



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

TRINITY TERM

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Dear Parents and Boys

Leadership and Service

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9)

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." (John 13)



Together with a group of teaching colleagues from St John's, I spent two wonderful days last week visiting a small rural community in Josanna in the Eastern Cape in order to evaluate ways in which St John's can work together with the community to uplift educational standards in the area. Members of this community, desperately poor, under resourced, and 'broken down' through decades of political turmoil (forced removals, political violence during 'the struggle', post liberation service delivery neglect) have come together to energise the community in a spirit of self-revival. It provides a wonderful opportunity for St John's, as a leading school in Africa, to exercise leadership in education through service to our broader community, and we are looking at ways to establish partnerships with the community. Further, it offers a wonderful opportunity for us to learn from the people of Josanna, and to engage meaningfully with fellow Africans for the greater good of our country. I was very pleased to have been invited to Josanna, and see many possibilities for co-operation. The notions of leadership and service are inexorably linked in our institutional philosophy, and we carry that through to the leadership programme that our boys follow. I look forward to our boys and staff having the opportunity to visit Josanna, to share what we have and know, and to bring back to St John's a deeper understanding of a distant people who, while so different, have so much in common. I would welcome input from parents who have an interest in undertaking such a project, and would welcome the donation of material resources or of their time and expertise. The task that we face is enormous, but immensely worthwhile.

As the term draws to a close we are able to reflect on a successful term filled with passionate commitment that is the hallmark of a St John's boy. The pages that follow reflect the many hard hours of commitment from staff, boys, and parents alike, who, working in harmony have created a working environment that is second to none that I know of in the world.

We look forward to Roger resuming duties in the new term and trust that we will find him well rested and ready to take on new challenges as he 'steers the ship' onward. I have been very grateful for the support that I have received from parents, staff and boys alike, and am pleased that, institutionally, we have been able to live up to the trust placed in us during Roger's absence this term.

I wish you all a most pleasant, safe, and restful holiday.

Alan Thompson
Second Master

CULTURAL AWARDS



Claude Monet
Rue Montorgueil, Festival of June 30, 1878

ART

Honours

ANGUS MACKINNON

Colours

PETRI VENTER

Half-Colours

**ALEX CHILDS
SIMON LEE**

DRAMA AWARDS – TRINITY TERM 2009

PERFORMANCE – ‘THE SHAKESPEARE EXPERIENCE’/‘COMPLEAT WORKS’ AND THE ANNUAL INTER HOUSE PLAY FESTIVAL 2009

HONOURS

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New Awards:

ANDREW BADHAM
NICK SOKOLSKY
STEPHEN HEYDENRYCH

COLOURS

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Re-awards:

KARL NIMMO
SAM BARTON-BRIDGES
MICHAEL ROBSON

New Awards:

JAMES WILLIAMSON
BRETT FRANCE
ANDREW PETERSEN
REABETSWE KHUMBANE

HALF- COLOURS

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Re-awards:

KAI RADEL
ABEL SELAOCOE
BART OGNOWSKI
MICK CHANNON
JODI ODGERS

New Awards:

NICHOLAS SURGEY
CHARLOTTE SAVAGE
HYLTON GOODWIN
MATTEO KOTCH
SANDLA KOYANA
KATLEGO MOENAKOENA



William Shakespeare
Chandos Portrait
National Portrait Gallery
London

SIMON KENNEDY
 KYLE MATHER
 DAVE JACOBS
 KAI BRUMMER
 NORMAN MORGAN
 JACK COULTER
 MATTHEW PULFORD
 MICHAEL CLOETE
 SEKH-FEI DE LACY
 SANDILE XAYIYA
 SUSAN GLENDENNING
 OLIVIA MOLTENO
 ALDO OLUOCH-OLUNYA



Shakespeare's signature as it appeared on his Will

MERIT - SBO NENE, GUIRYN BOSSERT, MURRAY DRYDEN, JAMES SULTER, MOHAMED BULBULIA, ETIENNE ANDRE, CIARAN RAYMER, MZO DUBE, DIMITRI PROTOPAPPAS, ANDREW MURRAY, THOMAS GEFFEN, JAMES NEVIN, HUW NEWTON-HILL, THULANA MAPHASA, BEN BAGGOTT

BACKSTAGE

HALF-COLOURS - **New award:**
 JAMES CLACHERTY

MERIT - JOHN WHITTLE, CULLUM GRANT

Winter Sports - Colours Awards

According to the policy the following pointers are highlighted:

- No award will be considered before a boy's Upper IV year.
- For rugby, hockey and cricket a boy must have played at least 60% of the matches in that season and be in the starting line-up to be eligible.
- For squash and tennis the first team will be regarded as the first six players.
- A boy participating in any sport and who is U/16 and in Lower V is only eligible for a team blazer.

CHESS:

Special Commendation:



JAISHIL MODI (Remove - Hill) is to be commended on his selection to represent South Africa in the Under 16 World Chess Olympiad in Turkey from 24 September – 2 October (this is the second consecutive year that he has been selected to represent South Africa in the World Under 16 Olympiad). He has also been selected to represent South Africa in the World Youth Chess Championships to be held in Turkey from 11 – 23 November (this is the third consecutive year that Jaishil has been selected to represent South Africa at the World Youth Chess Championships).

New awards:

Team blazer: TERRY VAN STADEN GEORGE VARUGHESE
 NICHOLAS LAMBROPOULOS

Colours: YANNI MOUSTAKIS

SQUASH: Played Super League finished 2nd overall – played 8 won 7 & lost 1

New awards:

Team blazer: CIARAN RAYNER ZAIN PATEL GREG LAXTON

Colours: CLAUDE DETREMMERIE

Honours: PAUL CRESSWELL

HOCKEY: Played 29 matches - Won 18, drew 5 and lost 6

New awards:

Team blazer:	HUW NEWTON-HILL NICHOLAS SURGEY GARY HOPKINS	SIMON KENNEDY BEN WALWYN RICHARD GOODLACE
Colours:	SHERWYN PON	
Honours:	BRENDAN PRYKE MURRAY WORKMAN MATTHEW BECKER	WILLIAM WHITECROSS RIDAA PADAYACHY



RUGBY: Played 16 games - won 6 & lost 10

New awards:

Team blazer:	JARED NEWTON JEAN-PIERRE MEYER SHELDON VALJALO HEINRICH BEZUIDENHOUT	GARETH MILASINOVICH CHAD HENSON DAVE JACOBS JASON NEWTON
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JASON NEWTON is to be commended on being selected for the Golden Lions U/16 A team and participating at the recent Grant Nkomo week.

Colours:	MANYANO MADIBA	PAUL SANDERS
Honours:	ODWA SIWAHLA	

Artsfest 2009

Artsfest 2009 was another vintage occasion. To open the event, the school was treated to a wonderful musical potpourri from the Music Department. After this the boys (and the girls of the VIth Form) participated in a series of interactive workshops, chosen from a range of forty-one, and including belly dancing, taekwondo, marimbas, copper and brass embossing with David Rossouw, rapping with Zubz, beadwork, fire-dancing, tai-chi, calligraphy, radio broadcasting with Radio 5, fly-fishing, mime, script and song writing, stage combat and diski dancing. After this, Remove boys were entertained by an exuberant, talented and very professional group of Wits drama students to a hilarious hour of Theatre Sports; the LIVs attended a performance of *Kung Fu Crazy*, a one-man show by Craig Wainwright which has since made its mark in Grahamstown; and the senior phase of the school enjoyed the wit (some quite risqué) of well-known comic Joey Rasdien. Reaction to the day – which meant suspension of the teaching programme – was mostly positive. We are unable to attend the Grahamstown Arts Festival because it always falls during the July examination period; having our own in-house event is a valuable compromise. We extend our sincere thanks to all who participated, particularly those who gave of their time and expertise so generously. We feel that open and broad minds are nurtured by the many-splendoured variety of the arts.

Joy de Souza

English Alive

We congratulate a number of people on their work having been selected for the 2009 edition of the prestigious South African schools' literary journal, *English Alive*. Some of these are matriculants of last year: Michael Alberti, Josh Geffen, Richard Whitaker and Josh White. Others are still with us, and they are Evan Jackson, Tanatswa Pfende and Chris Grose. All of these writers deserve our sincere congratulations.

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 4 projects received bronze medals, 5 projects achieved silver medals and 5 received gold medals. We wish all those who will represent Gauteng at the national final every success.



	Project Title	Name	Surname	Medal
1	Solar Solution	Christopher	Hale	Bronze
1	Solar Solution	Miguel	Neto	Bronze
2	The Earth Worms of Eden	Scott	Hunt	Bronze
2	The Earth Worms of Eden	Jeffrey	Long	Bronze
2	The Earth Worms of Eden	Michael	Macklin	Bronze
3	Variable Switch - Geyser System	Ashin	Daya	Bronze
3	Variable Switch - Geyser System	Shaneel	Kalyan	Bronze
3	Variable Switch - Geyser System	Sameer	Laloo	Bronze
4	Wireless Technology	Adam	Maserow	Bronze
4	Wireless Technology	Zain	Patel	Bronze
4	Wireless Technology	Chris	Roberts	Bronze
4	Wireless Technology	Nicholas	Surgey	Bronze
5	Carbon Dioxide's & Photosynthesis	George	Hadjichristofis	Silver
5	Carbon Dioxide's & Photosynthesis	Barry	Povey	Silver
6	Peak Demand Load Shedding	Septimus	Boshoff	Silver
6	Peak Demand Load Shedding	Mohamed	Bulbulia	Silver
6	Peak Demand Load Shedding	Bryan	Moore	Silver
7	Space Blankets	Jack	de la Fargue	Silver
7	Space Blankets	Murray	Steinhobel	Silver
7	Space Blankets	James	Surgey	Silver
8	Vortex Induced Vibrations	Alex	de Oliviera	Silver
8	Vortex Induced Vibrations	Devin	Marder	Silver
8	Vortex Induced Vibrations	Edwyn	Schindler	Silver
9	Water Hyacinth	Jonathan	Beard	Silver
9	Water Hyacinth	Laurence	Nel	Silver
10	Antibiotics	Mohammed	Kaskar	Gold
10	Antibiotics	Nabeel	Seedat	Gold
11	Citaero	Schalk	Burger	Gold
11	Citaero	James	Coates	Gold
11	Citaero	Ian	McBride	Gold
12	Electromagnetism	Roland	Claven	Gold
12	Electromagnetism	Nicholas	Hale	Gold
13	Journey to the Subliminal	Jarryd	Wood	Gold
13	Journey to the Subliminal	Michael	Cloete	Gold
14	Roadside Turbine	Paul	Malakou	Gold
14	Roadside Turbine	Johan	Prinsloo	Gold
14	Roadside Turbine	Peter	Rayney	Gold

ART NEWS



LV ART EXCURSION

We have termly excursions to local art galleries for all our seniors – an absolutely necessary part of their curriculum. Our recent outing with 43 LV's was to the Constitutional Court which was inspirational to every boy. Not only were we very ably guided round their excellent collection of art by Jane Lane (art teacher at St John's pre-prep and curator and art guide at the Constitutional Court), and awe-struck by how the architecture, interior design and artworks carry the concept of hope and freedom from our past in an integrated and beautiful way, but to top it all, Jane arranged for Judge Cameron to address our boys – a thrill and a cherry on top for all of us. He was most congenial and chatty amidst his busy schedule, and invited questions and discussion. I was proud of the boys who showed impeccable manners and asked intelligent questions, and very grateful to both Jane and Judge Cameron for their enthusiasm, generosity and dedication to this unique place of hope and justice for all.

GAUDY DAY EXHIBITION

We displayed our usual range of grades and types of artworks in Big School during the musical events on Gaudy Day this year. Many commented on how they enhanced the atmosphere during that day. Congratulations to all those who displayed their impressive works.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ART

Some St John's art pupils have been painting murals at the Bridge Nursery School as part of their community service. We hope to extend this programme further afield next year. Many thanks to all those who gave of their time and talents – it has been greatly appreciated.

Forthcoming events:

INTERSCHOOLS IEB MATRIC AWARDS EXHIBITION

Once again the St John's art department has organized this event which will take place very soon after we get back to school next term. The exhibition is again being held in the FADA gallery of UJ on the Annett/Bunting road campus opposite the gasworks. Each IEB school is invited to submit a maximum of 6 matric works which will be selected and curated by the UJ staff. The opening is at 6 pm on Tuesday, 8 September, and will be opened by William Kentridge, world renowned artist and St John's parent. We are very grateful to Mr Kentridge for this honour. Parents, staff, pupils and friends are welcome to join us for canapés and to view the best of our schools' artistic talent.

MAJOR MATRIC ART EXHIBITION

This important exhibition will be opened at 6 pm on 13 October by Eugene Hon, artist and academic. All are welcome to join us at the opening and to view our matric art pupils' work while enjoying some cocktails. The venue will either be the new hall or the art centre.

OVERSEAS ART TOUR

Twenty-three lucky St John's pupils will be visiting many of the major art galleries of Europe in London, Amsterdam, Paris, Venice and Munich, as well as experiencing the varied cultures, architecture, landscape, and food, of these diverse European countries. We wish them a wonderful and safe trip.

INTERHOUSE ART COMPETITION

We are planning a competition open to all St John's pupils. Details will be finalized at the beginning of Term 3.

Lorna Culwick
HOD: Art

DRAMA IN TRINITY TERM

The Shakespeare Experience and The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged)



The Shakespeare Experience and The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged), which was performed across the week of the 1-5 June 2009, was an evening of fun for all!

It appealed to everyone, young and old, knowledgeable or unaware of Shakespeare's writing, and proved that Shakespeare's plots and humour were often not that different from some of the more evolved soapies we watch today. Based on the script by Jess Borgeson, Adam Long and Daniel Singer, the production of *The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged)* was no mean feat to manage, using as it did forty-two cast members where the original was performed by three actors.

As the old cliché goes, there really were too many excellent performances to analyse in any depth, but mention must be made of the narrators: Steve Heydenrych, Nick Surgey, Nick Sokolsky and Andy Petersen, who held things together admirably. Jean-Emile Jamine as the musician in *Romeo and Juliet* was impressive. The rappers in *Othello* provided a contemporary touch and who will ever think of "the Moor" again except as a place to park boats? Charlotte Savage was a feisty MacBeth and Ben Baggott as a lanky, laid-back witch gave an original interpretation to the part.

While it was very, very funny, Act II, Hamlet, was also incredibly challenging for the actors and the director. Andrew Badham was an hilarious ghost (amongst other characters), Hylton Goodwin was brilliant as Horatio/Polonius and Laertes and James Williamson, he of the rolling maniacal eyes and blue eye-shadow, was excellent. His sense of timing was immaculate and showed enormous talent.

Surrounding the performance, as would probably have been the case in the Bard's time, were sundry minstrels and jesters, braziers of burning coals, gluhwein and of course, the Elizabethan fashion show, all constituting *The Shakespeare Experience* which took place before the performance of *The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged)*: Martin Huysamer was the compere and his commentary had audiences shrieking with mirth every night.

All in all, the *The Shakespeare Experience and The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged)* was not to be missed. Apart from the obvious enjoyment of the audience, the cast also enjoyed themselves tremendously, always an aspiration in most productions and certainly one which was achieved in this one.

Sandra Laurence

THE ANNUAL INTER-HOUSE PLAY FESTIVAL 2009

This year's Festival took place on the evenings of the 24 and 25 June and the adjudicators were most complimentary of the standard.

A total of 7 plays were original or adapted scripts, which is most pleasing and evidence of the houses' commitment to producing work that is contemporary and relevant. Runge took a deserving 1st place with a brilliant adaptation of Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction* directed by James Williamson, followed by Alston in 2nd place with David Campton's absurd play *THEN...* Hill came in closely behind Alston in 3rd place with an Hilarious original play, *Ace of Bond*, written and directed by Mike Robson and Bart Ogonowski.

The following awards were made on the final night:

Most promising Actor (Remove or Lower IV)	-	James Sulter [Fleming]
Best cameo performance	-	Mohamed Bulbulia [Thomson]
Best ensemble work	-	Hill House
Best supporting actor	-	Dave Jacobs & Nick Sokolsky [Thomson]
Best original script	-	Andrew Badham [Clarke]
Best actor	-	Aldo Oluoch-Olunya [Runge]
Best director	-	James Williamson [Runge]

Congratulations go to all of the Houses, who performed brilliantly!

Russell Untiedt
HOD: Drama

SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS 2009

Captain

Michael Aquadro

Vice-Captain

Bruce Jelley



ANNUAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2009

OVERALL RESULT

HODGSON	1 st	457
NASH	2 ND	382
ALSTON	3 RD	348
CLAYTON	4 TH	301
THOMSON	5 TH	268
HILL	6 TH	252.5
CLARKE	7 TH	209.5
FLEMING	8 th	195.5

SENIOR TROPHY

HODGSON	1 st	300
NASH	2 ND	224.5
CLAYTON	3 RD	217
ALSTON	4 TH	191.5



THOMSON	5 TH	177
HILL	6 TH	149.5
CLARKE	7 TH	133.5
FLEMING	8 th	93.5

TEAM RACES

800 m Team Race U/14	Clarke
800 m Team Race U/15	Hodgson
800 m Team Race U/16	Nash
800 m Team Race U/17	Hodgson
800 m Team Race U/19	Clayton
1500 m Team Race U/14	Hill
1500 m Team Race U/15	Hodgson
1500 m Team Race U/16	Nash
1500 m Team Race U/17	Nash
1500 m Team Race U/19	Clarke
3000 m Open Team Race	Hodgson

RELAY RACES

U/14 Relay	Alston
U/15 Relay	Hodgson
U/16 Relay	Nash
U/17 Relay	Clayton
Open Relay	Hodgson

BEST ATHLETES PER AGE GROUP

Best U/14 Athlete	Y Essop (F)
Getliffe Floating Trophy (U/15)	D Potgieter (A)
Best U/16 Athlete	S Valjalo (N)
Headmasters Trophy (U/17)	D Jacobs (T)
Geoffrey Cherrington Cup (Open)	B Jelley (C)
W H A Allen Open House Cup	Hodgson
Phillips House Athletics Trophy	Hodgson

TABLOID RESULTS 2009

SENIOR RESULT

1	CLAYTON	6.352
2	NASH	6.206
3	HODGSON	6.173
4	HILL	6.073
5	THOMSON	5.79
6	FLEMING	5.654
7	ALSTON	5.636
8	CLARKE	4.816

JUNIOR RESULT

1	HODGSON	9.027
2	ALSTON	8.382
3	NASH	7.947
4	CLAYTON	7.483
5	THOMSON	7.166
6	FLEMING	6.666
7	HILL	4.621
8	CLARKE	2.97

OVERALL RESULT

1	HODGSON	15.2
2	NASH	14.153
3	ALSTON	14.018
4	CLAYTON	13.835
5	THOMSON	12.956
6	FLEMING	12.32
7	HILL	10.694
8	CLARKE	7.786

CHESS

At the final of the South Gauteng Chess Playoffs played on Wednesday 29 July, St John's played three magnificent matches, with the third ending in a 5-minute blitz against St David's, Inanda.

St John's won the blitz, therefore winning the South Gauteng league for 2009.

SQUASH

The following boys were selected to play in the SA Schools Closed Tournament (only 4 per province are selected: Paul Cresswell, Murray Workman, Bradley Dial, Dean Maxton).

Provincial selections

U14 A Bradley Dial , Dean Maxton

U14 B Cameron Dry

U19 A Paul Cresswell

U19 B Gregory Laxton



WATER POLO

Jason Mostert (U5), David Du Plessis (U5), Andrew Jones (U5) and Nicholas Hock (L5) were selected for the South African Junior (U18) Water Polo Team to play at the FINA World Juniors Championship in Sibenik – Croatia from 18 – 31 August 2009. Jason Mostert was elected Team Captain. They will be competing in the group with Serbia, Spain, USA and Mexico.

Duncan Woods (OJ), Pierre Le Roux (OJ), Etienne Le Roux (OJ) and Chris Brown (OJ) were selected to represent South Africa Water Polo at the 13th FINA World Championships in Rome (Italy) from 19 August until 02 September 2009.

Pierre Le Roux was third best scorer at the FINA Water Polo World League Super Finals held in Podgorica – Montenegro from 16 - 21 June 2009.

OJ Eagles Club members; Dr Rick Diesel (Parktown OB), Dwayne Flatscher (Saints OB and SJC Water Polo Coach) and Andrew Ridley (Pretoria Boys' OB and former SJC Water Polo coach) were also selected to play at the World Champs.

The logo features a green vine with several leaves and two clusters of red grapes. The vine starts on the left and curves around the text on the right.

St John's College
Grapevine

The grapevine is an advertising medium for the St John's College community. The publication will be circulated 2 – 3 times per term, as printed media to be handed out at the gates as well as an electronic version that will be e-mailed with the Headmasters newsletter.

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