



SPECIAL
POINTS OF IN-
TEREST:

- The All-Stars won the Pom-Pom competition once more.
- The matrics are already hard at work
- Our athletes have made their mark in history.

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More than just a school

The chronicles detailing the triumphs of Randfontein High School make one thing abundantly clear: we are more than just a school. For many, RHS is a home. A place with an energy that cannot be challenged. Whether it is playing song requests on Valentine's Day or giving sweets to learners to make their day better, we have continued to be a home for pride of lions.

Our priority is making sure learners are happy in school and actually want to be there. It is common to see grades getting a pick-me-up for the week ahead or Mrs. Henning basing her assembly on

why we need to be happy.

The reason for this is simple: this makes it easier for learners to excel, which is why we get the levels of excellence we do, with our learners consistently participating at national level, be it in sports or culture.

Moreover, Randfontein High is where learners can acquire crucial life skills. Our prioritization of extra-curricular activities means that learners can not only be exposed to a world they would otherwise be blind to; it means that they can also learn how to dedicate themselves, work under pressure and be the best ver-



sions of themselves possible.

The lion at the main gate is more than just our logo; it is the mark of a fighting spirit that won't stop until it has won.

By Neo Oratile Tsotetsi

An 11 out of 10

The Ten-11 Lounge started the term off on a very high note. When the all new cafeteria was introduced to learners with the new finger-print scanner and the latest equipment, we all really thought it could not get better than this. As the term proceeded we started seeing changes which, week by week, made the cafeteria better for the learners.

The new additions include

daily specials: filling meals and changed weekly and, now, also catering for Halaal food. Goodie packs are also sold; each pack contains a filing meal, popcorn and something to drink.

The new stationery corner includes books, scissors, pencil cases and, importantly, pens. All these additions are per the request of the learners and

aim to give them what they need from the cafeteria.

The new term is finally here and we can't wait to see what's in-store for us this time...

By Karabo Ntoane



Principal's Address



Dear Parents

Every morning in Africa a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows that it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle, when the sun comes up you had better be running. -Dr David Molapo-

Every morning the School Governing Body and the management, staff and learners of Randfontein High School wake up knowing that in order to remain "Trendsetters in Motion", they have to run faster than the competition all the while implementing change as one can certainly not continue doing things the same way and then expect to experience a different outcome.

Term 2 provides us with the perfect opportunity to shake things up, do things differently, revitalize and refresh the way things have been done as we are not only in the throes of a change of season, but we have a newly elected, extremely invigorated School Governing Body who are eager to get started. We wish them a particularly successful term of office, one full of change and excitement, one in which they realize their vision.

Our sporting, cultural and other extra-curricular activities are ready to raise the bar in the new term and continue to be #Proudly RHSian.

We also have the privilege of being able to house our very own nursery school, one that has grown in leaps and bounds and due to sheer learner numbers, has had to relocate to new facilities. The official opening of the new facility will also spotlight this term.

As was the case last term, we will continue to create an environment in which our children will excel, one that continues to speak to the RHS fundamentals but encourages our learners to look forward to and embrace change. Mr Nelson Mandela, a firm believer in education and change once said “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Change is inevitable, it is necessary, it is what we need to do in order to ensure we remain effective, relevant and at the top of our game and this term signals the beginning of amazing things for our school and all who are associated with it.

Wishing you a new term filled with special gifts and blessings.

Regards

Mrs M Henning
Principal



The Crème de la Crème



“Being the best is the only market that’s not crowded.” -Montazze

After a grueling first term, the top ten of each grade has emerged. The challenge to fight your way to the top is certainly one these learners excel at and they are now members of the Legion of Eagles, the elite society of top achievers in the school.

We congratulate all those who made it into this privileged space.

Grade 8:

1. Tshidiso Shuping
Shelsia Mavume
3. Cohen Moses
4. Dikabelo Makamole
5. Tshiamo Molapo
6. Reitumetse Mokobane
Makwae Motshoane
8. Lwandi Ndou
Ardent Svosvai
10. Prosperity Maepe

Grade 9:

1. Keabetswe Mphanyane
2. Unathi Solomon

3. Onthatile Mphatswe
4. Kgwadimabushi Mabelane
5. Mekayla Moyikwa
6. Khanyisile Mazibuko
7. Rearabilwe Nqandela
8. Phiwokuhle Mbokazi
9. Mpumelelo Luthuli
10. Rugarerwashe Chivavaya

Grade 10:

1. Caren Ndawona
2. Thato Kwadi
3. Fezile Koom
Zinhle Mdalose
5. Phemelo Mmola
6. Noelly Katambayi
7. Amelia Choli
8. Princess Sotomela
9. Khanyisile Sibeko
Khanyisile Mabusela

Grade 11:

1. Ismaaeel Essay
2. Ellen Nchabeleng

3. Ruan Carlinsky
4. Sipho Topisi
5. Tidimalo Manana
6. Rorisang Moeketsi
7. Panache Kamambo
8. Imelda Luthers
9. Mercedes Kock
10. Emmanuel Sebitsiwa

Grade 12:

1. Neo Oratile Tsotetsi
2. Nkgero Mabelane
3. Basikana Mahache
4. Ashley Mabena
5. Mpendulo Nxumalo
6. Aobakwe Sephiri
7. Jasmin Olivier
8. Karabo Ntoane
9. Tshiamo Mashao
Jomari Terblanche

“Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better.”
-Pat Riley

Excellence only

The matric groups from the past decade have set their mark in stone and now it is time for the new decade to shine. The class of 2018 is already hard at work to ensure that we can get the 100% pass rate and stay as one of the top 2% of schools in the country.

This is being done through various initiatives like the Bachelor's Program, where matrics stay after or come during weekends and

holidays school to do additional work that will help them have the edge in the final exams.

The year is fleeting and the finish line is close by. We have no doubts they're ready for it.

By Neo Oratile Tsotetsi



New Heights Reached

SUCCESS IS A STEADY PROCESS TOWARDS ONE'S PERSONAL GOAL

RHS has created its own legacy, with an outstanding 100% pass rate for ten consecutive years and still counting...A question was soon raised up. If the grades 12's are capable of achieving a 100% pass rate, why can't the rest of the school do the same? Mrs. Henning the head of the RHSian pride decided to approach things in a different manner. A formation of new heights was created. These were known as targets. The objective of targets was to motivate the learners and for them to overcome procrastination. The grade

tens were excluded from this due to them being new in the FET phase and being the largest grade with 331 learners.

The targets were not only for the grades, but also for the learners. Individual targets were handed out at the beginning of the year in all the subjects. The targets consists of a certain percentage from the previous year and an addition of 5% on the mark achieved in 2017. The purpose of having individual targets was to create focus for each learner, responsibility and accountability.

ALL TARGETS CAN BE

Tips on how to achieve your targets:

- * Create a vision board
- * Find a valid study method
- * Create a calendar with all your due dates, homework and test days.

REACHED THROUGH HARD WORK, DETERMINATION AND DEDICATION.

By Rorisang Moeketsi

The class of 2018 at their dedication service.



The Finish Line

Five years ago a bunch of cubs entered the

gates of Randfontein high, not knowing what to expect. In this period, they were groomed into their full potential. Today they stand as the seniors of the school and the class of 2018.

was mentioned: what educators need to do, the interaction and involvement of parents, lastly the dedication of the learners.

To sum it up the educators, parents and learners were said to be one unit. Dr Joe Mabuela was one of the special guest speakers. An oath was taken by every learner, educator and parent. The pledge was signed by Dr Joe Mabuela on behalf of the SGB followed by the chairman Lebaka Tsotetsi, who signed on behalf of the learners. Lastly, the educator representative Mrs Venter signed.

A token of inspiration was giv-



en to the learners which was a silver ring written "RHS MATRIC 2018"

The class of 2018 will surely carry on the legacy by obtaining a 100% pass rate. This might seem like the end of the journey but it's only the beginning.

The matric have already begun with their Bachelor's program and are aiming for a smooth finish.

BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 2018

By Rorisang Moeketsi

RHSian PLEDGE
We, the members of the RHSian community, hereby pledge our commitment to Randfontein High School.
We pledge commitment to the Vision and Mission we stand for.

The pledge taken by the class of 2018.

All-Stars dominate at the Randfontein Show

After weeks of hard work and dedication, they have done it again. The Randfontein High School All-Star cheerleaders emerged victorious from the annual Randfontein Show Pom-Pom Competition.

It was a hard-sought victory as the competition was very tight. They went up against schools like Hoërskool Jan Viljoen and Hoërskool Riebeeckrand. These schools brought their all but the All-

stars were simply better. We interviewed a very happy Kgomotso Marite who said that all the blood, sweat and tears paid off (literally) and that all those days of intense practice were worth it.

She also said that her team's success is all thanks to their passionate choreographer Mr Khaya Dhladla, who spent weeks perfecting their routine and making sure that the cheerleaders were ready for their perfor-

mance. We are all very proud of their success. #proudlyRHSian

By Molemo Maleaka



Debaters conquering the circuit

The RHS debaters are ruling the debating circuit, both provincially and nationally. Our very own Neo Oratile Tsotetsi was selected to represent South Africa at the World Schools Debating Championships. This is a huge achievement as only five debaters from the country are chosen for this prestigious tournament.

Our debating society also competed in the Ready To Work tournament, wherein

Neo was also ranked best speaker (and was the logo). The society also did an episode on YoTV where they showcased their debating prowess.

That's not all: both senior teams (Alpha and Beta) competed in the SACEE West league and the results were nothing less than RHSian awesomeness. Alpha racked up a total of six out of six wins and broke 1st in the region, with Neo rank-

ing as the best speaker. Beta also dominated, winning four out of six rounds and ranking ninth. Both teams will be preparing for SACEE Championships, where they will go up against all the best teams from the other regions in the province. They are truly a force to be reckoned with.

By Molemo Maleaka

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ReadytoWork DebatingChallenge 2018



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In the week of love...

The month of love is a widely celebrated event wherein people show love to the significant people in their lives and cement their relationships. Here, at RHS, it is a time where joy and laughter tinge the air and love is everywhere.

During our Valentine's Week, the different grades all had their own functions and events to contribute to creating this atmosphere: the grade 8s had an RHSian love newspaper, wherein you could send messages to the important

people in your life; the grade 9s were in charge of song requests, which were played in UEFA during break; the grade 10s had crazy socks, which everyone could wear on the day; the grade 11s were playing Cupid by delivering gifts to people; and the grade 12s had a matric-only foam party on Friday, the 16th.

When interviewed, this was what people had to say: Sagwati Ngobeni (Gr 12): "It was amazing. We enjoyed ourselves and I will never

forget it."

Zinhle Mdlalose (Gr 10): "The Valentine's Week this year was one of the best ones I have ever had; it was definitely a success."

All in all, the week was a total hit, with people dancing on a Wednesday morning and wearing their favorite socks. It is safe to say that we knocked this one out of the park.

By Neo Oratile Tsotetsi



Daredevils Indeed

Hollard, an insurance and broker company, hosts an annual fun run called the Daredevil/Prostate cancer run to raise funds and create awareness about Prostate cancer. This fun run can be entered by any male from any age and boasts a 5km run/walk which starts at Zoo Lake, past the Hollard offices, past Johannes-

burg Zoo and back to Zoo Lake. The money generated through the event is used for research purposes in combating Prostate cancer and bringing stigma of male cancer to light.

On the 16th of March 2018, the national event which takes place in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Bloemfontein and Durban was attended by our



very own RHSians, namely: Mr. Dlamini, Mr. Damoense, Mr. Bradford, Bra Joe and a few of the RCL boys - Mpumelelo Malejoane, Mninawa Ntsepo, Londolozza Mlawuli, William Mudila, Aobakwe Sephiri, Katlego Masebe, Oratile Meso and Keikantseona Koapeng.

When speaking to our Head Boy Mpumelelo Malejoane, he said, "Although walking and running half-naked on the streets was not an ideal thing to do, participating in a campaign for cancer is what encouraged me to take part." He said it was important for him to take part in the run because he wanted to be part of the statistics that rallied for this campaign. "It was out of my comfort zone, so I don't mind doing it again."

Thato Kwadi



Reaping the harvest

This year, Randfontein High School is all about going big and giving as many RHSians as possible the necessary exposure to flourish even more. That is why, in Term 1, a series of outings were organised to show RHSians that life is filled with numerous opportunities and that anything can be accomplished through sheer willpower and a strong desire to succeed.

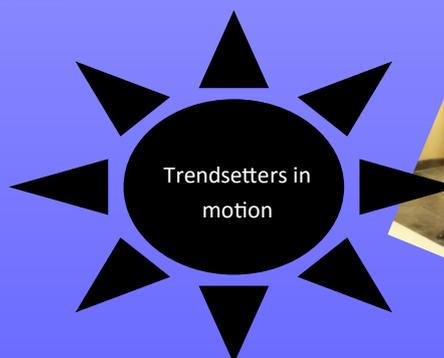
The Legion of Eagles were rewarded with an exciting trip to Sounds of Celebration V at the Emperor's Palace Musical Theatre where they saw musical per-

formances that left them absolutely astounded. The Laureate members and the newly founded Black Tie Club members were also in on the fun and saw just how awesome music can be in its top form; certainly an outing that they will never forget!

Additionally, Randfontein High School once again featured at the Randfontein Show for the Women's World Prayer day on the 2nd of March 2018. People prayed for and highlighted worldwide issues, as well as demonstrating the power prayer, women and action have on the world.

The esteemed Randfontein High School Choir also participated and gave the people a stunning performance that delighted the crowd. The Choir also celebrated turning 20 years old with pride and showed everyone our Proud RHSian Fire!

By Ruan Carlinsky



Taking care of the Pride

RHS is no doubt one of the best schools in South Africa and well known for our Proud Lion Spirit. That is why we once again took the liberty to show everyone that Generosity is also a crucial part of our Lion Spirit!

It is the dream of many to be part of this school and, once you are here, it is important to form part of this community. That is why the RHS Executive Council and RCL run a program called Ikhaya Lakho which means 'Your Home' in Zulu .

The project's main aim is for the school learners and its

supporting community (parents and affiliates) to support the needy in RHS, our home away from home.

This is something we need the help of parents and learners to do. If everyone can donate one toiletry to the Ikhaya Lakho reserves, we can give to those in our school who need the most. This is important because of what toiletries mean to people: that is what makes them comfortable with leaving their homes to face the world, and a crucial need which often goes unnoticed. To donate, you can

give the toiletries to any of the RCLs or to teachers during parents' meetings and school functions.

We surely hope that the Ikhaya Lakho project will continue to put smiles on the faces of some learners in Randfontein High School year by year and that its legacy will live on.

In the words of Steve Maraboli "A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal".

By Neo Oratile Tsotetsi

Girls' and Boys' Assemblies

Once a term, the RCL host one girls' and one boy's assembly. These assemblies are used to discuss issues with the learners which are relevant to them. Term 1 of 2018 was no different, with both a girls' and boys' assembly not only being host-

ed, but memorable as well.

The girls' assembly had different performances from dance to poetry while the boys' equivalent boasted rap music and they were able to engage their environments with a

council of learners who could or have experienced the same thing and can relate to them better.

All in all, the assemblies were unforgettable and we wait to see what term 2 has in store for us.

By Neo Oratile Tsotetsi

Your new Junior Council

The RCL is composed of two bodies: the Senior Council and the Junior Council. The senior council is composed of matrics while the junior council is composed of grade reps who are elected by their respective grades.

During the course of the term, class representatives elections were held in the register classes of each of the grades and the class reps were elected. The class representatives later elected Grade Representatives within

themselves.

Introducing the Junior RCL of the year 2018:

- Grade 8:
Oreabetse Maribe
Makwae
Khathutshelo Masilo
Busisiwe Mnguni
- Grade 9:
Tumelo Sekete
Thabo Sechele
Unathi Solomon
Lebohang Kaotsane

- Grade 10:
Fezile Koom
Mmamathlale Mosete
Thato Kwadi
Bonolo Maribe
- Grade 11:
Rose Montoe
Noluthando Thinta
Manasse Matshitse
Thato Mankayi

Feet of gold: RHS' newest sport sensation...

The long awaited National Athletics Championships took place on the 21-24th of March. It was a titanic meeting between all nine provinces. Spectators of all ages arrived in hordes just to experience the electrifying excitement in Potchefstroom.

A lot of talk revolved around the newest RHSian athletic sensation, Hudson "The Lion Heart" Phiri who represented RHS and Gauteng who already for a second successive time, broke his own personal best in the 100m dash. He

made sure of a scintillating performance. It was very close to the existing record that was set not so long ago.

In a recent interview with him, he gave all the credit to his coaches who made sure that his techniques was mastered to the finest detail. He looked like a lion ready to pounce or like Usain Bolt in the starting blocks."It was a lot of hard work and a a lot of sweat was shed but at the end of the day it was all worth it."

It was truly a colossal meeting between all the big names but the

RHSian Hudson "The Lion Heart" Phiri surely left his mark and for that we at RHS congratulate you...

Keep roaring and you'll carry the South African flag at the Olympics.

By Ree Bok



Teamwork makes the dream work

"I would have played tennis if I wanted individual trophies."

Vusi is not interested in wining RHS soccer player of the year!

The RHSian goalkeeper is adamant that he is not interested in winning individual trophies and would rather pick a league win with the RHSian footballing team. "It's not about individual trophies. Of course individual trophies are important but not winning one is not going to be the end of

the world. It's important, I know but I think other trophies are important too like winning the league with my teammates for my school."

It is evident that the priority of this team is to succeed as a unit and leave no man behind.

Truly well said. Keep on working hard and continue roaring in the goal with that RHSian pride!

By Ree Bok



On the purity of the sport

In recent interviews with a few RHSian cricketers, they were asked to give their opinions on the ball tampering scandal and this is what they had to say...

Tristan Miller (16) (in the picture to the right) RHSian All-Rounder: "In my opinion, what they did was disgraceful! There was no honour or any form of proper leadership in what they did. Cricket is a noble sport and with it comes

discipline. Inability to abide by the rules of the game on top of that, disrespecting the opposition by cheating is a flaming middle finger to the fans, the game and to the opposition.

Oageng Mdelela (18) RHSian Wicket-keeper and Batsman: "What they did was wrong. World class players such as ex-captain Steve Smith and David Warner should not be doing what they did seeing that they are the guys putting cricket in the map

globally."

It is evident that they are not happy with what the Australians did but their love of the game is undeniable and that is why they are urging students to play the game of cricket.

Keep slaying with that spirit guys and your dreams will soon be a reality.

By Ree Bok



SAVE THE DATE

- 16 April: Wear your slippers to school day
- 24 April: Ditch Day
- 26 April: Legion of Eagles excursion
- 11 May: Mothers' Day Celebration
- 12 May: Fearlessly Bold Mother and
Daughter Function
- 15 May: RACA Entries close
Grade 12 Choc Chip Day
- 16 May: Grade 9 Slipper Day
- 18 May: Grade 11 Pizza Day
- 25 May: Black Tie and Old Boys Function
- 28 May: Mid-year examinations begin
- 1 June: Individual, Matric and RCL photos
to be taken
- 8 June: Grade 12 Best Friend Day
Men's Evening
- 11 June: RCL Nominations open
- 15 June: Fathers' and Youth Day
Celebration
- 22 June: RCL Nominations Close
School closes
- 30 June: Report collection



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Trendsetters in motion



Cubs' Corner

Since day one, it's been all about making learning fun and adventurous for the cubs. Mr. Nimmo, the center manager, is happy about his transition from the Lions to the Cubs and, although it's a huge responsibility to be the father of the family, he is proud to be part of the Twinkle Stars team.

The little cubs have a schedule to follow. They first arrive between 7 and 8am. They then take morning register, eat breakfast, and thereafter go out play during clubs period. They proceed to have a period 1 where they do numeracy or art, then move on to period 2 which can be literacy or technology.

The cubs have another snack break then full day kids sleep and half day kids go home.

This schedule not only helps the

kids have the most fun, it also makes sure our little stars are energized so they can continue exploring.

Moreover, Twinkle stars were part of Randfontein Show as the opening act and are the only pre-school partaking in the Randfontein Show Pom-Poms. The dance routine was choreographed by Mr. Khaya Dhladla and Ms. Angie Rocha.

The cubs also hosted their mini Olympics on the 11 March. There were different events to partake in such as shot-put, bike races, sprints, soccer kids and many more. Parents came and had fun with the cubs and there was a DJ who was there for entertainment. The cubs thoroughly enjoyed their day with their educators and parents.

Mr. Nimmo's goals were

achieved when he wanted the cubs to have fun without getting hurt team work in order to thrive and everyone to have the individual attention needed.

Twinkle stars also donated shoes on that day, showing that they also care about others and the RHSian values of community are strong. Their act of kindness will be deeply appreciated by the children who will receive these shoes.

By Katlego Banda



THE NEW TWINKLE STARS!!!



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