



St Mary's School  
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# JUST JUNIOR



Heritage Day celebrations

## From the headmistress' desk

Dear parents

As I pen this newsletter I am mindful of the pace at which this Michaelmas term is passing, and how quickly my final term at St Mary's is coming to a close. However, it is a busy term filled with opportunities for thanks and celebration. Let us embrace the busyness and enjoy the opportunities for making memories!

### Staff news

We planted a wild pear tree for Arbor Day and in honour of Shelley Crawford. The wild pear tree grows into a large shady tree and has flowers that are vanilla-fragranced. This will certainly remind us of a loving teacher who embraced all her students and colleagues with deep care.

We warmly welcome Mrs Nosipho Mokhutswane and Ms Lerato Shuping to our Junior School teaching team this term. Nosipho has joined the Junior Primary academic staff, and Lerato will work across the Junior School as part of the IT support

team. Mrs Angie Jennett is continuing as the Junior Afrikaans teacher. Mrs Kerry Gibbons will be on maternity leave for Term I in 2017, and Ms Abigail Slabbert, a St Mary's past pupil, will take over Kerry's responsibilities for the term. Ms Tarryn de Winnaar has been appointed as head of Junior Sport from January 2017.

I congratulate our Junior School staff who fared well in the St Mary's Red Apple Awards; these are awards for excellence and innovation in teaching.

### Events

The Senior Primary production of *Pinocchio and Friends* was an absolute delight - my measure of a successful performance is audience response. When I attended a final dress rehearsal with the Junior Primary girls and the Little Saints, the hearty laughs and responses from the children affirmed for me that this was not only a good choice of play, but a great performance, as the audience connected with the colourful and believable characters. The choreography,

## Dates to diarise

### OCTOBER

Sat 01	09h00	Old Girls' Day
	11h00	Water polo at St Stithians
Mon 03	07h30	Junior Primary chapel service
	10h00	Photographs - Edge
	16h00	Chess away
Tue 04	07h15	Muse Morning - Wantage auditorium
	18h30	Grade 2 and 3 <i>Sound of Children</i> - Linder Auditorium
Wed 05	07h30	Senior Primary chapel service
	12h15	Junior School HoD management meeting
Thurs 06	14h00	Tennis at home and away
	14h00	Junior School art exhibition
	17h30	Cocktail party for the art exhibition
Fri 07		PTA golf day at Parkview Golf Club
	07h30	Senior Primary assembly
	08h00	Grade 5 life skills workshop
	14h00	Athletics at home
	16h30	Junior School art exhibition
Sat 08	08h00	Junior School art exhibition viewing
	08h00	Junior Primary inter-house athletics
Mon 10	10h30	Senior Primary inter-house athletics
	07h30	Junior Primary chapel service
Tue 11	16h00	Chess away
	13h30	Grade 6 buddy reading at St Mary's
	19h00	Senior Primary choir at The Ridge Choir Festival
Wed 12	07h30	Senior Primary chapel service
	07h30	Grade 4 parent conversations SMOGS
	10h18	Grade 5 and 7 buddy picnic
Thu 13	07h30	Grade 1 D assembly
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	14h00	Tennis at home and away
Fri 14	07h30	Senior Primary assembly
	07h30	Grade 5 parent conversations SMOGS
	14h00	Athletics away

characterisation and acting are essential as part of the 100 languages of children we believe in at St Mary's. The development of teamwork, working collaboratively, personal performance skills and confidence are but a few of the learning opportunities that are evident in a school production. I thank the teachers who led the learning, and those who supported, for a tremendous effort.

Thanks to the parents who attended Ilze Alberts', Birds and Bees talk last week. The conversations that parents need to have with their children as they mature and grow are essential opportunities to build understanding on sexual development. More importantly these family conversations deepen relationships and build trust in the busy world in which we live today. Embrace the opportunity for learning moments to empower your children.

At our International Peace Day and Heritage Day assembly on Friday, I shared the 17 sustainable peace and development goals with the girls. These are UN global goals highlighted as essential for action in the next 15 years. I attach a link for the list of goals, which may provide discussion points during family time. The colourful array of outfits and traditional dress seen amongst the staff and children, celebrated our heritage across the school.

<http://una-gp.org/the-sustainable-development-goals-2015-2030/>

Yours sincerely

*Des Hugo*

Headmistress: Junior School



Milah and Raina Patel celebrated Heritage Day at Little Saints

## From the chaplain

Jesus noticed, and paid attention to the fact ... that the crowd had not eaten all day and was nowhere near any food source, that the woman washing his feet with her hair did so out of great love, that there was a little man nobody liked up in the tree above him, that the blind beggar was calling to him over the voices of the crowd.

So much happens on the periphery of our attention, as we go about ticking off our to-do list each day. We rush past so many people, a face drawn or pale or strained in expression, or eyes that silently ask for a moment to share the heart's joy or burden. Sometimes we notice and pay attention, and sometimes the Holy Spirit brings to mind a memory of a face we saw and to notice the expression in hindsight, to prod us to find that person again and finally pay attention. Sometimes we do not notice at all.

I sense God prompting us as a community, as part of being community to each other, to pray: "Lord, help me to truly see the people I rush past, and nudge me to notice and pay attention to each as your child, seeing each through your eyes and loving each with your love."

*Revd Claudia Coustas*

Chaplain



## St Mary's Foundation wine auction

The St Mary's Foundation wine auction, held on Friday 16 September, was a very successful evening of fun, food, wine and fundraising for the St Mary's Ikusasa Lethu programme. The auctioneer, Gift Ngwenya, led the auction and engaged guests with great humour and persuasion to raise an amount of R334 500.

The Ikusasa Lethu programme is a Saturday school held at St Mary's, attended every week by 275 pupils from Alexandra and surrounding communities. These pupils receive tuition in the GDE syllabus to help them achieve a better matric, to gain access to tertiary study.

Gavin Dittmar, Heidi Duminy, a St Mary's Old Girl, and the rest of the team at Meridian Wine Merchants did an amazing job of approaching the wine estates to donate wine for the auction. The auction evening was held at La Vie en Rose, Killarney Country Club, where guests were treated to a delicious meal and a fun evening.

The Foundation is truly grateful for the overwhelming support received from the St Mary's community of current and past parents.

**Gillian O'Shaughnessy**  
Foundation manager



### Muse morning

Tuesday 4 October  
07h15 to 08h30

All parents are welcome to participate in our Muse Morning.

Venue: Auditorium in the Senior School Wantage centre. Coffee is served at the tennis pavilion from 07h15, for a prompt start at 07h30.

Speaker: Ken Resnick, educational psychologist

Topic: "Parenting Decoded - raising independent kids in the digital age"

RSVP: Sharon.san@stmary.co.za

## Pinocchio and friends



The Senior Primary production of *Pinocchio and Friends* was an absolute delight

You are cordially invited to the

## 2016 Junior School Art Exhibition

Date: Thursday 6 October

Viewing: 14h00

Formal opening: 17h30

Venue: Art room, Senior Primary hall and media centre

Theme: The language of expression

RSVP: Carol Lethola 011 531 1880 or [carol. lethola@stmary.co.za](mailto:carol. lethola@stmary.co.za)

Refreshments will be served



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Artist: Olivia Dunkley (Grade 7)



## From the Sports department

### Tennis

The tennis season has started with much enthusiasm and energy. The first league matches have been played and the Junior School tennis championships have started.

The A and B teams did extremely well in their first match of the season by beating Holy Rosary A in a tight match, and Holy Rosary B in a decisive manner. The St Mary's C team put up a good fight against Kingsmead A, and the St Mary's D team played extremely well and beat Kingsmead B.

The second match of the season was against St Stithians. Excellent tennis was played, and St Mary's emerged victorious by winning the A and B team match by four games and the C and D teams by winning convincingly. I am extremely proud of all the players as they produced a high standard of play, despite missing three players from the A and B teams and after having had an extremely busy week with the Senior Primary play performances. The qualities of resilience and adaptability were shown by all.

On Saturday 10 September, many tennis players and their moms or dads had a wonderful afternoon of social tennis. Twenty-four couples participated in the round robin event, and much fun and exercise was had by all.

Special mention must be made of our captain, Hannah Moore, who was partnered by her granny, a St Mary's Old Girl, Cynthia Brand (nee Cousens). Cynthia matriculated in 1957 and was a member of the St Mary's first tennis team when she attended St Mary's. She still plays a fantastic game of tennis and is an inspiration to us all. This annual event has become a highlight on our tennis calendar. Thank you to all the parents for taking the time to spend the afternoon on the tennis courts, and to Mrs Lowndes for being the tournament organiser.

#### Results 15 September

St Mary's A beat Holy Rosary A 43-38  
 St Mary's B beat Holy Rosary B 60-21  
 St Mary's C lost to Kingsmead A 26-55  
 St Mary's D beat Kingsmead B 41-40

#### Results 22 September

St Mary's A lost to St Stithians A 33-48  
 St Mary's B beat St Stithians B 50-31  
 St Mary's C beat St Stithians C 52-29  
 St Mary's D beat St Stithians D 68-13

*René Plant*

Tennis coach



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Samantha and Sally Faber, Cynthia Brand (nee Cousens) and Hannah Moore (tennis captain)

## Rhythmic gymnastics

### Prizegiving

The prizegiving was held on 27 September in the gym.

### Gold Reef Competition

The senior gymnasts took part in the Gold Reef competition at Wits University on 30 July. The juniors had a friendly against Aerials at St Mary's. Excellent results were achieved by Reece Williams, Sophia Babaya, Kelly Hulett and Zeinab Kone.

### Ocean Competition - St Mary's Kloof

Well done to Malebo Pitje (gold medal), Kelly Hulett (gold medal), Zeinab Kone (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Danika Neuhoff (2<sup>nd</sup>) who went to Kwazulu-Natal for this event.

### The Gauteng team for the South African Games in Cape Town in October

The Senior girls trained all holidays and competed in the Central Gauteng and Gauteng championships. Zeinab Kone, Danika Neuhoff, Meadow Robson and Hannah Jacobs will represent Gauteng at the games. A group

hoop dance will also be performed at the Gym for Life competition in Cape Town on 2 October.

### Linda Giuricich

Rhythmic Gymnastics coach



Zeinab Kone



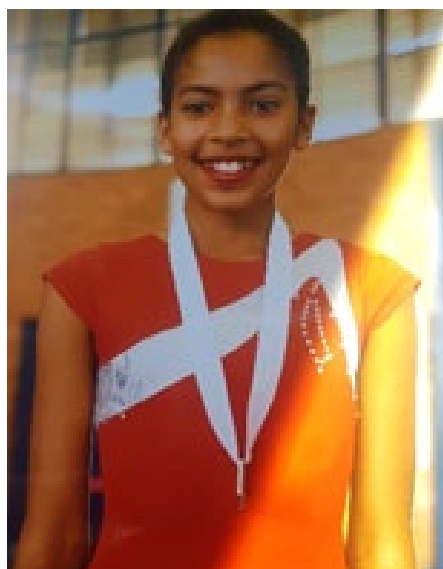
Hannah Jacobs



Danika Neuhoff



Kelly Hulett



Meadow Robson



Malebo Pitje

# Squash

## JUNIOR INTER-HOUSE SQUASH RESULTS

		A	B	C	D	Points	Position
A	Hares	X	97	0	77	174	1 <sup>st</sup>
B	Lions	34	X	0	41	75	3 <sup>rd</sup>
C	Springboks	0	0	X	0	0	4 <sup>th</sup>
D	Zebras	63	78	0	X	141	2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Gauteng junior U11 and U13 fun tournament at St John's School

Well done to the following girls who played in the tournament. You did your school proud

#### U13 age group - 13 entries

Sasha Steyn - 1<sup>st</sup>

Sarah Ellis-Clarke - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Esmé Thornhill-Davis - 4<sup>th</sup>

Jodie Lendrum - 6<sup>th</sup>

Mpho Mudau - 8<sup>th</sup>

#### U11 age group - 15 entries

Grace Forrester - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lara Kent - 7<sup>th</sup>

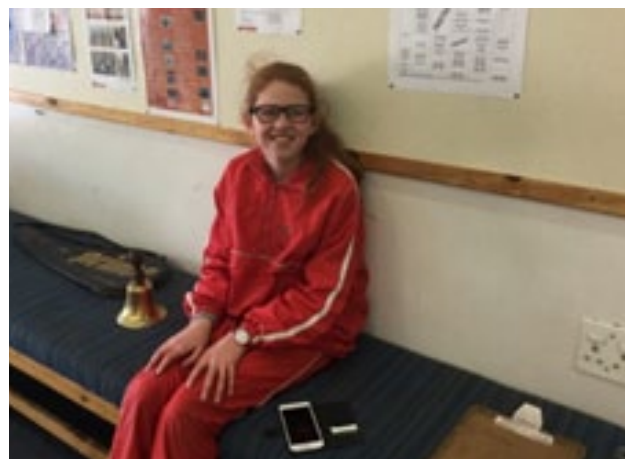
McKenzie Coakley-Eager - 8<sup>th</sup>

*Jennifer Fox*

Squash coach



A few of the squash girls enjoyed a Monday session



Rebecca Anderson successfully controlled the timekeeping for inter-house



St Mary's A team - Emma Rippon, Sasha Steyn, Ghita Economakis and Sarah Ellis-Clarke (captain)



St Mary's B team playing their last league match at St John's: Lara Kent, Grace Forrester, Michelle Henning, McKenzie Coakley-Eager and Esmé Thornhill-Davis (captain)

## Athletics

Our athletics season started off with good results. Since St Stithians was hosting only four schools, each school was given the opportunity to field more than the usual number of athletes in certain events. This was great as it gave more girls a chance to participate, and we were able to record a greater number of times and distances for team selection.

The results were as follows:

St Mary's 524

St Stithians 506

St Peter's 428

St Andrew's 349

**Antoinette Mshengu**

Athletics coach

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## Sports news

Recently, Jessica Ramos, in Grade 6, competed in her first fencing competition, where she competed for St Mary's. She won two bronze medals in the U13 competition, one for épée and one for foil. We congratulate Jessica on her successes.

### Athletics

A reminder that inter-house athletics is on Saturday 8 October, and is a compulsory event for both the Junior Primary and Senior Primary girls.

**Jane Samson**

HoD: Junior School sport



Jessica receiving her bronze medal





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# THE DISCOVERY ST MARY'S GOLF DAY

## 2016

GET YOUR SWING BACK INTO ACTION  
AT THIS YEAR'S FUN-FILLED GOLF DAY  
HOSTED BY DISCOVERY & ST MARY'S SCHOOL

<b>Date</b>	Friday 7 October 2016
<b>Format</b>	Four-ball alliance: Shotgun start
<b>Venue</b>	Parkview Golf Club

For more information or to sponsor a hole/prizes, please visit  
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