



St Mary's School  
Waverley  
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# JUST JUNIOR



One Hundred Languages of Children in Little Saints

## From the Pre-Primary department

Dear parents

I hope you had a restful half-term break and are ready for the second half of the term. It is going to be a busy few weeks at Little Saints and I know it will zip by.

### Arrangements for renovations

The renovation of the Art room in the Junior School is under way and when completed, it will be the home for Little Saints for a few weeks while our pre-school gets a facelift. We are so excited about being at the heart of the Junior School for that time. The children will be able to walk to the JP hall for their music lessons with Mr Hutchinson, they will have ample opportunity to work on their performances for Little Saints Sings on the stage in the SP hall, which will also be home to some provocations, and they will have ring time in the Art room.

Aftercare will just be a short stroll across the grass to the JP classrooms. This is an opportunity to stretch the capabilities of the children who, I have no doubt, will rise to meet the expectations.

The teachers have already begun planning for the move by selecting what to bring and what to leave behind. The playground will be accessible once a day after snack as opposed to the current arrangement of before and after snack. Our schedule will change slightly to allow us to accompany all the children to the playground for that period of time.

### Student teacher

We are delighted to welcome a UNISA student, Chelsea van Zyl, to both Little Saints and Grade 0 until the end of term.

## Dates to diarise

JULY		
Mon 13	08h00	Grade 7 LO workshop
Tue 14	07h15	Muse Morning SMOGS
	07h30	Grade 0T and Grade 0C assembly
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	14h00	Squash at home and away
Wed 15	08h00	Grade 7 LO workshop
	18h00	Junior School music evening - Edge
Thu 16	09h30	Anglican Schools meeting
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	14h00	Grade 2 and 3 hockey away
	14h30	SAHISA Regional Exec meeting - boardroom
Fri 17		Mandela Day celebrations
	07h30	Grade 7 assembly
	14h00	Hockey at home and away
Sat 18	07h30	Grade 2 and 3 hockey festival at Roedean
Mon 20	08h00	Grade 4 LO workshop
	14h00	Senior Primary parent interviews
	18h00	PTA meeting - boardroom
Tue 21	07h30	Grade 1F assembly
	08h00	Grade 5LO workshop
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	14h00	Squash at home and away
	14h00	Senior Primary parent interviews
Wed 22	12h12	Junior School HoD management meeting
	14h30	Exco meeting - boardroom
	18h30	Music instrumental concert - Edge
Thu 23	13h30	Junior School worship meeting
Fri 24		Hockey festival in Pretoria
Sat 25		Hockey festival in Pretoria
		Pre-Primary Reggio workshop
		Rhythmic gymnastics
Sun 26		Hockey festival in Pretoria

Chelsea came early in the year to observe the teaching and learning, and will now begin her teaching practice.

#### Book week at Little Saints

Monday 27 July will mark the beginning of Book week at Little Saints. We will kick off the festivities with a book character parade, so please help your child dress as his/her favourite book character. It would be wonderful if you could send the copy of the book to school with your child on that day. I sincerely hope this will be a fun activity you and your child can do together.

On Thursday 30 July, we will have our annual storytelling evening from 17h30 to 18h30. Little Saints children and teachers are invited to put on their pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns and slippers, and join us for an evening of storytelling followed by a warm cup of cocoa and a small treat. There will be a speaker for parents to listen to for that hour, details of which will follow. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate siblings on that evening owing to space restrictions.

Book week will come to a close on Friday

31 July with a performance by Hooked on Books, who bring stories to life by acting them out. This will be a wonderful way to finish off what promises to be a literacy-loving week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. I am only too happy to try to help.

Yours sincerely

*Meabh Gilbert*

Head of department: Pre-Primary

## From the chaplain

St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), in his Canticle of Creation, praises God for all life and creation. Perhaps we can, too:

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens. Be praised, my Lord,

for our Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright and lively and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours.

Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience - you will grant them a crown.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face.

I praise and bless you, Lord, and I give thanks to you, and I will serve you in all humility.

*Revd Canon Gill Lee*

Chaplain

## Muse Morning

All parents are welcome to join us. Coffee is served from 07h15 at SMOGS Cottage, with the talk from 07h30 to 08h30.

**Date:** Tuesday 14 July  
**Time:** 07h15 to 08h30  
**Venue:** SMOGS Cottage  
**Topic:** The Anxiety Epidemic - why our children are so anxious and how we can help  
**Speaker:** David Abrahamsohn, clinical psychologist  
**RSVP:** lynn.moony@stmary.co.za



## From the Music department



Wow, wow, wow! What a jam-packed few weeks the Music department had before half-term. No slowing down, now that we are in a momentum.

### Fathers' Day services

We wished all the St Mary's dads a happy Fathers' Day with three Fathers' Day services in June. Thank you for your support and strength that you show your girls. We also give thanks to our Father in heaven who is looking after dads who are no-longer with us.

Our Junior Primary musical item for the dads was inspired by the Lego movie. To add some St Mary's flavour, the girls shared their ideas on what they liked to do with their dads. Mr Hutchinson was inundated with strips of paper, put into an overflowing suggestion box filled with ideas. The rap, as seen below, was collated from your daughters' ideas:

*Dad you are so awesome  
Dad you are so cool, if you know what I mean  
Dad you are so awesome  
You are everything to me  
Everything is better when we stick together*

*Side by side, you and I, gonna win for ever  
Let's party forever  
We're the same, I'm like you, you're like me,  
We're living in harmony  
(Rap) Blue skies, we're on our bikes  
You shop with me and make me tea  
We walk the dog, and play outside  
I love it when you hug me tight!  
Rides, reading, homework  
It's awesome!  
Games, treats, and sweets  
It's awesome  
Dad you are so kind and so I say:  
You're awesome!*

### The Reggio conference

The Reggio conference week is always a big event for us in the Junior Music department. A total of six performances took place during the three days, involving almost 200 girls (and boys), UV lights, mics and even a piano on wheels. We all survived and have returned after half-term with beautiful photos and musical memories to show for it.



## From the Music department cont.

### The Magic of Music

The Magic of Music is one of our biggest showcases of the term and took place in the middle of the Reggio week. The Senior Primary choir performed alongside the Junior orchestra on the Linder Auditorium stage. The girls really did St Mary's proud!

### Junior Music evening - Saints musical magic

You are invited to join us at our Junior Music evening on Wednesday 15 July at 18h00 in The Edge. Saints musical magic will involve the Singing Angels, the Junior marimba groups, the Junior orchestra and the Senior Primary choir. Musical items from the Grade 2s to 7s will be showcased. This is a Saint's event for the Saint's community and I encourage you to come along and support your girls.

A reminder about the following upcoming events:

- The music instrumental concert: Wednesday 22 July at 18h30 in The Edge. This concert is for both Junior and Senior School girls who learn musical instruments in a private capacity, giving them a platform to present a polished piece of music.
- Subject Music pupils' concert: Wednesday 29 July at 18h30 in The Edge. This is an inspirational concert and I encourage your daughters to attend.

- Music on the menu: Saturday 1 August at 17h30 in The Edge.

The music teachers get their turn to present their talents of a wide-range of musical items, styles and genres. This concert will be accompanied by some delicious eats.

### Piece playing

If your daughters have been taking individual musical lessons this term, please encourage them to perform at one of the piece playing platforms at the end of this term. Any girl is welcome to present her piece at these events - from someone just starting out to another who may have entered practical examinations. Please encourage your daughters to prepare for this and come along and support them on their musical journey.

(Please see the red calendar for specific details.)

I thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you at some of the above-mentioned music performances.

*Carol Shutte*

Head of Music: Junior School

## Fathers' Day celebrations in the Junior School



The Fathers' Day service was well attended and the girls loved having dads in their space



## Parent Corner

### What's your back-up plan?

Parents spend an inordinate amount of time planning: making plans for their children, making plans for themselves and working their own plans around their children. Who knew caring for, and bringing up, children would require a qualification in logistics management?

However, as the saying goes, "The best-laid plans of mice and men..." Every plan can go awry for any number of reasons that are mostly out of your control, such as:

- It rains and a sports fixture is cancelled
- Your child feels sick at school
- You get caught up in a meeting or traffic and are going to be late/don't arrive on time
- You have a crisis such as an accident, illness or death in the family, to name but a few

Life happens, and both you and your children need a Plan B - the back-up plan in case Plan A fails. It doesn't happen often, but when it does, they need to know what they should do and what will happen if such situations arise in order to prevent panic and meltdowns:

- How will you get a message to them if plans change?
- If you run late and they haven't received a message from you, how long should they wait until they seek help?
- Who must they talk to at the school if you don't arrive? (a teacher, school secretary, etc.)

- Which other parents do you trust? Who you would send in your place?
- Some parents have a code word or number that they give their children and in a crisis, another parent who collects them out of the blue, will know the code and the kids will know this is a "safe" person
- If your child has a cellphone, do they have the phone numbers of five people they could call in a crisis?

Do ensure that you get to know the school secretary by name, and that you have the school telephone number and those of other parents at school saved on your phone. Invest time in developing relationships with other parents so that if you have to call for help, you know you have back-up and, by the same token, you can be the back-up for others. We need to be there for each other, and having a Plan B will go a long way to helping your children feel safe and secure, whether they ever need to put it into action or not.

#### **Nikki Bush**

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## From the Sports department



### JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 13-19 JULY 2015 (WEEK 11)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Tuesday 14 July	Squash	A team vs Yeshiva A B team vs St Mary's D C team vs St John's C	Killarney S Club St Mary's St Mary's	14h00	Bus	Mrs Fox
Thursday 16 July	Hockey	Grade 2 and 3	St Andrew's	13h30	Bus	Mrs Samson
Friday 17 July	Hockey	Grade 4 A-D Grade 5 A and B Grade 6 A and B Grade 7 A and B	St Mary's St Mary's St Stithians St Stithians	14h00	Bus Bus	Miss Roos Mrs CT Ms Quix Mrs Samson
Saturday 18 July	Hockey	Grade 2 and 3 festival	Roedean	07h30	Parents	Mrs Samson



## Netball

We congratulate the U12 A team, pictured below, who came third in the district playoffs. The team had an excellent season and was placed first in our pool out of nine schools. At the playoffs, we won our first match against St Martin's with ease. We then went on to play against Redhill, who had an uncontested first half. St Mary's came back stronger after half-time, but we were unable to win the match. We then played against Jan Celliers for third and fourth place and the St Mary's U12 team come out victorious.

On 19 July, the netball girls played their final league matches for the season against HeronBridge and the results were as follows:

U9 pink team lost 1-3  
 U9 purple team lost 1-7  
 U9 orange team lost 3-4  
 U9 grey team lost 8-9  
 U10 A lost 5-10  
 U10 B lost 7-9  
 U10 C vs mixed team of A and B lost 6-8

U10 D vs mixed team of A and B lost 2-10  
 U11 A lost 2-7  
 U11 B lost 5-7  
 U11 C lost 3-6  
 U11 D won 6-3  
 U12 A won 16-7  
 U12 B won 11-6  
 U12 C won 14-4  
 U12 D won 5-3  
 U13 A won 16-13  
 U13 B won 28-0  
 U13 C won 10-3  
 U13 D lost 8-9

*Antoinette Mshengu*

Netball coach



The U12 A Netball team

## Hockey

The Grade 7 hockey festival was held at St Mary's last weekend and Grade 6 at St Andrew's. It was an excellent morning of hockey; the girls not only played many games, but also had a fun morning with their teammates and friends from the other schools.

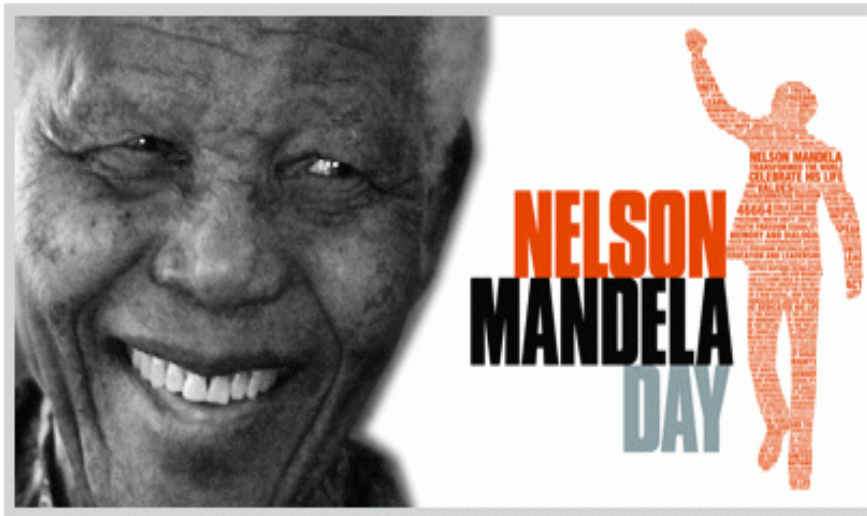
I would like to thank all the girls at St Mary's who stayed until the end to help clean up, and dance on the Astro!

Results from the Grade 4 and 5 matches played against APPS last Friday:

Grade 4A won 3 - 0  
 Grade 4B won 4 - 0  
 Grade 5A won 2 - 0  
 Grade 5B won 4 - 0

*Jane Samson*

HoD: Junior School sport



# 25 JULY 2015

## MANDELA DAY AT IPHUTHENG PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Looking for something to do for Mandela Day?

The overarching objective of Mandela Day is to inspire individuals to take action to help change the world for the better, and in doing so, build a global movement for good. Ultimately it seeks to empower communities everywhere. **'Take Action; Inspire Change; Make Every Day a Mandela Day.'**

Come and join us as we **paint classrooms and facilitate workshops** for the School and its' community members.

### IPHUTHENG PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Cnr Vincent Tshabalala Rd (previously London Rd) and 18th Ave, Alexandra  
(off Arkwright from Louis Botha)**

25 July 2015  
08h00 – 12h00

**For more information contact:**  
**Regan Berry 083 659 1804**  
**Nicola Grootes 083 256 3752**

### Volunteer to help with:

- Painting a classroom OR
- Catering OR
- Art workshop OR
- Sport workshop OR
- Boys and Girls Workshop

**Dress warmly and in  
clothes you can work  
in.**

