



St Mary's School  
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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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A group of Grade 7 girls celebrated Mothers' Day with the residents of Waverley Gardens. Mira Kathawaroo played some beautiful pieces on the piano, and Erin Pullinger a few on the flute. The girls then broke into impromptu song and dance, thrilling their audience with songs from *Aladdin* and even a hymn or two, before a delicious tea party was enjoyed. We thank SPAR for its generous donation of cakes.

## FROM THE SENIOR PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

### Dear parents

We welcome Kerry Gibbons back after her maternity leave, and wish Shirleen Raubenheimer well after surgery on her knee.

It is going to be a busy term for the Senior Primary girls as there are a number of netball and hockey festivals to which to look forward. The Grade 6 and 7 girls will be writing formal assessments at the beginning of June. The girls must go through the study skills work that they did to help guide them with their studying. If they would like more guidance, they are welcome to speak to one of their teachers.

We have bought a number of netballs, skipping ropes and swingballs, which are kept in crates outside the classrooms, so that the girls can enjoy different physical activities during break.

Thank you to all the moms that were able to attend our special Mothers' Day service; the girls always enjoy seeing you there.

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The Grade 4 girls had a successful tour to Kloofwaters and it was lovely to hear about the exciting things they did. Thank you to Teena Lowndes, Trish Bonorchis and Jenny Mabin-Krige for going with the girls and ensuring that a wonderful time was had by all.

The Senior Primary teachers will be attending a workshop on Reading for Learning, which will take place over two afternoons.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy Trinity Term.

**ROBYNNE DUNKLEY**  
**DEPUTY HEADMISTRESS: SENIOR PRIMARY**

# FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In Luke 5:27-39, the temple leaders fire two disapproving questions at Jesus and his disciples. Firstly, why does Jesus willingly eat with those known to be sinners? Jesus responds: "I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance." The second question posed to Jesus is why his disciples do not fast. Jesus answers comprehensively, and draws on a parable to address both questions:

"No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, 'The old is good.'"

Christ sees that those labelled by the temple leaders as "sinners", eating around the table with Christ, have been changed by their meeting with Christ and by their choices: he calls them "new garments" and "new wineskins".

So it is in our relationship with Christ: Christ meets with us intimately and knows we are changed through our meeting with him. Christ knows our unseen histories and sees our present: he sees when we have sinned, gentles us to help us repent, knows the change deep within us to "new

garments" and "new wineskins".

In our lives, it sometimes seems easier to leave the friendship, the lift club, the sports team or the place of work in which we embarrassed ourselves or in which we experienced hurt. I wrote in the Senior School newsletter, last week, of the Rule of Benedict on which Anglicanism is based (see our school website for the article). Unique to a Benedictine way of life is the commitment to "stabilitas" - to staying rooted in a Christian community, in life, in prayer and in work, for the long haul. In remaining rooted in this manner, we witness much about each other - both the wonderful moments and also that which we would rather others did not remember about us.

To be true to "stabilitas" in our various communities in our lives is to experience its true value. It is when we feel exposed or hurt in community (either through our own fault or that of others), and yet allow that community to continue to accept and love us in Christ, that we allow Christ to work through others and in us. It is through being loved and forgiven, by a community that knows our history, that we experience God's forgiveness and find ourselves better able to forgive. Then, we can all look back and treasure a true experience of God's grace.

**REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS  
CHAPLAIN**

# CAR PARK RAFFLE WINNERS

The draw for our inaugural Car Park Raffle was done by Dr Sarah Warner.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- Term II 2017: Cheryl Buss
- Term III 2017: Cath Davies
- Term I 2018: Kirsten Benfield

We wish you many happy hours of stress-free parking!

To all the other parents, au pairs and designated drivers, please refrain from parking in the VIP bay. It is the first parking bay next to the bay for the disabled.

Fines will be issued and all monies will go to the school.

**LISA GROBBELAAR  
GRADE 7 MOTHER**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE



Some of the Easter eggs and books collected in the Junior School were donated to nursery schools in our community and surroundings



# FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The annual Singing Sistas concert for Senior Primary girls' choirs took place on 10 and 11 April in Term 1. St Mary's, St Peter's Girls' School, St Stithians Girls, Kingsmead, St Katharine's School and Auckland Park Preparatory participated in this event. St Mary's performed three songs, *Stand in the Light*, *Na, Na, Na* performed by the Chamber choir and the well-known *Africa* - where the audience participated in creating an African rainstorm. The girls gave a fantastic performance, full of energy and vigour, and received a rousing applause. The evening was concluded with two combined items, accompanied by the St Mary's Junior School orchestra.

Thank you to the orchestra girls for playing on both evenings and also to the Junior marimba bands, who played in the foyer before Monday's performance and created a welcoming vibe. Thank you to everyone who made this evening such a musical success.

Dates to Diarise:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
20 June	09h00	Reggio conference opening Senior Primary choir and Junior orchestra	The Edge
12 July	18h00	Junior School Music Evening Singing Angels, Senior Primary choir, Junior orchestra and marimba bands	The Edge

**CAROL SHUTTE**  
**JUNIOR SCHOOL HEAD OF MUSIC**





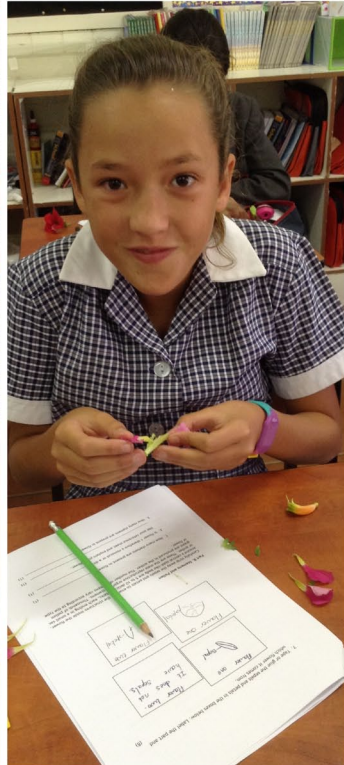
# BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

The last day of school saw the Grade 0 to Grade 3 girls in high spirits as they celebrated their favourite book characters in the book parade. The parade, along with the end of term merely hours away and Easter around the corner, made their excitement infectious.

**TANATSWA DENDERE**  
**JUNIOR SCHOOL LIAISON PERSON**



# GRADE 5 NEWS



The Grade 5s had fun testing their flower-part knowledge doing a flower dissection. The very practical, Natural Science activity was thoroughly enjoyed by all the girls and to see their excitement when theory was put into practice, was very exciting and rewarding

# GRADE 4 NEWS

## CONTINENT meets CONTINENT

At 15h00 on Tuesday 4 April, the Grade 4s participated in a mystery skype. We had the opportunity to meet children from a school, and guess the country and city in which they live. We asked a few questions and I was super-excited because it was morning where they were, and afternoon for us. We asked lots questions and soon found out that they were from Texas in the US. Then it was their turn to ask us questions. They asked us many questions and they found out that we live in Johannesburg, South Africa. When our mystery skype ended, we had all enjoyed an educational and thrilling day.

MILAN NAIDOO

## DANCE

The Dance and Drama project offers Royal Academy of Dance ballet, Dance Mouse (modern genres) and Drama to the Junior School.

Our ballet girls are taking part in their Royal Academy of Dance ballet examinations on Saturday 27 May in the studio through Michelle Emslie, their ballet teacher. We wish them all much success.

Our Dance Mouse (Grades 0 to 3) and Dance Madness (Grades 4 to 7) girls will be performing at the annual Dance Mouse Festival at the Rivonia Barnyard in October, affording the girls an opportunity to perform outside the school in a competitive environment alongside about 800 other dancers from across three other franchises of Dance Mouse.



Grade 0 Dance Mouse

## Mystery skype

Our mystery skype with the school in Texas was very interesting. The girls are in Year 3. They have 16 girls in a class and they have three classes. We learnt that Texas is best known for their barbeques. We call a barbeque a braai, and put different meat on our braais.

At the end of our skype session, Tumelo said “goodbye” and “thank you” in Zulu, and Julia translated what Tumelo said. We sang our national anthem and then they sang theirs. We all said goodbye.

RILEY BATE

Our Junior Drama showcase will take place in the AV room in September, and will highlight what the girls have been working on.

Any information regarding these co-curricular activities, including details on how to register, can be found on the [www.5678productions.co.za](http://www.5678productions.co.za) website.

CLAIRE VAN NIEKERK  
5678 PRODUCTIONS



Grade 1 and 2 Dance Mouse

## MUSE MORNING

Date: Tuesday 30 May

Time: 07h15-08h30

Venue: Senior School auditorium, resource centre

Speaker: Jo Hamilton, educational psychologist

Topic: “The Ultimate Assertiveness Toolbox for Kids” – Jo shares important insight and provides guidance for parents and teachers. Jo will have copies of her book available for R200, cash or credit card.

RSVP: [sharon.san@stmary.co.za](mailto:sharon.san@stmary.co.za)

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The Ultimate Assertiveness Toolbox for Kids is a practical manual to help children cope with teasing, meanness and bullying. Presenting twenty different assertiveness tools that are proven to work, this accessible book aims to build your child's assertiveness skills, foster independence and boost their self-confidence.

An educational psychologist and qualified primary school teacher with over twenty years experience working with children and their families, Jo Hamilton has developed this extraordinary Assertiveness Toolbox, from workshops she has successfully run with kids, both privately and at schools.

Each tool comes with instructions on how it can be used, as well as clear descriptions of when not to use it and what to watch out for. A section dedicated to tools for bystanders will help children who witness instances of bullying know how to make a difference. Parents and children alike are given tips on how to combat and avoid cyberbullying, including suggestions on how best to manage electronic devices in the family.

"All children can land up on the receiving end of meanness from time to time, and the ideas contained in this book are practical and great conversation starters for parents and teachers alike who want to help children to stand up for themselves and become more assertive."

Nikki Bush  
Creative parenting expert & best-selling author of Future-Proof Your Child

Jo Hamilton has worked extensively with children and has a special interest in their social and emotional development. Aiming to be a bridge between children and adults so that young people's needs and thoughts can be voiced in a thoughtful, respectful and considered way, Jo currently works as a school-based psychologist at a leading private school in Johannesburg, where she lives with her husband and two children.

JO HAMILTON  
ILLUSTRATED BY SHAYLE BESTER

THE ULTIMATE ASSERTIVENESS TOOLBOX FOR KIDS

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"A simple & effective set of tools to help all children successfully navigate social interactions & the demands of the playground!"  
Dereck Jackson

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# FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



## TENNIS

The St Mary's tennis team participated in the St Stithians Easter tennis festival from 6 to 9 April.

Congratulations to Josie Apps, Isha Madhu, Victoria Dahl, Georgina Hector, Jessica Lansdown and Danielle Grobbelaar on their excellent play throughout the festival. The St Mary's team won all their doubles matches against the respective schools in the doubles event of the festival.

The St Mary's team were partnered with St John's for the mixed doubles event, and much fun was had on and off the court. The combined team

also fared exceptionally well and only lost to a very strong St Stithians boys' and girls' A team.

Thank you to Mrs Lowndes for accompanying the team, and for your enthusiasm and support.

**RENÉ PLANT  
TENNIS COACH**



Isha Madhu, Victoria Dahl, Josie Apps



Jessica Lansdown, Danielle Grobbelaar, Georgina Hector



Danielle Grobbelaar, Jessica Lansdown and Georgina Hector with the players from St John's

## NETBALL

At the end of March, our Grade 6 and Grade 7 A netball teams went to Raloka Ranch for our annual tour.

It was great to participate at the Raloka Ranch netball camp this year as we all learnt some very important skills not only for netball, but for teamwork as well. It was a great chance for the Grade 6 and Grade 7 teams to bond and get to know each other – and to watch Akani and Mahlatse trying to reach the top of the slip 'n slide.

We all made some great memories and we look forward to using the skills and knowledge from netball camp to defeat the other teams.

We can safely say that this was one of our best camps yet and we would like to give a big thank-you to Miss Letsoalo and Mrs Mshengu for the amazing experience, and for dealing with all of us. Good luck to all the netball teams for a successful season of netball!

**MAHLATSE CHOCHO AND ROBYN STAINFORTH  
NETBALL CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN**



## EQUESTRIAN

Well done to the Junior School equestrian team for another super SANESA inter-schools' qualifier. The second qualifier was held at Eaton Farm in Midrand on 11 and 12 March.

Thanks again to Miss Wood who came and supported the riders. All three of our Junior School riders are congratulated on the great results they achieved. The top results were as follows:

Level 0 (9 and younger off lead)  
Performance Riding: Pascale Durand 2<sup>nd</sup>

Level 1  
Prix Caprilli: Hannah Sherman 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Working Riding: Erin Pullinger 4<sup>th</sup>

**KRISHA WALUK**  
**SENIOR SCHOOL CHEF D'EQUIPE**



Hannah Sherman, all spruced up and ready to go!

**CRAZY PANTS / SKIRT GOLF DAY**  
**PLEASE WEAR YOUR LOUDEST,**  
**BRIGHTEST AND MOST FANTASTIC PAIR OF**  
**GOLF PANTS / SKIRT.**  
**PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED**  
**FOUR-BALL.**



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Please join us for the St Mary's  
rowing club golf day

19 May 2017  
Parkview Golf Club

Time 10h30 for 11h30  
Shotgun tee off

Email Cindy Jackman on  
[cindjackman@gmail.com](mailto:cindjackman@gmail.com) (NO Y)  
to book your four-ball and carts.

**R4000 per four-ball.**  
**Price includes 4 caddies, half-way house**  
**and dinner (cash bar).**

Please book golf carts for your own account at R300 per  
cart, to be paid with your four-ball booking.  
Booking on first paid basis.

We look forward to seeing you!