## · SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS ·



Sisters enjoying the gala at Summer Splash

## From the headmistress' desk

Dear parents

A school is a dynamic and exciting environment in which to work. Not only are we interacting on a daily basis with young people who have minds and characters that are forming, but education and thinking about teaching and learning are changing rapidly. The teachers at St Mary's have embraced these changes and they contribute time during each week to participate in professional development, which will enhance their teaching and the girls' learning experiences.

Areas of specific change include ICT integration into the classroom across all forms, innovation in Mathematics teaching and the introduction of project-based learning for the Form Is. These interventions have been carefully researched and the results will be

monitored with ongoing reflection.

The methodologies that I have mentioned will not impact on the academic standards and rigour that are an expectation in our environment, but they will improve accessibility for our girls who live in a visual and technological world. Dr Sally James, Mr Muhammed Jeenah and Mrs Linda Bradfield are leading this work, and they are being assisted by Ms Gail Murray and Ms Jaclyn Paules. I have also employed Ms Lilian Southey, who has a multi-disciplinary background, and she will bring her expertise to both Mathematics and ICT integration. I welcome her to St Mary's.

An important factor for ensuring the academic standards and expertise amongst our teachers also lies in the

#### Dates to Diarise

| January  |       |                             |
|----------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Sat 31   |       | VLC sprints                 |
|          | 09h00 | Peer counsellor training    |
|          | 11h00 | Drama weekend               |
| February |       |                             |
| Sun 1    |       | VLC sprints                 |
| Mon 2    | 18h00 | PTA meeting                 |
| Tues 3   | 16h30 | Board meeting               |
|          | 18h00 | Exchange information even   |
| Wed 4    | 07h30 | Senior class reps' meeting  |
| Thurs 5  | 07h30 | Grade 8 entrance assessmen  |
|          |       | (small group)               |
|          | 11h45 | National Aquatics tour depa |
|          | 14h15 | FIV Art prac                |
| Fri 6    | 08h00 | IEB Thinking Skills and     |
|          |       | Advanced Programme Math     |
|          |       | Conference                  |
| Sat 7    |       | Midmar Mile                 |
|          |       | IEB National UGC            |
|          |       | U16/U19 regatta             |
|          | 07h00 | Grade 8 2016 entrance       |
|          |       | assessment day              |
|          | 15h30 | International Mozart Festiv |
|          |       | Gauteng Central Schools'    |
|          |       | tennis trials U15/U19       |
| Sun 8    |       | Midmar Mile                 |
|          |       | Gauteng Central Schools'    |
|          |       | tennis trials U15/U19       |
|          | 20h00 | National Aquatics tour retu |
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training and development of teachers. Mrs Tinhiko Nkuna is an Old Girl who has joined our staff as an intern. She will be working in the History and French departments, and I hope that she will find her internship a valuable and rewarding experience.

As usual, St Mary's has had a busy start to the year and there is already much news in this edition of the newsletter. Yours sincerely

Deanne King Headmistress

## From the chaplain

While tidying up my desk recently, I came across the *Desiderata* poem. It is perhaps too long to quote here but, over the next few weeks, I shall reproduce sections of it. It contains much to challenge us at the beginning of 2015.

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there

will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Revd Gill Lee Chaplain

## Meet the departments



Accounting department: Yael Marx, Wendy levers (HoD)



Afrikaans department: Berdine Fourie-Van der Watt (HoD), Lenza Meyer, Doreen Stapelberg, Marli Oosthuizen

## **Uplands College visitor**

Loren, Roxanne and I had the pleasure of hosting Brandon, the deputy head boy of Uplands College, on Tuesday. We took him on a tour around the school and introduced him to student life at St Mary's. Brandon attended classes with us and particularly enjoyed Mathematics with Mr Jeenah as we explored Newton's First Principle. Most importantly, we had insightful conversations about leadership and shared our ideas

on how our generation can live up to our inherited title of "the born-frees".

We look forward to continuing this collegial relationship.

Bongiwe Head girl



Loren, Roxanne and Bongiwe with Uplands College deputy head boy Brandon

## Form I camp

On Tuesday 20 January, an eager group of 107 Form I students departed for Konka Camp near Rustenburg. Over four days, the girls discovered the importance of teamwork through tackling the physical challenges of an obstacle course, raft building and canoeing. They practised delegating roles and responsibilities in the Minute-to-win-

it competition, and learned the value of discussion and compromise in the thought-provoking "Lost at Sea", "Balancing Bridge" and "Giant Finger" activities. The highlight was the MasterChef potjiekos competition, where three groups wowed the food critics with their subtle seasoning, robust gravies and melt-off-the-bone meat. As we headed

back to school on Friday, it was clear that the girls had forged new friendships and formed an idea of what it means to be a St Mary's girl.

#### Belinda Williams

Form I co-ordinator



Polished paddling



High tension in Minute-to-win-it



MasterChef potjiekos

## Form I IT orientation day



Caroline learning how useful the Notability app can be when annotating class notes



Form Is eagerly following instructions to set up their new St Mary's Senior School email accounts on their iPads

As a part of the Form I orientation programme, pupils were involved in a number of workshops introducing them to the multiple ways in which IT will become a part of their lives in the Senior School. At the outset, IT protocol and policy were discussed with the correct etiquette as far as the use of devices at school is concerned. Mundane but important access functions such as logins, passwords and email set up were covered. The printing process was also explained, and girls were encouraged where possible to restrict their printing habits. Parents are encouraged to support us in this regard. At St Mary's we are on a serious drive to reduce our paper usage and wastage in 2015!

#### Featured apps

A fair amount of the day was spent working with iPads, since this year marks the first year when each Form I is required to have her own personal device. Particular applications were introduced and focused upon, which girls will be required to use across their various subject areas. These included

the myHomework app and the Calendar, whereby digital planning and organisation are encouraged. Limu and iTunes U were also introduced. Limu is the school's dedicated learning management application. Here girls will have access to a spectrum of material and resources in their various subjects. This tool is also used in the electronic submission of assignments and has a link to Turnitin - the antiplagiarism software extensively used in the Senior School.

Globally, more universities and schools have active iTunes U sites. This includes our own school. St Mary's has developed our own private iTunes site for the use of and distribution of material and courses. iTunes U provides each girl with a customised learning experience, which means learning and studying can happen anywhere. Initially, the girls will be introduced to iTunes U in their Maths and Natural Sciences lessons.

**Notability** is a versatile note-taking application that is useful to the pupils when

making their own notes in a lesson or during a group work discussion, as an example. Notability also allows for easy annotation of class notes provided by the teacher. Girls were introduced to some basic notetaking skills, which will become useful as they move through the Senior School and eventually onto tertiary study.

Lastly, pupils were introduced to St Mary's eLibrary, which uses the **Overdrive** application. A vast array of fiction and non-fiction ebooks is available to our school community via this app.

A great deal was covered during the day. Girls can look forward to developing a greater understanding and appreciation of such tools as they navigate their way through Form I in 2015.

Sally James
Deputy headmistress













### SAMS Term I

SAMS is a committee of girls - the St Mary's Samaritans - who co-ordinate and orchestrate collections for various charities throughout the year. There are 20 SAMS representatives (one per form per house) who comprise this committee.

The table below shows a summary of all the SAMS drives for 2015. Individual girls may organise and advertise small collections of various items to supplement community outreach initiatives they are planning. Please note that these collections are separate from SAMS and are entirely voluntary.

The first SAMS drive this term will be the matric dance fashion parade on the night of the matric dance, 21 February. Everyone is welcome to come and watch our stunning Form V girls and their dates arriving for their big night! Tickets costing R5 will be on sale on the night and all proceeds will go to Jumping Kids.

The main SAMS collection for Term I is R40, which will be used for our Mandela Day initiative in July. SAMS reps will also assist with the Lent collection, which is done in houses. Each house will communicate what

donations are required and to whom the proceeds will go. The deadline for the R40 and Lent donations is 27 March, which will also be a SAMS civvies day. Girls wanting to participate in the civvies day should pay their R10 to their mentors. All proceeds will go to Tape Aids for the Blind and Autism SA.

Thank you in advance to all of the St Mary's families for their kindheartedness and generosity.

**Kendra Hendry**SAMS co-ordinator

| TERM I   | COLLECTION (Recipient of proceeds)                            | WHAT TO BRING   | DEADLINE                                |
|----------|---|---|---|
|          | Matric dance fashion parade (Jumping Kids)                    | R5/ticket   | Saturday 21 February                    |
|          | House Lent collection (Various)                               | Each house will communicate what needs to be brought        | Friday 27 March                         |
|          | Collection for Mandela Day in Term II                         | R40   | Friday 27 March                         |
|          | Civvies day<br>(Tape Aids for the Blind and Autism SA)        | R10   | Friday 27 March                         |
| TERM II  | Phoenix Project<br>(tba)                                      | Food tins   | Friday 5 June                           |
|          | Clothes 2 Cash eXchange<br>(C2CX and various)                 | Usable second-hand clothes in bags with coloured reply slip | Wednesday 6 May-Friday 5 June           |
|          | Mandela Day<br>(tba)  | ТВА   | Friday 17 July<br>- Also photograph day |
|          | Cake sale<br>(tba)  | FI-IV money<br>FV cakes to sell                             | Also photograph day                     |
|          | Reach for Your Slippers Day<br>(Reach for a Dream Foundation) | R10   | Friday 7 August                         |
| TERM III | Christmas hampers<br>(Our staff)                              | Specified non-perishable food to be made up into hampers    | Friday 30 October                       |
|          | Pink civvies day (Alex Kuttschreuter's cancer initiative)     | R10   | Friday 30 October                       |

## Senior School annual photography competition

All Senior School girls 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 Friday 6 March, and no late entries will be accepted.

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

The photographs may be black-and-white or colour prints on any subject. Photos may be enhanced with computer manipulation. Each competition finalist is required to submit her original photograph in .jpg format to me 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 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

## Digital library of ebooks and audiobooks

A fabulous Senior School digital library enhances the Wantage Centre's print library. We have recently bought many new titles for our digital library. Please browse our site at www.stmaryschool.co.za/Quick Links/Internal Links/Digital Library. Pupils' logins are their account numbers, followed by the first three letters of their surnames. Senior School parents are welcome to use this login.

If you have never used the digital library before, please refer to the step-by-step instructions at the above site. Pupils are welcome to bring their devices to the Wantage Centre at any time and we shall help them to get started.

Ebooks and audiobooks may be downloaded onto any device such as laptops, desktops, smartphones, iPads, eReaders (except Kindle) and various other mobile devices.

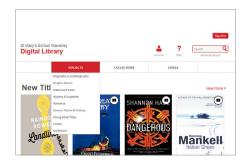
Users manage their own accounts. The advantage is that these books cannot be lost and, unless renewed by the user, are returned automatically to the digital library on due date, resulting in no more overdue book fines.

Parents are encouraged to get their daughters reading digitally, as it is a

vital 21st century skill. All magazines and newspapers are also digitally available on iPads in the Wantage Centre.

#### Anneli Silvennoinen

Senior School librarian



## Chess

Inge had a very successful chess "working holiday" during the December and January holiday season. She represented South Africa in the World U16 Olympiad (team competition), which was hosted by the city of Gyor in Hungary. Three teams from South Africa participated and Inge was the only girl in her team. Their team was the highest-ranked South African team in the tournament.

She also represented South Africa in the African Youth Chess Championship 2014 (for individuals), which was hosted in Tunisia. She finished joint second in the U16 age group and was awarded the title: Woman Candidate Master by FIDE, the World Chess Federation.

Well done, Inge!



Olympiad team with their manager and coach  $% \left\{ \left( 1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left( 1\right) \right$ 

## **Clayton House**



Clayton House was addressed by Thato, former head of Clayton (2006). Her inspiring message was about resilience in the face of adversity, and giving 100% to the house 100% of the time.

## **Allan Gray Fellowship**

Caroline (matric class of 2014) has been awarded a prestigious Allan Gray Fellowship. Caroline enrolled at St Mary's in 2010. She immersed herself in the wide variety of activities that St Mary's has to offer, matriculating with an 71% aggregate and receiving two distinctions. In addition, Caroline was awarded a Service Honours blazer.

The Fellowship covers full tuition, books, residence and a living allowance for an undergraduate degree at a South African university. Caroline is planning to go to Wits to study a BA with predominantly business subjects. She is also planning to do a postgraduate business degree.

This is the fourth year in a row that a St Mary's School, Waverley, pupil has been awarded an Allan Gray Fellowship.



Caroline

## **Pastel Accounting**

In November 2014, the Form III and Form IV Accounting students wrote the online Pastel examination. As this is an external examination set by Pastel and the required pass rate is 75%.

Congratulations to the following girls who achieved 75% or more for this examination:

Form III (2014)

Nompilo

Cheyenne

Frances

Form IV (2014)

Hayley Bongiwe

Hayley

Nicola

Megan Shanté

Natalie

Roxanne

Boikano

Sabrina Buhle

Jessica

Maxine

Rachel

Well done, girls!

Wendy levers

HoD: EMS and Accounting

# Sage Pastel Accounting





## From the Music department



#### Music news

Congratulations to the following girls who passed their practical music examinations in September and October 2014:

#### **ROCKSCHOOL** results

| Angela | Popular Piano | Grade 5 | (Pass) |
|--------|---------------|---------|--------|
|--------|---------------|---------|--------|

#### TRINITYROCK AND POP results:

| Vocals      | Grade 2  | (Distinction)  |
|-------------|--|--|
| Vocals      | Grade 3  | (Merit)  |
| Vocals      | Grade 3  | (Merit)  |
| Vocals      | Grade 3  | (Merit)  |
| Keyboards   | Grade 3  | (Merit)  |
| Keyboards   | Grade 3  | (Merit)  |
| Keyboards   | Grade 3  | (Merit)  |
| Bass Guitar | Grade 4  | (Merit)  |
| Vocals      | Grade 3  | (Pass)   |
| Vocals      | Grade 3  | (Pass)   |
| Vocals      | Grade 2  | (Pass)   |
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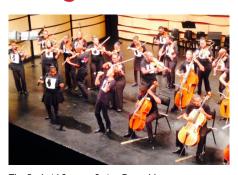
#### ABRSM THEORY results (October)

| (Distinction) |
|---------------|
| (Distinction) |
| (Merit)       |
| (Pass)        |
| (Pass)        |
| (Pass)        |
|               |

#### **Dudley Trollope**

Director of Music

## Buskaid Soweto String Ensemble



The Buskaid Soweto String Ensemble

Originally organised in 2006 in commemoration of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary, the Johannesburg International Mozart Festival has developed into a highly successful and well-loved annual classical music event.

As part of this festival the following concert will be held at St Mary's School:

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT - The Edge Saturday 7 February at 16h00 Buskaid Soweto String Ensemble conducted by Rosemary Nalden Melvyn Tan - piano

Works by Jean-Philippe Rameau, Pablo de Sarasate, Aram Khachaturian and other composers, as well as kwela music and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra in A major K 414, will be performed.

Tickets: R180 65+ and students: R140 Book @ COMPUTICKET T: +27 (0)861 915 8000 www.computicket.com

For further information on the festival, visit the website: www.join-mozart-festival.org

## Jazz band workshop



Camron trading solos with the St Mary's jazz band



Zaneli, Cristiana and Aphelele enjoying the music





The jazz band workshop in the Murnings' impressive music room

On the first Friday and Saturday of this term, the St Mary's Senior School jazz band participated in a two-day workshop. This annual workshop starts the year with a musical bang: we learn new repertoire and initiate new members of the band into the ranks.

On the first day, the girls dusted off their instruments after the December holidays and made light work of sight-reading through some fairly demanding music. The band also welcomed talented Form I clarinettists Kate and Lucy, and took some fun time out from the rehearsal for some team-building exercises. On the second day, our bandleader for 2015, accomplished trumpeter Robyn, hosted us at her family's home. Enormous thanks go to the Murnings for allowing us to have such a productive and fun afternoon in their beautifully designed and equipped music room. The band members also particularly

enjoyed the delicious lunch!

This workshop was a great success, with the band already sounding promising. Guest jazz saxophonist Camron Andrews, who joined us on Saturday to solo with the band and lead an improvisation session, commented: "They sound so good, and this is just the beginning of the year!" We welcome the support of the St Mary's community at our first major performance of the year, at the St Mary's and St John's ensemble concert on Monday 9 March.

Ceri Moelwyn-Hughes

Music teacher

## From the Sports department



#### **Tennis**

The tennis season is in full swing on the courts, with the summer league having begun on 27 January. St Mary's have once again entered eight teams into the league. Both the Senior and Junior tennis championships are also being played this term. Good luck to all the players.

Congratulations to all the St Mary's players who achieved excellent results on the tennis courts during the holidays. Imaan came  $4^{\rm th}$  in the singles and reached the finals of the doubles in the Open category of both the

Cape Town and Stellenbosch Key Health Tournaments. Tegan won the Curro Dros U16 singles title, beating her St Mary's teammate Cara in the finals. Tegan also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U16 singles in the Gauteng Mini-series Tournament. Cara won the U14 singles of the Gauteng North Key Health Tournament, beating her St Mary's teammate Adetayo in the finals. Naima reached the semi-finals of the U16 singles of the Border Key Health Tournament, and reached the finals of the mixed doubles event. Adetayo played two tournaments in Benin and Togo. She won

the first tournament and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the second tournament. These excellent results enable her to qualify for the U16 African Junior Championships, where she will be representing Nigeria. Congratulations to all these players. Keep up your hard work and dedication.

#### René Plant

Tennis coach

## **Basketball**

On 24 January, the basketball teams played their first matches against St Peter's College. The games proved to be of high standard, with a nail-biting 1<sup>st</sup> team game. The games resulted in St Mary's being victorious in three of the four games that were played.

The results were as follows: St Mary's U15B vs St Peter's U14A 12-18 St Mary's U15A vs St Peter's U15A 16-14 St Mary's U16 vs St Peter's U16 21-6 St Mary's 1st team vs St Peter's 1st team 18-17

Well done to all the players.

#### Ntebatse

Basketball captain



Shooting for a goal!

## Squash

Squash got off to an early start, with matches scheduled for the first Friday of term. As trials were nowhere near completed, teams were selected based on last year's performance.

Ms Grainger took four teams to play against Bryanston High, and all the teams won - U19D 14-5, U19E 11-3, U16B 11-5 and U15B 11-3.

The most exciting match happened at our courts, when our two St Mary's teams entered in the U19A League played against each other.

The two number 1 players, Jaime and Panashe, battled it out for 45 minutes in intense heat in a match that could have gone either way, and was eventually won by Panashe 3-2. A total of 107 points were played and all the games were close. Daniela beat Julia 3-1, while Hayley needed the whole five games to beat Gabriella 3-2. Two Form IIs, Georgina and Amy, battled it out in the number 4 slot, with Georgina clinching the match 3-1. The final score

(with bonus points) was St Mary's A 13 points and St Mary's B 7. Well played to all the participants!

A squash clinic was held on Saturday morning, and the seven girls who attended worked hard and enjoyed it. Deirdre Ingersent conducted the course, ably assisted by Lara, a Form IV pupil.

I congratulate Jaime and Julia on their appointment as school squash captain and vice-captain. They will both be excellent role models for the younger girls.

The stage seems set for yet another busy season of squash for our 13 teams! It is a long, 10-week league, so I appeal to all squash team players to keep their Friday afternoons free for the matches.

#### Deirdre Ingersent

Squash coach

## Rowing



Top competitors from Rock the Boat. Our U16 4x were top of the pack



Two St Mary's girls showing off their outfits



Form Is join in the fun at Rock the Boat

## St Andrew's Regatta

Two weekends ago, the St Mary's rowing club participated in the first regatta of the season. As it was a senior regatta, only the U16 and Open age groups raced. Well done to the girls for managing to maintain high spirits despite the conditions. The results of the U16 races were 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the single scull event, 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the double scull event and 1st and 2nd in the quads race. The open girls placed 6th, 7th and 12th in the first single sculls, 3rd in the pair race, 2nd, 4th and 8th in the second double race, 1st, 2nd and 8th in the first double scull race, and 1st and 6th in the 1st quad race. Well done to all the rowers for a fantastic start to the season.

#### Rock the Boat

The St Mary's rowers participated in the John Waugh Rock the Boat Regatta. This is a different type of regatta, as people of any age can enter and can participate in any boat class. However, each person can participate in one boat class for the day only. The regatta was divided into 1 000m and 2 000m events. For these events, there was first a series of heads races, which then resulted in the crews being placed in finals. The crews from St Mary's were a scull, two doubles and a quad from the U14 age group, a scull and an eight from the U15 age group, two quads from the U16 age group, and five sculls, three doubles

and a pair from the Open age group. For the regatta, the participants were encouraged to dress up and St Mary's did not disappoint with our colourful outfits. Well done to all the girls, and special congratulations to the U16s for winning the 2 000m section.

If you would like to row, contact Caitlin on caitlin.reed@stmary.co.za.

#### Nicola

Form IV

## **Summer Splash**

The annual Summer Splash gala returned home after a two-year stint at St Stithians. It was an awesome day, with the pool area and surrounds looking sublime. It was interesting to note how many people commented on how spectacular the pool looks.

The parents are commended on the excellent service of food and refreshments that they offered for the duration of the event.

The gala is a unique event in that it allows an entire school team, from Grade 4 to matric, to combine and swim together. The competition was tight with the lead swinging between St Mary's, St Andrew's and St Stithians all morning. We owe a sincere thank-you to the performance from the Junior School swimmers this year.

Summer Splash is not only a swimming event, but there are also water polo and diving components. Sadly, a distant storm caused the lightning siren to sound, which resulted in the water polo having to be postponed at the semi-final stage and the diving being called off with the Opens still to compete.

| The gala results were as foll | ows: |
|-------------------------------|------|
| 1 St Mary's A                 | 308  |
| 2 St Stithians                | 299  |
| 3 St Andrew's                 | 291  |
| 4 Holy Rosary                 | 188  |
| 5 APPS and Pretoria HSG       | 178  |
| 6 Brescia                     | 168  |
| 7 St Mary's DSG, Pretoria     | 155  |
| 8 St Mary's B                 | 119  |
| 9 Roedean                     | 116  |
| 10 Kingsmead                  | 101  |
|                               |      |

The diving results are as follows:

| 1 St Mary's    | 156.35 |
|----------------|--------|
| 2 Kingsmead    | 145.80 |
| 3 St Stithians | 132.40 |
| 4 St Andrew's  | 126.60 |
| 5 Brescia      | 121.55 |
| 6 Roedean      | 117.00 |
| 7 Pretoria HSG | 83.95  |

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3 Kerry-Leigh 4 Alexandra 5 Romy

9 Jordyn

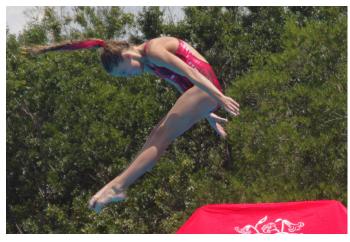
U15 1 Isabelle 2 Amy

U16

3 Nonceba

4 Emma D

11 Emma V





In the water polo tournament, the St Mary's Invitation team was knocked out in the quarter-finals. The 1st team is through to the semi-finals, and will play St Stithians. The other semi will be contested between St Peter's and Roedean. As these matches are for the Reef Cup, they will be completed at a later date.

Last week we took two teams to swim at Roedean. Owing to the fact that we had

no Form Is and that we swam older girls in those races, it would not be fair to count the end results. It was an excellent opportunity for girls to work at improving their times.

We extend congratulations to Gabriella, Carly, Jade and Amy, who were selected for the Gauteng Schools' swimming team and swam at the SA Schools' Championships from 10 to 16 December 2014. Well done to Carly

and Jade, who both won gold medals.

I know that the swimming season is tough and full of early mornings, but remember this quotation from an unknown author: if you have a lane, you have a chance.

#### Quix

Head of sport

# This term, St Mary's moms' Bible study asks and answers some TOUGH QUESTIONS over a cappuccino...

- 1. Has science buried God?
- 2. Isn't the Bible just fairytales and myths?
- 3. Jesus: Son of God or just a really good man?
- 4. How can a loving God allow suffering?
- 5. Do heaven and hell exist?
- 6. Why are Christians the biggest hypocrites?
- 7. Abortion who decides?

Join us on Monday's at 7h30 in the Pitt Block Call Rosy for more info on 082 414 1762

## Senior School parent talk

"Where the Wild Things Are ... Navigating the adolescent world"

Judith Ancer is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Greenside, and a popular speaker who has been well received at St Mary's Muse Mornings. Judith often gives talks and runs workshops on parenting issues, and you may recall her parenting column in the Sunday Times, Letting Grow. All parents in the Senior School are welcome, and you are bound to find Judith's talk both informative and entertaining.

Date: Tuesday 10 February

Time: 18h00-19h00 (tea will be served from 17h30 to 18h00)

Venue: Senior School hall

| HOUSE   | FORM | SAMS REP  | SRC REP   |
|---------|------|-----------|-----------|
| Clayton | ı    | Justine   |           |
|         | П    | Sophie    | Katherine |
|         | Ш    | Minenhle  | Jordan    |
|         | IV   | Natasha   | Layla     |
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|         | Ш    | Daniela   | Khethiwe  |
|         | IV   | Lara      | Shayna    |
|         | V    | Katelyn   | Gabriella |
|         |      |           |           |
| Karney  | ı    | Kelsey    |           |
|         | П    | Shreya    | Reatlilwe |
|         | Ш    | Atlehang  | Clarisse  |
|         | IV   | Emma      | Sasha     |
|         | V    | Catherine | Reid      |
|         |      |           |           |
| Phelps  | ı    | Hannah    |           |
|         | П    | Emma      | Ntsimedi  |
|         | Ш    | Abby      | Annabel   |
|         | IV   | Lucy      | Genevieve |
|         | V    | Carolina  | Kathryn   |

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