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# JUST JUNIOR



The Grade 3 money market day helped to support Sinamatella Primary School with stationery

## From the Junior Primary department

### Dear parents

The end of the 2015 academic year is in sight, and the girls have so much to feel proud of as they finish the year in their respective grades.

The Grade 0s have continued to thrive amidst the Reggio approach and their artwork at the recent art exhibition showcased their creative ideas, as well as their ability to observe the finer details in the world around them. They are ready for the exciting challenges of Grade 1.

The Grade 1s have learnt to read, spell and write their own creative stories. This is indeed a huge achievement if one is to consider the various complex neurological connections required to achieve these outputs.

The Grade 2s have built upon these solid academic foundations and enhanced their skills in all subjects. They have also gained much insight into the complexities of friendships and social interactions.

The Grade 3s, having mastered the underlying skills of reading, have discovered the delight of travelling to various parts of the world and enhancing their imaginations as they read for enjoyment and pleasure. They took the lead roles in the various chapel services and the play in their stride, and learnt so much about the stage, confidence and projection of voices. They are ready to cross The Close and enter the Senior Primary phase with self-assurance.

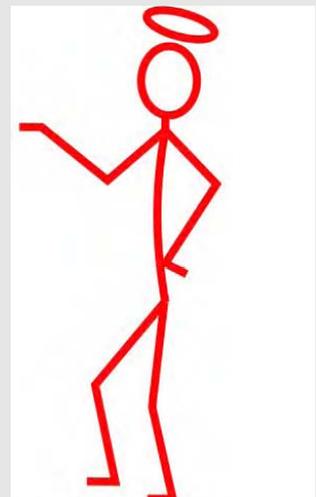
### Dates to diarise

#### NOVEMBER

Mon 23	18h00	Senior Primary celebration evening
Tues 24	07h30	Junior Primary celebration morning
		Grade 6 leadership workshop
Wed 25	07h30	Senior Primary Eucharist
		Grade 6 leadership workshop
Thu 26	17h30	Grade 7 valedictory service and leavers' dinner
Fri 27	07h30	Junior Primary carol service
	08h30	Little Saints carol service
	10h18	Grade 7 market day
	11h00	Combined final carol service rehearsal
Sat 28		Grades 1 to 7 Kloofwaters family weekend
Sun 29	09h00	Reggio workshop
		Grades 1 to 7 Kloofwaters family weekend
Mon 30	17h30	Carol service 1 - Edge
	19h00	Carol service 2 - Edge

#### DECEMBER

Wed 2		Report go home
	10h30	Little Saints closes
	11h00	Junior School closes



We have held three market days and the money earned from these goes to children in need. The Grade 3 money helped to supply Sinamatella Primary School with stationery. The delight on the children's faces as they saw paints, pastels, kokis, plasticine, etc. for the first time, was worth every effort. We also donated physical educational equipment and books, collected during Book Fortnight, to these special children.

Grade 1 and 2 market day money will help to support the Teddy Bear Clinic for abused children, as well as a crèche in need of Christmas presents.

Books collected during Book Fortnight were also donated to the Bokamoso Day Care Centre. My last appeal to parents is

for various items of stationery in lieu of Christmas gifts. The Grade 0s donated many items at the start of the Nativity play on Thursday. Thank you for your generosity. The Grade 1, 2 and 3 girls may bring theirs to school on Friday 27 November, the morning of the Grade 1-3 carol service in the chapel. These items will be given to St Vincent School for the Deaf, as well as other schools in need. Items to consider buying include pencil crayons, HB pencils, scissors, glue, erasers, rulers and kokis. Any contribution is most welcome.

I look forward to seeing you all at the celebration morning in The Edge at 07h30 on Tuesday 24 November. Tea will be served thereafter in the Junior School amphitheatre. The girls may go home with you after this

event, but are also most welcome to stay at school should you be returning to work.

Please note that all co-curricular activities end on this afternoon, Friday 20 November. Prep will continue until Thursday 26 November.

Thank you for your support and commitment to your girls' educational and emotional needs. I wish you a happy holiday. Please travel safely and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 13 January 2016.

Warm regards

**Di Gordon**

Deputy headmistress: Junior Primary

## From the chaplain

In the weekly reflection from the Jesuit Institute for last week:

***"For last year's words belong to last year's language. Next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning."*** (Little Gidding - TS Eliot)

*We are not sure what faces us after an ending, but we are filled with the hope that it will be something better and as we move forward to face it, we know we are not alone.*

I have been living this term with two favourite scripture passages.

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

So for me as I write the last reflection for the year apart from the usual Christmas message, I have to realise that this marks 26 years of working at St Mary's in various positions and for the past six as chaplain. It has been a privilege to be here but there has to be an ending. We all come to endings at certain times in our lives. We don't need to forget the past but we cannot look back over our shoulders all the time. God has new beginnings for all of us, at all stages of our lives. His plans are for our wellbeing, for hope and a future but we have to look at what God may have in store for us. We have to trust him for the future as we have in the past, knowing that He is with us.

**Prayer:**

*Lord, fill us with the bright hope that your presence in our life brings. Give us the strength to face the many difficult endings in our lives and fill us with the knowledge that you are with us, standing steady and filling us with strength as we face our new beginnings.*

*Amen*

**Revd Canon Gill Lee**

Chaplain





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We have had a busy and exciting first year of 5678 Productions. We offered RAD ballet, Dance Mouse and Drama to the entire Junior School. The Grade 000 to Grade 3 dancers did their Dance Mouse assessments on Saturday 17 October, in the studio at The Edge. An external examiner from head office adjudicated the girls, and encouraged them on their dance journey with a medal and certificate for their hard work this year. The children were also visited by the Dance Mouse himself.

We also had our drama showcase, in the AV room on 21 October. Our drama group has grown to 100 students, so we had to have two sessions in order to accommodate all the parents. Our ballet and dance showcase was held in the Senior School hall on 30 October, and we had 140 children dancing in costume. There was much excitement and the right amount of nervous energy.

Please remember that all dance, drama and ballet co-curricular activities only start 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), as well as how to register or you can contact me on 083 226 2871.

*Claire van Niekerk*  
5678 Productions



## Grade 6 senior citizens' tea



## Work in progress at Little Saints



## SACEE Original Writing Competition

On Saturday 14 November, seven girls from Grades 4 to 7 were invited to attend a prizegiving for the SACEE Original Writing Competition. St Mary's placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Congratulations to all the girls who took part in the competition.

The following girls received certificates at the prizegiving:

Tessa Dagut - silver  
Isabella Reynolds - silver

Dalila Spinazze - silver  
Esmé Thornhill-Davis - silver  
Mashadi Ramokgopa - gold  
Danielle Grobbelaar - gold  
Robyn Gush - gold

**Linda Smith**  
Senior Primary teacher

## Parent Corner



### CONQUERING THE WORLD ON THEIR TERMS

My niece and nephew made themselves R155 at 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 that it was the candyfloss that 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 had been 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**

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## From the Sports department

### Swimming

#### APPS GALA

Girls from Grades 1 to 3 participated in the annual Junior Primary APPS gala. It was the first inter-schools' gala for the Grade 1s. Nine teams took part in the gala. The girls were well prepared by the head coach, Michelle Zumpt, and the other coaches lent a helping hand in getting the girls organised for the gala. The girls swam their hearts out, and were inspired to swim and give of their best in each and

every race. At the end of the gala, their hearts were bursting with pride, as the St Mary's Junior Primary team won the APPS Gala quite convincingly.

The scores were as follows:

1) St Mary's	-	390
2) APPS (A)	-	319
3) St Andrew's	-	269
4) Kingsmead	-	253

5) Roedean	-	190
6) Holy Rosary	-	150
7) St Peter's	-	134
8) St Teresa's	-	102
9) APPS (B)	-	84

*Tracey Wood*

Head of department: Junior Primary sport



#### SWIMMING SEASON

The swimming season is a brief one in the third term, and the girls have been training exceptionally hard and enjoying the warm water!

Results from the galas on Friday 6 November are as follows:

A team - St Mary's A 96, St Andrew's A 90.5, St Stithians A 57.5, Kingsmead A 52, St Stithians B 29

B team - Pridwin A 78, St Mary's B 74, St Katharine's 58, Pridwin B 25

C and D team - St Mary's C 94, St Peter's Girls C and D 92, St Teresa's B 68, Kingsmead C 61, St Mary's D 37

*Jane Samson*

Head of department: Junior School sport

## Diving

St Mary's divers took on their cross-town rivals, St Stithians, as well as Roedeane last Thursday. The competition was tough, but the girls were able to give stunning performances despite the pressure.

McKenzie Coakley-Eager enjoyed her first win of the season in the Grade 3 novice division, with teammate Tasha Jenkins not far behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Holly Davidson narrowly missed the gold and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, while Zalika Methula earned 6<sup>th</sup> place for her first time competing in the diver section. Paige Milligan earned the silver for the Grade 4 novice and Georgina Spalding came 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Grade 4 divers gave impressive performances, with Caitlin Kersten, Lara Kuehneemann, and Alexia Bakos placing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Hannah Newman, Sanam Soni, Tali Newman, and Claire McIvor all competed for the first time in the Grade 6 novice division and did a wonderful job.

The Grade 6 diving competition was a close one, with Kerry-Leigh Morrison missing out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> place spot by only a few points. Ashley Murning placed 6<sup>th</sup> and Jade Adams 7<sup>th</sup>. Alexandra Kirstein performed strong back and reverse dives which earned her the gold medal in the Grade 7 diver division. Teammate Romy Len was not far behind in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Jess Shames in 4<sup>th</sup>.

The St Mary's divers will again face a difficult competition when they take on Roedeane and Brescia House at home next week.

*Chelsea Glinzman*

Diving coach



## St Mary's wins inter-schools' diving

St Mary's divers are the 2015 inter-schools' diving champions!

The A team divers earned an exciting victory over 11 other Johannesburg schools last week. Alexandra Kirstein earned the silver medal in her event, with teammate Romy Len following with the bronze. In the Grade 7 B team, Jess Shames finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

For the Grade 6s, Kerry-Leigh Morrison and Ashley Murning both gave season-best performances, earning 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place respectively. In the B team competition, Jade Adams received the gold medal with a personal best score, and Athina Prokus earned 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Josie Apps competed in her first competition of the season for the Grade 5 A competition, and helped the team with an important 4<sup>th</sup> place. For the Grade 4s, Alexia Bakos and Michaela Lotto grabbed the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> spots respectively.

In the B competition, both Caitlin Kersten and Lara Kuehneemann gave personal best performances, earning scores that would have placed them at the top of the A competition. Caitlin won the B competition, followed by Lara with the silver medal. For the Grade 3s, Holly Davidson earned the bronze in the A division with a beautiful inward dive, and Zalika Methula placed 8<sup>th</sup>. For the B competition, both McKenzie Coakley-Eager and Natasha Jenkins had season-best scores, with Natasha finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> and McKenzie in 4<sup>th</sup>.

St Mary's narrowly won in the A team competition. The girls should be proud of their incredible accomplishments this season!

*Chelsea Glinzman*

Diving coach

## Tennis

The tennis season ended off with two exciting tennis festivals for some of the Grade 2 and 3 players. Much fun was had by all and valuable match experience was gained. There were 32 players who participated in the Grade 3 festival and 72 players who participated in the Grade 2 festival. The boys from Beaulieu, St Benedict's and St Stithians definitely added an extra spark of energy to the Grade 2 festival. Well done to all the St Mary's tennis players who competed in these events. Thank you to the tennis captain and vice-captain, Julianne Klingenberg and Mariella Nicolaou, and all the other Grade 6 and 7 players who helped with the scoring and managing of the younger players.

Once again, congratulations to both the

St Mary's AB and CD teams on their excellent results this term. Below, please find the final league results. Unfortunately, St Mary's CD did not get to play St Stithians CD as they were in separate sections.

I would like to extend a big thank-you to Mrs Lowndes and Ms Coetzee-Turner for all their help this term.

1. St Mary's A/B
2. St Stithian's A/B
3. Holy Rosary A/B
4. St Andrew's A/B
5. APPS A/B
6. Roedean A/B
7. St Peter's A/B
8. St Katharine's A/B

9. Brescia A/B
10. Kingsmead A/B
11. St Teresa's A/B

The C/D teams are as follows:

1. St Stithian's C/D
2. St Mary's C/D
3. Holy Rosary C/D
4. St Andrew's C/D
5. Kingsmead C/D
6. Roedean C/D
7. St Peter's C/D
8. Brescia C/D
9. St Teresa's C/D
10. St Katharine's

**René Plant**

Tennis coach



A few of the Grade 3 players who participated in the Grade 3 tennis festival



Grade 2 festival team

## Athletics

On 2 October, we hosted an electrifying athletics meeting and we had uninterrupted cheers of encouragement from the parents on the sides. The results were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> St Mary's 469, 2<sup>nd</sup> St Andrew's 349, 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Rosary 273, 4<sup>th</sup> Assumption convent 193.

**Antoinette Mshengu**

Athletics coach



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# Gloria in Excelsis Deo



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