

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Official opening of Woodwinds boarding house - Revd Canon Gill Lee blesses the home while the previous home owners, Mr and Mrs Wiggill, cut the ribbon

From the head's desk

Dear parents

Our class of 2015 is writing the National Senior Certificate examinations, which signals the culmination of 13 years of schooling. As I consider their futures, I have to ask what I believe is the fundamental question of our purpose here at St Mary's: have we prepared our girls to take their place in society, and to make a meaningful contribution in an unknown and uncertain world?

I want to thank the matrics for their leadership, their enthusiastic participation and for being role models who have upheld the values and excellent standards of our school. They have navigated a difficult time through adolescence and the awakening of awareness to the world's complexities and challenges.

This class has acquired an education that has emphasised communication, creativity and collaboration. They have been encouraged to seek excellence, but always to be guided by principles of integrity and respect for others.

I wish them well as they embark on further studies and begin to think of the personal and professional journeys that they will undertake. My hope is that they will represent themselves, their parents, St Mary's School and the country with pride, dignity and grace. The values of St Mary's, love, community and integrity will enhance their ability to lead and to be leaders who make meaningful contributions for the common good.

I am confident that these young women will lead successful, individual lives, and make a good and valuable contribution to our country and the world.

Yours sincerely

Deanne King Head of school

Dates to Diarise

| November | | |
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| Mon 16 | 16h30 | Foundation board meeting |
| Tues 17 | 14h15 | Staff meeting |
| | 16h30 | Board meeting |
| | 18h00 | Board/staff end-of-year function |
| Wed 18 | 14h30 | Exco meeting |
| Fri 20 | 07h30 | Gratitude breakfast |
| Thurs 26 | | IEB examinations end |
| Fri 27 | | FI to FIV examinations end |
| | 11h00 | Combined carol service rehearsal |
| Sat 28 | 10h00 | Mothers' and daughters' tea |
| Sun 29 | 17h30 | Boarders' chapel and Christmas |
| | | party |
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From the chaplain

In the weekly reflection from the Jesuit Institute for last week: "For last year's words belong to last year's language. Next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning." (Little Gidding - TS Eliot)

"We are not sure what faces us after an ending but we are filled with the hope that it will be something better and as we move forward to face it, we know we are not alone." according to the weekly reflection.

I have been living this term with two favourite scripture passages:

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

As I write the last reflection for the year, apart from the usual

Christmas message, I have to realise that this marks 26 years of working at St Mary's in various positions and, for the past six years, as chaplain. It has been a privilege to be here but there has to be an ending. We all come to endings at certain times in our lives. We don't need to forget the past but we cannot look back over our shoulders all the time. God has new beginnings for all of us, at all stages of our lives. His plans are for our wellbeing, for hope and a future, but we have to look at what God may have in store for us. We have to trust him for the future as we have in the past, knowing that He is with us.

Prayer:

Lord, fill us with the bright hope that your presence in our life brings. Give us the strength to face the many difficult endings in our lives and fill us with the knowledge that you are with us, standing steady and filling us with strength as we face our new beginnings.

Amen

Revd Canon Gill Lee Chaplain

Meet the departments



Sports department:

Back: René Plant (tennis), Caitlin Reed (rowing), Jane Samson (head of Junior School sport), Jennifer Fox (squash), Kelsey White (water polo), Chelsea Glincman (diving)

Front: Antoinette Mshengu (netball), Tracey Wood (head of JP sport), Michelle Zumpt (swimming), Quix (head of sport), Rose Hallendorff (netball), Roxy Coetzee-Turner (hockey)

Not pictured: Gary Naidoo (squash)



Support staff:

Back: Masibonisani Javu, Alfred Nyamakazi, Frank Molepo, Wareng Maluleke, Josias Maja, Isaac Mangole, Jack Mahloko, Robert Sehona (Supervisor), Vincent Kapa

Middle row: Gavin Roodt

Front: Nathaniel (Kenny) Mokoka, Daniel Kwele, James Zungula, Junior Sebela, Fhatuwani Mushavhela, Phineas Ramphele, John Legodi, Percy Sehona

iLife competition 2015

Every year, the Core Group hosts a competition to encourage creative learning through the use of Apple technology. The aim of the competition is to lead students to critical thinking, innovation and collaboration. For more information about this competition, go to its website: www.aecza.co.za.

In the first term, the Form IIs worked on a combined Drama, Art and Music project. The students worked in groups to create a one-minute advertisement promoting an environmental issue of their choice. The video was created using stop-motion animation and the students used a variety of Apple products to edit these animations. The animations were entered in the Expression Through the Arts section of the iLife competition.

Congratulations to Alexandra, Shanae and Nastasia, who came 2nd in the Grade 7-9 category. Nicolene, Alexia and Georgina were awarded 3rd place in the Grade 7-9 category. In e⁴ the Form Is created a short video presentation exploring the notion of St Mary's heritage using ExplainEverything on their iPads. These videos were entered into the Shape of My World section of the competition. Katherine took 3rd place in the Grade 7-9 category.

In Visual Arts, Megan and Julia created an ebook using the iBooks Author app on a Macbook. They researched the drawings and inventions of Leonardo da Vinci, in particular his theories on flight, and related this to modern-day flying machines. They came first in their age group in the Exploring Science in Everyday Life category. Lalage came 1st in the Bringing to Life category in her age group, for creating an iMovie in which she researched Edgar Degas' ballet paintings. She filmed and incorporated the experiences of a modernday ballerina dancing. Julia also came 2nd in the Artistic Excellence category, with her delightful stop-start animation. This video was showcased at our recent cultural awards evening.

Congratulations to these girls, together with many other pupils for the multiple entries into the iLife competition. A big thank-you is extended to our staff, who continue to provide girls with meaningful and innovative opportunities to create and extend their learning.

Sally James

Deputy headmistress



Form I fiction

The Form I reading race challenge crossed the November finish line last week. In January, the Form I pupils were presented with the optional task of broadening their reading repertoire. This included reading a poem, a magazine, a short story, a graphic novel, a prizewinning book and a novel recommended by someone else. Congratulations to Form I L, where 70% of the class managed the challenge successfully.

The Form I pupils were also asked to nominate their favourite titles of 2015. The results reflect a reading palate of popular fiction, and intellectually, morally and emotionally challenging reads. It has been rewarding to work with a group of girls who have allowed themselves to be coaxed out of their genre pyjamas, and into a social affair where books are confidently discussed and reviewed by their peers.

Belinda Williams Form I English



Some of the literary athletes who successfully completed the 2015 Form I reading race

| | TITLE | AUTHOR | GENRE |
|-----|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | Divergent Series | Veronica Roth | Dystopian Science Fiction / Biopunk |
| 2. | If I Stay | Gayle Forman | Young Adult |
| 3. | Looking for Alaska | John Green | Young Adult |
| 4. | Unwind | Neal Shusterman | Dystopian Science Fiction |
| 5. | An Abundance of Katherines | John Green | Young Adult |
| 5. | The Perks of Being a Wallflower | Stephen Chbosky | Young Adult |
| 7. | Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children | Ransom Riggs | Dark Fantasy / Horror |
| 3. | Wonder | R.J. Palacio | Being Different |
|). | My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece | Annabel Pitcher | Human Relationships |
| 0. | Harry Potter Series | J.K. Rowling | Fantasy |
| 1. | Maze Runner Series | James Dashner | Dystopian Science Fiction |
| 2. | Hunger Games Series | Suzanne Collins | Dystopian Science Fiction |
| 3. | Fangirl | Rainbow Rowell | Young Adult |
| 4. | The Book Thief | Markus Zusak | Historical / Young Adult |
| 5. | To Kill a Mockingbird | Harper Lee | Southern Gothic / Bildungsroman |
| 6. | Let it Snow | J. Green, M. Johnson, L. Myracle | Young Adult |
| 17. | Absent | Katie Williams | Young Adult Contemporary / Ghosts |
| 8. | Will Grayson, Will Grayson | John Green | Young Adult |
| 9. | A Monster Calls | Patrick Ness | Fantasy |
| 20. | Ketchup Clouds | Annabel Pitcher | Young Adult |
| 21. | Delirum Trilogy | Lauren Oliver | Dystopian Romance |
| 2. | Trylle Series | Amanda Hocking | Paranormal Romance |
| 23. | The Alchemist | Paulo Coehlo | Fantasy Quest |
| 24. | Matched Trilogy | Ally Condie | Dystopian Romance |
| 25. | Mortal Instruments Series | Cassandra Clare | Urban Fantasy |
| 26. | Infernal Devices Series | Cassandra Clare | Steampunk Fantasy |
| 27. | Under the Never Sky | Veronica Rossi | Dystopian Romance |
| 28. | The Giver | Lois Lowry | Utopian and Dystopian Fiction |
| 29. | Uglies and Pretties Series | Scott Westerfeld | Young Adult / Science Fiction |
| 0. | Gone Series | Michael Grant | Dystopian Horror |
| 1. | Throne of Glass | Sarah J. Maas | Fantasy |
| 2. | The Selection | Kiera Cass | Dystopian Romance |
| 3. | The Vanishing Game | Kate Kae Myers | Paranormal Suspense |
| 34. | To All The Boys I've Loved Before | Jenny Han | Young Adult |
| 35. | Black Butler Series | Yana Toboso | Manga |



From the Geography department

Let's get water-wise

According to the Mail & Guardian (5 November 2015) South Africa is facing its worst drought since 1982, with over 2-million households across the country facing serious water shortages. As an environmentally conscious school community, we need to be talking about and taking action in our own homes to conserve water, and use it wisely. Rand Water provides us with a few suggestions in the poster on the next page.

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LET'S BE WATER WISE

Persistent high temperatures in Rand Water's areas of supply have been putting a strain on the water supply system. The lack of rainfall has further worsened this situation. The high water demand is projected to cause localised problems, such as low pressure and water shortages, in some parts of Johannesburg, Tshwane and Ekurhuleni. It's important to note that Rand Water's bulk supply system is concerning, yet stable. Rand Water and the Top Five municipalities are in discussions to jointly manage the situation. Rand Water urges you to please use water sparingly and asks for your support in encouraging your families, relatives and friends to do the same.

Here are some Water Wise tips:

- Only use what you need! Don't waste water!
- Toilets are one of the biggest water users. Remember: "If it's yellow, let it mellow. If it's brown, flush it down."
- Turn off urinals that run continuously, especially after hours.
- Take short showers (less than 5 minutes).
- Take short baths (less than 20 cm).
- Check for leaks and fix them immediately.
- Turn off the tap whilst brushing teeth or shaving.
- Try to not water your garden. If really necessary, please water only between 7-9 am and 4-8 pm.
- Do not wash your car with water. Use a waterless car wash.
- Apply mulch (grass cuttings, bark chips, stones, etc.) to your garden as it can reduce water use by up to 70%.
- Sweep any paving with a broom instead of washing it with water.
- Report water leaks to your local municipality.
- Spread the Water Wise message at home, at school and at work.
- For more Water Wise tips please log onto www.randwater.co.za and click on the Water Wise logo.

IF EVERY PERSON USES WATER WISELY THERE WILL BE MORE WATER FOR ALL. PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!



Date 19-22 Feb 2010

Adventurous journeys for the 2016 President's Award

For more information, please contact Melanie Blair via email at melanie.blair@stmary.co.za

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| 18 Feb (after school)-22 Feb 2016 | Gold Adventurous Journey | Hiking Adventure | Magoebaskloof |
| 9-10 April 2016 | Bronze Adventurous Journey | Multi Adventure | Magaliesberg |
| 11-15 April 2016 | Gold Adventurous journey | River rafting | Mkomazi River |
| 11-14 April 2016 | Gold Adventurous journey | Hiking | Magoebaskloof |
| 11-14 April 2016 | -Silver Adventurous Journey -Gold Adventurous Journey (if you have already done Magoebaskloof) | Hiking Adventure | Kaapsehoop |
| 19-24 April 2016 | Gold Residential Project | Community Service at animal rehab centre | Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre |
| 2-5 July 2016 | Gold Adventurous journey | Winter hiking snow trip | Drakensberg |
| 2-4 July 2016 | Silver Adventurous Journey | Hiking Adventure | Kaapsehoop |
| 4-8 July 2016 | Gold Residential Project | Community Service at animal rehab centre | Owl Rescue Centre |
| 6-7 Aug 2016 | Bronze Adventurous Journey | Multi Adventure | Magaliesberg |
| 9-14 Aug 2016 | Gold Residential Project | Community Service at animal rehab centre | Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre |
| 30 Aug- 2 Sept 2016 | Gold and Silver Adventurous journey | Hiking | TBA |
| 21-24 Oct 2016 | Silver Adventurous Journey | Hiking Adventure | Kaapsehoop |
| 21-24 Oct 2016 | Gold Adventurous Journey | Hiking Adventure | Magoebaskloof |
| 8- 11 Dec 2016 | Gold Adventurous journey | River rafting | Mkomazi River |
| 8-11 Dec 2016 | Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey | Hiking and Fly fishing | Drakensberg |
| 9-16 Dec 2016 | Gold Adventurous Journey | Expedition style hiking | Mt Kilimanjaro |











Appeal for school uniforms and school shoes

The end of the year is often a time for a review of school uniforms. Students have often outgrown their clothes and get new ones, and the Form V girls will no longer need their uniforms. There are many disadvantaged people in South Africa who would love to have these items.

We shall facilitate the process of passing an unneeded school uniform on to those who can use it. We will provide boxes in the gym foyer, into which any of the following items can be placed: shoes, skirts, shirts, jerseys and blazers, to be distributed as indicated below:

- Some blazers, school jerseys and some shirts and skirts will be passed on to students in need
- Some of the shirts will be sent to a contact in a rural area near Rustenburg. She will ensure that they are passed on to students in need
- The remainder of the school shirts and some of the blazers will be sent to the Abraham Kriel Children's Home. A clothing factory removes the St Mary's crest and sews a pocket onto the blazer so

that it can be worn at any school

- The rest of the clothes will be sent to a farm school near Nelspruit, or a community in need on the South Coast
- Shoes will be sent to St Vincent de Paul and will be distributed to students in Soweto

While we should like to finalise the movement of the clothing by the end of the year, if your decisions regarding your school clothing are made only during the December holidays, you are welcome to bring your old items at the beginning of next year and we shall organise their distribution.

No matter what condition your clothing is in, we can use it.

We thank you in anticipation, on behalf of the recipients.

Jenny Page and Cheyenne Life Sciences teacher Form IV

Ballet

Bronwyn had the privilege of performing in the corps de ballet of Joburg Ballet's recent production of *Les Sylphides*. The company performed four shows from 31 October to 15 November, before a fully booked audience. Bronwyn also danced in the contemporary group piece performed by the Joburg Ballet Academy, as part of this performance. Earlier in October, Bronwyn also competed in the American Dance Awards, where she was awarded an Ultimate Gold Medal for her jazz solo performance and a High Diploma Score. Unfortunately she was unable to compete in the ballet, open and contemporary sections owing to injury.



Bronwyn is in the back row on the right

Photography

Susan was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by the Photographic Society of South Africa.





Perspicacity

From the Music department

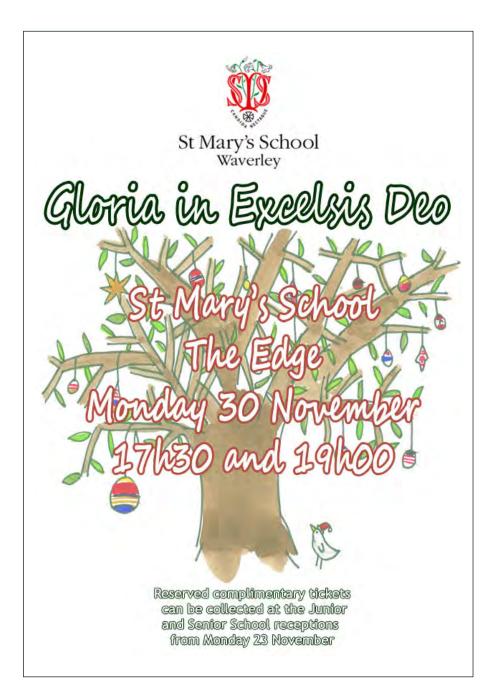
Congratulations to the following girls who passed their ABRSM practical music examinations in October:

| Mutsa | Piano | Grade 4 | Distinction |
|-----------|----------------|---------|-------------|
| Emma | Flute | Grade 6 | Merit |
| Nompilo | Jazz piano | Grade 5 | Merit |
| Yashmiri | Alto saxophone | Grade 5 | Merit |
| Shayna | Clarinet | Grade 5 | Merit |
| Kate | Clarinet | Grade 6 | Merit |
| Alexandra | Alto saxophone | Grade 4 | Merit |
| Julia | Piano | Grade 6 | Merit |
| Zaneli | Piano | Grade 6 | Merit |
| Jocelyn | Piano | Grade 6 | Merit |
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| Jocelyn | Alto saxophone | Grade 4 | Merit |
|----------|----------------|---------|-------|
| Mandisa | Piano | Grade 2 | Merit |
| Shreya | Flute | Grade 1 | Pass |
| Emma | Piano | Grade 8 | Pass |
| Georgina | Alto saxophone | Grade 5 | Pass |
| Maxine | Singing | Grade 4 | Pass |
| Isabelle | Piano | Grade 6 | Pass |
| Veneka | Piano | Grade 5 | Pass |
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Dudley Trollope

Head of Music



From the Sports department

Rowing Inter-house ergo regatta

On Wednesday 28 October, the St Mary's rowing club hosted the annual inter-house ergo. Both team and non-team girls participated, and it was a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

The final results were as follows:

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 2nd Furse
 28

 3rd Karney
 23

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4th Clayton 20



Phelps



Karney







Furse



Clayton

Gauteng Junior Championships

On Saturday 7 November, the St Mary's rowers arrived at Roodeplaat Dam, ready for a long weekend of racing. The rowers had trained hard for the Gauteng Championships. The U14 quads placed 4th and 8th, while the octuple achieved a silver medal. The U15s achieved gold and silver in their double. The U16s were awarded gold in the double, and silver and 4th in the four. The Opens achieved gold, silver and bronze in the single sculls, and gold and 4th in the pairs. The girls raced hard and well, especially in the heat.

The girls returned to the dam on Sunday to continue with their busy schedule of races. The whole club came together and the team spirit was running high. The girls were passionate and determined, and this showed in our results. The U14s came 3rd in the double. The U15s placed 3rd in their quad. The U16s came 3rd and 6th in the quad. The opens received a 1st, 2nd and 6th in the doubles, and a 3rd and 4th in the



Rowing girls supporting their teammates



One of the rowing coaches, Brandon

four. We were very proud of our first quad for winning the 1^{st} quad race. Our second quad came 5^{th} , and the third quad took 6^{th} place.

After two long days of tough races, the St Mary's rowing club placed 2nd overall, only 8 points behind St Andrew's. Well done to all the girls who raced. It was a brilliant weekend.

Boat Race

Good luck to the Boat Race squad for their race in December. Boat Race is styled around the Oxford/Cambridge boat race in England, and is a headrace followed by a two-boat final. This race is 4km, so the girls are required to be strong and fit.

Cara

Form III



Gauteng champs U14 octuple



Gauteng champs Open scullers - gold and silver places

Water polo

Congratulations to the following St Mary's water polo players on being selected for the Gauteng water polo sides to compete in the SWPSA Inter-Provincial Tournament, in Cape Town from 10 to 14 December:

U14 B girls: Emily U14 A girls: Kayleigh, Zoë, Nicola, Kiara, Francesca

U15 girls reserve: Lauren U15 B girls: Georgina, Robyn U15 A girls: Courtney

U16 B girls: Jordan, Nicole U16 A girls: Julia, Catherine, Brittany, Daniela

U19 B girls: Jennifer, Isabella U19 A girls: Jenna, Kirsty, Lace Sasha and Amber have been selected to compete for the SA U18 team at the Tri Nations Tournament, happening over the same period.

Half-term was a busy time for St Mary's water polo. The U14 water polo players took part in the 2015 Roedean U14 Girls' Water Polo Tournament, which consisted of 18 teams from all over the country. Our U14 girls placed 6th in the tournament. The 1st team took part in the 2015 St Stithians College Water Polo Invitational Tournament, also consisting of 18 teams nationwide. They placed 4th in the tournament.

Well done to all the water polo girls who have been involved in the season so far.

Kelsey White Water polo coach



Water polo provincial reps

Tennis

St Mary's has had a few busy weeks on the tennis courts. The St Mary's AB team won the premier league convincingly by beating St Stithians AB in the final match of the season. St Mary's CD teams beat Brescia in the final match of the season to top their pool. Well done to all the players on their consistent doubles play.

The St Mary's 1st team also participated in the Eunice festival, in Bloemfontein from 21 to 24 October. Unfortunately, five of the top players were unavailable owing to participation in international tournaments, illness and injury. I thank Nina, who was willing to go on the tour at very short notice. The young team, consisting of four Form I and three Form III players, did extremely well and gained valuable match play experience. All the players acquitted themselves well and gave of their best in every match played.

Cara played exceptionally well to beat the number one players from Eunice, Pearson and Durban Girls' College. St Mary's beat Pearson and Durban Girls' College without losing a match. The matches against St Stithians and Waterkloof were very closely contested, with St Mary's losing by 8 points to 7 and 10 points to 7 respectively. Eunice, the winners of the festival, proved to be too strong and outplayed the young team. Well done to Cara, Roxanne, Ruth, Farirai, Shannon, Izabel and Nina on their good play, and excellent behaviour on and off the court. I thank Mrs Moore for transporting three of the St Mary's athletes to Bloemfontein, and for all her help and support at the festival.

The St Mary's junior A, B and C teams participated in the annual Junior Inter-High tennis tournament on 30 October. Twenty-five schools participated in this event. The St Mary's A team, consisting of Maja Gledic, Cara, Ruth and Izabel, played scintillating tennis to beat St Teresa's, Hyde Park, Redhill B, Brescia, Rand Park and Kingsmead College in the round robin phase of the tournament. The St Mary's team continued their fine form to beat Northcliff in the semi-final and Helpmekaar in a closely-contested final. Congratulations to all the players who participated in this event. The St Mary's B team did well to be placed 9th and the St Mary's C team held their own against the AB teams from opposing schools. Thank you to Mrs Roxy Coetzee-Turner and Ms Stacey Turner for all their help.

Final standings 1 St Mary's A

2 Helpmekaar 3 Northcliff 4 St Stithians **5** Trinity House 6 Brescia House 7 HeronBridge College 8 Roedean 9 St Mary's B 10 Holy Rosary School 11 Hoërskool Linden 12 St Teresa's 13 St Mary's DSG Pretoria 14 St Andrew's A 15 Redhill A 16 Redhill B 17 Rand Park 18 Assumption Convent 19 St Mary's C

20 St Andrew's B 21 Parktown 22 De la Salle 23 Hyde Park 24 Kingsmead 25 Jeppe High School

Congratulations to Imaan and Maja for their excellent results at the ITF U18 tournaments, recently held in Stellenbosch. Imaan reached the quarter- finals in one event, and the semi-finals and finals in the two doubles events. Maja reached the quarter-finals of the singles in both tournaments. Well done on these excellent results.

League results 12 October SMS A bt St Stithians A 37-26 SMS B bt St Stithians B 50-13

13 October SMS A bt St Andrew's A 52-11 SMS B bt St Andrew's B 56-7 SMS C bt Brescia A 34-29 SMS D bt Brescia B 30-33 SMS E lost to Fourways A 24-27 SMS F bt Fourways B 28-23 SMS G lost to St Peter's/Beaulieu A 19-44 SMS H lost to St Peter's/Beaulieu B 48-15

20 October SMS A Bye SMS B Bye SMS C bt Roedean A 35-28 SMS D bt Roedean B 46-17 SMS E beat Jeppe A 33-30 SMS F beat Jeppe B 48-15 SMS G lost to HeronBridge A 51-12 SMS H lost to HeronBridge B 40-23

René Plant

Tennis coach



The Eunice Tennis Festival team



The winners of the Junior Inter-High



Players of the B and C Junior Inter-High teams

Squash



St Mary's squash players excelled on the court this year and brought glory to the school. We won the following squash leagues, with the awards presentation taking place at St Mary's on 30 September:

U14 A winner: St Mary's U14 B winner: St Mary's U15 A winner: St Mary's U15 B winner: St Stithians Runner-up: St Mary's U16 A winner: St Mary's U16 B winner: St Mary's U16 C winner: St Mary's

| U19 A winner: | St Mary's | Runner-up: St Mary's B | |
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| U19 B winner: | St Mary's | | |
| U19 C winner: | St Mary's | | |
| U19 D winner: | St Mary's | Runner-up: St Mary's E | |
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| Top Schools: | St Mary's A | Runner-up: St Mary's B | |
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| Jennifer Fox | | | |

Squash coach



Jaime (captain 2015) received the Castle Aggregate Shield



U14 B team



U14 A team



U16 B team



U16 A team



U19 C team



U19 D team



Ruth (U14) recently came 3^{rd} in the EOY (End of Year) squash tournament held at Randburg Squash Centre, in the U16 age group. Well done.

Basketball

The basketball season came to a shuddering halt as opposition teams failed to fulfil fixtures. This was unfortunate for the B teams, which seldom have the opportunity to play.

Our last games were played against Redhill on Wednesday 28 October. Owing to the cultural awards evening, we could fit in only three matches. We took the U14 B and C teams, and the U15 team. Redhill divided their U14 players into two teams in order that we could play. The U15 A team won 16-6, the U14 B team won 14-6 and although the U14 C team lost 6-15, it played with passion and enthusiasm. With more confidence the players would have attempted more shots, but when a team seldom plays matches, it is difficult to develop this confidence.

On Saturday 31 October the U14 A team played in a quadrangular event, held at St Dunstan's for the second year. The St Dunstan's team has exceptional height and we have not beaten them in any matches this year. We played incredibly well against them and Khanyisile Nawa (Form I, but still U12) scored a basket that she will probably remember for the rest of her life. The U14 A team unfortunately lost 7-9. We then played Redhill and St Peter's, which we beat 14-11 and 12-2 respectively. I was proud of the girls as they have developed into a competitive unit, and showed growth and improvement with each match. They have an exciting future ahead. I commend three of the other U14s, Khanyisile, Reneiloe and Mandi, who have been the most awesome supporters. They have attended every one of the A team matches. This is the kind of spirit that I like to see - well done, girls.

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Head of sport



U14 A basketball team with three supporters

St Mary's sport staff



Roxy Coetzee-Turner

René Plant and Jennifer Fox

Not only have the girls been busy all year, but so have many of the sports staff and there have been some successes in the past few weeks.

René Plant is the triple champion at her tennis club. In both the singles and ladies' doubles she beat girls who currently play provincial tennis. Her days of being on the circuit and playing on the world stage have stood her in good stead. Well done, René.

This past week Jennifer Fox, the squash coach, has been in Pietermaritzburg representing Gauteng Masters Squash at the inter-provincial ladies' and mixed doubles tournament. Congratulations, Jennifer on winning both of these events.

One of the younger members of the department has been training exceptionally hard. Roxy Coetzee-Turner is a talented triathlete and, this past weekend, competed in the Global 11 competition at Sun City. Saturday saw her come 2nd in the sprint triathlon: a 750m swim, 20km cycle and 5km run. On Sunday, she finished 2nd in the Olympic triathlon: 1 500m swim, 40km cycle and 10km run. Congratulations, Roxy, we know you are working towards the Ironman event in April 2016.

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Head of sport



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

Reminder

If you have a daughter and wish to apply for St Mary's Senior or Junior School in 2017, we urge you to complete an application form urgently to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions, please contact Leigh-Anne Hinton on 011 531 1904 or leigh-anne. hinton@stmary.co.za.

