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Newsletter

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From the Head's Desk

NEWS

Dear Mums and Dads

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year has passed by and come to an end. Thank you for your faith, trust, and commitment to the all that is Reddam House Umhlanga and all we strive to be. It is your confidence in the school and our strong educational values that help us to give each student an opportunity to thrive within a very caring environment. We respect the sacrifices each family makes to send their children to our school, and we will continue to put your children first in everything we do! This was a very busy year and you, as our partners in education, played a great role in making it a success!

Although it has been an eventful period, it is the time when I most realise how blessed we all are to be part of the Reddam Family. Parents, teachers, admin and support staff commit their time and energy every day towards creating a nurturing environment in which children can thrive! It is difficult to identify specific highlights because there are genuinely so many. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students over the year.

As the term draws to a close, we can begin to focus on all things holiday related, putting up the Christmas tree, reading lots of books, eating copious amounts of shortbread and Christmas Cake while also enjoying long, hot, lazy days around the pool and on the beach. Whether you celebrate the festive season for religious purposes, out of tradition, habit or not at all, to some extent we all feel the magic and excitement that this time of the year brings. By concentrating on simple pleasures it may just be one of the most inspiring times of the year, great food, your favourite company and an opportunity to try and give without the expectation of receiving.

In keeping with the tinsel talk, my staff and I wish you the merriest time of the year.

Until next time

Penny Alston

P.J. Alston (Mrs)

THANK YOU

A huge vote of thanks and appreciation is extended to Simona Rogan and Christine Slatter along with a host of very helpful mums for their amazing decor, delicious dinner and fabulous efforts in organizing the Grade 7 Farewell Dinner. It was simply a glorious evening from start to finish.

Lynette Pencilliah
Hedwig Ehrich
Janine Archer
Caroline Wylly
Belinda Harding
Adelene Coleman
Mandy Rodrigues
Nirasha Kannigadu

Randy Li
Tanya Dally
Yoland Smith
Natalie Whittle
Clare Ramsay
Candice Lewis
Karin Ellis
Nicola Doxey

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

SUNSET PROMS

The 2018 Sunset Proms saw every ensemble at Reddam House Umhlanga take to the stage.

With almost completely new repertoire, new staging and new direction, our wonderful young musicians, dressed in their best, became true young professionals, putting on a fantastic show of music old and new.

From our JP and SP bands playing Bieber & Havannah, to our College Orchestra playing Brahms, every single musician on stage pushed the level of Music at Reddam House Umhlanga even higher.

We are extremely grateful to all the staff who helped behind the scene in every aspect and of course to our Reddam House Umhlanga Music Department Parents, for their continued support and trust.

It truly was a magnificent evening of music.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

At the end of 2018, we sadly say goodbye to Mr Nic Engel, who leaves us to be closer to his community. He will be missed here in the Music Department, being a constant source of encouragement and energy.

We also say a farewell to Ms Olifant (Fifi) who has been involved in our strings department teaching violin and cello and helping our orchestras. An outstanding musician, she has raised the level of technique and discipline in the orchestras at Reddam House Umhlanga and we will miss her dearly.

Whilst we are never happy to see staff leave, the Music Department here at Reddam House Umhlanga is GROWING!

From 2019 we will be offering a wider variety of instruments, including saxophone, flute, clarinet and brass instruments. We will also be partnering with the Durban Music School, to facilitate (where possible) the hiring of instruments on a termly basis to help students ease into the instrument before on needs to be purchased.

All of these details, including teachers, and hiring facilities will be available on the Reddam House Umhlanga App shortly.

Lastly, a huge thank you from the Music Department for your continued support and trust in 2018. It has been a year of change and transition but our focus remains the same - producing outstanding young performers with and absolute passion for music.

Have a fantastic Festive Season.

The Reddam House Umhlanga Music Department.

UNIFORM SHOP

We are ever conscious of the cost of uniform and sports kit. In order to provide you with a better and more accessible service, the second hand school shop has moved from underneath the ELS to the College. The shop will open by appointment only, please contact Petra Batho on 082 3997960 or www.facebook.com/rhuniformshop.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Soccer:

Congratulations to Judea Reddy, Levi Naidoo and Declan Shaw for competing in the Dubai Winter Classic and finishing in 2nd place.

Tennis:

Well done to Josh de Beer and Jonty Wiggett for winning the Senior and Junior Reid Tennis Challenge respectively.

Inter House:

2018 Winners of the Inter House Trophy are Mackenzie.

2019 Trial Dates:

Wednesday 16 Jan 2019 – SP cricket and Action Netball Trials 14h15-16h00

Thursday 17 Jan- SP Water Polo Trials 14h15-16h00

Friday 18 Jan – Grade 3 -7 Swimming time trials 8h00-12h30

Saturday 19 Jan – SP Tennis Trials 7h30-12h30

Junior Prep sport starts on Monday 21 Jan 2019

PE starts Thursday 17 January 2019. All students to bring costumes, caps , goggles and towels.

GRADE 1 NEWS

On Monday the 19th of November the Grade 1's went on an excursion to Spirit of Adventure. They had fun zip lining, building a raft and they even encountered a pirate while searching for treasure.



GRADE 5 NEWS

Social Responsibility is important at Reddam and 5E have had big hearts this term. They collected hampers for the support staff and in return got pizza for raising the most money for the Baby Home.



The Grade 5's were kind and helpful enough to assist Kim Coull and her team of moms, to put together the end of year staff hampers. They carried the parcels of goods from classrooms and cars to the hall, and sorted the groceries into groups.



Birthday Book Scheme

Thank you for the donation to the birthday book scheme. Happy birthday Yeshaya Reddy & Aimee Gibbons

Music

Kate Harding received 85 % for her Grade 2 music theory exam written in October 2018.

Ruth Kesene was awarded three Gold certificates for Grade 2, 20th century, romantic & baroque Piano recitals at the EtheKwini Eisteddfod.

Sarah De Groot was awarded a Merit for her Initial recorder Trinity College London examination.

Damian Stephen was awarded a Distinction for his Initial Piano Trinity College London examination.

Jonty Wiggett, Matthew Singery were awarded certificates for their Grade 1 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Huven Moodley & Inez Letschert were awarded a Merit certificates for their Grade 2 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Thanda Tembe, Sisipho Ndlovu & Stembile Khoza were awarded certificate for their Grade 2 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Gabriella Germanus, Amber Chana & Rebecca Holloway were awarded Merit certificates for their Grade 3 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Kate Harding, Ruth Kesene & Georgia Whitlie were awarded certificates for their Grade 3 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Grace McIlroy was awarded a Distinction certificate for her Grade 4 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Leah Parry was awarded a Merit certificate for her Grade 4 & 5 Trinity College London vocal examination.

Zipho Cele was awarded a Merit certificate for her Grade 4 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Brittany Moorcroft-Minaar was awarded a certificate for her Grade 4 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Liam Ryan was awarded a Merit certificate for his Grade 5 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Sian Govender was awarded a certificate for her Grade 5 Rock & Pop Vocals Trinity College London examination.

Gabriella Germanus & Sthembile Khoza were awarded Merit certificates for their Grade 2 Musical Theatre examination.

Thanda Tembe & Inez Letschert were awarded Distinction certificates for their Grade 3 Musical Theatre examination.

Sriya Mungal & Emily Allan were awarded Merit certificates for their Grade 3 Musical Theatre examination and Amber Chana, Kate Harding, Ruth Kesene, Chloe Schultz were awarded certificates for their Grade 3 Musical Theatre examination.

Grace McIlroy & Kyran Taylor were awarded Distinction certificates for their Grade 4 Musical Theatre examination.

Zipho Cele, Talia Poupard & Leah Parry were awarded Merit certificates for their Grade 4 Musical Theatre examination.

Brittany Moorcroft-Minnaar was awarded a certificate for her Grade 4 Musical Theatre examination.

Sanam Harilall, Rachel Reid, Kriya Singh & Madison Basson were awarded certificates from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for Grade 1 Piano examination.

Abigale Guye was awarded a certificate from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for her Grade 3 Piano examination.

Inez Letschert was awarded a certificate from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for her Grade 1 Cello examination.

Atalia Chetty, Sanna Rajoo, Chiara Collett, Faye Ellis, Sipokazi Ntshangase, Mahika Naidoo & Eren Cook were awarded certificates from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for their Grade 1 Violin examination.

Sarah de Groot was awarded a Merit certificate from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for her Grade 1 Violin examination.

Shravan Rajcoomar was awarded a certificate from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for his Grade 2 Violin examination.

Ruth Kesene was awarded a Merit certificate from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for her Grade 3 Violin examination.

Huven Moodley was awarded a certificate from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for his Grade 4 Violin examination.

Dance

Kate Harding received an outstanding result for Grade 5 RAD ballet exam danced in October 2018.

Emma Jerome was awarded 98% Distinction with Honours for Grade 2 Modern Dance and 75% Gold Medal with Distinction for her Grade 5 RAD Ballet Exam

Cadee van Aswegan was awarded a Gold Medal with Distinction for her Grade 2 RAD ballet exam.

Harlow Weare received an Emotion certificate and trophy for the most dedicated acrobat.

Ice Skating

On Saturday, 17 November, Aimee Gibbons passed her Grade 2 Ice Skating test. Aimee was also awarded a gold medal for her section in the Durban Junior Ice Skating Club Competition.

Both Aimee and Rylee Gibbons took part in the inter-club ice skating competition between Durban Junior Ice Skating Club and Toti Seals on Sunday 2 December. Rylee received a gold medal and Aimee received a silver medal.

Scouts

Anthony Wallis was selected to be a "Sixer" of his cub pack for his leadership skills, behaviour and embodiment of the values of the Cub Scout movement.

SPONSORSHIP

Our campus provides potential for numerous sponsorship opportunities for businesses or brands wishing to increase their exposure. Our first sponsorship deal was recently concluded with Waltons who have sponsored our electronic scoreboard on our new Astroturf. Anyone wishing to discuss sponsorship opportunities on our campus is asked to contact Ian Gardiner at ian@bchilli.co.za.

REDDAM ADVERTISEMENTS

Please click on the link for our Reddam House Umhlanga Advertisements

REDDAM ADS

BOARDING

Our new Reddam Girls' Res is nearing completion and will provide en-suite accommodation to 15 girls in Grades 7 to 12.

We look forward to welcoming our first boy and girl boarders in Grades 7 to 11 into our boutique-style Reddam Res from January 2019. For more information, please contact hadyn.skinner@reddam.house.

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TERMLY AND WEEKLY BOARDING | FOR GIRLS AND BOYS FROM GRADE 7



Boarding
AT REDDAM RES

The benefits of boarding school, both for the academic performance and the personal growth of students, are widely recognised. Boarding encourages independence and provides a structured environment where students receive round-the-clock academic support and access to sporting and cultural facilities. We are very proud to offer this wonderful facility that both nurtures and inspires our students and creates a family environment for them away from home.

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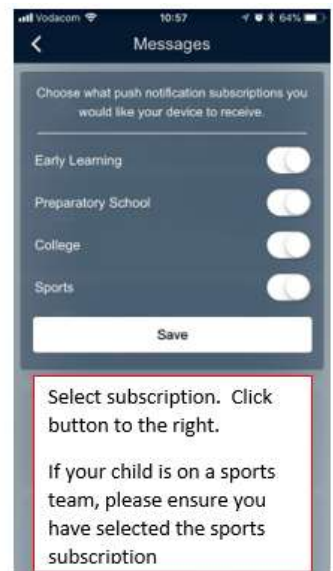
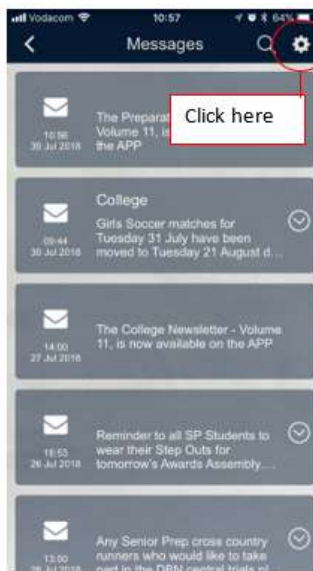
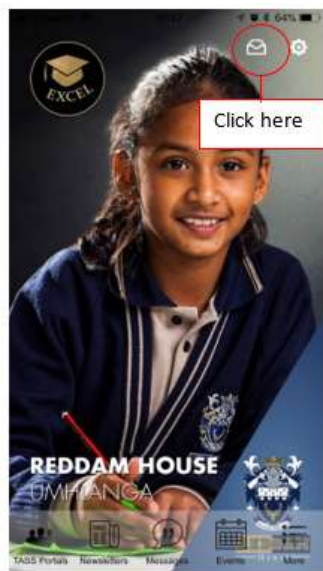
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To download the Reddam House Umhlanga App in the I-Store or in Google Play for free.



My School Card

We encourage parents to please remember to swipe your My School card when shopping at any of the affiliated stores. These stores include Woolworths, Walton's, Engen, Flight Centre and Loot. The full list of affiliated partners can be found on the My School website.

<http://www.myschool.co.za/partners/partner-profiles> A portion of your spend is given back to the school and these funds will be utilised towards the beautification of our school grounds as well as the purchase of books for the library. Should you not have a card, application forms will be sent out during the Administrative Review week.



DATES TO DIARISE

15 January

Orientation for New Students and Class Lists displayed

16 January

2019 – Term 1 begins

17 January

Grade 1-3 Parents' Cocktail Party and information evening

21 January

Grade 4-7 Parents' Cocktail Party and information evening