



St Mary's School
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JUST JUNIOR



The girls had a wonderful time at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown

From the Senior Primary department

Dear parents

I should like to thank Mrs Richmond and Miss Thindisa for accompanying the Grade 7 girls to Grahamstown. Judging from the photographs I saw, a wonderful time was had by all.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join the Senior Primary girls for the reading morning. It would be wonderful if we could start every day like this.

The Grade 7 girls have started their play rehearsals so this is going to be a very busy last few weeks of term for them.

The Senior Primary parent afternoons take place on the 25 and 26 July. The booking lists will be put up at 13h30 on Tuesday 19 July. The Monday afternoon will end at 18h00 and the Tuesday afternoon will end at 15h30. The reports will be sent home on Friday 5 August.

I am in the process of working with the teachers to sort out the stationery packs for 2017. You will be able to order these packs through the school should you choose to do so. Further details will be available closer to the time. We will be using the same supplier as last year – Valuegro.

We are all looking forward to the hockey festivals which will be taking place this weekend at different venues.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Robynne Dunkley

Deputy headmistress: Junior School

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Dates to diarise

JULY		
Fri 15	13h00	Grade 7 B and C hockey festival at St Mary's
		Grade 6 B and C hockey festival at St Andrew's
Sat 16	08h00	Grade 4 A - D hockey festival at St Mary's
		Grade 5 A and B hockey festival at St Stithians
Mon 18	10h30	Grade 6 and 7 Drama outing to Atterbury Theatre
Tue 19	14h45	Grade 7 play practice
	07h15	Muse morning - Wantage auditorium
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	14h00	Grade 7 visit to the SPCA
Wed 20	14h00	Squash at home
	08h00	Little Saints conversations with parents - SMOGS
	10h18	Grades 6 and 7 buddy picnic
	18h00	Junior School music evening - The Edge
Thu 21		Senior Primary sports and staff photographs
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	13h45	Junior School worship meeting
	14h30	Chess vs Vuleka at home
Fri 22	14h00	Hockey at home and away
Sat 23	09h00	Reggio workshop
Mon 25	14h00	Senior Primary parent afternoon
Tue 26	07h30	Grades 2 and 3 piece playing
	12h00	Grades 4 and 5 piece playing
	14h00	Squash away
	14h00	Senior Primary parent afternoon
Wed 27	08h00	Conversations with parents - SMOGS
	09h00	Friendly Pets Farm visits Little Saints
	12h30	Grades 6 and 7 piece playing
	14h00	Grades 5 visit to Kids Haven
	14h45	Grades 7 play practice

From the chaplain

Jesus speaking: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."

"But Lord...

In a country where crime is a constant threat and one cannot be over-cautious ...

In a world where many borders are so impermeable to the immigrant or refugee ...

When memories of hurts suffered at the hands of the other come welling to the surface ...

And we cry out for our own vision of justice or retribution (for surely these will bring closure?) ...

... who is our neighbour?"

We live in a time when that question means, "How do I ensure 'neighbour' cannot refer to those I should not trust?"

Jesus' answer does not allow us to hide behind a cozy definition of "us" and "them". He tells of a man attacked by robbers and left lying injured by the roadside. Even two of the the most honourable of those whom the man trusts pass him by - because like us, they are afraid of the robbers. Help comes from one who, although considered to be an outright enemy, not only risks his life to stop and attend to the injured man, but also spares no expense in sourcing medical assistance.

Jesus speaking again: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" (Luke 10:25-37).

My neighbours are even those who might see me as "other" - who have little reason to trust me or show mercy to me.

Revd Claudia Coustas

Chaplain

Grade 5 poetry

Storm

Big grey clouds
running across the sky.
Plop! Thick raindrops splattering on the floor.
Swoosh, a gust of wind
snapping the twigs.
Rumble, the ground starting to shake.
A roar of thunder blasting
an evergreen tree, letting it
collapse on the ground.
The tiles cracking underneath,
lightning striking before my eyes
as I sprint to shelter.
CRASH, the window breaks,
pieces of glass shattering everywhere,
chaos filling the room
as the storm rumbles on.

Emma Morley

Grade 5

Burning the fire

Spark spark the fire starts.
The fire begins to eat the forest,
as the branches break with a snap.
Rustle rustle, the fire begins to blaze bigger.
Pop! The fire chomps the fallen logs.
The bellow of firemen shouting,
splash as water hits the fire.
Crackle crackle, the last breath
of the fire dying.

Thiya Kalan

Grade 5

Muse morning

Topic: Stress Management and Mindfulness talk
Presented by Nicola Aylward - BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

Date: Tuesday 19 July, 07h15 to 08h30
Venue: Wantage Auditorium
Coffee is served from 07h15 for a prompt start at 07h30

RSVP: sharon.san@stmary.co.za

Nicola Aylward, a physiotherapist and a mother, will present 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 way in which we function, and the small and easy steps we can take on a daily basis to help ourselves and our children to cope better. 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 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 the dads, too!



From the Music department

The Music department has had a busy second term so far. The girls have participated in numerous concerts, showcasing their talents individually and within our musical teams.

The instrumental concert

This concert took place on Wednesday 18 May and was held on The Edge stage. It included solo and duet performances and provided a platform for girls to perform polished pieces of a Grade 3 musical level and above. This concert included girls from Junior Primary to matric. The junior girls can be proud of their performances and I look forward to seeing them perform more.

The Reggio conference

This conference is always a big event for the department as all the musical ensembles perform for the delegates, both in the opening ceremony and at lunchtime concerts. Ensembles included the Senior Primary choir, Junior orchestra, Grade 4 marimba band, the Junior marimba showband as well as the Senior School marimba bands.

The Magic of Music

The Magic of Music took place on Tuesday evening 28 June at the Linder auditorium and was organised by Grayston Preparatory School. A wide range of skills were presented here, from Junior Primary percussion bands to large brass ensembles. Other schools that participated in this event included Grayston Preparatory, Carlswald House, Redhill and Dainfern. St Mary's showcased a programme of quality and gave a polished performance, well done girls!

Please take a look at the dates to diarise as we still have some fabulous performances coming up. These include the Junior School Music evening, Saints Musical Magic, which showcases all the St Mary's Junior School musical ensembles - don't miss this one!

Some important dates to diarise for the rest of Term II:

Wednesday 20 July 18h00 - 19h00
Junior School Music evening - The Edge

Monday 25 July 18h30 - 19h30
Subject Music student's concert - The Edge

Tuesday 26 July 07h30 - 08h30
Grades 2 and 3 piece playing - Junior Primary hall

Tuesday 26 July 12h00 - 13h00
Grades 4 and 5 piece playing - Junior Primary hall

Wednesday 27 July 12h30 - 13h30
Grades 6 and 7 piece playing - Junior Primary hall

Thursday 28 July 07h30 - 08h15
Grade 3 instrumental demonstrations - The Edge

Carol Shutte

Head of Music: Junior School



SAINTS MUSICAL MAGIC

When: Wednesday 20 July, from 18h00 to 19h00

Where: The Edge

This showcase event is for our Saints community and will showcase our St Mary's music ensembles, from Grades 2 to 7.

Performances will include the marimba bands, Junior School orchestra, Senior Primary choir and the Singing Angels (Grade 2s and 3s)

Come along and enjoy tea, coffee or sherry and biscuits from 17h00, while the girls have their combined rehearsal.

From the Sports department



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 18 TO 24 JULY (WEEK 12)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Tuesday 19 July	Squash	A team vs St Stithians Boys C B team vs St Stithians Girls B C team vs Cliffview B	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's	14h00		Mrs Fox
Friday 22 July	Hockey	Grade 4 A - D Grade 5 A, B and C Grade 6 A and B Grade 7 A - C	St Mary's St Mary's Holy Rosary Holy Rosary	TBC	Bus Bus	Mrs Samson Ms Roos Mrs Coetzee-Turner Ms Quix

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 25 JULY TO 31 AUGUST (WEEK 13)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Tuesday 26 July	Squash	A team vs St Dunstan's A B team vs St John's D C team vs Reddam House B	St Dunstan's St John's Woodmead C Club	14h00	Bus Bus Bus	Mrs Fox
Friday 29 July	Hockey	Grade 4 A - D Grade 5 A, B and C Grade 6 A and B Grade 7 A - C	St Mary's St Mary's St Peter's St Peter's		Bus Bus	Mrs Samson Ms Roos Mrs Coetzee-Turner Ms Quix

Hockey

DSG HOCKEY FESTIVAL 24 - 26 JUNE

Just before the July half-term break, the Grade 6s and 7s went to the annual St Mary's DSG hockey festival in Pretoria. We stayed at the Farm Inn and played all our hockey games at St Mary's DSG.

It was great to play so much hockey and to really improve on our skills. There was a great team spirit amongst all the St Mary's hockey girls and everyone gave of their best. We met some fabulous new people, both on

and off the field. It would be nice to play some new schools next year.

A special thank you to the coaches for making the tour possible and for being so supportive. Thank you Mrs Samson, Ms Quix, Mrs Coetzee-Turner and Ms Roos.

Ella Babaya

Grade 6A captain



Happy memories were made

Netball

Congratulations to the U13 A netball team who placed second in our pool this year. This team has been in the top two of the pool and has represented St Mary's in the D13 netball playoffs four years in a row.

On Thursday 23 June, the team took part in the annual playoffs hosted by Redhill School. They came across a very tough Dainfern College U13 A team in the 1st round and lost 3-14.

It is a huge achievement for the team to get this far and we are extremely proud of you.

Antoinette Mshengu

Netball coach



U13 A netball team

Tennis

St Benedict's tennis festival

A few tennis players from Grades 1, 2 and 3 were invited to join the St Benedict's tennis players for a couple of hours of fun games and drills on Saturday 25 June. All the players had a lot of fun and enjoyed playing against, and with, the "Bennies" boys. It was a most enjoyable and successful morning spent on the tennis courts. Well done to all the St Mary's players!

René Plant

Tennis coach



Tennis coaching and round robin
tournament for Grades 1-7

Date: 22,23 and 24 August 2016

Venue: St Mary's School

Time: 08h00 to 09h30 Grade 1 Cost R375
09h00 to 12h30 Grade 2-7 Cost R 500

Please sms Mrs Plant on 082 442 6413
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