



Holy Rosary Primary School

Nurturing God-given talents



24 January 2020

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL



Happy New Year one and all! I trust that **2020** will be a **year of plenty** for our entire Holy Rosary school community. This year we shall celebrate our eightieth birthday as a school community. We are immensely proud of the phenomenal legacy that has been created by the Holy Rosary Sisters, Bishop Shanahan and all the wonderful families whose daughters have been educated here at Holy Rosary over the past eight decades.

It is always a delight to observe our girls, at all levels, returning to school after a long holiday. They are noticeably taller, older and more rested than when we said goodbye to them. The beginning of every year brings an air of expectation and promise; we should actually find some way to bottle this positivity and distribute it widely throughout the rest of the year.

We extend an especially warm welcome to all our new girls and their families. We are thrilled to have you join us as members of this unique and special school community, and we look forward to getting to know you all better as time unfolds. Please be assured that you have made a wise and wonderful choice. At the start of every year, we all, as parents, deal with the shock of the cost of living in general and the cost of education in particular; (from uniforms, to stationery and school fees)! We, as a school community, are ever mindful of these harsh realities and wish to sincerely thank all our parents for the sacrifices they make to send their daughters to this wonderful school. We are aware of the significant investment that you choose to make. As a school community we continuously strive to honour your investment by affording your daughters a diverse, high-quality educational offering and consistently add sincere and unique value to each of your girls through professional, nurturing, educationally sound interactions.



Working with young people is exhilarating and challenging. We are kept on our toes all the time. At times this process can be challenging when we (the adults) can see something up ahead but the child is convinced they know better and need to be gently guided to follow the safest, wisest path. We, as teachers, persevere and delight in teaching because we believe. We believe we were called to make a difference and we believe in each and every girl's potential and in the many possibilities they each possess for personal success and immeasurable greatness. Built into this belief are hope and trust:

essential ingredients in the growing of anyone - but especially children. So, we hope for the best and we continuously cultivate this expectation.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to our facilities, security and administrative staff. They all worked hard during the holidays to clean and prepare the school for our return. Many facility updates from structural to technological, took place and these initiatives are continuing to happen as we speak! Most noteworthy among these are the two banks of new iPads that we have received, this is a wonderful addition to our IT Department offering. The staffroom also got a facelift. All teachers and their support staff have spent hours preparing educationally appropriate materials, creating child-centred classrooms, and all have been hard at work reviewing 21st century methodologies for current strategies of teaching and learning. The classrooms are beginning to look amazing! The school secretaries have registered new pupils, put together information packs to send home with interested pupils, and have organized new stationery packs, materials and class data for all our girls and teachers.

As good as it is to communicate with you all in written format it is the intimacy of face-to-face interaction that I value most. Please know that my staff and I all have an open door policy, and welcome any opportunity to meet with you. We are looking forward to our collaboration in providing a safe and nurturing educational environment as well as a challenging and diverse curriculum. During the upcoming school year, I encourage you to take an active role in your child's learning. Parent involvement plays a critical role in any school's success.

Ways to support and increase your child's academic success:



- Encourage your child's regular school attendance.
- Check the Holy Rosary School App and weekly newsletters to stay informed of critical school matters.
- Sign up to the class whatsapp group and stay informed of class-specific matters.
- Communicate often with your child's homeroom teacher – (the more we know, the better we are at assisting each girl in our care.)
- Read with your child at least 20 minutes a day – ALL the WAY TO GR 7.
- Limit your daughter's television and social media exposure, encourage outside play, intimate conversations, quiet reading and community service activities, board games and a range of sports.
- Review the school day with your child on a daily basis.
- Actively monitor your daughter's cell phone and regularly check its content and settings to ensure her safety. She is still a minor and you need to guide and support her in this sphere of communication. There are predators that seek to lure our children in a number of ways.
- Please be actively involved in school events and activities – consider joining the PA or offer to teach knitting or crocheting, participate in community partnership projects, or become an umpire or a sports coach – our children learn more from what we do than from what we say.

The staff and I are looking forward to an educationally rewarding school year with you and your children.

Mrs M. van Ryneveld
Principal

Parable of the Pencil

By Author Unknown)

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box.

There are 5 things you need to know, he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.

- 1: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.
- 2: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.
- 3: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.
- 4: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.
- 5: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

The dawn of a new year is so exciting! It fills us with optimism and provides an opportunity to learn from our mistakes in the past and to reach closure. It is a time to make new resolutions and to begin afresh. At the beginning of 2020, we come before the Lord in thanksgiving for the grace of another year. We ask Him to bless our families with love, happiness and protection and to instil in all people a desire for peace and a spirit of understanding, compassion and tolerance. Each day, may we strive to portray the actions of Jesus in our interactions with others.

2020 is very special year for Holy Rosary School as we are celebrating our 80th Anniversary. Our school has evolved from its humble beginnings, in a tiny house with eight pupils, into the wonderful centre of education which it is today. The school now has a current total enrolment of 892 pupils and it has the most amazing facilities!

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Come, Holy Spirit,

Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,

A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,

A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,

A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Be with us today and always.

Amen.

At the Academic Mass, which was attended by Grades I to 12 pupils, we thanked God for all of the blessings which he has bestowed on Holy Rosary, since its inception. The girls and staff reflected on the vision of our founder, Bishop Joseph Shanahan, and the Holy Rosary Sisters, whose faith, dedication, commitment, generosity and hard work allowed our school to develop into what it is today.

May God bless us and hold our Holy Rosary family in the palm of His gentle hand.

Mrs M. Fitzpatrick.
HOD: Religious Education.

GRADE R NEWS

- Our girls spent a busy week attending lessons around the school. They have adjusted so well to their new routine and environment.
We enjoyed our first Tuck Shop today. Please remember to send an empty lunchbox and juice with R20 in the Holy Rosary purse, to school each Friday. Cooler boxes are not necessary.
- Forms for Extra Mural activities as well as a collection schedule have been sent home today. Please hand in the registration forms and your schedule to your class teacher. Extra Murals will start on **Monday, 27th January**. (Karate- Monday, Playball – Tuesday, Playfit – Wednesday, Gymnastics- Thursday, Pottery- Friday)
- Please return all Whatsapp Group forms by **Monday, 27th January**.
- Please note that the Puppet Show which was scheduled for the 30th January has been moved to the 6th February as the puppet lady had to move reschedule dates.
- We used our first swimming lesson to become accustomed to the routine of changing etc. We started off slowly and loved having a little dip in the pool. We shall be swimming on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from next week. Please ensure that all swimming kit (including the towel and slops) are clearly labelled.
- Please note that a Grade R teacher will be attending the early morning staff meeting at 7h30 each morning (starting on Monday, 3rd February). The class assistant and the other teacher will be responsible for the class while the teacher is at the meeting. The relevant teacher will be back in her class by 7h45.

Mrs L. Latré
HOD: Grade R

SCHOOL TERM AND SCHOOL TIMES

Term 1:

Opens: Wednesday, 15th January, 2020

Closes: Thursday, 9th April, 2020

Mid Term Break: Friday, 28th February 2020

Monday, 2nd March 2020

School opening time: 7:40

School closing times:

Gr R: Mon – Fri: 13:00

Gr 1 - 2: Mon – Thurs: 13:30

Fri: 13:00

Gr 3: Mon – Thurs: 14:05

Fri: 13:00

Gr 4 – 7: Mon – Thurs: 14:05

Fri: 13:35



PRIMARY SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS: hrrprimary@holyroaryschool.co.za



Phumelela Outreach Programme is needing towels and costumes, for boys and girls, for their swimming lessons which begin at the end of January.

Please could you drop off your donations with Mrs Benigno at reception.



JANUARY		
25	Summer Splash at St Mary's	
27	Confession: Gr 7K/V	
28	Intersen Phase Information Afternoon (Gr 4 – 7)	17:30
29	Mass: Grade 6B	07:45
31	Assembly: Grade 5V	
FEBRUARY		
01	CSO Annual Schools Gathering at Sacred Heart	
03	Confession: Gr 6L/B	
	Retreat Grade 4A & D	
04	Retreat Grade 4M & 5D	
05	Mass: Grade 3P	
	Retreat Grade 5J and 5V	

ITALIAN LESSONS

Dante Alighieri has been teaching Italian in Johannesburg since 1927. With 90 years of experience, we continue today. We teach Italian to children from the age of 3 to 18 years, as an extramural activity or extra curricular subject, in private courses and at different schools. We ensure that learning becomes a fun and memorable experience. Dante Alighieri has also taught and accompanied many pupils towards their Matric exams.

It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce Italian tuition in 2020 at Holy Rosary from Reception Year through to Grade 9 as an extra-mural activity. Day and times will be arranged with parents. Please meet with us on Monday, 27th January at 14:00 at Holy Rosary School.

Dante Alighieri, Italian in Johannesburg since 1927.
 Contacts: 011 728 6727 / dantea@netactive.co.za / dantejhb.com





FOR A BETTER
tomorrow

Dates to Diarise for 2020

Debs' Market Days	31 st January, 27 th March, 29 th May, 17 th July, 23 rd October
Debs' Grade 4 to Grade 6 Slumber Party	21 st February
Debs' Grade 1 to Grade 3 Pyjama Party	13 th March
Debs' Fashion Show	3 rd April
Debs' to Cater for Primary School Netball Festival	16 th May
Debs' to Cater for Primary School Netball Festival	23 rd May
Debs' Family Quiz	29 th May
Debs' Golf Day	12 th June (TBC)
Debs' Ball	5 th September
Debs' Food & Wine	2 nd October

Every year the Debs come up with a motto. Congratulations on choosing this motto for the year:

FOR A BETTER
tomorrow

Ladies, always remember to have lots of fun and create special memories.

Take care
Mrs de Castro



Holy Rosary School



OPEN DAY

**Independent girls' school Grade 0 – 12
with co-ed Pre-Primary**

Saturday 15th Feb

09.00 – 11.30



HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL EXTRA – CURRICULAR ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAMME 2020

DAY OF THE WEEK	TIME	TERM 1	TERM2	TERM3	TEACHER / COACH
MONDAY	14:15 - 15:15	SENIOR PRIM. CHOIR	SENIOR PRIM. CHOIR	SENIOR PRIM. CHOIR	MRS. H. HEYMANS MRS. L. PRICE
TUESDAY	06:50 – 07:25	ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLE	ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLE	ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLE	MRS. H. HEYMANS MRS. L. PRICE
	13:30 - 14:00	JUNIOR PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE	----- ----	JUNIOR PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE	MRS. H. HEYMANS MRS. L. PRICE
WEDNESDAY	14:15 - 14:45	JUNIOR PRIM. CHOIR	JUNIOR PRIM. CHOIR	JUNIOR PRIM. CHOIR	MRS. L. PRICE MRS. H. HEYMANS
	15:20 - 16:05	SENIOR MARIMBA BAND (MAJESTIX)	SENIOR MARIMBA BAND (MAJESTIX)	SENIOR MARIMBA BAND (MAJESTIX)	MRS B PHILLIPS
	16:05 - 16:45	JUNIOR MARIMBA BAND (JAZZ HANDS)	JUNIOR MARIMBA BAND (JAZZ HANDS)	JUNIOR MARIMBA BAND (JAZZ HANDS)	MRS. H. HEYMANS MRS. L. PRICE
THURSDAY	06:55 - 07:25	DRUMMING BAND	DRUMMING BAND	DRUMMING BAND	MRS. B. PHILLIPS
	13:00- 13:30	----- ---	GRADE R CHOIR	----- --	MRS. L. LATRE MRS. L. PRICE
	13:30 - 14:00	LITTLE STARS' CHOIR	LITTLE STARS' CHOIR	LITTLE STARS' CHOIR	MRS H HEYMANS MRS. L. PRICE
	14:15 - 15:00	COMMUNITY ART	COMMUNITY ART	COMMUNITY ART	MRS. D. HORSTEN MRS. I. CASSARINO

HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE FOR SPORT TERM 1

Monday

<u>Time</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/SPORT</u>	<u>GR0</u>	<u>GR1</u>	<u>GR2</u>	<u>GR3</u>	<u>GR4</u>	<u>GR5</u>	<u>GR6</u>	<u>GR7</u>
06:30-07h15	Early morning swimming (A & B Teams)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13h40 - 14h20	Swimming practice Gr 1 and 2 **		✓	✓					
14h15-15h15	Gr 3 and Gr 4 A and B team swimming practice				✓	✓			
14h15 – 15h15	Tennis practice				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Tuesday

<u>Time</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/SPORT</u>	<u>GR0</u>	<u>GR1</u>	<u>GR2</u>	<u>GR3</u>	<u>GR4</u>	<u>GR5</u>	<u>GR6</u>	<u>GR7</u>
14h15 – 15h15	Social sports					✓	✓	✓	✓

Wednesday

<u>Time</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/SPORT</u>	<u>GR0</u>	<u>GR1</u>	<u>GR2</u>	<u>GR3</u>	<u>GR4</u>	<u>GR5</u>	<u>GR6</u>	<u>GR7</u>
13h40 - 14h20	Learn to swim		✓	✓					
14h15-15h15	Swimming non-team				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14h15 - 15h15	Tennis practice				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Thursday

<u>Time</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/SPORT</u>	<u>GR0</u>	<u>GR1</u>	<u>GR2</u>	<u>GR3</u>	<u>GR4</u>	<u>GR5</u>	<u>GR6</u>	<u>GR7</u>
06h30 - 07h15	Early morning swimming (A and B teams)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13h30-16h30	Tennis matches				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13h40 - 14h20	Swimming practice Gr 1 and 2		✓	✓					
14h15-15h15	Gr 3 and Gr 4 A and B team swimming				✓	✓			
15h10 - 16h15	Gr 5,6 and 7 A and B team swimming Practice						✓	✓	✓

Friday

<u>Time</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/SPORT</u>	<u>GR0</u>	<u>GR1</u>	<u>GR2</u>	<u>GR3</u>	<u>GR4</u>	<u>GR5</u>	<u>GR6</u>	<u>GR7</u>
13h00-16h30	Swimming galas A and B teams				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

EXTRA MURAL INFORMATION 2020

All pupils who are participating in extra-murals must meet under the covered walkway at the end of the school day. Registers will be taken and pupils must walk down to Shanahan Park with the teacher/coaches in charge. Pupils who are not collected from Shanahan Park, will be walked back up to Aftercare at the end of the last extra-mural session.

Grade 1 and 2 Swimming Practice.

These sessions are for Grade 1 and 2 pupils who are able to swim 25m freestyle and 25m backstroke without assistance.

Grade 1 and 2 Learn to Swim.

These sessions are for Grade 1 and 2 pupils who cannot swim without assistance.

Gr 3 – 7 Swimming.

These sessions are for Grade 3-7 pupils who have made the School A or B swimming teams. Team lists will be put on the sports' notice board.

Early Morning Swimming

These sessions are for Grade 3-7 pupils who have made the Schools A or B swimming team.

Swimming Training

These sessions are for Grade 3-7 pupils who are not in the schools' swimming teams, but are competent in swimming. (participants will still be timed during these practices)

Junior Hockey Academy

This will take place on Saturdays as per the letter that has already gone out to parents. Should you not have received a letter, please see the "Weeks Ahead" for times for your daughter's grade. If anyone is willing to help to coach – please let Miss Sincock know, if you have not already given her your name.

Social Sports

Every two weeks, on a Tuesday, we shall be offering different types of sports for the girls from Gr 4-7 to enable them to partake in varied activities. Please look on the "Weeks Ahead" to determine the sport in which the girls will participate. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If your child would like to participate in a cultural activity, you may attend the following swimming trainings:

- 1x morning training or
- 1x afternoon training

If the cultural and sport activities clash, the pupils will need to choose the extra mural in which they wish to partake.

Mrs A. Watson
HOD: Primary sport

PHYS ED TIMETABLE TERM 1

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	AGE GROUP	TEACHER
WEEK 2	27 th – 31 st January and 01 st February				
27th	Monday	06h30 – 07h15	Early morning Swimming	Gr 3-7	Ms Gouws
		13h40 – 14h20	Swimming Practice	Gr 1-2	Ms Steyn
		14h15 – 15h15	Swimming practice A and B team	Gr 3 and 4	Ms Gouws
		14h15 – 16h00	Netball (Trials)	Gr 4	Ms Lottering
		14h15 – 15h15	Tennis practice	Gr 3-7	Ms Sincock
28th	Tuesday	14h15 – 16h00	Netball Trials	Gr 7	Ms Lottering
		14h15 – 15h15	Social sports	Gr 4-7	All Staff
29th	Wednesday	13h40 – 14h20	Learn to Swim	Gr 1 & 2	Ms Gouws and Ms Steyn
		14h15 – 15h15	Swimming training.	Gr 3-7	Ms Gouws
		14h15 – 16h00	All rained out netball trials	Gr 4-7	Ms Lottering
		14h15 – 15h15	Tennis practice	Gr 3-7	Mrs Watson
30th	Thursday	06h30 – 07h15	Early morning training A and B team	Gr 3-7	Ms Gouws
		13h30 – 16h30	Tennis matches A & B = St Andrew’s C & D = Shanahan vs St Stithian’s	Gr 4-7	Ms Sincock and Mrs Watson
		13h40 – 14h20	Swimming practice	Gr 1&2	Ms Steyn
		14h15 – 15h15	Swimming practice	Gr 3 & 4 A and B team	Ms Gouws
		15h10 – 16h15	Swimming practice	Gr 5-7 A and B team	Ms Gouws
31st	Friday	13h00 – 16h30	Swimming Gala at A – St Katherines B - APPS	Gr 6 and 7 only	All staff
01st	Saturday	08h00 – 09h30 09h30 – 11h00	Junior Hockey Academy at Shanahan	Gr 1-3 Gr 4-7	Ms Sincock

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	AGE GROUP	TEACHER
WEEK 3	03rd-08th February				
03rd	Monday	06h30 – 07h15	Early morning Swimming	Gr 3-7	Ms Gouws
		13h40 – 14h20	Swimming Practice	Gr 1-2	Ms Gouws and Ms Steyn
		14h15 – 15h15	Swimming practice A and B team	Gr 3 and 4	Ms Gouws and Ms Steyn
		14h15 – 15h15	Tennis practice	Gr 3-7	Ms Sincock
04th	Tuesday	14h15 – 15h15	Social Sports - Soccer	Gr 4-7	All coaches
05th	Wednesday	13h40 – 14h20	Learn to Swim	Gr 1 & 2	Ms Gouws and Ms Steyn
		14h15 – 15h15	Swimming Non Team	Gr 3-7	Ms Gouws
		14h15 – 15h15	Tennis practice	Gr 3-7	Mrs Watson
06th	Thursday	06h30 – 07h15	Early morning training A and B team	Gr 3-7	Ms Gouws
		13h30 – 16h30	Tennis matches A & B = APPS C & D = St Andrew’s	Gr 3-7	Ms Sincock and Mrs Watson
		13h40 – 14h20	Swimming practice	Gr 1&2	Ms Steyn and Ms Gouws
		14h15 – 15h15	Swimming practice	Gr 3 & 4 A and B team	Ms Gouws and Ms Steyn
		15h10 – 16h00	Swimming practice	Gr 5-7 A and B team	Ms Gouws
07th	Friday	13h00 – 16h30	Swimming Gala at Kingsmead	B team only Gr 3-7	All staff
08th	Saturday	08h00 – 09h30 09h30 – 11h00	Junior Hockey Academy at Shanahan	Gr 1-3 Gr 4-7	Ms Sincock

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

If you would like to join the
Parents Association,
please contact either :

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REACH

for success!

Respect

Effort

Attitude

Cooperation

Honesty

PA EVENT DATES

20 March 2020	* Father and Daughter Braai
27 February 2020	* Timeshare Raffle goes out
4 May 2020	* Timeshare Raffle ends
8 May 2020	* Timeshare Raffle draw at assembly
3 June 2020	* Holy Rosary School's 80th Birthday
5 June 2020	* Magic Show
18 September 2020	* Family Outdoor Movie Night
7 October 2020	* Rosary Day
7 November 2020	* Moms and Daughters Breakfast
21 November 2020	* PA Year End Function



FULL TIME

**AU PAIR
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
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