



NEWSLETTER

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❖ OBITUARIES

It is great sadness that we inform parents of the untimely death of one of our learners, Raeze Khan (Grade 8 - A1) and one of last year's matrics, Blake Hanafey (E08). Mr Barker, staff, pupils and the extended Rondebosch community send heartfelt condolences to the families of both boys.

We celebrate the contribution these young men made as members of the Rondebosch family.

Altius et Latius

❖ STAFF NEWS

- 🌐 Congratulations to Mr Robert Jeffery (part-time Guitar teacher) who attained his Masters in Music.
- 🌐 Mr Roy Hellenberg (History) has returned from a History Conference in London this past week.

❖ GRADE 9 PARENT/ LEARNER MEETING & SUBJECT CHOICE MEETING

*The Grade 9 parent / learner meeting which was postponed from 4 August **will now take place on MONDAY 17 AUGUST** in the Memorial Hall from 17:30. This is an extremely important meeting at which subject choices will be discussed and staff will be available to assist you with information you may require regarding these choices.*

Parents of Grade 9 learners will have already received hard copy information about this evening.

The subject choice booklet is also available on the website: www.rondebosch.com/high under academics (scroll down to subject choices, it is available as a PDF download).

❖ COUNSELLING TEAM

*Mr Austin Smith(E94) and part-time RBHS psychologist held a talk for parents(11/8) on the subject: **"What is going on with my son?"***

We hope this inaugural presentation will lead to regular sessions being held during a suitable time slot for parents. Mr Smith will be posting a summary of his lecture on the school website.

For further information contact: Mr Austin Smith email: austin.smith@rondebosch.com

❖ ENGLISH FOCUS WEEK : 17-20 AUGUST

English Focus Week will concentrate on heightening the awareness in the school of English language and culture. We hope it will be a vibrant celebration of words, books, poetry and varied activities.

The week will be introduced to the school at assembly on 17 August by radio personality and esteemed journalist, Mike Wills.

❖ HISTORY SOCIETY

The Rondebosch Boys' History Society will be embarking on a trip to Darling this coming Sunday (16/8) to see the latest Pieter Dirk Uys play. Cost: R175 for adults and R125 for scholars (inclusive of lunch)

If you are interested in attending please contact Mr Roy Hellenberg tel: 021 790 7972 or email: hellenberg@rondebosch.com.

❖ ORANGE RIVER 2009

The 2009 Orange River tour will take place from 24-29 September and will be led by Xama Adventures in inflatable rafts.

Cost: R2 700.00 for the 6 day tour which includes transport, food (breakfast, lunch and supper every day), all equipment and two guides.

Interested boys can collect the indemnity and medical forms from Mr Jenkins.

❖ FINAL NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

DATE	TIME	CODE	SUBJECT
Friday 09 Oct	09h00 - 12h00	INFT.1	Information Technology Paper 1 (Practical)
Wednesday 21 Oct	09h00 - 12h00		AP Mathematics
Tuesday 27 Oct	09h00 - 12h00	INFT.2	Information Technology Paper 2 (Theory)
Friday 30 Oct	09h00 - 11h00	AFRHL.1	Afrikaans Home Language Paper 1
	09h00 - 11h00	AFRFA.1	Afrikaans First Additional Language Paper 1
Monday 02 Nov	09h00 - 11h00	ENGHL.1	English Home Language Paper 1
Tuesday 03 Nov	09h00 - 12h00	GEOG.1	Geography Paper 1 (Theory)
	14h00 - 15h30	GEOG.2	Geography Paper 2 (Mapwork)
Wednesday 04 Nov	09h00 - 11h00	XHOFA.1	isiXhosa First Additional Language Paper 1
	14h00 - 17h00	MUSC.1	Music Paper 1 (Music Theory)
Thursday 05 Nov	09h00 - 12h00	HIST.1	History Paper 1
Friday 06 Nov	09h00 - 12h00	MATH.1	Mathematics Paper 1
	09h00 - 12h00	MLIT.1	Mathematical Literacy Paper 1
Monday 09 Nov	09h00 - 12h00	MATH.2	Mathematics Paper 2
	09h00 - 12h00	MLIT.2	Mathematical Literacy Paper 2
Tuesday 10 Nov	09h00 - 11h30	AFRHL.2	Afrikaans Home Language Paper 2
	09h00 - 11h00	AFRFA.2	Afrikaans First Additional Language Paper 2
Wednesday 11 Nov	09h00 - 12h00	ACCN.1	Accounting
Thursday 12 Nov	09h00 - 11h30	ENGHL.2	English Home Language Paper 2
Friday 13 Nov	09h00 - 12h00	PHSC.1	Physical Sciences Paper 1 (Physics)
Monday 16 Nov	09h00 - 12h00	PHSC.2	Physical Sciences Paper 2 (Chemistry)
	14h00 - 17h00	VSLA.1	Visual Arts
Tuesday 17 Nov	09h00 - 11h00	XHOFA.2	isiXhosa First Additional Language Paper 2
	14h00 - 17h00	DRMA.1	Dramatic Arts
Wednesday 18 Nov	09h00 - 12h00	ECON.1	Economics
Friday 20 Nov	09h00 - 11h30	LFSC.1	Life Sciences Paper 1
	14h00 - 16h30	AFRHL.3	Afrikaans Home Language Paper 3
	14h00 - 16h30	AFRFA.3	Afrikaans First Additional Language Paper 3
Monday 23 Nov	09h00 - 11h30	LFSC.2	Life Sciences Paper 2
Tuesday 24 Nov	09h00 - 12h00	HIST.2	History Paper 2
Thursday 26 Nov	09h00 - 11h30	XHOFA.3	isiXhosa First Additional Language Paper 3
	14h00 - 17h00	DSGN.1	Design
Monday 30 Nov	14h00 - 16h30	ENGHL.3	English Home Language Paper 3
Wednesday 02 Dec	09h00 - 12h00	GRDS.1	Engineering Graphics and Design Paper 1
	14h00 - 15h30	MUSC.2	Music Paper 2 (Music Comprehension)
Thursday 03 Dec	09h00 - 11h00	MATH.3	Mathematics Paper 3
Friday 04 Dec	09h00 - 12h00	GRDS.2	Engineering Graphics and Design Paper 2

Note: Times of the sessions: The AM session starts at 09:00 and the PM session begins at 14:00. There could be possible changes to the dates as printed above. At the time of this publication they are correct - for more updated information please consult - <http://wced.wcape.gov.za> (go to the LHS link and call up Search and select the A-Z index under examinations)

❖ MUSIC DEPARTMENT - UPCOMING 'GIGS'

Thursday 13 August	19:30 - Reeler Centre	The Prestige Music Evening started in 2005 when an Old Boy living in England, Mr Brian van Breda (E49), donated the grand piano, currently used in the Reeler Centre, to the School. Initially this event was a Piano Prestige evening, but later combined with other leading students in the music department and recent Old Boys to become a showcase of the boys' talent. By invitation only.
Sunday 16 August	14:30 - 15.30	Jazz and Concert Bands play at Good Hope Centre for our annual charity gig for the disabled.
Friday 11 September	19.00	Jazz and Concert Bands play at Rondebosch Boys' Prep School. The Prep School's band mistress, Ms Jane Redfern and Mr Terrence Scarr (Head of Music Dept. RBHS) have arranged another combined Concert in the Prep School Hall. Please bring your own snacks and drinks to this function.
Friday 18 September	19:30	Emilio Farella Cup Competition & Matric Music Recital - Reeler Centre

❖ HERMANUS WHALE FESTIVAL

The Chamber Choir, String Ensemble, Matric Music students and the Sax quartet will perform at the Civic Centre in Hermanus on the 23rd and 24th September (times of the evening performances not yet confirmed).

❖ CONGRATULATIONS

- 🎓 Nicholas Hurworth (Grade 12) was selected as Lead Alto Saxophonist for the SA National Schools Jazz Band for the second year in a row.
- 🎓 Michael Lawrenson (Grade 10) was invited to attend the South African National Youth Orchestral Course in Pretoria during the holidays. Michael also toured with the Cape Philharmonic Youth orchestra to Grahamstown to participate in the National Arts Festival.

❖ CHORAL CONCERT: 'VIVALDI GLORIA'

RBHS together with Rustenburg Girls' High School and SACS performed Concert Band, Orchestral and Choral works at the City Hall on the 5th and 6th August.

This event is a highlight on the RBHS calendar and sees some 350 musicians come together to perform. The performances were of a very high standard - congratulations to the performers and special thanks to Mrs Joubert, Mr Scarr and Mr Van Der Merwe as well as the music staff of Rustenburg Girls' High and SACS High.

❖ CAPE TOWN EISTEDDFOD

- 🎓 Congratulations to Tony Wan (Grade 9). He received Honours (80-89%) in the Piano Section - Romantic Era.
- 🎓 The RBHS Chamber Choir received a Diploma (90-100%) for their performance of a 3-part work.

❖ RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling continues to be very busy with excellent volumes of all recyclable material. Thanks for the positive response thus far and please keep it going.
Any queries: Janet Lytwynchuk Cell: 083 635 7117.

❖ 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 dropped with Mrs Lyall at Reception.

❖ TUCK SHOP MANAGERESS VACANCY

Sandi King, who has loyally served in the capacity as tuck shop manageress at RBHS for the past five years, has decided to retire.

- 🌐 RBHS requires the services of a tuck shop manageress working from 08.30 until 15:00 daily and Saturdays (home fixtures), during the rugby season. This is a wonderful catering opportunity for an efficient person with excellent liaison skills to manage the tuck shop, co-ordinate tuck shop ordering and interact with parents. Computer skills and a knowledge of accounting/budgeting would be an advantage. The post is from January 2010.

Interested applicants must please email a comprehensive CV (including two referees) to Mr Peter Coutts: email: peter.coutts@rondebosch.com. Closing date: 31 August 2009.

❖ BOSCH SHOP

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

Monday and Wednesday	07:30-10:30 and 14:00-16:30
Tuesday	Closed
Thursday	16:00 - 18:00 (Note: Late opening time)
Friday	07:30-10:30 and 12:45-14:45
Saturday	Closed

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.

❖ TENNIS

Keaton Saunders (Grade 8) won the Boys U14 Singles and Doubles Titles at the KZN Coca Cola Grand Prix, and the U14 Singles Title at the KZN Dunlop Super 7 tournaments held in Durban during the holidays.

Keaton made the Boys U14 Singles Final and won the Doubles Title at the Gauteng East Key Health Super 7 Tournament held in Benoni.

Keaton has qualified for the Nike Junior SA Masters to be held in September, the winner of which gets to play in the Nike World Junior Masters in America in November.

Congratulations on these remarkable achievements.

❖ HOCKEY

- 🌐 Congratulations to Robin Blampied (Gr 11) on being selected for the SA Schools U16 Hockey squad.

Newsletter

Please go to www.rondebosch.com/high to view the latest hockey newsletter and recent results.

If you have hockey information or wish to have your name added to this database please contact:

Mr John Sparkman, Tel: 021 910 0412 Cell: 083 325 7291 Email: sparkman@mweb.co.za

❖ CRICKET

Congratulations to the following cricketers who were selected for the WP U15, 17 and 19 winter squads.

U15

- Z Hamza, R Sader and H VD Berg.

U17/ U19

- A Morris, M Norris, D Keulder , H De Abreu, M Rippon, S Van Breda, J Zeeman and T Chiecktey.

❖ PARKING AT HOME RUGBY MATCHES

RBHS has recently been the subject of some unfortunate press related to parking issues during home rugby matches (The People's Post- 28/7 and 4/8).

To this end RBHS responded via a letter to the editor in an effort to engage with the source of the photographs and thereby collectively seek an amenable solution to the issue.

RBHS would like to appeal to parents to park with due consideration for neighbours in Oakhust Avenue and surrounds for the two remaining home matches against Wynberg Boys' High School (15/8) and Bishops (22/8). This request has also been lodged with the respective Headmasters of both our opponents Schools.

❖ RUGBY

Please go to www.rondebosch.com/high to view the rugby fixtures, rugby results and the rugby newsletter, "Bosch Huddle".

❖ BOSCH RUGBY SUPPORTERS' DINNER - 20 AUGUST

The BRSC annual dinner is on **Thursday 20 August** at Kevin Grove with guest speaker Tim Lane. Some of Tim's achievements include being assistant coach to World Champion Wallabies in 1999, assistant coach to the Springboks from 2000 to 2003 and head coach of the Italian national team. Tim also had an illustrious rugby career playing for Australia.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening is John Dobson, the University of Cape Town First XV coach. He is well known in Cape Town circles and is sure to keep us all amused during the evening.

Date: Thursday 20 August **Time:** 18:30 for 19:00

Venue: Kelvin Grove **Dress:** Jacket and tie

Tickets: R240 for members/ R280 for non-members available from Pam Ogilvie tel: 021 685 1923

❖ BROOKSIDE SEVENS TOURNAMENT

Friday 4th September has been set aside for the "BATTLE OF BROOKSIDE 3" tournament at the Villagers rugby club.

❖ RBPS RUGBY REFEREE

Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory School is proud of Mr Joey Salmans - Gr. 7 teacher who continues to be selected as a referee, making his Currie Cup debut refereeing the Sharks vs Boland (17/7).

Mr Salmans has blown a number of matches this season and will be in action again at the following match: **22 August 2009: Referee - Valke vs Border - Currie Cup First Division**

Mr Salmans would like to extend thanks to the Rondebosch family for all their support before and after matches, especially from the boys and Old Boys who have followed his Facebook entries.

❖ OLD BOYS VS WINTER SCHOOL SPORTS - 25 AUGUST

The traditional annual Old Boys vs School boys rugby, hockey and squash matches will be played on **Tuesday 25 August**. The sports will be followed by an informal social function in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion at RBHS from 17:30. All parents, coaches and Old Boys are welcome.



2009 marks the Centenary of the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union.

❖ RBHS: UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 12 RBPS Grade 7's visit to High School
BOG Meeting - 17:30
- 13 Prestige Music Evening (Reeler Centre - 19:30)
- 14 RBHS Social
- 15 Rugby/Hockey vs. Wynberg BHS (Home)
- 16 Piano Pupils' Concert (Reeler Centre - 17:00)
Jazz and Concert Bands play at One-to-One Day for Mentally Handicapped (Good Hope Centre)
- 17-20 English Focus Week
- 17 Gr 9 Subject Choice Meeting and PLM (Parent Learner Meeting)
- 18 Concert Band plays at RBPS (19:30)
- 19 Inter-House Best Speakers' Competition
- 20 Grade 12 CASS Marks completed
BRSC Annual Dinner (Kelvin Grove - 19:00)
- 21 Gr 12 Mock-Matric Music Practical Exams (09:00)
- 22 Rugby/Hockey vs. Bishops (Home)
Ramadhaan(Commencement of Fasting)
- 25 OBU Winter Sports vs. School
- 27 Gr 10 History Outing (Slave Lodge)
Inter-House Winter Sports (15:00)
- 30 Don Locke 8km Inter-Schools Fun Run/Walk (07:00)Brookside
- 31 Gr 12 Mock-Matric Exams commence

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Annual Group Photographs
- 2 Inter-House Cross Country(13:40-15:00)
Senior Staff Meeting (18:00)
- 3 Art & Design Outing
Hostel Management Meeting (17:30)
- 3-6 Gr 11 History Field trip (Clanwilliam)
- 7-11 Gr 9 Music Practical Exams
- 8 SA Mathematics Olympiad 3rd Round (09:00)
Annual Group Photographs
- 9 Board of Governors Meeting (17:30)
- 17 Marks & ratings due (Gr 8-11)
Emilio Farella Cup Competition & Matric Music Recital (Reeler Centre - 19:30)
- 19 Ramadhaaan ends: Rosh Hashanah
- 20 Eid-ul-Fitr: Rosh Hashanah
- 21/22 Xhosa Focus Days
- 22 Gr 12 Mock-Matric Exams end.
Matric Dance- Kelvin Grove
- 23 School Closes (11:00)
- 24-27 SACS Water Polo Tournament
- 25-28 Cape Schools Cricket Week (at Bishops)
- 26-28 Computer Olympiad 3rd Round
- 28-2/10 White Rhino Trail

4th TERM Confirmation of dates

- Speech Night: Wednesday 21 October
- Valedictory : Thursday 22 October

❖ RBPS NEWS: STAR MATHS COMPETITION

Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory School excelled in this year's Star Maths Competition. Nationally, 17 300 primary school children wrote the mathematics examination and 31 Cape Town schools participated. RBPS had **48 boys** in the **top 200** and **33 boys** in the **top 100** in the **Western Cape**.

RBPS learners who achieved places in the top 20:

🌳 Matthew Poulter(Gr.7)	1 st in the Western Cape and 2 nd Nationally
🌳 Adam Herman(Gr.7)	4th
🌳 Christopher Hooper (Gr.6)	7th
🌳 Ahmad Dutton(Gr.7)	9th
🌳 Simon Thompson(Gr.7)	10th
🌳 Matthew Wood(Gr.6)	11th
🌳 Liam Byren (Gr.7)	15th
🌳 David Brooke(Gr.6)	16th
🌳 Ethan Marais(Gr.7)	19th

RBPS congratulates and celebrates with all its learners that took part in this competition.

❖ 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

2010 Public holidays

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

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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