



St Mary's School
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JUST JUNIOR



Junior School girls showed true St Mary's spirit by supporting the 2016 St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival

From the headmistress' desk

Dear parents

We have had an exciting end of term and I am sure the girls and teachers are looking forward to a good break before the start of the busy winter term.

It was great to see so many parents at the parent interviews this past week and I do hope many of you had time to peruse the displays and documentation of thinking and work done by the Senior Primary teachers and girls during the collaborative research week.

Some reflections and photographs are shared by Robynne Dunkley in this *Just Junior*.

Staff news

Shelley Crawford is recovering well and we look forward to welcoming her back to school next term, if her doctor gives her the all clear. I thank Angie Jennett for her support in the Afrikaans department.

Georgina Harris will be leaving us to take up a position of class teacher at Grayston Prep from the beginning of July. Angie Jennett will support the Junior Primary department in the reading room when Georgie leaves us.

Jane Samson has resigned to join her husband in Namibia in December 2016. We will miss Jane immensely; under her leadership, the Junior School sport has gone from strength to strength. The position is being advertised on the ISASA website.

Rulane Mtembi will be joining the Little Saints team as a classroom assistant for Celia Diana. Rulane joins us in June, after many years' experience at Pridwin Prep school.

I am sure you all join me in congratulating Ros Howell, Quix, Roxy Turner and our 1st hockey team on the outstanding performance to achieve a second position in the recent hockey festival comprising 36 schools from

Dates to diarise

MAY		
Wed 4	07h20	Girls return in full winter uniform Junior School co-curricular activities begin
Thu 5	07h20	Grade 4 and 6 study skills parent information session
	07h30	Junior Primary oral health education
	08h30	Little Saints oral health education
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
Fri 6	07h30	Junior Primary Mothers' Day chapel service
	08h30	Little Saints Mothers' Day chapel service
	13h30	Netball matches Grade 3
Sat 7	08h00	St Mary's chess tournament
Mon 9	07h30	Senior Primary Mothers' Day Eucharist
	13h45	The Saints Factor – Grade 6 and 7 dancing auditions
	14h00	Netball matches Grade 4
Tue 10	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	13h45	The Saints Factor: Grade 4 and 5 dancing auditions
	14h00	Squash matches
Wed 11	08h00	Grade 4 depart to Kloofwaters
Thu 12	07h30	Junior School class reps' meeting
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
	14h00	Netball matches Grades 5 to 7
Fri 13	13h30	Grade 4 return from Kloofwaters
	13h30	Netball matches Grade 3
	14h00	Hockey matches
Sat 14	08h00	Netball U13 A tournament at St Andrew's
	09h00	St Mary's rhythmic gymnastics invitational Little Saints Reggio parent workshop

Southern Africa. The team reached the finals and played admirably against C&N Meisieskool Oranje, the winners for the past two years.

The school thanks all the girls and families for their support at the matches and at the finals.

Best wishes for a good holiday. Safe travels!

Yours sincerely

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Headmistress: Junior School

From the Senior Primary department

Dear parents

Collaborative research week

The collaborative research week was an accumulation of a number of Monday afternoon discussions by groups of teachers and then input from the girls using Visible Thinking routines to see where their interests lay.

I would like to thank Sally James and the Senior Primary teachers for all the hard work that went into making this week a very different learning experience which took many people out of their comfort zone but provided a stimulating and different learning environment.

City of champions

Day one started with a visit to the Wanderers Stadium to give the girls an insight into the design of a stadium and the various areas that are needed in a stadium. A walk through the players change rooms and gym and then down the tunnel on to the field was a wonderful experience. We were fortunate to meet and talk to Protea player – Eddy Leie.

Day two included a talk on designing a stadium and the essentials needed in the Olympic village. It was wonderful to hear the girls chatting afterwards about using “grey water”, building an eco-pool and considering the environment. Ros Howell chatted to the girls about her experiences when she went to the Athens Olympics as the coach of the woman’s hockey team.

Day three: Building plans were refined and the construction began. There was lots of discussion and some changes made to the plans.

Day four and five: The construction continued and the final product was ready in time which really pleased the girls.

A review sheet was done with the group and their reflections on the four days can be viewed in the library.

Tell the world

The girls who chose to be part of this group were tasked with the challenge of marketing an Olympic games event. They explored their own ideas about marketing and listened to some experts in the field before deciding on which area of marketing they would like to focus.

Some girls chose to research and choreograph an opening ceremony dance, while others focused on the process of designing logos, slogans and mascots. There were also opportunities for girls to use their technological skills to create a website and an iMovie advertisement.

Much fun was had during this learning process and the girls enjoyed practising dance moves, using their creativity and reflecting on their work.

“We had no real lessons but we still learnt a lot. The girls had to think more than they usually do.” - *Victoria Dahl*

“I felt it helped me with collaboration and I like working with new people and learning a lot about their thoughts.” - *Hannah Newman*

Human sports machines

During the collaborative week, the girls investigated the physical and emotional wellbeing of athletes as well as various other aspects including nutrition, exercise plans and muscle conditioning to obtain optimum outcomes.

The girls were introduced to the Olympic theme by Ros Howell who shared her experiences at the Athens Olympics. The girls then divided themselves into groups and had a chose any Olympic sports discipline that interested them. They compiled a presentation on their sports discipline and included the nutrition needed to compete in their sport, fitness routines, daily programmes, coaches and sports equipment needed by the athletes.

They attended talks presented by a nutritionist, a coach of the South African rowing team, a four times Olympic hockey umpire and a young athlete aspiring to become part of the South African Olympic swimming team. They also had to complete various physical activities including aerobics. They had to research the muscle groups they learned about and paste them on an outline of their bodies.

With the knowledge they gained during the week, they had to design a brand new Olympic sport. They had to come up with a name, a logo, a strip and rules for their new sport. They then had to plan a training programme for athletes to follow. They could present their sport in any format but the logo and strip had to be clearly displayed.

Flames for the future, rings of the past

Our group had a wonderful week exploring many aspects of the Olympic games. We transformed the STEAM hub into a museum – a visual display of the history of the Olympic games. The girls were encouraged to research whatever aspect of the games interested them, bearing in mind that they had to present their research in a creative and interesting way. They filled a wall of fame, a timeline of the history of the games, a magazine of the Greek gods, board games about the Olympics, clay figurines of athletes who have participated in the games and posters about the flame and its travels.

Andi Kirchmann and Kiara Lomax spent most of their week creating a magnificent poster about the main Greek gods. Most girls contributed to researching ideas and creating the timeline. A group put together a magazine, which, along with beautifully illustrated descriptions of the gods and goddesses, included insightful material such as Aphrodite’s beauty tips; “All about me” by Apollo; Hera’s guide to breaking up; and Dining with Dionysus. Many of the girls researched aspects of the games and then used the information they had found

to create board games. Some made posters of their favourite athletes and Georgie Pritchett made a model of an Olympic gymnasium. Michelle Henning and Michela Di Benedetto looked at the statistics and made graphs showing their results. Esmé Thornhill-Davis made clay figures and was the curator of our little museum. Katie and Annie Rawlings made a comic strip showing the start of the Olympics. Some girls researched ancient Greek urns and then created their own. Esmé Thornhill-Davis spoke to the girls about archery and Lara Granig spoke to the girls about fencing.

On Thursday each girl chose an athlete to research. She then attempted to create that athlete from clay and design an appropriate medal. The girls had great fun and learnt a lot about the intricacies of working with clay.

We were privileged to have spent time working in the beautiful STEAM hub. The magnificent space definitely inspired innovation and creativity and the girls thoroughly enjoyed their week.

Other information

Thank you to all the parents who made appointments for the parent/teacher interviews.

Hooked on Books was a great success and the girls really enjoyed the presentations. There are multiple copies of the books available in the Media Centre.

Booklist from the Junior Primary and the Senior Primary shows:

Junior:

- *Cinderboy* by Laurence Anholt - 9781841214047 - ORCHARD BOOKS
- *The StepMonster* by Joanna Nandin - 9781405275415 - EGMONT

- *Explosive Adventures* by Alexander McCall Smith - 9781408865866 - BLOOMSBURY
- *Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants* by Giles Andreae - 9780723281481 - PUFFIN
- *Geronimo Stilton: The Treasure of Easter Island* - 9780545746144 - SCHOLASTIC
- *Poetry Pie* by Rodger McGough - 9780141356860 - PUFFIN POETRY

Senior:

- *The 13-Storey Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths - 9781447279785 - PAN MACMILLIAN
- *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman - 9780062391131 - HARPER COLLINS
- *My Brother is a Superhero* by David Solomons - 9780857634795 - NOSY CROW
- *Life according to...Alice B. Lovely* by Karen McCombie - 9781407158488 - SCHOLASTIC
- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson - 9780141359786 - PUFFIN
- *Poetry Pie* by Rodger McGough - 9780141356860 - PUFFIN POETRY

I would like to remind you that the Mothers' Day Eucharist will take place on Monday 9 May as the Grade 4 girls leave for their tour on Wednesday 11 May.

Girls return to school in their winter uniforms.

We look forward to an interesting and busy Term II. I wish you all a restful holiday and safe travels.

Robynne Dunkley

Deputy headmistress: Senior Primary

From the chaplain

According to John's Gospel, after Jesus' resurrection, we are told he appeared to his disciples on a couple of occasions. Each time, he greeted them with the words, "Shalom aleikhem", or "Peace be with you". Jesus seems at pains to ensure each disciple sees him, risen from the dead, and hears Jesus speak these words: after appearing to Mary Magdalene, he appears to all the disciples except Thomas who is not with them. Thus, when Thomas is with the disciples, Christ appears to them again (John 20:19-29).

"Shalom" is difficult to render in English - it is "peace", but it is also "wholeness", or "completeness". Jesus therefore appears to his disciples who feel bereft and lost as a result of Christ's death, speaking many words of comfort in just those two words. As we come to the end of the first term and prepare for the holidays, "shalom aleikhem": may you experience Christ's restorative rest, and return renewed by His Spirit in the new term.

Revd Claudia Coustas

Chaplain



Meet the staff



Grade 0: Jayne Murewa (Grade 0 assistant), Agotha Clarke, Lynn Trollip, Nomsa Moyo (Grade 0 assistant)



Grade 1: Nancy Frick, Georgina Harris (Junior Primary support and reading room teacher), Philippa di Benedetto

Collaborative research week



Discussing our plans and making sure we have included everything



Time for the construction to begin



The Form IIIs created original pieces of children's theatre which they performed for the Grade 000 to Grade 3s during the Junior Primary story telling evening. The audiences participated and were very enthusiastic. It was a wonderful evening!

From the Music department



The **S** factor



The **SAINTS** factor welcomes talent from the Senior Primary girls.
Come and enter the competition and show us your talent!
Categories include: **DANCE, SINGING, INSTRUMENTAL** and **WILD CARD**

What is the **ENTRY** process?

Fill in an entry form, pay the entry fee, check your song lyrics with an authorised teacher and get practising for the auditions early in **TERM II!**

Parents, family and friends are welcome to come and watch the live auditions.
Final details to follow.

ENTRIES EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 6 MAY 2016

The **AUDITION** dates

Grade 6 and 7 **DANCE**: Monday 9 May 13h45 to 16h00
Grade 4 and 5 **DANCE**: Tuesday 10 May 13h45 to 16h00
INSTRUMENTAL: Video entries only by Friday 13 May
Grade 6 and 7 **SINGING**: Monday 16 May 13h45 to 16h00
Grade 4 and 5 **SINGING**: Tuesday 17 May 13h45 to 16h00
WILD CARD: Wednesday 18 May 13h45 to 15h00

Parents are welcome to watch the auditions

The **S** factor finals:

12h30 on Saturday 28 MAY
in conjunction with the PTA FUN DAY

From the Sports department



Swimming

Junior Primary inter-house gala

There is a saying "third time lucky". This is what applied to the Junior Primary inter-house gala. After such hot and sunny weather, we were graced with torrents of rain which caused the gala to be cancelled. With much anticipation, the weather was eventually kind to us and the gala was rescheduled which made the girls excited. Each girl participated in at least two races. Their swimming has improved a great deal, as has the diving. Each swimmer gave of her best in the water and displayed great spirit in their houses, singing war cries. I thank all who helped at the gala.

Well done to Kyla Grobbelaar for winning the Victrix Ludorum.

The results were as follows:

1)	Lions	-	156
2)	Zebraws	-	149
3)	Springboks	-	107
4)	Hares	-	102

Tracey Wood

HoD: Junior Primary sport



Di Gordon with Kyla Grobbelaar who won the Victrix Ludorum.