



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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The 1st team in action against St Stithians. See more details on page 5

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

I was privileged last week to attend chapel hosted by the matrics, for the matrics.

Over the past five years this group has become familiar with the ritual in chapel, and they displayed a genuine appreciation for the order of service. The readings, prayers and hymns all contributed to a powerful and inspirational message.

The crux of the message was aligned to the celebration of Youth Day. Parts of the service were interactive, and I was surprised by the candid and meaningful responses from the girls about their experience of being 17 and 18 years old in the current context. What made the greatest impact on me, and the other teachers in attendance, was the humility they expressed about their place in the world.

We often talk of the youth driving change for tomorrow, but they are the voice of today. They deserve our encouragement and support as they begin to influence society.

Nevertheless, they also remind us daily that they are in their adolescent years with a tendency to want to test boundaries and question structures and convention. This dichotomy is what keeps the teachers and me so interested and invested in these young people that we teach and guide.

Half-term now offers our community a welcome respite in the middle of winter. Examinations are over and the girls have a week to rest and enjoy some recreation.

DEANNE KING
HEADMISTRESS

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

On Thursday 15 June, the chapel was led by the chapel leaders and the head girls. Below are excerpts from Langelihle Molefe and Mosa Mdladla's reflections:

As I reflect on the readings this morning, I was able to see the amount of love God has for us as young people. In 1 Timothy 4:12, God wants us to appreciate the power and impact that we have on the world as a generation. Often, we are underestimated and aren't given the opportunity to show our potential and that might lead to some of us feeling discouraged. It's hard to shine brightly when there is always someone trying to dim your light at every corner. The challenges we have endured as Form Vs, at times feel like they are never ending and often leave us wondering whether there is any point to this routine. However, God encourages us in this scripture to not let other people underestimate our potential, especially because we are young. As Form Vs, we may think that our job here is done, but it is actually just beginning.

MOSA MDLADLA
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

As we are already halfway through our last year of high school, I have noticed a change amongst everyone in the grade. During this very, very tough year so far, I have seen a tremendous amount of internal power that we all possess. Waking up everyday and showing up is difficult, when what you face right when you wake up is a huge cloud of anxiety, stress and even sadness.

Psalm 34 reads "seek peace and pursue it." That line stood out to me because matric is such an unpeaceful state of living. I do not know about you but it is a bit hectic okes out here to put it lightly. Especially during a time where so much is demanded of us every single second of the day. It is important to remember to seek out moments of peace, moments of silence to ground and stabilize you and if you do not know where to start, my advice would be a simple as a short prayer to help guide you.

LANGELIHLE MOLEFE
SACRISTAN

REYDRAKGADI KHOBO
CHAPLAIN

MEET THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Dudley Trollope
HoD: Music BMus
Hons (Wits)



Eugene Joubert
MMus (UP), UPLM/UTLM(UNISA),
MMus (Rice University)



Ceri Moelwyn-Hughes
BMus Hon, MMus (Wits) ,LRSM(ABRSM)



Danielle McKinnon
BMus(UCT), MMus(UP)

FROM THE VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Matric Visual Art visit to the Inside Out Centre

The Matric Visual Arts students visited the Inside Out Centre, which was an idea conceived by a renowned artist, Roger Ballen.

“The Inside Out Centre acts as an art exhibition space, presenting shows that explore issues related to the African continent from a distinctively aesthetic and psychological perspective. It facilitates a dynamic programme of educational talks, panel discussions, masterclasses and presentations that reflect on the current exhibition and on topics relevant to the arts.” (Inside Out Centre for the arts, website)

The students had an educational visit, learning about South Africa’s fraught history of hunting and the artist’s distinctive style which is called *Ballenesque*. The fully guided exhibition was unsettling and visceral, containing many disturbing found objects made through taxidermy. The space is an asset to the Johannesburg art community, particularly with its educational yet provocative subject matter.

DANIELLE MOWATT
HEAD OF VISUAL ARTS



FROM THE AFRIKAANS DEPARTMENT

On Thursday 8 June, the PIT Productions company came to St Mary's for an interactive performance of the Afrikaans matric networks. Students from St Mary's and St Theresa's School attended.

The performers were extremely energetic and engaging. The students had the opportunity to play some of the characters and answer trivia questions from our Afrikaans IEB set work *Donker Web* by Fanie Viljoen. This helped us in the performance and made learning about the novel fun.

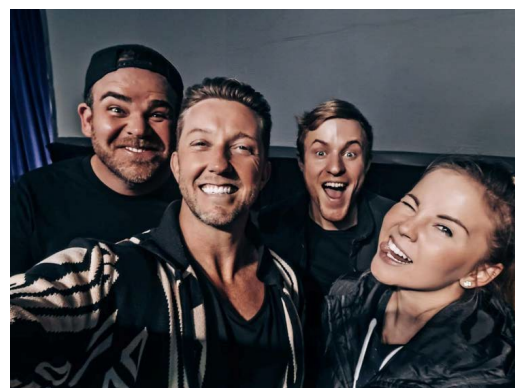
In addition to the novel, the team also performed several poems. Particularly memorable ones include *Sterrekyker* by Franci Greyling, which was acted out using ribbons, and *Vraagteken* by Tanja Joubert, which showcased the team's cohesion as one person mouthed the words and sounds the others made.

Overall, this was a different and memorable way in which to learn the Afrikaans networks and it gave us a new appreciation for and understanding of works that we had studied in class. The performers, Tiaan Slabbert, Arno Meyer, Lee Visagie, and director, Zak Hendrikz, did an amazing job.

CATRIONA PINNOCK AND ANNA SHAW
FORM V



Form V Afrikaans students



Tiaan Slabbert, Zak Hendrikz (director),
Arno Meyer and Lee Visagie

FROM THE DANCE DEPARTMENT

Tshegofatso Modise (Form IV), represented South Africa in Riesa (Germany) at the IDO World Show Dance Championship 2023. Tshegofatso made the semi-finals and ended up placing 15th out of 28 girls. Congratulations, Tshegofatso!



CLAIRE VAN NIEKERK
DANCE AND DRAMA TEACHER

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS SPORTS FESTIVAL

Traditionally, the ISSF has embodied participation, camaraderie and a coming together of athletes from KwaZulu - Natal and Gauteng. There are no overall winners, but each contest is competitive, the players are motivated, and the standard is high.

The 1st hockey and netball teams, along with the top four tennis players and top two squash players, competed in this year's event, hosted by Epworth School in Pietermaritzburg. Our teams made us proud! Our tennis girls won all their matches!

The bus trips, the competition, and the meeting and making of new friends are important aspects of school sport. A culmination of all of these contribute to a memorable experience for everyone involved.

A heartfelt thank you to the coaches that so capably looked after their players. And thank you to the players themselves who were exceptional ambassadors for St Mary's.



TARYN DE WINNAAR
HEAD OF SPORT: SENIOR SCHOOL

HOCKEY

The last two weeks of hockey have seen matches played against Beaulieu, St Stithians and Jeppe. Along with these, the 1st team participated in the annual ISSF festival.

A big thank you to the spirit squad girls who came all the way to St Stithians to support our players. The support was incredible and the hockey was very exciting. The 1st team match ended 0-0.

Results from all games are as follows: ISSF hosted by Epworth

1 st team v Wykeham Collegiate	0-0
v Durban Girl's College	0-0
v St John's DSG	1-0 win
v St Mary's Kloof	0-0
v Our Lady of Fatima	0-0
v St Anne's	1-0 win

Other results:

	v Beaulieu	v St Stithians	v Jeppe
1 st team	2-1	0-0	
2 nd team	11-0	2-0	5-0
U16A	2-0	To be played -July	
U16B		To be played -July	3-0
U15B			3-0
U14A	5-0	2-0	
U14B			7-1

Another hockey highlight in the last two weeks was the closely contested "Queens v Old Girls and coaches match". Great fun was had by all and at the end of the day the more 'experienced' team came out on top.

On Youth day, the U15A team participated in the Spar Challenge at Kingsmead. The format of this tournament was shorter 20 minute matches. Our team did exceptionally well in the pool phase of this competition securing two 1-0 wins against Linden and Beaulieu. This was followed up by a 0-0 draw to a strong Helpmekaar team. These results were enough to put the team through to the final of the event which was played against Shumba's Hockey Club (SHC).

After a nail-biting match, St Mary's scored off a short corner with less than two minutes remaining. They held on to win the match and the tournament. Congratulations to all players and coaches involved. A special mention must be made of Elizabeth Curtis who was named goalkeeper of the tournament.



The U15A team with their Spar Challenge trophy

CINDY BROWN
HEAD OF HOCKEY

WATER POLO

Gauteng Schools' water polo tour to Malta 2023

Congratulations to Isabella Rajak (Form III), Julia Joseph (Form III) and Kathryn Thorburn (Form II) on being selected to represent the GSWP team on the upcoming tour to Malta. Your hard work, dedication and skill have paid off, and you have earned this opportunity to showcase your talent on the international stage. This is a great achievement! Enjoy the experience, have fun and good luck!



Isabella Rajak



Julia Joseph



Kathryn Thorburn

ANKE PIRIE
SPORTS TEACHER

ROWING NEWS



Join the St Mary's rowing club for our annual OPEN MORNING

JOIN US FOR

Bacon and egg rolls
Coffee and hot chocolate

AND make it a family
outing!



Venue: Victoria Lake, Germiston

Date: Sunday 9 July

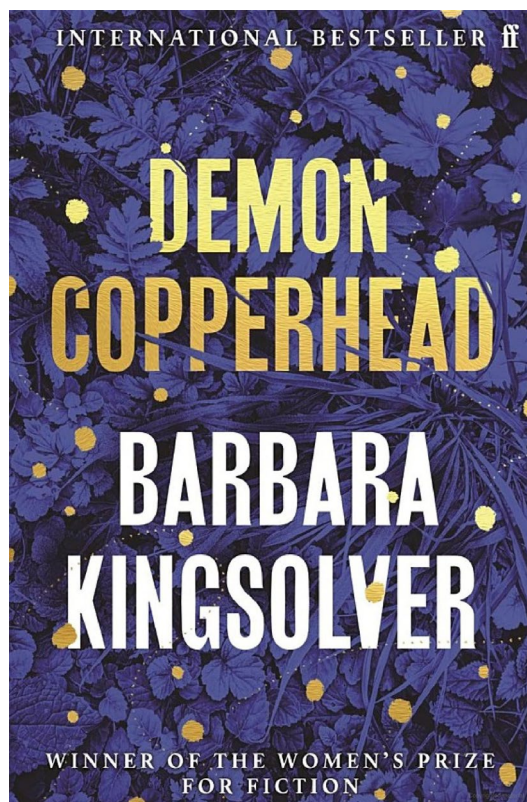
Time: 08h30 – 10h30

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/q9o3aV4Akq6QJHTo8>

Girls should dress
warmly, preferably in
exercise clothes, bring
extra socks

CAITLIN DACE
HEAD OF ROWING

LIBRARIAN'S CHOICE



Barbara Kingsolver does it again. American author Barbara Kingsolver has won the 2023 Women's Prize for Fiction with her tenth novel *Demon Copperhead* (Faber & Faber). She is also the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction winner.

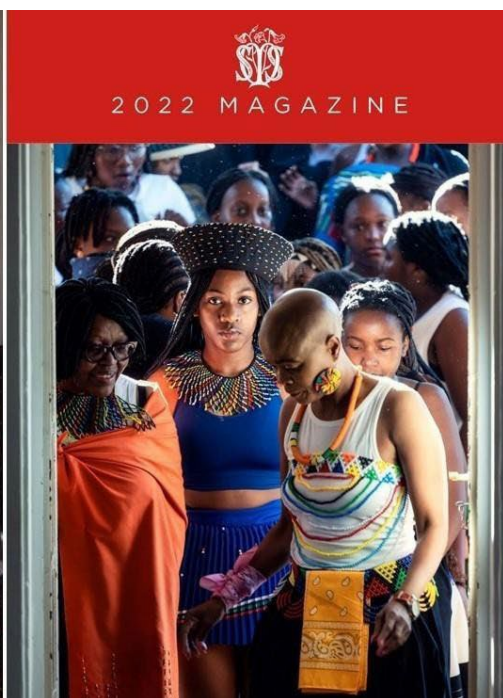
Book Review

Demon Copperhead is a heartfelt, gritty, poignant novel set in the Appalachian mountains in Virginia, USA. A reimagining of Dickens' *David Copperfield* for modern times, it tells the story of the relentless struggles and triumphs of a young boy born into poverty as he navigates foster care, labour exploitation, addiction, love, and loss, while grappling with his invisibility in a culture that neglects rural communities.

Suffused with truth, anger and compassion, *Demon Copperhead* is an epic tale of love, loss, and everything in between.

OLIVIA JOHNSTONE
CAMPUS LIBRARIAN

SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2023



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We will once again be offering you the choice of receiving the annual St Mary's School magazine in a digital format version and / or a hard copy version. Please click the link below for further information and to make your choice:

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KATHY MITTENDORF
HEAD OF MARKETING

SIZANANI MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

Did you know that St Mary's community members can now become mentors to a Grade 9, 10 or 11 high school students from the Ikusasa Lethu Saturday classes? Please visit our website www.sizanani.org.za to get involved. The mentors organise outings with their mentees. These outings help young people improve their self-confidence and help strengthen their relationships. Mentors also guide and support, with their higher studies choices.

Our next mentor induction session takes place on Saturday 24 June from 12h30 at St Mary's. If you would like to become a mentor, please contact us at info@sizanani.org.za. Please share with your friends, family, colleagues and anyone you know who would be interested.

We look forward to welcoming and meeting you!



BECOME A MENTOR OF A TEEN FROM ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP!!

SIZANANI MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

SAVE THE DATE!!

Venue: St Mary's School

Time: 12h30-15h30

Date: 24 June 2023



To Register:

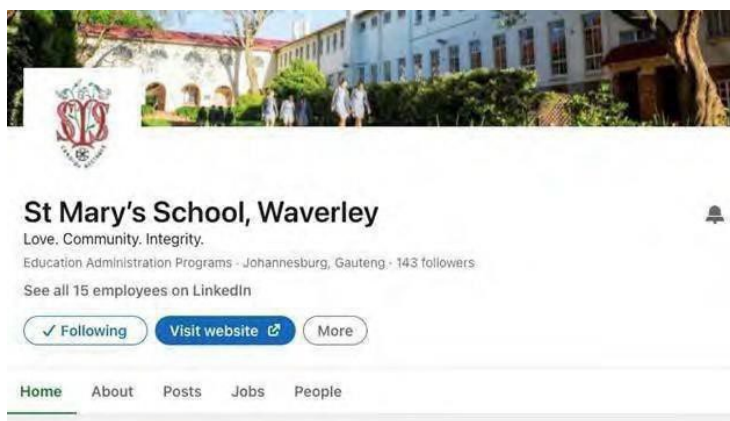
Call: Kim 0619984939

Email:

KKMKHUSH@GMAIL.COM

RSVP BY 20 JUNE!!

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)

CLOTHES CUPBOARD

Second-hand clothes:

The Clothes Cupboard welcomes all second-hand school and sport clothes.

If anyone has second-hand school and/or sport clothing that are no longer being used, please drop them off at the door of the Clothes Cupboard. The St Mary's branded kit will be resold IF it is still in good condition. If it is not in good condition, we will send it to a charity in another province. All non-branded items such as socks, white shirts, shoes etc. we give to the St Mary's support staff.

There are three different options when bringing second-hand items to the Clothes Cupboard:

- If your child is still a present student and the clothes are simply a donation, the bags don't need to be marked.
- If your child is still a present student and you want credit in the shop, please mark the bags clearly with your daughter's name. We will then note everything down in our shop credit file. When next your daughter needs any items, you/she can ask for the credit received to be used.
- If your child has left the school or is leaving imminently, please mark the bags with your daughter's name AND your banking details very CLEARLY. We will then note everything down and our admin department will make a direct deposit into your account for the amount owing to you.

ROSE HALLENDORFF
CLOTHES CUPBOARD MANAGER

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.