

Rustenburg Times

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**1 April
2011**

Another successful RAG day

On Friday 25 March, Rustenburg held its second RAG day and a good time was had by all.



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

TOP ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS: FIRST TERM

GRADE 8

1. Tamsin Metelerkamp (90.4 %)
2. Samantha McCrindle
3. Marianne Schwellnus
4. Megan Denny
5. Jessica Smith



Tamsin
Metelerkamp

GRADE 9

1. Yi Tin Yuan (90.4%)
2. Abigail Mallows and Yusra Modack
4. Rowan Banks
5. Anja Muhr



Yi Tin Yuan

GRADE 10

1. Lauren Denny (92.7%)
2. Nicola Cilliers
3. Yi-Shin Yuan and Yi-Jou Chen
5. Abigail Wood



Lauren Denny

GRADE 11

1. Chloe Kruger (88.1%)
2. Petrune Beattie
3. Courtney Wallace
4. Alexandra Mould
5. Carla du Toit



Chloe Kruger

GRADE 12

1. Nicola Steinhaus (91.5%)
2. Karen Schuster
3. Angeliki Carvounes
4. Helen Dunnell
5. Samantha Marchant



Nicola
Steinhaus



Karen Schuster



Angeliki Carvounes

GRADE 9 SUBJECT CHOICE FOR 2012

Later this year the Grade 9 girls will choose subjects for the FET band (Grades 10 to 12). Attention is drawn to the fact that learners will have to prove that they are capable of coping with the demands of a subject in Grade 9 in order to be allowed to continue with it next year.

For example, learners who wish to take subjects such as Design or Visual Arts in Grade 10 will not be considered if they do not pass and/or complete all their tasks in Grade 9 Art this year.

In some subjects places are limited and will therefore be offered on merit to the most deserving learners. Learners are therefore urged to get the best possible marks.

Grade 9 learners need to make sure that they hand in all their work and meet deadlines in the various subjects if they wish to continue with them in Grade 10 next year.

Mrs S Schnetler
Deputy Head

Ignition Movie Evening

Ignition hosted its second Movie Evening on 28 March 2011 in the Thomson Hall. Between forty and fifty girls enjoyed spending an evening relaxing together after a busy term. They watched the thought-provoking movie "To Save a Life" while they drank hot chocolate and devoured chocolate brownies.

After the movie, a guest speaker opened a discussion on the themes in the movie. Issues relevant to teenagers such as popularity and social division, friendship, values, purpose in life, teenage suicide, romantic relationships, sexuality and teenage preg-

nancy, family crises and divorce were covered. The girls were struck by the fact that in the movie, seemingly insignificant decisions and actions profoundly impacted the lives of others.

We look forward to the next Ignition Movie Evening which will be held at the end of the second term.

Thank you from the Ignition committee to the moms who generously supplied the delicious chocolate brownies.

Ms M Meyer

WANTED (to borrow or rent)

A chocolate fountain

for an Erinville function to be held at RGHS on 15 April 2011

Please contact Mrs Marshall



Mrs Marshall with Amber Stodel

Adult Computer Literacy Classes at Rustenburg

Are you tired of asking your daughter to help you on the computer?
 Are you looking to improve your computer skills so that you can get that elusive promotion?
 Would you like to obtain an internationally recognised certificate in Computer Literacy?
 Then why not consider taking the initiative in 2011 and sign up for Computer Literacy classes at RGHS!

Classes will be run in the RGHS computer labs on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9:00pm in a relaxed and sociable environment.

The trainer is Mr Graeme Broster, the IT Manager at Rustenburg and a certified ICDL Trainer.

The course will follow the ICDL syllabus, covering the key concepts of computing and its practical implications and is the same programme covered by all Grade 8 -11s at Rustenburg.

The ICDL certificate consists of seven modules covering the following topics:

- Basic Concepts of IT
- File Management
- Word-processing
- Spreadsheets
- Presentations
- Databases
- Internet & Communication

Each module will be covered in approximately 6 weeks and will require some work at home in between classes.

ICDL exams will be written by arrangement, usually alongside RGHS learners on a weekday afternoon. While some experience in using a computer is preferable, beginners are also welcome. Minimum and maximum class sizes will apply.

The cost of the classes will depend on the number of people who sign up, but will be around R700 per module if registered for the ICDL certificate (based on a class of 10 students), which works out to around R115 per evening class. If you wish to only come to the lessons and not enrol for the ICDL certificate, the cost would be around R550 per module. Final fees will be confirmed at the first session.

Classes will begin after the Easter break, with the first class being on 3 May, 2011.

For more information or any other queries, please contact:

Mr Graeme Broster via the school switchboard on 021 686 4066
 or
 via email on brosterg@rghs.org.za

Debating Update

The Debating Society can reflect on a very successful first term.

The Debating Society can look back at a very active and very successful first term. Apart from the regular training sessions with our coach, Matthew Butler-Adam, our debaters also attended two day training workshops at UCT.

24 March: Friendly debates

In the absence of sufficient debating competition, Saeeda Bassardien co-ordinated a very successful afternoon of friendly debates at RGHS on Thursday 24 March.

Four teams participated and debated the motion that: "This house would charge the parents of morbidly obese children with child abuse".

The RGHS team (Jarita Kassen, Sonia Mataramvura and Robyn Fester) opposed the motion and beat Rondebosch .

Jan van Riebeeck beat SACS in the second debate.

Saeeda and our time-keepers, Michaela Mc Hugh, Haseena Solwa and Katherine Harris, as well as our adjudicators, Ameerah Allie, Angeliki Carvounes, Tessa Collington and Gabi Slingers, all deserve special mention.

A special touch was added when Cara Mazetti-Claassen entered the junior members of the Debating Society in this year's Cultural Society Fashion Show.

SENIOR Rotary Debating Results to date

The Seniors remain undefeated after three rounds and Angeliki Carvounes has won two Best Speaker awards to date.

Round 1:

Monday 21 March vs COSAT

Motion:

This house would not provide any government support for non-vocational tertiary education.

Result:

RGHS (Angeliki Carvounes, Rebecca Furlong and Cara Mazetti-Claassen) opposed the motion and won the debate.

Best Speaker: Angeliki Carvounes

Round 2:

Wednesday 23 March vs Herschel

Motion:

This House would ban the burning of national flags as a form of public protest.

RGHS vs Herschel

(Herschel cancelled the debate and forfeited the points)

Round 3:

Monday 28 March vs Westerford

Motion: This house would partition Belgium.

RGHS (Angeliki Carvounes, Rebecca Furlong and Cara Mazetti-Claassen) opposed the motion and won the debate.

Best Speaker: Angeliki Carvounes.

JUNIOR Rotary Debating Results to date

The new Junior team has shown definite potential, but has still to win its first debate.

Round 2:

Wednesday 23 March vs Herschel

Motion:

This House would outlaw arranged marriages.

RGHS

(Aaliyah Vayej, Michaela McHugh and Katherine Harris)

opposed the motion and lost the debate.

Best Speaker: Michaela McHugh.

Round 3:

Monday 28 March vs Westerford

Motion:

This House supports the electronic tagging of convicted paedophiles.

RGHS (Katherine Harris, Aaliyah Vayej, Jarita Kassen)

proposed the motion and lost the debate.

The debaters look set to meet the demands and challenges of term two. The final rounds of the Rotary Tournament, the FACETS Competition at Sans Souci and the National Girls' High Schools Festival.

Music Department News

BEAU SOLEIL QUARTERLY CONCERT FRIDAY 25 MARCH

Well done to the following pupils who performed in the Quarterly Concert at Beau Soleil on Friday 25 March:

Chloé-Joy Arendse, Ashleigh Barnard, Kirsten Buchanan, Roxanne Christian, Julia Cooke, Megan Denny, Lauren Davis, Lynne Donson, Yeonju Kim, Pearl Jung Lindiwe Le Brasseur, Stephanie Lawrenson, Abigail Mallows, Emily Norris and Robyn Smith.

We are proud of your achievements and involvement.

HIP-HOP WORKSHOP

Belated thanks also to Mrs Bridgens who assisted the Music Fundraising committee at the event.

HEADS UP:

FORTHCOMING REHEARSALS FOR THE JENKINS MASS

Thursday 5 May: 18:30—21:30
At RGHS Kemp Hall (Choir)
Charlies Hope (Orch)

Sunday 8 May: 14:00—17:00
At RBHS Reeler Centre Concert Band

Monday 16 May: 18:30—21:30
At RGHS Kemp Hall (Choir)
Charlies Hope (Orch)

Achievers at Rustenburg, past and present

Life Sciences



On 27 March 2011, a Grade 10 learner, Nicola Cathcart, completed the Young Biologist course which was held at the Two Oceans Aquarium in the Waterfront. She was awarded the highest level certificate which is the Diamond certificate.

Nicola also achieved the highest score (91%) in the theory examination. In addition to the theory examination, learners also had to do volunteer work at the aquarium in order to qualify.

Nicola volunteered for more than 80 hours. We are extremely proud of Nicola as she serves as a role model to all youth in that she demonstrates a responsible attitude towards the environment.

The Young Biologist Course is offered at no charge to 50 young people who are currently completing Grade 10 in 2011 and who may wish to pursue a career in Marine Science.

The course will run from the 26th September till the 2nd October 2011. All interested learners should contact their respective Life Sciences teachers at the start of next term.

News from Rhodes University



Nina McFall, who matriculated last year, had her first article, entitled "First year tales", published in *The Oppidan*, the Rhodes student newspaper, this month.



Rustenburg's Junior Debaters, Jarita Kassen, Sonia Mataramvura and Robyn Fester, with their fellow debaters

End of Term One Sports News

TOUCH RUGBY SENIOR INTER-PROVINCIAL RESULTS

Kim Cranfield and Ms Blackshaw played in the WP Ladies Open team.

They were unbeaten in the tournament and went on to beat Gauteng in the finals 7 – 1.

Neda Isaacs and Carla Puccini played in the WP mixed open team, which finished 4th overall.

Aneeqah Fredericks and Ziyannah Fredericks played in the Western Cape team, finishing 6th overall

LIFESAVING

Congratulations to LINDIWE LE BRASSEUR who attended the National Lifesaving Championships at Camps Bay from Wed 30 April – Friday 1 May.

JESSE CULLEN also represented Big Bay Surf Lifesaving Club from 7 – 10 April at the Strand beach.

PGSGU INDOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

This tournament took place on Thursday 24 March at the Herschel indoor centre:

Our first team was represented by: Keren Dugmore, Meghan Goncalves, Alex Fuller, Emma Bergman, Samantha Newdigate, Kate Houliston and Gretchin Davids.

Rustenburg started the afternoon with 2 losses. They went down to Wynberg 0 – 4 and then lost to St. Cyprians 2 – 3.

Thereafter the team played exceptionally well beating Springfield 1 – 0, and then drawing with Herschel 0 – 0.

Rustenburg placed 3rd overall, behind the winners, Wynberg GHS, with Herschel placing 2nd overall.

This was an amazing result for this very dedicated hard working team.

Thank you to Coach Brendon Solik for his inspired coaching and to Mr Dean Laufs for supervising the team so diligently throughout the season.

SPORTS DATES TO DIARISE

Wednesday 6 April:	Visiting Hillcrest High School : 1 st team Hockey match 4pm at Oude Molen
Monday 11 April:	ALL team sport starts (See page 7) Cross Country training starts
Tuesday 12 April:	Visiting touring teams – Kingsmead College 15h30: Tennis matches 15h30: 1 st Netball team match 17h00 – 18h30: 1 st Hockey team match at Oude Molen
Wednesday 13 April:	First Squash practice at Kelvin Grove
Friday 15 April:	Hockey matches 1 st team (16h30) U19A (17h30) U16B (15h30) Hockey matches at Fairmont astro
Saturday 16 April:	Hockey matches vs Fairmont at Rustenburg Bellville Netball Tournament: 1 st team Netball
Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 April:	National Girls Schools' Festival tour to East London
Friday 6 May:	Squash matches start

WINTER SPORTS PROGRAMME 2011

Monday	Hockey u14A / B and C 15h30 – 16h30 social all age groups 15h15 – 16h15	Netball u14A and B 16h30-17h30 u14C /u16C 15h15 – 16h15 u16A and B 15h15 –16h15 u19A and B 16h15 –17h15 social netball 15h15 –16h15 Football 15:15 – 17:00	Cross Country 15h15 -16h30 Walking club 15h15-16h15
Tuesday	Hockey u16B / C / D (at school) 15:30 – 16:30 u19A and u16A (Oude molen astro) 17h00 – 18h30 u19B and C (at school) 16h30 – 17h30	Netball u14A / B / C 15h15 –16h15 u16A / B /C 15h15 –16h15 u19A and B 15h15 – 16h15 social netball 15h15 -16h15	
Wednesday	Hockey u14A (Hartleyvale astro) 17h00 – 18h00 U14B and C (at school) 16h30 – 17h30 social all age groups 15h15 – 16h15	Social Football 15h45 – 16h30 and / or 16h30 – 17h15 (tbc)	Cross Country Meetings 15h30 – 17h30 Squash Teams 15h30 – 17h00 (Kelvin Grove ?)
Thursday	Hockey u19 B and C 15h30 – 16h30 u16A, B, C, D 16h30 – 17h30 u19A 17h00 -18h30 (Oude Molen astro)	Netball Matches Football Matches	
Friday	Squash Matches		
Saturday	Hockey Matches		

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Thursday 31 March – Monday 04 April	Gr 12 Orange River trip
Saturday 27 – Thursday 01 April	Youth Arts Festival
Monday 29 – Wednesday 31	Music SAJE Conference
Monday 04 April – Wednesday 06 April	Gr 8 RGHS + RBHS Camp

Winter Uniform

Next term girls may wear either complete winter OR complete summer uniform. No combinations of the two are allowed. **From Monday 09 May, however, the winter uniform will be compulsory for all learners.**

Parents are advised to check that their daughters' uniforms still fit, jerseys are not frayed and worn, and to make new purchases in good time. Please bear in mind that stock or particular sizes may not be readily available closer to the changeover date.

Please assist your daughter in maintaining pride in herself and her school by replacing items that are worn, frayed or outgrown, particularly when they are too tight or too short!

Rustenburg Girls' Junior School Morning Market Saturday 16 April

Family fun with traditional games and stalls such as tombola, tea garden, books, farm stall etc.

Time: 9h00 – 13h00

Contact: saranne@rgjs.org.za

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents and their daughters will have an opportunity to meet with individual subject teachers at the start of next term.

The dates of these meetings are as follows:

Grades 9 to 12:	Wednesday 13 April	(17:30 to 20:00)
Grade 8:	Monday 18 April	(17:30 to 20:00)

Please discuss your daughter's report with her over the holidays and decide which teachers you would like to see.

Booking sheets will be available at the start of next term, so please ask your daughter to make the necessary appointments.

Girls must accompany their parents to these meetings in full school uniform.

Bell-ringers for Term One

Thank you to Kim Petersen and Courtney Wallace (D4) for being conscientious bell-ringers this term.

School Photograph Day

School Photograph Day took place on 22 March, 2011, and was organised by Art, Design and Photography teacher Mr Riaan Vosloo. Usually, these days take place on the Grade Eleven lawns, however, in 2011, the weather was unforgiving, resulting in Mr Vosloo having to relocate the venue to the Kemp Hall. He is to be congratulated on his efforts in bringing structure and organisation to a day which could easily have become chaotic.



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Forthcoming Events	
Sunday 10	Boarders return
Monday 11	SCHOOL TERM STARTS Hostel Committee Meeting (Media Centre) 16:30 – 18:00
Tuesday 12	1 st team matches vs Kingsmead College touring side (15:30 Tennis + 16:00 Netball @ RGHS / 17:30 Hockey @ Oude Molen)
Wednesday 13	Grade 9 to 12 Parent-Teacher Interviews (17:30 – 20:00)
Thursday 14	Assembly: Prefect information meeting for Grade 11s (Thomson Hall) UCT Maths Competition (evening)
Friday 15	Hostel Cabaret (tbc)
Monday 18	Grade 8 Parent-Teacher Interviews (17:30 – 20:00)
Tuesday 19	<i>Pesach starts</i> SGB Sub-Committee Meetings 17:30
Wednesday 20	Liszt/Hovhanness Piano Festival 19:30 (Charlie's Hope)
Thursday 21	Blood Donor Clinic Boarders week out
Friday 22	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Good Friday Boarders week out
Saturday 23	Boarders week out
Sunday 24	Boarders week out
Monday 25	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Family Day Boarders week out
Tuesday 26	SCHOOL HOLIDAY Boarders week out National Girls' Schools Festival starts (Clarendon, East London)
Wednesday 27	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Freedom Day Boarders week out National Girls' Schools Festival (Clarendon, East London)
Thursday 28	SCHOOL HOLIDAY Boarders week out National Girls' Schools Festival (Clarendon, East London)
Friday 29	SCHOOL HOLIDAY Boarders week out National Girls' Schools Festival (Clarendon, East London)
Saturday 30	National Girls' Schools Festival ends (Clarendon, East London) Boarders week out
MAY 2011	
Sunday 01	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Workers' Day Boarders week out
Monday 02	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Boarders week out

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