

HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Holy Rosary Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN

The feast of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated each year on the eighth of September. It is the custom of the Church to celebrate the Feast Day of a Saint on the date of his or her death as this day commemorates the person's birth into everlasting happiness. Mary, however, entered this world sinless through the privilege of the Immaculate Conception. Our Lady was the daughter of Anne and Joachim. Her nativity is a cause for great joy as it is considered to be the "dawn of our salvation".

Mary's life serves as an example to all of us. The motto of Holy Rosary School is 'Respice Stellam' which means 'Look to the Star', who is Our Lady. Pupils are encouraged to emulate the qualities and virtues of Mary, our role model. Mary was unquestioning in her obedience to God's will. Her life was characterised by humility, gentleness, unselfishness, love and devotion.



On Wednesday the whole school celebrated a Mass in honour of Our Lady's birthday. We were so pleased to welcome Father Leathem back from his well-deserved holiday with his family in Canada.

Justin Wylie (a Bennies old boy) assisted Father Leathem during the Mass and he then addressed the girls in a most thought-provoking and humorous manner! Deacon Justin will be ordained to the priesthood on September 19th. Justin was a member of the Edenvale parish before he went to study theology in Rome. His vocation is a cause of great joy and celebration for the Edenvale Parish. The Church of Saint Therese is so close to Justin's heart that he has chosen to be ordained in this parish. Our Senior Primary Choir has been invited to sing at the ordination and it is such a privilege for our school to take part in such a special and blessed occasion. We thank God for the gift of Justin and everyone in the Holy Rosary Family is asked to pray for this wonderful young man as he embarks on this journey of service to the Church.



**MRS MARY FITZPATRICK
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for :

†Those of the Holy Rosary Sisters who are not well.

†Ms Stanbridge and Cayla (Gr 7) whose Father and Grandfather is receiving chemotherapy.

†Mrs Meerholz whose Father is receiving chemotherapy.

†Mrs Burnell who is recovering from surgery.

†Megan Brink (Gr 4K) whose Aunt in Scotland is receiving radiation.

†Devan Cerrai (Gr 3P) whose Aunt is very ill.

†Stephanie (Gr 6B), Tiffany (Gr 4K) and Gabriella (Gr 2P) Korb whose Uncle has cancer.

†Claudia Maia (Gr 7B) whose Aunt has cancer.

†Allegra van der Westhuizen (4G) whose Mother is recovering from surgery.

†Simone Correia (Gr 2B) whose Grandfather has been diagnosed with cancer.

†Ashly Fowler (Gr 5T) whose Granny is recovering from open heart surgery.

†Robyn Armfield (Gr 4K) whose Grandfather is recovering from a triple heart by-pass.

†Katja van der Merwe (Gr 2K) whose Mother is not well.

†Alexia D'Alessio (Gr 6L) whose Grandfather is receiving chemotherapy.

†Robyn Dennis (Gr 5V) whose Mother is receiving chemotherapy again.

†Giana Kovago (Gr 0L) whose Grandfather is receiving chemotherapy.

†Lauren Nicholson (Gr 4K) whose Granny passed away.

†Jamie Kench (Gr 6L) who had emergency appendix surgery.

We pray for all those members of our Holy Rosary Family who have been held-up or hijacked recently.

RECEPTION YEAR NEWS

- THRASS Day – we are so proud of our girls. They performed like little stars this morning. Thanks for the lovely outfits.
- We will start rehearsing next week for the concert.

PARENTING MATTERS

The 6th issue is now available on www.brightideasoutfit.com.

This month's issue contains the following articles:

- Slow down, you move too fast
- Practice makes perfect
- Who cares?
- The stories of our lives

We urge all parents to read this informative newsletter.

PASTORAL CARE AND ETHOS

The Staff are extremely concerned about the escalating number of incidents of inappropriate behaviour that have been noted just recently.

We constantly remind pupils that they have to adhere to our school code of conduct, which includes our uniform, behaviour and bullying policies. Why then do children arrive at school wearing the incorrect uniform, non-regulation hair accessories, nail polish, coloured lip-gloss and, in some instances, without their blazers? We urge parents to take responsibility for ensuring that their daughters leave home appropriately dressed every day.

Of even more serious concern is that just recently some of our Senior Primary pupils have made precocious and extremely derogatory comments to the teachers about their (the teachers) hair colour, their style of dress and even their manner of speech. How dare they! Each and every teacher at Holy Rosary School dresses, speaks and behaves in a highly professional manner and they treat their pupils with respect and dignity. Why then are they not afforded the same courtesy? Are these pupils emulating their parents' disrespect for and disregard of the rules of the school or of their disdain for some members of staff?

Parents please assist us in our endeavours to maintain a happy, caring and "law-abiding" environment. It gives us no pleasure to be constantly reprimanding our girls and it is not fair that the polite, well-mannered, law-abiding pupils have to be exposed to the negative back-lash that these ill-mannered and poorly disciplined pupils are causing at Holy Rosary.

SHARON SABATIER
Head of Pastoral Care and Ethos

VOCAB ENRICHMENT

Each week you will be given the vocab enrichment words that the girls receive at Assembly on a Friday morning. We encourage you to try and use them as often as possible with your children :

Weary Context Lexicon Slink

INTER HOUSE QUIZ

We would like to invite all parents to our annual Inter House Quiz on Tuesday, 22nd September at 18h30 in the High School Hall. This is always a wonderful evening, full of fun and excitement. Please remember it is a **compulsory event for all Grade 4-7 pupils**. We look forward to seeing you there.

END OF YEAR DATES

We wish to advise you that pupils will finish school at 11:00 on **WEDNESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER**. Reports may be collected on Friday, 4th December. School re-opens on Tuesday, 12th January, 2010 with Registration Day and Wednesday, 13th January with classes.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Please note all girls are to be in summer uniform from **MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.**

ST ANNE'S MORNING MARKET

St Anne's Home for Aged Women in van Riebeeck Ave, (next to our Reception Year classrooms) will be holding a Morning Market on Saturday 3rd October from 09:00 till 12:00. Please support this event.

Our Grade 4's will be hosting a stall at this market and are looking for donations of second hand clothing and books. Donations may be left at the Grade 4K classroom or contact Natasha Hammond on 082 756 5354.

WEBSITE

We have had positive feedback from the launch of the new Holy Rosary website. We urge you to take a look at some of the features on the site and give us feedback or make suggestions of items that you would like to see added that could be useful to you.

Please note that all Afternoon Club dates have been posted on the Calendar Section of the website this week. Check out the tips to make your navigation through the calendar easier.

Website: www.holyrosaryschool.co.za

Comments or suggestion: nmeerholz@holyrosaryschool.co.za

BLUE RECYCLING BAGS

We are pleased to advise you that these blue bags are now back in stock. Please visit the Accounts Office to buy them at R20 per pack.

MEDIA CENTRE NEWS

Your daughters are thoroughly enjoying having bean bags in the Media Centre, to relax on, whilst reading during break or listening to stories during Media lessons.

The younger girls are enjoying having small bean bags to hold, whilst I read to them. Some find the bean bags a comfort, others enjoy the texture and most find it enhances their listening skills. Thank you Mrs Judy Rattray, the girls really love them.

Media Monitors

Thank you to the following girls in Grade 7V, who volunteered to be Media Centre Monitors this term. Your assistance with issuing and returning books, and helping keep the shelves tidy during break, is greatly appreciated. You are all doing a wonderful job already, and you are to be commended for so willingly giving up your breaks, to be of service to others.

Angelique Anthony

Jasmyne Joubert

Monica Camarinha
 Brittany Coker
 Kimberley Francis
 Tanner Grgurin

Raisibe Kganyago
 Megan Patterson
 Kristen Walker
 Kirsty Warnes

Thank you to my Media monitors in the second term. You worked diligently and competently, and were a great assistance to me. You displayed commitment and dedication.

The Travelling Bookshop was a hive of activity and the girls were so excited to go and look at the books, make their selection or buy their books. Thank you everyone for your support and for encouraging your daughters to view and purchase books. All the girls behaved so well and I was proud of them all.

Parents, your generosity is an inspiration. Thank you all for the new books purchased at the Travelling Bookshop, which were donated, and for all the other wonderful donations I have received recently. Every book received is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Wendy Eilers
 Media Teacher

EXTRA MURAL CLUBS

These clubs will start from Monday 14th September and will run for six weeks, with the exception of the Drama Clubs which will run for five weeks due to the forthcoming Eisteddfod.

EXTRA MURAL CLUBS : WEEK BEGINNING 14TH SEPTEMBER

Monday	Drama (Gr 1-3)	14:00 – 15:00
	Chess (Gr 1-4)	14:15 – 15:15
Tuesday	Computer (Gr 1-2)	13:30 – 14:30
	Computer (Gr 3-4)	14:15 – 15:15
	Drama (Gr 4-7)	14:15 – 15:15
Wednesday	Art (Gr 4-7)	14:15 – 15:45
Thursday	Yoga (Gr 4-7)	14:15 – 15:15
	Baking (Gr 4-7)	14:15 – 15:45
	Computer (Gr 5-7)	14:15 – 15:45

SPORTS NEWS

Parents are reminded that if girls are not collected 5 minutes after an extra mural has finished, they will be walked back to school and you may collect them from the field. Please come through the front Reception.

Tennis Results from Thursday 10th September 2009 : U13

HRS A v Leeuwenhof A won 25-3
 HRS B v King David A lost 11-17
 HRS C v King David B lost 11-17
 HRS D v HRS E E team won 18-10

Rowing Newsletter

Regatta meeting

A reminder that the regatta meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th September in the High School Auditorium at 18:30. Those involved, please make every effort to attend.

Rowing website

The website address in last week's newsletter is wrong. Please note that it is www.hrsrowing.za.net Please check under the "Notices" link for new notices frequently.

The week ahead:

	14/09	15/09	16/09	17/09	18/09	19/09
U14	Gym 6 - 7 @ HRS	15:00 – 16:30 @ VLC	Gym 6 - 7 @ HRS	15:00 – 16:30 @ VLC	Boat packing 14:00 – 15:30 @ VLC	All Age-group Regatta at Roodeplaat hosted by St. Benedicts. Boat unpacking at VLC after regatta for all age-groups

Golf Day

The Rowing Club Golf Day is on for 11 November. Letters were sent out on Wednesday and we encourage each rowing family to get involved where they can. Please contact all your friends and family who are golfers for 4-balls.



Holy Rosary Golf Day

Date: 11 November

Venue: Kyalami Golf Club

Price: R2000 per 4-ball including green fees

Dinner and Prize-giving.

Sponsorship of holes also available

For more information please contact Ramon on 082 892 4725



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

SEPTEMBER	16	Grade 4G Mass 07h45
	22	Inter House Quiz 18h30 Compulsory Gr 4-7
	23	Grade 2B Mass 0745 School closes normal time before long weekend Grade 2-7 Bingo Afternoon 2:00 – 4:00pm (prior to long weekend)
	24	Public Holiday : Heritage Day
	25	School Holiday
	28	School re-opens

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL DRIVER

Holy Rosary School is looking for a suitably qualified person to fill the position of:

DRIVER

The successful candidate needs to have a valid Code 20 licence, together with a PDP licence. Driving experience in a similar environment would be a definite advantage.

This is a full-day position, starting as soon as possible.

Should you be interested in applying for the position, please fax a CV to

Mrs B Williams on (011) 457-0911, or e-mail to bryony@holyroaryschool.co.za or hand deliver.

Holy Rosary School reserves the right not to proceed with the filling of the post. An application will not in itself entitle the applicant to an interview or appointment and failure to meet the minimum requirements of the advertised post will result in applicants automatically disqualifying themselves from consideration.

DEBS 2009 NEWS

This week has been a very successful week for Holy Rosary School in that goals were both set and achieved. The Debs' Ball held on Saturday evening was a resounding success. Our girls looked beautiful and behaved like young ladies. We congratulate the Debs of 2009 on their dedication and commitment having raised the phenomenal amount of R 1 002 065.17

Special congratulations to our Top Ten Debutantes:

Queen	Claire Goschen	R156 483.60
1 st Princess	Lara Massiceti	R116 486.00
2 nd Princess	Kimberlee Carstensen	R 86 046.00

4 th	Tanielle Powell	R 73 990.03
5 th	Sylvanna Di Bella	R 40 450.00
6 th	Afra Giustizieri	R 40 174.16
7 th	Stephanie Wright	R 36 674.18
8 th	Julia Pursall	R 36 561.18
9 th	Bridget & Shannon Rodrigues	R 30 367.00
10 th	Krizia Giammartini	R 29 572.00

So many people in need will benefit from our debs' hard work. We are very grateful to them and their supportive parents. Fifty percent of the amount raised will be shared out amongst the following charities:

- Makumeke Creché near Malamulele
- Holy Rosary Sisters' Charities
- Little Eden
- Women Against Child Abuse
- CHOC
- Love of Christ Ministries
- Retina South Africa
- Loaves and Fishes Network
- St Anne's Old Age Home

The building of the new Makumeke Creche has already started and we will keep you informed of the progress.

Thank you for supporting the Debs of 2009!

PA NEWS

Watch out for the father and daughters' event of the year..... 9th October 2009.
More details next week!

St. Benedict's in association with Assumption Convent and
Holy Rosary School presents:

“JUKEBOX JOL”

TUE 15TH THURS 17TH, FRI 18TH & SAT 19TH SEPTEMBER

It's as South African as biltong and boerewors, as Dock Road and Durbs, as mampoer and morogo! It's totally hip and totally bodacious. Where else in the world does anyone dare to gooi together a totally local, totally here and now, yours and mine, soet, sharp and cheeky musical like “JUKEBOX JOL”.

Featuring the hits of:-



Mango Groove
Watershed
The Parlitones
PJ Powers
Joy
Ballyhoo
Freshly Ground
Clout
David Kramer
Kurt Darren
Cinema
Lucky Dube
Johnny Clegg
Jesse Clegg



Dr. Victor and the Rusta Rebels
Arno Carstens

Tickets for the show can be purchased for mid-week performances (R50 per seat) and Saturday's gala performance (3-course traditional South African dinner and show included) at R150 p/p from Mrs. Dubrovo (St Benedict's) on (011) 455-1906. Tickets will also be on sale in our High School Quad on 15th and 16th September from 14h00 - 14h45.