



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

EASTER TERM

No 2/2005

Dear Parents

Despite the media cover over the incident with Wayde Baker, we have had an excellent term. I am very proud of our boys and their successes. They are loyal to their school and live out their school motto 'Lux Vita Caritas'.



Some highlights of the term have been:

- A group of 32 St John's boys and girls building a home in Ivory Park with the organisation Habitat for Humanity.
- Winning the Mintek Science Quiz
- St John's hosted an excellent 10th Easter Rugby Festival, which offered wonderful rugby, a sense of community and good entertainment. Thanks to Mr Craig France, Chairman of the Festival Rugby Committee and to First National Bank, our major sponsor. A successful innovation was the introduction of 4 prep school matches. St John's Prep won all 3 of their games.
- 65 Boys were confirmed on Wednesday 30 March and 11 boys were also baptized in a wonderful service conducted by Bishop Brian Germond.
- An excellent play "Breaking Point" was directed by Mr Mike Stalley and played to full houses. It was a dramatic "who dunnit".
- On the sports front our boys continue to have success. Water Polo won the King Edward's National Tournament. Rowing came second in the SA Rowing Championships. Cricket won both 1st and 2nd Team Johnny Waite knockout competitions. Rugby and hockey are doing well. The U15 Rugby team won all their matches in a tournament at Michaelhouse. The U14s won 1 out of 3 in a tough tournament at Outeniqua. Basketball toured with a young team to Natal over Easter and 1st Rugby won 2 out of 3 games during the Festival. 1st Team Hockey successfully played in the Grey tournament in Bloemfontein. Our annual FNB Classic Clash against St Stithians was successful with our Hockey and Rugby teams, achieving more wins than losses overall.

Enjoy the holidays.

Yours sincerely

Roger Cameron

Copies of two letters from myself and the Chairman of Council re the Wayde Baker incident can be found on the school website: www.stjcollege.com

STAFF NEWS

Music Staff

We congratulate our Head of Brass, Mr Robin Finlay, on graduating recently at UNISA with a BA (cum laude) majoring in Psychology and Music in World cultures.

Congratulations also to Ms Isabella Bonnet, our Head of Strings, on becoming Me. Bonnet. She recently married Mr Pierre Roux, but for professional reasons will keep her maiden name.

BOYS' NEWS



FILM CLUB

The St John's Film Club, despite a series of difficulties, had its inaugural screening on March 1. Tat Wolfen, film buff and former editor of *Total Movie*, introduced and discussed the quirky cult movie *Harold and Maude*. Though the group was small, the exchange of ideas after the viewing was lively and lengthy. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 5 at 6.30pm in the Jeffrey Auditorium. Everyone is welcome to come along for a new slant on the movies.



FIRST AID

The following boys were awarded Level Three First Aid certificates:

Douglas Bruce-Brand
Jean Hiley
Charles Nel
Siya Xuza
Matthew Kolling
Alexander Szpytko
Matthew Macfarlane
Alex Wang

Poetry Slam

On 2 February, St John's met Roedean in a poetry slam. To the background of hype created by MC Damon Berry (freelance writer and actor, and friend to St John's), and the enthusiastic interaction of every one in the fully-packed Jeffrey Auditorium, creative stuff happened. All the poets rose to the challenge with style, and some memorable images were born in the heady mix of vision and adrenalin. Congratulations to Jono Lewis, Tshepo Mafatshe, Josh Ward and Enrico Moya on their well-deserved win.

Public Speaking

Eleven seniors contested the annual Gordon Chivers Public Speaking competition. Speeches were variously thought provoking, witty and fresh; and the appreciative audience was well entertained. The winner was Shaun Levor, with Gareth Beck and Nick Fordyce as runners-up.

ART OLYMPIAD

There has been an extension for entries to the end of June.
Success in this will improve the chances of Art Colours.
Please see Mrs Culwick for details.

OVERSEAS ART TOUR (AUGUST)

Thank you to all parents and boys for being on track so far with payments, etc.
Please be sure to hand in **signed forms** and **passports** on the first day of next term, as Travel Showcase will be getting our visas for us.

ART CENTRE REQUESTS

Many thanks for the many polystyrene trays, which have been given to us to use as palettes.
Please don't stop - our need is on going!

We would be very grateful for donations of **still-life objects**. These can range from natural forms (pods, cones, etc) to geometric, man-made shapes like machines, vessels, etc, or fabric of any sort. Varying textures, sizes and forms are what we are after.



DRAMA

This year's major drama production took us up to the Canadian Arctic where we joined six men on an expedition to discover the scientific potential of Radium beneath the rocky surface of MacGowan Island. The men are buried in the base hut twenty feet beneath the frozen snow, the only access being through the roof, now at snow ground level, down a ladder into the body of the hut, the men's home for the past three months. A stunning set. Owing to the pressures of stress the team's disintegration has begun to set in and we meet these men at

Breaking Point, (the title of the play). One mysteriously disappears. His father, the multi-millionaire sponsor of the expedition, flies out to investigate and the exciting plot with its many unexpected twists and turns begins to unravel with the background noises of the fast approaching winter blizzard, adding poignancy and tension to the drama.

I was very proud of the cast who equipped themselves extremely well, three of them never having been in a major production before. It was very rewarding for these boys to realise the depth of potential they had within them as they worked as a closely-knit team and, to experience the sheer pleasure of doing so. The talented cast comprised Dylan Harrison (LV), David de Oliveira (UV), Matthew van Niftrik (LV), Marc Dunnink (UV), Jonathan Ewing (UV), Billy Rivers (LV), Kieran Reid (UV) and Rayner Freyberg (LV). Twelve boys were heavily involved backstage and a large number of young ladies and gentlemen of the Sixth form looked after the make-up and stewarding. Nicholas Fordyce (LV) was Backstage Manager for the performances. Thanks to the indefatigable Mr Warwick Taylor and Mrs Dimmy Grigoratos, General Stage Manager and Bookings Manager respectively.

All Remove and Lower IV boys attended a performance and completed worksheets on the production as one of their Drama module assignments for the now compulsory subject at that level, viz. Arts and Culture. The play was a popular choice among the students of the College and the cast played to full houses. Thirty-eight boys from throughout the College auditioned for a part in the play, an indication of the enthusiasm amongst the boys to be involved with school drama many of whom would welcome the subject of Drama being introduced in the College as an academic subject.

The next Drama event will be the Inter-House One Act Play Festival in June, always a popular competitive highlight in the calendar in which about a hundred boys will be involved.

Michael Stalley

CULTURAL AWARDS – APRIL 2005

MUSIC

HONOURS

Matthew Hartdegen
Camron Andrews
Matthew Rodrigues

COLOURS

Granville Matheson
Alexandros Diakakis
Moeketsi Boikanyo
Luke Baggott

RE-AWARD OF HALF COLOURS

Robin Scher
Keaton Myburgh
Maurice Posniak

HALF COLOURS

Christopher Turner
Thomas Walwyn
Daniel Prince
Lachlan Niven

Jason Wong
Ryan Case
Adrian Davey
Greg Nottingham
David Oldert
Mwezi Macingwane
Primal Patel

MATHS

Carl Veller was invited to attend a maths workshop in Grahamstown from 20 – 25, March which aimed to select a team to represent South Africa at the International Mathematical Olympiad and one for the Pan African Mathematical Olympiad. Well done Carl!



MUSIC

The following boys were entered for the Trinity College of London Advanced recital Recorder Ensemble (with double bass and piano accompaniment). They passed with distinction:

Matthew Hartdegen
Nicholas Parkin
Michael Alberti
Jason Huang
Camron Andrews
James Oesi

SCIENCE

Parents of Matrics, Lower 5's and Upper 4's are reminded that Science Consolidation lessons take place twice a week during the cultural period. This is 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. 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	Blue Tuesday	Blue Monday
Blue Tuesday	Blue Thursday	Blue Tuesday
Maroon Monday	Maroon Monday	Maroon Monday
Maroon Tuesday	Maroon Tuesday	Maroon Tuesday

Lower 4's can book a lesson directly with Ms. Van Schoor for a Maroon Tuesday.
Removes can book a lesson directly with Mr. Thompson for a Blue Monday.
Please note that this programme should not prevent pupils from approaching their teacher for individual help.

Mintek Quiz

We take this opportunity to congratulate Adam Lowe, Granville Matheson and Henk Becker on gaining 1st position in the Regional section of Minquiz. This is an annual Science competition, which includes a written paper and a multiple-choice quiz. The team did exceptionally well as most schools in Johannesburg participate. We wish them all of the best for the National Final, which takes place in May.

SPEECH AND DRAMA

Many boys participated with great success in the South African Guild of Speech and Drama Public Speaking Festival. Two teams of four from each year group delivered speeches on a variety of topics based on proverbs or on a line of poetry. There were over 100 participating schools. Our entrant for The Guild Trophy Individual Speaker Event, a prestigious competition sponsored by Nedbank, was Shaun Levor. Shaun was placed 6th in Gauteng out of over 60 entrants - a noteworthy achievement.

Congratulations to all who participated and thanks to the parents and staff who attended some of the evening performances.

SPORTS NEWS

Colours Awards Summer Sports 2005

BASKETBALL:

Team Blazer:	Nicholas Chan Warren White Stephen Michael Vukani Mti	Nhlanhla Makenna Andile Mbete Robert Hu
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Full Colours:	Vaughn Rossouw	Alex Hauck
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Honours:	Kemo Bosielo	Talenta Mathebula
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CRICKET:

Team Blazer:	Lachlan Niven Guy Hansmeyer Muneer Bham	Ross Beckley Tsoanelo Ntene Kyle Lumsden
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Full Colours:	Rohan Dullabh Omphile Ramela	Wesley Verweij Robert Tayler
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ROWING:

Team Blazer:	Keaton Myburgh	Connor Mace
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Full Colours:	Christo Van Der Hoven Luke Lamont	Peter Van Doesburgh Kieran Mace
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Kyle Hutchinson

Honours:

Lou Du Plessis
Tom Fry

Steyn Roets

GOLF:

Team Blazer:

Ronnie Collins
Nicholas Ryan
Johan Blersch

Jason Surtees
Christopher Van Der Merwe

Full Colours:

Jason Gmur

SWIMMING:

Team Blazer:

Michael Bornman
Jonathan Irwin
Michael Toms

Sean Levor
Patrick Wainwright

Full Colours:

Primal Patel
Michael Fargher
Gerald Neves

Jason Forbes
Michael Jones

TENNIS:

Team Blazer:

Tsai-hsien Chuang

Full Colours:

Kyle Davidson

Honours:

Dai Edwardes-Evans

WATERPOLO:

Team Blazer:

Matthew Brooks
Warren O'Leary

Carl Booij
Jason Forbes

Honours:

Angus Henderson
Michael Fargher

Nick Louw
Primal Patel

CRICKET

John Waite cup - a double triumph for St John's College

This is the first time in the school's history that we have won both A and B sections simultaneously in this prestigious competition

The 1st XI beat St Stithians convincingly by 125 runs, with St John's scoring 225 for 4 in their allotted 35 overs. Jean Symes (U5) was 125 not out (100 balls) and Tim Schultz (U5) scored 47 (30 balls).

St Stithians were 100 for 9 at the end of their 35 overs. Muneer Bahm (U5) took 2 wickets for 10 runs and Jean Symes took 3 for 19.

Jean Symes was named man of the match.

The 2nd XI beat King Edward VII by 7 wickets. KES batted first and were bowled out for 109. Ryan Case (L5) took 4 for 17. St John's comfortably scored the required runs in 20 overs. Ben Maxton (L5) was 30 not out and Ronny Collins (L5) 38 not out. Ryan Case was named man of the match.

HOCKEY

1st XI Ascension Festival – Grey College, Bloemfontein 29th March – 3rd April

The 1st XI Hockey team attended the Ascension Festival at Grey College. It formed part of their 150th celebration. The festival had the best hockey playing schools in S.A. participating and St John's was certainly rated amongst the top teams at the festival.

Team: S. Moolman, M. Tobias, H. Kana, B. Koch, T. Schultz (Capt), T. Chuang, P. Makgolane, O. Whiteley (V. Capt), T. Sammons, A. Diakakis, G. Manning, G. Jackson, M. Heyink, M. Van Deijzen, S. Clayton.

Coach: Mr. Lion-Cachet

Results:

vs Grey College	lost	0 – 1
vs Wynberg	lost	2 – 3
vs Michaelhouse	won	2 - 1
vs Selborne	won	2 – 0

RUGBY

U14A Team tour to Outeniqua

The U14A team attended the Outeniqua Rugby festival from 25 to 30 April. The boys played three games against top quality opposition, losing two games and winning one. The team produced some fine rugby in difficult conditions.

Results

vs Grens won 21-7
vs Oakdale lost 7-37
vs Menlo Park lost 0-34

SWIMMING

Kristopher Matulovich achieved the following results in the USSASA National High School champs in Durban on the 3rd - 6th March:

Swimmers can only be selected for a maximum of 4 events plus relays, Kris was selected for 50 free, 50 fly, 100 free and 100 fly as well as the 200m freestyle relay and the 200m medley relay.

He came first in all 4 of his individual events, breaking the SA schools' meet records in all 4. It must be noted that some of these meet records which he broke, had been standing for many years:

100 free record had been standing since 1990 was 56.12

100 fly record since 1984 was 1.00.48

50 free record standing since 1991 was 25.84

50 fly record since 2003 was 27.97

Kris's times were:

100 Free 54.96

100 Fly 58.89

50 Free 25.26

50 Fly 26.55

Their relay team also broke the meet record in both their relays.

As well as breaking the meet records, Kris's times have also broken the SA age group record for the 50 fly, 100 free and 100 fly as well as the Central Gauteng Age group records in all 4 events. These times have also qualified him to swim at Senior Nationals in April.

Adam Szpytko took part in the Level 2 National Swimming Championships held in Germiston from 8 – 10 March, and won a silver medal in the 100m freestyle event. Well done Adam!

WATER POLO

King Edward VII School National 1st Teams Water Polo Tournament:

vs SACS	won 8-3
vs Northwood	won 9-4
vs Westville	won 12-2
vs Maritzburg College	won 9-1
vs Grey Bloem.	won 13-5
vs Selborne	won 9-5
vs King Edward	won 8-1
vs Jeppe	won 10-2

Quarter-final:

vs Rondebosch	won 8-2
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Semi-final:

vs Selborne	won 10-4
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Final:

vs DHS	won 2-1
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1st Team:

1. Angus Henderson
2. Etienne Le Roux
3. Chris Brown
4. Jason Forbes
5. Matthew Brooks
6. Gerald Neves
7. Jason Booij
8. Brian Dudley
9. Primal Patel
10. Mike Fargher
11. Richard Gunn
12. Warren O'Leary
13. Nick Louw
14. Carl Booij

Etienne Le Roux, Chris Brown and Brian Dudley were selected for the "Team of the Tournament".



Join in praying for St John's and the St John's Community - Thursday mornings in the Community Room from 07h30 – 08h30.

Parents' Prayer Group – Debbie Cloete 083 309-6506



A note from the Librarian –

Parents are kindly invited to join the College Library as borrowers so that they may make use of this useful resource of latest works of fiction and non-fiction. Parents waiting to collect their sons from sport, etc may also find the Library a more ambient space than the car park. So do come in.

Historical Sources of the College

The history of St John's College is well recorded. *The Johannian* has been published since the 1920's, and before that the CR Fathers sent out *Letters of Term*. This publication is available from the Librarian, who is also busy indexing all the volumes. The archives of the College are vast, comprising of thousands of documents dating from the inception of St John's in 1898. An

index of the archives is available from the College Librarian. An excellent history of the school was written by K.C. Lawson. It is called Venture of Faith, and deals with the history of St John's until 1968. An index to this work is available on ClassNavigator. Forward in Faith by Ian Grant-McKenzie continues with the history from 1969 to 1998.

A visit to the Museum will also show how the masters and boys lived on the campus in the early days.

OVERDUE BOOKS – Rules, fines and other unpleasant reminders

Some parents will be perturbed at the sight of charges on their accounts in respect of overdue library books.

Erring borrowers are only invoiced when library books taken by them are overdue by six weeks or more. Once the boys have received the invoice they have a further week during which they may return an overdue library book. However, some students do not do this and then have to pay for the book and for a fine for late return. Books are charged a flat rate of R170.00, and the fine is R30.00. Some books are of course more expensive, or cheaper, than the flat rate. This term some boys have left things a bit late, and unfortunately they have now incurred said charges. Even if they have returned the book/s, the Accounts department will be unable to reverse the charges until next term. Please check with your sons.

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