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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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The Grade 5s had a wonderful tour to Lapalala

FROM THE SENIOR PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Dear parents

Welcome to all the girls in the Senior Primary department, especially to our new Grade 4 girls. The Grade 4s are slowly getting into the Senior Primary routine. I do think that some of them are still finding the moving around to different classrooms a little daunting.

Our Grade 7 girls have started working on their leadership positions and are very enthusiastic about their various duties. It was wonderful to have so many girls helping at the gala hosted at St Mary's recently. Part of their leadership programme requires the girls to do six hours of community service at school events.

The Grade 5 and 6 girls had a wonderful time on tour, and I thank all the teachers who accompanied them for looking after the girls and making sure that it was a fun week of learning and bonding. Our Grade 7 girls are currently away on tour. Their programme includes a number of workshops related to leadership and teamwork. I look forward to their feedback.

Please make sure that your daughter does not have too many co-curricular activities in the afternoon. An overload of activities brings its own stress as the girls worry about fitting everything in and still having some down time, which is also very important.

Rehearsals for the Senior Primary play, *Aladdin*,

have begun and the teachers will be in contact with the class reps regarding the costume requirements. The tickets will be sold via the St Mary's School app, and a letter with more detailed information will be sent to you closer to the time.

Have a restful weekend.

ROBYNNE DUNKLEY
DEPUTY HEAD: SENIOR PRIMARY

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

- Matthew 5:13-16

Both salt and light are named for their essence - for the difference each makes to its context. Christ calls us “salt” and “light”: people whose

essence is created by God, such that our presence in a situation should make a difference (and a good one) to those around us. However, salt and light do not choose to make a difference - their very nature makes that difference. We have a choice as to the extent to which we let our essence make a difference; yet Christ calls us to be the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world” - no mean feat!

With the core of our being glowing from spending time in Christ’s presence daily, we are more likely to make the choice to let Christ within us recognise Christ in others.

**REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS
CHAPLAIN**

FROM THE FOUNDATION



The St Mary’s Foundation welcomes five Form I pupils onto its scholarship programme this year. The girls and their parents, in partnership with the St Mary’s Foundation, have a common goal – to have access to a top-class education in order to change the trajectory of their lives.

A pupil from the Ikusasa Lethu Saturday School programme was identified as a young woman with great academic potential and, after writing the St Mary’s entrance examination, has been enrolled to attend St Mary’s in Form III this year.

The achievements and commitment of the pupils from surrounding communities to attend Saturday School at St Mary’s is commendable. This is made possible by the generosity of donors who are keen to

invest in education to change lives, and make a difference to society in our country.

Should you wish to help us change lives, click on the “donate now” button on the St Mary’s app, or contact the Foundation office at foundation@stmary.co.za or 011 531 1800 or go to www.stmarysfoundation.co.za. R6 000 educates an Ikusasa Lethu pupil for a year.

**GILLIAN O’SHAUGHNESSY
FOUNDATION MANAGER**

IKUSASA LETHU

The class of 91, 2016 matriculants achieved a 99% pass rate, scoring 98 distinctions and 65% of the pupils attaining bachelor passes. The top three pupils each scored seven distinctions, with one pupil scoring 100% for Mathematics. Four pupils got six distinctions and another four got three, four and five distinctions. Most of the top 10 were girls.

Thirty pupils have been accepted at universities and many have won bursaries from Zenprop, the Ernest Oppenheimer Trust, DPW and the Vincent Tshabalala Trust.

The top Grade 10 pupil in 2016 was awarded a scholarship to St Mary's, and is now a boarder in Mitchell House.

LINDA GIURICICH
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The steel drum concert that "roared"

On Monday 30 January, the Senior Primary girls were given a concert by Bryan's Percussion Enterprises and the Caribbean Connection. This is a steel band group based in Durban that came up to Johannesburg to perform in the Johannesburg International Mozart Festival.

The Grade 4 girls were introduced to the steel drums and learnt about the history of the steel band and how the instruments are made. The Grade 4s will be making their own musical instruments out of recycled material and this gave them a chance to spark their imaginations about their upcoming project.

The Senior Primary girls later enjoyed a showcase from the band. An energetic performance of the steel drums gave the girls an opportunity to be exposed to something new. Well-known songs enabled the girls to sing along and the concert was enjoyed by all, ending with the very vibey *Roar* by Katy Perry.

Thank you to the Johannesburg International Mozart Festival for bringing a wide range of musicians to our city and giving schools an opportunity to see these professionals enjoying their craft first hand.

Choir Camp

The Senior Primary choir will be heading to a choir camp from 3 to 5 March. Please diarise the Sunday morning concert at 11h00 at the Wag 'n Bietjie campsite, as the girls will be showcasing their hard work from the weekend. I look forward to seeing you there!

CAROL SHUTTE
JUNIOR SCHOOL HEAD OF MUSIC



Grade 4s enjoying the steel band presentation



The steel drum performers from the Caribbean Connection

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



Swimming

Our Junior A and B teams both swam in galas on Friday 27 January. Unfortunately, the C and D team gala was cancelled.

The results were as follows:

A Gala

- 1st St David's A
- 2nd St Benedict's A
- 3rd St Mary's A
- 4th St Stithians A
- 5th Brescia House A
- 6th St Peter's A
- 7th Holy Rosary A
- 8th St Dominic's A

B Gala

- 1st St Katharine's A
- 2nd St David's B
- 3rd Pridwin A
- 4th St Mary's B
- 5th St Andrew's B
- 6th Brescia House B

- 7th Assumption A
- 8th Kingsmead B
- 9th Holy Rosary B

Our Junior A, B, C and D teams swam in galas last Friday afternoon. The A and B team were without their Grade 5 and 6 swimmers; considering this, their results were excellent!

- A team at St Benedict's (nine schools) - 6th
- B team at St Katharine's (six schools) - 5th
- C team St David's (eight schools) - 3rd
- D team St David's (eight schools) - 7th

The Summer Splash was also a huge success. The A team won the gala and the B team finished eighth. The U10 age group broke three records.

TARYN DE WINNAAR
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT



Summer Splash gala record breaking Grade 4s



Grade 7s at the St Benedict's gala last week Friday



Grade 3 and 4 swimmers at the St Benedict's gala last week Friday

Tennis

The Junior tennis league and tennis practices are in full swing. St Mary's played against Holy Rosary in the first match of the season. The St Mary's first team lost by one game in a very closely contested match, while the St Mary's B team was too strong and won by a comfortable margin.

Thank you to all the Grade 7s and the Grade 4s who played in the first league match on 2 February. Owing to the Grade 5 and 6 camp taking place, there was an opportunity for these players to participate in a league match for the first time.

The Grade 5, 6 and 7 tennis festivals took place on Saturday 28 January, and all the players who participated in the event gained valuable match practice. Much fun was had by all the players. Thank you to Ms Murray and Mrs Lowndes for all their help.

Results 26 January
 St Mary's A lost to Holy Rosary A 30-31
 St Mary's B beat Holy Rosary B 46-17

Results 2 February
 St Mary's A beat Roedean A 51-12
 St Mary's B beat Roedean B 46-17
 St Mary's C lost to St Andrew's C 12-51
 St Mary's D lost to St Andrew's D 11-52

**RENE PLANT
 TENNIS COACH**



Grade 5 festival team players Sarah Hewat, Ava Economakis, Tayla Gibbs and Abigail Rigby with Teena Lowndes



Junior School captains Victoria Dahl and Isha Madhu, with Mrs Plant



Grade 6 festival team players Aashi Madhu, Alexia Bakos, Elizabeth Lonmon-Davis and Jasmin Vermeulen, with Ms Murray



Isha Madhu, Danielle Grobbelaar, Jessica Lansdown, Samantha Pearson, Victoria Dahl, Georgina Hector, Josie Apps and Mahlatse Chocho

NOTICES

Muse Morning

Date: Tuesday 21 February. All parents are welcome to join us for our first Muse Morning of 2017.

Time: 07h15-08h30

Venue: Wantage auditorium

Speaker: Luke Lamprecht, child protection and development specialist

Topic: The Difference between Try and Triumph is a little "Umph". Luke will discuss the central role of parenting in the development of their children and the challenges the modern world poses to parenting and the developing child. In the talk, he deals with the multitude of roles children and parents occupy and the spaces that they inhabit. The core of the talk is about the concept of "resistance" as an activity in the developing child and the concept of "protest" as a way of looking at their behaviour.

Coffee is served from 07h15 for a prompt start at 07h30. Refreshments will be available at the tennis pavilion, just outside the auditorium of the Senior Resource Centre (Wantage).

RSVP: Sharon.san@stmary.co.za

Environmental club

The environmental club is collecting empty (clean) white plastic milk bottles. There is a box outside reception for them.

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 are available). You would still be required to buy the tapestry wool at an approximate cost of R1 000. There are detailed instructions included, but if you need help or have any queries, please contact Jeanette Dingle on 082 686 7878 or dinglevj@telkomsa.net.

App

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 that 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 for 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 daughter.

Admissions 2018

The admissions department is in the process of finalising the 2018 waitlist. If you have a sibling you want to be enrolled into the Junior School in 2018, please ensure she/he is on the waitlist. For queries and confirmation, please contact Leigh-Anne Verster via email on leigh-anne.verster@stmary.co.za or 011 531 1810.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the St Mary's Rose

*Butterfly kisses and chocolate hearts, the joys of love that always lasts
 The quiet whisper that speaks so loud,
 The dreamy feeling of floating on a cloud.
 The magic of love the heart that glows,
 To say I love you so the whole world knows. Support our gorgeous valentine fairies,
 Buy a red rose at St Mary's.*

The **St Mary's Rose** was propagated to celebrate the school's 120th birthday. It has proven to be popular both as a part of St Mary's School in gardens and as a gift. The rose is a red hybrid tea which produces an abundance of medium to long stemmed, shapely blooms in bright velvet-red.



The PTA is proud to offer you the opportunity to pre-order the rose in time for **Valentine's Day**. The St Mary's rose is selling for R160. Our Valentine's stock will be sold on a first come first served basis, so please place your order by completing the order form and handing it at the Senior and Junior School receptions by Monday 6 February. The roses can be collected on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 February in the St Mary's car park (stop-and-drop).

ORDER FORM

Parent full name	
Child's name	
Child's class	
Contact number	

Item description	Quantity	Total	Payment method	Parent's signature
St Mary's rose (R160)				

- Payment Options:**
- Exact amount Cash.
 - Direct Deposit/EFT into ST MARY'S SCHOOL PTA ACCOUNT:
 BANK Standard Bank
 BRANCH Bramley Branch 44005
 ACCOUNT NO 002988143
 REFERENCE "Your child's name, grade and Rose"

Please e-mail proof of payment to Masemarag@gmail.com