



St Mary's School  
Waverley  
Founded 1888

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# JUST JUNIOR



South African independent school heads at University of Helsinki

## From the headmistress' desk

Dear parents

Welcome to the Michaelmas term of 2015!

The happy giggles and chatting of young voices is so welcoming in the Junior School, and we are delighted to have the Little Saints' children and teachers join us for the term. The new art and design spaces they presently occupy are beautiful! I thank the board and the school for providing the Junior School with this creative centre.

The Little Saints renovation is under way, and the new open areas and a larger staff area will offer useful spaces for teaching and learning.

### Events

The rehearsals of the Senior Primary play *The Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist* generated great excitement and was tangible as costumes and make-up were discussed and shared. The play is based on Charles Dickens' classic book, *Oliver Twist*, and has been adapted by Joellen Bland.

It has a new take on the score by renowned composer Scott DeTurk. From Fagin's playfully sinister *What's Yours Is Mine* to Nancy's passionate *One Soul To Save*, you will be charmed by this beloved adaptation of the classic story. I loved watching the performances this week.

The Junior School marked Heritage Day with celebrations during the school morning on Wednesday 23 September. I remind Junior School parents that we are closed on Monday 28 September as we celebrate our Scholarship day. Senior School continues as per the red calendar.

On Wednesday 30 September, at 17h30, we have co-ordinated a Grade 7 innovation evening to take place in the Junior School hall and auditorium. The evening will see the presentation of the innovative work the girls have done, as well as provide a platform for focus group discussion on the school year.

## Dates to diarise

### SEPTEMBER

Thu 24		Heritage Day celebrations
Mon 28		PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Heritage Day SCHOOL CLOSED JUNIOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY: Scholarship day
Tue 29	10h18	Book People book sale Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	16h30	Board meeting
Wed 30	07h30	Book People book sale
	17h30	Sports photographs Grade 7 innovation evening - Senior Primary hall

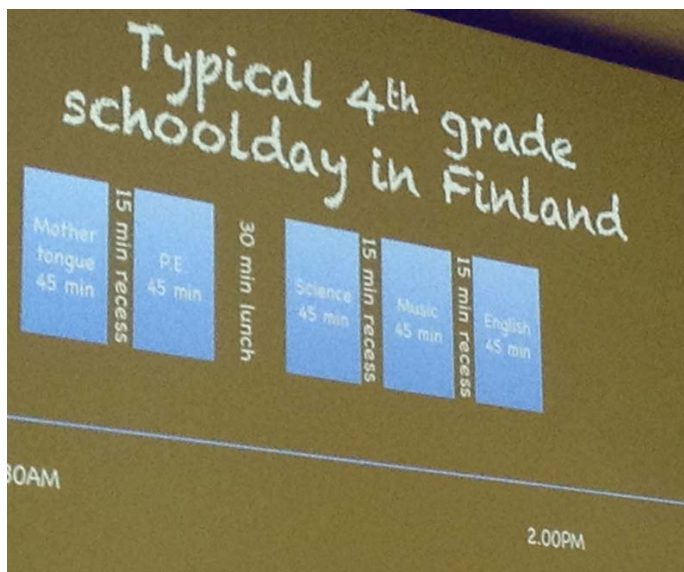
### OCTOBER

Thu 1	10h18	Book People book sale Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	14h00	Tennis away and at home Diving at home
	18h00	Rowing club cocktail evening - SMOGS
Fri 2	10h18	Grade 2 market day
	14h00	Athletics at home
	19h00	Foundation dinner
Sat 3	09h00	Old Girls' Day
	12h00	Reggio workshop
Mon 5	08h00	Little Saints 00 K special persons visit
	17h30	Grade 3 bridging evening and Grade 5 language and iPad information evening - Junior School auditorium
Tue 6	07h15	Muse Morning - SMOGS
	07h30	Grade 1D assembly
	08h00	Little Saints 00 M special persons visit
	09h00	ABRSM practical examinations
	10h18	Grades 4 and 7 buddy picnic
Wed 7	08h00	Little Saints 000 T special persons visit
	09h00	ABRSM practical examinations
Thu 8	08h00	Little Saints 000 D special persons visit
	14h00	Tennis
	14h00	Diving
Fri 9		PTA golf day - Parkview Golf Course
	14h00	Athletics

### Activities

Some of our children are being overextended with their scheduled sport and cultural commitments. Children need time to play, reflect and enjoy leisure time - they should not be exhausted at the end of a day owing to attendance at too many activities. Please check your child's weekly plans with the class teacher and make adjustments as soon as possible.

My time at the ICP in Helsinki offered presentations on many issues schools face in the new world of learning and technology. It was reiterated that for young children to learn best, their school day must have time for imagination, conversation and play. The Finnish schools work within the following schedule:



The Finns believe that their success is founded on their attitude. They use the Finnish word, "sisu", which translated means grit, tenacity, a determination to never give up. Life in Finland is challenging and as a result they have developed this "sisu".

Respect for education and for the teaching profession is of great significance, and perhaps this motivation and respect is the key to their achievements. Selection to get into university to study teaching is rigorous; less than 10% of applicants are accepted and most teachers have the equivalent of a Master's degree. There is a strong belief that the curriculum does not make or change a school; teachers do that!

Attitude and values are strongly modelled from home, and most Finnish children read the newspaper each evening. Religion, values and morals are expected to be taught at home, and school is a place for social and academic learning. The Finns strongly support the view that the church, the army and politics should not influence schools, or education, which should be in the hands of professional educators.

"Sitting is the new smoking," according to Finnish schools. They believe children should be active and, as you would have noted, in their typical day, movement is important, as is the belief that all work should be done at school to allow time for creative and imaginative play!

Yours sincerely

*Des Hugo*

Headmistress: Junior School

Collaboration, creativity and trust based on responsibility, professionalism and equity underpin all aspects of their education. The people with whom you study are as important as what you study. Digitalised technology is considered as just one more tool to use for educating children.

## 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



## News from the Junior Primary department

Dear parents

Welcome back to the third term. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

We ended the second term with the Grade 0 grandparents' morning, which was a great success. The girls were engaged in a Music lesson, as well as a very active Physical Education lesson. They enjoyed dancing with their grandparents, but I sensed that the grandparents were relieved that they were not asked to take part in the gym class! The highlight of the morning for the girls was being able to give a gift to their grandparents while being served tea by the Grade 7 girls!

THRASS workshops for Grade 0 parents were held this week, and

sessions for Grade 1 parents take place during October: Grade 1F on 14 October and Grade 1D on 15 October, at 07h30 in the Senior Primary hall. Tea will served outside the hall prior to the workshop.

Grade 1D assembly takes place on Tuesday 6 October and Grade 3D assembly is on 20 October. Both of these take place in the Senior Primary hall at 07h30.

I wish you all a happy term.

Yours sincerely

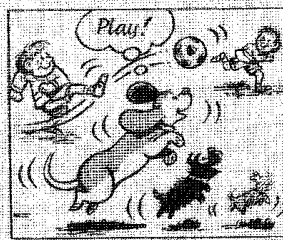
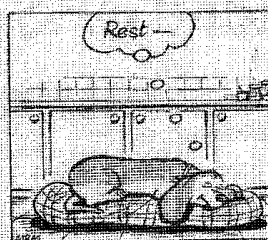
*Di Gordon*

Deputy headmistress: Junior Primary



FRED BASSET

Graham



## ICT in the Junior School in Term II

The second term began with an ICT workshop for teachers in our SAHISA cluster. It was conducted as a "hands-on" activity in the computer room, so that the attending teachers could experience the Google apps for education environment.

During the term, the Grade 3D class participated in a global digital storytelling project on South Africa. This gave the girls the opportunity to create an ebook about their country to share with classes in the USA, Australia, Finland and Lebanon. It was student-driven in that the girls decided on their topics, grouped themselves according to areas of interest and then created a page in a chapter of the book, which all culminated in one book of several chapters. The iPads were used for the research, taking of photographs, typing text and recording audio, and the final products from all the schools were shared on a wikispace, [www.farawaypals.wikispaces.com](http://www.farawaypals.wikispaces.com).

The Grade 4 girls were involved in a Social Science project, in which they each researched a famous person. The girls used the Popplet app to mindmap their facts, which were then synthesised into an "Explain Everything" presentation. To begin the presentation they created avatars in Tellagami, and recorded themselves introducing their

famous person. This was "app-smashed" with Explain Everything to keep a continuous flow and make the final product cohesive.

The Grade 5 girls are in the process of completing a movie project on the iPads, in which they are outlining the use of the iPad in the school environment, as well as how to care for the iPad. We are all so looking forward to the final product.

The staff has also been very busy acquiring new iPad skills. I conducted an Apple Professional Development workshop on the use of the creativity apps. These apps include the use of the camera, iMovie and GarageBand. Everyone had a lot of fun.

This term I will be launching a coding club for the Grade 4 girls. The girls will begin the process by programming little robots called Beebots. They will then move through a series of iPad apps before creating games on the computers. This club will run on Thursday afternoons. Please check the co-curricular timetable for more details. We look forward to an exciting, technology-filled third term.

*Linda Bradfield*

ICT co-ordinator



Staff iPad workshop



Grade 3D global digital storytelling project





For more info:  
call 083 226 2871



This is the first year that 5678 Productions has been responsible for all the co-curricular dance and drama at St Mary's. We offer RAD ballet, Dance Mouse and Drama to the Junior School.

We have enjoyed two busy terms of dance and drama, and the Grade 000 to Grade 3 dancers will be doing their Dance Mouse assessments on Saturday 17 October in the studio at The Edge. An external examiner from head office will be adjudicating the girls, and encouraging them on their dance journey with a medal and certificate for their hard work this year.

We are also having a drama showcase on 21 October in the AV room. This was going to be for dance and drama but will now be for the drama girls only, as the programme is extensive and if we combine the dance and drama it will be too long. There are many girls who do both dance and drama and I feel that they need to be able to focus on each of their performances. The AV room is ideal for drama performances but not for dance, as the space is limited and we have big numbers of dancers to put on stage. We will have a dance showcase at a date to be decided.

The RAD ballet exams took place in June and we had very good results. A total of 38 girls participated in the ballet exams.

Of the 38, there were a total of 21 Grade 0s (Pre-Primary ballet) and Grade 1s (Primary ballet) who participated in the presentation class.

They do not receive marks at this level, but are awarded a certificate and badge to say they participated and can move up to the next level.

#### Grade 1 ballet

2 - Distinctions

6 - Merit

2 - Pass

#### Grade 2 ballet

1 - Distinction

4 - Merit

#### Grade 3 ballet

1 - Distinction

1 - Merit

Please remember that all dance, drama and ballet co-curricular activities only begin on the Monday following the opening of school term. We end the same day as co-curricular sport activities each term.

All the information you would need to know regarding these co-curricular activities can be found on the website [www.5678productions.co.za](http://www.5678productions.co.za), including details on how to register.

*Claire van Niekerk*

5678 Productions



Grade 3 dancers learning a fan dance

## Parent Corner



### UNWRITTEN GROUND RULES

Unwritten ground rules, or UGRs, are 'the way we do things around here'. In our family we..... In our school we..... UGRs can apply to everything from how we treat each other to how we respect belongings and look after them, to what we value and what we stand for. Good manners are part of a family's UGRs.

Children don't instantly become well-mannered and as parents we must be committed to taking the time it takes - usually many, many years of chipping away at it - until such behaviour becomes automatic. Watching your children interact confidently and respectfully with others, both old and young, is a deeply satisfying experience.

Children learn UGRs in a number of ways:

1. As adults, we role model behaviour, values and attitudes. We are dealing with a very visual generation and what children see they most often become.
2. We regularly verbally reinforce how we

expect our children to behave in various situations. From a young age you say things like, "Let's go and say thank you to ..... for the lovely.....", and you do it with them. Slowly but surely, through much repetition, children eventually learn to do these things by themselves - some more effortlessly or more willingly than others, often dependent on temperament, confidence and also our approach (you can choose to be encouraging or draconian about it).

3. Catching children 'doing it right' it so important, so do be observant and acknowledge them for their good manners. Rather harp on the good stuff you see than over focussing on what they are not doing right or comparing one sibling to another (this can really make a child dig their heels in).

4. Having conversations about UGRs and manners regularly with our children. Highlight examples of poor as well as good behaviour that you see around you to give your child a point of reference, such as when watching a movie.

Whether you have a confident, shy, cheeky or

introverted child, you will need to persevere with UGRs and bit by bit you will see the results. Don't give up, but neither should you make it such a major issue that becomes the elephant in the room destroying your relationship between you and your child. This is one of the many fine lines in parenting.

The bottom line is that good manners, as opposed to being a goodie two shoes, actually helps a person to develop the quality of likeability. And likeable people are easy to be around. Being a likeable and respectful person can open many doors.....it's worth the work required to instil UGRs in your children.

#### Nikki Bush

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## St Mary's Foundation

# 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  
SHARING THE EVENING  
WITH YOU**

To RSVP and pay for your event seat or table booking, please email [foundation@stmary.co.za](mailto: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.

 **Standard Bank**

St Mary's  Foundation

## Work in progress at Little Saints



# From the Sports department



## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 28 SEPTEMBER-4 OCTOBER (WEEK 4)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Thursday 1 October	Tennis	A team vs Roedean A B team vs Roedean B C team vs St Andrew's C D team vs St Andrew's D	Roedean Roedean St Mary's St Mary's	14h00	Bus Bus	Mrs Lowndes Mrs Lowndes Mrs Plant Mrs Plant
Thursday 1 October	Diving		St Mary's	14h00		Ms Glinzman
Friday 2 October	Athletics A and B Team		St Mary's	14h00		Mrs Mshengu

## Inter-house hockey and netball

The inter-house hockey and netball took place at the end of last term. It was a fun morning of sport, where every girl in the Senior Primary was given a chance to play both sports for her house.

Zebraws	17	Zebraws	19
Springboks	8	Springboks	10

*Jane Samson*

HoD: Junior School sport

The winners of each sport are as follows:

Hockey		Netball	
Lions	23	Hares	21 (won on goal average)
Hares	18	Lions	21





## Tennis

### Sun City tennis tour

The St Mary's A/B tennis teams participated in the annual Private Primary Schools' Tennis Challenge, at Sun City during the August holidays. Both teams played exceptionally well. The conditions were tough as it was exceptionally hot for the time of year. The St Mary's A team beat St Stithians B, St Mary's B, St Stithians A, Holy Rosary A and St Dominic's A to end unbeaten for the duration of the tournament. Unfortunately, as it was in a round robin format, St Stithians accumulated two more games than St Mary's A to win the title by two games. Congratulations to the captain, Julianne Klingenberg, for leading her team with distinction on and off the court. A special mention must be made of Hannah

Moore, who was unbeaten as the number 2 player and who lost very few games in her singles matches. All the players played their hearts out and gave of their very best.

The St Mary's B team faced extremely tough opposition as they played the A teams from the participating schools. They beat St Dominic's A and lost in a close match to St Stithians B. Despite their tough matches the players kept their heads up, and learnt many valuable lessons on the court.

I would like to thank the Grade 7s for being the leaders in the group and for looking after the younger players on the tour. Mrs Lowndes and I were very proud of the St Mary's girls' behaviour on and off the court. They

displayed good sportsmanship and tennis etiquette on the court.

I would like to thank Mrs Lowndes for accompanying the team on the bus, and for her support during the tournament. I would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Klingenberg for their generous sponsorship of the tennis kit that was given to each player. St Mary's was by far the smartest and best-dressed team at the event. Thank you to all the parents who came to Sun City to support the team. Your effort and support is greatly appreciated. Well done, girls, I am extremely proud of you all.

**René Plant**  
Tennis coach



Back row: Abigail Milella, Hannah Moore, Josie Apps, Clio Patricios, Roxanne MacRobert, Mia Davidson, Robin Gush.  
Front row: Emma Roberts, Isha Madhu, Victoria Dahl, Julianne Klingenberg, Jemma Luscombe



St Mary's A tennis team: Hannah Moore, Josie Apps, Clio Patricios, Roxanne MacRobert, Julianne Klingenberg, Robin Gush



Hannah Moore, Robin Gush, Josie Apps, Isha Madhu, Victoria Dahl, Emma Roberts, Julianne Klingenberg, Roxanne MacRobert, Clio Patricios, Abigail Milella, Mia Davidson and Jemma Luscombe

### Moms', dads' and daughters' social tennis day

On Saturday 12 September, St Mary's hosted a successful social tennis morning. Twenty-one couples participated in this event. The younger generation of tennis players loved playing with either their mom or their dad, and much fun was had by all. The event was played in a lovely spirit, and there were some great rallies and tennis played. Thank you to Ms Quix and Mrs Lowndes, who also played in the event. Well done to all the St Mary's players who encouraged their parents to come and play. Keep up the spirit, enthusiasm and love for the game.

Good luck to all the St Mary's players for the upcoming tennis season.

**René Plant**  
Tennis coach



## Muse Morning

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

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 6 October
<b>Time:</b>	07h15 for 07h30-08h30
<b>Venue:</b>	SMOGS Cottage
<b>Topic:</b>	Discipline, the foundations and the power battles
<b>Speaker:</b>	Lloyd Ripley-Evans, educational psychologist
<b>RSVP:</b>	sharon.san@stmary.co.za

## 2016 school calendar change

A change has been made to next year's school calendar.

The third term will commence on Wednesday 7 September and not Tuesday 6 September, as originally given.

## 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 class teacher



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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](mailto:gtmamba@gmail.com)  
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