

# Rustenburg Times

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## International success for Simone Potgieter and Lauren Denny

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### Attention

The SA Kimura Shukokai  
International Association hereby invites

**Simone Potgieter,**

Claremont Dojo,  
Cape Town

to participate in the 2010  
Portugal KSI

Karate World Championships,  
held in Portugal from  
12—15 May 2010



**Lauren Denny** has been selected to  
represent Cape Town in the  
2010 International  
Mathematics Competition in  
Incheon, South Korea.

Her team members are Young Hwang,  
Warren Black and Nicholas Cotchobos of  
Bishops.

The competition takes place from 24 to 31  
July, 2010

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

## News from the RCL

Hello readers

Here are a few results from the 2010 soccer tournament which was organized by the RCL at the beginning of the year.. The matches are held at second break and are 10 minutes a side.

<u>Last term</u>	<u>Second term</u>
(D5)Spain 2-0 Switzerland (D3)	(E2)Algeria 1-0 Australia (B4) Player of the match goes to Mr. Collins
(C2)USA 1-2 Chile(D1)	(C3)Mexico 1-0 Nigeria (E3) Best sportsmanship was shared
	(D4) Paraguay 2-0 Greece (C1) Best Spirit was shared

The RCL will also be having a feedback session soon where the girls can make any suggestions to the RCL.



## FSA Youth Exchange to Germany

Two Grade 11s applied to go on the four week exchange to Germany during these holidays. There were 111 applications received nationally.

To hope to be selected the learners were rated on

1. a letter to the host family
2. a presentation on their school
3. an online-test

Only 87 learners made the selection cut-off.

Well done to Chelsea Kelly, who came first in the province and third in the country, with 83.87%.



She will be going to a town called Voerde (Friedrichsfeld) on the Rhine river, and near to the Dutch border.



Well done too to Nicola Steinhaus, who came fourth in the province and seventh nationally, with 82,73%. She will visit Schwetzingen, near Heidelberg, in the Black Forest region of Germany.

**Ms R Fourie**

## Grade 12 Art and Design Seminar

Friday the 23rd April was an exciting day for Rustenburg's Art and Design Department as we hosted our third Art and Design Seminar. The purpose of the day was to expose the matric students to some of South Africa's finest artists and designers who very kindly agreed to present their work and experiences to our girls and invited learners from others schools.

The line up included famous furniture designer Haldane Martin, Spier Contemporary winner, Andrew Putter, former teacher and amazing artist, Marlise Keith, internationally renown and Michaelis lecturer, Jane Alexander as well as performing artist Nandipha Mntambo.

Fashion designer David West was there to show us some of his amazing pieces of clothing from his Holbol Collection, inspired by Cape Dutch Architecture. Thanks you to Mara Djeri for modelling. His clothing was all so original and "trendy", something that many of us had probably never seen before.

Graphic designer and strategist, Di Botha gave an inspirational talk reminding us youth to remain free thinkers and that "original thinking will be the only currency of value". She left many of us thinking about what differences we

can make as human beings and that we need to challenge ourselves as well as others in order to succeed as individuals.

It was a real treat, not to mention the tasty treats provided by the grade 12's, having all these speakers coming to share their stories with us; they were all incredibly interesting and they opened the eyes of many of us art and design students by showing us that it is possible to do and achieve anything with a lot of hard work. They were all so inspirational and left us feeling uplifted, ready to take on any challenges and excited to go out and try new things after seeing all of their master pieces!

**Chelcie Lachenicht**



## From the tuckshop

Pre-orders are going to be given out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and need to be returned by the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

We are giving out the forms early this term because of exams starting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May and that the school closes on the 9<sup>th</sup> June.

I know exams are a stressful time for many and there are many other things happening so in order to facilitate the timely return of the forms we are giving it out before the exams start.

Many thanks  
**Michelle Haylett**

## Platters

### Parents

Please remember to collect your trays/ plates/platters etc., from the Office .



These are left from your kind contribution of eats to the Parent-Teacher Interviews earlier this term.

## Debating Update: Term Two from Mr van Dyk

To date this has been a successful and active debating year for RGHS and it isn't over yet.

### Friday 23- Monday 26 April

Senior Debaters defend title at National Girls' High School's Festival held at Rhenish – see report below

### Wednesday 28 April: Round 3 of the Rotary Debating Competition

Congratulations to both the Junior and Senior teams for maintaining their unbeaten run with wins over Sans Souci.

The Juniors, represented by Nicola Cilliers, Saeeda Bassardien and Carla van Niekerk, successfully opposed the motion that: THIS HOUSE WOULD LEGALISE THE SALE OF HUMAN ORGANS

The Seniors, comprising: Angeliki Carvounes, Ameerah Allie and Cara Mazetti-Claassen, successfully opposed the motion that: THIS HOUSE WOULD PAY ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ELECTED POLITICIANS A WAGE EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL INCOME OF THE COUNTRY THAT THEY GOVERN.

Angeliki Carvounes was awarded best speaker for this debate.

### Sunday 09 May: Debating Training at UCT

Some of our Juniors and Senior Debaters will attend a training workshop organized by the UCT Debating Society.

### Monday 10 May: Round 4 of the Rotary Debating Competition

RGHS will be debating against Herzlia High School at Herschel at 18h30. Supporters will be most welcome.

The Juniors will oppose the motion that: THIS HOUSE WOULD RE-DIRECT ALL STATE FUNDING FOR PRODUCTIONS OF "CLASSIC" (e.g. MOZART, SHAKESPEARE AND OTHER) WORKS OF ART, TO NEW WORKS OF ART.

The Seniors will debate the motion that: THIS HOUSE WOULD PRIVATISE THE PROVISION OF WATER.

### Making History

#### Senior Debaters defend title to win National Tournament for the second time and make it three in a row for RGHS!

Last year's RGHS Senior Debating team [Ameerah Allie, Angeliki Carvounes, Chelsea Kelly, Cara Mazetti-Claassen and, the team captain, Shaakirah Jardine) made RGHS history at Rhenish in April 2010.

The team successfully defended its title by winning the Debating section of this year's National Girls' High School's Festival for the second year running and retained Rustenburg's hold on the title for the third year running.

Once again, this was an exceptional team achievement and, although they lost the final debate against Durban Girls' High, they won the tournament by obtaining the most points and winning the most debates.

They faced excellent competition and the standard of debating was much higher than in previous years.

To add to their accolades, out of the 80 speakers at the competition, RGHS obtained the top two best speaker awards. Cara Mazetti-Claassen (our rebuttal speaker) was the overall best speaker of the tournament and Angeliki Carvounes was placed second. In 2009, Angeliki was placed joint first and Cara was the fourth best speaker.

Apart from the excellent team spirit, total commitment to debating and the excellent foundation they received from Mrs A. Pretorius as junior debaters, their success is also due to the excellent coaching they are receiving from Matthew Butler-Adam from UCT Debating Society.

Roll on 2011, when this outstanding team (sadly without Shaakirah Jardine, who is in Grade 12) will take up the challenge of three wins in a row and four in a row for RGHS.

## News from the Music Department

### Chopin / Schumann Bicentenary Concert

A very special evening celebrating the bicentenary of two of the greatest piano composers took place in Charlie's Hope on Thursday evening, 30 April. Pianists from several schools performed works by these composers to an appreciative audience as well as to one of South Africa's leading pianists, Franklin Larey.

Two students from Westerford, Joshua Biggs and Mischa Buys, opened the concert with works by Schumann as well as Chopin. They were followed by the youngest performer, Caitlin Grüning from RGHS who performed two of Chopin's Preludes, and Neil Robertson from Bishops, who gave a stirring performance of the 'Military' Polonaise by Chopin. Hye-In Shin from RGHS performed a beautiful Nocturne.

Sevi Steingastner from Bishops played the Fantasie-Improvisation in c# minor, a piece which he clearly enjoyed. This was followed by more Nocturnes from Tony Wan of RBHS and Seirin Wi of Herschel. A fine performance of Chopin's 'Sunshine' Etude by Rustenburg Old Girl, Coila Enderstein, concluded the first half of the concert.

After the interval, Franklin Larey gave an informative talk on the two great Romantic composers and highlighted the main features of the Romantic Movement such as thematic transformation, and the essential character of the two leading composers, the literary bent of Schumann as well as the Polish nationalism of Chopin. He then gave superb performances of an Etude and Nocturne by Chopin.

Caitlin Grüning, Sevi Steingastner and Seirin Wi were awarded the CD prizes by Professor Larey. All performances were of a very high standard and the music students from RGHS who attended were stunned by the superb musicianship of the evening.

Charlie's Hope was filled to capacity and the evening continued to show what an excellent investment the acquisition of the new Kawai piano has been.

Congratulations must be extended to Mesdames Sole and Dernier who planned the evening. More concerts of this nature are planned in the future.

**R Davis**



Hye-In Shin (left) who performed one of Chopin's beautiful *Nocturnes* and the youngest performer of the evening, Caitlin Grüning, (right) who performed two of Chopin's *Preludes*



## FNB ALL GIRLS FESTIVAL TOUR 2010 – Orchestra Workshop

The Annual FNB National Girls' Schools' Festival was held on 23 – 25 April 2010 in Stellenbosch. Nine of our Orchestra girls participated in the tour.

The highlight of our long weekend was the Eisteddfod on Saturday afternoon at the Rhenish Primary school hall. Our programme consisted of two Lutheran chorales arranged by David E Stone, Pachelbel's Canon and the 1812 Overture (Themes) by Tchaikovsky.

For some learners this was their first High school tour. Despite their nerves and having only a quarter of our Orchestra present, they still presented an excellent performance.

The guest adjudicator from Stellenbosch University, Mrs Pamela Kierman, enjoyed the selection of repertoire from all the schools that participated. The members of the Rustenburg Orchestra received a Gold Diploma (83%).

We should like to thank all the parents that supported their daughters on the Saturday night and congratulations are extended to all the learners who participated (Karen Schuster, Carolyn Ryder, Roslyn Sanby, Lauren Sanby, Kate Vlok, Joo Young Kim, Lauren Denny, Christine Monteverdi, Anja Mühr) We trust that more members of our Orchestra will participate next year.

**Miss O Gordon**

### SOME REMINDERS

#### Choral Rehearsal

The first combined choral rehearsal will be held at SACS High School on Monday 10 May from 18:30 – 21:00. Prepare for the extra-long rehearsal by doing extra practice/study/homework over the weekend.

#### Music Parents' Meeting

The Parents' Meeting for all Music learners will be held at Charlie's Hope on Monday 17 May from 18:00-20:00. Please book 5-minute slots to see the Music staff. You will receive a letter of notification, but please diarise the date in the meantime. We'd love to see all our Parents!

#### Music Practical Examinations

These are now in full swing until Friday 14 May. Be sure to collect your Quick Study a day in advance if you're in Grade 8 or 9, and everyone is advised to put in that extra practice on your scales/arpeggios to be in tip-top condition.

**EMS**

#### SACS Pop Idols

All good wishes to Amy Walton who is performing in the Finals of the SACS Pop Idols in the Hofmeyr Hall at SACS High School on Saturday 8 May starting at 19:30. Tickets are R40 (adults) and R20 (scholars).



#### Cape Town Marimba Festival

This will be held in the Baxter Concert Hall on 21 & 22 May. The RGHS Junior and Senior Savuyisa marimba bands will be performing on Friday 21 May. The concert will start at 19:45 and tickets can be purchased through Computicket at R60 for adults and R35 for students/scholars. Funds raised by the concert will be donated to an African music development project, so your support will be greatly appreciated. Over 40 school bands will be participating in a mass marimba band finale.



## April / May Sports News

### Cadiz Vista Nova Robben Island Swim

This swim took place on Sunday 2 May. The water temperature was measured at 13 degrees close to Robben Island and got progressively colder towards the shore, dropping to 11.3 degrees!

Congratulations to all of our girls who successfully completed this extreme event. We are indeed very proud of you. The results were:  
Team Rustenburg: Caleigh-Anne Coetzee, Kyra Francis, Maryke van Heukelum 2h48m08 (non-wetsuit)

Team Rusties: Kerry Newby and Hilary de Villiers 2h51m43 (non-wetsuit)

Team Rustenburg 2: Kelsey Holmes, Candice Barnes and Marzia Gertse 3h06m15 (non-wetsuit)

Team Rusty Bugs: Skye van Aswegan, Samantha Marchant, Kesley Quinn and Lexi Bosman 3h16m50

The Dream Team: Nicola Barrett and A.N.Other 2h53m36

The frostbites: Jessica Ashley-Cooper and 3 x A.N.Other 2h02m07 (1<sup>st</sup> non-wetsuit team overall)

### Two Oceans Marathon

Michelle Haylett, our Tuckshop and Catering Manager also completed her first Two Oceans Half Marathon in a time of 2 hours and 38 minutes.

### WP Hockey and Netball Trials

Congratulations to the following girls who have made it through to the final round of their age-group trials

U18 hockey:

Courtney Abbott and Roshaan Solomon

U14 hockey:

Candice-Lee Uys, Christine Goliath and Nicole Sorour

U18 netball:

Molebo Mosia and Lebo Mosia

### Sailing

The Western Cape sailing championships were held at Saldanha Bay over the long weekend (24 – 27 April)

Congratulations to the following girls:

In the Sonnet class, GENEVIEVE MORRIS and her dad placed 3rd and

JENNY ROBERTSON placed 7th.

In the Mirror class CANDICE and LAUREN SMITHIE placed 3rd

### Rachel Wood

Rachel competed in African Championships for aerobic gymnastics in Walvis Bay, Namibia from 4-10 March. She received two personal best scores. She placed 2nd in the Mixed Pairs and 1st in Trios in the Senior Section.

Rachel placed 1st at both the PGSGU diving championships which were held on 16 March and the WP Diving Championships held on 23 March.

### Alexandra Fuller

Alexandra has been competing in a number of squash tournaments. At the South African Closed Squash tournament held in Gauteng in April, she finished 4th in the U19 section. At the South African Nationals in Port Elizabeth this past weekend, 1-2 May, she was seeded 3rd and finished third in U19. Alex had a great tournament, having very narrowly lost 13-11 in the fifth game in the semi-finals. She then went on to beat the girl who was seeded 1st, 3 – 0 in the play-off for 3rd and 4th.

### Robyn Moore

ROBYN played in the 2010 Nomads Girls' Golf Championship of South Africa held at Orkney Golf Club held from 25 - 27 April. She represented Western Province in the B division, placing 27th out of 48 players.

On Sunday 2 May she played in the Mowbray Girls Apprentice Championships and placed 2nd overall, only 3 shots behind the winner.

### Winter Sports Captains 2010

SQUASH: Captain: Jennifer de Villiers

## 2010 Sports and Cultural Festival Rhenish Girls High School

Rustenburg enjoyed another successful tour at the National All girls Festival at Stellenbosch. Results were as follows:

### Debating

Our debaters again excelled themselves. The girls won all debates in the first 5 rounds and made it through to the final round, where they met up with Durban Girls High. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row where they have made the finals. They were given a difficult topic to oppose in their final debate: 'This house believes that political parties should disclose the sources of their funding'. RGHS lost the final debate but placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the tournament.

Final rankings were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rustenburg High School for Girls
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kingsridge Girls High
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pretoria Girls High
- 4<sup>th</sup> Durban Girls High

Our debating team was captained by Sha-akirah Jardine and ably assisted by Cara Mazetti-Claassen, Angeliki Carvounnes, Ameerah Allie and Chelsea Kelly. CARA MAZETTI-CLAASSEN was adjudged the Best Speaker of the tournament and ANGELIKI CARVOUNES was adjusted the 2<sup>nd</sup> best speaker of the tournament. This team was managed by Mr C Van Dyk.

### Public Speaking

This was the first time that RGHS had entered this competition and our girls did not know what to expect. Our two senior speakers were Helen Dunnell and Nabeelah Shabodien.

Our junior speakers were Nicola Cilliers and Chelsea Christian. The girls performed extremely well with NABEELAH SHABODIEN being adjudged the 3<sup>rd</sup> best speaker. The final results were:

- 1st Clarendon High School
- 2nd: Rustenburg High School for Girls
- 3rd Rhenish Girls High

The team was captained by Helen Dunnell and managed by Mrs G Wallace. She was very satisfied with the performances of our girls in a tournament of a very high standard of public speaking.

### Hockey

Our girls played well: the team won 5 games, drew 1 game and lost 2 games in their pool. This placed them 4<sup>th</sup> in their pool which meant that they played off for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> place. They lost their final game in a penalty flick shootout and ended 8<sup>th</sup> overall, out of 18 participating schools. The team was captained by Kate Pitcher, with Courtney Abbott the vice captain. KEREN DUGMORE received a certificate of sportsmanship. The team was managed and coached by Mrs Colleen Matthews.

### Netball

This is a young team who struggled with form and with injuries. The team finished 13<sup>th</sup> out of 16 participating teams. Nikki Baguley captained the team and their coach and manager was Ms Suzette Vermeulen

### Orchestra

We were represented by 11 members of the orchestra. 9 officially and then Ms Gordon borrowed Cara from debating and Helen from public speaking to try to swell the numbers. It is a great pity that more orchestra girls could not join us.

On Saturday they performed, receiving GOLD and 83% for their performance. This small group really excelled themselves. They performed again on Sunday and participated in a mass item with all of the other orchestras. The team was captained by Karen Schuster and managed by Ms Gordon.

### Tennis

Four girls represented RGHS. They had a great tournament and were kept very busy with 6 matches of singles and doubles.

They were rewarded with a very pleasing result, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

The team was captained by Christy Vosloo, who partnered with Kiana Neethling. Leanne Bicarri and Amy Scholtz making up the 2<sup>nd</sup> couple. The team was ably managed by Ms Blayi.

**The National All Girls Festival will take place in East London in 2011, hosted by Clarendon High School for Girls.**

## News from the Life Orientation Department

### UWC OPEN DAY 5 6, 7 and 8 MAY

We advise you to attend  
on the Saturday morning.  
Grades 10, 11 and 12 are welcome to attend.

### VEGA OPEN DAY 8 MAY 9.30 - 12.30

Green Point campus.  
2 De Smit Street off  
Somerset Road near Cape Quarter.  
Grades 11 and 12 are welcome to attend.

### UCT ARCHITECTURAL SCHOOL WORKSHOP

21, 22 AND 23 JUNE 2010.

Grades 11 and 12 learners are welcome to  
apply. Please collect application forms from  
Mrs Dowdall as soon as possible.

A motivational essay needs to be included  
and the closing date is 21 May.

The workshops will offer insight into the ca-  
reer field as well as field trips, lectures and  
advice on preparation of portfolios for  
application processes during matric.

### AFDA FILM SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Lower Scott Road  
Observatory,  
15 May 10.00 – 2.00

### WITS UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENING

Wynberg Girls' High School  
25 May 18h -20.00.

Courses, admission requirements and other  
relevant information will be available.  
Grades 11 and 12 girls and \or their parents  
are welcome to attend.

### Hands-on professional make-up course during the holiday.

9.30 – 17.30 June 21 – 24 or July 5 -8.  
Learn all about illusion make-up, make- up for  
brides, teens, mature skin as well as day and  
evening make-up. All make up for course is  
provided. Cost: R2 800  
Contact Debbie 082-8042748

[www.kmg-consulting.com/makeup/index.htm](http://www.kmg-consulting.com/makeup/index.htm)

### TBISA OPEN DAY

Liesbeeck Parkway area,  
just past the Courtyard Hotel.  
May 12 0211114485432

[www.tandbisa.co.za](http://www.tandbisa.co.za).

Tourism and Business Institute including  
Events Management Courses, Hotel  
management, Cooking and Business  
Management.

### ALLAN GRAY BURSARIES

Grade 12s are welcome to collect an  
application form from Mrs Dowdall..

Students wishing to study in the Commerce,  
Science or Engineering faculties are welcome  
to apply.

A minimum of a B aggregate as well as a mini-  
mum of a C in Mathematics in Grade 11 is es-  
sential as well as a commitment to excellent  
personal achievement, personal initiative, en-  
trepreneurial flair courage and selflessness.

### YOGA LESSONS

will be held this term and ma-  
trices who were able to try out  
some basic yoga in Phys Ed  
classes are welcome to join girls  
from all grades .



### Talk

#### Developing Emotional Intelligence

Wed 12 May  
6.30 – 8.30

International School of Cape Town,  
Primrose Avenue,  
Upper Wynberg.

Phone 021 6711204 to book.

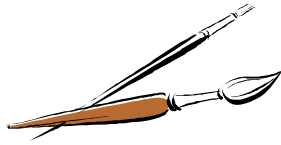
Workshop will be hosted by Dr Mark  
Tunbridge, Mia Boon and Associates.

Join them for a workshop and learn more  
about developing emotional intelligence.

*Art Flash ...  
introducing Grade Eight*



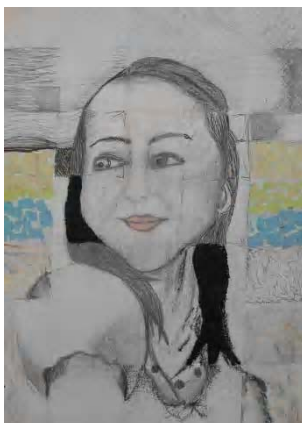
**Aimee La Kay**



**Ashleigh Womack**



**Brogan Poulton**



**Christa Kotze**



**Justine Bollman**

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 10	Choir combined rehearsal (with RBHS + SACS) @ SACS 18:30 – 21:00
Thursday 13	<i>Ascension Day</i> Assembly: Voting for Sub-Prefects
Friday 14	Examinations commence
Monday 17	Music Parents' Meeting (Charlie's Hope) 18:00 – 20:00
Friday 21	Marimba Festival @ Baxter
Saturday 22	Marimba Festival @ Baxter
Saturday 29	Cape Town Big Band Jazz Festival @ Baxter 19:45 (RGHS perform)

## Traffic Offenders

We have had a number of complaints from parents about the selfish and inconsiderate behaviour of other parents at the school. There are, unfortunately, parents who stop in the middle of the roadway to drop off their daughters or to collect them, thus causing major congestion and inconveniencing everyone else. Some drivers have even been rude and abusive to our Ground Staff.

These are some of the offenders whose numbers we have received :

- CA 320-879 Silver BMW
- CA 426-624 Navy
- CA 463-887 White

We urge parents to show consideration when collecting their daughters.

### MY SCHOOL CARDS

In our latest update from "My School" it was very pleasing to see that in March, R3,758-75 was raised for the School.

534 supporters raised funds and we were placed 7th in the Cape Town South Region.

It is so wonderful to see that so many of our past parents are still using their cards and thus continue to support the School.

**"My School Cards"**  
the painless way to support  
Rustenburg  
and raise  
much-needed funds  
for the School.

