



Holy Rosary High School Newsletter 29th January 2010 Term 1 - No. 3

Dear Parents and Pupils

'I am the light of the world,' said Jesus. 'Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.' John 8:12

The theme of 'light' is an appropriate one when we consider the events of the past couple of weeks for the Grade 8s in our school.

The orientation process for our Grade 8s began with the Amazing Race, in which 'light' is thrown on the physical structure of our school, and they begin to become familiar with their surroundings. Some, however, still manage to get 'lost' in the first weeks!

On Orientation Day they get to know each other, the school's leaders and teachers. Our 'Buddy System' at Holy Rosary, links each Grade 8 girl with a matric 'young woman' forming a bond by which the 'youngster' is guided through her first year by her matric 'auntie'.

On Induction Evening each Grade 8 girl carries a candle which is lit by her class teacher or tutor. The symbolism is obvious: the 'light' of knowledge and truth is being passed on. In five years' time, these young woman will blow out their candles at our Valedictory ceremony – symbolizing the fact that high school learning is over, and she is well-prepared for the world outside.

We are confident that all our Grade 8s will reap the benefits of the 'light' of the nurturing, caring, stimulating and spiritual atmosphere that is Holy Rosary School.

J. Lucas

High School Principal

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;

- † 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.

ACADEMIC NEWS

English Clinics

Please make use of this facility. Remember that you may go on any day, to any teacher.

When should you go to a clinic?

1. If you are struggling with any aspect of English.
2. If you need help with a particular piece of work e.g. speech, essay.
3. If you have been advised to go by your English teacher

You must collect work from your own English teacher

Time:	14:15 – 15:15	
Monday:	Ms Lamont	Library (by appointment)
Tuesday:	Mrs Parmenter	Room 10
Wednesday:	Mrs Taylor	Room 10
Thursday:	Ms Dabancis	Room 32
Friday:	Mrs Nixon	Room 33

English Enrichment

(On advice of English teacher only)

Grade 8	Wednesday	Mrs Knowles
Grade 9	Wednesday	Mrs Howes (Room 16)

J. Parmenter
Head of English

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES – 2010

PLEASE KEEP ON YOUR FRIDGE!

What an exciting year we have ahead of us – culturally speaking! A major production and our 70th anniversary! Come girls – get involved; have fun; socialize and develop self-confidence and invaluable life-skills.

TERM 1

Activity	Presentations / Competitions	Teacher(s)
Public Speaking	Speech and Drama College (SA) Competition (Grade 11 & 12) Feb &/Mar (Dates to be finalized)	Mrs Gosher Mrs Parmenter
Debating	Various	Mrs Nixon
Drama	Major Production Auditions 2 nd – 5 th March	Mrs Parmenter & directors
Quiz	Inter-house 26 th March – during school	Ms Lamont
Soireé	10 th February – 7pm	Mrs M Carter
Speech & Drama	Trinity Exam June, July, September	Mrs Chinelli-Smith (by private arrangement)
English Olympiad	Grades 10 – 12 Workshop Saturday 6 th Feb @ 9am Exam - Tuesday 2 March @ 14:00 pm – 17:00 pm	Ms Lamont Mrs Parmenter
Choir & Marimbas		Mrs Carter
Bookworm Award	Written and oral tasks once books completed	Ms Lamont Mrs Parmenter
Cultural Assembly	11 th February	Cultural Captains

TERM 2

Activity	Presentations / Competitions	Teacher(s)
Public Speaking	Inter-house Impromptu Speech Competition Thursday 29 th April @ 14:15 – 15:45	Ms Lamont English Department Staff
Public Speaking	High Schools Speech Festival All sessions begin at 18:30 Gr 12 Assumption 20 th April Gr 11 St Andrews 21 st April Gr 10 King David 22 nd April Gr 9 Holy Rosary 28 th April Gr 8 St Benedict's 29 th April	English Department Staff

Public Speaking	Inter-house Public Speaking Competition 9 th June – morning	Cultural Captains
Drama	Major Productions Rehearsals	Mrs Parmenter Directors
Debating		Mrs Nixon
Soireé	Tuesday 8 th June – 7pm	Mrs M Carter
Speech & Drama	Trinity Exam June, July, September	Mrs.Chinelli-Smith (by private arrangement)
World Knowledge Olympiad	May	Ms Lamont
Choir & Marimbas		Mrs Carter
Bookworm Award	Written & oral assessment once reading completed	Ms Lamont Mrs Parmenter

TERM 3

Activity	Presentations / Competitions	Teacher(s)
Public Speaking	HRS Speech Finals Dinner 12 th July @ 18:30	English Department Staff
Drama	Major Production 26 th – 31 st July	Mrs Parmenter & Directors
Speech & Drama	Trinity Exam June, July, September	Mrs Chinelli-Smith – private arrangement
Choir & Marimbas		Mrs Carter
Bookworm Award	Written and oral assessment once reading completed	Ms Lamont Mrs Parmenter

TERM 4

Activity	Presentations / Competitions	Teacher(s)
Quiz	Inter-High Quiz	Ms Lamont Mrs Parmenter
Speech & Drama	Trinity Exam	Mrs Chinelli-Smith – private arrangement
Choir & Marimbas		Mrs Carter
Bookworm Award	Written and oral assessment once reading completed	Ms Lamont Mrs Parmenter

J. Parmenter
Head of Culturals

SPORT NEWS

VLC Sprints

This past weekend, the rowers took part in the VLC Sprints Regatta at Victoria Lake in Germiston. There were many delays due to lightning and rain but the girls all performed very well. At the time of going to print, the official results were not available. They will be printed in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to the U16 and Opens who worked together and pulled out the lane so quickly. Thank you also to the parents who came to support in the rain and the mud.

RVR

As you are aware, the RVR Regatta this weekend has been postponed. Due to all the rain we are having, the river level has risen over 300mm and this has made racing conditions very dangerous. At a Gauteng Schools' Meeting on Wednesday night, the proposed date of the weekend before Champs was discussed but there is still some debate. We will give you more information as soon as it becomes available.

Meeting

Holy Rosary was allocated the Hot Food sales for SA Champs and this is an opportunity to make some money for our club. We will have a meeting to discuss this and to discuss Rowing Dinner on Monday at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium.

The week ahead

Mon - 1st	Tues - 2nd	Wed - 3rd	Thurs - 4th
U14 Gym 6 – 7 @ HRS	2 nd Gym 6 – 7 @ HRS	U14 Gym 2:30 – 3:30 @ HRS	2 nd Gym 6 – 7 @ HRS
U16 3:30 – 5:00 @ VLC	U14 3:30 – 5:00 @ VLC	2 nd 3:30 – 5:00 @ VLC	U16 Gym 6- 7 @ HRS
U15 5:00 – 6:30 @ VLC	U15 Gym 3:30 – 4:30 @ HRS	U16 3:30 – 5:00 @ VLC	U14 3:30 – 5:00 @ VLC
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Fri - 5th	Sat - 6th	Sun - 7th	
U15 Gym 6 – 7 @ HRS Open Boat packing 1:30 – 3:30 U16 boat packing 1:30 – 3:30 @ VLC 1st 2:00 – 3:30 @ VLC Boat packing for First thereafter.	All age-groups Jeppe Regatta At Roodeplaat	Off	

L. CAWDRY

Head of Rowing

Tennis

The tennis match that was due to take place Tuesday this week was cancelled due to the rain. This match will be rescheduled and details will be announced.

Swimming

The swimmers took place in the St. Mary's Invitational gala last Saturday and performed extremely well. The final results were as follows:

First Place	St. Mary's
Second Place	Pretoria Girls High
Third Place	Holy Rosary

League galas

The swimmers took part in their first league gala which was hosted by Holy Rosary yesterday afternoon. Results will be published next week.

Inter-House Gala

The Inter-House Gala took place last Friday and was a great success. Thank you to the staff for assisting in the smooth-running of the gala. Well done to the girls for the incredible spirit that was displayed during the gala. It was the best we have seen in years.

The final results were as follows:

First	Rosary
Second	Lourdes
Third	Fatima
Fourth	Shanahan

Well done to the trophy winners who were as follows:

Best U14 Swimmer	Kirsty Bird	Rosary
Best U15 Swimmer	Tayla Saunders	Fatima
Best U16 Swimmer	Kelly Gunnell	Lourdes
Best U17 Swimmer	Robyn Shepstone	Rosary
Best Open Swimmer	Danielle Meerholz	Lourdes
Junior Victrix Ludorum – Runner-up	Tayla Saunders	Fatima
Junior Victrix Ludorum - Winner	Kirsty Bird	Rosary
Senior Victrix Ludorum – Runner-up	Kelly Gunnell	Lourdes
Senior Victrix Ludorum - Winner	Danielle Meerholz	Lourdes
Spirit Cup		Shanahan
Wining House		Rosary

Netball Trials

A reminder that preliminary netball trials take place at Shanahan Park today at 13:30 – 16:00.

There will be no trials on Saturday.

Hockey

Hockey training will start on Monday 8 February from 15:15 – 16:45

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.

The week ahead ending Sunday 7 February

Monday	Swimming training 15:15 – 16:30 Tennis practice 15:15 – 16:45
Tuesday	Swimming training 6:00 – 7:00 Swimming training 15:15 – 16:30 (Compulsory) Tennis match vs St. Mary's (Away) Netball practice 15:15 – 16:15
Wednesday	Swimming training 6:00 – 7:00

	Tennis practice 15:15 – 16:45
Thursday	Gala at Brescia House starting at 15:45. Netball practice 15:15 – 16:45
Friday	Swimming training 6:00 – 7:00
Saturday	Jeppe regatta at Rooedeplaat

Sports quote for the week

“The glory of sport is born at the moment when the game and the person become one, when all the complexity of one’s life finds a moment to emerge in the game.” – Timothy Shriver

Ms T. Bird & Ms T. Rahme
Sports Department

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	1	Netball training starts	15:15
	2	Tennis vs St Mary’s (A)	
	3	Gr 8 Induction Evening	19:00
	4	Brescia Gala	15:45
	5	SBC Social @ SBC	
		Debs Camt out	
		Choir leaves for camp @ BOSCO	13:30

Seek Him

Seek Him
in the rainbows that arch across the sky,

Seek Him
in the budding trees that lift their branches high,
Seek Him
in the golden sunbeams dancing in the air
Seek him
and you will surely find Him...
God is everywhere.

**Gabriela Figueira ~
Head of Religion**