



St Mary's School
Waverley
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Squash girls who won the Top Schools' Tournament - see page 11 for more information

From the head's desk

Dear parents

Our term began with an unorthodox structure. The staff returned early for a day of professional development and the girls were occupied outside of the classroom. The Form Vs are writing preliminary examinations, while the Form IVs have been involved in a course on campus that culminated in a formal dance. The Form IIIs have been on camp and the first group of Form IIs have completed their stay at Wilderness School. The Form Is have been involved in a course at school that included guest speakers, study skills and some curriculum work.

These alternate activities are designed to complement our academic and co-curricular programme in an attempt to focus on character building, leadership skills and social dynamics. A holistic education is ultimately what we want to

achieve. Holistic implies a balance in all opportunities and experiences and, for our girls, this includes social activities. The Form IV formal was a function where the girls could dress up and enjoy the company of friends and partners in an enjoyable and secure environment.

Spring is a time of many parties and social gatherings in Johannesburg. Your daughters will want to experience and explore such gatherings in the name of balancing their hard work and efforts in their studies with some fun. I want to challenge parents to consider carefully what social engagements are appropriate and necessary for your daughters. Do you know where your daughters are? Do you know who is with them? Are their outings beneficial to their wellbeing, or are they compromised by the circumstances of the environment?

Dates to Diarise

September

Fri 18		Wilderness School 1 ends
	06h00	FIII Life Sciences trip departs
	07h30	Middle School Eucharist
	08h00	St Peter's Pavement Art day - FIII
	15h00	Gauteng schools friendly squash league
	17h30	Dads' /moms' /daughters' squash
Sat 19		Old Mutual Prestige Cup water polo round 1 - Roedean
		St Andrew's ergo rowing regatta
	08h00	SACEE Junior Debating championships
	14h00	Alex schools' music concert
Sun 20	08h00	SACEE Junior Debating championships
	08h30	Wilderness School 2 departs
	17h00	FIII Life Sciences trip returns
Tues 22	07h30	FIII Geography outing
	15h00	Tennis (home and away)
Wed 23		FV preliminary examinations end
	07h30	Senior class reps' meeting
	15h00	Water polo (away)
Thurs 24		Public holiday: Heritage Day
		Reddam water polo tournament - Cape Town
Fri 25		School closed
		Reddam water polo tournament - Cape Town
Sat 26		Reddam water polo tournament - Cape Town
		St Benedict's rowing regatta
Sun 27		Reddam water polo tournament - Cape Town
Mon 28	16h00	SRC meeting
	18h00	Senior School best speaker competition
Tues 29	14h00	FinCom meeting
	16h00	Marketing committee workshop
	16h30	Board meeting
Wed 30	14h45	Water polo (home)
	17h30	Gauteng schools squash prizegiving
October		
Thurs 1	09h00	St Anne's/Hilton tennis tournament departs
	15h15	Athletics (away)
	18h00	Rowing club cocktail evening
Fri 2	14h30	Basketball (away)
	15h00	Gauteng schools friendly squash league
	19h00	Foundation dinner

Socialising is an important aspect of growing up and your daughters should have opportunities to be out with friends, but they should not be in clubs with age restrictions or in venues where alcohol and even drugs are available. The Senior School

years are good years for your daughters, and they have wonderful futures with exciting opportunities ahead for study and successful careers. It is our responsibility, as the adults in their lives, to guide and protect them through the turbulent years of adolescence,

and thus social restrictions are necessary to help them navigate paths to their futures.

Deanne King
Head of school

MUSE MORNING: All parents welcome to join us for our next discussion

Date: Tuesday 6 October

Time: 07h15 for 07h30 to 08h30. Coffee is served inside SMOGS cottage

Venue: SMOGS cottage

Topic: "Discipline, the foundations and the power battles"

Speaker: Lloyd Ripley-Evans, educational psychologist

Meet the departments



Senior School reception: Sharon San, Lynsay Young



Printroom administrator: Mathews Matshwi

From the chaplain

A prayer with which to start the term:

Take from us, O God,
all pride and vanity,
all boasting, and self-assertion;
and give us the true courage that
shows itself in gentleness,
the true wisdom that shows
itself in simplicity,
and the true power that shows
itself in modesty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Charles Kingsley, 1819-1875)

Revd Canon Gill Lee
Chaplain

SAMS Reach for Your Slippers Day

Friday 7 August was set to be a unique day. It was the first time in the history of the school that everyone had permission to wear slippers with their school uniforms during Eucharist and final assembly! We were proud to have taken part in the Reach for Your Slippers campaign run by the Reach for a Dream Foundation. They seek to alleviate the strain that a life-threatening illness places on children and their families, by providing the children with the

opportunity to realise their dreams.

We are pleased that through the sale of Reach for Your Slippers stickers (R10 each) in the Senior School, we contributed R5 000 towards the incredible work that this foundation undertakes.

Kendra Hendry
SAMS co-ordinator



Form II contour cakes

The Form II annual contour cake activity took place in the last week of the second term. A festive atmosphere abounded in The Close as music played while girls used cake and other edible goodies to construct a three-dimensional island that encompassed various slopes and landforms. Myriad characters interpreting their themes added a fun aspect to this wonderful event.

Cindy Len

Geography teacher



Smurfville was voted as one of the most creative islands



The team from Smurfville



Hippietopia was voted as one of the best dressed groups



Aloha, an island that even included an erupting volcano, was judged as most technically accurate



A wonderful assortment of characters who dressed according to the theme of their island



A fun day was had by all

Senior dance and drama

This is the first year that 5678 Productions has been responsible for all co-curricular dance and drama at St Mary's. We offer three senior dance classes: a Latin dance class, an open drama class and Trinity drama examinations. We also train and manage the St Mary's dance crew.

There are three senior open dance classes offered per week and the girls are instructed in jazz and contemporary dance styles, with warm-up exercises focusing on technique, strength and stretching. They learn one new dance number per term so that, if girls miss classes owing to their busy schedules, they have ample opportunity to catch up during that term or start afresh in the new term. The choreography for the

dance numbers is demanding but the girls always rise to the challenge.

The Latin class has grown and we are introducing a competition class where girls may enter national competitions. The girls will perform the same routines for the competitions as for the exams for which they have already prepared. They dance the cha-cha, samba, paso doble and jive.

The St Mary's dance crew worked on two unique pieces this year and competed in the inter-high dance competition held at St Peter's College on 17 September. I am extremely happy with the high standard of dance the girls have produced.

The Trinity drama exams were held in the AV room on Tuesday 15 September, and there were 16 entrants. Two solo performances and four groups with 14 participants were entered. The performances were well prepared and rehearsed, utilising the expertise of well-known actor and physical theatre performer Craig Morris.

I am thrilled with the response to the classes, and commit to growing the On the Edge dance and drama project to encourage girls to express themselves through these art forms.

Claire van Niekerk
Dance and drama teacher

Form Is explore the renewal and revival of the inner city

As a part of the Form I enrichment week, the e⁴ teachers organised and led a tour through the inner city of Johannesburg. The aim of the outing was to expose girls to the various forms of land use in the city, as well as the various urban renewal projects that have seen the regeneration of many former decayed and so-called "no-go areas" of the CBD.

The Form Is have been tasked with the creation of a short iMovie for the

Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA), with a particular focus on the heritage of our city, as well as the regeneration of the city into a representative and inclusive space for all. We are hoping to submit some of the movies to the JDA, which will certainly make for a relevant and realistic project!

Sally James
Deputy headmistress

Dancing

Michela (Form III) participated in the World Trial Circuit on Thursday 23 July and Friday 24 July. Michela was awarded gold for her ballet solo dance, gold for her ballet small group dance, silver for her ballet duet and silver for her small group showdance. Michela has qualified to perform all of these dances abroad, in Germany and Poland, in November.



Michela



Form Is documenting the urban renewal that has taken place along the Main Street Mall area

Form III Spirit of Adventure

The Form III girls commenced Term III at the Spirit of Adventure camp in Magaliesberg, which proved to be a fitting start to their leadership programme. The camp featured a variety of activities with specific aims around the development of teamwork and leadership skills, as well as providing opportunities for personal growth. The days were action-packed, with a variety of problem-solving and physically demanding activities. Our girls' minds and bodies were put to the test. The Form IIIs responded to each challenging situation with great resilience and enthusiasm, and enjoyed the camp experience immensely. A big thank-you to Mrs Bailey, Mrs Harrison and Ms Ngubo for accompanying the girls into the wilderness!

Sally James

Deputy headmistress



Amy proved to be a competent go-kart driver



Climbing to the top was no easy task!

Form IV formal

On Saturday 12 September, the Form IVs enjoyed their annual Form IV formal, held at the Houghton Golf Club. The night was filled with great music, dancing and plenty of socialising. The girls looked sophisticated in their cocktail dresses, with their hair and make-up looking beautiful and expertly put together. Finger food was provided and the girls raved about how delicious it was. Overall, the girls and

their dates had a wonderful evening - thank you to everyone involved in putting it together. It was a night to remember.

Kaitlyn

Form IV



A few Form IV girls

Our apologies are extended to Emma (Form V), whose Cultural Honours blazer achievement was erroneously omitted from this year's *Distinctions*.

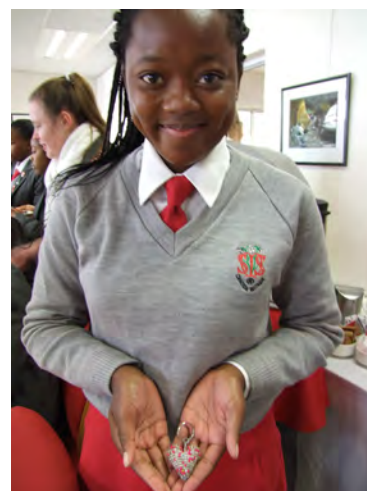
Head monitors' thank-you tea for the resource monitors



Caroline and Roneque



Catherine, Simangaliso and red velvet cake



Itai Dzinotywei is thrilled with her keyring from Roneque and Caroline



Lerato, Aphelele, Itai and Rorisang before getting stuck into the eats



Lisa-Marie in pensive mood



Tasmin and Kendall listening to the chattering

Anneli Silvennoinen
Librarian

Transforming the page to screen with technology

Reading and technology are integral parts of Form I English. Teen fiction, in particular, is an important step in literature as it exposes readers to moral dilemmas, develops a sense of identity and explores the coming-of-age experiences of other teens. Technology allows students to drive innovation, showcase creativity and provide ingenious solutions to challenges using peer teaching.

In the first term, the girls were divided into book club groups based on their reading profile. The carefully selected teen reads tackled issues such as ethics, inequality, being different, problem solving and a dystopian future. Each book club recorded their reading experiences in a journal using Book Creator. The group also completed various tasks on their novel from critiquing minor characters to unpacking themes and designing alternative book covers.

In the second term, the Form Is honed their film techniques with sessions on camera shots and angles, storyboarding and a valuable workshop on advanced editing techniques. Last week, each group had one day to film, source stills and sound, provide closing credits and edit a book trailer to entice teens to read their novel. The detailed storyboards developed last term were pivotal to the success

of the trailers. Each stage of the process was carefully documented, with reflective feedback.

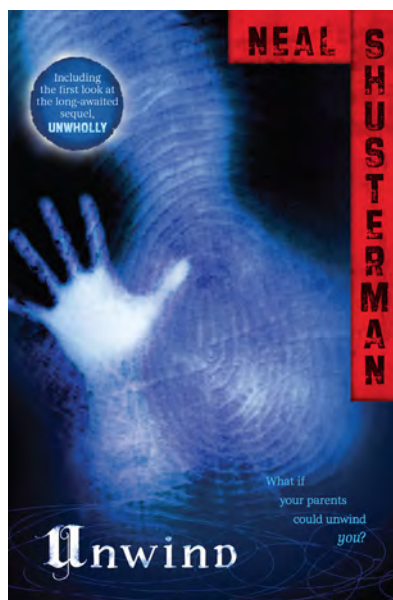
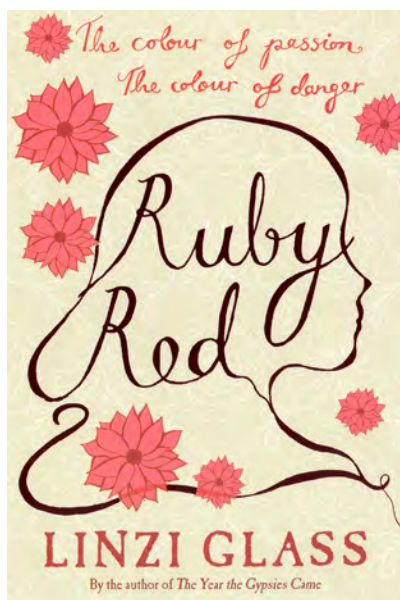
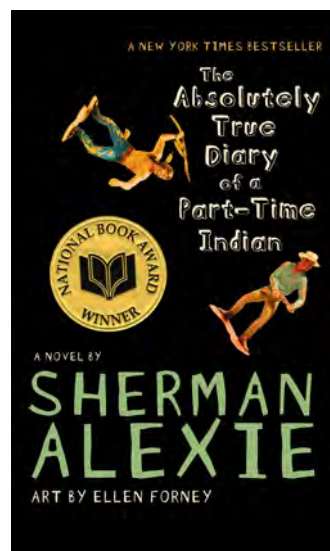
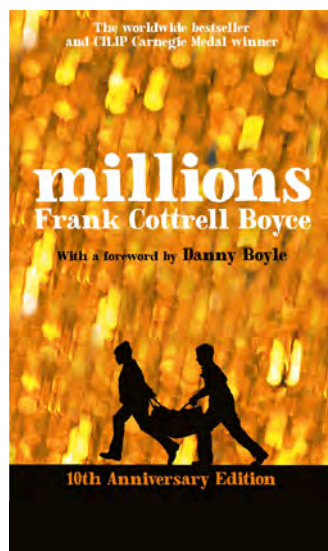
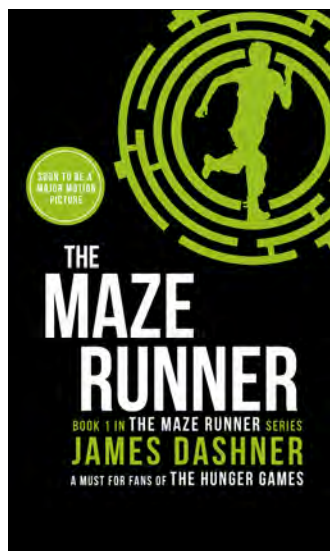
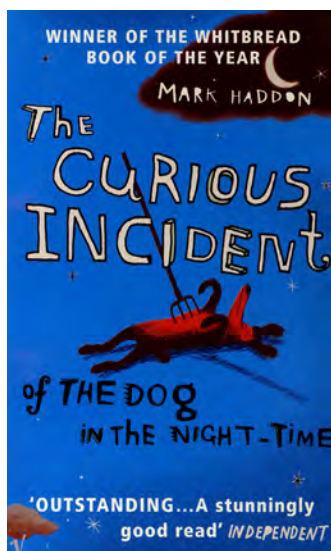
The evening of Friday 11 September saw the Form Is donning onesies and pyjamas to attend the screening of their book trailers. Gasps of amazement and thunderous applause followed each trailer as the groups wowed the audience with clever storylines, innovative use of apps and crisp editing. The girls enjoyed snacking on popcorn and St Mary's "mockaberries" at the interval, while the Form I English team started carefully assessing the individual skills in each group.

The Form Is are congratulated on an excellent assignment. It is clear that a future of well-read screenwriters, filmmakers and editing specialists are poised to place Africa on the global stage.

Thank you to the Form I English team, IT specialists, Mrs Northmore and Dr James for their support and encouragement of this task. The trailers will be available for viewing on Intrasaints shortly.

Belinda Williams
Form I co-ordinator

Transforming the page to screen with technology (continued)



Nicola captivated the audience with her excellent acting skills



Technical wizardry by Ruby Red 3



Izabela and Thembani captured in an effective camera angle

From the Sports department



Rowing

Seven St Mary's Old Girls were part of the UCT rowing team that competed in this year's Students' Boat Race, which took place in Port Alfred on Saturday 12 September. This was by far the largest representation from any one school, and the UCT crew placed second overall.

For the St Mary's rowers, their relaxing holidays ended on a high with the first rowing camp of the season, which began on Monday 31 August. Boats on the water, and the challenge to get fit and fast, started for the club. Early-morning sessions followed by 6km runs, followed by ergos and bodyweights, set the tone for the days to come. Our rewards included delicious food provided by the hard-working camp moms, and team challenges, which allowed for successful bonding sessions.



From left: Abby Davidson, Georgia Sabio, Kirstin Wells, Catherine Stark, Jaime Davidson, Lauren Levieux.
Not pictured: Victoria Stark

The weather proved challenging, with a cold front from Thursday until the end of the camp on Saturday morning, 5 August. The girls showed true St Mary's spirit and kept pushing throughout the camp. The anxious U14s learned how to row for the first time and quickly learned the ways of our rowing club.

This looks to be a promising season, and the girls are ready to continue the St Mary's legacy.

Constandina

Captain

Kaitlyn

Vice-captain

Swimming

On 25 August, along with SA junior team, I had the privilege of competing at the 5th FINA Junior World Swimming Championships in Singapore. We were a team of 16 swimmers from all over South Africa, and we were up against the best junior swimmers in the world. The gala was held at the Sports Hub in the National Stadium, and the facilities were amazing. There were two Olympic-sized swimming pools, one for competing and one for warm-up. Eighty-eight countries competed and some of those swimmers will take part in the 2016 Olympics in Rio. It was an honour to be swimming with them. The level of swimming was fantastic and even though the competition was tough, particularly from the UK, Australia and the US, I found it motivating and swam personal best times for all my races. I cannot tell you how proud I felt seeing the SA flag flying along with all the other countries represented. We made new friends and experienced a new country, and I shall never forget my first international competition.

Jade

Form II



Jade off to a good start



Jade in Team SA for the Junior World Swimming Championships

St Mary's water polo

St Mary's water polo never seems to stop. In the August holidays we had girls on the international scene, competing for South Africa and proudly representing St Mary's.

2014/2015 captain Amber was selected for the SA U20 team and competed in the FINA U20 Women's Water Polo World Championships in Volos, Greece.

Here are some of her words from her experience;

"In August I had the opportunity to represent my country at the FINA U20 Women's Water Polo World Championships in Volos, Greece. The level of water polo, as well as the immense talent that I was able to witness and play against, was remarkable. The experience was challenging and inspiring as my team played against some of the top water polo players in the world. The South African team placed 15th overall. This result was slightly disappointing for us as, had we not lost to Great Britain in a play-off game, we could have placed higher. The team was cohesive and worked well together, making the experience a memorable

one and allowing me to appreciate every moment of the event. When we sang our national anthem before each match I became overwhelmed with pride as I realised that I was playing this sport, one that I am so passionate about, for my country."

Sasha and Lace were selected for the U17 SA team to compete in the EU Nations U17 Tournament in Prague, Czech Republic. Kirsty was selected as a non-travelling reserve. Unfortunately, Lace was unable to take part owing to an injury.

This is what Sasha had to say about her time in Prague;

"I was honoured to be a part of the U17 South African water polo team and play a total of five international matches for my country. International water polo is a far more physical game than the one we are accustomed to back home.

The competition at the EU Nations U17 Tournament, held in Prague, Czech

Republic, this September, consisted of 10 international teams ranging from novice to more experienced ones. All the participating countries engage in the sport at an amateur level. The teams were housed on a floating boat hotel on the Vltava River, which made for great camaraderie and spirit.

My South African team managed to make it into the semi-finals against the Czech Republic. After this long and exciting match we achieved a win, securing our place in the finals against Slovakia. Our final was a tightly-fought encounter against a very physically strong team. We ended up missing gold by one goal after the match went to penalty shootouts, coming home with the silver medal.

It was a great privilege to wear the South African flag on my costume and to represent my country, my province and also fly the flag for St Mary's at an international event."

Kelsey White

Water polo coach

Basketball tour to Pietermaritzburg

The St Mary's 1st basketball team attended the Pietermaritzburg Girls' High and St John's DSG Festival, held over the last weekend of the second term. We played in the A section for the first time ever. Congratulations to the team, as they won four of their five pool matches, ensuring they went through to the semi-finals. We met the infamous Pietermaritzburg Girls' High 1st team in this match. The girls can be proud of their effort, which saw them defeated

23-18. Unfortunately, in their final match for 3rd or 4th place they did not have their best game. The Epworth team were on target, sinking all their attempts and we did not seem to find our rhythm.

Below are the results from all our matches:

Vs Linpark 24-19

Vs St John's DSG 22-29

Vs Lereko School 31-28

Vs St Anne's College 27-15

Vs The Glen High School 26-12

Vs GHS 1st team 18-23 (semi-final)

Vs Epworth School 23-33 (3rd and 4th play-off)

Well done, basketball girls, we are becoming a force with which to be reckoned.

Quix

Head of sport



Basketball team

Tennis



Cara with Sofya. Sofya is the current Wimbledon junior champion



Cara, Maja and Imaan

Many St Mary's tennis players were very busy on the tennis courts during the August holidays.

Imaan competed in two ITF tournaments in Zimbabwe, and reached the quarter-finals of the singles in one event and reached the quarter-finals in both doubles events. Imaan has a world ITF U18 ranking of 634.

Maja competed in two international tournaments in Mauritius, and reached a quarter-final and semi-final in the singles event of the Mauritian U18 Open. Maja beat the number four seed from Hong Kong along the way. Her ITF U18 ranking is 670.

Cara trained at an academy in Belgium, and participated in two tournaments on clay. She trained at the Justine Henin Academy and met Sofia, who is the current Junior Wimbledon champion. She did extremely well in the tournaments. Cara had to qualify for both tournaments and reached the

quarter-finals of both events in the singles. She also reached the semi-finals of the doubles in the Uccle Trophy with a partner from the Czech Republic. This tournament was held at the Royal Leopold club in Brussels, which boasts 22 clay courts. Playing on clay was a great experience for Cara, and her game benefited from the many matches played against tough opposition.

On the local front, congratulations to Tegan, who reached the finals of the open singles event in the Rietondale Champions Challenge tournament in Pretoria.

Congratulations to Ruth who reached the semi-finals of the singles and won the doubles title in the U18 Gauteng Central Mini-series Tournament. Nina also did extremely well in the U18 tournaments in Mpumalanga and Middelburg, where she placed 3rd and 6th in the singles events respectively. I encourage each of you to

keep up the hard work and dedication.

During the holidays, it was announced that three players from St Mary's have qualified for the prestigious South African Masters event, which will be held in Stellenbosch in October. Only 16 players per age group qualify. Congratulations and good luck to Imaan, Maja and Cara, who will be participating in this event. St Mary's is extremely proud of this achievement.

I wish all the tennis players the best of luck for the upcoming season. It is a busy term with league matches, two tours, one to Hilton/St Anne's and the other one to Eunice, and the junior inter-high event on 31 October.

René Plant
Tennis coach

Squash

The Top Schools' Tournament has been played for the past 31 years. For the first time in the history of this tournament, St Mary's won, the first Gauteng school to do so. Congratulations are extended to all our players and to the coaches, Gary Naidoo,

Alexa Pienaar and Deidre Ingersent.

4th place - Die Hoërskool Menlo Park 27

The final scores are:

- 1st place - St Mary's School, Waverley 52
- 2nd place - Epworth 33
- 3rd place - Queenstown GHS 33

Jennifer Fox

Head squash coach



St Mary's team



Hockey at Oranje Meisiesskool

The St Mary's 1st hockey team travelled to Bloemfontein to attend the Super 8 Hockey Tournament at Oranje Meisiesskool, from 5 to 9 August. The tournament is designed to wrap up the hockey season, playing only the best schools around the country. Not only were we challenging the top hockey schools, but the demand placed on the girls to complete nine full matches in three days was taxing. We first played a round robin to determine the final play-offs, and the results were as follows:

Thursday 6 August

- Vs Durban Girls' College won 2-1
- Vs Pearson drew 1-1
- Vs Eunice drew 1-1
- Vs St Stithians won 2-1

Friday 7 August

- Vs St Mary's, Kloof lost 0-1



A fun evening was had, where we all created hats from items in our possession

- Vs Paarl Gimnasium won 1-0
- Vs Oranje lost 0-4

St Mary's finished 3rd in the round robin, meaning we would cross with Eunice (2nd) in the semi-final. The other semi-final was played between Oranje (1st) and Pearson (4th). The results were as follows for St Mary's:

Saturday 8 August

- Semi-final vs Eunice lost 2-1
- 3rd/4th position vs Pearson won 2-1

St Mary's finished the Super 8 tournament in 3rd position, which was an unbelievable achievement.

Roxy Coetzee-Turner

Head of hockey



1st hockey team

Our condolences are extended to Nozipho (Form IV) on the loss of her brother during the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

CHAPEL KNEELERS

Chapel kneeler kits are available at the Senior School reception. They cost R120 each and include the tapestry fabric and a pattern of your choice (two patterns available). You would still be required to buy the tapestry wool at an approximate cost of R1 000. There are detailed instructions included, but should you need help or have any queries, please contact Jeanette Dingle (082 686 7878 or dinglevj@telkomsa.net).

UPSTANDER

Informed is empowered.
 Help keep us informed.
 Report bullying.
 At St Mary's we encourage our girls to be upstanders.
 Contact cybercell: 074 402 3905
 or approach your House tutor or mentor



WORLD CUP RUGBY FEVER



Cathie Markus, chairperson of the St Mary's Foundation, invites you to join her in celebrating rugby fever at the annual St Mary's Foundation fundraising evening

Date: Friday 2 October **Venue:** The Johannesburg Country Club, Napier Road, Auckland Park **Time:** 19h00 for 19h30
Dress: Green and gold or your favourite Rugby World Cup team supporters' outfit **Ticket Price:** R350 per head

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
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To RSVP and pay for your event seat or table booking, please email foundation@stmary.co.za, or contact Gillian O'Shaughnessy at the Foundation office on 011 531 1800.

Alternatively, seats may be reserved at the St Mary's Foundation office at SMOGS Cottage daily between 07h30 and 14h00.

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St Mary's Golf Day

Friday 9 October at the Parkview Golf Club

Enter your four ball and enjoy an afternoon of good golf, great prizes and a festive evening with dinner!

Sponsorships for holes, prizes and auction items are very welcome.

We would love to see you there!

Contact:
Gloria Mamba at gtmamba@gmail.com
for more details.

Please click here to accept the invitation and proceed to the payment page.