



BERGVLIET HIGH SCHOOL

PAST PUPILS' NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2009

SCHOOL NEWS



In an innovative step, Bergvliet High School has partnered with the Tata dealership in Diep River which has provided the school with a Tata Indica car for our School's Driver Education Programme. There has been much excitement amongst the senior learners about the opportunity to take driving lessons at school.

The BHS Continuing Education Programme will be administering the Driver Education Programme and has secured the services of BHS parent Mr George Cook who has over 15 years experience as a driving instructor.

For further information please contact Kathy Miles Continuing Education facilitator - 021 712 0284

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Congratulations to **Debbie Schafer** past pupil of Bergvliet High on her position as Member of Parliament.

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Following a very successful Derby Day against Fish Hoek on the 30th May we would like to invite you to the next Derby Day at Bergvliet High School against Westerford on 25th July. Sport starts at 08:00
Come and enjoy the morning with us.

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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to family and friends of **Richard Hamburger** (teacher at BHS from 1976 – 2003) Richard passed away at his home on the 16th June 2009

Below is an extract written by Peter Colman, taken from the book 'Bergvliet High School – The First Fifty Years' which was compiled and researched by Richard Hamburger

Frank Sinatra's "I did it my way" probably sums up Richard's career at BHS, for he has never been a passive player. He has been central to Bergvliet life since he started here in 1976 with a slightly thinner corporation and a slightly thicker head of hair. He has been a pillar of strength at BHS and I am going to look at these:
Sport: Tennis, Hockey, Cricket, Football have all been the richer for his involvement and countless young people have inherited his love of sport and his competitive edge and have benefited from his expertise.

Academically: Richard was the driving force in the 'Gifted Child' programmes of the 80's and early 90's. Problem Solving Extended Studies Programmes. Tops monitoring, spurred many to greater heights and encouraged pupils to reach their true potential at universities here and abroad. The Overseas Tours which took place in the 80's and 90's were very Bergvliet in character.

The third pillar is in the **Staffroom**. Here Bumble has become a legend; the R.S. Hamburger Golden Jubilee Telephone Booth, the Hamburger Cell phone, which seems to have a life of its own, the gargantuan Hamburger lunches – prior to his roadwork operation – endless supply of mysterious food in large plastic bags. The Hamburger cars with their unique interior recyclable décor.

Richard has always enjoyed a chirp – nothing is sacrosanct, from Strauli and Oberholzer to the Department, Rugby refs, Cricket umpires and fellow staff have always been fair game and he has often been set up by his colleagues to test his reaction and we have never been disappointed. Nor at his performances at Staff parties, ancient and modern.

Peter Colman (BHS Teacher/Deputy Principal 1977 - 2007)

NEWS FROM THE 90'S

Robyn Cowie (nee Lawton)

I finally tied the knot with Anthony (Plumstead - 1997) after more than 8 years together.

We got married on 13 December at Rickety Bridge Winery in Franschoek and couldn't have asked for a more perfect day - beautiful weather, stunning setting and marrying the man of my dreams.



Derek Bredenkamp

I recently invested in buying a Bedouin tent. It is 6m x 8m in size, and I want to rent it out for various events and functions etc. I am therefore willing to rent it out cheaper than the current market value which is +/- R2000 per day.

Any past pupil of BHS who is interested you can contact me on: bredenkamp.derek@gmail.com

2000 ONWARDS



Emily Vermeulen - 2008

Vice-Chancellor's Merit Scholarship

UCT have recently completed the awards for several Vice-Chancellors Merit Scholarships to a number of new undergraduate students. Emily Vermeulen (BHS 2003 -2008) was awarded this prestigious scholarship.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic achievements in the final NSC examinations and are awarded to ten students, registered at UCT in 2009, who performed best among their peers from schools under the auspices of the Western Cape Education Department.

REUNIONS

1979 Reunion

Friday 4th September

Overseas past pupils to contact **Sean McGrath**

sean@succinctcomms.com

South African residence to contact **Tony Read**

tony@purplemossmedia.com

1989 Reunion

wendycooper.stalbans@gmail.com

2001 Reunion

Anyone interested please contact Carl Chinnappen chinnappen@gmail.com.

2004 Reunion

Dane Lanz class of 2004

If anyone would be interested in having a 2004 reunion, contact Dane Lanz at danelanz@live.com so I can see the feed back.

WHERE IN THE WORLD...?

1960's

Michael Wallis is looking for the email address for **Tom Isger** if anyone can help please email Michael emcare2@hotmail.com

1970's

I am not a past pupil of the High School, but of the Primary School. I am trying to locate **Melanie Maxwell** who would have matriculated in **1976**. I left to go to Rustenburg and have completely lost touch with her. Can you help me with a contact address?

Kerstin Fehrsen (MacKenzie) fehrsen@iafrica.com

Judy Richards (Van Kalmthout) would like to contact **Debi McDonald (1974)**...her brother was Ian - played first team rugby in 1973??

Simone van Rooyen (nee Barnes) 1979 would like to get in touch with **Debbie Wilkie** vanrooyen@botanicalsociety.org.za

Lesley Gibson (1979) lesleygibson@telkomsa.net would like to contact **Anne Barnes, Cynthia Nel and Alison Speedy**

1980's

If anyone knows of **Peter Wilkins'** contact details please send to gil.gorgulho@horwath.co.za

Jill Schulman (Fyfe 1984) is wondering what happened to **Rory van Zyl (1984)**. Please email Jill if you know his whereabouts or have his contact details jill@jsdcreative.com

Jill (living in Israel since 2001)

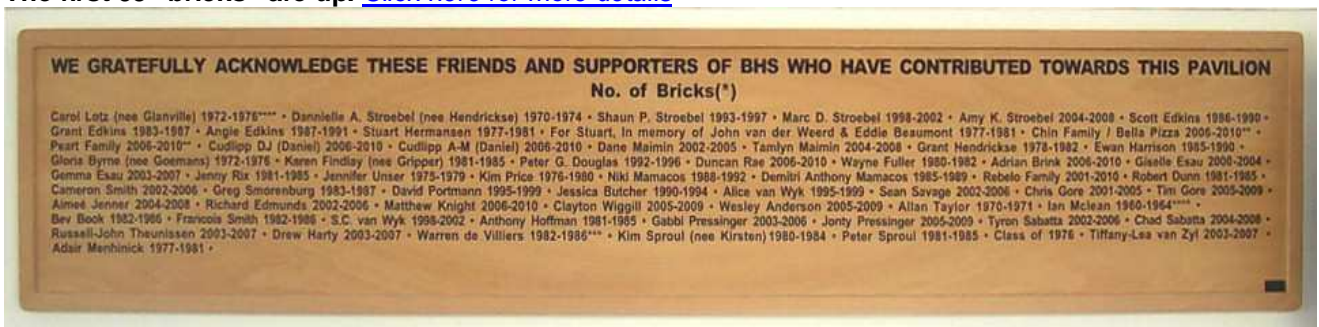
Megan Page (Williams 1984) is looking to get in touch with **Lee Ryan (1984)** and **Rebecca Nelder (1984)** megan.page@oakford.net.nz

1990's

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of **Shay Crosby 1994** please contact david@serotonin.co.za

Be remembered for ever more – buy a brick and help your Alma Mater pay off the Pavilion

The first 93 “bricks” are up. [Click here for more details](#)



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PLEASE KEEP SENDING IN YOUR NEWS!

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