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Kristin (vice-captain), Carly (captain) and Oluwaseyi (vice-captain) with the athletics inter-high trophy

## From the head's desk

Dear parents

The cultural awards evening was a most entertaining and enjoyable function. It showcased the range of activities within our cultural programme and the level of excellence across all the disciplines. It is remarkable that the girls and staff can work together to achieve in so many different areas. Even relatively new activities such as chess and dance are making significant strides in levels of achievement. The girls and staff obviously work in harmony and take delight in the art forms.

One aspect of the evening that concerned me was the over-exuberant and inappropriate response from the girls in the audience. I will address this with our girls

as I have done in the past. The energy and enthusiasm of our girls that results in high levels of participation and achievement often needs to be guided when it comes to pleasure and social occasions.

On a similar note, Ros Howell and I will host a morning conversation in three weeks, that will be organised through the class reps. With the school holiday approaching I would like to address issues around social dynamics, social activities and pressures that our girls face and decisions that parents have to make. Information will be made available through the class reps.

*Deanne King*  
Head of school

## Dates to diarise

November

Fri 4		Form IV study day Gauteng Junior Rowing Championships
Sat 5		Gauteng Junior Rowing Championships
Sun 6		Gauteng Junior Rowing Championships
Mon 7		Form IV examinations begin
Tues 8	07h15	Muse Morning
Thurs 10	09h00	Form III examinations begin
Fri 11	17h30	Form I Johannesburg integrated project exhibition
Mon 14	07h30	Form I and Form II examinations begin
	16h30	Foundation meeting
Tues 15	09h00	Leadership team workshop
	16h30	Board meeting
Fri 18	08h30	e4 planning workshop
Sat 19	09h00	French regional meeting



## From the chaplain



Confirmation class of 2016

On Tuesday 18 October, 23 Forms III and IV girls were confirmed by Bishop Steve Moreo, Bishop of the Anglican diocese of Johannesburg, in our chapel at St Mary's. The girls attended weekly confirmation classes during term throughout the year, culminating in a beautiful confirmation service in which the girls were supported by their friends, family and St Mary's staff. In the Anglican Church, the confirmation service is the occasion on which the girls, having grown in their relationship with God and having thought through their faith, confirm that they choose to continue the walk with God to which their parents committed them in the girls' baptism as children.

*Revd Claudia Coustas*  
Chaplain

## Form I e<sup>4</sup> excursion to Alexandra



Pupils interviewing local business owners as part of their investigation into Alexandra's informal economy



Pupils had the opportunity to try local delicacies: mopani worms, vetkoek and isikop were some of the treats sampled



Form Is chatting to a local AlexFM radio DJ about their experiences in Alexandra live on the air



Pupils on a walking tour of Alexandra

According to the World Bank (October 2016), one of South Africa's key development challenges is the existence of a dual economy, with one of the highest inequality rates in the world. The current Gini coefficient ranges between 0.66 and 0.70, with the top decile of the population accounting for 58% of the country's income. This is demonstrated by the stark contrast that exists between Africa's richest mile, the Sandton CBD and the community of Alexandra. St Mary's is located about 5km from Alexandra and hence it is a part of our immediate community. The aim of the annual Form I e<sup>4</sup> field excursion to Alexandra is to expose pupils to the socio-economic realities within our immediate community and, hopefully, foster a sense of empathy towards residents of Alexandra. Raghuram and Madge (2006) argue that fieldwork brings students into direct contact with the everyday lives and material realities of others, while Fisher (2012, p.15) notes the significance of fieldwork in that it provides "first-hand experience" providing for meaningful learning experiences and the fostering of longer-term understanding. A participatory approach to the fieldwork excursion was followed, providing pupils with opportunities for direct contact, connection and interaction with the residents and business owners in Alexandra.

*Sally James*  
Deputy headmistress

## International school library month

October was international school library month and a number of events were enjoyed in the Wantage Centre.



Amanda won the Fault in our Stars DVD



Caitlin and Leilah ran a fun session of Book Bingo



Christina destressing by colouring in a bookmark



Jessica browsing the hobbies display



Khethiwe and Nandi, the 2017 heads of resources, speed dated books



Leilah collected books for the Oaklands old age home



Tumisang and Maya organised a fun session of Book Charades



Our enthusiastic readers and staff book clubbers gather for Ms Silvennoinen's last book club before retirement



Phateka and Atlehang organised a fun session of matching celebrities and their favourite books



Sally James, Sue Heydenrych, Lynn Enraght-Moony and Lucy Strydom at the staff book club



The speed dating group with winners Atlehang and Katlego with red iPad bags



The Book Charades produced a lot of laughs and chocolates

**Anneli Silvennoinen**  
Senior School librarian

## Visual Arts



Ruby, Michelle Lissos (ThinkAhead), Candice, Tenisha and Sue Heydenrych

The Visual Arts department fared well in this year's Excellence in Education competition. This is an annual competition run by the Core Group which promotes creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and character. Independent local and international judges adjudicated the competition.

Neo, Ruby, Tenisha and Candice placed second in the Grades 10 to 12 2016 Curriculum Challenge category for their "the Van Gogh girls" video. The international judges were Apple education trainers Patrick McGrath and Michael O'Kane from Ireland.

Ruby placed second in the Grades 10 to 12 Artistic Excellence category for her project, "NYC". The international judge was Cathy Hunt from Australia.

Well done, girls!

*Sue Heydenrych*

HoD Visual Arts

## Cultural awards evening



Hip-hop crew



Hosts for the evening



Jazz band



Latin dance



Glamorous Form II girls



Moving statues



Live art

Black dresses and high heels: when St Mary's girls are not in leotards, overalls or practising their instruments, they can be found at the annual cultural awards evening. The celebration of one another's achievements is a highlight on the cultural talent calendar. This year, the theme of "stepped into the shoes" of the artists, actors, musicians and writers was explored. The evening was brilliantly structured and featured a diverse range of entertainment – from moving sculptures to mermaids reciting poetry in the pond. Our hosts, Bronwyn and Kristin, kept changing their shoes as they took us down "The Walk".

This was a night of firsts for the Visual Arts department, as they painted and doodled their way through the evening. In a flurry of colour, the audience was exposed to expressive art in a live art performance piece done by the talented Form IV art girls. Impressively, in their heels and cocktail dresses, they used controlled brushstrokes, splats of paint, scraping, dripping and dry brushing to express the colourful atmosphere of the evening. Another new initiative was the "Audience Art" station resulting in playful doodles and many smiles.

The Form III Visual Arts girls showcased some of their artistic films, which made use of painting and stop-motion animation techniques as well as celebrating their cinematic skills.

The evening featured the awarding of well-deserved prizes, but it was evident that the true reward of any artistic endeavour lies in the camaraderie, friendships and creativity shared by the girls. The success of this event sent a palpable message of hope for the future.

*Meg and Jordyn*

Form III Form IV

## Dance crew



The hip-hop crew performing their entry for inter-high dance at the Rivonia Barnyard



The contemporary crew



Dancing at Rivonia Barnyard

The St Mary's dance crew was invited to perform as guest artists at the annual Dance Mouse/Madness Festival at Rivonia Barnyard on Saturday 29 October. This was a fantastic opportunity as the girls performed to three sold-out houses throughout the day. This was wonderful exposure for our girls and they received many positive comments and thunderous applause.

*Claire van Niekerk*



# From the Sports department



## Athletics



Leaders of the spirit squad



The fantastic Form IVs



Supporter, deputy head girl, Abby



Annabel focused on winning the Open B hurdles event



Oluwaseyi contemplating her new record

Another very successful athletics season has drawn to a close. St Mary's won their ninth consecutive inter-high competition. The team was superbly lead by the captain, Carly, and her two vice-captains, Kristin and Oluwaseyi, and, once again, excellently coached by our "favourite", Roger Haitengi. He is able to get great talent from the girls in a very short season. The team was on point from the first event on Wednesday 19 October and we never looked back. Oluwaseyi broke the U16 long jump record with a leap of 4.97m. Jenna also had a great day, winning the junior 1 500m and 800m and the U14 400m. In total St Mary's gained 18 first places, 13 second places and eight third places out of 46 events. The overall placings were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> St Mary's	495	5 <sup>th</sup> Holy Rosary School	327
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsmead College	372	6 <sup>th</sup> Assumption Convent School	309
3 <sup>rd</sup> Pretoria High School for Girls	368	7 <sup>th</sup> St Andrew's School	272
4 <sup>th</sup> Brescia House School	364	8 <sup>th</sup> Jeppe School for Girls	261

I should like to thank two girls, Bianca and Themhani, who are both athletes but have serious injuries and are currently unable to participate. They have come with the team each week to help officiate and be of assistance wherever necessary. We are also deeply indebted to the spirit squad, Form Is and other girls who came to Germiston to support our team.

### Quix

Head of sport



Inter-house supporters

## Inter-house tennis

Junior inter-house tennis was played on Friday 14 October. Our four houses approached Friday afternoon with a passion for the sport, enthusiasm to play and all-round good sportsmanship. The afternoon ran smoothly. In the end the scores were tallied up and in first place with 58 points was Phelps, Clayton with 44, Furse with 37 and Karney with 31. All the girls played their best and made the afternoon enjoyable.

*Robyn*

Form III



Michaela sailing her laser boat

## Sailing

Our congratulations are extended to Michaela who has been selected to sail in the Laser Girls class at the Youth World Sailing Championships. These championships will be held at the Torbay Sailing Club in New Zealand from 14 to 20 December. Congratulations, Michaela, on this amazing achievement.

*Quix*

Head of sport

## Squash



Panashe, Demi, Alexia, Jemma and Ghita

Eleven St Mary's squash girls competed in the Start Of Season (SOS) tournament from Friday 28 October to Sunday 30 October at Parkview Squash Centre.

Panashe competed in the U19 Boys' event and finished fifth - well done on this great achievement.

Georgina - U19 Girls - placed second

Amy - U19 Girls - placed fourth

Jemma - U16 Girls - placed first

Tannah - U16 Girls - placed seventh

Megan H - U16 Girls - placed eighth

Megan B - U16 Girls - placed ninth

Alexia - U16 Girls - placed 11<sup>th</sup>

Hannah - U16 Girls - placed 12<sup>th</sup>

Demi - U16 Girls - placed 20<sup>th</sup>

Ghita - U13 Girls - placed first

*Jennifer Fox*

Squash coach

## Tennis



Tamsin, Maja, Nina, Julianne, Ruth, Alexis, Izabela



Premier League winners St Mary's A and B teams  
Girls not in the picture but who played in a few matches for the A and B teams:  
Julianne, Sarah and Nina

The tennis league matches are completed and I am extremely pleased with all the results achieved from the various teams.

The St Mary's A and B teams defeated St Stithians A and B in a convincing manner to win the premier league. The St Mary's C and D team won four out of their six matches. The St Mary's D and H teams were unbeaten and the F team lost only one match throughout the season. These are all excellent results considering

that all these teams play the A and B teams from opposing schools. Well done to all the players.

The St Mary's A team travelled to Bloemfontein to compete in the Eunice tennis festival and returned victorious. St Mary's beat Eunice A, Eunice B, Collegiate, Waterkloof and St Stithians in a convincing manner. All the players competed extremely well in tough conditions. The tennis was of a high standard despite the heat of 38°C. Congratulations to

Maja, Alexis, Tamsin, Ruth, Nina, Izabela and Julianne for their performance on the courts and their behaviour off the court. It was a pleasure and much fun to tour with all of you.

Congratulations to our 2016 captain Imaan who has been selected to represent South Africa at the Criteria for African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region 5 U20 Games to be held in Angola from 9 to 19 December. This tour

is fully funded by the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee and Imaan will receive full national colours. Only two girls were selected for this team. This is an amazing achievement. St Mary's is very proud of you and we wish you the best of luck in your matches.

## League results

### 18 October

St Mary's A beat St Stithians A 40-23  
St Mary's B beat Northcliff B 56-7  
St Mary's E lost to St Mary's DSG Pretoria A 29-34  
St Mary's F beat St Mary's DSG Pretoria 63-0  
St Mary's G lost to Jeppe A 45-18  
St Mary's F beat Jeppe B 45-18

### *René Plant*

Head of tennis

### 25 October

St Mary's C beat Kingsmead A 37-26  
St Mary's D beat Kingsmead B 46-17  
St Mary's E lost to Fourways A 28-35  
St Mary's F beat Fourways B 38-25  
St Mary's G lost to St Stithians C 38-25  
St Mary's H beat St Stithians D 33-30

## Water polo

Over half-term, the St Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> water polo team competed in the annual St Stithians water polo festival. This tournament is one of the biggest water polo tournaments in South Africa with more than 20 girls' teams, 20 boys' teams and 20 U13 boys' and girls' teams competing. This year it took place from Thursday 20 October to Sunday 23 October. The weekend was very successful for our 1<sup>st</sup> team as they placed fourth overall; beating Pearson, ranked second, and Reddam House, ranked first, in order to get to the semi-finals. The team unfortunately lost to St Stithians in the semi-final and went on to play Crawford in the third and fourth playoff, where they narrowly lost 3-2.

Daniela, the St Mary's captain and goalkeeper, was selected as the best female goalkeeper of the tournament as well as the goalkeeper for the St Stithians water polo festival tournament team.

*Jordan*

Form IV



1<sup>st</sup> and U13 teams

The U14 water polo team placed ninth at the Roedean U14 festival. They were unfortunate in their playoff game to lose in a penalty shootout 8-9, thus missing out on a quarter-final opportunity. The girls performed well as a team and we are proud of them.

*Kelsey White*

Water polo coach

## Rhythmic gymnastics

The St Mary's rhythmic gymnasts won 12 medals at the South African Gymnastic Games and Gym for Life competition in Cape Town in October.

*Linda Giuricich*

Rhythmic gymnastics coach



St Mary's Gym for life team



Romy



Caitlin



Jessica

## Notices:

### Chameleon Adventures TPA events calendar 2017

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## THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD EVENTS CALENDAR 2017

Guided by Jo-Anne Glen for Chameleon Adventures



Date	TPA Level	Activity	Venue
9-12 Jan 2017	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	Hiking Adventure	Kaapsekooop/ Magnebaschkooop
8-13 Jan 2017	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	River rafting	Orange River (Zastron)
24-27 Feb 2017	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	Hiking Adventure	Kaapsekooop
1-2 April 2017	Bronze adventure	Multi Adventure	Magaliesberg
18-21 April 2017	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	Hiking Adventure	Kaapsekooop/ Magnebaschkooop
18-23 April 2017	Gold Residential project	Community service at animal rehab centre	Wildlife Rehab Centre
18-22 April 2017	Gold and Silver Adventurous journey	River rafting	Orange river
25-28 June 2017	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	Hiking Adventure	Kaapsekooop/ Magnebaschkooop
11-16 July 2017	Gold Residential project	Community service at animal rehab centre	Wildlife Rehab Centre
8-13 Aug 2017	Gold Residential project	Community service at animal rehab centre	Wildlife Rehab Centre
5-8 Aug 2017	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	Hiking Adventure	Kaapsekooop/ Magnebaschkooop
14-19 Aug 2017	Gold adventure	Hiking Adventure	Otter Hiking Trail (Tsielikama)
28 Aug- 2 Sept 2017	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	River rafting	Orange River (Zastron)
20-23 Oct 2017	Silver and Gold Adventurous Journey	Hiking Adventure	Kaapsekooop/ Magnebaschkooop

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## App

Please remember to download the St Mary's app

- The app is available from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Search for it by using "St Mary's School"
- Once you have located it, click "download" or "get icon". When the app has downloaded and been opened, a window will pop up, which requires an access code to be entered. Enter the access code stmary16 and click "ok"
- You will then be taken to the loading screen, and to a screen which will ask about push notifications. Please allow for push notifications to be sent through
- In the menu you will see an icon button that reads: "My school profile". Email [kathy.mittendorf@stmary.co.za](mailto:kathy.mittendorf@stmary.co.za) to get your unique personalised access code. This will allow you to bookmark pages, create a personalised schedule and lots more. Remember also to click on "notification settings" to select the areas of the school which are applicable to you

This will ensure that you only get urgent notifications that are relevant to you and your daughter.

## Muse Morning

All parents welcome to participate in our Muse Morning on Tuesday 8 November

Time: 07h15 to 08h30 with coffee served from 07h15 at the tennis pavilion

Venue: Wantage auditorium

Speaker: Tracey Farber, Clinical psychologist

Topic: "Setting boundaries with love and respect, are you your child's parent or best friend?". Tracey's talk will be based on recent research as well as her clinical experience as a psychologist in private practice.

RSVP: [Sharon.san@stmary.co.za](mailto:Sharon.san@stmary.co.za)

## Clothes Cupboard

The Clothes Cupboard desperately needs second-hand school dresses and blazers of all sizes.

Please place unneeded clothes in bags and drop these and any other school items such as skirts, tracksuits, skirts and so on at the Senior School reception. If the bags are clearly named we will pass a credit for all the items in a good condition.

Please do not give away any St Mary's branded items to charities in our area. Whatever we cannot use or sell we donate to a school in the Eastern Cape. In this way everything is given to a good cause and the St Mary's brand is protected.