

# JUST JUNIOR



Scenes from Reward of the Rings

### From the Junior Primary department

Dear parents

What an exciting and busy term this has been. I think the girls and parents are ready for a relaxing break.

Fathers' Day chapel was well attended and the girls enjoyed sharing some special moments with their dads. Parents' afternoon ran smoothly, and academic reports will be handed out on the last day of term. Please note that reports will not be handed out before Friday 5 August.

Fun day was an exciting and busy day for the girls. We appreciate how much work went into running an event such as this, and are most grateful to all those involved.

It is always wonderful to watch the class assemblies and see how confidently the girls deliver their lines. Thank you, moms and dads, for your attendance at these events.

Reward of the Rings was a fun production. The girls grew in confidence throughout the process and this culminated in a wonderful end product. A very special thank you to all the class moms and moms in all the grades. We would not have managed without your support. Thank you to Claire van Niekerk, Carol Shutte and Louise Frahm-Arp for all the patience and time that was required to direct this play.

The girls spent their 67 minutes for Mandela Day most productively. After discussion, they decided to make sandwiches, cards and colourful packages to donate to those less fortunate than themselves. It was heartwarming to witness the effort that the girls put into this exercise.

We look forward to welcoming the Grade 0 grandparents to a special morning of sharing and caring on Thursday 4 August at 09h00, in the Junior School.

### Dates to diarise

AUGUST		
Mon 1	07h30	Junior Primary end-of-
	14h00	term service Little Saints
		professional
		development
W- 4 2	14h45	Grade 7 play practice
Wed 3		Public holiday (municipal elections)
Thurs 4	09h00	Grade 0C and 0T
		grandparents day tea
Fri 5	10h30	Little Saints closes
SEPTEMBER	11h00	Junior School closes
Wed 7		Junior School co-
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		begin
	07h20	Girls return in full
	07h30	summer uniform Senior Primary
	071130	Eucharist
	12h15	Junior School HoD
		management meeting
Thurs 0	14h45	Grade 7 play rehearsal Grades 4 to 7 play
Thurs 8	08h26	rehearsal
Fri 9	07h30	Grade 0T parent
		THRASS talk - Junior
5 . 40	4.41.00	Primary hall
Sat 10	14h00	Moms', dads' and daughters' tennis day
Mon 12	07h30	Junior Primary chapel
		service
	10h48	Grade 7 technical
	14h45	rehearsal Grade 7 play rehearsal
	17h30	Grade 3 bridging
		evening and Grade
		5 language and iPad
		information evening - Junior School
		auditorium
Tues 13	10h18	Grade 7 tea with
	421.20	headmistress
	13h30	Grade 6 buddy reading at St Mary's
	14h15	Grade 7 deliver
		flowers to Waverley
	071.20	House
Wed 14	07h30	Senior Primary chapel service
Thurs 15	07h30	Junior Primary
		assembly
	08h30	Grades 4 to 7 dress
	10h18	rehearsal Grade 7 tea with
	101110	headmistress
	14h00	Tennis matches

I will be holding THRASS workshops for parents of the Grade 0 girls on Friday 9 and Friday 16 September at 07h30, in the Junior Primary hall. The purpose of these is to explain the THRASS programme to parents. Attendance at one of these is encouraged.

I wish you all a very happy and fun August break. If you are travelling, may your journeys be safe.

#### Di Gordon

Deputy headmistress: Junior Primary

## From the chaplain

JUST JUNIOR

As chaplain, I know that for many staff and girls, this has been a difficult term in their personal lives.

Remember Peter, Jesus' disciple? For three years, Peter and the other disciples were with Jesus almost every moment of the day, living in close community. Yet, when Jesus had been arrested, three times Peter denied any knowledge of Jesus (Matthew 26:69-75). If I'm honest, would I not also have been afraid of being punished as Jesus was, if I'd been in Peter's shoes?

Much later, after Jesus' resurrection, Christ appeared to his disciples and had breakfast with them after they had been fishing. Time had passed: Peter had been sitting with the guilt of having denied relationship with someone so close to him and with the grief of Jesus' death. Three times, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" and three

times Peter could now answer, "Lord, you know I love you." Jesus' instruction to Peter, "Feed my sheep." (John 21:15-17)

To be in such a close community as St Mary's is (girls, staff, parents, Old Girls and more), is to come up against the difficult side of love just as Peter did: when one we love hurts or struggles, we are all affected. Many parents and staff have commented to me that St Mary's is a family - a close community in which there is such love and care. That this is so often commented on is evidence of our saying to Christ each time, in the face of difficulty, "Lord, you know I love you."

#### **Revd Claudia Coustas**

Chaplain

### Mandela Day celebrations



# From the Music department



### Saints Musical Magic

On Wednesday 20 July the junior Music department held its annual showcase event called Saints Musical Magic. All the junior music ensembles were included in the evening. These were the Junior Primary choir, Senior Primary choir, Junior marimba bands and the Junior orchestra, showcasing girls from Grades 2 to 7.

A wide range of repertoire was performed, including some golden oldies and some new and current hits. Each piece was carefully chosen, helping to bring about a good message both for the performers and the audience.

The evening culminated in wonderful combined items, including *Children of Peace*, the football anthem of the year, *This One's for You*, and ended off with our own St Mary's anthem, *Oh When the Saints*.

Well done to all the girls, and a big thank you to the parents and audience members, for your energy and spectacular dance moves — until next year.

#### Carol Shutte

Head of Music: Junior School









# From the Sports department

### **Tennis**



Tennis coaching and round robin tournament for Grades 1-7

Date: 22,23 and 24 August 2016

Venue: St Mary's School

Time: 08h00 to 09h30 Grade 1 Cost R375 09h00 to 12h30 Grade 2-7 Cost R 500

Please sms Mrs Plant on 082 442 6413 to enter.

# **Equestrian**



Pascalle Durand is the only Junior School child who rides in the St Mary's equestrian team





### **AUCTION 2016**

Cathie Markus, chairperson of the St Mary's Foundation, invites you to join her for dinner under the stars at the 2016 wine auction.

Date: Friday 16 September

Venue: La Vie en Rose

Killarney Country Club

60 Fifth Street Lower Houghton 18h00 for 18h30

Dress: Smart casual

Cost: R300 per person includes a three course meal and complimentary wine

#### Estates featured:

Time:

Tokara, Simonsig, Paul Cluver, Meerlust, Haute Cabrière, Yardstick, Ernie Els, The Stellenbosch Reserve, Rust en Vrede, La Motte, Leopard's Leap, Mulderbosch and many more from the Meridian portfolio

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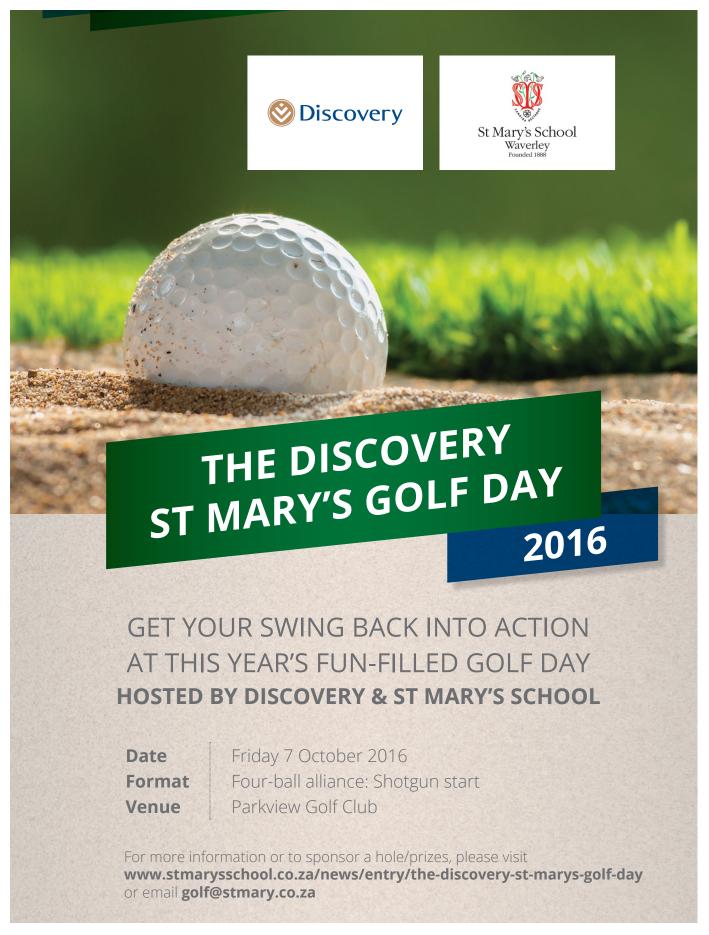
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