



Congratulations to the matric class of 2021 on your incredible matric results!



Celebrating the class of 2021

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

The 2022 school year has started with much activity at St Mary's School. The campus has been filled with the sounds of girls in chapel and gathering in The Close for assemblies. There is an enthusiastic atmosphere amongst the pupils as they engage in the classroom and participate in co-curricular activities. We have hosted a few functions in the past two weeks, which have been well attended and occasions for parents, teachers, and pupils to make introductions and to mingle.

We began the school year celebrating our first quad's win at the South Africa Schools' Boat Race. This is a competitive rowing event that takes place on the Kowie River and draws wide interest nationally: a race that St Mary's has now won 14 times in its 20-year history.

On Wednesday we released the 2021 National Senior Certificate results. Our class of 2021 is congratulated on their individual and collective achievement. The final two years of their schooling were disrupted by the pandemic, and they were confronted with the disappointment of not experiencing many of the highlights of school life. Nevertheless, the class of 2021 obtained a 100% pass rate, 390 distinctions, which averaged 3.5 A symbols per candidate, and 77% of the class achieved an average of over 70%. Further details of their achievements are recorded in this newsletter, on our website and on the school app.

Summer Splash, our popular aquatics festival, returns this weekend. I wish those swimming, diving, and playing water polo an enjoyable weekend. Although spectator numbers are restricted, we will welcome the Form V parents to support their daughters.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

MATRIC RESULTS

Highlights

100% Pass

98% Bachelor Degree Pass

390 Distinctions (80%+)

80 A+ symbols (90%+)

15 Placements in the Top 1% in a subject

39 Pupils (35%) with an average of 80% or more

86 Pupils (77%) with an average of 70% or more

106 Pupils (95%) with an average of 60% or more

RECENT HISTORY OF MATRIC RESULTS AT ST MARY'S

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
No. of candidates	92	97	94	98	104	111	103	104	101	101	101	102	112
% Pass	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
% Bachelor Degree Pass	100	99	99	96	100	99	100	100	100	99	98	100	98
% Candidates who achieved distinctions	65	69	70	81	84	88	89	88	96	91	88	95	91
No. of Distinctions	232	323	270	303	423	378	364	358	414	426	330	434	390
Distinctions per candidate	2.52	3.33	2.87	3.09	4.01	3.41	3.53	3.44	4.10	4.22	3.27	4.25	3.48
Average > 80% (% cand.)	25	34	22	28	41	33	32	34	43	47	34	47	35
Average > 70% (% cand.)	67	58	57	67	78	73	78	80	82	82	74	85	77
Average > 60% (% cand.)	95	88	89	94	99	96	98	99	100	98	95	100	95
Mathematics (% uptake)	84	90	84	89	91	80	88	85	91	90	87	94	93
Mathematical Literacy (% uptake)	16	10	16	11	9	20	12	15	9	10	13	6	7
Advanced Programme Mathematics (% uptake)	5	10	13	15	29	21	23	16	21	22	14	20	22
Advanced Programme English (% uptake)	n/a	n/a	16	15	18	18	13	13	14	10	12	11	11
Physical Sciences (% uptake)	72	63	61	64	63	59	55	61	63	63	52	57	64
'Outstanding achievers'	1	6	4	2	5	3	2	0	2	1	3	3	1
'Commendable achievers'	2	2	2	1	4	1	3	4	2	2	3	2	1
Placements in Top 1% in a subject	13	40	28	24	45	29	27	16	34	27	44	29	15

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

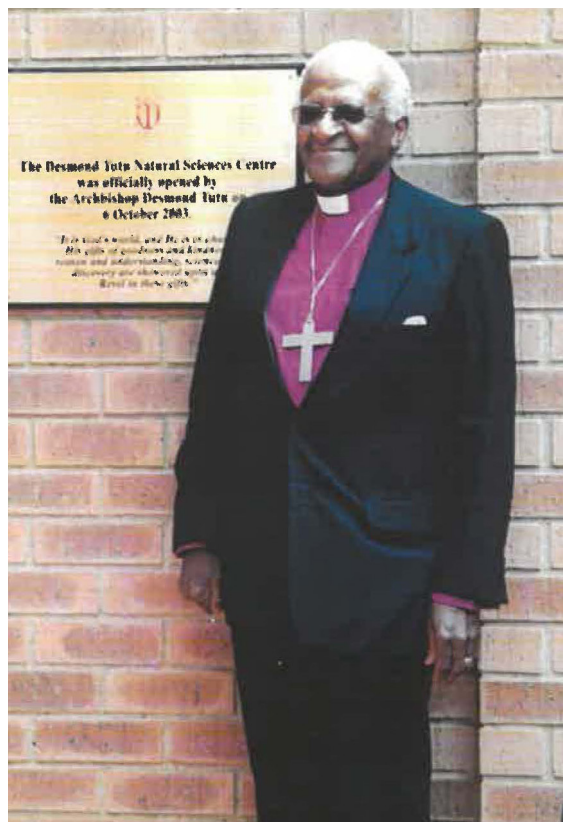
Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu was ordained deacon and priest in 1960 and 1961, respectively, at the cathedral of St Mary the virgin. In 1975, he became dean of St Mary's Cathedral. Lehlohonolo Montjane (Old Girl, 1980-1983) remembers attending a multiracial Sunday school at the cathedral when Archbishop Tutu was dean of the cathedral. The apartheid government sought to separate people based on race and ethnicity. In welcoming blacks as priests and leaders, the Anglican church, together with St Mary's in admitting black girls to the school as early as the mid-1970s, was guided by their Christian faith. As St Paul puts it in his letter to the Galatians that *"there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise"* (Galatians 3: 28-29).

During his time as bishop of Johannesburg, 1985-1986, archbishop Tutu served as a member of St Mary's Board of Directors. He has preached and presided at services in the chapel. Lisa Henry (Old Girl, 1986-1996) remembers Archbishop Tutu coming to St Mary's and the girls learning *Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrica* when it was still banned.

To some, Archbishop Desmond Tutu is a saint. To others, the memory is less positive. But that is a lesson for another day.

Our relationship as St Mary's with Archbishop Tutu is one of being co-workers in God's vineyard, *"for we are God's servants, working together"* (1 Corinthians 3:9). Archbishop Desmond Tutu endorsed the Natural Sciences Centre with his name.

St Mary's will commemorate Archbishop Desmond Tutu on Thursday 3 February 2022, at a service of lessons and spirituals, which will include readings, reflections, and music.



REVD RAKGADI KHOBO
CHAPLAIN

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Thank you to the St Mary's community for your response to the appeal for stationery items. Your contributions enabled us to make up stationery packs for all the school-going children of our campus and cleaning staff in preparation for the start of their school year.

JESSICA LANSDOWN
HEAD OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



DIVING

Over the December holidays, several of the St Mary's divers competed in national age group competitions and the RSA Cup, a prestigious diving competition which happens annually. The requirements to compete in the competitions are of a FINA standard; they increase steadily from the U9 age group and end with the U18 girls who complete nine dives on each board. Some of the highlights of the event included Zalika Methula ranking number one in the U16 age group as well as ranking as the overall number one diver who is currently residing in South Africa. Congratulations on this commendable achievement, Zalika. Emma Campbell has been ranked as the number one U13 diver in South Africa. Congratulations, Emma.

Sacha Bray and Tannah Proudfoot competed in the U18 age group. The results of their competitions are as follows:

1m:
3rd Tannah Proudfoot
4th Sacha Bray

3m:
2nd Tannah Proudfoot
5th Sacha Bray
Platform:
2nd Tannah Proudfoot
4th Sacha Bray

South African U18 rankings:

2nd Tannah Proudfoot
4th Sacha Bray

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1m:
1st Zalika Methula
5th Keratile Manaka

3m:
1st Zalika Methula
5th Keratile Manaka

Platform:
1st Zalika Methula
3rd Keratile Manaka
Synchronized
1st Keratile Manaka

RSA Cup:
1st Zalika Methula
7th Keratile Manaka
South African U16 rankings:
1st Zalika Methula

Emma Campbell competed in the U13 age group. She placed 1st on 1m, 2nd on 3m and 1st on platform. Emma is ranked 1st in U13 South African rankings.

Congratulations to all the girls on their commendable achievements.

KATE SHEPHERD
DIVING COACH



Emma Campbell



Zalika Methula

TENNIS



Lilitha Ndungane



Moroesi Tuoane



Bailey Selvam

Congratulations to Lilitha Ndungane (Form IV), Moroesi Tuoane (Form II) and Bailey Selvam (Form I) who were all chosen for the prestigious South African National Squads in the U18, U16 and U14 age groups respectively. Only 12 players per age group are selected. This is an excellent achievement.

Many of our top players were very busy on the tennis courts during the December holidays. Congratulations to Tyrah Cook who placed 8th in the women's singles event and 4th in the doubles event of the Eastern Province Growthpoint tournament.

Moroesi Tuoane played tennis of a high standard to win the U16 singles event in the Gauteng North Mini. Moroesi also placed 6th and 7th respectively in the U16 singles events of the Gauteng Central Super eight and Gauteng North Super 8 Tournaments.

Congratulations to Bailey Selvam who placed in 5th position in the U14 singles of both the Gauteng Central and Gauteng East Super 8.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Summers who was placed in 8th position in U14 singles of the Gauteng East Super 8 Growthpoint tournament and she also ended 6th in the U14 singles of the Gauteng North Mini.

I extend our congratulations to Bashali Phatshwane (Form I) for being selected to represent Botswana as their number one U14 player in the prestigious African Junior Championships.

Well done to all the above players on their outstanding achievements.

RENÉ PLANT
HEAD OF TENNIS

BASKETBALL

At the beginning of the December holidays, I was given the honour of representing South Africa at the U17 region five games hosted in Lesotho.

We played a total of four games, made the finals but owing to the rise in Covid-19 cases we had to return home leaving us in second place overall. Fortunately we were able to make it to Afrokbasket. The experience was truly unforgettable from being led by coach Thesline and coach Fatso to creating life long bonds with all my teammates. It was one of the greatest opportunities and I couldn't be more thankful.

ZINATHI GWINA
FORM IV



ROWING

The St Mary's 1st quad competed at the 20th annual Schools' Boat Race. The St Mary's crew went into this event as underdogs, attempting to defend the title from 2019.

Boat Race is a unique event which takes place over two days. On day one, crews race a heads race over four kms to determine the ranking and finals for the following day. The second day of racing is made up of the two boat finals.

This nail-biting race went in favour of the St Mary's crew. The girls' single-minded focus allowed the crew to maintain contact with the opposition and take advantage of the inside corner in the last quarter of the race, securing the 14th gold medal for St Mary's.

A huge thank you to all our supporters for ensuring the spirit of St Mary's was felt on the river.

We are very proud of these girls; welcome to the legacy!

CAITLIN DACE
HEAD OF ROWING



PTA CLUB 100

PTA CLUB 100 WINNERS TERM I 2022:

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| 100% | - Zahra Pakdoust | FV |
| 20% | - Courtney Van Wyk | Grade 6 |
| 10% | - Lebone Motsisi | Grade 1 |

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 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 portal, please click on the link below or visit the school website on www.stmaryschool.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.