



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

TRINITY TERM

No 4/2008

Dear Parents



The 16th annual meeting of the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference which I, Mr Alan Thompson and Mrs Margo Long attended just before and over the period of the mid-term break, was hosted by Upper Canada College, Toronto, in partnership with six other Torontonians boys' schools: Brebeuf College, Crescent School, Neil McNeil High School, Royal St George's College, St Andrews College and The Sterling Hall School. Upper Canada College is situated on a large tract of land which separately houses the primary and high school sections. The school is centrally located in Toronto, which is a very big city and attractive city situated on the shores of Lake Ontario.



The three themes of the conference: 'just' boys, 'green' boys and 'global' boys, are critical themes in education today. At St John's we have over the past 110 years, endeavoured, in terms of its Christian commitment, to produce 'just boys'. We will continue to examine what this means in the context of South Africa, and through the IBSC, in the context of boys' schools in other parts of the world. As far as the environment is concerned, we have formed a 'green committee' under the Chairmanship of Mr Keith Arlow, and St John's will be looking at conducting an audit of our impact on the environment. In terms of 'global boys', I am pleased to report that through the IBSC, a growing network of exchanges for teachers and boys is being formulated. This coming year (2008/9) we have four exchanges scheduled in Canada, the USA and Australia. Ferdi Le Grange, Upper 4 Thomson, left at the end of this term to visit St Alban's Cathedral School, Washington, and will be staying there until the end of the year. The IBSC conferences also provide the opportunity to benchmark St John's against other outstanding international schools, and it is encouraging to know that we can compete with the best in the world.

The activities of the last two weeks of the term provide an example of the diversity of activities that allow us to affirm the richness of our curriculum:

- The July exams are an intense personal assessment process, which give effective feedback to parents and boys. I have the privilege of reading all the reports, and it has given me a deep insight into the progress of the boys and the professionalism of the academic staff.
- The Housemasters took the Lower 5s on a leadership camp to Shongweni, KwaZulu Natal. They had a spectacular four days working in House teams, rock climbing, canoeing, abseiling, hiking, camping out and facing their own fatigue and fears. It was a wonderful time together and without doubt a memorable experience.
- The choir has returned safely from a tour to Taipei, where they sang numerous African songs, including a special *San Gloria*. They were well received and honoured wherever they went. One of the parents wrote: *"Dear Dr Oosthuizen and your fine team. Thank you for all you did for the boys. This has been a fantastic experience which I am sure the boys will treasure for the rest of their lives. This is what memories are made of! From a very grateful parent, and an absolutely over-the-moon, tired boy"*.

- The last three days of term consisted of inter-house tabloids, athletics and cross country. It was good to see our young men taking up the challenges in each of these activities, and the rivalry between the eight College houses was intense, but charged with energy and enjoyment.
- During the holidays there are three touring groups. There is an art tour going to France and Italy, a water polo tour going to Croatia, and about 100 boys and parents from mainly Lower 5 will be completing a 5-day white-water rafting experience down the Zambezi River as part of the criteria for the President's Award. If my experience last year is anything to go by, this will be a memorable challenge for the boys and the parents accompanying them.
- I have just returned from opening the St John's College International Schools Golf Tournament where we are hosting several top South African schools, and some from other African countries and the UK. There are thirty-one schools participating. This tournament takes place at Sun City and has become a highlight on the school calendar. St John's has two teams participating.
- You will see from your copy of *Vita* that we had a very successful Gaudy Day, with up to six hundred old boys returning to the school for a wonderful programme of events.

Mrs Rosemary Dryden, Swop Shop Convenor, has resigned after seven and a half years of service. We would like to thank her for so generously giving her time to St John's and serving the boys with a big heart. Mrs Gaby Mata, Financial Manager, also leaves after five years of good service. Mr Kevin Hawsworth also leaves us to take up a position at Millfield School in the UK. He has been on the staff for sixteen years and in this time has served as Clayton Housemaster; Head of the Biology Department and Master-in-Charge of Golf. In all of these roles he has done well. The Biology Department produced excellent Matric results last year, and golf under Kevin's leadership has gone from strength to strength. All of these people have given of themselves for the benefit of St John's College and we thank them for their expertise and their service to St John's.

Have a wonderful holiday and a good rest.



Roger Cameron
Headmaster

EAGLE AWARDS – 2008

Nash

Guiryn Bossert
Adrian Carr
Christopher de Jager
Matthew Durell
Michael Flanagan
Chris Fourie
David Hunt
Mpho Mutloane
Abraham Ngabirwe
Nicholas Riordan
Ryan Sin
Michael Wackrill

Hill

Etienne Andre
Sam Barton-Bridges
Pieter Coetzee
Antony de Gouveia
Grant Edmond
Nicholas Hill
Rvan Jackson
Bart Oganowski
Robert Passmore
Kai Radel
Matthew Spies

Clayton

Matthew Dalton
Nicholas Heyns
Andrew Jones
Terry Van Staden

Thomson

Mohaned Bulbulia
Matthew Kearney
Sizwe Mashinini
Awadi Rathugamage
Nishal Robb
Nicholas Sokolsky

Alston

Rusheel Desai
Nikhil Holilal
Jean Pierre Le Roux
Michael Meijers
Dylan Nel
Ross Turnbull
William Whitecross
Didier Ziady



Golden Eagle
Aquila Chrysaetos

Clarke

David Berry
John Conway
Wayne Eldridge
Nicholas Hoernle
James Kieser
Michael Moodie
Brendan Pryke
Brent Stevenson
Waheed Vadi
Muhammad Valiallah

Hodgson

Michael Channon
David Du Plessis
James Dunne
Rylan Goch
Stephen Heydenrych
Brett Horne
Sean Kelly
Mfundo Madiba
Simon Makhalemele
Mota Mota
Prathap Nadarajah
Kaloyan Petkov
Robert Reed
Aleks Stojakovic

Fleming

Max Chen
Bhavin Daya
Brett France
Angus Mackinnon
Karl Nimmo
Jody Odgers
Danilo Queiros

Runge

Yonda Beja
Aku Shika Brown
Erika Bugaari
Max Cobbett
Meaghan Farr
Sian Fisher
Chelsea Hopkins
Philippa Itabaza
Shari Joseph
Natasha Kassami
Larry Kotch
Sarah Maina
Nicolette Matthews
Emma McIntyre
Aaliya Munshi
Pia Nyakairu
Michelle Odhiambo
Eduan Roelofse
Zahra Sadruddin
Terri-Anne Sawyer
Chris Webster

CULTURAL AWARDS – JULY 2008

ART

Honours: Kevin Hu

BACKSTAGE AND DRAMA AWARDS

These awards are based on participation and achievement in the following:

Grobs 2008
Oedipus Rex
2008 Inter-House Play Festival
The Caucasian Chalk Circle [St Andrew's Girls Production]

BACKSTAGE

Half-Colours: Ian Potgieter, Chris Grose, Matthew Pulford, Dixit Dullabh

Merit Award: Richard McLean, Reshard Kolobhai

DRAMA

Colours: Adrian Carr, Stephen Heydenrych, Andrew Badham, Jonathan Singh, Matthew Glazer, Karl Nimmo, Stephen Wattrus

Half-colours: Michael Channon, Bart Ogonowski, Michael Robson, Alek Gallo, Andrew Petersen, Abel Selaocoe, Nick Sokolsky, Brett France, Kai Radel, Jodi Odgers, Gareth Sweidan, Rafael Powell,

Merit Award: Katlego Moanakoena, Marc de Vos, Nicholas Surgey, Reabetswe Khumbane, Nick Parkin, Shari Joseph, Sam Barton-Bridges, Jamil Randera, Matteo Kotch, Kyle Mather, Paul Cresswell, David Wilke, Kai Brummer, Sekh-Fei de Lacy, Luvuyo Maseko, Aaliya Munshi, Seun Oyewole, Dmitri Ratnayake, James Nevin, PJ Slabbert, Andrew Jones, Simon Kennedy, Norman Morgan, Hylton Goodwin,

MUSIC



Honours: Kyle Hanck - for excellence in Music

ORATORY

Half-colours: Craig Lai King

AFRIKAANS INTER-HOUSE SPRAAKGILDE

7. HODGSON & CLAYTON
6. NASH
5. ALSTON
4. CLARKE
3. FLEMING
2. HILL
1. THOMSON – Schalk Burger



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 6 projects received bronze medals, 4 projects achieved silver medals and 5 received gold medals. The 5 gold medallists were selected, out of a total of 22 projects, to represent Gauteng at the national finals. We wish the boys of these projects every success at the national finals.

	Project Title	Surname	Name	Grade	Category
1	Aerodynamics of polygons	Bradley	Dylan	G08	Bronze
1	Aerodynamics of polygons	Greeff	Nicholas	G08	Bronze
1	Aerodynamics of polygons	Kaempfer	Christian	G08	Bronze
1	Aerodynamics of polygons	Odgers	Jamie	G08	Bronze
2	Alarm System	Hsu	Wellington	G09	Bronze
3	Another Brick in the Wall	Black	Callum	G10	Bronze
3	Another Brick in the Wall	Coetzee	Carl	G10	Bronze
3	Another Brick in the Wall	Rowbotham	Magnus	G10	Bronze
3	Another Brick in the Wall	Verhagen	James	G10	Bronze
4	Health Detriments of JHB Pools	Barton-Bridges	Sam	G11	Bronze
4	Health Detriments of JHB Pools	France	Brett	G11	Bronze
4	Health Detriments of JHB Pools	Matulovich	Kristopher	G11	Bronze
4	Health Detriments of JHB Pools	Nimmo	Karl	G11	Bronze
5	Quake Resistant Construction	Coetzee	Pieter	G11	Bronze
5	Quake Resistant Construction	Mashimbye	Reuben	G11	Bronze
5	Quake Resistant Construction	Nadarajah	Prathap	G11	Bronze
6	Wood Chucks	Badham	Andrew	G11	Bronze
6	Wood Chucks	Dalton	Matthew	G11	Bronze
7	Bricks	Chen	Max	G11	Silver
7	Bricks	Michaelis	James	G11	Silver
7	Bricks	Valiallah	Muhammad	G11	Silver
8	Cost Effective Back-up Lighting System	Berry	Richard	G09	Silver
8	Cost Effective Back-up Lighting System	Buisson-Street	Liam	G09	Silver
8	Cost Effective Back-up Lighting System	Wilke	David	G09	Silver
9	Geodesic Domes	Coulter	Teddy	G11	Silver
9	Geodesic Domes	Honegger	Alex	G11	Silver
10	On a Sugar High	Pryke	Brendan	G11	Silver
10	On a Sugar High	Rudling	Shaun	G11	Silver
10	On a Sugar High	Wattrus	Stephen	G11	Silver
11	Aero	Burger	Schalk	G09	Gold
11	Aero	McBride	Ian	G09	Gold
11	Aero	Wood	Jarryd	G09	Gold
12	Alcohol	Reed	Robert	G12	Gold
12	Alcohol	Visser	Morne	G12	Gold
13	Candy Rockets	Nel	Laurence	G08	Gold
14	SJC Cannon	Claven	Roland	G10	Gold
14	SJC Cannon	Hale	Nicholas	G10	Gold
14	SJC Cannon	Smith	Declyn	G10	Gold
15	Super-cooling effect of oil	Grose	Chris	G10	Gold
15	Super-cooling effect of oil	Kritzinger	Jacob	G10	Gold

ENGLISH ALIVE

The poetry of three Johannians is to be published in the 2008 edition of the prestigious schools' literary magazine, *English Alive*. The writers are **Duncan Andrew, Andy Petersen and Tanatswa Pfende**. They deserve our hearty congratulations.

Winter Sports Awards - 2008

CHESS:

Team Blazer: Richard Dunsford-White Yanni Moustakis
Colours: Craig Lai King

SQUASH: Gauteng U/19 Super League – Played 6: Won 5 & lost 1 – 2nd overall

Team Blazer: Paul Creswell
Colours: Tom Savage
Honours: Murray Workman

HOCKEY: Played 34 matches - Won 23, drew 7 and lost 5

Team Blazer: Ridaa Padayachy Matthew Becker Matthew Scott
Colours: Jonathan Singh William Whitecross Timothy Laxton
 Brendan Pryke Murray Workman
Honours: Dmitri Ratnayake Nicholas Heyns Devon Conway

RUGBY: Played 20 games - won 12 & lost 8

Team Blazer: Wian De Beer John Anderson Michael Henry
 Nicholas de Jager Lorne Hallendorff Michael Aquadro
 Justin May Andrew Chouler Potlako Borole
 Clayton Redford
Colours: Dinand Bezuidenhout Renand Pretorius
 Odwa Siwahla Glen Huddy
 Shaun Rudling
Honours: Brandon Walker

SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS CAPTAIN – 2008

Lorne Hallendorff

CRICKET

Adam Maserow (U4 Nash) has been selected for the Under 18 Cricket team to take part in the Maccabi Games to be held in Israel from 10 – 23 July 2009.

HOCKEY

Congratulations to Nicholas Heyns, Devon Conway & Dmitri Ratnayake who played for the Gauteng U/18 A Schools hockey team in the Inter Provincial Hockey Tournament between 7 and 12 July. The Gauteng team won the tournament, beating Western Province in the final match.

Dimitri Ratnayake and Thato Legodi (old boy 2007) were also selected for the National U/18 Hockey Team.

ART NEWS

Notice of 2 very important exhibitions next term:

ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOLS IEB ART EXHIBITION (organised by St John's College Art Dept)

Date of Opening: Thurs, 11 September, 2008
Time of Opening: 6.00pm
Venue: FADA gallery, University of Johannesburg (opp gas works)
Exhibitors: Max 6 matric artists from each IEB school in Gauteng
Duration of exhibition: 11 - 25 September, 2008
Works to be submitted for hanging: Monday, 8 September, 2008

Guest speaker, prizes, cocktails - please come and join us!

We welcome all parents, pupils and friends of St John's College to view this important showcase of artistic talent in our schools.

ANNUAL ST JOHNS COLLEGE MATRIC ART EXHIBITION

Opening: Monday, 13 October, 2008, 6.00pm
Venue: Big School
Hanging of works: Friday, 10 October, 2008
Duration of exhibition: 13 - 23 October, 2008



Please note that Big School will be closed over half-term (17 - 20 October, 2008) when the examiners mark the works, and on the 15 October when the moderators mark the works.

Guest speaker, prizes, cocktails - Please come and join us at our major art event of the year!



ANNUAL OVERSEAS ART TOUR

This year we had an overwhelming demand from the boys for an art tour - we decided to take the matric boys in April and joined with Kingsmead to visit France and Italy. As always, it was an unforgettable experience seeing the original artworks that the boys study in class after seeing them only in books or on the screen. Naturally the tour was about more than just art, and the cultural and social input was enormous. Most of the boys' verdict on the tour was "the best holiday of my life".

This August we are off again to take the boys who were not able to be accommodated in April. Again with the Kingsmead girls, we will visit the art galleries of Berlin and Italy (Florence and Milan) as well as many other places of cultural interest and importance along the way.

We thank the parents of these fortunate boys for enabling their sons to have such an enriching experience.

CHAPLAIN'S WEEKEND



Following the last Chaplain's weekend we are again running a weekend away for all pupils in the College who wish to come. We have chosen a weekend when most pupils will be free of other commitments.

The weekend will be a mixture of fun, relaxation and an opportunity to explore and grow in the Christian faith. We are going to Camp David, **a campsite with beautiful surroundings and wonderful facilities and activities.**

As this is open to the whole College, we expect demand to be high: we will operate on a first come, first served basis.

We leave at 1.20 on **Friday 5th September 2008** and return at about 4.30 pm on Sunday 7th. The cost will be a maximum of R499 per pupil, chargeable to School Accounts. We do not wish pupils to miss the opportunity because of financial difficulties, so a few "bursaries" are available.

If you wish your son or daughter to go, please fill in the form obtainable from Mrs Schaerer or Fr Michael. Because the camp is on the first weekend of next term, we need to know numbers as soon as possible. Please return forms either by fax (011) 645-3001, or by hand to Fr Michael or Mrs Schaerer.

ÉVÉNEMENTS À VENIR ...

Saturday 6 September	Matric Dance
Saturday 20 September	St John's College Charity Ball
Saturday 4 October	On The Night
Tuesday 14 October	Speech Day
Tuesday 21 October	Valedictory Mass and Dinner
Sunday 9 November	Remembrance Service Mass – Chapel
	Combined Carol Service – Cathedral





ST JOHN'S COLLEGE



Invitation to St John's College Charity Banquet

We invite you to join us for a stylish evening of entertainment, music, dancing, dining and socialising, while contributing towards much needed bursaries for underprivileged children. All the funds raised go towards bursaries for children at Masibambane College in Orange Farm and towards bursaries at St John's College.

The grand venue will provide a most enchanting backdrop to a stunning line up of performances including the superb school choir, fresh from their tour to Taipei, as well as the magnificent music of the school wind and jazz bands. The irrepressible Matthew Stewardson and his five-piece band of professional performers will treat us to a most energetic and entertaining live performance of music stretching back to the days of Dean Martin through to Shirley Bassey, Elton John and much more. Top quality culinary delights will be provided by *Classique Cuisine* and a full bar will be available.

Limited numbers of tickets are available for parents at R650,00 pp (incl VAT). Table settings can be arranged in groups of eight, ten or twelve. If your company is able to sponsor tables, then the following corporate rates are available:

- R10,800 (incl VAT) for a sitting of eight
- R13,500 (incl VAT) for a sitting of ten
- R16,200 (incl VAT) for a sitting of twelve

Corporate sponsors will be acknowledged in our Banquet Programme.



St John's College Spring Charity Banquet

Date: 20 September 2008

Time: 19:00

Venue: St John's College

Dress: Elegant (dress suit or dark suit)

We wish to attract a number of corporate sponsors, and encourage you to pass this invitation on to leaders in the corporate world who you believe would be motivated to support the objectives of the event while treating their guests to an outstanding evening of entertainment.

Roger Cameron

Headmaster

Erik Hallendorff

Chairman: Parents' Association

For further information or to secure your booking, please contact **Erik Hallendorff** at erik@tln.co.za and cc to pa@stjohnscollege.co.za or 082 900 1700.



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE and ROEDEAN SCHOOL(S.A.)



21 July 2008

Dear Parents

JOINT MORNING BUS SERVICE TO ROEDEAN AND ST JOHN'S

Following the research we conducted earlier this term, St John's College and Roedeans have decided to offer a joint bus service from five different areas around Johannesburg in an effort to assist parents with timely and expensive commuting to school. Regrettably, the provision of a bus service in the afternoons is too complex and costly to be feasible. This letter serves to give details of the routes, costs and procedures of the new service.

The five routes, to be introduced with effect from the first day of next term (2nd September 2008) are as follows:

- North Gallo Manor, Rivonia, Morningside, Sandown, Inanda, Atholl
- East Bedfordview, Eastgate, Bruma, Cyrildene, Observatory
- South Meyersdal, Glenvista, Bassonia, Oakdene, Linmeyer, The Hill
- Parks Craighall Park, Parktown North, Parkhurst, Greenside, Parkview, Parkwood, Saxonwold, Forest Town
- Waverley St John's to St Mary's, Oaklands, Waverley, Lower Houghton (Parents may use this service to transport their daughters to St Mary's)

All five routes and the stops are described in more detail on the St John's College website at http://sjc.co.za/students_busservice.php, along with maps of the intended routes. Parents who do not live in the immediate area of a route are encouraged to investigate whether there is possibly a stop reasonably nearby that they could make use of. (For example, parents in Edenvale may find it relatively easy to get their children to Bedfordview, or those in Randburg to get to Craighall Park.)

The times are only estimates, and should not be relied on as being exact. Depending on traffic congestion, buses may run either ahead of, or behind, the estimated schedule. Parents should ensure that they are at the relevant stop in good time. All stops have been selected to ensure that there is a suitable place for parents to park and wait in their cars until such time as the bus arrives.

Wherever possible, buses will terminate at Roedeans, St John's Pre-preparatory School and St John's Tuckshop. In some instances, depending on time and traffic, Roedeans pupils may have to be dropped at St John's Pre-preparatory School and they will need to walk over the bridge to Roedeans.

The buses to be used will be the three St John's buses (driven by experienced drivers, all of whom have worked for St John's for over three years and have impeccable safety records) and two hired-in buses from reputable companies whose safety and reliability has been well-checked before their services have been engaged.

The cost of the service is R1,300 per term for each of the routes, with the exception of the St Mary's route, which will cost R650 per term. (We reserve the right to change the cost of the service on a termly basis, depending on escalations in the diesel price.) We also reserve the right to change or terminate any of these services should there be insufficient take-up of the service to make it feasible to run. (These services are being run on a break-even basis, and neither school is making a surplus from the services.)

Should you wish to make use of the service, please complete the attached form, or download one from the website, and return it to us as soon as possible. Return the form to Megan Carter (contact details on the form). A separate form must be completed for each child that will use the bus service. Please ensure that you indicate which route AND the stop-number on that route you wish to use. (The stop-number is important for the drivers, as certain stops may be discontinued if there are no pupils needing collection.) Once your form has been returned, a bus ticket will be issued to your child and this must be shown to the driver when boarding the bus each morning. The relevant cost will be debited to your school fee account. One half-term's notice must be given to Megan Carter in the event of a pupil discontinuing use of the service.

Finally, the five routes will be operated as described on the website. Should you have suggestions about route changes, additional stops or anything else that may help us in improving the services, please send them to dry@stjohnscollege.co.za. We will evaluate the services towards the end of the third term and incorporate any suggestions and ideas that we believe will benefit parents in the first term of 2009.

Yours faithfully

ALISTAIR DRY
Business Manager
St John's College

SUE LEAHY
Bursar
Roedean School (S.A.)

