



From the SGB

Dear Parents

We would like to invite you to spend **“An Hour With the SGB”** on 26 August 2015 at 7pm in the Bruce Niland School Hall.

The meeting will be a question and answer session and an opportunity for parents to meet members of the new SGB.

Parents may send questions they would like to have answered or issues to be discussed to the SGB email address at sgb@rhenishprimary.co.za.

Please note that in order to ensure a constructive, structured and effective meeting we will only be able to discuss matters sent to the email address and certain other matters of general concern that have been identified, such as the principal appointment process, budget process for 2016.

We also wish to inform parents that we have established certain sub-committees of the SGB which are listed below. If parents would like to share ideas/thoughts or offer assistance in any way, please address an email to the relevant chair to the SGB email address.

The current sub-committees are:

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| Academic Committee | (Chair : Janet Chapman) |
| Inclusive Education | (Chair : Catherine Michell) |
| Staffing and appointments | (Chair : Catherine Michell) |
| Buildings and Grounds | (Chair : Sam Kelbrick) |
| Extra Murals | (Chair : Andrè Lombard) |
| School Uniform | (Chair : Noor Docrat) |
| PTA | (Chair : Lize Claassen) |

Kind regards

Luzanne Brink
GB Chairperson

THE RHENISH SHOP

Please contact Tanya Bhoopchand at the Rhenish Shop for any queries or orders at tanyab17@ymail.com or 071 080 1017.

Proud Pool Progress

Take a look at the latest picture of the swimming pool. As you can see, a lot of work has already been done. We can only imagine what it will look like when we return after the school holidays. This is something tremendously exciting to look forward to. Our heartfelt thanks to **Sam Kelbrick** and **Sam Ward** for the tremendous work they are doing by driving the pool project. We really appreciate your time and effort.



Ina Paarman Fundraiser

As you all know, the PTA has just concluded the Ina Paarman fundraiser. We would like to congratulate everyone involved with it as they have succeeded in raising an amount of just under **R26 000**.



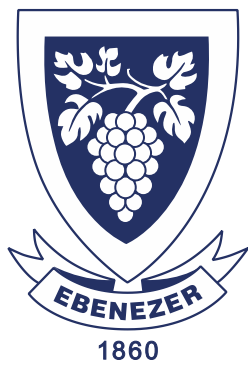
We are gratified and humbled at the willingness of every single person who played a role in making this fundraiser a success. The school and its children will undoubtedly benefit a great deal.

Thanks to the teaching and admin staff, the cleaners and class assistants for all their efforts this past term and for making a difference in the lives of our children. Your dedication is commendable. We are not in it for the income - we are in it for the outcome. You deserve a restful and energising holiday.

We are also grateful to the Governing Body members for the positive mark they have already made in the short time they have served. You have put in enormous hours and shown much commitment to the school. Our school is in very good, capable hands and together with the SGB, the staff is keeping the school on a steady course. Thanks to all the role-players. We have much reason to be proud Rhenishers.

All that's left for me to do is to wish everyone in the Rhenish family a wonderful and relaxing June holiday. Hopefully the break will refresh you and our children, because we have a very busy third term in store for everyone. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Neil Pretorius
(Acting Principal)



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Dear Parents,

The PTA started the year with our very successful Day of Action. Many of you gave us a hand preparing and on the day to help our teachers make their classrooms even better learning spaces.

The Day of Action was a very visible display of the PTA at work. Most of what we do is more "behind the scenes". As examples, we provide the fruit and juices for the participants when we host sports matches, as well as coffee and muffins for the officials; give small gift vouchers to the teachers on their birthdays; assisted with the school's founders day celebrations including providing a doughnut for each child and ensure that marked found property makes its way back to the child's classroom.

Obviously all of these activities require money so another more visible PTA activity is fundraising. Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Senor Chef fundraiser. We will update you early next term with the success of that campaign. You will have also seen that we have started organizing our 2015 Golf Day – if there is any way you are able to support, through sponsorship, donating prizes or participating we would be most appreciative.

I often get asked where our PTA funds go. This year we have spent your donations in the following way:

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| R17000 | Day of Action (includes painting of existing lockers and other pieces of furniture, new cupboards for some classes, additional lockers for the Foundation phase, curtains and shelving). |
| R2000 | Guest speaker Cynthia Linde, the founder of the Soetlief program that is now running in school. |
| R1700 | Coffee for the staff room, in acknowledgement of their tremendous efforts teaching our children in the classroom and on the sports fields. |
| R4400 | Gift vouchers on staff birthdays, to alleviate the pressure on parents to contribute therefore each year. |
| R7 137 | Sports catering |
| R3 400 | Founders Day festivities |

We have also agreed to spend R20 000 on additional English Reading resources.

Our main focus this year, financially, will be the swimming pool. The Governing body has asked us to help them fund the much needed swimming pool upgrade. As every child in the school uses the pool we feel that this is a worthy cause and every child will benefit from our investment.

We appreciate all your support so far this year and look forward to it continuing throughout the rest of 2015. Be assured that every cent raised by the PTA is invested in the school, through the enhancement of teaching, learning and extra curricular activities.

The PTA Committee

FOUNDATION PHASE PRODUCTION

Attention all parents and Rhenish family

We are really hoping that a Rhenish parent or contact may be able to help out with printing for the backdrop for our Foundation Phase school production.

Anyone able to donate/offer printing at a reduced rate, please leave your contact details with Adrienne (Principal's office).

If you are able to help out we would be most grateful.

Many thanks

**The Foundation Phase Production :
Prop and Background Moms**



Give mom the night off and come and join your friends and some of your teachers for supper at the Arizona Spur.

25 June 2015, 5pm to 8pm

No bookings please

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WORD

OF THE WEEK

Versatile



(adjective)
able to do many
different things
successfully

RHENISH HISTORY CORNER

(Series no.50)

Seeing as we not so long ago awarded History Corner space to the upgrading of our Rhenish cloakroom facilities, let's have a look at just how far we have developed with regard to these amenities over the years.

Ablution Facilities on the Braak

At the old Rhenish on the Braak there was no such luxury as an indoor cloakroom as we have now. There was an ablution block outside with a section for the girls and one for the boys, who were at the school from Grade 1 to Grade 2 (Sub. A to Sub. B). Whatever the weather, if nature called, you had to leave the warmth of the main building, teachers and pupils alike.

There was no separate staff cloakroom and as there were no male teachers, the first toilet cubicle, nearest the door of the girls' section, was decorated differently from all the rest, and reserved for the teachers' use.

In the accompanying photograph, the ablution block, fronted by a covered veranda, can be seen on the right, across the way from the main building.



Dear Parents

Inter-house Cross-country – Tuesday 23 June 2015

We have re-scheduled the Inter-House Cross-country and it will now take place on Tuesday 23 June between 08:00 and 10:00. We are encouraging mass participation and would really like everyone to take part. **The normal school timetable will resume after the cross-country.**

It is an Inter-House activity and therefore each participant will get points for his/her house. We would suggest that each learner brings a pair of extra socks and a rain coat in case of rain or a slight drizzle.

U/7 to U/11 will do 1 lap around the two schools (Rhenish and Eikestad) which is approximately 2 km.

U/12 and U/13 will do 2 laps around both schools before they enter Rhenish premises for the finish: approximately 3.5 km.

End of term

Tuesday 23 June will be our last sport practice for the term. There will be Netball matches on Tuesday 23 June against Franschoek High School as well as normal sport practices as per Tuesday schedule. No Sport on Wednesday 24 June.

Primary School Rugby Clinic

Stellenbosch Rugby Academy is doing a Rugby Clinic at Laerskool Stellenbosch for individual players as well as teams. It will be from 15-17 July for Gr.R to Gr.7 at a cost of R380 per player which includes a T-shirt, certificate and a prize on the last day. Closing date is Friday 10 July. Contact Rugby Academy at 021 887 7432 or info@stellenboschrugbyakademie.co.za for further information.

Term 3 – D6 Communicator

We are still missing a few letters regarding the D6 Survey. Please return the letters as soon as possible. As from Monday 20 July we will only communicate through the D6 communicator. Team lists with numbers will go out in the first week of term 3 to all team mates. If you have a problem with a child that can't play or transport that can't be arranged, then contact Mrs Marx (sport@rhenishprimary.co.za).

If learners don't attend a match without a valid excuse, he or she will be excluded for the next week's matches.

Have an enjoyable winter's holiday.

Regards

Simonè Marx
Rhenish Sport
(Cell No 082 3144042)

MONDAY 22 JUNE – SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2015

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| Monday 22 June | | Tuesday 23 June | 08:00 to 10:00: Inter-House Cross Country 14:30: Netball matches vs Franschoek |
| Wednesday 24 June | NO EXTRA MURALS | Thursday 25 June | Knysna Rugby 7s tour departs NO EXTRA MURALS |
| Friday 26 June | Happy Birthday, Antoinette Malgas! 11:00: SECOND TERM CLOSES FOR LEARNERS 11:05 to 11:20: PRE-RECEPTION TO GRADE 7 REPORTS HANDED OUT TO PARENTS/LEARNERS | Saturday 27 June | |
| Sunday 28 June | Happy Birthday, Mr Pretorius! Rugby 7s Tour returns from Knysna | | |

