



St Mary's School
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JUST JUNIOR



On 12 October, the following Grade 7 girls did St Mary's proud at the Klets is Pret competition at St Peter's Preparatory School. Alayna Taljaard (left) received a gold certificate in the category: Afrikaans - home language. Lara Moschides and Nicola Watt both received gold certificates for their speeches in the category: Afrikaans - first additional language

From the headmistress' desk

Dear parents

This Michaelmas term is always a busy time - it is a time for reflection, review and planning for the following year. It is also a time for celebrating achievements, acknowledging progress and making decisions regarding change for the upcoming year. However, the most important celebration at this time of year in a church school is the birth of Christ our Saviour

Grade 7 Innovation Evening

Grade 7 parents were invited to participate in an innovation evening on Wednesday 30 September.

Girls presented elements of the work that they have been doing with iPads and they shared the eBooks created by their teachers, which are used in lessons. The innovative creation of their eBooking App was introduced by the developers, Sasha Berkowitz and Jayde Bryan. The city projects were on display and the girls explained their learning journey behind the designs.

Language projects using traditional teaching and learning in isiZulu, Sesotho and Afrikaans were displayed to show the learning. Micaela Boulle, Jemma Luscombe and Lara Moschides demonstrated their solar bath water heating device, a must-have for anyone who enjoys relaxing in a tub of warm bath water for extended periods of time.

Mrs Linda Smith and Mrs Robyn Richmond explained the use of thinking routines in class lessons and introduced two routines which were then used by the parents to share their thinking about the Junior School.

In the 3-2-1 bridge routine, parents were asked to consider any aspect of the Junior School and provide three statements, two questions and one solution. In the chalk-talk routine, parents were asked to add to silent conversations on the topics of assessments, Grade 7 fundraising, tours and the leadership programme. This was done by writing any positive or negative comments, which could

Dates to diarise

OCTOBER

Fri 23		Half-Term
Sat 24		Half-Term
Sun 25		Half-Term
Mon 26		Half-Term
Tue 27	07h20	School opens
	18h30	Senior Primary ensemble evening at Pridwin
Thu 29	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
Fri 30	13h00	Prestige athletics at St Stithians
Sat 31	09h00	Reggio workshop

NOVEMBER

Mon 2		Grade 6 and 7 formal assessments begin
Tue 3	07h15	MUSE morning - Wantage auditorium
Wed 4	13h30	Junior School worship meeting
Thur 5	14h00	Grade 3 tennis friendly matches at home
	14h00	Diving at home
Fri 6		Grade 6 and 7 formal assessments end
	14h00	Galas at home and away
Sat 7		Grades 1 to 3 dads/daughters' weekend at Kloofwaters
		Gauteng Rowing championships
Sun 8	09h00	Reggio workshop
		Grades 1 to 3 dads/daughters' weekend at Kloofwaters
		Gauteng Rowing championships
Mon 9	18h00	PTA meeting - boardroom
Tue 10	08h00	Grade 5 Life Orientation workshop
	10h18	Grades 6 and 7 buddy picnic
	17h30	Junior School new parents' 2016 evening
Wed 11	08h30	Grade 4 Life Orientation workshop
	09h00	Junior Primary APPS gala

be challenged or agreed to, on large sheets of paper.

The information has been most useful and has evoked exciting discussions on possibilities in our planning. I thank the girls, parents and teachers who attended and participated in the evening.

Little Saints sings

Little Saints presented their musical *Let's Recycle* on Monday 19 October with confidence and enthusiasm. The collaboration with our talented musician parents and the determination of the teachers made this an event to remember. I was in awe of the performances of our youngest children and I thank the Little Saints team and Mr Daniel Hutchinson for their incredible belief in the abilities of our children.

IEB MATCH Primary School Initiative

The Grade 7s wrote the pilot assessments of the IEB MATCH Primary School Initiative earlier this year. We were very pleased with the excellent results in all areas, but I must comment on the outstanding performances of our girls in thinking skills. These results possibly reflect the work the teachers are implementing, using the Harvard Graduate School of Education's and Ron Ritchart's Making thinking visible. This term, four teachers are completing the on-line course with Harvard University.

IsiZulu Olympiad

Five of our Grade 7 girls were selected to write the first isiZulu Olympiad this year. Three girls were selected to move to the second round. Belusi Simelane was placed fifth and Malaika Khumalo was overall national winner and placed first. We congratulate Malaika, all the girls and Mrs Ncobela on this excellent achievement.

"Klets is Pret" Afrikaans public speaking competition

Three Grade 7 girls participated in the ISASA schools Afrikaans Public speaking competition held at St Peter's on Monday 12 October. They all spoke exceptionally well and received gold certificates. Congratulations to Mrs Jeanine Du Toit for supporting the girls and Lara Moschides, Alayna Taljaard and Nicola Watt on their achievements!

Inter-house athletics

The compulsory inter-house athletics event on Saturday was another commendable event co-ordinated so well by the Junior School sports department. The Junior Primary young athletes showed real determination and grit to achieve points for their houses in the various events and races. The Senior Primary field events were completed in the prior week and the day provided much competition in the track events. The participation by each child to accumulate points for their house added to the team spirit on the day.

Congratulations to the individual winners and to Zebras for ending victorious!

Our girls have been busy with various sporting activities; these are reported on in the Just Junior as we hear of them. Please do inform the school of any achievements of your daughters beyond school.

The Ridge Choir Festival

This annual gathering of senior primary children to celebrate in song, conducted by Richard Cock, provides an opportunity for our girls to listen to various musical items and be led by the maestro of music in Johannesburg. Our choir performed well and I thank Ms Carol Shutte for preparing the girls so well.

Dates of end of year events

- Tuesday 27 October 18h30 SP ensemble evening
- Thursday 29 October 18h00 Form I 2016 new parents' evening
- Friday 30 October 13h00 Prestige athletics at St Stithians
- Monday 9 November 18h00 PTA meeting
- Tuesday 10 November 17h30 Junior School new parents 2016 evening
- Wednesday 11 November Junior primary APPS gala
- Thursday 12 November 18h00 JS Art exhibition
- Friday 13 November 10h00 Grade 6 senior citizens tea
- Saturday 14 November Inter-schools diving Grades 6 and 7
- Monday 16 November Grade 5 diagnostics
- Thurs 19 November Grade 3 instrumental demonstrations - The Edge
- Thurs 19 November Grade 0 nativity play
- Sat 21 November Grades 1 to 3 Kloofwaters dads/daughters weekend
- Monday 23 November Senior Primary celebration evening
- Tuesday 24 November Junior Primary celebration morning
- Wednesday 25 November Senior Primary Eucharist
- Thursday 26 November Grade 7 valedictory service and leavers dinner
- Friday 27 November 07h30 Junior Primary carol service
- Friday 27 November 08h30 Little Saints carol service
- Friday 27 November Grade 7 market day
- Saturday 28 November Grades 1 to 7 Kloofwaters family weekend
- Monday 30 November Carol service - The Edge
- Wednesday 2 December reports go home
- Wednesday 2 December School closes

Yours sincerely

Des Hugo

Headmistress: Junior School

From the chaplain

Most of us are afraid at times. We are afraid of all sorts of things.

Whatever it is that causes us to fear the most, we need to be reminded of and take to heart the promise of God in Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5a: This is what the Lord says - he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers they will not overwhelm you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour ... Do not be afraid, for I am with you ..."

Revd Canon Gill Lee

Chaplain

The St Mary's Foundation

St Mary's Foundation World Cup Rugby Fever dinner

A tremendous thank-you to all those in attendance at the St Mary's Foundation World Cup Rugby Fever fundraising dinner, held on Friday 2 October at the Country Club, Johannesburg. There were certainly a great number of green-and-gold Springbok rugby supporters present. Comedian Jason Goliath entertained the audience and together with the one-man band, provided a wonderful evening of fun and laughter. St Mary's 2015 head girl, Bongwiwe Bongwe, delivered an outstanding address about the importance of educating women. Master of ceremonies and auctioneer Graham Codrington guided the audience through a fun American-style auction and a live auction.

Congratulations to Colin and Lara Davidson, winners of the St Mary's Foundation Rugby World Cup prize. Colin and Lara will be jetting off to London at the end of October to watch the 3rd and 4th play-off match, as well as the final at Twickenham.

Gillian O'Shaughnessy
Foundation manager



From the PTA

The annual PTA Golf Day was held on 9 October at the Parkview Golf Course. Old Mutual was again the key sponsor and we thank them for their continued generosity towards this well-supported event. The day kicked off with a shotgun start and the golfers were eager to get going. The evening festivities were highlighted by our amazing MC, Ed Jordan, extremely funny comedian Martin Jonas and awesome prizes.

The PTA would like to thank all of the parents involved in the golf day, in particular, the golf day sub-committee comprising Gloria Mamba, Nthime Khoele, Bruce Patience, Monique Wilkinson, Mark Pardini, Gregg Davies and Paul Breedvelt, who took care of all the formalities before the day. Also, thank you to Zelda Coutts and Justine Piccolo for making the prizes look amazing. We had great support from the moms at the registration tables in the mornings. They welcomed our golfers, sent them off to their relevant tee-off holes, and packed and handed out the goodie bags. I would also like to thank Julie Herold for arranging fabulous auction items, tagging along in the drinks cart and for her support on the day. Our drinks cart drivers, Chris Mercer and Wayne van Vuren, were hard at work again this year, ensuring our golfers were well hydrated. The golf day would not have been the success it was if it were not for our generous and regular sponsors of items for goodie bags, prizes, raffles and auction. Thank you!

If you have been wondering what the PTA is planning to do with the money raised from the MySchool card and Club 100 initiatives, I am pleased to inform you that after much research and discussions, the PTA will be buying the school a new 40-seater bus. The bus will be used to transport girls to co-curricular activities and on outings. This will ease the pressure on the two aging school buses and will minimise the use of external buses. We are confident that the bus will benefit

all the girls in the school. The way to support this initiative is by continuing to swipe your MySchool card and by joining Club 100. We are hoping to present the bus to the school by the end of next year! Watch this space ...

If you do not have a MySchool card, please contact Lisa Grobbelaar at lisa.grobbelaar@gmail.com. Try to get cards for grannies, aunts and uncles if they are not swiping already!

Kind regards

Yvette Bowden
PTA chair



isiZulu Olympiad

The Junior School national results for the 2015 isiZulu Olympiad were recently announced and St Mary's is very proud to have two girls in the top 12 places. Malaika Khumalo placed 1st in this competition and Belusi Simelane placed 5th. Both girls are in Grade 7. This is the first year that this Olympiad has been held, and we look forward to taking part again next year.



Malaika Khumalo



Belusi Simelane

Work in progress at Little Saints





From the Music department

The Ridge Choir Festival

The Senior Primary choir was invited to attend the Ridge Choir Festival again this year, and performed superbly. The girls showcased a John Farnham classic, *You're The Voice*, followed by an energetic performance of a medley called *Smile*. This included melodies from Charlie Chaplin's *Smile* and *You're Never Fully Dressed Without*

a Smile, redone recently by Sia. Thank you to the girls for a wonderful performance!

End of year

The Christmas music is finalised, and preparations for the celebration evening have begun. Please keep a close eye on the calendar dates at the top of the newsletter and on the red calendar to ensure that all

the relevant dates are in your diaries. Many of the events, are service-orientated events, and the girls are encouraged to continue their commitment until the close of the year.

Carol Shutte

Head of Music: Junior School

SUMMARY OF MUSIC EVENTS

Date	Event	Musicians
Tuesday 10 November	New parents' evening	Senior Primary choir and Junior orchestra
Friday 13 November	Grade 6 senior citizens' tea	Senior Primary choir and Junior orchestra
Thursday 19 November	Grade 0 Nativity	Marimba showband
Tuesday 17 November	Grades 2 and 3 piece playing	All girls attending private music lessons may play
Tuesday 17 November	Grades 4 and 5 piece playing	All girls attending private music lessons may play
Wednesday 18 November	Grades 6 and 7 piece playing	All girls attending private music lessons may play
Thursday 19 November	Grade 3 instrumental demos	All Grade 3 compulsory music groups





From the Sports department

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 26 OCTOBER-1 NOVEMBER (WEEK 8)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Thursday 29 October	Tennis	A team vs St Andrew's A B team vs St Andrew's B C team vs Holy Rosary C D team vs Holy Rosary D	St Mary's St Mary's Holy Rosary Holy Rosary	14h00	Bus Bus	Mrs Plant Mrs Plant Mrs Lowndes Mrs Lowndes
Thursday 29 October	Diving		St Stithians	14h00	Bus	Ms Glinzman
Friday 30 October	Athletics - Prestige A team Field events Track events		St Stithians	13h00 15h00	Bus	Mrs Mshengu

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 2-8 NOVEMBER (WEEK 9)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Thursday 5 November	Tennis	Grade 3 friendly matches	St Mary's	14h00		Mrs Plant
Thursday 5 November	Diving		St Mary's	14h00		Ms Glinzman
Friday 6 November	Swimming	A team B team C and D team	St Stithians St Mary's St Teresa's	14h00	Bus Bus	Mrs Samson Mrs Hallendorff Miss Wood

Athletics

On 9 October, we participated in an athletics meeting at St Peter's. The results were as follows:

- 1st: St Mary's - 413
- 2nd: St Peter's A - 385
- 3rd: Brescia - 295
- 4th: St Peter's B - 198
- 5th: Assumption Convent - 189

Antoinette Mshengu
Athletics coach

Junior Primary inter-house athletics

Final results:

1) Lions	-	332
2) Springboks	-	329
3) Zebras	-	267
4) Hares	-	244

Victrix Ludorum

Siphoesihle Makwe

Results of Grade 3 inter-house field events for athletics

Long jump:

1) Tayla Gibbs	-	Hares
2) Siphoesihle Makwe	-	Lions
3) Isabel Erasmus	-	Zebras
4) Ava Econmkais	-	Zebras

High jump

1) Zalika Methula	-	Zebras
2) Holly Davidson	-	Hares
3) Siphoesihle Makwe	-	Lions

4) Kathleen Young - Springboks

Cricket ball throwing

1) Zalika Methula	-	Zebras
2) Neeve van Antwerpen	-	Springboks
3) Grace Faber	-	Lions
4) McKenzie Coakley-Eager	-	Zebras

Tracey Wood

Head of department: Junior Primary sport



Tennis

The tennis teams continue to fare extremely well in their league matches. Congratulations to the combined A and B teams, which continue their winning ways with excellent wins over Holy Rosary AB and St Andrew's AB.

The St Mary's CD team defeated Kingsmead with the loss of very few games, and on 15 October, all the players who had not had a chance to participate in a match, played in a friendly against St Teresa's CD.

The Grade 4 tennis players have been given a chance to get some match practice in the

past two weeks, as two friendly matches were arranged against Holy Rosary and St Teresa's.

The school championships are being played in a competitive but friendly spirit, and many close matches have taken place. Keep up the good work, girls.

Results 8 October:

St Mary's A lost to Holy Rosary A 30-39
 St Mary's B beat Holy Rosary B 48-21
 St Mary's C beat Kingsmead C 30-15
 St Mary's D beat Kingsmead D 42-3

St Mary's Grade 4 beat Holy Rosary Grade 4 24-20

15 October:

St Mary's A beat St Andrew's A 47-34
 St Mary's B beat St Andrew's B 44-37
 St Mary's C beat St Teresa's C 34-29 (friendly)
 St Mary's D beat St Teresa's D 39-24 (friendly)
 St Mary's Grade 4 beat St Teresa's Grade 4 30-17

René Plant

Tennis coach



Tennis players who played in the friendly match against St Teresa's on 15 October



Grade 4 tennis players in the friendly match against Holy Rosary on 8 October

Diving

The St Mary's diving team took on school rivals St Andrew's and St Dominic's on Thursday 8 October, in their first away competition of the season. St Mary's divers claimed the top three spots in every age group. For the Grade 7s, Alexandra Kirstein earned the gold medal thanks to a high-scoring back dive. Teammate Romy Len was not far behind in 2nd place. Newcomer Jess Shames gave an impressive performance in a difficult age group, finishing in 4th place. For the Grade 6s, Athina Prokas won the novice division and teammate Kerry-Leigh Morrison won the diver division – an improvement on last week. Ashley Murning and Jade Adams earned 5th and 6th respectively.

The Grade 4s dominated their division, led by Alexia Bakos, who earned 1st place after impressive back and inward dives. Michaela Lotto improved tremendously from last week, earning the bronze. Caitlin Kersten and Lara Kuehnehmman landed the 4th and 5th spots. For the Grade 3s, Holly Davidson came back from struggling with a front dive to win the diver division. In the novice section, Tasha Jenkins led the pack with her second-place finish, followed by Zalika Methula in 3rd place and McKenzie Coakley-Eager in 4th.



St Mary's divers celebrate after a victorious day at St Andrew's

Chelsea Glinzman

Diving coach

Rhythmic gymnastics

Rhythmic gymnastics ended the 2015 year with an exciting prizegiving ceremony. The Grade 2 and 3 gymnasts took part in a small competition and were entertained by the girls from the provincial team, who each performed an individual routine. Trophies were awarded to the best gymnast in each level. Meadow Robson was awarded a trophy for the most promising gymnast and Hannah Jacobs for the best gymnast. Romy Len, Caitlin Miller, Hannah Jacobs, Danika Neuhoff and Zalika Methula represented Gauteng at the South African Gymnastics Games in October.



Zalika Methula won a bronze and a silver medal at the South African Games



Romy Len performs her ball routine at the South African Gymnastics Games

Romy Len

Captain



Prizegiving 2015



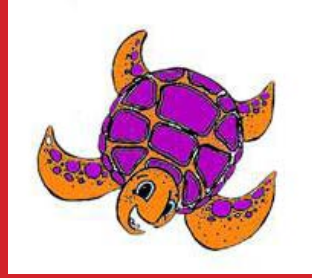
Meadow Robson, most promising gymnast



Zeinab Kone, best in Level 1

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

**Reminder**

Please note that St Mary's is a non-smoking campus, and visitors and parents are requested to refrain from smoking on the premises. This includes the area at the Fresh Culture Café.