



St Mary's School
Waverley
Founded 1888

• SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS •



St Mary's made history on Wednesday 10 June when, for the first time in the school's 127-year existence, the girls wrote their examinations on iPads

From the headmistress' desk

Dear parents

Mid-winter brings examination time to St Mary's. Although it may seem a trying time, examinations change the pace of the school day and they give the girls and staff time to reflect on their learning and teaching. Our co-curricular programme does continue, as we believe that a balanced day has a positive impact on study. There is much reward in being able to assess one's progress and development from one year to another. It is, however, important to emphasise that achievement must be assessed positively; in other words, what has been achieved as opposed to what has not been achieved, and bearing in mind that this is a mid-year assessment and not a full picture that the end of year provides.

Winter also brings the challenge of the red skirt. Many people comment on our winter uniform and how smart and eye-catching it is, but the red skirt causes us difficulty as far as its length. The purpose of uniform and fashion have been confused. It seems that the girls are intent on wearing their skirts short - far too short. This matter has been addressed with the girls and the leaders have given them warnings. I request that parents please ensure that your daughter's skirt is a reasonable length. If she arrives at school with a skirt that is a mini length, she will be asked to take the hem out.

Deanne King
Headmistress

Dates to Diarise

Fri 12	05h00	Depart for ISSF at Epworth Study day
Sat 13	19h00	Return from ISSF at Epworth
Sun 14	16h00	Southern Gauteng U18 A hockey practice
Mon 15		Examinations
Tues 16		Youth day
Wed 17	08h00	FV History pre- preliminary examination
	14h30	Netball matches (home and away)
	14h30	Hockey matches (home and away)
Thurs 18	14h15	FV Art prac
	15h00	Hockey matches (home and away)
	18h00	Tour de Maths - St Stithians College
Fri 19	14h30	Drama practical technical rehearsals
Sat 20		Equestrian qualifier at Eaton Farm
	08h00	FV Accounting pre- preliminary examination
	14h30	Drama practical technical rehearsals
Sun 21		Father's Day
		Equestrian qualifier at Eaton Farm
	14h00	Southern Gauteng U18 A hockey practice

From the chaplain

Isaiah 12:2

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

26:4

Trust in the Lord for ever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal.

Every day there is news that rocks our security and sense of wellbeing. As a school community, over the past few weeks we have been rocked by violent death and personal tragedy, or bad news about illness.

It may be we are more concerned about the

state of the country and the lack of service delivery, the crisis in education, corruption.

It may be that exams and assessments are stressing us.

Of course, we may feel fine and untouched by many of those things.

We all need to learn, however, to put our trust in God whatever our situation. He is our rock on whom we can always depend.

Revd Gill Lee
Chaplain



Meet the departments



Visual Arts department: Sue Heydenrych (HoD), Alexis Harrison



The Foundation: Gillian O'Shaughnessy (Foundation manager), Lisa Grobbelaar

Phelps House



Phelps moms and teachers



Form Is bonding



Form Is having fun

Phelps Form I girls, moms and teachers got together on Saturday 6 June at the home of Mrs Litha Sabio to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of fun, fellowship and a fabulous tea. We thank Mrs Sabio for initiating this event at her gracious home, and treating us all to a delicious spread.

Sue Heydenrych and Gail Murray

Head of Phelps House tutor

FEDA

Caitlin MacDonald has won the Best Supporting Actress Award for her brilliant portrayal of an obsessive compulsive woman in *The Clean House*, by Sara Ruhl.

There were over 12 nominations from over 40 productions in this category, so it is a truly great achievement and we are immensely proud of her.

The Festival of Excellence in Dramatic Arts (FEDA) is the most prestigious drama festival in Gauteng, and showcases the work of the best Drama departments in Johannesburg. The festival was held at the Joburg Theatre from 12 to 23 May this year.

Janet Baylis

Drama teacher



Caitlin with Janet



From the Music department

St John Passion, BWV 245 by J. S. Bach

Two extraordinary concerts were held on 24 and 25 May - the first at Holy Trinity Braamfontein and the second at the St John's College chapel. These two magnificent spaces provided the perfect acoustic and aesthetic setting for Bach's most dramatic masterpiece. The St John's College choir, St Mary's chamber choir and outstanding soloists presented a vivid account of Christ's passion with acclaimed professional ensemble players.

The *St John Passion*, BWV 245, was written by Johann Sebastian Bach and first performed on 7 April 1724 at Good Friday

Vespers in the St Nicholas Church, Leipzig. The work (originally written in German and on this occasion also performed in the original language) is assembled from recitatives and extravagant fugal choruses narrating the Passion of Christ as told in the Gospel of John, arias reflecting on the action, and chorales using familiar hymn tunes and texts.

This work is challenging even for professional singers. The girls and boys from St Mary's and St John's revel in a challenge, and we had many late Monday and Thursday evening rehearsals in preparation for the

performances. One of the great rewards, of course, was hearing the product of all our hard work come together and finally hearing all the beautiful choruses being sung with the instrumental ensemble and organ continuo.

The R16 600 proceeds from the first concert were handed over to the soup kitchen that is run from the Holy Trinity Church. The church feeds on average 300 people a day. This made all our efforts even more worthwhile!

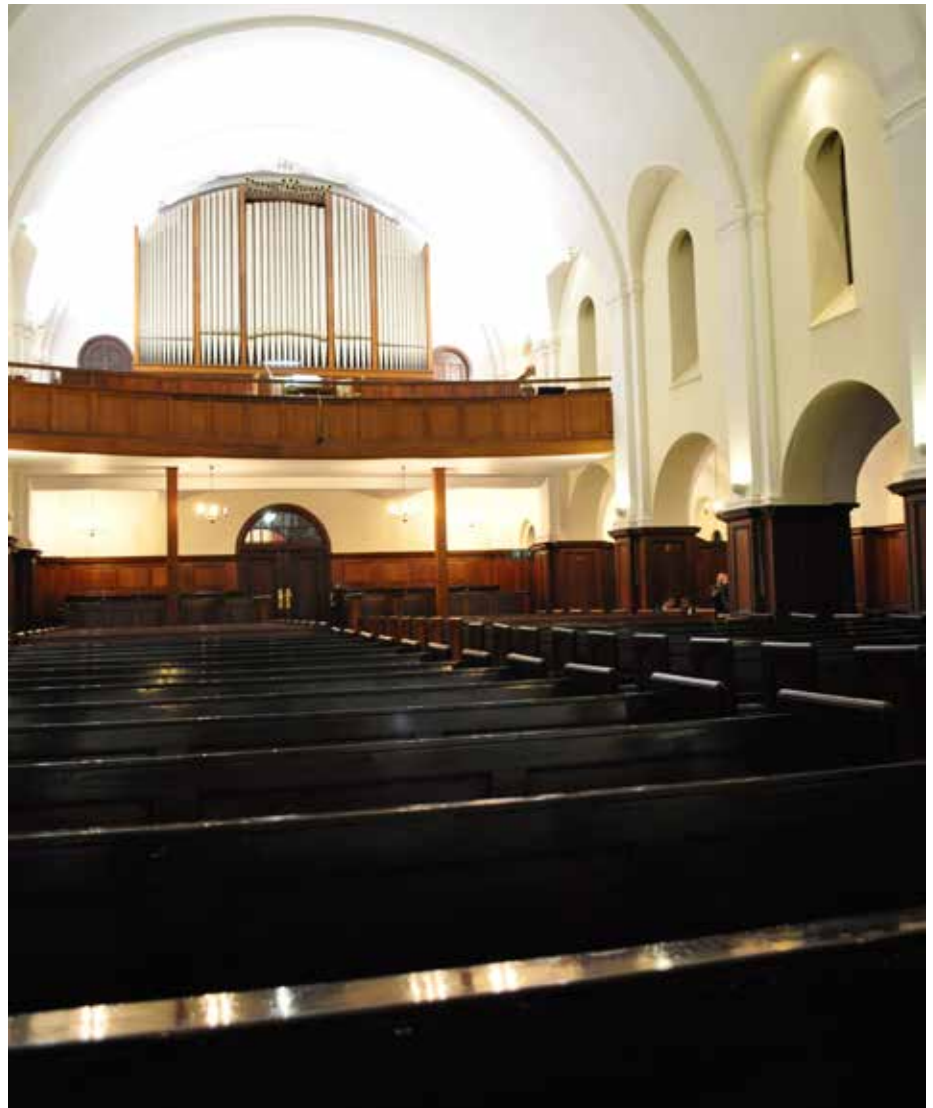
Dudley Trollope
Director of music



In concert at Holy Trinity



Hard at work during rehearsal



The beautiful chapel at St John's College

From the Sports department



Tayla-May Bentley has been selected to compete for South Africa at the World Rowing Junior Championships, in Rio de Janeiro in August. This is Tayla-May's second opportunity to represent South Africa.

The rowing club wishes Tayla-May and her doubles partner great success in their preparation for junior worlds. We are very proud to call you a St Mary's rower. Well done!

Old Girls in the spotlight:

We have some fantastic news about some of our old girls. Shannon Murray (2006) has been involved in the LTA 4+ (leg, trunk and arms crew). The crew is attempting to qualify the boat for the 2016

Paralympics in Rio. We wish Shannon and her crew all best in the preparation and success at the Championship regattas.

We congratulate Kate Christowitz (2008) on her success in the single scull. She has qualified for the XXVIII Summer Universiade taking place in Gwangju, Korea in July. We are very proud to call Kate a St Mary's Old Girl. She represents the strength and passion required to pursue rowing at the elite level. Congratulations, Kate, may many girls follow in your path.

Caitlin Reed

Head of rowing



Tayla-May and Rosanne training at Roodeplaait



Kate winning 1st sculls in 2008



Shannon wins silver at the Gavirate Regatta



Kate races at SA Senior Champs

Equestrian



Caitlin and Waterside Lady Franchesca in the 1m Micro Derby

Caitlin Wheeler has been chosen to represent the South African Showing Association in the Friendly International Working Hunter Competition, in the UK in August.

Janet Tucker

Netball

Over the past few weeks, we have played netball against various schools. Our results have been varied but, overall, our teams have done well. Against St Peter's and St Dunstan's we had mixed results, winning some games and losing others. Against St Stithians we lost all our games. Against Brescia and Beaulieu College we won almost all our games, drawing and losing one each. The netball girls have been training hard and this hard work has paid off with their good results. Well done to all the netball girls.

Rose Hallendorff

Head of netball



Shooting for goals



Defending against Beaulieu College

Studium Apertum


A thirst for lifelong learning and intellectual debate is at the heart of the ethos of St Mary's School, and it is to this aspiration that we have responded with our third Studium Apertum symposium, which will take place on Saturday 11 July.

Studium Apertum provides an opportunity to listen to stimulating and exciting talks by dynamic speakers on a wide range of topics, from panel debates about political or religious topics, talks on philosophy, science, art, archaeology, literature and even on ancient healing. Participants select a talk from five presentations scheduled concurrently. This wonderful dilemma is part of the attraction of the symposium.

The Latin *studium*, in addition to meaning "study", is equally commonly used to mean enthusiasm and earnestness. The adjective *apertus* means "open, transparent". Hence the combination of these two words, as a phrase, reflects an open learning experience and debate, infused with enthusiasm.

Participants will have time for tea between talks to provide time for, and to encourage, further debate around the issues presented. We should be delighted if you would join us in our exciting adventure of discussion, debate and discovery.

Gillian O'Shaughnessy
Foundation manager



STUDIUM APERTUM

A DAY OF DISCUSSION, DEBATE AND DISCOVERY

DATE: SATURDAY 11 JULY 2015
VENUE: ST MARY'S SCHOOL, WAVERLEY

REGISTRATION FROM 08H00
SESSIONS: 08H30 TO 15H35
(FIVE SESSIONS, INCLUDING THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER, PROF. JACKIE NAUDE)

COST: R250
TICKET PRICE INCLUDES MORNING TEA, LUNCH AND COCKTAIL PARTY AFTER THE LAST SESSION


TO BOOK:

- 1) Cash payments to Sharon San in the Senior School reception
- 2) Tickets may be charged to your school account.

RSVP: leigh-anne.hinton@stmary.co.za to request this option

- 3) Pay via EFT (reference surname & studium apertum)

please email proof of payment to leigh-anne.hinton@stmary.co.za
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