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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

RHENISH NEWS

For parents & daughters

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From the Principal's Desk

The weekend that has just passed has been an amazing one, as Rhenish hosted the FNB National Girls' Schools' Festival of Sport and Culture. We had well over 1000 people in Stellenbosch to accommodate, feed, entertain and steer through the nine different disciplines on offer. The Rhenish staff – academic, administrative and support, worked like Trojans to plan and carry out the massive operation. The Moms and Dads who helped us were just amazing and we are so grateful to each one of you who was part of any section of the Festival. Well done Rhenish! Our guests have gone away with happy memories of Rhenish and of Stellenbosch.

Have you planned to be part of the Birthday Celebrations tomorrow? Just a brief run-through so you know what is happening:

Please ensure that your daughter is neatly dressed in formal winter uniform when she comes to school. Please no jewellery or make up. Bring only lunch packet. No cell phones, i-pods, water bottles, etc on the march, please.

The day will start at 8:00, after Register period, with a **Birthday Assembly**, where we have a special guest speaker and where the Birthday Cake will be cut. **Break** will be from 9:15 to 9:45, when the **Procession** will form up on the lawn in front of the bluegums, before proceeding to the **Braak**. We will march in three fifty year eras. Parents and past Rhenishers are invited to march with us. Remember to wear flat shoes! A brief

Ceremony will take place in front of the **Rhenish Church and the Rhenish Institute**, where the founders of this school will be honoured. The procession will move on to the **Moederkerk for the Thanksgiving Service**, which will start at 12:00.

After the Service, at about 13h00, the guests will go to the **Hofmeyer Hall** for refreshments and the girls will move to the gardens of the **Theology College** for their party. From here, everyone will disperse - heading home or returning to school on their own.

In the **afternoon**, the school gates will open at 16:30 for everyone in the extended Rhenish family to bring their **picnics, blankets and chairs**, and continue celebrations on the A Hockey field, in front of the Pavilion. Please do come and join us! There will be music; we will have braai fires burning; the tuckshop will sell cold drinks and sweets; there will be baby drummers (at 17h00) who are too cute for words; and a mass soccer game, in which everyone can take part – so bring your soccer togs! Sign up with Mrs Smith as soon as you arrive, if you want to take part. Kick-off is planned for 17h30. And then, we have managed to secure the services of the winning **Super Stars** to entertain you as you enjoy your supper! Some awesome talent! To finish the evening on a wonderfully high note, as soon as it gets dark enough, there will be a **fireworks display!**

The success of the day depends largely on you: we have planned and organized – now you need to join us and enjoy the fruits of our labours! Be able to say: "I was there!"

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2010 FNB NATIONAL GIRLS' SCHOOLS' FESTIVAL OF SPORT & CULTURE

This weekend over 230 Hockey, Netball, Tennis and Squash Matches took place at Rhenish and Coetzenberg during the FNB National Girls' Schools Festival, where 1000 participants from 20 girls' schools from across South Africa came together to compete on the fields, courts and in the class rooms. Cultural events included Debating, Public Speaking, Drama and Music and mind games were intense in the Chess Events. Rhenish did very well in the Music Eisteddfod, Drama, and Public Speaking. Our Hockey team only just missed first place, coming 2nd out of 19 teams - WoW! Well done to each and every Rhenisher that played hard & tired their best also in Tennis, Netball and Squash – competition was really tough and it was fabulous to see, learn and take part in something as “BIG” as this!

Abbreviated Results: Top Three in Each Category:

(FULL RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE QUAD)

Hockey : 1. Eunice, 2. Rhenish, 3. Pietermartizburg

Netball: 1. Bloemhof, 2. Paarl, 3. La Rochelle, (Our local schools featured strongly!)

Squash: 1. Pretoria, 2. Collegiate, 3. Clarendon

Tennis: 1. Eunice, 2. Bloemhof, 3. Paarl

Chess: 1. Potchefstroom, 2. Eunice, 3. Kingsridge

Drama (one-act-play): 1. Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, 2. Rhenish, 3. Queenstown

Public Speaking: 1. Clarendon; 2. Rustenburg, 3. Rhenish

Debating: Winning School: Durban – with Tournament Rankings: 1. Rustenburg, 2. Kingsridge, 3. Pretoria

Orchestra: 1. Rhenish, 2. Pretoria, 3. Paarl

CONGRATULATIONS AND “BREAK A LEG!”

Aimee Groenewald (9B) and Francesca Pratt (9A) made it into “The Little Mermaid” play at the Playhouse Theatre in Somerset West! Shows are during the June Holidays, so look out for them!

SWIMMING CHAMP!!

Michelle Nieuwstad (10D) qualified to participate in the Junior Nationals championships during April. She achieved personal best times in the 50 meters freestyle, 50 meters backstroke, 100 meters backstroke and the 200 meters backstroke (long course time). She was also selected to anchor the senior Western Province B Team's 50x4 freestyle relay.

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Eunice and Rhenish fight it out in the Finals of the Girls' Festival Hockey Tournament, with Eunice winning the game 1:0 in the end.