



Holy Rosary High School Newsletter 12th February 2010 Term 1 - No. 5

Dear Parents and Pupils

Celebrating Ourselves!

From: Song of Myself by Walt Whitman

*I celebrate myself,
And what I assume you shall assume,
For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to
you.*

We have had a wonderful, cultural week, with the soirée on Wednesday evening and the cultural assembly on Thursday. How fortunate we all are to be part of a school which celebrates such a wide diversity of talents. Art, music, drama and public speaking show-case the abilities and hard work of the performer and bring joy to the audience.

I was reminded, during the assembly, of Whitman's words, above. He believed that in 'celebrating' ourselves, we 'celebrate' and affirm each other. And if playing a musical instrument, singing, acting and speaking in public, do not 'celebrate' our God-given talents, our humanity, our lives and our capacity for joy, then I don't know what does!

Thank you girls, and thank you to your teachers, especially Mrs Carter and Mrs Chinelli-Smith for bringing such joy into our lives, especially in a world which, according to the media, sometimes seems rather bleak, violent and scary.

I mentioned at assembly that many of us had experienced a sad day on Wednesday, with the funeral of Mrs Jeanne van der Merwe – a beloved friend to our school and mother of Deidré, last year's head girl. But this assembly reminded all of us that in the midst of sadness, there is always the potential for joy. In 'celebrating themselves', the performers at the soirée and the assembly, reminded us all that God has created a wonderful world. We just forget to appreciate it sometimes.

J. Parmenter

Head of English & Culturals

GENERAL

Prayers

Please remember the following members of the HRS family who are in need of your supportive prayers:

- ✠ Those of the Holy Rosary Sisters who are not well;
- ✠ Mrs Sharon Meyer (High School teacher) whose sister's baby daughter, Cara, was born prematurely;
- ✠ Kayla Johnson (Grade 8) whose father has not been well;
- ✠ Those families and teachers in our primary and high schools who have been victims of crime;
- ✠ All members of the community who are fighting life-threatening illnesses.

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

CULTURAL NEWS

Cultural Assembly

Thanks go to the following girls for their wonderful contribution to our assembly and to the M.C.'s: Gillian Couperthwaite and Amber Hobson.

Performers:

Tanielle Powell (monologue)
Caley Mogg and Tamara Naicker (flutes)
Stephanie Wright and Layla-Rose Steer (Irish dancing)
The Kukuva Marimbas
Caitlin Brown (singing)
Stephanie Pepin and Danielle Ferreira (singing)
Valeria Sello (singing)
Gaby Figueira (piano)
Kate Terblanche (piano)
Chloe Kirsten (guitar and vocals)
And our wonderful, fledgling orchestra

Music Soirée

The audience was captured and enthralled by the performances of these girls at our Music Soirée on the 10th February: Marimbas in Vogue, Marylee Hinton, Tanielle Powell, Stephanie Pepin, Caley Mogg, Tamara Naicker, Gaby Figueira, Lara Massiceti, Chloe Kirsten, Jessica Bussicott, Cayleigh Brink, Kate Terblanche, Daniella Ferreira, Kimberley and Diane Horsten, Kathryn Baart, Daniela Pascolo, Lauren Barger, Pink Zest Marimbas, our wonderful choir, orchestra and guest artistes : Vincent Gordon, Paul Cresswell and Ilse Myburgh. We thank maestro, Mrs Carter, the hospitality team with Mrs Jacobs and Mr Wright and his sound and lighting crews.

South African Guild Speech Festival

You are most welcome to come along and support your friends and hear great speakers.

GRADE	DATE	VENUE	TIME
12	17 February	Rand Girls	14:30
Trophy Team	16 March	Marist Linmeyer	19:30
Individual	16 March	Edenvale High	19:30
11	18 March	Roedean	19:30

SPORT NEWS

Rowing

Jeppe Regatta

The Jeppe Regatta took place on Saturday the 6th Feb and the results were as follows:

Event	Stroke	Position
U19 2-	Alex Scheepbouwer	1 st
U14 C 2x	Jamie Kench	3 rd
U 19 3 rd 2x	Carrie-Lyn Reynolds	3 rd
U 15 1x	Caroline Kapp	3 rd
U16 B 4x	Raquel Flynn	3 rd
Open 2 nd 2x	Michelle Shawe	2 nd
U 14 A 2x	Kerryn Mac Dermott	2 nd
U 16 A 4x	Kelly Jones	3 rd
U 19 1 st 2x	Kirsty Jones	2 nd
U15 B 4x	Vivienne Coetzee	1 st
U 15 A 4x	Bridget Greenslade	2 nd
U 19 1 st 1x	Kimberlee Carstensen	2 nd
U14 A 4x	Kerryn Mac Dermott	2 nd
U16 A 1x	Charnel Sweetman	3 rd
U15 A 2x	Kaitlyn Burrowes	2 nd

Due to heavy thunderstorms the last 3 events were not rowed and not all the medals were collected. We have contacted Jeppe to try and have these medals delivered. Well done to all the girls who participated and who did so well.

Buffalo

The U16s and Opens left for the Buffalo tour yesterday. We wish them the very best of luck and we trust that they will do our school proud.

The week ahead

Mon – 15th	Tues – 16th	Wed – 17th	Thurs – 18th
U14 Gym 6 – 7 @ HRS U16 3:30 – 5:00 @ VLC U15 5:00 – 6:30 @ VLC 1 st 3:30 – 5:30 @ VLC Buffalo Boat unpacking for all U16 and Opens 3:00 – 4:30	2 nd Gym 6 – 7 @ HRS U14 3:30 – 5:00 @ VLC U15 Gym 3:30 – 4:30 @ HRS 1 st 3.30-5.00 @VLC	U14 Gym 2:30 – 3:30 @ HRS 2 nd 3:30-5:00 U16 3:30-5:00 @ VLC U15 5:00- 6:30 @VLC 1 st 3:30-5:30 @VLC	2 nd Gym 6-7 @ HRS U16 Gym 6-7 @HRS U14 3:30 – 5:00 @ VLC 2 nd 5:00-6:30 @VLC 1 st 3:30-5:30
Fri – 19th	Sat – 20th	Sun – 21st	
U15 Gym 6 – 7 @ HRS U14 and U15 Boat Packing 1:30- 3:30 1 st 2:00-3:30 GRADE 12 RETREAT	U14 and U15 Regatta Roodeplaat U16 and Open will participate in the afternoon. 1 st 4x to be confirmed.	Off	

The St Andrew’s regatta was originally scheduled to be an U14 and U15 regatta but the regatta organizers have added U16 and Open events to give the seniors a Championship distance race before SA Champs in lieu of RVR. The U16 and Open races will only take place after the U14 and U15 programme is finished and in that case the U16 and Opens who participate in the regatta will go to unpacking at VLC after the regatta. I apologise for any inconvenience this change might cause.

L. Cawdry
 Head of Rowing

Tennis

The tennis team did not play a scheduled match this week.

League Galas

The Swimming gala at Brescia House last Thursday was cancelled due to the rain storm that we experienced.

Yesterday the A swimming team participated in a league gala at Kingsmead and the B swimming team participated in a league gala at St Stithian’s. Results will be published next week.

A reminder that Swimming, Tennis and Rowing practices take precedence over Netball and Hockey until the end of the respective Swimming, Tennis and Rowing seasons.

Athletics Awards

The Grade 9s will still be away at Drakensville on the 25th February. For this reason we have decided to postpone the athletics awards to the 4th March.

The week ahead ending Sunday 21 February

Monday	Swimming training 15:15 – 16:30 Tennis practice 15:15 – 16:45 Netball Practice 15:15 – 16:30
Tuesday	Swimming training 6:00 – 7:00 Swimming training 15:15 – 16:30 (Compulsory) Tennis match vs Hyde Park High No practice as coaches are attending a rules discussion. Training has been moved to Monday for this week only. (See above)
Wednesday	Swimming training 6:00 – 7:00 Tennis practice 15:15 – 16:45 Netball Practice 15:15 -17:00 U16 and Open hockey trials at St. Benedict's (To be confirmed)
Thursday	Gala at Pretoria Girls starting at 15:45.
Friday	Swimming training 6:00 – 7:00 U14 and U15 Hockey Trials at St. Benedict's (To be confirmed)
Saturday	Interzonal Tennis Tournament (Venue to be confirmed) Saheti Netball 7's Tournament for all U16 and Opens St. Andrew's Regatta

Sports quote for the week

“Luck is not something that happens by chance. Luck is earned through dedication, work and determination.” – Katie Mickley

Ms T. Bird & Ms T. Rahme

Sports Department

CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

These will be taken on Tuesday 16th February during school hours. Pupils must be neatly dressed and presented as they always are! Please, no make-up, 'bling' and hair must be neatly tied-up. Jerseys may be worn to school, but not for the photographs.

BLUE BAG RECYCLING

Please note that due to problems with the service provider we will no longer be providing a recycling drop-off point at Shanahan, with immediate effect. Please **DO NOT** leave blue bags outside Shanahan anymore. We will look into a new recycling programme and keep you informed.

WOOL NEEDED

We have been approached by a lady who runs a knitting campaign in the Gauteng area. She has 67 knitters at the moment and they make blankets, beanies, jerseys etc for orphanages and old age homes. The problem is that they are very short of wool. If you have any wool lying around at home that you would like to donate, please send it in to your register teacher. Thank you.

SECOND HAND SHOP

Please note the Second Hand Shop will be closed on Tuesday 2nd March as the Primary School will be closed.

LITTLE EDEN FETE

Date: Saturday 6th March 2010

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

Time: 09:00 – 13:00

Donations in cash or kind are urgently needed!

You can help us achieve our fundraising goal!

Contact Kath Horn on (011) 609-7246

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THE WEEK AHEAD ...

FEBRUARY	15	Netball & hockey training	15:15
	16	Shrove Tuesday	
		Class & individual photos	12:00-14:15
		Tennis vs Hyde Park (A)	
	17	Ash Wednesday Mass	
		Gr 12 Speech Festival @ Rand Girls	14:30
		Inter-house tennis	15:15
	18-19	Gr 12 retreat @ Bosco	
	18	Pretoria Gala	15:45

God Give Me Strength

The strength to resist the night
 The strength to endure the day
 The strength to keep righteous paths in sight
 The strength to take them without delay

The strength to find a purpose in life
 The strength to find the truths it brings
 The strength to kick away from strife
 The strength to stabilise the rock it clings

The strength to light a friend's day up
 The strength to resist wrathful foes
 The strength to fill a stranger's dry cup
 The strength to shun sin when it opposed

The strength to feel a injured man's pain
 The strength to hold a reject's hand
 The strength to act against any gain
 The strength to love without demand

The strength to understand that our King
 Has blessed us with more than we can contain
 Therefore regardless what time may bring
 The strength will continue to reign

Philippians 4: 13

When times are tough just remember that God will never give you anything that you cannot handle.

**Gabriela Figueira ~
 Head of Religion**