



## Heads of Houses elect



Clayton: Tyla (deputy), Vuyisa (head), Isabelle (deputy)



Furse: Deminkha (deputy), Lukhanyiso (head), Paula (deputy)



Karney: Kelsey (deputy), Renata (head), Tayla (deputy)



Phelps: Onthatile (deputy), Caroline (head), Gabriella (deputy)

## FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

The annual prizegiving held last Friday was a special evening that marked the individual achievements of the class of 2018. This gathering of the school under the stars is always a memorable occasion. Unfortunately, light drizzle caused us to hurry through the final awards, but the blessing of rain was a significant addition to the evening.

In his speech, the chairperson of the Board, Nigel Carman, referred to the strategic imperatives for the next five years. Transformation and diversity will continue to lead these directives. These two words are imbued with meaning, and understanding and interpreting them can differ, depending on perspective. I came across the following comment by Tami Maiwashe, co-chair of the transformation and diversity committee at The Diocesan School for Girls, Grahamstown:

*"Recently one of our Diocesan School for Girls students asked me what transformation was with much bewilderment, and my instinct was to flip out, gloriously. I mean, so many advances and conversations later, and someone is still asking what we are trying to do? Yet on further contemplation, I realised that this brief moment summed up much of what our school's transformation journey has meant for me.*

*"This journey has called for patience with people whose questions rub me up the wrong way. It has called for humility when it was easier to believe I was right about something and turn my back on anyone who thought otherwise. It has called for kindness and gentleness, and in fact all the other things that the apostle Paul once called "fruit of the Spirit" too. Indeed, a conviction I have inherited, is that transformation is fundamentally spiritual work, 'inside' work, heart work.*

*"The girl's question also turns out to be a question I have heard many other times, in different guises. 'What is the goal of transformation? Who is transforming, what is transforming, and into what? How will we know we have 'transformed'?"*

*"A powerful tenet of the agile software development methodology is that in a project, you define 'done'. I think the same of transformation. We are never quite done, and in ongoing conversation, we keep defining a new 'done' to strive towards.*

*"For me, transformation is changing a space so that it enriches each of its inhabitants' lives. The work looks different every day as different aspects of the space are addressed and, on some days, the work looks stagnant, because some features of the space refuse to budge. But for as long as everyone at least stays committed to doing the heart work – the recognising and unlearning of biases, the interrogating of reactions, the unpacking of privilege and how it can be shared and used positively – then we are always moving closer to 'done'."*

There are a number of sports tournaments during the half-term break in which our girls will participate. I wish them well. Sarah Warner and I shall be attending the ISASA and SAHISA conferences in Sandton.

DEANNE KING  
HEAD OF SCHOOL

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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

– Luke 10:1-9 (NRSV)

On 18 October, the Church celebrates the feast day of St Luke the physician, to whom authorship of Luke's Gospel is attributed. "The picture of Christ that comes through in his Gospel is that of the universal Saviour who has a special place in his heart for the poor and the weak of this world – perhaps a reflection of the character of the author himself." (ACSA, *Saints and Seasons*, p114) Reading the passage with this in mind, one is struck by what stood out to Luke in Christ's character: the care and concern for Christ's disciples in sending them out with specific instructions to set them at ease. In Luke's character, therefore, we see, in part, a reflection of Christ's character.

REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS  
CHAPLAIN

## MEET THE BOARD

Thandi Chaane

Thandi Chaane comes from a family of teachers and was a teacher herself for 10 years before moving to the South African Council of Churches in 1976 with a focus on transformation. She was the co-founder of Read Education and Development, a literacy programme that was the first in the country to introduce libraries into schools throughout the country.

Her extensive knowledge of teaching reading and managing libraries made Thandi an ideal shareholder of Juta publishers.

As an ex-director of the Education Information Centre, she was a pioneer of career guidance in schools and it was here that her love for human resources began.

Thandi became the first woman deputy director-general of education in the Gauteng government. She was involved in transforming education policies from the apartheid era to the new dispensation.

She was head-hunted by the MultiChoice Africa Foundation as chief executive officer and co-founded the first teacher-training model on television using cutting-edge technology. This led to a turnaround in her career where Thandi felt the need to go into business on her own and she is now the owner of The Human Capital Engine, a transformation, diversity-management, human capital-training company.

Thandi is currently helping woman from rural areas break into the property and farming industries, by being their "voice".

Thandi taught for 12 years in senior schools in Soweto and she was part of the 1976 mass resignation of teachers in protest against the education system of the time. She has trained and worked with independent schools such as St Mary's, Uplands College, St Peter's College, The Ridge and many others on managing diversity. She is also doing this work for blue-chip companies as a consultant.

Thandi has been appointed chairperson of the Primovie Management transformation committee, formed as part of the company's commitment to creating opportunities to promote, advance and recruit previously

disadvantaged individuals. She was previously a non-executive director on the Primovie Board.

She is also chair of the Board of M&C Saatchi Abel and transformation manager for AAM geospatial services company.

Thandi recently concluded a deal with WE Communications enabling the formation of a trust to benefit the St Mary's School Foundation to assist girls studying for a teaching degree, and she is working with rural schools in KwaZulu-Natal and elsewhere on the continent to assist vulnerable children.

This year, she is working with 74 schools in the CURRO independent schools network to manage diversity and transformation.

Thandi has watched the leadership and transformation of St Mary's over the past 20 years and is proud to be part of it.





# THE HOPE COMMITTEE



The HOPE committee recently hosted Nomonde Mtshazo, the first girl of colour to have attended St Mary's, and her sister, Zingisa Mtshazo, at an evening Boma Chat. Mrs Elizabeth Khumalo and Dr Peggy Sekele joined the siblings. It was a beautiful evening with a richly diverse audience who shared experiences highlighting the complexities – sometimes sad and painful; sometimes amusing; often poignant – of our collective past. It was impossible to walk away without feeling inspired by the tremendous courage of these brave women.



# NATIONAL ACCOUNTING OLYMPIAD



Isabelle



On Wednesday 1 August, the following girls participated in the second round of the National Accounting Olympiad for Grade 11 and 12 pupils: Katlego, Georgia, Isabelle and Zoë.

Congratulations to Isabelle (Grade 11) who finished in the Top 10 in Gauteng. This is an excellent achievement.

WENDY IEVERS  
HOD ACCOUNTING

# THE STAR'S DESIGN-AN-AD COMPETITION



The St Mary's Visual Arts department entered *The Star's* Design-an-Ad competition and fared extremely well. The competition is a good introduction to the world of advertising. The girls were required to respond to an advertising brief and convey a message in the medium of their choice. The advertisers chose the best advertisements in each category for their product. A panel of judges chose the finalists. Execution, attention to branding and a good concept were considered.

Thank you to Bianca Paririenyatwa who organised St Mary's School's participation in the competition and congratulations to the following girls who made a clean sweep of the Grades 8 and 9 section and had their advertisements published in a special supplement in *The Star*:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Amy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Theaya
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Erin

SUE HEYDENRYCH  
HOD VISUAL ARTS





Volunteers from the Shomang Sebenzani development initiative talk to the girls about the challenges they face keeping the Jukskei River clean, reasons for the level of pollution in the river and its impact on the environment at large



Cholinga with exchange students Svenja and Madlaina at the Alexandra Heritage Centre



Kristin enjoys arts and crafts with the children at the crèche

## INNOV@TION HUB



Last week, the Form I girls had a day out in Alexandra where they had the opportunity to engage with people and activities in the township. This reflection by Talsia in Form IY as well as the photos above, reflect the impact of the day on our girls:

*The Alexandra outing has been one of my favourite outings this year. The experience was dynamic, significant and educational. Being able to participate in an outing like this, to an area very close to our school but a completely different environment, was totally out of the ordinary compared to our normal day-to-day routine.*

*The trip enabled us not only to look back at the past circumstances that formed the township, but also enlightened us as to the current reality. Furthermore, it enabled us to look forward and understand how some*

*trends might develop in the future. I was exposed to new food, which was delicious.*

*I particularly enjoyed the interactive Alexandra Heritage Centre; watching the women from the Jukskei River clean-up; non-governmental organisation Shomang Sebenzani perform lively gumboot dances; interacting with girls our own age at East Bank High School; and playing with the adorable children from Thabisong crèche. Thank you for this unique experience.*

**CLARE SEARLE**  
CURRICULUM INNOVATION LEADER



## FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



### EQUESTRIAN



Nicola B and Lia – second and third, working riding category

St Mary's equestrian team had a very successful season this year. We are proud of the results the riders have produced. The South African National Equestrian School Association (SANESA) Nationals were held at the beginning of October at Kyalami Equestrian Park, where St Mary's riders had another very successful show.

St Mary's was placed ninth nationally out of all senior schools that competed in SANESA this year. The Nationals was well attended by schools from across the country and covered all disciplines, including western riding, endurance, vaulting, dressage, show jumping, equitation, showing, eventing and stadium eventing.

Top five placings at Nationals:

Level 7

Performance riding: Lia – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Show jumping: India – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Working hunter: India – 5<sup>th</sup>

Working riding: Lia – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nicola B – 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nicola D – 5<sup>th</sup>

Level 6

Prix Caprilli: India – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Level 5

## RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

The following senior girls joined 575 gymnasts who took part in the South African Rhythmic Gym Games in Johannesburg in the first week of October.

Meadow – bronze medal for group

Romy – bronze medal for group

Jessica – bronze medals for ball and group



India at the South African National Equestrian School Association Nationals

Dressage: India – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dressage freestyle: India – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Performance: Nicola D – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Level 4

Equitation: Nicola – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Level 3

Prix Caprilli: Erin – 4<sup>th</sup>

Stadium eventing: Erin – 1<sup>st</sup>

Level 2:

Dressage: Nicola D – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Level 1:

Handy hunter – Robyn 2<sup>nd</sup>

India was placed second (runner-up *Victrix Ludorum*) in the top rider points and Erin was placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the SANESA top rider points.

NICOLA D  
FORM IV

LINDA GIURICICH  
HEAD OF RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

# TENNIS

The tennis teams have continued to do exceptionally well in the league. In addition to the league matches, four Form III players participated in the inaugural Parktown Spring Sports Festival on Saturday 13 October and the team enjoyed a fun day, filled with competitive tennis.

Congratulations to Julianne, Sarah, Simone and Clio on their excellent play throughout the day. The team from St Mary's beat the teams from Jeppe High School for Girls, Parktown High School for Girls, Brescia House and Krugersdorp High School, and drew to Fourways High School. Julianne and Sarah were voted as players of the tournament as they were unbeaten.

On 2 October, the junior inter-house tennis competition was held. Well done to all the houses on fielding full teams and to the Form III girls from all the different houses for organising the teams. There was good support from the houses and much fun was had. Well done to Phelps House for winning the competition.

The St Mary's tennis team is very proud of our vice-captain, Tamsin, who won the U18 singles Masters event in Potchefstroom from 4 to 7 October. Tamsin won all her matches in a convincing manner as she did not lose a set throughout the tournament. She beat Nicole from the Free State in the semi-finals 6-1, 6-1, and Lungile from Western Cape in the finals 6-1, 6-1 to win this prestigious event. Well done, Tamsin.

Both Sarah and Annika qualified for the Gauteng North Mini Masters held in Pretoria. Sarah did extremely well and won all her matches to reach the finals of the U16 section. Unfortunately, the final round of matches was rained out, so Sarah and her opponent shared the number

one position.

This was an excellent achievement as Sarah was given a wildcard for the event. The weather also affected Annika's matches, but she ended sharing fifth and sixth position in the Open section. Well done to both players on these excellent results.

### Results

2 October

Inter-house tennis

1<sup>st</sup> Phelps 59

2<sup>nd</sup> Clayton 40

3<sup>rd</sup> Karney 35

4<sup>th</sup> Furse 32

9 October

St Mary's A beat Trinity House A 51-12

St Mary's B beat Trinity House B 49-14

St Mary's C vs Roedean A rained out and postponed to 23 October

St Mary's D vs Roedean B rained out and postponed to 23 October

St Mary's E beat St Andrew's C 31-12

St Mary's F beat St Andrew's D 34-11

St Mary's G rained out

St Mary's H rained out

**RENE PLANT**  
HEAD OF TENNIS



Sarah, Julianne, Simone and Clio



Tennis players trying to keep warm



Tamsin with the Masters U18 trophy



Players of the tournament Sarah and Julianne



Phelps House tennis team, winners of the junior inter-house competition



## SQUASH



Back row: Erin, Kerry-Lynn, Ghita, Tannah, Georgina, Jemma and Dominique  
Front row: Megan, Rebecca, Tayla, Hannah and Panashe

The St Mary's squash girls were invited by the Jesters Squash Club of Gauteng for an evening of racquet ball, singles and doubles on 25 September. The girls enjoyed the evening, which was followed by dinner.

Squash was pioneered as a sport in South Africa by The Country Club Johannesburg and it remains a special club sport. The Country Club Johannesburg is also the home of the Jesters Squash Club.

**JENNIFER FOX**  
HEAD OF SQUASH

## WATER POLO



The following girls have been selected to various Gauteng water polo age-group teams:

Back row: Amy, Abigail, Kiara, Courtney

Third row: Niamh, Rebecca, Hannah

Second row: Paige, Tamsin, Nicola, Kayleigh, Mia

Front row: Samantha, Robyn, Olivia, Nyakallo

Not in picture: Kristen-Leigh and Francesca



# BASKETBALL



Clayton



Furse



Phelps



Karney

Despite the short basketball season, our girls trained hard this term and their improvement was visible. The coaches did an outstanding job and we thank them for their continued support and interest.

Our last two rounds of fixtures were against Pretoria High School for Girls and Crawford Lonehill and Saheti respectively. Our teams were outplayed by Pretoria, whose players were very well equipped and had noticeable depth.

Our U15 team played a once-off fixture against Crawford Lonehill. Although the match was closely contended, our girls did well to win in the end. Our teams were more competitive against Saheti. The junior team lost narrowly and the 1<sup>st</sup> team won 36–6.

The junior inter-house competition provided great excitement for our players. The girls used the opportunity to display all the skills they have learnt this term and this resulted in some impressive performances on the day.

Clayton won the competition convincingly, Phelps finished second and Karney and Furse finished third and fourth respectively. Thank you to the players for their enthusiasm and to the senior girls for efficiently organising their teams and helping on the day.

We look forward to an exciting 2019 season. All interested players, both old and new, are encouraged to join us!

**TARYN DE WINNAAR**  
HEAD OF BASKETBALL

# NOTICES

## MUSE MORNING

Date: Tuesday 6 November

Time: 07h15 to 08h30

Venue: Wantage Auditorium

Speaker: Vanessa Hemp is a clinical psychologist in private practice. She is also the director of adolescent services at The Day Clinic on Oxford Road, Saxonwold, which provides a range of clinical services for adolescents and their families.

Topic: Identifying depression and suicidality in adolescents

Our teens are under immense pressure and many are increasingly suffering from depression and hopelessness. As parents, it is important that you are able to identify whether your teen is "just blue", or depressed, in order to seek appropriate treatment and counselling.

Refreshments will be served from 07h15 for a prompt start at 07h30

RSVP: [lynn.moony@stmary.co.za](mailto:lynn.moony@stmary.co.za)

Although the topic relates mainly to adolescents, all parents are welcome to attend.

## 2019 ANNOUNCEMENT OF LEADERSHIP POSITIONS (ELECT)

Diversity committee (matrics of 2019 only)

Tameah Braam  
Undreya Elie  
Zaina Hassim  
Itumeleng Lesitha  
Ronewa Mangale  
Lukhanyiso Mhlongo

Bonginkosi Ncobela  
Zahraa Patel  
Nina Patience  
Deminkha Pillay  
Anqi Qu  
Taahira Shanmugam  
Catherine Smith  
Lucy Stipinovich

Environmental Affairs committee (matrics of 2019 only)

Kelsey Mocke

Anthea Poklewski-Koziell

GIRLS committee (matrics of 2019 only)

Angelique Florias

Anthea Poklewski-Koziell

Marketing committee (matrics of 2019 only)

Hannah Codrington  
Angelique Florias  
Zaina Hassim  
Nakai Maduapera  
Ronewa Mangale  
Vuyisa Mdutshane  
Kelsey Mocke  
Khanyisile Nawa

Kate Parker  
Caroline Paul  
Deminkha Pillay  
Anthea Poklewski-Koziell  
Anqi Qu  
Emma Rosmarin  
Gabriella Sabio  
Justine Siddall  
Catherine Smith

CHAPEL SERVERS

Nyawa Chibwe  
Victoria Dingle  
Khanyisile Fassie  
Izabela Gyulbudaghyan  
Kutlwano Kenosi

Ruvarashe Mabhena  
Nakai Maduapera  
Lorena Maraschin  
Dineo Mashamaite  
Neo Matlala  
Kelsey Mocke  
Oftense Ratlhagane

Completion of the leadership programme

Michaela Reeler



SPORT		Rhythmic gymnastics Captain	Caitlin Miller
Athletics		Rowing	
Vice-captain	Tannah Livingstone	Vice-captain	Caitlin Miller
Captain	Caroline Paul	Vice-captain	Harriet Trubshaw
Basketball		Captain	Sarah McKay
Vice-captain	Paula Veitch	Squash	
Captain	Khanyisile Nawa	Vice-captain	Hannah Ince
Diving		Vice-captain	Tannah Livingstone
Captain	Isabelle Boles	Captain	Jemma Warsop
Equestrian		Swimming	
Vice-captain	Nicola Berlin	Vice-captain	Amy Wilmans
Captain	Nicola Douglas	Captain	Ruth Moore
Hockey		Tennis	
Vice-captain	Kiara Fitzhenry	Vice-captain	Tamsin Hart
Captain	Sarah Grinyer	Vice-captain	Nina Patience
Netball		Captain	Ruth Moore
Vice-captain	Khanyisile Nawa	Water polo	
Captain	Caroline Paul	Vice-captain	Kayleigh Boere
		Captain	Francesca Wright
SERVICE		Marketing	
Community affairs		Deputies	Angelique Florias
Head	Emma Crowther	Head	Emma Rosmarin
Environmental service		Public relations	
Head	Kelsey Mocke	Deputy	Isabel Leal
First aid		Head	Jaeger Breen
Deputy	Zahraa Patel	Resource	
Head	Victoria Dingle	Heads	Nicola Shapiro
			Nina Patience
PASTORAL CARE		Dance	
Diversity		Deputy	Justine Siddall
Deputies	Zaina Hassim	Head	Tsepang Mathiba
Head	Bonginkosi Ncobela	Debating	
Peer counsellor	Undreya Elie	Deputy	Zahraa Patel
Deputy	Nicola Berlin	Head	Anthea Poklewski-Koziell
Head	Katherine Ward	Jazz band	
		Head	Lucy Stipinovich
CULTURAL		Marimbas	
Art		Head	Nyawa Chibwe
Deputy	Tayla Mocke	Orchestra	
Head	Caitlin Read	Head	Ofentse Ratlhagane
Chess		Technical	
Deputy	Nivia Shannin Govender	Head	(None)
Head	Bonginkosi Ncobela	Tech support	
Choir		Head	(None)
Head	Maxine Pritchett	Traditional choir	
Cinematography		Head	Ronewa Mangale
Head	(None)	CHAPEL	
		Sacristan	Lorena Maraschin

LEADERS

Katherine Bean  
Sveva Colafranceschi  
Emma Crowther  
Hannah Haselau

Derryn Jackman  
Taylor Jackman  
Emily Joubert  
Catherine McConnell  
Codee Salovy  
Nicola Slater

HOUSE LEADERS

Clayton House

Form I Emma Rosmarin  
Nicola Shapiro  
Form II Dineo Mashamaite  
Justine Siddall  
Form III Zoë Matroos  
Amy Wilmans  
Form IV Kutlwano Kenosi  
Nakai Maduopera

Karney House

Form I Astra Christodoulou  
Sarah Grinyer  
Form II Julia Spring  
Josie Viljoen  
Form III Kiara Fitzhenry  
Kate Parker  
Form IV Reabetswe Msiza  
Ayeesha Nyahoda

Furse House

Form I Sarah Siegers  
Kara van der Westhuizen  
Form II Alexa Natali  
Kiara Walsh  
Form III Tyler-Jade Kinnear  
Joanna Wells  
Form IV Kate Jones  
Hayley Cerff

Phelps House

Form I Rachel Hubbard  
Bianca Presbury  
Form II Caryn Phipson  
Caitlin Read  
Form III Daniella Bove  
Ruby Morphet  
Form IV Christie Firth  
Hannah Ince

SCHOOL

GIRLS committee  
Head

Lucy Stipinovich

Communication  
Head

Rebecca Stewart

School spirit  
Deputies

Thembani Hlatshwayo  
Bonginkosi Ncobela  
Khanyisile Fassie

Head

Boarding  
Head

Yolisa Khanyile

Chapel  
Deputy  
Head

Kelsey Mocke  
Victoria Dingle

Culturals  
Deputy  
Head

Catherine Smith  
Kutlwano Kenosi

Pastoral care  
Deputy  
Head

Gabriella Lamparelli  
Neo Matlala

Service  
Head

Nina Patience

Sport  
Deputy  
Head

Ashleigh Mulder  
Bianca Presbury

HOUSES

Clayton

Deputy Head of Clayton House – Cultural  
Deputy Head of Clayton House – Sport  
Head

Tyla Downing-Peterson  
Isabelle Boles  
Vuyisa Mdutshane

Furse

Deputy Head of Furse House – Cultural  
Deputy Head of Furse House – Sport  
Head

Deminkha Pillay  
Paula Veitch  
Lukhanyiso Mhlongo

Karney

Deputy Head of Karney House – Cultural  
Deputy Head of Karney House – Sport  
Head

Kelsey Mocke  
Tayla Mocke  
Renata Mariano

Phelps

Deputy Head of Phelps House – Cultural  
Deputy Head of Phelps House – Sport  
Head

Onthatile Moalusi  
Gabriella Sabio  
Caroline Paul

Head girls  
Deputies

Lucy Stipinovich  
Khanyisile Nawa

Head girl

Anqi Qu