



# Holy Rosary High School

## Newsletter

### 30th July 2010

### Term 3 - No. 3

Dear Parents and Pupils

Another week of excitement at Holy Rosary School draws to a close! The main source of this, of course, is our Major Production, 'Romeo and Juliet'. Mrs Parmenter will be giving us some feedback on this in next week's newsletter, but I have to say that I attended our Gala Dinner Performance on Wednesday night, and was thoroughly entertained and captivated by this stunning production. I was so very proud of all involved and was particularly moved by the wonderful spirit of the young cast, crews and musicians. This is Holy Rosary spirit at its best. Thank you, girls and boys.

On Tuesday, our Grade 8s and 9s were given a talk by a representative from S.A.N.C.A. We are very aware that we live in an increasingly dangerous world, with situations in which our youth are being exposed to unscrupulous people, who are very skilled at making very attractive-sounding 'offers' of harmful substances. We believe that 'Knowledge is Power', and that the information from S.A.N.C.A. will equip and 'arm' our girls against such potential dangers. S.A.N.C.A. will be giving a talk for parents next Tuesday; please see the enclosed flyer for details. Excuse the cliché, but 'Forewarned is Forearmed'. Please try to attend.

You will have heard no doubt, via the media, about the proposed changes to the curriculum after 2010, to be implemented by the Department of Basic Education. The National Curriculum Statement is being altered in order to improve the quality of teaching in many of our schools.

We have the latest documentation from the D.B.E. outlining the basic proposed changes, which, as they stand at the moment, should not represent any obstacles to our staff at Holy Rosary. When we have more details, we shall communicate them to you. Whatever they may be, rest assured that any changes will be implemented to benefit every student's learning experience at our school.

Enjoy your weekend and God bless you.

**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 Lucas (High School Principal) whose father-in-law passed away;
- † Mrs Carter (High School teacher) whose nephew is fighting cancer;
- † Mr Wright (High School teacher) whose father is not well;
- † Mrs Bailie (retired High School Principal) whose husband underwent heart surgery;
- † 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 physical and mental illnesses.

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

### RELIGIOUS NEWS

#### Catholic Schools' Day

Sunday 1 August is Catholic Schools' Day and we would like to encourage all our Holy Rosary girls to wear their school uniform to Mass on Sunday. Our girls in this school attend many parishes and it would be wonderful if you would represent the school at your parish.

A teacher from our school will be reading a generic speech sent by the Catholic Schools' Office at St Therese's Parish at the 17h30 Saturday Mass, the 9h30 and 18h00 Sunday Mass. Please make every effort to go to Mass this weekend.

#### Mass times:

St Therese's Church	Sat 17h30; Sun 09h30 & 18h00
Malvern Church (Assumption)	Sat 17h30; Sun 10h00, 11h45, 17h30
Maryvale Church	Sat 17h30; Sun 08h00, 10h00
Kensington South Church	Sat 17h30; Sun 09h00

If you attend any Churches other than the ones mentioned above, please wear your uniform. Any girls who are not Catholic but would like to attend Mass in school uniform on Sunday would do us proud.

Please support the Catholic Schools. You are all a part of a great family!

**Mrs S. Meyer**  
Head of Religion

### CULTURAL NEWS

I am bowled over again and again every time I watch this production. The energy, talent, enthusiasm, dedication and spirit of all involved are truly inspiring. I wish you all: 'Break a leg' for this week-end's performances. Enjoy every minute – you are making very special memories for yourselves and for your audiences.

**J. Parmenter**  
Head of English & Culturals

### **SPORT NEWS**

Below please find the Sports Programme for the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug - 7<sup>th</sup> Aug:

MONDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup>	15h15-16h30	Tennis Practice – all welcome
		Rowing Practice – all welcome
	15h15 – 16h30	Athletic Practice – all welcome (Shanahan)
TUESDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup>	15h15 – 16h30	Athletic Practice – all welcome (Shanahan)
WEDNESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup>	15h15-16h30	Tennis Practice – all welcome
		Rowing Practice – all welcome
	15h15 – 16h30	Athletic Practice – all welcome (St Benedicts)
	15h15-16:15	Cheerleading Practice @ Shanahan
THURSDAY 5 <sup>th</sup>	15h15-16h30	Athletic Practice – all welcome (St Benedict's)
FRIDAY 6 <sup>th</sup>		

**Mrs J Symons**  
HOD : SPORT

### **Tennis**



Join us in Term 3 to get into shape and stay in shape with our heart pumping cardio tennis programme. For those of you who want to improve your game to be able to challenge the School Team, our performance programme is for you.

Both private and groups lessons are offered at your school courts. To find out more give us a call – 082 8262 771

A reminder of practice every **Monday and Wednesday from 3.15-4.30pm** with 'Just Tennis' coach Dean at Shanahan Park.

### **Rowing**

## Training this term

Please remember to sign up for training the day before a session. **Sessions are 3:30- 5:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays.** Sign up days are **Fridays and Tuesdays** with Miss Bird in the sports office. There will be a bus that takes the girls to VLC but we ask please that girls are collected from VLC. The **novices** session is on **Sunday** at VLC at **8.30-10am.**

## Sunday Fitness

Frisbee this Sunday 1 August is **CANCELLED** as Adrian is away. The Frisbee will continue next Sunday at **11.00am.**

## Rowing AGM

The minutes of the meeting were sent out yesterday. Thank you to all who attended.

## Intrahouse Netball and Hockey

Thank you to all the girls that participated in our annual intrahouse netball and hockey last Thursday. The atmosphere and spirit were outstanding and thank you to all the players who demonstrated good sportsmanship and gave of their best. The results were:

### Netball

House	RESULT
4 <sup>th</sup> Rosary	3 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Shanahan	5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fatima	7 points
1 <sup>st</sup> Lourdes	9 Points

### Hockey

## Athletics

There will be training every **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday from 3.15-4.30pm.** training will start next week on **and Thursday** with Candice. All are advised to attend **all** practices.

**Please Note: Next week our athletics practices on Wednesday and Thursday will take place at St Benedict's and NOT at Shanahan Park due to our field being treated and scarified.**

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**and  
Hurdles  
Tuesday  
athletes**

## Hockey

Our first team Hockey Players made Holy Rosary proud. They competed against Oosterlig last week Saturday in the finals of the Eastern Gauteng

League. They drew 2-2. Due to lack of light, no penalty flicks could be done and Oosterlig took the victory with their goal average throughout the season. Well done to the girls!

## **Swimming**

Kelly Gunnel - 'Our Swimming Champion'

Kelly was selected to represent the Central Gauteng Provincial team to swim in the Irish Youth Nationals over the last two weeks in Ireland. Other participating countries included Egypt, France, Ireland and England. Kelly achieved an amazing 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 50m breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 200m breaststroke and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 100m breaststroke. She brought home 2 gold medals and a silver. Kelly we are so proud of you- what an unbelievable achievement! Your perseverance, passion and sportsmanship are greatly admired. Keep it up Kelly- Holy Rosary is behind you.

## **Golf**

This week Lara Weinstein played in the Gauteng Nomads and the Kwa-Zulu Natal Region Golf Tournaments. She finished third in both events. On Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> July, Lara is leaving to represent South Africa in the German Junior Masters and the British Girls Amateur at Royal Belfast in Ireland. We wish her the best of luck and are very proud of her achievements.

## **Cheerleading**

Holy Rosary would like to start our very own cheerleading squad. For anyone who would like to join, practices will start every Wednesday from next week 4<sup>th</sup> August from 15:15 – 16:15 at Shanahan.

## **Sports quote for the week**

“The day you take complete responsibility for yourself, the day you stop making excuses, that's the day you start to the top.” - O. J Simpson

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

Sports Department

## **MARKETING AND OUTREACH - HRS**

We had a phenomenal response to our **Mandela Day Drive** last week ! We have delivered three truckloads of goods to the Compass Centre in Edenvale. We are astounded by the generosity and kindness shown by our staff, parents and girls and would like to **thank you all** so very much for the time taken to collect these goods and bring them in. We received bags of clothing for all ages, toys, toiletries, food, huge bags of chips and lots of other goodies. Compass has two houses in Edenvale, branches in Witbank and Kwazulu-Natal and are helping another charity who has recently taken in 16 homeless families

– so every item sent will make a huge difference to another human being – just what Madiba asked for! So, from Compass and from Holy Rosary, heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

## **EUROPEAN TOUR APRIL 2011**

A reminder to parents that the first payment for the tour is due by tomorrow the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

## **EXTRA-MURAL INVOLVEMENT**

Please e-mail the details to [bdamhuis@holyrosaryschool.co.za](mailto:bdamhuis@holyrosaryschool.co.za)

## **PA NEWS**

### **Fundraising**

The PA's next fund raising event is **“BACK TO THE 80's”** which is being held at **CASHMIR** club in Edenvale on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August. Tickets are R80,00 per person which includes entrance to the club with a welcome shooter and finger snacks. Please look out for the booking slip which your daughter will bring home and which will have to be returned to school with payment by no later than Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August.

Funds from **MySchool** dropped in June to R 5 667,32 raised by 605 supporters, from R 7 349,99 raised in May by 623 supporters. Even though the World Cup and “Play It Forward” are over, you still need to remember to **KEEP ON SWIPING.**

### **Timeshare Raffle**

The Parents Association would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents of Holy Rosary School for all your support with the time share raffle fundraiser.

The following are the winners of the various prizes up for grabs:

Main prize winner (Week away at the Cabana Beach Resort in Umhlanga)

- Jessica Gurr in Gr 4G

Girl who brought in the most money (Weekend away at Bakubang Resort) -

Lushana Van Heerden in Gr 3R

Class who brought in the most money (pizzas for lunch) Grade 2 P

Winning Teacher of the winning class (Theatre tickets for 2) Mrs Pullen

We would also like to thank the 21 girls who sold between 3 - 10 raffle sheets each. They each received 2 Ster Kinekor movie vouchers for their efforts.

## **HRS OLD GIRLS' 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE**

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In celebration of Holy Rosary's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we invite all past pupils to a Dinner Dance.

Venue: The Gem, Concord Road Bedfordview

Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 19:00 for 19:30

Dress: Formal

Price: R250 per person

Invitations will be e-mailed shortly. For more information, please e-mail [oldgirls@holyroaryschool.co.za](mailto:oldgirls@holyroaryschool.co.za)



### THE WEEK AHEAD ...

<b>AUGUST</b>	2-4	Gr 11 Leaders Interviews	14:30-17:00
	3	Gr 8 & 9 Parents Evening with SANCA	19:00
	5	Debs final banking day	
		Gr 11 Leaders Interviews	14:30-15:30
	6	Women's Day Civvies Day	

***Prayer For Catholic Schools:***

Eternal God

Bless all schools, colleges, and universities,  
especially those who strive to spread Your Word,  
that they may be lively centres for sound learning,  
new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom;  
and grant that those who teach and those who learn  
may find you to be the source of all truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*~Book of Common Prayer, USA, 1979*

***Please don't forget to wear your uniforms to Mass on  
Sunday, 1 August.***

**Gabriela Figueira ~  
Head of Religion**