

HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**5 FEBRUARY 2010
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Dear Holy Rosary Family

On Wednesday evening the Grade 8's (so recently "our" Grade 7's!) were officially inducted into the High School.

It was such a special occasion – one which sets the tone for the five years our girls will spend in High School preparing them to enter the world as young adults who are academically, socially and spiritually prepared to face a difficult and sometimes frightening world.

So much of what Mrs Lucas said on Wednesday evening resonated deeply with what I said at our Primary School Information Evening. She has kindly agreed to share her thoughts with the Primary School.

*"This world in which our girls are growing up is a dangerous one. Almost every day we hear horror stories of young people involved in binge drinking, in drugs, in promiscuous sexual behaviour. We, the adults in their lives, are tasked with teaching them to make responsible choices in a world filled with temptation and peer pressure. Electronic social networks such as Mxit and Facebook make it almost impossible for parents to protect their children from unwanted influences. Some of things I have seen on Facebook, written by our girls, would truly shock you. Only today, I was shown the full frontal naked picture of a young girl on Facebook, claiming to be from Holy Rosary. She is **not** from our school but she **is** someone's daughter and her parents presumably have no idea that their daughter's naked picture is out there in the public domain.*

Many teenagers live in a virtual world, entirely dominated by their cellphones and their computers. Somehow they believe that what they write in sms's or on Facebook is private. They therefore believe that they can use the most foul language and slander anyone they choose and that it doesn't matter because they believe it's not in public. We need to educate our children in the appropriate and responsible use of this electronic world. This is of course a real challenge, as all of them are far more in-tune with this world than we are.

*Parents generally are under enormous pressure to give into their children, even when deep down they are not comfortable with everything they agree to. I urge you to be vigilant, rather err on the side of caution. We naturally want to trust our children, but with the enormous peer pressure that they are under, they may not always be strong enough to make the right choices. Assist them by setting firm boundaries - **that** way they won't lose face with*

their peers, because they can blame **you** for not being allowed to do the things their friends are trying to talk them into.

*Rob Evans, a well known American Education Psychologist, says that what he is observing is that parents are increasingly expecting schools to prepare the path for their child instead of preparing the child for the path. As adults we know that life is not easy, the path of life is neither straight nor smooth and if our children are to cope in the challenging world in which we live, they need to learn that sometimes things are tough, they need to learn that it is only through adversity that we become truly strong and above all, they need to learn to take responsibility for their actions. Much as we would like to, we cannot **protect** our children from the world, all we can do is to **prepare** them for it. No matter how hard it is, allow your daughters to fight their own battles; give them advice on how to do this; love and support them through their problems but teach them that you will not always be there to make the problems go away."*

I wish you a week of pondering on this sound advice.

LARAIN ROBERTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

***To bring up a child in the way she should go,
Travel that way yourself once in a while.***

(Josh Billings)

CONDOLENCES

It is with deep sadness that we announce that Jeanne van der Merwe, mother of last year's High School Head Girl, Deidre, passed away suddenly yesterday. The family are appreciative of your concern but request that they be left in peace for the moment to deal with their grief.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for :

- † Those of the Holy Rosary Sisters who are not well
- † Jessica Gurr (Gr 4K) whose Grandfather has undergone further 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 has now regained her birthweight of 750g.
- † Megan (Gr 4K) and Tyla (Gr 1M) Helfrich whose Aunt is recovering from surgery.
- † Gabrielle Martin (Gr 5D) whose Great Gran is in ICU.
- † Jody Nel (Gr2B) whose Great Gran passed away.
- † Alexia Mendes (Gr 4S) whose Grandfather is terminally ill.
- † Allegra van der Westhuizen (Gr 5V) whose Grandfather passed away.

†Samantha Clack (Gr oH) whose Uncle has been diagnosed with cancer.

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

RECEPTION YEAR NEWS

- ✓ The girls enjoyed playing in the mud this week. It was lovely to see them relax and have permission to wallow in the mud.
- ✓ Individual photos will be taken on Friday, 12th February.

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.

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.

DEBS ORDERS

Please send in all orders in a clearly marked envelope with the correct money to the Accounts Department. These may be sent to school with your daughters to put in to the classroom box. We take no responsibility for any envelopes left lying on the front desk at Reception, the window ledges outside the Offices, etc.

PARKING AT SHANAHAN – IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been advised that the fir cones which are falling off the pine trees at Shanahan Park are enormous this year (the size of soccer balls, as it's 2010!). **We have one in Reception that weights 4.6kg!** We ask you to park carefully to avoid one of these falling on your car. Thank you.

EXTRA MURAL CLUBS : WEEK BEGINNING 8TH FEBRUARY

Monday	Drama (Gr 1-3)	13:30 – 14:30	Drama Room
	Chess (Gr 1-4)	14:15 – 15:15	Grade 4G classroom
	Yoga (Gr 4-7)	14:15 – 15:15	Rec Yr Movement Room
Tuesday	Computer (Gr 2)	13:30 – 14:30	Computer Room 1
	Drama (Gr 4-7)	14:15 – 15:15	Drama Room
	Computer (Gr 3-4)	14:05 – 15:05	Computer Room 2
	Photography (Gr 1-3)	13:30 – 14:30	Upper Room
	Photography (Gr 4-7)	15:15 – 16:15	Upper Room
Thursday	Baking (Gr 4-7)	14:15 – 15:45	High School Kitchen
	Computer (Gr 5-7)	14:15 – 15:15	Computer Room 2

SPORTS**Swimming Results from Friday Jan 29th 2010**

The A team swam at St Andrews and came 4th.

The B and C teams swam at The Ridge and the B team came 2nd and the C team 4th. Well done to all our swimmers.

Tennis Results from Thursday Jan 28th 2010

On Thursday Jan 28th 2010 HRS U13 Tennis Teams played Tennis matches and the results were as follows

U13A beat Leeuwenhof 23 -8

U13 B drew with King David A 14-14

U13 C lost to St Dominics B 9-19

U11 Tennis Results Tuesday Feb 2nd 2010

U11 A played against King David A and won 21-7

U11B played against Leeuwenhof A and won 26-2

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

FEBRUARY	10	Lourdes Mass 07h45 PA AGM and Meeting 19h00 (Upper Room – Reception Year)
	12	Grade 6 (Set 1) Assembly 07h45
	13-14	Choir Camp
	16	Shrove Tuesday Rec Year Cheese & Wine 18h00
	17	Ash Wednesday

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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Reminder: Parents' Association AGM

All parents are invited to attend the AGM of the Holy Rosary Parents' Association – on Wednesday 10th February at 7pm in the Upper Room (above the Reception Year classrooms). We will give a brief overview of events and amounts raised in 2009, and unveil plans for 2010. Please join us ... parking

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will be available on the field (if it dries out, otherwise at Shanahan Park)
access through the Viner Road Gate. Any queries please contact Shelley
shellrb@mweb.co.za

PS our first event will be held on 6th March ---
the annual Swim-a-thon!!!

