



St Mary's School
Waverley
Founded 1888

JUST JUNIOR



Grade 7 class of 2015

From the head's desk

Dear parents

As a school we acknowledge our responsibility to educate our girls in a holistic sense. The girls who leave St Mary's should be prepared for further studies, and should be able to work effectively in a field of their choosing.

They should also be prepared to take their places in society, and to make a contribution to our country and the world. Our aim is for girls to leave St Mary's as confident, hard-working and resilient individuals who deeply respect and value common humanity.

These aims are threatened when the girls' interactions with each other are tainted by nastiness, judgement and intolerance. Such behaviour is unacceptable, and works against everything that we value and teach the girls at St Mary's. An understanding of our country's complex history leads us to expect a pupil body to be supportive, non-racial and one that stands for anti-racism and anti-sexism.

St Mary's is committed to developing aware, informed and empathetic citizens.

Advocate Wim Trengove's son, Markus, displays such awareness in this posting:

This is why I have to be successful:

I benefited from the injustice of apartheid. Although I did not choose it, my race, gender and language have allowed me to inherit certain privileges.

The right response is no longer to bury my head in shame.

The right response is not to try and guard these privileges.

The right reaction is to admit that there is an enormous injustice, but that my privilege has put me in a good position to remedy it. That is my privilege. That is my duty.

Markus Trengove - *Most Importantly, Africa Needs Leadership*

Yours sincerely

Deanne King
Head of school

Dates to diarise

NOVEMBER

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
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
Thu 12	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	13h00	Inter-schools diving at St Stithians
	14h00	Grade 2 friendly tennis matches
	18h00	Junior School Art exhibition in Senior Primary hall
Fri 13	10h00	Grade 7 senior citizens' tea in Senior Primary hall
	14h00	Galas away
Sat 14	09h00	Reggio workshop Inter-schools diving at St Stithians
Mon 16	08h00	Grade 5 diagnostics
Tue 17	07h30	Grades 2 and 3 piece playing in Junior Primary hall
	12h30	Grades 4 and 5 piece playing in Junior Primary hall
Wed 18	08h00	Grade 7 Life Orientation workshop
	08h45	Little Saints Betty Button
	12h30	Grades 6 and 7 piece playing in Junior Primary hall
Thu 19	07h30	Grade 3 instrumental demonstrations - Edge
	18h00	Grade 0 nativity play
Fri 20	14h00	Swimming galas

From the Senior Primary department

Dear parents

Stationery

The packs were handed out to the girls last week. Please make sure that you have checked the pack and, if you have not received all the stationery, please let me know by 16 November so that we can get it sorted out before the end of the year.

The Grade 6 and 7 girls wrote their formal assessments this week. The girls managed well, and the teachers will go through the papers with them next week. Towards the end of term we will have report reading where the girls can reflect on the work they have done throughout the year.

We are looking forward to the upcoming events. Celebration evening is compulsory for all the girls from Grade 4 to Grade 7.

Everybody shall receive a certificate for the contribution they have made in the classroom over the year, and then we celebrate the academic achievements of the girls. Most of these awards are for the Grade 7 girls.

Thank you for supporting the bookshop. I was able to choose books with a percentage of the money from sales. These books are going to be given to schools in underprivileged areas.

The Grade 7 girls have a number of exciting events coming up. The Valedictory service and the leavers' dinner is a very special evening, so thank you in advance to all the parents who are involved in making this evening a success and creating special memories for the girls.

The Grade 7 market day will take place on Friday 27 November, and they will start preparing for this after the formal assessments.

We would like to thank the Grade 7 girls for their contribution to various school activities. We wish them well for Senior School, and look forward to following their achievements.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and safe travels during the holidays.

Yours sincerely

Robynne Dunkley

Deputy headmistress: Junior School

From the chaplain

We have just had a busy time in chapel for both the Senior and Junior Schools. We said goodbye to the 2015 matrics at their Valedictory Eucharist, and then on Tuesday 20 October, Bishop Steve baptised two girls and then confirmed 22. In addition, four adults were admitted into the Anglican Church. Then at the Senior Primary Eucharist, one girl was baptised and then admitted to Communion with two others. The girls will certainly remember that service, as the little brother of one of the Little Saints pupils was baptised once we had caught him and held him over the font – we did make friends over cake at tea afterwards!

It is exciting that we can mark the beginnings of our spiritual journeys in this way, or confirm them as we continue on those journeys. For the matrics, it is only the end of their school journey because their spiritual journeys continue.

We are all at different points on our spiritual journeys but wherever we are, God is with us and reassures us of His love for us.

Paul prayed for the Ephesians (Ephesians 3:16-18)

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ ..."

May that be our prayer.

Revd Canon Gill Lee

Chaplain





From the Music department

MUSIC NEWS

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

Simelane, Belusi Distinction	Cello	Grade 2	Kersten, Caitlin Merit	Flute	Grade 1
Grobbelaar, Danielle Distinction	Clarinet	Grade 2	Otto, Cailin Merit	Piano	Grade 3
Young, Eloise Merit	Clarinet	Grade 1	Dahl, Victoria Pass	Piano	Grade 3
Moore, Hannah Merit	Cello	Grade 2	Milligan, Paige Pass	Clarinet	Grade 1
Pinnock, Isabel Merit	Clarinet	Grade 2	Louw, Chanté Pass	Descant Recorder	Grade 2
Economakis, Ghita Merit	Piano	Grade 2	Thornhill-Davis, Esmé Pass	Piano	Grade 2
Whyte, Kerry-Lynn Merit	Alto Saxophone	Grade 2	Pastoll, Jaide-Maree Pass	Flute	Grade 3
Impey, Julia Merit	Alto Saxophone	Grade 3			
Ridley, Juliette Merit	Piano	Grade 3	<i>Dudley Trollope</i> Head of music		
Ridley, Juliette Merit	Flute	Grade 4			

Work in progress at Little Saints





Parent Corner

YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL POTENTIAL

My niece and nephew made themselves R155 on the weekend by selling candyfloss, popcorn and lemonade to the passing neighbours in their estate. Of course, the money was split both ways, but the workload was also split down the middle and many lessons were learned.

It was a warm early spring Sunday afternoon and they got a bee in their bonnet that they wanted to create a pop-up shop/spaza on the verge outside their home. Undirected by their parents (who were home but giving their children some space to create), my 10-year-old nephew and 12-year-old niece did the following:

- Designed and printed colourful posters on the home printer, and stuck them up in a few places around the estate, mentioning what was on sale
- Rummaged through the house to see what they had to sell or what they could make to sell, which turned out to be popcorn, which they made themselves, candyfloss made using the little candyfloss maker my niece had received for Christmas last year, and homemade lemonade
- They set up shop with a table made with cooler boxes, an umbrella and a picnic basket
- They priced their wares and put a cash float together
- They tied colourful ribbons around each product to make them attractive
- They decided to divide and conquer, with one of them manning the stand while the other was out canvassing for business. From time to time they would swap roles
- And sibling rivalry went out the window for a few lovely co-operative hours!

The lessons learnt:

- Some of the mothers who brought their children to shop said the candyfloss was the drawcard, as it was not something that most of them could make at home. Good lesson

- You can't rely solely on advertising to bring in business; you have to go out and do some marketing yourself and be excited about what you are doing. Such a valid point!
- Know what your market likes. Essential!
- Have confidence in your idea. Absolutely!
- Be resourceful - find out what you have at your disposal before you start, e.g. ingredients, and some help behind the scenes (in this case mum was "employed" to keep making loads of popcorn while the children were out front, and dad was sent out to the shops to purchase more plastic bags as the sales were better than expected). A resourceful mindset is critical to success!
- Presentation boosts sales - the colourful ribbons added a "buy me" factor. What looks good sells!
- They thought outside the box and created a fourth product - crystal candy wands - from the crystal residue left behind in the candyfloss maker. These were very popular items, as they were multi-coloured and unusual. Innovation and creativity - I like it!
- Business can be fun but it also requires effort. Too true!
- Turning an idea into reality very quickly. It didn't take too much time to plan and execute, and the results were tangible in a very short space of time, which made them want to keep going

My sister said the children had a total blast and were so chuffed with themselves afterwards. They were undirected by an adult although she kept an eye on them from afar but, apart from the popcorn, they did everything themselves. They went to bed that night with an "I can" philosophy, feeling like they had conquered the world on their terms. Now this is what I call childhood!

Nikki Bush

Creative parenting expert, inspirational speaker and co-author of *Tech-Savvy Parenting* (Bookstorm, 2014), *Future-proof Your Child* (Penguin, 2008), and *Easy Answers to Awkward Questions* (Metz Press, 2009)

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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



From the Sports department



Athletics

SPORTS DAY

Sports day took place on Saturday 10 October, which turned out to be a lovely morning. The weather was kind to us, and it was not as hot as it had been earlier in the week. The day ran smoothly and all the girls had an enjoyable morning. Well done to Zebras, who won with 407 points, Hares in 2nd place with 353, Lions in 3rd place with 348, and Springboks in 4th place with 316 points. The Spirit Cup was awarded to Zebras for their enthusiasm and consistent high spirit. Well done to all the athletes, and congratulations to all the prizewinners.

These girls were prizewinners:

Overall prizewinner Grade 4: Annabel Hardie

Overall prizewinner Grade 5: Janet Walters

Overall prizewinner Grade 6: Cailin Otto

Grade 7 Victrix Ludorum: Roxanna MacRobert

High jump winners

Grade 4: Tyra Penney

Grade 5: Janet Walters

Grade 6: Cailin Otto

Grade 7: Zanele Msimang

Long jump winners

Grade 4: Annabel Hardie

Grade 5: Georgina Hector

Grade 6: Cailin Otto

Grade 7: Zanele Msimang

800m race

Grade 4: Annabel Hardie

Grade 5: Janet Walters

Grade 6: Abigail Milella

Grade 7: Kiara McLuckie

ATHLETICS MEETING

On 16 October, Assumption Convent hosted an athletics meeting at St Stithians, and the results were as follows:

1st place St Mary's - 396

2nd place St Peter's - 331

3rd place St Stithians - 327

4th place St Andrew's - 317

5th place Assumption Convent - 124

Antoinette Mshengu

Athletics coach



Tennis

Congratulations to all the team tennis players on their excellent results over the past two weeks. All the teams faired exceptionally well. A special mention to the AB team, who played tennis of a high standard in their last two league matches to beat both St Andrew's AB and St Stithians AB. This win puts St Mary's AB at the top of the league table. All the players are commended on their commitment and hard work. I am extremely proud of all the players, and well done on an excellent term of tennis.

Well done to the Grade 4 and 5 players who participated in the Grade 4 and 5 festivals, held at St Teresa's and Roedean respectively on Saturday 17 October. The Grade 4 team faced some tough opposition but managed to hold their own.

The Grade 5 team did extremely well, winning all of their matches.

Results

29 October

St Mary's A beat St Stithians A 49-32

St Mary's B beat St Stithians B 46-35

St Mary's C beat Holy Rosary C 42-21

St Mary's D beat Holy Rosary D 53-10

St Mary's E beat St Stithians E 40-5

René Plant

Tennis coach



Grade 4 festival team
Natalie Simon, Jasmin Vermeulen, Mrs Lowndes, Elizabeth Lonnon-Davis and Aashi Madhu



Grade 5 festival team
Isha Madhu, Georgina Hector, Josie Apps and Victoria Dahl

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 9-15 NOVEMBER (WEEK 10)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Wednesday 11 November	Swimming	Junior Primary swimming gala	APPS	09h00	Bus	Miss Wood
Thursday 12 November	Tennis	Grade 2 friendly matches	TBC	14h00		Mrs Plant
Thursday 12 November	Diving	Grade 3 and 4 A and B inter-schools	St Stithians	13h00	Bus	Ms Glinzman
Friday 13 November	Swimming	A team B team C and D team	Roedean St Katharine's St Stithians	14h00	Bus Bus Bus	Mrs Samson Mrs Hallendorff Miss Wood
Saturday 14 November	Diving	Grade 5 to 7 A and B inter-schools	St Stithians	TBC	Parents	Ms Glinzman

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 16-22 NOVEMBER (WEEK 11)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Friday 20 November	Swimming	A team B team C and D team	St Mary's Kingsmead St Peter's	14h00	Bus Bus	Mrs Samson Mrs Hallendorff Miss Wood

JUNIOR SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES END



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Reserved complimentary tickets
can be collected at the Junior
and Senior School receptions
from Monday 23 November