

# WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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Girls looking spectacular at the matric formal celebration

### FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL HEAD'S DESK

By the time you read this, we should be ready to embark on the April holiday, leaving behind us some important St Mary's milestones: the 2021 matric formal (so called owing to Covid-19 restrictions on dancing), our first term Junior School parent afternoons (online – another adaptation to the virus) and all the slightly modified activities relating to Book Week, the Little Saints Wheelathon, charity collections and special assemblies.

We shall, I imagine, be looking forward to the days spent with our families over the Easter weekend, at home, or travelling to a holiday destination. As much as we might relish time away from work, holidays and more relaxed regulations bring with them a sense of trepidation as well: according to expert sources widely quoted in the media, the predicted third wave of Covid-19 could engulf the country in the next few weeks.

We appeal to you, our St Mary's families, as part of the community of Independent Schools, to conduct yourselves sensibly over the holiday period and to take all reasonable and necessary precautions to keep yourself and your children safe, healthy, and ready to return to campus in the last week of April. Our teachers are prepared to switch to remote learning at short notice, but it is our heartfelt wish that we continue to teach onsite next term, while running as full a programme of co-curricular activities as possible.

As March draws to a close, we also look back on a month of more or less significant local and international events, activities, and commemorations discussed in class, assembly and chapel with the girls: we remembered that this was the month, last year, that the WHO declared Covid-19 a pandemic; we spoke about International Women's Day and its theme of *Choose to Challenge* as well as Women's History month, celebrated in America; we mentioned World Poetry Day, World Down Syndrome Day and the International Day of Forests – all acknowledged on 21 March – and, most importantly, we discussed Human Rights Day (marked worldwide as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (officially commemorated on 10 December) and our own Bill of Rights, enshrined in Chapter Two of the South African Constitution.

This year, the celebration and solemn remembrance of Human Rights Day saw civil society engage in the usual, vigorous discussions on how to protect the human rights of all South Africans, including its children, with the noteworthy addition of one highly topical item: the world's right to a fairly priced and accessible Covid-19 vaccine.

## FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL HEAD'S DESK (CONTINUED)

The girls' intelligent and enthusiastic contributions to these lessons and assemblies show that discussions of this nature are happening with you, at home. My thanks to the teachers for supporting the development of a truly holistic curriculum, and to our new Junior School librarian, Ms Elk, assisted by her Grade 7 librarians, for the thoughtfully curated displays on women leaders and other themes explored this term in the rapidly transforming Junior School library.

Before we part for the holidays, I would like to say a formal goodbye to Revd Jenny Mabin-Krige who leaves St Mary's at the end of this term. Jenny's tender, wise ministry will be sorely missed by the girls and her colleagues in the Junior School. To close my assembly on Human Rights last week, I played the girls a clip of American musician, Bobby McFerrin leading an audience at the World Science Festival through the universal wonders of the pentatonic scale (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ne6tB2KiZuk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ne6tB2KiZuk</a>) The clip could serve as a fitting tribute to Jenny as well – who has demonstrated the idea of shared humanity in all her Divinity lessons and chapel services, not by telling us about it, but through her actions, stories and simply beautiful pictures.

SARAH WARNER
JUNIOR SCHOOL HEADMISTRESS

#### FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The next day, the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

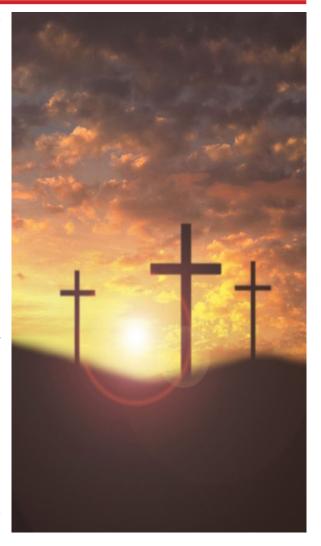
His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done.

- John 12:12-16 (NRSV)

In the Gregorian calendar, this last Sunday was Palm Sunday – the day on which we celebrate Christ's entering Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, hailed as king. The day is also known as Passion Sunday as this is the last time Christ entered Jerusalem, having entered to walk to his death. Thus, this week is known as Holy Week: the week in which we walk with Christ in his last days, culminating in the Last Supper, washing of the disciples' feet, and Christ's arrest on Maundy Thursday, and his death on the cross on Good Friday. Finally, there is the joy of Easter Sunday on 4 April, as we find the tomb empty and, along with Christ's disciples and the angels, give shouts of "Christ is risen!"

As this is our last newsletter for the term, I should like to take this opportunity to wish all, a blessed Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. For those in our community who are members of the Eastern Orthodox church and who therefore follow the Julian calendar, Palm Sunday takes place on 25 April, and Easter Sunday on 2 May.

We wish those in our community who are followers of the Jewish faith who will be celebrating Pesach, *chag Pesach sameach*. Pesach, or the Passover, began on the eve of Saturday 27 March and draws to a close on Sunday 4 April. After Term I comes to an end, on Tuesday 13 April the month of Ramadan commences for followers of the Islamic faith, and comes to an end on the evening of Wednesday 12 May. *Ramadan kareem*, therefore, to the members of our community who are Muslim.



REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS CHAPLAIN

### **SRC REPS**

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### LITTLE SAINTS

The children have been exploring their identities. During this investigation, the pupils were invited to represent their uniqueness through a variety of different media. These included: through movement of their bodies, through using paint and loose parts in the form of natural objects, through drawing their friend holding something that formed part of their identity and painting on perspex, then printing their image onto paper.

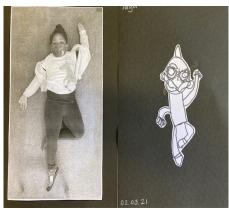
The teachers at Little Saints have been reading and sharing stories that relate to our individuality and identity. Some of these titles are, *Skin We Are In* by Sindiwe Magona and Nina G Jablonski, *The Colours of Us* by Karen Katz and *Perfectly Different* by Sarah Tavola, illustrated by Sinan Hallak. The children mixed paint with play dough to represent the

shade of their skin. They added their finer features to their play dough models of themselves using natural objects such as twigs, seeds, leaves and pebbles.

ANGELA MORTIMER LITTLE SAINTS TEACHER













### **BOOK WEEK**

Beginning on Thursday 18 March, we began to celebrate Book Week in the Junior School. This week has been full of exciting activities related to the library, books and reading! Our opening was a hugely successful story telling evening involving the Grade 7s, Junior Primary and the Little Saints. Even though load shedding threatened to disrupt our evening, the Grade 7s took it in their stride and adapted their performances for the encroaching darkness. The younger girls loved being at school in their pyjamas, and showed off their teddies, onesies and slippers.

On Tuesday 23 March, Grade 0 to 7 took turns to traipse to The Edge for the anticipated Hooked on Books which was a marvellous success. Even with Covid-19 restrictions, the girls enjoyed the actors renditions of *Escape!, My Grandpa is a Zombie* and *Paris Cat* to name a few, and the highly-awaited titles were gone from the library in a jiff!

Each grade continued the week by having a special library scavenger hunt, aimed at their age group, and with the hope that they will find a new book they never would have read before.

The week ends off on Wednesday 31 March with the highly anticipated Junior Primary and Little Saints book parade, and the count of the inter-house reading competition points.

ROSA ELK

JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN









The Grade 7s performed Oi! Get off my Train, The Incredible Book Eating Boy, Ada Twist Scientist, and All the Ways to Be Smart



The Junior Primary book reviews by the girls



A pledge to make reading a part of their everyday lives

INNO MOKHUTSWANE
JUNIOR PRIMARY TEACHER

#### **GRADE 2**

Sam Smith, our Junior Primary occupational therapist, joined the Grade 2 classes to teach them how to make a stress ball using balloons and play dough. This activity required team work and very strong fingers! The girls made use of the stress balls during listening tasks to assist them with concentration and strengthening fine motor skills.

As part of book week, the girls came to school dressed in their pyjamas and slippers for a story telling evening. The Grade 7s put on a show for our girls, which was then followed by stories, hot chocolate and Easter eggs.





CARON LAWRENCE
JUNIOR PRIMARY TEACHER

### **GRADE 4**

The Grade 4 girls recycled plastic milk bottles after learning about plastic pollution in our land.

They planted seeds in their containers and seedlings in the school garden.



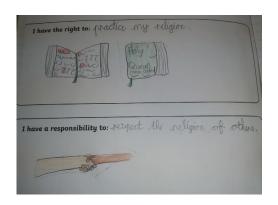




TEENA LOWNDES SENIOR PRIMARY TEACHER

In Grade 4, we have been learning about Human Rights Day. In History, we unpacked where the rights have come from and the matching responsibilitie. In English, the girls read further information and completed a comprehension. Ms Elk, our new librarian, created scrolls reflecting rights and responsibilities.

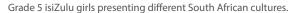




TRISH BONORCHIS
SENIOR PRIMARY TEACHER

### **GRADE 5**

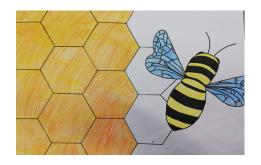






ROSEMARY NCOBELA SENIOR PRIMARY TEACHER

### **GRADE 6**







The Grade 6 girls have been learning about 2D shapes in geometry. They have learnt how to construct a hexagon. They then applied this knowledge when creating beautiful pictures using hexagons.

KERRY GIBBONS HOD: SENIOR PRIMARY

### **GRADE 7**







The Grade 7 girls continued their investigation into the animal kingdom by studying vertebrates. Fish were studied in class and research was completed on feeding habits, reproduction, respiration and locomotion. They then dissected a fish to locate the internal organs responsible for carrying out the vital processes of the fish. They are completing a self-study task on carnivores at present.

ANNIE THOM SENIOR PRIMARY TEACHER

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**





Over 1500 donated pre-loved books were collected by Mrs Eleanor Hough from St Theresa's Convent School in Coronationville. Their library shelves have received a fresh coat of paint and stocked with the books. The pupils have started using the library and are very excited about being able to take out books to read. We also sent some marshmallow Easter eggs that were generously donated by our Junior Primary families - a special treat for Easter always brings some happines to any children.

LINDA MAISHMAN JUNIOR PRIMARY TEACHER

## **MUSIC**

The Junior School Music department has faced, and continues to face a myriad of challenges sent our way by the Covid-19 pandemic, but a daily walk around the campus will confirm that music is still very much alive at St Mary's.

Every morning begins with music and worship in our chapel, in assembly or in hymn practice.

Our Little Saints musicians prepared for Holy Week and the piazza hummed with musical activities. In the Junior Primary hall, class music lessons are in full swing. Our soloists have commenced with individual instrumental lessons, in line with Covid-19 regulations, and the instrumental programmes in Grades 2 and 3 are up and running. I applaud the string, wind and choral departments for adapting to strict protocols while continuing to instil a love of music in our girls.

In the state-of-the-art Edge, our Senior Primary girls are playing, moving, discovering and exploring music, and the Singing Angels, Senior Primary choir and Junior School orchestra are raring to go. We are enjoying the opportunity to rehearse in smaller groups on campus and we look forward next term to welcoming back the marimba groups as well as the chamber choir.

The future of the Junior School Music department is bright as our girls experience and live the joy of music on campus. It would be foolish, however, to think that things will ever be the same again. We have new insights, tools and techniques to move courageously into what was once unfamiliar terrain, but one thing is certain: music will always be alive at St Mary's.

GEORGE POTGIETER HOD: JUNIOR SCHOOL MUSIC





### **ACCOUNTING**

On Wednesday 10 March, the Form IIs participated in a business simulation day facilitated by the Johannesburg School of Finance. They were divided into teams that formed their own businesses and competed against one another to gain the most profit. The "weather" plays a very important role. A dice is rolled to determine what the weather will be for the next round and supply and demand are evident to ensure that each business will make profit and sell out all their products. In each round of the simulation game, the teams make important pricing, marketing and purchasing decisions. After each round, decisions are fed into a computer programme that has been designed to recreate a "real life" market environment and produce instant results. Based on their results teams had to make adjustments to their strategies for the next round. The winning team is the one that can out-strategise the competition over the four rounds played. The girls had a fun-filled day.

Congratulations to the winning team "Blissful" who made a whopping R42 501 profit for their business.

WENDY IEVERS HOD: ACCOUNTING



Back: Mr Morne Meiring (presenter) Left to right: Kate Macfarlane, Kathleen Young, Katherine Teubes, Ntombifuthi Dlamini, Sameeha Omar, Mrs Wilford









#### **DEBATING**

On the weekend of 13 February, the St Mary's debaters woke up very early to participate in the SAI Global Debating championship. This was an interesting experience as it involved a unique debating format that no member of the team had heard of prior to the tournament. I can proudly say we all learned a great deal from an enjoyable event in which many of our girls excelled.

Two weeks ago, the junior team attended the Rwanda-USA Invitational at which, after no previous debating experience, the team made the semi-finals and beat a few national teams. Nyasha Mazarura is congratulated on being placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall, and Bemnet Worku placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Orefile Motsukunyane was given an honourable mention as the most successful and youngest participant of the weekend. We are very proud of our girls for representing St Mary's with grace during the trying pandemic.

Currently, the girls are immersed in training for the upcoming leagues of SACEE and Atheneum, and we hope they ultimately succeed.

# The Launch of the Johannesburg Speaker's Cup

The Official Speaker of the City of Johannesburg Debating Championship Cup Grand Finale took place on Wednesday 17 March as part of the launch of the Speaker's Cup of the City of Johannesburg. The event was organised by the Pan-African Schools' Debating Council who aims to promote free speech and dialogue across Africa and the rest of the world. I have attached the invitation with more details.

The debate was between students from St Mary's and Basa-Freedom Community College at the New Council Chambers in Braamfontein. The following girls took part:

Danika Neuhoff Dalila Spinazze Folasade Adebule Nyasha Mazarura Hayley Laithwaite

Congratulations to the team on winning this inaugural debate.

## ITUMELENG MOHANOE DEBATING COACH

Wednesday 17 March was a very exciting day for the St Mary's debating community. Folasade, Nyasha, Danika, Hayley and Dalila arrived early in the morning at the beautiful Johannesburg city council where Folasade, Danika and Dalila participated in a debate about whether or not we, as Joburgers, should be implementing policies created by the junior city council. The verdict was that we should, and St Mary's took home the win. We experienced such kindness and being able to participate in a debate within a branch of government was a real eyeopener in terms of illuminating the glory of our vibrant nation. If the Johannesburg city council is a reflection of South Africa's future, then good things are coming! Our opposition was an excellent team which made for an intense debate and a fantastic exchange of viewpoints. We were exceptionally grateful to all those who played a role in organising the event as well as those who continue to support us; without these influential people, our growth as a team would not be possible. All in all, we are very proud to have represented our school at such a fun and unique event!







Bemnet Worku



Orefile Motsukunyane





### **RADIO SMS**

Extra, Extra...hear all about it.

The St Mary's community is proud to present our new online radio show! This new social platform has been in the works since 2020 and we are proud to announce that you will be able to hear the first show in Term II. The girls involved have been attending voice, audio and broadcasting workshops with Bianca Kunutu, as they strive for best practice and superb quality. The show will provide insight into what is happening within and around our community. The online radio will be run by our head of culturals and head of resources, along with the school committees. The plan is to highlight significant issues that our girls want to hear and talk about. This will hopefully open a whole new channel of discussion and debate between girls.

We invite you all to 'tune in' next term to be part of a new era of discourse and transparency. Schedules and links will be provided.

MELISSA ENGELBRECHT HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS



## **SELF-ESTEAM**

The Form IIs got a taste of being part of a global strike on Friday 19 March. The self-eSTEAM team responded to Greta Thunberg's call to action to join 60 other countries in taking a stand against climate change. It was wonderful to hear that St Stithians Girls' College were doing exactly this on their campus.

JANE MCMURRAY HOD: CULTURALS









### **ART**

This term, the Form IV Art students explored figure drawings from life. They experimented with drawing figures in exaggerated poses using ink and bleach in a variety of techniques. They also had to include a textural element based on an interesting object or surface. The girls felt challenged using such an unpredictable medium, and the final products were dynamic and bold.

DANIELLE MOWATT HOD: ART



Tatiana Williams



Gopolang Mohlakol



Hannah Sherman



Nyasha Mazarura



Mahlatse Chocho



Farai Mazarura

### **PASTORAL CARE**

St Mary's is a place where every girl is able to grow as a person and feel she can be their true selves. Our pastoral care is to ensure the physical and emotional wellbeing of the girls. Peer counselling is an important aspect of our pastoral care system. As peer counsellors, we have been through extensive training to be able to provide support to our peers. Our role is to listen to girls and help guide them through challenges they may face. Taking care of one's mental health is something we strongly believe in and constantly aim to educate girls on issues and stigma surrounding metal health. We pride ourselves in our approachability, kindness, and care for our peers.

ELLA ROSEVEARE PEER COUNSELLOR





### **BASKETBALL**

This year's inter-house competition took on a new look. Owing to the Covid restrictions, our girls were unable to play matches. Instead, we set up various stations which included dribbling relays, lay-up and shooting competitions. Points were calculated according to final placings in the relays and baskets scored from right and left lay-ups and from various areas around the key.

It was most pleasing to note the enthusiasm from the players. All the houses fielded strong teams, made up of both current team players as well as girls who have played basketball in the past. There was great support and excitement shown by everyone involved and all the girls gave of their best. It was wonderful being able to end the season with an event that included our matric players. These girls have shown unbelievable commitment to basketball. They have shown initiative and have motivated the younger

players. We are very grateful for their contribution.

Final positions:

- 1. Karney
- 2. Clayton
- 3. Furse
- 4. Phelps

TARYN DE WINNAAR HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT





#### **SWIMMING**

During the first week of March, the Junior School sports department held a number of inter-house galas on campus for the Senior Primary girls. All the team swimmers swam for their houses in their team swimming practices. The girls who do not participate in team swimming swam for their houses in their physical education lessons. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm and excitement among all the girls.

The results of the galas are as follows:

4th Springboks with 226 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Hares with 233 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Lions with 263 points

1st Zebras with 285 points

Our special congratulations to the girls who were the top individual swimmers in their grade:

Grade 4 Sophie Barrow Grade 5 Maya Mgcina Grade 6 Caitlyn Dube

Grade 7 Jennifer Pringle and Hannah Rigby

ROSE HALLENDORFF
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL HOCKEY AND SWIMMING



Winning house: Zebras



Dr Warner, Sophie Barrow, Caitlyn Dube, Hannah Rigby, Jennifer Pringle, Mrs Zumpt, Maya Mgcina Mrs Hallendorff

### **DIVING**

Early in March, some St Mary's divers were involved in the annual Central Gauteng Aquatics Championships. This event is a qualifier for Junior and Senior South African Diving Nationals. This year's Junior Nationals is a trial for the World Junior Diving Championships that will be held in the Ukraine, and Senior Nationals will be used as an Olympic Games trial.

Kerry-Leigh Morrison, Tannah Proudfoot, Zalika Methula, Keratile Manaka, Emma Campbell and Daniella van der Berg all competed in CGA championships.

Some of the results were as follows:

- $\bullet$  Emma Campbell came  $1^{st}$  in U13 1m and 3m and came  $2^{nd}$  in synchronized diving.
- Daniella van der Berg came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U13 synchronized diving
- Keratile Manaka was selected to dive in U16 Youth Nationals
- Zalika Methula came 1st in U16 1m, 3m, platform and synchronized diving. Hence winning the overall best diver in U16. She also dived in the women's events coming 2nd on 1m and 3m. Zalika was selected to compete at both Junior and Senior Nationals
- Tannah Proudfoot came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U18 platform event and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the women's platform event. Tannah was selected to compete in both Junior and Senior Nationals
- •Kerry-Leigh Morrison came 2<sup>nd</sup> in U18 1m, 3<sup>rd</sup> in women's 3m, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in U18 and women's synchronized diving. She was selected to compete at Junior and Senior Nationals

We would like to congratulate all the divers on their success at CGA Championships and we wish them all the best at the trials for World Junior Championships and Olympic Games.

KATE SHEPHERD HEAD OF DIVING



### **TENNIS**

The past few weeks have been a busy time on the tennis courts with interhouse tennis taking place and trying to wrap up the last few rounds of the St Mary's tennis championships. Thank you to all the players who participated in the championships and who played many of their matches before school in the morning, owing to the inclement weather in the afternoons, and the changes in the timetable to winter sport. Your commitment is much appreciated. I thank all the matrics of 2021 for their commitment shown to tennis over the past five years. You have been an amazing group of players and your presence will be missed on and off the courts. We wish you everything of the best for the rest of your matric year.

The finals of the junior and senior St Mary's singles and doubles championships produced tennis of an extremely high standard and congratulations to all the winners and runners-up.

St Mary's Junior Championships (Forms I and II)
Singles
Natasha Jenkins beat Tayla Gibbs 6/4
Doubles
Ilana Buck and Kirsten Hadiaris beat Tayla Gibbs and Sarah Hewat 6/3

St Mary's Senior Championships (Forms III-V) Singles

Sarah Millard beat Lilitha Ndungane 6/2 Doubles

Sarah Millard and Hannah Moore beat Alexis and Simone Banducci

Thank you to Tyrah Cook (Phelps), Alexis Banducci (Furse), Anna Patricios (Clayton) and Jessica Lansdown (Karney) for organising the respective tennis teams for their houses.

The results of the senior (Forms I-III) inter-house tennis are as follows: Phelps 44

Furse 41

Clayton 25

Karney 10

Congratulations to Simone Banducci who won the U18 singles in the gold division a mini-series tournament that was held in Pretoria over the long weekend.

RENÉ PLANT HEAD OF TENNIS







## **SQUASH**

Congratulations to Tayla Rohana who played in the Bloemfontein Open recently. It is her first year in the U19 age group. She ended 13<sup>th</sup> in the A division. This is an excellent achievement.



### STAFF AND OLD GIRLS' NEWS

Well done to St Mary's Old Girls Daniela Passoni and Amica Hallendorff on their selection in the final Olympic training squad for the Tokyo 2021 Olympics. They are joined by our head of aquatics, Kelsey Thomson, who has also made the squad. All three of them are training hard and working towards their final selection camp that will take place on 6-8 April in Durban, KZN. We wish them well in their final preparations.



Daniela Passoni



Amica Hallendorff



Kelsey Thomson

Congratulations to René Plant, our head of tennis, who recently won the South African National singles and doubles titles in the 55 – 59 age group. She dropped only one game on route to the singles title. She says she had an advantage as she is accustomed to hitting and playing sets with the outstanding 1st team players from St Mary's.



René Plant

## STAFF AND OLD GIRLS' NEWS (CONTINUED)

We wait with baited breath for the announcement of the South African hockey team that will attend the Olympic Games as we have three St Mary's Old Girls who are in contention. We wish Lisa Deetlefs, Lilian du Plessis and Hannah Pearce all the best in this excruciating waiting period.



Lisa Deetlefs





Lilian du Plessis

Hannah Pearce

QUIX HEAD OF SPORT

We extend our congratulations to Quix, our director of sport, who swam her 45<sup>th</sup> Midmar Mile on 6 April. She swam with her sister and niece, Mary and Derryn Millward. There is only one woman who has swum more Midmar Miles than Quix.



Mary and Derryn Millward, Quix

KATHY MITTENDORF HEAD OF MARKETING

### PTA CLUB 100

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS FOR TERM II 2021

100% WINNER: SIENNA BLAAUW - FII

20% WINNER: ZIA HABIB - GR 2

10% WINNER: SIPHOSETHU MNGUNI - FV

#### **MORNING MOVERS**

Thanks to all who joined us a for a wonderful morning of fresh air and "movement" (whichever shape that took) at the inaugural Morning Movers fun walk/run on Saturday 27 March. If you weren't there, these photographs will show you what you missed.

For those interested in knowing our plans for next term, please view the St Mary's App under the icon Morning Movers, in the sub folder General Information.

MORNING MOVERS TEAM
A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE OF THE HOPE COMMITTEE
AND THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION













### **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 this 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 <u>www.stmarysschool.co.za</u> 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.