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# SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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Springboks celebrating their victory as they win the Rugby World Cup

## FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

The topic of success and failure often features in our conversations at school because, as teachers, we are aware of how much success means to the girls and how difficult it is for them to deal with failure. In our teaching and messaging, we try to emphasise how important it is to fail, especially in the academic realm where it leads to further discovery - failure is core to academic endeavour. Carol Dweck's work on growth mindset guides our **school's** focus on encouraging participation, effort and personal development as worthy achievements.

Obviously, the Springbok rugby team comes to mind as they displayed the true and narrow margin that exists between success and failure. A difference of one point in three successive matches. And yet, theirs is an international success, a new record and an achievement worthy of great celebration for our country.

The team also presents the valuable lesson of the strength that lies in diversity. As a nation, we are blessed with a rich diversity that is visible in our team. Going one step further, the Springboks showed the significance of humility and how powerful it is to acknowledge the team, the whole in their success.

DEANNE KING  
HEAD OF SCHOOL

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This week in the Christian calendar we are celebrating the *triduum* of all *Hallowtide*. All *Hallowtide* starts with **Hallowe'en** (All Saints vigil) (31 October), followed by All Saints (1 November) and All **Souls'** day (2 November).

- Halloween gets its name from “**all Hallow's eve,**” and is the vigil of All **Saints'** Day. The Spooky imagery of Halloween reminds us of the evil that is defeated when we gain eternal life in heaven
- On All **Saints'** Day we celebrate the communion of saints in heaven and look to them for encouragement in our won journey of salvation
- On All **Souls'** Day, we pray for and remember all who have died in the hope of eternal life **and especially** remembering those in our community (staff, pupils, family members of staff and pupils):
  - Lunathi Mdlungu
  - Matthew Bekker
  - Masibonisane Javu
  - Aaron Nyamakazi
  - Aniko Gibson
  - Rosslyn Segel
  - Nonduduzolo Dandala
  - Tshepo Phokontsi
  - Ashley Makopo
  - Alessandro Colafranceschi
  - Sabino Di Benedetto
  - Abel Mahume
  - Klaas Jansen van Vuuren
  - Fikile Shandu
  - Thamsanqa Sithebe
  - Joan Reed
  - Reinier Fouché
  - Ralf Kuhn
  - Carol Sebela
  - June Came
  - Thokozile Sithebe

**We also remember those whom we may have forgotten and who are unknown to us.**

We extend our prayers to Masibonisane Javu's (campus staff) family and friends as they mourn his passing. May you find peace and comfort in this time of loss.

May Masibonisane's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

RAKGADI KHOBO  
CHAPLIAN

## MEET THE SESOTHO DEPARTMENT



Thandiwe Mahasa HoD:  
African languages BEC  
Hons (UJ)



Seipati Shiakallis  
BA, Dip Nutrition (UNISA)



## FORM I self-eSTEAM

The self-eSTEAM project for the Form I is culminated in a successfully produced digital cookbook on a culture of their choice. Their tables were appropriately decorated, tastings were enjoyed and there was a general buzz of excitement in the hall as they showed their stop-start motion, google sites and cooking videos. A big thank you to Ms Quix for supporting her Form I's and to all the teachers who mentored a group and came to view the final product. The self-eSTEAM team appreciates your support.



self-eSTEAM TEAM



## ATHLETICS

The season ended on a high with the St Mary's team claiming back the inter-high athletics shield. We would like to commend and compliment coaches Cobus and Philna Kruger on their flexibility and ability to train the team around all the other activities which girls do before getting to any athletics session. The coaches remained committed to their game plan and it paid off. I also want to thank the captains, Sihle Makwe (Form IV), Natasha Jenkins (Form IV) and Kate Macfarlane (Form IV) for their role and then to the team for putting everything into the final event. Not winning everything, we consistently placed in the top three and there were many 'personal bests' by many team members. Well done team, it seems fitting that the trophy has returned 'home.'

QUIX  
DIRECTOR OF SPORT



## DIVING

On Saturday 21 October, some of the Senior School divers took part in the Gauteng schools trial. In order to qualify for SA Schools, the divers need to compete specific requirements and more importantly they need to come within the top three of their age group. We are delighted that six St Mary's girls qualified to attend SA schools.

The results of the event were as follows:

14 years Novice:  
Jesse Joseph 1<sup>st</sup>

14 years Elite:  
Kristin Biggs 2<sup>nd</sup>

15 years Novice:  
Madison Pearce 1<sup>st</sup>  
Katherine Davidson 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Daniella van der Berg 5<sup>th</sup>

15 years Elite:  
Rebecca Wolstenholme 2<sup>nd</sup>

18 years Novice:  
McKenzie Coakley-Eager 2<sup>nd</sup>



The girls who qualified for SA Schools will be representing Gauteng in the prestigious event on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 December at Epworth School in Pietermaritzburg.

KATE SHEPHERD  
HEAD OF DIVING



# BASKETBALL

The Term III basketball season has been busy, fun and filled with promise. Although we had to deal with some injuries, the results and the progress made by the players has been quite remarkable. Some junior players were forced to step up and take responsibility and they did so admirably. These players took the opportunities that they were given and made the most of them.

Having our own hard courts gave our players a reason to celebrate and bring out the best that they have to offer. Thank you to Ms King and the school management team for their foresight and support.

Our U14 team was unbeaten this season. A notable achievement given the fact that not all the players had been exposed to basketball until their **senior** school careers begun. We are proud of our juniors and are very excited to see what more they will bring to basketball as they get older. This group has tremendous talent and energy. This coupled with the right management has made for a super season!

Our U15 and U16 teams were so much more competitive this season. They won some of their matches and narrowly lost others. The improvement that they have made has been significant. Well done!

Our pool of senior players is filled with potential. Although the team differed from week to week, we were able to compete with the best. I look forward to having all the players back at full strength, the competition will be elevated and so will our standard of play. Our senior team lost only one match this term. We are looking forward to an unbeaten season of our own!

Thank you to our coaches who have worked tirelessly to bring out the best in our players. Coach Emma and coach BK are committed wholeheartedly to the growth and success of basketball at St Mary's, and we are most grateful!

Thank you also to Ms Makhalanyane and Mrs Masinga for their support and their interest in basketball. Your input is greatly valued! Mr Ngubane and Mr Koketso have umpired our weekly fixtures. They never miss a game, and we thank them as well, for their time and their contribution.

Personally, I cannot wait to see what the 2024 basketball season brings. There is so much to look forward to and so much to be pumped up about!



We are thrilled to announce that Taleah Naicker (Form II), Abigail Van Zyl (Form II) and Jael Tirkaso (Form I) were selected for the City of Johannesburg U15 girls basketball team that participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual OR Tambo Soncini Social Cohension Games in Soweto.

TARYN de WINNAAR  
HEAD OF SPORT SENIOR SCHOOL

## EQUESTRIAN

SANESA National Championships took place from **Wednesday 4 to Sunday 8 October** at Kyalami Equestrian Park. St **Mary's** girls fared extremely well and we are super proud of them competing against riders from across the country.

Results of each rider are as follows:

Name:	Horse:	Show	Discipline:	Place:
Sienna Blaauw	Gondor UFO	Core League National Championships	Prix Caprilli: Level 7 Open Test 5	2 <sup>nd</sup>
			Prix Caprilli: Level 7 Open Test 6	1 <sup>st</sup>
			Performance riding: Level 7	5 <sup>th</sup>
			Dressage: Level 6 Medium Test 5	1 <sup>st</sup>
Jenna Blaauw	Seeis Lapric	Core League National Championships	Equitation: Level 7 110cm Open (Horse)	5 <sup>th</sup>
			Show Jumping 120cm Normal competition	4 <sup>th</sup>
Emma Frahm-Arp	Waterside Fidelio	Stadium Eventing National Champs	75 cm jumping class	2 <sup>nd</sup>
		Core League National Championships	Dressage: Junior Elementary Test 6	11 <sup>th</sup>
			Dressage: Junior Elementary Test 5	8 <sup>th</sup>
			Working hunter Level 3 80cm	10 <sup>th</sup>
			Handy hunter Level 3 80cm	3 <sup>rd</sup>
			Prix Caprilli: Level 5 Intermediate Test 5	9 <sup>th</sup>
Katherine Franck	Caritou Z	Core League National Championships	Equitation: Level 7 110cm Open (Horse)	1 <sup>st</sup>
			Show Jumping 130cm 2 phase (Horse)	5 <sup>th</sup>
			Show Jumping 130cm Normal competition (Horse)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Lucy Haden-Smith	Spark a Rhythm	Core League National Championships	Working hunter Level 7 100cm	2 <sup>nd</sup>
			Working riding	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Juliana Haden-Smith	Seeis Spook	Core League National Championships	Show Jumping 120cm 2 phase (Horse)	5 <sup>th</sup>
			Show Jumping 120cm Normal competition (Horse)	6 <sup>th</sup>
			Equitation: Level 7 110cm Open (Horse)	4 <sup>th</sup>
Ellah Jackson	Savanna	Core League National Championships	Equitation: Level 3 Welcome 60cm (Pony)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
			Handy hunter Level 3 80cm	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ella Mundell	Zenzele Starstruck	Core League National Championships	Show Jumping 80cm 2 phase (Pony)	5 <sup>th</sup>
			Show Jumping 80cm Normal competition (Pony)	1 <sup>st</sup>
			Equitation: Level 6 80cm Intermediate (Pony)	1 <sup>st</sup>
			Prix Caprilli: Level 3 Novice Test 5	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ellah Syndercombe	Dresden Fortune's Child	Core League National Championships	Handy Hunter Level 3 80cm	2 <sup>nd</sup>





**SANESA Nationals  
Core League  
4 - 7 October 2023**



**EQUITATION SAEQA INTERMEDIATE  
80cm (PONY Class)**  
Zenzele Starstruck  
Ella Mundell



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**EQUITATION SAEQA OPEN  
110cm (HORSE Class)**  
Caritou z  
Katherine Franck



Ella Syndercombe and Ellah Jackson



Emma Frahm-Arp and Waterside Fidelio



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**SANESA RIDER PRIX CAPRILLI  
Open Test 6 - High School**  
Gondor UFO  
Sienna Blaauw



Four Open riders

**MELANIE BLAIR  
TEACHER IN CHARGE**



# TENNIS

The St **Mary's** first team took part in the Pat Uys Tennis Festival hosted by Eunice School in Bloemfontein. The team comprising of Bailey Selvam (Form II), Tayla Gibbs (Form IV), Mackenzie Summers (Form II), Kirsten Hadiaris (Form III), Erin Kruger (Form II), Emma Shuttleworth (Form III) and Olivia Hadiaris (Form II) played tennis of an extremely high standard. Six schools participated in this event.

Owing to rainy weather on Saturday afternoon, all the round robin pools could not be completed. St **Mary's** beat Pearson by six matches to three, Eunice by five matches to four and were leading St Stithians by five matches to one. St **Mary's** lost to strong teams from Voortrekker Hoërskool and Rhenish Girls High School. Well done to all the players on their play and sportsmanship on the court and their conduct off the court. It was a pleasure to take this team on tour.

The final league matches were completed and the AB team beat both Trinity House AB and Helpmekaar AB in their final two league matches to clinch the top spot in the Premier section of the league. Congratulations to the CD teams for beating Roedean AB and the GH teams on beating Dainfern AB.

Well done to all the players on their high standard of play and commitment to the tennis teams and for a great first half to our tennis season. Keep up the enthusiasm. A big thank you to Mrs Corbett for all her help with coaching the senior school players and to Mrs Lowndes, Ms Viljoen and Ms Nicol for their assistance on match days.

League results:

17 October

St **Mary's** A beat Helpmekaar A 38-25

St **Mary's** B beat Helpmekaar B 35-28

St **Mary's** C beat Roedean A

St **Mary's** D beat Roedean B

St **Mary's** E lost to De La Salle A 11-52

St **Mary's** G lost to Dainfern A 19-44

St **Mary's** H beat Dainfern B 47-16

24 October

St **Mary's** A beat Trinity House A 43-20

St **Mary's** B beat Trinity House B 35-28

St **Mary's** C lost to King David Linksfield A 5-58

St **Mary's** D beat King David Linksfield B 40-23

RENE PLANT  
HEAD OF TENNIS





## WATER POLO

St Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> team water polo has a reason to celebrate after their outstanding performance at the prestigious St Stithians 1<sup>st</sup> Team Invitational Tournament that took place over half-term. The team's hard work and determination paid off as they finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the country, a remarkable achievement that speaks to their dedication and skill. Their journey through the tournament saw the team secure a well-deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in their pool, a testament to their strong teamwork and competitive spirit.

Throughout the tournament, the team displayed exceptional sportsmanship and a deep understanding of the game, earning them the respect of both their opponents and spectators. Their success can be attributed to rigorous training, a committed coaching staff and the players' unwavering dedication to improving their water polo skills. This achievement not only reflects the team's talent but also their passion for the sport and it sets a promising trajectory for their future endeavours in water polo.

The 10<sup>th</sup> place finish at the St Stithians 1<sup>st</sup> Team Invitational tournament is a clear indication that they are a force to be reckoned with.

### Results:

Match 1 vs St Dominic's	3-2 loss
Match 2 vs Durban Girls College	7-7 draw
Match 3 vs Reddam Helderfontein	26-3 win
Match 4 vs Pearson	9-3 win

### Cross Pool Playoffs

Match 5 vs Reddam Bedfordview	5-8 loss
Match 6 vs Collegiate	9-5 win
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Playoff vs Kingswood	4-8 loss

**ANKE PIRIE**  
HEAD OF WATER POLO





## AQUATIC CENTRE



A very big thank you to our St Mary's community for purchasing tiles to complete the mosaic at the aquatic centre.

**LISA GROBBELAAR**  
HEAD OF FOUNDATION

## ST MARY'S GOLF DAY

Our annual St Mary's Golf Day, sponsored by ABSA was held on Thursday 19 October. It was a beautiful, sunny day for golf and our golfers enjoyed time away from their usual routines, in the scenic surrounds of the Parkview Golf Course.

Thank you to our St Mary's community who were generous in their sponsorship of much needed prizes which contributed to the success of the day. A very big thank you to our St Mary's golfers who were extremely generous and helped to raise R225 000 towards the St Mary's endowment fund, the bursary programme and the Parents' Association.

Please support our valued sponsors:



### St Mary's Golf Day 2023

A BIG thank you to our sponsors



An all ladies four ball: Leigh-Ann Goeller, Grainne Formby, Liza Hawarden, Lizanne Quinn





## KHANYISA BUILDING PROGRESS

We are excited to announce to the St Mary's community the new building's name; *Khanyisa (to bring light)*. Both the Senior and Junior School girls played a pivotal role in the naming of this building. The four quadrants have been named after our values in isiZulu and Sesotho; *Thando* (Love), *Ulwazi* (Wisdom), *Bonngwe* (Oneness), *Kutlwano* (Understanding).

**KATHY MITTENDORF**  
HEAD OF MARKETING





## IKUSASA LETHU

On Saturday 31 October, Ikusasa Lethu held their end-of-year prizegiving event and celebration. The occasion marked the end of academic classes for the Saturday school in 2023 as the learners **now** focus on their exams. It was an opportunity for the learners from Ikusasa Lethu to receive recognition for their hard work and progress this year as well as for our donors and supporters to gain insight to the unique spirit of the Ikusasa Lethu community.

One of our alumni, Yvonne Motsoko, who matriculated in 2004, shared her story of growing up in Alexandra and the support that she was given by the Ikusasa Lethu Programme and Sizanani Mentorship Programme which empowered her to get a degree in Engineering and move her entire family out of Alexandra. We work to change lives and Yvonne was an inspiring example of how **this really is** within their grasp.

We re-open on 27 January 2024, with another cohort of 375 learners who we will teach, mentor and support from the moment they join our community to when they are able to return and inspire others. Our programme is a registered NPO and relies on the generosity of our donors and sponsors, for whom we are immensely grateful.



ROBYN KNOWLES  
HEAD OF IKUSASA LETHU PROGRAMME

## 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](mailto: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](http://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 setup 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](mailto:portal@stmary.co.za).



## SUPPORTER GEAR FROM THE CLOTHES CUPBOARD



**ST MARY'S SUPPORTER GEAR  
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