



EBENEZER

22 November 2013

From the Principal's Desk
'Back to Basics'
Honesty

The end of exams and the end of term are both in sight. All Grade 4 to 7 learners will write their last exams on Monday 25 November. School will continue until Wednesday 4 December when we will close at 11h00.

Earlier this month, letters relating to the 2014 school fees were sent home with all learners. These forms must please be returned to school by Friday 29 November. Failure to return the forms will be seen as an indication that fees for 2014 will be paid, in full, by the 31 January 2014. School Fee Exemption forms will be available from Mrs Tarr, from Thursday 16 January 2014. Parents are reminded that exemptions must be applied for annually and are not carried over from one year to the next.

On Thursday 21 November elections took place for the vacant position on the Rhenish Primary School Governing Body. Thank you to those parents who attended the very short meeting. We congratulate Mr Nobby Stiles on his election to the Governing Body. Thank you to our election officer, Ms Helmien Slabber from Rhenish Girls' High School for managing the process.

We are currently planning for 2014. I would like to remind all parents that those learners who are in the Reception classes and who will be moving on to Grade 1 in 2014, will start school on Tuesday 14 January 2014. The learners come to school from 09h00 to 11h00 and spend the time in their new classrooms. On Wednesday 15 January 2014, all learners from Grades 2 to 7 who are new, start school at 08h15 and those learners who are returning to Rhenish will start at 09h00. This information is intended to assist you with your planning for the beginning of 2014. Parents of learners moving from Reception Class to Grade 1 are invited to join us for an Orientation afternoon on Thursday 28 November at 15h00 in the school hall.

Our community project this term is to collect items for Christmas hampers for our hard working grounds staff. Please send these items in to class educators. The grounds staff work extremely hard to ensure that our surroundings are neat and tidy and in good repair and the hamper is one way that we can show our appreciation and gratitude.

At the recent Budget meeting, approval was received to install a drainage system on the school sports fields. Work started on this exciting project on Thursday 21 November, so there will be much activity on the fields over the next ten days. The real test of the new system will come during the winter months in 2014.

We will also be working on the swimming pool pump and filter system during the holidays and look forward to improved water conditions in 2014.

2014 learner diaries can be ordered through the school. The cost is R35.00 each. The correct money must please be sent in an envelope to the class educator. Please note that we have a limited number of these diaries available. These diaries are essential for the Grade 3 and 4 learners and are highly recommended for the Grade 5 to 7 learners.

Thought for the day:

It doesn't matter if you try and try again, and fail. It does matter if you try and fail, and fail to try again.

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**LIBERTY FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER
at BLAAUWKLIPPEN VINEYARDS from 08h00 to 13h00**

Weather forecast for Sunday 24 November is a hot sunny day of 30 degrees

Registration will be open on the morning of 24 November from 6 am. Arrive early to give yourself enough time to register or to collect your race number if you have registered online. Bring your proof of registration to collect your race number if you have registered on line.

Awesome prizes can be won in the spot prize draw at the prize giving at 11 o'clock so keep the lucky ticket you receive at the finish line and stay for the prize giving. There are fabulous prizes for the children, families and grownups.

Support the Bashews/ Chill Beverages stall and the PlayGolf stall at the market. A percentage of proceeds on the day will be donated to Rhenish Primary School.

Look out for Rhenish staff members handing out medals at the finish or taking part in the race with their friends and families.

We are looking forward to a great family fun day! Thank you for your support.

Any queries email pta@rhenishprimary.co.za

PTA Committee

PRE-RECEPTION SUNSET PICNIC



My domestic helper, Noma Romani, will be looking for a new position from January 2014 as we are immigrating.

Should you be looking for someone in the new year to help with cleaning, ironing and babysitting, please contact me on kirsten.lynch@adept.co.za and I will send you her CV and reference.

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There awaits your order form, you're getting warmer, warmer, warm:

DVD/CD COMBO ORDER FORM:

This makes a special memento for you or your family abroad and out of town:

**A DVD of the Rhenish Schools' Concert AND
a CD of beautiful still photos including the Concert in the Garden, ,
the Rock Festival, Golf Day, Community Tea and Annual Music Concert.**

Delivery in the last week of term.

Number of DVD/CD COMBOS at R100 each: .		Total amount of cash included: 	
Parent's name (in print)	Parent's signature	Learner's name	Learner's Grade
Contact number:			
Email Address:			

Take it fast, take it quick, take it before the brewing storm!)

RECEPTION CLASS PRODUCTION



Whisper From The Heart Poetry Competition

Helena Reid's (Grade 5) short story entitled **A New Beginning** achieved 1st place, winning her R600 and a book. Her poem entitled **When the Ocean Roars** came 4th and won her a book.

Olivia van Hoogstraten's (Grade 5) sunset photograph achieved a 1st place and won her a DVD.

Congratulations!

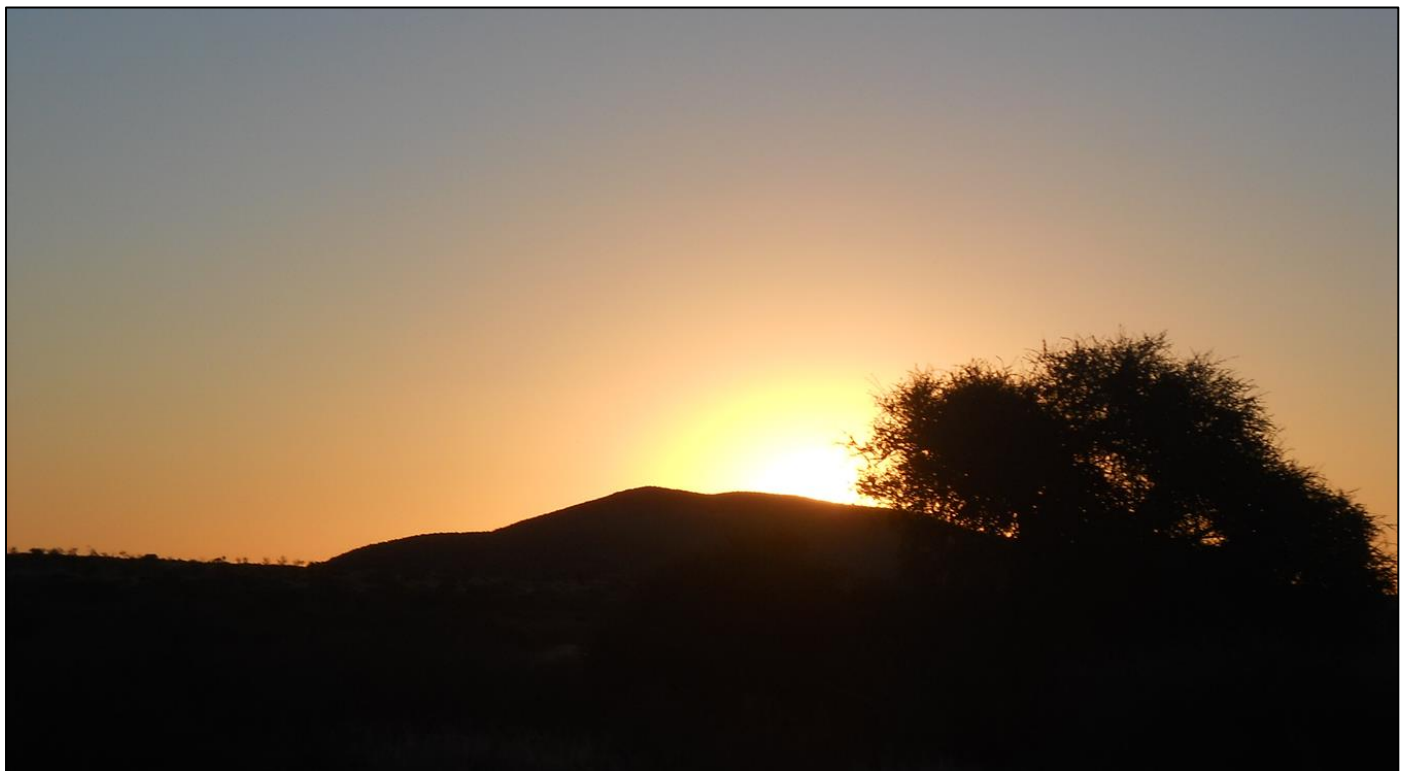
When The Ocean Roars

The Sun sat high above on her glistening throne
Listening to the mighty ocean's drone
The sea drew back his drenched load
As if having his kelp kingdom mowed
With a crash, he drops his basket of burdens
Caressing patterned shells and a submerged urchin
The wave calms
And foam bubbles over the white sand, the soft boundary of the ocean's strength
The mountains tower high above
Beckoning the sun
And as the golden beauty set
The ocean roars
Suddenly all is still
And all that can be heard is the distant screeching of a gull

Helena Reid

Helena Reid - My thoughts after winning the Whisper Poetry Competition

I feel like a bright flame is burning through my body. I feel like a carefree bird soaring over buildings; like I can do anything I put my mind to. I feel like millions of little, colourful fireworks are going off in my heart. I thought that feeling only took place in movies and storybooks, but now I know, that feeling actually exists!



Olivia van Hoogstraten – Sunset in the Kalahari – 1st Place



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- 8 Dec @ Oak Valley Estate, Elgin
- 19 Jan @ Lourensford Wine Estate, Somerset West
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- 16 Mar @ Paul Cluver Estate, Grabouw



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- 10-12km MTB + 3km Trail Run (may include a water obstacle)
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MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 01 DECEMBER 2013

<p>Monday 25 November</p>	<p><u>Examinations</u> <u>Grade 7:</u> Technology EMS <u>Grades 4 to 6:</u> History</p> <p>NO EXTRA MURALS</p> <p>School closes at 13h00</p>	<p>Tuesday 26 November</p>	<p>13h30: Tennis trials – U9 to U12</p> <p>NO EXTRA MURALS</p> <p>School closes at 13h00</p>
<p>Wednesday 27 November</p>	<p>08h30: Grade 4 Market Day</p> <p>NO EXTRA MURALS</p> <p>School closes at 13h00</p>	<p>Thursday 28 November</p>	<p>13h30: Tennis trials – U9 to U12</p> <p>14h15: Pre-Reception Orientation Day</p> <p>14h30: Reception Orientation Day</p> <p>15h00: New parents address in the hall</p> <p>NO EXTRA MURALS</p> <p>School closes at 13h00</p>
<p>Friday 29 November</p>	<p>08h45: Pre-Reception and Reception Class Christmas market</p> <p>13h15 to 14h15: Maties swimming programme for Reception class</p> <p>NO EXTRA MURALS</p> <p>School closes at 13h00</p>	<p>Saturday 30 November</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Adrienne Whitley!</p>
<p>Sunday 1 December</p>			