



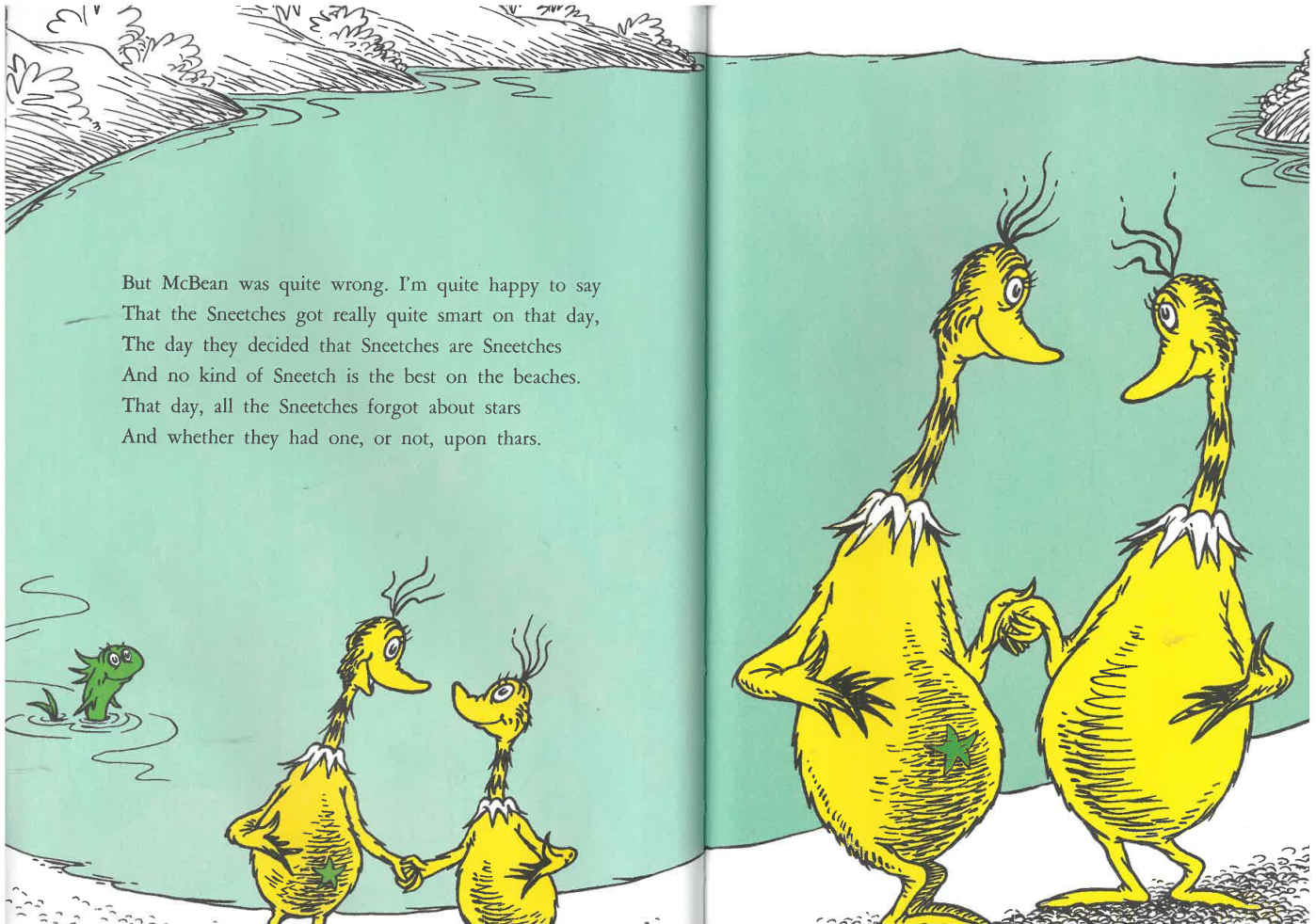
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Dr. Seuss, *The Sneetches*

But McBean was quite wrong. I'm quite happy to say
That the Sneetches got really quite smart on that day,
The day they decided that Sneetches are Sneetches
And no kind of Sneetch is the best on the beaches.
That day, all the Sneetches forgot about stars
And whether they had one, or not, upon thars.

FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK

Dear parents

Welcome back to all our families, and a particularly warm welcome to Nandi Xaba who joins us this term in Grade 2P. When we reflect on happy times spent with family and friends at home or away, I ask that we extend our thanks to those members of the St Mary's staff who worked through the holiday to maintain and upgrade the facilities and grounds of the school campus. We return to a clean, lovingly tended school and look forward, especially, to making use of the new learn-to-swim pool at Little Saints and the remodelled staffroom in the Junior School.

The contrast between our campus and other parts of our city and country ripped apart by acts of senseless violence is stark: in her

letter to the St Mary's community Ms Deanne King speaks of "a harrowing week in the recent history of our country" and appeals "to each one of us to work together to make a better country and future for our children". Both Ms King's letter and the pastoral letter from Bishop Steve Moreo condemning the xenophobic attacks have been published on the school app and I urge you to read them. The school's commitment to instilling in the girls the values of truth, justice, service and duty, respect, trust and forgiveness as expressed in our statement on the Christian identity and ethos of St Mary's takes on a new significance at times like these.

In our opening assembly attended by all the Junior School girls and staff from Grade 0 to Grade 7 we spoke, among other things, of the

virtue and value of good neighbourliness with reference to the powerful banner designed by All Souls Episcopal Church in Washington DC that accompanies this article. While the younger girls emphasised the need to “play with your neighbour” and invite her to parties, the older girls spoke of the value of inclusion and the inhumanity of liking someone “just because her eyes are the same colour as yours”. Girls from all different age groups mentioned kindness, that St Mary’s is a kind school, and we reflected together on the daily work of being kind and showing kindness as an intentional, ever-renewable and, at times, effortful practice. In the words of a Grade 1 child, “Being kind is sometimes hard.”

The guidance and comfort we can offer our girls, some of whose lives have been touched directly by the recent xenophobic attacks, and all of whose lives are affected by the alarming

rates of gendered violence in South Africa, can take on many forms. Direct, didactic intervention is seldom effective; we need to remember, as parents and teachers, not only the instructive value of daily acts, but also the transformative power of stories and the permission they grant us all to negotiate disturbing realities within psychologically secure boundaries.

Speaking to our children is never enough: read to them, tell them stories, and listen. Holding fast to the ideal of a world in which we play with our neighbour, and in which the Star-Belly Sneetches and the Plain-Belly Sneetches forget “about stars/ And whether they had one, or not, upon thars” is our duty – a duty undertaken daily, with love.

DR SARAH WARNER
HEADMISTRESS: JUNIOR SCHOOL

Love your Neighbor

who doesn't

 look like you,

 think like you,

 love like you,

 speak like you,

 pray like you,

 vote like you.

Love your Neighbor.

No Exceptions.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

It is with mixed emotions that we start this new term. Certainly, there is the joy and the energy and excitement that comes with having the girls and the staff back for the third term. Also, there is sorrow, grief, and anger at the xenophobic violence and ongoing gender-based violence that has come to a head over the past couple of weeks. Deanne King’s letter to our community refers in this regard, and can be found on the school app, as can Bishop Steve Moreo’s pastoral letter to the Anglican Diocese of Johannesburg. Archbishop Thabo Makgoba’s call for action on the part of the government, in his sermons over the weekend, is one which we echo.

Our country needs our prayers. Below is our Gospel reading from our staff Eucharist yesterday:

On another sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?” After looking around at all of them, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

– Luke 6:6-11 (NRSV)

The scribes and the Pharisees looked at the man as “other”, not with empathy or compassion, but as a pawn in condemning Christ. Secondly, there is no acknowledgement of Christ as the healer, or of the scribes’ and Pharisees’ own need for healing – a need each of us has.

Our country at this time is the man with the withered hand – crying out for healing. We all, created in God’s image and equal and loved in God’s sight, are a part of this country. It is also for each of us to look to Christ the healer, and to acknowledge our own need for healing: of our perceptions of ourselves and of others; of our own actions and inactions. Let us pray for a realised vision of reconciliation in our land.

REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS
CHAPLAIN





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DANCE

Ballet news:

Well done to all the ballet girls who participated in the Royal Academy of Dance ballet exams at the end of last term. There was a 100% pass rate. Special mention to the following girls who passed with distinction: Grace Gibbs, Katlego Mashile, Akani Nkuna, Megan Crossley and Boipelo Mophosho.

Modern Dance:

We have 80 girls performing at the DM Dance Company festival at the Rivonia Barnyard in November.

CLAIRE VAN NIEKERK
COORDINATOR: DANCE AND DRAMA



Joy Tao, Tumelo Masithela, Kayla Smith



Kathryn Breedveld



CHESS



Last term, the Junior chess team (Grades 2 and 3) played a friendly chess match against Fairways Primary School at Fairways

MUSE MORNING ALL PARENTS WELCOME

Date: Tuesday 8 October

Time: 07h15 to 08h30

Venue: Seminar room

Topic: Anxiety in children

Speaker: David Abrahamsohn - a clinical psychologist

Refreshments will be served from 07h15 for a prompt start at 07h30.

RSVP: lynsay.young@stmary.co.za

David Abrahamsohn is a Clinical Psychologist who has been working in private practice for the past 18 years. He has extensive experience working with children, adolescents and adults who experience a variety of psychological difficulties. He also has worked in the corporate environment for many years where he coaches and presents on a variety of psychological topics.

Anxiety in children

If progress is measured in the mental health and happiness of young people in the world, then we have been going backwards since the early 1950s. Statistics tell us that eight times more children and teenagers meet the criteria for an anxiety disorder compared to during the Great Depression, World War 1 and World War 2.

This presentation explores exactly what anxiety is; the variety of ways it presents; the possible causes of anxiety and why it has become more prevalent over the past few decades; when to seek professional help for anxiety and, finally, effective strategies for the management of anxiety.

PTA CLUB 100 WINNERS

100%	Kiara Fussell	Grade 4	R35 600
20%	Tinotenda Mukomana	Grade 2	R6 300
10%	Renata Mariano	Form V	R4 840

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



EQUESTRIAN

At the SANESA Gauteng Finals held at the beginning of August, Riley Bate and Katherine Franck qualified to represent the SANESA Johannesburg District at Misty Meadows, with Emma Frahm-Arp being selected as the reserve. Congratulations to Riley and Katherine, who are both going on to represent Gauteng at the SANESA Nationals at Misty Meadows in September. A huge thank you to Miss Wood who made a special effort to drive out to Misty Meadows to support our team. At the end of September, Riley and Katherine will be representing Gauteng in the below disciplines: -

Gauteng A team primary school

Level 2 Showjumping: Riley Bate and Dreamer

Level 5 Showjumping: Katherine Franck and Bodenhausen le Chocoletier

Gauteng B team primary school

Level 3 Handy Hunter: Katherine Franck and Simply Sebastian

Level 4 Equitation and Showjumping: Katherine Franck and Simply Sebastian



Katherine Franck and Riley Bate

We wish Riley and Katherine all the best for Nationals.

Below are pictures of riders who competed during the year.

SHIRLEY DOUGLAS CHEF D'EQUIPE



Astrid Blair and Pegasus Star at Qualifier 4



Riley Bate and Dreamer at Gauteng Finals

TENNIS

Sun City Tennis tournament

The junior A and B tennis teams recently played in the annual private schools tennis tournament held at Sun City.

The girls had an enjoyable tournament, and ended top of their respective pools. The final was an all-round St Mary's challenge where the A team were the overall winners. Congratulations to both teams, but a special mention to the B team who beat several A teams to top their section.

The most valuable player award went to Natasha Jenkins. Well done, Natasha, and all the tennis players who made St Mary's proud, on and off the court.

Thank you to the parents who supported their daughters and made the tournament possible.

**TEENA LOWNDES
TENNIS COACH**



Book now for the
St Mary's PTA Golf Day
Proudly sponsored by absa

Friday 18 October

Parkview Golf Course

R4 400 per four-ball or R1 250 per single player.

Staggered T-off from 11h30.

Price includes arrival drinks, goody bag, halfway house, loads of awesome prizes, and our annual auction dinner hosted by the brilliant Nico Kritsiotis.

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