



Our congratulations are extended to the trophy team comprising Shreya, Keara and Tarya for winning the finals of the Speech and Drama High Schools' Public Speaking Festival

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

I have had the privilege of being in the audience and watching the St Mary's girls as they have participated and performed in a myriad of cultural activities over the past weeks. The major production, *Medea*, public speaking, debating and the choir festival, *Singing Sistas*, all provided a platform for our girls to display their talent and the professionalism that is so much part of the performing arts at St Mary's. The achievements of our girls are recorded in this newsletter. As I observed the different performances, it was evident to me that many hours of work on the part of the girls and their teachers had gone into creating these excellent performances. What was also obvious was the sheer joy and pleasure that the girls derived from the experience. The sense of accomplishment was tangible and poured out into a joyful finale on stage at the *Singing Sistas* concert.

Anna Freud (1958) wrote, "While an adolescent remains inconsistent and unpredictable in her behaviour, she may suffer, but she does not

seem to me to be in need of treatment. I think she should be given time and scope to work out her own solution."

Immersion in the cultural programme at St Mary's provides time and scope for the personal development and self-actualisation of our adolescents.

I invite all our families to share in the St Mary's community spirit at the hockey festival next week. The netball girls also welcome support at St Andrew's School for Girls.

May you experience a time of spiritual reflection and renewal at Easter.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter Sunday, begins with Christ's entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (25 March this year). The crowds welcome Jesus into the Holy City, laying down palm branches to prepare his path. Christ chooses to enter riding a humble donkey – the Son of God in humility overturns the notion of a wealthy ruler entering in pomp and ceremony, associating instead with the poor. Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday as it marks the beginning of Jesus' journey through Jerusalem to his death.

On Maundy Thursday, Christ again overturns the notion of a leader, thereby setting an example for us: the Son of God chooses to serve, washing his disciples' feet. The disciples are understandably shocked: "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" asks Simon Peter (John 13:6). Having shared his last supper with his disciples, they leave to pray at the Mount of Olives. Jesus' prayer is filled with anguish: he knows Judas will betray him to the Roman soldiers and that, therefore,

death is imminent. It is for this reason that Thursday evening and the morning of Good Friday are times of prayerful waiting with Christ.

On Good Friday, with the disciples, we witness Christ's trial before Pilate, his torture and death on a cross: the cruelest form of the death penalty in those days. We wait with the disciples, knowing Christ's body is laid in a tomb and, early on Easter Sunday morning, we will feel the disciples' wonder and surprise at discovering the empty tomb: Christ is risen, Alleluia! God has overcome death, and our God reigns!

REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS
CHAPLAIN

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The St Mary's public speaking girls enjoyed a most successful speech festival. The Speech and Drama College (SA) hosted its annual competition, the High Schools' Public Speaking Festival, where the teams accrued excellent results, making St Mary's the runner-up in the overall team results. In the impromptu section, St Mary's also achieved the runner-up position in the festival. The pinnacle of the competition was the trophy team section. The team consisting of Shreya, Tarya and Keara selected the quotation, "Now I will believe that there are

unicorns" (Sebastian in *The Tempest*). They achieved an outstanding result and were selected as one of three finalists in this section, before going on to win the competition. This is a wonderful achievement for the school and for public speaking. Well done to all the girls who spoke at the festival.

JANET MILASINOVICH
PUBLIC SPEAKING COORDINATOR



Individual speaker: Alexandra



Impromptu team: Kaylyn, Georgina, Emma
Not in picture: Juliet



Prepared team: Josephine, Katherine, Theonichia, Meg

DEBATING



Senior debating girls

Senior Debating has had a busy first term. Our dedicated coach, Leon "Jamie" Mithi, a law graduate from Wits University, ran training sessions on Friday afternoons. These sessions focused on the moral foundation of philosophy, political philosophy and advanced argumentation surrounding current affairs.

Testimony to the enthusiasm and commitment of the girls, St Mary's had two senior teams participating in the hotly contested SACEE Debating League and, overall, both teams showed great insight and analysis.

Round 1: THW implement racial quotas for Oscar nominations
St Mary's A (Opp) vs Roedean Blue
Result: won
St Mary's B (Prop) vs St Stithians Girls
Result: lost

Round 2: THW ban plea bargains
St Mary's A (Prop) vs Roedean Green
Result: lost
St Mary's B (Prop) vs United Church School
Result: won

Round 3: THR the #MeToo movement
St Mary's A (Prop) vs Jeppe Boys
Result: won
St Mary's B (Opp) vs Kingsmead
Result: lost

Round 4: THW Criminalise any act that tarnishes the image of national heroes or martyrs
St Mary's A (opp) vs Greenside B
Result: won
St Mary's B (prop) vs St Stithians Girls
Result: won

Round 5: THS restricting the screening of the film Inxeba/The Wound
St Mary's A (opp) vs Jeppe Boys
Result: won
St Mary's B (opp) vs Jeppe Girls
Result: lost

SEIPATI MOHAPI
DEBATING CO-ORDINATOR

SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATIONS



Khanyisile reading her poem on human rights



Human rights display



The excitement building up during the Lyric to the Book Quiz



Collaboration with the Music department



Teen book club official launch

St Mary's Senior School library celebrated South African Library Week from 16 to 23 March.

The 2018 theme was *Libraries: Heart of the Community*.

According to the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA), libraries, including school libraries, have positioned themselves between aspiration and delivery.

"Libraries provide support for education and are at the heart of every community. Libraries have shifted from more than books:

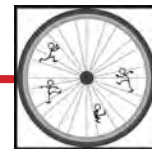
- Libraries connect people, up-skill them, enable creative learning and build communities
- Libraries are bridging the disparities within communities"

Our school library has done just that. It was a celebration of sorts, from a teen book club launch to fun and games, human rights book display, collaboration with the Drama and Music departments where poetry and music jams were held to a quiz where the participants had to match the lyric to the book.

St Mary's Senior School library would like to emphasise that the library belongs to the St Mary's community and is at the heart of it. The library is there to offer vital resources and a place where the community gathers.

OLIVIA DOUGLAS
SENIOR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

THE VALUE OF CREATIVITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY



Previously, I wrote about the importance of infusing creativity into the curriculum and into our school, as it is the ability to generate new ideas that is likely to drive our economies and solve our social problems in the future. The importance of creativity in the curriculum and in school life exists on other levels as well.

Famous entrepreneur and philanthropist, Jack Ma, voiced this notion succinctly while speaking at the World Economic Forum recently. He expressed the view that the challenge of education now is to teach something "unique". Over the past 200 years, the education system has been largely knowledge-based. With machinery and artificial intelligence becoming more sophisticated, it is estimated that by 2030 robots could replace an estimated 200-million jobs (McKinsey Global Institute, 2018).

Only by changing our paradigms in education can we be assured that our children will be able to compete with machines and add real value to our societies. He suggests that changes in education might take the form of playing more sport, teaching values, empathy and emphasising the arts. These creative and multifaceted pursuits unlock originality and innovation which should become habitual. In this way, the next generation will be able to do what computers still cannot do.

CLARE SEARLE
CURRICULUM INNOVATION LEADER

GEOGRAPHY SPEAKERS DINNER



The Geography dinner was a fun evening spent at St John's College. The evening entailed two extremely interesting guest speakers and a delicious three-course meal. The first speaker was Andrew Luke from GAPP Architects in Johannesburg. He spoke about exciting urban renewal projects his company is working on and provided insight into his work in upgrading areas around the country. It was fascinating to listen to how urban renewal can uplift an area and how upgrading existing infrastructure, maintaining places such as parks and improving transport stations, can have an extremely positive effect on the people in the surrounding areas.

The second speaker was Angus Auchterlonie from Mintek, the minerals processing and metallurgical engineering company. Diamonds are the matric Geography girls' economic focus mineral. Auchterlonie provided many statistics and insightful facts of which many of us were unaware. During the course of the evening, the Geography girls learned a great deal which will be extremely beneficial for our matric year as well as in the future.

SHANAE AND ALEXANDRA
FORM V

EXCHANGE TEAM

The interviews for the exchange year 2018/2019 are well under way. We have had a wonderful time getting to know your adventurous and spirited daughters.

The purpose of an exchange is to challenge and grow our St Mary's girls through providing them with a unique experience of living in a country rich in cultures, tastes and sounds, often quite different to our own. Destinations such as India and Ghana will provide curious and inquisitive individuals with a journey which will enrich both their souls and minds.

The Indian exchange includes a week-long tour to the three points of the Golden Triangle. This provides a good introduction for first-time visitors to the splendid subcontinent. Additionally, girls will spend three weeks in June at a boarding school in the magical Himalayan mountains.

The Ghanaian exchange is a cultural exchange in which the girls will spend approximately 10 days at the befittingly named, St Mary's Girls Senior High School, in Ghana's capital, Accra.

Arthur Frommer, the travel writer holds that, "At its best, travel should challenge our preconceptions and most cherished views, cause us to rethink our assumptions, shake us a bit, make us broader minded and more understanding."

Both the Indian and Ghanaian exchanges will cultivate tenacity, an inimitable spirit of discovery and self-awareness in your daughters. If you wish to consider sending your daughters on one of these two exchanges, please email Mrs Frost on lauren.frost@stmary.co.za, Ms Mason on hazel.mason@stmarys.co.za or Ms Bucher on Jessica.bucher@stmary.co.za by 11 April.

MABONENG



In the days leading up to the matric dance, an excitable group of matric Geography girls embarked on an outing to the Maboneng precinct. We began our day at the Treviso Cafe in Doornfontein, where we were able to view parts of the city, which we could relate to our curriculum.

We then took a trip up to the top of the Carlton Centre. Here we were afforded a beautiful 360-degree view of Johannesburg. At the top of the tower, we could again put our skills and knowledge into practice by identifying different types of settlement structures.

Next the group embarked on a tour of the lively Maboneng precinct, with a focus on the growth of the graffiti community. Here we were able to discuss and delve into issues such as gentrification of the city. After a delicious lunch of burgers and pasta, we returned from the city with the concepts we had learnt cemented in our minds.

EMMA
FORM V

ST MARY'S CREATIVE WORKSHOPS TOWARDS THE BALFOUR PARK UPGRADE ARTWORKS PROGRAMME



At the creative workshop

"*Art my Jozi* is a Johannesburg Development Agency creative programme which highlights the importance of place making through art along the Transit Oriented Corridors and their surrounding neighbourhoods." – Stephen Hobbs

Designing artwork for the *Art My Jozi* project provided the girls with an opportunity to work within a collaborative and skills-transference environment. Their creations and stories will be used to inspire the development of the design process and, eventually, inform many outcomes-based projects in and around these corridors.

The girls were encouraged to push the boundaries of conventional design and think beyond what they deemed was possible. The notion of functional art that held symbolic significance and provided aesthetic appeal was the order of the day. The facilitators marvelled at the girls' work ethic and creative ideas.

It will certainly be exciting when work begins in the area and we can spot evidence of our involvement in the creative process.

JANE McMURRAY
HEAD OF CULTURALS

POETS IN TRAINING GAIN MOMENTUM

Things are "hotting up" as the girls are exposed to ever more poets, writing styles and are inspired to find their unique voices.

This week, the girls met Tshepo Molefe, a Johannesburg-based multi-award-winning performance poet, writer and spoken word artist. Having started performing only in 2015, Molefe has won the May 2016 edition of Current State of Poetry Open Slam and February 2017 edition of WordnSound Poetry League.

We also had the privilege of meeting Emmah Mabye who believes that poetry is more than just rhythmic schemes and is also a medium through which to educate and inspire on any given platform. Emmah has taken her work to schools, corporates, churches, national radio, national TV and performed for the Presidency at the South African Local Government Association 2016 National Conference. In her first published poetry collection, *Clocking In*, Emmah journeys into man

as a tripartite being, thus clocking into one's spirit, soul and body. Emmah has come to be recognised as "one of the most progressive poetic voices of our time" (Tswi Christmic, SABC1/Crown Gospel Awards, Best Poet nominee 2012).

Emmah impressed on the girls that slam poetry is a mere platform for the spoken word. She encouraged the girls to interrogate their own work, challenging them to edit constantly and find the words that tell a story rather than a series of impressive one-liners.

It has been fantastic witnessing the girls growing in confidence as they share their work and engage maturely with the criticism.

JANE McMURRAY
HEAD OF CULTURALS

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



NETBALL



U14 team with Mrs Masinga



Waiting for the games to begin

U14 Roedeian Autumn Sports Festival

This past weekend, the U14 netball team participated in the U14 Roedeian Autumn Sports Festival at Roedeian School (SA). The tournament began on Friday morning and, owing to the weather, the netball matches were played in the indoor court. Friday's results were as follows:

St Mary's Waverley vs St Dominic's	10-6
St Mary's Waverley vs St Anne's	9-6
St Mary's Waverley vs St Stithians	4-10
St Mary's Waverley vs Assumption Convent	12-2

The girls had a very good first day with three victories and one defeat.

On Saturday, the weather was clear and the tournament could continue on the outdoor courts. Results for Saturday were as follows:

St Mary's Waverley vs Fourways High	17-9
St Mary's Waverley vs Kingsmead	10-8
St Mary's Waverley vs Crawford	18-14
St Mary's Waverley vs Roedeian B	19-6

St Mary's finished second in the pool which meant that the team

qualified for the quarter-finals. The quarter-final match was against Holy Rosary. This was an intense match where the girls played with determination. Unfortunately, we could not put this one in the bag and lost the match in the last few seconds.

St Mary's Waverley vs Holy Rosary	12-13
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With the girls now playing for positions five to eight on Sunday, we had to come back with a new perspective and a new goal for the rest of the tournament. The positional play-off results were as follows:

St Mary's Waverley vs Fourways High	13-9
St Mary's Waverley vs St Dominic's	19-14

With the two wins on the last day of the tournament, we finished fifth out of 17 participating schools.

We are very excited for the coming season as the girls played very well and improved with each match they played.

PALESA MASINGA
HEAD OF NETBALL



Attacking for the ball

NETBALL (DISTRICT TRIALS)



Teagynne



Holly

The U14 to U18 district netball trials took place at Kingsmead College during the week of 12 to 14 March. A few St Mary's girls were invited to participate in the district trials. Holly (U15) and Teagynne (U18) were selected to represent the D13 netball district at the Gauteng Schools' netball trials, which took place at EG Jansen on Wednesday 21 March.

Holly has been selected for the second round of Gauteng trials, which will take place on Monday 9 April.

Well done to both girls on their selection and good luck to Holly for the second round.

PALESA MASINGA
HEAD OF NETBALL

BIATHLON



Isabelle

Our congratulations are extended to Isabelle who was selected for the Gauteng biathlon team.

QUIX
HEAD OF SPORT

OLD GIRLS' ROWING



Ciara and Tayla-May

It is awesome to see Ciara (Princeton University) and Tayla-May (Michigan University), competing against each other at a regatta over the weekend.

QUIX
HEAD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

Autumn Sports Festival

This past weekend, the U14A hockey team participated in the Roedean Autumn Sports Festival. The rain from the previous Thursday and Friday caused havoc with the Friday fixtures. We began late and games for the entire day were cut to 15 minutes. This is a short time and makes it difficult to score goals. Saturday dawned clear and at least we were able to have 20-minute games. We won all our pool games:

St Mary's Waverley vs Brescia	1-0
St Mary's Waverley vs Affies B	2-0
St Mary's Waverley vs Helpmekaar	2-0
St Mary's Waverley vs Fourways	5-0
St Mary's Waverley vs St Anne's	2-0

This put us into the quarter-finals where we played and beat Durban Girls' College 3-0. Our semi-final was against Herschel where we had two shots saved on the line and had a runaway goal scored against us and so lost 0-1. Sunday morning saw us play Roedean in the third and fourth play-offs. We won this match 3-0. It was fantastic to have a large contingent of the U14 B supporting our final match – thank you so much, girls. This age group is a talented and exciting group of players and we shall watch their progress with interest.

QUIX
HEAD OF SPORT



U14 A hockey team

SQUASH

League results

St Mary's has, once again, had excellent results during Term I. The girls' play has been tough and fair, with all displaying true St Mary's spirit.

U19 A	
St Mary's beat Marist Brothers – 14-0	23 March
St Mary's beat St Andrew's – 9-6	16 March
St Mary's beat Northcliff – 14-1	9 March

U19 B	
St Mary's beat Beaulieu – 12-3	23 March
St Mary's beat St Teresa's 1 – 14-1	9 March

U19 C	
St Mary's lost to Helpmekaar – 8-10	23 March
St Mary's beat Bryanston – 14-2	16 March
St Mary's beat Parktown Girls' – 12-4	15 March
St Mary's beat Northcliff – 10-6	9 March

U16 A	
St Mary's beat St Andrew's – 12-4	16 March
St Mary's beat Northcliff – 14-0	9 March

U16 B	
St Mary's beat St Stithians – 14-0	23 March
St Mary's beat Parktown Girls' – 11-7	16 March
St Mary's beat St Teresa's – 10-7	9 March

U16 C	
St Mary's beat St Martin's – 14-0	16 March
St Mary's beat McAuley House – 14-0	9 March
St Mary's beat Greenside – 10-6	16 February

U15 A	
St Mary's beat Marist Brothers – 14-0	23 March
St Mary's beat St Andrew's – 14-1	16 March
St Mary's beat Northcliff – 14-0	9 March

U15 B

St Mary's beat St Andrew's – 14-0
St Mary's beat Northcliff – 14-1
St Mary's beat Greenside – 14-0

16 March
9 March
16 February

St Mary's beat Northcliff – 14-0
St Mary's beat Greenside – 14-0

9 March
16 February

U14 A
St Mary's beat St Andrew's – 14-0
St Mary's beat Northcliff – 14-0
U14 B

16 March
9 March

Senior inter-house squash – 14 February



Karney



Phelps



Clayton



Furse

Well done to all the girls who participated. Furse took top honours with 455 points followed by Phelps with 418, Karney took third place and Clayton four place with 208 points.

DSG Squash Festival – 23 to 25 February



St Mary's entered two junior teams in the DSG Squash Festival held in Pretoria. Excellent squash was played and many valuable lessons were learnt on and off the court. Once again, friendships were formed. St Mary's finished in third and fourth positions.

JENNIFER FOX
HEAD OF SQUASH

NOTICES

IKUSASA LETHU – SATURDAY SCHOOL

The Sizanani Mentorship Programme, a registered NPO, assists pupils on the Ikusasa Lethu programme. New mentors from the St Mary's community are needed to help on this project. Mentors assist pupils with career choices, tertiary study applications and job shadowing. Combined outings are arranged and mentors are asked to arrange outings to places of interest in and around Johannesburg.

Please contact Valerie Hirsch on 083 750 7725 or valou.hirsch@gmail.com should you wish to be a mentor or require further information.

LINDA GIURICICH
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES – MINI-EXPO ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL, 12H25-12H55

Venue: Foyer of The Edge

All girls and interested parents are welcome to visit this Expo during second break. Liaison officers from US and Canadian Education will be present, together with admissions officers from a few universities in the UK. All are welcome to visit the stands in the foyer of The Edge.

Inquiries: Lynn.moony@stmary.co.za





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