

Rustenburg Times

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Ten years of service to Rustenburg



In 2008, the principal of Rustenburg High School for Girls, Ms Laura Bekker, initiated a new tradition at Founders' Day. Those teachers who have offered ten years of service to Rustenburg are publicly thanked for their loyalty and dedication.

This year the school applauded the allegiance and expertise of Mr Adrian Skelly (left) and Ms Bridget Cameron (right). Mr Skelly is Head of the English department, while Ms Cameron is Head of the Mathematics department.

In 2007 the School Governing Body decided to extend the School Management Team. Both Mr Skelly and Ms Cameron applied and were successfully appointed. Their management portfolios, respectively, include editorship of the annual school magazine and overseeing all formal examinations.



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

Successful Rustybugs

We congratulate
Kyra Frances, E 2010,
 who has been awarded the 2011 Allan Gray
 Scholarship for her degree at UCT.

The scholarship is awarded by the Allan Gray Orbis foundation, which seeks to promote prosperity through entrepreneurship in an integrated South Africa.

The foundation aims to do this by identifying, educating and equipping demographically diverse individuals who have the potential to excel and make a significant future impact as a potential business leader.

The foundation puts candidates through a rigorous selection process and those who are ultimately successful have their university degrees paid for as well as the experience of ongoing mentorship through the foundation.



TOUCH RUGBY NEWS

Congratulations to Kim Cranfield on her selection into the Western Province Open ladies touch rugby team for the Inter-provincial touch rugby tournament to be held in Durban in March.

She is the youngest member of the team and can be very proud of this fine achievement.



Well done to Neda Isaacs and Carla Puccini who are in the Mixed Open touch rugby squad. The final team will be announced on Sunday 13th February.



Bellringers

The Bellringers for this term are Kim Petersen (D4)
 and
 Courtney Wallace (D4).

We thank them for their service to the school.

History Department commemorates the Holocaust

On the evening of Wednesday 26 January, a group of Grade 11 and 12 History learners, accompanied by Mr C. Van Dyk and Ms M. Rees commemorated the United Nations Holocaust Memorial Day at the Cape Town Holocaust Centre.

Far from being a sombre affair, it was an uplifting experience as we saw Jewish partisan Faye Schulman's wartime photographic exhibition entitled "Fighting Back with a Camera". Instead of the many stereo typical photographs of imprisoned and emaciated holocaust victims and survivors, we witnessed images of courageous and determined Jewish partisans fighting back and resisting Nazi persecution.

In addition, the learners heard about the fighting spirit of specific Holocaust survivors and resisters who attended the ceremony.

Marie-Evelyne Petrus-Barry, the UN Information Centre Director, read UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's dedication of this year's memorial day to "**Women and the Holocaust: Courage and Compassion**".

For more information and videos visit

<http://www.un.org/en/holocaustremembrance/>

Finally, we were treated to Mitch Braff's inspirational lecture and a selection of film clips on the role played by women, especially that of photographer, Faye Schulman, in the Jewish partisan resistance movements. For more information and videos visit: *www.jewishpartisans.org/*

Pictured below are some of the Rustenburg High School Grade 11 and 12 learners, teachers, guests and Holocaust Centre Staff who attended the commemoration:

Back row:

Cedric van Dyk (educator); Kimberley Dale; Jodi Blencowe, Mieke Loubser; Sydney Davis; Marie-Evelyne Petrus-Barry (UN Information Centre Director); Meagan Rees (educator); Tracey Petersen (Education Director at the Holocaust Centre)

Seated:

Ruby Cornell; Amy Visser and Carla Morreira



United Nations
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The Cape Town Holocaust Centre
invites you to the commemoration of

United Nations Holocaust Memorial Day

Wednesday 26 January 2011
8.00 pm
Albow Centre, Gardens

Guest Speaker
Mitch Braff
Executive Director:
Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation

Fighting Back with a Camera
the Wartime Photographs of Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman

Message from United Nations Information Centre Director:
Marie-Evelyne Petrus-Barry

For further information contact
admin@holocaust.org.za or 021-462 3353

Parking available at Cape Town High School



From the Music Department

Carol Service 2010

Gifts and Charity Collection

Thank you to the RGHS community, learners, staff and parents who so generously brought gifts and collection money to the Carol Service in December last year, and to the Chamber Choir who performed in a Christmas Concert in the Lunch-hour at St Paul's Church on the day preceding the Carol Service.

We were able to donate R5 700 to The African Scholars' Fund, and R900 to each of the following Charity Organisations: Little Angels, Peninsula School Feeding Association, Animal Rescue Or-

ganisation and have put aside a further R900 for the tuning of the Huis Lückhoff pianos.

The huge pile of gifts, enthusiastically sorted by our Prefects, were delivered, thanks to Ms Jamey and the music staff, to various other needy Organisations, including: The Warehouse (who sort the gifts and deliver accordingly), Ons Plek Projects (for abused and abandoned teenage girls), the Ukondla programme in Philippi who were able to provide food for their Christmas party for 50 girls and boys, Christine Revell Home for young children, St Michael's Home for girls aged 13-18, and to NOAH for senior citizens.

Jazz Combo Performs at Kelvin Grove

JAZZ COMBO PERFORMS AT KELVIN GROVE

Well done to the members of our Jazz Combo: Amy Walton (vocals), Gladys Kisela (alto saxophone), Yohan Chun (piano), Nicola Cathcart (bass guitar) and Cheryl Muchapondwa (drumkit) supported by Ms Miller, who performed at an International Rotary function at Kelvin Grove on Sunday 6 February.

Don't miss their performance at the V & A Waterfront on Sunday 6 March at 17:00.



Music Courses Attended

Well done to GRACE THOMSON (RGHS Chamber Choir) and KATHERINE WERGER (RGHS General Choir) who attended the week-long course on Musicals presented by ANTON LUITINGH (RBHS Old Boy) and DUANE ALEXANDER at Artscape in December 2010. They performed songs from musicals such as *Wicked*, *Snoopy* and *Grease*. Both enjoyed their training immensely.

And, to ALEXANDRA MOULD who is attending a Masterclass at the University of Stellenbosch this week, by the Baroque Music expert, Carin van Heerden (an ex South African who now lives and works in Germany) who plays both the recorder and the Baroque oboe.

The Jenkins Camp

Thank you to the members of the Orchestra, Chamber Choir and Wind Band who have signed up for the first Camp of such a nature for over 20 years!

It will be held over the weekend of 12/13 February at the Manyano Centre in Paarl. The temperatures are expected to reach a high of 35 degrees C, but our rehearsals will continue regardless.

Mr Gerhard de Jager will conduct the rehearsals with the Orchestra, while Ms Gordon will run the rehearsal with the Concert Band and Ms Sole and Mrs Graham (SACS) will be responsible for rehearsing the Jenkins vocal parts.

All good wishes to the 80 pupils attending the camp.

More from the Music Department

Music Department Subject Music Outing: CPO Rehearsal, Thursday 3 February 2011

Programme: Bernstein *Candide* Overture, Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D, op 35, Rimsky-Korsakov *Scheherazade*, op 35.

Performers: the brilliant young Russian-born violinist, Philippe Quint, playing one of the world's most difficult violin concertos, and the Bulgarian/American conductor, Martin Panteleev.

Here are some comments from our subject music pupils who attended:

Captivating, Interesting and lovely tunes. You can tell what is happening in the music when it goes loud and when it goes soft. I loved the experience and hope to do it again.

Catherine Smith A3

The Cape Philharmonic Orchestra rehearsal was really good. Martin Panteleev was excellent at conducting and had a lot of energy. Phillippe Quint was also very talented on the violin. The only downside was that it was hot and stuffy in the hall and the rehearsal was long.

Emily Norris A3

The outing was a very interesting experience since it was my first time listening to such classical music. It was so beautiful. I enjoyed the soloist and uncovered that you can play the violin that fast.

Musa Makhoba A1

I really enjoyed the overture. The solo violinist in the concerto was absolutely amazing. I could have listened to the music the whole day and can't wait for next year.

Emma Bergh B2

I loved the excitement of the pieces. Told a story. Completely enthralling.

Monique Hollis B5

I was captivated enough to not sleep. The Cape Philharmonic Orchestra was amazing.

Joo-Young Kim C5

It motivated all of us to practise, and it was much better than last year. I would love to go to their performance. It was my style!

DoYeou Ku C4



The CPO outing is a wonderful educational experience for music students, but it should not be limited to music students only, but all students at our school should be given the opportunity. We can all learn from such inspiring and beautiful performances.

Terusha Navsaria D1

The CPO outing was and has always been a wonderful experience for me. Philippe Quint is one of the best violinists I have ever seen and I cannot imagine the technical difficulty of playing Tchaikovsky's concerto. I hope there will be many more outings like these for music students in the future.

Alexandra Mould D1

The brass section in *Scheherazade* was buzzing, exciting and busy. It was colourfully contrasted against the simple, effective string parts. *Scheherazade* was the best composition.

Alexa Bessinger D2

Every year, the performances get even more spectacular as our knowledge of music grows. We are so privileged to be able to hear world-class violinist in a live performance, inspiring us as he is inspired by the music.

Amy Walton E1

I think we should attend CPO rehearsals more often. It is amazing to see the transformation over years of exposure: from fidgety Grade 8's to enthralled senior girls.

Ingrid Pienaar E5

February Sports News and Results

INDOOR HOCKEY RESULTS

Wednesday 26 January

1st team beat Reddam 1st 2 – 0

2nd team beat Fish Hoek 1st 5 - 0

Wednesday 2 February

1st team beat Fairmont 1 2 - 0

2nd team drew with Fairmont 3 1 - 1

WATERPOLO RESULTS

Friday 28 January

vs Westerford

1st team won 5 – 3

2nd team lost

U16A lost 1 – 6

U16B won 6 – 3

U14A won 7 – 4

U14B won 11 – 0

Wednesday 2 February – 18h30

RGHS 1st team played the ‘match of their lives’ to beat Reddam 8 – 3.

What this space for further development with this fast improving team!

Friday 4 February

vs Pinelands

1st team won 15 - 4

2nd team won 9 - 1

U16A won 6 - 1

U14A won



SWIMMING

Rustenburg swam in a boys/girls gala at Rondebosch on Thursday 27 January.

The girls swam very well placing 3rd behind Rhenish and Herschel with Springfield placing 4th.

TENNIS RESULTS

Tuesday 25 January

4th team drew with Wynberg GHS 1st team 3-3

Friday 28 January

2nd team beat Springfield 4 – 2

Layinah Petersen and Tayla Damon both beat their opponents 6-1 in the singles.

Colleen Middleton narrowly lost 6 - 7

5th team beat Sans Souci 5 - 1

Emma won her singles match 6 - 1

Friday 4 February

1st team lost to Parklands 4 – 1

Tuesday 8 February

4th team beat Westerford 5 – 1

5th team lost to St.Cyprians B 1 - 5

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS

The WPC u16 tennis championships were played on Saturday 29 January.

Rebekah Perren placed 2nd and Kirstin Shaw placed 3rd.

Congratulations to KEREN DUGMORE who has been selected to the WP U19 Schools Tennis Team.

SAILING NATIONALS

420 CLASS

Rosie Finn finished 2nd at the Youth Nationals in the 420 class. Rosie and her crew were the first girl crew to finish.

SONNET

Genevieve Morris sailed with her dad, Keith, in the Sonnet Nationals and finished 3rd overall. This is a big improvement having finished 7th last year.

News from the Life Orientation Department

Yoga Classes

Lessons for any girls who are interested will begin next week in the Thomson Hall on Tuesdays and \or Thursdays from 3.15 until 4.15 at a cost of approximately R30.00 per lesson.

The UCT Philosophy Course

This course, which is open to Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners, begins in early March for three evening sessions. The theme this year is Mind and Body.

The course consists of lectures and small –group discussions and has been a great success with learners from the Cape Town area for the past few years. The cost is R95.00 which must be paid to Mrs Dowdall by Monday next week in order to register.

OPEN THE HEART AND STILL THE MIND

A psychotherapy and meditation group process for teenagers will be offered for 15 to 18 year olds. Please contact psychologist, Susan Cooper on 021 7623561 orvsuc@pinchuck.com

The workshops are also offered for adults who wish to gain a deepening of self-awareness, a way of dealing with anxiety and depression, as well as a means of managing stress.

Rotary Exchange Programme

The closing date for application forms is 15 February and forms must be handed in to Mrs Dowdall.

United World College Scholarships

Application forms close on March 1.

First Aid

Grade 11s and 12s are invited to volunteer as **First Aiders at RBHS** on Saturday mornings during the second and third terms. Contact Mrs Dowdall or Jennifer Hughes in E1.

Careers

The first career exhibition arranged by the Cape Career Exhibition Association was held at the school on Tuesday evening and UCT addressed the Grade 12s on the new admission requirements for 2012.

WORK SHADOW GRADE 11s

In order for Grade 11s to start planning a work shadow during one of the school holidays, we encourage them to approach the library and Mrs Peters who has organised a wonderful career resource file on an extensive range of careers.

The articles also have contact numbers for people in the careers and training.

SA Career Focus magazine is another resource available and will be found in the reading room of the media centre.

Grade 11s: Work Shadow Experience

The Sports Science Institute in Newlands hosts a number of days during the year for learners to attend talks about careers in sport as well as a tour of the institute. The two- day workshops will be held on the following days this year:

MARCH 17 & 18
APRIL 7 & 8
JUNE 21 & 22
JULY 14 & 15
SEPTEMBER 29 & 30

It would be advisable to make your booking now for one of the holiday times as places are limited and fill up quickly.

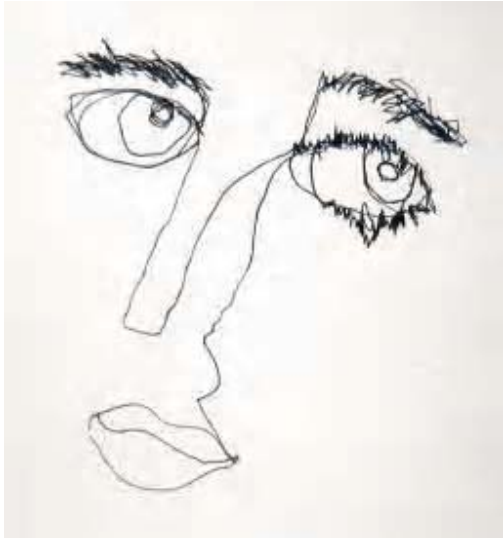
Individual work-shadow days will not be possible at the institute.

Contact: Ricardo Siljeur, Work Shadow Project Manager
021 6595637
rsiljeur@ssisa.com

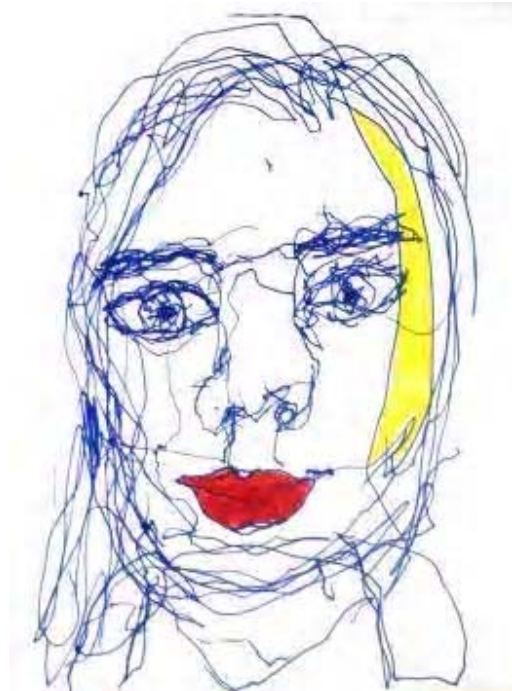
**Art Flash ...
Grade 8
Line Drawings**



Georgie Firth



Isabelle Meyer



Isabelle Kratz



Jarita Kassen

Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2011	
Saturday 12	Orchestra Camp
Sunday 13	Orchestra Camp
Monday 14	Closing date for 2011 Grade 8 Scholarship applications
Wednesday 16	A League (Co-Ed) Swimming Gala Inter-House Public Speaking (Juniors) 18:30
Thursday 17	Assembly: House Meetings U16 Waterpolo Tour to Port Elizabeth (depart) Inter-House Public Speaking (Seniors) 18:30
Friday 18	U16 Waterpolo Tour to Port Elizabeth Ignition CU Camp
Saturday 19	U16 Waterpolo Tour to Port Elizabeth Ignition CU Camp
Sunday 20	U16 Waterpolo Tour to Port Elizabeth (return) Ignition CU Camp
Monday 21	Assembly extended: shortened lessons of 40 mins. Grade 10 Parents' Meeting (Kemp Hall) 18:00 (Tea from 17:15)
Tuesday 22	Grade 10 Geography field trip SGB Sub-Committee Meetings 17:30
Wednesday 23	Grade 9 Parents' Meeting (Kemp Hall) 18:00 (Tea from 17:15)
Thursday 24	Academic Scholarship Examinations (Thomson Hall) 15:30 1 st Waterpolo tour to St Peter's Johannesburg (depart)
Friday 25	Grade 10 Design Indaba outing 1 st Water polo tour to Johannesburg Music Scholarship auditions (Kemp Hall) from 13:30 Boarders weekend out

Changes ahead

Please note that on Wednesday, 16 February 2011 we will be following the timetable for a Day 10, but will still begin the day with standardised tests for all Grades.

This means we will have 8 periods and the day will end at 15h00 as usual.

The usual Wednesday extramural activities will take place in the afternoon.

LIFEDRAWING: Attention ALL Grade 10, 11 and 12 Visual Art and Design students

Next week will be your last chance this term to attend your compulsory life drawing sessions.

WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

(Ms. Joubert)

THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY

(Mr Vosloo)

THOMSON HALL - 3.00 – 5.15.

Please sign up on the list on the door of the teacher in charge and honour your commitment.

Thank you and enjoy.

New staff profiles

Mr Gian Marneweck,



I teach because I love working with and shaping young people's minds and attitudes.

I have always dreamed of working at such a prestigious school as Rustenburg

It has been my ultimate to work full time at a school with a good music department ... it seems that Rustenburg is the perfect place!

Cape Town is definitely my favourite city. It is so beautiful and there is never a dull moment; something is always happening here.

I love to read newspapers and magazines, I love political cartoons (I'm a big fan of Zapiro), and I watch TV (*The Mentalist*, *Dexter*, *The Big Bang Theory* & *30 Rock* are some of my favourites). I watch movies (action & spy movies especially the *Bourne Identity Trilogy* as well as comedies and comic book films like *The Dark Knight* & *Spiderman* and sci-fi movies like the *Matrix Trilogy* & *The Lord of the Rings*), and reading *Car* magazines. I enjoy listening to music especially pop/rock (I'm a fan of U2 and Bryan Adams and I like local rock groups like The Parlotones & Watershed).



**Ms Meagan Rees
English and History**

Learners would be surprised to know that teachers do have friends, do go out, can dance, and lead busy lives beyond school.

I enjoy photography, walks on the beach, going to the theatre, watching movies and going away on weekends with friends.

I enjoy working with energetic and enthusiastic young people, and assisting them in making sense of the world around them. It is incredibly important to help children develop critical thinking and reasoning skills, and for them to challenge the status quo across different aspects of society. There is also never a dull moment during the school day - children keep me on my toes.

**Ms Robyn Miller,
Music**



I teach because I love music and sharing my love for it with others. There is nothing more exciting than to see a learner understand a concept and then apply that to their music playing. The outcome is always satisfying for the learner and the listener!