



St Mary's School  
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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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The PTA fun day last Saturday was a huge success, enjoyed by all

## FROM THE JUNIOR PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

### Dear parents

Welcome to the chilly winter term. I do hope that you have all mastered the art of ties and top buttons!

The uniform policy during the second term for Junior Primary girls is as follows: the girls wear the formal uniform on Mondays and Thursdays unless otherwise specified. They may wear tracksuits on the other days. All hair accessories must be either red or white.

The girls ensured that the Mothers' Day service was as delightful as usual. Thank you for your attendance, I am sure the time spent with your daughters was memorable.

Our Fathers' Day service takes place in the chapel on Monday 19 June at 07h30. Tea will be served thereafter, in the Junior Primary playground.

Eye-tek screenings have taken place and these results will be communicated to parents as soon as they are made available.

A very special thank you to all the moms and dads who gave up so much

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of their time to ensure the success of the PTA fun day. The girls appeared to enjoy every moment with Alice in her beautifully decorated Wonderland.

We look forward to welcoming Grade 0 parents to the grade assembly on Thursday 8 June at 07h30 in the Senior Primary hall.

One of the most exciting events of the term has to be the Grade 1 to 3 play, *The Great Escape*, which is based on the book, *The Singing Mermaid* by Julia Donaldson. This takes place at 11h00 on Tuesday 13 June, at 18h00 on Wednesday 14 June and at 18h00 on Thursday 15 June. Online tickets will be available closer to the time and all necessary arrangements will be communicated to parents in June.

The girls will bring mid-year reports home on Friday 23 June. I hope you all found the parent afternoons in Term I useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards.

**DI GORDON**  
**DEPUTY HEADMISTRESS: JUNIOR PRIMARY**

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

On Thursday 25 May, the St Mary's community celebrated our Patronal Festival, beginning with a special Eucharist in the Senior School Close, followed by a picnic and lunch on the hockey fields. We gave thanks and praise to God for our 129<sup>th</sup> birthday! We asked God to continue to give us the discernment, love and courage embodied by our patron saint, Mary Mother of Jesus, whose "yes" to God meant God took on our humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, and our world changed forever.

This was a special day for two other reasons: firstly, it was also Ascension Day. On this day as a Church we remember that, having appeared to his disciples several times following his resurrection from the dead, Christ ascended into heaven. His disciples waited together, meeting frequently in the Upper Room, for the fulfillment of Christ's promise of his Holy Spirit, which is to come at Pentecost. Secondly, Thursday 25 May was Africa Day: a day of prayer for our continent.

There have been additional calls to prayer at this time:

- The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has invited the global Anglican Communion to join him in prayer, from Ascension Day through

to Pentecost. For more information and for great prayer resources, visit [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

- Bishop Steve Moreo, Bishop of Johannesburg, has urged us all to participate in the initiative, "Passion to Pentecost" - 50 days of prayer and considering the morality of our actions. Bishop Steve has sent out a weekly letter to guide our thoughts and prayers in this regard - these letters can be found on our school app
- The South African Council of Churches, of which the Anglican Church of Southern Africa is a member, has released the *Unburdening Panel* report regarding state capture in South Africa. Within the report, all are urgently called to pray for our nation

Let us therefore, like the disciples who waited in the Upper Room for God's gift of the Holy Spirit, wait on the Lord together. Let us together spend time discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit within us as a community, a country, and a world.

**REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS  
CHAPLAIN**

## GRADE 4 KLOOFWATERS CAMP



Agape Hlatshwayo and Mia Reymond getting ready for the tree climb



Bayley Lord celebrating her birthday on camp



Sebenya Dube and Gia Raad completing a water study

## BP PORTRAIT AWARD 2017

Emily Stainer, matric 1997, has been selected for the BP Portrait Award 2017 at the National Portrait Gallery in London.

Emily painted a beautiful portrait of her niece Annabel, who is in Grade 2 at St Mary's. This portrait is one of 53 portraits that were selected for the exhibition from 2 580 entries from 87 countries.

You can read the full article in the *SA Art Times* at [www.arttimes.co.za](http://www.arttimes.co.za).



Annabel

# FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



## NETBALL

On Saturday 13 May, the Grade 7 A and B team were invited to participate in St Andrew's' annual U13 A team tournament. Owing to bad weather, the tournament was cancelled, however, the A team had an opportunity to play in a friendly triangular against St Andrew's and Penryn at the Edenvale indoor sport centre. The team had an excellent start to the season.

- The results were as follows:
- St Mary's 15-4 St Andrew's
  - St Mary's 16-3 Penryn

The Grade 5, 6 and 7 netball teams played their first triangular matches against Assumption Convent, Kingsmead and St Katharine's. The matches were played on two busy afternoons. All the players were excited and all the teams played very well.

Team	vs Assumption Convent	Kingsmead	St Katharine's
U11 A	Won 11-1	Won 6-3	Won 5-1
U11 B	Won 11-1	Won 1-0	Won 1-1
U11 C	Won 4-0	Won 6-3	Won 13-0
U11 D	-	Won 4-1	Won 4-0

U12 A	Won 7-2	Lost 3-4	Won 5-1
U12 B	Won 4-3	Won 2-1	Won 13-2
U12 C	-	Won 3-2	Won 6-0
U12 D	-	Lost 0-3	-
U13 A	Won 7-0	Won 13-1	Won 16-0
U13 B	Won 8-0	Won 2-1	Won 8-1
U13 C	Won 5-0	Won 5-1	on 22-2
U13 D	-	Lost 4-6	-

**ANTOINETTE MSHENGU**  
NETBALL COACH

## RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

On Saturday 13 May, 165 gymnasts from Witbank, Sasolburg, Secunda, Pretoria and Johannesburg took part in the St Mary's Invitational.

Excellent results were achieved by Olivia Kirsch, Georgia Plagis, Kelly Hulett, Zeinab Kone, Atlehang Magongwa and Oagile Tema.

The St Mary's moms and our captains' moms, Janis Robson and Belinda Williams, ran the tuckshop, raising R6 020 for new rhythmic carpets.

**LINDA GIURICICH**  
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS COACH



Gabriella Anastasopoulos, Georgia Plagis, Katie Davidson, Abigail Mahasa, Atlehang Magongwa, Kathryn Breedveld and Sentle Magongwa

# EQUESTRIAN

Well done to all of the Junior School equestrian girls on an amazing inter-schools that was held on 20 and 21 May. Qualifier 4 will be held on 17 and 18 June. We congratulate the newest member of our team, Riley Bate, on her first inter-schools. Thank you to Miss Wood for coming to support the girls. We hope that Qualifier 4 will be as successful as this one. All the girls are congratulated on the wonderful results they achieved.

The top results are as follows:

• Qualifier 3 results

Level 1 Equitation	Erin Pullinger	1 <sup>st</sup>
In-hand Utility	Hannah Sherman	1 <sup>st</sup>

• Level 0 (9+ younger off lead)

Performance Riding	Pascal Durand	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Equitation	Riley Bate	3 <sup>rd</sup>

• Level 1

Handy Hunter	Erin Pullinger	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Performance Riding	Hannah Sherman	4 <sup>th</sup>

• Level 0 (9+ younger off lead)

Show Jumping 40cm Ideal Time	Riley Bates	5 <sup>th</sup>
Dressage	Pascal Durand	5 <sup>th</sup>

• Level 1

Prix Caprilli	Hannah Sherman	5 <sup>th</sup>
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**HANNAH SHERMAN**  
**JUNIOR SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN CAPTAIN**



Hannah Sherman, Riley Bate and Erin Pullinger



Pascal Durand

# 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

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

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ILLUSTRATED BY SHAYLE BESTER

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

SAVE THE DATE

Date: Thursday 6 July

Time: 18h00

Venue: The Edge

INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS

# beyond the river

TWO LIVES. ONE JOURNEY.

LEMOGANG TSIPA

GRANT SWANBY

HEARTLINES and QUIZZICAL PICTURES in association with THE NLC, THE NRVF, THE KZNFC, THE DTI and M-NET present "BEYOND THE RIVER"  
STARRING LEMOGANG TSIPA, GRANT SWANBY, ISRAEL SIPHO MATSEKE ZULU WITH EMILY CHILD, KGOSI MONGAKE, GARTH BREYTENBACH, NOBUHLE ZIVANE, PAUL DU TOIT, CASTING MOONYEENI LEE, PRODUCTION FLO BALLACK  
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