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The girls writing their mid-year examinations

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

Towards the end of this week, I was aware of an enormous sigh of relief in the Senior School, as we reached the half-term break. Mid-year examinations are over; we are all looking forward to a break during the deep cold that has settled over Johannesburg.

Examinations raise anxiety and cause a general sense of trepidation in students and parents alike but this, I would like to argue, is a misinformed response to the purpose of examinations in our academic lives. Examinations present a map to guide us in a deeper exploration of our learning. They indicate the aspects of study which require closer attention, areas for focus, and affirmation of what has been mastered.

There is uncertainty and risk involved in examinations and this is why most students would choose to avoid them, and why some even fear examinations. Learning means to immerse oneself in vulnerability and to accept how much is unknown, while developing the desire to know more. It is the same sense of uncertainty and risk attached to examinations which helps us prepare for the unknown of what life holds. It is in the act of testing ourselves that we develop resilience and a sense of confidence that we can confront the challenges that life presents. Self-development is

enhanced through our ability to deal with uncertainty and risks that permeate life.

I have fielded questions from parents in the past weeks about running a co-curricular programme during the examinations. This approach at St Mary's has always proven to offer an antidote to the routine of studying and writing examinations. It provides a healthy balance of exercise and creative pursuits that contributes to self-development. The majority of our students thrive in their activities outside the classroom and this inspires enjoyment and happiness which, at St Mary's, we believe brings a healthy balance to children's school experience.

As May Sarton puts it, "The most valuable thing we can do for the psyche, occasionally, is to let it rest, wander, live in the changing light of room, not try to be or do anything..."

I wish our community a restful and restorative break, which includes the Bishop's holiday on 4 July.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

'Plea for Africa' by Revd John Knox Bokwe

Give a thought to Africa
'Neath the burning sun
They are hosts of weary hearts
Waiting to be won

Many lives have passed away
And in many homes
There are voices crying out
To the living God

Tell the love of Jesus
By the hills and waters
God bless Africa
And her sons and daughters

Breathe a prayer for Africa
God the father's love
Can reach down and bless all hearts
From his heav'n above

And when lips are moved by Grace
They so sweetly sing
Pray for peace in Africa
From the loving God



Madonna and Child

'Plea for Africa' by Revd John Knox Bokwe is an invitation to all of us. When faced with the daily challenges and busy schedules, we can still do something by offering a prayer on behalf of our continent and country.

This year, *Corpus Christi* fell on Thursday 16 June. When two significant commemoration days coincide, it may be challenging to choose which to celebrate. The feast of *Corpus Christi* is a celebration of the gift of the Eucharist. This feast allows us a significant interpretation of *Corpus Christi*, which offers a fundamental challenge for the community of Christ, that the goal of human society is unity and not segregation. As a school community, we are not immune to the social issues in our country. May we give thanks for our blessings and petition God for the suffering and uncertainty in our country.

REVD RAKGADI KHOBO
CHAPLAIN

MEET THE DRAMATIC ARTS DEPARTMENT



Klaus Jansen van Vuuren: HoD
BA, PGCE (UP)



Sasha Ehlers
BA Hons (Wits), PGCE (UJ)

YOUTH DAY



Phuti Mogale and Phumzile Sithebe, St Mary's deputy heads, hosting a FV Youth Day talk

The idea of youth has evolved in many interesting ways throughout the journey which education has provided. There has been a distinct shift from ensuring that the youth “live to work”. The focus of the youth now is to find an identity in a world that demands that they change according to the pressures which continue to surround them.

One wonders if the youth of 1976 understood the weight on their shoulders when they decided to assert their right to an education in a language they fully understood. They raised their voices and their desire to be heard would resound way beyond the dusty streets of Soweto. Those voices have continued to change over generations but they have done one thing, they have constantly reminded us that these voices matter and it is our responsibility to hear them.

In honouring the youth of 1976 in 2022, one needs to see that a voice is not just about using this tool to force change but that we need to be the change within the society in which we wish to create and live. One thing we should continue to do when observing this day is to remember that each fist that rose, rose with the intention of making a positive difference in the lives of all children. By using their youth, the 1976 generation ensured that their stance would never be forgotten because their change was never intended to break and destroy, rather it was focused on providing the platform to enable growth to take place. Those youth, like all youth today, wanted to belong in a society where they knew change was possible. Let their voices continue to speak to us, to be the change and remind ourselves that in speaking, it is what we say that is important.

PHUTI MOGALE
DEPUTY HEADMISTRESS

CHESS



Miranda Nyarenda



Thama Mafinya

Congratulations to Thama Mafinya (FIII) and Miranda Nyarenda (FIII) who qualified for the 2022 Gauteng Schools' Individual Chess Championships. It was an exhausting day of analysing, strategising and calculating moves. While they left disappointed, they can be proud to have progressed so far in the tournament.

JANE MCMURRAY
TEACHER IN CHARGE

ACCOUNTING

On Wednesday, 11 May, a total number of 37 accounting girls from Form III to Form V wrote the first round of the National Accounting Olympiad. Seven thousand learners from more than 300 high schools participated in this Olympiad.

Congratulations to the following girls who attained 60% and above which allows them to participate in round two which will take place on Wednesday 3 August:

Form V

Tinotenda Chirimuta
Zamantungwa Khumalo
Zahraa Koor
Isha Madhu

Form IV

Yana Cai
Christine Craven
Kylie Goncalves
Tara Hammond
Moleboheng Leeto

Form IV

Elizabeth Lonmon-Davis
Reece McGregor
Zenande Mbatsha
Tsweleng Pitse

Form III

Carla du Toit
Grace Faber
Sthabile Mphahlele
Lee-Elle Oakley

We wish them all the best for round two.

WENDY IEVERS
HOD: ACCOUNTING

AFRIKAANS

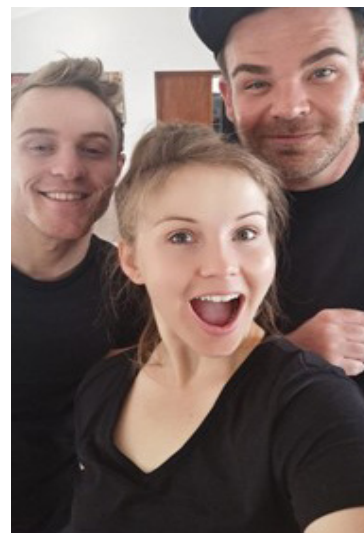
On Thursday 9 June, the matrics who take Afrikaans were in high spirits when the Educational Theatre Company, Pit Produksies, brought the IEB Afrikaans syllabus to life. Their performance of our set work *Asem* by Jan Vermeulen and nine of the 12 matric poems were beautifully played out by the three talented actors: Arno Meyer, Lee Visagie and Tiaan Slabbert.

We were joined by the matriculants who take Afrikaans at St Teresa's and together we were entertained by the spectacle put on by Pit Produksies. Pit Produksies is a company that is passionate about education and has been helping IEB matrics since 2000. The company prides themselves in treating actors fairly and being reliable. This was truly reflected in their performance as the actors made the audience laugh at their eccentric characterisations of the characters in the novel as well as think deeply about the moving choreography of the many poems.

Their performance perfectly contextualised our set work. I am endlessly grateful to the Afrikaans department at St Mary's for giving us this opportunity. A peer in fact said that it was the best thing she had seen all year. This made me think that, in a year as demanding as matric, the Afrikaans department was able to turn that pressure into a fun learning experience. We would like to express our gratitude to the Pit Produksies and the department.



Left to right: Lee Visagie, Arno Meyer and Tiaan Slabbert, Cindy Swanepoel (director of Silhouette Theatre), Zak Hendrikz (director and producer)



Lee Visagie, Arno Meyer, Tiaan Slabbert

HANNAH DE LANGE
MATRIC STUDENT

VISUAL ARTS

The senior art students had the privilege of visiting The Leonardo in Sandton. The Leonardo Hotel doubles as an art gallery of sorts as there are many permanent artworks integrated into the design. We were exposed to some of the amazing local talent. We were given a tour by an extremely knowledgeable host who explained all of the artworks on permanent display. The artworks are all connected to Leonardo Da Vinci, the famous Italian artist. The artists honoured Da Vinci through media, theme and focusing on the natural elements which were a specialty of this great artist. The installation artworks varied from painting on plastic, etching and sculpting into the clay on the walls and wooden carvings. While going through all of the incredible artworks, we were able to connect our own matric year theme (*Interwoven/ Intertwined*) to the issues explored in the various artworks. The use of space by these artists is innovative and they created artwork out of seemingly mundane objects. This was an eye-opening experience and, to top off the artistic immersion, we were allowed to go to the rooftop and see the view. It was breathtaking and the entire experience will not be forgotten.

HANNAH SHERMAN
MATRIC STUDENT



FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to Reece Williams, Lebone Tshetlo and Lesedi Mochela who all recently qualified as rhythmic gymnastics Level 1 judges.

LINDA GIURICICH
HEAD OF RHYTHMIC GYM



HOCKEY

St Mary's success on the hockey field has continued over the past few weeks. There have been some great results, but more importantly it has been encouraging to see the standard of play from all teams just getting better and better.

Some stand out performances in the last couple of weeks include the following results: the U15 B team beat Northcliff 9-0 and followed that up with a 5-0 win against St Teresa's U15 A side. The U16 C side had a great 6-0 victory against Kingsmead's U16 B team. Abigail Van Zyl scored five goals against Kingsmead last week as the U14 A team beat Kingsmead U14 A 8-0.

Congratulations to both the 1st and U16 A teams who have qualified for the Top Schools' Tournaments to be held at Paarl Gymnasium (U16) and Meisieskool Oranje (U18) at the beginning of August. Qualification is on the basis that teams are ranked in the top 12 in the country at the end of May. Our 1st team is currently 4th and our U16 team, 6th on the current national ranking system.

In international news, we are very proud of our three St Mary's Old Girls, Lisa-Marie Deetlefs, Lillian du Plessis and Hannah Pearce who have been selected to represent the South African Women's hockey team to compete at the Hockey World Cup in Terrassa, Spain, as well as the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in July. We wish team South Africa and particularly our Old Girls, all the best for these tournaments.

CINDY BROWN
HEAD OF HOCKEY

"Feens" hockey match

The Queens hockey teams can never be faulted for lacking enthusiasm or ability. They came up with the idea that they should take on the 1st team. I attempted to advise them that this was perhaps one step too far. I did however suggest the idea of playing a game with the 1st team players to Miss Brown, seeing as so many of our matches had been cancelled (no doubt it was owing to the fact that the Queens fame and ability preceeded them!).

They graciously accepted our invitation and the great match was played on Wednesday 15 June. It was decided that the 1st team would take on the mighty Queens for a short while before joining ranks and playing three rounds of mixed games. The 1st team managed to "sneak" a win, but a wonderful afternoon of hockey and fun was had by all.



Hannah Pearce, St Mary's Old Girl and current national player, was present to support our 1st team when they beat Kingsmead 5-0



QUIX
DIRECTOR OF SPORT

TENNIS



St Mary's head of tennis, René Plant, will be travelling to London to attend the Wimbledon Championships at the All England Lawn Tennis Club. René, who formerly played in the championships as both a junior and senior player, will attend in the capacity of a tennis coach for the first time. She will be coaching and assisting South Africa's number one wheelchair player, Kgothatso Montjane, for her Wimbledon campaign. René will also be training Kgothatso for the week leading up to the event.

She recently completed and passed the ITF Level 3 coaching exam which is the highest certification a tennis coach can achieve and is recognized worldwide.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

ROWING

Several crews from the St Mary's rowing club participated in the Long Row, a 28km social paddle on the Vaal River on the shortest, coldest day of the year.

The supporters enjoyed a casual breakfast on a cruise, with each of the crews launching and having a brilliant, fun paddle.

Well done to all the girls who rowed and the supporters for braving the cold and dark.

Should you wish to join the rowing family, please join us at our rowing open day on Sunday 10 July at the Victoria Lake Club (VLC). Please contact Caitlin Dace for further details at Caitlin.dace@stmary.co.za.



CAITLIN DACE
HEAD OF ROWING

NETBALL

U14 A Ekurhuleni netball play-offs

On Saturday 11 June, the U14 A netball team played in the Ekurhuleni netball play-offs. The play-offs took place at Hoërskool Dr E.G Jansen, in Boksburg.

The 1st round of matches started at 08h30 and our U14 team was scheduled to play the 3rd round at 09h30 against Hoërskool Die Anker. This being a knock-out tournament, the winning team progresses to the following round and the losing team goes home. St Mary's won 14-10 and moved to the quarter-finals.

In the quarter-finals, we played Hoërskool Brandwag. This was a nail-biting match, with teams having even scores at half-time. St Mary's narrowly won the match 11-10 in the last few seconds. This meant that the St Mary's U14 team progressed to the semi-finals against the renowned Hoërskool Hugenote.

The semi-final match started off slowly, with St Mary's trailing 3-7 at half-time. The second half saw St Mary's gain more momentum in their game but, unfortunately, narrowly losing 10-11 in the last few seconds of the match.

Though the U14 team did not progress to the finals or qualify for the Gauteng Championships, we can be very proud of and excited with the level of play these young girls displayed.

U15 A Gauteng Schools' Netball Championships

PALESA MASINGA
HEAD OF NETBALL

On Thursday 16 June, the U15 A team participated in the Gauteng Schools' Netball Championships. These championships took place at Laerskool Concordia, in Boksburg.

We were welcomed by a windy front. We immediately became aware that these games would not be any small feat but we knew that we had support from our coaches and parents.

Our first match was the 2nd round of the fixtures and we were up against Hoërskool Pretoria Noord. We started our match slowly but, as we warmed up, the level of play started to flow. We unfortunately lost the match 8 - 12.

Our 2nd match was against Strauss Secondary School. We had built momentum in our previous game and won 17 - 8. Proud of our performance, we regrouped for our following match against one of the tournaments favourites; Hoërskool Menlopark. Although we did not win the match, the first half was nail biting and intense. The final match score was 5 - 14 to Hoërskool Menlopark.

Having lost two matches already, our chances of going through to the knock-out stages of the tournament were very slim. We had a long break between our third and last match.

Our last match was another tough match against Boitumelong Secondary School. The match was close and we lost 8 - 9. Although we did not come home with the trophy, we ended the day with our heads held high and proud of what we had accomplished. The tournament was a great learning experience and we can't wait to see what we can achieve in the future.



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U15 A NETBALL CAPTAINS

OVERALL NETBALL RESULTS

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Under 14 - A team

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| 1. Marist Brothers, Lin | 8 |
| 2. St Mary's | 7 |
| 3. Roedean | 6 |
| 4. St Dominic's | 5 |
| 5. Holy Rosary | 4 |
| 6. Kingsmead | 3 |
| 7. Saheti | 2 |
| 8. Brescia | 1 |

Under 14 - B team

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. St Mary's | 8 |
| 2. Roedean | 7 |
| 3. St Dominic's | 6 |
| 4. Marist Brothers, Lin | 5 |
| 5. Brescia | 4 |
| 6. Holy Rosary | 3 |
| 7. Saheti | 2 |
| 8. Kingsmead | 1 |

Under 15 - A team

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Kingsmead | 8 |
| 2. Saheti | 7 |
| 3. St Mary's | 6 |
| 4. Roedean | 5 |
| 5. Holy Rosary | 4 |
| 6. Marist Brothers, Lin | 3 |
| 7. Brescia | 2 |
| 8. St Dominic's | 1 |

Under 15 - B team

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| 1. St Mary's | 8 |
| 2. Saheti | 7 |
| 3. Kingsmead | 6 |
| 4. Roedean | 5 |
| 5. Marist Brothers, Lin | 4 |
| 6. Brescia | 3 |
| 7. Holy Rosary | 2 |
| 8. St Dominic's | 1 |

Under 16 - A team

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| 1. St Dominic's | 8 |
| 2. St Mary's | 7 |
| 3. Holy Rosary | 6 |
| 4. Saheti | 5 |
| 5. Marist Brothers, Lin | 4 |
| 6. Kingsmead | 3 |
| 7. Brescia | 2 |
| 8. Roedean | 1 |

Under 16 - B team

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Roedean | 8 |
| 2. St Mary's | 7 |
| 3. Kingsmead | 6 |
| 4. Marist Brothers, Lin | 5 |
| 5. Brescia | 4 |
| 6. Holy Rosary | 3 |
| 7. Saheti | 2 |
| 8. St Dominic's | 0 |

Under 17 - A team

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. St Mary's | 8 |
| 2. Saheti | 7 |
| 3. Marist Brothers, Lin | 6 |
| 4. Roedean | 5 |
| 5. St Dominic's | 4 |
| 6. Brescia | 3 |
| 7. Kingsmead | 2 |
| 8. Holy Rosary | 0 |

Under 19 - B team

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Brescia | 8 |
| 2. Kingsmead | 7 |
| 3. Saheti | 6 |
| 4. St Mary's | 5 |
| 5. Marist Brothers, Lin | 4 |
| 6. Roedean | 3 |
| 7. St Dominic's | 2 |
| 8. Holy Rosary | 0 |

Under 19 - A team

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| 1. St Dominic's | 8 |
| 2. Holy Rosary | 7 |
| 3. Roedean | 6 |
| 4. St Mary's | 5 |
| 5. Kingsmead | 4 |
| 6. Brescia | 3 |
| 7. Saheti | 2 |
| 8. Marist Brothers, Lin | 1 |



NOTICES

MUSE MORNING -TUESDAY 12 JULY

Please join the Open Door on the Tuesday 12 July for a conversation with Tsholofelo Jood on:

The importance of emotional regulation in the parent-child relationship

Time: 07h30 to 08h30

Venue: Seminar room (The Edge)

RSVP: Lynsay Young at

Lynsay.young@stmary.co.za

About the speaker

Tsholofelo Jood is a clinical psychologist who specialises in treating children and adolescents. She works in a specialised child and family psychiatric unit which provides both inpatient and outpatient treatment. She also has a private practice in Parkmore, where she provides individual and family interventions.

Tsholofelo holds the perspective that a family comprises of interconnected individuals who form patterns of relating to each other, and those strategies define how the family functions overall. A large part of her focus is to support parents to create a developmentally containing environment for children and adolescents.



ST MARY'S SCHOOL APP

Getting to know the St Mary's School App - Tip 2: Notifications setting

Our last tip looked at adding your daughter's relevant events to your calendar. However, so much more happens on the app that keeps you in the loop of what is happening in your daughter's school life. Help yourself to get all the important information relevant to your daughter, by setting up your notifications on the app.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open the St Mary's App on your phone. 2. Click on the "My school profile" icon. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Click on "My Schedule" to see all the events that you have bookmarked (see Tip 1: Calendar). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Example of My Schedule view. 5. If you tap on the event, you can select an event to add to your calendar. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Go back to the "My School Profile" menu. 7. Click on Alert Settings. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Select your daughter's school. 9. Click on "Save". 10. Notifications will pop up on your phone. |

Please send questions or suggestions for future tips to Kathy.mittendorf@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/1FAIpQLSeUx3Xr5yffqS222lecKEQB09xYqUC5JkKg3ao6f1oWmqMmfA/viewform?usp=sf_link

2020 Annual Magazine



2021 Annual Magazine



2022 Annual Magazine



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 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.