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FANTASTIC FESTIVAL!

A fabulous day was held at HeronBridge this past Saturday when our College hosted its annual **U14 Rugby and Netball Festival**.

Fourteen schools participated. Coaches, parents and pupils alike all commented on how professionally everything was run. The food was delicious, the entertainment superb, and the fixtures, both rugby and netball, were of the highest standard. The spirit from all schools was wonderful to see. Top honours - the *Esprit de Corps* trophies - went to Dainfern B (netball) Pecanwood (rugby). These trophies are not awarded to the winning teams but the most sportsmanlike and well mannered teams on the day.

Our first team rugby team played Dainfern's first team and lost by one point! Wait till next year! Our first team netball also put on a wonderful display but were sadly defeated by Dainfern's 1st team! Our U14 rugby team won two out of their three matches on the day & our U14 Netball team played with much enthusiasm and proudly displayed a good team effort. So all in all it was an excellent days result for our sporting teams.

A big thank you to our sponsors: your input & support made this day the success it was. Thank you to **Monaghan Farms, Carnivore, Travelex and BMW Cedar Isle Auto**. A special thank you is also extended to the Canteen staff- our dedicated moms, dads and volunteer pupils. You were awesome and the food was great!

We look forward to the festival going from strength to strength. Watch out for the date for 2011!

Message for the Week

Many seek the face of a ruler, but it is from the Lord that a man gets justice.

Proverbs 29.26



Our U14 team, setting up yet another try against arch rivals Dainfern. Our boys beat them 24 - 0. Well done!

HBC 2011 SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following HeronBridge Prep pupils who have all been awarded HeronBridge College Scholarships for 2011.

Rachael Stevenson

Joshua Thiselton

Mia Boddenberg

Megan Kurzewski

Ashlinn McFarlene

And Khumo Mokgosi from Bryandale Primary School.

Well done to you all. We trust your high school years in the College will be rewarding.

NOW ON OUR WEBSITE!

www.heeronbridgecollege.co.za

- **Church info:** found under HeronBridge Info. Here you will find info pertaining to courses, kids holiday camps, etc that our affiliated churches are hosting.
- **Grade 3 Shoe and Sock Drive :** found on the Preparatory Page in the Preparatory Highlights section.
- **Digi Day Time Table :** Found on the College Page in the College Notices Section.
- **Equestrian Team.** Found under Co-curricular in the Equestrian file - the latest equestrian news!

DATES TO DIARISE : WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 17 MAY

For all College and Prep sport fixtures, please go to our website :

www.hebronbridgecollege.co.za. Go to the CO-CURRICULAR page - full details can be found under the heading **FIXTURES**. See **RESULTS** page for co-curricular results.

HBC ROAD!

We would like to reassure you that we are working very hard to resolve the problems with the R114. We have had a series of meetings recently with various officials. Undertakings were made to us regarding repairs which have unfortunately yet to be realized.

We were informed that renovations to the left lane (travelling from the College towards Cedar Avenue) and pothole repairs would be done within a two week period of our most recent meeting. This has yet to happen and is now overdue. However, as a short term measure, the large sink hole at least was filled with sand on Friday.

We continue to pursue more significant repairs but are entirely in the hands of the two relevant roads departments that bear responsibility for the R114. We have established good relations with those with whom we have met and do anticipate a positive response. The extent of this will be determined by budget constraints and by approval from other more senior officials.

We assure you we shall continue to negotiate with the various road departments to provide the services and maintenance that is due.

BUSES ON DIGI DAY

This is a reminder that this Friday, - 21st May - is a "College Digi Day".

Please remember that on all **College Digi Days**, the Prep and Pre-Prep school children are welcome to utilize the bus during the morning routes.

Tickets can be purchased at the College Reception Office for R25.00 per ticket.

Please ensure that the casual bus tickets are presented to the driver on entrance upon the bus.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT

If you are relocating or are you are planning to take your child out of HeronBridge (we hope not): A reminder that in terms of your contract of enrolment you are required to give us a full terms notice in writing by no later than the first day of term. The last day for notice letters to be handed in this year for the start of 2011 is 07 September 2010.

The letter can be handed in to the relevant Pre-Prep, Prep or College office, or it can be e mailed to helenc@heronbridge.co.za

GRADE 7 EXAM BUS

We will be offering a shuttle bus service to our Grade 7 pupils exclusively during their exams. If you are considering using this service, please email rmasimbira@heronbridge.co.za so that we can make arrangements for bus numbers.

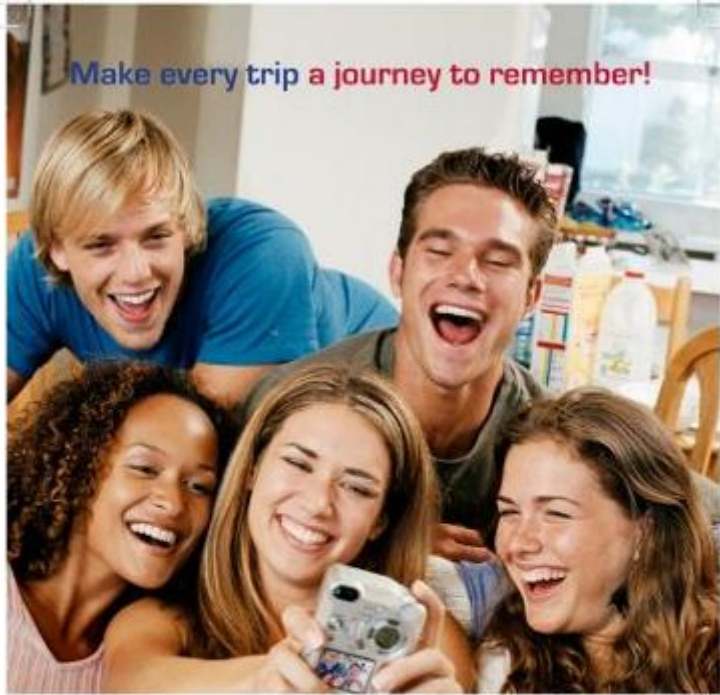
Each day the exams finish at 12h00. The exam shuttle bus will depart from HeronBridge at 12h15. The planned bus stops will be:

- Dainfern (12h25)
- Fourways Gardens (12h35)
- Waterford (12h50)
- Broadacres (13h05)



Once we have numbers and have finalized the bus stops and times we will email you the necessary documentation. The cost for this exam bus pass will be R100.00 per child. If your child is already a registered bus user they may use this service at no extra cost.

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FUN DAY INFORMATION—TWO WEEKS TO GO!

Due to popular demand we have made provision for **8 adult teams** to compete on this day!

Rules:

- Mixed teams will be permitted.
- **7*players** can be entered and each player will be charged R20. ***7players = 5 players & 2 substitute players.**
- Each player must hand in their R20 to their chosen captain.
- Captains must hand in their forms (with correct entrance money) tot the Marketing Office by Friday, 21 May.
- To book your team email marketing@heronbridge.co.za NOW! There are a limited number of teams that can participate - **ONLY 8** - therefore teams will be registered on a first come, first serve basis.



ADULT TEAM BOOKING FORM

Team Name _____ Team Captain _____

Names of Team Members (max 7 players per team including the Captain):

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____

No of players _____ @ R20 per player = _____



SA FLAG FACE TATTOOS

This Friday, 21st May, the PTA will be selling **SA Flag Face Tattoos** at the Prep for only R5. They are fun, colourful, not too expensive and the kids love them! Please help support the PTA in this venture! They will be selling them from 07h00 - 08h00 and again at 13h00–14h00.

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 and results, notices, school highlights 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.

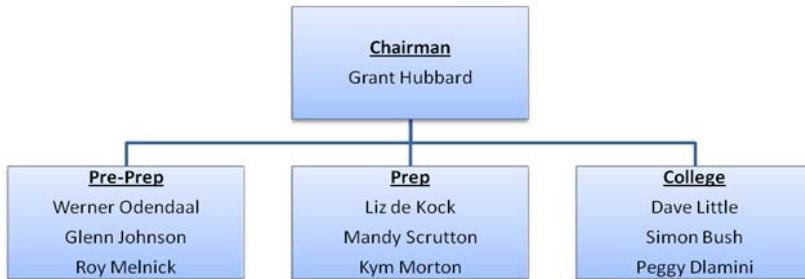
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For more info go to our website : [www heronbridgecollege.co.za](http://www.heronbridgecollege.co.za); click onto HeronBridge Info and then onto PCF.

HERONBRIDGE PCF

The Parents Consultative Forum welcomes Roy Melnick as a co-opted member for the 2010 year. The team, therefore, is made up as follows:



For more info on the PCF, please go to our website : [www heronbridgecollege.co.za](http://www.heronbridgecollege.co.za); click onto HeronBridge Info and then onto PCF.

WI-FI RADIATION UPDATE

College Management is working closely with the Parents Consultative Forum on this matter. A reputable company will shortly be appointed to measure radiation levels on our campus.

HeronBridge is committed to achieving as safe as possible an environment for the school and we will keep you informed of developments.



TO MAKE COMPOST!

Are you aware of the Grade One compost bin? It is situated in a flower bed between the junior and senior blocks. Take time to throw in your apple cores and other natural waste products on your way up to break. Soon we will have our own compost for our plants.

HERONBRIDGE STAR.....

Our very own **Mr Frederick Romijn**, College Co-curricular Co-ordinator who, for the third consecutive year, has been appointed as the **Head Coach of the Golden Lions U/19 Amateur side**. Well done Sir!



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.

JNR PREP: HURT FREE BADGES

10/05 - 14/05

Caring school

Weekly focus

A caring school is where we:

- ♥ dress neatly and proudly;
- ♥ greet adults and visitors;
- ♥ use good manners;
- ♥ care for our environment.

Weekly behaviour challenge

♥ Concentrate on helping our school be a caring school. Look out for visitors, greet them, help them. Look out for litter – pick it up. Look after yourself and your uniform- wear it with pride!

Linked Bible Verse:

“God saw everything that he had made and it was excellent in every way.”

Gen 1:31

GRADE	CHILD'S NAME
1C	Thando Mkonza
1G	Demi Cowley
1N	Kezia Elliott
1P	Liam Carruthers
1V	Xola Mguqulwa
2F	Ethan Joule
2H	Keirah Warren
2J	Wesley Herreveld
2T	Olebile Moduka
3A	Emma Conway
3B	Kelly McCullough
3H	Amy Irving
3S	Andani Siala

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PARENTING MATTERS BY NIKKI BUSH

MAY THE GAMES BEGIN!

Attack, defend, strategy counts. It's a tactical game where you have to take into consideration what your opponent might do. You have to play out various scenarios – what if this then that, what if that then this – before making your move.

I bet you thought I was talking about soccer when in fact, it was chess! Today, it's very cool for girls and boys to play chess – to pit their brains against another. My eldest son blew me away when he came home from school in Grade 0, able to play chess – a game I had never even looked at – and proceeded to teach me how to play as well as beating me after just two lessons!

The value of chess in boosting the brain cannot be underestimated. This is the view of high school and primary school teachers as well as educational psychologists. It's about thinking, planning, consequences, cause and effect and using memory skills – much like real life.

Good chess players are often good at maths. Chess involves holding the big picture of checkmate in your mind (the ultimate goal in chess because this is how you win) while at the same time being able to work out all the small moves you need to make to get there, adjusting your strategy as your opponent makes each of his/her moves (you have to be very focused and awake). In chess you need to be able to work out your moves both forwards and backwards. Much of maths problem solving is done forwards and in geometry you work backwards, according to maths teachers, so a child who is a chess player is getting good practice!

Educational psychologist and remedial teacher Sonja Richards, says that chess is fantastic for the development of visual perception skills. "It involves all the skills – spatial awareness, direction, planning, visual memory and more. It definitely involves higher order thinking and is a whole brain activity that requires creative thinking for the planning of moves and logical thinking in the execution of moves."

If you've never played before, pop out and buy a set called Chess Teacher for under R60.00. Each chess piece sits on a base that shows you exactly how you are allowed to move it. You will be able to play from game one. Another fantastic game on the market (I call it a hip, modern version of chess), is Blokus. It involves chess-type thinking, can be played by 2 – 4 players, takes only 20 – 30 minutes per game, and has only one rule. If you've never heard of it, do visit my website for more info. It is a must for every family.

Between winter and the extended World Cup school holidays, now is the time to play family games with your children. May the games begin!