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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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FROM THE HEAD'S DESK



Birthday girls with Deanne King and Sarah Warner, cutting the cake as we celebrated St Mary's 129th birthday

Last Thursday, Ascension Day, we celebrated our Patronal Festival at St Mary's. Our festival is a highlight for the school, and a day that reminds us all of the unique and special character of St Mary's School. We were privileged to have Bishop Steve Moreo preside and celebrate the Eucharist with us, and Father Moses Thabethe delivered the sermon. Father Moses reminded us that our patron saint, Mary mother of Jesus, was a bold and courageous woman who "sang her own song" (the Song of Mary, known as the "Magnificat", in Luke 1:46-55). Her example guides us all at St Mary's, and we are encouraged to be courageous, resilient women who believe in our individuality and are strengthened through our faith in God.

The Patronal Eucharist was made even more special through beautiful music. Both the range and excellence of music across the school enhance and underpin our worship. The Music department, under the leadership of Dudley Trollope, presented choral and orchestral accompaniment. The theme of the Eucharist was "Christ be our light", and the Eucharist opened with a hymn of the same name. We interpreted light at play as dance and colour; thus our dance crew under the leadership of Claire van Niekerk, bedecked in burnt umber

skirts over their black dance outfits, enhanced our worship in the introit hymn. Together, the music and dance lifted our spirits and supported the beautiful message.

The traditional picnic that followed the service was a time for the girls and staff to celebrate our school in a happy, unstructured setting. It was a treat to watch the girls play.

The rhythm of our school year now takes us into mid-year examinations. I encourage the girls to approach this challenge with enthusiasm, as it is an opportunity for them to show what they have learnt and what skills they have developed.

I congratulate the cast of *The Dean Play*, who made it through to the finals of the Festival of Excellence in Dramatic Art. St Mary's was well represented, entering three plays.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Deanne has aptly described our wonderful Patronal Festival and given the occasion, staff and girls the credit which all are due. Suffice it to say that I, too, was deeply moved within the Eucharistic service as the beauty of the liturgy, music and dance came together as worship to our God who is the source of all. Fr Moses Thabethe's sermon is available for all to read, <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysWaverley/photos/pcb.1186627668113394/1186627334780094/?type=3&theater>

As Deanne has also mentioned, Thursday 25 May was the Feast of the Ascension. In Acts 1:1-14 we read that following Christ's resurrection, the apostles witnessed Jesus' ascension into heaven – what Fr Russell Pollitt has called Jesus' enthronement as the Son of God. The disciples, together with Mary, mother of our Lord, gathered in an upper room to worship God and to pray, and especially to wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them as Christ had promised would happen. On Sunday 4 June, the church will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, which is the day the disciples had been waiting for: the day on which Holy Spirit came upon those gathered in the upper room, empowering them to minister in Christ's name such that the disciples could tell the good news of Christ to all, each in his own language (Acts 2:1-12). Thus, Pentecost marks the inception of the Church as the Body of Christ: a people in love with God and empowered by God's Holy Spirit to let Christ's love flow through them to others. On the Feast of Pentecost, therefore, we are reminded that the Church is not simply a building, but it is the people of the "Way" as it was first called (Acts 9:2) – the Way of Christ. We as the community of St Mary's are a part of this Church, called to follow this Way.

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the Moreo family as, on Friday 26 May, Bishop Steve and Liziwe Moreo and their family heard the devastating news that their son, Siyabulela, had passed away. Siyabulela Moreo's funeral will take place today at 10h00 at the parish of Holy Cross, Orlando, in Soweto.

REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS
CHAPLAIN



At the Patronal Eucharist

CERN BEAMLINE FOR SCHOOLS COMPETITION

St Mary's has entered the 2017 CERN (Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire) Beamline for Schools competition, in association with St John's College and Barnato Park High School. Some of our Form IV scientists attended particle physics lectures given by Professor Simon Connell of the University of Johannesburg, in order to become *au fait* with current scientific discoveries in this field. The girls were then required to design an experiment that they could perform at CERN on the beamline. To enter the competition they had to write a scientific proposal and shoot a video. The video can be viewed with this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5ZclX0dmRg>. These were submitted to CERN in March, and we will hear the outcome of our efforts at the end of June. CERN received over 180 entries from schools worldwide and the winning two teams will be invited to CERN in Geneva to perform their experiment, all expenses paid.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to learn current physics not in the school curriculum, and to be exposed to the types of experiments on which professional scientists work.

We thank Dr Colleen Henning and Professor Connell for inviting us to be a part of this collaboration.

MELANIE BLAIR
HOD: PHYSICAL AND NATURAL SCIENCES



The Form IV and Form V Accounting girls had the opportunity to apply to the prestigious KPMG Schools' Programme in the first term. Those who were accepted had the chance to be inspired and informed by, and to engage with, one of South Africa's finest auditing firms. It was a day filled with activities, which exposed us to the culture and ambience of this working environment. A few girls were later offered the chance to apply for a Trainee Accountant (CA)SA (Johannesburg) position. A few girls signed a contract with KPMG to take up this offer, on condition they complete their Accounting degree. The process concluded with an interview conducted by a partner of the company. This exposure was valuable to all who attended and gave us insight into what to expect in our future employment endeavours. We extend our gratitude to Mrs levers for orchestrating our involvement in this event.

TEAGYNNE
FORM IV



On 3 and 4 April, the Form IV and Form V Accounting girls had the opportunity to attend Deloitte's Young Executives VAC Programme. Entrance to the programme included a submission of our latest academic results. The programme was aimed at pupils who want to pursue careers in accounting as chartered accountants.

We were facilitated by students who were in their first year of articles. The two days included a practical introduction into auditing and group assignments. We learned how to manage a business and what roles are needed to run a business efficiently, in a game called The Business Game. We enhanced our public speaking skills in a debate for which we had to prepare. We also had an office tour, where we explored the different divisions within Deloitte.

I enjoyed meeting and making new friends on the programme. I appreciate the chance we had to live life as chartered accountants for two days. From what I have experienced at Deloitte, accounting is anything but a boring career field.

RETHABILE
FORM IV

FEDA

On Saturday night, *The Dean Play* won the Most Inspirational Performance trophy, Katleho (Form IV) won Best Supporting Actress and Emma (Form II) won Best Actress out of 67 productions.

The cast included: Deminkha, Mikateko, Emma, Ntsimedi, Rethabile and Katleho.

The play, *Anna Weiss*, directed by Michela and starring Sophia and Nandi, also starred a St Benedict's actor, Trevor. Trevor won Best Actor for his performance in this St Mary's play.

The third St Mary's play, *I Don't Like Mondays*, won Best Musical; this play was directed by Amy and Megan.

St Mary's was the only school to be placed in both the Original and the Published finals: this means our productions were in the top four for both sections.

Well done to everyone involved!

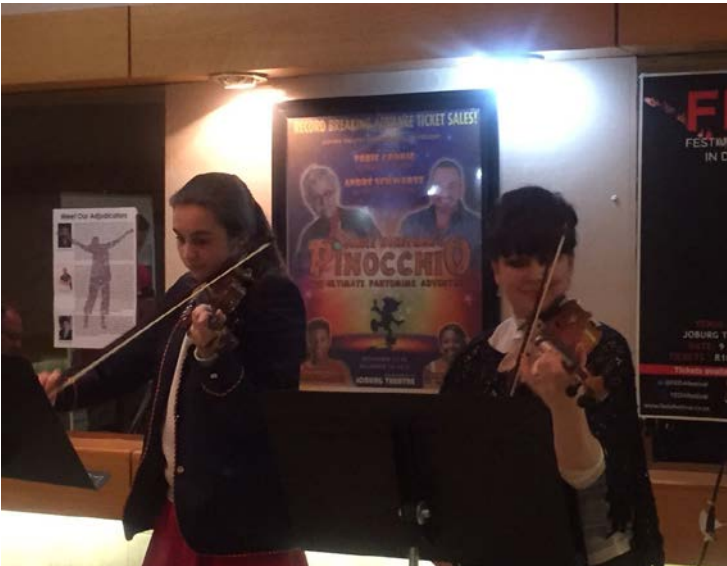
JANET BAYLIS
HOD: DRAMATIC ARTS



A scene from *Anna Weiss*



The awards presentation



St Mary's musicians playing in the foyer



A scene from *The Dean Play*



Kate Liquorish (matric 2001), Phillipa Sandilands and Janet Baylis



A scene from *I Don't Like Monday's*

ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

The De Beers English Olympiad is written in March each year by more than 6 000 students countrywide. It aims to encourage an interest in, and wider understanding of, English in South Africa. Thirty St Mary's girls wrote the Olympiad this year and the results are excellent:

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Raiyah	Josephine	Kelsey
Jordan	Emma	Amy
Melissa	Jaeger	Phateka
Tayla	Hannah	
Tarya	Victoria	
Bianca	Melody	
Emma	Theonichia	
Lucy	Abby	
India	Sarah	
	Kate	
	Keara	
	Annabel	
	Anthea	
	Keitumetse	
	Anqi	
	Kaylyn	
	Margaret	
	Megan	

LYNN KNOWLES
ENGLISH TEACHER

INNOV@TION HUB

The Value of Rest

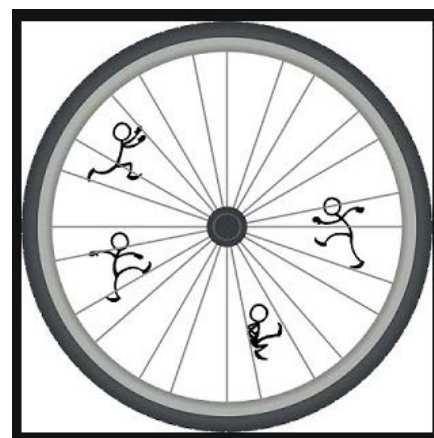
Much is currently being written in the media about the negative effects of anxiety on our children's academic progress and on their general wellbeing. With the examination period, children and parents alike often report sensing a build-up of pressure and tension. This frequently culminates in a feeling of being overwhelmed and discouraged. It is worth considering strategies to help our children to cope better with high-stress periods, and to maintain their perspective when under pressure.

In our frenetic world, there is often a tendency to go, go, go, and then collapse. Is a child able to truly give the best of herself when engaged in this kind of pattern? Notions of the value of rest and the types of rest that are most constructive, need to be reconsidered. The concept of rest should include developing healthy daily sleeping routines, creating and seeking calm space, or taking pleasure in the beauty around us.

Sleep is an antidote to exhaustion and a consistent sleep pattern should be maintained even during busy times. Sleep deprivation means that our girls are more prone to illness, stress and absenteeism, which compounds the problem of anxiety further. Feelings of stress reduce our ability to think in a sophisticated and creative manner, which is exactly what is expected of our girls during the examination period.

Seeking and spending short periods of time in calm spaces also has an effect of enabling us to maintain perspective and feel refreshed. Girls should be encouraged to create or identify "calm zones" at home or around the school where they feel safe and nurtured. Finding this kind of sanctuary is a highly personal choice. It may be found in a favourite chair, a bench surrounded by greenery at school, or a corner of the library where one is unlikely to be disturbed.

Having a consistent sleep routine and spending time in a calm space should help our girls to become more resilient during busy and stressful periods in their lives.



CLARE SEARLE
INNOVATION

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



ROWING



Megan, Caitlin and Jessica have been selected to represent South Africa at this year's Junior World Rowing Championships, to be held in Trakai, Lithuania, starting on Wednesday 2 August. This is the second year in a row that these three girls have been selected to this team. Last year they rowed in Rotterdam, in a girls' eight.

SQUASH

Boys' league

St Mary's A beat St John's 13-5
St Mary's A beat Helpmekaar 12-3
St Mary's A beat St Stithians 14-0

The Standard Bank Closed Gauteng Junior Squash Tournament was held at Parkview from 19 to 21 May. Panashe won the U19 section and Georgina achieved 5th place. Jemma won the U16 section.

Demi placed 7th, Hannah Ince took 9th place and won the most improved Gauteng girl participant of the tournament, and Alexia was 10th. Well done to all the girls.

Demi has been selected to represent South Africa at the Maccabi Games in Israel, from 6 to 17 July. This is a fantastic achievement.



Alexia, Georgina, Jemma, Demi and Panashe

Panashe has been selected to represent South Africa at the World Squash Federation World Junior Championship in Tauranga, New Zealand, from 12 to 24 July. She is congratulated on her excellent achievement.

JENNIFER FOX
HEAD OF SQUASH

GOLF



Congratulations to Deanne King on her superb play at the rowing golf day on Friday 19 May, where she out-drove St Mary's chairman, Nigel Carman.

CROSS-COUNTRY



Sincere congratulations to Jenna, who runs as a lone entry in the weekly cross-country events. She has finished 2nd in every event in which she has participated. She qualified to run for the Northern Districts team at the inter-districts' event, which took place at Rietvlei on Monday 29 May.

HOCKEY



Miss Nathan and Ms Roxy Coetzee-Turner

We had a surprise visit from Miss Nathan on Saturday 20 May, when we were playing hockey against Transvalia. She was the head of sport and the deputy headmistress at St Mary's, and never fails to keep us on our toes. She had heard Mrs Howell was away and so popped in to check that we were not letting standards slip.

QUIX
HEAD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

On Sunday 21 May, our 1st hockey team participated in the Spar School Girls' Hockey Challenge. This tournament, renowned in KwaZulu-Natal, has finally made its way to Gauteng. The tournament consists of two pools, with five teams in each pool. The matches are each 20 minutes, one way, after which teams cross over directly with the other pool. This tournament allowed St Mary's to play against and watch teams we do not usually play during a season.

The St Mary's 1st hockey team opened with a 4-0 victory against Trinity House. Our team continued the pool matches with three more wins: beating Rand Park High School 2-0, Roosevelt High School 10-0 and Roedean School (SA) 1-0.

This meant that the St Mary's 1st team topped their pool and would meet Kingsmead College in the final. The St Mary's 1st hockey team took the Spar School Girls' Hockey Challenge title with a 1-0 victory over Kingsmead.



Provincial representatives

Well done to Caitlin Breytenbach, who was selected for the U14 Gauteng team. This is a team selected from Southern, Northern and Eastern Gauteng. Congratulations to the following players who will be representing Southern Gauteng in their respective age groups:

U14A	U14B	U14C	
Ghita	Sarah	Jaimie	
Dominique	Tasmin	Ashley	
	Abigail	Niamh	
	Tlamele	Jade	
U16A	U16B	U16C	U16D
Kiara	Sarah G	Hannah	Zanele
Tannah	Emma	Caryn	
	Hannah		
	Sarah		
	Sasha		
U18A	U18B	U18C	U18D
Roxanne	Carly	Rachel	Emma
Georgina	Dominique		
Julia B			
Julia F			

The teams have been busy with matches for the past two weeks. There have been tough and exciting friendlies for both the A and B teams of each age group. Both Transvalia and Affies are notoriously competitive games for our teams. Results show a successful day of matches for the St Mary's team, and their striving for excellence on the field.

The 1st team played an exciting and nail-biting match against Affies. With the match at 2-2 until the last two minutes, we successfully converted a short corner to take the 3-2 win. The C teams as well at thirds and fourths have displayed courageous play against their oppositions' 1st, 2nd and A teams. St Andrew's fixtures on Saturday 27 May created competitive rivalry. With nine matches played, not one team lost. Well done to the players.

Results from the past two weeks:

	Win	Lose	Draw
Grays League			
Helpmekaar	6	0	2
St Andrew's	8	0	1
Malik League			
Hyde Park	1	1	1
Aurora	0	1	2
St Peter's	1	1	2
Friendlies			
Transvalia	6	0	2
Affies	4	2	2

ROXY COETZEE-TURNER
HEAD OF HOCKEY

NETBALL



Holly

We congratulate Holly on being selected for the Gauteng U14 netball team. The team will compete in the inter-provincial netball tournament, which will take place from 2 to 6 July at Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen in Boksburg.

We hosted the third round of the netball league matches against St Peter's on Wednesday 17 May. With the great performance we had the previous week, the girls were excited to play at home and showcase their skills.

The results are as follows:

U14 A: 17-5 to St Mary's
U14 B: 16-9 to St Mary's
U14 C: 14-6 to St Mary's
U15 A: 24-14 to St Mary's
U15 B: 20-5 to St Mary's
U15 C: 16-7 to St Mary's
U16 A: 18-8 to St Mary's
U16 B: 13-3 to St Mary's
1 st team: 23-19 to St Mary's
2 nd team: 14-35 to St Peter's

On Wednesday 24 May, we travelled to HeronBridge College.

U14 A: 21-12 to St Mary's
U14 B: 15-11 to St Mary's
U14 C: 17-11 to St Mary's
U15 A: 7-10 to HeronBridge
U15 B: 18-7 to St Mary's
U15 C: 23-3 to St Mary's
U16 A: 10-18 to HeronBridge
U16 B: 12-4 to St Mary's
1 st team: 30-19 to St Mary's
2 nd team: 4-25 to HeronBridge
U16 C and 3 rd teams combined: 17-16 to St Mary's

PALESA MASINGA
HEAD OF NETBALL

NOTICES:

BOOKING NOW OPEN

See the St Mary's App for
booking details

Date: Thursday 6 July

Time: 18h00

Venue: The Edge

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TWO LIVES. ONE JOURNEY.

LEMOGANG TSIPA

GRANT SWANBY

HEADLINES AND QUIZZICAL PICTURES IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NLC, THE NTV, THE KANG, THE OTT AND M'NET PRESENT "BEYOND THE RIVER"
 STARRING LEMOGANG TSIPA, GRANT SWANBY, ISHAEL SIPHO, MAISEKE ZULU, WITH EMILY CHILD, KIOSI MUNGAKI, CARIN GREYVENBACH, NOBUHLE ZWANE, PAUL DU TOIT, MOONYEEN LEE, PRODUCED BY FLO BALLACK
 DIRECTED BY TREVOR CALVERLEY, WRITTEN BY NICHOLAS COSTARAS, EDITED BY CHRIS LEITCHER, EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS CRAIG FREIMOND, ROBBIE THORPE, PRODUCED BY CARLIE JAPHET, JENNIFER CHARLTON, BRAD FISHER, JAN DU PLESSIS
 EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS ROBBIE THORPE, HARRIET GAVSHON, RONNIE APTEKEL, PRODUCED BY CRAIG FREIMOND



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The annual St Mary's Foundation fundraising event promises to be an evening of fun at the historic Rand Club. Opened as a men's only club in 1877, the club remains on its original site in the Johannesburg city centre. Times have changed and women are now permitted as members and therefore it is fitting that we host an event to support talented young women in achieving an education through the Foundation's scholarship programme. We do hope you are able to join us. Should you require further information or wish to reserve tickets or a table, email foundation@stmary.co.za or joscelyn.young@stmary.co.za or contact the Foundation office on 011 531 1800.



CATHIE MARKUS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE

St Mary's  Foundation

INVITES YOU TO JOIN HER FOR A
DINNER AND AN EXCITING

Auction Evening

DATE: FRIDAY 14 JULY 2017
 VENUE: THE RAND CLUB,
 33 LOVEDAY STREET,
 JOHANNESBURG
 TIME: 18H00 FOR 18H30
 DRESS: SEMI-FORMAL
 TICKETS: R350 PER PERSON

 Standard Bank

We would appreciate your assistance with our admissions process:

- Should you have a daughter whom you would like to be admitted into St Mary's in 2019, please ensure that a completed application form is sent to Tracy Hagen at tracy.hagen@stmary.co.za so that we can prioritise a place
- Please remember that if your daughter is leaving St Mary's, at least one term's notice is required in order to avoid being levied fees in lieu of this notice

ACADEMIC CALENDAR



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2018

EASTER TERM - TERM I

Wednesday 17 January to Wednesday 11 April

Half-Term

School closes on Thursday 1 March and re-opens on Tuesday 6 March

Public holidays

Wednesday 21 March (Human Rights' Day)

Friday 30 March (Good Friday)

Saturday 31 March (Holy Saturday)

Sunday 1 April (Easter Sunday)

Monday 2 April (Family Day)

TRINITY TERM - TERM II

Wednesday 2 May to Friday 3 August

Half-Term

School closes on Friday 22 June and re-opens on Monday 2 July

Public holiday

Saturday 16 June (Youth Day)

MICHAELMAS TERM - TERM III

Wednesday 5 September to Wednesday 5 December

Half-Term

School closes on Thursday 18 October and re-opens on Tuesday 23 October

Public holiday

Monday 24 September (Heritage Day)

At the end of each term and half-term:

Senior School closes at 12h30

Junior School closes at 11h00

Little Saints closes at 10h30

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