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Helen & Alvinah proudly invite you to come & visit their brand new uniform shop!

Message for the Week

“Forgive, and you will be forgiven”.

Luke 6:37

COME AND VISIT!

During the April school holidays our Uniform Shop had a “complete make over”. It is now, arguably, the best looking and best stocked uniform shop in the country! Pop in for a visit and update your children’s winter clothing. Thanks to Grant Caw and the Estate Team for creating this gem on our campus! **See page 5 for shop hours.**

PLAY IT FORWARD with MySchool



Congratulations to our week 7/8 winners - Grade 5V!

This is the third time this class has won. Come on other Prep classes - give 5V some competition. There are only 4 weeks left in the competition. **Week 9 Winners Gr 7M!** If we end up in one of the top three spaces we will win R100 000 for HeronBridge College & R50 000 for a charity of our choice!! **Come on HB register !**

HeronBridge College Website:

www.heronbridgecollege.co.za.

Our website is full of information, including academic calendars, 2nd term dates to diarise, bus timetables, sport fixtures, notices and lots, lots more.

Suggestions email!

suggestions@heronbridge.co.za

If you have any suggestions pertaining to our school please send your idea to the above suggestions email address

Parents Consultative Forum

pcf@heronbridge.co.za

See page 3

DATES TO DIARISE : WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 3 MAY

For all College and Prep sport fixtures, please go to our website :
www.heronbridgecollege.co.za. Go to the **CO-CURRICULAR** page - full details can be found under the heading **FIXTURES**. See **RESULTS** page for co-curricular results.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2011

Term One

Start	Staff: Monday, 10 January Pupils: Wednesday, 12 January
Close	Friday 8 April <i>Closing: 11h30 (Gr 00/000); 12h00 (Gr R) 12h30 (Prep); 13h00 (College)</i>
Half-term	Thursday, 24 February <i>Closing: Normal school day / hours will apply</i> Return on Tuesday, 1 March.
Public Holiday	Monday, 21 March (Human Rights Day)

Term Two

Start	Staff: Tuesday 3 May Pupils: Wednesday, 4 May
Close	Friday, 5 August <i>Closing: 11h30 (Gr 00/000); 12h00 (Gr R) 12h30 (Prep); 13h00 (College)</i>
Half-term :	Friday, 1 July <i>Closing: Normal school day / hours will apply</i> Return on Monday, 11 July
Public Holidays	Sunday, 1 May (Workers Day) Monday, 2 May (Public Holiday) Thursday, 16 June (Youth Day) * HeronBridge College will be closed on Friday, 17 June

Term Three

Start	Staff: Monday, 5 September Pupils: Tuesday, 6 September
Close	Friday, 2 December <i>Closing: 11h30 (Gr 00/000); 12h00 (Gr R) 12h30 (Prep); 13h00 (College)</i>
Half-term	Normal closing time on Thursday, 20 October <i>Closing: Normal school day / hours will apply</i> Return on Tuesday, 25 October.
Public Holiday	Friday, 24 September (Heritage Day)

THE HERONBRIDGE PCF

WHAT IS THE PARENTS CONSULTATIVE FORUM?

The Parents Consultative Forum (PCF) is that body of parents which both represents the interests of the parents as key stakeholders and “clients” of HeronBridge College and facilitates consultation by the College with the parents on key matters. The body is nominated and elected annually at the Heronbridge AGM (“HeronBridge Together”) which this year was held on 18th March 2010.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PCF:

- To be consulted by the school in order to provide parents perspective on aspects of *strategic direction* e.g. planned capex priorities) and *change initiatives* which could be controversial or could cause unhappiness, etc. The intention is not to impose on the management of the schools business, but to provide input where it can add value.
- To consult/engage the school on common issues and complaints arising from parents. The PCF is NOT a complaints forum nor is it there to fight individual parent issues. Any issue raised relating to the following is automatically a PCF Issue: where the safety or wellness of the children is concerned; where the ethos or reputation of the school could be compromised; on policy issues affecting the general standard of education or the standard of extra-mural activities.
- To support the school in communicating or explaining its intentions and standpoint on issues having been involved in consultation on these issues.

The PCF operates as a body dealing with issues common across all schools but with specific members representing each of the schools. The members elected at the most recent AGM are:



A good rapport has developed between the PCF and College Management and the value of the Forum is becoming increasingly evident. The PCF is not the same as the PTA. The PTA is a group of committed parents under the leadership of Caron Cloete who are primarily involved in fund-raising; FUN-raising and certain promotional activities from a parents perspective.

Feel free to contact the PCF on pcf@heronbridge.co.za or via any of the members mentioned above.

HERONBRIDGE STAR!



Our very own Darling Teacher Glynis! Congratulations on completing your B Ed Honours Degree in Early Childhood Development with distinction. We are so proud of you!

PRE-PREP WAITING CLASS

Please note that as from Monday 3 May, we will be splitting the morning waiting class:

The Grade R children can be taken down to the Lion class where they will be looked after by Witness.

The Grade 00 and 000 children will go to the Aftercare room as per normal, and they will be looked after by Priscilla, our new Grade 000 assistant.

PRE-PREP PARKING BAYS

This is an appeal to please not park in the Pre-Prep teachers cars. This is an on-going problem but now that the soccer season is on, it is worse. Some of them have small children that they need to get home to. They generally leave between 13h30 and 14h30.

CELEBRATION OF TALENT

FEATURING SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS, AS WELL AS:

PIANO
VIOLIN
DRAMA
CHORAL ITEMS

DATE: 7TH AND 8TH MAY

TIME: 19:00

VENUE: HERONBRIDGE AUDITORIUM

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PREP OFFICE

ADULTS R40 SCHOLARS R20



TO CONGRATULATE OURSELVES!

HeronBridge College has received notification of achieving their Eco School goal for 2009 and have been awarded with their silver certificate. Our feedback mentioned that our “.. portfolio effectively shows a commitment towards positive environmental change through learning and management with wonderful integration and inclusivity of learners.” Well done to all the pupils, parents and teachers who have helped to make this possible. We look forward to working together towards attaining our **GREEN FLAG** in 2010!

CPF ANTI GRIME AND CRIME RIVER CRACKDOWN: SATURDAY, 8 MAY, 09H00 TO 12H00

Juweel Park and Jukskei River, Corner Platina Road and Juweel Street In the suburb of Jukskei Park

The Douglasdale Community Police Forum's Sector 4 and 6 teams will be holding a joint anti grime and crime initiative on Saturday, 8 May: **River Crackdown at Juweel Park** in the suburb of Jukskei Park. This is to call the authorities' attention to the poor and polluted state of the park, the river, the fence and the surrounding pavements, and the impact this has on the generation of crime.

This is a call:

To residents to help clean up the park on 8 May and adopt it thereafter by keeping the city informed of when services are needed. We also urge residents, schools, businesses and other institutions to become active members of one of the six volunteer sector policing teams in the Douglasdale Precinct, to help upgrade our suburbs and keep our families safe.

To Pikitup, City Parks and the Johannesburg Roads Agency to implement a sustained cleaning, cutting and maintenance schedule for the river, the park and the surrounding pavements, to fulfill their obligation to the rate payers in the area. Representatives from these agencies will be invited to attend the day and engage with members of the community towards establishing a permanent solution.

Together the community and the city's agencies can crack down on crime by cleaning up the park.

So please join us. Bring your rubber gloves, plastic bags and make a stand for clean, healthy and safe living.

Members of Douglasdale Police Station will be there on the day.

Issued by: The Sector 4 and Sector 6 community policing teams, Douglasdale Community Police Forum (CPF)

Contacts:

Sector 4 – Susan Mottram: 082 465 8718 Sector 4 suburbs – Broadacres, Cedar Lakes, Fourways, Craigavon, Norscot, Douglasdale, Bryanston extension

Sector 6 – Margaret van Zweiten 083 556 4638 Sector 6 suburbs – Jukskei Park, Johannesburg North, Olivedale, Northriding, Sharonlea and Hoogland

UNIFORM SHOP Open Hours During School Terms

Monday & Tuesday	07h30 -09h00 11h00 – 15h00
Wednesday	07h30 -09h00 11h00 – 14h00
Thursday & Friday	07h30 -09h00 11h00 – 14h30



We would like to invite you to join us every Sunday at 09H00. Our services are held in the HeronBridge College Auditorium and are open to all denominations. We offer Kidz Church for the young as well as a youth group for the teens. We look forward to hosting you and your family.

GRADE 3 SOCK AND SHOE DRIVE

Over the past few weeks the Grade 3's have been collecting Snuggly Socks and Shiny Shoes for the children of Riversands Primary School. This drive has been extended for one more week. If you have any warm winter shoes in children's sizes that you no longer use or which are too small but still in good condition, please do bring them in to school by Friday 7 May. Any donations of money towards this drive would also be most appreciated. Please place these in an envelope marked **Grade 3 Sock and Shoe Drive**.



JNR PREP: HURT FREE BADGES

♥ Caring ♥

Weekly focus

- ♥ A caring classroom is where we:
- ♥ Treat each other with kindness
- ♥ Help and encourage one another
- ♥ Follow the class rules

Weekly behaviour challenge

- ♥ Look for the chance to help and encourage others as you go about your daily classroom routines.

Try to walk quickly and quietly between classes.

Linked Bible Verse:

“Treat others as you would like them to treat you” Luke 6:31

GR ADE	CHILD'S NAME
1C	Tafadzwa Ntshiqqa
1G	Emilie Rolston
1N	Skylah Lona
1P	Kwande Dhlomo
1V	Alec de Bosscher
2F	Jack Le Roux
2H	Jessica Steyn
2J	Matthew Wynne
2T	Jessica Pieterse
3A	Julie Niemann
3B	Courtney Macaulay
3H	Adam Tavares
3S	Jordyn Young



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U14 RUGBY & NETBALL FESTIVAL

Many thanks to Travelex & Monaghan Farm for U14 Festival sponsorship! Keen to have a stall @ Craft Market on Sat, 15 May @ Festival? If you do and want more information please email Mrs Talbot on atalbot@heronbridge.co.za.

LIFT REQUIRED

Lift required in afternoons from HeronBridge to Beaulieu for pupil in Grade 5 until the end of the term. Will contribute towards petrol costs. Please call Sharon 082 484 4962.

PARENTING MATTERS BY NIKKI BUSH

GET OUT OF THEIR WAY

On a recently holiday we had seven children ranging from four years of age to 14 and it was fascinating to watch them when they were in a group with no adult in sight. They all just got along, the little ones trusting the big ones, the big ones caring for the little ones, no-one whinging, whining or complaining, everyone playing happily together – until an adult came along!!! Now how does that work?

I have a theory about this strange occurrence and what happens to the group chemistry when an adult is added to the mix. Suddenly there is a power play taking place and the children start vying for attention – your attention. Each wants to find a way to stand out so that you will notice them and fill their emotional cup. Things like this start to happen almost immediately:

- * one child will hurt another
- * someone will say something to upset another
- * someone will have an accident
- * someone will tell tales
- * someone starts to whinge
- * someone is suddenly desperately hungry or thirsty and can't and can't begin to help themselves

Sound familiar? When you figure out this pattern and understand the reasons behind it, it becomes more amusing than irritating. Another perfect example of this is the tantrum-ing two year old who stops yelling the minute you leave the room only to start up again as soon as you come back into view. Often children behave badly for our benefit, either to manipulate us or to get our attention. You need to be wise enough to know the difference.

Many parents complain that it's no fun playing with two siblings of different ages because the kids just squabble or interfere with each other, making play difficult. For the most part playing with both children at the same time shouldn't be a problem, but it becomes one if they are competing for your attention. If this is the case, you have to work out why the interfering child is needy. Are you giving them the right kind of attention emotionally? Have you been extremely busy and not overly present recently? Are they tired, thirsty, hungry or bored?

You will be amazed at how attending to these basic needs can bring harmony into your family life. And do give children the opportunity to play with each other without your constant supervision. You can watch from afar, but as soon as you get too close you observe how you can upset the balance. Don't take this personally, it is normal. Children need to be empowered by being able to create their own mini-societies from time-to-time. They set rules – lots of them, and there is a natural ability and desire to get along, to help and care for each other, to make things workable and to have fun. So, from time-to-time, get out of their way and let them learn – from each other!

SUPER HEROES HOLIDAY CLUB At BBC

21 – 25 June 2010

Grades 00 – 5

R300pp (lunch included)

Brochures with full details are available at the Pre-Prep and Prep reception offices or email nextgen@bbc.org.za for more info.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited. Your place will be confirmed on payment.

Bryanston Bible Church
9 St James Crescent,
Bryanston

Monthly Masses of Messages

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BRIDGE LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS OR INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS. Please contact Carol Grunder on 084 82 000 44 or email grunder.carol@gmail.com .

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HOLIDAY FLAT NORTH COAST: 3 bedroomed penthouse flat (sleeps 7). Westbrook Beach (between Umdloti and Baliito), R1500/night. website www.sunrisebeach.co.za, email kmorton@klmcs.co.za.

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Understand Your Child

Is your child between the ages of 3-18?
 Are you able to identify your child's strengths and weaknesses?
 Do you understand your child's behaviour?
 What is their reaction to problems or stressful situations?
 Does your child sleep well?
 Does your child put a lot of pressure on him/herself?
 Is your child very sensitive to noise and body language?
 How does your child deal with conflict?
 Identify possible learning problems.
 Does your child seem overly active at times?

A brain profile will help you as a parent to understand your child. It gives you the tools you need to understand your child better so that you are able to guide them in their strengths and weaknesses.

To answer the above questions and many more contact me for an assessment.

Salome` Higgins
 083 307 9244

*Adult and corporate assessments can also be done.