



St Mary's School  
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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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Little Saints sports day

## FROM THE PRE-PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

### Dear parents

It is quite something to think a term has gone by already, and as we move into the chilly winter season, it brings with it an abundance of opportunities for exploration and wonder. For our pre-primary children this is their most prominent preoccupation; they are in awe of the world around them and it is quite something to be a part of that awe and wonder.

### The Reggio approach

Exploration and inquiry is at the heart of everything we do at Little Saints and all the children are currently exploring the same overarching enquiry of identity. Our relationship with the environment is a very strong thread that has come from the noticeable changes in autumn.

This week, the Little Saints children have been looking at trees. They shared their ideas on how trees might communicate, what they might be saying to each other and how. They also spoke about how much they love trees and that trees are our friends. We are working towards a collaborated

project that is going to be a part of for the upcoming Reggio conference.

A number of schools are participating in this project, which will be displayed in The Edge during the conference. We will continue with our other explorations and/or relaunch them after our tree project is complete.

### Sports day

What an exciting day, with sports day followed by the fun day. The children were all stars on the field and had fun while completing the eight stations. Their excitement and sense of camaraderie was pleasing to observe. A sports day could not end without a grand finale of a mother and father's race, it was made clear as to from where the children get their competitiveness. Once the activities had ended the children received a medal that they proudly wore around their necks. Thank you to everyone involved for another successful Little Saints Sports day.

### Reminders

Monday June 19 is the Fathers' Day service. This gives the Little Saints

children an opportunity to show their dads just how much they are loved and appreciated. Please join us in the chapel at 08h30, followed by tea and coffee at Little Saints.

Although the children are getting better at looking after their belongings, lost property continues to be of a concern at school. At Little Saints, we encourage parents to mark all items clearly so we can return clothing and shoes to their rightful owners. Any unlabelled items are collected and displayed in the entrance at Little Saints on Friday mornings. If your child inadvertently brings someone else's belongings home, which can happen, please return it the following day.

The Little Saints teachers continue to be astounded by the potential of each little person in their class and, as Loris Malaguzzi said, "Creativity becomes more visible when adults try to be more attentive to the cognitive processes of children than to the results they achieve in various field of doing and understanding."

Warmest regards

**CELIA DIANA**  
LITTLE SAINTS CO-ORDINATOR

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

On Tuesday, it was confirmed that South Africa is in a technical recession, having recorded a negative gross domestic product (GDP) for at least two consecutive quarters. Essentially, this means our country's economy is shrinking, while our population continues to expand.

How do we seek to live in a recession, as Christians, and therefore in the knowledge that we are stewards of God's creation – of all that we have and are?

Firstly, we must urge our country's political, economic and industry leaders to meet to envision an economy characterised by growth, and to action the step-by-step plans to realise that vision, year on year. Let us pray for our leaders that they may be led by the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, and love for the people entrusted to their care by God. Bishop Steve Moreo's letters to our diocese (available on our school app) with regard to moral activism are relevant in this regard.

Secondly, the author of 1 Timothy states that "there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment" (6:6). As a community, as families and as individuals, we need to plan our expenditure with the aim of being content, rather than trying to find satisfaction in ever more acquisitions.

Thirdly, Christ's consistent message throughout the Gospels is that of a preferential option for the poor, oppressed, marginalised and defenseless.

As Archbishop Thabo Makgoba emphasised when our country received its first downgrade by a ratings agency recently, the first to be impacted by a shrinking economy are the poor. It is vital, to the extent that each of us is able within our own spheres of influence, to look to increase job opportunities.

Nelson Mandela prioritised quality education for all in his time as president of our nation. Such education is a right enshrined in our country's Constitution. Investing in our education sector is to plan strategically for our future as a country. It is to prepare our children and our adults to lead our country creatively, and wisely, to a better future.

As Christians we are called always, and even in the face of despair, to hope, because at Easter each year we remember that Christ has overcome. In our country today, we are called to encourage each other to look forward to a different future for all in our country – to discern God's leading the way, through us, to make that hope real and lived for all.

Above all, let us pray for ourselves and for all in our nation, in the firm and certain knowledge that prayer changes both reality and ourselves in our perception of, and approach to, that reality.

**REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS**  
CHAPLAIN

## FROM THE FOUNDATION

The annual St Mary's Foundation fundraising event promises to be an evening of fun at the historic Rand Club. Opened as a men's only club in 1877, the club remains on its original site in the Johannesburg city centre.

Times have changed and ladies are now permitted as members, and therefore it is fitting that we host an event to support talented young women in achieving an education through the Foundation's scholarship programme.

We do hope you are able to join us. Should you require further information or wish to reserve tickets or a table, email [foundation@stmary.co.za](mailto:foundation@stmary.co.za) or [Joscelyn.young@stmary.co.za](mailto:Joscelyn.young@stmary.co.za), or contact the Foundation office on 011 531 1800.

**GILLIAN O' SHAUGHNESSY**  
FOUNDATION MANAGER

CATHIE MARKUS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE

St Mary's  Foundation

INVITES YOU TO JOIN HER FOR A  
DINNER AND AN EXCITING

*Auction Evening*

DATE: FRIDAY 14 JULY 2017  
VENUE: THE RAND CLUB,  
33 LOVEDAY STREET,  
JOHANNESBURG

TIME: 18H00 FOR 18H30  
DRESS: SEMI-FORMAL  
TICKETS: R350 PER PERSON

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# COMPUTER OLYMPIAD



The girls in Grades 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Computer Olympiad, and these girls were awarded a gold, silver or bronze certificate

# GRADE 7 NEWS



Grade 7s having fun being creative with their Natural Science assessment

# FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



## HOCKEY

### Grades 4 and 6 hockey results, 19 May

- Grade 4 A won 3-1 vs Brescia
- Grade 4 A lost 0-1 vs St Andrew's
- Grade 4 B lost 0-1 vs Brescia
- Grade 4 B won 2-0 vs St Andrew's
- Grade 4 C won 5-2 vs St Andrew's
- Grade 4 C lost 1-3 vs Brescia
- Grade 4 D won 4-1 vs St Andrew's
- Grade 4 D won 2-1 vs Brescia

### Grade 6

- Grade 6 A drew vs St Andrew's
- Grade 6 A won 1-0 vs Brescia
- Grade 6 B won 3-0 vs Brescia
- Grade 6 B lost 0-1 vs St Andrew's
- Grade 6 C drew vs St Andrew's

### Grades 5 and 7 hockey results, 26 May

- Grade 5 A lost 0-1 vs Brescia
- Grade 5 A won 1-0 vs St Andrew's
- Grade 5 B won 2-1 vs Brescia
- Grade 5 B won 2-0 vs St Andrew's
- Grade 5 C drew vs St Andrew's
- Grade 5 C lost 0-1 vs Brescia

### Grade 7

- Grade 7 A won 1-0 vs St Andrew's
- Grade 7 A won 3-1 vs Brescia
- Grade 7 B drew 1-1 vs Brescia

Grade 7 B won 4-0 vs St Andrew's

### Grades 5 and 7 hockey results vs Roedean, 1 June

- Grade 5 A lost 0-2 vs
- Grade 5 B drew 1-1
- Grade 5 C lost 0-2

- Grade 7 A won 2-0
- Grade 7 B won 2-0

### Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 hockey results vs St Mary's DSG

- Grade 7 A won 4-0
- Grade 7 B won 3-0

- Grade 6 A lost 0-2
- Grade 6 B won 1-0
- Grade 6 C drew

- Grade 5 A won 1-0
- Grade 5 B drew
- Grade 5 C

- Grade 4 A won 2-1
- Grade 4 B won 1-0
- Grade 4 C won 3-0
- Grade 4 D won 2-0

**TARYN DE WINNAAR**  
**HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT**



## NETBALL

On Saturday 20 May, the Grades 4 to 7 netball teams participated for the first time at the Crawford Preparatory Netball Tournament.

The weather was on our side and the teams played against new opposition. The programme was run well and the teams had the opportunity to play against all the schools at the tournament.

The participating schools were: St Mary's, Crawford Lonehill, Brescia House, St Peter's, Bryanston Parallel Medium, Cooper House and Reddam House. All the teams played very well. The Grades 4 and 6 teams both made it to the semi-finals and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

The Grade 7 team played in the semi-finals and won their match after scoring a crucial goal at sudden death. They received silver medals after losing in the final to a very skilled Bryanston Parallel Medium team. Well done to all the teams.

On Thursday 25 May we played friendly matches against St Andrew's and the results were as follows:

Grade 4 A lost 3-4  
Grade 4 B drew 4-4  
Grade 4 C won 11-0  
Grade 4 D won 4-2

Grade 5 A lost 4-7  
Grade 5 B lost 0-7  
Grade 5 C won 13-0  
Grade 5 D won 2-0

Grade 6 A drew 4-4  
Grade 6 B won 5-3  
Grade 6 C won 2-1  
Grade 6 D won 5-0

Grade 7 A won 10-9  
Grade 7 B lost 3-4  
Grade 7 C lost 4-7  
Grade 7 D won 7-4

**ANOTINETTE MSHENGU**  
**NETBALL COACH**



The Grade 7 A netball team at the Crawford tournament

# SQUASH

On Tuesday 9 May, the A and B teams played Cliffview Primary in the Junior Boys' League. Although both teams lost their first league matches, a great amount was learnt.

The B and C teams played each other in the Junior Boys' League on Tuesday 23 May – the girls enjoyed the afternoon with some great results. The C team was victorious.

**JENNIFER FOX  
HEAD OF SQUASH**



Sasha Steyn (vice-captain of squash) and Mpho Mudau (captain of squash)



Back row – Khethile Mukoki, Sasha Steyn, Mpho Mudau (captain of A), Erin Pullinger and Hannah Sherman (captain of B)  
Front Row – Sarah Bowden, Megan Saunders, McKenzie Coakley-Eager



Back row – Stephanie Bergesen, Caroline Maskell (captain of C team), Hannah Sherman (captain of B team)  
Middle row – McKenzie Coakley-Eager, Megan Saunders, Heather Bowden and Tiana Serandos  
Front – Velisa Kahla