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Dear RHS Family,

We need a bit of a catch-up.

The first ten school days were especially busy, but we survived — and I am pleased to confirm that Roosevelt High School is now at full capacity with **1 863 learners**, learners who know where they should be and what is expected of them. That in itself is something to be proud of.

The recent tragedy in the Vaal once again confirms the firm stance I took last year regarding scholar transport. Please ensure that you are fully aware of what is happening with your child's transport arrangements. If there are any concerns, you are welcome to email me directly with the details and I will gladly report them through the appropriate channels. Keeping our learners safe is non-negotiable.

RHS has, at significant cost, purchased additional traffic barriers to improve safety during arrival times. We also have staff on duty to assist. It is therefore deeply disheartening when staff are verbally abused by parents or transport drivers when addressing unsafe or unlawful road behaviour. We are exploring the possibility of a dedicated drop-off lane, but this involves extensive red tape and considerable costs. In the meantime, we urge all parents and drivers to obey the rules of the road. Stopping in the middle of the road places you, your child, and your vehicle at risk.

This year we have dedicated **Physical Education training educators**, as PE forms an essential part of holistic learner development and helps us identify future sporting talent. Should your child have a serious medical condition, please email the Grade Manager with supporting documentation in the form of a recent doctor's note. Learners may wear the RHS tracksuit on any day, and I strongly suggest doing so on PE days.

We are greatly looking forward to **Monday evening**, when Ms V's Spinnekoppies officially become full-blown Roosies. A reminder to our Grade 8 parents: the evening will begin **promptly at 18:00**.

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I must also address concerns raised by some parents of learners taking practical subjects. Unfortunately, there were instances where staff were verbally abused when learner timetables reflected blank periods due to unpaid practical levies. Parents are fully aware that practical subject levies are payable at the end of each year for the following academic year. I am now giving at least **nine months' notice** for planning purposes. The timetable changes required at the start of 2026 came at a substantial cost. It would be unfair to expect other parents to subsidise these subjects. Had we not taken this route, annual school fees would have needed to increase by approximately **R850 per learner**. We ask that you please work with us.

“Janu-worry” is nearly behind us, and from next week there will be no further excuses for learners not to have all required textbooks and stationery. Please ensure everything is in place.

Today was a special day. In partnership with **SCP**, our outstanding security company, we conducted our first evacuation drill of the year. The timing was deliberate — one of our learners found the previous drill so memorable that today's exercise coincided with his birthday! A huge thank you to **Clive Maher and the SCP team** for their unwavering support of RHS. As always, we did it properly — have a look at our social media pages to share in the excitement.

We are thrilled about our new **culture clubs**, alongside an already strong sporting programme — there truly is something for everyone. Our small library is also operational, and we continue to welcome donations of pre-loved books. Please contact the school if you are able to assist.

I want to sincerely thank both staff and parents for your continued support. I cannot do what I do without you. Our focus this year is **academics first**, and this will be firmly enforced. Please regularly check your child's books and contact the Grade Manager if anything does not seem right.

Finally, we are extending the competition to **win a year's school fees back** for parents who have paid in full by **15 February**. Once reconciliation is complete, we will host a live draw — and yes, I will show you the money 😊

Once again, thank you to each and every member of the RHS family. Your support means more than you know.

Mad love as always, Ms V – Your adoring Principal

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