



St Mary's School
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JUST JUNIOR



The Father's Day service was well attended, and the girls loved having their dads with them

From the headmistress' desk

Dear parents

As I write this *Just Junior* I am mindful of the email you received from Deanne King and the chairman, Nigel Carman, last week. It is with mixed feelings that one makes decisions about change and the future - I suppose the unknown can be daunting, but it is also very exciting and filled with possibilities.

I have loved my time at St Mary's School, and it is a place that holds a very special place in my heart and those of my family. My new position will offer me a wider involvement in education in Southern Africa, particularly in a model of schooling that emphasises enquiry-based learning embedded in Reggio-inspired practices across diverse communities. The school now has an opportunity to consider new opportunities for the Junior School leadership, and thus change can be welcomed and celebrated. I thank the community for the many well wishes and kind words, and as mentioned there will be formal opportunity for thanks and farewells for us all.

Staff news

We welcome to Rulane Mtembi, a classroom assistant in Little Saints. Rulane comes to us after many years of classroom experience at Pridwin. She will work closely with Celia Diana. Jane Dunne has been appointed as our Junior Primary music teacher. Jane is well known to the school and we are pleased to welcome her back. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Nancy Frick will retire in December; I am delighted that Lauren Howden has accepted the class teacher position.

Nosipho Mokhutswane will replace Georgie Harris as the Junior Primary support teacher. Nosipho joins us from Bramley Primary; she has exceptional class experience and speaks nine South African languages! We look forward to Nosipho joining our team in September. We are still in process of interviewing for the head of Junior School sport.

Dates to diarise

JUNE			
Sat 25			Grade 6 A and 7 A hockey festival in Pretoria
Sun 26			Grade 6 A and 7 A hockey festival in Pretoria
Mon 27	16h00		Chess away
Tue 28		14h00	Reggio conference - The Edge
		14h00	Squash at home and away
		18h00	Senior Primary choir and orchestra <i>Magic of Music</i> at Linder Auditorium
Wed 29			Reggio conference - The Edge
	07h30		Grade 0 and 1 conversations with parents - SMOGS
Thu 30			Reggio conference - The Edge
		13h45	Grade 7s depart for Grahamstown
			Chess match vs The Ridge at St Marys
JULY			
Fri 1	08h00		Senior Primary Olympics
	10h30		Little Saints closes for half-term
	11h00		Junior and Senior Primary close for half-term
Mon 11	07h30		Grade 7 blocking day
	14h45		Grade 7 play practice
Tue 12	10h18		Grade 7 tea with headmistress
		14h00	Squash and hockey at home
Wed 13	08h00		Little Saints conversations with parents - SMOGS
Thu 14	07h30		Grade 0C and 0T assembly
		10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
Fri 15	07h30		Senior Primary reading with parents
		13h00	Grade 7 B and C hockey festival at St Mary's
			Grade 6 B and C hockey festival at St Andrew's
Sat 16	08h00		Grade 4 A and B hockey festival at St Mary's
			Grade 5 A and B hockey festival at St Stithians

Events

Junior School PTA fun day

The Junior School fun day and the S Factor held on Saturday 28 May were excellent community-building events. The class reps added a touch of carnival flair with their activities and fun events for all the children. The tea garden offered delicious fare and the Grade 7 champagne area was enjoyed by many parents. Special thanks to all who supported the food preparation and serving - well done on keeping over 1 000 people sustained through the day. We thank Sarah Quiding, Bruce Patience and their teams of moms and dads for graciously giving time to this community-building opportunity.

The S Factor

The S Factor reflected the depth of talent we have at St Mary's. I congratulate all the participants, and special mention goes to the finalists and the winners! I thank Carol Shutte and her team of adjudicators for spending time with the girls, and guiding and supporting them in their various performances.

Patronal service

The annual Patronal service held on Tuesday 31 May is a highlight on my calendar, as the school meets in a prayer service to acknowledge our founders and our Anglican faith. The beautiful music and choral performances, and sung Eucharist, add to the worship, while the individual prayers remind us of our blessings. This service is followed by a school community picnic, at which the official birthday cake is cut and the whole school is led by the Seniors in the *Oh When the Saints war cry*.

Foundation plaque unveiling and contribution

On Friday 10 June, the Grade 7 class of 2015 joined our present Grade 7s for a short assembly to acknowledge the contribution made to the "From one girl to another" Foundation fund. This fund was initiated in 2014 as a gift to the school to acknowledge that philanthropy is a fundamental aspect of education, and directly aligned with the St Mary's ethos and values of love, community and integrity. The donation replaces the past tradition of a material gift to the school - and it means so much more in the life and future of the Foundation recipients.

Junior Primary play

Our Junior Primary girls are certainly developing confidence in the arts and performance - essential 21st century skills. What a delight to observe the choreographed dance sequences and acting skills of all the girls. The upcoming Olympics will have a special meaning to these

children and I am sure many lines, songs and dances will entertain families for many months to come. I know I keep humming the tunes in my head, with a smile on my face! Congratulations to the team of directors, choreographers and musicians.

Technology report

Please do read the technology report included in this *Just Junior*. We use digital platforms as tools for learning across the Junior School, and this is reported on by Linda Bradfield. Even though technology is so easily accessible and part of many aspects of our lives - we as parents must continue to ensure our children use it appropriately and set family and home limits, according to our own family values. Safety in the digital world should remain a priority conversation at school and at home.

Reading and homework

Recent research highlights how interest in leisure reading is dropping globally. We cannot let this negative trend affect our children. At school we continue to encourage reading, but please do not let the valuable bedtime shared story drop off your parenting programme. Electronic devices should not replace a story with a loved one, where shared conversation offers literacy development opportunities. Reading homework should be discussed and shared as a positive experience and not be considered a chore. We want to encourage a lifelong love of reading - so please join us!

Sports and cultural

The winter term is always busy with sporting fixtures and cultural performance opportunities; these are reported on regularly in the *Just Junior*. I thank the many teachers, coaches and parents who tirelessly support the various teams and events. Thank you!

Warmest regards

Des Hugo

Headmistress: Junior School

From the chaplain

"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened up for you" - Luke 11:9

Prayer can seem like something other people know how to do—as though some have access to a secret instruction booklet that others can't seem to find. And yet, according to Jesus' invitation above, prayer is simply: asking ... seeking ... knocking.

Often, for me, prayer is being aware of, breathing in, and being refreshed by God's presence with me. It is pausing and acknowledging God's presence amid my busy-ness and saying "thank You". It is starting a task with the conscious statement, "this is Your time"—or even just "help!"

Sometimes, prayer is giving to God what I know I cannot do—or speaking to God out of my concerns, because I ask God to "break my heart for what breaks Yours".

Sometimes I can put my concerns in words, and sometimes I know God can see the picture in my mind that I am concerned about, and that is enough: the little girl I know is hurting inside, Lord. Orlando, Lord.

Sometimes prayer is the sudden realisation that God has been busily creating, in my or others' lives, without my noticing - a string of moments that passed me by, that God brings back into my awareness: alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer is not a feat, or the business of experts - of other people. It is being with God, here and now, and it begins with simply asking, seeking, knocking.

Revd Claudia Coustas

Chaplain

Meet the departments



Grade 6: Annie Thom, Linda Smith



Grade 7: Kerry Gibbons, Robyn Richmond, Refilwe Thindisa

ICT integration this term

The Junior School teachers have embraced the use of technology extensively this term.

The children and teachers at Little Saints have been blogging, thus creating a wonderful opportunity for parents to be “the fly on the wall” in their little ones’ classrooms.

The St Mary’s teachers were able to share their experiences with a wider audience at the termly ICT cluster meeting held in May. This meeting was attended by over 30 teachers from ISASA schools, all intent on finding ways to help our children to become good digital citizens.

In conjunction with the blogging activities at Little Saints the teacher assistants have asked to be upskilled in their use of technology. They are attending classes every Tuesday afternoon and making excellent progress.

In Grade 2, we have travelled from St Mary’s to Rio de Janeiro via Google Earth. The girls were fascinated to be able to identify their school, the Christ the Redeemer statue, Ipanema and the Olympic stadium.

Once they had their bearings and a better understanding of the location of the two continents, they were able to further enhance the reality of the experience by using Google Street View in Google Cardboard. Using visible thinking routines they have studied various aspects of the Olympic Games, collected images and made sound recordings of the information. This has all culminated in the production of audio picture ebooks.

Our Grade 5 coders are amazing me on a weekly basis with their outstanding perseverance when it comes to solving problems posed in our coding sessions. The Grade 5 stories, which are all being created through coding as opposed to writing, are well under way to completion. This exciting project has exposed every girl in Grade 5 to the possibilities of coding.

We hope to share some of the other exciting projects with you a little later in the term, as they come to fruition.

Linda Bradfield
ICT co-ordinator

Muse morning

Topic: Stress Management and Mindfulness Talk
Presented by Nicola Aylward - BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

Date: Tuesday 19 July, 07h15 to 08h30
Venue: Wantage Auditorium
Coffee is served from 07h15 for a prompt start at 07h30

RSVP: sharon.san@stmary.co.za

Nicola Aylward, a physiotherapist and a mother, will present an uplifting and empowering talk about stress in our lives—especially living the lifestyles that we do in Johannesburg. She will talk about the effects of stress and how it impacts our bodies and the way in which we function, and the small and easy steps we can take on a daily basis to help both us and our children to cope better. It is an introduction to mindfulness, to living in the present moment, and how to bring joy and gratitude into our lives every day. She gives wonderful and practical tools for both adults and children, which can be used both at home and in the classroom, to help reduce anxiety and unnecessary stress.

We hope you will be able to join us. This talk is for the dads, too!



From the Music department

The Saints Factor

Wow, wow, wow! I have been blown away by this year's showcase of talent. We had a wide range of talented singers, dancers, instrumentalists and even wild-card enthusiasts. The number of entrants increased from previous events, and so big congratulations go to the Grade 6s, Smith's class in particular, who had the most entrants in one class in the Senior Primary.

Well done to all the girls who entered. Taking that first leap of handing in your entry can be daunting, so I am proud of everyone who auditioned in the preliminary rounds. All the girls can be very proud of their performances. A big thank-you is extended to everyone who supported the girls throughout the process, and to all the teachers who helped behind the scenes.

This year's adjudicators included Claire van Niekerk (St Mary's dance teacher), Callandra Youngelson (St Mary's vocal coach) and our invited guest, Tulla Eckhart (vocal coach who featured on SA's *The Voice*). They all gave the girls constructive feedback and helped them to grow their talents from round to round. Thank you to these special role models for making the tough decisions while enjoying every unique performance.

Special congratulations to the finalists who performed at the PTA fun day, and of course to the overall winners of the Saints Factor 2016. Well done to all of you!

Carol Shutte

Head of Music: Junior School

FINALS

Grade 4 and 5 overall winners:

Solo singing

Chiedza Mupita

Instrumental (Beg - Grade 2)

Hannah Newman and Tali Newman

Instrumental (Grade 3 above)

Mira Kathawaroo

Duet dance

Michaela Lotto and Alexia Bakos

Group dance

Andisiwe Rodolo, Kate Williams, Kiara Lomax, Georgina Setzkorn, Velisa Kahla, Vuyisa Kahla and Ramadimetja Montjane

FINALS

Grade 6 and 7 overall winners:

Solo singing

Lesedi Chocho

Duet singing

Khethile Mukoki and Stephanie Bergesen

Group singing

Erin Pullinger, Hannah Sherman and Sasha Steyn

Wild card

Amber Mcluckie and Roxanna Young

Solo dance

Kayla Read

Group dance

Laura Loveland, Janet Walters, Roxanna Young, Talsia Rossini, Ella Babaya, Samantha Pearson and Zahra Pakdoust

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to the following girls who passed their music examinations recently:

ABRSM

Kodisang, Kganya	Violin	Grade 2	P
Hammond, Tara	Violin	Grade 1	P
Whyte, Kerry-Lynn	Alto Saxophone	Grade 3	M
Pullinger, Erin	Flute	Grade 3	M
Grobbelaar, Danielle	Piano	Grade 3	M
Maskell, Caroline	Piano	Grade 1	D
Kathawaroo, Mira	Piano	Grade 5	D

TRINITY

Kodisang, Nyakallo	Guitar	Grade 1	M
Rossini, Talsia	Piano	Grade 1	M
Simonato, Ashley	Guitar (Rock & Pop)	Grade 2	M

Dudley Trollope

Director of Music



The S Factor finals



The S Factor winners



For more info:
call 083 226 2871

The On the Edge Programme Dance and Drama project offers Royal Academy of Dance ballet, Dance Mouse (modern genres) and drama to the Junior School.

Ballet girls did their RAD ballet examinations in the studio on Saturday 11 June through Michelle Emslie, their ballet teacher.

Our Dance Mouse girls will be performing at the annual Rivonia Barnyard Festival in October this year, affording the girls an opportunity to perform outside the school in a competitive environment alongside about 800 other dancers from across three other franchises of Dance Mouse.

Our Junior drama showcase will take place in the AV room on 27 October, and will highlight what the girls have been working on.

Any information you would need to know regarding these co-curricular activities can be found on the website www.5678productions.co.za, as well as how to register.

Claire Van Niekerk
5678 Productions



Julia Simonato, Angela Illgner, Jennifer Pringle and Luyanda Mshengu with their teacher, Michelle Emslie, before and after their ballet examination



Dance Mouse classes in The Edge

From the Sports department



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 27 JUNE TO 3 JULY (WEEK 9)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Tuesday 28 June	Squash	A team vs St John's B B team vs St Mary's C	St John's St Mary's	14h00		Mrs Fox
Friday 1 July	Half-Term					

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 11 TO 17 JULY (WEEK 11)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Thursday 12 July	Squash	A team vs St Peter's B B team vs Reddam House B C team vs St Stithians Girls B	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's	14h00		Mrs Fox
Thursday 14 July	Netball					
Friday 15 July	Hockey	Grade 6 B and C festival Grade 7 B and C festival	St Andrew's St Mary's	Tbc	Parents	Mrs Coetzee-Turner Ms Quix
Saturday 16 July	Hockey	Grade 4 A-D festival Grade 5 A and B festival	St Mary's St Stithians	Tbc	Parents Parents	Mrs Samson Ms Roos

Netball

On 2 June the netball girls played matches against Roedean School (SA) and these were the results:

U10 B lost 2-13
 U10 C lost 6-7
 U10 D won 5-1
 U10 E drew 5-5
 U11 A lost 6-8
 U11 B drew 11-11
 U11 C won 10-3
 U11 D vs Roedean U11 C lost 1-15
 U12 A won 16-3
 U12 B lost 4-6
 U12 C lost 13-14
 U12 D lost 5-6
 U13 A won 20-3
 U13 B won 21-4
 U13 C won 16-0
 U13 D won 12-6



U11 A and B team at Roedean

Netball cont.

St Peter's Prep

On Saturday 11 June, St Peter's Preparatory for Girls once again hosted the C, D and E team netball tournament for Grade 3 to Grade 5. It was a lovely morning to end the netball season. Each team played seven matches. It was an opportunity for the teams to consolidate skills learnt in their weekly practices, and for the E team to have more game time. It was exciting to see each girl improve with each match. All the teams did very well, winning the majority of their matches.

Well done to all the teams.

The netball teams played their final league matches for the season against St Andrew's and the results were as follows:

U10 A lost 5-7
U10 B lost 1-12
U10 C won 9-1
U10 D won 7-0
U10 E lost 3-7
U11 A lost 1-10
U11 B won 8-2
U11 C lost 3-7
U11 D lost 0-7

U12 A won 16-10
U12 B won 10-7
U12 C won 10-5
U12 D lost 1-10
U13 A won 16-8
U13 B won 19-5
U13 C lost 8-13
U13 D won 18-4

Antoinette Mshengu

Netball coach

Hockey

Results from matches played against St Stithians on Friday 3 June:

Grade 4 A drew 1-1, Grade 4 B won 1-0, Grade 4 C won 2-0, Grade 4 D lost 0-1
Grade 5 A won 2-1, Grade 5 B lost 0-1, Grade 5 C drew 1-1
Grade 6 A lost 0-1, Grade 6 B won 1-0
Grade 7 A won 2-0, Grade 7 B won 1-0, Grade 7 C won 4-0

Jane Samson

HoD: Junior School sport

Squash

Junior squash results

10 May

St Mary's A lost to Reddam House 0-14

St Mary's B lost to Cliffview 2-14

St Mary's C lost to St John's 0-14

Player of the day - Aimee-Rose Houlston

17 May

St Mary's A lost to St John's 0-14

St Mary's B beat St Mary's C 14-0

Players of the day - Grace Forrester and Samara Mayet

24 May

St Mary's A lost to St Peter's 14-0

St Mary's B beat Reddam House B 11-3

St Mary's C lost to St Stithians 1-14

Players of the day - Aimee-Rose Houlston, Emma Rippon and Grace Forrester

7 June

St Mary's A lost to St Stithians Boys 14-0

St Mary's B beat St Stithians Girls 14-4

St Mary's C lost to Cliffview 14-0

Players of the day - Esmé Thornhill-Davis, Aimee-Rose Houlston, Grace Forrester, Lara Kent and McKenzie Coakley-Eager

Jennifer Fox

Head of squash



Ghita Economakis (vice-captain) and Sarah Ellis-Clarke (captain)



Back row: Esmé Thornhill-Davis (captain of B team), Sarah Ellis-Clarke (captain of squash and captain of A team), Sasha Steyn (A team), Ghita Economakis (A team), Emma Rippon (B team), Michelle Henning (captain of C team)
Middle row: Grace Forrester (B team), Lara Kent (C team), Samara Mayet (C team), Aimee-Rose Houlston (B team)
Front row: McKenzie Coakley-Eager (C team)

Rhythmic gymnastics

On 14 May, all the gymnasts took part in the St Mary's Invitational at Sacred Heart College gym, from Grade 1s to Level 7 gymnasts. The invitational was supported by gymnasts from Johannesburg, Mokopane, Secunda and Pretoria. Zeinab Kone (Grade 3) was the top gymnast in Level 2. Thank you to Hannah Jacobs, her mom Kim and all the senior gymnasts for all the hard work they put into helping at the event and taking part in the competition.

Ella Meyer (Grade 2), Olivia Kirsch (Grade 2), Kelly Hulett (Grade 3), Zeinab Kone (Grade 3) and Sophia Babaya (Grade 4) were included in the Central Gauteng team which competed in the novice inter-provincial on 16 June. Well done to these girls.

On 28 May, the Senior gymnasts took part in a competition in Pretoria. Excellent results were achieved by Hannah Jacobs, Grade 7 - Level 6 and Danika Neuhoff, Grade 5 - Level 5.

On 4 June, the senior girls competed at the Wierda competition, again in Pretoria.

Well done to Meadow Robson, Grade 6 - Level 4 and Hannah Jacobs, Grade 7 - Level 6, Danika Neuhoff, Grade 5 - Level 5 for achieving excellent scores.

A rhythmic gymnastic show is planned for 15h30 on Tuesday 26 July, in the gym. All gymnasts will be part of the show.

Congratulations

The following girls did well at the Novice North inter-provincial against Limpopo, Free State, Mpumulanga, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and North West.

Olivia Kirsch	Silver medal for free dance and 6 th overall
Ella Meyer	7 th on rope
Zeinab Kone	Bronze medal for hoop, silver medal for ball and bronze medal overall

Linda Giurich

Rhythmic gymnastics coach



Linda Giurich with Maya Marsden, Olivia Kirsch, Ella Meyer and Nakita Hacker



Zeinab Kone, Kelly Hulett, Kealeboga Ramantsi