

· SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS ·



St Mary's Senior School girls demonstrate their environmental awareness by donating water to drought-stricken areas

From the head's desk

Dear parents

Sally James and I had the privilege of attending and presenting at the Global Forum on Girls' Education, in New York City from 7-9 February. It was rewarding to collaborate with colleagues from across the globe who share our interest in girls, and their learning and development. We were reassured through the speakers and different sessions at the forum that St Mary's has a programme that creates an environment for a successful and meaningful education for women. We shall continue to research best practice in girls' education, and review and develop our programme accordingly.

An important aspect of girls' development is their self-confidence and esteem. At St Mary's we have always encouraged participation as a way to develop each girl's self-esteem. We believe that when an individual finds a niche, an interest and even a passion for a particular activity, she is able to better define herself. There are girls who excel in cultural endeavours and in sport, others find satisfaction and

reward in service, while others build character through their focus on their spiritual lives. Through these experiences the girls' academic and personal development is enhanced.

Over the past weekends I have observed the girls at the aquatics festivals. It is worth noting the excellent performance of the divers, swimmers and water polo players who have thrilled the spectators, but there have also been girls who have supported the festivals as first-aiders and administration assistants, and in events and marketing roles. Together, they have all contributed to the ethos that is distinctly St Mary's School. As they each make individual contributions, they are also developing their interests, character and self-esteem, which ultimately fulfils our aim.

Yours sincerely

Deanne King
Head of school

Dates to Diarise

Fri 1	2	Civvies red-and-white day
	12h00	St Mary's Tennis Festival - St Mary's
	13h00	Senior Squash Festival - St Mary's DSG
	13h00	U15 Tennis Festival - St Mary's DSG
Sat	13	Midmar Mile
	07h00	Form I 2017 entrance assessments
	07h00	Rowing regatta at Homestead Dam
	08h00	Water polo (away)
		IEB Regional UGC
	08h00	St Mary's Tennis Festival - St Mary's
		Senior Squash Festival - St Mary's DSG
		U15 Tennis Festival - St Mary's DSG
		Basketball (away)
	10h00	Diving (away)
Sun	14	Midmar Mile
	08h00	St Mary's Tennis Festival - St Mary's
		Senior Squash Festival - St Mary's DSG
		U15 Tennis Festival - St Mary's DSG
	17h00	Rowing girls return from the
		Buffalo Regatta
		Confirmation group - chapel
Tues	16 07h30	St Mary's Grade 7 assessment day
	14h45	Tennis (home and away)
	17h30	Dale Carnegie course
Wed	17 18h00	Battle of the Bands finals
Thu	rs 18 10h30	Inter-house aquatics
	12h30	Senior School closes for half-term
	12h30	Limpopo service trip departs
		Half-term rowing camp departs
		U15 water polo tournament at
		Crawford begins
	18h00	Old Petrians water polo dinner
Fri 1	9	Half-Term
Sat	20	Half-Term
	07h00	Jeppe Regatta
	17h00	Limpopo service trip returns
Sun	21	Rowing camp returns
		U15 water polo tournament at
		Crawford ends
		Old Petrians water polo
		tournament ends

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From the chaplain

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" (Isaiah 58:6)

Ash Wednesday (10 February) marked the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent is a bit like taking your car in for its annual service: perhaps it needs an oil change, or a new set of windscreen wiper blades. Similarly, Lent is a time of "fasting" – giving up something we love or are used to, taking stock of our relationship with God and of how we live this relationship out in the world. Importantly, whatever changes we make during Lent should continue to take effect beyond Easter.

We could fast our time by watching less TV each day so that we can spend more time in prayer, or having a real conversation with our family and friends, or taking an hour out of our day in order to help someone less fortunate than us. We could fast a luxury, eating out less frequently and giving the money we save to a worthy cause, or even showering instead of bathing such that we are mindful of our limited water resources. We could also fast those attitudes that do not help us love our neighbour: not letting ourselves become irritated by that person who needs so much of our attention, for example. Finally, we could fast our convenience: putting more bins in our garage so that we can recycle at source.

This Lenten season, may the Lord bless us with an ever-greater sense of God's love for us all, and of our dependence on God.

Revd Claudia Coustas Chaplain

From the head girl

Get Involved, Reflect and Learn Seminars
- GIRLS for short - are an engaging and
constructive forum for the girls to discuss
controversial issues and current affairs,
centred on topics that may affect them at
the moment and potentially in the future.

I head the GIRLS committee, which consists of four matrics: Siphosihle Mbuli, Courtney Mocke, Ziyanda Dhlamini and me. The committee is present at every meeting to facilitate the discussions that take place, and challenge the girls to speak up about their views and situations. In the past, we have held seminars on sexuality, racism and the Fees Must Fall movement, to name a few. The seminars happen every two weeks, on a Tuesday afternoon. There are two sessions:

one for Form I and Form II girls, and one for Form III, Form IV and matric pupils. The seminars are split between juniors and seniors because we want the girls to feel comfortable to talk freely among their peers on topics of interest and relevance, which tend to differ between the ages.

Occasionally we invite a guest speaker to the seminars. We invite speakers who relate to the chosen matter, and are able to offer insights from their professional and academic experiences, and engage in conversation with us.

As a committee, we are often trying to find new ways to involve the girls and encourage them to attend the seminars that interest them. Last week, we ran a simulation in light of the 2015 Dove "Choose Beautiful" campaign, in which we set up labelled entrances to The Edge building. The girls were faced with the choice of entering through the "Average" door, or the "Beautiful" door.

In the next seminar, we shall be tackling the concept of embracing inner and outer beauty and how it affects young women in society and the media. We strongly encourage the girls to attend seminars when they can – it is a great opportunity for them to voice their opinions and become more socially aware.

Shayna van Vüren Head girl

Senior School annual photography competition

All Senior School girls are encouraged to enter the Senior School photography competition.

This competition is essential for school colours in photography. Colours are a requirement for the cultural honours blazer, as well as for the Certificate of Excellence from the Photographic Society of South Africa. The best photographs will be printed in the school magazine.

Prizes

There are five prizes of R500 each, for the five best photographers. These will be awarded at final assembly at the end of Term I.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 16

March, and no late entries will be accepted. Every pupil who enters will be given a mention. You may submit your entries to me in the Wantage at any time. Please ensure that you add your name to the competition entry list in my office to get a mention.

The photographs may be black-and-white or colour prints on any subject. Photographs may be enhanced with computer manipulation. Each competition finalist is required to submit her original photograph in .jpg format to me for final judging.

The minimum size of each photograph is 15cm x 21cm and the maximum size is 30cm x 40cm.

The photograph must be neatly mounted with

a 5cm border of a single, clean, stiff black cardboard. Each photograph must have a title. Your name, form, photograph title and full description of the camera used must be clearly printed on the back. No writing may appear on the front.

All photographs must have been taken by you personally but printing, processing and mounting may be done commercially. There is no entrance fee. There is no limit to the number of entries you may submit. The photographs become the property of St Mary's and no responsibility is accepted for loss or damage. The judges' decision is final.

Anneli Silvennoinen

Senior School librarian

Our photographers represent South Africa

The 37th FIAP Youth Digital Biennial 2015 was organised by the International Federation of Photographic Art. The Photographic Society of South Africa called for images to be sent in by school clubs all over South Africa. Twenty images were chosen to represent the country at this international competition, and every St Mary's photographer submitted was selected for the national team.

This is a phenomenal achievement for our photographers, and we congratulate the following girls:

- Bronwyn Craddock Inquisitive butterfly
- Justine Jiang Lost generations and
- · Nicola Mason Walking amongst the prayers

The other selected girls were all 2015 matrics:

- Susan Gardner Suspension
- · Jessica Ridge Daydreaming
- Nicole Sen Well stare
- Jessica Veitch Hit or miss

Anneli Silvennoinen

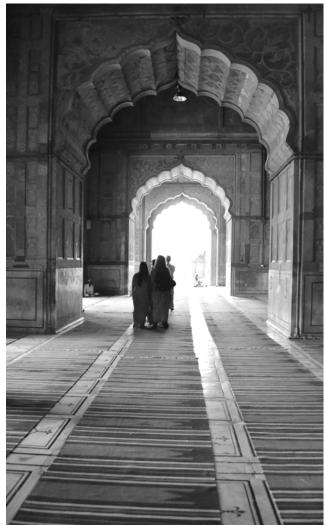
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Bronwyn Craddock - Inquisitive Dragonfly



Justine Jiang - Lost generations



Nicola Mason - Walking amongst the prayers

Form Is are introduced to the Wantage Resource Centre

The heads of resources, Siphosihle Mbuli and Aphelele Gama, spent time with the new Form I girls and showed them around the centre, introducing them to the various resources and explaining the role of resource monitors.

Anneli Silvennoinen

Senior School librarian



Aphelele Gama explains the benefits of the new library system called Oliver



Aphelele Gama and Siphosihle Mbuli pass on their knowledge of resources with aplomb



Babette Swart and Mariella Nicolaou become acquainted with resources



Deborah Cronje, Amanda Mecoamere, Isabella Blumeris and Helen Moore listen attentively as Siphosihle Mbuli explains the role and training of resource monitors



Demi Putziger, Jacqueline Trickett and Kate Pournara at their introductory session



The juice and muffins were very popular

Battle of the Bands - finalists





HIPnotic	St John's
Tees & Seas	King David Victory Park
Upon the Heath	St Benedicts and Jeppe
Thangz	Sacred Heart
Dee sharp	Rand Park High
3 rd Millenium	St Mary's
Kaleidoscope	St Mary's

Dancing

In March 2015, Michela Passoni auditioned for the 2015 IDO Showdance World Championships. She was successful in being part of the South African adult dance team that were to compete in Riesa, Germany, in November. Michela was further asked to join the SA team for the Ballet & Modern competition of the IDO World Dance Week, held in Mikołajki, Poland, in December. Even though she was selected to be part of the team, everyone had to qualify at various competitions during the year. The dancers had to receive a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place at three different qualifying competitions to be able to qualify to compete overseas.

The IDO World Showdance Championships in Riesa was of a very high standard, with 24 countries competing. Michela's Showdance group, Grandmother's Memories, was awarded a 4^{th} place.

From Germany the team toured Slovenia, where they participated in a workshop and performed in a production, *Slo Africa*. The team was also able to tour a bit. Michela was lucky to be able to spend a day in Venice, Italy, as well as in little towns in Slovenia.

After Slovenia, the team headed to Mikołajki, Poland for the IDO World Dance Week.

Michela's results were:

Ballet group A Spanish Flair
Made the final - awarded 3rd place (bronze medal)

Ballet Solo dance The Tango Made the final - awarded 7th place

Ballet duet Black & White Swan Made the final - awarded 1st place (gold medal)



Podium



Michela Passoni with a fellow South African dancer



A scene from Grandmother's Memories

The President's Award

This is a holistic awards programme for young people, providing them with a simple structure to plan their own development. The pupils need to be actively involved in community service, developing a new skill, taking part in physical recreation (sport) and doing an *ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY*. There are three award levels - bronze, silver and gold. Pupils do not have to complete all three awards; they can begin and finish with any of the three. After enrolling in the awards programme, the pupil will record what she has done in the above four disciplines over a period of six months (bronze award), 12 months (silver award) or 18 months (gold award).

Once enrolled, the pupil will receive an official record book, which summarises the requirements of each section of the awards, depending on the level she is on. The record book needs to be completed by relevant adult supervisors of activities (sport coaches, hike leaders, etc.) to reflect what was done for each section. The record book needs to be signed by the adult who is responsible for each activity in which the participant is involved. Please see a summary of the programme quidelines below:

BRONZE LEVEL

- For those over 14 and under 25 years
- Minimum completion period of six months
- The participant must complete the requirements in each of the four sections below:

1. SERVICE

At least 24 hours spread over three months.

2. PHYSICAL RECREATION

Select an activity and show regular effort and improvement spread over three months.

3. SKILL

Select an activity and show regular effort and improvement spread over three months.

PLUS A PARTICIPANT MUST DO AN EXTRA THREE MONTHS IN EITHER SERVICE, PHYSICAL RECREATION OR SKILL.

4. ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY

Minimum requirements: two days and one night.

Six hours planned activity each day in a group of no fewer than four young people and supervised by an experienced adult.

Walk - 24km, or

Cycling - 80km, or

Horseback - 48km, or

Canoeing - Four hrs per day

SILVER LEVEL

- For those over 15 and under 25 years
- Minimum completion period: six months for Bronze Award Holders
- The participant must complete the requirements in each of the four sections below
- PLEASE NOTE that involvement is for 12 months for Non-Bronze Award Holders

1. SERVICE

At least 48 hours spread over six months.

2. PHYSICAL RECREATION

Select an activity and show regular effort and improvement spread over six months.

3. SKILL

Select an activity and show regular effort and improvement spread over six months. PLUS NON-BRONZE HOLDERS MUST DO AN EXTRA SIX MONTHS IN EITHER SERVICE, PHYSICAL RECREATION or SKILL.

4. ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY

Minimum requirements: three days and two nights.

Seven hours planned activity each day in a group of no fewer than four young people and supervised by an experienced adult.

Walk - 48km, or

Cycling - 145km, or

Horseback - 96km, or

Canoeing - 5 hrs per day

GOLD LEVEL

- For those over 16 and under 25 years
- Minimum completion period: 12 months for Silver Awards Holders and 18 months for Non-Silver Award Holders
- The participant must complete the requirements in each of the four sections below

SERVICE

At least 72 hours spread over 12 months.

PHYSICAL RECREATION

Select an activity and show regular effort and improvement spread over 12 months.

SKILL

Select an activity and show regular effort and improvement spread over 12 months.

PLUS NON-SILVER HOLDERS MUST DO AN EXTRA SIX MONTHS IN EITHER SERVICE, PHYSICAL RECREATION OR SKILL SILVER LEVEL

- For those over 15 and under 25 years
- Minimum completion period: six months for Bronze Award Holders
- The participant must complete the requirements in each of the four sections below
- PLEASE NOTE that involvement is for 12 months for Non-Bronze Award Holders

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY

Minimum requirements: four days and three nights.

Eight hours planned activity each day in a group of no fewer than four young people and supervised by an experienced adult.

Walk - 80km, or Cycling - 225km, or Horseback - 160km, or Canoeing - 6 hrs per day

RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

A compulsory Residential Project of at least five consecutive days and four nights must be completed and be part of a group of people who are not your usual companions, and work towards a common goal.

To enrol, please download the enrolment form, the fee structure and the banking details from School Communicator.

The pupil must give the filled-in enrolment form and the proof of payment to me, and I shall send them into the President's Award offices. Contact me on melanie.blair@stmary.co.za.

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Melanie Blair
President's Awards co-ordinator

From the Sports department



National Aquatics Festival

St Mary's was proud to host this prestigious event for the first time since 2010. We could not have asked for two more superb days, weather-wise, and this certainly enhanced our world-class facilities. Both the water polo and diving teams are congratulated on retaining their titles for the fifth consecutive year. Owing to disqualifications, which are very costly, the swimming team dropped to 3rd place when they could have been a comfortable 2nd.



St Mary's swimmers

Results from the National Aquatics Festival:

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1 st	C&N Sekondêre Meisieskool Oranje	424
2^{nd}	Durban Girls' College	385
3^{rd}	St Mary's School, Waverley	377
4 th	Eunice High School	314
5^{th}	Our Lady of Fatima DCS	302
6^{th}	Pretoria High School for Girls	274
7^{th}	Clarendon High School for Girls	273
8 th	St Mary's DSG, Kloof	265
9 th	Durban Girls' High School	120
10 th	Pietermaritzburg Girls' High Schoo	I 102

Water polo

1 st	St Mary's School, Waverley		
2 nd	St Stithians College		
3 rd	Durban Girls' College		
4 th	Clarendon		
5 th	St Mary's Kloof		
6 th	Durban Girls' High School		
7 th	Pretoria Girls High		
8 th	Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School		
Diving			
U15			
1 st	Romy Len	114.50	
2 nd	Alexandra Kirstein	109.10	
5 th	Jessica Shames	82.85	
U16			
2 nd	Isabelle Boles	162.90	
3 rd	Emma Davidson	152.60	
3^{rd} 7^{th}	Emma Davidson Amy Greig	152.60 107.75	

Open

314	Aerin Davidson	214.60
4^{th}	Kathleen Shepherd	191.95
7^{th}	Claire Hislop	136.80

Overall

Overan		
1 st	St Mary's School, Waverley	65
2 nd	Pretoria High School for Girls	42
3 rd	St Stithians	39
4 th	St Andrew's	31
5^{th}	Oranje Meisieskool	6
6 th	Pietermaritzburg Girls High	2
7^{th}	St Mary's DSG Kloof	1

Unfortunately, Highveld storms continue to wreak havoc with afternoon sport and we have had two out of three galas cancelled owing to lightning. Last week we were able to complete an entire gala at St Teresa's and take times for all the swimmers. Sadly, St Stithians swam as two equal-strength teams and so it was impossible to pit ourselves against them.

1 st	St Mary's A	288
2 nd	St Stithians A	210
3^{rd}	St Stithians B	168
4^{th}	St Mary's B	163
5^{th}	St Teresa's	144
6^{th}	Jeppe A	98
7^{th}	Jeppe B	36

Quix

Head of sport



The victorious 1st water polo team



Alexandra Kirstein off the 3m board



Diving coach Chelsea Glincman with the captains, Kathleen Shepherd and Aerin



Serious defence from Courtney O'Shaughnessy

Squash

Well done to all teams for 29 January. You have once again excelled by winning 132 games and losing nine in total, which is a great achievement.

St Mary's U19A beat Northcliff 12-0 12-2 St Mary's U19B beat Helpmekaar St Mary's U19C beat Helpmekaar 12-0 St Mary's U19D beat McAuley House 12-1 St Mary's U19E beat Greenside 12-1 St Mary's U16A beat Northcliff 12-0 St Mary's U16B beat Northcliff 12-0 St Mary's U15A beat Northcliff 12-1 St Mary's U15B beat Northcliff 12-0 St Mary's U14A beat Northcliff 12-4 St Mary's U14B beat Northcliff 12-0



St Mary's U19A Cara O'Flaherty, Georgina Barrow, Jemma Warsop and Panashe Sithole at Northcliff Country Club



U16B team on their way to Mondeor. Back row: Jordyn Soll, May Krause $\,$



Cara O'Flaherty won the U16 2016 Wilson Easterns Open Junior Squash Tournament over the weekend of 23-24 January by beating the no. 1 seed, Charlotta Loggenberg of North West Province, 3-2 after being down 0-2. Well done, Cara. Keep up the excellent results.

Jennifer Fox Squash coach

Results from 5 February

St Mary's U19A beat St Andrew's	12-0
St Mary's U19B beat St Dunstan'	s 12-0
St Mary's U19C beat Sandringham	m 12-0
St Mary's U19D beat Greenside	12-0
St Mary's U16A beat St Andrew's	12-0
St Mary's U16B beat Mondeor	12-0
St Mary's U15A beat St Andrew's	12-0
St Mary's U15B beat St Andrew's	12-0



Julia Spring from U15B serving against St Andrew's



Well done to Panashe Sithole, winner of the U19 section, and Jemma Warsop, runner-up in U16 section of the Central Gauteng Just-In-Time Sports Open, held at the Wanderers Club from 29 to 31 January.

St Mary's basketball has six teams in total, U14A, U14B, U15A, U15B, U16 and the 1st team. With only two weeks of inconsistent training because of bad weather, the U15 and 1st teams saw their first victory against Glenvista High School on 27 February.

U15

St Mary's 16-0 Glenvista

1st team

St Mary's 28-2 Glenvista

This was a great start for St Mary's; we were quicker, stronger and sharper.



Back row: Thidziambi Mufamadi, Katlego Mahlo, Jordyn Dreyer, Kyra Meiring, Candice Shepstone, Sandile Parirenyatwa, Katleho Matumane Front row: Tinyiko Mthenjane, Caitlyn Nielsen (captain), Christa Kgamphe (coach), Hannah Pearce (vice-captain), Rethabile Ramapulane

St Mary's basketball 1st team took part in the AISJ annual tournament recently. This team was led by its only two senior players, as the other players are juniors in terms of age and experience.

St Mary's was one of the 16 teams from within and outside South Africa to participate. There were four pools and St Mary's was drawn in pool D, along with Pretoria High School for Girls (PHSG), the American International School of Mozambique (AISM) and Dominican Convent School. The group stage matches resulted as follows:

St Mary's vs PHSG 15- 17 lost
St Mary's vs AISM 43- 3 won
St Mary's vs Dominican 25- 10 won

With two wins and a single loss, it was to our advantage that Dominican beat PHSG and we were seeded 3rd at the end of the group stages. St Mary's then had to play against Herschel Girls' School, who were seeded 14th because they played in the hardest pool with Nelson Mandela School and AISJ dominating.

St Mary's made it through to the quarter-finals after beating Herschel 21-20 in a nail-biting battle. In the last two minutes of this match, St Mary's was ahead with six points but fatigue kicked in and Herschel closed the lead to a single point in the last seven seconds. This was the end of a long Friday, with three matches played.

The last day of the tournament started with St Mary's looking to settle the score with PHSG when the two met in the quarter-finals; St Mary's came out on top, winning the match 24-17. There was a tremendous sense of achievement before the semi-finals as St Mary's were the underdogs, a team that had not been expected to make it that far. With St Mary's losing 24-8 in this match, they gave all they had but, unfortunately, the other team was tactically stronger.

Christa Kgamphe

Basketball coach

Diving

Saints' divers enjoyed a successful day of competition in Pretoria on Saturday. Aerin Davidson gave a stunning performance to take the gold medal in the highly competitive Open age group. Emma Davidson also earned a gold medal in the U16 age group. Captain Kathleen Shepherd took 3rd place in the Open

competition with a high-scoring first dive. Amy Greig improved upon her performance from the previous week and came in 5th place for the U16 competition. Alexandra Kirstein and Romy Len came in 2nd and 3rd places, respectively.

Come and support the St Mary's diving team tomorrow, as they take on St Stithians and Pretoria Girls' High School at home.

Chelsea Glincman
Diving coach

Tennis

The Southern Gauteng Girls' High School Tennis Association held the annual B inter-high tennis competition on 6 February. Twenty-three schools participated in this event, at four different venues across Johannesburg. This competition is for players ranked from numbers 5 to 8 in their school team. In a most exciting morning of the highest standard of tennis that has yet been seen at this event, St Mary's B beat Trinityhouse in the semi-finals while St Mary's C (numbers 9-12) lost to Helpmekaar Kollege in the other semi-final. In an exciting and nail-biting final, the St Mary's B team beat Helpmekaar by 10 games to 8. Each match went to a seven point tie-breaker to decide the outcome. Congratulations to Naima Sagar, Roxanne Keeping, Tamsin Hart and Ruth Moore on playing such a high standard of tennis under intense pressure. The St Mary's C team, consisting of Julia Fleming, Shannon Leitch, Liezl Kritzinger and Isabella Polkinghorne, beat Trinityhouse 11-9 to take 3rd place. Well done on a fantastic effort by all the players, and thank you to Ms Stacey Turner and Ms Coetzee-Turner for all their help and support.

B inter-high tennis results 2016

- 1 St Mary's B
- 2 Helpmekaar
- 3 St Mary's C
- 4 Trinityhouse
- 5 St Andrew's
- 6 St Stithians
- 7 HeronBridge School
- 8 Kingsmead

The tennis league is in full swing, and the AB teams have posted excellent results in their first two league matches. The St Mary's CD team is also unbeaten and St Mary's EF did well to beat Crawford Sandton AB. The GH team had an excellent win over Edenvale AB. Well done to all the tennis players.

26 January

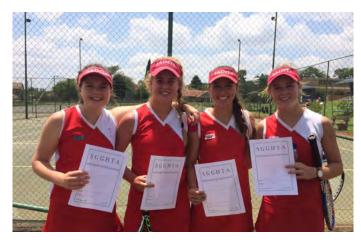
- St Mary's A bt Trinityhouse A 64-17
- St Mary's B bt Trinityhouse B 64-17
- St Mary's C bt Linden A 51-30
- St Mary's D bt Linden B 66-15
- St Mary's E Bye
- St Mary's F Bye
- St Mary's G lost to Randpark A 23-40
- St Mary's H bt Randpark B 57-6

2 February

- St Mary's A bt Northcliff A 64-17
- St Mary's B bt Trinityhouse B 64-17
- St Mary's C bt Holy Rosary A 45-36
- St Mary's D bt Holy Rosary B 55-26
- St Mary's E bt Crawford A 34-27
- St Mary's F bt Crawford B 53-10
- St Mary's G bt Edenvale A 43-38 $\,$
- St Mary's H bt Edenvale B



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{B}}$ inter-high team: Tamsin Hart, Ruth Moore, Roxanne Keeping and Naima Sagar



C inter-high: Liezl Kritzinger, Isabella Polkinghorne, Shannon Leitch and Julia Fleming

Neville Godwin, coach of Kevin Anderson, came to address the school at assembly last Friday morning. He spoke of life on the tennis tour and mentioned many interesting facts about Kevin. His visit was to highlight the St Mary's Invitational Tennis Festival, which starts on Friday 12 February and ends on Sunday 14 February. I encourage all tennis players, their parents and siblings to pop down to the school over the weekend to support the St Mary's team and watch some excellent tennis on display. Some of the players in this event are highly ranked nationally and the festival promises to produce tennis of a high calibre.

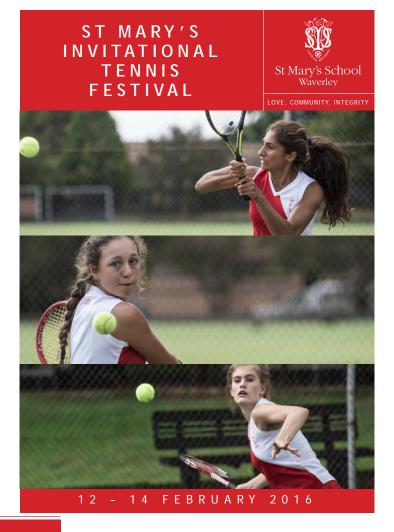
If you come to support, your name will be entered into a lucky draw to win either a Wilson racquet bag or a pizza voucher from the Pizza Hut in Norwood, valued at R500. Good luck to Imaan Hassim, Maja Gledic, Cara O'Flaherty, Kathryn Rohde and Tegan Scorgie, who will be representing St Mary's. I hope that you will all have a great tournament on and off the court. I wish the U15 team, comprising Tamsin Hart, Ruth Moore, Julianne Klingenberg, Nina Patience and Zaina Hassim, the best of luck for the tennis tournament at St Mary's DSG Pretoria.

René Plant

Tennis coach



Kathryn Rohde, Imaan Hassim (tennis captain) and Neville Godwin



Tuesday 1 March 07h15 to 08h30

All parents are most welcome to join us for our first Muse Morning of the year.

Venue: Auditorium in the Senior Resource Centre (Wantage). Coffee is served at the tennis pavilion from 07h15 for a prompt start at 07h30.

Topic: "Breathe and count to 10 - managing difficult feelings"

Speaker: Vanessa Hemp, clinical psychologist

RSVP: Sharon.san@stmary.co.za

Welcome Olives and Plates to St Mary's

Every cappuccino you purchase makes a difference to the St Mary's Foundation's bursary and community-based programmes. The coffee outlet at St Mary's aims to provide a service and convenience to parents and staff. The offering at Olives and Plates includes, among other items, roast chickens for quick-and-easy dinner convenience. In summer, opening times are from 06h00 to 17h30, making it easy to grab your coffee at drop-off and collection times. All muffins and savoury items are baked and prepared fresh on site each day.

Kiki and Fidos Kleovoulou, together with the familiar face of Pumi Mtupa, previously of Fresh Culture Café, and the new team of Bridgette Phiri, Debbie Nkiwane and Blessing Matshazi, are ready to serve up a delicious menu of cakes, savoury items and the IIIy brand of quality coffee. For a detailed menu and prices, please check the School Communicator.

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