



St Mary's School
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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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The matric results have been well documented and we are delighted with the achievements of the class of 2016.

Congratulations to the matric class of 2016 - to view the 2016 results, please click here: <http://www.stmaryschool.co.za/content/page/nsc-results-2016>

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

Welcome back to another year at St Mary's, and a warm welcome to families new to our school.

We also welcome new teachers: Mev. Jacobs to the Afrikaans department, Ms Mabasa to the isiZulu department, Ms Mohapi to the Sesotho department, and Mrs Wilford to EMS and accounting. Ms Kgamphe, Mrs Masinga, Miss Murray and Miss Newsome will be working in the Sports department, and Ms Bucher and Mrs Johnstone have new positions in the English department and library respectively. St Mary's has a professional and dynamic teaching staff, and I am certain that our new teachers will enjoy the opportunities which our school offers.

The matric results have been well documented and we are delighted with the achievements of the class of 2016. There were many significant stories of girls within the group who had exceeded all expectations and overcome personal difficulties to achieve very good results. The statistic that the school believes to be significant is that 80% of the class achieved an aggregate of over 70%.

The social media campaign that we ran to celebrate our results featured all the individuals of the class, which I believe was important, as each girl left her mark on our school. Julia Huysamer, our top candidate, was interviewed by Times Live and I have the highest praise for her humility, her maturity and her recognition of privilege. We are extremely proud of Julia, who has chosen to follow her heart and study the arts at Wits University. In an upcoming newsletter we shall report on where our class of 2016 are furthering their studies this year.

Not all the girls were equally happy with their achievements, but I hope that St Mary's has taught them that it does not matter how often you fall; what matters most is that you stand up every time. This is one of the most important lessons that we try to teach in our approach to guiding the girls through adolescence and their studies.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In Mark 10:17-21, the man who knelt before Jesus yearned for eternal life, but yearned more for his own riches and wealth. Eternal life is being in love with and in a relationship with God – in the here and now and continuing into the hereafter – such that love spills out to others around us.

Just the phrase “eternal life” indicates a state so wonderful that words are too limited to express it adequately. The man who knelt before Jesus found he battled to embrace God’s love fully because of something he was clinging to – in his case, wealth.

When girls realise they can do something they thought they could not, or we witness

inexpressible kindness in our community, that is the love of God overflowing. Even in times of great sadness, there too God’s love overflows.

As many of you are aware, on 15 December 2016 Val Veitch, mother of two of our girls, tragically passed away. Val’s funeral was held here at St Mary’s on 21 December.

I was deeply moved by how our community, and Val’s friends outside our school and her family, drew together around Chris, Jess and Paula in their time of grief and shock. We continue to uphold the family in our prayers.

My prayer for us all in 2017 is that we notice

and treasure those many moments in which God’s love shines through, such that those moments form the “why” of what we do. May God bless us all in this new year.

REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS
CHAPLAIN

CALENDAR

Please note these dates and events are subject to change. We thus urge you to consult the St Mary’s App for the up-to-date Term I calendar.

JANUARY

WEEK 1

Sat 21	07h00	Holy Rosary rowing regatta (U16 and Open), Roodeplaai
	08h00 11h00 09h00	FV Mathematics lesson - compulsory Old Mutual/Roedean water polo round 2 vs Rand Park
	09h00 11h00	Junior tennis trials and fun social tennis morning – FI and FII
	09h00 15h00	Squash camp
	09h00 13h00 11h00	Peer counsellors’ training, The Edge Old Mutual/Roedean water polo round 2 vs St Dominic’s
Sun 22	09h30 15h00	Boarders’ chapel and brunch Don Giovanni – subject Music students, Brooklyn Theatre

WEEK 2

Mon 23	07h30 07h55 07h55 14h15 07h55 14h15 15h00 17h00 17h00 18h00	House assembly FI IT orientation day FII special programme Education UK/British Council expo, gym Information evening on international study opportunities, The Edge
	18h00 19h00	PTA AGM, JS auditorium
Tues 24	07h30 07h30 07h55 07h55 14h15 14h15 16h00 14h30	FI camp departs Hymn practice/chapel assembly FII special programme Staff meeting and HoD meeting Tennis matches A and B teams
Wed 25	07h30 07h55	FI camp House meetings

Thurs 26

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Fri 27

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Sat 28

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Sun 29

Basketball vs Pretoria Girls’ High, St Mary’s
Water polo matches, St Mary’s
Matric prayer service for FV girls and parents, chapel
FI camp
Hymn practice/chapel assembly
Old Girls as present parents’ breakfast, SMOGS
FI girls participating in National Aquatics Festival return from camp
Gala, Roedean
FI parents’ information evening: e4, hall
FII parents’ information evening: Bush School, Wantage auditorium
Tour de Maths leg 1, St Andrew’s
Depart for National Aquatics Festival, Pretoria
Head’s assembly
AISJ 1st team basketball
National Aquatics Festival gala, Pretoria
FI camp returns
Squash matches
National Aquatics Festival water polo, Pretoria
St Mary’s social
Rowing VLC sprints, VLC
Gauteng tennis trials
National Aquatics Festival water polo, Pretoria
National Aquatics Festival diving competition, Pretoria
AISJ 1st team basketball
School squash championships
Peer counsellors’ training, The Edge
AISJ 1st team basketball
Rowing VLC sprints, VLC
Gauteng tennis trials

WEEK 3

Mon 30	07h30 07h55 16h00 18h00 18h00 19h00	House assembly SRC meeting, seminar room Exchange information evening, Wantage auditorium
Tues 31	07h30 07h55 12h25 12h55 14h00 16h00 14h15 16h00 14h30 16h30 18h30 17h30 19h00	Hymn practice/chapel assembly FV progress meeting, seminar room Fincom meeting, boardroom Staff meeting and tutor meeting Tennis matches A-H teams Board meeting, boardroom FV ORT Geography, Life Sciences and Consumer Studies workshop, Ross & Darragh

FEBRUARY

Wed 1	07h30 07h55 07h30 15h00 15h00 18h00 19h30	Leaders' assembly Senior class reps' meeting, Wantage auditorium Basketball vs St Peter's, St Peter's Water polo matches, St Mary's and Kingsmead Presentations from international tertiary institutions, The Edge
Thurs 2	07h30 07h55 14h15 16h00 15h30 18h00 20h00	Hymn practice/chapel assembly FIV Art prac Gala, St Dominic's eParent workshop, Ross & Darragh
Fri 3	07h30 07h55 11h00 13H00 14h30 14h45 18h00	Head's assembly Careers Counsellors (university advisers) meeting, Wantage auditorium Squash matches Summer Splash water polo Ikusasa Lethu programme opens IEB National UGC Rock the Boat regatta, Roodeplaat Summer Splash gala Summer Splash diving and water polo
Sat 4	07h00 08h30 11h00 11h45	
Sun 5		

WEEK 4

Mon 6	07h30 07h55 15h00 18h00 19h00 18h00	House assembly Chess, Jeppe Boys' PTA meeting, boardroom Old Girls' networking evening, SMOGS
Tues 7	07h30 07h55 12h25 12h55 14h15 16h00 14h30 18h00 19h00	Hymn practice/chapel assembly FIV progress meeting, boardroom Staff meeting Tennis matches A-H teams Parent evening on adolescence – speaker: clinical psychologist Judith Ancer, The Edge Selbourne/Buffalo rowing tour departs (Opens), East London
Wed 8	05h00 07h30 07h55 15h00 15h00	WITS presentation to the Form IIs Basketball vs St Dunstan's, St Dunstan's Water polo matches, St Mary's and Fourways Selbourne/Buffalo regatta
Thurs 9	07h30 07h55 15h30	Hymn practice/chapel assembly Gala, St Stithians Selbourne/Buffalo regatta
Fri 10	07h30 07h55 14h30	Peer counsellors' assembly Squash matches St Mary's DSG, Pta - tennis and squash festival
Sat 11	07h00 17h00	Equestrian qualifier 1, Eaton Farm Midmar Mile, Selbourne/Buffalo regatta U15 basketball festival, St Dunstan's A inter-high tennis St Mary's DSG, Pta - tennis and squash festival ICT strategic planning session, Ross & Darragh Gauteng French teachers' meeting, JS auditorium
Sun 12	07h00 17h00	Equestrian qualifier 1, Eaton Farm Midmar Mile St Mary's DSG, Pta - tennis and squash festival

10h30

Selbourne/Buffalo tour returns

WEEK 5

Mon 13	07h30 07h55 15h00	House assembly Chess, Jeppe Boys'
Tues 14	07h30 07h55 12h25 12h55 12h30 14h15 16h00 14h30	Hymn practice/chapel assembly FII progress meeting, boardroom Matric dance invitation ceremony, The Close Staff meeting and HoD meeting Tennis matches C-H teams Form assemblies FII subject choice presentation by WITS, Wantage auditorium Entrance assessments (alternative date) Exco meeting, boardroom Basketball vs Sacred Heart College, St Mary's Water polo matches, Crawford and Pretoria
Wed 15	07h30 07h55 07h30 07h55 07h30 14h30 16h00 15h00 15h00	Hymn practice/chapel assembly St Mary's/Somerset College tennis tour departs, Somerset West Gala Kingsmead St Mary's/Somerset College tennis festival, Somerset West Head's assembly Squash matches Assumption rowing regatta (U14 and U15), Roodeplaat Form I 2018 entrance assessments IEB Regional UGC St Mary's/Somerset College tennis festival, Somerset West Old Mutual Roedean water polo play-offs Junior league water polo U13 and U14, St Dominic's St Mary's/Somerset College tennis tour returns
Thurs 16	07h30 07h55 09h00 15h30	
Fri 17	07h30 07h55 14h30 07h00	
Sat 18	07h15 08h00 17h00 08h00 13h00	
Sun 19	19h00	

WEEK 6

Mon 20	07h30 07h55 15h00 16h00 18h00	GIRLS' Committee assembly Chess, Jeppe Boys' SRC meeting, seminar room
Tues 21	07h15 08h30 07h30 07h55 12h25 12h55 14h15 16h00 14h30	MUSE morning. All parents welcome, Wantage auditorium Hymn practice/chapel assembly FII progress meeting, boardroom Staff meeting and tutor meeting Tennis matches A-H teams House meetings Basketball vs Crawford, Crawford Lonehill
Wed 22	07h30 07h55 15h00	Hymn practice/chapel assembly Senior inter-house aquatics Senior School closes for half-term Limpopo service trip departs Rowing camp departs Old Petrians water polo tournament dinner Half-Term Rowing camp Old Petrians and Shaun Fuchs water polo Limpopo service trip U11-U19 Open SA schools' squash, Bloemfontein Half-Term Rowing camp Old Petrians and Shaun Fuchs water polo U11-U19 Open SA schools' squash, Bloemfontein Limpopo service trip returns Half-Term Old Petrians and Shaun Fuchs water polo U11-U19 Open SA schools' squash, Bloemfontein Rowing camp ends
Thurs 23	07h30 07h55 10h00 12h00 12h00 14h00 18h00	
Fri 24		
Sat 25		
Sun 26	17h00 11h00	

CALENDAR

WEEK 7

Mon 27	Half-Term
Tues 28	Shrove Tuesday
07h30	School opens
07h30 07h55	Whole school hymn practice
12h25 12h55	FI progress meeting, boardroom
14h15 16h00	Staff meeting
14h30	Tennis matches A-H teams

MARCH

Wed 1	Ash Wednesday
07h30 08h30	Senior School Eucharist
09h00 10h00	Middle School Eucharist
14h30 17h00	ABRSM theory examination
15h00 16h30	Inter-house water polo
Thurs 2	War cry practice
07h30 07h55	Gala, St Mary's
16h30	Tour de Maths leg 2, King David Linksfield
18h00 20h00	Senior Schools' ensemble festival, The Edge
19h00	SA Schools' Rowing Championships
Fri 3	Head's assembly
07h00	Kagan workshop
07h30 07h55	Careers counsellors (university advisers) meeting, Wantage auditorium
08h30 16h00	St Dunstan's U16 and U19 basketball tournament
11h00 13h00	Overseas tennis tour trials
14h00 18h00	Squash matches
14h30 17h30	Reef Cup water polo tournament (1 st team), St Stithians
14h30	B inter-high tennis
15h00 20h00	SA Schools' Rowing Championships
Sat 4	Reef Cup water polo tournament (1 st team), St Stithians
06h45 14h00	St Dunstan's U16 and U19 basketball tournament
07h00	Kagan workshop
07h00 17h00	SA Schools' Rowing Championships
07h00 17h00	Reef Cup water polo tournament (1 st team), St Stithians
08h30 16h00	
Sun 5	
07h00	
07h00 17h00	

WEEK 8

Mon 6	Diversity assembly
07h30 07h55	Chess, Jeppe Boys'
15h00	Senior inter-house tennis
15h30 17h30	PTA meeting, boardroom
18h00 19h00	Hymn practice/chapel assembly
Tues 7	Inter-high diving, St Mary's
07h30 07h55	Staff meeting and HoD meeting
09h30	Rained out tennis matches
14h15 16h00	English Olympiad
14h30	Scholarship examination
14h30 17h30	FI focus groups
Wed 8	FII-FV guest speaker: clinical psychologist
07h30	Judith Ancer, hall
07h30 07h55	Health and safety meeting, boardroom
07h30 07h55	Exco meeting, boardroom
12h25 12h55	Senior inter-high squash
14h30 16h00	Diversity parents' information evening, Wantage auditorium
14h45 16h45	Hymn practice/chapel assembly
18h00	Inter-high A gala (compulsory attendance for FII), Ellis Park
Thurs 9	Squash matches
07h30 07h55	Head's assembly
09h30	Overseas tennis tour trials
14h30	Equestrian qualifier 2, Eaton Farm
Fri 10	Inter-high Premier gala, Ellis Park (compulsory attendance for FI, FII and FIV)
07h30 07h55	
14h30 17h30	
Sat 11	
07h00 17h00	
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Sun 12	07h00 17h00	Equestrian qualifier 2, Eaton Farm
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WEEK 9

Mon 13	07h30 07h55	House assembly
14h00	U17-U18 district netball trials, St Peter's	
15h00	Chess, Jeppe Boys'	
16h30 17h30	Foundation meeting, boardroom	
Tues 14	07h30 07h55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly
08h05 14h15	FII Banango traders day, hall	
14h00 16h00	Fincom meeting, boardroom	
14h15 16h00	Staff meeting and tutor meeting	
16h30 18h30	Board meeting, boardroom	
Wed 15	07h30 07h55	Form assembly
08h05	FV subject focus day	
14h00	U17 and U18 district netball trials, St Peter's	
14h30	Maths Olympiad	
18h00	Summer sports dinner	
Thurs 16	07h30 07h55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly
08h05	FV subject focus day	
14h15 16h00	FIV Art prac	
Fri 17	07h30 07h55	FV: NO SCHOOL
14h30	Head's assembly	
19h00 24h00	Squash matches	
Sat 18		Matric dance
Sun 19		SA schools' squash nationals (U14, U16 and U19), Parkview
		SA junior rowing trials, Roodeplaat
		SA schools' squash nationals (U14, U16 and U19), Parkview
		SA junior rowing trials, Roodeplaat

WEEK 10

Mon 20	School holiday
Tues 21	SA schools' squash nationals (U14, U16 and U19), Parkview
Wed 22	Festival hockey teams training U14 and 1 st team netball training
Thurs 23	Senior School play rehearsal
Fri 24	HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
Sat 25	SA schools' squash nationals (U14, U16 and U19), Parkview
Sun 26	Festival hockey teams training U14 and 1 st team netball training
07h30 07h55	Senior School play rehearsal
14h30 16h30	House meetings
17h00	Cultural and service awards meeting, boardroom
19h00	Hymn practice/chapel assembly
09h00 15h00	Head's assembly
09h00 15h00	Community service outing
09h00 15h00	Rowing dinner
09h00 15h00	Hockey vs Waterkloof (A, B and C) (TBC)
09h00 15h00	IT workshop

WEEK 11

Mon 27	07h30 07h55	House assembly
08h05 12h55	FI diagnostic assessments, gym	
14h30 16h30	Sports' awards meeting, boardroom	
15h00	Chess, Jeppe Boys'	
17h00	Senior School play final dress rehearsal, hall	
Tues 28	07h15 08h30	MUSE morning. All parents welcome, Wantage auditorium
07h30 07h55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly	
14h15 16h00	Staff meeting and HoD meeting	
18h00 20h00	Senior School play, hall	

CALENDAR

Wed 29	07h30 07h55 18h00 20h00	House meetings Senior School play, hall	Tues 11	07h30 08h30 08h00 16h00 09h00 10h00 10h25 12h25 14h15 16h00 06h00	Senior School Easter Eucharist U15 hockey tournament, Garsfontein Middle School Easter Eucharist FI-FIII workshops Staff meeting followed by report checking FIV Life Sciences camp departs St Stithians Easter squash festival
Thurs 30	07h30 07h55 18h00 20h00 18h00 20h00	Hymn practice/chapel assembly Tour de Maths leg 3, Reddam Bedfordview Senior School play, hall	Wed 12	07h30 07h55 08h00 16h00 10h00 12h30	House meetings U15 hockey tournament, Garsfontein Final assembly, The Edge Senior School closes for Term I FIV Life Sciences camp St Stithians Easter squash festival FIV Life Sciences camp returns Good Friday Holy Saturday St Stithians Easter squash festival Easter Sunday Family Day
Fri 31	07h30 07h55 12h00 19h00	Head's assembly Roedeane U14 hockey and netball tournament	Thurs 13	15h00	

APRIL

Sat 1	08h00 18h00	Roedeane U14 hockey and netball tournament
Sun 2	08h00 18h00	Roedeane U14 hockey and netball tournament

WEEK 12

Mon 3	07h30 07h55 08h30 14h00 15h00 18h30 20h00	House assembly FI and FII integrated project week FI integrated project week e4 outing Chess, Jeppe Boys' Senior School Singing Sistas, The Edge
Tues 4	07h30 07h55 14h15 16h00 18h30 20h00	War cry practice Staff meeting and tutor meeting FI and FII integrated project week Senior School Singing Sistas, The Edge
Wed 5	07h30 07h55 18h15	Leaders' assembly FI and FII integrated project week St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival welcome dinner
Thurs 6		St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival St Andrew's netball festival
Fri 7		St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival St Andrew's netball festival
Sat 8	17h00	Old Girls' cocktail party St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival St Andrew's netball festival
Sun 9		St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival St Andrew's netball festival

WEEK 13

Mon 10	07h30 07h55 08h00 16h00 15h00	House assembly FI and FII integrated project week U15 hockey tournament, Garsfontein Chess, Jeppe Boys'
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Thurs 27		Freedom Day
Fri 28		
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Sun 30		

MAY

Mon 1	05h45	Workers' day FIII Life Sciences trip departs, Kwa Madwala
Tues 2		School opens for staff FIII Life Sciences trip Kwa Madwala FV Life Sciences pre-preliminary theory and practical examination
Wed 3	07h30 13h00 07h25 17h00	Term II begins - girls return in full winter uniform FIII Life Sciences trip returns, Kwa Madwala

NOTICES

Chapel kneelers

Chapel kneeler kits are available at the Senior School reception. They cost R120 each and include the tapestry fabric and a pattern of your choice (two patterns available). You would still be required to buy the tapestry wool at an approximate cost of R1 000. There are detailed instructions included, however if you need help or have any queries, please contact Jeanette Dingle (082 686 7878 or dinglevj@telkomsa.net).

App

St Mary's app – updating notification settings.

A reminder to all parents who have set up their notification categories: please remember to update them for 2017. You will need to select your child's new grades, etc., otherwise when we send targeted notifications/alerts out, you will receive incorrect ones!