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The Independent Schools' Sports Festival (ISSF) took place from Friday 3 June to Saturday 4 June. The weekend was filled with thrilling games and great weather

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

Last weekend we hosted the Independent Schools' Sports Festival (ISSF) which brings girls' schools from KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng together to play sport in the four disciplines of hockey, netball, squash, and tennis. The return of this event was highly anticipated, as it is a festival that has always been played in good spirit, highlighting the value of participation over the end result. Our campus was a hive of activity on Friday and Saturday. We were blessed with bright sunshine, crisp air, spectators around the sports fields-all contributing towards a great atmosphere.

Schools have welcomed the return of such events, which bring enjoyment and a full school routine. We know the value that the co-curricular programme brings to students' lives but it remains important to balance the educational offering with an awareness of what we have learnt during the pandemic. We must take care of the whole self to enjoy complete health.

An education at its best is multi-faceted: it supports, extends, and reinforces learning in the broadest sense. The Form Is were supported in their development this week through participation in a mental health session, followed by a substance abuse workshop for the Form IIs. This while the senior girls were into the second week of mid-year examinations. It is through these facets of the school programme that our children learn and develop into engaged and mature scholars.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

On Sunday 5 June, the Christian church celebrated the feast of Pentecost. One of the principal readings for this day was Acts 2: 1-21.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" (Acts 2: 5-12, NIV)

As described in the above passage, the coming of the Holy Spirit is transformative. Pentecost is a reminder of what we are committed as a school, to having 'community' as one of our primary values. Being in a community is challenging without accounting for diversity. Diversity is meant to enrich our community when we embrace it. "The Holy Spirit is given to each of us in a special way. That is for the good of all" (1 Corinthians 12: 7).

REVD RAKGADI KHOBO
CHAPLAIN



CONSUMER STUDIES DEPARTMENT

DANCE



Lauren Frost:HoD
BHuisEd (Stellenbosch)



Clarise Brits
BSc, BEd Hons, PGCE
(NWU)



- Our congratulations are extended to Lelethu Mthintso, Form III, on
- being selected as one of the dancers who has qualified to represent
- South Africa at the Dance World Cup Competition, to take place
- from Tuesday 28 June to Sunday 3 July in San Sebastián, Spain.

VISUAL ARTS

The book art

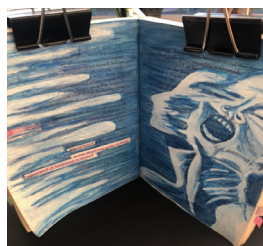
The Form IV art students were challenged with using books as their medium to create innovative artworks. They rose to the challenge and incorporated book pages with sculptural elements which captured an aspect of their chosen story. Making ideas visible and using words to create visual responses were just some of the skills gained from this exercise and the process will hopefully encourage the students to explore unusual media in their future artworks.



Babalo Sinyangwe



Tessa Brugman



Tanaya Moodley

DANIELLE MOWATT
HOD: VISUAL ARTS

St Mary's Arts Festival LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

- Design a logo for the St Mary's Arts Festival which will take place on Saturday 1 October 2022
- The winner will receive a R1000 cash prize
- Your entry can earn you cultural points
- Ensure your design is simple and submitted in a digital format
- Please email your submission to danielle.mowatt@stmary.co.za before 1 September 2022.

This competition is open to all St Mary's Senior School students

IMBOKODO BOOK LAUNCH

On Tuesday 24 May, our Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7 girls, and our Form I and II girls had the honour of meeting Athambile Masola and Xolisa Guzula, authors of *Imbokodo: Women Who Shape Us*. *Imbokodo* is a groundbreaking series of books which introduces the reader to the powerful stories of South African women who have all made their mark and cleared a path for women and girls. These books recognise, acknowledge, and honour our heroines and elders from the past and the present.

The launch was a youthful affair with extracts read by our girls from the authors' books in English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, and isiZulu. The afternoon was celebration of reading, marimbas and the importance of books.

OLIVIA JOHNSTONE
SENIOR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN



IKUSASA LETHU

IT workshops

On Saturday 4 June, we held the first of many computer workshops for a select group of Grade 10 Ikusasa Lethu learners.

One of our newest partners, BBD Software Development, sponsored 12 high-performance laptops and brought a team of their graduates, led by BBD software engineer Thabang Ledwaba, to expose these learners to all the different careers that they could enter, with computer skills.

These workshops will be held every week for the foreseeable future, with a new group being rotated every six weeks to allow as many learners as possible to share in this amazing experience.

In the first session, the learners started creating their own websites and had a great time choosing colour palettes and creating content.

We are extremely grateful to BBD for sharing their time, resources and passion with our youth.



ROBYN KNOWLES
HEAD OF IKUSASA LETHU



INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS' SPORTS FESTIVAL

The Independent Schools' Sports Festival (ISSF) started in 1998. The festival consists of four sports (top two squash players, top four tennis players, 1st netball team and 1st hockey team). St Mary's is fortunate in that we do not have a huge overlap of players and so were able to field full-strength teams, barring injured players.

ISSF is hosted in alternate years by an independent girls' school in KZN and then reciprocated the following year by a Gauteng school.

Beginning with a prayer by Revd Rakgadi Khobo and a warm welcome by the senior deputy headmistress, Ros Howell, the event got off to a great start.

For those schools that had been at the St Mary's Hockey Festival, the surprise at the superb weather conditions was palpable and, fortunately, remained blissful for the duration of the event. Games were played in the spirit of this event. Competition was stiff but not cut-throat. St Mary's teams fared well in all four disciplines but as it is a genuine festival and teams do not play all the other teams, there were no final winners.

It was a wonderful event with the festival spirit emanating from all pavilions, courts and fields. Our estate and kitchen staff worked tirelessly and the Sports department, having drawn up the fixtures, ensured that everything ran smoothly at each discipline.

QUIX
DIRECTOR OF SPORT



SQUASH

The St Mary's squash 1st team recently participated in the Joburg Top Schools' tournament on the Friday 27 May and Saturday 28 May. This tournament is played to determine the best squash school in Johannesburg. The team consisted of Tayla Rohana, Sasha Steyn, Megan Saunders, Lara Kent, Amy Saunders and Charlotte Bowden.

St Mary's managed to win their first two rounds, defeating Roedean (5-0) and St Stithians (4-1). The determining fixture for the winner was played against a strong Kingsmead side which St Mary's narrowly managed to win 3-2. The girls are currently preparing for the SA Top Schools' tournament which takes place in July. This tournament will see the 1st team compete against the best schools from various provinces in the country.



PANASHE SITHOLE
COACH

SWIMMING

Swimmer achievements

It has been remiss of me not to highlight the achievements of St Mary's top swimmers who give up hours of their time to train with their various coaches and clubs, since the end of the school swimming season.

Three of our girls, Olivia Krüger, Marie Ella Maske and Grace Morris were selected to represent the Gauteng Schools' team at the SA Schools' swimming championships. In the U15 age group, Grace Morris ended with four individual gold medals (100m backstroke, 100m freestyle, 200m individual medley and 50m freestyle), a silver medal for the 200m backstroke as well as three relay gold medals.

In the U16 age-group, Marie Ella Maske achieved two individual silver medals (50m breast and 50m backstroke), one bronze medal (100m backstroke) and a relay gold medal.

In the Open age group, Olivia Krüger achieved two individual golds (200m individual medley and 50m freestyle), one individual silver (100m freestyle) and two relay gold medals.

Kimberly and Sally-Louise Ingwe both swam for Botswana at the Cana Zone IV championships.

Paige Edmundson qualified to swim at Level 3.

Kimberly Ingwe and Juliette Van Vught qualified to swim at the Junior Regional Championships.

A number of girls qualified to swim at nationals and the age group nationals gala:

- Emma Franck qualified to swim senior nationals and, although she did not make any finals, she swam a personal best time of 27,53 in the 50m freestyle, a sub-one minute in the 100m freestyle and an excellent time of 31,79 in the 50m breaststroke
- Kiera Cloete achieved the following in the 15 year old age group:
 - o 2nd (silver medal) in 50m breaststroke
 - o 3rd (bronze medal) in 100m breaststroke
 - o 6th place in finals of 200m breaststroke
- Marie Ella Maske made finals in the following events in the 15 year old age group:
 - o 100m backstroke
 - o 50m backstroke
 - o 50m breaststroke
- Grace Morris achieved the following in the 15 year old age group:
 - o 4th in 50m backstroke
 - o 5th in 100m backstroke
 - o 5th in 200m backstroke
 - o 5th in 200m freestyle
- Hannah Rigby made finals in the following events in the 15 year old age group:
 - o 200m individual medley
 - o 400m individual medley
 - o At the EGA awards ceremony, she was awarded her district colours and she also received awards for beating the district age group records in 400m freestyle, 400m individual medley and the 800m freestyle.
- Isabelle Barrow and Olivia Krüger qualified in the 16 year old age group but, owing to being in the 1st hockey team and playing in the St Mary's Hockey Festival, they chose to swim at regionals only

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Emma Franck, St Mary's 2022 swimming captain, swimming in her last race for the school

EQUESTRIAN

SANESA inter-schools qualifier 3

Once again, the Senior School girls have fared extremely well in their 3rd SANESA equestrian qualifier at Kyalami Equestrian Park on Saturday 21 May and Sunday 22 May. We are currently 2nd in our pool.

I have been so impressed by how well Juliana Haden-Smith and Lunathi Mdlungu have been doing on their new horses Seeis Spook and Branic Cupidon and am very proud of our newest rider, Emma Campbell.

Olivia Sorour and Jenna Blaauw took part for the first time in the Handy Hunter Level 7 class as team "Saint Fairies" and won the class!

We are excited to see Katherine Franck back at SANESA in qualifier 4 on her new horse Caritou Z. We also look forward to having Julia De Villiers and Foyle's War back with us in qualifier 4 after his recovery from injury and we cannot wait for Erin Jackson and El Vanna to be back on the team as soon as Erin has healed from her knee operation.

Results:

10 riders

14 horses

42 classes entered

38 placings

12 First places

9 second places

4 third places

Name:	Horse:	Place:	Discipline:
Jade Anderson	Lipizza Bannur Ooh La La	1 st	Show Jumping 120cm A2 speed
		1 st	Show Jumping 120cm Normal
Riley Bate	Cocorico	1 st	Working Hunter: Level 5 90cm
		4 th	Prix Caprilli: Level 3 Novice
		2 nd	Show Jumping: 100cm A2 speed
Sienna Blaauw	Gondor UFO	1 st	Prix Caprilli: Level 7 Open test 3
		1 st	Prix Caprilli: Level 7 Open test 4
		4 th	Level 7 Performance riding
		1 st	Dressage: Level 6 Medium
		1 st	Equitation: Level 7 110cm
	Katmandu	8 th	Show Jumping: 110cm A2 speed
Jenna Blaauw	Chandon	2 nd	Dressage: Elementary Level 4 Test 2
		2 nd	Dressage: Elementary Level 4 Test 3
	Kartouche	2 nd	Prix Caprilli: Level 6 Advanced test 3
		1 st	Prix Caprilli: Level 6 Advanced test 4
		3 rd	Equitation: Level 7 110cm
	Gondor WigWam	2 nd	Show Jumping: 110cm A2 speed
		2 nd	Show Jumping: 110cm Normal
		1 st	Handy Hunter: Level 7 Pairs
Emma Campbell	Chateau Neuf	5 th	Show Jumping: Beginner
Juliana Haden-Smith	Seeis Spook	5 th	Equitation: Level 6 100cm
		1 st	Show Jumping: 100cm Normal
		6 th	Show Jumping: 100cm A2 speed
Emma Lowndes	Silent Night	2 nd	Prix Caprilli: Level 3 Novice Test 2

		2 nd	Prix Caprilli: Level 3 Novice Test 3
		8 th	Show Jumping: 80cm A2 speed
		12 th	Show Jumping: 80cm Normal
Lunathi Mdlungu	Branic Cupidon	4 th	Equitation: Level 4 90cm
		5 th	Show Jumping: 100cm A2 speed
		3 rd	Dressage: Preliminary Test 3
		9 th	Dressage: Preliminary Test 4
Olivia Sorour	Callaho Conchetta	2 nd	Working Hunter: 100cm
	Elite Force	3 rd	Working Hunter: 70cm
		1 st	Handy Hunter: Level 7 Pairs
Amanda Wilford	Pegasus Cabernet	8 th	Dressage: Preliminary Test 3
		1 st	Dressage: Preliminary Test 4
	Pegasus Agnus	4 th	Show Jumping : 80cm A2 speed
		3 rd	Show Jumping: 80cm Normal



Jade Anderson on Lipizza
Bannut Ooh La La



Juliana Haden-Smith on Seeis
Spook



Lunathi Mdlungu on Branic
Cupidon



Emma Campbell on Chateau
Neuf

The 2022 Western Shoppe Gauteng Championships at Kyalami Equestrian Park Saturday 4 June - Sunday 5 June

Our girls fared superbly well last weekend at Gauteng Champs at Kyalami Equestrian Park. Well done! We are so proud of you.

Results:

	Horse	Place	Class
Jade Anderson	Lipizza Bannut Ooh La La	1 st	1.15m PR Gauteng championship class
		4 th	1.10m PR A2 speed
Riley Bate	Cocorico	7 th	1.00m HR Gauteng championship class
Jenna Blaauw	Gondor WigWam	1 st	1.10 HR Gauteng championship class
		16 th	1.10m HR A2 speed
Sienna Blaauw	Gondor UFO	4 th	1.10m HR A2 speed
		24 th	1.10m HR Gauteng championship class
Julia De Villiers	Foyle's War	4 th	1.00m HR A2 speed
		10 th	1.00m HR Gauteng championship class

Katherine Franck	Caritou Z	5 th	1.00m HR Gauteng championship class
		20 th	1.00m HR A2 speed
Juliana Haden-Smith	Seeis Spook	2 nd	1.10m HR Gauteng championship class
		19 th	1.10m HR A2 speed



Jenna Blaauw on Gondor
Wigwam



Jade Anderson on Lipizza
Bannut Ooh-La-La



Katherine Franck on Caritou Z

MELANIE BLAIR
TEACHER IN CHARGE

MUSE MORNING

Muse Mornings and parents' conversations are the brainchild of the Open Door department. The initiative stemmed from a need in our community for a platform where our parents could engage with professionals from outside the school on issues that are of relevance to the development of their children.

The original meaning of the word "muse" means to ponder, reflect or to absorb in thought. This has been and continues to be the sole aim of our Muse Mornings: to offer parents a platform where they can grapple with the issues involving child rearing and development on their own, with others and with the guidance of knowledgeable professionals.

Muse Mornings have been held over many years. We have invited a wide range of speakers on extensive topics, some of which have been suggested by our parent body. We have engaged with psychologists from different fields, a gynaecologist, dietician and physiotherapist.

Some of the topics which have been addressed in the past are:

- how to raise your daughters in a masculine world
- helping your daughter develop a healthy relationship with food
- and many conversations around anxiety in children and strategies to help them manage anxiety

A gynaecologist was invited to speak with our fathers on how to have conversations with their daughters about their changing bodies and we are proud that our fathers arrived en masse for the talk. In the last two years of the pandemic, our speakers have targeted their conversations at supporting parents in helping their children to navigate the emotional challenges which arose out of the pandemic.

Muse Mornings are held once a term in the mornings from 07h30 - 08h30. Please look out for newsletters and the school app for the notification of the next exciting presentation. We look forward to engaging with our parents, appreciate their input and welcome any topics that they believe will be of benefit to our community.

OPEN DOOR DEPARTMENT

HOPE COMMITTEE



*A time to mingle and
Hear Other Peoples' Experiences*

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND WINE AT SMOGS COTTAGE
(BEHIND OLIVES & PLATES)

TUES 14 JUNE, 17H00-19H00

R.S.V.P. by Fri 10 June
Lilly.Tshotlhana@stmary.co.za



ST MARY'S 2022 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

As we did last year, 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 this link for further information and to make your choice:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUx3Xr5yffqS222IecKEQB09xYqUC5JkKg3ao6f1oWmqMmfA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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2022 Annual Magazine



TIPS FROM THE PA

Getting to know the St Mary's School App - Tip 1: Calendar

The PA has got your back, and over the next few months will give you tips on how to use the school app effectively to give you information you may need.

Our school app has a fabulous calendar function - learn how to use it properly (see below). It will change your life!

Getting back into the swing of things post-Covid means being allowed back onto campus to watch and support several events, whether these be sporting events, a school play, a music concert, etc. It also means a lot of organising to get your daughter where she needs to be and when she needs to be there!

<p>1. Open the St Mary's App on your phone. 2. Click on the "School calendars" icon.</p>	<p>3. Click on Live Calendar. 4. (view academic calendars doc for term dates).</p>	<p>5. Select a date. 6. Tap on your daughter's event.</p>	<p>7. Tap on the Bookmark icon. 8. Select "Yes" to add to calendar.</p>	<p>9. The calendar event will open. Check it will save to your calendar and click "Add" to never miss a thing!</p>

Please send questions or suggestions for future tips to Kathy.mittendorf@stmary.co.za

ED-ADMIN

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 click on the link below or visit the school website on www.stmarysschool.co.za and click on the portal login on the top right of the page.
<https://stmarysw.ed-space.net/pparentportal.cfm>
- 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.