



St Mary's School  
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Congratulations to our St Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> hockey team for placing second at the 2016 St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival

## From the head's desk

Dear parents

Our Easter term is drawing to a close and, looking back over the busy weeks, I am aware of the remarkable work and achievements of the girls and their teachers. It has been a demanding term with the academic results reflecting facets of continuous assessment, which includes many and varied assessments. The co-curricular programme has also been particularly demanding with many sport, cultural and service activities. There have been events and achievements that are recorded in this newsletter and in previous newsletters this term, of which I am extremely proud.

I am aware that the time demands placed on the girls are significant and many individuals were exhausted as we closed for the Easter break. This caused me to spend some time thinking about why we offer so many different activities and why we believe the co-curricular programme is

important at St Mary's.

International emphasis is placed on a valuable education that is holistic. The experiences and learning that take place outside the classroom are considered as valuable as those that occur within the classroom, especially as far as character building is concerned. I also believe that the variety of activities provide opportunities for all the girls to find a comfortable space or a niche. Each girl is encouraged to explore her interests and talents and to challenge herself to develop her abilities in areas where she may not have considered it possible.

The co-curricular programme also offers an opportunity for girls to develop friendships within these areas of interest. My thinking led me to conclude that the varied and number of co-curricular opportunities are necessary.

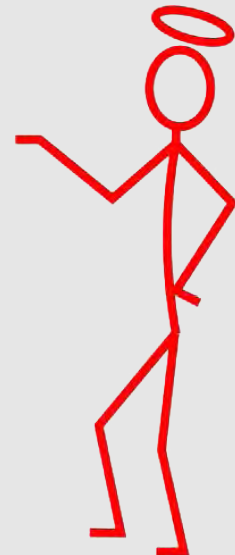
## Dates to Diarise

### April

Tues 5	07h30	Hymn practice (FIII, FIV and FV)
	07h30	Guest speaker (FI and FII)
Wed 6	07h30	Guest speaker - Kabelo Mabalane
	18h00	Senior School Singing Sistas
Thurs 7		Roedeane U14 hockey and netball festival
	07h30	Middle School Eucharist
	18h00	Senior School Singing Sistas
Fri 8		Roedeane U14 hockey and netball festival
	07h30	Senior School Eucharist
	10h00	Talk by Emma Sadleir (FI and FII)
	12h30	Final assembly
Sat 9		Senior School closes
		Roedeane U14 hockey and netball festival

### May

Sun 1		Workers' Day
Tues 3	07h00	School opens for staff
Wed 4		Term II begins
	07h30	Senior School Eucharist
	07h30	Middle School Life Orientation workshop
	09h25	Middle School Eucharist
	09h25	Senior School Life Orientation workshop



I believe that the girls try to do too much. It is imperative that they learn to make choices about their involvement and that they plan their schedules around their own capacity. Knowing oneself is essential to living a happy and fulfilled existence. As adults, we must help the girls in our care

to realise and accept that what suits one individual may be detrimental to another. Our girls must forge their individuality and that begins with their interests, the talents which they want to develop, their choice of participation and the balance they require.

I have encouraged the mentor teachers to guide each of their mentees in reviewing their schedules and making the choices that best suit them.

*Deanne King*  
Head of school

## From the chaplain

Welcome to all after what I hope was a restful Holy Week and Easter break. While the break was much needed and appreciated, I'm a bit disoriented by the resultant changes in pace: from the whirlwind of the wonderful school play to Easter Eucharists, the close of some sports seasons and the start of others, to 10 days of calm and reflection ... and then back into the whirlwind of the hockey festival, netball festival, end-of-term services and other activities.

I wonder whether the disciples' experience was similar: from going about their daily lives, some of them fishing for a living, to the whirlwind of following Jesus for three years, 24 hours a day; having their worldview changed by the way Jesus interpreted the scriptures and challenged the religious authorities of the day. And then suddenly he was gone: arrested, whipped, killed on a cross, and the disciples themselves were wanted men and women.

How at a loss they must have felt, amid their grief. There was nothing for it but to go back, shell-shocked, to fishing - and to add to their woes, they caught no fish.

Then came a command from the shore that they could not ignore: "Cast your nets to the other side of the boat!" Why hadn't they seen that huge shoal before? They tried desperately to pull in the fish on to their small boat with their little nets. "It's the Lord!" cried one of the

disciples, which was all it took for the ever-impulsive Simon Peter to jump into the water and swim to shore. The astonished disciples managed to haul their catch ashore where they shared breakfast with the Lord. (John 21:1-12)

What strikes me is that the disciples recognised Jesus in their ordinary, everyday lives when things were going awry. Similarly, we haven't left Jesus behind on Easter Sunday, a separate event from our daily lives.

Christ is still present with us - we have but to recognise the risen Christ in all that surprises us each day. Importantly, we also need to stop and reflect, each day, on those times when Christ surprises us (and perhaps we haven't noticed?) in much the same way as the disciples had breakfast with the Lord after a hard night's work.

*Revd Claudia Coustas*  
Chaplain



## From the head girl

The St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival is a highly anticipated annual school event that plays host to talented players, passionate coaches and dedicated supporters from around the country. The 1<sup>st</sup> hockey team and the festival team had been training for weeks leading up to this past weekend and the various committees and departments had been preparing for the busy days.

While the festival highlighted the sport and our talented players, there were so many skilled people involved in ensuring the success of the event as a whole. The girls on the hockey festival committee were entrusted with hosting and looking after individual teams while the marketing committee - along with other departments such as public relations, communications and film club - took care of the media coverage throughout the tournament.

The spirit squad ensured that our players were supported in all their games and the first aid girls were on standby the entire weekend to assist the paramedics when needed. Supporters sporting red-and-white gear formed an integral part of the St Mary's community.

On reflection, the 2016 St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival, was a resounding success and thank you to everyone involved!

*Shayna*  
Head girl

## Public speaking

Over the past few weeks both the prepared and impromptu public speaking teams participated in the annual inter-schools public speaking competition held by the Speech and Drama College of South Africa. All our teams, from Form I to matric, achieved excellent results and, as a whole, St Mary's received eight A+ and four A symbols. Overall St Mary's was runner-up in the competition.



Matric public speaking girls



Public speaking team

These exceptional results reflect all the hard work and dedication which the St Mary's public speaking teams put into their presentations and as a school we are proud of the results. Congratulations to the following girls:

**Trophy team**                    **A**  
Julia  
Sasha  
Courtney

**Matric open team**                **A+**  
Raaesa  
Isabella  
Siphosihle  
Shayna

**Matric impromptu team**        **A+**  
Mutsa  
Lara  
Olivia  
Jaime

**Individual best speaker**        **A+**  
Natasha

**Form IV impromptu team**        **A**  
Kristin  
Annabel  
Jordan r  
Clarisse

**Form IV prepared**                **A**  
Sophia  
Shazia  
Julia  
Reitumetse

**Form III impromptu team**        **A +**  
Emma  
Alexandra  
Juliet  
Emma

**Form III prepared**                **A +**  
Shreya  
Tarya  
Itai  
Saskia

**Form II team one**                 **A+**  
Renata  
Jaeger  
Lukhanyiso  
Gabiella

**Form II team two**                 **A+**  
Hannah  
Khanyisile  
Emma  
Katherine

**Form I team one**                 **A +**  
Hannah  
Rachel r  
Helen  
Emma

**Form I team two**                 **A**  
Jamie  
Itumeleng  
Nicola  
Lara

*Annabel*  
Form IV

## Norton Rose Fulbright scholar day



Form IV girls at Norton Rose Fulbright

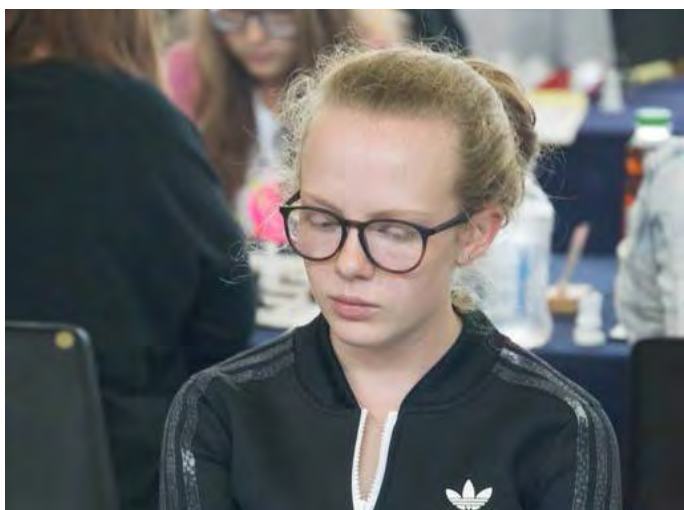
The Norton Rose Fulbright scholar day, held on 12 March, was a successful event and a worthwhile experience. The programme was divided into three sessions, all of which were informative and fun. In the first session we were officially welcomed by Ismail Laher, the director of corporate, mergers and acquisitions at Norton Rose Fulbright, who opened the floor to general questions and gave an overview of a lawyer's life.

In the second session all the scholars were placed in different groups and assigned a lawyer in a particular field. We were allowed to ask more personal questions, specific to the respective lawyers who provided an in-depth view of what we might encounter as a lawyer in a particular legal field.

The last session entailed a mock court trial in which our respective teams were given the same scenario with differing perspectives and instructions on what each team was expected to do. The session was entertaining and each team presented interesting and somewhat dramatic cases. The day concluded with a mouthwatering Nando's lunch. Our school was represented by 10 Form IV girls and we all agreed that the event was beneficial.

*Keitumetse*  
Form IV

## Chess



Inge concentrating hard during a chess match



Inge at the SA Junior Closed Chess Championships

Inge, Form IV, has been selected for the Senior South African chess team and will represent South Africa at the African Zonals in Mauritius during the April holidays. Inge played in the SA Junior Closed Chess Championships 2016 hosted in Bloemfontein. She is the new 2016 U18 Girls' Champion and will represent SA at the following events:

- Commonwealth Games in July in Sri Lanka
- African Youth Chess Championship in August in Port Elizabeth
- World Youth Chess Championship in September in Russia

Inge was also presented with a trophy for South Africa's Most Improved International Youth Chess Player for 2014/2015.

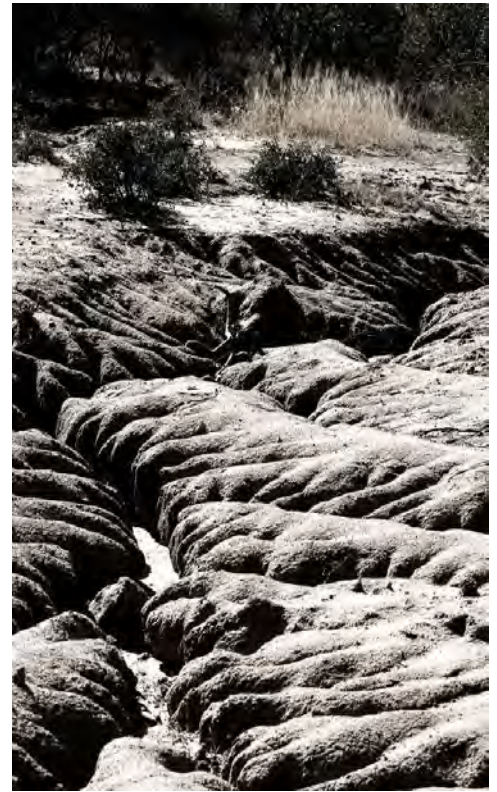
## Photography competition finalists



Bronwyn - Mused



Cara - Growth



Dominique - Drought



Chloe - Love birds



Sherinne - Dragonfly golden-ringed

The Senior School photography competition attracted 150 entries this year. The standard of photography at St Mary's remains high and we thank all entrants for their support. Special congratulations are extended to our finalists. Their photographs are on display in the Wantage Resource Centre. All are welcome to view.

The prize winners will be announced at final assembly this term.

### Our finalists are:

Hannah  
 Ruby  
 Michelle  
 Emma  
 Brigid Rawlings (French teacher)  
 Daniëlle  
 Alexandra  
 Sherinne Kench (PA to the business manager)  
 Justine  
 Bronwyn  
 Catherine  
 Quix (head of sport)

Romy  
 Dominique  
 Tori  
 Rachel  
 Emily  
 Kate  
 Jaide-Maree  
 Lalage  
 Jordyn  
 Cara  
 Chloe

Well done, everybody.

*Anneli Silvennoinen*  
 Senior School librarian

## South African Library Week

South African Library Week was celebrated with various events in the Wantage Resource Centre.

### Week 1



Avid reader, Felicia Tobias, is one of the first to arrive at the staff book club



Troy Stead browses our Laugh or Cry book display



Lukhanyiso helps to pack new books onto the shelves

### Week 2



Kaitlin and Saskia at the resource monitors' tea



Sandile, Keitumetse and Tumisang enjoying the tea for the resource monitors

### Week 3



Girls wait excitedly for the Amazing Race Wantage edition to begin



The Grade 3 girls were thrilled to meet our head monitor, Siphosihle, during their tour of the Senior School. One of them thought Siphosihle was the headmistress



Keitumetse, the organiser of the Amazing Race, and the members of the winning team:

Malaika, Angela, Amanda, Tarumbidzwa and Simone

*Anneli Silvennoinen*  
Senior School librarian

## Senior School play



Thidziambi



Natasha



Act one



Having fun!

The Senior School play, *Five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes* was a resounding success. The calibre of the performances and dedication to honouring the production from which the scenes were extracted, was tangible.

The play certainly had it all: singing, acting, glitzy costumes and high kicks. But it was the quotation Natasha Rajak delivered on behalf of director Michael Bennett about the chorus line that put the production into perspective: "I want the audience to walk out of the theatre saying: 'Those kids shouldn't be in a chorus!' I want people in the audience to go to other shows and think about what's really gone into making that chorus ... it fades with them kicking. That's it. That's the end of the show."

Well, our girls certainly went out kicking and proved once again that they truly are in a class of their own.

We were honoured to have a few industry professionals in the audience who were not only delighted to witness the show but also to discover some amazing up-and-coming talent. The productivity of the creative and technical teams was testimony to the passion of the staff at St Mary's.

Hearty congratulations to all who were involved in the production.

*Jane McMurray*  
Head of culturals



Opening act

## Debating

Debating continues to grow at St Mary's. This year we have two senior teams and one junior team, all of whom participated in the SACEE preliminary rounds this term.

The senior team results were: St Mary's 1 won three out of six rounds and St Mary's 2 won two out of six rounds.

Congratulations to: St Mary's 1 - Layla, Siphosihle and Chloe. St Mary's 2 - Tarya, Re-

thabile, Keara and Maya. We thank Oluwaseyi for helping with the preparations.

The junior team won one out of three rounds they participated in this term.

Congratulations to Anthea, Anqi and Melissa. We thank Katherine Wh and Katherine Wa for helping with preparations. The next preliminary rounds for the junior team will take place on 8 May at King David, Linksfield.

Congratulations to all debaters for the commendable way in which they represented St Mary's.

*Mumsy Malinga*  
Debating co-ordinator

## Academic counselling

As part of St Mary's ongoing efforts to support and empower pupils, we are launching an academic counselling programme that targets Form I and II girls. Some of our top academic achievers in Form IV will be available before and after school to share their wisdom and skills with girls who may be feeling out of their depth. This offers a unique opportunity for girls in the Middle School to be mentored

by older girls who have experienced many of the same challenges that they are facing now.

The academic counsellors can assist with time management, essay writing, study skills and subject content knowledge. Form I and II girls interested in additional support can consult the academic counselling board in the chill room. This board provides

information about the counsellors and a booking sheet. For further information, girls may also contact the teacher in charge, Lucy Hathorn at [Lucy.hathorn@stmary.co.za](mailto:Lucy.hathorn@stmary.co.za).



## From the Music department

St Mary's School, Waverley

presents

“Singing Sistas”

with

Kingsmead College

St Andrew's School for Girls

Brescia House School

Assumption Convent School

Jeppe High School for Girls

6 and 7 April 2016

The Edge

18h30

Entrance free



## From the Sports department



### Netball



Thembani and Tayla



Raffaella

Tayla and Thembani have been selected for the U15 girls' district netball team and will attend further trials for Gauteng netball.

Raffaella U18 (our netball captain) was selected for the U18 girls' district netball team to go to Gauteng trials.

*Rose Hallendorff*

Head of netball

### Equestrian



Coral rides Embrace the Empire

On 5 and 6 February, the St Mary's equestrian team participated in the second qualifier of the inter-schools' competition in the Johannesburg Metro area. The team rode spectacularly during another scorching weekend, with many of the girls placing in their various classes. Special mention for winning their classes goes to Caitlin (Form IV) for Dressage (Level 2), Show Jumping (Level 4) and Working Hunter (Level 5); Lia (Form III) for Equitation (Level 4) and Nicola (Form II) for Working Hunter (Level 1) and Working Riding (Level 5).

Other placings in the top five of their classes were Lia (Show Jumping, Working Riding, Performance Riding and Dressage), Nicola



Itumeleng rides Call Collect

(Performance Riding, Working Riding and Equitation), Babette (Show Jumping), Nicola (Equitation), Coral (Equitation and Show Jumping), Margaret (Dressage and Equitation) and Michelle (Equitation).

Unfortunately three girls were unable to compete in this qualifier: India (Form III), owing to an injury, Jessica (Form V), as her horse was not fit to compete, and Julia, as she is still looking for a horse to compete on. Georgina (Form V) had an unscheduled dismount owing to steering issues in one of her classes but landed safely on her feet. A special thank you is extended to Ms Wood and Ms Mullan as well as all those who came out to support our amazing team. It made



Lia with Waterside Magic Flute

the weekend that much more enjoyable and we thank Margaret for taking pictures for our school.

We hope that the rest of the year goes as well as it has so far for the riders and their horses. St Mary's currently leads in our schools' category. The first eventing qualifier, which should have been held at Fourways on 20 March, had to be postponed as the course was flooded.

*Gessica*

Form IV

## Tennis



Matric tennis players

Congratulations to all the winners of cups and certificates at the Summer Sports dinner. All the tennis players can be proud of what they have achieved this season. I would like to thank all the matric players for the contribution they have made to tennis at St Mary's and I wish them everything of the best for the rest of their matric year.

The following cups were handed out to most worthy recipients.

**The Gail Murray Trophy for the most improved junior tennis player** – Ruth and Tamsin

**The René Plant Trophy for the best junior player** – Cara

**The Karen Haswell Trophy for Outstanding Tennis** – Imaan and Maja

**The Tracy Plant Tennis Trophy for the love of the game** – Romy

**The Alison Sanders Trophy for Sportsmanship** – Tamsyn and Isabella

Congratulations to Maja who represented the South African U16 team who participated in the prestigious African Junior Championships held in Pretoria. Although Maja felt that she did not play her best tennis, she did extremely well and was placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the U16 singles event.

Congratulations and well done to all the tennis players who participated in the Free State tournament and the South African National Championships during the Easter break.

Imaan played exceptionally well and reached the finals of the U18 singles event in the Free State tournament and the semi-finals in the U18 singles event in the South African Junior Championships. Imaan and her partner from St Stithians, Tayla, narrowly lost in the finals of the national U18 doubles. Well done to Tegan and Naima who both played well and managed to achieve creditable placings in both events.

Cara also performed extremely well and came 6<sup>th</sup> in the U16 singles event in the South African National Championships. Tamsin continued with her fine form and reached

the finals of the U16 singles event in the Free State tournament but lost in a very close match to Cara in the first round of the National Championships. Ruth won three out of her five singles matches to achieve 7<sup>th</sup> place in the platinum section of the U16 event of the South African Junior Championships. Well done to Nina who also participated in the tournament and achieved a creditable placing.

*René Plant*

Tennis coach

## Diving



Diving team

The St Mary's divers dominated the inter-high competition to win the first-place trophy. Aerin nailed her first three dives, which helped her to win the bronze medal in the last school competition of her illustrious career. Kathleen gave the best performance of her season with a huge improvement in her overall score. Her last dive was near-perfect, and saw her finish just behind her teammate in 4<sup>th</sup> place at her final diving competition. Well done, matrics!

In the U16 division, Isabelle gave a stunning

performance for Saints, earning high marks for every dive. Her diving was enough to win the gold medal in her age group with a fantastic score.

Following just behind her was Emma with the silver medal. Emma gave a consistent performance and earned one of her highest scores for the season.

The Form I girls did not allow the pressure of their first inter-high competition hinder their diving in the U15 event. Alexandra had

her highest score of the season and came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Romy also earned her highest score and was only half a point behind her teammate in fourth place. Both girls dived beautifully.

Congratulations St Mary's divers and well done on an undefeated season!

*Chelsea Glinzman*

Diving coach

## Swimming

Despite terrible weather throughout the week of inter-high, we managed to successfully complete both the A and Premier galas without a hitch. Our B team swam superbly and beat nine schools to take top honours at the A gala. It is always interesting to note where our main rivals' B teams feature in this gala. St Andrew's came 6<sup>th</sup> and St Stithians do not swim a B team. The training is early, tough and often lonely, but the result is a wonderful tribute to the effort and commitment shown by a great many girls.

1 <sup>st</sup>	St Mary's B	363	6 <sup>th</sup>	St Andrew's B	224
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kingsmead	353	7 <sup>th</sup>	Potchefstroom Girls' High	216
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parktown	273	8 <sup>th</sup>	Jeppe Girls' High	161
4 <sup>th</sup>	Assumption Convent	256	9 <sup>th</sup>	Brescia B	155
5 <sup>th</sup>	St Catherine's Convent	243	10 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Rosary B	121



All the matric swimmers

Our A team, not to be outdone, turned in a superb performance at the Premier gala. Although we were beaten by St Andrew's, we regained our second place, as last year's winners, St Stithians, ended third. We came close to winning the overall trophy (swimming and diving scores combined), which boiled down to us needing to beat St Andrew's in the last event. It was not to be but I think it would have been difficult to judge without an electronic timing device.

Sincere congratulations to Michelle Zumpt (swimming coach) and to all the girls on an excellent swimming season.

## Swimming results

1 <sup>st</sup>	St Andrew's A	298	5 <sup>th</sup>	Brescia A	148
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Mary's A	283	6 <sup>th</sup>	Roedean	123
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Stithians	262	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Dominic's	111
4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Rosary A	219	8 <sup>th</sup>	St Teresa's	104

## Overall results (including diving)

1 <sup>st</sup>	St Andrew's A	350
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Mary's A	348,5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Stithians	303
4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Rosary A	219

5 <sup>th</sup>	Brescia A	188,5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Roedean	161,5
7 <sup>th</sup>	St Dominic's	121
8 <sup>th</sup>	St Teresa's	104



Ashleigh (swimming captain) and Kirsty (swimming vice-captain)



St Mary's swimming spirit!

Jeanri and Carly swam very well at the Level 3 championships in Port Elizabeth.



Jeanri



Carly

### Jeanri achieved the following:

- 6<sup>th</sup> in 50m breaststroke
- 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m breaststroke
- 1<sup>st</sup> in 200m breaststroke
- 5<sup>th</sup> in 50 butterfly 29,45 (0,65 of a second between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200m individual medley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in 4x100m freestyle relay

### Quix

Head of sport

### Carly's results:

Made finals in the following events:

- 100m backstroke
- 50m butterfly
- 50m freestyle

And achieved a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 50m backstroke

## Biathlon



Carly - running her 1km at the South African Biathlon Championships



SA U17 Biathlon Champion, Carly, is amazingly talented and recently represented Central Gauteng at the South African Biathlon Championships in Bloemfontein.

She won the event and was crowned the SA U17 Biathlon Champion. Well done, Carly.

*Quix*

Head of sport

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**Up and Away**

Tickets on sale from the beginning of next term!

Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 May      R100 general, R150 VIP