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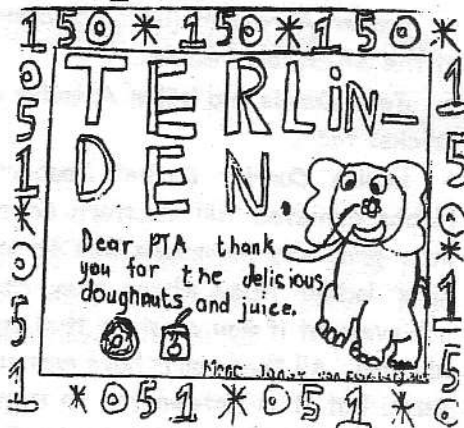
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The Ebenezer

The Rhenish Primary PTA
Newsletter
May 2010

Happy Birthday

Rhenish 1860-2010



News from the Deputy ...

Sport at Rhenish Primary

For those who are interested, I have listed RPS sporting achievements for Term 1. This was not an out-of-the-ordinary term, however, because this is what our school has consistently achieved over many years. We are more "fun-driven" than "results-driven", but I am sure that the few sceptics out there can clearly see, that

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despite this, we take sport seriously.

- Rhenish Primary won the inaugural Sixes Cricket competition for u/13s.
- The Rhenish Primary u/13A Cricket team remains unbeaten thus far.
- The Rhenish Primary u/11A Cricket team has suffered only one loss thus far.
- Rhenish drew its "A" Relay Gala with De Hoop.
- Our "B" Relay Gala team came out on top.
- The u/13A boys' Hockey team won the Krynsna Sports School Hockey tournament.
- Our u/13A girls' Hockey team also went on tour to Krynsna and although their tournament was conducted differently they played 12 matches, won 7, drew 3 and lost only 2.
- Amber Abrahams (Grade 5) came 7th in South Africa for Shot Put at the SA Schools' Games.
- John Currie and Dillon Arendse were selected for the u/13 Boland Cricket team.
- Louise Currie, Cachel Joubert, Callin Joubert and Adrienne Hobbs achieved full Western Cape colours for Swimming. At the inter-provincial Swimming Gala Adrienne and Cachel participated in the girls' ladder relay where they came fourth. This is an amazing achievement if you consider that two girls in a team of 7 come from Rhenish. All these girls have earned numerous medals throughout the term, but it is noteworthy to mention that Cachel received 4 gold medals and 1 silver. Also, Louise Currie ranked in the top 10 for her event in the Nationals.
- In addition to these swimmers, Thomas Jansen van Rensburg, Tige Weldemann, Garth Wentley and Johan Basson were all selected for the Boland Swimming team.
- Ambar van der Warh and Kelsey Nel were selected for the Boland Indoor A and B Hockey teams respectively.
- I have not included the numerous children who, aside from full provincial representation, have represented teams and codes at a level higher than the school's first team, but Tennis, being one of our

smaller sports have no fewer than 7 children in the Central Boland team.

- Although the Netball season only started a short while ago, we already have four girls selected for the Stellenbosch Regional team. At the time of writing this article our u/13A Rugby team comprehensively beat Chinthurst from England, by 43 points to 24.

We have had numerous children who have achieved provincial representation in sports not offered by the school as well. They are not listed above, but we are equally proud of them.

Rugby

Please remember that the new Rugby jersey is available at De Jagers. This jersey is now compulsory for all boys playing rugby this year. The boys have also been informed that they are to wear proper rugby shorts for matches as the hockey-type shorts are inappropriate for rugby given the nature of the game. Please support us in this regard.

Swimathon

I am proud to share with you that we have raised R57 541.58 for sport at Rhenish through our main fundraiser, being the Swimathon. A hearty thanks to all who have contributed.

Completion of matches and practices

It has always been our philosophy to instil old fashioned values into our children. With this in mind we would like you to support us by encouraging your child to hang around a little while longer after practices and matches in order to help the coaches clean up and pack away. We often find a situation where ladies have to lug heavy equipment around to get it packed away and safe. It would be appreciated if you do not rush off, but rather send your child to enquire whether he/she can be of assistance.

The following story, which I found while browsing, I thought to be quite appropriate in our busy lives. Please take a minute to read it:

Frog Story

A group of frogs was travelling through the woods and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit with all their might. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

This story teaches two lessons:

- There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day.
- A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill their spirit. Be careful of what you say.

Speak life to those who cross your path. The power of words...it is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue in difficult times. Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another. Be special to others. (Author unknown)

With the Soccer World Cup looming, I wish all of you a memorable and patriotic experience. Perhaps Bafana Bafana will surprise us all. In the meantime enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience on our own doorstep.

Neil Pretorius

Happy 150th BIRTHDAY, Rhenishi!

The PTA was pleased to be able to sponsor the commemorative pens that the school gave to every child and the birthday treats on the 29th of April. Thanks to the mums who helped pack and distribute the treats and especially to Jenny Boyes for the beautiful school birthday cake.

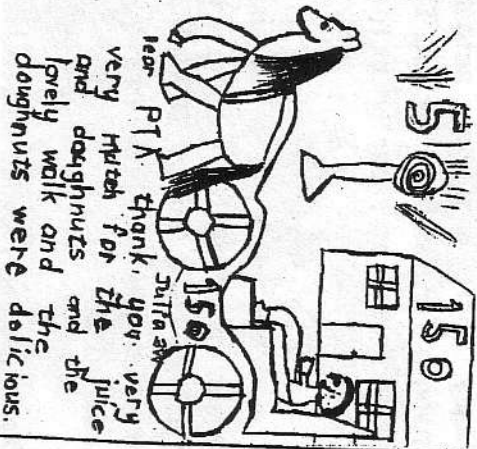
Please remember to send in your paper for RECYCLING, deposit your glass in the recycling igloo and swipe your MySchool card.

The Rhenish TREE Trail project is progressing and all the trees in the sports field area have been labelled. All our trees have been identified and boards with their names will be erected by next term. The Rhenish Tree Trail booklet will also be produced early next term. The trees have all been assessed by a professional and work will start soon on tree maintenance and the planting of new trees. Our thanks to Louise Ehret for all the time she has given to this project.

The PTA will be involved in the production of this year's school MAGAZINE. If you would like to be involved in this project, please get in touch with me.

Kind regards

Alison Brand — PTA Chairlady



And from all of us at Rhenish, congratulations to Alison and her family as they welcome baby Christie xx

Netball ...

Trials

Congratulations to the following girls who were entered into the Boland netball trials and were chosen to be part of the Stellenbosch team who will play in the next round in Paarl:

Shani Brummer - A Team GK, Mia du Toit - B Team GD, Jamie Swartz - B Team WD and Amy Ann Bruwer - Reserve.

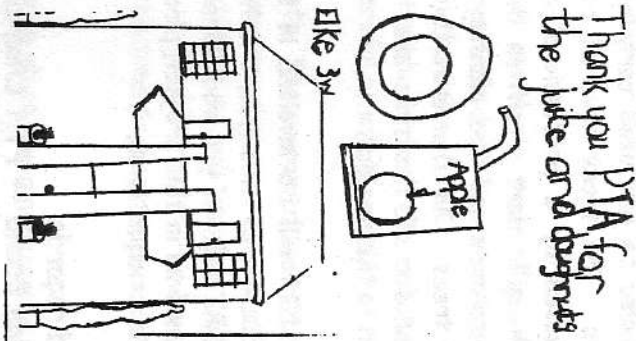
Clinic

A very successful clinic was held during the first week of the term for the UTs, 8s and 9s. This is the first time we have had a clinic for these age groups and we were most impressed by the girls' enthusiasm and participation.

We would like to thank Reg and Jenny Sharp and their netball students for running this clinic. It will definitely be repeated in the future.

A very BIG thank you to Joy and James Armitage for hosting our visitors. They had a wonderful time with you. We appreciate your generosity!

Olwyn LaunderNetball
Co-ordinator



The closing date for the next Ebenezer is Wednesday 2
June at 2pm.

More Swimming News ...

What an eventful swimming term we had. We once again had a great number of children training hard to achieve such wonderful personal and team records.

Many swimmers participated in the Boland Swimming Trials in early February where 8 of our swimmers made the Boland team, namely: Garth Wentley (1 gold, 1 silver), Johan Basson (2 silvers, 2 bronze), Thomas Jansen van Rensburg (1 silver, 1 bronze), Adrienne Hobbs (3 golds, 3 silvers, 1 bronze), Inge Weidemann (1 bronze), Louise Currie (7 golds), Coachel Joubert (5 golds), Colin Joubert (2 silvers, 2 bronze).



These talented swimmers then swam for Boland against South Western Districts and Western Province, participating against

the top swimmers in the Cape, hoping to be selected for the very prestigious Western Cape team. Congratulations to Cachel Joubert, Cailin Joubert, Adrienne Hobbs and Louise Currie for making this team.

On the 5th and 6th of March 2010 these 4 girls swam for the Western Cape team against swimmers from all around the country. Cachel Joubert did extremely well at the SA Junior Nationals where she received 4 gold medals: 1st position in the Girls u10 200m Individual Medley, 1st in 50m Freestyle, 1st in 50m Butterfly as well as receiving 1 silver medal for 50m Breaststroke.

Cachel swam the freestyle leg of the Girls u10 Medley Relay where the Western Cape team broke the SA record and received a gold medal. Adrienne Hobbs and Cachel Joubert both swam in the Western Cape Freestyle ladder relay in the u11 and u10 age groups respectively, where the Western Cape team came fourth overall. Well done, girls, on a stunning performance.

Louise Currie, was selected to swim at National Level 2 in Port Elizabeth last month. After receiving 7 gold medals at Boland trials as well as 1 gold and 1 bronze medal at the Western Cape Trials, Louise went on to receive 3 gold medals at Level 2. She received first position for Girls u13 50m, 100m, and 200m Breaststroke. Well done, Louise.

Heather Luden
Swimming
Co-ordinator

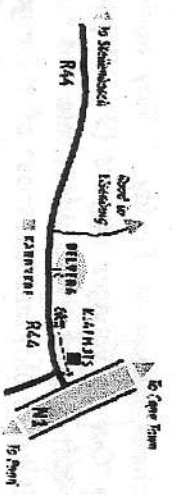


DRIVERA KinderTeater

Wat om Sondag met die kinders te maak?

Bring hulle na Delvera om in 'n veilige atmosfeer na heetlike sprokewerelde te kyk terwyl ma en pa deur die baie interessante klein wêreldies op Delvera rondsnuffel vir unieke, handgemaakte kursaartikels (alle vertonings tussen 45 - 60 minute lank)

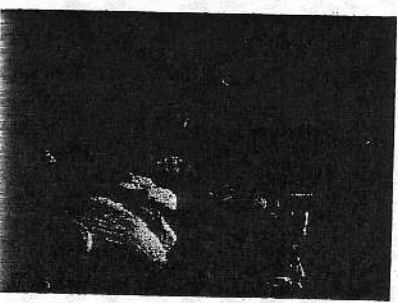
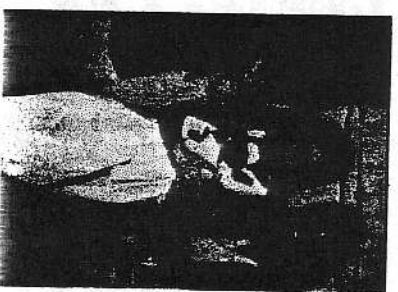
Sondag om 11h00
Delvera wynplaa, hoek van Muldersvlei en R44, Stellenbosch
R40 pp



Program

- 9 Mei Rookkappie en die Wolf
- 16 Mei Sneeuwifje en die Sewe Dwerge
- 23 Mei Jan en die Boortjierank
- 30 Mei Aspoesterifje

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Chess ...

The second round of the Boland Central Chess Trials was held on Saturday 17 April at Laerskool Eikestad. We want to commend the following thirteen enthusiastic and committed players who participated in this event: Shaafee Begg, Keenan Ribeiro, Justin Korki, Juhyang Lee, Neil Swartz, Ye-Ho Kim, William Meyer, Jesse Steven, Jae-Ung Kim, Sung-Jun Chung, Julian Herrellers, Willem Swartz and Bradley Shaw. No results were given on the day as the officials are still analysing the results.

We are fortunate that we have been able to appoint a second external coach, Rehanne Lambrechts, to assist us with chess. Rehanne is a most talented Paul Roos learner who excels at chess.

We played a chess match on Friday 7 May against Dalabuhle Primary School. Our 16 younger players (9 - 12 years old) found the match difficult against these older, talented ten players (the youngest one 13 years old) and lost most of their games. Valuable experience was, however, gained and each player got an opportunity to play a minimum of two games during this 90 minute slot. Congratulations to Shaafee Begg (12), Jae-Ung Kim (12) and Julian Herrellers (10) who won their games!

We are also very proud of our chess coaches: Rehanne Lambrechts (16) has recently achieved a 3rd Position in the second round of the U/20 Boland Trials. This means that he is competing against university students and other adults who are up to four years older than he is. Konrad van Zyl Smit ranks amongst the 10 best players (senior level) in South Africa.

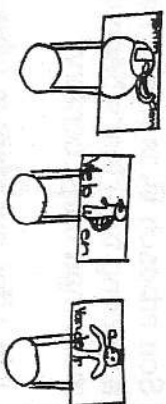
The annual Rhenish Primary School Tournament will take place on 5 June. Detailed information on these tournaments will be provided closer to the time.

Marietjie Vink

Grade 7 Fun Day ...

The Grade 7 Fun Day was held on the afternoon of 25 March. This annual fundraising event forms part of the Grade 7 Economic and Management Sciences curriculum and aims to develop many different skills, e.g. successful group work, and understanding of the need and purpose of fundraising in a free-market economy and the importance of honesty in money matters. The Grade 7 learners must be commended for their creativity, hard work and co-operative behaviour. I want to thank all the educators and the grounds staff who assisted with, and supervised, the activities. We also appreciate the support and enthusiasm of all the learners and their generous parents.

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Grade 6 Entrepreneurs' Market



The Grade 6 Entrepreneurs' Mini Market was held on Friday 23 April. Fortunately, it was a lovely autumn day and sales could take place in the shade of the plane trees next to the pavilion. The Grade 6s must be commended for their hard work and their clever ideas in portraying the theme of the market (Rhenish 150 years old) in their confectionary. We want to thank the Grade 4, 5 and 7 learners for being such enthusiastic customers, as well as our parents for their continued support.

Marietjie Vink