



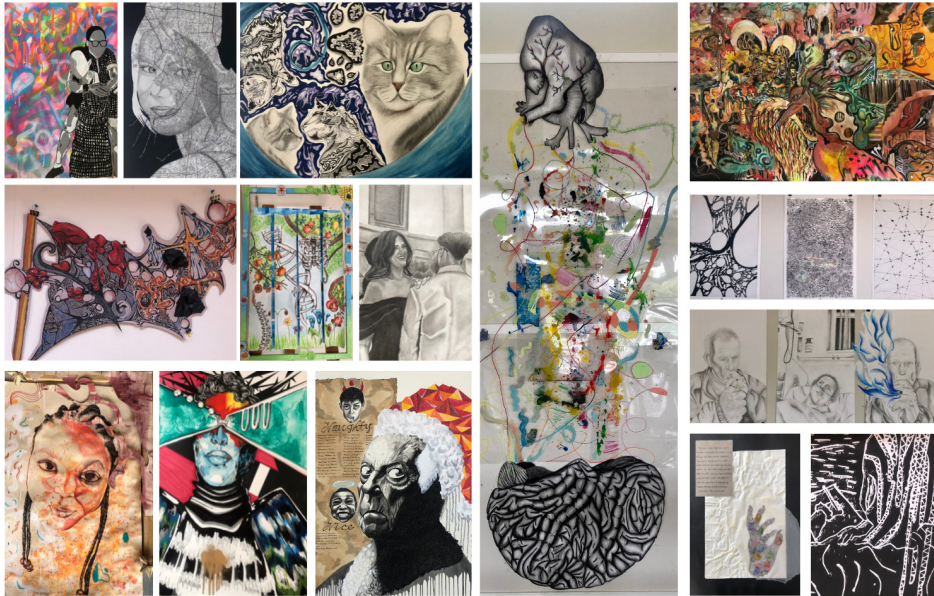
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Final Visual Arts practical

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

The past weeks have provided many occasions to watch our St Mary's girls performing and playing sport. Over the years the pleasure and enjoyment provided by these occasions has never dulled in my experience, instead, each event provides delight in the talent and accomplishment of the St Mary's girls.

The basketball tournament which we hosted last weekend was a happy event that highlighted competitive sport and sportsmanship. The event was lifted by the spirit squad, who were on hand to cheer and motivate our teams.

Another special experience for me in the past week was to visit the matric art students during their final practical examination. They were required to produce a piece of work over a 24-hour period (or four mornings). The process that they followed was to conceptualise an idea, explore stimuli, plan and experiment in their visual diaries, and then create an artwork within a structured and restricted time frame. This would be a daunting task for any adult. I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with each student to learn more about her ideas and creation of her artwork. It was a privilege to share in thought process, to understand the challenge of the creative process and appreciate their personal development as artists. Their final work is remarkable - the standard is high with each student's individual artistic style evident and the final pieces having aesthetic appeal.

I wish you all a restful half-term.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Last week on Tuesday, we had our confirmation service, with Bishop Steve Moreo as the preacher. The sermon was based on the reading in 1 Peter 3: 13-17. In his sermon, the Bishop encouraged the girls to build their own relationship with Jesus. In Bishop Steve fashion, he gave the girls homework, to write a love letter to Jesus, reminding all present of the truth in the Sunday school song: Jesus loves me this I know. Sometimes this is all we need to remember, that we are loved.

Congratulations:

Carla du Toit

Luca Botes

Reitumetse Moreo

Tshegofatso Modise

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

REVD RAKGADI KHOBO
CHAPLAIN



MEET THE LATIN DEPARTMENT



Simon Idema
BA Hons (NWU)

Latin is the great ancestor of French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. In South Africa, Latin inscriptions can often be seen in the mottos of schools and various other institutions, such as our own motto, *Candida Rectaque* "Honest and Upright". Latin terminology is also found in a wide range of professional fields, including Law, the Sciences, and Humanities, as well as in the names of many international companies and products, such as Volvo, Nivea, Pro Vita and Bonaqua. At St Mary's our aim is to foster a love of diverse knowledge and interests, and discussions. In the Latin class, we cover a broad range of topics including languages (both ancient and modern), linguistics, history, religion, rhetoric and literature. Finally, the study of Roman history and culture allows us to look critically at problems that are still faced by many people today in a setting that is far removed from us in time and space.

DEBATING

Recently, our senior and junior teams competed in the finals of the Gauteng provincial debating championships. Our junior team, consisting of Juhi Baboolal, Kgaugelo Makgato, Reitumetse Molapo, Orefile Motsukunyane and Jemma Tresling, debated wonderfully and made it into the junior quarter-finals, while our senior team, comprised of Hayley Laithwaite, Francesca Lewitton and Danika Neuhooff, reached the senior semi-finals. We all took this opportunity very seriously and worked incredibly hard over the last few weekends, and we had a lot of fun. This was an amazing opportunity to practise and develop our debating skills.

Our second junior team, members of our junior team, including Nuha Omar and Bontle Shuenyane, observed the debates to gain some insight into the mechanics of debating and everyone made sure to be supportive of one another while we engaged with the other teams. Despite discussing very serious issues about politics and ethics, we developed good relations with many of the teams against whom we debated, making it a fun environment in which we could all grow. I am very proud of all the debaters who were involved in these provincial championships and I cannot wait to continue our camaraderie throughout practice sessions and future competitions.

HAILEY LAITHWAITE
HEAD OF DEBATING

ACCOUNTING

One of the topics that forms part of the Form IV Accounting syllabus is the manufacturing business. As an introduction to learning about this, the Form IV Accounting students were provided with a number of different raw materials to build a boat.

The following raw materials were provided as well as an indication of the costs involved:

| | |
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| • 20 colour wooden planks | R12 for 20 |
| • 2 polystyrene blocks | R1 each |
| • 2 mast skewers | R1 each |
| • ¼ sheet of coloured sail foam | R8 a full sheet |
| • Use of glue | R5 |
| • Use of glitter glue | R4 |
| • Use of own paint/crayon/koki | Free |
| • Rent of your desk (factory) | R6 |
| • Electricity | R2 for the lesson |
| • Cost of the factory supervisor (teacher) | R7 per student |
| • Cost of your labour | R10 |

The following simple instructions were provided in order to build the boat:

1. Assemble (glue) your wooden planks to make your boat.
2. Insert the mast skewers into the polystyrene blocks (sharp end into the polystyrene) then glue the polystyrene blocks onto your boat's deck.
3. Cut out your foam sail(s) and glue to your mast skewer.

The girls then went to work and used their creativity to complete the task of assembling a well-designed sailing boat. A week later, after allowing the glue to dry on the boats, the class attempted to set sail. We were pleasantly surprised at the number of boats that were able to float. This was a fun exercise to see how raw materials are converted into a finished product. Well done, Form IV accounting students.

WENDY IEVERS
HOD:ACCOUNTING

Work-in progress



Finished product



About to test their workmanship



Well done Form IVs, your boats passed the test

MUSIC

Congratulations to the following pupils who submitted video recordings for their recent Trinity College London (TCL) piano examinations, achieving excellent results:

| | | |
|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| Danielle Grobbelaar | FV | TCL Grade 7 piano |
| Heather Welchman | FIII | TCL Grade 6 piano |

EUGENE JOUBERT
HEAD OF PIANO STUDIES



Danielle Grobbelaar



Heather Welchman

ABRSM is the UK's largest music education body, one of its largest music publishers and the world's leading provider of music exams, holding over 650,000 assessments in more than 90 countries every year. The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music performance examinations have continued over the past term and we are proud of our girls who have achieved their goals of submitting videos of their four performance pieces playing various instruments. Congratulations on achieving fantastic results!



Emma Dippenaar (FII) alto
saxophone grade 5



Georgia Alston (FI) alto
saxophone grade 4



Ella Pretorius (FII) flute grade 5



Sally-Louise Ingwe (FII) alto
saxophone grade 5



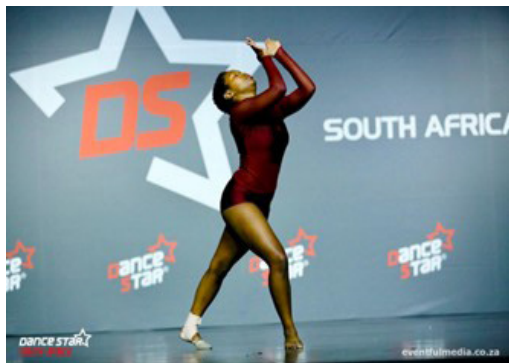
Victoria Staples (FII) alto saxophone
grade 3

DUDLEY TROLLOPE
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

DANCE

Congratulations to Lesedi Mochela in Form V and Khumo Mochela in Form II who both competed in the South African qualifier for Dance Star. This is a prestigious event held in Centurion and both girls made the B team and are eligible to compete at the World Finals in Croatia. Both girls performed a contemporary routine choreographed by Charlie Van Rooyen.

CLAIRE VAN NIEKERK
DANCE AND DRAMA TEACHER



Lesedi Mochela in her dance titled *Selah*



Khumo Mochela in her dance titled *I'm Tired*

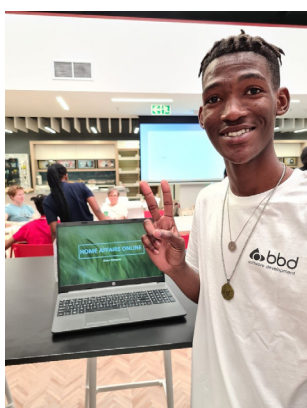
IKUSASA LETHU

On Saturday 8 October, the Ikusasa Lethu Saturday school held their prizegiving to celebrate the achievements of our Community Partnerships learners from the schools in nearby Alexandra township.

As we watched literally hundreds of certificates being passed out for progress, excellence and academic commitment, we were reminded of the individuals within this programme and the impact we can have and are having. We are grateful to St Mary's for making this programme possible as well as to the school district whose representative, Yvonne Mashiane, attended our event.



On Saturday 15 October, the Foundation team was invited to BBD Software Development to see what our group of Grade 10 learners had accomplished in the after-school IT sessions with BBD graduates. The learners presented PowerPoint briefs of their concepts and showcased their functioning live websites (Wow!). Their programmes included: virtual registers, online homework assist, a mental health counselling app "Webchatty", an improved HomeAffairs application system, a music translator, a sound-sensitive colour-specific LED alarm system, a soccer club finder and a goods tracker for them to be taken safely by taxis over long distances. The most successful learner (Home Affairs), as judged by a panel on the day, was given a top-end laptop and accessories along with life-long tech support at BBD. We are proud beyond words. We definitely have some budding developers in our community and are looking forward to what this partnership could accomplish in 2023.



Shaun Kaingana (Grade 10) was our winner for the best presentation and programme at BBD for this cohort

ROBYN KNOWLES
HEAD OF THE IKUSASA LETHU PROGRAMME

BASKETBALL

Weekly fixtures

On Wednesday 12 October, our teams played the weekly fixture against St Stithians. The U14, U15 and senior teams ended the day successfully, with all teams recording convincing wins. The U16s lost their match by one point! This team is commended on their fighting spirit and their perseverance. They have improved steadily throughout the season.

St Mary's Summer Shoot Out Basketball Tournament

St Mary's hosted their first ever basketball tournament on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 October. The event was a huge success, and we look forward to seeing it grow in the future.

The tournament consisted of round robin fixtures so that each team played a guaranteed five matches. The two teams that ended on the highest number of points, qualified for the respective finals. We were fortunate enough to enter four teams into the competition. The 1st team won three of their five matches. The U15 "red" team and the U16 teams had mixed results, but they impressed with their enthusiasm and willingness to give of their best.

The St Mary's U15 "white" team had a super two days! They are a talented and motivated group who played structured basketball, consistently putting the opposition under pressure, and capitalising on opportunities that came their way. They are congratulated on their results and on ultimately winning the U16 section after beating Redhill U16 in the final.

The senior final was tightly contested to start off with Redhill relentless in their pursuit of the trophy ultimately winning the senior section quite convincingly.

Tawananyasha Muchineripi was selected as one of five senior All Stars.

Nalenhle Mbatha and Lunathi Mdlungu were selected as U16 All Stars and Taleah Naicker was awarded the Most Valuable Player in the U16 section.

TARYN DE WINNAAR
HEAD OF SPORT: SENIOR SCHOOL



Sihle Mahlangu, captain



U16 winners



U16 final

DIVING

On Saturday 15 October, 10 St Mary's girls represented Gauteng at the annual SA Schools' diving competition which was held at St Andrew's. The St Mary's divers showcased an exceptional display of poise and elegance, resulting in all 10 girls obtaining podium positions. In summary, we received five gold medals, two silver medals and three bronze medals.

The results were as follows:

11 years Novice: 1st - Tyla Bredin
 11 years Elite: 1st - Isabella Crawford
 3rd - Olivia Coetzer
 12 years Novice: 2nd - Isabella Lotto
 13 years Novice: 1st - Kristin Biggs
 3rd - Jesse Joseph
 14 years Elite: 1st - Emma Campbell
 15 years Elite: 3rd - Keratile Manaka
 16 years Elite: 1st - Zalika Methula
 16 years Novice: 2nd - McKenzie Coakley-Eager

Congratulations to all the girls on their fantastic achievements.



KATE SHEPHERD
DIVING COACH

TENNIS

The St Mary's tennis players continue to do extremely well in both the league matches and festivals in which they have participated over the past few weeks.

The St Mary's A and B team, comprising of Form III players only, participated in the Parktown Sports Festival this past weekend. The A team did extremely well and played tennis of a high standard to end in first position. Congratulations to Tayla Gibbs, Madison Corbett, Emma Van Zyl and Sarah Hewat. Sarah and Emma were chosen as players of the tournament as they achieved the highest accumulative score from all their doubles matches. The St Mary's B team competed well against the A teams from other schools and enjoyed the experience and the additional exposure to match play that the festival offered.

Congratulations to Lilitha Ndungane who was chosen to attend the prestigious Wiphold Squad at the High-Performance Centre at the University of Pretoria. The top 12 female players in South Africa were chosen to attend this event. Keep up the hard work, Lilitha.

Well done to Bailey Selvam who placed 9th in the Gauteng North Growthpoint tournament that was held in Pretoria recently. Bailey beat some highly ranked players during the tournament. Congratulations to Mackenzie Summers who was chosen to represent the Gauteng Invitational U15 team in a friendly match over the past weekend.

11 October

St Mary's A beat Roedean A 57-6

St Mary's B beat Roedean B 56-7

St Mary's C lost to Hoërskool Randburg A 18-45

St Mary's D lost to Hoërskool Randburg B 32-31



Parktown Sports' Festival A team



Players of the tournament



Parktown Sports' Festival B team

RENÉ PLANT
HEAD OF TENNIS

NETBALL

Over the weekend, St Mary's netball players participated in the Parktown High Spring Sports' Festival. The fast five festival started on Friday afternoon 14 October and continued to Saturday 15 October. Fast five netball is played with five players, without WA/WD positions. The game is fast, and shooters may shoot outside of the shooting circle, giving them three points and within the one metre in the shooting circle, you receive two points.

The first day of the festival was filled with excitement and a small amount of nerves as we arrived at Parktown Girls' for the first time in two years. The results for Friday 14 October were as follows:

St Mary's vs Steyn City
19 - 5 to St Mary's

St Mary's vs St Dominic's
17 - 14 to St Mary's

On the second day, the team was up and ready for the day's first match at 08h30. The girls played well, and we won the first match. The second match went well, but the heat was starting to get to the girls. Later on, we decided to hop into the ice baths to cool our bodies down before the toughest and last pool match of the day.

The results for Saturday 15 October were as follows:

St Mary's vs Parktown High 2
21 - 7 to St Mary's

St Mary's vs Brescia House
11 - 2 to St Mary's

Final pool match, which was also a semi-final:

St Mary's vs Trinity House
11 - 14 to Trinity House

Having lost the final pool match, St Mary's ended second in the pool standings. The festival format did not include a semi-final match to determine the finalist, and St Mary's played in the bronze medal match.

St Mary's vs Parktown High 1
13 - 11 to St Mary's

The final match, we played against Parktown High 1 was a nail-biter. The girls had to block out the noise from the spectators who came to cheer on their team. We played our hearts out and were rewarded at the final whistle.

ADINA CHABANA
NETBALL VICE-CAPTAIN 2023



EQUESTRIAN

SANESA nationals (inter-provincial) on Friday 30 September - Sunday 2 October at Kyalami Equestrian Park.

Congratulations to the equestrian girls on their wonderful results at nationals.

Results:

| Name: | Horse: | Place: | Discipline |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Riley Bate | Cocorico | 15 th | Prix Caprilli: Level 3 Novice |
| Sienna Blaauw | Gondor UFO | 1 st | Prix Caprilli: Level 7 Open test 5 |
| | | 1 st | Prix Caprilli: Level 7 Open test 6 |
| | | 2 nd | Level 7 Performance riding |
| | | 2 nd | Dressage: Level 6 Medium |
| Jenna Blaauw | Chandon | 16 th | Dressage: Elementary Level 4 Test 5 |
| | | 14 th | Dressage: Elementary Level 4 Test 6 |
| | Gondor WigWam | 10 th | Show Jumping: 110cm Accumulator |
| | | 5 th | Show Jumping 110cm Normal |
| | | 2 nd | Handy Hunter: Level 7 Paris |
| Juliana Haden-Smith | Seeis Spook | 6 th | Equitation: Level 6 100cm |
| | | 17 th | Show Jumping: 100cm Normal |
| Emma Lowndes | Silent Night | 8 th | Prix Caprilli: Level 3 Novice Test 2 |
| | | 17 th | Prix Caprilli: Level 3 Novice Test 4 |
| Lunathi Mdlungu | Branic Cupidon | 17 th | Equitation: Level 4 90cm |
| | | 13 th | Show Jumping: 100cm Accumulator |
| Sydney Pollock | Voigtskirch Amarosso | 8 th | Dressage: Elementary Level 4 Test 5 |
| | | 14 th | Dressage: Elementary Level 4 Test 6 |
| | | 11 th | Level 7 Performance riding |
| Olivia Sorour | Callaho Conchetta | 1 st | Working Hunter: 70cm |
| | Elite Force | 2 nd | Handy Hunter: Level 7 Pairs |

In addition, Lunathi Mdlungu competed in the 65 cm Stadium Eventing SANESA National Championships and came first in her class.

Other news

Katherine Franck and Caritou Z won the South African Junior 1.20 Derby Championships held at Shongweni on Sunday 4 September.

Derby at KEP:

Jade Anderson and My Irish Boy won the SA Open Pony Derby last month. As part of the opening parade for the SA Adult Derby on Sunday, Jade was invited to lead the opening parade of the top 30 adult riders together with the Open Junior winner to celebrate the wins for the young riders. On the next page is a picture of her during the parade.

Equitation champs:

The EPOL Gauteng Equitation Finals and Gauteng Junior Provincial Open Equitation Championships took place on Sunday 16 October. Katherine (Form II) and Olivia (FIV - head elect of equestrian) placed 3rd and 5th in the finals. Then in the championship class, Olivia on Callaho Conchetta placed 2nd, Sienna (FIII) on Gondor UFO was 3rd and Katherine on Caritou Z was 4th. The competition was very close and St Mary's girls took 3 of the top 4 spots.

Well done, girls!



Sienna Blaauw on Gondor UFO



Olivia Sorour on Callaho Conchetta



Jade Anderson on My Irish Boy



Equitation Champs winners



Lunathi Mdlungu on Waterside Double Date



Katherine Franck on Caritou Z

MELANIE BLAIR
TEACHER IN CHARGE

ROWING

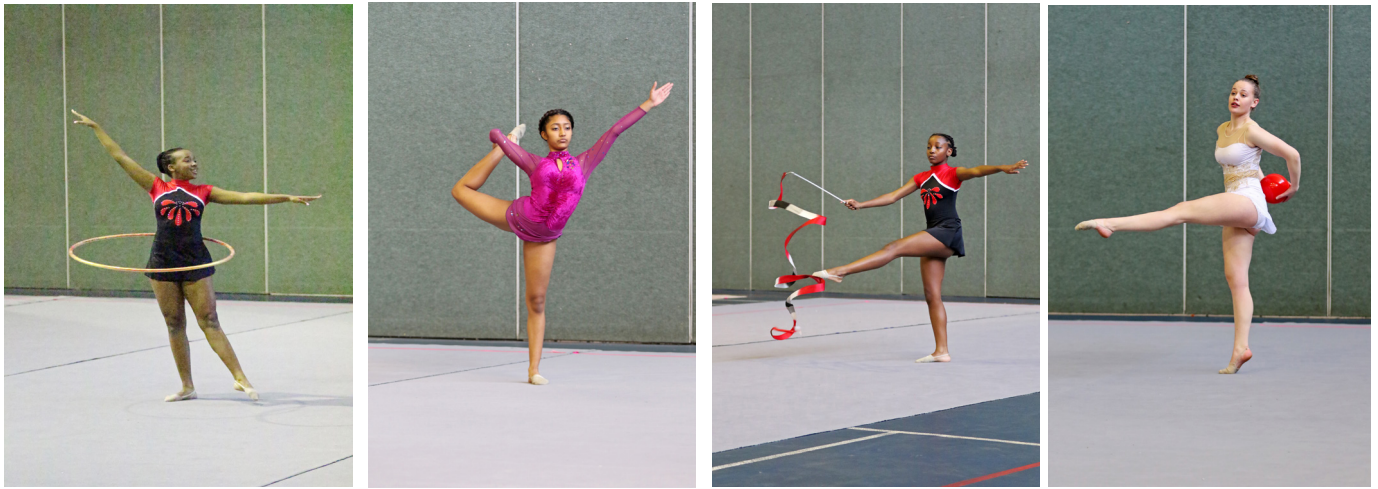
On Saturday 8 October, the U16s and the U19s competed in the St Stithians College GRSF Regatta and on Saturday 15 October, the U14s and U15s competed in the St Benedict's GRSF Regatta. Well done to all the girls who participated.

The St Mary's rowing club is preparing for the October camp that will take place over half-term. The club's aim for this half season is to achieve the best results possible for Gauteng Championships which will be held from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 November. This camp serves as good preparation for this important regatta. The athletes are working hard as the end of the half season approaches and will continue to do so on camp. Contact caitlin.dace@stmary.co.za for more information.

SOPHIA BABAYA
FORM III



RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS



The following gymnasts qualified for the Central Gauteng team in September:

Christine Mihigo in level five, Bontle Khanyago and Naledi Diale in level six, Tshagofatso Modise in level seven, Reece Williams and Caitlyn Govender in level eight and Lesedi Mochela in level 10.

These gymnasts also competed in the Gauteng competition in September and Christine, Naledi and Reece went on to represent Gauteng at the South African Gym Games in Pretoria. Lesedi Mochela was injured for the Central Gauteng competitions but went on to compete in level 10 at the Games.

LINDA GIURICICH
HEAD OF RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

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 you 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.