



St Mary's School
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• SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS •



Our exciting Derby Day initiative with Durban Girls' College is happening this weekend.

From the head's desk

Dear parents

St Mary's is honoured to welcome new members to the St Mary's Board of Directors. Bruce Patience joins us in his capacity as the PTA representative, and Mary Vilakazi joins us as a board member.

Bruce Patience has taken over from Yvette Bowden as the PTA chairperson. After matriculating from Dale College in King William's Town, Bruce went on to study a Higher Diploma in Education at Wits University, majoring in Science and Mathematics. After teaching at Dale College for a year, he moved into IT and has worked in IT for the past 23 years. Bruce currently works at BMC Software.

He has one daughter, Nina, in Form II at St Mary's. Bruce is driving the PTA's project of purchasing two school buses for St Mary's.

Mary Vilakazi is a Chartered Accountant and Group FD of the MMI Holdings Limited. She served her articles in the financial services sector at PwC where she was admitted to partnership in 2005. In 2008, she exited the auditing profession and joined an entrepreneurial business where she became CFO of the Mineral Services Group.

Subsequently, Mary spent a number of years providing consulting services to various private companies in the areas of

Dates to diarise

Fri 13		Gauteng hockey goalkeeping trials (away)
	15h00	U19 A squash vs Jeppe (away)
		Durban Girls' College arrive for Derby Day
Sat 14	18h30	FEDA plays (off campus)
		Derby Day
		Equestrian qualifier 3 at Eaton Farm
		St Mary's rhythmic gymnastics invitational (Sacred Heart College)
Sun 15		Equestrian qualifier 3 at Eaton Farm
		SACEE debating (off campus)
Mon 16		Chess (away)
		Gauteng hockey trials
Tues 17	15h00	Hockey and netball at home
	18h30	FEDA play (off campus)
Wed 18	07h30	Senior class reps' meeting
	07h30	Guest speaker: Carol-Ann Davids
	14h15	FV Accounting Olympiad (1 st round)
	15h00	Hockey and netball at home
	18h30	Instrumental concert
	18h30	FEDA play (off campus)
Thurs 19	14h15	FV Art prac
	18h30	FEDA play (off campus)
Fri 20	08h45	FII outing to Body Worlds exhibition
	14h30	Jazz Band workshop
	15h00	U19 A squash vs Florida (away)
		Gauteng hockey trials
Sat 21	08h00	Hockey matches vs Transvalia (away)
		SACEE debating (off campus)
	18h30	FEDA finals (off campus)
Sun 22		SACEE debating (off campus)
	17h00	Confirmation classes
Mon 23		Chess (away)
	16h00	SRC meeting
	16h30	Foundation meeting
	17h00	Gauteng provincial hockey trials (home and away)
Tues 24	14h15	Senior Afrikaans ATKV Olympiad
	15h15	Hockey (home and away)
	16h00	Netball at home
	16h30	Board meeting
	19h00	Fashion show
Wed 25	14h15	FIII Finance and Investment Management Olympiad (FIMO) - 1 st round
	14h30	Netball at home
	14h45	Hockey at home
	19h00	Fashion show
Thurs 26	14h15	FV Art prac
	15h00	Hockey (home and away)
	18h00	St Mary's eParent workshop
	19h00	Music and Mezedes - Saheti
Fri 27	07h30	Peer Counsellors' counsellors' assembly
	15h00	U19 A squash vs Noordheuwel at home

finance and tax as well as serving as a non-executive director on the MMI Holdings Limited, Kagiso Media Limited and Holdsport Limited (Sportsman and Outdoor Warehouse) Boards.

Mary duly resigned from her role as non-executive director of these Boards to take up the position as CEO of the Balance Sheet Management unit at MMI Holdings Limited. Later she was named Group FD of MMI Holdings Limited and still plays this role within MMI.

Outside of her work life, Mary is married to a scientist and is a mother of four girls. She enjoys reading, socializing, the arts and outdoor life. She is passionate about making a positive contribution towards building a better society through various ways and sees her role she plays in the Thuthuka Bursary Fund and the Zenzele Development Trust as key areas where she could directly influence access to Education within South Africa.

Mary is excited to join the Board of St Mary's and views this as another way to add value to the education sector whilst serving in an environment that focuses on the continuous development of teachers,

as she firmly believes in the impact great teachers can have in the life of a learner. .

Bruce and Mary join Nigel Carman (Chairman), the Rt Revd Steve Moreo (alternate: Revd Jaques Pretorius), Thandi Chaane, Dr Graeme Codrington, Rob Dow, Dr Azar Jamine, Flavio Maraschin, Andile Mazwai, Dawn Mokhobo, Professor Loyiso Nongxa and Alan Pullinger as members of the Board. Les Vercellotti sits on the Board in her capacity as the Old Girls' representative.

The St Mary's Board of Directors is integral to the effective running of the school. This group of experts in their fields provides a diverse and relevant view on educational issues, social and economic trends, and good governance.

Yours sincerely

Deanne King
Head of school



Bruce Patience



Mary Vilakazi

From the chaplain

Sunday 15 May - Pentecost - is a significant day in the life of the Christian community. This day marks 50 days after Easter, when the Holy Spirit was given to the then-small community of Jesus' disciples, empowering them to do the Lord's work (Acts 2). Pentecost is therefore sometimes referred to as the day the "church" began. The Greek word for church, *ekklesia*, means more than the place of worship we attend on Sunday - it is a gathering of people, a community.

We, as St Mary's School, are a Christian community focused on education. Pentecost is a good time to reflect on what it means for us to be a Christian and Anglican school - a value we hold central to our identity. Much thought has already been given to this topic, evidenced in our statement concerning the Christian Identity and Ethos of St Mary's, an excerpt from which can be found on our website and on our St Mary's app. We began our term with Eucharists and services for both girls and staff: an acknowledgement of God as the source of all we have and all we are, and a rededication of ourselves to God.

An important part of our acknowledgement, that we are but custodians of the privileges God has given us, is a consideration of our

responsibility to our context. Thus, as has been communicated via the St Mary's app, all chapel collections this term will go toward our social responsibility education initiatives: specifically, toward Waverley Girls' High School and the Saturday School High Schools' programme. Reminders will be given to this effect throughout the term to help us prioritise our responsibility in this regard.

This term, let us consciously take time out each week to rest in God's presence and to reflect on the nature of God, and our relationship with God and with one another. By doing so, we acknowledge that we are not God, and neither do we worship the seemingly irrepressible god of "more": more wealth, more achievements, more material belongings, more fame. The Psalmist reminds us that "unless the Lord builds the house, those who built it labour in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil: for he gives sleep to his beloved." (Psalm 127:1-2)

Revd Claudia Coustas
Chaplain

Orange River experience

During the recent April school holidays, a group of adventurous geographers and budding scientists, accompanied by ourselves, went on the ultimate exploration across some of the lesser-known regions of South Africa.

Our adventure commenced in the Mother City, where we were lucky enough to escape the arrival of the recent cold fronts. Gorgeous weather made for amazing sightseeing and geological observations along Chapman's Peak, Cape Point and Table Mountain. Professor Harris of the Geography department at UCT provided us with interesting insights into the Table Mountain rock formations.

From Cape Town our journey took us deep into the Karoo, where we spent a night in the hamlet of Sutherland. Our visit to the observatory and, in particular, SALT, was fascinating. Stargazing in the light-free zones of Sutherland should be on every South African's bucket list.

From Sutherland, we ventured into the red rock zone and rooibos farming area of the Cedarberg. The rooibos tea tasting in Clanwilliam at the Rooibos Teahouse was a most civilised afternoon activity.

From Clanwilliam we travelled into Namibia through the Vioolsdrift border, where we began our Orange River canoe adventure. This was one of the real highlights of the trip. Gentle paddling along the river, with intermittent rapids, made for ultimate fun and relaxation at the same time.

Boiling hot days of over 35°C warranted a regular dip into the river. Complete silence, together with magnificent scenery and isolation, made the experience altogether breathtaking. Sleeping on a river sandbank under the stars is a memory we will cherish forever.

Our homeward bound journey took us via Au-grabies National Park, where we narrowly escaped a violent attack by a troop of hungry baboons! Kimberley was our final destination before we arrived home in our overland vehicle - which was our home from home for 12 days!

What a wonderful adventure and a truly special group of girls.

Sally James and Melanie Blair

Deputy headmistress HoD: Physical and Natural Sciences



The touring group at the most south-western point of Africa



Table Mountain - one of the natural wonders of the world



Rafting along the Orange River, with an amazing folded landscape in the background



We explored many small towns in the Northern Cape. Pofadder was, of course, a highlight!



Our overland truck - home for 12 days

Bronwyn - ballet

From 8 to 17 April, I was privileged to have danced in Joburg Ballet's first performance season of the year, *Giselle*. This was my fifth season dancing with the company, having previously danced in *La Bayadere*, *Swan Lake* and *Don Quixote*, among others.

Over the past few seasons, I have witnessed how Joburg Ballet has rapidly evolved. *Giselle* was the culmination of Joburg Ballet's continued technical improvement and success in growing the popularity of the art. Most performances were sold out and the audience feedback - including that of the critics - was extremely satisfying.

The corps de ballet of *Giselle* is particularly challenging. I danced in the corps de ballet as one of the willis, who are the ghosts of broken-hearted women. I am very grateful that I was able to dance in, and learn from, this professional ballet company. I have gained much experience from being part of Joburg Ballet, and look forward to the forthcoming seasons.

Joburg Ballet's next performance season, *Ballets for Winter*, showcases excerpts from a variety of ballets, including *Les Sylphides*, in which I will be dancing. *Ballets for Winter* will be performed at the Roodepoort Theatre from 17 to 19 June.

Bronwyn

Form IV



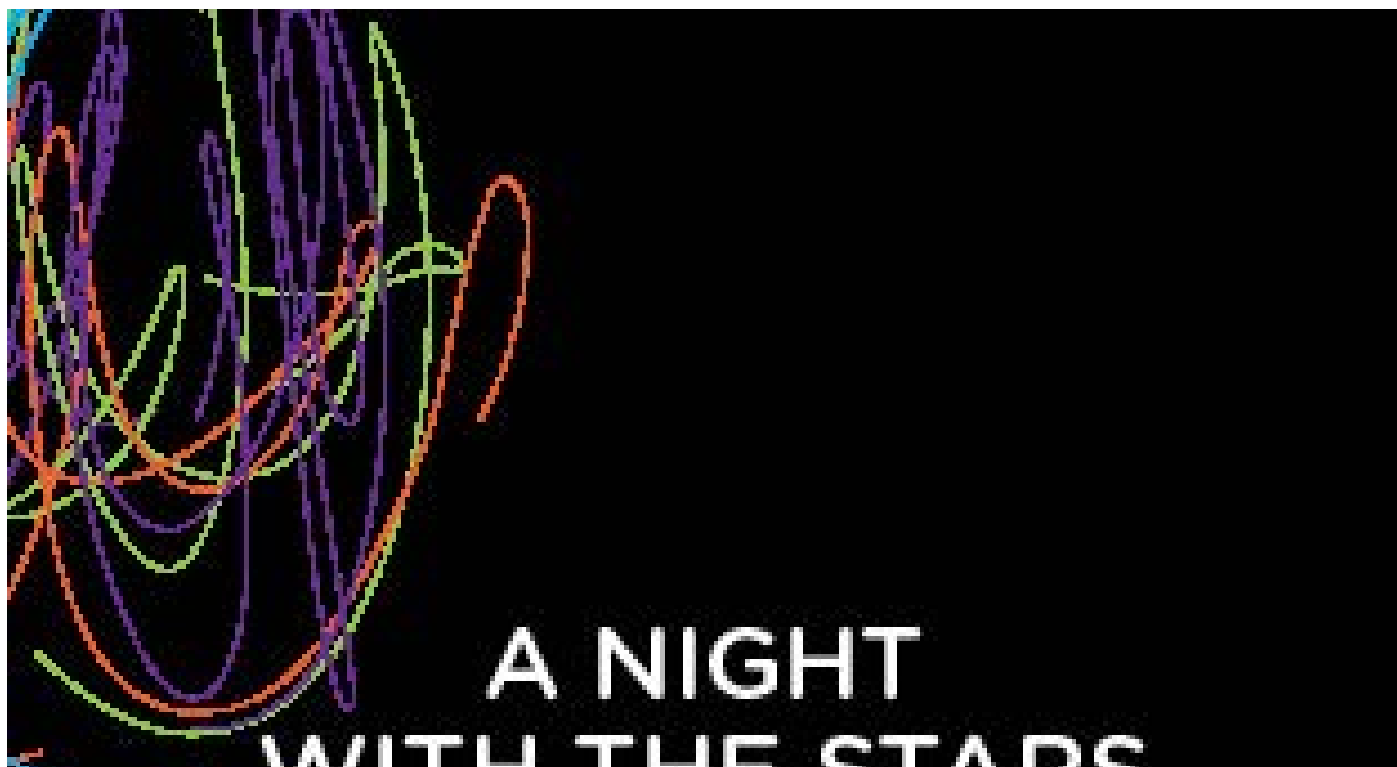
JOBURG
BALLET

Roodepoort Theatre | 17 June 19h30,
18 June 15h00, 19 June 11h00 & 15h00
0861 670670 | roodepoorttheatre.com
joburgtheatre.com | webtickets.co.za

Ballets For Winter

Including *Les Sylphides*

From the Music department



A NIGHT WITH THE STARS

The Johannesburg Youth Orchestra
in collaboration with
Born to Perform
featuring
Samantha Peo and Timothy Moloai


Conducted by
Eddie Clayton

Produced and Directed by
Bryan Schimmel

WHEN:
Friday 27 May 2016 @ 19:30
Saturday 28 May 2016 @ 14:30 and 19:00

WHERE:
UJ Arts Centre Theatre
University of Johannesburg Ringway Campus

For registration, email info@stmarys.co.za or phone on 011 484 1000.
seats at cost price.



From the Sports department



Tennis

Congratulations to Maja and Cara, who were selected to represent the South African Schools' U17 and U15 teams respectively. Both players fared exceptionally well in the South African Schools' inter-provincial tournament, which was held in Pretoria shortly before the holidays. The South African team will tour England and Scotland, and have the opportunity to watch the first few days of the tennis at Wimbledon. Only six players per age group are chosen for the team. Congratulations on this prestigious achievement.

René Plant

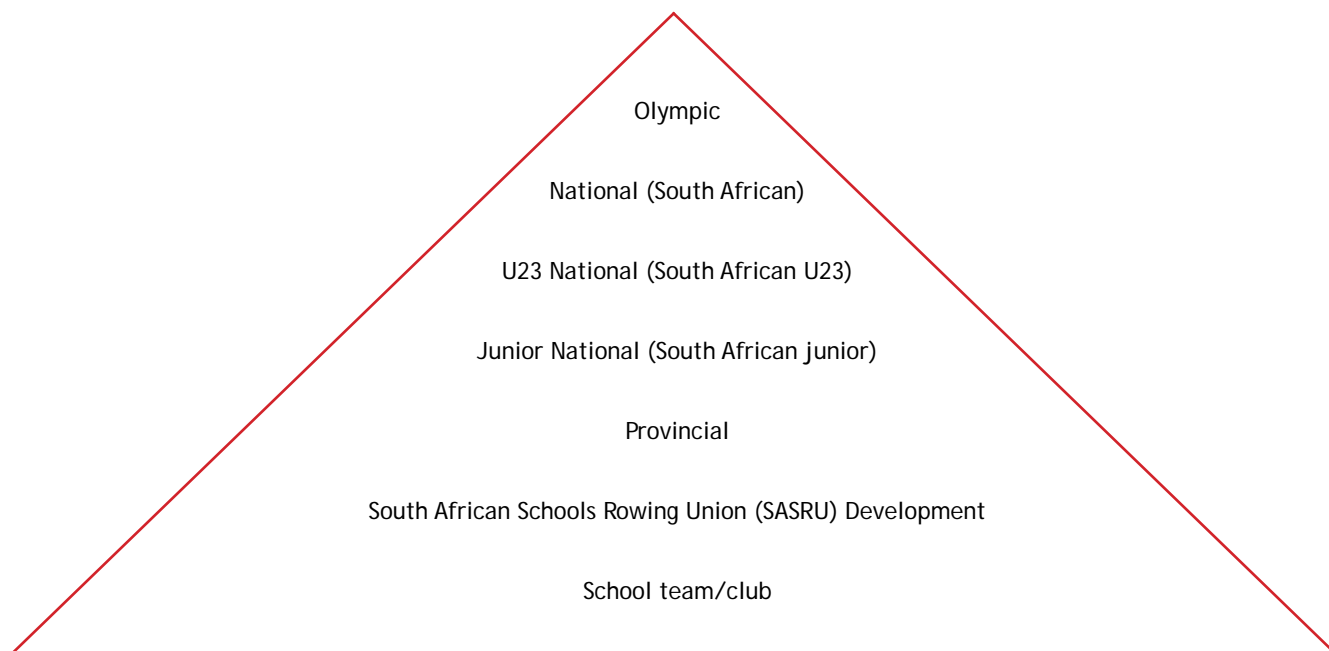
Tennis coach



Cara and Maja

Rowing

St Mary's rowing club has a long tradition of international participation. The SASRU development team, which started in 2012, is aimed at developing U16 and U17 rowers for the national team. The selection process is rigorous, and being selected is an honour. The next level of competition is the Gauteng squad. The rowers in this squad attempt to qualify for Junior Nationals. If you look at the triangle below, this will explain the pathway to the Olympic Games.



We are extremely proud of our young rowers. Emma and Alexa were selected for the SASRU development team. They competed at the Wallingford and Bedford Regattas in England from 28 April to 9 May. The girls raced well in the U18 event at the Wallingford Regatta, narrowly missing out on making the A final. They raced again in the Bedford Regatta in the composite eight with several U17 athletes, making it through to the semi-final. We commend these girls and are looking forward to watching their progress in the future.

Daniel Trollip, our St Mary's U15 coach, was selected to coach the U17 SASRU development athletes. He has carved out a niche coaching our U15s, who have dominated rowing in their age group. I hope Daniel enjoyed coaching the older athletes and has gained great experience. We look forward to hearing all about his journey.

The Gauteng rowing squad will be competing at the selection regatta on 14 and 15 May. There will be two races per day, and the girls are required to perform to the highest standard. They will be racing in the quad, double and pair. We have been given permission to compete in the eight as well - competing in an eight is a first for women's rowing and these girls will be making history! We wish Alexandra, Caitlin, Constandina, Megan and Jessica all the best at the regatta. We hope the girls qualify for the Rowing World Junior Championships.

Caitlin Dace

Head of rowing



Eight making their way up to the start of the race at the Senior South African Championships



Women's eight collecting the trophy for winning and breaking the record at the Senior South African Championships



Alexa, Daniel and Emma



Alexa and Emma racing in the Wallingford Regatta



Constandina, Alexandra, Jessica, Caitlin and Megan

Water polo

U17 EU Nationals Cup

Daniela played in the U17 EU Nations Cup in Denmark, in the South African U17 team.

The team won the tournament and Daniela was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Well done, Daniela!



Daniela

Currie Cup Water Polo Tournament 2016

Some of the St Mary's water polo girls were busy at the Currie Cup Water Polo Tournament during the holidays. The tournament took place at Kings Park Swimming Pool in Durban.

Jenna, Daniela, Lace, Catherine, Brittany and Courtney all played for Gauteng and competed against the top U18 and ladies teams in the country.

Kelsey White

Water polo coach



Courtney



Brittany



Catherine



Jenna



Daniela



Lace

Squash

SUMMER SPORTS AWARDS DINNER

The following awards were handed out at the Summer Sports Awards dinner last term:

U14 Elliot Trophy - best U14 squash player	Zanele
U15 Ingersent Trophy - best U15 squash player	Cara
U16 Ingersent Trophy - best U16 squash player	Georgina
U19 Leslie Trophy - best U19 squash player	Megan
Open School Championship Trophy - best squash player	Panashe
Van Dyk Trophy - for commitment	Grace
Jean Perry Trophy - most improved squash player	Jemma
Most promising squash player	Megan

Alexia Bas, Alexia Bes, Samantha, Megan, Mikaela, Ynez, Ayeesha, Demi, Alayna, Rebecca and Josie received certificates for progress in squash.

Sarah, Hannah, Kim, Gessica and Sarah received certificates for commitment, dedication and improvement in squash.

May, Jessica, Megan and Jordyn received certificates for improvement and dedication in squash. Alexandra received a certificate for excellence in squash.

Amy, Hannah, Tannah and Ruth received certificates for excellent match play in squash.

Julia received a certificate for outstanding match play in squash.

The following girls received long-term commitment certificates: Lara, Electra, Megan, Christine, Julia, Grace, Anne and Francesca.

Panashe recently won the SA Schools' Closed Squash Tournament, held at Parkview. Panashe beat Noel Lee 3/2, which entrenches her at no. 1 in SA U19. Well done on this great achievement.

Jennifer Fox
Squash coach



U14 squash girls



Cheyna Tucker, SA no. 3, visited St Mary's for a two-hour training session with a few of our girls

Senior inter-house squash

		K	P	C	F	POINTS	POSITION
K	KARNEY	X	113	152	87	352	3 rd
P	PHELPS	135	X	184	108	427	1 st
C	CLAYTON	90	66	X	71	227	4 th
F	FURSE	132	114	149	X	395	2 nd

The following girls participated in inter-house squash at the end of last term:



Karney



Furse



Phelps



Clayton



Mikaela was our timekeeper for senior inter-house squash.

St Mary's hockey players hit Europe

After a successful 2nd position at the St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival, the 1st hockey team and the touring team met at OR Tambo International Airport for what would be the experience of a lifetime.



St Mary's girls at OR Tambo International Airport

Over 12 days, we would trek the streets of Frankfurt, Antwerp and Amsterdam for Stan Smith sneakers, Brandy Melville clothing, Uniqlo jackets and Amsterdam appeal, as well as the tasty stroopwaffels and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. The streets were overwhelmed by 33 South African girls, as were the eight hockey clubs we would face. Let us take you through our European journey.

First stop ... Frankfurt



St Mary's girls at Frankfurt Airport

After an exciting yet long journey to Frankfurt, the girls settled in at their hotel. Soon, the socks and boots were on and we ran the tiredness out of our legs at Frankfurt Hockey Club. The preparation was done and the very next day we took on Wiesbaden. Surrounded by forest, both teams dominated their opposition, emerging victorious.



St Mary's 1st team against Wiesbaden

The following day, we were taken to the beautiful historic Heidelberg Castle. The steep, long walk to the top was less than ideal, but was soon forgotten after taking in the magnitude of the castle and the scenic views it offered us of the town.



Heidelberg Castle

Later, the touring team played Frankfurt, which arrived with what looked like two teams, with 27 players. The girls fought hard and had a cheerleading squad in the form of the 1st team.

We then travelled to Antwerp, Belgium.

Drielandenpunt is the meeting point of Germany, Belgium and Holland. It was somewhat difficult to believe, but we stood at the point where all three countries joined. The fascination of this had the girls snapping away with their cameras, and figuring out that three different body parts could be in three countries at the same time.



Drielandenpunt

Before our bus trip to Antwerp, we popped over to Maastricht Hockey Club in Holland, where we were met by very tough opposition. The touring team showed much courage and determination but, sadly, lost. This was shortly forgotten after the two teams amalgamated to share in singing and dancing on the balcony, after a delicious salmon pasta meal. The 1st team had to fight for a 2-1 win, as well as bear a rather nasty storm for 15 minutes.

We had the next day to explore the wonders of Antwerp, taking in the beauty of Antwerp central station, De Grote Markt, and, of course, the inside of the stores. On our last day, we were treated to a quality Dutch women's premier league match: Oranje-Swart vs Laren. Both teams are filled with international players and our girls' jaws dropped at the highly skilled and fast-paced match. Many girls met and watched their "heroes".



The Saints girls with Naomi van As

We then moved on to Beuningen Hockey Club, where the coaches were hoping for an inspired performance. This was not the case and we had to tolerate rather poor performances, all part of the experience and a much-needed learning curve. The girls managed the losses, and then enjoyed a braai and dance-off, hosted by the opposition.



Touring team with Beuningen



1st team with Beuningen

Our final destination was Amsterdam, Holland.

En route to Amsterdam we stopped over at the Efteling theme park. The day was all about the bravery of the "older" coaches. Casually keeping quiet, Ms Quix and Mrs Howell joined a queue in the quest to get it "over and done with", so the girls didn't nag them. It wasn't the teacups or the lazy river but a ride called the Baron 1898. The Baron plunges you down a 37.5m freefall into a mineshaft at a speed of 90km/h. Have a look: www.efteling.com/en/park/attractions/baron-1898.

After this, nothing was too much and their reading books remained in their bags.



The brave oldies preparing for their rollercoaster ride



Efteling theme park, Holland

For the next four days the tour group visited Rotterdam, where we indulged in a Spido cruise of the harbour; Amsterdam, for a canal cruise and Alkmaar, for the windmills. While sightseeing, the hockey picked up and we were privileged to participate in two separate coaching sessions, conducted by international players in the Dutch league. The girls were exposed to new ways of thinking, skills and tactics.

Mostly engaged with the coaches and glued to the turf, our girls couldn't get enough no matter how tired or sore their bodies were. During this time, we played four matches, each allowing us to adapt

and improve new structures, allowing for flair and hard work.

What was appreciated most during the trip was our interaction with the players of each club. We were spoilt with wonderful food and music, and friendships were made. Appreciation for hockey was shaped, and a shift was made to respect our sport, coaches and fellow teammates.

Roxy Coetzee-Turner

Head of hockey



Windmills at Zaanse Schans



Coaching session at Hockey Club Amsterdam



1st and touring team with their opponents, Mijdrecht



Coaching session at Hockey Club Cartouche

Opposition team	Score	
	1 st team	Touring team
Wiesbadener Tennis and Hockey Club	Won 7-0	Won 3-1
Sports club Frankfurt	Did not play	Lost 2-0
Maastrichtse Hockey Club	Won 2-1	Lost 2-0
Beuningen Hockey Club	Lost 4-2	Lost 2-0
Hockey Vereniging Mijdrecht	Won 3-0	Lost 2-1
Athena Hockey Club	Won 4-1	Won 4-1
Alkmaarsche Mixed Hockey Club	Won 6-2	Lost 4-2
HC Houten	Lost 2-1	Lost 2-0

Hockey tournament at Roedean

At the end of last term, a newly selected U14 A team attended the U14 Roedean Hockey and Netball Tournament from 7 to 9 April. It was an excellent opportunity for us to get to know one another, work on skills and tactics and play a variety of opposition teams. The tournament is run on the same basis as the St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival playing 25 minutes one way.

The girls listened, showed grit and resilience, and managed to fight their way to the final where we played the Eunice U14 team. We absorbed consistent pressure and managed to hold out for a draw. The girls had a great time together.

Our results were as follows:

Beat St Dunstan's	3-0
Beat Affies B	1-0
Beat Kingsmead	1-0
Beat Brescia	1-0
Drew to Durban Girls' College	0-0
Beat St Stithians	2-1
Final: Drew to Eunice	0-0

Quix

Head of sport



U14 A team at Roedean tournament

Netball

St Mary's 1st netball team participated in the St Andrew's Netball Festival in Term I. A total of 32 schools participated in the festival.

St Mary's began well by winning all four matches on the first day against St Dunstan's, Reddam, Penryn and DGC. The second day seemed to be a bit more challenging, with three very competitive matches against Beaulieu College, Cornwall Hill and Waterstone. St Mary's won one match, drew one and, unfortunately, lost one. This resulted in St Mary's playing in the Plate section.

The Plate section was even more competitive as teams were fighting for the gold medal. The third day of the festival saw St Mary's playing four more matches, against Edenvale, Kingsmead, St Dominic's and Maragon. All matches were won confidently.

The fourth and final day of the festival seemed more challenging than the other three days, as the girl's bodies were tired and sore. Three matches were scheduled, including the finals. The first match was against Uplands and then Pretoria Girls' High School. The first match was lost against Uplands, but we won the second.

St Mary's had made it to the Plate section final and the podium match was played against Uplands. With mixed emotions, the girls stepped on the court and gave their all. St Mary's knew that this match would

be difficult, with more spectators than before watching and cheering on both teams.

The first-quarter score was 5-5, with the second-quarter score still neck-and-neck at 9-9. St Mary's then increased the intensity of their play and led the third quarter 13-12. The fourth and final quarter was nail-biting, as both teams fought hard, but St Mary's came out on top with a two-point win of 17-15.

St Mary's won the Plate section!

Term II has begun with a bang for the St Mary's netball teams. On Friday 6 May, St Mary's competed against Witteberg Hoërskool from Bethlehem. Witteberg proved to be a very strong netball school, and we learned a lot from playing against them and watching their style of play. As this was the first competitive match for most of our junior teams, we were very proud of how the girls played.

Palesa Masinga
Netball coach

Our results were as follow:

U14 A: lost 11-17
U14 B: lost 8-18
U14 C: lost 7-13
U14 D: lost 5-6

U15 A: lost 13-25
U15 B: lost 7-15
U15 C: won 11-6
U15 D: won 12-10

U16 A: lost 13-16
U16 B: lost 8-16

2nd team: lost 6-27
1st team: lost 16-40



1st netball team



Varaidzo



Caitlyn

Derby Day

A group of girls and staff from Durban Girls' College are travelling today to St Mary's for our annual Derby Day. We shall host a large number of their girls tonight and tomorrow night. Tomorrow, we participate in a variety of cultural activities, and play squash, tennis, netball and hockey against them. See the St Mary's app for full programme details.

Quix

Head of sport

Fashion show

Tickets for the Form III fashion show are on sale every morning in the stop-and-drop.



Please remember to download the St Mary's app

- The app is available from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Search for it by using **St Mary's School**
- Once you have located it, click the Download or Get icon. When the app has downloaded and opened, a window will pop up which requires an access code to be entered. Enter the access code **stmary16** and click OK
- You will then be taken to the Loading Screen and to a screen which will ask about **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**. Please allow for push notifications to be sent through
- In the menu, you will see an icon button that reads: **My school profile**. Email kathy.mittendorf@stmary.co.za to get your unique personalised access code. This will allow you to Bookmark pages, create a personalised schedule and lots more. Remember also to click on Notification settings to select the areas of the school that are applicable to you. This will ensure that you only get urgent notifications that are relevant to you and your child.