



St Mary's School  
Waverley  
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# JUST JUNIOR



Adopt, don't shop! Grade 7 community service visit to the Sandton SPCA

## From the Senior Primary department

### Dear parents

The staff would like to welcome the Grade 4 girls and the new girls to the Senior Primary. We hope that you have enjoyed your first few weeks at school.

The Grade 5 and 6 girls left for tour on Tuesday and we are looking forward to hearing about their adventures when they return today. This is a wonderful opportunity for the girls to get to know their class teachers and their peers outside the classroom environment.

The Grade 7 girls leave for Kloofwaters on Monday morning. I wish them a safe and happy tour, and would like to thank all the teachers that accompany the girls on these tours.

Please make sure that your daughters are punctual. School starts at 07h20 and it is important for your daughters to be in class and ready to start the day. The class teachers give the girls messages and they get ready for the first part of the school morning. If they are late, it leads to great anxiety and they do not have a good start to the day. We are aware that there are times when traffic causes chaos. We encourage our girls to be independent, so please do not walk your daughters to their classes in the morning.

Mrs Richmond is helping the Grade 7 girls who are in charge of lost property. Please make sure that all clothing items are clearly marked. Any labelled items of clothing that are found are returned to the rightful owner. We wish our Grade 7 girls well with their leadership programme. We have divided the

## Dates to diarise

### FEBRUARY

Mon 8	12h20	Little Saints normal closing time begins
Tues 9		Shrove Tuesday Hearing assessments
Wed 10		Ash Wednesday
Thurs 11	11h30	Senior Primary chapel Hearing assessments
	14h00	Tennis at home and away
Fri 12	13h00	Grade 7 tour returns from Kloofwaters
	14h00	Galas at home and away
Sat 13		Midmar Mile Equestrian qualifier 1 at Eaton Farm
Sun 14	09h00	Reggio workshop Midmar Mile Equestrian qualifier 1 at Eaton Farm
Mon 15	10h00	Little Saints Lombardi Lions visit
Tues 16	07h30	St Mary's Grade 7 assessment day
	16h00	Senior Primary inter-house gala
Wed 17	10h18	Grades 4 and 7 buddy picnic
Thurs 18	08h30	Little Saints and Grade 0 wheelathon Grade 7 cake and candy
	10h30	Little Saints closes for half-term
	11h00	Junior School closes for half-term
Tues 23		School opens
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	13h30	Junior Primary parents afternoon
Wed 24	08h45	Betty Button visits Little Saints
	13h30	Junior Primary parents' afternoon
	14h45	Choir boot camp rehearsal
	17h30	St Stithians night gala
Thurs 25	14h00	Tennis matches
Fri 26	14h00	Galas at home and away

girls into 11 groups and each group has been assigned a mentor. The mentor teachers are there to support the girls and give them the necessary guidance they may need to carry out their duties. They are also available to help the Grade 7s with any difficulty they may experience during the school day. We are looking forward to working with the girls.

One of our special traditions is to provide a pancake for all the pupils on Shrove Tuesday. The girls will be able to purchase additional pancakes at a cost of R5 per pancake. The Pancake King will be making these pancakes for us.

I would also like to draw your attention to another event that is enjoyed by many, and that is our Senior Primary reading with parents. This event is on Friday 4 March and starts at 07h30, ending at 08h00. Tea and coffee will be provided for the parents; all you need to do

is arrive, find a quiet space and enjoy a half an hour of reading with your daughters. We would love to see you but if you are unable to join us, the teachers are happy to sit and read with a small group of girls. I have also arranged the Hooked on Books show at the end of the term, and we have purchased multiple copies of the books they will be promoting.

I hope you all have a wonderful, safe and happy 2016.

Yours sincerely

*Robynne Dunkley*

Deputy headmistress: Junior School

## From the chaplain

There is something very enticing to me about being the seed in the good soil in Jesus' parable about the sower (Mark 4:1-20). I think it is the seed's ability to absorb nutrients, including water, from the soil. Only with this absorption can the seed grow into a plant. Similarly, spending time daily soaking in God's presence is like breathing in - without that inward breath, there cannot be life. I know that for me, it is only because of those inward breaths that I can do what God calls me to do each day.

*Revd Claudia Coustas*

Chaplain

## From the Music department



Congratulations to the following girls who passed their music examinations at the end of 2015:

### ABRSM

Khumalo, Zamantungwa	Violin	Grade 5	Merit
Kathawaroo, Mira	Violin	Grade 6	Merit

### TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON

Mahlatse, Chocho	Piano	Initial	Merit
Milella, Abigail	Piano	Grade 1	Distinction

### TRINITY ROCK AND POP

Babaya, Ella	Drums	Grade 1	Distinction
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### ROCKSCHOOL

Mupita, Chiedza	Vocals	Grade 1	Merit
Bergesen, Stephanie	Vocals	Grade 1	Merit

### ABRSM THEORY

Pinnock, Isabel	Grade 1	Pass
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*Dudley Trollope*

Director of Music

## Exclusive Books and Classic FM Children's Book Review

Stephanie Bergesen, Esmé Thornhill-Davis, Hannah Jacobs and Erin Kersten joined the Exclusive Books and Classic FM Children's Book Review. The girls read books donated by Exclusive Books and then had the opportunity to take part in a recorded discussion of the books with Tamara Le Pine-Williams and children from other schools. The recordings were aired on Wednesday 20 January, during Tamara's Classic Lifestyle programme.

The girls handled themselves impeccably in the recording studio and their love of reading was evident. We were so proud of them.

*Linda Smith*

Senior Primary teacher

# From the Sports department



## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 8 TO 14 FEBRUARY (WEEK 5)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Thursday 11 February	Tennis	A and B teams vs Holy Rosary A and B C and D teams vs St Katharine's C and D	St Mary's Johannesburg Country Club	14h00	Bus	Mrs Plant Mrs Lowndes
Friday 12 February	Swimming	A team B team C and D teams	St Teresa's St Mary's Kingsmead	14h00	Bus Bus	Mrs Samson Mrs Hallendorff Ms Wood

## Tennis

The Junior tennis league and tennis practices are in full swing. Unfortunately, the first round of matches for the A and B teams were cancelled owing to lightning and inclement weather conditions. The C and D teams, however, managed to play and posted a good win against St Stithians C and D team.

Congratulations to Isha Madhu, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the gold section of the singles of an U12 tournament in Gauteng North. Keep up the enthusiasm and hard work.

### Results 21 January:

St Mary's A vs St Peter's A  
(postponed to 3 March)  
St Mary's B vs St Peter's B  
(postponed to 3 March)  
St Mary's C bt St Stithians C 31-14  
St Mary's D bt St Stithians D 26-14

**René Plant**  
Tennis coach



Congratulations, Isha Madhu

## Swimming

Welcome back and best wishes for a wonderful 2016. The swimming term has started with a flurry, and we had excellent results all round at last Friday's galas. The A, B and C teams all came second to boys' schools – a commendable result for the first swim of the season. The D team also performed well and beat the other competing D teams at its gala.

The results were as follows:

**A team:** St David's 140, St Mary's 107,  
St Andrew's 98, APPS 64, Kingsmead 47 (no  
Grade 7), St John's 10 (no Grade 6 and 7)

**B team:** St David's B 133, St Mary's B 115,  
Pridwin A 95, Kingsmead 53, Brescia 52,  
Roedeane 51

**C and D team:** St Stithians boys 173,  
St Mary's C 167, St Andrew's C 122,  
St Peter's B1 114, Brescia C 88, St Mary's D 82,  
St Stithians Girls D 73, St Peter's B2 46

### Summer Splash

Huge congratulations to every single girl who swam in the Summer Splash. It was an incredible morning of swimming.

The Junior School combined with the Senior School at this gala, to form A and B teams comprising girls from Grade 4 to matric. It was an outstanding combination of talent and the enthusiasm of every swimmer was terrific.

A special mention to the U10/11 breaststroke relay and the 8-age butterfly relay, who broke records.

**Jane Samson**  
HoD: Junior School sport

