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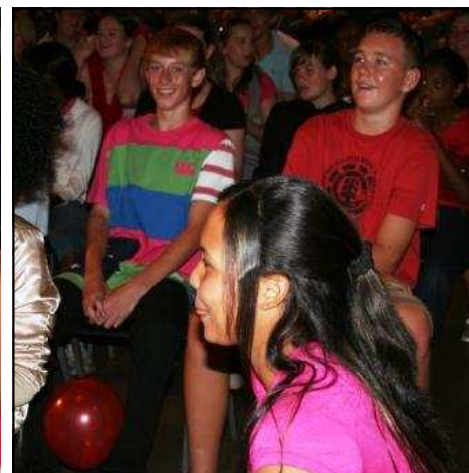
Message for the Week

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
2 Corinthians 12. 9

RED, WHITE AND PINK DAY

On Friday, 13th February our pupils left their school uniforms at home and came to school donned in red, white and pink (with a few other colours also making an appearance).

Watch out next week for a few pictures from the Pre-Prep.



DON'T FORGET

HeronBridge Together :
Tuesday, 24th February.

See page 2 for full details

Have you booked your space yet? For more info and booking forms go to www.heronbridgecollege.co.za and look under News and Events.



"INSIDE OUT" -2009

DATES TO DIARISE : WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

Mon 16	08h00	Pre-Prep Individuals Photos begin	
	14h00	Prep Cricket: U10A vs St Stithians	Away
		Prep Cricket: U10B vs St Stithians	@ Home
	15h00	College Cross Country @ St Davids	
Tue 17	14h00	College Tennis: Boys vs Aurora	@ Home
		Prep Cricket : U11A vs St Stithians	Away
		Prep Cricket: U11B vs St Stithians	@ Home
	15h00	College Cricket: U15 / U14A vs Krugersdorp High	Away
		College Cricket: U14B vs KDVP	@ Home
	College Tennis: Senior Girls vs Crawford Lonehill	@ Home	
Wed 18	14h00	College Cricket 1st, 2nd, U16 & U14B vs Krugersdorp High	Away
		Prep Cricket: Open A vs Kyalami	Away
		Prep Cricket: Open B vs Kyalami	@ Home
		Prep Tennis : Senior Girls A vs Grayston	@ Home
		Prep Tennis : Senior Girls B team vs Dainfern	Away
Thurs 18	14h00	Prep Cricket: U9A vs Bryanston Primary	@ Home
		Prep Cricket: U9B vs Bryanston Primary	Away
		Prep Cricket: Open C vs Crawford Lonehill	@ Home
		Prep Tennis : Senoir Boys B team vs Dainfern	Away
	15h00	College Swimming @ HeronBridge	
		College Cricket: 2nd vs Redhill	@ Home
Fri 19	14h00	Prep Swimming: A team @ Home	
		Prep Swimming B team @ Crawford Fourways	
Sat 20	08h00	College Cricket: 1st vs Marist Brothers, Linmeyer	@ Home
		College Cricket: U15, U14A vs Marist Brothers, Linmeyer	Away
		College Cricket: U16 vs Marist Brothers, Linmeyer	@ Home

HERONBRIDGE TOGETHER

Why? To be informed about all that is happening at HeronBridge

College. Reports to be given by:

HeronBridge College
Parent-Teachers' Association
Parents' Consultative Forum

To elect representatives to the PTA and PCF

When? 24 February 2009 @ 19h00

Where? HeronBridge Auditorium

Please make every effort to be present with us on the evening.

LOVE CRICKET?

Want to see South Africa beat Australia, once again, on home turf?

If your answer is YES to both of these

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ERRONEOUS DATE GIVEN

We apologise: We have picked up that the magnetic calendar, handed out on the Registration Days, indicates that Monday 24th March is a public holiday. Monday is the 23rd and is definitely not a school holiday .

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2010

Please take note that due to the World Cup Soccer, there will be four terms in 2010.

Term One

Start	Wednesday, 13 January
Close	Friday, 26 March
Half-term	12h00 on Thursday, 25 February Return on Tuesday, 2 March.
Public Holidays	Sunday, 21 March (Human Rights Day)

Term Two

Start	Monday, 12 April
Close	Wednesday, 9 June
Public Holiday	Tuesday, 27 April (Freedom Day) Saturday, 1 May (Workers Day)

Term Three

Start	Tuesday, 13 July
Close	Friday, 20 August
Public Holiday	Monday, 9 August (National Woman's Day)

Term Four

Start	Monday, 6 September
Close	Friday, 3 December
Half-term	Normal closing time on Wednesday, 20 October Return on Tuesday, 26 October.
Public Holidays	Friday, 24 September (Heritage Day)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Reminder to all those pupils who missed out having their school photos taken. This week our photographer will be back. Please ask your Grade Head / Class Teacher for details.

MOMS IN TOUCH

Please join us every Thursday morning at 07h30 to pray for our school community.

Venue : Drama cottage

For more information, please call Helen : 082 490 1568 or Maryna : 083 553 4598. All welcome.



ATTENTION HB PARENTS!

Have you got a MY SCHOOL CARD?? Are you using it?

Did you know? Our records show that you have raised R5 915.66 during Dec 2008! 417 supporters raised funds for HB during December, whilst 412 supporters used their MySchool card to support HB last year!

We are back to 2nd place in the school rankings! Well done! **CONTINUE SHOPPING, PLEASE!**

REMINDER: MySchool is a national programme with a large network of national partners – JUST look out for MySchool stickers. All funds raised through the use of this card will ultimately be used on YOUR child's behalf..

UPDATE ON NEW PROJECTS:

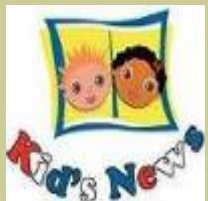
We're thrilled to report back to our parents, that the following projects are underway and it is all due to your proactive support of the My School Card Campaign!

In the next two weeks, **small wall safes will be delivered & installed into most of the classrooms in the Pre-Prep, Prep and College.** These safes will be used to safe-guard your child's valuables on a daily basis. Cell phones will be requested to be locked up in the safes during the school morning & then safely accessed at the end of the school day (especially for our Prep students). We do believe as a school body, this initiative, along with our recently installed camera system, will provide your child & their belongings, a "safe haven"! From our My School Card funds raised during 2008, we are pleased we can cover the R15 000 for the safes and installation.

Our second project which is also currently underway is to have our **sound system in the auditorium updated with the latest AV and sound technology.** This is a huge task and we have a very competent team organizing a whole new overhaul of our sound system. From My School Funds raised during 2008, we are thrilled we can contribute R43 000 to this project! So during 2009, HB will be wired for sound! Yippee!

Our 2009 account is ready and open for action and many new projects! Please keep spending and we'll continue with our AWARENESS CAMPAIGN and continue to award our Top Class, Top Spenders/Supporters and Class Mom's who are making the most use of their My School Card! So the competition continues.....! Get moving, get spending and most importantly USE your My School Card-EVERYWHERE!!

If you need a card, please come to the marketing office and collect forms from Lisa or you can access My School Card **website: www.myschool.co.za**



"Kids News goes GREEN!!!"

Which means.... we no longer line your child's school bag, nor do we waste anymore trees....

We now keep parents informed by email.

Send your email address to: jill@kidsnews.co.za to receive our weekly, informative, newsletter, or look at our website www.kidsnews.co.za.

Kids News has over **TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY PARTY VENUES & SERVICES LISTED** for you to choose from.

That's not all, make sure you visit www.kidsnews.co.za and browse for parenting info, recipes for healthy family meals, & we have a Kids Page. For more information you can also call Jill on 011 476 9218 or 083 230 8974.

MESSAGE FROM GLYNIS COURTNEY : PRE-PREP HEAD

Why we do art in a pre-primary classroom!

Have you ever wondered why there is such a big emphasis on creative activities in the pre-primary classroom? The purpose of these activities is not simply to fill time or to keep the children busy, but to lay the foundation for important skills, that they will continue to use and rely on for the rest of their lives. Art is used to promote personal development, by exploring shape, colour, texture and construction; and when doing these activities children make sense of the world around them. In many ways children's artwork can be compared to their early written communication, as they learn to manipulate the various implements so they develop the skills necessary to be used in formal writing. As young children draw and paint their own pictures, using various shapes and straight lines they are beginning to form the foundations of writing. At a Grade R level we assess children's art in the following way to determine whether they are ready to start writing:



Are they drawing straight lines, circles and curved lines

Are the lines joining each other when houses, cars, people and other figures are drawn

These indicate a readiness to begin learning to write.

Before young learners can use a writing tool, they must be able to control their wrists and finger muscles. Children learn by doing. When they are involved in art and craft activities, language plays a key role, even though much of what they are doing is non verbal. Through art children will listen to and at a later stage be able to read and follow instructions. Children will also learn to receive and give praise as well as describe, evaluate and express feelings and ideas.

The purpose of teaching emergent writing, through art is not to teach the learner to write letters but to introduce the young learner to the meaning and value of the written world.

Art lays the foundation for writing. Art is not just a hobby; it is a fundamental aspect of human behavior that involves intellectual as well as emotional exploration, expression and communication.

HERONBRIDGE STAR!

Michael van Wyk in Grade 6T was awarded the Victor Ludorum Trophy for E Grade Vaulting by the Gauteng Horse Society. Well done Michael!



PREP TENNIS RESULTS

The boys A team played De la Salle and won 27 - 18. All other tennis matches were rained out.

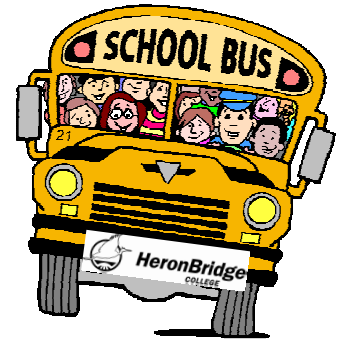


We would like to invite you to join us every Sunday at 09H00. Our services are held in the HeronBridge College auditorium and are open to all denominations. We offer Sunday school for the young as well as a youth group for the teens.

We look forward to hosting you and your family.

THE HERONBRIDGE BUS

Did you know:




- We have **7 buses** running every afternoon Monday-Thursday, and 5 on Friday.
- If you don't need the bus every day, you can buy a once off ticket at any of school reception offices for R25. Termly tickets are cheaper in the long run. **(Please note that you do need to complete an indemnity form)**
- A child can catch **any** afternoon bus, depending on their extra murals.
- There is a new afternoon **family card** available – any child in your family can use it (valid for one trip per afternoon only).
- Afternoon bus departure times from HeronBridge are: Pre-Prep shuttle at 13h00, early afternoon at 13h40, mid-afternoon at 15h10, and late afternoon at 16h20.
- We have introduced a new afternoon stop on the blue route. This bus will now stop at Stratford Gardens. The Stratford Gardens and Broadacres stops are both at a reduced price.
- The afternoon bus already stops at the Cedar Lakes entrance, but we have now introduced a new morning stop at Cedar Lakes as well.
- Registration for the bus is **by the term**. The charge for the term is divided into 3 equal installments which are debited to your fees account. Should you sign up for the bus at any stage during the term, we will calculate a pro rata charge and debit your account accordingly.

Message to our current bus users : Different colour cards are issued for morning, afternoon or “both ways” trips. It is essential that pupils carry their bus card with them at all times, and show it to the drivers every time they catch the bus. As the number of bus passengers increases, the drivers will be monitoring this more closely, and have been instructed to check the cards every day. Please immediately report a lost card to Nicole in the College reception office.

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HERONBRIDGE COLLEGE SRI LANKA CRICKET TOUR' - FUNDRAISER SUITES -

SOUTH AFRICA VS AUSTRALIA



We have the following days available:

- SUITE 1:** Day 4 Sunday 1st March
Day 5 Monday 2nd March
- SUITE 2:** Day 1 Thursday 26th February
Day 5 Monday 2nd March

Contact: Ingo Van Der Merwe
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Email: lvdMerwe@heronbridge.co.za
Neil Holmes

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On the Sunday, 1 March (day 4) tickets will be made available to fathers & sons who want to come and watch 'HISTORY IN THE MAKING': South Africa vs Australia. The cost is R700 for father & son. This covers full catering for the day as well as secure parking. ONLY 10 sets of tickets left. It will be first come, first served. Please get hold of Ingo Van Der Merwe to secure your tickets and make payment into the school account with reference; Lads & Dads".

SUITE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Fully staffed private suite facility with 28 seats
- Pre match snacks, buffet dinner and post match snacks
- Complimentary premium bar
- Suite match ticket
- Parking tickets (1:4)

COST: R27 500 per day

HBC SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our College hockey, tennis, netball and rugby teams will all be touring to various destinations in KZN during the course of this year and will be competing in festivals against other schools from all over South Africa. We would like to present each participant with a tog bag. Anyone interested in sponsoring these bags will not only get to have their logo featured on the bags, but will also receive free advertising in "The Heron" for six months and a link on our web page for six months. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Mittendorf in our marketing department on kmittendorf@heronbridge.co.za