

Rustenburg Times

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PGSGU Junior Tennis Success

Members of the victorious U15 Tennis Team, holding
the Junior PGSGU Tennis Trophy.



From left to right:
Georgie Firth, Katie Poluta, Kirstin Shaw, Nicola Starke

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

Farewell to Mr Bircher

At the end of March Mr Bircher will officially retire from Rustenburg High School for Girls. Trained at the Cape Town Technicon as a Diesel Mechanic, Mr Bircher joined Rustenburg in 1998. We have gained much from his expertise and ability to fix nearly anything. Whenever the office received messages of crises ranging from dodgy toilets to power failures, Mr Bircher would arrive tools at the ready – hero of the hour.

As Estate Manager, he lived on the school's property and was therefore on hand when disaster struck. The hot water cylinder in the principal's house decided to give up the ghost in the early hours of one dreadful morning about a year ago and poor Ms Bekker and Mr Bircher had the unhappy experience of trying to sort out the mess until a decent hour when a plumber could be called.

Over the years the boarding house has experienced any number of mechanical malfunctions, worst of which was the saga of the new boilers which did not produce hot water at an acceptable rate. It is a sad day when, in the middle of winter, 85

residents do not have access to warm water. They were most displeased and Mr Bircher worked arduously to rectify the matter.

His patience and easy manner were a blessing to many a parent (and countless staff members) who left their car lights on with inevitable consequences. Steady Mr Bircher and his jumper cables became a common sight in winter time at Rustenburg.

Mr Bircher has driven the intrepid Rustenburg bakkie all over Rondebosch and its surrounds – fetching and carrying documents, machinery, tools, crockery, umbrellas and musical equipment. From the Grade 8 braai when girls enter the school, to Erinville's end-of-year functions, his ability to make jolly good fires and brandish a pair of braai tongs is admirable.

He and his wife, Jeanne, have been part of the fabric of our school for 13 years and we are going to miss them.

We bid them a successful, happy move to Kommetjie and hope that they will stay in touch with the many friends they leave behind.

Mrs Gardiner's Matric Life Sciences class leaves a legacy!



On Thursday 10 March, Mrs Gardiner's Grade 12 Life Sciences class of 2011 planted an indigenous Yellowwood tree (*Podocarpus falcatus*) in front of the music block during assembly period.

The tree, as well as a plaque, was donated by them in the hope of leaving behind a legacy for future generations of Rustenburg learners.

Nehna Singh E1

The Class of 1956 visits Rustenburg

The E'56 visit to Rustenburg, organised by the tireless Mary Rose Berrisford, began with tea in Miss Bekker's office, followed by a tour of the school. The ladies were introduced to Smart Board technology and watched the school's promotional DVD in Mrs Mallon's room. They were then treated to a recital in Charlie's Hope, in recognition of their substantial efforts towards the purchasing of a new Baby Grand piano for the school.



After the recital, the ladies planted a Ginko tree (a tree of remembrance) at the front of the school.



Their visit ended with lunch in the Thomson Hall, prepared and served by members of Bon Appetit. A good time was had by all.



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:

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Harmony Gold Mathematics Olympiad, 2011

The First Round of the 2011 National Harmony Gold Mathematics Olympiad was written on 16 March. To pass and gain entrance to the Second Round in May, candidates were required to score 50% or more.

In the Junior Section

64 candidates wrote
(42 from Grade 8 and 22 from Grade 9)
47 were successful
(36 from Grade 8 and 11 from Grade 9)

Best performances: Grade 8

100% Rebecca Haines
95% Mubeenah Gangraker
90% Bronwen Barratt, Claire Denny,
Jaime Newdigate.
85% Farheen Abdullah, Catherine Smith
Kerry Couperthwaite, Tiana Hansraj,
Samantha McCrindle,
Tamsin Metelerkamp,
80% Jessica Banks, Megan Denny,
Couathar Sakir, Chelsea van Rensburg.

Best performances: Grade 9

80% Rowan Banks
70% Laila Haffejee, Anja Muhr
65% Stephanie Pereira
60% Emma Bergh, Samantha Culligan,
Afeefa Emeran

Rowan Banks,
Best Performer,
Grade 9



In the Senior Section

103 candidates wrote
(31 Grade 10, 49 Grade 11 and 23 Grade 12)
57 were successful
(17 Grade 10, 21 Grade 11 and 19 Grade 12)

Best Performances: Grade 10

85% Lauren Denny, Lauren Duckitt
75% Alex Nel
60% Courtney Brown

Best Performances: Grade 11

80% Ye Jin Hur, Carla du Toit
75% Hyun Joo Park, Jessica Stanton
70% Petrune Beattie
65% Gladys Kisela, Amy Scott
60% Tuscany Botha, Neda Isaacs,
Chloe Kruger

Best Performances: Grade 12

85% Lauren Sanby
80% Sam Marchant
75% Jodi Blencowe, Rose Jiang,
Roslyn Sanby.
70% Sam Newdigate, Nicola Steinhaus
65% Candice Cameron, Lauren Jankielsohn,
Sara Lambert
60% Michaela Peters, Roshaan Solomon.

Mr C Murison

Heads Up

1. Monday 28 March will follow the lessons of a Day 6
2. Thursday 31 March is a Day 5 (including Assembly in the 3rd period).
3. The last day of term is Friday, 1 April and school will close at 12:30.
4. We begin next term with Week 2, Day 6.



Lauren Sanby,
Best Performer,
Grade 12

Pi Day, 2011

On the fourteenth day of the third month, Mathematicians celebrate Pi Day. This is an annual event at Rustenburg. All of the Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy classes are given activities relating to the number Pi to complete during the lesson. The girls have fun eating round items of food which they are allowed to bring to class. Foods of varying size and decadence are devoured, ranging from small sweets to specially-baked cakes and pizzas.



The Grade 8 Pi activity is to measure the circumference of their round food items with a piece of string and to investigate the relationship between their results for the length of the circumference and that of the diameter for each round food object. The ratio between these two measurements should give them the value of Pi. This activity can be messy!



Another popular Pi day activity, called Sticky Pi, also results in sticky fingers. The girls measure the circumference of round objects with pieces of string and then stick these pieces of string on to a page with glue. The pieces of string form a graph which illustrates that the ratio of the circumference to the diameter, is the same value, Pi, for all circular objects.

On this day the matric girls enthusiastically sang the Pi song on the school quadrangle for the school to hear. For the first time, girls memorised as many digits of Pi as they could and competed against each other for prizes.

In first place was Jessica Stanton (Grade 11) with 146 digits and second and third place was awarded to Kirsten Buchanan and Emily O'Ryan with 133 and 106 digits respectively (both grade 8's).

Isabelle Koeul (Grade 11) submitted the most accurate estimate of the number of smarties in a jar and Siphokazi Mbatani (Grade 10) entered the closest estimate for the number of these jars that would fit into one of the pillars at the front entrance of the school.

We looked forward to future Pi Days- and to breaking the new Rustenburg record for reciting Pi digits from memory!

$$\pi = 3,14$$



Back row (L to R): Ms L Edmunds, Ms M Meyer, Mrs L van Rensburg, Mrs H Kleynhans
Front row (L to R): Mrs B Cameron, Mr C Murison, Mrs L Lawrence

The Mathematics Department
with
their customised T-shirts,

designed by Mr Murison
and
effected by Miss Meyer.

Music Department News

Concerto Festival

Through the driving force of Mesdames Raynham and Joubert (RBHS Music staff), a Concerto Festival was initiated between RGHS & RBHS, and we were fortunate to hear the fruits of their labours in a splendid concert at the Reeler Centre, RBHS on Wednesday 23 March. Well done to the talented soloists from both schools: Alexandra Mould (recorder), Michael Lawrenson (oboe), Tony Wan (piano), Sara Lambert (violin), Ingrid Pienaar (viola), Matthew Hurworth (trumpet), Yohan Chun (piano) and Sang Woo Jun (violin), accompanied by a small orchestra comprising pupils from RGHS & RBHS and various ad hoc players. Congratulations all round on a most enjoyable concert. What an experience to play with a live orchestra and to hear such a collection of wonderful works by Vivaldi, Marcello, Mozart and Hummel.



Trumpet Workshop with Gordon Vernick / String Symposium at Stellenbosch / 6th Recorder Symposium

Our trumpeters Carolyn Ryder, Alexa Bessinger, Emily Shuttleworth and Mia van Aardt had the good fortune of attending a Trumpet Workshop with the visiting brass player Gordon Vernick at RBHS on Thursday 24 March.

And several of our string players attended part or all of the International String Symposium at Stellenbosch this week: Pearl Jung (cello), Sara Lambert (violin) and Ingrid Pienaar (viola).

Well done to our Recorder Ensemble: Roxanne Christian, Rouzanna Coxson, Alexandra Mould, Sibulele Mtsi and Catherine Smith, soloists Rouzanna Coxson and Alexandra Mould who participated in the Masterclasses offered at the 6th Recorder Symposium held at Charlie's Hope on Saturday 26 March, in conjunction with RGHS, Trinity Guildhall and the University of Stellenbosch Music Department.

ROGU 1956 REUNION – PIANO RECITAL

Well done to our pianists: Lauren and Roslyn Sanby, Hye-In Shin, Yohan Chun and Caitlin Grünig who performed in a short piano recital for the 1956 matric class during the school break on Friday 18 March at Charlie's Hope. The members of the 1956 matric class were major contributors towards the Kawai Grand Piano at Charlie's Hope and for some, this was the first time they had heard a performance on the piano. The items were warmly received and each performer was presented with an indigenous posy at the conclusion of the concert.



ABRSM, EARLY TRINITY GUILDHALL, ROCKSCHOOL & KAE ENTRIES – due dates!

Rockschool entries are due this week (25 March).

ABRSM Practical examination entries are due on Friday 15 April (in the first week of next term!).

KAE & early Trinity Guildhall entries are due on Friday 22 April.

Please enclose the correct amount with your Name, Grade, Instrument and Examining Board and deposit in the Bursar's box.

All entries are done in consultation with your Music Teacher.

Music Department News

Hip Hop Workshop: locking, popping, breaking and so much more ...

The Subject Music pupils were treated to a lively lecture-demonstration by hip-hop teacher, Amanda Klotz, on Thursday evening, 17 March, last week and got a chance to try it out for themselves after the break.

Much hilarity and fun was had by all, even those of us who are not known to have any skill at dancing whatsoever!

I can honestly say that Amanda had serious skill and proved that practice makes perfect, because she was perfect. The hip hop workshop was great fun, and I enjoyed learning the dance moves a lot.

Aimee George, B3

I had lots of fun breaking it down on the dance floor with Amanda. Miss Jamey laughing at me while breaking it down was my highlight. Ha ha ha. Learning that dance was quite difficult but I managed to do it eventually.

Amy Stöhrer B4

The hip hop workshop was an amazing experience. Generally I would never go to a dancing work-

shop but I can honestly say that the hip hop workshop was awesome! I didn't expect it to be as much fun as it was and I have much more respect for hip hop dancers now.

Caitlin Grüning, B5

I didn't know there was so much to learn about hip-hop. I thought I knew a lot already! Amanda Klotz taught us in an exciting, interactive way, and it was a night well spent.

Gladys Kisela, D2

We concluded the evening with a short quiz on all we had learned, and the 3 lucky winners of a Jenkins' CD each were Chloe-Joy Arendse, Alexa Bessinger and Lauren Denny.

Thanks especially to our new Fundraising committee chairman, Kath Hall and several parents who assisted her, Mesdames Holzberg, Moloto and Mould, to Cara Mazetti-Claassen from the AV Team and to the members of the Music Society committee who stayed to help at the end.



March Sports News

Touch Rugby Results

Friday 11 March

RGHS 1st team beat Pinelands 1st team 5-1 in the semi finals of the 1st division.
 RGHS 2nd team beat Harold Cressy 1st team 3-1 in the second semi final of the 1st division.
 RGHS 3rd team lost to Vista's 1st team 3-0.

Tuesday 15th March

RGHS 1st team played against RGHS 2nd team in the finals of the school 1st division.
 RGHS 1st team won 5-0.
 Well done to both teams!

Cricket Results

The RGHS 2nd cricket team played against the Pinelands 1st team at Pinelands HS on Monday 14 March.

Rustenburg won the toss and elected to field first. Pinelands were all out for 26 runs, in under the allotted 20 overs.

There were some fine bowling performances, with each of our 5 bowlers taking at least 1 wicket. We were under no pressure to score runs when we went into bat. We easily reached our runs required.

Rustenburg won by 8 wickets.

Touch Rugby Provincial Players

The following girls played in the Senior Inter-Provincial touch rugby tournament which took place in Durban from 19 -21 March.
 Kim Cranfield played in the WP ladies open team.
 Neda Isaacs and Carla Puccini played in the WP mixed open team.
 Aneeqah Fredericks and Ziyannah Fredericks played in the Western Cape team.



Scenes from the Summer Cricket Season

Upcoming winter sports trial dates:

Friday 25 and Saturday 26 March: Netball Tournament for 1st team at Bellville Netball Club

Monday 28 March: second u16 hockey trials 15h15 – 16h45

Tuesday 29 March: u19 hockey trials 15h15 – 16h45

Tuesday 29 March: 1st team hockey practice starts at Oude Molen astro turf : 17h00 – 18h30

March Sports News	
Indoor Hockey Results	Tennis Results
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 8 March vs Stellenberg RGHS 1st team drew 4 – 4 Goal scorers were: Alex Fuller; Meghan Goncalves, Keren Dugmore and Emma Bergman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RGHS 2nd team won 8 – 0 Goal scorers were: Colleen Middleton(3), Fatimah Khan(2), Candice Uys(2) and Amy Charnley</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 16 March vs Pinelands RGHS 1st team won 3 – 2 Goal scorers were: Keren Dugmore(2) and Roshaan Solomon(1)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RGHS 2nd team won 8 – 2 Goal scorers were: Amy Charnley(2) Candice Uys(2) Colleen Middleton(2) and Fatimah Khan(2)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 7 March 5th team beat St Cyprians A 4 - 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 8 March U15A beat Herschel 3 - 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 11 March 2nd team lost to St. Cyprians 2 – 4 3rd team drew with Springfield B 3- 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 16 March U15A beat Pinelands 6 – 0 U15B beat Reddam Constantia 4 - 1</p>
Waterpolo Results	Swimming
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 11 March: U14A lost to Herschel 3 – 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 17 March: RGHS 1st team played in the Semi-Finals of the Water Polo Tournament.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After a tough match, Rustenburg lost 4 – 7 to Reddam.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to CHELSEA VAN RENSBURG and TIANA HANSRAJ who have been selected to represent the Western Cape Schools Team at the upcoming Level 2 National Aquatic Championships. This gala takes place at Newlands from 25 – 28 March.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MIEKE LOUBSER will represent Namibia at these same Championships.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAITLIN GARDINER and REBECCA HAINES are currently competing at the Level 3 National Aquatic Championships, taking place in Durban.</p>
PGSGU Tennis Tournaments Results	Argus Cycle Tour Results
<p style="text-align: center;">On Saturday 12 March, our Senior tennis girls placed 2nd behind Herschel, with Springfield in 3rd place.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our RGHS 1st couple of Kiana Neethling and Keren Dugmore placed 3rd overall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The RGHS 2nd couple of Christy Vosloo and Leanne Bicarri placed 2nd overall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Junior tennis players placed 1st in the u15 tournament, bringing home the Junior PGSGU Tennis Trophy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RGHS was represented by 1st couple of Katie Poluta and Georgie Firth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our 2nd couple was Kirsten Shaw and Nicola Starke.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Both couples won their sections.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Herschel placed 2nd followed by Springfield in 3rd place.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A wonderful morning of tennis was displayed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Well done to all the Rustenburg players and thank you to all the staff and girls who supported this event.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Olivia Benetton completed her first cycle tour, having been unsuccessful last year, in a time of 6.29.59</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rosie Sanby cycled her 4th cycle tour, finishing in a time of 6.26.41</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isabella Cupido cycled her first race, finishing in 6.38.49</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs V Williams cycled her 9th tour, finishing in 3.10.30</p>

Art Flash ...
Grade 9 Paintings



Amy
Letwidge



Kate James



Kauthur
Ismael




Shannon Brown



Nicole Sorour

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Forthcoming Events	
Saturday 26	Recorder Symposium @ Charlie's Hope
Monday 28	Ignition Movie Evening Grade 9 Leadership Development Programme (B1, B2) @ RBHS
Tuesday 29	Civvies Day: Vrygrond Grades 10-12 English + Afrikaans Writing Examinations Grade 8 alternative programme (guest speakers etc) Grade 9 Leadership Development Programme (B3, B4, B5) @ RBHS B1 and B2 – lessons (as per timetable for Monday 28 March): Day 6
Wednesday 30	Grade 12 Art & Design Seminar (08:00 – 15:00) Grade 11 Leadership Camp Grade 10 First Aid
Thursday 31	Grade 10 First Aid Grade 11 Leadership Camp Grade 12 Orange River trip
APRIL 2011	
Friday 01	Grade 9 Market Day Grade 11 Leadership Camp Grade 12 Orange River trip SCHOOL TERM ENDS: School closes at 12:30
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
<p style="text-align: center;">Winter Uniform</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please assist your daughters' in maintaining a pride in herself and her school by replacing items that are worn, frayed or outgrown, particularly when they are too tight or too short!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Blood Donor Clinic Dates next term:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 April.12.30 until 2pm Thomson Hall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 June — same time and venue.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Rustenburg Girls' Junior School Morning Market Saturday 16 April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Family fun with traditional games and stalls such as tombola, tea garden, books, farm stall etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Time: 9h00 – 13h00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact:saranne@rgjs.org.za</p>	
	

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