



St Mary's School
Waverley
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JUST JUNIOR



Junior School *Language of Expression* art exhibition

From the Senior Primary department

Dear parents

I would like to thank all the parents and pupils who supported the Bookshop; because of the amount spent I was very fortunate in being able to select books for the library. Most of the money was spent on a variety of cookery books as, at the moment, there are a large number of girls requesting these books.

The Junior School art exhibition was really a special event. I extend my congratulations to all the pupils for the wonderful variety of work that was on display. Thank you to all the teachers involved, especially Jenny Mabin-Krige and Candice Gardner. Well done to all the girls who performed musical items at the opening of the exhibition.

The stationery lists and ordering methods are on the St Mary's app. Please remember that you are under no obligation to get the stationery through Valuegro. It is a service that is being offered and the handout of the stationery will take place at school on Friday 11 November. The girls who have ordered the stationery will come to collect it from the

media centre during the school morning.

The Grade 6 and 7 formal assessments take place between Thursday 3 November and Wednesday 9 November. The girls will get their learning outlines two weeks before the formal assessments. The teachers have also been telling the girls which sections of their work they can start revising. I would also recommend that the girls use the study skills books that they worked through with Carmen Whitfield.

A reminder that the Senior Primary celebration evening, which will be held on Monday 28 November, is compulsory for all Senior Primary girls.

The *Just Junior* last week reflected the title of the Senior Primary production incorrectly. The title of the production is: *My son Pinocchio Jr.*

Yours sincerely

Robynne Dunkley

Deputy headmistress: Senior Primary

Dates to diarise

OCTOBER

Sat 15	09h00	Reggio workshop
	11h00	Water polo at St Stithians
Mon 17	07h30	Junior Primary chapel service
	16h00	Chess at home
	07h15	
Tue 18	14h15	Grade 7 visit to Maria Klopper Home
Wed 19	07h30	Senior Primary chapel service
	18h00	Little Saints Sings - The Edge
Thurs 20	07h30	Grade 3C assembly
	10h30	Little Saints closes for half-term
	11h00	Junior and Senior Primary close for half-term
		St Stithians water polo tournament
Fri 21		St Stithians water polo tournament
Sat 22		St Stithians water polo tournament
Sun 23		St Stithians water polo tournament ends
Wed 26	07h30	Senior Primary Eucharist and admission to communion
Thu 27	07h30	Junior Primary assembly
	07h30	Parent talk by Samantha Smith
	08h45	Little Saints Betty Button visit
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	14h00	Tennis at home
	14h30	Chess at home
	17h00	Junior School dance/drama showcase in the AV room
Fri 28		Hand out stationery 2017
	07h30	Senior Primary assembly
	13h00	Prestige athletics at St Stithians
Sat 29		Diving competition away
	09h00	Reggio workshop
Mon 31	07h30	Junior Primary chapel service
	18h00	Senior Primary ensemble evening - Edge

From the chaplain

In Luke's Gospel, we're told that, while travelling between Samaria and Galilee, Jesus healed 10 lepers from their leprosy – yet only one came back to say thanks (Luke 17:11-19). I was struck by Linda McMillan's (9 October 2016) commentary, "Speaking to the Soul: About that leprosy ..." on the incident, and I have quoted a section below. The entire text can be viewed on the episcopalcafe.com website or Facebook page.

In our reading from Luke today, Jesus was in a border area. He was between Samaria and Galilee, on his way to Jerusalem, when in the distance he saw 10 people who had leprosy. They recognised him and cried out for mercy, and he cleansed them of their disease. These people who had been cast out, made untouchable, were now well. They could be restored to their places in society.

That sounds just great, doesn't it? It is natural for us to want to make this about other people, about society or even the church. But, what if it's more personal? What if the leprosy is something inside us?

What is it that you try to keep out? It is those things which we find unacceptable in ourselves which we want to cast out like a leper. We want to make untouchable the wound that will not heal, the failure from which we never really recovered, the relationship that remains broken inside of us. Or, maybe we convince ourselves that we are healed of some past wound, but the truth is that it's still so tender. Or, we try to believe that something will get better, or that it's not so bad, when we know that it's really broken. Over the years it's easy to cast one thing and then another out of our lives and into a spiritual borderland where we never go ... and are never healed.

"Venture out. Go to the border area of your life and call out for Jesus."

Revd Claudia Coustas
Chaplain

From the Music department



The Music department hit the ground running this term. Here are a few of the events that took place in the past two weeks.

Partners for Possibility

This evening was a heart-warming opportunity to collaborate musically and to hear more about the project through presentations. St Mary's, Kingsmead and St John's have partnered with Dumezweni Primary and Yeoville Boy's Primary to help grow these schools and to help with resources and support.

This showcase aimed to develop relationships between the partnering schools, while creating a forum to showcase the Partner for Possibility programme to wider school communities. This is in hope that individuals may be inspired to become involved and contribute to improvements in the education sector by participating in PFP personally or by introduction to their businesses.

For more information please contact Robyn Whittaker at robyn@symphonia.net.

The Sound of Children

The Singing Angels participated in this successful showcase of talent at the Linder Auditorium on Tuesday 4 October. The girls sang alongside Pridwin, St Katharine's and The Ridge schools. The schools were accompanied by the Festival Orchestra of Johannesburg, which was conducted by Richard Cock.

The evening was a great success and it was great to see the parents having a chance to join in with singing and dancing!

Junior School art exhibition

A big thank you to all the girls who shared their individual music talents at the opening of the Junior School art exhibition on Thursday 6 October. It was a great opportunity for the girls to share their musical talents alongside their creative artwork.

Please see below for more dates to diarise.

Carol Shutte

Head of Music: Junior School

DATES TO DIARISE FOR TERM III

Date	Time	Event	Venue	
Wednesday 19 October	18h00	Little Saints Sings	The Edge	All Little Saints children
Monday 31 October	18h30	Senior Primary ensemble evening	The Edge	Junior School orchestra
Thursday 10 November	17h30	New parents' evening	The Edge	Senior Primary choir



Various music events that took place in the past two weeks

Music news

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

ROCKSCHOOL

Tamsyn Parkes	Guitar	Grade 3	MERIT
Roxanna Young	Guitar	Grade 3	MERIT

Dudley Trollope

Director of Music

Please remember to download the St Mary's app

- The app is available from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Search for it by using St Mary's School
- Once you have located it, click Download or Get icon. When the app has downloaded and been opened, a window will pop up, which requires an access code to be entered. Enter the access code **stmary16** and click OK
- You will then be taken to the loading screen, and to a screen which will ask about push notifications. Please allow for push notifications to be sent through
- In the menu you will see an icon button that reads: My school profile. Email kathy.mittendorf@stmary.co.za to get your unique personalised access code. This will allow you to bookmark pages, create a personalised schedule and lots more. Remember also to click on notification settings to select the areas of the school that are applicable to you. This will ensure that you only get urgent notifications that are relevant to you and your child.

Grade 7 news

The Grade 7s completed blogs reflecting on their growth and learning opportunities from the play, *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* Here are some excerpts from a few of the girls.

Jade Adams

The play has helped me grow my confidence especially with singing, it has also shown me that I'm good at acting and singing. My highlight of the play was singing my solo, *Empty Heart*.

Lesedi Chocho

Rehearsing the play made me realise that I need to be louder when I speak, not only in the play but also when I have a conversation with someone. The play has given me the courage to say what I feel.

Ashley Murning

I loved the part that I got to play. When I heard that I got a marionette part I was not very happy but as the practices carried on, I learned the characteristics and created my own kind of version of the right marionette and in the end really enjoyed playing the part of the right marionette!

Lami'ah Nosarka

I have become more familiar with a big stage and an audience. I have gotten to know more about other people. I have learnt voice projection and how to use big facial expressions.

Katie Rawlings

During practices I became more confident and was able to relax more on stage. My best moment was when we actually did the play and it was my scene. I was able to act and did the lines without making a mistake. To be able to do that was indeed what I was grateful for.

Ella Roseveare

I now understand how much work goes into a play, and I'll definitely appreciate these performances more.

Tholwana Seboni

I am honestly quite a quiet person when it comes to singing and acting. The play helped me to open up a bit more and to be confident about myself.





From the Sports department

Athletics

On Friday 23 September, the athletics team participated in an athletics meeting at Holy Rosary. The results were as follows:

St Mary's	368
Holy Rosary	282
Brescia	268

On Friday 30 September, the athletics team participated in an athletics meeting at St Stithians hosted by Kingmead. The results were as follows:

St Stithians	709
St Mary's	702
St Andrew's	696
Kingsmead	623
Holy Rosary	394

On Friday 7 October, St Mary's hosted an athletics meeting and the results were as follows:

1 st place – St Mary's	481
2 nd place – St Peter's	401
3 rd place – St Andrew's	317
4 th place – Assumption Convent	197

Sports day

Sports day took place on Saturday 8 October. The day ran smoothly and all the girls had an enjoyable morning. Well done to Lions who won with 522 points, Hares in 2nd place with 503, Zebras 3rd place with 484 and in 4th place was Springboks with 449 points. The Spirit Cup was awarded to Zebras for their enthusiasm and continuous high spirits.

Well done to all the athletes and congratulations to all the prize winners.

These were the prize winners.

Overall prize winner Grade 4 – Zalika Methula

Overall prize winner Grade 5 – Annabel Hardie and Aimee-Rose Houlston

Overall prize winner Grade 6 – Janet Walters

Grade 7 Victrix Ludorum – Abigail Millela

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Grade 4 – Kate Macfarlane

Grade 5 – Jasmin Vermeulen

Grade 6 – Janet Walters

Grade 7 – Abigail Milella

Long jump

Grade 4 – Zalika Methula

Grade 5 – Aimee-Rose Houlston

Grade 6 – Danielle Grobbelaar

Grade 7 – Cailin Otto

High jump

Grade 4 – Mikayla de Bruin

Grade 5 – Sofia Bollo

Grade 6 – Tamsyn Parkes

Grade 7 – Cailin Otto

Antoinette Mshengu

Athletics coach



Captains of the winning house Lions: Dominique Vercellotti, Ashley Simonato and Jade Adams



Athletics captain Cailin Otto, giving her thank you speech

Squash

St Mary's attended the Gauteng Junior Squash League Awards held at St Stithians.

Well done to the girls in the St Mary's B team who were runners-up in the Junior League section D. This is a first ever award for one of our junior teams. Congratulations.

Jennifer Fox
Squash coach



B team: Emma Rippon, Esmé Thornhill-Davis (captain) and Grace Forrester.
Missing Aimee-Rose Houlston and Lara Kent

Tennis

The tennis teams continue to fair extremely well in their league matches.

The A and B team continue on their winning ways and have beaten both St Peter's A and B and St Andrew's A and B in a convincing manner.

The St Mary's C and D teams posted good overall wins against St Teresa's A and B and St Katharine's A and B.

The school championships are also nearing completion and well done to all the participating players for playing in a competitive but fair and sportsmanlike manner.

Results 29 September

St Mary's A beat St Peter's A 67-14

St Mary's B beat St Peter's B 66-15

St Mary's c lost to St Teresa's A 30-33

St Mary's D beat St Teresa's B 36-27

Results 6 October

St Mary's A beat St Andrew's A 54-27

St Mary's B beat St Andrew's B 63-18

St Mary's c beat St Katharine's A 48-33

St Mary's D beat St Katharine's B 60-21

René Plant
Tennis coach