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St Mary's and Standard Bank netball quinquadrangular tournament

FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK

Dear parents

I have been spending some time reading about change in education, innovative and/or creative schools, and the implementation of what is referred to as a relevant curriculum. At a recent heads' breakfast I attended, all the talk was about homework and assessments, mark orders, teacher-parent interviews, accountability, and managing expectations. Much of what was said was thought-provoking and imaginatively conceived; some struck me as more programmatic. I wasn't feeling particularly well on the day, which meant I listened far more than I spoke. The conversation was at its best when one of the participants challenged the very terms by which the discussion was taking place. It might have felt like a digression at the time, but it was what steered the conversation, momentarily, in a more visionary direction: a powerful reminder of the value of purposeful dissent.

As you know, the Junior School staff will be involved in strategic discussions on the day your daughters were scheduled to return to school. We, the staff, are in the process of setting the agenda for the day together, even though I could be accused of dragging my heels. Everyone has been waiting politely for me to send them a list of questions and I keep finding reasons to hold on to the list a little longer. I could offer the following as possible explanations: the list of questions needs to be kept as short as possible; the questions need to be clearly expressed to elicit clear responses; they need to give everyone who answers them permission to think independently.

It's the last reason that detains me. It won't mean the same thing to everybody – how could it? – but it is critical to our being able to identify a common purpose. What makes matters more difficult is that the permission to think independently has to be extended to the staff by the institution, the school, the very entity that, at first glance, makes other demands on its members: to be loyal, to be consistent, to think as one. It's not unlike the unspoken and complex permission teachers give children every day to think *with* them in order, ultimately, to think for themselves. In this context, it is asking us all to think beyond the educational traditions that have shaped us.

Instructing someone consciously to think independently is one way of highlighting the tension that accompanies any move away from what we know towards what we have yet to encounter. It is by generously acknowledging the tension between old and new engagements, more and less familiar flavours, that we sustain open conversation, welcome dissent, and begin, awkwardly, to find our way.

Thank you to all our families for supporting our use of the scholarship day for staff development on 6 September. I wish you all a long, happy holiday, safe travels, good books, agreeable company and sleep!

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I had the privilege of attending the annual National Independent Schools Chaplains' Conference (NISCC) from 26 to 31 July. Thirty-six school chaplains from various denominations attended the conference which was hosted by Somerset College. The conference was instrumental in facilitating a space in which chaplains could connect on shared and topical issues, in deepening fellowship and friendships among chaplains and allowing chaplains to be spiritually fed before going back into our various schools.

Given that diversity in our schools on various levels is a matter concerning all schools represented at the conference this year, this was a clear focus of the conference. Mahlatse Mashua, director of the RZIM Zacharias Trust, who has done much work in facilitating conversations in universities during "Fees must fall", spoke about the power of sharing our stories and listening to the stories of others in the context of God's story. The Revd Susan van Niekerk shared how she had created sacred spaces per class in St Anne's Diocesan College, to have these conversations, and conference delegates had the opportunity to be part of just such a sacred space by breaking away into small groups to share our stories. Prof Sharlene Swartz spoke on "Social Restitution and Restoring the Personhood" with reference to her recent publication, *Another Country: Everyday Social Restitution*. The Revd Rene August from The Warehouse presented on the topic of "Decolonising the Gospel", highlighting that the Bible identifies colonisers and the colonised at various stages in the history of the people of God. Christ spoke to a Jewish people colonised by the Romans, for example, and spoke against the marginalisation of the poor, the widowed and the orphans (among others) by the resultant social system. Fr Michael Lapsley from the Institute of the Healing of Memories gave an overview of the wonderful work his institute does, and mentioned the possibility of facilitating workshops within schools.

Other speakers included Revd Di Pickford from St John's DSG, who looked at the role of a chaplain within a church school, and of church schools in modern society, and the history underpinning these roles; and Revd Peter

Langeman who highlighted the importance of balancing the public role and personal faith of a chaplain. Revd Rachel Mash presented on caring for our creation. Representatives from Scripture Union, Heartlines, and Alpha SA also spoke about the resources offered by these organisations to support chaplains in our ministry. The conference concluded with a Quiet Day led by retired Bishop Philip Le Feuvre and his wife Charmian le Feuvre, a brief business meeting and a spit braai.

Somerset College provided wonderful hospitality, and the Winelands chaplains, especially Patrick Cordery, chaplain of Somerset College, went far beyond the call of duty to make sure our conference was a special experience. I'm very grateful to St Mary's for making it possible for me to attend the conference.

**REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS
CHAPLAIN**



MUSIC

Congratulations to the following girls who passed their music examinations recently:

ABRSM results			
Mira Kathawaroo	Piano	Grade 6	Distinction
Danielle Grobbelaar	Piano	Grade 4	Distinction
Giana Govender	Piano	Grade 2	Merit
TRINITY			
Katlego Letlape	Piano	Initial	Merit
ROCK SCHOOL			
Kate Williams	Electric guitar	Grade 3	Distinction

**DUDLEY TROLLOPE
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

PTA CLUB 100:

The Term III winners are:

100% Gabriella Bakos (Form I) R37 800 | 20% Kutlwano Moremi (Form 1) R7 560 | 10% Azola Dingaan (Grade 0) R2 180

BRUCE PATIENCE
PTA CHAIRPERSON

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



HOCKEY

Provincial hockey

Several of our hockey players participated in various district and provincial tournaments this term.

Annabel Hardie and Lwazi Mhlanga were selected for the U12 D9 team and they finished third overall at their tournament.

Josie Apps, Ella Babaya, Danielle Grobbelaar, Samantha Pearson and Janet Walters were selected for the U13 D9 team, they too, finished third overall.

Georgie Hector and Nyakallo Kodisang were selected for the Southern Gauteng U13 team; they won bronze medals at their inter-provincial tournament.

Grade 6 and 7 hockey tournament

The Grade 6A and 7A teams participated in the St Mary's DSG hockey festival, in Pretoria, from 21 to 23 July. The teams played eight and nine matches respectively, which made for a very busy three days.

The Grade 7 team won eight matches and drew one. Their structure was solid and this created many turnovers for them. They attacked successfully and scored many goals, which enabled them to dominate most of their matches.

The Grade 6 team made significant improvements over the weekend. They won three matches, drew four and lost only one. The girls adapted well to positional changes and this led to improved tactical performances. We look forward to watching them progress in the future.

Grade 4 and 5 festivals

The Grade 4 and 5 hockey festivals on 15 July were a great success. Four Grade 4 teams and three Grade 5 teams played in their respective

tournaments. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the tournament experience as it created an opportunity to develop and progress throughout the day.

The last round of fixtures were played last week and the results were as follows:

Grade 4

A team drew 0 – 0 to Kingsmead
B team lost 0 – 1 to Kingsmead
C team beat Kingsmead B 1 – 0 and Kingsmead C 2 – 0
D team beat St Katharine's B 1 – 0 and lost 0 – 1 to Kingsmead D

Grade 5

A team drew 0 - 0 with St Stithians
B team beat St Stithians 1 – 0
C team beat St Stithians 1 - 0

Grade 6

A team drew 1 – 1 with St Stithians
B team lost 2 – 0 to St Stithians

A team beat Kingsmead 1 - 0
B team beat Kingsmead B 3 – 0
B team beat St Katharine's A 1 - 0

Grade 7

A team vs St Stithians drew 0 - 0
B team vs St Stithians won 2 - 0

TARYN DE WINNAAR
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT



Southern Gauteng U13



U13 D9 hockey team



U12 D9 hockey team



Georgie Hector



Grade 6A hockey team



Grade 7A hockey team



Grade 4 festival



NETBALL

The netball teams played their last mini festival for the season against Kingsmead and APPS and the results were as follows:

- U10 A vs APPS A won 10-2
- U10 B vs APPS B won 9-1
- U10 C vs APPS C won 9-3
- U10 D vs APPS D won 10-0
- U10 A vs Kingsmead A won 10-4
- U10 B vs Kingsmead B won 4-1
- U10 C vs Kingsmead C won 6-3
- U10 D vs Kingsmead D won 4-1

- U11 A Vs Kingsmead A won 13-3
- U11 B vs Kingsmead B lost 6-8
- U11 C vs Kingsmead C won 20-2
- U11 D vs Kingsmead D lost 5-7

- U12 A vs APPS A won 3-1
- U12 B vs APPS B won 12-5
- U12 C vs APPS C won 2-1
- U12 D APPS C lost 2-4
- U12 A vs APPS B won 15-1
- U12 B vs APPS A lost 6-7
- U12 C vs Kingsmead lost 0-2
- U12 D vs Kingsmead drew 4-4

- U13 A vs Kingsmead A won 29-4
- U13 B vs Kingsmead B won 8-4
- U13 C vs Kingsmead C won 19-2

ANTOINETTE MSHENGU
NETBALL COACH

Quinquadrangular netball tournament

On Wednesday 26 July, we hosted the St Mary's and Standard Bank quinquadrangular netball tournament. The participating schools were HA Jack, Houghton Primary, Orchards Primary, St Mary's and Norwood Primary.

4 girls played in the Grade 5 category. This was very good competition for our girls and they performed very well. Well done to all the girls that participated in the event.

All the players enjoyed the afternoon of netball competition and making new friends. It was a very good experience for the St Mary's girls to play against schools which we do not play in our netball district. The tournament was for the Grade 5 A and B teams and Grade 6 A and B teams. With our Grade 6 girls playing hockey league matches on the afternoon, our Grade 5 girls played in the Grade 6 category and the Grade

PALESA MASINGA
HEAD OF NETBALL



TENNIS

On Monday, the Grade 2 tennis players from St Mary's participated in a fun social tennis day with the Grade 2 tennis players from St Teresa's. Much fun was had by all and many new friends were made on and off the court.

Good luck to all the A and B team players who will be participating in the Sun City Private Primary Schools' Tournament during the holidays.

**RENE PLANT
TENNIS COACH**

Tennis coaching and round robin tournament for Grades 1-7
Date: 21, 22, 23 and 24 August 2017
Venue: St Mary's School
Time: 08h00-09h30 Grade 1 cost R560
09h00-12h30 Grades 2-7 cost R680
Please SMS Mrs Plant on 082 442 6413 to enter



Tennis at St Teresa's



Mom/dad and daughters' social tennis afternoon for Grade 4 to 7
Date: 9 September 2017
Time: 13h45 to 16h45
Venue: St Mary's School, Waverley
Please email Mrs Plant at rene.plant@stmary.co.za to confirm your entry

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to Zeinab Kone who won three medals at the Stellenbosch International earlier this month.

On Friday 21 July, we had a rhythmic competition against Aerials who train at Sacred Heart College.

Thank you to Kim Hulett who loaned her popcorn machine and supplied all the boxes and popcorn seeds. Kelly and a group of gymnasts raised R1 200 for rhythmic gymnastics at St Mary's by selling popcorn.

The following gymnasts won first place:

- Level 1 Valentina Giuricich
- Level 2 Katie Davidson
- Level 4 Reece Williams
- Level 6 Zeinab Kone
- Level 7 Hannah Jacobs
- Level 8 Romy Len

LINDA GIURICICH
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS COACH



St Mary's Grade 1s



St Mary's Grade 2s



St Mary's Level 2s



St Mary's senior gymnasts