



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

This Newsletter has been designed to keep you informed as to the various activities, events and functions happening at RBHS. This newsletter was initiated towards the end of 2006 - if you have any contributions you wish to make or have any queries regarding news items please contact: Ms Caroline Fowler email: fowler@rondebosch.com

❖ 2008 SENIOR CERTIFICATE MATRIC RESULTS - AS AT 30 DECEMBER 2008

Haroon Moolla was placed second overall in the Western Cape. This is third time in the last four years that a Rondebosch boy has been in the top 20. Haroon was also placed second in Accounting and Information Technology, fifth in Physical Science and eighth in Mathematics and **Robert Ketteringham** attained fourth place in Information Technology. 149 candidates wrote the examinations and Rondebosch boys achieved 203 subject distinctions with **Haroon Moolla** obtaining eight distinctions and **Naasir Bassier** and **Robert Ketteringham** obtaining six subject distinctions each. There were no failures.

Rondebosch was jointly presented with an award for producing the highest number of passes in Physical Science and with the highest subject average as a second criterion. This is the third consecutive year that Rondebosch has received an award in this category.

Congratulations to E2008 and the Rondebosch staff on these outstanding results.

❖ PROFESSOR "TINKIE" HEYNS

Parents and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service in celebration of the life of Prof Heyns and his long and devoted service to Rondebosch.



Prof I de V "Tinkie" Heyns *Memorial Service*

DATE: Friday 6 February 2009

TIME: 14:15

Tea will be served after the service in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

VENUE: Rondebosch Boys' High School
Memorial Hall, Canigou Avenue, Rondebosch

Headmaster of Rondebosch Boys' High School, Mr Martin Barker extends an invitation to all members of the family of Prof Heyns, members of the Rondebosch family, friends and colleagues to join us as we celebrate the life of our dear friend and colleague **Professor I de V "Tinkie" Heyns.**



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The School appeals to guests to consider making arrangements to travel in groups as parking will be at a premium.





❖ PROFESSOR HEYNS

Professor I de V "Tinkie" Heyns was involved with Rondebosch for over 60 years. He died after suffering a stroke shortly after Christmas at the age of 84. We extend our sincere condolences to his family.

The funeral service took place on 14 January and was attended by Prof's family, Old Boys, staff, parents, boys, representatives of other schools and the WP rugby community, friends and former colleagues.

Known affectionately as Prof to thousands of Old Boys, particularly the boarders of Mason House, he came to Rondebosch in 1948 to assist with the coaching of sport. He also taught Maths to Std 6 boys for a period. He served the School in a variety of capacities both prominent and humble. Prof played a leading role in the coaching of Rondebosch athletics, cross-country and rugby over many decades and was also associated with sport at a much wider provincial level. As a runner he at one stage held the South African 880 yards record and was an athletics Springbok.

He served for various periods as secretary, vice-chairman and chairman of the RBHS School Committee (now the Governing Body). He was a lecturer, professor and Dean of the Faculty of Education at UCT and had a great influence on many students who went on to become teachers themselves.

Apart from a few years when he was doing research in the USA and elsewhere, he spent most of his Rondebosch years living in Dorm A in Mason House. To mark his 80th birthday in 2004 funds were raised for the extension of Mason House. In ending his birthday speech to a standing ovation Prof said: "If I had my life over, I would do things differently the second time, but I would quite certainly still want to be a teacher, to be at RBHS and to live at Mason House, the best house in the world." The Tinkie Heyns wing was opened in 2006 by Prof Heyns and included a suite of rooms for him.

Several plaques adorn the walls of the Tinkie Heyns wing. One acknowledges the generous donations from the Carleton Lloyd Trust, Professor Heyns himself, Old Boys and parents. The other reads: "This wing was built to honour Professor Tinkie Heyns' long association with Mason House". The dining room in Canigou is also named in his honour.

Prof Heyns was awarded Honorary Life Membership during 2008 of the South African Rugby Referees' Association. He was also a Life Member of Western Province Referees' Society and the Western Province Rugby Football Union. He served on the Executive Committee of the WP Rugby Referees Society for over 40 years and edited the SA Rugby law book for a similar period. He gave a lifetime of service to the game at many levels – referee, referee's coach, international touch judge and administrator. He was also an honorary Vice-President of the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union.

Prof Tinkie Heyns will be greatly missed by all who loved, honoured and respected him. The memory of Prof as a humble gentleman is captured with the inscription on the plaque below one of his canes which has been mounted outside the new Mason House Prep Room: "In honour of a great man who gave so much and yet asked for so little".

Altius et Latius.



❖ STAFF NEWS

- *Mr Dennis Rewitzky (Financial Manager) retired at the end of 2008. Mr Rewitzky has been an integral part of the Rondebosch team since 2000 and has made a major contribution to the school by way of his involvement. Mr Rewitzky will continue in a part-time capacity as he hands over to Mr Peter Coutts.*
- *Mrs Viv Roberts also retired at the end of 2008. She and her husband Neville are relocating to Plett to retire. We would also like to wish them well as they prepare for their son, Nick's (E98) forthcoming marriage to Deanne.*
- *Mrs Kathy van Aarde resigned her position in the Bosch Shop at the end of last year to spend more time at home with her three children.*
- *Congratulations to Mr Ryan Busby (Computer Manager) and his wife Nicolene on the birth of their daughter, Nikita who was born in January.*
- *Mrs Sheryl Damster became a grandmother for the third time to a beautiful granddaughter, Reece born in December.*
- *It is wonderful to have Mr Leon Erasmus back after his absence in the fourth term due to a heart attack. Mr Erasmus would like to extend his heartfelt thanks to the many parents, boys and friends of Rondebosch who supported him and his family during this time.*

Welcome to the following people who have joined our staff this year.

- *Mr Austin Smith (Clinical Psychologist) who is joining the Counselling Department on a part-time basis.*
- *Mr Peter Coutts (Business Manager) who takes on the Financial Manager's portfolio which has now been extended to include the management of the Administrative staff.*
- *Mrs Melanie Brooks (Printing Room) who takes over the task of managing the printing requirements of the school.*

❖ RONDEBOSCH MATRICS - 2009

*As is the tradition for the new leaders of the school, a Matric breakfast was held in their honour and boys received their Matric ties. They then made their way to the Matric lawn, where - as a grade unified - they sang the school song cementing the bond that embraces every Bosch Boy - unity, compassion and the striving for success. **Altius et Latius.***

❖ PRIZE GIVING - 2009

Congratulations to all boys who received awards and prizes at Prize Giving on 29 January.

❖ OPEN DAY

*Prospective parents of boys entering High School in Grade 8 - 2010 are invited to attend our Open Day which will be held on **Tuesday 3 March 2009**. There will be numerous subject-related and extra-mural displays, exhibitions, live music and tours of the school grounds.*

For information please contact:

Ms Caroline Fowler 021 681 7941 or email: fowler@rondebosch.com

❖ APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

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 2010.

*Scholarship examination for Grade 8 2010 will be written on **20 March 2009***

*Closing date for Scholarship Examination entries: **13 March 2009***

*Applications for admission - Grade 8 2010 close on **31 March 2009***

❖ SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2010

We have received the school calendar for 2010. Please note the starting and finishing date of the year and the long holiday in July.

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

❖ CONTACT INFORMATION - 2009

Below is a table that has been compiled to assist new parents in making contact with the correct person/teacher at the High School. All contact persons can be reached by:

Telephone: 021 686 3987

Fax: 021 689 9726

Email: infoline@rondebosch.com or marketing@rondebosch.com

Headmaster	<i>Mr Martin Barker</i>	Individual Sport Heads	
Deputy Headmaster	<i>Mr Leon Erasmus</i>	Sports Administrator	<i>Mr John Whitehead</i>
Deputy Headmaster	<i>Mr Chris Wren-Sargent</i>	Athletics	<i>Mr Grant Paarman</i>
Grade Heads		Basketball	<i>Mr Max Brock</i>
Grade 8	<i>Mr Gareth Austin</i>	Chess	<i>Mrs Ferial Allie-Ebrahim</i>
Grade 9	<i>Mr Shaukat Ebrahim</i>	Cricket	<i>Mr Rob Dalrymple</i>
Grade 10	<i>Mr Gustaf Pienaar</i>	Cross Country	<i>Mr Max Brock</i>
Grade 11	<i>Dr Neil Teubes</i>	Golf	<i>Mr Craig Milligan</i>
Grade 12	<i>Mr Rowan Harmuth</i>	Hockey	<i>Mr Rob Bowley</i>
		Rowing	<i>Mr Sean Harris</i>
		Rugby	<i>Mr Sean Friedenthal</i>
		Squash	<i>Mr Darius Geldenhuys</i>
		Soccer	<i>Mr Bassier Halday</i>
		Swimming	<i>Mr Kevin Jenkins</i>
		Table Tennis	<i>Mr Shaukat Ebrahim</i>
		Tennis	<i>Mr Zweljikile Nongqotho</i>
		Waterpolo	<i>Mr Gary Endley</i>

AREA OF COMMUNICATION	CONTACT PERSON	AREA OF COMMUNICATION	CONTACT PERSON	AREA OF COMMUNICATION	CONTACT PERSON
Absenteeism	<i>Mrs Sharon Lyall</i>	Counselling	<i>Mrs Tracy Starke</i>	Marketing	<i>Ms Caroline Fowler</i>
Academics	<i>Mr Chris Wren-Sargent</i>	Cultural Information	<i>Mr William Haggard</i>	Public Relations	<i>Mrs Pam Ogilvie</i>
Admissions	<i>Mrs Alison v Rensburg</i>	Database Information	<i>Mrs Sheryl Damster</i>	School Policy	<i>Mr Chris Wren-Sargent</i>
Bursar	<i>Mrs Amanda Barnard</i>	Fees	<i>Mrs Kathlyn Duvill</i>	Security	<i>Mr Grant Paarman</i>
BOG - Board of Governors	<i>Mrs Alison v Rensburg</i>	Finance	<i>Mr Peter Coutts</i>	Socials	<i>Mr Roy Hellenberg</i>
Bosch Shop	<i>Mrs Ida Bumstead</i>	Functions HS	<i>Mrs Pam Ogilvie</i>	Sport	<i>Mr Leon Erasmus</i>
Clothing Exchange - HS	<i>Mrs Sharon Lyall</i>	Fundraising	<i>Ms Caroline Fowler</i> <i>Mrs Pam Ogilvie</i>	Sports Administration	<i>Mr John Whitehead</i>
Communication with Headmaster	<i>Mrs Alison v. Rensburg</i>	Grounds and Buildings	<i>Mr Wally Wood</i> <i>Mr Zolile Mketso</i>	Tuckshop	<i>Mrs Sandi King</i>
Communication with teachers	<i>Mr Chris Wren-Sargent</i>	Boarding House	<i>Mr Gary Endley</i> <i>Mrs Kathy Duncan</i>	Venue Hire/Field Hire	<i>Mrs Pam Ogilvie</i>
Community Service	<i>Mrs Susan Carletti</i>	Ladies Committee	<i>Mrs Sandi King</i>		
Computers	<i>Mr Ryan Busby</i>	Library	<i>Mrs Marilyn Hawkins</i>		

❖ BOARDING HOUSE CONTACT DETAILS:

All members of the Boarding House can be reached by: Telephone/Fax: 021 686 3749

Email: hostel@rondebosch.com

Boarding House Superintendent	Mr Gary Endley	Mason House Master	Mr Kevin Jenkins
Boarding House Manager	Mrs Kathy Duncan	Mason House Student House Masters	Mr Garth Olivier Mr Bradley vd Westhuizen
Mason House Master Canigou House Master	Mr Roy Hellenberg Mr Gustaf Pienaar	Canigou House Masters	Mr George Kairuz Mr Antonie Nel Mr John Whitehead

❖ BOARDERS' ORIENTATION WEEKEND

A Boarders' Orientation weekend was held from 18-20 January to integrate the new Gr 8 boarders into the Hostel at RBHS. The weekend included many fun activities that were aimed at introducing the younger boys to the senior boys and to make them feel that the hostel is their "home away from home." With sporting activities, general knowledge quizzes and a braai beside the pool the boys were made to feel most welcome.

There is no doubt that the new boys now feel completely at home and ready to take advantage of all that hostel life has to offer them!

❖ WEBSITE

The new School website was launched at the end of last year. Please visit our site

www.rondebosch.com

Offering interactive features; gallery displays; up-to-date news reports and detailed histories pertaining to the schools, the new Rondebosch website offers a comprehensive overview of the schools through a simplistic and attractive design.

Be sure to browse the website and access all four portals: Little Bosch, Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory School, Rondebosch Boys' High School and the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union - all offer unique perspectives on Rondebosch life.

With this new look, Rondebosch remains committed to delivering excellence in all aspects of school life. We would appreciate your comments on the site - your constructive feedback would be beneficial for us to continue improving the site. Email: fowler@rondebosch.com

❖ 2008 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The 2008 School Magazine has arrived and is being distributed. Thanks to Mr Dave Watt and his editorial team for all the effort they have put into this publication during the December break.

❖ CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The 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.

If you are in search of good quality secondhand clothing you may email your request to: exchange@rondebosch.com. Clothing items for sale may only be dropped off on a Monday between 15:45 - 16:30.

For further information contact Mrs Sharon Lyall Tel: 021 6863987 or via email at the above address.

❖ TELEPHONE

A new automated telephone system was installed at the High School towards the end of last year.

Apart from some initial “teething” problems the system is now fully functional. When contacting the School you will be greeted by an automated voice recording which gives you six options namely:

Finance	Press 1
Marketing / Public Relations	Press 2
General Enquiries	Press 3
Headmaster’s PA / Admissions	Press 4
Sports Administrator	Press 5
Daily Bulletin	Press 6

The system allows you to contact people directly should you know their extension numbers. As is the school policy on giving out staff email addresses, it is up to the individual staff member to provide parents with their direct telephone extension number. Each staff member has a voicemail box message option and messages are accessed and cleared on a daily basis.

Below is a list of people you may frequently need to contact at the school. You can dial the school switchboard: **021 686 3987** and dial the extension or dial the prefix **021 681** followed by the extension number.

EXT No.		USER NAME	EXT No.		USER NAME
9	Switchboard	Sharon Lyall	7992	Grounds	Wally Wood
7926	Bursar	Amanda Barnard	7993	Grounds	Zolile Mketso
7929	Business Manager	Peter Coutts	7925	Headmaster Secretary	Alison van Rensburg
7924	Counsellor	Tracy Starke	7935	Library	Marilyn Hawkins
7950	Clinical Psychologist	Austin Smith (Tuesday and Wednesday)	7941	Marketing	Caroline Fowler
7930	Data Capture	Sheryl Damster	7944	Prefects	Prefects Room
7922	Deputy Headmaster	Leon Erasmus	7928	Public Relations	Pam Ogilvie
7923	Deputy Headmaster	Chris Wren Sargent	7948	Sports Administrator	John Whitehead
7927	Fees	Kathlyn Duvill	7942	Tuckshop	Sandi King

Daily Bulletin – option 6

The purpose of this extension is to provide a service to parents whereby you will be able to ascertain information related to daily events, sporting fixtures and changes to the school programme. This option can be accessed through the switchboard or you can dial 021 681 7994. This extension facility can accommodate six incoming calls at any given time.

Please feel free to contact Caroline Fowler via email: fowler@rondebosch.com if you are experiencing any problems in using the new telephone system.

❖ CATERING - 2009

RBHS parents support the School in the many functions it hosts throughout the year. We require the service of Moms and Dads to assist at these events - serving teas/suppers and other tasks that may be requested by the School from time to time.

For parents wishing to be involved with the various functions at RBHS, an information meeting will be held in the school restaurant on **Tuesday 3 February at 19:30**. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea at the same time. Contact Mrs Lesley MacDonald in this regard Tel: 021 686 2222 / 083 680 7841

Staff and Grade representatives - contact details

CONTACT	GRADE REP	PHONE NO	MOBILE NO	EMAIL ADDRESS
Mrs Lesley MacDonald	Grade 12	021 686 2222	0836807841	acmac@iafrica.com
Mrs Cindy Giger	Grade 11	021 930 1794	0827455831	cindy.giger@mweb.co.za
Mrs Caroline Perren	Grade 10	021 686 3310	0833992206	cperren@mweb.co.za
Mrs Rita Handt	Grade 9	021 558 3536	0822958229	chandt@mweb.co.za
Rep to be confirmed at meeting on 2 February	Grade 8			
Mrs Sandi King	Tuckshop Manager	021 681 7942	0722116704	seking@webmail.co.za
Ms Caroline Fowler	Marketing	021 681 7941	0842096972	fowler@rondebosch.com

❖ TUCKSHOP

Pre-Order forms for the first term have been sent out and are due back by Friday 30 January. If you would like to participate in this scheme, the form is available on the RBHS website www.rondebosch.com (under general / tuckshop).

Please submit asap or e-mail Mrs Sandi King at seking@webmail.co.za. The scheme offers a variety of tuck lunches which are issued at second break Monday to Thursday.

If any parents have not yet returned their green reply-slip and would still like to be included on the Tuckshop helpers roster, please do so asap or contact Mrs King: tel: 021 681 7942.

❖ RECYCLING

The RBHS Recycling Centre appeals to everyone to make 2009 the year to start recycling (if you aren't doing so already)

Here follows the different categories of items accepted:-

- Newsprint, white paper, glass bottles and jars - no lids, food and beverage cans, magazines, telephone directories
- Cardboard = 2 layers separated by corrugation. Please flatten boxes and place in garage which is never locked.
- Common mix = Single layer, no corrugation eg. Cereal, tissue, biscuit, tea, toothpaste, egg boxes and toilet roll inners etc. Please flatten and place in bag in shed.

We receive different remuneration rates for the various paper/ cardboard categories.

Your co-operation in sorting is most appreciated.

Any queries: Judy Scott 021 7947622 / 082 5759185

❖ FLOWERS

We urgently need parents to assist with flower arrangements for events/functions at the school. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact: Mrs Pam Ogilvie - 021 681 7928 / 021 685 1923.

❖ HIGH SCHOOL: UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 1 *Hostel Families' Day*
- 4 *Cricket U15A vs. Bishops*
Board of Governors Meeting 17:30
- 5 *Grade 11 History Field Trip to Robben Island*
Swimming Gala at RBHS
- 6-8 *Cricket Tour to Eastern Cape (1st, 2nd, U15A, U14A)*
Sat vs. Grey HS, Sun vs. Woodridge
Squash Tour to St. Andrews Festival (Bloemfontein)
- 6 *Inter-House Swimming Gala 08:20-10:00*
Prof. Heyns Memorial Service 14:15
Paarl Athletics Meeting (Evening)
- 7 *Water Polo vs. Reddam House*
- 9-12 *Drama Director's Course*
- 10 *Gr 9 EMS: Business Game 08:15-15:00*
Cricket 1st X1 vs. SACS T20
Gr 8 Parents Evening 18:30
- 11 *Cricket U15A vs. Wynberg BHS T20*
Newlands A-league Gala 17:30
- 12 *Athletics: School Championships (afternoon)*
ADHD Talk Memorial 19:00
- 13 *Athletics: School Championships (morning)*
Boarders' Out-Weekend (after athletics)
RBHS Social
- 13-14 *Staff Development Seminar*
- 14 *BYE for all sports*
- 16 *Showcase Debate*
- 18-20 *Gr 10 History Field Trip: West Coast*
- 19 *Gr 11 Geography Field Trip 08:00-15:00*
BRSC Welcoming Function 18:00
- 20+21 *LOK Symposium*
- 20-22 *RCU Camp (with Rustenburg)*
- 21 *Cricket vs SACS / Water Polo vs. SACS*
Rowing: Buffalo Regatta (East London)
- 23 *Cricket 1st XI vs. Bishops Day/Night*
Gr 10 Geography Field Trip 08:00-15:00
- 25 *Cricket U15A vs. SACS T20*
Senior Staff Meeting
- 26 *Swimming Gala at Bishops*
- 27 *Band Sunset Concert 18:30*
- 27+28 *U16 Basketball Tour to St Johns Tournament (Joburg)*
- 28 *Cricket vs. Paarl Gym*
Water Polo vs. Bishops

❖ BRSC - WELCOMING OPENING FUNCTION

*The first Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club function of 2009 for parents and friends of Rondebosch will be held on **Thursday 19 February in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion, RBHS at 18:00.***

A light meal will be provided. Guest Speaker: to be confirmed

For more information contact: Mrs Pam Ogilvie - 021 681 7928 / 021 685 1923

❖ SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOURS 1ST TERM - 2009

A number of teams are making trips to tournaments and festivals during the first term and over the Easter holidays. All but the Grey High cricket fixture involve flights. Parents are requested to be aware of the cost implications. More details will be communicated once all the relevant costs are available.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Venue/Tour./Fest.</u>	<u>Travel details/dates</u>
Grey Cricket Fixture (1 st 2 nd U15A and U14A)	PE	6-8 Feb Bus Trip to PE
1 st Team Squash	St Andrews Bloem	6-8 Feb
U16 Basketball	St John's	26-28 Feb
Junior and Senior Rowing	Roodeplaat (Pretoria)	4-8 March
1 st team Water Polo	KES	6-8 March
U15 Water Polo	Parktown	6-8 March
U16 Hockey	Michaelhouse	29 March-1 April
U14 Hockey	Northwood (Dbn)	3-5 April
U15 Rugby	Paarl HJS	7, 9, 11 April
KES Hockey	KES	8-12 Apr
KES Rugby	KES	8-12 Apr

❖ OLD BOYS' ANNUAL DINNER

Our guest speaker is Eric Simons, former South African Proteas cricket player and national coach, and the toast to the School will be proposed by Prof JP van Niekerk (E53), former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at UCT.

Date:	Friday 13 March 2009
Time:	19:00 for 19:30
Venue:	Kelvin Grove, Newlands
Cost:	R175 per ticket
Dress:	Black tie, or dark suit with Old Boys' tie

Bookings and payments close on 4 March or earlier if capacity is reached. NO LATE BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED. The dinner is very popular – last year it was fully booked by mid-February and we suggest that you book and pay as soon as possible.

Bookings contact: Mrs Angela Andrew 021 686 1897 or email: obu@rondebosch.com

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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