



St Mary's School
Waverley
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• SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS •



1st netball team (not in picture: Varaidzo)

From the head's desk

Dear parents

The winter solstice is behind us and longer daylight hours await us. The colder days we have experienced often result in shorter tempers and less tolerance. I am aware of the frustrations to which the limited parking facilities in the stop-and-drop area give rise. The coffee shop has also made the situation worse. Unfortunately, our campus is limited by our boundaries and it is difficult for us to increase the parking area at this stage. If you are going to be parking for a period of time, we urge you to make use of the Burn Street parking or Waverley field.

We are certainly investigating the possibility of extending the parking area in the near future. In the interim, please exercise patience when navigating the area and waiting for vehicles to exit from parking bays. Please also adhere to the left only turn at the exit.

Our security guards are under instruction to check vehicles entering and exiting the

property, to safeguard the children. Please do not make their jobs more difficult for them.

As we begin the very welcome half-term break, the girls in Forms I to IV will celebrate the end of the June examination period. The change in the rhythm of the school is frequently welcomed and, by all accounts, many of the girls have enjoyed the freedom to study outside the restrictions of lessons.

Our matric girls have been busy completing research tasks and portfolio work, which form part of their final NSC results. There is no doubt that the half-term break will be enjoyed as a time to relax and recreate what is important in each family's life. If you are travelling, I wish you safe journeys. I hope that we shall all return refreshed and ready for the second half of the term.

Yours sincerely

Deanne King
Head of school

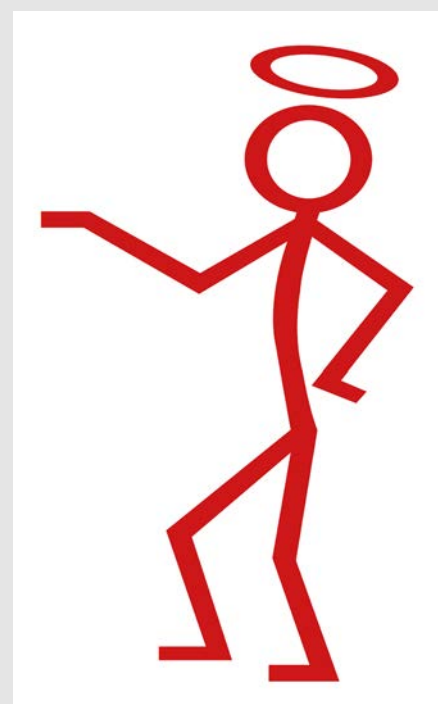
Dates to diarise

July

Fri 1		U18 provincial hockey tournament in Bloemfontein
		U14 regional hockey tournament in Krugersdorp
	10h00	Form I to Form IV examinations end
	12h30	Senior School closes for half-term

Half-term: Friday 1 July at 12h30 to Monday 11 July at 07h30

Sat 2		U14 regional hockey tournament in Krugersdorp
Sun 3		U14 regional hockey tournament in Krugersdorp
Mon 11	16h00	SRC meeting
	18h00	PTA meeting
Tues 12	14h30	Junior inter-house netball
	15h45	Senior inter-house netball
Wed 13	14h45	Junior social inter-house hockey
Thurs 14	14h15	Form V Art prac
	15h15	Senior social inter-house hockey
Fri 15	07h30	Diversity assembly
Sat 16	08h00	Form V Accounting paper 1 pre-prelim examination
Sun 17	17h00	Confirmation classes
Mon 18		Mandela Day Senior School photographs



Shelley Crawford

As a community we mourn the loss of Shelley Crawford, a wonderful teacher of long-standing in our school and a friend to many. In particular, we lift up her husband Gwilym and their daughters, and Shelley's brother, in our prayers in their time of grief and shock.

We also lift up our own community, especially Shelley's Junior School colleagues and friends, and the girls Shelley taught over the years.

Shelley's funeral will take place today, Friday 1 July, at 12h00 in the school chapel.



From the chaplain

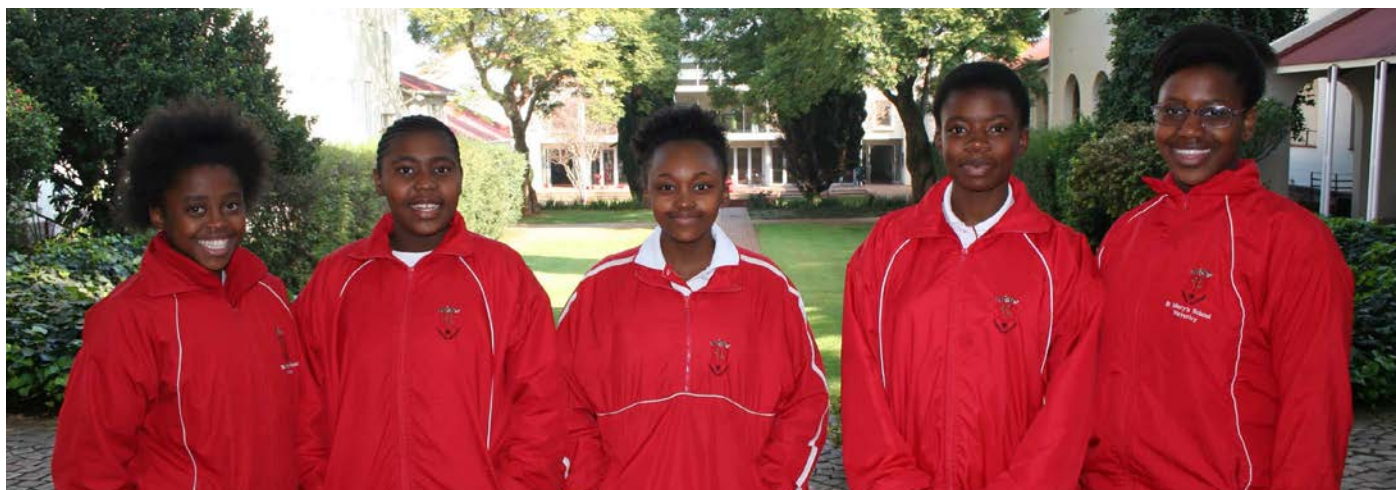
Psalm 46 is one of my favourite psalms. Here's what God says to me, through this psalm: "God is our strength and refuge, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear" (vv. 1-2) ... though exams seem never-ending, though changes happen in our country and in our world (Brexit; the local and global economy), though death appears as too close a reality: young Nick Koutromanos from St John's, known to many of our girls; and most recently dear Mrs Shelley Crawford, so positive and loving a teacher and friend.

The psalm continues its beautiful analogy, describing the peace, stability and comfort we have in God: "In the midst of all that seems to rage around us ... [God] utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge" (vv.6-7). Therefore, hear the gentle yet firm command of our loving Lord, speaking to our anxieties and fears: "Be still, and know that I am God!" (v. 10).

Revd Claudia Coustas
Chaplain

Foundation

St Mary's is proud of our Foundation scholarship girls



Karabo, Itumeleng, Andindedwa, Caroline, Panashe

St Mary's Careers Expo

The St Mary's Careers Expo takes place on Wednesday 27 July from 15h00 to 17h30. All Senior School girls and parents are welcome to visit the exhibitors outside The Edge during the course of the afternoon. There will be representatives from tertiary institutions, vocational options, resource and support organisations, as well as people offering overseas study opportunities, including officers from the US and Canadian Education Commissions (see page 10 for a list of the exhibitors).

St Mary's diversity committee - 2016

The diversity committee organises focus groups and, in those focus groups, the girls are encouraged to interact without bias or prejudice in all spheres. We also encourage debate and enquiry around diversity issues that occur within year groups. Our aim is to prepare girls for a diverse world. We also invite guest speakers to our assemblies, to encourage critical thinking and tolerance around issues of diversity.

Whilst recognising and understanding the importance of doing well in academics, we are motivated to help to develop well-rounded young women who are not only intent on achieving good results but also contribute to the wider community. The St Mary's diversity committee will continue to contribute to all spheres of St Mary's School in both the Junior and Senior Schools.

Diversity committee staff members and heads

Mrs Phumzile Ngubo	Head of diversity
Mrs Lynn Northmore	Diversity staff committee member
Tshiamo	Head of diversity
Dominique	Deputy head of diversity

Form V committee members

Aobakwe, Tasmin, Andindedwa, Olivia and Lerato

Form IV sub-committee members

Maya, Kim, Reitumetse, Busisiwe, Kaira, Yashmiri and Keitumetse

Our aim is to embrace differences through:

- Reconciliation
- Tolerance
- Debate
- Engagement
- Celebration of talent

Forthcoming event for St Mary's parents

On Wednesday 20 July, the diversity committee is hosting a Diversity Evening for parents. Past St Mary's girls (diversity committee), St Stithians Boys' diversity committee 2016 and the St Mary's diversity committee 2016 will be running the evening.

Venue: Senior School hall

Time: 18h00 to 20h00

RSVP: Senior School reception office at sharon.san@stmary.co.za

Topic: Diversity issues around youth of today

Phumzile Ngubo

Head of diversity

From the Music department



Congratulations to the following girls who passed their ABRSM music examinations recently:

Megan	Piano	Grade 2	P
Veneka	Theory	Grade 5	P
Kaitlyn	Piano	Grade 4	M
Indira	Piano	Grade 8	M
Alexandra	Theory	Grade 5	M
Melissa	Piano	Grade 4	D

Congratulations are extended to Natasha, who passed her Trinity Grade 8 Piano examination and received a merit award.

Dudley Trollope

Director of Music

From the Sports department



Netball

We have come to the end of our 2016 netball season.

Our girls have done very well and I am extremely proud of all our teams. St Mary's teams play in Pool A in the D13 League. We placed tie first in our league, together with Leeuwenhof, for the number of matches won. Leeuwenhof scored more goals than we did so, overall, they placed 1st and St Mary's placed 2nd. This is a wonderful achievement, as it shows the depth we have in our netball.

St Mary's 1st team played in the Redhill Youth Day Tournament on 16 June. They came 2nd in their pool, which meant they played Redhill in the semi-final. Unfortunately, they lost by only two goals and did not make the final. Redhill eventually won the tournament.

St Mary's 1st team also made it into district play-offs. They won the first game they played against Assumption Convent. They then played in the semi-final against Leeuwenhof and lost. In the 3rd/4th play-off they played St Peter's and lost to them, too. The girls played really well and it was a pleasure to watch them. It is a wonderful achievement to get into district play-offs and I am very proud of the 1st team, Mrs Palesa Masinga, their coach, and Raffaella and Kaitlyn, their captain and vice-captain.

There will be some matches for the 1st and 2nd teams after half-term, against touring teams from the UK.

Rose Hallendorff

Head of netball

Water polo

Two weekends ago, the South African ladies' water polo team competed in the EU Nations Cup 2016 in Prague, Czech Republic, and won gold. The team beat the Czech Republic 7-6, in a nail-biting final. The EU Nations Cup hosts ten countries.

The South African ladies' water polo team won all their pool games, placing them top of their pool and into the final.

The scores were as follows:

South Africa vs Slovakia: 13-6

South Africa vs Scotland: 16-5

South Africa vs England: 12-4

South Africa vs Austria: 18-7

Final South Africa vs Czech Republic: 7-6

St Mary's Old Girls Amber, Emma and Amica formed part of the SA ladies' team in this prestigious event.

Kelsey White

St Mary's water polo coach and captain of the SA ladies' water polo team



St Mary's Old Girls with Kelsey White



EU Nations Cup

Equestrian

During another cold weekend on 11 and 12 June, the St Mary's equestrian team competed at the final qualifier of the inter-schools' competition held at Eaton Farm. Thank you to everyone who came to support the team, and to the riders for performing brilliantly over the weekend, during examinations.

Congratulations to Caitlin, who placed 1st and 2nd in various Performance Riding classes; 2nd, 3rd and 5th in Dressage; 2nd in Show Jumping; 5th in Working Riding; and 1st and 2nd in Working Hunter. Caitlin also tied for 1st place with Margaret in Intermediate Equitation. Nicola placed 2nd in Dressage; 2nd and 5th in Working Hunter; 5th in Working Riding and 3rd in Performance Riding. Lia placed 4th in Dressage; 3rd in Working Hunter; 1st and 2nd in Working Riding; 2nd in Show Jumping and 5th in Performance Riding. India placed 2nd in 1.20m Show Jumping; 2nd and 5th in Dressage; 1st and 3rd in Prix Caprelli; and 5th in Working Hunter. Coral and Kiara placed 5th and 3rd respectively in their Show Jumping classes.

In addition to the final core league qualifier, Eventing Qualifier 3 was held at Misty Meadows, where Andrea placed 2nd and 4th. On 12 June, the parade of schools was held at Eaton Farm. Thank you to those who participated, and Ms Wood and others for the support during the parade.

St Mary's continues to be the leader in its category, and has the

highest number of points of all the schools in the Johannesburg Metro area. Well done to the riders for achieving this.

Congratulations to the following riders who have been selected to represent Gauteng at the 2016 Pony Rider and Junior Team & Individual Championships of South Africa from 1 to 8 July.

Show Jumping

Children's Open	Itumeleng
Junior 1.10	Coral

Equitation

Pony Rider Open	Lia
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Eventing

Junior Open	Andrea
Junior 90cm	Kiara
Pony Rider 80cm	Kiara

Showing

Junior Open	Caitlin
Pony Rider Open & Challenge Team	Lia

Gessica

Form IV



St Mary's girls at the parade



Kate riding North Pole



Babette riding Cruisa Gigolo



Jessica riding Calvaro of Tipuana

Tennis

Congratulations are extended to Tamsin (Form II), who recently participated in the Marks Park U18 junior tennis championships. Tamsin beat two highly ranked U18 players along the way to reach the finals. Tamsin went on to win the title; unfortunately, she was given a walkover in the finals by Jessica, who was unable to play owing to illness. Well done, Tamsin, on these excellent results, and keep up the hard work.

Good luck to all the St Mary's tennis players who will be competing in various tournaments during the half-term break and after the holidays.

René Plant

Tennis coach

Independent Schools' Sports Festival



The Independent Schools' Sports Festival or ISSF, as it is referred to, is an annual event that involves schools from Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. It is hosted alternately in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. It has been in existence since 1998 with the exception of 2010, when the FIFA World Cup forced a change in dates of the school holidays and it could not fit into the schedule.

We are partnered with a school from the opposing province and, depending on where the festival is, we host them or they host us. Our partner school is St John's DSG in Pietermaritzburg (Ms Quix's *alma mater*).

It has always incorporated tennis (top four players), squash (top two players), 1st netball and 1st hockey teams. The aim of the two days is to have competitive matches against opposition from the other province and for there to be no winners, not in each sport or overall. The aim is for the girls to play and enjoy themselves, to make new friends and rekindle friendships formed over the years of interaction. It is also for the staff to network, share ideas, frustrations, successes, disappointments and plans.

This year was a wonderful two days of sport and camaraderie, where St Mary's performed superbly, winning every match in every sport. Teams supported one another at the various sports, and families joined in the fun and festivities on offer.

Quix

Head of sport



Valentina, Grade 2, supporting the netball team

Squash

ISSF

Well done St Mary's for outstanding play at the ISSF. Panashe and Jemma represented St Mary's, and did not drop a match during the 30 games played. Well done.

BOYS' LEAGUE SQUASH

St Mary's delivered another blow in the boys' league, when they beat St John's (who were on top of the league log) 13-3. To date, with only one more match to be played, we are now at the top.

Jennifer Fox
Squash coach



Panashe and Jemma



St Mary's team with the St John's team

Hockey

Over the past two weeks, the Saints hockey players have been juggling the demands of examinations and their weekly hockey fixtures. The Malik league has been the busiest of them all. The girls have put a great effort into playing fixtures against De la Salle, Dainfern College, St Teresa's and Assumption Convent.

The 4th team, having won two and drawn one, is congratulated on its outstanding performance against these 2nd teams. The team is recognised for showing guts and determination, as is the 3rd team (aka the "Queens"), for continuously pinning themselves up against 1st teams of the respective schools. Frequently they do not win their games, but most definitely give themselves the best chance. Their most recent match and, of course, the last for many matric girls, saw them lose 3-0 to Dainfern's 1st team. It was a performance St Mary's could be proud of, and we thank all the matric girls for the unwavering commitment and dedication to their school.

The Grays league wrapped up with fixtures against Helpmekaar and then our rivals, St Stithians. We had positive results across the board against Helpmekaar, which set the scene against St Stithians. On Tuesday 14 June, St Mary's packed the buses and headed over to St Stithians for what would be one of our toughest matches of the season.

The promise of excitement and quality hockey was met by all age groups. The U15 A and U14 B teams drew their matches, while the

other teams all recorded wins. The 1st team had all to play for, as winning this match would ensure them being the league winners for the 29th time.

We were privileged enough to have an atmosphere many international players experience. The noise never stopped for a minute and the energy carried to the field.

The intensity and drive displayed by the 1st team saw them dominate their opponents and secure two goals in the 1st half. It was always going to be difficult to replicate that performance in the second half, but they were successful. The score remained 2-0 and the 1st team can be proud of their performance and status as league winners.

We thank all those who hopped on the supporters' bus, braved the chill and supported their peers. The win is ours as much as yours and the school's.

We look forward to the upcoming tournament and friendlies, scheduled after half-term.

Roxy Coetzee-Turner
Head of hockey



St Mary's 1st team versus St Stithians



3rd team



4th team



U14 C team

St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival

Rhino C4C outcome



Athletes score for the rhino at St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival

Investec Rhino Lifeline responds to the rhino crisis by raising awareness through conservation education in South Africa.

At the 2016 St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival a record number of goals were scored raising R88 600, providing an opportunity for an additional 443 children from schools in the Eastern Cape to attend a Coaching for Conservation course this year. Investec Rhino Lifeline would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all the girls who participated in this year's hockey festival and for assisting children in the Eastern Cape in seeing rhino in the wild for the first time.

For more information please visit investechinolineline.com



Neo

From the Foundation

SMOGS get-togethers

The St Mary's Foundation, accompanied by Deanne King, Ros Howell and Les Vercellotti, hosted St Mary's Old Girls at get-togethers around the country recently. The time spent with Old Girls provided an opportunity to connect, network, and share stories and anecdotes of the time spent at school. The events that took place in Stellenbosch, Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg were attended by a total of 120 SMOGs. Old Girls in attendance ranged from those who matriculated in 1966 to last year's matrics.

"From One Girl to Another"

An enormous thank you is extended to the parents and girls in the Grade 7 class of 2015 who have donated R30 000 to the "From One Girl to Another" legacy fund. We hope to develop this fund and hope that future classes will contribute to it. The legacy fund was established to create a way for St Mary's girls to practise social awareness in the context of South Africa.



In Johannesburg, Caitlyn (2014), Karen (1979) and Alison (2009) share an evening together at the Grillhouse in Sandton

Gillian O'Shaughnessy and Revd Claudia Coustas with a few Grade 7 girls from the class of 2015 at the plaque unveiling

Showcase evening

The St Mary's Foundation showcase evening provided an opportunity for parents in attendance to learn more about the role of the Foundation. Corporate donors were introduced to the girls they support on the bursary programme, and they learned more about the Community Affairs Ikusasa Lethu programme (formerly the Alexandra High Schools Programme) held at St Mary's on Saturdays. Tracey Webster, a St Mary's Old Girl (1996), spoke about how "anyone, anywhere can make a difference". The latest St Mary's Foundation DVD can be viewed at <http://www.stmaryschool.co.za/foundation/content/page/foundation-about>

Gillian O'Shaughnessy

Foundation manager

PTA Club 100 winners

100%	Mikayla	Grade 4 L	R27 800
20%	Lara	Grade 5 M	R6 100
10%	Jessica	Form I K	R3 480

Muse Morning

Tuesday 19 July

07h15 to 08h30

Wantage Auditorium - all parents welcome

"Stress Management and Mindfulness Talk"

Presented by Nicola Aylward.

Nicola is a physiotherapist and a mother. She presents an uplifting and empowering talk about stress in our lives - especially living the lifestyles that we do in Johannesburg!

She will talk about the effects of stress and how it impacts our bodies and the ways in which we function, and the small and easy steps we can take on a daily basis to help both our children and us to better cope. It is an introduction to mindfulness, to living in the present moment and how to bring joy and gratitude into our lives every day. She gives wonderful and practical tools for both adults and children, which can be used both at home and in the classroom, to help reduce anxiety and unnecessary stress.

We hope you will be able to join us. This talk is for fathers, too.

RSVP: Sharon.san@stmary.co.za



ST MARY'S SCHOOL WAVERLEY CAREERS EXPO



DATE: WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2016
TIME: 15h00-17h30

VENUE: THE EDGE

All Senior School pupils and parents are welcome to visit the Expo, which provides an opportunity to talk to representatives from tertiary institutions and to explore a range of skills-based options available in the World of Work.

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