



EBENEZER

8 November 2013

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

The weeks seem to be flying past and we are a stone's throw away from the end of the 2013 school year. However, much still needs to happen between now and 4 December.

Examinations start for the Grade 4 to 7 learners on Friday 15 November. Parents are reminded that school will close, **for all grades**, at 13h00 from the 15 November until the end of the school year. This information has been on the term calendar all term. All extra-mural activities will cease on Friday 15 November, unless otherwise arranged and communicated. There will be no waiting class, as all learners will be leaving school at the same time.

Notification was sent home this week about the By-election that will take place in the school hall on Thursday 21 November. A voter's roll letter was attached. This must be returned to school if you are concerned that your name might not be on the voter's roll. No one will be allowed to attend the meeting if their name is not on the printed voter's roll. If you are unsure if your name does appear, then please contact Mrs Whitley at school and she will be able to check for you.

Parents would also have received notification about the 2014 school fees, as well as four (4) annexures. All annexures must please be returned to school. The 2014 fees will be R14 900 for Grades 1 to 7, and R15 400 for Pre-Reception and Reception. A 5% discount will be offered if fees are paid, in full, by the 31st January 2014. Exemption forms for 2014 can be collected from 16 January 2014, from Mrs Pina. All exemption applications must be returned to Mrs Pina by the 28 February 2014. School fee exemptions will not be granted for children in Pre-Reception or Reception class.

Thank you to those parents who have ensured that their 2013 school fees have been paid in full. Final statements were sent home with the learners last week. If you did not get one, please check in your child's school bag or contact Mr Tarr. The final instalment of the 2013 school fee was payable on 7 October. Any queries can be directed to Mr Tarr at finance@rhenishprimary.co.za.

The raffle that has been run in conjunction with the Golf Day, will be drawn next week on Tuesday 12 November. Letters will go home today to parents whose children have not yet returned their forms. All forms **MUST** please be returned to school even if no tickets have been sold. Once all forms are in, we will be able to give an indication of how much the raffle raised. Thank you to all the parents for your support and for purchasing tickets.

We have received the first draft of building plans for new buildings to replace the aging prefabs. This is a project that we hope will gain momentum in 2014. Copies of these plans will be placed on the notice boards in the foyer on Monday 11 November. Please pop in and have a look at what is being proposed.

The Reception classes have been hard at work preparing for their production. This has, of course, led to much excitement amongst the children. The production will be presented to parents on Wednesday 13 November at 19h00. Tickets have been handed out by the Reception class educators.

Our Annual Music Concert takes place on Tuesday 12 November. All learners who have taken music lessons this year will have the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning. The Grade 1 to 4 concert will take place from 15h00 to 16h30 and the Grade 5 to 7 concert is from 17h00 to 18h30. Parents, grandparents and visitors are invited to join us.

My thought for the week, is directed to all learners who will be starting their school exams next week. It is important, even while studying, to take some time away from the books to recharge and refresh oneself. We advise learners to draw up a study timetable, that includes some relaxation time as well as study time. Learners should also ensure that they maintain a healthy diet. On exam days, a low GI breakfast ensures a good start to the day.

Thought for the day:

Work hard, but take time often to restore your soul through music, laughter and friends.

Jonathan Jansen

Anne Tarr
Principal

Scripture Union Youth Evening

On Friday 1 November we held our second annual Scripture Union Youth Evening in the hall. Forty-eight learners from Grade 4 to Grade 7 attended. We were blessed with two guest musicians and a guest speaker from St Mark's. We enjoyed singing together, good food, fun games and a message from God's Word about who we are in Christ.

Thank you very much to Alison Brand, Helena Reid, Sanelle Hobbs, Lizl Hobson, Nerette Brynard and Annie Mostert for their contribution toward the catering as well as Mrs Watson, Mrs Pohl, Mrs van Reenen and Mr Berry for their help in organising the evening.

Mrs Berry Scripture Union Organiser



Rhenish Primary School Golf Day

Rhenish Golf Day 2013 has been and gone. It's old news for most of you and before we know it we will be talking about plans for the 2014 event. But before we forget 2013, let me just give you a final wrap up of the day.

I think in most aspects the day exceeded our expectations. Certainly from a fundraising point of view it did. Our day (and this is just from the day, not from anything else) made a profit of over R128,000!!! Thank you to all the sponsors, players, participants, parents, educators, support staff, groundsmen, service providers and the 2013 committee, without whom the day would never have been what it was.

Please try to go out of your way to **support those who supported us** – I can promise you that, much as it isn't reflected in our final figures, finding financial support for our day was a very, very difficult task this year.

The 2013 committee were nearly all new to the job. As such, pulling off the day involved very steep learning curves for us all. Now that we have an idea of what is expected of us, we have big plans for 2014! To this end, if you have any comments as to how we can improve the day going forward please share them with us – our email is golfday2013@rhenishprimary.co.za.

Some pictures from the day are included in this Ebenezer, but there are many more on the website: <http://www.rhenishprimarygolf.co.za>

Thank you again for all the support!

Sam Ward
Rhenish Primary Golf Day Co-ordinator



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We welcome children of all ages to our amazing, carnival-inspired kiddies' area. We are proud to introduce a unique destination where a fusion exists between the wishes of the child and the cravings of the parent. Dedicated minders, an a la carte menu, space in abundance and age-appropriate entertainment always on offer.

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LIBERTY FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER at BLAAUWKLIPPEN VINEYARDS
in association with Rhenish Primary School

Register online at: www.iqela-events.co.za or follow the link on the school website.

Make sure you register early as this event is being advertised to schools both near and far and there is a lot of interest from many families to come and enjoy the day.

Would you like to get involved on the day by helping marshal on the route or at water points? Please contact Emma Gordge of RPS PTA by email to pta@rhenishprimary.co.za or cel 083 557 0890 by Tuesday 12 November. Every volunteer marshal we have saves the cost of hiring a marshal for the day, which ultimately means more funds for Rhenish Primary.

Search for Family Fun Day @ Blaauwklippen Vineyards (Sunday 24 November) Facebook event page and share and like with your friends and family. Details of fabulous spot prizes to be won appear on the Face book event page. Each race finisher receives a medal, Bashews drink and entry to the spot prize draw at 11 o'clock.

Great prizes to be won for the RPS School competition for the following:

- Best fancy dressed RPS family
- Best RPS family with spirit
- Best decorated bike Foundation Phase
- Best decorated bike Senior Phase

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize for best photographs of the event in a Photo Competition. Photographs to be emailed to pta@rhenishprimary.co.za by 28 November 2013.

Some of the amazing spot prizes and RPS school competition prizes are the following:

4 person tent valued at R 5000 from Agrimark

Bashews drinks – hampers

Child wins their weight in Bashews drinks

Hop on Hop Off Bus vouchers

Bargain Book vouchers

Arizona Spur vouchers

Full Circle Wellness Personal Training vouchers

Gate passes to Jonkershoek Nature Reserve

Blaauwklippen Family Market hampers & vouchers

Full Circle Wellness Personal Training vouchers

Winelands Wellness Gym membership

Two Oceans Aquarium Vouchers

Blaauwklippen Wines

Vital Health hampers

Giraffe House vouchers

Waterworld, Strand vouchers

Atlantic Steam Rail vouchers

Melissa's hampers

Biking in the Bosch vouchers

Adventure Boot Camp Vouchers

to mention just a few

This fun community event is brought to you by RPS PTA, Chris Norton of BMT Bike Shop, Dorp Street and Agne and Pieter du Plessis of Iqela Events.

Kerry Söderlund
PTA Chairperson

Kid's kickboxing Ages 11-13
Every Monday 16:00 - 17:00
Contact Adriaan 072 462 7969
Starts Monday 25 November 2013

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2013

Monday 11 November	CIVVIES DAY	Tuesday 12 November	No cricket matches – cricket practices as usual 15h00 to 16h30: Annual music concert – Grade 1 – 4 17h00 to 18h30: Annual music concert – Grade 5 – 7
Wednesday 13 November	U11A cricket vs Bridgehouse at Rhenish 19h00: Reception class production in the school hall	Thursday 14 November	14h30: Mini-cricket matches – U7A and B, U8A and B, U9A and B No tennis matches – tennis practice as usual
Friday 15 November	Examinations Grade 7: English Literature Grade 4 to 6: Mathematics SCHOOL CLOSES AT 13h00 No extra murals	Saturday 16 November	
Sunday 17 September	Happy birthday, Ms Witbooi		