



St Mary's School  
Waverley  
Founded 1888

# JUST JUNIOR



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## From the Pre-Primary department

Dear parents

The children at Little Saints have blossomed this term and have so much to feel proud of as they complete the academic year. Our Grade 00 children are ready to move to what they call "big saints". We are going to miss our boys and wish them all the best as they venture off into their new schools.

### Little Saints Sings

The South African flag is a symbol of our heritage and our identity. In the Little Saints Sings production, each colour of our flag was represented with narration and songs, interspersed with instrumental fun. The children were confident and excited to showcase what they had learnt in their music lessons. The audience was filled with pride and happy tears as parents watched their children perform in this heart-warming production. I would like to thank Jane Dunne for all her hard work, creativity and patience as she was the one who made this production possible.

### Reggio Emilia mayor visits Little Saints

On 19 October, the mayor of Reggio Emilia, Luca Vecchi, Gianluca Grassi of the Reggio Africa Tavolo and Reggio Children, as well as Maurizio Mariano, a parent at St Mary's and member of the Hellenic, Italian and Portuguese Alliance, came to visit Little Saints. It was a great honour to welcome them into our Reggio-inspired preschool. They thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the children and asked them questions about their documented work, their love for school and appreciation for their teachers. The mayor congratulated the Little Saints staff and commended them on a beautiful learning environment.

### The fireman show

A fireman visited Little Saints last week and educated the children on how to be safe in their homes, in a shopping mall and in a car. He showed them what to do in case of a fire or when there is smoke in a room. The show was interactive and entertaining as the fireman engaged us with his sense of humour.

## Dates to diarise

### NOVEMBER

Mon 14	07h30	Junior Primary chapel service
Tue 15	07h30	Grade 2 and 3 piece playing - Junior Primary hall
	12h00	Grade 4 and 5 piece playing - Junior Primary hall
	14h00	Senior Primary inter-house tennis
	14h15	Grade 7 visit to Sandton SPCA
Wed 16	07h30	Senior Primary chapel service
	08h00	Grade 5 diagnostics Junior Primary gala at APPS
	12h30	Grade 6 and 7 piece playing - Junior Primary hall
Thu 17	07h30	St Mary's gratitude breakfast - SMOGS
Fri 18	07h30	Senior Primary assembly
	14h00	Galas at home and away
Sat 19	09h30	Grade 3, 4 and 7 inter-schools diving at Brescia
	14h30	Grade 5 and 6 inter-schools diving at Brescia
Mon 21	07h30	Junior Primary chapel service
Tue 22	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	13h00	Grade 3 compulsory music lesson
	13h30	Grade 6 buddy reading at St Mary's
Wed 23	18h00	Grade 0 nativity play
	07h30	Senior Primary chapel service
Thu 24		Grade 6 leadership workshop
	07h30	Grade 3 instrumental demonstrations - dance studio - Edge Junior school worship meeting
	13h30	
Fri 25		Grade 6 leadership workshop
	07h30	Senior Primary assembly
	10h00	Farewell picnic/tree planting for Des Hugo
	14h00	Water polo away

**Little Saints carol service**

Please join us for our Little Saints carol service on Thursday 1 December at 08h30 in the chapel. After the service, refreshments will be served at Little Saints. The children have been practising their songs for this special morning.

Thank you for your support and commitment to your children's educational and emotional needs. I wish you a happy holiday. Please travel safely and I look forward to welcoming our current and new Grade 000 children back to Little Saints on Wednesday 18 January 2017.

"Sometimes, it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom." – Nelson Mandela

Best wishes

**Celia Diana**

Little Saints co-ordinator

## From the chaplain

In Luke 19:1-10, we are told of how Jesus invites himself to stay with Zaccheus, the man others dislike because he is a tax collector; the short man presumably dressed in riches and incongruously perched in a tree for a better view of Jesus. I continue to be struck by the following in this passage:

Firstly, how would I react to Zaccheus, the man who likely added his own markup to the tax he collected - would I want to shun him? Would I want to shout at him out of judgement? Would I be embarrassed by his peculiar behavior, dressed impeccably and positioned up a tree? Would I ignore him, worried about what others would think of me? In contrast, how did Jesus respond?

Secondly, Jesus says he will "abide" with Zaccheus that day - not just visit for an hour before attending to other matters. To "abide" as it is used in this context is akin to the term, "being present in the moment", deeply, with another - for as long as that moment needs to last. How wonderful to "abide" with God in our quiet times!

**Revd Claudia Coustas**

Chaplain



## From the Music department



Congratulations to the following girls who passed their music examinations :

**ABRSM**

Giana Govender	Descant recorder	Grade 1	D
Danielle Grobbelaar	Clarinet	Grade 4	M
Caitlin Kersten	Flute	Grade 2	M
Paige Milligan	Clarinet	Grade 2	M
Ramadimetja Montjane	Violin	Grade 1	M
Cailin Otto	Piano	Grade 5	P
Esmé Thornhill-Davis	Piano	Grade 3	P
Isabel Pinnock	Clarinet	Grade 3	P
Chiedza Mupita	Violin	Grade 3	P
Chanté Louw	Treble recorder	Grade 2	P
Jordan Bate	Piano	Grade 1	P
Theaya Palanee	Violin	Grade 1	P

**ROCKSCHOOL**

Chiedza Mupita	Vocals	Grade 2	D
Erin Parkes	Vocals	Grade 1	M

**Dudley Trollope**

Director of Music


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## Dance news

Our dancers performed brilliantly at the annual Dance Mouse / Madness Festival at the Rivonia Barnyard on Saturday 29 October. This was such a positive experience for the girls and an opportunity to perform outside the school in a competitive environment alongside

nearly 700 dancers from across three other franchises of Dance Mouse.

Our Grade 0 girls performed an Indian-themed dance called *Little Ladies* and achieved gold.



Our Grade 1 and 2 Tuesday class performed *Zip a dee do Dah* and received gold; Grade 1 and 2 Thursday girls danced *Bazooka Bubblegum* and received platinum



Our Proudly South African Grade 3 group also received platinum, while our Grade 4 and 5 girls were awarded gold. Well done to all the dancers involved!


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## Drama news



Our Junior drama showcase took place in the AV room on Thursday 27 October and the Grade 6 and 7 dancers performed a musical theatre piece from *Annie*

*Claire van Niekerk*

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## From the Sports department



### Rhythmic Gymnastics

Zeinab Kone, Grade 3, has won the trophy for being the top Level 4 gymnast in Central Gauteng for 2016



## Athletics

### Annual inter-schools' prestige meeting

On Friday 28 October, the athletics team participated in the annual inter-schools' Prestige meeting hosted at St Sthithians. The girls' passion and determination, which was evident in the manner in which they tackled each event, and their hard work throughout the season resulted in an outstanding performance. Each athlete brought their A game and I am extremely proud to be part of the St Mary's team.

Congratulations to the following girls who broke records:

Cailin Otto	Grade 7B 70m hurdles
Jade Adams	Grade 7A 70m hurdles
Tasmin Meadows	Grade 7D 100m
Jade Adams	Grade 7B 200m
Cailin Otto	Grade 7 Relay
Jade Adams	Grade 7 Relay
Abigail Milella	Grade 7 Relay
Nokukhanya Makwe	Grade 7 Relay

Congratulations to the following girls who placed first:

Janet Walters	Senior 800m
Kyla Grobbelaar	Grade 3B 60m
Zara Smith	Grade 3A 60m
Jocelyn Appel	Grade 3B 100m
Mikayla de Bruin	Grade 4C 80m
Danielle Grobbelaar	Grade 6C 100m
Victoria Dahl	Grade 6B 100m
Janet Walters	Grade 6A 100m
Cailin Otto	Grade 7B 100m
Nokukhanya Makwe	Grade 7A 100m
Danielle Grobbelaar	Grade 6B 200m
Janet Walters	Grade 6A 200m
Victoria Dahl	Grade 6 Relay
Danielle Grobbelaar	Grade 6 Relay
Alexandra Buss	Grade 6 Relay
Janet Walters	Grade 6 Relay

The final results were:

Assumption convent	132
Holy Rosary	171
Brescia	190
St Peter's	262
Kingsmead	273
St Andrew's	281
St Sthithians	304
St Mary's	373

### *Antoinette Mshengu*

Athletics coach



Grade 7 team at Prestige athletics meeting:

Dominique Vercellotti, Nokukhanya Makwe (vice-captain), Tasmin Meadows, Antoinette Mshengu, Abigail Milella, Jade Adams, Cailin Otto (captain) and Hannah Moore  
Front: Mia Davidson



Nokukhanya Makwe (vice-captain), Cailin Otto (captain), Antoinette Mshengu and Jane Samson