



# Holy Rosary High School Newsletter 27th January 2012 Term 1 - No. 3

Dear Parents and Pupils

## Honours' Evening

*"We must view young people not as empty bottles to be filled, but as candles to be lit." - Robert H Shaffer*

As educators, this sentence holds true meaning for us. People often see teaching as a "chalk-and-talk" or "I talk, you listen" type of relationship. Unfortunately this is the case in some schools but at Holy Rosary we are lucky in that our teachers see the girls as beautiful candles that when lit, radiate light, warmth, life and maybe even a perfume to all they come into contact with.

This was very obvious at our Honours' Evening on Wednesday night. The girls glowed - their parents and teachers were so proud of them. The evening was the culmination of all the hard work and effort the girls and their teachers put into 2011. The hall was packed to overflowing – thank goodness a new larger hall is being planned for next year! There was a positiveness that emanated from both parents and girls. A lovely occasion. Well done, to all of our prizewinners. May 2012 be even better for all of our girls.

The school year has started with an already very busy 3 weeks. Looking at the calendar is enough to exhaust anyone. Let's all please remember to keep a balance and to have enough "me time".

May God bless you all.

## C. Ingram

Deputy Principal Academics

## GENERAL

### Prayers

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

- ✚ those families and teachers in our primary and high schools who have been victims of crime;
- ✚ Ms Dabancis who is recovering from eye surgery;

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

## **LIBRARY**

Please note that the library fines (which have not been raised for the last 10 years) are FINALLY being affected by inflation. You will now be fined 50c a day for your overdue books. Please avoid this by bringing them back on time or by renewing them. Please make sure that you bring some money with you when you return books that you know are overdue.

Please `like` the library's Facebook page in order to keep up with the good reads, the sad reads, the classic reads, the romantic reads, the fingernails-bitten-to-the-quick reads... ([www.facebook.com/holyrosarylibrary](http://www.facebook.com/holyrosarylibrary) )

### **Ms R. Lamont**

Librarian

## **CULTURAL NEWS**

### **House Plays**

How wonderful to see so many girls, so excited about our House Plays! I congratulate the directors for summoning-up such enthusiasm. Auditions are under-way and rehearsals begin soon. I reminded the girls at assembly yesterday to be careful not to "over-commit" though. Check your other commitments first before you sign your contract. It **is** binding – you may not pull out later.

### **Mrs J. Parmenter**

Head of English & Cultural

## **SPORT NEWS**

Below please find the Sports Programme for the week 30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February:

MONDAY 30th	06:00-07:00	Tennis Team Practice (16-30+)
	06:00-07:00	Swimming Team Practice
	3:15 – 4:45 pm	Swimming Team Practice
	13:15 – 4:30 pm	Netball Fitness Training all welcome
	3:15 – 5:00 pm	Tennis Team Practice (1-15+)
TUESDAY 31st	06:00-07:00	Tennis Team Practice (13-30+)
	3:15 – 5:00 pm	Tennis vs St Dominics Home
	3:15 – 4:45 pm	Swimming Team Practice

WEDNESDAY 1st	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Swimming Team Practice
	3:15 – 5:00 pm	Tennis Team Practice (1-15)
	3:15 – 4:45 pm	Swimming Team Practice
	3:15 – 4:30 pm	Netball Fitness Training all welcome
THURSDAY 2nd	6:00-7:00 am	Tennis Team Practice
	2:15-5:00 pm	Swimming Gala @ Brescia
	3:15-5:00pm	Tennis Team (16-30+)
FRIDAY 3rd	06:00-07:00	Swimming Team Practice

**Mrs J Symons**

HOD: SPORT

**Rowing**

**St Andrew's Regatta**

This past weekend, the U14 and U15 rowers participated in the St Andrews regatta at Roodeplaat. Thank you to Grant Mills and his towing team for towing the boats back from the regatta.

The girls performed very well but the results are not yet available from Rowsa. We will publish the results in next week's newsletter.

**VLC Sprints**

The regatta this weekend is the VLC Sprints which will be taking place at Victoria Lake Club in Germiston. A reminder that all rowers are expected to be at the regatta even if they are not participating. The regatta letter was sent out this week. If you did not receive it, please check the website at [www.hrsrowing.za.net](http://www.hrsrowing.za.net)

A reminder that all rowers will need to have their full school uniforms for the prize-giving.

## Roodeplaat training

Please note that dates for the weed-spraying at VLC have changed again and as a result we will be training at VLC from 30 January – 3 February (see Week Ahead for times) and our training will move to Roodeplaat from 6 February – 9 February (times to be advised).

## Buffalo regatta

The Opens and U16s will be leaving for the Buffalo Regatta in East London on Wednesday 15 February. The Buffalo Regatta will take place from Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 February. The rowers will return on Sunday 19 February. We wish all girls attending this tour the best of luck. A reminder all those who are attending the tour that deposits are due on 27 January 2012.

## Diamond and Champagne Fundraiser

The Rowing Club will be hosting a very exciting fundraiser on Friday 10 February. This evening is a wonderful way to celebrate Valentine's Day a few days early. The evening will consist of a five-course meal with wine-pairing from the Tanzanite and Avonrood Wine Estates at the beautiful Michelangelo Hotel in Sandton. There will be many exciting "give-aways" including a stunning pair of diamond earrings in addition to the pair of earrings being raffled (see below). This is a wonderful opportunity to spoil that special person in your life for Valentine's Day. For bookings and information please contact Gaynor Jones at [gaynorj9@gmail.com](mailto:gaynorj9@gmail.com)

## Diamond raffle

The girls in the High School received raffle sheets this week for a very exciting Rowing Club raffle. The raffle tickets are R100 which will put you in line to win a stunning pair of diamond earrings. Each sheet contains 10 tickets and if all 10 are sold then the 11<sup>th</sup> ticket is free. Please support the Rowing Club.

## The week ahead

<b>Mon 30/01</b>	<b>Tues 31/01 Grade 8 Induction Evening</b>	<b>Wed 01/02</b>	<b>Thurs 02/02</b>	<b>Fri 03/02</b>	<b>Sat 04/02</b>	<b>Sun 05/02</b>
U14 Gym 15:00 – 16:00	Open gym 5:30 – 7:00	U14 Gym 15:00 – 16:00	Open and U16 gym 5:30 – 7:00	U16 Ergo 6:00 – 7:00	St George's regatta U16 and Opens @ Roodeplaat	St George's regatta U16 and Opens @ Roodeplaat
U15 15:00 – 16:30 @ VLC	U15 Gym 14:30 – 15:30	Open 15:00- 16:30 @ VLC	U15 Gym 15:00 – 16:00	Open gym 12:30 – 13:30		
U16 15:00 – 16:30 @ VLC	U16 Gym 15:30 – 16:30	U15 16:30 – 18:00 @ VLC	U14 15:00 – 16:30 @ VLC	Boat packing for all U16 and Opens 13:30 - approx 16:00. Bus will return to school with the girls after boat packing		
Open 16:30 – 18:00 @ VLC	U14 15:00 – 16:30 @ VLC	U16 15:00 – 16:30 @ VLC				

## Swimming

On swimmers swam in their first gala this year at Roedean last week Thursday. The results were as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>School Team</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	St Andrew's A	209
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Rosary A	164
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roedean	139
4 <sup>th</sup>	St Andrew's B	104
5 <sup>th</sup>	Parktown	93
6 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Rosary B	64
7 <sup>th</sup>	Potch Girls'	52

## Interhouse Gala

Our annual Interhouse Gala took place last Friday. The spirit and enthusiasm and sportsmanship shown by each girl was fantastic. Thank you to all that made this day possible and special thanks to the matrices for the decoration of the stands and for bringing the “real” Holy Rosary vibe back. The results were as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lourdes	444
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shanahan	366
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fatima	358
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rosary	288

Congratulations to Jessica Whelan for winning the Junior Victrix Ludurom and the runner-up was Caitlyn Boake. The Senior Vixtrix Ludurom was awarded to Kelly Gunnel and the runner up was Tayla Saunders. Well done girls!

### Summer Splash Gala

On Saturday our swimmers together with the Primary School swimming team competed in the St Mary’s Invitational Summer Splash Gala. The results were as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	St Andrew’s	319
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Mary’s	297
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Stithian’s	262
4 <sup>th</sup>	Apps/Pretoria	223
5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Rosary	201
6 <sup>th</sup>	Brescia	189
7 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary’s DSG	186
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kingsmead	178
9 <sup>th</sup>	St Dominic’s	127
10 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary’s B	105

### Tennis

On Tuesday our A and B Tennis Teams played against St Mary’s in our first League Match. The scores were as follows:

<b>Team</b>	<b>Score</b>
A Team	19-62
B Team	19-62

Our Tennis players must please check the sports programme for the correct training days and times. Any girls that would like to play tennis just for fun and

to keep fit, you are welcome to join us every Monday and Tuesday Mornings from 6-7am and Thursday afternoons from 15h15-17h00.

### **Sports Quote**

“Enter every activity without giving mental recognition to the possibility of defeat, concentrate on your strengths rather than your weaknesses and on your powers instead of your problems “ – Paul J Meyer

### **Ms T. Bird & Ms T. Rahme**

Sports Department

### **UNIFORM**

Some girls' dress hems may need to be taken down as girls may have had a growth spurt!

Correct school socks must be worn. No ankle / sport socks may be worn to school.

### **“COOL” SCHOOLS’ COMPETITION**

Radio Station 94.7 is running a competition called “School of Cool”. Please go onto the 94.7 website. Click on “competitions” and click on “School of Cool”. Click on entry form and fill in all your details and give the reason why Holy Rosary is a “Cool School”.

There are ipads to be won and the winning school will have a live radio broadcast with Wackhead Simpson. One entry per person, so please get the whole family to enter. Be creative!

### **LITTLE EDEN FETE**

Theme: Little Italy  
Date: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012  
Place: Edenvale Home, Cnr Harris Ave & Wagenaar Road, Edenglen  
Time: 09:00 – 13:00  
Entrance: R 5.00 and wear any of the colours of the Italian flag to be automatically included in the lucky draw!

**Donations in cash or kind are urgently needed!**

You can help us achieve our fundraising goal!

Contact Kath Horn on (011) 609-7246

[www.littleeden.org.za](http://www.littleeden.org.za)



It is with great excitement that Holy Rosary School introduces you to our Waste Recycling Initiative. After intense research by the “Green Queens”, both the High School and Primary School have decided to join forces with EnviroServ to start a combined school Recycling Programme.

**Motivation needs to be environmental responsibility....**

**The primary motivation for recycling still needs to be that it is the right thing to do, for our environment, for our children and their children. Many resources are scarce or difficult to renew.**

We feel that our girls need to experience recycling on a daily basis, in their classrooms and on our sports fields, so that they become passionate recyclers. With the example shown at Holy Rosary School, we hope that the recycling initiative will become contagious and that your homes become the recycling hubs of the (near) future.

Holy Rosary School has placed a Recycling Station inside our school grounds at the St David’s Gate entrance. This Recycling Station is only to be used during school hours. The girls are going to be encouraged to recycle all their drink bottles, cans, plastic and liquifruit containers.

In the classrooms, we have been recycling our paper waste and putting paper into our Mondi Bins. Our paper waste-recycling will continue with Mondi. We have also provided an identical Recycling Station at Shanahan Park, next to our e-waste bin. This Recycling Station is available to parents of Holy Rosary pupils, as well as our surrounding community.

We have taken the decision to have “mixed recyclables”, rather than specific recycling containers. This, in effect, means that you can place any recyclable items into one container / bag at home, and then place the recyclables into the big bags at the Shanahan Park Recycling Station. The view adopted is that the easier it is made to recycle, the more likely we are to succeed in this initiative.



**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE RECYCLABLE:**

- PAPER and CARDBOARD
- PLASTICS
- TETRAPAK
- CANS
- METALS
- POLYSTYRENE (not from meat products due to contamination)
- GLASS – **ONLY at Shanahan Park** - to be put in the SEPARATE wheelie bin please

Refer to the table of WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE RECYCLED for more information.



**N.B. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE RINSED AND FREE OF THEIR ORIGINAL PRODUCT. NO DIRTY CONTAINERS OR PAPERS COVERED IN FOODSTUFFS SHOULD BE RECYCLED!!!**



Failure to adhere to this important point leads to the presence of rats and insects, especially flies, bees and worms, which would cause a health hazard. It will also start to smell, which will lead to our Recycling Station being closed. We encourage you to use our recycling station at Shanahan Park. You will be surprised at how little waste ends up in your municipal bins as a consequence. **Please support our Recycling Initiative – it is the right thing to do!**

**Mrs P Oosthuizen & Mrs G Haden**

### THE WEEK AHEAD ...

<b>JANUARY</b>	28	Music Workshop	09:00-15:00
	31	Grade 8 Induction Evening	19:00
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	3	Debs' Market Day	



~~~~~  **If a Tree Could Talk**  ~~~~~

If a tree could talk, what would it say?  
"Don't chop me down, just walk away."  
If a river could talk, what would it say?  
"Don't dump in trash, throw it away."  
If the air could talk, what would it say?  
"The factories must learn to keep smoke away."  
If the animals could talk, what would they say?  
"Help us to live, we wish to stay."  
If the Earth could talk, what would it say?  
"Protect me by making everyday Earth day."

By: Rozanne Williams

**Genevieve da Silva**  
Head of Religion