



St Mary's School
Waverley
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Little Saints Mandela Day stationery collection for the Grade 0 class of HA Jack School

From the headmistress' desk

Dear parents

As the end of term approaches and excitement ahead of the long August holidays grows, we reflect on the good times and the sad times. The Junior School has experienced the loss of family members within the staff and school community. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the Mapaya, Vilakazi and Chakwawa families and many of our teachers, as they mourn the loss of their beloved family members. We continue to pray for the well being of Shelley Crawford as she faces her final treatment before the bone marrow transplant in October.

We congratulate Kerry and Ryan Gibbons on the early birth of their beautiful daughter, Erin Kate. Erin is at home and thriving. Brian Morton was available to take up the *locum* position earlier than expected, to ensure lessons continued without disruption. Our best wishes go with Méabh and Cathal Gilbert and their daughters as they relocate to the United Kingdom. We certainly will miss Méabh at Little Saints.

I am very pleased with the results of the Grade 7 IEB MATCH assessments. The results indicate thorough teaching and learning, with a strong element of higher order thinking. We use these results to consider our curriculum and make necessary shifts. The reports, parent interviews and feedback from the teachers indicate that the children continue to make pleasing progress academically. I thank the team who ensure the reporting process is thorough and accurate; please do not hesitate to contact the teachers or members of the management team if you have any concerns or queries. I am attending the ICP Heads' conference in Helsinki this week. This is a global gathering of heads of schools; I look forward to sharing the learning on my return.

The Senior Primary girls are well into rehearsals for the annual play. The songs and dances from *The Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist* can be heard throughout the school and the harmonies of the singing remind me of the privilege of working in a

Dates to diarise

SEPTEMBER

Wed 9	07h20	Girls return in full summer uniform Junior School co-curricular activities begin
Thu 10	14h00	Grade 7s deliver flowers to Waverley House
Mon 14	07h30 18h00	Junior Primary chapel PTA meeting - boardroom
Tue 15	09h00	Anglican Schools' conference - Junior School chapel band and Senior Primary choir
Wed 16	07h30 07h30 08h45	Senior Primary Eucharist THRASS workshop for Grade 0 T parents Betty Button visits Little Saints
Thu 17	07h30 14h00	THRASS workshop for Grade 0 C parents Tennis
Fri 18	07h30 14h00	St Mary's Grade 7s of 2014 plaque unveiling Athletics
Mon 21	07h30 11h00 18h00	Junior Primary chapel Senior Primary play matinee performance Senior Primary play performance
Tue 22	18h00	Senior Primary play performance
Wed 23	07h30 08h30	Senior School class reps' meeting - Junior School auditorium Heritage Day celebrations
Thu 24		PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Heritage Day
Fri 25		SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 28		JUNIOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY: Scholarship day
Tue 29	10h18 14h00 16h30	Book People book sale Grade 7 tea with headmistress FinCom meeting Board meeting

school environment where we experience the joy of children on a daily basis. Bookings for the performances, which take place early next term, will open when school commences in September.

Our new creative centre should soon be ready for occupation. Little Saints will make the move to this new facility, as a temporary venue, while their classrooms are refurbished. We look forward to welcoming the teachers and the children from the start of the Michaelmas term in this space. Belles of St Mary's aftercare will be housed in the Junior Primary block for the duration of the renovation.

I thank the community for the many telephone calls and messages

News from the Senior Primary department

The girls have had a very busy and productive term.

On Friday 24 July, we had the most amazing concert organised by Annie Eckhart. Her daughter, Tulla Eckhart, gave a concert for the girls to raise funds for Kids' Haven. Tulla really got everyone involved in the singing and dancing and a lovely hour was had by all.

During their visit to Kids' Haven on Wednesday 29 July, the Grade 5 girls were given a tour of the facility. They were given a lot of information regarding the work that is done with the street children and the history of Kids' Haven. The girls took the clothing they had collected leading up to the visit and the packets of chips donated by Spar. After the tour they had time to play with the toddlers in the nursery school.

From the Chaplain

A thought for the day from *Love is a Wild Bird* by Eddie Askew to encourage us.

"A friend gave us an amaryllis bulb, complete with plastic pot and a small bag of compost. The bulb looked dry, lifeless, with a tangle of desiccated white shoots but we potted it up, watered it, and put it on a warm window sill in the light.

Transformation. Three or four days later the first shoot appeared. It was very pale green and tentative, as though it was sticking its head above the parapet to see what was going on, and ready to duck down again if it didn't like what it saw. Each day it grew a little bigger, stronger, and a slightly darker green. Then a second leaf appeared.

That's where it is now but I know from past experience that in a few weeks there'll be a straight and robust stem, several long dark green leaves and then the final glory of those huge scarlet flowers singing silent praise to their creator. That's God, not me. I only watered it....

When we were given the bulb we could have kept it carefully wrapped up in its box but then it would never have grown. There'd have been no life, no flowers, no beauty. Life's for living. It can be tempting to stay quietly in our own little corner ignoring the world at large, but we can't, not really. We're part of the world, with all its ups and downs and we have to share it. So come out of your box today, root yourself in reality and try life. There's a lot of beauty out there if you look for it. And you might even get in touch with the creator of it all.

Revd Canon Gill Lee
Chaplain

of support throughout this difficult term. It has been the ethos and "soul" of the St Mary's community that has provided much-needed comfort through difficult and sad times.

My best wishes go with you as you enjoy the holidays. Please travel safely and enjoy special family time.

Yours sincerely

Des Hugo
Headmistress: Junior School

The Grade 6 and 7 hockey festival in Pretoria was most enjoyable - although freezing.

I wish you all a fabulous holiday - please encourage your daughters to relax and to read lots of books.

Thank you for all your support during the term. The girls return to school in September in their summer uniforms.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

Robynne Dunkley
Deputy headmistress: Junior School





From the Music department

Instrumental Music Concert

The Music department hosts the annual instrumental music concert for any St Mary's girls who learn an instrumental skill. The only pre-requisites for this concert are that the girls perform at a Grade 2 musical level or higher and give a polished performance. This concert included outstanding performances from the Senior School girls. They showcased pieces from a wide range of styles, at a very high musical standard.

The following Junior School girls can be very proud of their performances, as they learned to cope under the pressure of "lights, camera, action". It was an invaluable experience for them to take part in this concert as well as to learn from the more senior musical instrumentalists in the department.

Well done to the following girls:

Samantha Collins
Danielle Grobelaar
Mira Kathawaroo
Chiedza Mupita
Cailin Otto
Isabel Pinnock
Juliette Ridley

Carol Shutte

Head of Music: Junior School



Junior School performers in the instrumental music concert

Drumming lessons

There are places free for drumming lessons. Please click on the link for access to the Music lesson application form:
<http://www.stmarysschool.co.za/pdf/2013/Term3/MusicLessonApplicationForm2015.pdf>

From the Sports department



Hockey

The hockey season has come to an end with some excellent results achieved by all the teams. All the results can be found on the website. The APPS games were one of the highlights of the season and special mention must be made of the Grade 7A game. It was an outright showcase of good hockey and outstanding sportsmanship, with the end result being a draw of 3-all.

The Grade 4 festival held at St Mary's was a wonderful morning for the girls, they played non-stop hockey, made friends and had fun. The games were played over half a field with eight players per team which enabled us to have four games playing at once. The girls played five matches in the morning of 15 minutes one way and went home exhausted!

Grade 6 and 7A teams travelled to Pretoria for a weekend of hockey against various schools from Johannesburg and Pretoria. It was a good weekend and both teams did not lose a match.

Well done to all the girls and thank you to all the coaching staff who helped.

Enjoy the August holidays and look forward to coming back to a warmer term!

Jane Samson

HoD: Junior School sport



The Grade 4A and B hockey teams at Roedean with Miss Roos

Squash

JUNIOR INTER-HOUSE RESULTS

		A	B	C	D	Points	Position
A	Hares	X	141	73	97	311	1 st
B	Lions	49	X	61	79	189	4 th
C	Springboks	80	102	X	89	271	2 nd
D	Zebras	60	104	62	X	226	3 rd

In the six individual groupings of inter-house, the following girls won their sections:

Group A - Zanele Msimang

Group B - Ynez Mayet

Group C - Lelo Dumeko

Group D - Megan Soll

Group E - Sarah Ellis-Clarke

Group F - Lara Kent

Well done to each and every player, a fun and fabulous time was had by all. A big thank you to all the helpers, in particular Georgia Pritchett and Hannah Sherman for timekeeping.

League results from 14 July

St Mary's B vs St Mary's D 13-3

Romy Len beat Alexia Bester 3-0

Lelo Dumeko beat Esmé Thornhill-Davis 3-0

Megan Soll beat Sam Collins 3-0

Jo Philbrick lost 2-3 to Sayuri Moodley

St Mary's C lost 3-13 to St John's C

Ghita Economakis lost 0-3 to A Charlton

Nicola Watt lost 0-3 to T Williamson

Sasha Styen lost 0-3 to T Coakley-Eager

Sarah Ellis-Clarke beat B Bousfield 3-2

Players of the day - Jo Philbrick, Sayuri

Moodley and Sarah Ellis-Clarke

Results from Tuesday 21 July

St Mary's A lost 1-14 to Cliffview A

Zanele Msimang lost 0-3 to Darian de Bruin

Megan Hayes lost 0-3 to Prevesham Munsamy

Ynez Mayet lost 0-3 to Connor O'Malony

Romy Len lost 1-3 to Kayll Orban

St Mary's B lost 1-14 to Cliffview B

Lelo Dumeko lost 1-3 to Tashil Joseelan

Megan Soll lost 0-3 to Craig du Plessis

Nicola Watt lost 0-3 to Eathen Smith

Esmé Thornhill-Davis lost 0-3 to Ziain de Beer

St Mary's C beat Reddham House (W/O) 14-0

St Mary's D lost 0-14 to St John's C

Alexia Bester lost 0-3 to T Williamson

Mikaela Kramer lost 0-3 to T Coakley-Eager

Sam Collins lost 0-3 to D Haring

Jo Philbrick lost 0-3 to J Elliot

Players of the day

Romy Len and Lelo Dumeko

Results from Tuesday 28 July

St Mary's A beat Yeshiva A 14-0

Zanele Msimang beat J Sachs 3-0

Megan Hayes beat G Lacob 3-0

Alayna Taljaard beat E Engelburg 3-0

Ynez Mayet beat D Lurie 3-0

St Mary's D lost 7-10 to Cliffview B

Ghita Economakis lost 1-3 to Craig du Plessis

Lelo Dumeko beat Eathen Smith 3-1

Alexia Bester lost 0-3 to Ziain de Beer

Mikaela Kramer beat Dane Orban 3-2

Players of the day

St Mary's A team, Lelo Dumeko and

Mikaela Kramer

Jennifer Fox

Squash coach



Squash coaches - Deirdre Ingersent, Gary Naidoo and Jennifer Fox

Tennis

Come and join us for a few days of fun on the tennis courts at St Mary's.

Holiday tennis clinic for Grades 1 to 7

Dates: 17, 18, 19 August

Times: Grade 1 and 2 from 08h00 to 09h00

Grades 3 to 7 from 09h00 to 12h30

Please contact Mrs Plant on 082 442 6413 or email rene.plant@stmary.co.za for further information.

To all Grade 5, 6 and 7 tennis players

This is friendly reminder to enter the mom/dad and daughter's tennis social day on Saturday, 12 September from 09h00 to 12h00. Come and join us for a fun morning of tennis on the St Mary's courts. The cost is R50 per couple. Send your entry via email to rene.plant@stmary.co.za

René Plant

Tennis coach

St Mary's Foundation

Rugby World Cup competition

Tickets for the Rugby World Cup competition are selling fast! Only a few left.





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T&Cs apply

Ticket price R250 - only 600 tickets available

Prize includes:
Two tickets to the 2015 Rugby World Cup bronze final and final matches, including two return economy air tickets from OR Tambo to London, transfers and four nights' accommodation in a four-star hotel.

Draw date: Wednesday 16 September 2015

The winner will be announced at the St Mary's Foundation fundraising dinner, sponsored by Standard Bank, Friday 2 October 2015.

Terms and conditions apply. All proceeds go to The St Mary's Foundation.

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