

Dear Holy Rosary Family

I have always admired women and in the course of my life have met so many outstanding examples of courage and integrity. As I look at our “women-in-the-making” here at Holy Rosary I am struck by how many of them already show signs of becoming women to be proud of – women who will make a real difference in this beautiful but still deeply divided country of ours.

I read this to the staff this week and I would like to share it with you – to remind the women in your families – even the very smallest ones, just how incredible they are.

### **One Flaw in Women**

Women have strengths that amaze even themselves.

They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness,  
love and joy...

They smile when they want to scream, they sing when they want to cry.

They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.

They fight for what they believe in. They stand up to injustice.

They don't take 'no' for an answer when they believe there is a better  
solution.

They go without, so their family can have.

They go to the doctor with a frightened friend.

They love unconditionally. They cry when their friends get awards.

They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding.

Their hearts break when a friend dies... they grieve at the loss of a  
family member,

Yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.

They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all shapes, sizes and colours.

They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care  
about you.

The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning.

They bring joy, hope and love. They have compassion and ideas...

They give moral support to their family and friends.

Women have vital things to share and everything to give.

**HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN WOMEN,  
IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH.**

I wish you a week of appreciating yourselves and being amazed at just how wonderful you are.

**LARAIN ROBERTS**

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

***You gain strength, courage and confidence by every  
experience in which you really stop to look fear in the  
face... You must do the thing you cannot do.***

***(Eleanor Roosevelt)***

**PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for :

- †Mrs Roberts who is recovering from foot surgery.
- †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.
- †Claudia Maia (Gr 7B) whose Aunt is starting Chemotherapy again on Wednesday.
- †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.
- †Catherine Ryan (Gr 3P) whose Granny passed away.

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

**THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF FATHER LEATHEM**

On Sunday, 20 September, our Parish Priest, Father Joe Leathem celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. A special Mass has

been organised to mark this auspicious occasion and Father will host a tea at Shanahan Park after the ceremony.

Father Leathem was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He joined the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and left his homeland when he was 25 to commence his work as a priest. Father was involved in missionary work in Actonville and Wattville and was then posted to Soweto. Subsequently he worked in the parishes of Yeoville and La Rochelle. Twenty-one years ago Father Joe became the Parish Priest of St Therese.

On Sunday the parishioners will thank God for the gift of this wonderful man who is the epitome of Christian discipleship. Father Leathem serves as a solid role model to us in consistently displaying the virtues of integrity, unselfishness, commitment and empathy. On behalf of Holy Rosary School, I would like to thank Father for the important role which he plays in maintaining and nurturing the Catholic ethos of our school. He is most accommodating and makes himself available at all times. We really appreciate the sensitive and gentle manner in which he interacts with our girls.

Father Leathem leads a very busy and demanding life. His duties include Baptisms, Confessions, the celebration of Mass, Weddings, Funerals, anointing and administering to the needs of the sick and he also fulfils the role of counsellor and advisor. Father manages the parish and attends many meetings. These duties are just the tip of the iceberg.

On Father Leathem's day off he joins other priests for a round of golf and, on the authority of the priests with whom he plays, he is highly skilled in this sport. Father also enjoys watching golf tournaments on television.

The gift of Father Joe to the Parish of Edenvale will be the source of great joy on Sunday. We thank God that Father Leathem responded to his invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Our school prays that the Lord will continue to bless Father and richly reward him for all the ways in which he has enriched so many people's lives.



**MARY FITZPATRICK**  
**HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **ACCIDENT IN CAR PARK**

Will the driver of the Black Mercedes who bumped into the flag pole outside Reception sometime last week, please contact Mrs Fouché on 011) 457 0900. Thank you.

### **RECEPTION YEAR NEWS**

There will be no homework for the girls next week.

Please diarise the following dates.

6<sup>th</sup> October – Sport’s Day. Details to follow.

9<sup>th</sup> October – Concert workshop at 7:40am. Please chat to your teacher if you are able to help with the sewing of costumes.

### **LICE**

This week, we have unfortunately had an outbreak of head lice. We urge all parents to please check the heads of their daughters and all other family members. Shampoos and sprays are available from your chemist.

Health Department guidelines request a child be checked and receives a Clearance Certificate before she returns to school. This may be done at Dunvegan Baby Clinic (011 454 1648), the Ekurhuleni Clinic (011 456-0150), Baker Street Pharmacy (Brenda 011 452 7822) or Bedfordview Baby Clinic (011 455 5468). Please bring the Clearance Certificate on her return to school.

### **INTER HOUSE QUIZ**

We would like to invite all parents to our annual Inter House Quiz on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER.** Reports may be collected on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December from 07:30 – 08:30. School re-opens on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 with Registration Day and Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January with classes.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **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 :

*Spectacular    Deviate    Susceptible    Tumult*

## **D & T NEWS**

Please will all girls bring an empty 2 litre or 5 litre ice-cream tub to D&T.  
Thank you.

## **SECOND HAND SHOP**

We are looking for another Mom to help out in the Second Hand Shop. This shop is situated next to the Tuckshop and opens on a Tuesday from 13h00 - 14h30. If you are able to assist please contact Nicola on 084 424 4321 or June on 082 564 6387.

## **MUSIC**

### **Drumming Band Social**

All Drumming Band Girls and their Parents are invited to attend the Drumming Band Social on the 2nd October 2009 from 6:30 - 8:00 in the Nun's Garden. For more information please see the letter that has been given to the girls.

## **EXTRA MURAL CLUBS : WEEK BEGINNING 21<sup>st</sup> 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 – 15:15

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **U11 Tennis Results from Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2009**

U11A v King David A HRS won 22-6  
U11B v Leeuwenhof A HRS drew 10-10  
U11C v Leicester Road HRS lost 9-19  
U11D Friendly v St Benedicts HRS lost 8-20

### **U13 Tennis Results from Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2009**

U13 A v St Andrews A HRS won 20-8  
HRS U13 B v HRS U13 D B team won 28-0  
HRS U13C v Leicester Road A HRS lost 13-15

## **Rowing News**

St. Benedict's regatta

The rowers will be participating in their first full regatta of the 2009/2010 season at Roodeplaat tomorrow. We wish all the girls the best of luck. Results will be published in next week's news letter.

### The week ahead

There have been some changes for the week ahead so please take careful note :

	21/09	22/09	23/09	24/09 Public holiday	25/09 School holiday	26/09
U14	Gym 14:30 – 15:30 @ HRS	15:00 – 16:30 @ VLC	Gym 6 – 7 @ HRS	9 – 11 @ VLC	7 – 9 @ VLC	We will not be attending the regatta due to three out of the four coaches being away. U14 and U15 Off. U16 and Open TBA

### Hard cover books

Now that it is time to start thinking about stationery for next year, the Rowing Club is selling beautifully decorated hard cover books. There are three different designs called "African Gold", "Kidi Love" and "Rose". The "African Gold" and "Kidi Love" books are available in packs of 1 x A4, 1 x A5 and 1 x A6 books for R25 and the "Rose" books are available in packs of 1 x A5 and 1 x A6 for R15. Books are available to view at Reception and the Tuck Shop and order forms are available at Reception.

### 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

**TUCKSHOP AT SHANAHAN**

We are pleased to advise that the Tuckshop, next to the tennis pavilion at Shanahan Park, is up and running and will be open on Mondays to Thursdays from 13h30 – 15h30. Please support us!

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

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	16	Grade 4G Mass 07h45
	22	Inter House Quiz 18h30 <b>Compulsory Gr 4-7</b>
	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
<b>OCTOBER</b>	01	First Holy Communion Mass 18:30
	02	Drumming Band Social 18:30
	06	Inter House Athletics <b>Compulsory Gr 0 – 7</b>
	09	Rosary Day Mass 10:30 School closes at 12:00 PA Dads & Daughter Function 18:30
	15	School closes at 12:00 for mid term
	20	School re-opens

## PA NEWS

Calling all dads and daughters!

Join us for the Fathers and Daughters Sundowners on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 on the top field at Holy Rosary School. Just R20 a ticket for each dad. Girls free.... But no moms or brothers allowed. Optional Braai packs can be ordered at R30 per pack and will include 140g boerewors, 140g chops and 140g steak.

Or else, supply your own. This year, we are also asking dads to bring their own rolls, salads and drinks. Last year was a huge success, with approx. 500 dads and their girls having fun. If possible, if any dads can help out by bringing their own portable braai's, this will be greatly appreciated....



Please reply by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 on the form handed out to your daughter.

## HOLY ROSARY LAUNCHES BRANDED WATER

The school now has a branded label for bottled water from Premier Spring Water to use at school functions and sports events.

As an added benefit Premier Spring Water will take orders from the school community and between 20c - 40c per bottle purchased is given to the school's PA for fundraising efforts. The bottles range in size from 350ml to 5 litres and include still and sparkling water (not all sizes are obviously branded). Orders are made via the school's website and payment via EFT direct to Premier Spring Water. Orders will be handed out from a Premier Spring Water vehicle in the Shanahan car park area on the first and third Thursday of every month, between 7am – 8am (and at the gates during school holidays). The driver will have a recycling bin.

A couple of school functions will be used to launch the water, the first being the Primary School Inter house Quiz on Tuesday 22 September and thereafter the Rowing Regatta which HRS is hosting on 3 October at Roodeplaat. Sample bottles will be at the school's main reception so come and have a look! We look forward to your enthusiastic support.

