

# HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**5 MARCH 2010  
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Dear Holy Rosary Family

On Tuesday, as you know, the entire Primary School academic and admin staff were on a Spiritual Retreat. What you may not know, is that this took place just up the road, in the beautiful surroundings of Champêtre in the Modderfontein Conservation Area. As we sat overlooking the water, surrounded by birds and butterflies (and hoping to see the pair of resident Fish Eagles), it was hard to believe that so much peace and unspoiled beauty is to be found a mere “stone’s throw” from the “concrete busyness” of urban Edenvale.

Brother Michael Burke facilitated the day which focussed on how we perceive and deal with the many changes we experience in all aspects of our personal and professional lives. What a wonderful opportunity it proved to be – taking some precious “me” time – time to breathe more deeply - to reflect more intentionally - to relate more meaningfully with what is going on beneath the surface of our daily “to-ings” and “fro-ings”.

We laughed and we cried. We were exhausted and yet, paradoxically, we were energised and uplifted. What a gift, days such as these are in our lives – and how rarely do we allow ourselves to experience them.

It seems to me that mothers and teachers are so good at so many things but we are **not** good at nurturing ourselves. We give so much to our children and to our families and often have too little emotional energy left for ourselves. I urge everyone of you to take some time for yourselves. As Brother Michael reminded us, it does not need to be a whole day (although that would be wonderful!) Take an hour – take half an hour – take even a few minutes to relax away from the demands of family life. It can be in the garden or in the bath – it does not have to be somewhere “officially special”.

One of the messages I took home from the day was :

**“Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears”**

- and the comforting reminder that 366 times in the Bible, Jesus said, “Do not be afraid”.

So I wish you a week of breathing deeply and finding even a little “me” time.

**LARAIN ROBERTS**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

***In the rush and noise of life, as you have intervals, step home within yourselves and be still. Wait upon God, and feel his good presence; this will carry you calmly through your day's business.***  
(William Penn)

**PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for :

- ✠ Those of the Holy Rosary Sisters who are not well
- ✠ Jessica Gurr (Gr 4K) whose Grandfather is recovering from surgery for his cancer.
- ✠ Mrs Meyer (High School teacher), Sinéad (Gr 1M) and Erin (Gr 0A) whose sister and aunt's baby daughter, Cara, was born very prematurely but is doing well.
- ✠ Alexia Mendes (Gr 4S) whose Grandfather is terminally ill.
- ✠ Samantha Clack (Gr 0H) whose Uncle has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ✠ Kayleigh Pratt (Gr 5J) whose Great Uncle died tragically.
- ✠ Mrs Bibis (Grade 6 teacher), Tyla (Gr 2K) and Kaylee (Gr 1M) Bibis whose Mother-in-law and Granny in Denmark is very ill.
- ✠ Julia (Gr 5V) and Oriana (Gr 2K) Pita Olival whose Great Grandmother passed away at the age of 95.

*Please remember all those in our Holy Rosary family who are in need or suffering in any way.*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Jabulani Maziya (Service Staff) and his wife on the birth of their twin boys. We wish them all God's richest blessings.

**RECEPTION YEAR NEWS**

- We were so proud of our girls at their first Inter House Gala. They sang and swam like stars. Thanks for all of your support.
- We will be visiting The Avenues vet on Tuesday next week to tie in with our theme on pets.

**BLUE BAG RECYCLING**

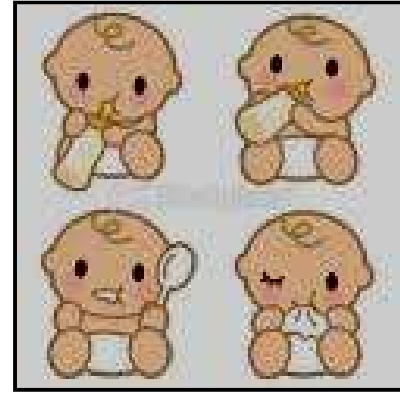
A letter will be sent out today for parents and families and friends to register for this service.

**TUCKSHOP**

The Tuckshop once again appeals to Moms to help out in the Tuckshop. If you are able to spare a morning (or even just from 08h30 – 10h00) every second week, please contact Jennifer on 083 233 4897.

**PASTORAL CARE AND ETHOS:**

**T**hank you so much for your generous response to our appeal for baby food, nappies, chairs and clothing for the El-Shammah baby sanctuary. Some of our Angels have already delivered goods to the sanctuary and the owner, Sue, has been overwhelmed by the generosity of the parents at Holy Rosary School.



The Shanahan Co-Workers are hosting an Easter Party for the little children from the Edenvale Child Welfare on Friday 19 March and we will be using some of the Easter Eggs you have donated for this function. We will also be distributing Easter Eggs to the needy of our community and to the Johannesburg Mini- Council via our young G7 councillors, Theané and Odirile.

We recently received a letter and Vincent de Paul Society in Springs, pupils of our school for the knitted them. They have been able to stitch have thus provided numerous old preparation for winter. This year we scarves, rather than squares, for So it is once again time to get out the started on your scarves. We suggest stitches and knit in whatever stitch you fancy ..... we look forward to receiving many colourful varieties of scarves!



photographs from the St thanking the parents and squares that we sent the squares together and folk with blankets in have decided to knit distribution to the poor. knitting needles and get that you cast on sixty

Please continue to support our appeals for the above charities ..... your donations do make a difference.

Once again, thank you and God Bless.

**Sharon Sabatier**  
**Head of Pastoral Care and Ethos**

## **SECOND HAND SHOP**

We are urgently looking for some Moms to help out in the Second Hand Shop. This opens every Tuesday from 1:30 – 2:30pm. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs June Cumming on 082 564 6387.

## **SCHOOL CLOTHING**

We are aware of how easy it is to pick up the wrong lunchbox, blazer, swimming costume, hymn book, etc. We ask you to check your daughter's items on a regular basis and please return those items that are not yours.

**Please** make sure your daughter's possessions are marked with her name.

## **LIFE TALK NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PROFILE!**

We are keen to start online debates about many of the issues and challenges our youth and parents are currently facing. As a teen or parent we urge you to share your thoughts, insights, concerns and stories - let's stimulate debate and start talking!

Look for "Life Talk Tug-of-War" on Facebook or go to [www.lifetalk.co.za](http://www.lifetalk.co.za), click on the Facebook link and become a fan of the "Tug-of-War".

## **PARENTING MATTERS ISSUE 10**

Please look on our website and open Volume 1: Issue 10, consisting of the following articles:

- Take a breath & speak gobbledegook
- Let out those kite strings!
- Monkey see, monkey do
- Let's face it

## **SPORTS**

### **Inter House Swimming Galas 2010**

On Tuesday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> we held our annual Inter House Swimming Galas.

The Foundation phase results were as follows;

1<sup>st</sup> Shanahan 136

2<sup>nd</sup> Lourdes 132

3<sup>rd</sup> Fatima 92

4<sup>th</sup> Rosary 48

The best U9 swimmer was Emma Boake (Lourdes)

These points were then added to the Senior Primary results.

The Senior Primary and Junior Primary combined Results were as follows;

1<sup>st</sup> Lourdes 502

2<sup>nd</sup> Shanahan 446

3<sup>rd</sup> Fatima 343

**4<sup>th</sup> Rosary 166**

Best U10 Swimmer Yarissa Thambiran (Fatima)

Best U11 Swimmer Samantha Whelan (Lourdes)

Best U12 Swimmer Regan Saunders (Fatima)

Best Open Swimmer Jessica Whelan (Lourdes)

100 M Freestyle Cup (U10 and U11) Samantha Whelan (Lourdes)

200M Freestyle Cup (U12 and Open) Jessica Whelan (Lourdes)

Junior IM (U10 and U11) Samantha Whelan (Lourdes)

Senior IM (U12 and Open) Regan Saunders (Fatima)

Junior Victrix Samantha Whelan (Lourdes)

Senior Victrix Jessica Whelan (Lourdes)

HRS Spirit Cup Shanahan

Smith Cup for Winning House Lourdes

**Swimming Gala Results from Friday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 2010**

On Friday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> HRS A swimming team was invited to participate in the Inter- Catholic Swimming Gala at St David's. The results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> St David's 1692<sup>nd</sup> St Benedict's 1513<sup>rd</sup> Brescia 1164<sup>th</sup> HRS and St David's B 1116<sup>th</sup> St Teresa's 1077<sup>th</sup> St Dominic's 578<sup>th</sup> St Teresa's B 369<sup>th</sup> Assumption Convent 35**Tennis Results from Thursday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2010**

U13A team v Saheti was cancelled

U13 B Team v St Dominics B HRS won 23-5

U13 C team v St Andrews B HRS won 19-9

**Swimming Gala Results from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010**

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we were invited to participate in the Co-Ed Gala at Boksburg North Indoor pool. We swam as a team with the St Benedict' boys and the results were as follows:

Girls:

1<sup>st</sup> Rynefield 2672<sup>nd</sup> HRS 2583<sup>rd</sup> St Dominic's 2104<sup>th</sup> St Dunstan's 1945<sup>th</sup> Colin Mann 1766<sup>th</sup> Arbor/Farramere 174

Combined Results:

1<sup>st</sup> St Benedict's/ HRS 543

**DATES TO DIARISE  
KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE**

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| <b>MARCH</b> | 8     | Singapore Maths/THRASS Parents' Info Evening at 18:00                    |
|              | 10    | Grade 2P Mass 07h45<br>PA Meeting 19h00                                  |
|              | 10-12 | Grade 7 Tour   |
|              | 12    | Grade 3R Assembly 07h45  |
|              | 17    | End of Term Mass 07h45<br>St Patrick's Day<br>Summer Music Concert 19h00 |
|              | 19    | Tribute Concert for Mrs Roberts 19h00                                    |
|              | 22    | PUBLIC HOLIDAY   |
|              | 23-24 | Passion Play 18h30 St Therese Church<br><b>Compulsory Grade 1-3</b>      |
|              | 24    | Farewell Mass and Tea for Mrs Roberts 07h45                              |
|              | 26    | Farwell Assembly for Mrs Roberts 07h45<br><b>School closes at 12h00</b>  |
| <b>APRIL</b> | 12    | School re-opens 07h40  |

**LITTLE EDEN FETE**

Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Place: Edenvale Home, Cnr Harris Ave & Wagenaar Road, Edenglen

Time: 09:00 – 13:00

**“DOUBLE WHAMMY”**

Unfortunately, due to the very poor response received, the PA's “DOUBLE WHAMMY” events this Saturday have been cancelled. Watch this space for other exciting events scheduled for later in the year.

**MY SCHOOL**

Congratulations to all of our loyal MySchool supporters ... in January 2010 Holy Rosary School raised R 6 156,68 and was placed 4<sup>th</sup> for net funds raised in our region.

Swipe your MySchool card at any “Toys R Us” store before 31 May 2010 and you could be one of ten lucky people to each win a branded backpack, a R 1000 “Toys R Us” gift card, a MySchool soccer skills ball and a R 500 MySchool partner voucher.

If you haven't yet got a MySchool card visit [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za) and register today. For those of you who are registered keep it up and remember that EVERY SWIPE COUNTS !

**“PLAY IT FORWARD” WITH MY SCHOOL & WOOLWORTHS**

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Flame soccer fever and help our school stand a chance of winning R 100 000,00 ... as well as R 50 000,00 for an under-resourced school. Weekly class prizes are also up for grabs. Look out for your letter explaining the “Play It Forward” promotion and giving your class’s unique code .... then visit [www.playitforward.co.za](http://www.playitforward.co.za) and register straight away.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PA...**

...then join us for our next meeting at 7pm on Wednesday the 10th of March.  
Contact Britt Leishman on 083 644 6472 with any queries or for more details.