



St Mary's School
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At the Patronal Festival, celebrating our 128th birthday

From the head's desk

Dear parents

Young people, teenagers, our girls, are grappling with difficult issues around personal development, identity and their futures but I often feel reassured and, in fact, I admire St Mary's girls when I interact with them because they are well-informed and mature in their outlooks and responses to the many difficult issues of our society.

In recent weeks, the Form IV girls were confronted with an issue of cultural appropriation, specifically about hair. There was an emotional reaction at first but once the girls were called together into a formal discussion, they were able to listen to one another, and speak with dignity and respect.

There was consensus on failing to agree, but acceptance that different and individual perceptions existed and were relevant.

For parents who read the *Mail & Guardian*, our girls' views and writing on this matter of interest will feature in the *Lifestyle* section today.

These are not easy conversations to have. They are difficult ones that we as South Africans should be having, and I am proud that the girls of St Mary's are eager and willing to engage on such topics and build an understanding about the complexities of South Africa.

St Mary's girls do make a positive impression in many ways but they remain teenagers, and this we should not forget. As the adults in the lives of these young women, it is our responsibility to provide the structure and boundaries which the girls need to navigate their teen years safely.

Dates to Diarise

June

Fri 10	07h30	St Mary's Grade 7s of 2015 plaque unveiling
	08h00	Form V pink Consumer Studies session 1
PAT	12h00	ISSF - St Stithians Equestrian qualifier 4 - Eaton Farm
Sat 11	07h30	ISSF - St Stithians Equestrian qualifier 4 - Eaton Farm
Sun 12		Form I and Form II examinations begin
	15h30	Hockey (away)
	18h30	Form V Afrikaans Pit productions at St David's Marist, Inanda
Tues 14	15h00	Hockey vs St Stithians (away)
Wed 15	07h30	Conversations with Form I parents
	14h30	Netball (away)
Thurs 16		Youth Day
		Redhill netball festival
Fri 17		School holiday
Sun 19	06h00	Rowing at the Vaal
		Fathers' Day
Tues 21	15h15	Hockey at home
Wed 22		Netball play-offs at home and away
Thurs 23	14h15	Form V Art prac
	15h30	Hockey at home
Fri 24	15h00	U19 A squash vs Helpmekeer at home
Sat 25	09h00	SG U14 and U18 provincial hockey practices at home
Sun 26		U18 provincial hockey tournament in Bloemfontein

I ask that you, as parents, support the school in the message that our girls, your daughters, should not be going to clubs and drinking. These are illegal activities that can only undermine the potential opportunities that

our girls are creating through their studies and hard work.

At present, the girls are writing mid-year examinations, which provide a welcome

change in routine and a time to reflect on their learning. I wish them well.

Deanne King
Head of school

From the chaplain

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob [...] who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow” (Psalm 146:5-9)

Throughout Jesus' ministry, Jesus brings before his audience (which includes us, today), those about whom society forgets - the “backstage” people. He affirms the loving action of the woman who washes his feet with perfume; he emphasises the huge sacrifice of the widow who had only one coin to give, and who gave that coin; he notices the widow in her son's funeral procession and heals her son.

Christ does not set himself apart from any person. Christ takes the hand of each of those whom we place on the margins of our society,

because no one is on the margins of God's love. There is no pecking order in God, and no “other”.

Each person is of inestimable worth in Christ's eyes and, therefore, also in the eyes of the Father. Each is of inestimable dignity and worth ... not “because” of any characteristic that only some of us have - but because God created every one of us.

Revd Claudia Coustas
Chaplain

From the head girl

The first annual Phoenix conference was held at St John's College on Saturday 4 June. A few months ago, I wrote that Phoenix is a committee of head boys and head girls from independent schools in Johannesburg.

As we organised the conference ourselves, each school was allowed to bring 15 students to the event. The conference was opened by a keynote speaker on cultural intelligence. This

is a topic of interest for all the participating schools, which attract students from a myriad of cultural backgrounds.

Following this, three rotating seminars were held on race, privilege and gender roles, where the students were encouraged to engage in simulations and discussions on these controversial topics.

Judging from the feedback, the participants

found the afternoon worthwhile and enriching, and it was an affirming experience to engage in debate and discourse with students from other schools.

Shayna
Head girl

Student Sponsorship Programme



St Mary's is proud of its Student Sponsorship Programme (SSP) scholarship girls.

Katlego, Rethabile, Ofentse, Zahraa
Not in picture: Melody, Claire

Deloitte Young Executive Programme

On 31 March and 1 April, five St Mary's girls were given the opportunity to understand auditing at Deloitte.

At the Deloitte Young Executive Programme, we were placed in groups with other schools to begin our first lesson: networking. This is where I made many friends. Next, we played business games and also toured the Deloitte offices. We were given exceptional meals for the duration of the programme.

At the end of the two days, St Mary's girls received gift vouchers for winning certain prizes for the business game in which we had participated. We also learned about Deloitte's JIT (Just in Time) programme, where there are international opportunities for aspiring chartered accountants.

To conclude, this was a rare opportunity from which I have benefited greatly.

Biopete

Form V

Justine



Justine



Justine Siddall (Form II) entered the Performing Arts competition in Johannesburg this past weekend. She entered the Amateur Jazz section with *Just Jazz*, and placed 1st and took 3rd place in the Championship section for her piece called *Annihilation*, a modern dance routine about war and peace.

Chess



Inge

Inge (Form IV) has been selected for the Senior SA team to participate in the African Individual Chess Championship 2016, to be held in Kampala, Uganda, from 16 to 27 July.

Inge, as a member of the Senior SA team, recently participated in the African Zonal Chess Championship 2016 that was hosted in Mauritius.

Inge finished 3rd in that championship, and was awarded the title Woman Fide Master.

e4 curriculum



Drawing a field sketch



Collaborating



Role-playing scenarios in the early 1900s



Northwards Mansion



Working in teams

As part of the e4 curriculum, the Form I girls went on an outing to explore the Northwards Mansion on the Parktown Ridge, to experience the life and times of Johannesburg's early mining magnates.

Throughout the day, the girls were involved in a variety of activities to explore ideas of heritage and the preservation of heritage. The aim was to get the girls to think and ask critical questions.

They walked down Rock Ridge Road and discussed land value and land use in relation to the houses that were built. On the front lawns of Northwards, they took in the extensive north-facing view and were tasked with drawing a field sketch to highlight key features in the distance.

In addition to this, the girls used the Google Street View app to create a 360-degree photosphere of their surroundings. They have had great fun revisiting Northwards Mansion by viewing these photospheres using Google Cardboard.

The girls toured through the house, looking at the architecture and design, and how this design was reflective of the social hierarchy of the time. In addition to this, they discussed the day-to-day life in the early 1900s. They had the opportunity to dress up and role-play various scenarios from that time. It became clear to the girls how social norms have changed since then.

It was an active day for the girls and they experienced a wonderful learning experience outside the classroom. As teachers, we look forward to using this experience as we explore the theme of Johannesburg further.

Lilian Southey
e4 teacher

Matric Visual Arts excursion to WAM



Jane Alexander's *Goose*



Matric Visual Arts girls discussing the exhibition



Glow stick Dragon



Jacki McInnes's *Sleeps with the fishes*



Admiring Marcus Neustetter's light drawings

What happens when one combines a provocative theme with 13 brilliant artists?

The result is astounding, and the matric Visual Arts girls were able to experience a guided tour of the *When Tomorrow Comes* exhibition.

Upon entering the exhibition at the Wits Art Museum, we were confronted by a message from the curators who pessimistically stated that "we are doomed". It was noted, however, "the future is variegated".

This future with various possibilities is what artists such as Diane Victor, Jane Alexander, Willem Boshoff and others were motivated to explore. Some artists, such as Alexander, chose to explore the future for life forms with a disturbing sculpture of a human morphed with a vulture. Other artists, such as Jacki McInnes, explored human suffering in the face of economic inequality.

After wandering through works representing humans' imminent doom, we were then treated to the visual spectacle of Marcus Neustetter's *Into the Light*. In this exhibit, Neustetter captured various drawings with light and created interesting sculptures out of Chinese toys and glow sticks.

Additionally, we were able to view the Black Modernism collection, featuring prominent black South African artists. As in the *When Tomorrow Comes* exhibition, we were able to view the works of artists whom we are currently studying in our syllabus.

The exhibitions offered different experiences and exposed us to various styles. As young artists, this excursion opened our minds to the various forms of art being created today and inspired us for our final Visual Arts project at St Mary's.

Julia

Form V



From the Music department

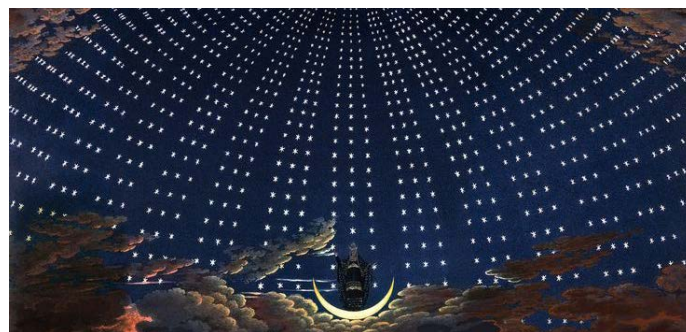
The Magic Flute



Queen of the Night

On Thursday 19 May, the subject Music girls were lucky enough to see a live production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. It was definitely an incredible learning experience, as well as a lovely evening out together.

Mozart's genius was interpreted in such an interesting way; it had many parallels with current affairs and it used various South African languages cleverly in dialogue between the music.



Schinkel's stage design of the Egyptian starry sky

We were given this special opportunity to witness much of what we have learnt in class, as well as listen to a phenomenal orchestra and singers. The highlight of my evening was the Queen of the Night's aria. When many people think of *The Magic Flute*, her solo is most probably the one that springs to mind. The vocal virtuosity that is demanded of the character is, without a doubt, something that blows the mind every time one listens to it!

As a flautist myself, of course *The Magic Flute* was an appealing choice and I was certainly not disappointed. I was left in awe by the incredible interaction between the flautist and the protagonist, Papageno, whose theme is one of the most iconic in the entire production.

Amy
Form IV

Music and Mezedes

On Thursday 26 June, the St Mary's Music girls were invited to perform in Saheti's *Music and Mezedes*, an annual evening of inter-schools' music performances accompanied by a Greek-inspired feast.

This year the St Mary's jazz band, saxophone ensemble and rock band *Third Millenium* all graced the stage with their musical presence, passion and - as the Greeks would say it - *zontania*.



SAHETI bouzouki ensemble



Jeppe's pipe band in action

The rock band started the St Mary's set and got the audience moving in their seats with the catchy, vibrant song *Play That Sax*. The effervescent saxophone ensemble seduced the audience with the controlled, poignant *Calypso Minor*, anchored by guest double bassist Cesare Cassirino's hip bass line and Fiona Roxburgh's phenomenal trumpet soloing.

The animated jazz band then took to the stage to perform the blues classic *Back to the Chicken Shack* and fun, homespun tune *Kwa-Zulu Zam*. The two infectious, bubbly tunes had the audience tapping their feet and cheering inspired solos by Alexandra, Fiona, Georgina,

Alexandra, Yashmiri, Kate, Aphelele and Emma.

Highlights of the evening included watching the unusual Jeppe School Pipe Band dressed in full Scottish regalia, the many vibrant marimba bands and Saheti's bouzouki players. *Music and Mezedes* was a colourful evening of cross-cultural and spirited musical offerings, of which St Mary's was delighted to be a part.

Natasha
Form V

Yamaha Roedean Competition

Annually, Yamaha sponsors a music competition hosted by Roedean School (SA).

Only instrumentalists of a high practical level enter. This year, Emma Harding and I were lucky enough to participate, competing in the woodwind and piano categories respectively.

We were adjudicated by highly esteemed musicians: oboist Tim Roberts and pianist Professor Wessel van Wyk. Both our categories were of a very high standard and all the musicians performed very complex compositions. The adjudicators gave encouraging remarks and constructive criticism on our performances, and we both achieved A symbols.

Emma and I thoroughly enjoyed participating, and benefited greatly from this experience. This was also a fantastic opportunity to debut our repertoire in front of a different audience. We anticipate next year's event with enthusiasm.

Jemma, a saxophone student in matric at Roedean who is taught by our St Mary's music teacher, Ceri Moelwyn-Hughes, played a phenomenally difficult and impressive piece, and has progressed to the Gala Evening. Jemma has toured with the St Mary's jazz band to the Grahamstown Festival several times, so many of us are rooting for her in the finals!

Indira
Form III

From the Sports department



Rowing



Reitumetse



The eight practising

The rowing club is proud to announce that Reitumetse has been selected as the coxswain to the junior women's eight. The junior women's eight is now made up of six St Mary's girls. This is the biggest girls' squad to attend the Junior Rowing World Championships in Rotterdam in August.

Congratulations to Reitumetse, and her team of women making a difference in rowing.

Caitlin Dace
Head of rowing

Cross-country

Cross-country is run as two age groups, Junior and Senior girls. Jenna was one of 20 Junior girls selected to run in an inter-districts' meeting at Pretoria Boys' High on Monday 30 May. She was placed 7th in her race at this event. Well done, Jenna.

Quix
Head of sport

Rhythmic gymnastics

On Saturday 14 May all the rhythmic gymnasts, from Grade 1 to Level 7, took part in the St Mary's Rhythmic Gymnastics Invitational at Sacred Heart College. The invitational was supported by gymnasts from Johannesburg, Mokopane, Secunda and Pretoria.

On Saturday 28 May, the Senior gymnasts took part in the Toccata Invitational. On Saturday 4 June, the Senior girls competed at the Wierda Competition. This group of girls is training for the Gauteng competitions in August and September, and qualification for the Nationals in Cape Town in October.

A rhythmic gymnastics show is planned for 15h30 on Tuesday 26 July, in the gym. All gymnasts will be part of the show.

Linda Giuricich

Head of rhythmic gymnastics



Romy and Caitlin



Two Senior School girls and two Junior School girls at the Toccata Invitational, at Toccata in Pretoria on 28 May

Squash

Boy's league

The St Mary's U19 A team has notched up another two league wins, against Noordheuwel A 14-1 and KES B 11-7. Keep up these fantastic results.

Central Gauteng Top Schools' squash

With our U19 A team missing three of our top players, our girls did exceptionally well to achieve 2nd place overall at the newly upgraded squash complex at St John's College.

Well played, Panashe (no. 1), Georgina (no. 2), Amy Greig (no. 3), Alexandra (no. 4), and Megan and Zanele (shared positions 5 and 6).

Jennifer Fox

Squash coach



Megan, Georgina, Alexandra, Amy and Panashe

Not in picture: Zanele

Netball



Caroline, our 1st team centre, about to pass to Raffaella, our captain and goal defence



Our 1st team passionately singing their war cry after our match against St Andrew's School



Raffaella in action with Georgia, wing defence, keeping up the pace



The U16s warming up for their match

On 25 May our netball girls played Leeuwenhof Akademie Hoërskool. All the games were really tough, and our girls played well.

Our U14 A and B teams won, U15 A lost and B won, U16 A lost and B won.

Our 1st and 2nd teams both lost, but gave a good account of themselves against excellent opposition.

On 4 June we played against St Andrew's School. Again, the games were really tough but our girls worked hard and never gave up.

Our U14 A, B and C teams won, but the U14 D team lost. Our U15 A, B, C and D teams all won. Our U16 A and B teams also won, but U16C narrowly lost by a single goal.

Sadly, both our 1st and 2nd teams lost very closely contested matches, which could have gone either way.

I am very proud of the way that our girls play hard, continue to work and never give up.

Rose Hallendorff

Head of netball

Hockey



U15B team

The hockey players have continued on a winning streak with their league fixtures. On Saturday 4 June the fixtures against St Andrew's meant that two of the top girls' hockey schools would compete against each other.

All age groups won their matches convincingly. The St Mary's 2nd team, which comfortably won its previous matches, found itself 0-0 until the last five minutes of the second half, when Karabo managed to slip one in the back of the box to win the match 1-0.

The highlight of the morning, however, was a hard-fought 2-2 draw for the St Mary's 1st team. On the third consecutive short corner award, the right call was made and Liezl scored at the near post to bring the scores level.

Shortly after, St Andrew's went into the lead again, putting pressure back on our team. With less than five minutes to go, captain Hannah showed great big match temperament, executing a straight shot from a penalty corner. This was not the 1st team's best performance, but was a courageous effort to draw 2-2.

Our next big league match is against St Stithians away, on 14 June. Come and support our hockey girls. See fixture details on the app.

Recent overall hockey results:

Teams	Score		
	Wins	Losses	Draws
Grays league			
St Andrew's	7	0	1
Malik league			
Hyde Park	2	1	0
Curro Aurora	2	1	0
Friendlies			
Holy Rosary	5	0	0

Roxy Coetzee-Turner
Head of hockey

Notices

Adventurous Journey for the 2016 President's Award

Chameleon Adventure Academy and The President's Award Adventurous journey and residential programmes

Date	TPA Level	Activity	Venue	Space available
2-6 July	Gold Adventurous Journey	Winter hiking snow trip	Drakensberg - Monks Cowl	Eight places remaining
2-5 July	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	Hiking adventure	Kaapsehoop	16 places available
4-8 July	Gold Residential Project	Community service at animal rehab centre	Owl rescue centre - Hartebeespoort dam	Open
12-17 July	Gold Residential Project	Community service at animal rehab centre	Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre	Fully booked
6-7 August	Bronze Adventurous Journey	Multi adventure	Magaliesberg	Open
9-14 August	Gold Residential Project	Community service at animal rehab centre	Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre	Fully booked
8-12 August	Gold Residential Project	Community service at animal rehab centre	Owl rescue centre and Vulpro	Open
30 Aug- 2 September	Gold and Silver Adventurous journey	Hiking	TBA	Open
29 Aug- 3 September	Gold Adventurous Journey	River rafting	Orange River (Zastron)	Open
21-24 October	Silver Adventurous Journey	Hiking adventure	Kaapsehoop	Open
21-24 October	Gold Adventurous Journey	Hiking adventure	Magoebaskloof	Open
8- 11 December	Gold Adventurous Journey	River rafting	Mkomazi River	Open
8-11 December	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	Hiking and fly fishing	Drakensberg	Open
9-16 December	Gold Adventurous Journey	Expedition style hiking	Mt Kilimanjaro	Open

For more information, please contact Melanie Blair via email at melanie.blair@stmary.co.za.

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