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Matric dance 2016

## From the head's desk

Dear parents

St Mary's has experienced an extremely busy co-curricular programme in the past weeks.

The matric dance and preparation for the musical have added to the busyness of the school. On reflection, this period has been a wonderful experience for my staff and me as we have witnessed the talent, commitment and determination of our girls. Their level of achievement is remarkable, and they manage to balance the demands of their studies with the effort required to excel in sport and cultural activities.

In addition, the girls come out to support one another and work for our community projects. I have felt proud of the St Mary's girls, whether at oratory festivals, music concerts or watching them play sport. Please take some time to read the different reports in this newsletter that celebrate the activities of the past fortnight.

The school will close for three days this month, between Human Rights Day and Easter. I believe that this was a sound decision, given our rather demanding schedule. It will provide time for families' recreation and to observe Easter, but it will also give the girls time to consolidate their work, to rest and to prepare for the sports festivals.

It is imperative that we advise our girls about the value of living a life of balance: a life of work and rigour, but also of reflection and rest, and recreation; a life where they may grow in all areas as individuals and within a community.

Yours sincerely

*Deanne King*  
Head of school

## Dates to Diarise

### March

Fri 11	07h30	Civvies day
	15h00	Diversity assembly
	18h30	Squash
		Rowing dinner
Sat 12	09h30	Inter-high premier gala (compulsory attendance for FI, FIII and FIV)
		SACEE debating at King David, Linksfield
Sun 13	11h00	Final dress rehearsal for Senior School play
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Mon 14	17h00	Confirmation group
		Senior School winter sports begin
	15h00	Chess (away)
	18h00	Foundation meeting
Tues 15	14h45	Hockey (home and away)
	16h30	Board meeting
	19h00	Senior School play
Wed 16	14h45	Hockey (home)
	19h00	Senior School play
Thurs 17	07h30	Guest speaker
	14h45	Inter-house squash
	18h00	Tour de Maths
	19h00	Senior School play
Fri 18	07h30	Senior School Easter Eucharist
	10h25	Middle School Easter Eucharist
		U15 hockey tournament at Garsfontein
	14h15	School closes for Easter holiday break
Mon 21		Human Rights Day
Tues 22		School holiday
	08h30	Compulsory day for netball girls
		U16 A and B and 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> netball clinic
	14h00	U14 and U15 A and B netball girls
	16h15	1 <sup>st</sup> team netball clinic
Wed 23		School holiday
	08h30	Compulsory day for netball girls
		U16 A and B and 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> netball clinic
	12h00	Netball team lunch
	14h00	U14 and U15 A and B netball clinic
	16h15	1 <sup>st</sup> team netball clinic
Thurs 24		School holiday
	08h30	Compulsory day for netball girls
		All teams final netball clinic session
Fri 25		Good Friday
Sat 26		Holy Saturday
Sun 27		Easter Sunday
Mon 28		Family Day
Tues 29	07h30	School opens
Wed 30	07h30	Form assemblies
Thurs 31		St Mary's hockey festival
		St Andrew's netball festival
<b>April</b>		
Fri 1		St Mary's hockey festival

## From the chaplain

During morning prayer on Monday 7 March, this verse stood out for me: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). In this section of Paul's letter to the people of Corinth, Paul encourages the Corinthians to be sensitive to the potential impact of their actions on others: what I do has an impact on how others view the world and how they view God, and vice versa.

This fact is true for us today as well: how I approach my work, how I interact with my family and friends, the nature of entertainment activities in which I engage, the manner in which I voice my opinions, has an impact on others and paints a picture of how seriously I take my faith.

Here's the rub: because being busy every waking moment of the day has become something that is valued, how do we take the time to pause and consider what impact our anticipated words and actions will have on others, or have had on others? "Being fully present in the now" has become a catchphrase in recent months - and this is exactly

what doing "everything for the glory of God" requires: a moment's pause to reflect.

During the Senior School day, the chapel bell rings out the Angelus at 12h25. In a sense, the sound of the bell ringing three sets of three gongs and one set of nine, rings out a reminder of God's presence in our world and in our daily lives - here and now. This is a reminder to pause and acknowledge God's presence, which we do by stopping in our tracks and praying Trevor Huddleston's Prayer for Africa. It is also a time when we can reflect on how our own words and actions have lived out, and will live out, what we ask God to do:

*God bless Africa  
Guard her children  
Guide her leaders  
And give her peace for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.*

**Revd Claudia Coustas**  
Chaplain

## From the head girl

The matric dance was an elegant and memorable evening for the Form Vs. Since the beginning of the year, dazzling dresses and dashing dates have been a topical issue among the girls and, on 27 February, we had the chance to shine in a celebration of our Senior School year group.

On behalf of the matrics, I should like to extend my gratitude yet again to Mrs Northmore and the Form IVs for transporting us to a magical and ethereal place, where we could "Wander in the Woods" - the time and effort put into giving us a magical night was evident, and did not go unnoticed.

Now that the hype leading up to the matric dance and the night itself

are over, it is time to settle down and focus on the demanding time ahead ... and it certainly is hectic, for the whole school, in fact. I commend the girls on their efforts in balancing all their activities with their schoolwork as we participate in the inter-high galas, Senior School play, and hockey and netball festivals in the coming weeks.

The girls who are not participating in these school events are encouraged to support.

**Shayna**  
Head girl

## Senior School play



## Honours blazers

The following girls were awarded honours blazers in Term III 2015

### Academic honours blazers



Back row: Constandina, Natasha

Fourth row: Grace, Jenna, Lace, Liezl, Nicola

Third row: Georgina, Francesca, Genevieve, Caitlyn Nielsen, Megan, Courtney, Cheyenne

Second row: Julia, Christine, Simone, Nicola, Nkhensani, Jaime, Taryn

Front row: Sophia, Frances, Megan, Shayna, Layla, Ntshembho

Not photographed: Victoria, Lara, Bongive

### Sports honours blazers



Carly, Sasha

### Service honours blazers



Siphosihle, Tasmin

### Cultural honours blazer



Daniëlle

### Service honours blazer (Term II) 2015



Lucy

## Geography

The matric Geography class embarked on our geography outing last Wednesday to the areas of Newtown, Yeoville and the newly established Maboneng Precinct. It was an informative and inspirational tour, which made us aware of the true vibrancy and beauty of our beloved city. Our tour guide, Bheki, who is one of many entrepreneurs within the Maboneng Precinct, entertained us with anecdotes of the history of Johannesburg while we walked through the streets, as well as travelled on the new Rea Vaya buses. We had the opportunity to visit the 50<sup>th</sup> floor of the iconic Carlton Centre, and also viewed the inside structure of Ponte. We indulged in delicious eats in Maboneng's Arts on Main and walked around the areas in Newtown.

Our opinions of Johannesburg were completely transformed from a city that was once viewed as unsafe and dilapidated, to a city full of culture and potential. We thoroughly enjoyed our experience and warmly thank Mrs Ravenscroft and Mevrou Meyer for accompanying us.

*Sophia*  
Form V



Form V Geography girls enjoying lunch during their urban geography outing

## Visual Art

The Form III Visual Art girls collaborated on a group mural painting to be displayed in Woodwinds, the new boarding house. Each girl painted her own bird sitting in a tree, on a canvas. Careful attention had to be paid to matching up the background branches and colours. We are all proud of the final result and hope that the boarding girls will enjoy the artwork above the fireplace in the lounge.

*Sue Heydenrych*  
HoD: Visual Art



Display in Woodwinds

## Dance crew

The St Mary's dance crew have created two new dance pieces to perform at the hockey festival.

This has been a choreographic opportunity for Andindedwa Lebone and Michela, and we are excited to showcase these dance routines.

## New hip hop classes

This year we introduced a hip hop class, and we have had an excellent response. The teacher, Courtnae' Paul, is a South African hip hop champ and breakdance specialist who also runs a number of professional crews and is a DJ. The girls are performing at the hockey festival to highlight what they have been working on.



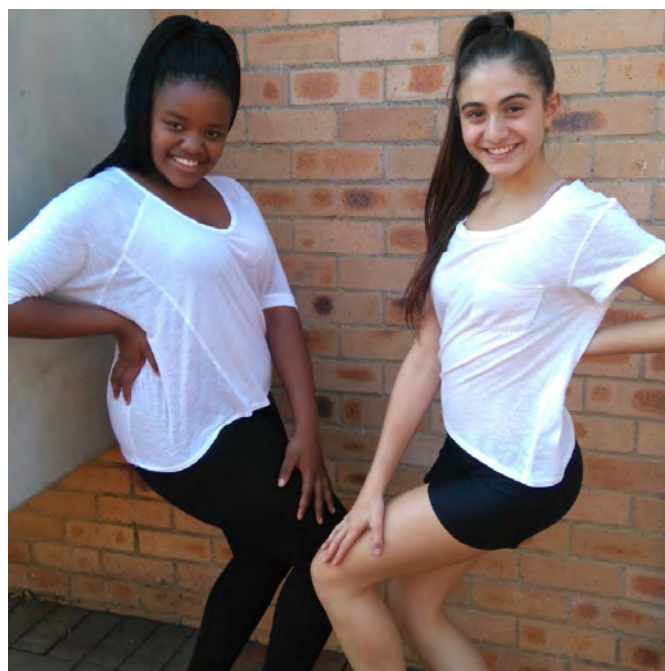
Having fun in a hip hop class

## Latin dance class examination results

Megan Walker, the Latin dance teacher, is proud of the six girls who passed their Latin dance examinations.



Abby, Lorena and Sveva all passed their merit exam and Khethiwe, Megan and Nathalia completed their novice examinations.



Khethiwe and Nathalia were our top achievers, each scoring over 80% for their Solo Danca Latina examination.

*Claire van Niekerk*

5678 productions

## Justine



Justine in Form II auditioned for the JOZI Youth Dance Company, which showcases youthful talent, and was cast in the Nouvelle Ère dance production, at the Roodepoort Theatre from 1 April to 3 April.

## Senior School Annual Photography Competition closes on 16 March



All Senior School girls and staff are encouraged to enter the Senior School Photography Competition.

This competition is essential for school colours in photography. Colours are a requirement for the cultural honours blazer as well as for the Certificate of Excellence from the Photographic Society of South Africa. The best photographs will be printed in the school magazine.

### Prizes

There are five prizes of R500 each, for the five best photographers. These will be awarded at final assembly at the end of Term I.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 16 March and no late entries will be accepted.

Every pupil who enters will be given a mention. You may submit your entries to Ms Silvennoinen in the Wantage at any time. Please ensure that you add your name to the competition entry list in Ms Silvennoinen's office to get a mention.

The photographs may be black-and-white or colour prints on any subject. Photographs may be enhanced with computer manipulation.

Each competition finalist is required to submit her original photograph in .jpg format to Ms Silvennoinen for final judging.

The minimum size of each photograph is 15cm x 21cm, and the maximum size is 30cm x 40cm.

The photograph must be neatly mounted with a 5cm border of a single, clean black, stiff cardboard. Each photograph must have a title. Your name, form, photograph title and full description of the camera used must be clearly printed on the back. No writing may appear on the front.

All photographs must have been taken by you personally but printing, processing and mounting may be done commercially. There is no entrance fee. There is no limit to the number of entries you may submit. The photographs become the property of St Mary's and no responsibility is accepted for loss or damage. The judges' decision is final.

*Anneli Silvennoinen*  
Senior School librarian

## From the music department

### St John's and St Mary's Ensemble Concert

On Thursday 25 February, St Mary's hosted its annual ensemble concert with our brother school, St John's College. The concert was held in the St Mary's School hall, which added an excellent acoustic quality to the well-received music. The concert brought together musical groups, orchestras and bands to showcase the combined musical talent of the girls and boys. The programme consisted of a wide range of styles and genres, and showcased technique. Such items ranged from the unique and zealous St John's Klezmer band, to the beguiling St Mary's saxophone ensemble.

The St Mary's jazz band and St John's jazz quintet were favourites of the crowd, and were able to incorporate the audience's applause into their driving music. Classical, contemporary, Eastern European folk and jazz numbers, as well as pieces from musicals, were all explored by the eager school music groups, which were able to present a shared appreciation for participation in their music.

The event brought together musicians of different styles and tastes and to showcase the passionately driven love for music of both the boys and the girls.

*Natasha*  
Form V

## From the Sports department

### Gauteng Sports Awards

Through Gauteng Schools' Swimming, Jade Nesor was nominated for the Secondary School Female Athlete of the Year 2015 award. As we are all aware, Jade is not only a swimmer but a superb athlete who broke the junior high jump record at the inter-high athletics competition last year with a jump of 1m 65cm, as well as gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 100m and the hurdles. She was also instrumental in the success of the U15 A netball team, which won the district play-offs. The awards ceremony was held on Friday 4 March, at which Jade was named the Secondary School Female Athlete of the Year 2015. The winners appeared on TV, on Morning Live, at 07h00 on Saturday morning. Well done, Jade.

#### Quix

Head of sport



Jade

## Tennis

### St Mary's clinches the A inter-high

St Mary's ended the tennis season on high note, by capturing the A inter-high title. This caps a sterling season, with St Mary's currently the holders of all three inter-high titles. On Saturday 5 March, the top four players from 24 schools participated in the annual A inter-high, at four different venues.

The St Mary's team, comprising Imaan, Maja, Cara and Kathryn, beat the top four players from Parktown Girls', Jeppe High School, Kingsmead College, Hoërskool Linden and Redhill to end top of their group. St Mary's then defeated TrinityHouse in the semi-finals by 13 games to 5. In a very exciting and close final, St Mary's clinched the title against St Stithians.

Cara and Kate lost in a very close match by 5 games to 4, which meant that Imaan and Maja had to win by their match by 5 games to 4 to win the title. The final match went down to the wire and, despite being 4-2 down in the tie-breaker, Imaan and Maja clinched the win with a hard-fought and nerve-wracking 10-8 victory in the tie-breaker.

All the tennis was of an extremely high standard, and well done on this great effort by all the players. Thank you to Ms Quix, Ms Howell, Ms Knowles and the tennis vice-captains for their support.

I wish Maja the best of luck as she will be representing South Africa in the prestigious African Junior Championships in Pretoria from 8 March. Congratulations to Imaan, Maja and Tamsin Hart on their excellent singles and doubles results in the recent ITF tournaments held in Potchefstroom.

St Mary's is extremely proud of the following players who were selected to the Gauteng Central provincial teams. Maja and Cara have both been chosen as the number one player for the U19 and U15 teams respectively. Tegan was chosen for the Gauteng Central U19 B team, and Tamsin and Ruth were chosen for the Gauteng Central U15 B team. The Gauteng Central U15 and U19 teams will be competing in the South African Schools' inter-provincial tournament in Pretoria from 30 March.

#### René Plant

Tennis coach



St Mary's School, Waverley, winners of the A inter-high tennis

### A inter-high results

- 1 St Mary's School, Waverley
- 2 St Stithians Girls' College
- 3 Trinityhouse
- 4 Helpmekaar Kollege
- 5 Northcliff High School
- 6 Holy Rosary School
- 7 St Peter's College
- 8 Kingsmead College
- 9 St Andrew's School for Girls
- 10 De La Salle Holy Cross College
- 11 HeronBridge College
- 12 Hoërskool Linden
- 13 Roedean School (SA)
- 14 Jeppe High School for Girls
- 15 Brescia House School
- 16 Assumption Convent
- 17 St Dunstan's College
- 18 St Teresa's Mercy School
- 19 Parktown High School for Girls
- 20 Rand Park High School
- 21 Redhill School
- 22 Bryanston High School
- 23 Dainfern College
- 24 Hyde Park High School

### League results

- 23 February
- St Mary's C lost to St Andrew's A 25-56
  - St Mary's D beat St Andrew's B 43-38
  - St Mary's E lost to Jeppe A 27-36
  - St Mary's F beat Jeppe B 42-14
- 1 March
- St Mary's E lost to St Dunstan's A 24-39
  - St Mary's F beat St Dunstan's B 54-9

## Diving

The Saints divers had a successful competition against Brescia and St Stithians last weekend.

Matrics, Aerin and Kathleen each gave fantastic performances. Aerin won the competition thanks to a stunning back 1½ somersault pike and Kathleen was not far behind, earning the silver medal for the Open division. In the U16 age group, Isabelle earned 1<sup>st</sup> place, with teammate Emma following in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Amy gave a strong performance to place 4<sup>th</sup> in the same age division. Alexandra nailed her first dive of the competition, helping her to place 1<sup>st</sup> in the U15 division. Romy earned the silver in the same age group, and Jessica followed in 6<sup>th</sup> position.

*Chelsea Glinckman*

Diving coach



## Athletics

Oluwaseyi, Caroline and Jenna were selected for the D9 athletics team to participate in the inter-district trials on Tuesday 23 March. Considering that it is far from our athletics season, the girls did very well.

Oluwaseyi U17

3<sup>rd</sup> in long jump and 4<sup>th</sup> in 200m

Caroline U17

2<sup>nd</sup> in long jump and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 400m

Jenna U15

1<sup>st</sup> in 800m

As a result, Caroline and Jenna were selected for the Johannesburg Eastern team to participate in the Gauteng Secondary Schools meet last weekend. Both of them achieved personal best times or distances in their events, but were not good enough to be selected for the Gauteng team. They said it was an excellent experience and a great learning curve, indicating how to take their athletics to the next level.

*Quix*

Head of sport



Oluwaseyi, Jenna and Caroline with their medals



## Rowing



St Mary's rowing club 2016



1<sup>st</sup> quad ready to rumble



3<sup>rd</sup> quad at the start of their race. The result was a sterling bronze!

This past weekend, the rowers performed superbly at the South African Schools' Rowing Championships. The champs began with the bus departing from school at 05h30 on Friday morning, and ended at 17h00 on Sunday. It was a long, hot weekend but the spirit was outstanding. At the end of the first day we were sitting 29 points behind St Andrew's who were in 1<sup>st</sup> place, and by the end of the weekend we had closed that gap to six points, taking home 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. We had 33 crews in finals and we won a total of 16 medals, five of which were gold. Both the U14s and the Opens won their respective age group award.

The Open age group broke some records in winning both gold and silver in the 1<sup>st</sup> double and 1<sup>st</sup> scull races. The 1<sup>st</sup> quad continued its dominance over the field as it powered to another gold. The 1<sup>st</sup> four was the highlight of the weekend races; this crew was formed two weeks ago, and took the silver away from a strong Holy Rosary crew. Another highlight of the event was the U14 octuple being formed on the morning of the final, and dominating the race from start to finish.

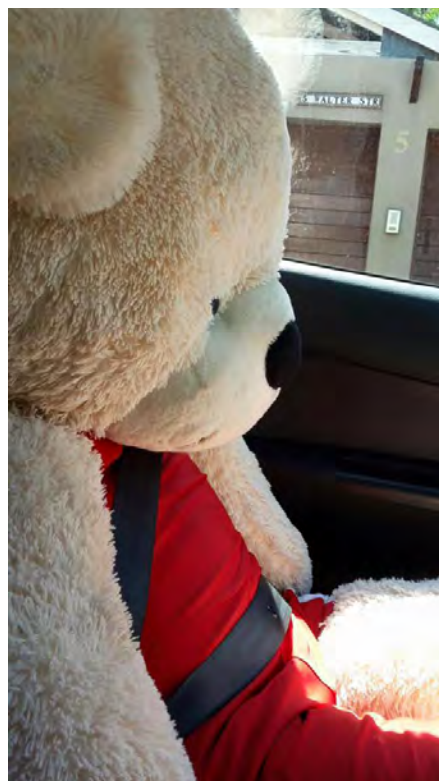
The St Mary's rowers have moved into a new class of strong, competitive athletes, and the final 200m of every St Mary's race resulted in girls overtaking some crews to place a position higher. This is the result of practising the final moments of the race.

We have had a truly amazing season, and we are looking forward to the next one. The club worked well as a team and supported each other throughout the entire weekend. There was also a great deal of support from both the parents and the coaches, without whom it would not have been possible to achieve.

**Emma**  
Form IV



Who said rowing is for sissies? Alexandra Savenye-Terblanche in the ice bath



Big Red on his way to Roodeplaat

## Basketball



Bonding before the game

With basketball coming to an end for this term, St Mary's basketball team played in the Redhill Basketball annual tournament.

On Friday afternoon, we had to play St Peter's first and our last match of the evening against Norkem Park. Both of these opponents are strong sides. St Mary's won against St Peter's 20-19, and then went on to beat a very talented Norkem Park side 28-16.

Saturday began with one last pool match, against Pretoria High School for Girls, and winning this match 21-11 put St Mary's on top of their pool. The team faced the International School South Africa (ISSA) in the semi-finals.

St Mary's played well against ISSA to emerge victorious, with a score of 29-23. We were delighted to play in the finals against the



Between games

strongest side, Michael Mount Waldorf School.

Going into the final, the game plan was "play hard" and "fun fun". St Mary's team put aside the fun part and played hard and, by the end of the first half, the score was 11-5 to St Mary's. At the start of second half, a confused Michael Mount side tried to get back onto the scoring board but St Mary's dominated until the final whistle, when the final score was 24-11.

The Form V players have led with diligence and courage.

*Christa Kgamphe*  
Head of basketball



Proud of their medals



The two captains were thrilled by, and appreciated, a beautiful send-off performance by the team, as these leaders are in Form V and this may be their last Senior School basketball match

## Swimming

The afternoon galas continue to be hampered by Highveld storms. It is tough to keep training, especially as the mornings are getting darker and less inviting, without being able to gauge if one's times are improving.

The weather gods smiled on us on Thursday 3 March and St Mary's successfully hosted the night, or more aptly, late afternoon gala. We used the gala as a final preparation and last attempts to secure places on the inter-high teams.

The results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> St Andrew's	A	405
2 <sup>nd</sup> St Mary's	A	384
3 <sup>rd</sup> Holy Rosary	A	327
4 <sup>th</sup> Roedean		248
5 <sup>th</sup> Kingsmead		227
6 <sup>th</sup> St Mary's B		211
7 <sup>th</sup> St Dominic's		209
8 <sup>th</sup> St Teresa's		194
9 <sup>th</sup> St Andrew's	B	98
10 <sup>th</sup> Holy Rosary	B	62

We congratulate St Mary's B swimming team on winning the A inter-high gala yesterday and wish our A team the best of luck for the premier inter-high gala tomorrow.

### Quix

Head of sport



Quix' girls setting off on a kick set

### PTA Club 100 winners

100%	Christina	Form I J	R34 800
20%	Gabriella	Grade 7 G	R6 100
10%	Theaya	Grade 7 R	R3 050