



From the Principal's Desk

'Back to Basics'

Discipline

It is with regret that I wish to inform parents that Mr Frans Bicker Caarten has resigned as Chairman and from the Rhenish Primary School Governing Body with immediate effect. We wish to thank him for his contributions to the school in his time both as a Governing Body member and as the Chairman. Mrs Deidre Cloete has been elected as Chairman for the remainder of the year and we wish her well in her new role.

We now have a vacant parent position on the Governing Body. In line with the South African Schools Act, we are able to co-opt a member for 90 days. Thereafter, we are required to hold a by-election. I am currently discussing dates with the school electoral officer and parents will be notified timeously of the election date and procedures.

A very successful workshop was held with all the Grade 6 learners last week highlighting the issue of bullying. The same issue was the topic of the Grade 1 to 3 assembly this week. We hope that these school initiatives will be supported by parents so that we can make a stand against bullying.

Parents are reminded that Friday 9 August is a public holiday and school will be closed. School activities will continue as per the programme on Thursday.

On Tuesday 13 August, all learners will be treated to the "Hooked on Books" team presenting their range of books to the learners.

Thursday 15 August is Sports Photograph day. All children are requested to ensure that they have the correct clothing at school for their photographs. No child will be allowed to stand for a photograph in the incorrect clothing. Please also ensure that hair is neat and tidy. This is a good time for boys to have a haircut in anticipation of the hair inspection on 20 August.

The Grade 4 learners have been hard at work preparing their Science Expo projects. These will be presented in the hall on Friday 16 August.

Traffic issues around the school are an ongoing concern. Parents are requested to not double-park behind cars and to drive with care and caution along Doornbosch Street. Please encourage your children to cross the road at the pedestrian crossing as this is a clearly demarcated area. There is generally congestion along Doornbosch Street at school closing times and this is the time when everyone needs to be extra cautious and alert.

Thought for the day:

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That's why we call it the present."
A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

Message from the Governing Body

I would like to thank Frans Bicker Caarten for all the time he gave to the school and work he did as Chairperson of the Governing Body. He encouraged us all to consider ways to improve our school so that we reach all our children – from those who need a little extra help to those who need to be challenged – thank you for that, Frans.

The Governing Body will continue to support Anne Tarr and her staff to ensure that our children have a safe and happy environment while receiving the best possible education. There are so many pressures and demands in this fast changing world for our children to perform and reach their full potential. It is our duty as governors and parents to do our best for the most precious people in our life – our children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for all their involvement in the different aspect of school life. The Rhenish family needs the support from all of us to ensure the best future for our children.

Deidrè Cloete
Governing Body Chairperson



Helderberg Hockey

We are very proud of **Cailin Joubert** and **Megan Hirst** for their selection in the Helderberg Girls' U13B Hockey Team. They recently participated in a Zonal Hockey Tournament at the end of July and did very well.

We wish **Inge Weidemann** and **Nicholas Barnaschone** all the best as they are embarking on their hockey tour to Port Elizabeth this weekend to represent Helderberg U13A Girls' and Boys' Hockey Teams respectively.

Mrs Sonja Boyes
Hockey Organiser

Calling all photographers!

I am looking for any photos of Rhenish events for this year's magazine that you might have. Please email them to Rhenish.sec@mweb.co.za for my attention, or you can send them on a CD to me.

Many thanks
Keri Theart



Thank you to Grade 2L for their display in the foyer this week. There is a piece of work from each child, so you still have time to come in and look!

CLASSIFIEDS

Fetching from school, Homework, Au pairing. I am in my final year at Stellenbosch University (studying PPE) and would gladly help out where possible.

I am very passionate about working with kids and have experience in babysitting.

Please feel free to contact me: **Alita Wilkens 072 030 1531** or email: alita.w@live.co.za



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**Mini-rugby Tournament – Saturday 3 August
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**Mini-rugby Tournament –
Saturday 3 August
Gordon’s Bay Primary School
U8 Team**



Rhenish Rock Festival

5 SEPTEMBER

18:00 - 19:30

This year’s Rhenish Rock Festival is set to take place on 5 September in the School Hall, and once again promises to be a BANGER!

So if you’re keen to get rocking and see Rhenish showcase some of its young up-and-coming stars of the future, be sure not to miss this one!

There will be performances from a variety of bands from Grades 3-7

Guests are advised to bring picnic blankets and snacks and encouraged to let their hair down in true festival style!



Chairs will be available for anyone with wooden legs or hip replacements.

Please be advised that NO ALCOHOL is allowed on the school premises

THANK YOU TO RHENISH FOR ALL THE BREAD TAGS!

During the school holidays Adam Smith and Christiaan Cloete delivered to Mrs Honeybun a few large black bags of bread tags collected by the school. Mrs Honeybun has managed to collect enough bread tags to raise money to get 396 wheelchairs and walkers for adults and children in need. She is an amazing lady with friends all over the country and even as far as Dubai, all sending her bread tags.

Rhenish helped her buy 4 wheelchairs last year and we appeal to all the parents and boys and girls, to continue to collect as many tags as possible so that Mrs Honeybun can have raised enough money to collect 400 wheelchairs and walkers by the end of the year.



Adam Smith (Grade 7), Mrs Honeybun and Christiaan Cloete (Grade 6)

From the PTA

How are you supporting the Rhenish Day at De Zalze Golf Estate this year? Playing golf or boules, sponsoring a hole, attending the auction or donating a prize? Fundraising at the golf day is raised by hole sponsorship and the generous bids at the evening auction. To make this fundraising event the success it can be, your support is needed. If you have a business or business contact who may be interested in sponsoring a hole or offering an auction item, contact the Golf Day Committee. Think about how you can make a contribution to this event and contact us at golfday2013@rhenishprimary.co.za or visit the Golf Day website www.rhenishgolf.co.za.

The PTA is currently planning the 2014 budget, fundraising and fun raising activities for the coming year. We would value your suggestions of fundraising campaigns and fun raising you would support and what the focus of the expenditure of funds should be spent on. Currently the PTA is funded financially from MySchool contributions, the annual raffle and the Golf Day fundraiser. Many parents donate items in kind such as flowers, Friday eats, additional catering at events to name but a few. In the past the PTA has seen to funding of the guest speaker events for parents as well as learners, Theatre for Africa, Hooked on Books, Sexual Awareness workshop for Grade 6s, catering at sport, community and cultural events at the school and wish list items. We would value your thoughts on what other expenditure we should consider including.


Recently the PTA funded the refurbishment of the Rhenish Shop (formerly the PTA shop). Those of you who have not been into the new and improved shop, take a turn past the pavilion to see the transformation and give the Rhenish Shop your support. The PTA also saw to funding the purchase of blinds for Mr Hinds's classroom.

Contact the PTA via pta@rhenisprimary.co.za or via Adrienne Whitley at the Principal's office.

Kerry Soderlund
PTA Chairperson

WEEKLY PLANNER

MONDAY 12 AUGUST – SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2013

Monday 12 August		Tuesday 13 August	08h30 to 09h30: Pre-Reception to Grade 3 Hooked on Books in the school hall 10h00 to 11h00: Grade 4 to 7 Hooked on Books in the school hall 14h30: Netball matches vs Rietenbosch at Rhenish
Wednesday 14 August	14h30: Rugby matches vs Beaumont Primary at Rhenish	Thursday 15 August	Sports photographs 14h30: Hockey matches vs Somerset House at Rhenish
Friday 16 August	Mrs Daniel's birthday  10h00 to 11h40: Grade 4 Science Expo in the school hall. Parents are welcome to come and have a look.	Saturday 17 August	08h30 to 12h00: Rhenish Primary School mini-hockey festival U7, U8 and U9 boys and girls
Sunday 18 August			

Support the Rhenish Primary Golf Day on 18 October 2013 at De Zalze Golf Estate

Follow the golf day link on the school website or visit www.rhenishprimarygolf.co.za to download entry forms or sponsorship forms, or email the Golf Day Committee on golfday2013@rhenishprimary.co.za for further information.



- Rhenish Peak Caps - limited stock now available.
- Rhenish house branded T-shirts are now available to order.

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REMINDER : Sports photographs will be taken on Thursday 15 August – please remind your child to bring the correct sports clothing to school.