



The St Mary's 1st rowing quad were victorious at the 17th annual Schools' Boat Race. This marks the school's 11th victory and the fourth consecutive win. For more information, please see pages 14 and 15

FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD'S DESK

One only has to spend a day at St Mary's to realise how exciting and invigorating it is to teach our girls. No day is ever the same. Every day buzzes with fresh energy and sees the girls exploring and expanding their worlds in remarkable new ways.

I think it's fair to say that this is the most optimistic start to the year that we as South Africans, have experienced in a long time. Certainly, there's a good mood here at St Mary's. Everyone seems cheerful, confident and focused: the matrics are embracing their leadership roles and our Form I girls are finding their feet in their new environment. Everyone is attempting to balance cultural and sporting schedules with the excitement and challenges of learning or, in the case of the matrics, starting to polish and perfect what they have learnt over the past years.

Our girls, whole-heartedly and with great enthusiasm, immerse themselves in all that school has to offer. This attitude and enthusiasm is infectious.

In his book *Attitudes of Amazing Achievers*, Phillip Barker, lists enthusiasm as one of the qualities that makes a significant difference. He states that, "Enthusiasm sees things from a different perspective. It

takes the humdrum of everyday existence and injects it with vitality and vibe. Enthusiasm has the ability to make the ordinary wonderful. Genuine enthusiasm has the ability to grip and to infect."

"Vitality and vibe" encompass St Mary's and, although every day brings challenges for staff and girls, there is so much that is uplifting and nurturing about our school. This was evident during the quiet, reflective periods, which we have enjoyed in the chapel recently. The new girls' welcome service and the matric prayer service were two special evenings during which our girls, their parents and the staff were able to reflect on their journeys at our school. We were reminded that whether we are brand new, or "know everything" about St Mary's, our school constantly renews itself, and always has much to offer.

I think we are all very fortunate to be part of this great school and this wonderful community.

ROS HOWELL
DEPUTY HEADMISTRESS

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

It is a seeming "nobody" who notices God (in the person of the baby Jesus) has entered God's temple – not the temple priests whose role it was to receive the parents and their infant. We are not told the genealogy of Simeon. Simeon's identity is based not on who his family is but on his relationship with God: on Simeon's being "righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel". As per God's promise to Simeon, Simeon witnesses the beginning of God's consolation of God's people: paradoxically, in the form of a helpless baby. Simeon responds with joy and gratitude at God's fulfilment of God's promise, but also with deep concern for the young mother who stands before him, for whom he knows the journey ahead will not be easy.



Dear Lord Jesus

Help us, like Simeon, find our identity in serving and worshiping you.

Awaken our senses that we too may notice, and be profoundly moved by, your incarnate presence and action in our daily lives.

As Simeon was, may we be faithful in our prayers for the consolation of all that you have created – that all may be one with you, just as you and the Father are one.

Amen

REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS
CHAPLAIN

EXCHANGE TEAM

A few brave girls jetted around the globe in December and January to attend classes at their respective host schools.

In England, Josie and Astra were hosted by Sherborne College in Dorset, while Kiara and Sarah shined on the hockey field at Framlingham College.

Renata and Julia visited the quaint Kloster Disentis in the Swiss Alps, while Isabella spent the later part of Term III at Fahan in the Australian island state of Tasmania.

Nicola and Justine attended Hans Sachs Gymnasium in Nuremburg, Germany, and our brave French students Jordyn, Kirsten and Kaitlin had the opportunity to practise their French while visiting Nantes in France.

Emma visited Nightingale Bamford in the US and experienced first hand the life of a true New Yorker.

We are all very proud of our exchange girls as they were excellent ambassadors for St Mary's and a tribute to their families. Exchanges

allow for many opportunities for personal growth and development and these girls embraced all that an exchange offers.

We currently have three exchange students visiting us from Auckland House in Shimla, India, and we are very excited to have been able to host our first teacher from Auckland House, Mrs Shikha Dogar. The girls are with us until the 10 February, while Mrs Dogar was only with us for a week.

Interviews for the exchange year 2018/2019 will be taking place in the next few weeks and girls are encouraged to watch the exchange notice board for interview times. Interviews will only be granted if the exchange application forms have been completed and returned. Application forms are available from reception and can be returned to reception or any of the teachers on the exchange team.

LAUREN FROST, HAZEL MASON, JESSICA BUCHER
EXCHANGE TEAM

MEET THE PTA CHAIRPERSON

Dale Vice has taken over from Bruce Patience as the PTA chairperson. Dale matriculated from St John's College in 1994, and then attended the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, where he completed his BCom (honours) *cum laude*. After becoming a CFA® Charterholder in 2003, he and his wife, Leza, spent two years in London before returning to South Africa to start a family.

Their daughter, Sylvia, is now in Grade 2 at St Mary's, while Rowan is in Grade 0 at St John's. They attend St Luke's Anglican Church in Orchards where Dale plays guitar with the worship group. Dale works at Absa Bank as the head of change for the Corporate Investment Banking Credit division.

He is the author of two Christian fantasy novels, and volunteers at BizSchool NPC, which helps matriculants from previously disadvantaged backgrounds transition effectively from school to the world of work. Dale believes the PTA is important because, in the words of Jane D Hull, "The most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."



Dale Vice - PTA chairperson

HONOURS BLAZERS

The following girls were awarded honours blazers at the end of 2017:



Back row: Rethabile, Katleho, Zaneli, Katlego, Georgia, Maja, Kirsten, Sophie, Kirsten, Georgina Cr
 3rd row: Alexis, Teagynne, Meg, Eleanor, Kaylyn, Georgina R
 2nd row: Sarah, Samantha, Alexandra, Michelle, Katherine, Kyra
 Front row: Tahlia, Mufaro, Indira, Emma, Emily, Shreya, Tarya, Josephine, Alexandra

CULTURAL HONOURS BLAZERS



Veneka, Erin, Zaneli
Not pictured: Ruby, who left St Mary's in 2017

SERVICE HONOURS BLAZERS



Itai, Nastasia

SPORTS HONOURS BLAZERS



Lia, Tamsin

INNOV@TION HUB



Meet the engaging, exciting and effectively diverse e⁴ team!

Heading up the team is Clare Searle, a SMOG dedicated to maintaining the ethos and traditions of the school while helping to navigate the 21st century. Her studies in the field of International Relations illustrated the power of understanding the world as an interrelated set of systems, which forms the basis of the e⁴ cross-curricular approach.

We are fortunate to have EdTech leader Linda Bradfield conducting digital literacy lessons as part of e⁴. These lessons cover diverse and pertinent topics such as digital citizenship, coding and the use of iPad apps for particular school-related activities.

Jane McMurray, Bianca Parirenyatwa and Nicholas Rumpelt make up the creative team. Working in collaboration, they will expose the girls to dramatic, artistic and musical principles and processes, which will be extended throughout the curriculum.

Laura Spencer and Zimkhitha Raolane, a historian and geographer respectively by training, are tasked with facilitating the integrated approach to investigating multi-faceted social questions. They will drive the all-important reading, writing, visual analysis and research skills on the programme.

Lucy Strydom will take on the new role of e⁴ coach. Her background in psychology puts her in the perfect position to focus on developing the girls' IQ and EQ in these crucial formative years.

Well-known Finnish educationist, Pasi Saalberg, writes about the danger of "renting ideas" in educational reform, that is, copying ideas from others that may not be suited to your context and, therefore, cannot be successful.

We have a very special and passionate team of teacher-preneurs who have fully embraced the need for change, who are calculated risk-takers and, most importantly, have a passion for providing a 21st-century education for young girls. These teacher-preneurs are by no means "renting ideas". They are creating and designing a unique skills backbone which is paramount to the girls' success as they progress into the senior years of school and, ultimately, into the tertiary sphere and beyond.

**CLARE SEARLE AND
JANE MCMURRAY**

FORM I CAMP 2018



Strategic problem solving



Teamwork on the balancing bridge



Janet Milasinovich: Clayton



Jessica Bucher: Furse



Karen Sanders: Karney



Brigid Rawlings: Phelps



Learning to trust one another

On Tuesday 23 January, 114 Form I girls left in a cloud of anticipation as they travelled to the North West province for four days of adventure, team building and learning about one another. The teachers who accompanied the group commented on the girls' spirit and exuberance. During free time one evening, several girls spontaneously produced a performance of their favourite Abba songs. In true St Mary's tradition, the most anticipated activity was the "mudstacle" course. This highlighted the perseverance, resilience and tenacity of the group. The

majority of the girls were praised for their beautiful manners and ready smiles. Thank you to the heads and representatives of the four houses for helping the girls to form an identity of what it means to be a St Mary's girl.

BELINDA WILLIAMS
FORM I CO-ORDINATOR

FROM THE PEER COUNSELLORS

Take back the power

Our generation has been born into a society overflowing with hypocrisy and contradiction. It is a society that says, "Be skinny" but "don't starve yourself". Our society tells us to be kind and uplift people while promoting the use of competition as a motivator. Our generation has become so accustomed to contradiction that we unintentionally fuel the fire of the most targeted hypocrisy that this nation has: the power given to words.

Butterfly.

Car.

Library.

These words are meaningless. They are a group of letters which we associate with specific objects.

Beautiful.

Fat.

Perfect.

In comparison, this set of words makes the reader feel as if her self-worth has been crushed. We have given words so much more power than their dictionary definitions.

Beautiful has nine letters. Ironically, so does *Butterfly* but only one of these words has an impact on a person's psychological state.

We love the characteristics we have only when they are printed out in magazines and on social media.



In the same way that we have our own favourite colours, books and movies and our own likes and dislikes, we should have our own definitions of *beautiful*, *perfect*, and *worthy*. We need to realize that self-love is not selfish and that words should not have the power to change our self-worth and attitudes towards others. As a generation, we need to start a new trend: that being imperfect is the perfect thing to be.

NIVIA
FORM IV

HOPE COMMITTEE

From the HOPE committee, our warmest wishes are extended to the St Mary's community and we are very pleased to begin the first of our planned initiatives for 2018.

As promised at the end of last year, the outcomes of the HOPE survey will be released on Wednesday 7 March. Your feedback was informative, gave us valuable insights and your participation was greatly appreciated.

We are very excited to announce our first speaker of the year. In keeping with this term's theme, "inclusivity", Justice Edwin Cameron will share his thoughts and insights on this broad and challenging topic.

Justice Cameron completed his schooling at Pretoria Boys' High School and attended Stellenbosch University on the Anglo-American Open Scholarship where he obtained a BA Law and an honours degree in Latin, both *cum laude*. He lectured in Latin and Classical Studies before studying at Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship. There he obtained a BA in Jurisprudence and the BCL with honours and prizes. He received his LLB from the University of South Africa and received the medal for the best law graduate. (Source: www.constitutionalcourt.org.za)

Hailed by Nelson Mandela as one of South Africa's new heroes, Edwin Cameron, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, is an

acclaimed author, activist, advocator of equality, human rights and gay rights. He was recognised by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation with an Excellence in Leadership Award and his list of honours and awards is significant. His tireless contribution to society in all of these areas has earned him local and international acclaim.

HOPE looks forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an insightful and thought-provoking evening.

Booking details:

Date: Wednesday 28 February

Time: 18h30-20h00

Venue: The Edge

Booking details: Tickets are free of charge and unreserved but must be booked via the Quicket website: <https://www.quicket.co.za/events/40299-justice-edwin-cameron-speaks-at-st-marys/#/>

Ticket sales are open exclusively to the St Mary's community until Friday 9 February. Thereafter, bookings will be extended to the greater community.

BANANGO TRADERS SIMULATION DAY



Facilitators from Johannesburg School of Finance: Morné and Robinson
 Back row: Mrs Wilford, Ella, Amy, Jessica, Lara, Melissa, Nnema, Amy L, Tlamelo , Sanam, Ashley, Mrs Nkuna
 Front row: Theaya, Caitlin, Kim., Hannah, Nosipho, Tatenda, Amukelani, Kate

On Thursday 30 November 2017, the 2018 Form IIs participated in a business simulation day facilitated by the Johannesburg School of Finance. They were divided into teams that formed their own businesses and competed against one another to gain the most profit. In each round of the simulation game, the teams made important pricing, marketing and purchasing decisions. After each round, decisions were fed into a computer programme designed to recreate a "real life" market environment and produce instant results. Based on their results, teams had to make adjustments to their strategies for the next round. The winning team is the one that can out-strategise the competition over the four rounds played.

The girls had fun-filled day and congratulations are extended to the following teams who were victorious on the day.

1st: *Banangolicious*
 Tatenda
 Tlamelo
 Ashley
 Amukelani

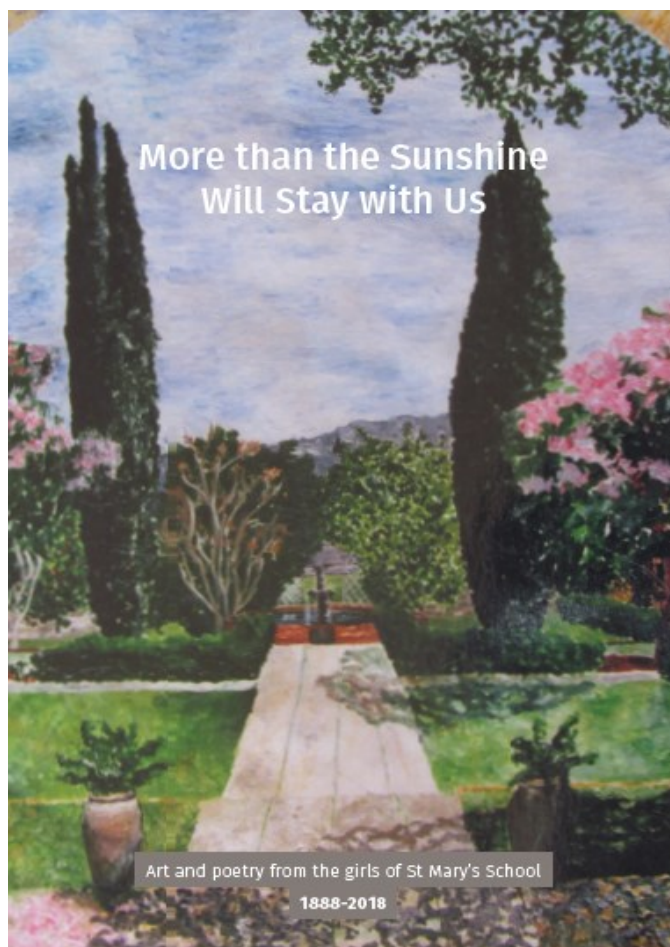
Sanam
 Kate

2nd: *Swirl*
 Amy
 Ella
 Nnema
 Amy
 Kim
 Hannah

3rd: *The Beach Hut*
 Melissa
 Lara
 Jessica
 Caitlin
 Nosipho
 Theaya

WENDY IEVERS
 HOD ACCOUNTING AND EMS

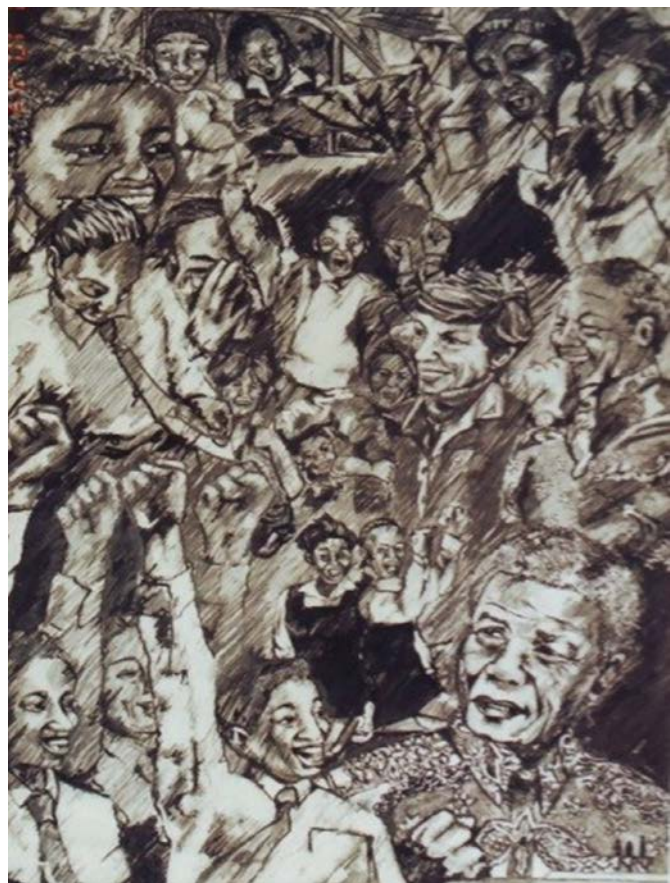
MORE THAN THE SUNSHINE WILL STAY WITH US



To commemorate the school's 130th anniversary, we wanted to create a book that would evoke something of the spirit and the experience of being at the school. The history of the school has been well documented, most recently in the beautiful book produced for the school's 125th anniversary. But the archive also contains a different kind of trace of the past - the school magazines are filled with pages of poetry and art produced by the girls going back as far as the 1930s.

We found these works of imagination have tremendous power to conjure up the experience of school life over the decades: they express what it felt like to be a St Mary's school girl at different times, and through the expressions of the individual girls who were here. It's amazing how some of them have the almost magic ability to transport you back into a classroom, or a dormitory, or to capture those familiar fleeting moments that characterise school life. Some poems evoke personal memories, but also create imaginative connections across the ages - you can imagine what it was like being a schoolgirl in the 1930s, or the 50s, or last year.

We've brought a selection of these poems and artworks together in a single volume. The title of the book comes from a poem written in the 80s called 'Second Last Day', about trying to live in the moment with the simultaneous awareness of the transience of the time just before school ends. The book as a whole tries to bring together some of these transient moments, and to bring the spirit of the school to life through the expressions of the girls. They're funny, they're sad, they're angry, they're angsty, they're innocent and they touch on the intangible distinctive character of the place. It's a trace from the hearts, minds and imaginations of the girls at the school, and an apt celebration of the institution that brought such expression to light.



Genevieve Wood, Form V 1997



Kabelo Maaka Form III, 2010

More than the Sunshine will stay with us can be bought at the St Mary's Clothes Cupboard for R200.

BOARDING NEWS



Chilling at the pool



Stooges dance



Modelling



Talent show



The winning cup cakes

BOARDING NEWS



Yoga session

On Friday evening, we held our annual talent show. The girls were instructed to present one solo, one dance and a group piece. Despite a few technical glitches, the show ran smoothly. Some of us laughed, some of us cried and all of us had a fun time. Mackenzie was deservedly awarded first place, followed by Diemont in second place and Mitchell placed third.

Below is an anecdote of how Saturday morning played out by Sethu (Form II in Burn House):

"What are we going to do at the boot camp?"

'It's cancelled,' responded the matrics.

"Little did we know that this boot camp was still commencing, and we were going to be woken up in the worst way possible.

"It was 06h00. We were all fast asleep until we were rudely awakened by the matrics' screams, shortly followed by our duvets being ripped off. The boot camp was happening – this was not just a dream. By 06h15 we were running around the field in pyjamas. One lap for everyone, but two for Mitchell. Our yoga instructors (Panashe and Tanya) led us through a stretch routine before the real challenge began. We did jumping jacks, push-ups, squats, sit ups and planks before finishing off with another lap around the field. It was a tough yet interesting start to our Saturday.

"After the boot camp we made some well-deserved cupcakes in the Masterchef challenge. The theme was 'My Summer Holiday'. We, as Burn House, decided to go for a beach theme. We felt as though the various aspects of our cupcakes highlighted our house and how, even though we're all different, we come together to create something great."

Saturday afternoon brought a pool-party with packed lunch and a pertinent talk from Mrs Howell. At 13h00, the games began with two matrics facilitating each game and the houses battling to win the house

cup. The theme for the weekend was 'Housemates Like These', (derived from the famous TV show *Friends Like These*). The girls had fun playing the field games that ranged from shaking ping-pong balls out of a tissue box taped to their waists, to answering riddles about the school. There was a game that included the Stooges and a game that required the girls to know their house's Form I girls. It was an exhilarating afternoon. It ended off with the houses getting their materials for the fashion show and heading off to design extravagant masterpieces.

We ended Saturday with a bang as we held the thrilling annual fashion show. The theme for 2018 was *Extravaganza*. Each house created the most beautiful yet extravagant outfits – which made it difficult for the judges to pick a winner. The Stooges also surprised us with a dance performance, which was exciting. A jam session followed the fashion show with a sweets-bar (organised by Mrs Northmore) and atmospheric music played by the DJ of the weekend, Makopi (Form V from Mackenzie).

The weekend ended on a spiritual note with Eucharist at 09h00 on Sunday morning. The kitchen staff then treated us to a feast fit for queens.

All in all, the weekend displayed the sisterhood that is prevalent in the boarding houses. This feeling of sisterhood was felt during Sunday supper in the dining hall and throughout the following week by all the girls. The weekend would not have been possible without the help of all the boarding mothers, the Stooges, Mrs Howell and Mrs Northmore. It was indeed a great way to start the year.

**KATLEHO, ITAI AND RORISANG
HEAD AND DEPUTIES OF BOARDING**

FROM THE FOUNDATION



Bonding together!

The St Mary's Foundation began the year by hosting the 29 Senior School pupils who have been awarded scholarships, funders and staff to a tea. Mary Vilakazi, Junior School parent and the deputy CEO of Momentum Holdings, addressed the girls regarding her experience and childhood journey from a scholarship recipient to a successful businesswoman. The girls were encouraged to use the opportunity of attending St Mary's to form a network of lifelong friends in order to create a support structure for themselves.

Two 2016 scholarship alumni were invited to join the girls to share their experience of life after matric.

The girls enjoyed a picnic on the lawns at SMOGS cottage and each new girl was presented with a St Mary's bear.

GILLIAN O'SHAUGHNESSY
FOUNDATION MANAGER

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music news

Congratulations to the following girls who passed their music examinations in Term III of last year:

Trinity Rock and Pop

Ella	Drums	2	D
Hailey	Vocals	4	M
Amy	Drums	3	M
Julia	Vocals	5	M
Zion	Vocals	6	P
Tali	Keyboards	2	P
Hannah	Keyboards	2	P

Trinity Classical

Anqi	Piano	8	D
Victoria	Piano	7	D
Lorena	Piano	3	M

Georgina	Saxophone	8	P
Caitlin	Piano	5	P

ABRSM Practical			
Mira	Violin	7	M

ABRSM Theory			Grade
Victoria	5	D	
Erin	1	M	
Melissa	5	M	
Tessa	5	M	
Nicola	3	M	
Clara	5	M	
Maxine	5	P	
Siphokazi	3	P	
Meg	5	P	

DUDLEY TROLLOPE
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

ORCHESTRA FROM SCRATCH



As part of the Johannesburg International Mozart Festival, selected girls from our Junior and Senior School orchestras participated in an event that was hosted at Wits Education Campus on Sunday 28 January. Here is an account from an audience member and parent of one of our girls who participated:

"If I asked you to conjure up an image of someone who plays classical music, an orchestral player, my guess is you'd come up with a picture that looked something like this – someone slightly serious, a bit bookish, perhaps. Maybe they'd be pale, from staying indoors too much, practising. Maybe they'd be slightly staid and old-fashioned.

"But what struck me this afternoon, as a delighted audience member at Richard Cock's Orchestra from Scratch, where the Junior Teenager was playing Second Violin, was that so few of the players there fitted any kind of stereotype of what a classical musician might look like.

"There in the hall were 150 amateur musicians, thrown together for just a day. In the violins was a woman in shorts and slops, lean and lithe, with arms that suggested she might do some bodybuilding in her spare time. In the cellos was a blonde, ruddy oke you might expect to see swilling beer at a braai. A viola-playing teenage boy with trendy glasses and an even trendier hairstyle tapped his sneaker-shod foot to Offenbach. At the harp was an ethereal creature with russet ringlets and flowers in her hair. There were hipsters and paunchy old men, teenagers and grandmothers, and skin tones from palest ivory all the way through to dark chocolate.

"They'd practised the programme beforehand and after just a couple of

hours together, performed to an audience of family members and friends.

"Sitting practically on top of the strings, enveloped in that thrumming sound, I reflected that this is what music should be. Of course, we have superb professional musicians who are accomplished and wonderful and we should support them wholeheartedly, because they bring beauty and joy to our lives. But there's also something special and life-affirming about a group of amateurs who gather like this, united only by a score and their love for music, for the opportunity to be in an orchestra for an afternoon, and to play for the sheer joy of it.

"And there's something so magical – whether you're singing or playing in a big ensemble – about that moment when, after all the practising, all the parts come together and you hear the full sound in all its complexity for the first time.

"This is the way to democratise music. This is the way to remove the idea that art is for professionals, for those who've achieved some sort of commercially acceptable standard only.

"And it's this: to simply say, 'Come. It doesn't matter that you're an amateur, or that you miss a note here or there. Just come. Bring your instrument. Bring your love for a tune and a stomping beat. Let's play, and let's make a beautiful noise till our souls are restored.'"

MANDY COLLINS

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



ROWING



SA Schools' Boat Race champions 2017



Enjoying the last night's campfire



Getting ready for VLC sprints



Best junior, senior A, B and C club. This includes boys, girls, men and women overall points



Winners of the women's A eight for the second consecutive year



St Mary's seniors showing off their haul of trophies

It has been a busy two months.

Our congratulations are extended to the St Mary's rowing club on winning the closely-contested SA Schools' Boat Race 2017 and continuing the St Mary's legacy of reigning champions of this race! The St Mary's rowing club has won Boat Race a record 11 times which is an incredible achievement and testament to the sheer determination and hard work of the crew, coaches, parents and the club. The chosen athletes trained hard all through their examinations managing their time between studying and training.

The beginning of the year is marked with the St Mary's rowing club heading out to Bronkhorspruit Dam for our training camp which heralds the final stretch of the rowing season. The girls worked extremely hard despite the extremely hot weather and supported one another when the camp became tough. The new U14 girls were a welcome injection of enthusiasm into our club.

It was also our matric girls' last camp and, as such, they were treated to a delicious dinner cooked by their parents and a memorable bonfire with singing and toasting of marshmallows. We wish them their best rowing yet as they finish this season.

On 20 January, the St Mary's rowing club participated in the St Alban's regatta held at Roodeplaat Dam. This was a senior regatta consisting

of the U16s and Opens. The day's racing produced some good results even though the temperature soared around 35 degrees. St Mary's rowers are tenacious and always strive to get faster and push harder.

The St Mary's rowing club participated in the Victoria Lake Club Sprints this past weekend. The first day of the sprints consisted of sculling heats along with all the U14 and U15 events. The last day consisted of sculling finals and the senior age group events. Racing at this event is slightly different from other regattas in that school rowers get to race against university students and test themselves. The weekend was an overall success for the St Mary's rowing club as it was awarded the Open sculls award, the Open octuple award and the Open age group won the age group trophy.

The St Mary's rowing club will be competing in the annual Rock the Boat regatta on Saturday 3 February at Roodeplaat Dam. We look forward to seeing all the amazing outfits that the girls will be wearing and, hopefully, an excellent day of racing as well.

"You're not going to enjoy every minute of the journey, but the success you'll find at the end, will make it all worth it" – *Muhammad Ali*

CATHERINE
FORM IV

WATER POLO



The 1st water polo team had a good start to the year, competing in round two of the Old Mutual Prestige Cup Roedean Water Polo Tournament. The team played against St Peter's College and St Dunstan's College. The final scores were 9–3 and 23–1 respectively.

KELSEY WHITE
WATER POLO COACH

TENNIS

The tennis season has started with a full swing and many of the St Mary's players have had a busy few weeks on the tennis courts. Last weekend, Maja and Tamsin were invited to attend the prestigious Growthpoint national camp hosted by Tennis South Africa. Only 10 players per age group were chosen. The camp was held at the High Performance Centre in Pretoria and the players were put through rigorous fitness, strength and flexibility tests. The players spent many hours on the courts and both Tamsin and Maja enjoyed the weekend.

Quite a few of the St Mary's players participated in the Gauteng U19 and U15 trials this weekend. Despite the inclement weather, the trials were completed and congratulations are extended to Sarah and Amukelani who finished at the top of the U15 and U19 age groups respectively. Well done to Nina who placed third in the U19 trials and Hannah who placed fifth in the U15 trials.

Well done to Aaliyyah and Jordan who participated in the trials and gained valuable match play experience.

Congratulations on the following achievements:

Sarah

- 5th place in the singles of the Growthpoint Super 8 U16
- Doubles finalist in the Growthpoint Super 8 U16
- 8th place in the singles of the Growthpoint Super 8 Boland
- 4th place in the U18 singles of the Gauteng East Summer Tournament

Nina

- 8th place in the women's singles of the Growthpoint Super 8 EP

Amukelani

- Winner of the U16 singles in the Gauteng Central Summer Tournament
- Semi-finalist in the U16 singles in the Gauteng East Summer Tournament

Good luck to all the St Mary's players who will be participating in the league matches this term. I hope you enjoy your tennis season.

RENÉ PLANT
HEAD OF TENNIS



Our very own head of tennis, René Plant, has been named by Tennis South Africa as the country's new Fed Cup captain. René will oversee the national women's team for the next three years – up to and including the end of the 2020 Fed Cup campaign.

BASKETBALL

Our teams played against Redhill in the first fixture of the term. Although not all the scores reflected wins, our girls put in solid performances, which is very encouraging so early on in the year. The numbers at training have increased remarkably and, as a result, we are now able to field at least two teams per age group. We are very excited to watch the players develop as the season progresses.

Basketball vs Redhill

- 1st team won 7-3
- U16A team lost 23-13
- U15A team lost 26-16
- U15B team lost 46-6

TARYN DE WINNAAR
HEAD OF BASKETBALL

FAST FIVES HOCKEY

At the end of last year, the hockey girls played the final of the fun-filled Fives Hockey Tournament. The Black Panthers were 2-0 up against the Green Mambas in the final, when sadly, owing to a storm, we were forced to leave the field.

QUIX
HEAD OF SPORT



Faces and images from Fast Fives 2017

SOFTBALL

Our congratulations are extended to Emma who was selected for the Gauteng U15 team and went on tour to Durban in December.

QUIX
HEAD OF SPORT



Emma

SWIMMING

Michelle Zumpt was on the pool deck from 3 January and it was lovely to see the number of girls at training increase daily, as they returned from their holiday. The weather has been kind to us this term so far and

we are swimming in wonderfully warm water – long may this last.



Matrics at Friday warm-up

There was no delay or easing in gently as we swam our first gala the day after the start of term. We swam at St Mary's against three other schools.

Results:

1st St Mary's A team 409

2 nd	St Andrew's A team	373
3 rd	St Dominic's	316
4 th	Assumption A	309
5 th	St Mary's B	296
6 th	St Andrew's B	216
7 th	Assumption B	188



Hannah in action

We have also participated in one of the most important galas of the season. We spent Friday 26 and Saturday 27 January in Bloemfontein at the National Aquatics Festival. The gala is unbelievably tough. We were pleased with the effort and the times swum by the majority of the girls. It may be of interest to know that although we dropped to fifth

place we had only one less point than in 2017. There were dramatically improved performances from St Stithians and Our Lady of Fatima. They moved from fourth and seventh respectively to first and third.



Podium finishers National Aquatics Festival

One of the highlights for St Mary's was the silver medal for Emma in the Junior Dash for Cash and the gold medal for Jade in the Senior Dash for Cash. Sadly, these events do not have team points allocated to them.

Well done, Emma and Jade.

We must also congratulate the U15 age group as they achieved medals in most of their events.



Emma and Jade

The final results from the gala at National Aquatics Festival:

1 st	St Stithians Girls' College	439
2 nd	C&N Sekondêre Meisieskool Oranje	404
3 rd	Our Lady of Fatima DCS	374
4 th	Durban Girls' College	349
5 th	St Mary's School, Waverley	326
6 th	Clarendon High School for Girls	282
7 th	Eunice High School	252
8 th	Durban Girls' High School	156
9 th	St Mary's DSG, Kloof	148
10 th	Pretoria High School for Girls	123

QUIX
HEAD OF SPORT

OLD GIRLS

ALLAN GRAY



Keitumetse



Khethiwe



Aobakwe

Two girls from our class of 2017, Keitumetse and Khethiwe, have been awarded prestigious Allan Gray Fellowships, which entitle them to full tuition, textbooks, residence fees and a subsistence allowance for their university studies.

Aobakwe, class of 2016, has been awarded an Allan Gray Fellowship from her second year at university.

Well done, girls!

LYNN KNOWLES
HEAD OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

2018 SRC REPS

The Form I SRC reps will be announced after half-term.

House	Form	SRC Rep
Clayton	I	
	II	Ghita
	III	Helen
	IV	Lucy
	V	Thandi
Furse	I	
	II	Siphokazi
	III	Isabella
	IV	Lukhanyiso
	V	Tanatswa
Karney	I	
	II	Kudzai
	III	Angela
	IV	Khanyisile
	V	Dominique
Phelps	I	
	II	Siphosethu
	III	Emma
	IV	Gabriella
	V	Ntsimedi

NOTICES

CHAPEL KNEELERS

Chapel kneeler kits are available at the Senior School reception. They cost R120 each and include the tapestry fabric and a pattern of your choice (two patterns available). You would still be required to buy the tapestry wool at an approximate cost of R1 000. There are detailed

instructions included, however, if you need help or have any queries, please contact Jeanette Dingle ([082 686 7878 or dinglevj@telkomsa.net](mailto:082_686_7878_or_dinglevj@telkomsa.net))

CINDERELLA CUPBOARD

St Mary's has its very own Cinderella cupboard

The dress collection is housed in the Clothes Cupboard and dresses are made available to girls who are unable to afford a dress for the matric dance or Form IV formal. The cupboard is also open to the daughters of members of our support staff.

We would love to expand our collection. If you have a suitable dress or pair of shoes which you are willing to donate, we should be most grateful. Please deliver any donations to the Senior School reception.

MUSE MORNING

Parents of children of all ages are welcome to join us at our first Muse Morning of 2018 on Tuesday 20 February.

Time: 07h15 to 08h30

Venue: Wantage auditorium, Resource Centre

Speaker: Anele Honono-Skosana and Megan Jones are clinical psychologists working in the Adolescent unit, Eating Disorders Unit, and Outpatient Eating Disorders Clinic at Tara Hospital. Each runs her own private practice as well.

Topic: "Tubby or not tubby: thinking about how we and our children relate to food and our bodies and when to seek professional intervention."

Coffee is served from 07h15 for a prompt start at 07h30. Refreshments will be available at the tennis pavilion, outside the auditorium of the Senior Resource Centre (Wantage).

RSVP: Sharon.san@stmary.co.za

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE UK

An invitation from the British Council "Study UK"

This year's British Council "Study UK" exhibition features a roadshow demonstrating opportunities for South African students to study in the United Kingdom. At the same time, it will showcase South African schools and students to participating universities.

The school visits give the students and parents an opportunity to engage directly with 15 institutions where they may be interested in studying, and provide information about courses, student life, finances and much more.

Please join us at the information sessions and engage with exhibitors at St Mary's:

Date: Monday 5 February

Time: 15h00 to 17h00

Venue: Foyer of The Edge

Parking: Waverley field, Burn Street

TERM I CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Fri 2	07:30	07:55	Tech assembly	
	14:30	19:00	Summer Splash water polo	
Sat 3	07:00		Rock the Boat regatta	Roodeplaai
	08:30	11:00	Summer Splash gala	
	11:45	17:00	Summer Splash diving	
	12:00		Summer Splash water polo	
Sun 4	13:00	16:00	Peer counsellor training	
WEEK 4				
Mon 5	07:30	07:55	House assembly	
	15:00	17:00	UK tertiary fair hosted by the British Council	Foyer of The Edge
	18:00	19:00	PTA meeting	Boardroom
Tues 6	07:30	07:55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly	
	12:25	12:55	FIV progress meeting	Room 31
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by scholarship support meeting	
	15:00		Tennis matches	
Wed 7	05:00		Selborne/Buffalo rowing tour departs (Opens)	East London
	07:30	07:55	FIII focus groups	Room 31
	07:30	07:55	FI, FII, FIV and FV house meetings	
	14:30	16:00	Exco meeting	Boardroom
	15:00		Water polo matches	
	15:00		Basketball matches vs St Peter's College	
Thurs 8			Selborne/Buffalo regatta	
	07:30		Entrance assessments (alternative date)	
	07:30	07:55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly	
	15:30		Gala	
	18:00		Old Girls' networking evening	SMOGS
Fri 9			Selborne/Buffalo regatta	
	07:30	07:55	GIRLS' committee assembly	
	17:00		U14 water polo matches	
Sat 10	07:15		Form I 2019 entrance assessments	
			Selborne/Buffalo regatta	
			A and B inter-high tennis	
			U14, U15 and U16 St Dunstan's rowing regatta	Homestead
	14:30	16:00	Peer counsellor training	
	17:00		U14 water polo matches	
Sun 11	10:30		Selborne/Buffalo tour returns	
WEEK 5				
Mon 12	07:30	07:55	House assembly	
	18:00	21:30	Matric Geography speakers dinner	St John's College
Tues 13			Shrove Tuesday	
	07:30	07:55	Whole school hymn practice	
	12:25	12:55	FIII progress meeting	Room 31
	14:00	16:00	Fincom meeting	Boardroom
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by HoD meeting	
	15:00		Tennis matches	
	16:30	18:30	Board meeting	Boardroom
Wed 14			Ash Wednesday	
	07:30	08:30	Senior School Eucharist	
	09:00	10:00	Middle School Eucharist	
	14:45		Senior inter-house squash	
	15:00		Water polo matches	
	15:00		Basketball matches vs PGHS	
Thurs 15	07:30	07:55	Guest speaker	
	15:30		Gala	St Andrew's
	18:00	20:00	eParent workshop	Ross & Darragh
Fri 16			Valentine's Day civvies day	
	07:00	17:00	St Mary's invitational tennis festival	St Mary's
	07:30	07:55	Head's assembly	
	17:00		Water polo matches	
Sat 17			Choir and jazz band camp	
	07:00	17:00	St Mary's invitational tennis festival	St Mary's
	07:00	17:00	Equestrian qualifier 1	Eaton Farm
	07:00		U14 and U15 Wemmer Sprints regatta	Roodeplaai
	08:00	17:00	Old Mutual Prestige Cup Roedeian water polo play-offs and prizegiving	
	08:00		U14 water polo matches	
Sun 18	09:00	11:00	Gauteng French teachers' meeting	JS auditorium
			Choir and jazz band camp	
	07:00	17:00	Equestrian qualifier 1	Eaton Farm
	07:00	14:00	St Mary's invitational tennis festival	St Mary's

TERM I CALENDAR

WEEK 6

Mon 19	07:30	07:55	Peer counsellors' assembly	
Tues 20	07:15	08:30	MUSE morning. All parents welcome	Wantage auditorium
	07:30	07:55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly	
	12:25	12:55	FII progress meeting	Room 31
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by tutor meeting	
Wed 21	15:00		Tennis matches	
	07:30		Senior School class reps' meeting	Wantage auditorium
	07:30	07:55	House meetings	
	07:55		FV subject focus day	
Thurs 22	15:00		Water polo matches	
	15:00		Basketball matches vs Crawford Sandton	
	07:30	07:55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly	
	07:55		FV subject focus day	
Fri 23	16:00		Night gala	St Mary's
	18:00	20:00	Tour de Maths leg 2	Reddam Bedfordview
	07:30	07:55	St Mary's DSG invitational festival - tennis and squash	
	07:55		Head's assembly	
Sat 24	07:55		FV subject focus day	
	14:15		Reef Cup water polo tournament	St Stithians
	07:00		St Mary's DSG invitational festival - tennis and squash	
Sun 25	08:00	20:00	U14/U15 Assumption regatta	Roodeplaat
	08:00	20:00	Reef Cup water polo tournament	St Stithians
	19:00	24:00	Matric dance	The close
	08:00	14:00	St Mary's DSG invitational festival - tennis and squash	
			Reef Cup water polo tournament	St Stithians

WEEK 7

Mon 26	07:30	07:55	Diversity assembly	
	15:15	17:30	Senior inter-house tennis	
Tues 27	07:30	07:55	War cry practice	
	12:25	12:55	FII progress meeting	Room 31
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by scholarship support meeting	
	15:00		Tennis matches	
Wed 28	07:30	07:55	House meetings	
	08:05	09:25	FII entrepreneurship project	
	09:25	12:25	FII amazing race	
	15:00	16:30	Senior inter-house diving	
	15:00		Water polo matches	
	15:00		Basketball matches vs Sacred Heart College	

MARCH

Thurs 1	07:30	08:30	Senior School Eucharist	
	09:00	10:00	Middle School Eucharist	
	10:30		Senior School inter-house gala	St Mary's
	12:00		Limpopo service trip departs	
	12:30		Senior School closes for half-term	
Fri 2			Old Petrians 1 st team and Shaun Fuchs U15 water polo tournament	
			Half-Term	
			Limpopo service trip	
Sat 3	07:00		Old Petrians 1 st team and Shaun Fuchs U15 water polo tournament	
			SA Schools' Rowing Championships	
Sun 4			Half-Term	
	07:00		Old Petrians 1 st team and Shaun Fuchs U15 water polo tournament	
	17:00		SA Schools' Rowing Championships	
			Limpopo service trip returns	
			Half-term	
	07:00		Old Petrians and Shaun Fuchs water polo tournament (1 st team)	
			SA Schools' Rowing Championships	

TERM I CALENDAR

Please note these dates and times are subject to change: please refer to the app for up-to-date information.

WEEK 8

Mon 5			Half-Term	
Tues 6	07:30		School opens	
	07:30	07:55	War cry practice	
	09:30		Inter-high diving	Kingsmead
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by tutor meeting	
	14:30	17:30	English Olympiad	
	15:00		Tennis matches	
Wed 7	07:30	07:55	FI - form assembly	
	07:30	07:55	Guest speaker: Prof Craig Sheridan, School of Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering at Wits talk to FII, and FIII, FIV and FV Science girls	
	12:25	12:55	Health and safety meeting	Boardroom
	14:30		ABRSM theory examination	
	15:00	16:00	Fundraising committee meeting	Boardroom
	18:00		Diversity parents' information evening	Wantage auditorium
Thurs 8	07:30	07:55	Whole school chapel	The Edge
	09:30		Inter-high A gala (compulsory attendance for FII)	Ellis Park
	18:00	19:00	Final meeting for Ecuador and Galapagos tour and handover of travel wallets	Wantage auditorium
Fri 9	07:30	07:55	Head's assembly	
	19:00		Rowing dinner	Off campus
Sat 10	09:30		Inter-high Premier gala (compulsory attendance for FI, FIII and FIV)	Ellis Park
			Rhythmic gym competition	Gym
Sun 11				

WEEK 9

Mon 12	07:30	07:55	House assembly	
	14:30	17:30	Inter-house water polo	St Mary's
	16:30	17:30	Foundation meeting	Boardroom
Tues 13	07:30	07:55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly	
	08:05	14:15	FII Banango traders day	Hall
	14:00	16:00	Fincom meeting	Boardroom
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by HoD meeting	
	16:30	18:30	Board meeting	Boardroom
Wed 14	07:30	07:55	Guest speaker	
	14:30	16:00	Exco meeting	Boardroom
	14:30		Maths Olympiad	Maths classroom
	17:00		Senior School play final dress rehearsal	Hall
Thurs 15	07:30	07:55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly	
	14:15	16:00	FIV Art prac	
	18:00	20:00	Senior School play	Hall
Fri 16	07:30	07:55	Head's assembly	
	18:00	20:00	Senior School play	Hall
Sat 17			Gauteng junior rowing trials	Roodeplaat
			Netball district trials	
	07:00	17:00	Equestrian qualifier 2	Eaton Farm
	09:00	15:00	Board strategic planning day	St Mary's
	18:00	20:00	Senior School play	Hall
Sun 18			Gauteng junior rowing trials	Roodeplaat
	07:00	17:00	Equestrian qualifier 2	Eaton Farm

WEEK 10

Mon 19	07:30	07:55	House assembly	
	16:00	18:00	SRC meeting	Seminar room
	18:00	19:00	PTA meeting	Boardroom
Tues 20	07:30	07:55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly	
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by scholarship support meeting	
	15:00		Battle of the Bands auditions	The Edge
	17:45		Summer sports dinner - water polo, tennis, squash	
Wed 21			Public holiday - Human Rights' Day	
			ALA Model African Union	Indaba Hotel
Thurs 22			ALA Model African Union	Indaba Hotel
	07:30	07:55	Hymn practice/chapel assembly	
	15:00		Hockey trials	
	18:00	20:00	Tour de Maths leg 3	Reddam Bedfordview
Fri 23			ALA Model African Union	Indaba Hotel
	07:30	07:55	First aid assembly	
	12:00	19:00	Roedean U14 hockey, netball and squash tournament	
Sat 24	08:00	18:00	Roedean U14 hockey, netball and squash tournament	
			ALA Model African Union	Indaba Hotel
Sun 25			ALA Model African Union	Indaba Hotel
	08:00	18:00	Roedean U14 hockey, netball and squash tournament	

TERM I CALENDAR

WEEK 11

Mon 26	07:30	07:55	House assembly	
	08:05	14:15	FI diagnostics	Gym
	15:00	16:30	Cultural and service awards meeting	Seminar room
	18:30	20:00	Senior School Singing Sistas	The Edge
Tues 27	07:15	08:30	MUSE morning. All parents welcome	Wantage auditorium
	07:30	08:30	Middle School Eucharist	
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by HoD meeting	
	18:30	20:00	Senior School Singing Sistas	The Edge
Wed 28	07:30	07:55	FI, FIII, FIV and FV house meetings	
	07:30	07:55	FII focus groups	
	14:30	16:30	Sports awards meeting	Seminar room
Thurs 29	07:30	08:30	Senior School Eucharist	
	14:15		School closes for FI, FII, FIII and FV for the Easter weekend	
	14:55		School closes for FIV for the Easter weekend	
Fri 30			Public Holiday - Good Friday	
Sat 31			Holy Saturday	

APRIL

Sun 1 Easter Sunday

WEEK 12

Mon 2			Public holiday - Family Day	
Tues 3	07:30	07:55	War cry practice	
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by tutor meeting	
Wed 4			FI e4 outing to St Mary-the-Less	
	07:30	07:55	Leader's assembly	
	18:15		St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival welcome dinner	
Thurs 5			FI e4 project week	
			FII entrepreneurship project	
			St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival	St Mary's
			St Andrew's Netball Festival	St Andrew's
Fri 6			FI e4 project week	
			FII entrepreneurship project	
			St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival	St Mary's
			St Andrew's Netball Festival	St Andrew's
	17:00		Old Girls' cocktail party	Astroturf
Sat 7			St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival	St Mary's
			St Andrew's Netball Festival	St Andrew's
			U15 hockey tournament	Garsfontein
Sun 8			St Mary's Investec Hockey Festival	St Mary's
			St Andrew's Netball Festival	St Andrew's
			U15 hockey tournament	Garsfontein

WEEK 13

Mon 9			FI e4 project week	
	07:30	07:55	House assembly	
			U15 hockey tournament	Garsfontein
	19:00		Senior Schools' Music Ensemble Festival	The Edge
Tues 10	07:30	07:55	Whole School hymn practice	
	14:15	16:00	Staff meeting followed by report checking	
	18:15		Boarders' end of term devotions and dinner	Dining room
Wed 11	07:30	07:55	Whole school chapel assembly	The Edge
	10:00		Final assembly	The Edge
	12:30		Senior School closes for Term I	
Thurs 12				
Fri 13				
Sat 14			Ecuador and Galapagos tour departs	
			Tennis tour to Spain departs	
Sun 15			Ecuador and Galapagos tour	
			Tennis tour to Spain	
Mon 16			Ecuador and Galapagos tour	
			Tennis tour to Spain	
Tues 17			Ecuador and Galapagos tour	
			Tennis tour to Spain	
Wed 18			Ecuador and Galapagos tour	
			Tennis tour to Spain	
Thurs 19			Ecuador and Galapagos tour	
			Tennis tour to Spain	
Fri 20			Ecuador and Galapagos tour	
			Tennis tour to Spain	
Sat 21			Ecuador and Galapagos tour	
			Tennis tour to Spain	
Sun 22			Ecuador and Galapagos tour	
			Tennis tour to Spain	