



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

Welcome back to school for the last stretch of the year. We hope that you all had a good holiday. This last term is a short, but busy one.

Continuing with our annual theme of "Back to Basics", our theme for this term is "Honesty". This is one of the foundations on which we all build our lives, yet is the one value that is often most forgotten in our world today. The value of honesty is one on which we should all build our lives.

To quote the Oxford English Dictionary, honesty is defined as "uprightness and truthfulness". It is immensely gratifying when learners perform acts of honesty, without being reminded of this value. When items are handed to educators that have been found around the school, or returned to a rightful owner, we know that we are living this value.

It was very refreshing to see all the learners returning to school in their summer uniform. It reminds us that Spring and Summer are on their way. We will still have some cold and wintry days as the term progresses. On these days, learners may wear their full tracksuits with their winter shirts and ties to school. Please remember that the tracksuit is to be worn as a full uniform, top and bottom together, and not as individual items.

We once again congratulate the following Grade 7 learners on their appointment as Head Prefects: Breyten van der Merwe (Head Boy), George Carinus (Deputy Head Boy), Amè Strauss (Head Girl) and Alexa de Villiers (Deputy Head Girl). We look forward to the role that they will play at Rhenish Primary School during this last term. Breyten, Amè and Mr Lombard represented Rhenish at the recent municipal function for the unveiling of the Mandela statue. We are proud that Rhenish was part of this auspicious occasion.

On Tuesday 1 October, we hosted the current matrics, the Rhenish Grade 7 class of 2008, at our assembly. For us in the primary school, it is very rewarding to see how the learners have grown and matured. We wish the matrics every success for the forthcoming exams.

On Wednesday 2 October, we held our Inter-house General Knowledge Quiz. Well done to Weber for coming out on top. They were followed by van der Stel and Terlinden. We can certainly be proud of the general knowledge displayed by the Rhenish learners, and not just those representing the houses.

Saturday 5 October is World Teachers Day. This is an opportunity to celebrate the work that teachers around the world do. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the Rhenish educators for all that they do to ensure that the learners in our care receive the best education possible. I would also like to thank Die Boord Spar for their sponsorship of a treat pack for each staff member. This really made the day special for everyone. Thank you also to the PTA for their gift to each staff member.

This week we were able to hand over to Erkin Asefi, a past learner, a certificate and cheque from the Royal Trinity School of Music in London for achieving one of the highest marks in South Africa for his keyboard exam last year. Erkin achieved 97%. It is rewarding to hear that Erkin is continuing with his music at Paul Roos this year.

Parents would have received notification of the Governing Body by-election, to take place on Wednesday 30 October at 18h30 in the school hall. Nomination forms can be obtained from Mrs Tarr. We have one vacant position that needs to be filled for the remainder of the term of office of the current Governing Body. The by-election will be followed by the annual Budget meeting where school fees for 2014 will be determined. The agenda for this meeting will be sent home next week. Please diarise this very important date, and we ask all parents to make every effort to be present.

I will be away at the South African Principal's Conference from Monday to Wednesday next week. Mr Pretorius will be managing the school in my absence. I look forward to being involved in some stimulating and informative discussions.

We congratulate Mr Berry and Miss Kramer who were married during the holidays. Congratulations also goes to Mr Morkel who announced his engagement recently. We wish these couples God's richest blessings.

Thought for the day: An honest man's the noblest work of God - Alexander Pope

IMPORTANT DATE TO SAVE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday 24 November 2013

Liberty Life Family Fun Day at Blaauwklippen Vineyards - 09h00 – 11h30

Raffle 2013

2nd Prize: SPECIALIZED 24" Bike & Kit



1st Prize: GoPro Silver Edition

3rd Prize: iPod shuffle

4th Prize: Limno's Birthday Cake

R10 per entry

Return Date: 30 October

Final Draw: 12 November

The learner selling the most tickets will receive R300!

Many more fantastic prizes, including but not limited to...



- Raffle forms will be distributed in the 2nd last week of the third term by your Class Teacher. Additional forms available from Mrs Pina, the school bursar.
- Only NUMBERED forms on yellow paper with a RED school stamp on the front are authentic.
- Forms are the property of the school and must be returned irrespective of whether the tickets are sold or not. Any forms not returned or lost will incur a R50 penalty.
- Please remember that Rhenish Primary School learners are not allowed to sell tickets "door to door".
- Please return the form with the money by no later than **WEDNESDAY, 30th October 2013**.



The Bees from the Foundation Phase production "Archie".

A very big thank you to all the parents who helped to make this production such a success.

Guest Speaker - Simon Hurry

Building Self-Esteem By Focusing On Individual Strengths

23 October 2013 at 19h00

Rhenish Primary School is honoured and fortunate to host **Simon Hurry** to speak about the link between positive self-esteem and future success.

Simon works closely in both the educational and professional sectors to teach educators, parents and business professionals how to inspire success by focusing on strengths. His philosophy is simple: highlighting what an individual does well not only will empower that person and build self-esteem, it will encourage persistence during more challenging tasks and broaden the individual's scope of interest to unlock greater future possibilities.

Several outcomes of a strengths-based approach:

- ❖ Increased interest in learning
- ❖ Academic self-efficacy
- ❖ Academic confidence and perceived academic control
- ❖ Increased determination to succeed
- ❖ Personal satisfaction, feeling of social ease

Some points to be discussed include:

- Correlation between confidence and success
- What is individual potential?
- Strength vs. ability
- The importance of self-appreciation and self-respect
- Benefits of focusing on strengths rather than weaknesses
- How to help develop strengths and build confidence

For more information about **Simon Hurry**, please see www.rework.co.za and www.simonhurry.com

Comprehensive Child and Family Photography

Week 1 – Comprehensive Photography (21-24 October 2013) Monday to Thursday, 9am-1pm

The first week of the course will be focusing on general photography and is aimed at the photographer who wishes to receive comprehensive thorough knowledge and photography skills. Each day the student will be given a practical project which will be reviewed with the class the following day.

Photography outcomes:

- History of Photography and Visual Literacy
- Camera functions, accessories, lenses and flash
- Aperture and depth of field
- Shutter and motion
- Exposure, ISO ratings, natural lighting, artificial lighting
- Composition, perspective, viewpoint, design elements influencing photography
- Digital Photography – exposure, resolution, white balance, color temperature, pixels, memory cards, software, downloading images, digital camera, image noise, image types and sizes, shooting in RAW.
- Lenses, filters and accessories

Week 2 – Portraiture, Child and Family Photography (28-31 October 2013) Monday to Thursday, 9am-1pm

The second week of the course will focus on Portraiture, Child and family photography. This segment of the course will give students an inside understanding and practical experience in professional and commercial practice in this field. There will be one day of practical shooting, including working with flash/lighting and working with models. The course will end off with some post processing and basic editing techniques in Photoshop.

Photography outcomes:

- Preparation before the shoot
- Camera equipment and accessories
- Using natural light and flash
- Working on location
- Depth of field and capturing movement
- Working in different weather conditions
- Getting natural expressions
- Candid shots
- Posing children and families
- Working with props
- Practical training on using flash/reflectors
- Practical shoot with models
- Post production and presentation

Duration of course: 8 days

Monday to Thursday 21-24 October (9am-1pm)

Monday to Thursday 28-31 October (9am-1pm)

Cost: R3900.00

Payment due 1 week prior to the commencement of the course.

To enroll on this course please contact Sally Currie on 021 880-2623

Or email: sally@stellenboschacademy.co.za

If you want your little pumpkin to play the piano like Mozart, then why not get him/her this used Yamaha Clavinova -153S
(It almost sounds like a real piano)
It will make family gatherings be as memorable as in the movies....
It's a steal at only R 5999,99 or nearest cash offer.



Please contact me (also a previously hopeful mom), on 072 720 9074.



Inter-house General Knowledge Quiz – The winning teams

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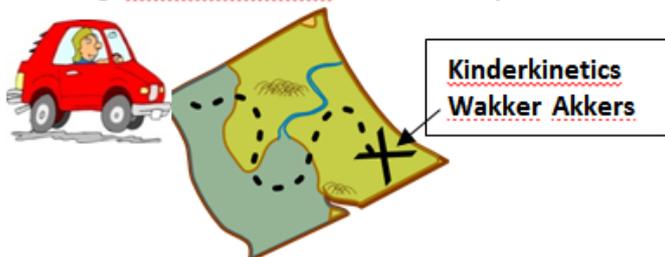
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Putting Kinderkinetics on the map...



- Workshop
- Practical stations
- Fun activities for the family
- Competition

Place: Department Sport Science, Coetzenburg

Time: 8h30 for 9h00-13h00

Date: 12 October 2013

For more information email: kkopenday@gmail.com



A note from the Music Department

So many gifts for the Community Tea were supplied at the recent Rock Concert. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed.

Music applications for 2014 are welcomed early this term. Should you want your child to engage in any of the following, please obtain and complete an application form from the secretaries' office at your earliest convenience and return for Mrs O'Reilly's attention.

Grade 2 only:

Introductory Course to Music. This course includes basic rhythmic and melodic reading, as well as recorder playing and introducing the instruments taught at our school.

Individual lessons on:

Piano, keyboard, recorder, fife, flute, piccolo, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, violin, guitar, drum kit and djembe.

Please note that the drum kit and guitar lessons are currently over-subscribed. Good alternatives which include developing harmonic understanding, are piano or keyboard lessons.

Rhenish Primary School Spur Evening Friday 25 October 2013 @ Arizona Spur, Eikestad Mall from 6pm to 9pm

This is a fantastic opportunity for all Rhenishers to nurture the Rhenish spirit. An added bonus is that 10% of sales from 6pm - 9pm will be donated to Rhenish Primary School.

Come and enjoy a family meal on the evening at the Spur. You may be the lucky table that Mrs Tarr waits on or you may win one of the spot prizes for entry to the Family Fun Day on 24 November.

Mrs Tarr and the RPS staff as well as Gr 7 prefects have volunteered their time to shadow shift the Spur waitrons at the event. Would you like to offer your time as well to help out?

Volunteers will be required to be at the Spur from 5 pm – 6pm for a quick training session and from 6 pm to 9pm to shadow shift the Spur waiters. If three hours seems too long you can offer an hour of your time. Volunteers will be asked to all dress in the same outfits– blue jeans and a white shirt.

Contact the PTA by 11 October 2013 by emailing pta@rhenishprimary.co.za, sms 0718 708 561 or leave a message with Adrienne Whitley to offer your time on the evening.

We hope to see as many of our Rhenish family and friends enjoying a fun evening together.

Thank you for your continued support.

PTA Committee



**RHENISH PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY PLANNER
MONDAY 7 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2013**

Monday 7 October	14h15: Junior choir rehearsals begin 15h15 to 16h15: Senior choir rehearsals begin 16h30: U12 boys and girls indoor hockey at Somerset College	Tuesday 8 October	Cricket matches: U11B vs A F Louw (home) U13B match has been cancelled. There will be a normal practice.
Wednesday 9 October	10h20: Grade 6 Afrikaans public speaking competition – parents are welcome to attend Cricket matches: U11A vs Hendrik Louw, Strand (away) U13A vs Hendrik Louw (home)	Thursday 10 October	14h30: Foundation Phase Inter-schools Athletics No extra murals after 13h30 EXCEPT FOR 14h30 to 15h15: U12 to U14 swimming time trials 15h15 to 15h45: U9 swimming time trials 15h45 to 16h30: U10 and U11 swimming time trials No tennis matches – Gerrie Berner tennis tournament
Friday 11 October	14h30 to 15h00: U8 team swimming trials 15h00 to 15h30: U7 team swimming trials 17h30: Grade 7 Farewell	Saturday 12 October	Gerrie Berner tennis tournament

A thought for our Rhenish Primary School Teachers on World Teachers Day 5 October 2013

Whose Child Is This

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while
To bathe his hands and comb his hair
To tell him what he is to wear
To prepare him that he may always be good
And each day do the things he should"

"Whose child is this?" I asked again
As the door opened and someone came in
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile
"Mine, to keep just for a little while
To teach him how to be gentle and kind
To train and direct his dear little mind
To help him live by every rule
And get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more
Just as the little one entered the door
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled
And each took the hand of the little child
"Ours to love and train together
Ours this blessed task forever."
- Author Unknown

With our appreciate and gratitude from the PTA and parents