

# Rustenburg Times

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## Choral Celebration Rocks the City Hall

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

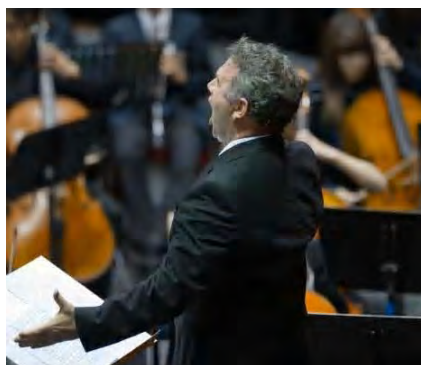
### Choral Celebration 2010

The two Choral Celebration 2010 concerts on 4 and 5 August in the City Hall were a great success. The choirs of RGHS, RBHS and SACS were very well prepared by their schools before they joined in the combined rehearsals. The opening number, *O Fortuna*, was impressive and ably accompanied by Ms Dernier and Ms Joubert on piano. Yohan Chun and Lauren Davis played the bass drum, cymbals and gong with precision, and Mr West and Mr Mallows were the other percussionists. Many of our students have participated in Orff groups at primary school and Orff's music continues to provide an excellent basis for music education.

Verdi's rousing chorus *Va Pensiero* displayed fine contrasts in dynamics by the choir. Haydn's *The Heavens are Telling* included a solo trio which featured Jenny Robertson's beautiful clear soprano. The celestial theme was continued in two movements from Faure's much loved *Requiem*, the *Santus* and *In Paradisum*. Here the immaculate singing and exquisite tone of the sopranos especially transported the audience to the heavenly realm. Two choruses from *Messiah* concluded the first half with the audience standing during the *Hallelujah Chorus* as has been the custom since King George II who was so moved at the first London performance in 1743 that he rose to his feet.

The first half of the concert was a real celebration of the best and most well-loved works in the choral repertoire and the choir was inspired to sing especially well by the superb direction of its conductor, Leon Starker.

#### Conductor of the Choral Celebration Leon Starker



The second half was entirely popular in nature beginning with *Land Down Under* and followed by three items by the Concert Band. Music by Michael Jackson and the Beatles was featured and the band's performance ended with *American Pageant*. The performances were polished and displayed the full, rich sound of a complete concert band. The band was ably prepared and conducted by their directors, Ms Davis, Mr Scarr and Mr McDonald.

The choir, accompanied by the orchestra and a smaller concert band concluded the concert with a moving rendition of *Dry Your Tears, Afrika*. An Abba medley featured Cheryl Muchapondwa, Fraïche-Roseé Baloubeta and Alexa Bessinger as Dancing Queens. The whole choir's movements were skillfully choreographed by Ms Jamey. *Andrew Lloyd Webber's Concert Celebration* provided a fitting climax to an evening filled with superb, joyful music. Congratulations to Ms Gordon and Mrs Raynham who trained the orchestra, Ms Davis who trained and directed the band in the Michael Jackson number (in full regalia, complete with authentic action) and to Ms Sole and Ms Jamey for preparing the choir so professionally. This was indeed a night to remember. A big thank you must be given to Mrs Graham of SACS who planned and organized this memorable event.

**Miss R Davis**



## From the desk of the Deputy Head, Mrs Schnetler



### Learners not returning in 2011

If your daughter will not be returning to Rustenburg next year, remember to ***inform us, in writing, by the end of this term.*** We have waiting lists for all grades, and would like to know if we are in a position to offer places to some of these applicants.

Please note that if you do not give the required term's notice, you will be liable for a full term's fees.

### Theft

Although we are very fortunate that theft is not a common occurrence at our school, we are also realistic enough to realize that we cannot assume that petty theft will never happen on our premises. This is an urgent appeal to all learners not to leave valuables unattended and, perhaps, unwittingly put temptation in someone's way.

In spite of us warning the girls, on numerous occasions, to place all valuable or expensive items inside their lockers, some of them do not do so. There is a growing tendency to put things on top of the lockers, rather than inside, and we urge learners not to do this. The sooner the girls realize this, and learn to be proactive in this regard, the better.

There are many visitors to the school as well as contractors on the property. While we have certain security measures in place, we cannot monitor things all the time or be expected to take responsibility for the property of 770 girls.

All girls are issued with a locker, free of charge, in which their valuables can safely be placed.

### Taking time off school

Continuous assessment (CASS) takes place through the term in all grades and in all subjects and learning areas. These assessments take the form of planned and spot tests, projects, orals, practicals, short assignments and other written work. These CASS marks are accumulated over the course of the year and count towards the learner's final promotion mark.

There seems to be a never-ending stream of requests from parents for their daughters to miss part of the school day, for a variety of reasons. Parents must please note that the Western Cape Education Department expects all learners to be at school every day and does not allow the school to give permission for learners to miss school.

Each learner has been issued with an Assessment Policy which clearly states the consequences of being absent when CASS activities take place:

unless they are ill and provide the school with a doctor's certificate, learners will be given nought for those activities which they miss.

Due to the fact that many CASS activities, particularly tests, have to be standardized, it is not possible for learners to write at a different time from the rest of the group, so please don't expect this.

Your daughter should, therefore, only miss school due to exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. Most appointments can be made for Saturdays, after school hours or for during the school holidays, as our educators have to do.

In the exceptional case of your daughter having to miss part of the school day, a letter should be sent to school at least 24 hours in advance, giving us time to notify her teachers.

## Cartooning Workshop

On Saturday 31 July 2010, five Rustenburg girls, Ruth Powrie, Xena Craig, Samantha Newdigate, Yu-Jean Lai and Amber Stodel were invited to attend a cartooning workshop at the National Galleries Annex. This incredible day was run by Jonathan Shapiro (the well-known Zapiro), Frances Hugh Dugmore and Rico (of Madam and Eve fame) and the creators of the ever popular soccer comic, Supa Strikers.

This was an amazing opportunity to learn from experienced and professional cartoonists, each with their own genre and style. There were about one hundred students from a range of different



**Ruth Powrie with Zapiro**

### Amber Stodel with Zapiro



schools that benefited from the knowledge of these comic legends. We were given activities and tips on drawing such as how to draw action shots and foreshortening as well as lunch. We are looking forward to attending another workshop with Times cartoonist Chip.

**Ruth Powrie D3**

### 2010 International Mathematics Competition

Lauren Denny has been mathematically busy again. She was selected to represent Cape Town in the 2010 International Mathematics Competition in Incheon, South Korea in July.

The International Maths Competition has been held 11 times. All previous events have been in Asia except for last year when Durban hosted it. It's an inter-city competition and 26 countries took part this year.

Elkanah House decided to send two Grade 7 teams and one Grade 9 team to represent Cape Town. Durban, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Zimbabwe and Nigeria also sent teams, and China won the overall competition.

Lauren came 1<sup>st</sup> in the UCT Invitational Maths Challenge, written the day after she arrived back from Korea. (1<sup>st</sup> place was a tie.) Learners who are

invited to join UCT Maths Circle based on their UCT Maths Competition results are also invited to write the UCT Invitational Maths Challenge.

There was a lot of pressure on the Korea team to get back in time for the challenge because it is used to select a team for the Inter-provincial Maths Olympiad in 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

**Mrs B Cameron**



**Fun  
with the  
Maths  
Department**

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## Chloe Kruger in New York

During the June / July holidays I had the opportunity to escape the cold weather and spend what turned out to be an incredible month in New York. I attended a Jewish youth leadership camp called Kutz, located an hour away from New York City in Warwick.



While I was there my major was TYG or Temple Youth Group Leadership. Here we learnt how to plan effectively and lead events including everything from flyers and marketing to co-operative group work and time management.

During the rest of my day I took part in various minors and electives. I learnt to speak Hebrew, had some fun in theatre, explored my Jewish identity and even got to watch the World Cup Final. A definite highlight was our trip into New York City. We went to the Jewish Heritage Museum and then got to explore Time Square before going to see *Chicago* on Broadway.



Despite the boiling heat and long flights, this trip was definitely one of the most memorable and life-changing experiences of my life and I would do it again in a heartbeat.

## Debating news and an update

### **RGHS SENIOR DEBATERS are 2010 Western Province Champions**

RGHS had the honour of having both our Senior and Junior teams qualify for the Western Province Debating Championships that was held at BISHOPS from 07 to 09 August 2010. Our Junior side (Saeeda Bassardien, Amina Vallie, Katherine Harris and Carla van Niekerk) made a positive start to their first year in these tournaments and won two of their four preliminary debates. There is no doubt that they have the ability to develop into a very powerful force in the years to come.

Congratulations to our Senior team (Angeliki Carvounes, Ameerah Allie, Cara Mazetti-Claassen, Chelsea Kelly and Tessa Collington-O'Malley) who narrowly defeated Westerford in the Final of the WP Debating Tournament that was held on Monday 09 August.

### **In a year of great achievements: the senior team tastes victory in the WP Tournament and defeat in the Finals of the Rotary Competition**

The Seniors were recently named WP Champions after winning the 2010 WP tournament held at Bishops on 3 to 5 August. Up to then it had been one of the best debating seasons in decades at RGHS but... all good things have a way of coming to an end. The senior team's excellent unbeaten run in the Rotary competition came to an end when they lost the Finals to SACS at the German School on Monday 16 August. Many thanks to all the girls and staff who came to support us

Proposing the motion that: "This house would impose stricter punishments on celebrities who break the law"(not the exact wording but pretty close), the team for the night, Ameerah Allie, Angeliki Carvounes and Cara Mazetti-Claassen, gave SACS some challenging points to oppose but on the night SACS ' line of argument proved to be the stronger.

This brought a close to an excellent year's senior debating in the Rotary and WP competitions but they believe that this is not the end of our debating achievements for 2010.

In order to achieve to win this title, the team had competed in 6 preliminary rounds on Saturday 07 and Sunday 08 August to reach the quarter-finals against SACS and then the semi-finals against the "Independents" (Herzlia High School).

In addition to this achievement, two of our team members were named in the top ten list of the best speakers of the tournament. Cara Mazetti-Claassen was placed joint 8<sup>th</sup> and Angeliki Carvounes was placed joint 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both Cara and Angeliki were selected to participate in the WP trials for the second year.

This has been an exceptional year for Senior Debating at RGHS and the team will be competing in the final of the Rotary League Championships against SACS on Monday 16 August 2010.

Both Angeliki Carvounes and Cara Mazetti-Claassen were selected to represent the Western Province First Team in the National Schools' Competition that will take place later this year. This is a great achievement for the school. I believe it is the first time in RGHS history that we have two speakers in the first team. Bearing in mind that most of the first team members are in Grade 11 this year, they can set their sights on achieving greater success in 2011 and chase the elusive victory in the Rotary League Finals.

In addition, the Senior team (Ameerah Allie, Angeliki Carvounes, Chelsea Kelly and Cara Mazetti-Claassen) hope to achieve further success when they participate in the ASDC (African Schools' Debating Competition) that will held at St John's College, Gauteng, from 21 -28 August.

All members of our Senior and Junior debating teams, Matthew Butler- Adam (our excellent debating coach), Ms A Pretorius (Junior Team manager-coach) and Shaakirah Jardine (our only Grade 12 Senior team member and the Debating Society Head) can look back with pride at one of the most successful Debating seasons in Rustenburg's history and it's not over yet!

Stay tuned for the ASDC results as the Seniors attempt to rock Gauteng! Africa trembles....

**Mr C van Dyk**

## News from the Music Department

### Trinity Guildhall Rockschool Results July 2010

Well done to Megan Hand (Popular piano, Grade 6) and Gladys Kisela (Popular piano, Grade 4) on achieving a pass with Merit for these examinations. Thank you, too, to Ms Jamey your teacher.

### Grade 12 Preliminary Practical Performance Recitals

Well done to the Grade 12 FET Subject Music pupils: Saira Adams (violin), Sue Davids (electronic keyboard), Samantha Filby (recorder/flute), Saskea Jacobs (voice/piano), Mika Lee (piano), Liezl McKenzie (electronic keyboard), Megan Mehnert (piano/flute), Emma Mould (piano/clarinet), Jenny Robertson (electronic keyboard/voice), Laurie Scarborough (piano/flute), Robyn Skead (piano), who have survived yet another busy musical week, so soon after the Choral Celebration, and performed excellently in the Grade 12 Preliminary Practical Recitals on Tuesday evening, 10 August. It is only through hard work and dedication that the difficult skills of playing a musical instrument can be mastered and all our Grade 12s have shown this to be the case and were a credit to our Department, performing with confidence and versatility.



### A Long Weekend and Masterclasses

#### Recorder Masterclasses

Samantha Filby and Alexandra Mould were fortunate to each receive Masterclass on Sunday afternoon, 8 August, on some of their current repertoire by the visiting SA recorder player, Irene Mennen, now living and working in Mannheim, Germany (where the 18<sup>th</sup> century composer, Johann Stamitz lived and worked and developed the orchestra that had an important influence on Mozart), with her Baroque violinist husband.

### Cape Town Eisteddfod Prizewinners' Concert

Not only was Jenny Robertson invited to perform in the CT Eisteddfod Prizewinners' Concert, but she also received an award of R500. Congratulations, Jenny, we are proud of you!

### Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod – Results

#### VOCAL SECTION

The majority of our singing candidates were ill with flu or the aftermath of flu and sang with difficulty at this year's Vocal Eisteddfod. We had one cancellation and our Vocal Quartet had to cancel their item on account of illness. Nevertheless, our candidates achieved encouraging results and the adjudication from a strict, but constructive adjudicator, opera singer Elizabeth Frandsen, meant that they achieved much more than a just a certificate.

<i>Lof</i>	80-84%	<i>Lof+</i>	85-86%	<i>Lof++</i>	87-89%
<i>EV</i>	70-74%	<i>EV+</i>	75-76%	<i>EV++</i>	
	77-79%				

**Lauren Davis** Lof++ (Eie keuse), Lof+ (Duet with Grace Thomson), EV+ (Aria Antiche)

**Saskea Jacobs** Lof++ (Eie keuse), Lof (Aria Antiche), EV+ (Musiekblyspel), EV (Afrikaanse woorde)

**Jenny Robertson** Lof+ (Eie keuse), EV++ (Afrikaanse woorde) & (Musiekblyspel), EV (Kunslid)

**Grace Thomson** Lof+ (Eie keuse) & (Duet with Lauren Davis), EV++ (Aria Antiche), EV+ (Volkslidjie), EV (Musiekblyspel)

#### Jazz Masterclass

And our Jazz Combo (Gladys Kisela (saxophone), Yohan Chun (piano), Cheryl Muchapondwa (drumkit) and Nicola Cathcart (bass guitar)) with Saskea Jacobs (vocals) had the chance to work with Nicky Shrirer, who is studying towards her Masters degree in jazz vocals in New York and is in Cape Town for the summer holidays. The Music Society also got a taste of her expertise when she presented a half-hour on solfège at the Music Society Meeting on Wednesday, and we learned to use tonic solfa on the blues scale!

**STOP PRESS**

Congratulations to SAMANTHA FILBY (recorder) who has been selected to play in the finals of the Pieter Kooij Music Competition at Jan van Riebeeck Hoerskool on Friday evening, 20 August in their Welgemeend Hall.

Well done, too, to Caitlin Grüning (piano), Alexandra Mould (recorder) and Hye-In Shin (piano) who also participated in the first round of this Competition on Saturday 14 August.

**Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod: String Section**

The adjudication of the solo Strings is still underway, but we can congratulate the members of our STRING ENSEMBLE and Mrs Raynham on achieving a Lof++ for their Ensemble Performance and our Violin Quartet on achieving a Lof+ in their Vivaldi Quartet.

**A letter to the Music Department**

***Dear learners, parents and teachers***

**HOËRSKOOL JAN VAN RIEBEECK HIGH SCHOOL:**  
**PIETER KOOIJ MUSIEKKOMPETISIE / MUSIC COMPETITION**

Thank you very much for your participation in the Pieter Kooij Music Competition 2010! The adjudicators surely had a difficult task due to the high standard that was maintained throughout the day. Out of the 27 participants 9 candidates were chosen to take part in the gala-evening of Friday, 20 August:

Felicia Salies	Viool	<i>Violin</i>	Hugo Lambrechts
Joshua Biggs	Klavier	<i>Piano</i>	Westerford High
Kristi Boonzaaier	Klarinet	<i>Clarinet</i>	HS Durbanville
Lieva Starker	Viool	<i>Violin</i>	HJVR
Lize van der Merwe	Saxofoon	<i>Saxophone</i>	DF Malan
Meyer Scholtz	Klarinet	<i>Clarinet</i>	Paul Roos
Nicole Hartzenberg	Fagot	<i>Bassoon</i>	Hugo Lambrechts
<b>Samantha Filby</b>	<b>Blokfluit</b>	<b><i>Recorder</i></b>	<b>Rustenburg Girls' High</b>
Zainab Kagee	Fluit	<i>Flute</i>	Westerford High

Congratulations to all the above-mentioned learners and thanks again to all the participants!

Regards

*Hannelize Gravell*

Jan van Riebeeck High School

## August Sports News

### Netball Results

Thursday 5 August vs Bergvliet

U14A won 21 – 8

U14B won 10 – 5

U16B won 17 – 7

U16A lost 14 – 15

U19B won 17 - 10

Tuesday 10 August vs Bergvliet

1<sup>st</sup> team won 31 - 20

Thursday 12 August

U16C vs Herschel lost 2 – 18

PGSGU netball tournament was held at Sans

Souci on Saturday 14 August:

U14: 3<sup>rd</sup> / U16: 3<sup>rd</sup> / U19: 4<sup>th</sup>

### Hockey Results

Wednesday 11 August

U14B vs Fish Hoek A lost 1 - 2

Friday 13 August vs Pinelands

U16A drew 1 - 1

U19A won 1 - 0

1<sup>st</sup> team won 2 - 0

Saturday 14 August vs Pinelands

U14A drew 0 - 0

U14B won 2 - 0

U16B won 2 - 1

U16C won 6 - 0



### Squash Results

RGHS 1<sup>st</sup> team beat Herschel 14 – 1

RGHS 2<sup>nd</sup> team beat Pinelands 13 – 3

### Sporting Achievers

#### Jessica Ashley Cooper

competed at the South African Short Course Swimming Championships held from 6 – 10 August in Pietermaritzburg. Jess won 3 bronze medals – her impressive results are as follows:

50m backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup> 29.67  
bronze medal

100m backstroke 5<sup>th</sup> 1.02.65

200m backstroke 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.16.75 bronze medal

50m freestyle 8<sup>th</sup> 27.40 (semi-final 27.06)

100m freestyle 14<sup>th</sup> 59.77



#### Nicola Barrett

Congratulations to Nicola, who has been included in the South African Schools u18 water polo team. She will represent South Africa in the U18 Tri Nations tournament in New Zealand in December 2010.



#### Alexandra Fuller

recently participated in the Senior national squash inter-provincial tournament, called the Jarvis/Kaplan cup interprovincial which was held in Durban. She was in the WP "A" team and won 4 out of her five matches. Alexandra was



awarded the title of the most promising female player at the tournament. The WP ladies team ended 3<sup>rd</sup> and WP won best province overall (ladies and men in all sections).

### Hockey Trials for 2011 Touring Team

All hockey players are invited to attend the hockey trials for the Girls Festival tour which takes place from 26 – 29 April 2011 to East London.

All girls are asked to sign up for these trials on the sports notice board

Dates: Tuesday 31 August and

Thursday 2 September 17h00 – 18h30

Venue: Oude Molen astro turf

### Forthcoming Events

#### PGSGU Squash tournament

Saturday 11 September at WPCC

#### Sports Awards Dinner

#### *DATE CHANGE*

Tuesday 12 October 2010

by invitation only

## Bread Tags

A hearty thanks to all those parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and long lost relatives and friends who continue to supply us with so many bread tags. Below is an extract from a letter of thanks that we received from Connect Network, one of the institutions that receive our tags.

**Ms M Burchell**



Frail Care – Carlisle Lodge, Fish Hoek

### Re: Our thanks and gratitude

I would like to express to you on behalf of all of us at Christel House, our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all you have done in support of our work. It is clear that you know and understand the mission of Christel House. Your keen interest in our work and the tangible support you give us inspires all staff of Christel House to continue to pursue pathways for success for our children, despite the many difficult days we encounter.

Your gift of sponsoring us with a **Wheelchair for our Junior school** is warmly received. It is persons like yourself that, through your generosity, gives hope to children that would otherwise not have a seat at the table. As you know quality education is a vital link in our communities to ensure that we produce employable South Africans who can truly make a difference in their communities. The holistic model that we embrace at Christel House SA has a great positive impact on producing well rounded young people with good characteristics, integrity and respect.

I can assure you that we are making a huge difference in the lives of the families we serve and we are, without a doubt, making a significant contribution to building a better South Africa. Once more thank you and I assure you that we will gladly host you at our school to give you a firsthand experience of the wonderful work we do. With much gratitude and appreciation!

Yours faithfully,

**Carla Stewart**

Assistant to Sharon Williams: Director of Marketing & Public Relations

**Christel House South Africa**



Sammy - Ocean View centre for the disabled.



**Art Flash ...  
Maquettes,  
Grade Eleven**



**Keshia Chapman  
and  
Azraa Dinaully**



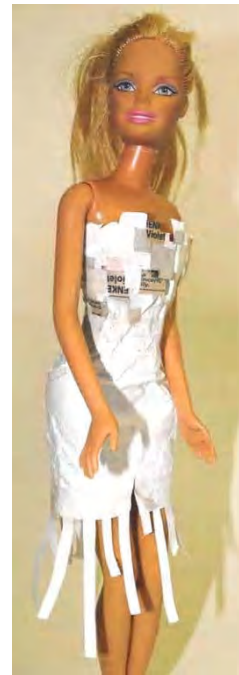
**Qaanita Jacobs  
and  
Amy Lee Loder**



**Kelebogile Seane  
and  
Nicola Mayer**



**Nabilah Samaai**



**Zoe Tobie**

## Forthcoming Events

Sunday 22	Don Lock Memorial 5 and 8 km Run/Walk
Friday 27	PGSGU U19 Hockey @ Wynberg Astro
Saturday 28	PGSGU U16 Hockey @ Wynberg Astro & grass
Monday 30	National isiXhosa Day
Tuesday 31	Lisa Hellenberg Music Bursary: Closing date for applications

### IMPORTANT: CHANGE OF DATE

## GRADE 12 AWARDS CEREMONY AND VALEDICTORY

The Grade 12 learners have been granted study leave prior to starting their National Senior Certificate Examinations. This means that their last official school day will now be on Friday 15 October, when the girls will receive important examination documents, information and instructions.

As a result, the Grade 12 Awards Ceremony and Valedictory service will be held in the Kemp Hall on **Thursday 14 October**.

### More moments from the Choral Celebration 2010



## Personality of the Month: Cleo Ames, Grade Ten



Cleo was chosen to attend the summer school at the American Academy of Ballet during the summer break in the USA. This was held at Purchase College just outside New York. During the six weeks she was there she participated in classes and shows, and took the highest honours in two competitions. We are very proud of this talented young lady who is now attaining the heights in ballet not only in Cape Town, but on an international stage as well.

