



TERM THREE 2009

ISSUE 7

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### Message for the Week

"...add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance...."

2 Peter 1:5-6

### INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS DAY



On Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October **ALL** of HeronBridge (Pre-Prep, Prep & College) gathered together on our sports fields to honour and show our appreciation to **ALL** the teaching staff at our wonderful school!

It was a momentous occasion where our 2009 Councillors, Grade 7's and Grade R's entertained the school and staff with their words of praise and appreciation to the three schools teaching staff!

Our teaching staff were encouraged to keep up the good work. The event ended in them all enjoying a special tea while our pupils got to munch on a yummy piece of fudge!



### HALF TERM: THURS 15 OCTOBER

HeronBridge Pre-Prep closes at 11h00 for Grades 000 & Grade 00 and 11h30 for Grade 0 on **Thursday, 15 October**.

The rest of the school closes at 12h00. School resumes at normal times on Tuesday 20 October. There will be no aftercare on the 15 October. There will be a waiting class in the Pre-Prep until 13h30. **See page 3 for bus details.**

HeronBridge College Website:

[www.heronbridgecollege.co.za](http://www.heronbridgecollege.co.za).

Our website is full of information, including academic calendars, bus timetables, past newsletters and more.

**Suggestions email!**

If you have any suggestions pertaining to our school please send your idea to :

[suggestions@heronbridge.co.za](mailto:suggestions@heronbridge.co.za)

**DATES TO DIARISE : WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER**

Mon 12	14h00	Prep Cricket : Junior Boys vs Dainfern Grade 2 T-ball and Cricket Festival	Away Sports Complex
	15h00	College Tennis : Girls vs Robin Hill College Tennis : Boys A vs St David's	@ home @ home
Tues 13	09h00	Grade 00 / 000 Concert in School Auditorium	
	14h00	College Swimming : @ Beaulieu Grade 1 T-ball and Cricket Festival	Sports Complex
		Prep Cricket: U11A vs St Stithians Prep Cricket : U11B vs St Stithians	@ home Away
		Prep Tennis : Junior Boys vs St David's	Away
Wed 14	15h00	College Cricket : U14 Vs Southdowns (day / night)	Away
	14h00	College Tennis: Senior Girls B vs Peaconwood Prep Tennis: Senior Girls A vs Trinity House	@ home Away
		Prep Cricket : U13A vs Beaulieu Prep Cricket : U13B vs Beaulieu	Away @ home
	18h00	Grade 00 / 000 Concert in School Auditorium	
Thurs 15	09h00	Grade 7 Market Day	Sports Complex

**SECOND HAND TEXT BOOKS  
FOR THE PREP SCHOOL AND THE COLLEGE**

HeronBridge acknowledges the fact that financial times are tough for many of us. Therefore we have decided to offer our parents a means of facilitating a communication between parents who would like to sell and purchase second hand text books.

Should you wish to sell second hand text books, please email Florence on [fbuthlezi@heronbridge.co.za](mailto:fbuthlezi@heronbridge.co.za). Please only list books that are on the 2010 book lists as supplied by the school.



The email should be specific with the following information attached:

- Appropriate Grade the book/s is for.
- The subject the book/s is needed for.
- The name of the book/s.
- The amount for each book.
- Parent contact details.

This information will be collected, collated and then sent back to the appropriate parents as far as possible. **This information must be in by the 19 October** so that we are able to make contact with the potential purchases before 30 October 2009.

**LOST!**

A Samsung Star Cell Phone has been lost! If found please return to the College reception Office. The phone belonged to Amber Stucke in Graded 10!

## THE HERONBRIDGE BUS SERVICE 2010

Can you believe it? We are planning for 2010!

As always, from time to time we need to review some of the structures we have in place and re-evaluate them.

The need to do this with our current *daily* bus service has now become crucial:

- our **five** operating *daily* buses are filled to capacity on the morning run with many more parents wanting space (seats)
- many of our present (and even prospective) parents have requested that we consider alternative routes.

Of particular significance has been a request to extend our **Western Route** run to incorporate stops at

- Eagle Canyon (outside main entrance)
- Kaya Sands (stop still to be determined)
- Cosmo City (stop still to be determined)
- Lion Park Intersection : once the road development here is completed a suitable area / stop will be sought. This stop will benefit those parents living in the Lanseria / Hartebeespoort, etc vicinities

Please have a look at these proposed new stops and if you are interested in any of them, please email Nicole Butler on [nbutler@heronbridge.co.za](mailto:nbutler@heronbridge.co.za). Please note that these stops proposed are only for the **morning run**; the return afternoon route is more complex because of co-curricular activities .

We welcome your comments on the above and if have any other suggestions / other stops you would like us to consider, please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Butler on [nbutler@heronbridge.co.za](mailto:nbutler@heronbridge.co.za).

**Please be assured that should numbers demand a new stop or even a new route to be introduced we will do all we can to accommodate this need.**

Finally due to the fact that the morning buses are running to capacity we are no longer in the position to offer casual tickets for any of the morning runs. This will come into effect from the beginning of 2010.



### HALF TERM BUSES 15 OCTOBER

The **Pre Prep** breaks up @ 11h30.  
The Pre Prep shuttle will leave @ 11h45.

**Prep & College** break up @ 12h00 . The buses will be departing from school at **12h30** . The buses will be following the long **blue** and **yellow** routes (those that normally happen at 16h30).

### PREP & COLLEGE EXAM BUSES FOR THE END OF YEAR EXAMS

Once again we will be offering an **exam bus service** for Grade 6,7 and the College pupils. More information regarding the exam bus route will be forwarded onto parents. Registration for the exam busses will open after the mid-term break.

### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND THE BUS SERVICE

College co-curricular activities end on Friday 6 November. Prep co-curricular activities end on Friday 20 November From the 20 November we will not be running the big buses on the 16h30 yellow or blue route. Should the need demand a small bus will continue for the aftercare children to get home. Please email Nicole Butler should you require this service on [nbutler@heronbridge.co.za](mailto:nbutler@heronbridge.co.za)



### PREP MAJOR PRODUCTION

The Prep School is busy rehearsing for this years Major Production. **Tickets are on sale and are selling up fast!!** Cost is R40 for adults and R20 per kids. These can be bought from Mrs Bishop in the Prep Reception Office. The dates for the production are:

- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 7pm
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009, 10am
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 7pm

## Christmas Craft Market

Date:

Thursday 29th October

Times:

08h30 - 15h00

Our annual Christmas Craft market will be held in the School Auditorium. Come & do your Christmas shopping early!

For more information, please contact Tish Dowling on 0834567534

## ... weeds this!

Thank you to the Grade 7 pupils and teachers who encouraged us daily to **WEED THIS**:

“Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education! They grow there, **firm as weeds** among the stones.”

“ Even the richest soil, if left uncultivated will produce the rankest **weeds**.”

“Criticizing another’s garden doesn’t keep the **weeds** out of your own.”

“A man of words and not deeds is like a garden full of **weeds**.”

“A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.”

Doug Larson

## HeronBridge Golf Day



Sponsor a gold cart at the annual HeronBridge Golf Day! R300 gets you 2 x A4 adverts on a golf car and your companies info in the welcome pack!

An ideal way for non golfing families to get involved and help raise funds. Who's going to be the first to raise the challenge?



Small budget, lots of impact!! Let the HeronBridge community know what you have to offer!

For more information, please contact Caron Cloete on 082 445 8458

## HERONBRIDGE STARS!



**Erich Klemm-Harris**, in Grade 7, fished the Nationals for the first time and made the SA Team, competing against 8 regions with 72 anglers. He has been made a Protea and will be participating against Zimbabwe in December. Well done Erich!

### BALLET – CONCOURS 2009

Congratulations to the girls who took part in this years Concours on their fantastic results, especially for the Mini Production “Christmas Delight” which won the overall trophy for best dance.

Megan Kurzewski	A+ (Mini Production), A+(Trio), A (Solo)
Chelsea James	A+ (Mini Production)
Kayla Ritchie	A+ (Mini Production), B (solo)
Jenna Ritchie	A+ (Mini Production)
Tasmin Esquival	A+ (Mini Production)
Elizabeth Elliott	A+ (Mini Production)
Erin Mclvor	A+ (Mini Production), A (Duet)
Claire Mclvor	A+ (Group Dance)
Jadyn Marais	A+ (Group Dance)



## ROCK CLIMBING

The SA Climbing Nationals were held over 2 days recently. The HeronBridge students who took part as part of the Gauteng team were Mischa Boddenberg, Matthew Smith, Nicholas Black, Tayla Pepper and Eran Waldeck.

Eran Waldeck made it through all the rounds, which went to a super-final. Eran took the gold medal for girls under 13. WOW! Well done.

## PREP INTERHOUSE TENNIS

And the wining house was.....



**WEAVER HOUSE!**

## GRADE 7 MARKET DAY!

The Grade 7 pupils will be holding their very own Market Day this Thursday, 15 October. For a couple of months now, these young entrepreneurs have been working hard towards this exciting day. We ask that you encourage your children to support our learners on the day. They will be selling various products and have loads of entertainment lined up for their customers. Delicious foodstuff will be on sale, so don't worry about packing lunch. Parents come early to collect you kids and join them!

**HERONBRIDGE UNIFORM SHOP!****ORDER NOW!!****NEW – JUST4SCHOOLS LABEL KIT!**

Beautifully printed labels with our HeronBridge logo!

To ensure that you receive your **2010 labels** before the close of school, orders must be in by **31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2009!** No payment now! Pay when you collect the labels in November.

<u>STANDARD PACK – ONLY R75</u>	<u>SUPER SIZE PACK – ONLY R110</u>
25 Iron/Sew On Labels	50 Iron/Sew on labels
40 Wrap-around Pen and Pencil Labels	80 Wrap-around Pen and Pencil Labels
25 Multi-purpose Vinyl Labels	50 Multi-purpose Vinyl Labels
25 Micro Labels	30 Micro Labels
20 Book Labels	35 Book Labels
6 Shoe shields	8 Shoe shields

To order your labels, email the following information to [uniforms@heronbridge.co.za](mailto:uniforms@heronbridge.co.za):

Child 1 – name on label

Child 2 – name on label

Parent's name:

Parent's email address:

Parent's cell number

Pack required – **Standard R75** or **Supersize R110**

**CLOSING DATE FOR END-OF-TERM ORDERS – 31 October 2009**

**SPECIAL OFFER!!****ATTENTION GRADE 1's 2010**

Buy your **HERONBRIDGE BACK PACK BAG** for Grade 1 2010

Before **15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009!**

**At the special price of R150 & receive 2 x Bag Tags Free!**

**Normal price R165!**

**CLOSING DATE FOR SPECIAL – 15 NOVEMBER 2009**

**OFFER APPLIES TO ALL CURRENT GRADE R PUIPILS**

## PARENTING MATTERS BY NIKKI BUSH

### WE GROW LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

As our children move through our hands and those of the education system, we are all preparing them for leadership in the years to come. Peculiar to this generation, is that they will be leading during a period of planetary crisis, which means that whether they become global or corporate leaders, entrepreneurs, heads of families or community organisations, they will all lead in some form or another. Everyone is going to have to play their part to ensure the survival of life as we know it.

Interesting to note is that senior corporate leaders and CEOs in multinational companies are already indicating that there is a shift in the most important skills needed to be an effective global leader of the future. Just five years ago these skills were things like vision, strategic thinking, decisiveness, execution, drive, and accountability for results – a lot of focus on numbers and profitability. Now the following are replacing them as more essential:

- Ethics
- Honesty
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Humility
- Respect
- Flexibility

#### Collaboration

International leadership consultant, John Spence says, “I find this to be a fascinating list..... it is obvious that the pendulum has swung from a focus almost purely on maximising ROI (return on investment) to highly ethical behavior that still delivers the numbers.....If the events of the past year drive a resurgence of the importance of ethics, integrity, honesty and respect in global leaders then perhaps there has been a silver lining to this economic storm. The question I ponder though is how do we keep these things at the forefront? How do we train the next generation of global leaders to focus on corporate values as strongly as they do profit margins?”

I guess the answer to this question is found at home and school. It starts where a child’s values and worldview are created – with us, in the early years. A child who is exposed consistently to dishonesty, disrespect, lack of loyalty and a win at all costs attitude, will find it difficult to acquire the necessary leadership skills mentioned above. Our contribution to saving the planet starts with future-proofing our children. Their future is in our hands just as ours will one day be in theirs.



We would like to invite you to join us every Sunday at 9H00. 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.