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# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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*The Girl who Would Be King*

## FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL HEAD'S DESK

And so we end the term as we began it, with a note on collaboration. Since Friday last week, the girls and teachers in the Junior School - as well as several of our colleagues in the Senior School - have devoted their time and energy to staging our play, *The Girl who Would Be King*. The production, and all its offshoots - in the form of costumes, make-up, and after hours fetching and carrying - is a monument to the love and community we preach and practise on a smaller scale year-round. Thank you again, parents and guardians of our girls, for staying the course with us.

"A scribe, a goat, a boy with a sword, and a man who was once king went forward together." The unlikely collaboration brought to life in our play, the band of misfits who show us what it is to be brave, are also our girls, staff and parents who, not just this week or even this term, go forward together - again and again and again. Make no mistake, launching and living projects like this is how we keep each other brave.

The sheer scale of the thing (how many times have I been told we are crazy to want to put Grades 1 to 7 on stage together?), the feat of imagination, adaptation, and compromise it requires to get it on stage - and what a stage it was! - is worth considering. Considering and celebrating.

Well done, St Mary's, for allowing girls who weren't even sure they wanted to audition to take centre stage, look an audience in the eye, and challenge them to "see past what is right in front of us"; for allowing our staff and parents to conjure a world of characters and creatures (a goat!) out of words, music, dance, sound and lighting, make-up, costumes and raw talent - and remind us to "imagine things can be different".

"For what matters in the end is love. Love, and also... stories." After three years of waiting and watching, we took the opportunity to tell our story again. And it is clear to me - you too, I think - that what we believe in, is love.

Travel safely, read, rest, enjoy the time spent together. We look forward to seeing you back on campus in September.

SARAH WARNER  
JUNIOR SCHOOL HEADMISTRESS

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

End-of-term chapel services involve us saying goodbye to girls who are leaving our school. It is never easy for the girls to bid farewell to friends, classmates and teachers.

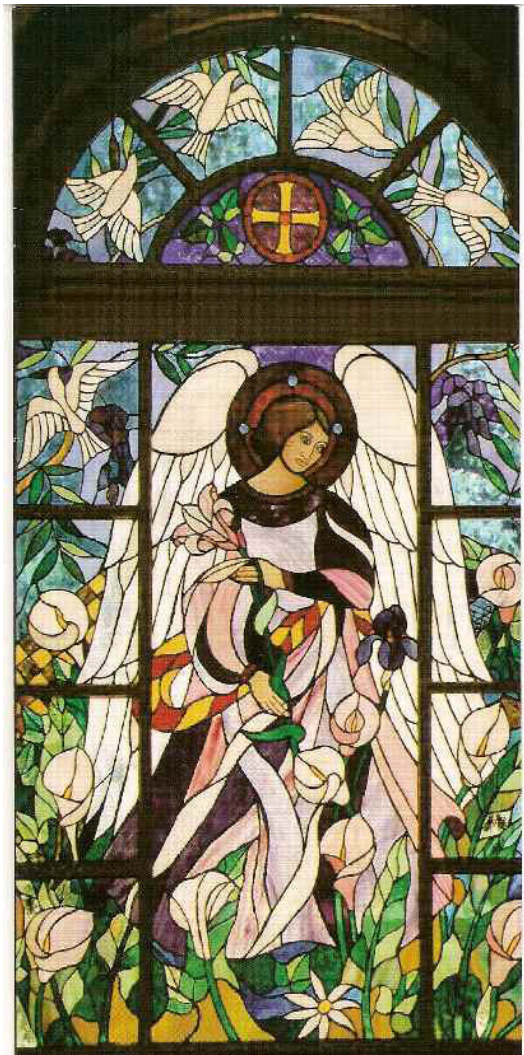
In the Anglican church, the prayer service for farewell reads:

O God our Heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation and whose presence we find everywhere we go, we give you thanks for the love and fellowship we have enjoyed with N and N. Surround them with your loving care and protect them from every danger, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In his book, *Umsindleko: A Gcaleka Ritual of Incorporation* Patrick McAllister writes about the Xhosa rituals of sending migrant workers off and receiving them when they return. He describes the actions as rites of incorporation. This ritual is of interest as it shows us one society's response to migrant labour and its attempts to cope with it. This rite symbolises the importance of community. It symbolically unites and separates the person moving between two worlds.

The cultural practice resonates with our view of the girls as belonging to St Mary's, yet leaving us to join another community. Our task is to send them on their journey meaningfully. We do this by giving the girls a St Mary's candle and sending them out in God's name, asking Him to guide, strengthen and protect them in the days that lie ahead.

REVD RAKGADI KHOBO  
CHAPLAIN



## 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.

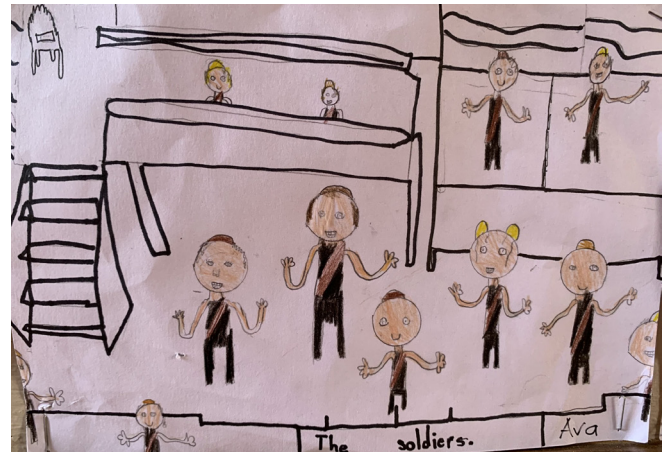
If you experience problems logging into the secure portal, please contact [portal@stmary.co.za](mailto:portal@stmary.co.za).



## THE GIRL WHO WOULD BE KING

The Grade 0 to 3s decorated their board with their favourite parts of the play! It was such a pleasure to see their colourful drawings, and to see which parts appealed to them most.

ROSA ELK  
SENIOR PRIMARY TEACHER





## THE GIRL WHO WOULD BE KING (CONTINUED)

The Grade 4s were the most delightful hippies in the play. Adorned with daisies and tie-dye shirts, they sang to us from Stephin Merritt's *The Book of Love*.



The Grade 5s were under pressure each night to take their challenging dance to the next level. Thank goodness they retained their sense of humour behind the scenes - through what appears to be an UNO championship.





## THE GIRL WHO WOULD BE KING (CONTINUED)

The choreography of the Grade 6 dance for *The Girl who Would be King* was beautifully executed each night as the girls transformed from avid board-game players backstage to serious soldiers onstage. See the following link for a glimpse of the excitement from the wings of The Edge <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x6w1c7lrJqCzcfp8SfyNLgsQlcbKIUhC/view?usp=sharing>



The Grade 7s poured their energy into their performances of *The Girl who Would be King*. They learned to co-operate, collaborate and support one another both behind the scenes and on stage. The following images capture a few of these special moments but more photographs will appear in the school magazine.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL MENTORS



## LITTLE SAINTS NEWS

The Grade 00 children have been learning about the letters that make up their names, and how to form them. To do this, they have used brightly coloured modelling clay, and drawn a self-portrait to place alongside their name. They also used natural treasures they found in the garden to collage their names, which are proudly displayed in the classrooms. Finally, they made an impression of their self portraits on foam trays, and used these to make beautiful mono prints on paper. The children used the brayers and block printing ink carefully to make their prints.

THE GRADE 00 TEACHERS AND ATELIERISTA



Joanna Saville



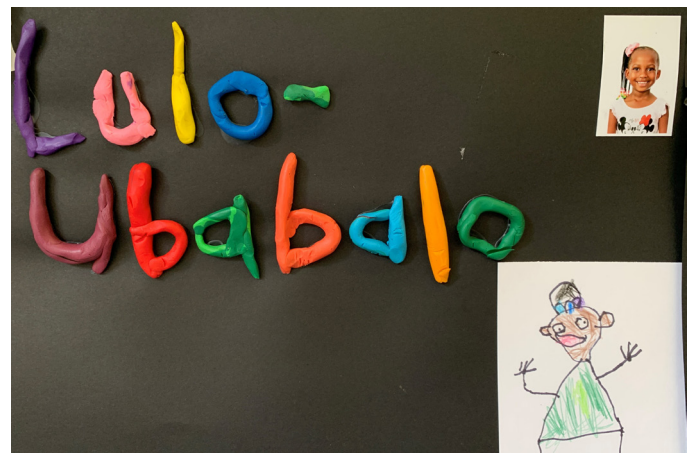
Leru Moshoeshoe



Gia



Madison





# INTER-HOUSE NETBALL AND HOCKEY

On Tuesday 2 August all the Grades 4 to 7 girls participated in inter-house netball and hockey. The girls started the morning with netball and after break played hockey. The Grade 5 and 6 girls started with hockey then played netball. All the teams played well and it was great to see the improvement in all the players. Congratulations to Zebras for winning netball and to Lions for winning hockey. Well done to the Grade 7A netball team on winning the match against the teachers.

Click here to see snippets of the Grade 7A vs teachers match:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q\\_ZEHaRIsa7EhbHduYO2rPqEcZpiiVg9/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q_ZEHaRIsa7EhbHduYO2rPqEcZpiiVg9/view)

## Netball results

1<sup>st</sup> Zebras

2<sup>nd</sup> Lions

3<sup>rd</sup> Hares

4<sup>th</sup> Springboks

## Hockey results

1<sup>st</sup> Lions

2<sup>nd</sup> Springboks

3<sup>rd</sup> Zebras

4<sup>th</sup> Hares

ANTOINETTE MSHENGU  
HEAD OF SPORT: JUNIOR SCHOOL





## TENNIS

Congratulations to all the tennis girls who played in the BNP Rising Stars tennis event over the past weekend. The A team lost to Arthur Ash A to finish in fourth place while the B team beat Arthur Ash B to finish in seventh place. Good luck to all the girls playing in the Sun City tournament over the holidays from 26 to 29 August. We wish them all the best.

**KAREN CORBETT**  
ASSISTANT TENNIS COACH



Rising Stars A team  
Back row: Sophie Kent, Laila Fowler  
Front row: Isabella Molyneaux, Kristin Biggs



Rising Stars B team  
Back row: Emma Simpson, Sarah Silcock  
Front row: Gabriella Illgner, Megan Macfarlane



Rising Stars A/B team  
Back row: Sophie Kent, Emma Simpson, Sarah Silcock and Laila Fowler  
Front row: Isabella Molyneaux, Gabriella Illgner, Megan Macfarlane, Kristin Biggs

## PTA CLUB 100

Term III PTA Club 100 winners

10% : Katherine Quiding Form II

20% : Sienna Silcock Grade 4

100%: Cara Kilian Form II



## COMEDY



**Proudly presented by the HOPE committee and the Parents' Association**

*A line up of South Africa's finest comedians to perform at The Edge in what is set to be an entertaining night of hilarity, with all funds raised being donated to the Ikusasa Lethu Programme.*

In the face of stage six loadshedding, rising fuel prices and all the other things being thrown at us, we can all agree that some great comedy and laughter could help calm our shattered nerves!

Fret no more because the HOPE committee and Parents' Association have joined forces to proudly present the first ever *Stand Up St Mary's Comedy Show*.

This comedy extravaganza will take place at The Edge on Thursday 8 September and will feature a spectacular line up of some of the country's funniest men and women. Confirmed to set the stage on fire are Rob van Vuuren, Carvin Goldstone, Ndumiso Lindi, Tracey Lee Oliver, Chris Forrest and Lihle Msimang.

To accentuate what is already set to be a great experience, a cash bar and food stalls will be open before the show so essentially you can come out, let your hair down, have a drink, grab some food and enjoy a night out at the comedy with other grown-ups.... doesn't that sound fabulous?

It gets better....all this will be for a worthy cause! By buying tickets, you'll be helping to raise funds for Ikusasa Lethu - St Mary's Saturday School programme that has assisted and touched the lives of countless learners from the five high schools in Alexandra and surrounding communities.

As devastating as the Covid pandemic has been on all of us, these communities have been affected for more and the need to support this incredible initiative becomes even more important.

We really hope that the broader St Mary's community "Stands Up" and comes out in numbers to support this worthy cause while enjoying a night of light-hearted entertainment and fun. Here's to Love, Community, Integrity.

The show has a no under 18 age restriction. Besides that, there are no other restrictions or limit to how many tickets you may purchase. Tickets are going for R200 and are available at Quicket: <https://www.quicket.co.za/events/178565-stand-up-st-marys-comedy-show/#/>