

Rustenburg Times

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Vale and Goodbye

Mrs Slater,

Miss Davis

and

Mr. Collins



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Rustenburg: a school of excellence where girls are leading courageously, exploring their unique potential confidently and serving the world compassionately.

General News

An important reminder for the start of the new year

School begins for learners on Monday 17 January

Another farewell

In April this year, Ms Lucia Krone, the school's Business Manager, suffered a massive stroke. Being a tenacious, optimistic lady, she has made a remarkable recovery but, despite this, she will not return to Rustenburg.

Mrs Krone made a valuable contribution to the running of the school and gave of her time and her expertise freely. She represented the non-educators on our school's Governing Body for years and was involved, together with then-Chairman of the SGB, Patrick Chong and Paul Timoney, Treasurer, in setting up a provident fund for the SGB paid staff.

We wish her much happiness in her retirement and hope she will enjoy her much-deserved leisure time. She is sadly missed by her co-workers, the staff and our girls.

We would like to thank Mrs Niddrie, who took over the reigns without warning, and has done a sterling job. We admire her for her professionalism, her dignity and her ability to remain calm under pressure.

We would like to welcome Mrs Morag Rijs who has been appointed to assist Mrs Niddrie in the Bursar's office. We hope Mrs Rijs will spend many happy years at Rustenburg.



Thank you

We are most grateful to the girls (and parents) who supported the Civvies Day to raise funds for us to buy grocery vouchers for our grounds and cleaning staff. Your generosity is much appreciated and will do much to show our gratitude to

those who do so much for us throughout the year, as well as making their festive season and holidays a little brighter.

Mrs S Schnetler

Recycling

As the year draws to a close and the girls start clearing out all their notes and books, please remember not to place these in the orange igloos but to rather keep them separate and place them in the bags in the sheds as we earn a lot more for white paper that is kept separate. It would be a great help if the covers could be torn off the books.

As my daughter is in matric I will no longer be doing the recycling next year. In the five years that I have been coordinating the recycling I'm pleased to say that we have doubled the income previ-

ously earned. The Earth Society has taken over from me and I ask that you continue to support them. They will be doing recycling in their own time after school so it would be a great help if wherever possible you place your recycling in the applicable bags/igloos so that there is not too much work for them to do. Each person's 5 minutes recycling can become another's 1 hour if left for someone else to do!

I thank you for your support over the years. Happy holidays and safe travelling!

Irene de Kock

General News

Winter exchange to Germany with FSA-Youth Exchange

Catherine Eames (Grade 11) is very fortunate to be heading off on the German exchange to a winter wonderland in Lanzenhain, Hessen. This is not far from Frankfurt, where her host mom works as a physiotherapist, and close to the beautiful city of Fulda. She is the 7th member of the Grade 11 class to visit Germany with FSA in the past two years – a record number for Rustenburg!

Catherine has been talking about “Jens” and “Sven” for a while now; having exchanged phone calls with each member of her host family, which has 4 children, of whom Jens (17) and Sven (19) are of obvious interest! (Facebooking in German has become a new experience, but oh so worthwhile, it seems.)

Shortly after her arrival Catherine will take part in a choir performance with her host family – they obviously picked up on her participation in our school choir – and other exciting adventures are lined up for her, the most special of which is bound to be a real German Christmas with their wonderful Christmas markets, the snow and the amazing atmosphere. Catherine will end her visit with a short 3 day trip to Switzerland with some other FSA-students.

‘Gute Reise’, Catherine, and use the opportunity to practise your German well (kein Englisch)! We look forward to seeing the photographs and hearing all about your experience on your return in January 2011.

Frau R. Fourie



Fotografien von Nikolaus Ruhl: Lanzenhain (Herbstein)



Debating Update Term Four 2010

Debating Society Committee Farewell Supper for Shaakirah Jardine: Thursday 02 December 2010

This year's Debating Society Committee took up the challenge of keeping the tradition started in 2008 alive! They organized, after numerous postponements, an excellent farewell supper for the matric debaters. However, this year there was only one – Shaakirah Jardine. This was an expression of their appreciation for her enthusiastic contribution to debating at RGHS over the past four years and to the senior team's success over the past two years. There was also a vote of thanks to Matthew Butler-Adam, our passionate coach, who was unfortunately unable to attend.

Both Ms Pretorius and I are exceptionally impressed with the excellent organization, enthusiasm and dedication that this committee, led by Cara Mazetti-Claassen (Head) and Ameerah Allie (Deputy), has shown this year. This was clearly reflected in the camaraderie that was evident throughout the fun-filled evening and their plans for 2011.

Debating Awards 2010

Ameerah Allie, Angeliki Carvounes (re-award) Chelsea Kelly and Cara Mazetti-Claassen all received Full Colours for Debating at this year's FET Celebration of Excellence. They all qualified for Full Colours as team members of the winning school at this year's Western Province Debating Tournament held at Bishops in August 2010. RGHS were crowned WP Debating Champions for the first time in its history.

Angeliki Carvounes and Cara Mazetti-Claassen shared the Hope Trophy for excellence in debating and public speaking.

National Schools' Competition: December 2010

RGHS will have two representatives in this year's WP A team that will be competing in the National High Schools' Competition in mid-December, 2010. Both Angeliki Carvounes and Cara Mazetti-Claassen will be representing the "A" team. We know that they will rise to the challenge!

National Girls' High Schools' Festival 2011

Angeliki Carvounes and Cara Mazetti-Claassen will lead the RGHS debating touring team when they defend their title as winners of the Debating Competition for the past three years. Next year's Festival will be held from 26 to 29 April at Clarendon High School for Girls in East London.

Mr C. van Dyk



From left to right: Chelsea Kelly,
Angeliki Carvounes, Ameerah Allie, and
Cara Mazetti-Claassen

NEWS FLASH

Cara Mazetti-Claassen and Angeliki Carvounes have been invited to represent South Africa (not the official South African team but in a team made up of WP schools' debaters) in the Eurasian Schools Debating Championships from 24 January to 03 February 2011 in Istanbul. This is a prestigious international debating tournament that has been organised by Robert College of Istanbul.



News from the Music Department

Trinity Guildhall Examination results 2010

The following are the results of the recent Trinity Guildhall examinations.

Well done to our successful candidates and their teachers.

Distinctions (87%-100%)

Yohan Chun	Piano , Grade 8
Rouzanna Coxson	Piano , Grade 4
Rouzanna Coxson	Recorder, Grade 4
Yejin Hur	Piano , Grade 6
Aimee La Kay	Piano , Grade 2
Alexandra Mould	Recorder, Grade 8

Liezl McKenzie	Elec. Keyboard, Grade 5
Rebecca Norris	Piano , Grade 3
Jenny Robertson	Singing, Grade 5
Scarborough Laurie	Piano , Grade 8
Grace Thomson	Singing, Grade 4
Yi-Shin Yuan	Piano , Grade 4

Merits (75%-86%)

Emma Bergh	Piano , Grade 2
Isabella Cupido	Violin, Grade 5
Rania Davids	Violin, Grade 5
Ashleigh Forster	Piano , Grade 5
Steffi Handt	Violin, Grade 3
Saskea Jacobs	Singing, Grade 5

Passes (60%-74%)

Kirsten Barratt	Violin, Grade 5
Mika Lee	Piano , Grade 5
Nurain Mohamed	Violin, Grade 4
Riancha Schoombie	Piano , Grade 4
Amy Stohrer	Violin, Grade 3

Christmas Music Brings Festive Cheer to Rustenburg

The last week of term has been filled with joyful celebrations for Christmas. On Tuesday 7 December a Concert of Christmas Music was performed in the lunch hour in St. Paul's Church, Rondebosch. The Chamber Choir performed John Rutter's arrangements of traditional Christmas Carols from his *Dancing Day* cycle with harp accompaniment from Jane Theron. Instrumental works by Arvo Pärt were included and the school's Baroque Ensemble, Berocca G, performed Handel's aria 'Dove sei'.

Rustenburg's 68th Carol Service was held on Wednesday 8 December in the Kemp Hall which was filled to capacity with the hundreds of girls who participated. The Chamber and General Choirs performed items from Rutter's *Dancing Day* and each Grade performed its own carol, with the tradition of *Silent Night* being sung by the Grade 11s as a conclusion to the evening. The school Orchestra accompanied the congregation in the singing of much loved traditional carols and various girls read the Lessons relating the Christmas story.

Collections at both concerts brought in much needed donations of money for the African Scholars' Fund as well as to Peninsula School Feeding, Little Angels and the Animal Rescue Organisation. Rustenburg students provided presents for needy children and the elderly with their customary generosity and these amply filled the spaces below the beautiful tree designed and made by the members of the Art Society.

Ms R Davis



News from the Music Department

ABRSM Theory Results 2010

Congratulations to the following girls who have been successful in passing the ABRSM Theory examination in October this year.

This work is done at 07:30-08:00 a.m. on two mornings in the week over three terms in the year – surprising what can be achieved!

DISTINCTION (90%)

Grade 1

A Ahmed, S Asmal, T Bassier, S Brown,
Y Cassim, R Christian, M-S Cook,
C Cranfield (100%),
A Ebrahim (100%), K Firfirey,
S Gavor (100%), L Haffejee, S Handt (100%),
M Hollis, T Koopman, A Korowlay,
A La Kay, L Le Brasseur,
E MacArthur (100%),
D McFall, G Morris, S Pereira,
K Samandan, C Schlettwein (100%),
E Shuttleworth (100%), R Smith,
E Thurling,
A Womack.

Grade 2

S Abrahams, J Adams, E Bergh, R Coxson,
Y Kim, R Norris, R Paterson, N George,
K Holman, H Solwa.

Grade 3

H-A Box, M Dandara, M Gertse, T Grove,
J-Y Kim, D Ku, A Mallows, H-J Park,
A Parker, R Schoombie.

Grade 4

A Bessinger, N Cilliers, C Gruning, Y Hur,
C Muchapondwa, G Thomson,
A Wood, Y-S Yuan.

Grade 5

L Denny, A Muhr, A Walton,
J Stanton, T Navsaria.

MERIT (80%)

Grade 1

K James.

Grade 2

T-A Arendse, A Assim, K Collins,
A Dollie, M Kalula, M Moloto,
J Oosthuizen, B Poulton,
T Dunlop, A Hand, D Hassan, S Jung,
A Stergiou, M Williams-Sales.

Grade 3

F-R Baloubeta, J Bryden, J Cooke,
A Josie-Perez, R Pitt, A Wessels.

Grade 4

C-J Arendse, R Davids, L Davis,
N de Villiers, A Forster, C Mayosi,
S Mtsi, C Ryder,
S van der Merwe.

Grade 5

M Hand, K Vlok, M Doralingo,
R Jakoet, S Jacobs, S Davids.

PASS (66%)

Grade 1

J-A Steven.

Grade 2

C Baker, M Cassar, F Lock, R Madiba,
J Ehrenreich, M Essack, A George,
C Goliath, A Semaar,
T Vollenhoven.

Grade 3

I Cupido, N Mohamed.

Grade 4

K Barratt, S-J Kim, N Salie, L Biccari.

Grade 5

M Lee.

November Sports News and Results

RGHS Women Excelling

The following girls will represent Western Province Schools at the upcoming South African Schools National Water Polo Tournament. This tournament is being held in Durban from 11 - 14 December 2010.

U19a **Nicola Barrett** / U19b **Alexa von Gesau** /
U16a **Candice Barnes**
U14b **Iman Allie** / U16 **Kelsey Holmes**, representing Boland

Nicola Barrett departs directly after this National schools water polo tournament for New Zealand, where she will be representing South Africa at the u18 Tri-Nations water polo tournament.

Candice Uys has been selected to the u15 Peninsula Sharks team for the National Pro Series Indoor (PSI) hockey tournament. This tournament takes place at UCT from 13 - 17 December 2010.

Keren Dugmore will be participating in the Western Province Slazenger Super 7 tennis tournament. This takes place from 11 - 16 December in Cape Town.

We would like to wish these RGHS sportswoman all the very best for successful tournaments. We are very proud of you.

Tennis results

Friday 5 November
1st team beat de Kuilen 18 - 0.
2nd team drew against Jan van Riebeeck 3 - 3
3rd team beat Jan van Riebeeck 5 - 1
Tuesday 2 November
5th team beat Norman Henshilwood 6 - 0

Waterpolo results

Friday 5 November vs Westerford
U16B won 11 - 1
U16A lost 1 - 4
2nd team won 4 - 2
1st team lost 6 - 8

House captains for 2011

MICHIEL VOS

Captain: Saa-rah Khan
Vice Captain: Jamie-Leigh Cottle

CAMBRIDGE

Captain: Lexi Bosman
Vice Captain: Chloe Newlands

BLEBY

Captain: Emma Coutts
Vice Captain: Jessica Fairfax

INNES

Captain: Rebecca Berg
Vice Captain: Alexa von Geusau

MARCHAND:

Captain: Cara Mazetti-Claassen
Vice Captain: Shelley Theron

IMPORTANT SPORTS DATES

TEAM WATER POLO STARTS ON
MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2011
ALL OTHER TEAM SPORT STARTS ON
TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2011
SOCIAL SPORT STARTS ON
MONDAY 24 JANUARY 2011

GRADE 8 TEAM SPORT - TRIALS

Grade 8's must sign up for these trials on the sports notice board

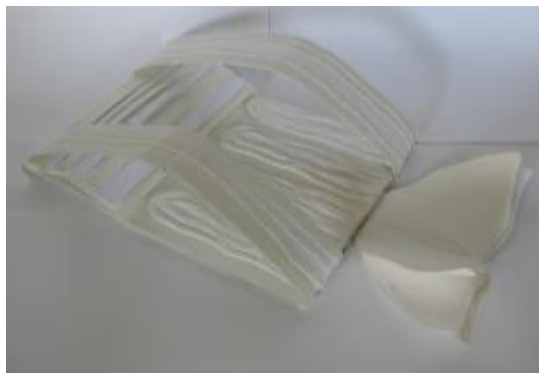
TEAM TENNIS TRIALS: Monday 17 January
2011 15h15 - 16h30

TEAM SWIMMING TRIALS:
TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2011 at school pool -
15h15 - 16h30

WATER POLO TRIALS:
WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2011

at school pool - 16h15 - 17h30
CRICKET TRIALS: WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2011 15h15 - 16h30

**Art Flash ...
Grade 10 Design
White sculptures**



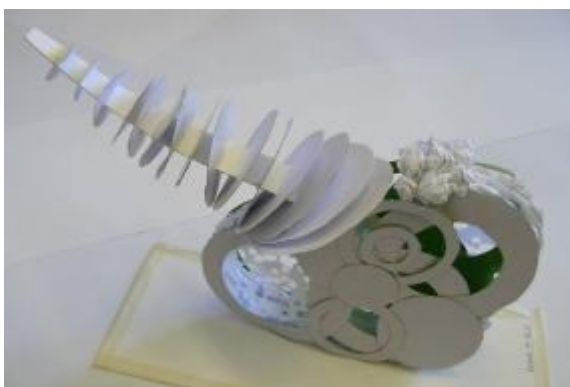
Marzia Gertse



Hannah Rose Smith



Jueun Kim



Lesedi Milongo



Katherine Werge

**Art Flash ...
Grade 11 Design
Book Covers**



Jennifer Hughes



Georgia Carstens



Emma Coutts



Zoë Tobie



Makaira Dullabh

1st TERM SPORTS PROGRAMME 2011

MONDAY	WATER POLO AT NEWLANDS POOL and RGHS Times TBC – see separate flier	SOCIAL TENNIS 15h15 – 16h15 16h15 – 17h15 GRADE 8 TEAM TEN- NIS 15H15 – 16H30	CRICKET MATCHES 15h15 – 18h00 INDOOR HOCKEY 18h30 – 19h30 (Westerford HS)
TUESDAY	SWIMMING TEAM 15:15 – 16:15 Learn to swim (LTS) 16h15 – 16h45 Social swimming 16h45 – 17h30	TENNIS TEAM MATCHES 5 TH & 6 TH Teams 15h15 – 17h30 SOCIAL TENNIS 15h15 – 16h15	RUNNING CLUB 15h15 – 16h15 TEAM TOUCH RUGBY 15h15 – 16h15 SOCIAL TOUCH RUGBY 16H15 – 17H15
WEDNES- DAY	WATERPOLO AT NEWLANDS POOL and RGHS Times TBC – see sepa- rate flier	U15 TENNIS TEAM MATCHES Grade 8 Teams 15h15 – 17h30	CRICKET U15 – 15h30 – 16h30 U19 – 16h30 – 17h30 INDOOR HOCKEY MATCHES 17h00 – 20h30 (match times vary)
THURSDAY	SWIMMING GALAS 15h15 – 17h00 Learn to swim (LTS) 15h15 – 15h45 Social swimming 15h45 – 16h30 16h30 – 17h15	TEAM TENNIS PRAC- TICE 1 ST – 6 TH Teams 15h15 – 16h45	RUNNING CLUB 15h15 – 16h15 TOUCH RUGBY 15h15 – 16h30 INDOOR HOCKEY 18h30 – 19h30 (Westerford HS)
FRIDAY	WATER POLO MATCHES SOCIAL WATER POLO (grade 8 only)	TENNIS TEAM MATCHES 1 ST , 2 ND , 3 RD & 4 th Teams 14h30 – 17h00	TOUCH RUGBY MATCHES 15h00 – 17h00

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SOCIAL SPORT STARTS ON MONDAY 24 JANUARY 2011

**The sports fixtures for term 1 2011 which have already been received
have been placed on the RGHS website.**

Welcome to the Class of 2000



On Friday 6 November, E2000 met for a 10 year reunion at Charlie's Hope. The reunion was organised by Robyn Allan, Head Girl 2000, and Natalie Pollock (le Brun), Deputy Head 2000. They had a wonderful evening filled with laughs, catching up with old friends and happy trips 'down memory lane'.

Well done, Ingrid

Congratulations to **Ingrid Pienaar** (viola) who has been selected as a member of the SASOL National Youth Orchestra (second desk). She attended a course in Durban from 5 – 15 December 2010, and spent time preparing the Mahler 5th Symphony, amongst other works that the orchestra performed at the course.

We are very proud of her.



Running success for Mrs Mallon

At the recent Pinelands Athletic Club's annual prize-giving and awards ceremony, Mrs Mallon, who has had a very good year in terms of running times and personal bests, achieved the following:

Winner, Adam and Eve Ladies Competition, for the highest race mileage for 2010 (1095kms)

Runner-up, Female Athlete of the Year

Most Improved Athlete of the Year, an award which she clinched by running her life-time best marathon at her tenth Winelands Marathon (3hrs 55 mins).