

HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL


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Dear Holy Rosary Family

Just how proud of your Holy Rosary School uniform are you? 

Are you happy to represent Holy Rosary School in public? 

Would you recommend Holy Rosary School to your friends? 

We sincerely hope that the answers to all of these questions would elicit  response!

We would like to share the following story with you ...it is delightful!
Last Sunday two of our pupils, Unathi and Zenani Radebe, in G5V and G3R, respectively, were preparing to attend their church service as is their custom on a Sunday. This Sunday, however, was particularly special as coupled with the service was an Awards Ceremony to which the Minister of Higher Education had been invited. Mrs Radebe suggested to her daughters that they should dress in something very special for the occasion and so they did ... they wore their Holy Rosary uniform! Zanele informed us that it was an honour for her to wear her uniform (she even made sure her collar was folded over her blazer) and she was very proud to represent Holy Rosary School. The girls did not get the opportunity to tell the Minister of Higher Education about our school, but they did manage to have their photograph taken with him. They promised to give Mrs Roberts a copy of this photograph next week! I urge each and every pupil to wear her uniform with the same pride as Unathi and Zanele. Parents please ensure that your daughter arrives at school in her full uniform and should she be out in public that she be a worthy ambassador for our school.

I wish you an enjoyable and restful weekend.



Sharon Sabatier

Head of Pastoral Care and Ethos

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Pride is a personal commitment. It is an attitude which separates excellence from mediocrity.”

(Anon)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for :

✠ Those of the Holy Rosary Sisters who are not well

† Deidre van der Merwe and family on the sad passing of her Mother, Jeanne.

† 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 is doing well.

† Alexia Mendes (Gr 4S) whose Grandfather is terminally ill.

† Samantha Clack (Gr 0H) 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

- ✓ **Reminder:** Our Cheese and Wine takes place on Tuesday, 16th February at 6pm. Please park on the field and remember your eats.
- ✓ Please diarise our Inter House Swimming Gala on Tuesday, 23rd February during school. Details to follow.

Blue Bag Recycling

Please note that due to problems with the service provider we will no longer be providing a recycling drop-off point at Shanahan, with immediate effect. Please **DO NOT** leave blue bags outside Shanahan anymore. We are looking into a new recycling programme and ask you to check on our website next week for further details. It is hoped that you will be able to download the form to subscribe to your recycling being collected from your own home at a charge of R45 per month, which includes bags.

LIFE TALK FORUM

Life Talk News No. 13 is now available and may be found on our website under the Articles section. Topics covered in this issue include:

- Tug-of-war
- Chat rooms : fun or dangerous?
- “Kiddy Bubbly”
- Reporting on child porn
- Cyberbullying
- The ARA and teen alcohol.

We encourage all parents to read this very informative newsletter.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will be displayed in the Quad on Monday. Any items not claimed, will be sent to the Second Hand Shop.

LOURDES MESSAGE

When God has something special to tell us, He sometimes uses Mary to give us His message. This is what happened a hundred and fifty-two years ago. On 11 February, 1858, a fourteen year old girl named Bernadette Soubirous

was passing a rocky cave near her hometown of Lourdes in the south of France. She was searching for pieces of wood to make a fire for her poor family. She was walking alone as her companions had gone on ahead of her.

Suddenly Bernadette heard a sound like the wind. She looked towards the rocky grotto. There she saw the figure of a lady. She was clothed in a white garment and she had a blue sash around her waist. There were golden roses at the lady's feet. Her face was sweet and smiling and she held a rosary in her hand.

Bernadette saw the lady at the grotto in Lourdes. The lovely lady was Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

God had sent Mary to Lourdes for three reasons.

Firstly, Mary urged everyone to love and honour Jesus, the Son of God.

Secondly, Mary appeared to remind people of the importance of daily prayer.

Thirdly, at Lourdes, Mary asked people to do penance, to say the Rosary and to pray for the conversion of sinners.

These messages are still very important for us today. Let us ask Mary to help us to love and honour her Son and to pray every day.

NON-COMPULSORY TOURS

We remind parents that it is Board Policy that no children may go on non-compulsory tours (ie Choir Camp, Hockey Tour, Rowing Camp, etc) unless their school fees and the tour have been paid before the date of departure.

WORLD MATHS DAY

This takes place on 3rd March and we invite you to visit their website for further details – www.worldmathsday.com. This was launched in 2007 and Johannesburg has been awarded the prestigious title of Host City this year. The event in 2009 attracted a total of 2,001,570 participants from 204 countries with the total number of questions answered in 48 hours being an amazing 452,681,681! So log on and join the fun!

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.

Please note the Second Hand Shop will be closed on Tuesday 2nd March as the Primary School will be closed.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The ‘paparazzi’ has arrived! The School is “a-buzz” with girls snapping photographs around the School - buildings, teachers, friends. It is a delight to see some the creativity going into some of the shots. We remind you that we just have ONE MORE WEEK to go for entries to be submitted. Please do look at the school website (www.holyrosaryschool.co.za) for competition details and how to enter.

We were fortunate this week to have a representative from the Nikon Photographic Academy at the School. He was able to give the girls a talk on ‘how to take a good photo’. His input was very valuable and we trust the girls will take his advice to heart when taking their photographs.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Meerholz if you have any queries relating to the competition. (nmeerholz@holyrosaryschool.co.za)

KEEP SNAPPING!!!

EXTRA MURAL CLUBS : WEEK BEGINNING 15TH 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

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Congratulations to our Drumming Teacher, Mrs Bonny Phillips, on passing her final exams and graduating with a B Mus Hons: Music Communications Degree.

SPORTS

Swimming Results from Friday Feb 5th

The Swimming teams were in action again last Friday 5th Feb and the results were as follows:

A team came 5th @ St Stithians

B Team came 3rd @ St Teresas

C Team came 6th @ St Davids

Tennis Results from Tuesday Feb 9th 2010

HRS A U11 Tennis team played against Sacred Heart A team on Tuesday 9th Feb and the results were as follows:

HRS won 28-0

We wish all staff, pupils and parents who are swimming Midmar this weekend, the best of luck!

ROWING

Jeppe Regatta

The Jeppe Regatta took place on Saturday the 6th Feb and the results were as follows:

Event	Stroke	Position
U14 C 2x	Jamie Kench	3 rd
U 14 A 2x	Kerryn Mac Dermott	2 nd
U14 A 4x	Kerryn Mac Dermott	2 nd

Due to heavy thunderstorms the last 3 events were not rowed and not all the medals were collected. We have contacted Jeppe to try and have these medals delivered. Well done to all the girls who participated and who did so well.

Buffalo

The U16s and Opens left for the Buffalo Tour yesterday. We wish them the very best of luck and we trust that they will do our school proud.

The week ahead

Mon – 15th	Tues – 16th	Wed – 17th	Thurs – 18th
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	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
1 st 3:30 – 5:30 @	1 st 3.30-5.00	U15 5:00- 6:30 @VLC	2 nd 5:00-6:30

VLC Buffalo Boat unpacking for all U16 and Opens 3:00 – 4:30	@VLC	1 st 3:30-5:30 @VLC	@VLC 1 st 3:30-5:30
Fri – 19th	Sat – 20th	Sun – 21st	
U15 Gym 6 – 7 @ HRS U14 and U15 Boat Packing 1:30- 3:30 1 st 2:00-3:30 GRADE 12 RETREAT	U14 and U15 Regatta Roodeplaat U16 and Open will participate in the afternoon. 1 st 4x to be confirmed.	Off	

The St. Andrews Regatta was originally scheduled to be an U14 and U15 regatta but the regatta organizers have added U16 and Open events to give the seniors a Championship distance race before SA Champs in lieu of RVR. The U16 and Open races will only take place after the U14 and U15 programme is finished and in that case the U16 and Opens who participate in the regatta will go to unpacking at VLC after the regatta. I apologise for any inconvenience this change might cause.

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

FEBRUARY	16	Shrove Tuesday Rec Year Cheese & Wine 18h00
	17	Ash Wednesday Mass 10h30
	19	Shanahan Co-Workers Assembly 07h45
	20	Open Day 10h00 – 12h00
	23	Inter House Gala Compulsory Gr 0 – 3 08h30 – 10h00 Gr 4-7 10h30 – 13h00
	24	Grade 6B Mass 07h45
	25	School closes for mid-term at 12h00
MARCH	2	Primary School Staff Retreat – no school for pupils
	3	School re-opens 07h40
	5	Gr 2B Assembly 07h45
	6	Swimathon Compulsory Gr 0-7

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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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY