



The Ebenezer

28 September 2011

From the PTA ...

Donkey Derby

Sincere thanks to the parents/teachers and others for their support and help with our first Donkey Derby! We are still waiting for final invoices and IOUs due, but at this stage it looks like we raised just over R40 000 for the PTA (will confirm final amount in next issue). Many thanks to our race sponsors: Stelkor Pharmacy, Engen Woolworths Paradykskloof, Dr Edwin Dillon, Dr Francois Combrink, RiverBend Lodge and an anonymous parent. Photographs of this event will be placed in the next issue of The Ebenezer.

An extract from the programme of the evening with further thanks for various items:

“With great appreciation to the following:

Our six race sponsors for their sponsorships and their wonderful donkey names!

Mr Niland and RPS staff for their enthusiasm, support and interest shown!

Danie & Annemarie Ebersohn for hosting our Donkey Derby!

Mandy Steytler, Kaapzicht Wine Farm and a Grade 7 parent for delivery, loan and collection of most of the catering equipment and for always being so willing to assist the PTA over many years!

Nic Dupper for arranging sponsored accommodation at d’Ouwe Werf Hotel, Church Street, Stellenbosch!

Nicole Dupper for helping “backstage” in kitchen on the evening and the salad dressing!

Stellenrust Wine Farm for sponsored and discounted wine, loan of staff and their **wonderful** support!

Noami Joubert & Staff from Tastebuds Restaurant for discounted prices on the main meal and for always going the extra mile for Rhenish Primary School!

Eben & Bertha Espach for their generous sponsorship of two return air tickets from Johannesburg for hosts and assistance with our Donkey Derby!

d’Ouwe Werf Hotel for one night’s B&B accommodation for hosts!

Bertie & Sue van Wyk for sponsoring sherry and brownie jars for pudding!

Rudolph Goosen for sponsoring the COKE!

SAB for sponsoring the beer!

George van der Westhuizen for sponsoring the brandy!

Tiaan Strauss for arranging the beer, brandy and coke **and** for all his help and support behind the scenes in the planning of our Donkey Derby (and for his Haka, wip demonstration and bouncer capabilities!)

Stellenbosch Laer Skool (PTA/Parents) for all their time spent with our Committee and advice on hosting a Donkey Derby – we couldn’t have done it without you!

Graham Hirst of Simonsberg Electrical cc for always being so willing to assist our PTA and his patience with us ladies!

Caroline Hirst for helping “backstage” in the kitchen on the evening!

TOPS Simonsrust for donating one case of wine as a prize!

Our “auctioneers” - José Basson, Lizette Asefi and Phoebe van Reenen!

Our “bookies” - Janine Davies, Jenny Boyes, Pam Leslie, Deidre Cloete, Bertha Espach & Liesl Ribeiro!

Waitresses (mostly RPS past pupils) - Bronte Davies, Emily Farrell, Lauren Calitz, Katie Leslie, Liani Strauss and Elizabeth Espach!

Maïke Graser for photography on the evening!

Deidre Cloete for the use of her table runners!

Henriette Lamprecht for the sewing of table runners for bookies table!

Marlene & Neil Stoffberg for the *Cocari* coffee stall!

Greg Hinds for assistance with sound system!

The RPS Groundsmen & Cleaning Staff for all their assistance!

Andrea and Malcolm Rutherford for donating prizes!

Koos Carstens for patrolling the car park and school grounds during our Donkey Derby!

Michael Leslie & girlfriend for selling bar vouchers!

And lastly to Flo Strauss, Pam Leslie and Jenny Boyes for their incredible planning and hard work on our Donkey Derby – a very big thank you!”

2011 Wish List

- The pin boards should be installed by the end of this term.
- The painting of playground games will be done in the first weeks of the 4th term.
- The artwork in the Foyer has been moved around, a carpet purchased, the plants will be reassessed again by Mandy Morton, looking at various options with existing tables in conference room, staff room and possibly not purchasing a new table but a cupboard for the staff room to be used for kitchen items as the staff room kitchen has now got too small. We are awaiting for additional quotes to be discussed at the next PTA meeting and I will update you again in the next Ebenezer.
- We purchased 3 display boards/screens which will be used to display work, photographs, etc. mainly in the Foyer and used elsewhere. They will be on display on the first day of next term with the first assembly of the term (Matric Assembly) in the Foyer.
- We are still trying to obtain a sponsorship for one bottle of sun block per classroom for the summer months. I need to do some work on this one!
- The two new picnic benches for outside the Grade 1 classrooms (on grass area) have arrived and the two new cement benches for tennis courts should arrive by the end of the term.

Tree Trail

Please remember, if you have some time to spare at school, the Tree Trail posters have been installed and copies of the trail booklets are available from the school secretaries. Please collect one and follow the trail using the map and booklet. **PLEASE** return the booklet to the secretaries once you have completed the trail to give other parents an opportunity to use them.

My School Card

There are various discount vouchers being offered by the My School programme. At the time of writing this article, a box of vouchers has been delivered to school and I just want to get permission from Mr Niland/staff to distribute as I am aware of the sensitivities of our learners/parents being used as a marketing tool.

Please continue swiping your My School cards to increase the monthly amount the PTA receives – thank you!

“CYBER-SMART PARENTING” by Tim Keller

We will be hosting a Tim Keller presentation on **25th October 2011 at 19h00 in the school hall** for Rhenish Primary School parents titled “Cyber-Smart Parenting”. The focus is on the role of social networking and the use of social media platforms by today’s youth. He will provide information about common use as well as what is possible. He will also discuss some of the legal and social implications around children using social media and will address some online safety concerns that you may have. It will be an extremely informative presentation and with the likes of new films released eg. “*trust*” showing at Nu Metro V&A Waterfront, Canal Walk and Ster-Kinekor Cavendish, which carries an age restriction of 16 for strong language, is very relevant. As a parent of a 12 year old daughter it is an extremely scary concept. I have an article on the “*trust*” film published in the Weekend Argus 24th September 2011 and should you want a copy please contact me and I’ll eMail to you. Please diarize 25th October 2011 and make every effort to attend.

Electronic Ebenezer

The last issue of The Ebenezer was distributed electronically via email and every parent should have received an SMS to advise that the emails had been sent out. With anything new, we are going to experience “*teething problems*” and we are aware that not everyone received an email (including myself!). **PLEASE** could you check that the school office (Adrienne Whitley rhenish.sec@mweb.co.za 021 883 3152) has your correct cell phone number and email address for The Ebenezer mailing list. We are relying on you to update in order for the PTA to keep in touch!

Until the next issue, have a wonderful very short holiday!

Kind Regards,

Sue Chapman

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Spelling Bee 2011

We would like to thank parents, learners, friends and family for supporting our annual Spelling Bee. An amount in excess of R40 000 was raised. These funds will be used mainly to purchase additional readers and classroom equipment.

It was a most successful event. We were impressed by the standard of spelling. Congratulations to all our learners especially the Grade Ones who had mostly only just learnt to spell at that stage.

Prizes will be handed out during assembly.

Shelley Young & Noel Petersen

Prestige Music Concert, 7 September 2011

The **Prestige Music Concert** was held on 7 September. Both our choirs, the orchestra, strings and marimba band, Orff group, solos, a guitar duet, ballet items and a soprano, Mrs Fiona McKay, enthralled the audience with their high standard of performance. KrügerWorks Productions (sales@krugerworks.co.za) produced a beautiful 2011 memento DVD package which includes the Concert in the Garden, the Combined Rhenish Schools' Concert, the Rhenish Rock Festival and the Prestige Music Concert, available to you at R200 per package.

Orders may be placed with sales@krugerworks.co.za or with the **school bursar** via your child. Monies may be delivered to the **school bursar** in a sealed, marked envelope, bearing your **child's name, grade and class and what the payment is for**. All payments are please to be made by the end of this term.



2012 Music Applications

Music applications for tuition in music 2012 may be submitted now. Application forms are available from the secretaries' office. We offer tuition in the following instruments: piano, keyboard, guitar, recorder, fife, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, violin, drum kit, djembe and an introductory course in music for Grade 2s. Applications close at the end of October, after which your child will be put on the waiting list.

Springtime Art Competition

The Springtime Art Competition was held at Zevenwacht Mall from 31 August to 4 September. I am very happy to announce that both first and second prizes have been awarded to Rhenish Primary.

1st Prize – Zachary Winsnes – Grade 6
Prize for school: R3000
Prize for Zachary: R1000

2nd Prize – Nicholas Folscher – Grade 6
Prize for school: R2000
Prize for Nicholas: R750

Well done to both of our boys!

Mrs Wyness
Art Educator

“The Book Shelf” Foundation Phase Production 2011 DVD Orders

If you are interested in ordering a DVD at **R130**, please complete the order form that was sent home last week or contact the secretaries for another form and return to school with your payment before the end of term.

Ballet Concert – Global Glimpses by Tutu Ballet School

21 and 22 October 2011 at Stellenbosch Primary School. Performances start at 7pm.
Tickets are available from 11 October between 3pm and 8pm at Eatwell Coffee Shop, Die Boord.
Tickets @ R40 per person.

Classified Ads

- **Sonsurf School Strand** – We do surfing lessons for school groups, Tues-Fri 16:00-17:30, Surf Parties & Individual. Where? Waterworld. Contact us for the best feeling, that only a surfer knows! 083 232 4822 www.surfschools.co.za
- **Lima Swim** – presents water safety session, style correction, exercise sessions for all, with fun but focusing on safety (young, old, fit, unfit). Contact Liana Bester 083 421 7794 or 021 887 5516 or lima31@mweb.co.za
- **Ryan Maron’s Cricket School of Excellence Holiday Clinic** – 4-7 October, Eikestad Primary from 9am-2pm, ages 4-15 years old, cost R500 per student, free: T-shirt, cap, bottle, SA Cricket Magazine, & many prizes to be won. To book: william@cricketschool.co.za or 084 249 9969 or www.cricketschool.co.za
- Enter your child(ren) (5-12 yrs) for **SUSPI’s Youth Sport Summer Camp** from 12-14 December on the Coetzenburg Sport Campus, Stellenbosch. Contact Marshia Meniers 021 808 4731 or mmeniers@sun.ac.za

The next issue of the Ebenezer will close on Friday 21 October. For all enquiries or to submit advertisements or articles, please email jan.sleet@gmail.com or call 072 575 3451

Enjoy the holidays ☺