome. Advertising rates are available on the website.

## ❖ ART DEPARTMENT APPEAL

If anyone has empty 2l ice-cream containers and/or old vegetable containers (with lids), that they are not using, the Art Department would gladly make use of them. Please can these be sent to school and left with Mrs Lyall at Reception.

## ❖ MATRIC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

For the Matric examination table please consult <http://wced.wcape.gov.za> (go to the LHS link and call up Search and select the A-Z index under examinations)

### ❖ STAFF DATABASE

*It has been brought to our attention by the RBHS staff that they would be interested in having a database set up on the school network of parent service providers. This database would provide RBHS parents with the opportunity to advertise their business, home-craft, services to the staff who, will in turn, hopefully, support the parent advertisers, provided that the service offered is competitive and the fees/cost reasonable.*

*If you are interested in registering on this database please email your information to:*

*[fowler@rondebosch.com](mailto:fowler@rondebosch.com) or tel: 021 681 7941 for further information.*

### ❖ GRADE 8 & 12 SURVEYS

*Last year the Marketing Department conducted on-line surveys in Grades 8 and 12 which highlighted a number of issues that required further input from the school's management team.*

*These surveys have just been completed again by the same grades, thereby providing the school with a critical benchmark.*

*The analysis of the surveys will be posted on the website in due course.*

### ❖ HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL LECTURE

*In line with the academic focus of the first week of the fourth term, the History Society hosted this annual event under the chairmanship of Sean Darge together with Mr Roy Hellenberg, master-in-charge.*

*Dr Max Price, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, delivered the keynote address at this year's RBHS History Society Annual Lecture. Dr Price addressed students and guests on the role and importance of institutions like UCT in South Africa's past and future.*

### **DIALOGUE FOR HOPE - THE YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS CONFERENCE: 30 Sep-2 Oct 2009**

*Recognising that our country and continent's future lies in the hands of dedicated, passionate and caring youth, Shikaya, the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the Western Cape Education Department, the DG Murray Trust and the Open Society Foundation for Southern Africa, invited Grade 11 learners, who are studying History, to apply to participate in the 2009 inaugural conference.*

*RBHS was honoured that six of its learners were selected to attend this conference out of a total number of forty learners in the Western Cape, namely: **David Corbett, Sean Darge, Kyle Jordaan, Taariq Hansrod, Andrew Nevin and Dean Pinto.***

*The conference culminated in a dialogue between the learners and the distinguished Board of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation who were in South Africa in October to publically launch the Index . The Board members include Dr Mo Ibrahim, Dr Mamphela Ramphele, former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, and other international luminaries.*

### ❖ ROTARY INTER-SCHOOLS DEBATING LEAGUE

*The RBHS Junior Debating team, Joshua Opperman (Gr 10), Ihsaan Bassier (Gr 9) and Robert Grant (Gr 8), won the Junior Rotary Debating competition. The RBHS Senior Debating team came second. Congratulations on these outstanding achievements.*

### ❖ COUNSELLING TALK

*Mr Austin Smith (E94), the part-time RBHS psychologist addressed parents (26/10 and 27/10) on the subject: "**How to communicate with my son?**" There is a summary of the lecture on the website.*

*For further information or to be put on the mailing list for these talks, please email:*

*[austin.smith@rondebosch.com](mailto:austin.smith@rondebosch.com)*

### ❖ LADIES' BREAKFAST

*This will take place on Saturday 21 November in the restaurant at 09:30. Any RBHS mothers who have assisted at the School during the year are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Sandi King [rbhs.tuckshop@rondebosch.com](mailto:rbhs.tuckshop@rondebosch.com) by 18 November.*

## ❖ MUSIC DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
3-7	<i>Music Practical Examinations</i>

### ❖ CABARET-IN-THE-QUAD - MEMORIES AND MELODIES

*Cabaret-in-the-Quad showcased the musical talent of the Grade 11's. The event serves as a fundraising event and a kickoff to the new Matric year.*

*The show was dynamic and created a wonderful atmosphere for parents and friends of Rondebosch to enjoy the "Memories and Melodies" evening.*

*Sincere thanks to Mr Scarr, Ms Ghignone and Mr Kairuz, for their exceptional organisation and leadership of this truly outstanding event on the School's calendar.*

*Congratulations to all the musicians and technicians who put hours of work into this production and thank you to the parents for their invaluable, on-going support.*

### ❖ MUSIC TOUR TO HERMANUS

*The RBHS Music Department had two very successful music performances at the Hermanus Whale Festival during September.*

*Ticket sales raised R16 000 for the Society for the Care of the Frail and Aged.(SOFCA).*

*Thanks to parents for their support and congratulations to the Chamber Choir, Sax Quartet, String Ensemble and the Matric Music students for their musical contributions. Special thanks to Michael Duffett for his solo violin performance at the welfare event.*

### ❖ BOSCH SHOP

*Shop hours for the **Fourth Term - 2009***

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

*The Bosch Shop contact details: Tel: 021 685 4825 or email: [rbhsshop@rondebosch.com](mailto:rbhsshop@rondebosch.com)*

### ❖ CLOTHING EXCHANGE

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 profits to the school 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*

## ❖ WATER POLO

The following boys and coaches made the Western Province Schools Water Polo Team for the SA Schools Tournament which will take place in Johannesburg in December. Congratulations.

TEAM	CAP	NAME	SURNAME
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### UNDER 14A

	9	STEF	DE GOUVEIA
	10	SCOTT	DORMEHL
	13	GRAHAM	GELDENHUYS
	<b>COACH</b>	GARTH	OLIVIER

### UNDER 14B

	4	SABIN	BOUWER
	6	DOUGLAS	BRYANT
	<b>COACH</b>	SHEA	BAILEY

### UNDER 14 BOL WP

	<b>COACH</b>	DAVID	ROUX
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### UNDER 16A

	2	WILLIAM	KEET
	5	NATHAN	PERREN
	8	ANDREW	PARK-ROSS

### UNDER 16B

	4	MICHAEL	MOLLER
	7	DEAN	HUMAN
	10	KIMON	CALDIS
	13	JACOB	PERREN

### UNDER 19A

	7	NICHOLAS	WALKER
	10	NICHOLAS	MELCK

## ❖ GREY BLOEMFONTEIN - U14A TOURNAMENT 2009

Congratulations to the U14A team who came second out of 20 teams. The team lost 2-4 in the final against Grey PE. This is the first time a Rondebosch team has made it this far in this tournament. The team are to be congratulated for their sportsmanship and their highly competitive spirit. They were the epitome of what we have come to expect from Rondebosch boys.

## ❖ CRICKET

- Congratulations to Michael Rippon (Grade 12) who was selected for the South African under 17 national camp. 24 boys from around the country were selected to attend a three day training camp at the HPC in Pretoria. This squad is a preliminary squad to tour overseas in 2011. (This is a two year programme).
- The following Rondebosch cricketers were selected for the Western Province teams to play in the designated tournaments during December. Congratulations.

U15 - Hayes vd Berg

14-18 December, Tshwane.

U17 - Dewald Keulder

13-17 December, Grahamstown.

U19 - Michael Rippon and Scott Van Breda

Khaya Majola week 12-16 December, Benoni.

- Monday 16 November - the 5<sup>th</sup> XI game will be played under lights at Bishops starting at 16:00. (45-overs format). Parents are welcome to come along and braai afterwards - drums, charcoal, cutlery and crockery will be provided.

### ❖ CRICKET TOUR TO UK

The 1<sup>st</sup> Cricket Team will travel to the UK in June 2010. Fundraising for this tour has been undertaken by parents of the 2010 1<sup>st</sup> 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. If you have cricket information or wish to have your name added to this database, contact Mr John Sparkman: Tel: 021 910 0412, Cell: 083 325 7291, Email: sparkman@mweb.co.za

### ❖ CRICKET FUNDRAISING EVENTS: 2009/2010

DATES	FUNDRAISING EVENT	VENUE
28 November 2009	<b>The Rock Circus</b> Features a live rock band which highlights six decades of rock and roll, combined with an international aerial act performing a variety of silk and rope acts - includes a finger supper. Cash bar available. <b>Cost: R200-00</b> Contact: Lynn Smith 0824412832 om93832@oldmutual.com	Barnyard Theatre, Willowbridge Centre, Durbanville
5 March 2010	<b>ABBA</b> Featuring the music of well-known pop group ABBA. Details in the New Year	Barnyard Theatre, Willowbridge Centre, Durbanville
10 April 2010	<b>Formal Dinner</b> Details in the New Year	Kelvin Grove

### ❖ SWIMMING

RBHS had a good start to the new season winning the Gala at WGHS on 15 October as well as the Gala at Herschel on 22 October 2009.

A special mention must go to the under 16 boys who competed in the under 19 races and managed to win every race.

### ❖ BOSCH RUGBY SUPPORTERS' CLUB

#### AGM: 4 November

To thank members for their support during 2009 and to conclude the year, the Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club will be hosting an informal function on **Wednesday 4 November from 18:00** in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion at RBHS. The function will include the club's Annual General Meeting. The formalities will commence at 18:30. An open bar will be available prior to the meeting and a light meal will be served.

Should you not be able to attend the meeting, apologies may be faxed to 086 610 5794 or emailed to [boschrugby@mweb.co.za](mailto:boschrugby@mweb.co.za)

#### Golf Day: 3 December

The annual BRSC Golf Day will be held at Rondebosch Golf Club on **Thursday 3 December 2009**. The competition will be a 4 Ball BetterBall Stableford. The cost of sponsorship for a tee / green is R600.00. For sponsorship plus a four ball: R2 000.00, and to book only a four ball: R1 600.00. This includes green fees and snacks at the prize giving.

Please note that preferential booking will be given to Companies / Individuals who both 'sponsor and play' and that Tee-Off times will be allocated on a 'first pay, first serve' basis.

For more information please contact: Sandy Van Breda at Tel: 021 683-1061

## ❖ RBHS: UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 29 2010 New Boys and Parents Meeting  
31 Cricket vs HJS Paarl

### November

- 3-7 Music Practical Examinations  
3 Senior Staff Meeting  
5 Bosch Rugby Supporters Club AGM (18:00)  
7 Cricket vs. Wynberg BHS  
**10 Parents' Budget Approval Meeting (19:30)**  
11 Remembrance Day Service  
Board of Governors Meeting  
14 Cricket vs Bishops  
Grade 7 Diagnostic Tests  
16 End-of-year examinations Gr 9-11 commence  
18 End-of-year examinations Gr 8 commence  
24 Gateway Christmas Party  
27 Eid-ul-Adha  
28 Cricket Fundraising Evening: Rock Circus

### 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)  
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

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

## 2010 Public holidays

<b>1 January</b> New Year's Day (Friday)	<b>16 June</b> Youth Day (Wednesday)
<b>21 March</b> Human Rights Day (Sunday)	<b>9 August</b> Women's Day (Monday)
<b>22 March</b> Public holiday (Monday)	<b>24 September</b> Heritage Day (Friday)
<b>2 April</b> Good Friday (Friday)	<b>16 December</b> Day of Reconciliation (Thursday)
<b>5 April</b> Family Day (Monday)	<b>25 December</b> Christmas Day (Saturday)
<b>26 April</b> School holiday (Monday)	<b>26 December</b> Day of Goodwill (Sunday)
<b>27 April</b> Freedom Day (Tuesday)	<b>27 December</b> Public holiday (Monday)
<b>1 May</b> Workers' Day (Saturday)	



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