



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

MICHAELMAS TERM

No 6/2005



Dear Parents

St John's Boys Acquitted

I am pleased to report that Brian Dudley has been discharged by the Magistrate on the grounds that there is no substantial evidence against him, in the charge of assault against Wayde Baker. As you know, earlier this year, similar charges against Richard Gunn and Etienne le Roux were withdrawn. Our faith in these three young men, that they were telling the truth, and that they did not assault Wayde Baker has been justified.



What emerged from the court proceedings over the past 2 days, vindicates all our earlier communication to our parent community regarding this incident:

- * There was no evidence led to support the allegation of Mrs Baker that *"twenty St John's boys attacked her son ..."*. In fact the evidence contradicted this assertion.
- * Wayde Baker went into the party despite being told that he was not welcome, and by his own admission supported by medical evidence had consumed several beers and champagne earlier in the day.
- * It was also revealed under cross-examination that he fell face first against a car, and this was the cause of much of his injuries.
- * The police arrested the three boys because they had been named by a witness as being present in the crowd at the party.
- * The State was not able to prove their case against the three boys because there was no evidence that they had assaulted Wayde Baker. In fact there was specific evidence they had not.
- * The offer to investigate the situation by St John's made in good faith, the "truth and reconciliation" type commission, and with it an offer to pay actual medical expenses covered by commitments from parents, was rejected by Mrs Baker. She subsequently sued seven parents for an amount that far exceeded medical costs.
- * St John's has never condoned bad behaviour by any of its boys and will not do so in the future. When a criminal or civil litigation is launched – as it was in the immediate aftermath of the assault, - matters are taken beyond the remit of the school disciplinary system.
- * Sadly the media have enjoyed attacking St John's College because it is perceived to represent power and privilege. Prejudice and envy have clearly been discernable in much media coverage.
- * The good that has come out of this is that there is a heightened awareness of the dangers of underage consumption of alcohol, and parents have drafted a valuable charter on this subject (see our website).

I hope this ugly incident can now be laid to rest, and the many successes and highlights of a wonderful year can be celebrated. Our task is to take wonderful boys and make them into

exceptional men. As I have said before, but it is worth repeating, there are twelve critical outcomes in the new national curriculum, which I summarise into four:

- * St John's boys need to have self-confidence and a good self-esteem. They must know themselves – their strengths and weaknesses.
- * St John's boys must be able to think independently, conceptually and critically.
- * St John's boys must be able to communicate effectively. They must be able to co-operate with others, and work together in a team, exercising leadership and accepting authority.
- * St John's boys must have a strong sense of justice, knowing right from wrong, resulting in a strong ethic of compassion and service.

I do thank all the boys and the staff for a wonderful year. There is so much good that happens at St John's that sometimes one is overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of people. One only needs to read the brag sheets of the Prep and College Speech Nights to recognise the amazing achievements of our boys. This year we also recorded on the reports the amount of time and the involvement of the boys in community service. It has been a treat to read about the variety, and the commitment of the boys to others. Many have far exceeded the required 20 hours per year.

Ann and I wish you a very blessed Christmas, with much joy and happiness for your whole family. May the new year bring new challenges and opportunities. Have a wonderful holiday and a good rest.

Regards



Roger Cameron

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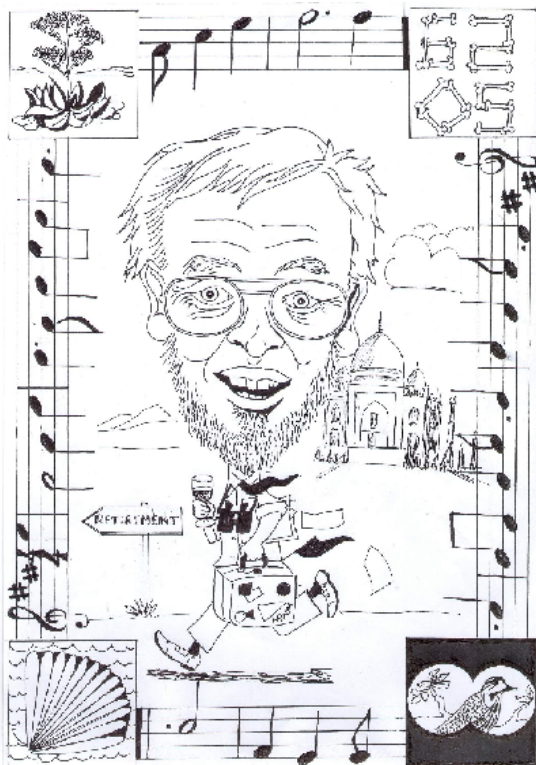
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He is the very model of an English intellectual
 (with all necessary apologies)
 to celebrate **The Life and Times of Michael M**
 26 November 2005

Verse 1

He is the very model of an English intellectual
 He's information succulent and literal and lyrical
 He knows the rhyming couplets from the tragical to comical
 From Eliot to Eminem both popular and classical.
 He's very well acquainted too with matters metaphysical
 He understands things pastoral as well as pedagogical
 Of sonnets and soliloquies he's teeming with a lot of views
 With many cheerful facts about spondees he can enthuse.

Chorus

With many cheerful facts about spondees he can enthuse

Verse 2

He knows our mythic history, King Arthur's, and Sir Caradoc's
 He answers hard acrostics, has a pretty taste for paradox
 He quotes in elegiacs all the crimes of Mephistopheles
 In language he can floor peculiarities anomalous
 He can tell undoubted Raphaels from Turner and Praxiteles
 He knows the croaking chorus from *The Frogs* of Aristophanes
 Then he can hum a fugue of which he's heard the music's din afore
 And chorus a whole litany of aloes arborissimor

Chorus

And chorus a whole litany of aloes arborissimor

Verse 3

He's very sharp at characters like Hamlet and Polonius
 Gertrude and her Claudius and other things erogenous
 But still in times dramatical and tragical and comical
 He is the very model of an English intellectual
 He's very good at prosody and parody: no pedantry
 He reads with perspicacity and spies all ambiguity
 In truth, in sensibility, the rarest individual
 He is the very model of an English intellectual

Chorus

He is the very model of an English intellectual

Verse 4

In fact since he's an expert on spice cardamom and cinnamon
 And tells the difference easily 'twixt milkwood and a francolin
 Swans easily through OBE and assessment commissariat
 And rubrics multitudinous that we are very wary at

When he has taught recalcitrants to parse the wit of Thackeray
 And knows more rules of English than a linguist with a dictionary
 Then boy, does he deserve some time, just footling in his herbery
 We see him sitting on his porch and sipping double daiquiris

Chorus

We see him sitting on his porch and sipping double daiquiris

Verse 5

And so we pay our tribute to our friend and sage and master
 And let us raise our glasses to health, happiness and laughter

Chorus

And let us raise our glasses to health, happiness and laughter

"Michael Marais joined St John's in 1962 as a young 21-year old graduate of Rhodes University. He retires after 44 years at St John's and for the past 32 years he was Head of the English Department, which has consistently produced excellent results. A man with a great mind, a real scholar, a man of varied interests – a man of literature and the arts – a man who has travelled the world, who is an acknowledged expert in the world of succulents, a restorer of paintings an art historian, and a great English teacher, Editor of the Johannian magazine, a sausage braaier at the Rugby Festival, a man without any arrogance, humble and wise, a man who has given his life to St John's. So often in a staff meeting when people are at odds, Michael's perspective and wise comment will give direction. I honour you and thank you for your service and friendship".

Roger Cameron

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CULTURAL AWARDS – NOVEMBER 2005

DEBATING

Half-Colours

Tshepo Mafatshe

Certificates

Shaun Levor
Matthew van Niftrik
Siya Xuza

Junior Debating

St John's won the Junior Friendly Debating League, organized by Brescia House. This has been a most enjoyable competition: the first three rounds were hotly contested and our juniors learned a great deal about debating. We debated against St Mary's and St Peter's respectively in the semi-final and the final. I would like to thank all the parents who so dutifully support their sons in this activity and for the interest shown by a number of members of staff, without whom the event would not happen. Thank you, too, to all the kitchen staff for their smiling willingness to keep us fed and watered with delicious scones and snacks. Well done to the team members: **Marc de Vos, Richard Dunsford-White, Lorne Hallendorff, Nic Parkin, Craig Lai King, Shakeel Kalidas** and to numerous extremely clever lads who contributed from the floor. Please note that we are on a talent hunt for new junior debaters. See you next year. Wendy Young

Adam Earle was awarded the Junior Public Speaking cup after he won the competition earlier in the term.



MUSIC

Great news from the Piano Department: **Conrad de Kock (U4)** received the highest mark in the country for his final piano Grade 8 exam. Because of this achievement he was invited to play at the recent high scorer's concert. Congratulations on this excellent achievement!



The following excellent results was also recently achieved:

Kyle Hanck (L4) Trinity Grade 5
Alek Gallo (L4) Trinity Grade 7
Fanie van der Wat (U4) UNISA Grade 8
Awadi Rathugamage (REM) ABRSM Grade 6 with distinction

Joshua Geffen (L4) has been invited as an exchange student to Richmond, Canada and will continue his musical studies there for the next six months. Good luck!

The following boys performed at a music concert "for the aged" in Rosebank: **Alek Gallo (L4)**, **Joshua Geffen (L4)**, **Awadi Rathugamage (REM)**, **Ryan Russell (L5)** and **Pieter Coetzee (REM)**. We also had some musical performances during the 6th Form Masses on Thursday mornings with the participation of some 6th Formers: Special mention of **Sheila Maina (U6)** on the piano. **Conrad de Kock** also performed as accompanist with this year's Jazz Band.

UNISA EXAMINATIONS

Matthew Sturgess Gr 5 Violin (Merit)

ROYAL SCHOOLS (ABRSM)

Conrad de Kock Gr 8 Piano (Distinction)
Steven Gaywood Gr 4 Clarinet
Damaris Nyamumbo Gr 6 Flute (Distinction) 6th Form
Awadi Rathugamage Gr 6 Piano (Distinction)

TRINITY EXAMINATIONS

Samuel Peirson Gr 8 Violin (Merit)
Michael Alberti Gr 7 Cello (Distinction)
Andries Joubert Gr 5 Clarinet
Scott Murray - First Concert Certificate
Christian Sittmann - First Concert Certificate (Merit)
Kyle Hanck Gr 5 Piano
Alek Gallo Gr 7 Piano
Alexandros Diakakis Performer's Certificate Saxophone (Merit)
Andrew Nocker Performer's Certificate Saxophone (Distinction)
Robin Scher Gr 8 Saxophone

TRINITY ROCK SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Danilo Queiros Gr 3 Bass
Moeketsi Boikanyo Gr 6 Bass (Merit)
Rally Schachat Gr 3 Guitar
Estian Swanepoel Gr Guitar
Daniel Rothschild Gr 4 Guitar (Merit)
Matthew Rodrigues Gr 8 Guitar (Merit)

MATRIC RESULTS

Results will be released at 08h00 on Thursday 29 December 2005. Individual results can be accessed on the internet – www.ieb.co.za at the time of release.

Kindly note that candidates can send an SMS to 082 443 6451 to obtain their results. The following format must be used:

Message to be sent

Results ExamNumber BirthDate

For example:

Results 12345 19971215



TIMETABLE – 2006

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
07h25 - 07h35	Roll Call	07h25 - 07h35	Roll Call	07h25 - 07h35	Roll Call	07h25 - 07h50	Tutor Period & Roll Call	07h25 - 07h35	Roll Call
07h35 - 08h00	House Period/Choir	07h35 - 08h25	Period 1	07h35 - 08h40	Mass	07h50 - 08h40	Period 1	07h35 - 07h50	Chapel
08h00 - 08h20	Chapel/Choir	08h25 - 09h15	Period 2	08h40 - 09h25	Period 1	08h40 - 09h30	Period 2	07h50 - 08h20	Tutor Period
08h20 - 09h10	Period 1	09h15 - 10h00	Hymn practice Staff meeting/Choir	09h25 - 10h10	Period 2	09h30 - 10h00	Amphitheatre	08h20 - 09h10	Period 1
09h10 - 10h00	Period 2	10h00 - 10h20	BREAK	10h10 - 10h55	Period 3	10h00 - 10h20	BREAK	09h10 - 10h00	Period 2
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10h20 - 11h10	Period 3	11h10 - 12h00	Period 4	11h15 - 12h00	Period 4	11h10 - 12h00	Period 4	10h20 - 11h10	Period 3
11h10 - 12h00	Period 4	12h00 - 12h30	Junior Lunch	12h00 - 12h45	Period 5	12h00 - 12h30	Junior Lunch	11h10 - 12h00	Period 4
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13h20 - 14h10	Period 6	14h10 - 15h10	Activities/Choir			14h10 - 15h10	Activities/Windband	13h20 - 14h10	Period 6
14h10 - 15h10	Activities/Jazzband	15h10 - 17h00	Sport			15h10 - 17h00	Sport	14h10 - 15h10	Activities/Ensemble
15h10 - 17h00	Sport	17h00 - 18h30	String Ensemble			17h00 - 18h30	Scola Choir	15h10 - 17h00	Sport
17h00 - 18h30	Windband								

Notes:

- 1) All pupils will attend roll call - There will be no exemptions.
- 2) There will be two tutor periods each week. Thursday - 25 minutes & Friday 30 minutes (These will be linked to the Life Orientation Programme).
- 3) There will be one House period of 30 minutes each week (Monday).
- 4) Amphitheatre is shorter by 10 minutes and placed before break.
- 5) Hymn practice is also before break linked to a staff meeting.
- 6) Note that there are three evening musical periods after sport.
- 7) The periods on Wednesday are 45 minutes long with one additional period.



New Traffic Flow System

All your questions answered



"Sorry kid, but rules are rules!"

Why? To improve traffic flow and safety on campus

What are "red zones" ? Areas where stopping and parking impedes traffic flow and endangers pupils.
These are no stopping zones for all cars.

Where can I drop and/or pick up my son? There are three dedicated drop off zones (Gatehouse, Johannian Club, Day Boy Houses). Parents are encouraged to use St David Rd outside the dayboy houses if they need to park and wait.

What has happened to my favourite parking space? A few parking spaces have been removed, but many more new ones have been created adjacent to the Dean Yates Centre and in St David Rd alongside Mitchell Field.

What through routes should I use? There are many possibilities, here are the main ones :

In at St David W, drop off/collect at dayboy houses, exit via Tee Lane or St David Rd E
In at Tee lane, drop off / collect at Johannian Club, exit to Harrow Rd
In at Tee Lane, drop off /collect at Gatehouse, exit via St David E/ St Mark Rd
In at St David E, drop off / collect in St David Rd, exit via St Mark Rd

Does this apply to me? Yes.

SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET AWARDS - MICHAELMAS TERM

Batting

Omphile Ramela - 100 vs Development
Murray Workman - 100 vs Hilton College
Devon Conway - 100 vs King Edward

Bowling

Matthew Dalton - Hatrick vs King Edward
Glen Huddy - Hatrick vs Trinity House

WATER POLO

Etienne Le Roux (U5) has been selected for the South African National Water Polo Team to play at the "Tom Hoad International Water Polo tournament" in Perth (Australia) from 26 December until 02 January 2006. He was also selected to represent South Africa at the Commonwealth Water Polo

Championships in Perth (19 - 30 January 2006), together with **Pierre Le Roux (OJ)**, **Jean Le Roux (OJ)**, **Greig Bannatyne (OJ)**, **Duncan Woods - Captain (OJ)** and **Vlado Trninic - Head Coach (Staff)**, **Karl Niehaus (OJ)** was also selected, but will not be available to take part.

Etienne Le Roux and **Brian Dudley** have been selected for the Gauteng "A" Men's Team to compete at the Inter-provincial tournament in Johannesburg 8-11 December 2005. **Primal Patel**, **Chris Brown** and **Andre Lotz** have been selected for the Gauteng "B" Men's Team to compete at the same tournament.



St John's College

2006 Easter Rugby Festival

A Showcase of Schoolboy Rugby

**Join us for a great weekend of fun and entertainment
for the whole family.**

Please diarise 13, 15 and 17 April 2006

2005 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

In the latter half of this term, we were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Manfred Bauer, our school photographer who had served us well since the 1970's. Manfred had been diagnosed with cancer six months earlier, but passed away unexpectedly from a massive heart attack.

He will always be remembered for the Bauerism: "Smile: and I take it . . . NOW!" delivered in a perfect Teutonic accent, which was usually accompanied shortly afterwards by an exasperated cry of rage directed at some unfortunate Johannian to "Stop scratching your ear, for GOODness sake! MAN!"

It has taken a while to secure the last set of negatives, which he took this term. Consequently order sheets for school photographs will only be issued in the new year. We will be contacting the Class of 2005 in January in order for them to place their orders, too.

I trust that you will bear with the delay.

Martin Huysamer





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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FOR 2005

Christmas is a time of giving as we celebrate God's gift to humankind through His son Jesus Christ. This year has been a most joyous one as we have been celebrating Christmas all year. We have been overwhelmed by the support and generosity of the St John's community throughout the year.

The launch of the "FRIENDS OF MASIBAMBANE", under the leadership of Pam Schachat has been most successful and has contributed to strengthening the bond between Masibambane College and that of St John's.

Our school grounds are that much brighter because of all the plants and trees that were donated. Our children are that much warmer because of the clothes that have been donated. Our stationery store for 2006 is that much fuller because of all the wonderful donations received. Our children have experienced a little of the joy of Christmas because of the gifts they received at their recent Christmas party.

The St John's P.A has supported 20 bursaries at Masibambane and numerous St John's parents also continue to support bursaries.

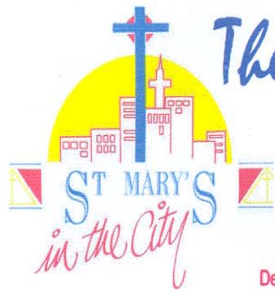
Most importantly, our hearts are that much warmer because of the love that we have received from the St John's community. *THANK YOU*

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas.

Mr Darryl Geffen
(PRINCIPAL)

Mr Philip Maxton
(CHAIRMAN OF MASIBAMBANE COUNCIL)





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Wednesday, 23 November 2005

Mr Roger Cameron
The Headmaster
St John's College
Houghton
Johannesburg

Dear Roger

It was such a joy and pleasure to have St John's College celebrate their Thanksgiving Service, in the form of the Combined Festival of Carols and Nine Lessons at the Cathedral. What a tremendous sight to have seen the Cathedral filled to capacity enjoying the most magnificent singing and music which certainly was giving glory to God. What a perfect way to end a year in thanksgiving to God for all his mercies and blessings bestowed upon the St John's College Community during this year.

I pray that this relationship between the Cathedral and St John's may be a lasting and growing one in which we can restore again that wonderful ethos that only the Cathedral can exude, with occasions such as the one just celebrated.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for donating to the Cathedral the retiring collection, an amount of R10 223,30 was collected. My intention is to use it in the Dean's discretionary fund to help the many destitute people who come seeking help from the Cathedral on a daily basis.

May God continue to bless all your endeavours now and in the future.

Your Servant in Christ

Gerard Sharp
Dean of Johannesburg

