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Winners of Pullen trophy (see page 6 for more information)

From the head's desk

Dear parents

The end of term and school holiday offers our community a most welcome time of rest. The Trinity Term is always challenging. The cold weather, illness and the examinations seem to take their toll and leave most individuals drained. Our community has also been affected by loss and tragedy.

Being a part of a community means that we experience the good and bad times together: successes, disappointments, the support of friendships and the challenges of relationships. A community, most importantly, offers a place of belonging and a feeling of belonging is closely associated with happiness. To be a small part of a greater whole gives meaning and purpose to one's life. This is what we ultimately want for our girls at St Mary's, your daughters. The collaboration between families and a school is vital in creating a sense of community and ultimately, a sense of belonging.

The foundation of our school community is our values. These provide a firm framework within which we exist and they enhance our community by connecting us all and creating human social capital.

To belong at St Mary's means to uphold and live the values of love, community and integrity. These values speak loudly of our Christian Anglican ethos but they also speak of universal good. It is this aspect of our school that encourages social and emotional learning, which is as important as academic development for children.

Lord God

*we ask you to give us your blessing
to your Church, holiness
to the world, peace
to the nation, justice
and to all people knowledge of your law.*

Keep safe our families

protect the weak

heal the sick

comfort the dying

and bring us all to a joyful resurrection.

We ask these things through Jesus Christ our

Lord.

Amen

I wish you all a restful and restorative holiday with your daughters.

Deanne King

Head of school

Dates to diarise

August		
Fri 5	07h30	Final assembly
	10h00	OMS top 12 hockey tournament departs
	10h30	Eucharist: Form IV and Form V
	10h30	Inter-house quiz: Form I and Form II
	12h30	Senior School closes
Sat 6		Form II bush school returns
Mon 8		OMS top 12 hockey tournament returns
Tues 30		Rowing camp begins (Bronkhorstspuit Dam)
Wed 31		Form V boarders return during the day
September		
Thurs 1	09h00	Form V preliminary examinations begin
Fri 2		Rowing golf day at Killarney Country Club
Sun 4		Rowing camp ends
Mon 5		Form III boarders return during the day
	07h30	Administrative staff return
Tues 6	07h30	Form III camp departs
	14h00	Boarders return
	18h15	Boarders' chapel and dinner
Wed 7		Girls return in full summer uniform
	07h30	Term III begins
	07h30	Form I and Form II programme begins
	07h30	Form IV on-campus "camp" begins
Thurs 8	18h00	Form II parent information evening: substance abuse workshops
Fri 9	09h00	Form V IEB final Music practical examination
	10h00	Form III camp returns
	14h15	Form I and Form II programme ends
	14h15	Form IV on campus "camp" ends
	17h15	Dads', moms' and daughters' squash evening
	19h00	Gauteng Big Band

From the chaplain

*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the
morning, more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
Psalm 130:5-7*

As chaplain, I am aware of many of the pastoral concerns in our community, and as such I know this has not been an easy term for our staff, girls or Old Girls. By means of illustration, in one term we have had two funerals and a memorial service in our chapel: for Shelley Crawford (Junior School teacher), Lindsey von Oppell (Old Girl, 2003)

and Susan Rohde (mother of Kathryn, Alexandra and Joanna, Senior School girls). Examinations have also taken place this term. As such, all are looking forward to a much-needed rest. The words of the Psalm quoted above resonate with us in this regard.

For me, the words of the Psalmist speak of hope based on experience: as the sun will rise again tomorrow so we can know that we can rest in God, that we will be refreshed and comforted in the Lord.

Revd Claudia Coustas
Chaplain

From the head girl

In the last newsletter I wrote about some of the school traditions I have experienced this year. I mentioned the importance of our core values and the strength of our community.

Last week, the head girls ran a chapel service in which we expanded on this idea. We spoke on the theme of respect and tolerance, explaining to the girls why it is important to be integrated and tolerant of other religions and cultures in our diverse society. St Mary's places us in an environment which exposes us to many different cultures and religions, and encourages us to learn about and engage with them.

I also spoke to the girls about my experience coming to the school from a Jewish perspective, and how this exposure has shaped me as a person.

I introduced them to the Jewish concept of "Tikkun Olam" "Repairing the World". This teaching deals with the responsibilities given to people and their effect on their community and society as a whole. In playing our part to repair the world and making a difference together, we must learn how to work with one another, and try to understand one another's world views even if they are not our own.

Through forums such as GIRLS, the diversity committee and, for some, confirmation classes or chapel, we can learn and make a difference. The service ended with an apt Hebrew phrase from Psalm 133: "*Hineh ma tov u'ma-nayim, shevet achim gam yachad*" - *How good and pleasant it is for us to sit together.*

Shayna
Head girl

Cultural honours blazer

Our congratulations are extended to Taryn on being awarded a cultural honours blazer.



Taryn

e⁴ Workers' Museum

Newtown is synonymous with inner-city regeneration, a vibrant nightlife and the Sci-Bono Discovery Centre, among many other things. Last week the Form I girls visited the Workers' Museum and added a different layer to their definition and perception of Newtown by stepping back in time and examining the economic, social and political forces that shaped Johannesburg.

The Workers' Museum, built in 1913, is at the Newtown Compound, which is one of the last surviving examples of the original municipal compounds for black male workers. As part of the e⁴ curriculum, the Form I girls had the opportunity to explore the Workers' Museum, looking at various themes such as: Change and Continuity, Life on the Compounds, Systems of Power and Control on the Compounds and the Impact of the Migrant System. This exploration was learner-centred and allowed the girls to construct their own knowledge with minimal teacher involvement or influence. The girls initially found this uncomfortable, continually seeking direction from their teachers, however, as the day progressed they became more comfortable with their ability to analyse and interpret material around them and share their findings and interpretations with their peers.

The day was filled with numerous co-operative learning opportunities, where the girls were able to teach and learn from one another. The highlight throughout the day was being able to see our girls walk through the domestic quarters, lock-up room, the showers and urinal room and the migrant workers' story room and be observant, contemplative and empathetic towards those who had lived under such conditions.

The girls gathered photographs, sound clips, video clips and recorded in writing what they saw, heard, perceived and discussed with their peers. This information will be used to create a virtual museum of the Workers' Museum, using skills that they have learnt during recent Information Technology lessons. This will give others an opportunity to view and experience the Workers' Museum from our girls' eyes. This outing gave our girls an opportunity to contrast their observations and experiences with our Northwards Mansion visit.

I hope that the girls will begin to understand the complexity of our history and take great pride in using the skills they have acquired throughout the course of the year in order to analyse our past, contextualise it and empathetically seek solutions to problems that are rooted in our history.

Tinhiko Nkuna

e⁴ teacher



Working in teams



Gathering information

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 that 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 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 that are applicable to you

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

Form I pyjama day



Happiness is holiday reading

The icy chill which gripped Johannesburg last week coincided perfectly with the planned Form I library visit. Dressed in fleecy onesies, plush dressing gowns and thermal slippers, the girls enjoyed a steaming cup of hot chocolate while they browsed through the selection of teen holiday reads on offer. The library staff made sure there was something for everyone in the thoughtfully grouped baskets. The girls could choose titles from genres as diverse as graphic novels, crime and fantasy to the ever-popular love story category.

It was also encouraging to note the number of students who dived into the digital library.

Our thanks are extended to Ms Silvennoinen and Mrs Douglas for their assistance in promoting reading as the most pleasurable of pastimes.

Belinda Williams

Form I English teacher



A warm and toasty Thandiswa

Visual Art girls' trip to the Matisse exhibition

On 28 July, the Visual Art girls attended the exhibition of the celebrated modernist painter, Henri Matisse at the Standard Bank Gallery. The exhibition entitled *Henri Matisse: Rhythm and Meaning* showcased prints and sketches produced by the artist.

The trip was enriching as we learned about the father of Fauvism in the theory of art. Viewing Matisse's works added a new dimension to our knowledge about his repertoire of works.

Julia

Form V



Admiring the exhibition



School magazine

An amount of R260 per family will be charged to your account in Term III for the annual school magazine. If you choose not to have a school magazine or would like to have additional copies, please contact Kathy Mittendorf via email at Kathy.mittendorf@stmary.co.za

From the Sports department



Hockey

The finals of the Howell Pullen tournament were played on Saturday 30 July at St Mary's. The U16 A and 1st hockey teams take part independently, with the U16 A team chasing the Howell Trophy and the 1st team, the Pullen Trophy.

The tournament began with a full Saturday fixture of four pool games. These are the results:

Opposition	1 st team result
Hoërskool Monument	Won 2-0
Parktown High School for Girls	Won 4-1
Roedean School (SA)	Won 5-0
Hugenote Hoërskool	Won 4-0
St Mary's 1 st team ended 1 st in their pool	

Opposition	U16 A result
Trinity House	Won 3-0
Hoërskool Monument	Drew 0-0
Fourways High School	Won 3-0
Hoërskool Transvalia	Won 3-0
St Mary's U16 A team ended 1 st in their pool	

On Tuesday 26 July, the quarter-finals took place at St Mary's. The weather kept us on our toes, with delays happening all afternoon. The U16 A team played Kempton Park Hoërskool winning 2-0 with goals scored by Hannah H and Emma. The 1st team played Hoërskool Transvalia, a game for the books. Hannah P slotted the only goal of the game to secure a 1-0 victory.

Thursday 28 July saw the semi-final matches played at St Mary's. The U16 A team unfortunately lost 1-0 to Hoërskool Monument after dominating much of the game.

The 1st team had to take on St Andrew's. They were down 1-0 and while digging deep and fighting till the very end, Francesca managed to convert her opportunities and score two goals for her team, ending the game in a 2-1 win for the St Mary's 1st team.

Finals took place on Saturday 30 July at St Mary's. The atmosphere was great with the pavilion open and teams raring to go. The St Mary's U16 A team went 1-0 down to EG Jansen, after clawing back to draw the game 1-1 with a great goal from Emma D. Three brave players, Emma B, Samantha and Courtney took the shootout. Both Samantha and Emma scored with Dominique (GK) saving EG Jansen's first two attempts. This resulted in the St Mary's U16 A team winning their match and taking the bronze medal for the Howell trophy. Hoërskool Monument won the tournament, beating St Andrew's.

The St Mary's 1st team played well against St Stithians, grabbing a 2-0 lead at half time through Roxanne and Hannah P. The second half brought no goals meaning the St Mary's 1st team won the Pullen trophy for the fifth consecutive year. St Stithians ended second and St Andrew's third.

Congratulations to both the U16 A team and 1st team on a successful tournament.

Roxy Coetzee-Turner

Head of hockey



The U16 A team showing off their medals

Tennis

Congratulations to Cara who reached the semi-finals of the singles of the U18 ITF tennis tournament held at the Wanderers Club recently. Cara had some big wins en route to the semi-final.

Tennis league matches start on the first Tuesday of the Term III.

There will be normal tennis practices on Thursday at 16h00 and Friday at 14h30 for all pupils who are on campus at those times. Early morning practices on a Monday will start on 12 September.

I am looking forward to a great season of tennis ahead.

I hope that all the tennis players have a smashing holiday.

René Plant

Head of tennis

Swimming

Jeanri and Jade have been training with dogged determination all winter. The new swimming season is now underway. They have both swum recently in galas and achieved personal best times. Jeanri achieved her new times in her freestyle events and Jade was close to her best in many events but set a new time for the 200m backstroke. Well done, we are in awe of your effort and commitment.

Quix

Head of sport



Jade



Jeanri

Basketball

Our basketball tour to Pietermaritzburg was an exciting start to the forthcoming season and a reminder of how challenging, yet incredibly fun, basketball is. We spent a lot of time discussing, as well as playing basketball, yet we mostly seemed to bond as a team.

On the first day, we played against Pietermaritzburg and lost 17-13. We then played The Glen and won 9-8. The following day, we played against Treverton and Epworth and we won both games. We then played Royal Bafokeng and lost. On the final day, we played against Linpark and won 23-21, securing fifth place in the A section of the Fowler tournament.


It was a weekend filled with laughter and a great deal of learning.

Basketball girls



Basketball girls on tour

From the Foundation



St Mary's Foundation

AUCTION 2016


Cathie Markus, chairperson of the St Mary's Foundation, invites you to join her for dinner under the stars at the 2016 wine auction.


Date: Friday 16 September
Venue: La Vie en Rose
Killarney Country Club
60 Fifth Street
Lower Houghton
Time: 18h00 for 18h30
Dress: Smart casual
Cost: R300 per person includes a three course meal and complimentary wine

Estates featured:
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