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RHENISH NEWS

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**“THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING THIS
GIFT INTO YOUR NEW MUSIC
CENTER.”**



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MUSIC ACADEMY RECEIVES BEAUTIFUL GIFT

Rhenish Girls' High School was thrilled to receive the most beautiful artwork (a painting) as a gift for the new Music Academy from one of our families. The painting is received with much gratitude and will be proudly displayed in the music academy for many years to come.

The letter below explains a bit more about the painting, the artist himself and is in the words of a grateful parent outlining her daughter's journey and growth through music.

Dear Rhenish Girls' High

We are thrilled to contribute to the new music center at Rhenish Girls' High with a special gift that reflects our deep appreciation for the arts and education.

Enclosed with this letter is a painting titled *Fleur de Jeunesse* (Flower of Youth), created by soul artist Colin Thwaits. This acrylic artwork, featuring vibrant roses, was inspired by our vision for the students. Colin and I, Johanita Thwaits, are proud parents of NiRita Schoeman, a Grade 10 music student focusing on voice as her instrument (focusing on music to find her voice in the world).

Our hope with this donation is to provide a visual metaphor for the potential within each student. Just as each rose in the painting is beautiful on its own, they are even more powerful when viewed together. We believe this mirrors the growth and impact each student can achieve through their dedication and the guidance of the exceptional music teachers at Rhenish Girls' High. We deeply appreciate the influence and dedication of the music educators who nurture and inspire our daughters and all the young women at your school. Your commitment to shaping their lives and guiding their journeys is invaluable.

Thank you for welcoming this gift into your new music center. May *Fleur de Jeunesse* serve as a reminder of the beauty and strength that each student holds and the remarkable journey they embark upon.

For more information about the artist, Colin Thwaits, please visit his website: www.colinthwaitsart.com.

Warmest regards,
Colin and Johanita Thwaits



Gold and Diamond Certificates achieved by our Rhinishers in National Olympiad

Tarryn Harbour



Kendra Michael



Sara Rawoot, Leah Gordon and Rebecca Morgan



Caitlin Bennie, Ream Uheida and Nikita Barker

The English Olympiad is a long-running national competition which had over 4000 entries this year. We are exceptionally proud of Leah Gordon and Rebecca Morgan, both in grade 10, who were awarded a gold certificate (80-89%) for their achievement in this year's Olympiad. Sara Rawoot, grade 11, also received a gold certificate.

Our other gold certificate winners were Nikita Barker (11), ranked in the top 42 Home Language learners and, along with Ream Uheida (12), who came 18th in the country, and Caitlin Bennie (11), at number 16. They each received a free tuition scholarships for their first-year of any undergraduate programme of study at Rhodes University after finishing matric.

An especially heartfelt congratulations to Kendra Michael in grade 11, who came 12th in the country, achieved an outstanding diamond certificate (90%+) and was awarded an all-expenses paid trip to the June 2024 National Schools' Festival in Grahamstown/Makhanda, as well as a cash prize. Well done, Kendra!

RHENISH FRENCH CLUB

HOSTS FRENCH DAY

Allegra Swart

On 15 August, our school hosted its very first French Day, and it turned out to be a truly unforgettable event. Held during both first and second breaks, French Day drew students from all grades to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of French-speaking countries around the world.

From the start, our French Club worked hard to create a fun experience for everyone. We brought out a variety of delicious food representing some of the countries we celebrated, including warm crepes, fresh baguettes, fluffy waffles, pastries, and more. By second break, all the food had sold out—a sign of just how much everyone loved it! A special thanks goes to Manuello's Bakery for generously providing a lot of the bread and to Klein-Joostenberg for supplying us with delicious pastries, which made everything even better. Seeing so many students gathered around the stalls, happily enjoying their food, really brought everyone together and highlighted the strong sense of unity among us all.

The games were just as exciting. At the "Island Bowling" station, learners took turns knocking down pins with a netball—something we gave a fun twist to by putting a Mauritius spin on it.

Another favourite was the "Flag Match" game, where learners tested their geography skills by matching flags to their corresponding locations on a world map. We also had a face-painting station where learners got their faces painted with the flags of various French-speaking countries, including France, Belgium, Monaco, Seychelles, Ivory Coast, Luxembourg, and more. The energy and excitement at every station was amazing!

Our French Club pulled through in every way, tackling every challenge that came our way and making sure the day was a success. From organising the stalls to handling unexpected situations with smiles and positivity, they truly showed their dedication. We also want to give a special thanks to the parents who volunteered their time and support, making the event run smoothly and adding to the overall success of the day.

The celebration of 10 different French-speaking countries added an educational element to the day. Each of these countries was represented through their flags and culture, showcasing the fascinating diversity across the French-speaking world. Rhenishers were enthusiastic about learning more about these places and their traditions.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing sponsors. The Pottery Stellenbosch, Bodytech, Klein-Joostenberg, Le Grand Domaine, She by Shelly, and Mia Mélange all generously contributed to our raffle. And of course, another big merci to Manuello's Bakery for sponsoring so much of their delicious bread.

We couldn't have asked for a better day, and the overwhelming support from the learners, teachers, parents, and volunteers made all the difference.

A huge merci beaucoup to everyone who helped make French Day such a success. We look forward to future events, and we can't wait to see what new ideas we'll bring to life.



SPORTS NEWS

Fairtree All Stars U16 Top Schools



Photograph: Stephan Meyer

On 21 August, the Rhenish Girls' High School All Stars team participated in the annual U16 Fairtree All Stars Hockey Tournament hosted by HMS Bloemhof. This competition saw teams battle for the top honour of being crowned the U16 Fairtree All Stars Champions.

Rhenish started their title defence against a strong Parel Vallei HS with a 0 - 0 draw. The next games that the Rhenishers played, to reach the cross pools as one of the top teams, in a bid to retain their title, included Somerset College (winning 4-0) and Herschel (winning 1-0).

The Rhenishers ended the pool stage on top, which led to them taking on the girls from Paarl Girls' High School (winning 1-0). The stage was the set for another great clash between Rhenish and Paarl Gimnasium in the final.

The final was everything we would have expected; a showcase of great hockey and even greater skill. The Rhenish All Stars team walked away with the title by beating Paarl Gimnasium 3-0 in the final.

Champions: 2024 Fairtree All Stars Hockey Tournament



Photograph: Talja Nel

The U16 Top Schools' Competition

Emma Lurie



The U16As started out at the U16 Top Schools' Tournament on Thursday, 8 August, not having the best start to the competition we had hoped for. It was a tough fight with many of our players struggling with illness. Nevertheless, we kept playing for each other and our school and won our second last game which put us into the 9/10 play-off match against Affies.

Both teams were incredibly driven and we ended the match 0-0. This meant that we had to go into shootouts. After nail-biting moments, Rhenish took the win and ended the tournament in the 9th position.

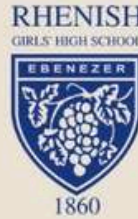
Everyone really showed heart and put their all into each and every game and I wouldn't have wanted to play with any other team. We are really proud of our efforts!



RHENISH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



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SANITARY PRODUCT DRIVE

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Donate any pads to your school in aid of Women's Month

- ANY KINDS OF PADS WELCOME, THE MORE THE MERRIER!
- PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY TAMPONS

Closing date: Monday, 16th September

BOOK DRIVE

2024

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KEEP GROWING

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FGHIJK
LMNOP
QRSTU
VWXYZ

Please donate
Children's books
ages 5 - 9

GREAT PRIZES TO WIN !!



@RHENISH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Please drop any donations in the bins provided outside the sports office. Until the **30th of August**



DON'T THROW IT OUT... DONATE IT!

Rhenish is hosting a sports equipment drive for local underprivileged schools.

PLEASE DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- OLD EXERCISE CLOTHES
- HOCKEY STICKS
- SHIN PADS
- TENNIS RACKETS
- NETBALL BALLS
- SPORTS SHOES
- ANY OTHER SUITABLE SPORTING EQUIPMENT

(NB!! Please do not bring any unusable equipment, clothes or shoes. Please NO Rhenish or other school clothes)



Please help!

PLEASE HELP US FIND SOME PROPS & COSTUMES NEEDED FOR THE MUSICAL...

Old timey ice skates

Blunt metal sword (rapier or cutlass preferably)

1860s clothing:

Cinoline cages

Big hoop skirts

Straight leg pants

Lace ankle boots

Satin heeled pumps

Shawls / jackets / aprons

Wool scarves / gloves etc

Wooden wheelchair

Calligraphy style ink-dip pens

Bonnets

Empty champagne bottles

Fake pregnancy belly

Male fat suit

Tailcoat jackets

Wigs



Contact Rebecca on 0747668870 or DM us if you can help to rent or lend any of the above.

Thank you for your support!