



RHENISH NEWS

For parents & daughters

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From the Principal's Desk

Impossible though it may seem to believe, we have reached the end of the First Term of the year – an incredibly busy one at that! And it is set to become even busier in Term 2. Kindly check the enclosed Calendar of Events and diarise important dates. Please make sure that you are part of the Festival Events:

23 – 26 April: the FNB National Girls' Schools' Sports and Cultural Festival, hosted by Rhenish at Coetzenberg, Rhenish PS and GHS, Bloemhof and Eikestad. 1000 girls and coaches from 20 girls' high schools will be participating in this prestigious event, now in its 11th year. We still need a lot more Moms and Dads to volunteer their help with catering for visiting staff and other guests, hosting tea areas, hostel reception areas, first aid, transport arrangements, moving things around, packing goodie bags etc, etc. Please come and be part of this – it is our opportunity to shine!

School Birthday: why not join in the Big March from Rhenish to the Braak, and then on to the Moederkerk, where we will hold the Thanksgiving Service. Both schools, as well as some interesting persons and vehicles, will be part of the historic procession. Please arrange to be part of it all. That afternoon, from 5pm, pack a picnic supper and join us on the Rhenish A-field for a picnic and some great entertainment, culminating in a fireworks display when it gets dark. We will have braai fires burning, so bring the family and join in the fun!

Prestige Endler Concert: you need to book your tickets for this wonderful musical show in the Endler Hall on Thursday 13 May at 20:00. Book at the School from the start of Term 2. Tickets are really limited and have to be shared between the Primary and High Schools, and with ROGU too.

Parents' to the Rescue! You will have seen some remarkable transformations in process around the grounds and in the buildings. Thanks so much to all of the parents who have been sharing their talents and skills – and finances - so generously.

You are indeed making a difference! If you have not yet become involved, please consider doing so. We promise not to ask again for the next 150 years!

June Examinations: kindly take careful note of your daughter's scheduled exams. We expect every girl to be at school until the final day of her assessment schedule. No late exams may be written. If a girl is absent, a doctor's certificate is required by the department and by the school. Please do not book to leave early on holiday – you will be doing your daughter a grave disservice.

A warm word of thanks and appreciation to every individual member of the entire Rhenish staff, both school and hostel, who has worked so hard this term to make amazing things happen in this busy place. You are the engine room of this great ship, and you are keeping us moving on course. Thank you! Thanks too to all the parents who serve on the SGB and PTA and various ad hoc committees. We do appreciate the endless hours you give to the school.

Traffic flow solutions: thank you so much for co-operating with us by dropping your daughters in the side streets in the mornings – it really does help.

Visitor's cards: every person coming onto the property now is asked to wear a tag and fill in the security guard's book. This is to ensure the security and safety of our girls – your daughters - and the staff, so please do not be discourteous to, or impatient with the guard at the gate. We have had opportunistic thieves around the area, targeting schools, and we have already lost an expensive computer and screen to someone posing as a worker.

Today's newsletter was kept short due to technical (IT) gremlins at Rhenish this week. Results not published now, will be in the next newsletter.

It only remains for me to wish you a **Blessed and Peaceful Easter Season**, and to ask that you travel safely, if you are going away, and have a wonderful holiday.

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