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Mandela Day at Little Saints

From the Pre-Primary department

Dear parents

“How did it get so late so soon? Its' night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flewn. How did it get so late so soon?”
Dr Seuss

Welcome to the Michaelmas term of 2016.

It was wonderful to welcome back our Little Saints children. Their energy and enthusiasm was infectious and their stories of their adventures, no matter how big or small, were delightful to hear. The final term is a very busy one and I know it will be fruitful.

Mandela Day

At the end of last term, the children at Little Saints celebrated Mandela Day by visiting the elderly at Cosmos home in Waverley Gardens. This project emanated from the story *The Giving Tree*. The essence of the story focused on love, empathy, friendship and a

sense of giving. It became an opportunity for the staff, children and parents to give their 67 minutes back to the community. The children's creativity went into the preparation for this day. They baked biscuits, made cards with a special message and learnt new songs to sing to the residents. On Monday 18 July the children entered Cosmos, and brought love, happiness and light to the hearts of many people as they sang and danced like fireflies under the moonlight.

The Little Saints Mandela Day project was awarded first prize in the Community category of the Red Apple Challenge. The Little Saints staff's dedication, enthusiasm and commitment made it all possible. I have been truly blessed to work with such passionate educators.

Special Person's Day

Little Saints Special Person's Day will take place next week, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 08h30 to 09h30.

Dates to diarise

SEPTEMBER

Sat 17	11h00	Water polo at St Stithians
	14h00	Gauteng Junior Squash Tournament at St Mary's - U11 and U13
Mon 19	07h30	Junior Primary chapel service
	08h30	Grade 000D Little Saints special person's visit
	09h00	Grade 4 to 7 full dress rehearsal
	16h30	Chess at home
	18h00	PTA meeting - boardroom
	Tue 20	08h30
	12h30	Senior Primary play matinee performance
	Wed 21	07h30
	08h30	Grade 000T Little Saints special person's visit
	12h15	Junior School HoD management meeting
	14h30	Exco meeting
Thurs 22	18h00	Senior Primary play performance
	07h30	Junior Primary assembly
	10h00	School photographs
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	14h00	Tennis at home and away
	17h00	VIP cocktail party
Fri 23	18h00	Senior Primary play performance
	07h30	Senior Primary assembly
	08h30	Grade 00K Little Saints special person's visit
	14h00	Athletics away
Sun 25	10h00	The Colour Run at Roosevelt High School
Mon 26		Bookshop - Junior School Media Centre
		Little Saints Heritage Day celebrations
	07h30	JP chapel service
	08h00	Grade 4 life skills workshop
	16h00	Chess away

The little ones get to choose a person who is significant to them to invite to spend the morning with them at school. The morning involves planting seedlings and engaging in activities of the child's choice. This promises to be a memorable day for everyone.

Little Saints Sings

This year, Little Saints Sings will have a slightly different format. Our identity enquiry has provided the children with the opportunity to discover who they are, their likes and dislikes as well as to explore the environment around them. Their understanding of identity will be expressed through music and dance. The culmination of their passion,

creative minds and hard work can be seen in The Edge at 18h00 on Wednesday 19 October. This is a performance that is not to be missed.

As a great man, Nelson Mandela, once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Celia Diana

Little Saints co-ordinator

From the chaplain

A new term and a new beginning! All around our school grounds nature has burst forth in celebration of spring. In our liturgical year in the church, we're in the "green season" - the season of growth, symbolised by the colour green in the altar frontal and vestments in our school chapel.

Yet, and especially for those who travelled out of Johannesburg over the holidays, the drought gripping our land stifles nature's attempts at growth. In Gauteng, we are urged to be conscious of our use of water as water restrictions take effect. Nature, in a sense, acts as a metaphor for the social pressures around us: in our country, political instability threatens the state of our economy. Frustrations are voiced over continued inequality among our people - and close to home, schoolchildren across the land highlight the need for a review of codes of conduct in this regard.

The Anglican Church celebrates September as the Season of Creation, and as such parishes across the country will be focusing on our

stewardship of God's creation. A verse that often comes to mind when I consider the beauty of God's creation is that "God has made everything beautiful in God's time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). We are appointed stewards of God's creation - stewards of beauty.

Let us take time to ask God to help us reflect on the extent to which we allow the beauty of all aspects of God's creation to flourish. In particular, o Lord, help us realise if only for the first time the murky lenses through which we view each other, and which stifle each other's beauty. Grant us your grace - help us remove these lenses, however frightening that may seem. Help us to gaze at your beauty in each other.

Revd Claudia Coustas

Chaplain

Our chapel collection

In the second term, we encouraged all to contribute to our chapel collection as it in turn would be used to benefit our social outreach programmes. We're delighted to announce that R4 000 from our chapel collection fund will go towards the project of improving the Waverley Girls' High sports facilities.

Book display

The Book People will be displaying and selling books from Monday 26 September to Wednesday 28 September. The girls will have an opportunity to browse but are under no obligation to purchase any books. I will be buying books for the library.

The bookshop will be in the Junior School Media Centre and will be open from:

26 September 09h00-15h00
27 September 07h30-15h00
28 September 07h30-15h00

Credit cards and cheques are accepted.

Robynne Dunkley

Deputy Headmistress: Senior Primary

From the Music department



Welcome back to the Michaelmas term! Term III is always filled with joyous celebrations of the girls' talents in sporting, cultural and academic spheres.

I mentioned in one of my speeches earlier this year that my department was in the business of educating your daughter's heart. I do hope that through their participation in the different ensembles or individual lessons, your girls have grown in their depth of appreciation of beauty, as well as enjoyed the many showcase opportunities available to them.

Much fun and jubilation will take place this term, especially as we kick off with the Senior Primary Play, *Disney's My Son Pinocchio Jr.* I encourage your girls to continue their valued commitment and

dedication in the Music department as we enter a very busy time in the school calendar.

Please diarise the following performance dates of events taking place before half-term. More information will be published shortly regarding each separate event.

Have a wonderful fun-filled term overflowing with the magical, musical talents of the St Mary's girls.

Carol Shutte

Head of Music: Junior School

DATES TO DIARISE FOR TERM 3

Date	Time	Event	Venue	
Tuesday 20 September	12h30	<i>Disney's My Son Pinocchio Jr.</i> Matinee performance	The Edge	All Senior Primary girls
Wednesday 21 September	18h00	<i>Disney's My Son Pinocchio Jr.</i> Performance	The Edge	All Senior Primary girls
Thursday 22 September	18h00	<i>Disney's My Son Pinocchio Jr.</i> Performance	The Edge	All Senior Primary girls
Wednesday 28 September	18h30	<i>Celebration of Possibility</i> Partners for Possibility	The Edge	TBC
Tuesday 4 October	18h30	Sound of Children	Linder Auditorium	Singing Angels (All Grade 2s and 3s)
Tuesday 11 October	19h00	The Ridge Festival	The Ridge	SP choir
Wednesday 19 October	18h00	Little Saints Sings	The Edge	All Little Saints children

Muse morning

Tuesday 4 October
07h15 to 08h30

All parents are welcome to participate in our Muse Morning.

Venue: Auditorium in the Senior Resource Centre (Wantage). Coffee is served at the tennis pavilion from 07h15, for a prompt start at 07h30.

Topic: "Setting boundaries with love and respect: are you your child's parent or best friend?" Tracey's talk will be based on recent research, as well as her clinical experience as a psychologist in private practice.

Speaker: Tracey Farber, clinical psychologist

RSVP: Sharon.san@stmary.co.za

From the Sports department



Tennis

Sun City tennis tour

The St Mary's A/B tennis teams participated in the annual private primary schools' tennis tournament in Sun City during the August holidays. Both teams played exceptionally well. The St Mary's A team beat St Stithians B, St Dominic's A and Holy Rosary A in the group stages. Unfortunately, in the semi-finals St Mary's A lost to a strong St Stithians A team. It was a closely contested tie, with all the players giving their best. The A team beat St Andrew's A to end in 3rd place. The St Mary's B team did exceptionally well and held their own against St Stithians A and St Andrew's A teams. St Mary's B beat both Redhill A and St Dominic's A. Well done to all the players, who always gave of their best on the court. Congratulations to the captains, Hannah Moore and Robyn Gush, for leading the teams with distinction on and off the court. All the players gained valuable experience and many lessons were learnt on and off the court.

I would like to thank all the Grade 7s for being the leaders in the group, and for looking after the younger players on the tour. Mrs Lowndes and I were very proud of the St Mary's girls' behaviour on and off the court. They displayed good sportsmanship and tennis etiquette on the court. I would like to thank Mrs Lowndes for accompanying the team on the bus, and for her support during the tournament. I would also like to thank the Moore and Gush families for their generous gifts to all the players, and for hosting a fabulous braai for all the parents who came to support the tournament. Thank you to Mrs Simonato for the *padkos*, and to all the parents who came to support the tennis. There was a wonderful sense of camaraderie among the St Mary's team, and I am extremely proud of the St Mary's tennis family.

Good luck to all the tennis players for the term ahead. It promises to be an exciting and busy term of tennis.

René Plant

Tennis coach



Jessica Lansdown, Claire McIvor, Dominique Vercellotti, Ashley Simonato



Back row: Isha Madhu, Georgina Hector, Robyn Gush, Hannah Moore, Josie Apps, Abigail Millella, Claire McIvor
Front row: Ashley Simonato, Erin Kersten, Dominique Vercellotti, Jessica Lansdown, Victoria Dahl



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