



St Mary's School
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JUST JUNIOR



Sports day was a fun and exciting day for the children at Little Saints

From the Pre-Primary department

Dear parents

It is quite something to think a term has gone by already. The changing of the seasons brings with it an abundance of opportunities for exploration and wonder. Life often gets in the way of this. For our pre-primary children this is their most prominent preoccupation; they are in awe of the world around them and it is quite something to be a part of that awe and wonder.

The Reggio approach

Exploration and enquiry is at the heart of everything we do at Little Saints and all the children are currently exploring the same overarching enquiry of identity, albeit in different ways and from different perspectives.

The yellow class is wondering about how a citrus fruit gets its colour and there is a sense that the environment provides for all. The children in the red class are fascinated by the movement of birds in flight after going

for a walk around St Mary's. While exploring the environment, the children in the blue class have been intrigued by the numbers all around us and the children in the green class have had the opportunity to visit the science lab in the Senior School to experiment with different chemicals. These different contexts provide the children with the opportunity to explore their interests and their identity.

The parents at Little Saints recently had the opportunity to spend a morning with the teachers in a Reggio workshop. This was an interesting and positive experience for the parents as they experienced a day in the life of their children, inspired by the Reggio approach.

Playscape

The playscape has been revamped and the children are thoroughly enjoying exploring and climbing the logs. The new layout of the logs has been a challenging yet stimulating experience for them.

Dates to diarise

JUNE	
Sat 4	Netball – Grades 3 and 4 tournament at Holy Rosary School
Mon 6	09h00 Reggio workshop 13h30 Junior Primary parents' afternoon
Tue 7	07h15 MUSE morning - Wantage auditorium 13h30 Junior Primary parents' afternoon
Wed 8	14h00 Squash matches away 08h30 Little Saints individual photographs 09h30 ABRSM theory and practical exams 10h00 Grades 6 and 7 - <i>What is a computer?</i> talk
Thu 9	14h30 Exco meeting 14h00 Netball matches at home and away 14h30 Chess matches vs Vuleka at home
Fri 10	07h30 St Mary's Grade 7s of 2015 plaque unveiling
Sat 11	07h45 Netball festivals at Brescia and St Peter's
Mon 13	09h00 Reggio workshop 07h30 Junior Primary Fathers' Day chapel service 08h30 Little Saints Fathers' Day chapel service 16h00 Chess matches
Tue 14	14h00 Squash matches
Wed 15	07h30 Senior Primary Fathers' Day Eucharist Youth Day
Thu 16	School holiday
Fri 17	14h00 Chess matches
Mon 20	11h00 Junior Primary matinée play performance - Edge
Tue 21	14h00 Squash matches
Wed 22	07h30 Grades 4 and 5 conversations with parents - SMOGS 14h00 Grade 7 visit to Maria Klopper Home 18h00 Junior Primary play performance - Edge
Thu 23	14h00 Netball playoffs 18h00 Junior Primary play performance - Edge
Fri 24	10h18 Grade 7 cake and candy 14h00 Hockey Grades 6 A and 7 A hockey festival - Pretoria

Blogging

The teachers and children at Little Saints have been introduced to a new app called Seesaw. This app gives the teachers the opportunity to showcase to parents snippets of activities that happen on a day-to-day basis. The Grade 00 children have started using the app independently by photographing and recording each other and their work. These four and five-year-old children have become the latest bloggers of our community.

Sports day and fun day

What an exciting day, with sports day followed by the PTA fun day. The children were all stars on the AstroTurf and had fun while completing the eight stations. Their excitement and sense of camaraderie was infectious. Once the activities had ended, each child received a medal that they proudly wore around their necks.

The PTA fun day was entertaining and enjoyed by all. I should like to thank the class moms for organising the stalls and the parents for helping to make the fun day such a success.

Reminders

Monday June 13 is the Father's day service. This gives the Little Saints

children an opportunity to show their dads just how much they are loved and appreciated. Please join us in the chapel at 08h30 followed by tea and coffee at Little Saints.

Although the children are getting better at looking after their belongings, lost property is a must in any school. At Little Saints we encourage parents to mark all items clearly so we can return clothing and shoes to their rightful owners. Any unlabelled items are collected and displayed in the Piazza at Little Saints in the mornings. If your child inadvertently brings someone else's belongings home, which can happen, please return the items the following day.

The Little Saints teachers continue to be astounded by the potential of each little person in their class and as Loris Malaguzzi said, "Creativity becomes more visible when adults try to be more attentive to the cognitive processes of children than to the results they achieve in various fields of doing and understanding."

Warmest regards

Celia Diana

Little Saints co-ordinator

From the chaplain

As you read this message, we would have celebrated our 128th birthday as a school at our Patronal Festival on Tuesday 31 May - on the feast day of the visitation of our patron saint, St Mary.

As I reflect on what it means to me to be at St Mary's and celebrate our birthday, I'm reminded of a wonderful Setswana greeting Bishop Steve Moreo referred to in a Senior School Eucharist at the beginning of this year (on the occasion of my installation as chaplain):

Dumela Modimo o ke mmonnang ka matlho
or
"Greetings, the Lord I see with my eyes"

For me, to be at St Mary's School and part of our community is to be aware that when we greet each other, we greet a person created in God's image and in whom God's presence dwells. We, who greet, are called to be God's visible presence to each other, in each interaction, through the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit.

Revd Claudia Coustas

Chaplain



Meet the departments



Grade 4: Trish Bonorchis, Teena Lowndes



Grade 5: Neli Phakathi, Linda Maishman

Grade 4 poetry

On The Beach

Slip slop slip slop

people in flip-flops walk to the beach.

Klink klink, shells are breaking.

Ch ch ch goes the crunching sand underfoot.

Bong! People open umbrellas.

The ting ting ting of the ice-cream seller's bell,

slurp slurp - people licking their ice-creams.

The sound of suncream going sploosh.

Sklink,

people opening their sundowners.

Whoosh, the palm trees sway

while people exit the beach.

Slip slop slip slop.

Amelia Granig

Grade 4

Muse morning

Topic: The central role of narcissism in healthy personality development: nurturing empathy, perseverance, responsibility and emotional regulation in our children and ourselves. Being able to manage feelings of disappointment, anxiety and anger are essential to developing a positive and robust sense of self.

Julia Halstead-Cleak will describe how emotions impact our physical, mental and emotional health, and share some practical ways to engage with and support your child/children's sense of self.

Date: Tuesday 7 June, 07h15 to 08h30

Venue: Wantage Auditorium

Coffee is served from 07h15 for a prompt start at 07h30.

RSVP: sharon.san@stmary.co.za

Presented by Julia Halstead-Cleak, clinical psychologist, director of adult services

Please remember to download the St Mary's app

- The app is available from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Search for it by using St Mary's School
- Once you have located it, click download or get icon. When the app has downloaded and been opened, a window will pop up, which requires an access code to be entered. Enter the access code **stmary16** and click ok
- You will then be taken to the loading screen, and to a screen which will ask about push notifications. Please allow for push notifications to be sent through
- In the menu you will see an icon button that reads: My school profile. Email kathy.mittendorf@stmary.co.za to get your unique personalised access code. This will allow you to bookmark pages, create a personalised schedule and lots more. Remember also to click on notification settings to select the areas of the school that are applicable to you. This will ensure that you only get urgent notifications that are relevant to you and your child.



From the Sports department

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 6 TO 12 JUNE (WEEK 6)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Tuesday 7 June	Squash	A team vs St Stithians Boys B B team vs St Stithians Girls B C team vs Cliffview B	St Stithians St Stithians Northcliff Club	14h00		Mrs Fox
Thursday 9 June	Netball	Grade 4 A -D Grade 5 A-D Grade 6 A-D Grade 7 A-D	St Andrew's St Andrew's St Mary's St Mary's	14h00	Bus Bus	Mrs Mshengu
Friday 10 June	Hockey	NO HOCKEY MATCHES				
Saturday 11 June	Netball	Netball festivals Grade 3 C and D Grade 4 C and D Grade 5 C and D Grade 6 C and D Grade 7 C and D	St Peter's St Peter's St Peter's Brescia Brescia	07h45	Parents Parents Parents Parents Parents	Mrs Mshengu

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 13 TO 19 JUNE (WEEK 7)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Tuesday 14 June	Squash	A team vs St Dunstan's A B team vs St John's D C team vs Reddam House B	St Mary's St Mary's Woodmead Country Club	14h00	Bus Bus	Mrs Fox
Thursday 16 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY					
Friday 17 June	SCHOOL HOLIDAY					

Netball

On Thursday 19, we played against Jan Celliers. Well done to U10 C who won 5-3, U13 B who won 12-5, and U13 C who won 16-6. The rest of the results were as follows:

U10 A lost 6-24	U11 C lost 3-17
U10 B lost 3-10	U12 A lost 9-16
U10 D lost 6-7	U12 B lost 5-6
U11 A lost 6-14	U13 A lost 8-15
U11 B lost 4-8	

On Saturday 21 May, the U11 - U13 A and B teams participated in the annual Holy Rosary Tournament. The teams played a minimum of five matches against schools including Hurlyvale Primary, Eastleigh Primary, St Peter's and Roedean. Most teams performed well and it was great practice for the up-coming matches in the league.

On Thursday 26 May, the netball girls played against Saheti and the results were as follows:

U10 B lost 2-4	U12 C won 13-5
U10 C won 6-2	U12 D won 8-4
U10 D won 8-1	U13 A won 23-4
U11 A lost 6-8	U13 B won 33-5
U11 B lost 3-6	U13 C won 10-1
U11 C won 5-4	U13 D won 11-9
U11 D won 3-2	
U12 A won 18-4	
U12 B drew 6-all	

Antoinette Mshengu
Netball coach

Hockey

Congratulations to the following girls who have been chosen to represent both Southern Gauteng and the District teams for hockey.

U12 D9 team: Josie Apps, Ella Babaya, Danielle Grobbelaar, Georgina Hector, Anna Patricios

U13 D9 team: Jade Adams, Mia Davidson, Abigail Milella, Tasmin Meadows

U13 Southern Gauteng team: Caitlin Breytenbach, Dominique Vercellotti, Ghita Economakis

Hockey results

Friday 20 May vs St Andrew's

Grade 4A drew 3 - 3, Grade 4B won 3 - 0, Grade 4C lost 1 - 2, Grade 4D won 7 - 3

Grade 5A drew 0 - 0, Grade 5B won 2 - 1, Grade 5C won 4 - 0, Grade 6A won 2 - 1, Grade 6B won 7 - 0

Grade 7A won 3 - 0, Grade 7B won 4 - 0, Grade 7C won 3 - 0

Friday 27 May vs Kingsmead

Grade 4A drew 0 - 0, Grade 4B won 0 - 0, Grade 4C won 3 - 0, Grade 4D lost 0 - 14

Grade 5A lost 0 - 3, Grade 5B won 3 - 0, Grade 5C vs 5/6C lost 0 - 1

Grade 6A won 3 - 0, Grade 6B won 2 - 1

Grade 7A won 4 - 1, Grade 7B won 2 - 0, Grade 7C vs 5/6C won 1 - 0

Physical Education lessons

These morning lessons are used to practise the sports played during each term and every girl is given an equal opportunity to work on her skills and technical ability, which can be applied in match play, regardless of the level at which she participates.

All coaches at St Mary's are of a high calibre and are suitably qualified. The girls are placed in groups, with a coach, to enhance their ability on the sports field. When determining the girls' proficiency and suitability for a particular team, the coaches' discretion is relied upon. Some sports allow for individual timing as a means of team selection but this does not work for all sports. Should your daughter feel that the selection is unjust, we urge her to discuss this either with her coach or another member of the sports department. The coaches are always willing to advise children on how to improve their game and grow their skills to advance their play.

We are mindful that often girls wish to participate in social teams and do not wish to be competitive. To this end, we have provided non-team/skills practice opportunities.

"Excellence is the unlimited ability to improve the quality of what you have to offer" - Rick Pitino (American NBA basketball coach)

Jane Samson

HoD: Junior School sport