



Naledi - a new musical.
(see page 4, for tickets sales and more details)

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

The much-anticipated musical, *Naledi*, opened on Wednesday night. It is a triumph for all involved and a special experience for the audience.

The production is a collaboration of an original score by South African composer Franco Prinsloo and the adaptation for stage of an African myth and legend by head of drama at St Mary's, Klaus-Louis Jansen van Vuuren. Dudley Trollope, our director of music, directed the rich tapestry of music for this production, which displays the talent of our choral voices.

The creative team has spent months crafting the musical and the cast have worked hard to deliver a beautiful and professional production. I extend my congratulations to our staff on the creative team: Klaus-Louis Jansen van Vuuren, Dudley Trollope, Jodi Hanson, Sasha Ehlers, Dani Cooper, Danielle Mowatt, Emily Dingle and Joshua Molotsi. The cast of St Mary's girls are phenomenal and deserve the highest praise.

This is a magical theatrical experience, the likes of which were last seen on St Mary's stage 10 years ago, and I encourage the community to attend the final performances next week. Prior to the performance the audience is invited to enjoy the art exhibition.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The new term brings with it many hopes and desires. To do more and be more, however, we are limited by time and space. It can be difficult to accept these limitations. In Mark 12, verses 41 to 44, we read the story of Jesus and his disciples observing people in the temple. They saw rich people giving large amounts and a poor widow who came and put in two tiny copper coins worth only a few cents. Jesus called his disciples and said, "Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything, all she had to live on" (Mark 12:43-44).

This question comes to mind; can you be content with what you have to give? This question is not just about giving in material terms but also giving of ourselves. "It's a giving of ourselves when the situation presents itself. You know, it's not about some kind of you being asked a mystical trick question. But rather knowing what we have and be willing to hand it over" (Br. Jonathan Maury SSJE, 2014). Sometimes we desire and wish to give more but cannot give more. We must accept and embrace our limitations. Jesus' words taught his disciples the importance of being content with what they have to give. Jesus' message is also for us, we must learn to be content with what we have to give.

REVD RAKGADI KHOBO
CHAPLAIN

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FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examinations continued over the past term and we are proud of our girls who achieved their goals of submitting videos of their four performance pieces and those who completed online theory examinations. Congratulations on achieving fantastic results!



Naomi Quinn
Music Theory grade 5



Rebecca Trickett
Music Theory grade 5
and Clarinet
performance grade 7



Thando Msane
Music Theory grade 5



Shamiso Chitenhe
Music Theory grade 5



Ella Stipinovich
Music Theory grade 5



SaraMari Grey-Johnson
Piano Performance
grade 5



Chloé Mocke
Music Theory grade 5



Lai Yi Pinkney
Piano Performance
grade 5



Georgia Alston
Alto Saxophone Performance
grade 5

DUDLEY TROLLOPE
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

FROM THE VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Naledi: Art exhibition

St Mary's is buzzing with excitement as our new musical, *Naledi*, opened this week. The production is a showcase of creative talent from our students. Their singing and acting talents are evident onstage, but their creativity does not stop there.

The Art department has created sculptures, drawings and paintings centered around *Naledi*'s characters. The Form IV Art students were tasked with creating a sculpture or installation as part of their creative work and the art club has contributed *Naledi*-inspired artworks.

The *Naledi* art exhibition is on display in The Edge's upstairs and downstairs foyers. The beautiful artworks range from large-scale portraits of the lead characters to baobab tree sculptures, to a life-size reproduction of the menacing villain of the story. Be sure to purchase your tickets and arrive sometime before the show to take in the beautiful artwork.



DANIELLE MOWATT
HEAD OF VISUAL ARTS

NALEDI: A NEW MUSICAL

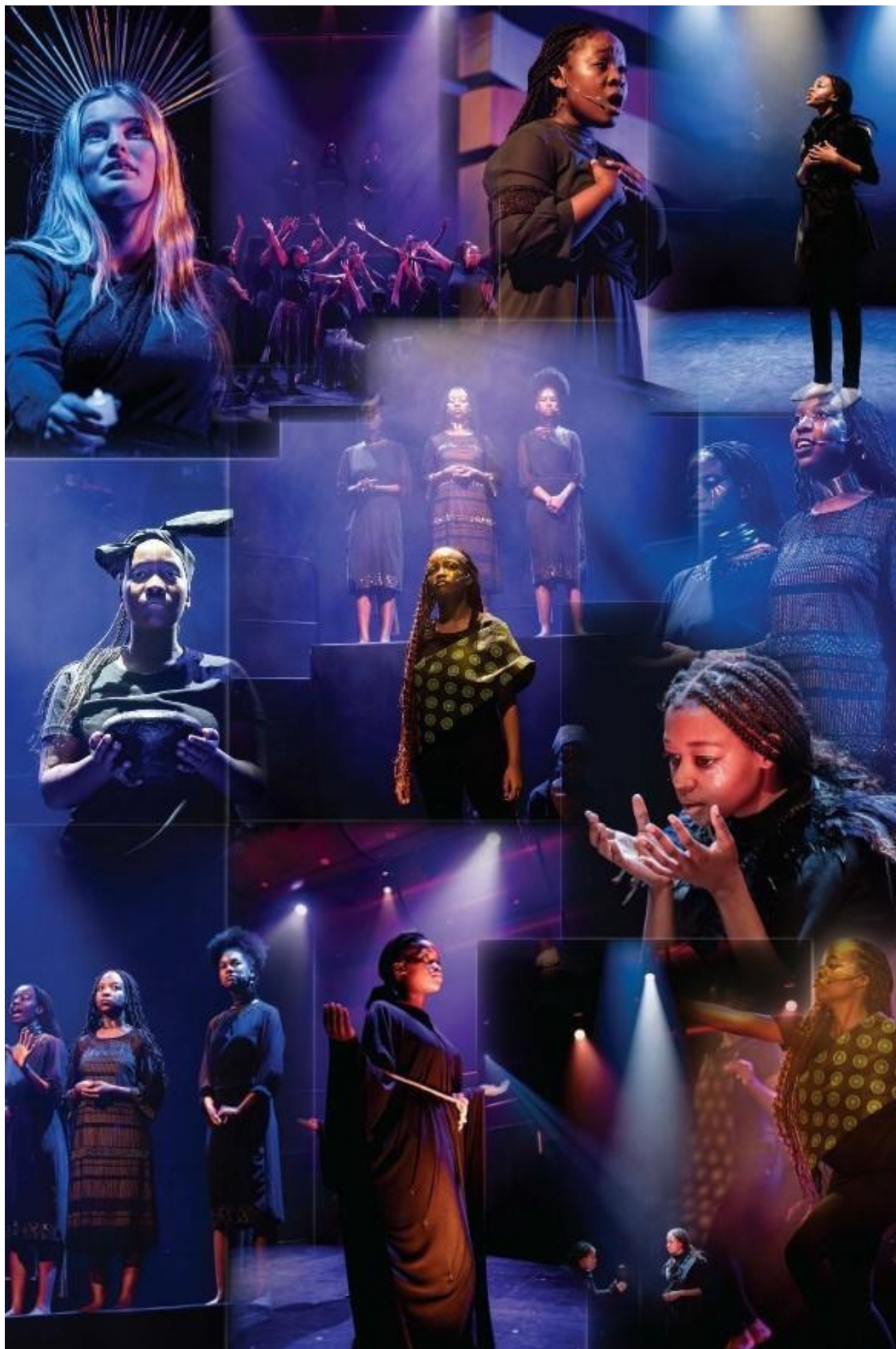
Naledi is a breath-taking tale of courage, adventure and magic, inspired by traditional South African storytelling. The storyline follows the journey of *Naledi*, the morning and evening star, in her quest to find the Great Baobab tree that is guarding an ancient secret of light and truth. The musical features an original score by multiple SAMA, and *Naledi*-nominated composer, Franco Prinsloo. It is based on a book of ancient African myth and legend which has been adapted for the stage.

The production, along with Franco Prinsloo's awe-inspiring choral music, which features music in all 11 official South African languages, is a rich, vibrant and truly never-before-been-seen on the South African stage creation. A live band featuring the internationally renowned marimba player, Magdalena de Vries, will accompany the action on stage.

The cast and crew of *Naledi* invite you to join them, at The Edge, at 17h30 for light refreshments and to view, in the foyer of The Edge, an art exhibition featuring African-inspired art pieces. The musical will begin promptly at 18h30. *Naledi* is suitable for children of all ages.

Click here to book tickets: <https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/naledi-a-new-musical?fbclid=IwAR2Lv3r557QoBPEg7-0XgelhmOnlrSLApyhvioHgIGSbUsd6l8sF5cx4z3s>





SWIMMING

Robben Island swim

Over the Easter break, 16-year-old Sienna Blaauw (Form IV), faced several interesting and courageous challenges. She became the 17th teenager in history to successfully swim 7.5kms from the infamous Robben Island to Bloubergstrand in the cold Atlantic Ocean. Never mind the threat of sharks, whales, and jellyfish, water temperatures ranged between 12.8 - 13.5 degrees and early swells of 2.5m. Sienna and the rest of their swimming group encountered seals, a sunfish and even saw a whale on their sunrise boat trip out to the island. Once they set off swimming from the Island rock, the swells subsided, and she led the group for most of the way. The boat support crew provides hot tea breaks every 30-45 minutes although for the swim to be recorded, no swimmer is allowed to touch the boat or be assisted other than have "feeds" thrown into the water.

Sienna's second challenge followed her swim only a few days later when she was admitted into a specialist Cape Town hospital and underwent double brain surgery to remove epilepsy. She was discharged three weeks later. Sienna is one remarkably brave young lady, and we are exceedingly proud of her for taking on these overwhelming obstacles. It certainly shows true grit and courage.



Some of our swimmers were hard at work in March and April and achieved some amazing results: **South African Junior Nationals in KwaZulu-Natal 21-25 March**

Juliette Van Vught Form II

- Made finals for both U15 50m and 100m breaststroke events
- 9th in U15 50m breaststroke
- 9th in U15 100m breaststroke

Hannah Rigby Form II

- Made finals for two events
- 8th in U15 200m individual medley
- 9th in U15 200m breaststroke

Grace Morris Form II

- Bronze medal - U15 100m backstroke
- Silver medal - U15 200m backstroke
- Bronze medal - U15 50m backstroke

Kiera Cloete Form IV

- Silver medal - U16 50m breaststroke
- Bronze medal - U16 100m breaststroke

South African Senior Nationals in Gqeberha (PE) 12-16 April

Grace Morris Form II

- 100m Backstroke - 2nd in B final, placing 10th overall in SA open age groups
- 200m Backstroke - 1st in B final, placing 9th overall in SA open age groups

Marie Ella Maske Form III

- Swam but did not qualify for finals

Kiera Cloete Form IV

- 50m Breaststroke - 3rd in the B final - placing 11th overall in SA open age groups
- 100m Breaststroke - placed 19th overall in SA open age groups

Olivia Krüger Form V

- 50m Butterfly - placed 15th overall in SA open age groups
- Bronze medal - 4x100m woman's freestyle relay

SA Schools in KwaZulu - Natal 21-23 April

Juliette Van Vught Form II

- Gold medal U15 200m breaststroke
- 5th U15 50m breaststroke

Grace Morris Form II

- Gold medal U16 100m backstroke
- Gold medal U16 50m backstroke
- Gold medal U16 200m individual medley
- Gold medal U16 200m backstroke
- Silver medal U16 50m freestyle
- Gold medal 4x100m medley relay
- Silver medal 4x100m freestyle relay
- Bronze medal 4x50m medley relay
- Bronze medal 4x50m freestyle relay
- Senior *Victrix Ludorum* Award

Kiera Cloete Form IV

- Silver medal U17-19 50m breaststroke
- Bronze medal U17-19 100m breaststroke
- Bronze medal U17-19 4x50m medley relay

Olivia Krüger Form V

- 4th U17-19 100m backstroke
- Bronze medal U17-19 100m freestyle
- Silver medal U17-19 50m backstroke
- Gold medal U17-19 50m fly
- Gold medal U17-19 50m freestyle
- Bronze medal U17-19 4x50m medley relay
- Silver medal U17-19 4x100m freestyle relay
- Bronze medal U17-19 4x50m freestyle relay



Cana Zone IV championships in Angola 2-6 May

Hannah Rigby (Form II) was selected to swim for South Africa at the Cana Zone IV championships which were held in Luanda, Angola. There were 14 African countries competing in this event. Hannah had an outstanding gala, winning seven gold, two silver and four bronze medals.



QUIX
DIRECTOR OF SPORT

DIVING

The April holidays were a busy time in the diving community. Not only were there South African Junior Nationals and South African Senior Nationals but there was also the Dresden International Youth Meet held in Dresden, Germany. The divers gained lots of experience and the girls pulled out some of the best results that South African diving has ever achieved.

Emma Campbell (Form II), Keratile Manaka (Form III) and Zalika Methula (Form IV) participated in the Nationals from 11-16 April in Durban.

Emma competed in the U16 age group for 1m and placed 2nd in her event.

Keratile competed in both Junior and Senior Nationals. For Junior Nationals - in the U18 age group - in synchronized diving Keratile and her partner placed 1st, she placed 5th in her 1m final, 4th in the 3m final and 3rd in the platform. For Senior Nationals, Keratile placed 7th on 3m and 5th on the platform.

Zalika also competed in both Junior and Senior Nationals. Her Junior Nationals results were impressive as she came 1st on 1m, 1st on 3m, and 2nd on the platform. This meant that Zalika won the title of best U18 diver in the country. She then went on to compete in Senior Nationals where she came 3rd in 1m, 4th in the 3m final, 3rd on platform and 1st in synchronized diving.

Zalika and Keratile then went on to represent South Africa in Dresden, Germany at the International Youth Meet. Keratile competed in the U18 synchronized diving where she and her partner came 10th. Zalika wrote history in her 1m competition where she placed 5th out of 36 divers in the preliminary event and finished 11th overall. She also competed in the 3m event where she placed 27th.

A huge congratulations go out to all the divers on their achievements.



Zalika Methula



Keratile Manaka



Emma Campbell

KATE SHEPHERD
HEAD OF DIVING

GOLF

At the end of last term Gia Raad placed 2nd in the U19 division of the Rose Bowl at Sun City and won the U16 division. During the holidays, she ended 13th in the R&A Girls U16 amateur championships at Enville in England.



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DIRECTOR OF SPORT

TENNIS

Congratulations to Lilitha Ndungane (Form V) who came 5th in the singles at the South African U18 Junior Championships. Lilitha also won the singles and doubles titles in the open category of the Marks Park tennis tournament.

We congratulate Moroesi Tuoane (Form III) who beat the number five seed to place 8th in the singles event at the South African Junior Championships. Well done to Bailey Selvam (Form II) who placed 5th in the U16 singles in the Gauteng East tennis tournament. Bashali Phatshwane (Form II) also participated in two ITF J30 tournaments in Gaborone where she played against some tough opponents but managed to get a few valuable ITF points for her international ranking.

Mackenzie Summers (Form II) attended the Emilio Sanchez Academy for two weeks in Barcelona, Spain. Mackenzie gained valuable experience on the clay courts and thoroughly enjoyed this amazing opportunity.

Keep up the hard work and high standard of play.



Lilitha Ndungane



Moroesi Tuoane



Bailey Selvam



Bashali Phatshwane



Mackenzie Summers

RENÉ PLANT
HEAD OF TENNIS

Congratulations to Mrs René Plant who was invited to play at the Tennis Legends event at Sun City last week. Her team won the event.

Mrs Plant was recognized by the International Tennis Club of South Africa for her achievements and contribution to tennis:

- Wimbledon Junior finalist
- Wimbledon 4th round
- World ranking of 27
- Winner of the Over 40 singles and doubles World Championships
- Fed Cup Captain 2018 - 2020
- The continued upliftment of schoolgirls' tennis in South Africa



Pictured here: René Plant (Wimbledon Junior finalist) and Sandra Reynolds (Wimbledon Senior finalist)

QUIX
DIRECTOR OF SPORT

DANCE



In late April, Zeinab Kone (Form III) starred in the ballet The Gold Rhino of Mapungubwe. This ballet, which celebrates a precolonial South Africa and Africa, follows the story of a young Jerry van Grean as he and two friends discover the historically significant gold rhino. Upon discovery, the spirit of a princess (Zeinab) from Mapungubwe appears to him and leads him down a road of discovery of an ancient civilization at the peak of its success. The Gold Rhino of Mapungubwe, a Mzansi Ballet production, in association with the South African State Theatre in Pretoria, was commissioned by The South African International Ballet Competition (SAIBC).

Photo courtesy, Tebogo Letsie

KATHY MITTENDORF
HEAD OF MARKETING

EQUESTRIAN

SANESA Inter-schools qualifier 2. (29 and 30 April 2023 at KEP)

Congratulations to the equestrian girls on their amazing results at qualifier 2. We are the top in our pool at the moment!

Results of each rider:

Name	Horse	Place	Discipline
Jade Anderson	Capital Holden	1 st	Show Jumping 110cm 2 phase
		3 rd	Show Jumping 110cm Normal competition
	Callaho Leah Dara	3 rd	Show Jumping 120cm 2 phase
		2 nd	Show Jumping 120cm Normal competition
Lucy Barrow	Zax Flame	4 th	Prix Caprilli: Level 3 Novice test 3
		7 th	Equitation: Level 3 Welcome 80cm (horse class)
		18 th	Show Jumping 80cm 2 phase
		19 th	Show Jumping 80cm Normal competition
Jenna Blaauw	Gondor UFO	1 st	Prix Caprilli: Level 7 Open test 3
		2 nd	Level 7 Performance riding
		2 nd	Dressage: Level 6 Medium Test 2
		2 nd	Dressage: Level 6 Medium Test 3
	Seeis Lapric	3 rd	Equitation: Level 7 110cm Open (Horse class)
		2 nd	Show Jumping 120cm 2 phase
		1 st	Show Jumping 120cm Normal competition
	Eragon Star	13 th	Show Jumping 100cm 2 phase
		4 th	Show Jumping 100cm Normal competition
Kathryn Breedveld	Odin	1 st	Equitation: Level 2 Welcome 70cm (horse class)
		1 st	Show Jumping 80cm 2 phase
		2 nd	Show Jumping 80cm Normal competition
		2 nd	Prix Caprilli: Level 1 Beginner test 2
Julia De Villiers	Foyle's War	4 th	Show Jumping 120cm 2 phase
		3 rd	Show Jumping 120cm Normal competition
		4 th	Equitation: Level 6 100cm Intermediate (Horse class)
Katherine Franck	Caritou Z	2 nd	Show Jumping 130cm 2 phase
		2 nd	Show Jumping 130cm Normal competition
		5 th	Equitation: Level 7 110cm Open (Horse class)
JulianaHaden-Smith	Seeis Spook	4 th	Equitation: Level 7 110cm Open (Horse class)
		1 st	Show Jumping 120cm 2 phase
		6 th	Show Jumping 120cm Normal competition
LucyHaden-Smith	Roy	3 rd	Show Jumping 80cm 2 phase (Pony class)
		3 rd	Show Jumping 80cm Normal competition (Pony class)
	Spark a Rhythm	6 th	Show Jumping 100cm 2 phase
		18 th	Show Jumping 100cm Normal competition
		1 st	Working riding Level 7
		1 st	Working hunter Level 7 100cm
Ellah Jackson	Savanna	1 st	Equitation: Level 3 Welcome 60cm (Pony class)
		1 st	Handy hunter Level 3 80cm
Erin Jackson	El Vanna	2 nd	Equitation: Level 6 100cm Intermediate (Horse class)
		2 nd	Show Jumping 110cm Normal competition

Ella Mundell	Zenzele Starstruck	1 st	Show Jumping 80cm 2 phase (Pony class)
		1 st	Show Jumping 80cm Normal competition (Pony class)
		1 st	Equitation: Level 6 80cm Intermediate (Pony class)
		1 st	Prix Caprilli: Level 3 Novice test 2
Olivia Sorour	Callaho Conchetta	2 nd	Equitation: Level 7 110cm Open (Horse class)
		3 rd	Show Jumping 130cm 2 phase
Ella Syndercombe	Champagne Bubbly	9 th	Show Jumping 100cm 2 phase
		17 th	Show Jumping 100cm Normal competition
	Dresden Fortune's Child	1 st	Handy Hunter Level 3 80cm
Amanda Wilford	Pegasus Winter Ash	15 th	Show Jumping 90cm 2 phase
		10 th	Equitation: Level 3 Welcome 80cm (Horse class)



SANESA Johannesburg Q2
29 - 30 April 2023



Lucy Haden-Smith and Spark a Rhythm



Ella Mundell and Zanzele Starstruck



SANESA Johannesburg Q2
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Amanda Wilford and Winter Ash



Julia De Villiers and Foyle's War

Toyota Easter Festival at Kyalami Equestrian Park from 30 March - 2 April

Katherine Franck and Caritou Z: 1st place in the Junior Open Equitation class

Olivia Sorour and Callaho Conchetta: 2nd place in the Junior Open Equitation class

Julia De Villiers and Foyle's War: 2nd place in the Junior Intermediate Equitation class

Jenna Blaauw and Seeis Lapric: Reserve Champion Junior Open Working Hunter

Toyota Easter festival at Kyalami Park 5 to 10 April

Erin Jackson and El Vanna: 7th 1.00m show jumping

Jade Anderson and Capital Holden: 9th and 10th places 1.10m show jumping

Juliana Haden-Smith and Seeis Spook: 13th 1.20m show jumping

Julia De Villiers and Foyle's War: 2nd and 5th 1.20m show jumping

Jenna Blaauw and Seeis Lapric: 7th and 8th 1.20m show jumping

Olivia Sorour and Callaho Conchetta: 8th 1.30m show jumping

Katherine Franck and Caritou Z: 10th 1.30m show jumping and 17th 1.35m show jumping



2023 TOYOTA EASTER FESTIVAL
1 - 10 April 2023



Julia De Villiers and Foyle's War



Katherine Franck and Caritou Z



Olivia Sorour and Callaho Conchetta

MELANIE BLAIR
TEACHER IN CHARGE

SQUASH

During the April holidays, three St Mary's squash players were invited to participate in the SA Schools Closed. Amy Shannon (Form I) started the tournament as the number eight seed and ended 5th in the U14 age group. Sentle Magongwa (Form II) ended 24th in the U16 age group. Squash captain, Lara Kent (Form V), played in the U19 age group where she ended at 21st.

We are extremely proud to have girls representing St Mary's squash at national tournaments.



Amy Shannon



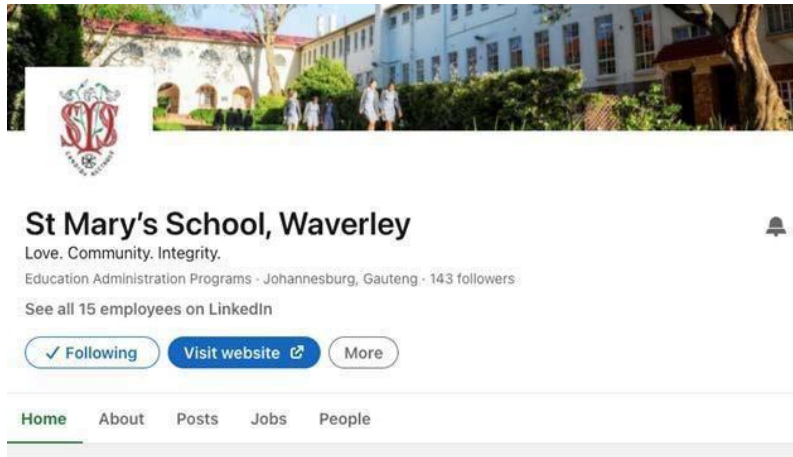
Sentle Magongwa



Lara Kent

PANASHE SITHOLE
HEAD OF SQUASH

ST MARY'S LINKEDIN HANDLE



Account name: St Mary's School, Waverley

The modern generation requires modern renovations. With additions to our physical presence, we recently added to our digital presence. LinkedIn is a platform used by employers and employees, although it extends past the world of employment. LinkedIn allows for a better connection between members within an organisation. St Mary's has created a LinkedIn profile in order to help notify Old Girls, parents, and prospective students of upcoming events and current achievements. We hope to help present students find job shadowing opportunities and to help past students with job placements, through this digital community. Our profile will allow students, from every decade, to keep in contact, along with validating the claimed qualities seen on student profiles. The benefits of this platform may be reaped by all members of the St Mary's community.

Connect to our LinkedIn page, and help us to paint the metaverse red.

LUCA BOTES
Form V (and champion of the St Mary's LinkedIn account)

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS: SATURDAY 13 MAY



SENIOR SCHOOL ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

The St Mary's senior orchestra and jazz band will be performing at the annual Senior Schools' Ensemble Festival at Kingsmead College on Monday 22 May. This dynamic festival features schools from across Johannesburg and showcases the exciting music being made in different institutions. Our orchestra will be performing an arrangement of music from *Naledi* and the jazz band will be playing several arrangements by local composer and jazz musician Benjamin Jephta.

Senior Schools Ensemble Festival 2023

**Monday 22, Tuesday 23 and
Wednesday 24 May
18h30-20h00 at Kingsmead College**

Participating schools include:

Monday 22 May: Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy, Trinityhouse Randpark Ridge, St Peter's College, St Mary's Waverley, Kingsmead College

Tuesday 23 May: Helpmekaar Kollege, St David's Marist Brothers, Redhill School, JYO Intermediate Orchestra,

Wednesday 24 May: Parktown Boys' High School, St Andrew's School for Girls, Southdowns College, Cornwall Hill College, Parktown Girls' High School



IKUSASA LETHU



In the first term the whole school was involved in the traditional Lent Collection. Both junior and senior schoolgirls brought donations of non-perishable goods in order to make food parcels for the pupils at Ikusasa Lethu. Thank you to all the families that contributed so generously to the collection, we were able to distribute 150 food parcels.

**LYNN NORTHMORE AND LINDA MAISHMAN
TEACHERS IN CHARGE**

ED-ADMIN PARENT PORTAL

St Mary's uses a school management information system called Ed-Admin to distribute termly school reports and to provide parents with an opportunity to inspect and amend personal information recorded in our database.

Below, please find details as to how to access the Ed-Admin St Mary's parent portal:

- You will require a Parent ID whenever signing into the parent portal. If you are unsure of your Parent ID, please email portal@stmary.co.za, with both your and your daughter's names and surnames, for assistance.
- To access the St Mary's parent portal, please visit the school website on www.stmarysschool.co.za and click on the portal login on the top right of the page.
- Enter in your Parent ID and choose 'forgot password'. Please ensure that you enter the email address that St Mary's has on record and enter in the CAPTCHA code.
- You will then receive an email. Once received, click on the link in order to set up your password. Choose a secure password. You will then receive another email to confirm your password has been changed. You can now proceed to log into the portal.

If you experience problems logging into the secure portal, please contact portal@stmary.co.za.