



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

TRINITY TERM

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Dear Parents

Two years after the tragic murder of Mr Bruce Currin, an outstanding and much loved Maths teacher at St John's College, we are pleased to announce that his murderer has been brought to trial and given a life sentence.



Below is printed the press release of 31 May, which describes the circumstances and outcome of the trial.

OFFSHORE INVESTOR GETS LIFE FOR MURDER

A Benoni father of three was on Monday sentenced to life imprisonment after the Johannesburg High Court found him guilty of murdering St John's College mathematics teacher, Bruce Currin two years ago.

Judge L Goldblatt said the court could not find that offshore investor Michael Montgomery's killing of Currin was premeditated. However, he ruled that it "was not murder, it was execution". Currin was killed after he had become angry with Montgomery over losses of almost R1-million in four months to his overseas trading account due to bad trade deals. The evening before the murder, Montgomery had transferred almost R70 000 from Currin's account into one held in Montgomery's wife's name. The court had heard in evidence that this was for advice Montgomery had offered Currin as well as for a share of the subsequent profits.

Currin's body was found burnt in a mealie field 10 days after he had gone missing, "causing tremendous grief to family and friends" the judge said. Goldblatt also said that Montgomery had further tried to make a profit by selling Currin's car once Currin had been killed. He sentenced Montgomery to a further five years that will run concurrently with his life sentence. The court rejected a claim by Ruben Grundeling, 35, who was in the dock with his brother, Francois, 31, that he had himself shot Currin in self-defence.

A ballistics expert testified that the path of the bullet did not coincide with Ruben Grundeling's version. Ruben Grundeling, from Witbank, was sentenced to 11 years for car theft and illegal possession of arms and ammunition. His brother, from Boksburg, was sentenced to two years for car theft.

Goldblatt noted Currin's death had cost the community a dedicated maths teacher. He also thanked the police's Scorpions investigation unit for their investigation, and Pretoria advocate, Rachelle van der Walt who conducted the state's case. The trio has been behind bars for the past 27 months, since their arrest.

We from St John's are relieved that justice has been done and some of the bizarre stories concocted by the defence have been proved to have no truth in them. No one can replace Bruce; at least his murderers are being punished appropriately.



Three weeks ago when we were playing Parktown, and South Africa had just won the bid for the 2010 World Cup Soccer, there was a special moment, which I shall treasure. The war cries were over, the battle on the rugby field had been won in St John's favour, and then unexpectedly the boys from the two school moved together and in unison sang *Nkosi Sikilele Africa*. There was a special bond that united two rival schools as young South Africans, proud of their country. It confirmed for me that healthy competition should always be superseded by bonds of friendship and unity. It was a wonderful experience.

Another recent highlight was our fixture with Michaelhouse. We transported 450 excited boys and staff by train to Balgowan. We played Rugby, Hockey, Squash, Tennis and debated. We won some, and we lost some. We were wonderfully hosted and enjoyed a superb, chilly autumn day. The highlight was our 1st rugby team's superb performance in beating the Michaelhouse 1st Team 33 –25. It was a very exciting game and our boys played with skill, courage and commitment. We returned exhausted, but happy, by train with many wonderful memories.

Herewith two important notices giving advance warning: The first is a community walk through The Wilds, a "Walk on the Wild Side" on Sunday 13 June, starting between 10h30 and 11h30. The second is Gaudy Day on 10 July. This is an opportunity to celebrate, with our Old Boys, the successes of the school. The day starts with a Communion Service on Mitchell Field for all parents, boys and teachers at 09h00.

There is also an obituary in this newsletter to Mr Ian Grant-McKenzie: a colourful and wonderful English teacher who taught for many year's at St John's and made a significant contribution to the College. There will be a memorial service for Ian at 3.30 pm on Thursday 10 June in the Memorial Chapel.

Trinity Term with all the winter sport activity is a wonderful, busy term. We also have an inter-house play festival, and the College Arts Festival. These are all learning experiences for the boys and they enrich the curriculum. There is however, a danger that boys get distracted from their core academic focus and parents and teachers need to remind them to ensure that the basics are covered. The following are key to success at St John's:

- * An attitude in class that is positive to learning.
- * Behaviour that is respectful to teachers and others.
- * Homework is completed on time and done properly.
- * Time is allocated for tests and exams.
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A determination to do well.

Roger Cameron
Headmaster

IAN GRANT-McKENZIE



Ian's friends and colleagues were saddened to hear of his death on Saturday 22 May. Ian, who was born on 3 November 1932 in Bulawayo, completed his school education at Kingswood College, Grahamstown, and then qualified as a lawyer at the University of the Witwatersrand. After his articles he found his real vocation in 1963 when he began a 32-year teaching career, which took him from Bulawayo via Fort Victoria and eventually to St John's College. In 1978 Ian and his wife, Susan, were appointed to the St John's staff to teach English and Physical Science respectively.

Ian immediately fell in love with St John's with its classical quadrangles, its beautiful stone chapel, its many traditions steeped in time and its cultural and sporting ethos.

He became Director of Sixth Form Studies in 1981 and during the next 12 years built on a solid foundation to create arguably the foremost 'A' level centre in the country. In recognition of his achievements with the Sixth Form, one of the new girls' boarding houses was named in his and Susan's honour and this house was officially opened by them on Gaudy Day last year.

Ian retired from teaching in 1995. On his retirement Council asked him to write the continuing history of St John's from 1968 to 1998, the centenary year. This scholarly and honest work, *Forward in Faith* reflected his deep love of the school and its traditions.

Ian and Susan had many friends. Ian was a man greatly admired and respected (and feared by many Remove boys). He was a workaholic, marking was always completed by the following day, he was always the first to set exams and to complete his marking and could be impatient with his colleagues who were slower. He demanded and got the same standards from his pupils. Ian produced plays with the same dedication and high standards.

Although Ian had been diagnosed with leukaemia before leaving St John's in 2000, he had remained actively involved in the school until his departure for Port Alfred and his retirement. Ian remained reasonably healthy until early this year but the last few months have seen him experiencing great pain from cancer and it was a merciful release for him when he passed away last week. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife and by his sister-in-law, Sally and by all who knew him.

Alan Wilcock



Learning Curve

General

Many boys struggle with their working memory. Memory can be aided by the nature of the visual and auditory stimulus used when studying. Please encourage your sons to use mindmaps, flow charts and colour as visual stimuli to help them retain information longer.

Mathematics

Mathematics is one of the easier subjects to study because even ten minutes can be used effectively to practice a few questions. As the exams approach and the boys start studying their mathematics there are some useful strategies they can employ to make the studying easier and more effective. They should start by trying a few revision questions with their notes and previous examples open in front of them. They can then compare the revision question with the previous examples and use their notes to help them follow the steps needed to solve the question. After a little while the boys then attempt the revision questions without study notes on hand. Nearer the exams the boys should practice their work from a source where the questions are not arranged by topic but mixed into various topics, just as will be the case in the exam.

S. Sproule

Science

Parents of Matric, Lower 5 and Upper 4 boys are reminded that Science Consolidation lessons take place twice a week during the cultural period. This is an ideal time for pupils to receive extra help if required. This time does not conflict with **any** sport and all pupils should be able to attend at least one of the lessons per week, without it clashing with their selected cultural activity. A register is kept. Pupils are expected to book for the lesson by writing down their names on a list which is placed on the Science notice board.

Matric	L5	U4
Blue Monday (Mr Klement)	Blue Monday (Mr Thompson)	Blue Tuesday (Ms. Van Schoor)
Blue Friday (Mr Hingle)	Blue Tuesday (Mr Badham)	Blue Friday (Mr. Bosch)
Maroon Monday (Mr Taylor)	Maroon Tuesday (Mr Taylor)	Maroon Monday (Mr Thompson)
Maroon Thursday (Mr Hingle)	Maroon Friday (Mr Bosch)	Maroon Thursday (Mr Klement)

Please note that this programme should not prevent pupils from approaching their teacher for individual help. Remove and Lower 4 boys should approach their science teacher directly if extra help is required.

W. Taylor

ACTIVITIES - 2004 WINTER SEASON

Authors Hour	<i>Mrs. Leggat</i>	Jazzband	<i>Mr. AC Thompson</i>
African Drumming	<i>Music Department</i>	JSE Challenge	<i>Mr. Dry</i>
Art Consolidation	<i>Mrs. Culwick</i>	Marimbas	<i>Music Department</i>
Aviation	<i>Mr. Robinson</i>	Mathematics Consolidation	<i>Maths Department</i>
Backstage	<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	Model Building	<i>Mr. Laing, Mr Huysamer</i>
Bridge	<i>Mr. Hingle</i>	MuAlphaTheta	<i>Dr. Sproule</i>
Cell Groups	<i>Father Michael</i>	Museum	<i>Mrs. Millward</i>
Chess	<i>Mrs. Jardine</i>	Outdoor Venture Club	<i>Mr. Bosch</i>
Choir	<i>Mr. Oosthuizen</i>	Photography	<i>Mr. Bosch</i>
Christian Discussion Group	<i>Mr. Lamont</i>	Photoshop	<i>Mrs. Scholes</i>
Clarinet Ensemble	<i>Mrs. Moelwyn-Hughes</i>	Piano Ensemble	<i>Ms. Myburgh</i>
Computer Club	<i>Mr. Louw</i>	Pottery	<i>Mrs. Culwick</i>
Confirmation Classes	<i>Father Michael</i>	Prefects' Breakfast	<i>Mr. Huysamer</i>
Debating	<i>Mrs. De Souza, Mrs. Young</i>	Public Speaking	<i>Mrs. Young</i>
Decimus Society (Seniors)	<i>Mrs. De Souza</i>	Saxophone Ensemble	<i>Mr. AC Thompson</i>
Drama Club	<i>Mr. Stalley</i>	Schola Cantorum	<i>Mr. Oosthuizen</i>
Eagle Awards	<i>Mrs. Laurence</i>	Science Club	<i>Mr. Taylor</i>
First Aid	<i>Sister Roos</i>	Science Consolidation	<i>Mr. Taylor</i>
Geography Consolidation	<i>Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Royal</i>	Spraakgilde	<i>Mr. Wehncke</i>
Gourmet Food & Wine	<i>Mr. AS Thompson</i>	String Quartet	<i>Mrs. Bonnet</i>
Gym	<i>Mr. Trninic</i>	Strings Ensemble	<i>Mrs. Bonnet</i>
Interact	<i>Mr. Lamont</i>	Toastmasters	<i>Mr. Stalley</i>
		Windband	<i>Mr. AC Thompson</i>

Some details of Science Department Activities follow :

BACKSTAGE

Ciaran O'Kelly (U5 N) and Stuart Jackson (U5 Hd) lead a group of boys from Remove upwards, who meet once a week in Big School, where the whole backstage area is their domain.

These boys keep things clean, tidy and in working order, maintain all lighting, sound and set-building equipment and spring into action when a production is underway. Last term they worked on "A Man for All Seasons" and this term sees House Plays taking place in Week 6.

Mr. Warwick Taylor (Science Department) is available to guide and advise when needed.

BRIDGE

The Club is run by Mr. Greg Hingle (Science Department) who first became interested in Bridge at school, before joining the Johannesburg Bridge Club. He has been playing seriously for the past 5 years and competes in the SA Championships.

Mr. Hingle teaches a Beginners Group of not more than 20 boys who meet once a week in Old Alston, for a 50 minute lesson.

An Advanced Group meets in the Community Room, where they have easy access to the Bridge tables. Pierre du Toit, a retired engineer with a passion for Bridge, spends 50 minutes with them every Tuesday, preparing them for competition.

In both cases it is possible for boys to continue playing after their formal lesson, if they have no sporting commitments later in the afternoon.

Boys compete at least once a year in the Gauteng Schools Challenge, which is held in Pretoria. The high standard of the club has seen them consistently at the top of the rankings in recent years, winning Best Pair in 2003.

GOURMET FOOD AND WINE

As a student, Mr. Alan Thompson (Science Department) took a part-time job running a French restaurant and later started his own catering business. This was so successful that it paid for his studies and meant that he took a pay cut on entering the teaching profession!

A maximum of 15 boys meet once a week, when they go into the Darragh Hall kitchens to cook and hopefully, eat the results of their afternoon's work. Thus far, their skills cover Indian curries, some basic British classics like Yorkshire pudding and Beef Wellington and French food with a twist. Future plans include Thai cooking, where Mr. Thompson sees lots of potential.

Logistics permitting, the Club hopes to take over the Johannian for an evening, to cook dinner for their parents.

The Club will re-launch for the Summer Season, for a new group of boys.

OUTDOOR CLUB

The Club is run by Mr. Craig Bosch (Science Department). Boys may choose to join either the scuba-diving or the rock-climbing group.

Scuba-diving is a relatively new interest for Mr. Bosch, who has already qualified at several levels, including Rec. and Nitox. He has 2 levels to go before becoming a Master Diver.

About 15 boys meet regularly to discuss different topics and they go on excursions to the Aliwal Shoal or Sodwana once or twice a term. The club provides an opportunity for boys to qualify for Open Water 1 and several of them have qualified at Advanced level.

Rock climbing has always been considered an extreme sport. Although logistics have been a problem, the rock climbing group, supervised by Mr. De Wet Wentzel (Afrikaans Department) has been spending a lot of time on the safety aspects and rope work of the sport. They are also busy planning an excursion to Waterval Boven later in the year, where they will practise their skills whilst doing some serious climbing.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The opportunity of using science in a creative way led to Mr. Bosch's interest in photography and he has the Science Department dark room at his disposal for the use of this Club.

Boys have 2 weeks in which to complete an assignment (candid shots, architectural shots, floral work), which they then meet to critique before setting out on their next assignment.

Led by Simon Fourie (U4 N), boys have full access to the darkroom whenever they wish, in order to print from their negatives. A display of their work on Gaudy Day is a possibility this year.

SCIENCE CLUB

Boys have been learning about the functioning of basic electronic components, using interconnecting modular circuit boards, under the supervision of Mr. Warwick Taylor (Science Department) and they are now building a working model of a steam car.

Future plans include introducing some technology, such as basic soldering skills and making a working burglar alarm system.

The Club meets every second week on a Blue Monday, but boys are also free to come in and work whenever it suits them.

SCIENCE CONSOLIDATION

The Science Department teaching staff are all involved in running classes after school for boys (U4–U5) who need help with the formal Science syllabus. Especially popular as Matric draws closer, these classes provide an opportunity for boys to make contact with different teachers and to go over their work in a structured way.

UPDATE ON DEBATING, PUBLIC SPEAKING from Mrs.Wendy Young

The school team is progressing nicely in the Sacee Public speaking competition. The next debate is at 7.00pm on 26 May at Hyde Park School. The motion is "The very rich give more to society more than they take". SJC oppose.

The Senior Impromptu Speaking Competition will be held after half term. Watch the Acta for details. It is open to all speakers from Upper IV to the VIth Form.

A Junior debate against Sacred Heart is in the pipeline. Please watch the Acta Diurna.

Don't forget to diarise Thursday 10 June. The third Arts Festival is going to be bigger and better.

COMPUTER OLYMPIAD 2004: FIRST ROUND



The following boys excelled in the first round of the Computer Olympiad:

1st: JOHATHAN HAU-YOON

2ND: ASLAM BULBULIA

3RD: ALEX WANG

There was a tie for 4th place:

4th: JASON HUANG

4TH IAN SHARLAND

ART



ST JOHN'S ANNUAL INTERSCHOOLS MATRIC ART EXHIBITION AT THE SANDTON ART GALLERY

Lorna Culwick (HOD Art, St John's College) organised this, the first of many inter-schools matric art exhibitions. She opened the exhibition on Tuesday evening, 11th May 2004 with about 200 pupils, parents and friends attending. Artist and Art Critic, **Ashley Johnson**, gave an inspiring address. We were proud to have a good body of excellent work by St John's boys including Alistair Campbell, Steven Sotiriou, Praveer Sooka, Adam Lu and James Heydenrych. Congratulations to these boys on being selected to exhibit in this prestigious public gallery.

ART COLOURS

Congratulations to ALISTAIR CAMPBELL – awarded Colours for Art.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

The Sixth Form Exhibition will be held during their Parents' Evening in the Jeffrey Auditorium at 17.00 on Thursday, 17 June.

There will be an art display on Gaudy Day, Sat, 10th July.

Remove Art Exhibition will be held in Big School during their Parents' Evening at 17.00 on Thursday, 15th July.

We hope that many parents will come and enjoy the wonderful talents of our boys and girls.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE AND ROEDEAN CAREER EXPO

Taking charge of your future!

To give St John's learners a taste of what the world of work offers them and to help them decide on how to prepare for their future, St John's College and Roedean organized a most successful careers evening on 18 March in Big School.

The exhibition offered an opportunity to obtain information about different careers and gain insight into various professions through workshops delivered by [professionals at regular intervals throughout the evening.

Learners could then ask relevant questions at the exhibition, which included several leading businesses, which provided information about their organisations.



'The careers evening developed my thoughts on career choice because it has given me an understanding of the amount of work that has to be put in, the understanding of what subjects are required for certain careers. It got me thinking of what career suits me best, and the different routes that can be taken to get to your required destination. I am glad and thankful to St John's College that we had a careers evening at our school'. **Jason Surtees - LIV**

'The careers evening supplied the boys with insight and opportunity. I, for one, was helped by the fact that I discovered that I was not born to be a lawyer. This may not be direction, but it helped me to avoid studying a subject that was just not for me'. **Byron Roos – UV**

'The careers expo was both an insightful informative evening. I was able to get many answers for questions regarding my prospective career. I believe it was very useful and helped me in making my decision, as to what career I should follow. I hope that it will become an annual event at St John's College in the future.' **Faheem Seedat - UV**

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS CONFERENCE



St John's will be hosting the Cambridge International Examinations conference at the end of this term. This conference offers training to A-Level teachers from the whole Southern African region by UK facilitators. This will be the third time that St John's has hosted the conference. Staff who lecture in Mathematics, Chemistry, Computing and Physics to Sixth Formers will attend.

DEBATING

Both the St John's Senior and Junior debating teams won convincingly at Michaelhouse on Saturday 29 May.

The School debating team has won all three SACEE debates in round one, and will progress to the next knockout round in July.

The Third Annual Arts Festival happens on Thursday 10 June. Please keep an eye out for your son's workshop choices to see what is available to him. Every boy and girl in the College will be involved in workshops of their choice and will watch different productions. The day will end with performances by two St John's bands.

EAGLE AWARDS

Thirty St John's College boys and girls, in conjunction with the United Nations Habitat for Humanity project, built two houses in the April holidays at Orange Farm. This is a sprawling township some hour's drive south of Johannesburg, and the houses were built as part of the school's Outreach programme. The pupils sold popcorn, washed cars and appealed to sponsors to fund the project. They mixed cement, laid bricks and fitted timbers until after five days two neat houses replaced the shacks which had stood there before. The boys

appreciated meeting the people of Orange Farm and the builders who helped them, as well as seeing another side of life from the privileged one to which they are lucky enough to belong. They plan to make their experience an ongoing one.



“ During the time that we built in Orange Farm, we were allowed to visit one of the houses we completed last year. Seeing an empty building become a home was a very rewarding and motivating experience. Although only a year has passed since the last project; I truly feel that we have made a hugely positive impact not only on families of the recipients, but on the whole Orange Farm community.”

Jean-Marc Vogt – U5

" For my second time round, the house building was a great learning experience for me. I learned to appreciate the privileges I am lucky enough to have that many others do not. I would recommend this project to anyone looking for a way to give back to their community."

Benjamin Awuondo, Sixth Form

Junior boys may earn a Silver Eagle award for Community Service as well. This year a number of boys in UIV have attended Acres of Love in Bryanston, a home for orphaned Aids children, where they have played with the boys there after school on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. The object of the exercise is to give the children - aged between 5 and 13 - some idea of "free play" in the afternoons, since their lives are quite ordered and disciplined. They have played soccer and tennis swingball with them as well as a fair amount of boyish rough-and-tumble. Those boys who have attended regularly in a disciplined way have earned the Silver Eagle award. We are looking for parents who may be able to help with lifts on a Wednesday afternoon. If you can help please contact Sandra Laurence at school.



Organ Music for Trinity Term 2004 : Weeks IX to XIV

The pieces selected for Mondays and Fridays are the prelude and the postlude to College and Prep Prayers. Those for Wednesday and Thursday are the communion and recessional voluntaries at both the College and Prep Masses.

Week IX (27th June – 2nd May)

Monday	<i>Prelude du Deuxieme Ton</i> <i>Plein jeu du Troisieme Ton</i>	J. Guilain (Early 18thC)
Wednesday & Thursday	<i>Trio du Cornet & Tierce</i> <i>Dialogue sur les Grand Jeux</i>	F. Couperin (1668-1733) L. Clerambault (1676-1749)
Friday	<i>Prelude du Troisieme Ton</i> <i>Dialogue du Premier Ton</i>	G. Nivers (1632-1714)

Week X (5th – 10th July)

Monday	<i>Meditation</i> <i>Fugue, Op.130 no.12</i>	C. Franck (1822-1890) G. Merkel (1827-1885)
Wednesday & Thursday	<i>Toccata Cromatica</i> <i>Chorale Prelude : 'Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott'</i>	J. Kerll (1627-1693) M. Reger (1873-1916)
Friday	Two fughettas in B flat and F majors	J. E. Rembt (1749-1810)
Saturday (Gaudy Day, Sung Mass at 09h00)	Fantasia in C minor Fanfare	J. S. Bach (1685-1750) K. Leighton (20thC)

Week XI (12th – 16th July)

Monday	Chorale Preludes : 'Jesus, meine zuversicht' and 'Wer nun den Lieben Gott'	
Wednesday & Thursday	Trio in D minor <i>Prelude and Fugue in G minor</i>	
Friday	Chorale Partita : 'O Gott, du Frommer Gott' <i>Prelude and Fugue in E minor</i>	All works by J. S. Bach

Week XII (19th – 23rd July)

Monday	<i>Canzona</i> <i>Elevazione</i>	G. Frescobaldi (1583-1643) B. Sabadini (17thC)
Wednesday & Thursday	Improvisation Trumpet Tune in C	C. Upchurch (b1972) M. McCabe (20 th C)

Friday *Chorale Preludes : 'Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr' and Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend'* J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

Week XIII (26th – 30th July)

Monday *2 Fughettas* J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Wednesday & Thursday *Deux Chorals* J. Alain (20thC)
Entrée from the Suite Medievale J. Langlais (20thC)

Friday *Pastorale* L. Boellmann (1862-1897)
Postlude in F minor

Week XIV (2nd – 6th August)

Monday *Prelude, Op.15 No.7* G. Merkel (1827-1885)
Fugue, Op.124, No.9

No College Mass on Wednesday

Thursday and Friday *Chorale* W. Mathias (20thC)
(College Mass Friday *Alla Danza from the Water Music* G. F. Handel
10h30)

C. Upchurch
Chapel Organist

MUSIC



Sean van Zijl has been invited to Oslo to attend a summer workshop. He will be accompanied by Ms Isabella Bonnet, who has been invited to observe the master-classes. Sean has also been chosen as a soloist to perform with the Randburg Orchestra.

Attie Esterhuizen and **James Oesi** have been chosen to go to Interlochen in the USA.

The choir recently participated in a very successful performance with British vocalist Michael Dore in the Carnival City Big Top Arena.



Falsified Driver's Documents

Dear Parents

It has come to the school's attention that certain boys are acquiring falsified driver's licenses. These documents are extremely accurate reproductions and difficult to distinguish from the genuine article. They are used as "proof" of age to gain access at clubs with age restrictions over weekends. Parents are either unaware of this practice, or are dismissing the matter as a harmless joke.

The SAPS have been approached for clarification on this matter, and a member of the Fraud Squad has given the school the following information:

- to falsify an official document is an act of fraud,
- fraud is a jailable offence, the sentences ranging from 6 to 12 years depending on the nature of the case,
- the fact that boys have provided a photograph of themselves to the person producing these falsified documents indicates that they are being intentionally acquired for the purposes of defeating the law of South Africa,
- on these grounds any person in possession of such a falsified driver's license is guilty of fraud,
- in the case of minors, parents would have to appear in court to hear charges of fraud brought by the State.

It is not the school's intention or desire to embark on a witch-hunt, but parents are asked to view the matter in the serious light which this issue demands, and if necessary, to guide their sons in this matter.

Martin Huysamer
Student Affairs

SPORTS NEWS

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

JOHAN VAN ZYL competed in the Northern Cape Clay Target Shooting Opens. He came second in the B Class, scored 162/200 and made the Minimum Qualifying Score of 87% with an 88% of high gun. He has been invited to be part of the National Protea Team, and will be competing in Signes, France from 17 – 20 June 2004. Well done Johan!

JUDO

Congratulations to Alex, Adam and Anthony Szpytko who took part in the Central-Gauteng Judo trials for the South African Judo Championships to be held in Port Elizabeth in July. Alex and Anthony qualified in first place and Adam in second in their respective ages.

HOCKEY

Congratulations to the following hockey players for being selected to Provincial Teams:

Gauteng Schools U/18 A Team:

Rory Brinkmann (V Capt)
Tim Schultz
Oliver Whiteley

Gauteng Schools U/18 B Team:

Thabang Moyana

Gauteng Schools U/16 A Team:

Hemal Kana
Guy Manning

U/14 & U/16 B & C still to be selected.

SQUASH

Over the weekend of 15-16 May, **Byron Roos** played in the Gauteng U19 Closed Championships, where he finished 9th. As a result, he has been selected for the Gauteng U19 Squad and will take part in the Inter Provincial Tournaments to be held from 30 June to 4 July. CONGRATULATIONS on this fine achievement!!!

St John's College International Schools Golf Tournament

General information

- To be held at Sun City from Sunday 15th August – Wednesday 18th August 2004
- We have a subsidy for twenty teams of four boys each and hope to find further sponsorship for two to three development teams
- We have contacted Dr Nagel, who heads up the development board, and he is thrilled at the prospect of the development players competing against their peers, both from SA and around the world.
- Competition format:

Date	Course	Competition
Sunday 15 th	Lost City	Betterball stableford
Monday 16 th	Lost City	Combined stableford – three scores to count
Tuesday 17 th	Gary Player	Betterball stableford
Wednesday 18 th	Gary Player	Combined stableford – four scores to count

Objectives

- To raise the profile of golf at a school level. School sport has always been instrumental in producing SA sportsmen and golf is still considered a minor sport in schools even though SA has produced so many great golfers
- To provide an opportunity for development players to compete in a world class tournament
- To put St John's on the map as the primary golf school in the country – a niche market not tapped into by other major schools
- To identify the top golf playing school in the country
- To run a world class tournament that attracts schools from around the world to visit and play golf in SA

Interesting information

- Three English schools have already confirmed their participation. These include Millfield House – the English golf champions for the past five year (a league which includes over 100 schools) – Canford College and Reading Blue Coat School
- Prince Edward from Zimbabwe will also be making the trip
- South African schools that have already confirmed their participation include: Dainfern College, Helpmekaar, Hilton College, King Edward VII, Reddam House, Saheti, St Andrew's College Grahamstown, Grey High P.E., Selborne College, St John's College and Westville Boy's High.
- This will be the only competition of its kind in SA

• WE NEED YOUR HELP

We will be producing a brochure for this tournament as part of a fund raising drive to assist with the tournament costs and hopefully to help with the building of a golf facility at St John's. This will consist of a 250m² bent grass green as well as bunkers and driving nets. If you would like to buy advertising in this brochure or if you require any further details about this tournament then please contact Kevin Hawksworth on 082 877 0232 or at hawksworth@stjohns.wits.ac.za or Wendy Huddy at wendyhuddy1@hotmail.co.za .

Results of the draw for the Rugby Festival tickets

The pre-sold ticket sales accounted for an income of R73 000.00. Congratulations to the winners and thanks for the support.

The draw took place at amphitheatre and the results are as follows:

1 **Charles Baggott** One term's school fees courtesy **First National Bank**

2 **Guy Phillips** A Mercer Computer donated by Harry Haralambous

3 **Daniel Schefer** Hamper from Thrupps

4 **Mark Nisbet** Case of wine donated by Michael Spicer

5 **Jhulan Vallabh** Case of wine donated by Michael Spicer

The Rugby Festival Committee is most grateful to all of the School Community who supported, helped with and enjoyed what turned out to be a most successful event. All of the income generated is returned to the school for the development of all sport as well as to improve the facilities.

Planning is under way for the 2005 Festival and should anyone like to get involved in serious hard work as well as good fun please contact Cliff Midgley.

TUCK SHOP

Our suppliers have informed us that the price per slice of pizza will be increasing by 50c per slice with effect from 1 June 2004. We have no option but to increase our price accordingly.

Due to the abuse of the tomato sauce on the tables outside the Tuck Shop, individual sachets are being investigated, and will be charged for separately.

In future, due to the shortage of moms being able to assist in the Tuck Shop on a Friday afternoon, the Tuck Shop will be closed at 14h30 for stocktaking.

BOOK ROOM

The Book Room hours are currently from 07h00 – 08h00 on Wednesday mornings. Should you urgently require a book outside of these hours, please contact Sharon Kerr-Phillips at the Tuck Shop or on 084 788-0483.

The Book Room is in the process of being computerized, which will result in a swifter, more efficient processing of purchases and buy-backs.



MySchool

College supporters have raised nearly R22 000. To date only 24% of parents support this fundraising scheme, and more support would raise more funds. Please ensure that you register and obtain your card through the finance department.