



# Holy Rosary Primary School

## LOOK TO THE STAR

Your fortnightly newsletter



13 January 2012

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### *'Educating Young People in Justice and Peace'*

-- Pope Benedict XVI--

A warm welcome back to a new year to each of our Holy Rosary families and a special welcome to all our new girls and their families.

As you know, the Vatican celebrated World Day of Peace on the 1 January with His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI welcoming the New Year by celebrating mass at St Peter's Basilica. The pope's message this year put the world's youth at the heart of his message, focusing on the importance of educating our youth with values.

I quote:

"The beginning of a new year, God's gift to humanity, prompts me to extend to all, with great confidence and affection, my heartfelt good wishes that this time now before us may be marked concretely by justice and peace....

Education is the most interesting and difficult adventure in life. Educating – from the Latin *educere* – means leading young people to move beyond themselves and introducing them to reality, towards a fullness that leads to growth. This process is fostered by the encounter of two freedoms, that of adults and that of the young. It calls for responsibility on the part of the learners, who must be open to being led to the knowledge of reality, and on the part of educators, who must be ready to give of themselves. For this reason, today

more than ever we need authentic witnesses, and not simply people who parcel out rules and facts; we need witnesses capable of seeing farther than others because their life is so much broader. A witness is someone who first lives the life that he proposes to others.

Where does true education in peace and justice take place? First of all, in the family, since parents are the first educators. The family is the primary cell of society; "it is in the family that children learn the human and Christian values which enable them to have a constructive and peaceful coexistence. It is in the family that they learn solidarity between the generations, respect for rules, forgiveness and how to welcome others." The family is the first school in which we are trained in justice and peace. ..

Every educational setting can be a place of openness to the transcendent and to others; a place of dialogue, cohesiveness and attentive listening, where young people feel appreciated for their personal abilities and inner riches, and can learn to esteem their brothers and sisters. May young people be taught to savour the joy which comes from the daily exercise of charity and compassion towards others and from taking an active part in the building of a more humane and fraternal society.

I cannot fail also to appeal to the world of the media to offer its own contribution to education. In today's society the mass media have a particular role: they not only inform but also form the minds of their audiences, and so they can make a significant contribution to the education of young people. It is important never to forget that the connection between education and communication is extremely close: education takes place through communication, which influences, for better or worse, the formation of the person.

Young people too need to have the courage to live by the same high standards that they set for others. Theirs is a great responsibility: may they find the strength to make good and wise use of their freedom. They too are responsible for their education, including their education in justice and peace!

...Dear young people, you are a precious gift for society. Do not yield to discouragement in the face of difficulties and do not abandon yourselves to false solutions which often seem the easiest way to overcome problems. Do not be afraid to make a commitment, to face hard work and sacrifice, to choose the paths that demand fidelity and constancy, humility and dedication. Be confident in your youth and its profound desires for happiness, truth, beauty and genuine love! Live fully this time in your life so rich and so full of enthusiasm.

Realise that you yourselves are an example and an inspiration to adults, even more so to the extent that you seek to overcome injustice and corruption and strive to build a better future. Be aware of your potential; never become self-centered but work for a brighter future for all. You are never alone. The Church has confidence in you, follows you, encourages you and wishes to offer you the most precious gift she has: the opportunity to raise your eyes to God, to encounter Jesus Christ, who is himself justice and peace. ..."

As we begin our year, let's focus on creating a safe and peaceful environment for our girls to thrive in and may 2012 be a positive, enriching year for everyone.

**I de Oliveira**

## **STAFF OF 2012**

### **Pre-Primary:**

HOD: Mrs L Latré  
Mrs J Ayres  
Mrs D Horsten  
Classroom Assistants:  
Mrs Ndlovu  
Mrs Sentso  
Mrs Leshaba

### **Foundation Phase:**

#### **Grade 1:**

HOD: Mrs C Moura  
Mrs A O'Leary  
Miss S Rudolph

#### **Grade 2:**

Ms C Klotz  
Mrs K Pistorius  
Ms B Pullen

#### **Grade 3:**

Mrs D Livingstone  
Mrs N Petersen  
Mrs S Siljeur

Classroom assistant:  
Mrs T Ngema

### **InterSen Phase:**

#### **Grade 4:**

HOD: Mrs J Groesser  
Mrs K McKenzie  
Mrs M Vitale

#### **Grade 5:**

Mrs A Boake  
Mrs A Julyan  
Mrs W van den Heever

#### **Grade 6:**

Mrs C Ballosini  
Mrs Y Bibis  
Mrs S Lombard

**Grade 7:**

Mrs B Cooper  
Mrs L de la Roche  
Mrs N van Ginkel

**Academic Support**

Mrs C Burnell  
Mrs C Hodgkinson  
Mrs D Irons  
Ms R Saker

**Librarian**

Mrs M Regel  
Mrs A Watson

**Zulu**

Ms N Ngwenya

**Sports Department**

HOD: Mrs J Symons  
Miss C Mogridge  
Mrs A Watson  
Mrs C Whiteley

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Deputy: Ms T van Eeden  
Mrs M Baart  
Mrs C dos Santos  
Miss R Kloppers

**Information Technology**

HOD: Mrs N Meerholz  
Mrs D Schmaus

**Religious Education**

HOD: Mrs M Fitzpatrick

**Administrative Staff:**

Bursar: Ms D Bellingan  
Ms K Gorman  
Ms S Masters

Mrs M Regel  
Mrs T Benigno  
PA to Principal: Mrs B Warder

**Marketing:**

Ms K Knowles

**Hospitality:**

Mrs Maureen Davel

**Facilities Manager:**

Mrs M Fouche

**Maintenance Manager:**

Mr M Fouche

**Business Manager:**

Mrs B Williams

**Deputy Principal**

Ms T van Eeden

**Principal:**

Miss I de Oliveira

**SCHOOL TERM AND SCHOOL TIMES****Term 1:**

**Open:** Wednesday, 11 January  
**Closes:** Wednesday, 4 April

**Mid-Term:** Close Thursday, 23 February  
(Early closing times)  
Reopen Tuesday 28 February

**School opening times:** 7:40

**School closing times:**

**Gr R:** Mon – Fri: 13:00  
**Gr 1 - 2:** Mon-Thurs: 13:30  
Fri: 13:00  
**Gr 3:** Mon-Thurs: 14:05  
Fri: 13:00  
**Gr 4 – 7:** Mon – Thurs: 14:05  
Fri: 13:35

**Early closing times:**

Gr R – 3: 11:00  
Gr 4 - 7: 11:30

**PASTORAL CARE**

A couple of weeks ago I stopped outside Bedfordview Post Office to collect my mail. Snail mail, the good old-fashioned kind! As I walked back to my car, I noticed the car guard looking at the luxury vehicle parked in front of me with a strange expression on his face. He seemed to be perturbed about something, but I wasn't sure what. As I got into my car, he approached me, holding something in his hand. "Look, ma'am," he said. "Look what that man gave me." I looked at the parcel in his hand, and there was a cold, half-eaten toasted cheese sandwich, teeth marks clearly visible in the congealed

cheese. The car guard's expression was one of utter humiliation and dejection. "I don't even know who ate this," he continued, sounding upset. "How can I eat someone else's leftovers?"

I didn't really know what to say to him. Part of me wanted to apologise for the insensitivity and disrespect shown towards him. The man parked in front of me obviously thought no further than that he was doing the car guard a good turn, giving him the sandwich instead of money, not taking into account how humiliating he would find it to receive the culinary cast-offs of a stranger. It made me think about respect again. How often do we ignore the humanity in another, because they lack social standing or status? Do we only treat those that we see as worthy because they can do something for us or have some status, with respect, or do we see everyone as essentially worthy because of their very human-ness? How often have we, perhaps inadvertently, followed the man in the SUV's example and treated those 'invisible' ones in our communities with less than the respect that we reserve for others? When we are asked to contribute to a clothes drive or toy drive for the less fortunate, do we send something that will make the person receiving it feel respected, even loved, or do we send the junk that we haven't had time to get rid of another way?

This whole issue of respect can be taken further than just the way we treat other people. What about the laws of the land? We are expected to stick to the rules of the road, for example, the speed restrictions, but if one reads the statistics regarding traffic violations and accidents over the recent Christmas holidays, it is clear that as a nation, we have a long way to go regarding respect for laws, and through doing that, in this case, also respect for human lives.

Treating our environment with a lack of respect over many years, has brought us as a global community to a crisis point and one realises more and more that every one of us will have to make a sincere effort to contribute to a greener society. We

cannot trust only in governments and large corporations (who often have their own agendas where these things are concerned) to do the job for us. Each and every person and family has to commit to ways of lightening their carbon footprint on Mother Earth, showing her the respect she deserves.

Last year the staff at Holy Rosary took part in a survey to identify the core values of the school. Respect was one of the ones which came out tops. During the following month, we will be focusing on this value during morning prayers, assemblies and in class. We would like to ask you in your capacity as parents to also have discussions with your daughters about respect and how we go about showing it to everyone and everything in our world. And of course, as teachers and parents, we have a special responsibility to model respect to our children, since that is the way in which they learn quickest and easiest.

I wish you a blessed and happy 2012, in which you will experience the respect you so richly deserve, a year in which you will also often be in a position to honour the humanity of every person which you encounter in your day-to-day life.

**Tania van Eeden**  
**Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care**

## RECEPTION YEAR NEWS

We are so proud of our girls, and parents, who settled with ease into their new school. We had no tears from the girls!





#### **A few reminders:**

- All letter folders must be returned to school every day. Please send all correspondence in these folders.
- Files and books will have been returned today. Please cover in plastic and return to school on Monday.
- Please note that the correct uniform for Grade R is shorts and not skorts.
- Swimming starts on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please send a full costume, Holy Rosary poncho towel, swimming cap (any colour) and blue or white flip flops to school in their blue tog bags which you received at the New Children's Party.
- We look forward to seeing you on Monday evening for the "Dare to Love" talk. (Letters went home on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January).

- We are looking forward to our first tuck shop on Friday, 20 January. Tuck purses will be sent home on Thursday afternoon, please send an empty lunchbox, R7 and a juice to school on Friday.

#### **Extra Mural Demonstrations**

You are invited to watch the following Demos at 12:00. Please enter through the front of the school.

Monday – Karate

Tuesday – Playball

Wednesday – Playfit

Thursday - Gymmasters

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SCHOOL BAGS**

A reminder about the Sports Uniform for Grade 1-7 students:

House coloured t-shirt

Blue shirt

Blue skorts

Swimming costume in school colours

House coloured swimming cap

Team cap if selected for swimming team

School tracksuit

**No** jerseys to be worn with Sports Uniform  
The full tracksuit may be worn over the sports uniform in summer, or just the tracksuit top. Blue school peak caps are compulsory for all girls.

School backpacks and kit bags are the only bags allowed. These are sold at Edendale Outfitters (caps only) or Esquires Sports (caps and bags). If using a cooler bag, this must be the school one which is also available from Esquires Sports (compulsory for Grade 1 and 2).

Tracksuits and sports uniform must be worn to school on Games Day (days to be advised).

**Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with the child's full name.**

#### **MATRIC CLASS OF 2011**

Congratulations to all the girls who wrote their final school exams at the end of 2011 on their excellent results. They have made us so proud. So many doors have

now opened for them; may they chose well and wisely and above all find much contentment with their choices.

Our top achievers were as follows:

<b>Stephanie Wright</b> 8 Distinctions	<b>Kyla Hayter</b> 7 Distinctions IEB Commendable list	<b>Jenilee Ferreira</b> 7 Distinctions
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Afrikaans, Mathematics, Mathematics P3, Life Orientation, Visual Arts, Life Science, Physical Science, Advanced Programme Mathematics	Afrikaans, Mathematics, Mathematics P3, Life Orientation, History, Life Science, Physical Science	Mathematics, Mathematics P3, Life Orientation, Accounting, Life Science, Physical Science, Advanced Programme Mathematics
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<b>Lara Massiceti</b> 6 Distinctions	<b>Simone Rasch</b> 6 Distinctions	<b>Rafaela Valentim</b> 5 Distinctions
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Mathematics, Mathematics P3, Life Orientation, History, Life Science, Physical Science	English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Geography, Life Science, Life Orientation	English, Mathematics, Life Orientation, History, Visual Arts
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<b>Anita Alves</b> 5 Distinctions	<b>Kyra Blewitt</b> 4 Distinctions	<b>Chiara Hicks</b> 4 Distinctions
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Afrikaans, Mathematics, Mathematics P3, Life Orientation, Geography	Mathematics, Life Science, Orientation, Geography	Mathematics, Life Science, Computer Applications Technology, Life Orientation
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<b>Kirsty Leigh Jones</b> 4 Distinctions	<b>Chloe Kirsten</b> 4 Distinctions	<b>Erica Lesna-Maranetto</b> 4 Distinctions
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Mathematics, Life Science, Geography, Life Orientation	English, History, Life Science, Life Orientation	English, History, Visual Arts, Life Orientation
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## PARENTS EVENINGS

We look forward to meeting all our parents at our scheduled Parents' Information evenings on:

Grade 1: Monday, 16 January (18:00)

School Hall

Grade 2-7: Tuesday, 24 January (17:30)

School Hall

Refreshments will be served from 17:00 in the Killeshandra quad.

The purpose of these meetings is for the parents and teachers to meet each other and discuss the year ahead for the girls this year. Important information is shared and therefore it is of paramount importance that parents attend these meetings.

Parking is available on the school field and at Shanahan Park.

***Please do not park in the teachers covered parking.***

## SCHOOL PARKING

As always, parking is at a premium. In respect for **The School of Merit** across the road from us, we kindly ask that you do not park outside their school in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Please take note of the opening and closing times of the school gates on a normal school day:

**Viner Road; St Davids; Parish entrance:**

Mornings: 7:00 – 7:45

Afternoons: 13:00 – 14:30

**Main Entrance:**

Reception: 6:30 – 17:30

When using the parish parking please remember to park in the designated parking spaces only.

## THE SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

Holy Rosary School is committed to improve communication between the school and the parents wherever we can. We would like to ensure that our parents are informed and up-to-date with the latest news and activities in the School. The School Communicator will be a means to improving communication, over and above our newsletters, websites and teacher-student contact.

The School Communicator is a desktop application that is loaded onto a PC. This will enable parents to view the latest news and school calendar, view important contacts, access resources and important alerts.

The software allows parents to select channels that are relevant to their daughter. This will ensure that one does not receive information or alerts pertaining to other year groups or channels.

Holy Rosary School believes that this technology will enhance our communication with parents. In order to achieve this, we urge parents, who have not yet done so, to load this software onto their PC's and to return the disk to their daughter's class teacher.

The installation process will allow one to follow an installation 'wizard' and guide one carefully between each stage in this process. Parents will then be required to register their details with the school. The School Communicator can be loaded onto as many machines as one requires. Once the software is installed, an application will appear on the PC desktop. This application can be closed at any time. If any news or alerts are sent by the School, the application will automatically pop up on the desktop.

The School Communicator software developers are in the process of testing a mobile application. This mobile application can then be loaded onto cell phones, allowing one to receive updates while 'on the go'. We will keep parents posted on further developments.

***DISKS ARE PROPERTY OF THE SCHOOL AND MUST BE RETURNED.***

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR, PLEASE DIRECT THESE TO MRS MEERHOLZ AT [nmeerholz@holyrosaryschool.co.za](mailto:nmeerholz@holyrosaryschool.co.za)

## PORTUGUESE LESSONS

Please collect a registration form from the Office should your daughter wish to attend Portuguese lessons in the afternoons at school.

### DATES TO DIARISE:

- Mon, 16 Jan:** Gr R-1 Parents' Info Evening 18:00 in High School Hall (**note change of venue**)
- Wed, 18 Jan:** Academic Mass (Whole School) 07:45
- Fri, 20 Jan:** Gr 6B Assembly 07:45
- Tue, 24 Jan:** Gr 2-7 Parents' Info Evening 17:30 in High School Hall
- Wed, 25 Jan:** Gr 6B Mass 07:45
- Fri, 27 Jan:** Gr 4G Assembly 07:45

## TUCKSHOP

**WELCOME ANTHONY, ANDREW AND TEAM!**



We extend a warm welcome to Andrew and Anthony: our new Tuck Shop/Caterers at Holy Rosary. Both gentlemen and their team have a great deal of experience in the food and hospitality industry and bring with them this experience and many exciting and fresh ideas.

*"We are passionate about food and enthusiastic about creating healthy life style choices. Our goal is to provide nutritious choices, tasty food and all round good quality catering services. We look forward to your feedback and invite you to forward any ideas or requests to us on our customer SMS line. Please note that we will endeavour to use the ideas put forward to us".*

*Customer SMS line: 079 525 6762:  
Andrew & Anthony*

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**CONDITIONS TREATED**

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PAIN OR STIFFNESS IN JOINTS OR MUSCLES  
SPORTS INJURIES  
NERVE INJURIES  
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SINUSITIS  
CHILDREN WITH SPINAL PAIN, SCOLIOSIS, KYPHOSIS  
OR SCHUERMANN'S DISEASE

REMEMBER: physiotherapists are FIRST-LINE practitioners, and you do not need a referral to come for treatment.

We trust that we will be able to assist you

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Note: Dietetic services are covered by most medical aid schemes

**KARATE-KA**

Last year was a great year for the Karate Club and this year will be very much the same with various gradings, competitions, etc.

Lessons will start on Monday, 16 January.  
Grade 1 and 2 on Mondays and  
Wednesdays 13:30 -14:15  
Grade 3-7 Tuesdays and Thursdays  
15:00 – 16:00

Classes will be held in the Reception Year Movement Room. Classes are open to all Holy Rosary students.

Bradley Korras  
082 926 9517

**Please note: This newsletter may also be viewed on our website:  
[www.holyrosaryschool.za](http://www.holyrosaryschool.za)**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS YOUR DAUGHTER WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND IN 2012:**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	21	INTERHOUSE GALA Gr 1-3 08:30 Gr 4-7 16:00	GRADE 1 – 7
<b>MARCH</b>	3-4	CHOIR CAMP	CHOIR MEMBERS
	6	RESERVE DATE (GALA) (AM)	GRADE 1-7
	7-9	GRADE 7 TOUR	GRADE 7
	10	BIG WALK	GRADE R-7
<b>APRIL</b>	2-3	PASSION PLAY 18:00	GRADE 1-3
<b>MAY</b>	9-11	GRADE 5 TOUR	GRADE 5
<b>JULY</b>	13	SPEECH FESTIVAL 12:00	GRADE 4-7
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	27	INTERHOUSE QUIZ 18:30	GRADE 4 – 7
<b>OCTOBER</b>	2-5	CONCERT 18:00	GRADE R-7
	6	AMAZING RACE 09:00 – 11:00	GRADE 7
	9	INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS GR R-3 08H30 GR 4-7 16H00	GRADE R-7
	16 28 Sunday	RESERVE DATE ATHLETICS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	GRADE R-7 CHOIR MEMBERS
	30-31	RECEPTION YEAR CONCERT 18:00	GRADE R
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	2	PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS 07:45	GRADE 4-7
	9	SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY 07:45	GRADE 4-7
	13	RECEPTION YEAR GALA 12:00 – 13:00	GRADE R
	15&16	GRADE 3 OVERNIGHT CAMP	GRADE 3
	28	GR 7 THANKSGIVING MASS	GRADE 7
<b>DECEMBER</b>	3	FP PRIZE GIVING & CAROLS 17:30	GRADE 1 – 3
	4	SP PRIZEGIVING 17:30	GRADE 4 – 7
	5	SCHOOL CLOSES	

