



On Thursday 3 February, the Senior School paid tribute to the late Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and the legacy that this incredible, yet humble, man left behind. The Commemoration Liturgy honoured his life and the impact he had on the individuals around the world, in South Africa and in our very own school community. The Arch's determination, spirit and belief in the greater good of humanity are qualities that will be missed. May his legacy live through our world and in our community for many years to come. As Tutu said, "Do a little bit of good wherever you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world".

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

The 2022 return to school has been a happy one at St Mary's but we remain cognisant of the threat of the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, it is our intention to embrace school life this year and enjoy greater liberties.

The core function of a school is learning and teaching, and St Mary's is a vibrant, rigorous, and supportive learning environment. In this spirit we believe that our co-curricular activities support healthy development and provide a balance to the girls' daily lives. The impact of a holistic programme has been evident in the happy demeanour of the girls in the past weeks. This is a reminder of the importance of well-being - physical, spiritual, emotional and mental.

It was during the pandemic that well-being was highlighted as being threatened. An important aspect of well-being is balance. The lockdowns of 2020 and 2021 demanded that we become agile and flexible in approach, but these circumstances also allowed us to collapse the boundaries of home and work and school. These boundaries must now be reinstated if we and our children are to thrive. In recent meetings I have stressed the importance to teachers of adhering to routine when interacting on email and messaging platforms with their pupils. Teachers need to spend evenings and weekends with their families and friends in order to be energised in the classroom. I believe the same is true for our pupils.

For these reasons, I request that communication with teachers will, as far as possible, be limited to the period between 06h00 and 18h00 on weekdays. I request that all our families support this approach as we work together to create a healthy and flourishing community.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The Anglican Board of Education in its appraising the distinctive character of an Anglican School, speaks of **THE SIGNS AND SYMBOLS**

“In the school there will be signs and symbols of the Christian faith which remind the community of their faith heritage and challenge them to continue to live by faith. An obvious example is a chapel which is used for worship or a simple cross on the wall of every teaching venue would be another. Appropriate posters pointing to our common faith and how to live can also be helpful.

There are many ways to show the school’s commitment to the faith, one needs to be creative and intentional” (ABESA).

One of the living signs of God’s presence in our school is the ringing of the Angelus bell. The Angelus bell is rung daily (Monday to Friday) at 12h25.

“A time the bell” is rung makes this “a living sign”. The traditional times for the ringing of the Angelus bell are 06h00, 12h00 and 18h00. At St Mary’s, we have found a way to integrate the Angelus into the rhythm of our school day. The ringing of the Angelus bell is an invitation to observe a moment of silence, prayer and reflection.

The Angelus takes its name from the words the angel Gabriel spoke to Mary in Luke’s Gospel (1:26-38): *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Maria* (“the Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary”).



REVD RAKGADI KHOBO
CHAPLAIN

SRC REPRESENTATIVES

Form	Clayton	Furse	Karney	Phelps
II	Khumo Mochela	Reitumetse Molapo	Kganya Kodisang	Retshegofaditswe Seobi
III	Sophia Babaya	Ntombifuthi Dlamini	Lauren Benfield	Emma Matemera
IV	Thiya Kalan	Tessa Dagut	Megan Kench	Moleboheng Leeto
V	Folasade Adebule	Mokgadi Seema	Nyakallo Kodisang	Nyasha Mazarura

Form I SRC representatives will be voted for later in the term.

FORM I CAMP

The entire Form I group spent three nights at Konka camp in the Magaliesberg. The days and nights were filled with a variety of activities and I feel that everybody found something to enjoy. In retrospect, even the “Mudstacle” wasn’t so bad, although ‘dirty’ is an inadequate word to describe what girls looked like afterwards. Mealtimes were noisy but the food was delicious and appreciated by all. The tuck shop and swimming times were welcome moments of respite. The carefully planned activities, as well as the spontaneous moments, and the fun and laughter gave us a great start to the year. Hopefully everybody learned something about themselves as well as others and had a chance to connect with somebody new. The camp afforded us much needed and valuable bonding time. Thank you, Form I.

QUIX
FORM I CO-ORDINATOR

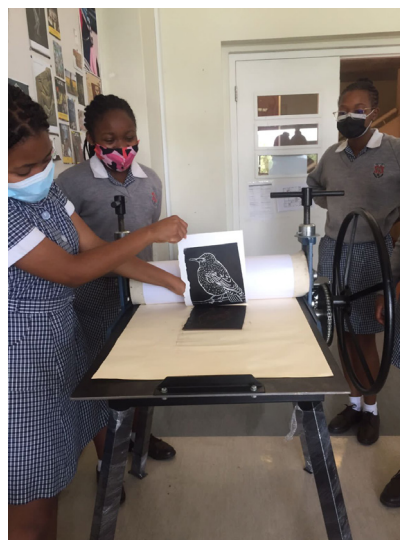
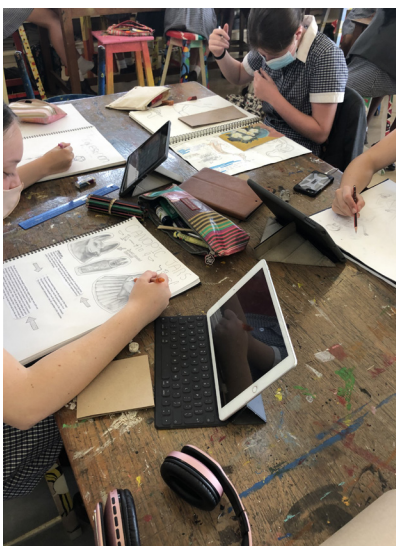


VISUAL ART

To start off the year, the senior Art students have begun working on a national art competition from Reddam House, Umhlanga. The girls have each been given a booklet of brown paper on which they must draw something in response to the theme “Unfold Me” or “Art Accidents”. The girls have already started working on brown paper using a variety of media.

We are also excited to be using our new printing press which was added to the department recently. This opens up a variety of new print media with which the girls can experiment and create. The girls have the opportunity to learn some new skills and explore the quick turnaround time that printmaking allows.

DANIELLE MOWATT
HOD: VISUAL ARTS



DANCING

Senior dance

We have an exciting line-up of dance classes on offer, with specialists in each genre of dance teaching the various styles. For more information on these options, teachers, timetables and how to register, visit www.5678productions.co.za

St Mary's dance team

This year, we will be continuing to celebrate the diverse dance talent that we have at St Mary's. We held auditions for the dance team this week and are excited to announce the girls who will represent St Mary's at both SABOD and SA Dance Championships this year.

Congratulations to the following girls, from your heads of dance, Talsia Rossini and Mpho Mudau:

Agape Mhlanga
Naomi Quinn
Abigail Coppola
Yanda Magudumana
Venus Chow
Christine Nyamaropa
Farai Mazarura
Khumo Mochela
Caitlyn Govender
Tawananyasha Muchineripi

CLAIRE VAN NIEKERK
DANCE TEACHER



DEBATING

During the December holidays, four of our debaters competed in the South African Schools' Debating Nationals. The online tournament consisted of six preliminary rounds and four final rounds. Francesca Lewitton and Juhi Baboolal competed in the junior division, both ending their competition journey just before the semi-finals. Dalila Spinazze and Nyasha Mazarura competed in the senior division. Dalila made it to semi-finals and Nyasha made it to quarter-finals. All the girls ranked within the top 20 speakers and were invited to trial for national teams. The juniors did especially well with Juhi ranking 5th and Francesca ranking 3rd in their division. Francesca and Dalila made the senior national development team and Nyasha has made the Zimbabwean world's team that will be competing at worlds in August. The juniors have yet to trial and we wish them luck!

NYASHA MAZARURA
HEAD OF DEBATING



CHOIR AND JAZZ BAND WORKSHOPS



Alto saxophonists- Retshegofaditswe Seobi and Victoria Staples



Being treated to a performance



Jazz band leader for 2022 - Hannah de Lange with Ella Stipinovich, Rebecca Trickett and Tessa Dagut



Elliott Rogers, Mira Kathawaroo and Cissy Zhang



Having fun at Saturday's workshop



Romy Brauteseth and Marcus Wyatt



Drummers, Francesca Genovese and Chloé Mocke

Designed to start the year with a musical bang, this past weekend's workshops in the Senior School were a time of repertoire-learning and a coming together for the joy of live music-making. On Saturday morning, Dudley Trollope and Nomvula Mehlomakhulu led the choir in an exciting two hour rehearsal in The Edge theatre.

The jazz band began the year with a rehearsal on Friday 28 January in which we started to learn several new tunes. Jane McMurray also joined us and led the band in a workshop about performance practice, relaxation and visualisation techniques. We all thoroughly enjoyed this and are looking forward to inviting her back to work with the band again.

On Saturday, we were joined by trumpeter Marcus Wyatt and bassist Romy Brauteseth, leading lights of the South African jazz scene.

We were also joined by our new flute teacher Cayley Fitzgerald, who is fast making a positive impact in our Music department, saxophonist Jemma Falkov and guitarist Elliott Rogers, leader of the St Mary's jazz band in 2020, now studying a Bachelor of Music degree at Wits University under the tuition of award-winning guitarist Vuma Levin.

It was wonderful to stand on stage together to make music with the promise of future performances to come.

CERI MOELWYN-HUGHES
MUSIC TEACHER

EQUESTRIAN

Last year, Katherine Franck (FII) was selected for the following Gauteng teams:

- Open pony rider Showjumping (1.2m)
- Open children's Showjumping (1.10m)
- Open pony rider Equitation
- Open children's Equitation

The SA Championships took place in Paarl in December. Gauteng won all their team events. Katherine and her pony, Bodenhausen Le Chocolatier, won the SA Pony Rider Open Equitation Event.

MELANIE BLAIR
TEACHER IN CHARGE



BASKETBALL

On Wednesday 26 January we played the first round of matches for the season. It is wonderful to see how many players we have at basketball this year. The girls are interested, enthusiastic and willing to learn. Our senior girls have gained valuable experience over the years and our juniors are showing a tremendous amount of potential. We look forward to watching the girls as the season progresses; the players improve and the opposition changes.

Our first fixture was against St Peter's. Both schools were able to field six teams which meant that many of our girls had an opportunity to play. The matches were closely contested, and the level of play was impressive. Both senior teams lost, the 1st team narrowly after leading for part of the match. The U15 A and U14 A teams won and the U15 B and U14 B teams drew.

The 1st team and an invitational team, made up of senior, U16 and U15 players, will participate in the St Dunstan's Tournament on Friday 4 February and Saturday 5 February. The players and the coaches are looking forward to an exciting two days of basketball!

TARYN DE WINNAAR
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT



GOLF



Samantha Whateley and Gia Raad



Samantha Whateley and Annika Sorenstam
at the Annika Invitational 2022

Sincere congratulations to Gia Raad who is a new inductee to the GolfRSA Women's National Squad 2022. She joins Samantha Whateley who is already a member of this squad. This makes St Mary's history as we have two girls in this squad at one time.

For the second successive year, Samantha was selected to play at the Annika Invitational but, owing to Covid-19, it was her first opportunity to physically play and even this nearly didn't happen as, once the US borders opened, getting an entry and a flight was a mad scramble. Fortunately, she was able to set off for Orlando, Florida, on Sunday 9 January.

This is the experience in Sam's own words: "The tournament was an amazing opportunity to be able to play with and among very competitive and successful junior American girls which definitely made the environment intense. There were also a lot of college coaches around watching your every move on the course. The pressurised environment was an amazing experience and one I will never forget. The tournament was hosted by Annika Sorenstam. I not only had the privilege of meeting and having a photograph taken with her, but also attending a clinic where she taught us valuable lessons that she had learnt from her many successful years on tour."

QUIX
HEAD OF SPORT

TENNIS

The tennis season is in full swing and it is wonderful to be participating in the league and fielding 50 players in the Tuesday afternoon matches. The St Mary's teams had a great start to the league with the 1st team, 2nd team and 3rd team winning their matches against the 1st teams from the opposing schools and the 4th team losing a close match. The St Mary's players are also busy competing in the school championships and the tennis has been of a high standard.

Congratulations to Lilitha Ndungane and Tayla Gibbs who were selected for the Gauteng Central U19 A and B teams respectively. Well done to Moroosi Tuwane and Bailey Selvam who were selected for the Gauteng Central U15 A team and Bashali Phatshwane and Kirsten Hadiaris for being selected for the U15 B team.

Results 25 January

St Mary's A beat Helpmekaar A 51-30
 St Mary's B beat Helpmekaar B 54-27
 St Mary's C beat Crawford Sandton A 44-37
 St Mary's D beat Crawford Sandton B 59-22
 St Mary's E beat HeronBridge A 33-30
 St Mary's F beat HeronBridge B 37-26
 St Mary's G lost to Helpmekaar C 30-33
 St Mary's H lost to Helpmekaar D 28-35

RENÉ PLANT
HEAD OF TENNIS

INDOOR HOCKEY

Congratulations to Kristy Leonard and Zoë Christodoulou who represented the Gryphons U18 A team and Milla Morse, Danelia Price-Hughes and Ava Economakis who represented the Titans U15 A team at the PSI Indoor Tournaments during the December holidays. The U15 team placed 3rd. The U18 team won the tournament and Kristy was selected for the All Star Africa team as well as being awarded the Player of the Tournament.



Gryphons U18 A team winning gold



Kristy Leonard - player of the tournament

SWIMMING

It is awesome to be back, and competing and building team spirit with some of our long-standing traditions.



Matric tradition at the first morning training session



The first gala of the season was cancelled owing to lightning. The team then swam at Parktown and at home. We won both of these galas but are still working with teams and combinations as we try to determine the best relay teams to swim at Inter-high.

This is a blast from the past. These girls were the victorious 2010 breaststroke relay team from St Mary's.



Jeanie du Toit, Amica Hallendorff, Stacey Morley-Jepson and Kate Stephens

SUMMER SPLASH

Life is better poolside!

The 2022 Summer Splash aquatics festival last weekend reminded us of summer fun. There were dives, splashes, personal bests, goals, cheering, singing and smiles all round while more than 10 schools competed in water polo, diving or swimming.

After two years of not being able to host the event, it was a blessing that we had good weather and a beautiful two days spent at the prestigious St Mary's aquatic centre.

What makes the Summer Splash so exciting is the bringing together of all three aquatics sports: water polo, diving and swimming. All the athletes involved put on a superb display of their sporting talents. The swimming and diving competitions have combined junior and senior teams, allowing athletes from Grade 4 upwards to compete together.

In the water polo section, our U16 team placed 3rd in a very exciting match where they beat St Stithians College 10-7 to take the bronze position. Our invitational U15 team placed 6th and showed great potential.

Our diving team placed 1st with a 14-point lead over St Stithians College, which placed 2nd.

The swimming team swam well, taking 1st place of the gala event with a total of 622 points.

The aquatic coaches and sports staff are extremely proud of the passion and pride that was shown throughout the 2022 Summer Splash aquatics festival.

Thank you to all the academic staff who helped out at the festival.

KELSEY THOMSON
HEAD OF AQUATICS



SQUASH



Lara Kent, Mas Scott (squash mascot) and Megan Saunders

On Friday 28 January, St Mary's played against Kingsmead at the Joburg Junior Squash League. The U14 A team won in a 14-0 victory. The U15 A team also impressed in a 14-1 victory. The U19 teams showcased some excellent squash, however, the U19 A and U19 B teams both lost. The U19 A team lost 11-3 with Lara Kent being the only player to win. The U19 B team lost 13-5. The girls all played competitive squash and showed great determination.

PANASHE SITHOLE
COACH

IKUSASA LETHU

Would you like to mentor a Grade 9 to 12 high school student from Alexandra Township who attends extra classes on Saturdays at St Mary's?

Join our team of 70+ South African and international mentors who proactively engage with learners from Alexandra. The programme is run by an independent NPO, Sizanani Mentorship Programme (sizanani.org.za), in partnership with St Mary's Ikusasa Lethu Programme. It is really an eye-opening and joyful experience to do with your family.

Once a month, if possible, mentors fetch their mentees (one or two) after their classes on Saturday. They invite them on outings to the theatre, museums, parks, sports, restaurants, visits at their home or anything they usually do with your family. In doing so, you will help our young learners to improve their self-awareness, self-confidence and expose them to other communities. Some mentees also help them with career guidance.

The Sizanani team offers support to the mentors and mentees and organises collective outings and mentors' meetings, tutoring, career guidance, company visits, annual soccer competitions, talent shows as well as bursaries and support to our students and job-seeking graduates.

The sponsorship provided is not a financial aid tool (apart from outings and sometimes tutorials, there is financial aid) but a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a direct impact on a learner. You are also welcome to support Sizanani by donating used laptops, organising company visits, offering bursaries and funding, as an individual or with your company.

Contact us if you would like to know more about our programme or to join our next mentor training and mentee selection sessions, on Saturday 12 February and 5 March from 12h30 at St Mary's.

Contact details - Samantha Mutoredzanwa - 081 319 6532 - info@sizanani.org.za



"Sacrificing a day in a month for a CHILD can HELP shape their DESTINY," - Babsie Shabalala, a St Mary's's parent, who joined Sizanani as a mentor of Tshinyelo Nkawana

SAMANTHA MUTOREDZANWA
SIZANANI PROGRAMME MANAGER

PURPLEZA



Launch of PurpleZA, a professional development platform

PurpleZA is a world-class professional development platform that empowers our teachers to leverage technology effectively for teaching and learning while also implementing progressive pedagogies, such as inquiry-based learning project-based learning and design thinking. With this self-paced teacher learning program, teachers are able to create their own learning paths - obtaining microcredentials and awards as they go. Our teachers benefit from a wide range of great teaching resources, as well as the opportunity to connect with other South African PurpleZA schools, share ideas and resources, and help one another level up.

During the launch of PurpleZA on Tuesday 25 January, we competed in teams to solve a murder mystery, "Who killed teacher Joy?" as we solved puzzles and familiarised ourselves with the platform. With the aim to inspire and motivate teachers and to ignite the JOY of learning for both students and teachers, we can't wait to see how PurpleZA will challenge our teachers to greatness!

MARIËTTE ADAM
ED-TECH LEADER



MUSE MORNING

Date: Tuesday 22 February

Time: 07h30 to 08h30

Venue: Senior Primary hall

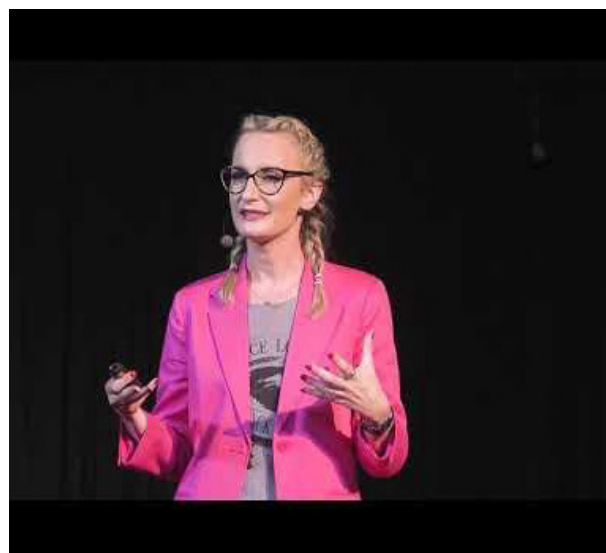
Speaker: Andy Cohen (see biography below)

Topic: "A parent can't always act like a grown-up, here's why..."

Booking is essential as space is limited. Quicket booking:

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/164978-muse-morning/>

Andy Cohen is a psychoanalyst-in-training and TEDx speaker with a background in art and counselling. She is deeply passionate about creativity and self-repair and works therapeutically with a wide range of groups and individuals in private practice. Andy holds the position of editor-elect on the executive committee for IPSO, the International Psychoanalytical Studies Organisation. She also writes for a range of parenting hubs like Jozi Kids, with a strong focus on "psychoanalytic ideas made simple" in order to empower families to live fuller, more integrated lives.



COFFEE MORNING INVITATION

Dear new Senior School parents

Join us for coffee!

meet each other,
The PA (Parents Association),
HOPE (Hearing Other People's Experiences),
St Mary's Foundation and
SMOGS (St Mary's Old Girl Association)



TUESDAY 8 FEB, 07h30
SMOGS lawn, next to
Olives & Plates

RSVP by Friday 4 Feb
 Lilly.Tshotlhana@stmary.co.za

ROWING CLUB GOLF DAY



St Mary's rowing club
golf day

Please contact Ronelle Price-Hughes on
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 or sponsorship offers



Please click here to book.
 We look forward to seeing you there!



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 Waverley
 Founded 1888