



The Ebenezer

30 March 2011

PTA News

FOR SALE - Worm Farm: Louise Ehret has been looking after our worm farm at home for quite a while. The PTA has decided to sell the worm farm as the poor worms do not get enough attention when housed at school. Should anyone be interested in purchasing the worm farm from the PTA (original cost R2000 in 2008), please email your offer to schapman@telkomsa.net

Wish List – Items Approved: In The Ebenezer dated 3rd March 2011, I mentioned the Wish List and the procedures to be followed. The following Wish List requests have been approved and will be funded by the PTA:

- 1 x Air Conditioner & Isolator for Photocopy/Computer Room;
- 2 x Voice Recorders for the Remedial Department;
- 1 x Picnic Bench for the grounds men;
- 1 x Marimba Band for the Music Department;
- Moving of ceiling fans from Media Centre & classrooms that have air conditioners to Music Department (for old woodwork room which is now used by learners for DDM and other).

And in the pipeline, we are looking at painting games (e.g. Hopscotch and maybe an outdoor chess set) in the various quads for the learners. Unfortunately, the idea of an obstacle course comes with safety hazards and also would need additional supervision. Keep reading The Ebenezer for an update on the Wish List.

Woolworths - My School Initiative: My School is running a competition and all participating schools that have qualified stand a chance of winning substantial prizes! The prize information below is an extract from the My School website. As you can see, the school organizer also qualifies for a prize. Should Rhenish Primary School win, this prize will be given back to the PTA. I, therefore, appeal to everyone to **S W I P E** your My School cards at Woolworths stores, Engen Paradyskloof Quickshop, Club Travel Jonkershoek, Jack's Paint, www.kalahari.net, Waltons, Campwell Hardware and Spur. A reminder of the contact details for new applications or queries on existing My School cards: telephone number 0860100445, www.myschool.co.za and any Woolworths store. The school office has a small stock of application forms for new families.

Extract from www.myschool.co.za/socompetition2011:

Great quarterly and grand prizes to be won

PRIZES:

Qtr 1: Jan – Mar 2011

Winner announcement: 30 April 2011

School Organiser prizes

1st place: R10 000 cash from MySchool, R1 250 gift card from Woolworths

2nd place: R5 000 cash from MySchool, R1 000 gift card from Woolworths

3rd place: R2 000 cash from MySchool, R750 gift card from Woolworths

School Prize

1st place: SMART Slate, SMART Suite & training. Invitation to join SMART workshops. Valued at R20 000

R10 000 donation towards a local under-resourced school, as nominated by your school

Newspaper Recycling: Two weeks ago, I spent the first half an hour of a Wednesday morning with the Recycling Moms. What an enthusiastic bunch of Moms – thank you! Could we appeal to parents to be mindful of the type of magazines sent for recycling, some containing pictures not appropriate to be viewed by our learners who do from time to time “find” these magazines. The storage lockers in the recycling area have now been clearly marked with each Grade. Please support this initiative as it brings in extra funds for the PTA. Remember the winning classes will receive a treat at the end of each term!

Grade 5 Catering: As we reach the end of the first term, **Caroline Hirst** and **Alison Brand** will be handing over to **Andrea Rutherford** and **Karen de Franchi**. Once again, a BIG thank you to both of them for all their hard work! I appeal to all Grade 5 parents to support Andrea and Karen as much as you are able to. Should you prefer to be contacted telephonically (instead of via email), please contact Karen and Andrea. A big thank you to **Marlene du Toit** who coordinated all the tennis catering for the first term! Your ribbons and extra effort didn't go unnoticed - thank you!

Donations: On 12 May, we will be hosting a combined music concert at Bloemhof High School. Grade 5 Catering will be in charge of catering, and if you are able to donate sherry or wine, please contact the 2nd term leaders - Andrea Rutherford (082 901 0569) or Karen de Franchi (082 615 7453).

A missing hot tray ☹: Towards the end of last year, one of the schools hot trays went missing. Grade 5 Catering used it last year at the morning Prize Giving and I personally put it back in the sick bay. It was one of the old fashioned brown glass top ones. Should anyone know of its whereabouts, please let me know.

PTA Shop: Remember that should you need to purchase a sun hat, a limited stock is kept by the Bursar. There is also a limited stock left of the fleece tops, which are **NON-UNIFORM** items, but can be worn for sports. At this stage, **Charlotte White** will not be reordering these fleece tops so this is your last chance to purchase one. There is also a large amount of lost property at the moment. We will be publishing all the lost property in the next edition of The Ebenezer. Please collect or check whether anything in lost property belongs to your children.

Flowers for the Foyer & Friday Eats for Staff: Thank you to **Pam Leslie, Flo Strauss** and to all the Moms that have supplied flowers and Friday eats for the staff. At our meeting on 15th March 2011, the staff expressed their appreciation and thanks to everyone.

*****DIARY DATE: RHENISH PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF DAY 2011 – FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER AT DE ZALZE*****

And lastly, a big thank you to Jan Sleet for all her efforts this term with the new look Ebenezer! It's wonderful to have up to date news and we hope that you are enjoying reading it.

Until the next edition, hope you all have a wonderful holiday!

Regards, **Sue Chapman**

(schapman@telkomsa.net or 083 567 0215)

GOIC

GOIC is a computer game that was designed by KDA for Grade 4-5 learners. The game is not part of the KDA programme at Rhenish Primary and is therefore optional. The GOIC game cannot be bought through the school, but can be bought over the internet, at your own choice. The presentation at school was an advertisement to the children about this new mathematical game. A sample of the game was sent home with the children. If you wish to purchase the game online please feel free to go ahead. If you do not want to purchase the game, please return the sample CD to school next term.

Samantha Wilson

Gr.5 Maths teacher

Chess

We want to commend the following chess players for participating in the Boland Chess Union Tournament at Parel Vallei High School on Saturday 5 March: **Austin Hendricks, Jovanni Amos, Matt Brittz, Julian Herreilers** and **Willem Swartz**. These players all played seven rounds and gained valuable experience on the day. We are eagerly awaiting the dates and venues for the Boland Central Chess Trials and will communicate this information to the parents as soon as we receive it from the Boland organisers.

Marietjie Vink

SWIMMING NEWS

Our Rhenish Relay Gala took place on one of the hottest days of the term! We hosted the A and B teams from Beaumont Primary School and Kenridge Primary School.

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| 1st place: Kenridge A | 155 points |
| 2nd place: Rhenish A | 145 points |
| 3rd place: Beaumont A | 133 points |
| 4th place: Kenridge B | 67 points |
| 5th place: Rhenish B + Beaumont B | 59 points |

Thank you to all the officials, team managers and caterers for an efficient, fun gala.

Congratulations to **Johan Basson** who also received a bronze medal for the 100m breaststroke at the Boland Swimming Trials.

Our last two relay galas of the season took place at Beaumont Primary School and Somerset House Preparatory School. Both galas were very exciting!

The results were as follows:

3rd place : Somerset House Girls' Relay Gala

4th place: Beaumont Boys' Relay Gala

Well done to all the swimmers for the successful 2010/2011 season!

Mrs C. Schöfmann

Swimming organizer

U/14 Boys' Hockey

After the boys walked off the field at the end of their final match, it was obvious that they had enjoyed the Tour as much as Keri-Ann Jeffery and I had, especially on hearing one of them say "Guys, all fail so that we can come back again next year!"

It was an invaluable experience for our hockey players who grew from strength to strength in their hockey skills and in their team effort. Each and every one of the players contributed to

making the Tour a success through their hard work and sportsmanship on the field. The results of the games we played were as follows:

Hudson Park vs Rhenish 0 – 0

Knysna Sports School vs Rhenish 1 - 1

Knysna Primary vs Rhenish 0 – 1

Eversdal vs Rhenish 0 - 2

Gene Louw vs Rhenish 0 – 2

Oakhill vs Rhenish 0 – 2

Edgemead vs Rhenish 2 – 2

On the final day of matches, Oakhill beat our team 2 – 1 which was our only defeat! We beat Edgemead 2 – 0 and Knysna Primary School 2 – 1. There were some tense moments especially with having to play penalty strokes which our goalkeeper **Ian Du Toit**, handled extremely well. We appreciate the support we received from Ian's family. All in all, it was an enjoyable weekend of hockey, outdoor fun and team building.

We would like to congratulate Ian Du Toit for being selected for the u/15B Boland indoor hockey side.

Sonja Boyes

Hockey Organiser

Some Comments from the participants:

*I thoroughly enjoyed the hockey tour. The festival was very well organised and we were well looked after. Our boys played exceptionally well and kept us entertained with their funny antics. A huge thanks to Mrs Boyes for planning and organising the entire trip as well as for driving all weekend..... **Kerri-Ann Jeffery***

*The thing that I enjoyed the most about the Boys' u/14 Tour to Knysna, was the matches that we played. Out of ten, we only lost one but that didn't matter too much because we all had great fun and it's an experience I will never forget..... **Hans-Peter Bakker***

*My favourite part of the hockey tour was penalty flicks. I'm goalkeeper so I saved all the goals and my team mates always cheered me on. My other favourite was just the opportunity to be in Knysna for the hockey tour. It is something I will always remember.....**Ian Du Toit***

*My favourite part of the tour was by far the Water World. We had lots of fun....**James Erskine***

On the Knysna Tour I really liked being at the Waterfront with all the other schools.....Mike Mavovana

Highland Dancing

Congratulations to **Chelsea Chapman** and **Robyn White** who participated in the Eastern Cape Irish and Highland Dancing Competition in Port Elizabeth on 19-20 March 2011. Well done girls, you both placed well and danced beautifully!

Staff Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Michelle Basson (Art), who celebrates her birthday on 15th April.

Classified Ads

- Free Nanny Care available at **Vrede En Lust Wine Estate** while enjoying breakfast or lunch at Cotage Fromage or doing wine tasting
Secure jungle gym and jumping castle at play area with qualified nannies
Come visit our all-new organic deli and new released wines - contact us on 021 8741611 or www.vnl.co.za
- **2011 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** at the Sasol Art Museum, Ryneveldstraat 52 Ryneveld Street Stellenbosch

Aanbieder / presenter: Lara Krüger

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The first Ebenezer of Term 2 will close on Friday 15 April. Please let me have any news, articles, photos or ads by 2pm or for more information call 072 575 3451 or email jan.sleet@gmail.com

School starts Monday 11 April. Children DO NOT change into Winter uniforms yet. Have a wonderful break!