



# ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

TRINITY TERM

No 4/2006

Dear Parents

I have had the pleasure of interviewing several U3 boys from St John's Prep over the past few days. It is always encouraging to meet young men who are excited about school, who are articulate and confident, who have supportive parents and who are ready to take up the challenges of College.



The other day I was walking across Pelican Quad and I reprimanded a senior boy whose shirt was hanging out and whose hands were in his pockets. I said to him "Smarten up, take your hands out of your pockets, tuck your shirt in and look good – you are bright and talented – be proud of who you are". His response was revealing "Do you really think I am bright and talented, Sir?" Somehow our confidence and self-esteem can so easily take a knock, and we stop believing in ourselves. One of our prime tasks as educators and parents is to build self-esteem and self-confidence in young men.

The Issue of developing and mentoring the self-esteem of boys was one of the themes of the IBSC Conference recently held at St John's College. I have the honour of being one of the Trustees of the IBSC and have included some of the comments and congratulations regarding the conference so that parents can share in our enjoyment of the really positive feedback we have received.

*Congratulations on the stunning success of the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference! The four of us from Highbury thoroughly enjoyed every moment and have returned greatly enriched and well nourished – in a number of ways – having shared in a wonderfully diverse offering of boy-centred educational fare. Thank you most sincerely for all that you and your committee worked so hard to bring together in the interests of making this a truly memorable African celebration for all. I can think of no better school in this great land of ours that is better suited to hosting such an august event. St John's was an absolute picture, and proved to be the type of showpiece educational landmark of which all of us South African s could be justly proud. I have no doubt that everyone, and particularly the international delegates, left feeling that they had been treated to a conference experience of real quality – a uniquely tailored offering that will be hard to emulate in the future.*

**Richard Stanley**  
**Headmaster**  
**Highbury Preparatory School, KwaZulu Natal**

*Sincere congratulations on an outstanding IBSC Conference. You had a number of hard acts to follow and you and your team rose superbly to the occasion. The speakers, workshops and entertainment did us all proud and I heard nothing but compliments from those people with whom I chatted. If there was any doubt of Africa's capability, it has certainly been dispelled now and it is probably difficult to assess the enormous impact that this is likely to have on the reputation of our country in so many far-flung corners.*

**G W Royce**  
**Headmaster**  
**St Peter's Preparatory School for Boys, Gauteng**

*I'd like to take this time to thank you for a wonderful conference. It was clearly worth the flight to South Africa. I sense bringing us into the fold of education in your country will help us understand more deeply some of the tall orders of the day, specifically in your region, but symbolically throughout the world. As we face privilege on a day to day basis, we must learn to do things differently to bring about more compassionate reform. You have succeeded in bringing us together to discuss a full range of issues, and at the same time experience a rich provision of first-rate social events. You and your team have set a brilliant standard for conference organisation. I look forward to seeing you all in Boston, and in the Toronto future.*

**Barb Smith**  
**The Sterling Hall School**  
**Toronto, Canada**

There is no doubt that Alan Thompson and his team of 30 St John's staff did us enormous credit. We have been put on the world map through the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference, and have positioned ourselves at the cutting edge of critical thinking about boys' education. I was enormously proud of St John's. The school looked magnificent and the organisation was superb. The renovation of Big School turned it into a very gracious conference venue and the new Ronnie Grieveson Pavilion was used for the first time as a venue for an IBSC Trustees Meeting.

One of the outstanding keynote speakers was Clinical Psychologist, Dr Tony Humphreys. I would like to include a reminder from Dr Humphreys on importance of building self-esteem in children. He said that the role of parents is critical and that self-esteem is the key to your child's future.

In the introduction to his book *Self-Esteem: The Key To Your Child's Future*, he writes:

*"Parental effectiveness relies on each parents sense of their own worth, on how they relate to each other and on what kind of loving environment they both set out to create. Effectiveness is also enhanced when parents know how to resolve conflicts when they arise and when they possess good behavioural management skills in relation to both themselves and their children. The mirroring of self-worth of each child is a complex process, and knowledge of the nature of self-worth and self-esteem and how self-worth can be effectively mirrored is also essential. Children manifest a variety of emotional, behavioural and social problems, an understanding of these problems and the development of constructive ways of responding to them will lead to the maintenance, and often the further realisation of a child's self-worth."*

Tony Humphreys' book looks at the role of parents as educators and sets out guidelines on how parents can foster their children's natural curiosity to learn. The book gives practical and helpful advice. I do recommend that you read this book, which is one of several that he has written. It is available in Exclusive Books for R141-00 (ISBN-10:07171 3790 2).

Finally, this past weekend I spent time at the L5 Leadership Camp at the Spirit of Adventure Camp site at Shongweni Dam, KwaZulu Natal. The camp was led by all the housemasters and the team from the Spirit of Adventure organisation.

The boys were faced with some challenging tasks where they were able to conquer their own fears, work together in teams and learn about themselves and the other boys in their House. It was a valuable time of personal growth and an opportunity to realise their self-worth. It also provided time for discussion on the concept of leadership and how it is being developed at St John's. I was impressed by the commitment of the boys to the various challenging tasks that they faced. I have included in this newsletter an analysis by Mr Martin Huysamer on some of the lessons learnt from the implementation of the new leadership programme at St John's during 2005/6.

Have a wonderful holiday with your families and enjoy your boys and girls.



Roger Cameron  
Headmaster

## PUPIL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME AT ST JOHN'S

The revised pupil leadership programme has now been running for three terms and in Michaelmas term the first group of boys who have successfully completed the requirements of the programme will be appointed as Prefects. During its inaugural year several unforeseen challenges emerged which will receive attention before the next group embarks on the programme. It is safe to say, however, that the philosophy on which the programme rests has proved to be educationally sound and a superior alternative to the traditional model.

The following emerged over the three terms:

Although approximately 95% of the boys in this year group initially signed up to participate in the programme, it was clear from the outset that a significant number of them were very half-hearted in their commitment to it. Amongst these boys were several who, due their high profile and popularity amongst their peers, would have expected to be appointed Prefects under the traditional model. It was difficult for these boys, who had developed expectations of being appointed, to warm to the idea that their leadership ability had to be proved before they could be appointed as prefects. It also became increasingly evident that once boys failed to meet the requirements of the programme, they became very negative and in some cases deliberately opposed the efforts of those who were trying to fulfil their portfolios. As a consequence, the morale amongst the Matric group suffered, which was felt throughout the College. It is perhaps significant that half of this group of boys experienced a similar change in pupil leadership models when they entered their last year of school in the Prep. The anticipation is that roughly the same number of boys will receive prefectship as would have under the old model ( $\pm 35 - 40$ ), but that many who will be appointed this year would not have been under the previous system. This does not indicate, however, that the system is a failure. Rather, it has gained credibility in the eyes of the schoolboys with the elimination of underperforming boys from the programme.

On the positive side, those boys who were committed to the programme managed to fulfil their responsibilities and several of these would not have been identified as leaders through the previous model. These boys were offered the opportunity to display and grow their leadership potential and they grasped it with both hands and were successful. We anticipate that the following group of boys will be far more accepting of the model than the first proved to be.

One very favourable outcome was the mentoring aspect of this model. Many seniors developed meaningful relationships with Remove boys during this year in their role as big brother.

In conclusion: the boys were issued with a challenge which had very clear parameters and was very well defined in terms of the school's expectations. They were also given the resources they needed to be able to manage their challenge. Each portfolio was accompanied by a very clear guideline on how to complete it successfully. Boys have had to learn the real meaning of servant leadership: that their positions as leaders did not only place them in a position of authority over a subservient group of boys, but that they had to demonstrate through their actions and hard work that they qualified for the title of Prefect at St John's. For many boys this was a concept which proved too demanding of their time or inclination. The rest will reap the benefits of a year's sustained effort.

Issues which will receive attention:

University application forms still ask applicants to indicate whether they were prefects at school, (despite the replacement of prefect bodies with Learner Representative Councils). The timing of our programme at St John's means that boys cannot answer whether they are prefects until after their applications are due. At best they can answer that they are serving on a leadership programme. This needs to be addressed.

The theoretical component of leadership which was meant to be covered in Life Orientation lessons throughout three terms only extended during Michaelmas term. This must be rectified.

Some tutors found the paperwork involved in tracking the progress of the boys an onerous task (although some preferred it) and this needs modification.

The initial group of boys displayed very little initiative in tackling their portfolios, something which must be encouraged by tutors in the forthcoming year.

Several portfolios relied on the cooperation of other portfolio holders for success: for example the boy tasked with producing House T-shirts relied on funds generated by the boy who was tasked to collect House Funds. Often when one link in the chain broke it caused the breakdown of related portfolios. While there are lessons to be learnt here regarding teamwork and cooperation, it also led to frustration and disillusionment. Boys whose portfolios become difficult to manage as a consequence of such a breakdown need to be identified earlier than happened in the past year.

Because of the fact that boys (and their parents!) were faced with the implementation of a new model, a myriad of petty problems in the school were attributed to it. The new pupil leadership model was blamed for a range of ills: a breakdown of discipline, lack of respect towards matrics, lack of cooperation between seniors and the School prefects, tuck shop litter etc. While these are relevant issues to be tackled, they are also age-old problems which have been around long before last year. Boys need to be informed of the reality behind this myth and encouraged to use the system (which has built-in strategies in place) to combat it.

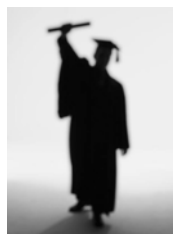
Several tutors found that the monitoring of their boys' portfolios took up so much time that they found it difficult to perform the other tasks of tutoring. As mentioned before, the method used to monitor the progress of the boys needs modification; which could mean more tutoring time between tutors and their tutees.

Housemasters must ensure that the various leadership portfolios are rotated in the house from term to term. They should also be more circumspect in allowing certain boys to tackle portfolios which clearly do not fit their personalities or profiles.

**Martin Huysamer**

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## KEY DATES TO DIARISE FOR MICHAELMAS TERM



<b>Saturday 9 September</b>	<b>Inter-House Athletics Championships Matric Dance</b>
<b>Friday 6 October</b>	<b>On The Night</b>
<b>Friday 13 October</b>	<b>President's Gold Awards – Presented by HRH The Duke of Wessex</b>
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	<b>Speech Day</b>
<b>Saturday 21 October</b>	<b>St John's College Charity Ball</b>
<b>Monday 23 October</b>	<b>Valedictory Mass and Dinner</b>
<b>Sunday 12 November</b>	<b>Remembrance Service Mass - Chapel Combined Carol Service – Cathedral</b>



## EAGLE AWARDS - 2006

The following boys, during a week of their April holidays were part of a team to build a Guard House and paving at Masibambane College in Orange Farm.

It is the intention of St John's to inspire boys and girls to contribute to society and to serve others; to put the Lux Vita Caritas into practice. It is true to say that often in the process of giving, we receive even more in return.

<b>Charles</b>	<b>Baggott</b>
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Baggott</b>
<b>Gareth</b>	<b>Beck</b>
<b>Simon</b>	<b>Bosman</b>
<b>Simon</b>	<b>Brand</b>
<b>Peter</b>	<b>Chiwandamira</b>
<b>Nic</b>	<b>Crosby</b>
<b>Liam</b>	<b>Culligan</b>
<b>Callum</b>	<b>Dakyns</b>
<b>Jetin</b>	<b>Daya</b>
<b>Alex</b>	<b>Diakakis</b>
<b>Sifiso</b>	<b>Dukashe</b>
<b>Joseph</b>	<b>Dunne</b>
<b>Nick</b>	<b>Fordyce</b>
<b>Kyle</b>	<b>Forsyth</b>
<b>David</b>	<b>Frank</b>
<b>Dominic</b>	<b>Gordon-Grant</b>
<b>Justin</b>	<b>Griesel</b>
<b>Dylan</b>	<b>Harrison</b>
<b>Dale</b>	<b>Hellon</b>
<b>Roy</b>	<b>Hsiao</b>
<b>Robert</b>	<b>Hu</b>
<b>Andrew</b>	<b>Keightley-Smith</b>
<b>Ross</b>	<b>Langbridge</b>
<b>Sean</b>	<b>Langton</b>
<b>Thato</b>	<b>Legodi</b>
<b>Mervyn</b>	<b>Lubega</b>
<b>Thabo</b>	<b>Mance</b>
<b>Christopher</b>	<b>Mathew</b>
<b>Robert</b>	<b>McEwan</b>
<b>Scott</b>	<b>McPherson</b>
<b>Jon</b>	<b>Morgan</b>
<b>Baraka</b>	<b>Msulwa</b>
<b>Scott</b>	<b>Murray</b>
<b>Greg</b>	<b>Nottingham</b>
<b>Muzi</b>	<b>Ntsaluba</b>
<b>Brendan</b>	<b>Ray</b>
<b>Damien</b>	<b>Rogans</b>
<b>Felix</b>	<b>Rowbotham</b>
<b>Jason</b>	<b>Rutenberg</b>
<b>Anthony</b>	<b>Schaerer</b>
<b>Gerard</b>	<b>Scheurleer</b>
<b>Mabine</b>	<b>Seabe</b>
<b>Dieter</b>	<b>Schultz</b>
<b>Mohammed</b>	<b>Seedat</b>
<b>Christian</b>	<b>Sittmann</b>
<b>Andrew</b>	<b>Slabbert</b>
<b>Sean</b>	<b>Van Der Schyff</b>
<b>Devon</b>	<b>Van Staden</b>
<b>Stewart</b>	<b>Wackrill</b>
<b>Laurence</b>	<b>Wattrus</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>Whitfield</b>
<b>Alex</b>	<b>Wilson</b>
<b>Lewis</b>	<b>Wilson</b>
<b>Siyabulela</b>	<b>Xusa</b>

## STAFF MATTERS

### SCHOOL FEE / DEBTORS ADMINISTRATOR

An experienced debtors administrator is required to assume responsibility for the school fee collection function within the school. These include (among other duties)

- Invoicing
- Capturing of payments
- Reconciliation between Debtors sub ledger and general ledger
- Follow up of unidentified deposits
- Collection of outstanding debts
- Parent account queries
- Co-ordination and control over debtors handed over to collection agents

Attention to detail and a strong service ethic are vital qualities. Good people skills, the ability to work under pressure and strong organisation skills are essential.

Please e-mail your CV to [vacancy@stjohns.wits.ac.za](mailto:vacancy@stjohns.wits.ac.za)

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### CULTURAL AWARDS

AUGUST 2006

#### ART

Colours                      Kieran Daly

#### DEBATING

Certificate                  Angad Gopaldas

#### DRAMA

Certificate                  James Shorten (Backstage)

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### U N DEBATING

Earlier this month a team of St John's boys participated in a session of United Nations debating. The boys were Melvyn Lubega, Matthew Long and Gareth Beck. They represented Zambia in a simulated trade-deal, in which Iran was selling nuclear weapons to Zimbabwe, and buying all Zimbabwe's platinum deposits for 5 billion US dollars.

The St John's team was placed first, and brought back prizes of book vouchers for themselves and the school. They will participate in the final round on September 14.

They deserve our congratulations.

### DEBATING WORKSHOP

**Michael Fargher and Garikai Nyaruwata** are facilitating **debating workshops** in Johannesburg during September. These will be held at St Mary's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>, and will cost R200, which includes lunch and a manual on course material.

Keen debaters and anyone else interested in the vital skill of critical thinking are encouraged to get further details from Ms de Souza **today, since the first date falls at the end of the holidays.**

This is a superb opportunity, and St John's is very proud that both these dynamic debaters and entrepreneurs are Old Johannians.

## ART

### ANNUAL IEB INTER-SCHOOLS' MATRIC ART EXHIBITION

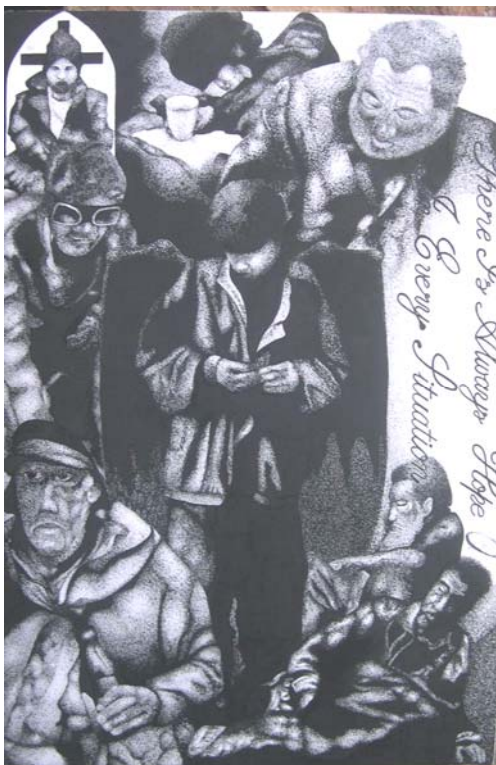
The annual Inter-schools Matric Art Exhibition was hosted, organized and officially opened by the head of the St John's College art department, Lorna Culwick at the Sandton Civic Gallery on Tuesday 4 July.

Lorna Culwick says that the purpose of the exhibition is to honour our best artists by providing a forum for them to exhibit in a prestigious public gallery, to provide pupils and teachers alike to exchange ideas and inspiration, and also to give the public a chance to enjoy the talents of our youth.

Steven Sacks addressed the gathering, expressing his delight at the excellent turn-out and standard of work. The curator of the gallery, Evelyn Senna, noted that this important exhibition, now in its fourth year, is gaining momentum, popularity and number and quality of works exhibited.

Guest speaker, Penny Siopis, who adjudicated the exhibition, complimented the exhibitors on the high standard of works displayed this year. Penny is an internationally renowned artist and art historian whose works are displayed in all the prestigious art galleries in South Africa as well as many famous galleries abroad.

The works exhibited had a high standard of perceptual and conceptual skills as well as creativity and originality. The two best works on exhibition judged by Penny Siopis were by Greg Smith from St Benedict's College and Wei Mao from St Mary's School Waverley.



Kieran Daly – U5



Congratulations to the following boys who had the honour of exhibiting at this esteemed event:

**Luke Baggot, Nic Crosby, Sven Glietenburg, Kieran Daly, Tom Morrison, Tim Koch and Steven Tyler** (whose innovative video work was unfortunately not able to be displayed).

There were many comments on the outstanding standard of technical and conceptual skills of the St John's display.

**SEE OUR ART BOYS INTERVIEWED ON TV!!**

**Saturday 2 September - 8.00 am**  
**SABC 2** - "Family Years" Episode 18 -  
(Theme: Visual World)

### OVERSEAS ART TOUR - 2007

We will be going to Spain, France, Italy and London over two and a half weeks in the 2007 April holidays. Mrs Culwick will be accompanied by Mr Hingle, and a few other IEB schools will be joining us to make up a richly educational, exciting, fun-filled tour. Please send enquiries and deposits of R2500 to Mrs Culwick 011 646 3089 (h) / 011 645 3011 (w) / 072 599 6606(c) / [culwick@stjohns.wits.ac.za](mailto:culwick@stjohns.wits.ac.za)

## ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

**Alex Child** L5 Clarke came in the top 50 in this year's English Olympiad, an excellent achievement as thousands of pupils write the exam countrywide.

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## MUSIC

### External Music Accomplishments

**Kendrick Walsh**



**Pretoria Eisteddfod**

Violin Solo : Romantic 14yrs & under	B+
Violin Solo : Baroque 14yrs & under	B+
Violin Concerto (1 Mvt) 14yrs & under	A
Violin Solo : Modern 14yrs & under	A+

**Abel Selaocoe**

**Roedean / Yamaha Competition**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - String Section

**Charles Baggott**

**Roedean / Yamaha Competition**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Wind Section

### Johannesburg Festival of Music

**Michael Alberti**

Solo 16yrs and under	Diploma+
Recital 16yrs and under	Diploma
(Diploma is the highest award)	

**Jaryd Davies**

Won the "Mozart Competition" at the Johannesburg Festival of Music

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## SA MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

Once again St Johns College boys have excelled in the South African Mathematics Olympiad.

**Carl Veller** has been selected to represent South Africa at the Pan African Mathematics Olympiad at the end of July.

Three senior boys, **Carl Veller**, **Nicholas Crosby** and **Aadil Mayat** have qualified in the top 100 candidates in the country and will participate in the third round in September.

Seven junior boys have qualified in the top 100 junior candidates in the country and will participate in the third round. This is the most of any school in South Africa. The Lower IV boys are **Sam Barton-Bridges**, **Bart Ogonowski**, **Awadi Rathugamage**, **Rally Schachat**, **James Williams** and the Remove boys are **James Verhagen** and **Christopher Grose**.

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## SCIENCE EXPO

### Eskom Expo for Young Scientists - Results

The following boys are to be congratulated on the success of their Science projects at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists. In total 8 projects received silver medals and 6 projects achieved bronze medals. Two of the projects, "Ethanol-The Fuel of the Future" and "Rocket Propellant Investigation" were selected to represent Gauteng at the national finals. We wish the boys of these projects every success at the national finals.

1	Boat Speed - A further Investigation	Brendan Pryke	9	Silver
1	Boat Speed - A further Investigation	Shaun Rudling	9	Silver
1	Boat Speed - A further Investigation	Stephen Watrus	9	Silver
2	Ethanol-The Fuel of the Future	Findlay Matheson	10	Silver
2	Ethanol-The Fuel of the Future	Jodi Odgers	10	Silver
2	Ethanol-The Fuel of the Future	Steven Gaywood	10	Silver
3	Magnetic Linear Accelerator	Austen Parfitt	8	Silver
3	Magnetic Linear Accelerator	Nicholas Hale	8	Silver
4	Magnetic Transport	Andrew Tainton	10	Silver
4	Magnetic Transport	Bradley Rautenbach	10	Silver
4	Magnetic Transport	Darryn Wright	10	Silver
5	Reflective Approach Slope Aid	Blaine Moser	10	Silver
5	Reflective Approach Slope Aid	Marc de Vos	10	Silver
5	Reflective Approach Slope Aid	Mathew Mac Farlane	10	Silver
6	Rocket Propellant Investigation	Siyabulela Xuza	11	Silver
7	The Vortex Ring	David Frank	11	Silver
7	The Vortex Ring	Justin Griffiths	11	Silver
8	Traffic Solution for 2010	Jon Morgan	11	Silver
8	Traffic Solution for 2010	Scott McPherson	11	Silver
8	Traffic Solution for 2010	Scott Yammin	11	Silver
8	Traffic Solution for 2010	Simon Bosman	11	Silver
1	Calcium - Strong Bones	Kyle Hank	10	Bronze
1	Calcium - Strong Bones	Max Cobbett	10	Bronze
1	Calcium - Strong Bones	Mpho Mutloane	10	Bronze
2	Could Music Improve your Exams?	Alain Fowler	11	Bronze
2	Could Music Improve your Exams?	Connor Mace	11	Bronze
2	Could Music Improve your Exams?	Gareth Beck	11	Bronze
3	Efficient Turbine Design	Christian Sittman	11	Bronze
3	Efficient Turbine Design	Deshin Reddy	11	Bronze
3	Efficient Turbine Design	Melvyn Lubega	11	Bronze
3	Efficient Turbine Design	Timothy Lai	11	Bronze
4	How Clean are our Bathrooms	Benjamin Thomas	8	Bronze
4	How Clean are our Bathrooms	Charles Malan	8	Bronze
4	How Clean are our Bathrooms	Japhet Mwebi	8	Bronze
4	How Clean are our Bathrooms	Ruan Engelbrecht	8	Bronze
5	UVB Radiation	Benjamin Walwyn	8	Bronze
5	UVB Radiation	Callum Black	8	Bronze
6	Wash It	Justin Laurens	8	Bronze
6	Wash It	Leslie Frewen	8	Bronze
6	Wash It	Theo Louw	8	Bronze

## BOYS' NEWS



Well done to **Fuaad Abdool!** He organised a St John's College World Cup Soccer Competition, and generated R2000 for the Masibambane College Bursary Fund.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Colours Awards Winter Sports 2006

#### CHESS:

**Team Blazer:** Adam Earle  
George Fu  
Gareth Sweiden  
Craig Lai King

Pierre Rossouw  
Kevin Hu  
Errol Lai King

**Honours:** Carl Veller

#### SQUASH:

**Team Blazer:** Andrew Chouler  
Alex Child

Tom Savage

#### HOCKEY:

**Team Blazer:** Christopher Mathew  
Alexandros Diakakis  
Jonathan Singh  
Nicholas Heyns

Christopher Davey  
Adam Sutton-Pryce  
Dmitri Ratnayake

**Colours:** Paledi Makgolane  
Thato Legodi

Marcus Van Deijzen

**Honours:** Michael Heyink

#### RUGBY:

**Team Blazer:** Ross Beckley  
Guy Hansmeyer

Dominic Gordon-Grant

**Colours:** Demetri Catrakilis  
Stefan Pfeffer  
Roan Farr  
Charles Baggott

Alex Hauck  
Suna Kagga  
Donathan Louw

**Honours:** Lachlan Niven  
Kyle Wickins

Talenta Mathebula  
James Sklar-Chick

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## ATHLETICS

Congratulations to **Lachlan Niven** on being appointed Athletics Captain for 2006.



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## CHESS



Congratulations to **Adam Earle** on winning the Under 20 Gauteng South Chess trials in June. He then took part in the SA Open and World Amateur's tournaments in Port Elizabeth and won the World Amateur's. He was declared Inter-Continental Amateur Champion and awarded the title of FIDE Master scoring 8/9. He was also awarded the title of African Amateur Champion (best player from Africa) – and the title of Candidate Master (CM). Well done Adam!

## GOLF



The following boys have been selected to represent St John's at this years International Schools Golf Tournament to be held at Sun City from 9 to 12 August:

**Jason Gmur**  
**Ronnie Collins**  
**Nicholas Ryan**  
**Jason Surtees**  
**Graham van der Merwe**  
**William Whitecross**  
**PJ Slabbert**  
**Stephen Wattus**

First (non-travelling) reserve: **V Schaffler**

## HOCKEY

**Thato Legodi** and **Paledi Makgolane** were selected to umpire for South Gauteng at the Under 14 Provincial Hockey Tournament over the mid-term break.

Congratulations to **Dmitri Ratnayake** and **Thato Legodi** on being selected for the South African Under 16A Hockey Team.

## RUGBY



Congratulations to **Reabetswe Khumbane** (RE) who has been selected for the South Gauteng U14C Provincial Hockey Team.

**Demetri Catrakilis** represented the Golden Lions at the SA National Academy Week U/16 Tournament at Humansdorp. He contributed a lot to the success of the team who won all their games against the Cheetahs, Blue Bulls and KwaZulu Natal. The team was adjudged as team of the week. Well done Demetri!

**James Sklar-Chik**, **Kyle Wickins**, **Talenta Mathebula** and **Lachlan Niven** represented the Golden Lions U/19 schools side in a tournament in Potchefstroom over Half-Term. James captained the side.

**Lachlan Niven** was selected for the Golden Lions U/18 side to play against Italy's National side. **Kyle Wickins** and **James Sklar-Chik** have been selected for the Northwest University/Potchefstroom Campus - Leopards invitation side

Well done to our rugby players for doing St John's proud!

## INTER-HOUSE SEVEN'S RESULTS

Number	Junior	Senior	Overall
1	Nash	Hodgson	Nash
2	Thompson	Runge	Alston
3	Fleming	Hill	Hodgson
4	Alston	Alston	Hill
5	Clayton	Nash	Thompson
6	Hill	Clayton	Clayton
7	Hodgson	Clarke	Runge
8	Clarke	Thompson	Fleming
9		Fleming	Clarke

## LOST PROPERTY

Unclaimed lost property has become a severe problem. The Swop Shop is running out of space. We kindly ask you to ask your son to make a concerted effort to come in to check and claim (for a small fee of R5-00) his lost items of clothing/bags/cell phones/watches/wallets etc. In future any unclaimed items left in the Swop Shop for longer than 2 weeks will be sold or donated.

Please ensure that all clothing is marked as we will not keep unmarked items – these will be sold/donated to charity depending on their condition. You can check for labelled lost property on the notice board outside the Swop Shop.

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# Masibambane College

## Spring Tree and Shrub Request



Please donate trees, plants and compost to the  
Masibambane College Spring Planting Programme  
Collection points at St John's main school gates until 15 September 2006



## STUDY SKILLS COURSE IN THE THIRD TERM

Well-known educationist Myrna Silberman will be running a study skills course, at the school, in the third term. The course will run for 4 weeks, every Monday, starting on 11 September 2006 from 2.15 – 3 pm. This course specialises in teaching students how to simplify schoolwork and how to answer exam questions. The course includes:

- how to summarise information
- memory techniques
- time management
- exam technique
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The classes will be kept small in order to give each student the individual attention they require, and allow them to apply the skills to their schoolwork. The cost of the course is R650-00. For more information call Myrna (011) 887-9233 or 082 357-4920.



## MOTHERS WHO CARE

Mothers Who Care is a small group of Christian mothers who meet each week on Thursday from 7h30 to 8h30 in the Community Room to pray for the children, teachers, administrators and other workers, parents and the St John's Community. There is a prayer request box in the College, Prep and Pre-Prep. Please use these boxes to communicate your prayer requests to us, so that we can more effectively pray for specific needs. Your requests may be anonymous. Everything mentioned and prayed for at a meeting remains strictly confidential.

God is able and willing to listen to each of our prayers, no matter how great or small.

To join us or for more information please contact: Debbie Cloete on 083 309-6506 or 447-3347.

*Psalm 5: 1 - 3*

*Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing  
Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.  
In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests  
before you and wait in expectation.*

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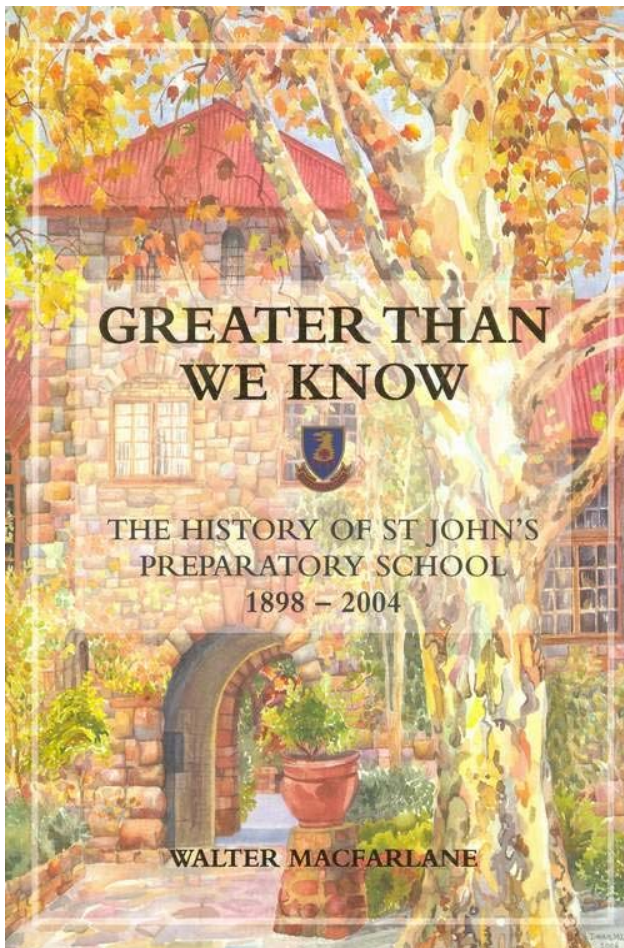


### 2007 Easter Rugby Festival Appeal to all Parents

If you have not committed to a specific task at next year's Rugby Festival, the committee appeals to all parents to assist with a shift or two in the food tent, bar tent or ticket sales at entry gates. If you are able to assist, please contact Rose Hallendorff on 083 326-6877

St John's parents who are interested in setting up their own **vendor stall** can contact Sue Keightley-Smith on 083 267-6937

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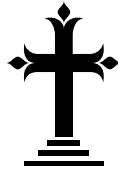
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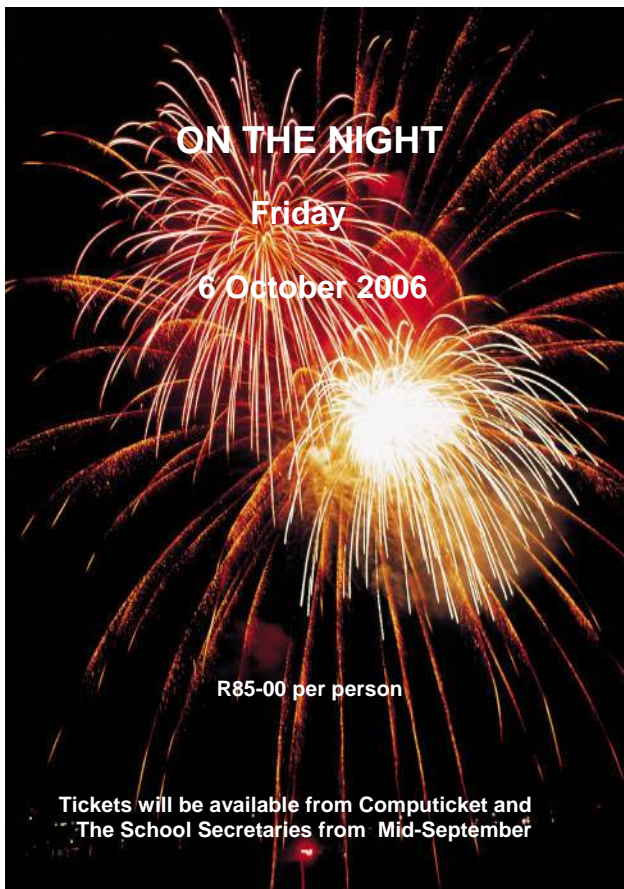
## PARISH OF HOUGHTON, ST JOHN'S



The St John's community is reminded that a church service is held every Sunday at 09h00 in the Crypt Chapel. We are called the Parish of Houghton, St John's. We are extremely blessed to have Bishop Duncan Buchanan as our Minister, and he is more than ably assisted by Fr Jeremy Jacobs. As a team, their spiritual leadership would be hard to surpass. At present we have approximately 45 regular communicants. In addition, a Sunday School and Youth Group caters for children between 3 and 18. These groups run during the early part of the service in the Community Room adjacent to the Crypt Chapel.

What characterises us as a Parish is the sense of closeness, which originates from our connections to St John's (although a fair number of parishioners have no connection whatsoever), our focus on the family, our commitment to St Christopher's Home, Mother Teresa's, Princess Alice and Yukon, a home run by Jeremy & Kim Jacobs for retreats and conferences, as well as our warmth and commitment to each other. If you are looking for a spiritual home for you or your family, this might just be the answer. Please give us a try!

### ÉVÉNEMENTS À VENIR ...



### Inaugural Charity Ball – 21 October 2006

***Don't miss out on the social event of the year!***

St John's College is hosting a Charity Ball to extend its resources to offer bursaries to St John's College and Masibambane College in Orange Farm.

The Ball will be a high quality social event, including a full 3-course dinner, an entertaining guest speaker, musical entertainment and influential personalities.

Further details will be made available at the start of next term when bookings open.

Bookings will be limited, so be sure to diarise this event. It promises to be a memorable occasion.





## ROYAL JOHANNESBURG & KENSINGTON GOLF CLUB

21 July 2006

### Golf Coaching at St John's College

As of this last term The Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Academy has been contracted to run the coaching of golf at St John's. It has been wonderful to see the School's commitment to golf. The support I have received from Kevin Hawksworth and the Golf Committee has been fantastic. I would like to congratulate the Thirty One pupils who participated and completed level 1 golf skills course that was run this term.

The format has worked successfully and will continue next term. If anybody has any feedback regarding the golf program during the trinity term I would love to hear from them.

Next term's golf program will start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of September. It will run for 10 weeks with a break during mid term. The cost of the term's golf is R500-00.

The programs that will be available include:

- A Level 2 program for the pupils who attended last term.
- A beginner Level 1 course.
- Advanced Golf Classes at the Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Academy.
- St Johns Golf Squad training at Royal
- A Mothers golf clinic.
- Pre prep golf coaching by Linda Kruger.

The schedule will remain similar to last term with the Prep boys coming along on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm to 3pm. The College times are Tuesday and Thursdays from 3pm to 4pm and Wednesdays from 2pm – 3pm. The advanced classes will be held at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4pm to 5pm.

Our new program this term will be for the Mom's; and will be held on Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 1:30pm. This gives any Mother of a St John's pupil the opportunity to take up golf or if already a golfer to brush up on your skills. Linda Kruger will continue to coach the Pre Prep until the end of the year. More details of the schedules and golf programs will be available during the first week back next term.

I would also like to make parents and pupils aware that the association between St John's and Royal Johannesburg & Kensington gives pupils the chance to join the golf club at very good rates with no proposers necessary. A number of pupils took advantage of this special during this last term.

With the School holidays approaching there is also an opportunity for pupils to keep their golf skills sharp. All St John's pupils are invited to participate in the school holiday program held at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club. The activities will include golf clinics and competitions.

If you have any queries or would like to book your place in next term's golf program you can contact me on 083 504 5477 or e-mail [briede@royaljk.za.com](mailto:briede@royaljk.za.com)

Yours sincerely

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Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club