



Holy Rosary School

Nurturing God-given Talents

High School Newsletter 23 September 2020 Term 3 - Newsletter 4

Dear Parents and Pupils

What is Heritage Day? Most of us see it as a day off work or school; a long weekend to relax and try forget our worries. But Heritage Day is a lot more than that. It is a day where we celebrate our differences, our cultural traditions, communities and heritage, everything that makes us uniquely South African. This day is often spent around a braai being merry with our friends and family. It is a time to come together and be one.



Although Heritage Day is a newly implemented holiday in South Africa, it has lots of historical significance. In many parts of the country, Heritage Day is also known as Shaka Day. Shaka Day commemorates the legendary King Shaka Zulu. Shaka Zulu played an important role in uniting different Zulu clans into one cohesive Zulu nation in Kwa-Zulu Natal. If Shaka Zulu were still alive, he would be encouraging all of us to become one and to live cohesively with each other, no matter our differences. We would be encouraged to acknowledge and embrace and accept our differences rather than hide from them.

This is a day where we remember where we came from and where we are now. A day where we celebrate not only our heritage but other people's heritage too. We must remember that it is our differences that make us such a unique nation and they can help us create a strong nation, a nation that has experienced and still needs to face many hardships, but if we embrace these challenges and work together, there is nothing our nation can't overcome.

I leave you with this quote by the first Democratic President of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah, 'I am African, not just because I was born in Africa but because Africa was born in me.'

Miss. A. Pistorius

Head of History

GENERAL

Prayers

Please remember the following members of the HRS family who are in need of your supportive prayers:

- ✠ those families and teachers in our primary and high schools who have contracted the Covid virus;
- ✠ those families and teachers in our primary and high schools who have been victims of crime.

Please remember all those in our Holy Rosary family who are in need, or who are suffering in any way.

COLLECTION OF PUPILS AFTER SCHOOL

We are aware of the busy traffic in the afternoon after school, especially on Horwood Road. Parents are most welcome to park at Shanahan and then girls can walk down Viner Road and meet their parents there.

PROVINCIAL / NATIONAL COLOURS PHOTOS

Please take note that the above photos will be taken on 1 October 2020. Recipients of their colours must please wear the relevant kit on the day.

THE WEEK AHEAD ...

OCTOBER		
1	Interhouse Athletics Track Events @ Shanahan (No spectators)	14:30
2	Last Grade 12 teaching day	
	Interhouse Athletics Field Events @ Shanahan (No spectators)	14:30

GRATITUDE

Understandably, 2020 has been one of the most difficult years in many of our lives but instead of looking at the negative things that have happened, I have decided to look at the positives and show a little *gratitude*. I would like to start off by saying how extremely grateful I am to have been given the position of Deputy Head Girl of Religion and hope to serve this role with humility and love. Many good things have come of this year such as: an improvement in our environment with very little pollution occurring for a few months; light has been shed on countries in dire need for help from the rest of the world (such as Yemen); communities have come together to help one another and the poorer communities, by starting food drives and collecting clothing and essential items; women and child abuse has become a topic of conversation amongst the tongues of government officials (even though it has been a prevailing problem for hundreds of years). Despite this year having some very low lows, I think that it is safe to say that God used this pandemic to shed light on many situations as well as slow everyone down to have time to smell the roses, reflect on themselves, catch up on things they have missed while they were too busy rushing around, and make people aware of things that are going on around them but most importantly He gave us more time to spend with Him in prayer. I feel very privileged to be at a school like Holy Rosary, with amazing teachers who worked very hard during the lockdown to ensure that the students could continue with the curriculum and not fall behind. I am very grateful for the teachers and School Board who made decisions that benefitted each of the students greatly. I am thankful for the new skills I have learned during online school that I will surely take into the workplace with me one day. I am mostly grateful for the protection God provided my family and friends with during these difficult times and pray that He will continue to bless and protect all of us, my school and all the families and staff of Holy Rosary.

Remember to have some gratitude and not an attitude! ☺
Wishing all the girls and staff an amazing long weekend!

Yours in faith,

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