



Senior Primary inter-house gala

## FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL HEAD'S DESK

We began half-term with our Little Saints and Grade 0 wheelathon as well as our Senior Primary inter-house gala, and a historic win - after nearly a decade - for Hares. Our thanks to all the parents and staff who were in attendance at the side of the tennis courts or the swimming pool, and our congratulations to the participants: our bikers and cyclists in the wheelathon; and the swimmers, captains and supporters of all the houses involved in the inter-house gala. As always, Mrs Hallendorff and her team of teachers ran a well-organised and closely contested event.

Last week, we were also pleased to welcome our Little Saints and Grade 0 parents onto campus for a coffee morning hosted by the Foundation, Old Girls, Parents Association and its subcommittee, HOPE. Junior Primary parents found themselves back on campus this week with the gratifyingly well-attended Grade 0 open morning and parent-teacher interviews. There's no doubt in anyone's mind that we're back and hurtling towards the end of the first term with care and concern meetings, Singing Sistas, storytelling evening and plenty of sports fixtures, including our 22<sup>nd</sup> Hockey Festival. Keep a close watch on the app for updates and reminders so that you don't miss out on any of the action.

The busyness and increased traffic on campus bring their own challenges, most of which our support staff manages with consummate ease. A reminder to all our parents to observe safety protocols in and around stop-and-drop and to allow pedestrians, some of whom are very small, to cross at our clearly demarcated zebra crossings. I would also appreciate your support with our drive to keep the campus clean and free of litter. I am astonished that we have any litter on the Junior School grounds and even more puzzled that the areas frequented by the older girls are the worst affected - I pick up discarded cups, wrappers, and tissues daily on my walk past the Grade 7 classrooms and the Grade 5 lockers. While our girls' interest in environmental causes across the globe is laudable, their immediate accountability as far as unnecessary and careless consumption in their own environments (playgrounds, locker rooms and classrooms) is often lacking.

Another aspect of campus management that we regularly revisit and review is lost property. One of our newsletters dating back to May 2018 had the following to say on the topic:

While our on-campus lost property store might not boast the variety of unusual items listed by railway and underground stations worldwide (glass eyes, drum kits, whole raw fish, life-size Spiderman dolls, prosthetic limbs, mannequin heads,

rocking horses and jackhammers), we accumulate an impressive number of items every week, including a disproportionate number of single shoes, takkies, slops and ballet slippers. We have appealed to the girls to take care of their possessions and to be more conscientious in tracking the whereabouts of their clothes and equipment as they change venues, but the prevailing mood of apathy is proving hard to shift.

Not that St Mary's is alone in this - a quick search of school internet postings on lost property yields familiar results: unnamed, unclaimed clothes, odd shoes, water bottles and lunchboxes are piling up in lost property offices all over the world.

While the school continues to do its best by returning marked items to the girls from where they leave them (all over campus!) and conducting random clothes checks, please assist us by labelling your daughter's clothes and equipment clearly, encouraging your daughter to take responsibility for her possessions, and resisting the pressure to replace mislaid items too readily. The replacement value of new uniform and other items is steep and, as a community, we need to demonstrate more respect for our belongings and our beautiful campus.

SARAH WARNER  
JUNIOR SCHOOL HEADMISTRESS

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

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At our Ash Wednesday service last week, the second reading was taken from 2 Corinthians 5, and bore the title "Be reconciled with God." In the passage Paul writes:

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled with God.

For Ash Wednesday, we reflected on the importance of repentance as expressed in this reading and considered the following questions:

- What does it mean to be part of a community?
- In what ways, through our words and actions, do we separate ourselves from the community?

As we journey through Lent we will focus more on these and any other questions that might be raised.

REVD RAKGADI KHOBO  
CHAPLAIN





## LITTLE SAINTS NEWS

The Little Saints annual wheelathon was a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed zooming around the tennis courts on their bikes and scooters as their parents photographed and cheered them on.

### THE LITTLE SAINTS TEAM





## GRADE 2 NEWS



Through the rain storm the Grade 2s still enjoying a game on place value

## GRADE 3 NEWS

The Grade 3s were delighted to be spoilt with encouraging messages written for them especially by the Grade 5 girls for Valentine's Day.

THE GRADE 3 TEAM





## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



Grade 4 girls making trivets/pot stands out of recycled bottle tops



Grade 5 girls making trays out of recycled cardboard boxes



ROBYN RICHMOND  
SENIOR PRIMARY TEACHER



## GRADE 6 NEWS

In the combined Information Technology and Library Science lessons, the Grade 6s have been learning about different research methodologies and presentation tools. As they will learn about ancient African civilizations in History later this year we chose the theme of *Ancient Civilizations* - and gave them a chance to explore some of these societies in VR.

ROSA ELK AND DANIEL JANSEN VAN VUUREN  
SENIOR PRIMARY TEACHERS





## GRADE 7 NEWS

### Facts about forces!

The Grade 7s have been learning about forces and, in particular, they have been practically exploring the difference between mass and weight. Using spring balance scales (or Newton Meters) the girls weighed a variety of everyday objects in the classroom. In the process, they learnt about grams, kilograms and newtons. But why should the girls learn about newtons? Newton's laws of motion are important because they are the foundation of classical mechanics, one of the main branches of physics. Mechanics is the study of how objects move or do not move when forces act upon them. February was the international month of Women in Science and I have no doubt that St Mary's has its fair share of scientists in the making!

ANNIE THOM  
SENIOR PRIMARY TEACHER





## QUIZ CLUB

February has been a busy month for the quiz club! We attended the Kid's Lit quiz, hosted at St John's College, which is a fun-filled, literary trivia extravaganza and soon afterwards we had our first general knowledge quiz of the year at Christchurch Preparatory in Midrand. Our newly appointed captains, Oluwashola Adebule, Mothibi Mokhatla and Tshireletso Mmusi are already leading by example and coming up with innovative ideas to keep the team on its toes!

I hope this year will bring some wins, and more importantly, collaboration, new friendships, laughter (this is a given it seems), and a greater wealth of knowledge. In the words of author L Frank Baum, "No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire."

ROSA ELK  
TEACHER IN CHARGE



General Knowledge quiz



Kid's Lit quiz

## CHESS NEWS

The chess team, captained by Gabrielle Marcos-Zambakides, played their first match of the year against St Peter's, Girls' Prep hosted by St Mary's. Even though the girls did not win, they played very well. Importantly, the girls also played in a focused and determined manner. As always, their manners were impeccable and they congratulated the winning teams - demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. We look forward to the next match in March.

ANNIE THOM  
SENIOR PRIMARY TEACHER



Which move to make next



Difficult decisions



Good move



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Have a heart and wear a sole

Thank you to all the children from Little Saints and the Junior School who participated in Flip Flop Day on Friday 17 February. We raised the amazing amount of R5 085 for CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation). All funds raised help support children and teenagers fighting the battle against childhood cancer.



### Waverley Gardens Memory Care Centre

"The giving of love is an education in itself." — Eleanor Roosevelt

A very excited and enthusiastic group of Grade 7s spent Valentine's Day afternoon at the Waverley Gardens Memory Care Centre. It was refreshing to see the children chatting with the residents of the care centre and sharing happy stories. Everyone enjoyed the special chocolate treats.



LINDA MAISHMAN  
JUNIOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR



# SWIMMING

## St Stithians night gala

The A team swam at the St Stithians night gala in their 50m pool on Wednesday 15 February. It was a fun gala for all girls and it gave some girls the chance to swim in individual events. All our girls swam very well and I was immensely proud of their achievements. It was a very lengthy gala and our girls kept up their spirits the entire way. St Mary's won the gala by 18 points with St Andrew's second and St Peter's, third.

Congratulations to all the swimmers and thank you to the parents for their patience.

## A team gala 17 February at Brescia

The results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Mary's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Andrew's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> tie between St Peter's and Brescia

- 5<sup>th</sup> Apps
- 6<sup>th</sup> St Stithians
- 7<sup>th</sup> Roedean

## B team swimming gala 17 February at Kingsmead

The girls all enjoyed the gala and we congratulate them on their win.

The results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Mary's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Peter's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Katharine's A
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kingsmead
- 5<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's
- 6<sup>th</sup> St Stithians

ROSE HALLENDORFF  
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING





## SWIMMING CONTINUED

### Junior School inter-house gala

We had a beautiful Thursday morning for our inter-house gala. There were individual races and team relay races that all counted for points for the houses.

The lead changed a few times over the course of the morning which made it most exciting. The individual swimmers all swam very well and pushed each other to swim harder.

Well done to all the girls for swimming their best and thank you to all the teachers for their assistance. A special thank you to our swimming captains' parents, Mr and Mrs Mgcina and Mr and Mrs Midlane, for handing out the certificates and trophies.

At the end of 37 races the scores were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hares	507.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Springboks	500

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lions	439.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Zebras	395

Our individual winners were:

Grade 4 individual medley winner and best Grade 4 swimmer  
Keira Gordon-Bennett

Grade individual medley winner and junior *Victrix Ludorum*  
Layla Barber-Luna

Grade 6 individual medley winner and best Grade 6 swimmer  
Sophie Barrow

Grade 7 individual medley winner and senior *Victrix Ludorum*  
Maya Mgcina

ROSE HALLENDORFF  
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING



Layla Barber-Luna, junior *Victrix Ludorum* winner with swimming captain mothers Mrs Mgcina and Mrs Midlane



Keira Gordon-Bennett: best Grade 4 swimmer



Maya Mgcina senior *Victrix Ludorum* winner with her parents



Sophie Barrow: best Grade 6 swimmer



Swimming captains Cayla Midlane and Maya Mgcina with their mothers



Winning Hares house captains receiving the Shelley Reid trophy



## SWIMMING CONTINUED

Grades 3 to 7 C and D team gala at St Andrew's on Friday 17 February

Well done to all the C and D team swimmers who swam at St Andrew's on Friday 17 February. The girls swam well and enjoyed an excellent afternoon of swimming.

The results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	St Mary's C	238
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Andrew's C	190
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roedean B	186
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kingsmead C	
5 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's D	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Roedean C	

VICKI JONKER  
SPORTS TEACHER



A team



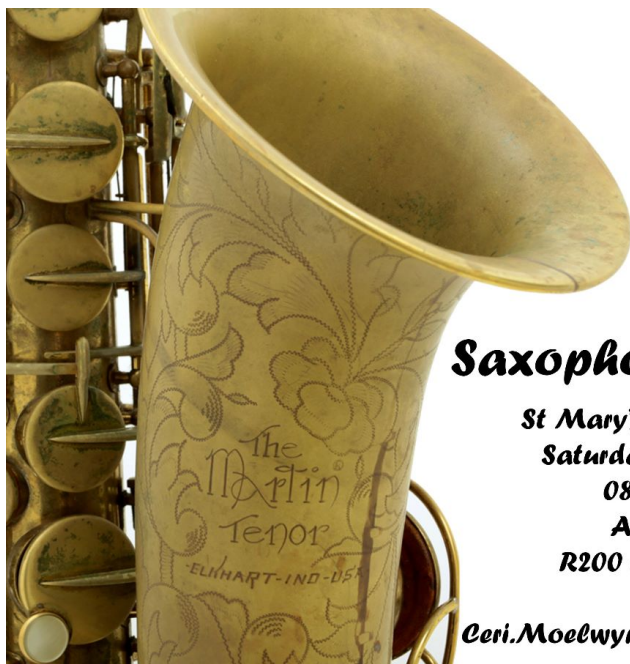
C and D team

## NEW BUILDING PROGRESS



Images of the new building





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## Saxophone Workshop

**St Mary's School, Waverley**

**Saturday 11 March 2023**

**08h30 – 13h00**

**All welcome**

**R200 cash on the day**

**Enquires:**

***Ceri.Moelwyn-Hughes@stmary.co.za***

### Saxophone workshop

The St Mary's Music department will be hosting a fun saxophone workshop for all budding saxophonists in The Edge on Saturday 11 March. Registration is from 08h30 and the morning will end at 13h00 after a fun concert for parents and friends at 12h30. Players of all levels from beginner to advanced are welcome to join in. There will be sessions on saxophone care and maintenance, classical and jazz playing techniques, masterclasses and a chance to play in a massed saxophone ensemble alongside professional players.

Fill in this form should you wish to attend:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1PYzMHEuXs4VtdtejkQZQ6tHJGqeBOFDG2wrdqMbcmNuGIQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1PYzMHEuXs4VtdtejkQZQ6tHJGqeBOFDG2wrdqMbcmNuGIQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**CERI MOELWYN-HUGHES**  
**HEAD OF WOODWIND STUDIES**

## SAVE THE DATE

Please add this to your diaries as a "must-see" coming up next month - a wonderful programme of music presented by our very own Eugene Joubert (piano), joined by Gerrit Koorsen (cello) and Shannon Armer (French horn).



## JOURNEY TO WAKKERSTROOM

**12 MARCH 2023**  
**5 pm**



**The Edge**  
**St. Mary's School**  
**Waverley**

**Eugene Joubert, Shannon Armer, and Gerrit Koorsen** will be performing selected works from two upcoming concerts - 'Rachmaninoff Restored' (Eugene and Gerrit) and 'Reflections and Perspectives' (Shannon and Eugene) -

that will be presented at the 2023 Wakkerstroom Music Festival. Enjoy an afternoon of classical music as these musicians bring their unique interpretations to the stage.

**DUDLEY TROLLOPE**  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**



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ST MARY'S SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING SPONSORSHIPS:

- Sponsored boards on the AstroTurf
- A dedicated St Mary's Hockey Festival app with links to social media platforms will be used throughout the festival. The app has exciting advertising opportunities with great brand positioning for companies wishing to reach our considerable visitor numbers

If you would like to contribute and show your support, kindly complete the form on the next page and return it to [lisa.grobbelaar@stmary.co.za](mailto:lisa.grobbelaar@stmary.co.za)







## SPONSORSHIP FORM

(Please check the appropriate box as required)

### AstroTurf advertising board sponsorship

- Boards to be erected around the perimeter of the AstroTurf
- Sponsorship of board is for a full calendar year, starting 29 March 2023, ending 28 March 2024

Board sizes:

- |                          |             |                |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1.2m x 2.4m | <b>R15 000</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3m x 2m     | <b>R22 000</b> |

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ (name/name of company)  
would like to sponsor an AstroTurf board as checked in the boxes above.

### Display advertisement on the St Mary's events app

The St Mary's events app is dedicated to the Hockey Festival during the festival and is used throughout the year for St Mary's events, sport tournaments and festivals. A display advertisement on the St Mary's events app will be for one year from 29 March 2023, ending 28 March 2024. Annual cost for company details and a link to company website/social media on the app is **R5 000**.

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ (name/name of company)  
would like to advertise on the St Mary's events app.

Kindly supply all artwork in jpeg or png format by no later than 28 February 2023.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to [lisa.grobbelaar@stmary.co.za](mailto:lisa.grobbelaar@stmary.co.za)





## HEALTH CORNER

One of the questions I get asked daily as the school nurse by students is, can I exercise if I'm ill? It's not a question I take lightly as strenuous activity when you're ill can be dangerous to your health.

This is because viral infections, such as the flu, can cause temporary muscle weakness that extends to the muscle cells in your heart - and a heart weakened by a viral infection can be further weakened by strenuous exercise. Placing strain on an infected heart muscle can lead to further inflammation, or even paralysis of the muscle.

But remember, a cold is not the flu! Here's how to tell the difference, and what it means for your exercise regime:

- A cold is a milder respiratory illness that usually starts with a sore throat followed by a runny nose and a bit of a cough
- It usually lasts about five days
- Flu, on the other hand, comes on more quickly and lasts longer
- The most common symptoms of flu include a sore throat, fever, headache, muscle aches, congestion and a cough

The important question to ask oneself is, do I have a mild cold or is it flu? If in doubt, please consult a medical professional before exerting yourself physically.

I would NOT recommend exercise if you have flu. Rather take time to rest and get better or you risk getting seriously ill and not being able to participate at all.

LEIGH SULLIVAN  
SCHOOL NURSE

## NOTICES

### ED-ADMIN PARENT PORTAL

St Mary's uses a school management information system called Ed-Admin to distribute termly school reports and to provide parents with an opportunity to inspect and amend personal information recorded in our database.

Below, please find details as to how to access this Ed-Admin St Mary's portal:

- You will require a Parent ID whenever signing into the parent portal. If you are unsure of your Parent ID, please email [portal@stmary.co.za](mailto:portal@stmary.co.za) with both your and your daughter's names and surnames for assistance.
- To access the St Mary's portal, please click on the link below or visit the school website on [www.stmarysschool.co.za](http://www.stmarysschool.co.za) and click on the portal login on the top right of the page. <https://stmarysw.ed-space.net/pparentportal.cfm>
- Enter in your Parent ID and choose forgot password. Please ensure that you enter the email address that St Mary's has on record and enter in the CAPTCHA code.
- You will then receive an email. Once received, click on the link in order to set up your password. Choose a secure password; you will then receive another email to confirm your password has been changed. You can now proceed to log into the portal.

If you experience problems logging into the secure portal, please contact [portal@stmary.co.za](mailto:portal@stmary.co.za).

## JUNIOR SCHOOL TUCK SHOP

A reminder to Junior School parents that they can pre-order meals for their daughters. WhatsApped requests are difficult to process.

Please see document below or go to Resources / Tuck shop on the St Mary's app for further details.

[https://protect-za.mimecast.com/s/v\\_60CAnX2ISyv17IGoHjg?domain=assets.entegy.com.au](https://protect-za.mimecast.com/s/v_60CAnX2ISyv17IGoHjg?domain=assets.entegy.com.au)

- How to register with ALLXS

- How to top up your account  
- Your dashboard

The pre-ordered meals are delivered to the Junior School at tables which have been allocated as follows:

Grade 0 - 3  
Grade 4 - 7

The meal menus can be found on the ALLXS pre-order site.