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Message for the Week

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29 : 11

PREP INTER-HOUSE FUN

Wednesday 8th July saw the Prep school take to the fields, and courts, for their annual inter-house soccer and netball competitions. The first teams also challenged the teachers to a grueling game of soccer and netball respectively. Tallying up the aches and pains displayed by the Prep staff on Thursday, it would seem that the pupils are the clear winners. Please turn to page three for all the results.



Prep teachers soccer team. Where's Mr McKee ? Perhaps injured! Teachers won 3-0!



Kids in action! Nice outfit Coach Greg!!



Bevy of beauties. Prep teachers netball team! Teachers won!



HeronBridge College Website: www.heronbridgecollege.co.za.

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

DATES TO DIARISE : WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 13 JULY

Mon 13	14h00	Prep Cross Country @ De La Salle	
Wed 15	08h30	Grade 5 outing to Greensleeves	
Fri 17		Prep School Civvies Day for SARDA	
	09h30	Prep School cake and candy sale	
	14h00	Prep Hockey : all teams vs various schools	@ home
	18h00	Equestrian colours presentation	School Auditorium

SUGGESTIONS EMAIL!

We are pleased to let you know we have created a special email address that all HeronBridge College parents can access if you have any suggestions pertaining to our school. Just send your suggestion to :suggestions@heronbridge.co.za We look forward to hearing from you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Please remember that if you are planning to leave HeronBridge at the end of 2009 you are required to give us a full term's notice in writing. This must be handed in to the college office or emailed to helenc@heronbridge.co.za no later than Monday 31st August 2009.

COLLEGE EXAM SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE- AMENDED ROUTE

During this exam time period (Thursday 9th July to Thursday, 30th July) we will be offering an exam shuttle bus exclusively to our College pupils. Each day after the exams finish the exam shuttle bus will depart from HeronBridge College at 10h45 and 12h30 respectively. It will drive the following route:



10h45	12h30	departs from HeronBridge College
10h50	12h35	stops at Dainfern entrance (Cedar Lakes side)
10h55	12h40	stops at the Broadacres Shopping Centre
11h00	12h45	stops at the Cedar Lakes Entrance
11h05	12h50	stops on Lombardy Road (just past the crn of Lombardy and Cedar Roads)
11h10	12h55	stops at entrance of Fourways Garden
11h15	13h00	stops at the Woolworths entrance at the Fourways

Please also note that a bus leaves HeronBridge College daily at 13h40. This bus would be ideal for those pupils who finish exams at 13h00. Should you want to view the routes this bus takes please visit our website : www.heronbridgecollege.co.za. Should you want your child to make use of this bus (or any of the exam buses) please see Nicole Butler in the College Reception Office or email her on nbutler@heronbridge.co.za.

The cost for an exam bus pass is R100..

RESULTS FROM THE PREP INTER-HOUSE NETBALL & SOCCER COMPETITION

SENIOR NETBALL

1. Starling – 25 points
2. Turaco – 24 points
3. Weaver – 23 points
4. Barbet – 13 points

SENIOR SOCCER

1. Starling – 17 points
2. Barbet – 13 points
3. Weaver – 12 points
4. Turaco – 10 points

JUNIOR NETBALL

1. Barbet - 6 points
2. Starling - 6 points
3. Turaco - 5 points
4. Weaver - 2 points

JUNIOR SOCCER

1. Barbet - 12 points
2. Turaco - 11 points
3. Weaver - 7 points
4. Starling - 2 points

OVERALL – Senior Soccer and Netball

1. Starling – 42 points
2. Weaver – 35 points
3. Turaco – 34 points
4. Barbet – 26 points

OVERALL – Junior Soccer and Netball

1. Barbet - 18 point
2. Turaco - 16 points
3. Weaver - 9 points
4. Starling - 8 points

PREP CIVVIES DAY IN SUPPORT OF SARDA

Zip up those jeans, Buckle those boots, Let's gallop forward to help SARDA!

- WHEN: 17 July 2009
- BRING: R5.00 and money for the Cake and Candy sale
- WEAR: Cowboy / Riding theme.

Jeans and cowboy or riding gear or accessories

(A checked shirt, cowboy hat etc.)

- IN AID OF SARDA: The South African Riding for the Disabled Association (SARDA) teaches both the physically disabled and intellectually challenged to perform exercises that would not be possible from a wheelchair. Many children, **including some of our own pupils**, have benefited from the hard work and dedication of all at SARDA. SARDA rely totally on donations to survive.



PARENTING MATTERS BY NIKKI BUSH

SCRIBBLE ON

So you thought that your children's scribbles were meaningless doodling! Well think again. A child's scribbles are in fact the foundation of every alphabet in the world. They contain all the lines and shapes needed for decoding and writing.

If you think I've lost it, take a letter of the alphabet and see what shapes or parts of shapes you can find in it. Alternatively, break a shape down into lines (eg, the letter 'k' has a vertical line from a rectangle and two diagonal lines from a triangle, the letter 'a' has a vertical line from the side of a square and a curve from a circle). When a child scribbles, every horizontal, vertical, diagonal and curved line is practiced over and over again creating memory cells of the movement which will become very useful in the development of handwriting. In her book *Young at Art* (Henry Holt, 2001), art educator Susan Striker says that "scribbling leads very clearly and directly toward developing the ability to read and write.... Scribbling progressively introduces children to both the symbol recognition and production required in later reading and writing".

Watch with wonder as you child's handwriting evolves through his or her seemingly aimless first scribbles in the following process:

- Scribbling with no parental interference (from about one year);
- The child connects hand movements to marks on paper (14 - 18 months);
- Controlled scribbles - vertical and horizontal lines (18 months to two years);
- Scribbles include all 20 basic scribbles (2 - 3 years);
- Copying and drawing shapes (3 - 5 years);
- Isolating specific lines and curves and repetitively copying and drawing them (5 - 7 years);
- Putting various lines and curves together to form letters of the alphabet (6 - 8 years);
- Moving from printing to cursive, combining even more lines and curves together (7 - 9 years).

Encourage your child's scribbles in a variety of media such as crayons, kokis, pastels, paint and finger paints. The younger the child the larger the piece of paper should be to encourage crossing the midline while scribbling.

SCRIBBLING AS A STRESS RELIEVER FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Doodling on a piece of paper is a good way to get the brain processing and connecting thoughts freely. If your child should get frustrated or irritated with homework, I have found it useful to give them a piece of blank paper and get them to scribble like mad to get all the "cold pricklies" out. It seems to unlock the brain in a similar way to having a good primal scream or punching a pillow to relieve frustration. You might like to try it yourself!

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

ON SPECIAL - THIS WEEK ONLY!

- Board Shorts :20% Discount. Phasing out special! - Limited size range
- Athletic Shirts : 10% Discount. Buy early and save. Your child will need these at the start of next term!
- Prep Long Sleeve Shirts : 10% Discount
- ****New**** - HeronBridge Back Pack School Bags : 10% Discount
- College Formal Long Sleeve Shirts : 5% Discount
- Bike Shirts :10% Discount
- Prep Girls Winter Pants :10% Discount. Sizes 28 to Size 33
- College Girls Winter Pants :10% Discount . All Sizes Available




Specials apply from Tuesday 14th July until Tuesday 21st July ONLY!

WIN A ROUND OF GOLF FOR YOU AND 3 FRIENDS!!

FORWARD THIS NEWSLETTER TO ANY OF THE BELOW MENTIONED EMAIL ADDRESSES AND YOUR NAME WILL BE PLACED IN THE MONTHLY DRAW TO WIN THIS PRIZE VALUED AT OVER R1600.00!!

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CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP SANDRA SARDINHA	FROM R. 33 000 TO R. 118 000 sandra@grgolf.co.za
GOLF DAYS & MEMBERSHIP DESIREE STONE	MEMBERSHIP FROM R. 7 700 des@grgolf.co.za






WWW.GARDENERROSSGOLF.COM



WELL DONE:

to Paul Esterhuizen for winning this months Gardener Ross Competition!

Please contact Desiree on des@grgolf.co.za or 012 668 9900 to collect your prize.



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.