



# ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

TRINITY TERM

No 4/2011

Dear Parents

During this Trinity term three symbolic events took place, which while important in themselves, also pointed to a bigger vision which St John's holds. This concerns the process of character formation as boys pass through those years from Remove to Matric.

### Leadership Programme

The first event was the awarding of 46 boys with their ties and badges of prefectship within their Houses. These 46 boys had completed a journey begun in Lower 5, called our Leadership Programme. The programme is initiated in the Michaelmas Term of the Lower 5 year after a leadership camp. It requires boys to take on a leadership portfolio for three terms; to be an example to their fellow pupils, and to mentor a junior boy. It also requires boys to actively participate in the life of the school in sports teams and in cultural activities, and to complete their service to the wider community. The essential difference between this process and what was the traditional prefect structure of the past, is that all the Lower 5s are invited to participate, and in theory all could be made prefects the following year. However the reality is, besides the 10 school prefects, only 46 additional boys out of 133 made it to the end of the journey. The challenge of leadership is that it requires a willingness to give up some of your own personal wishes to serve others. There is an element of self-sacrifice, and the concept of servant leadership is important. Not all boys are able to meet this challenge despite having been given support and training in leadership through their Houses.



### Eagle Awards

The second event during the term was the Eagle Award ceremony where 75 boys and girls received an Eagle Award for completing a five-day community service project. At the same ceremony two Old Johannians, Professor John Pettifor and Mr Clive Rice received Eagle Awards for their service to the wider community. Professor Pettifor has spent his life serving in the medical community with a research specialisation in bone disease. He has worked at Baragwanath Hospital for much of his life. Mr Clive Rice led South African cricket out of isolation as the first Protea's Captain in a test match against India.

The school prayer written by Father Nash eloquently set out our purpose for St John's boys that they should be "*rightly trained in body, mind and character to serve Thee well in Church and State*". Every boy at St John's has an obligation to begin the process of service to others through a requirement to do 18 hours of community service every year. The Eagle Award and President's Award are rewards for a basic requirement of every St John's pupil. It is, we hope, a beginning of a life-long attitude that we find our value and worth when we give of our time, talent and treasure to help others. Charity needs to be a good characteristic in the lives of all who are part of our St John's Community.

### Beloved Sons Programme

The third event was what I have come to think of as the *Beloved Sons* programme. This began with the Lower 4s with two meetings between fathers and sons and will lead to a two-week expedition. Under the guidance of the Wilderness Leadership School, the Lower 4s will journey through the Umfolozi Game Reserve and the Drakensberg mountains in small groups under the leadership of skilled guides.

In essence we are focusing on a conversation between sons and their fathers about what it means to be a man, and discussing the initiation into manhood. It is a carefully constructed process under the wisdom of our Chaplain, Father Jaques Pretorius, and the Head of Life Orientation, Mr Sean Wilson, involving mothers and fathers as well as significant adults from our community to lead young men away from childhood and boyhood into adulthood, and a full understanding of masculinity. It is our belief that boys need to receive a blessing from their fathers as Jesus did from His Father when he came out of His baptism in the River Jordan and God said *"This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased"*. This powerful affirmation needs to resonate in young men's hearts.

As a boy enters Remove as a 13-year old boy and begins his journey to manhood, St John's College has carefully constructed a process so that when he leaves he will be *rightly trained in body, mind, and character*. This process happens within families; within school houses; within the College; within the church, the mosque or the temple. It happens not haphazardly, but intentionally at St John's, and the purpose is to shape your sons into wonderful men who are strong and courageous, compassionate and bold, adventurous and self-confident, but also humble and trusting in Almighty God.

A school community like St John's holds up to our boys and girls a vision of life that is transcendent. It points to a purpose which is greater than each of us on our own. It holds up a value that seeks for truth beauty and goodness, and challenges boys and girls to be aspirational, hopeful, energetic and enthusiastic.

The challenge for us as a St John's community is for us all to work together to hold this transcendent vision for our boys. We need to support them in their *Beloved Sons*, Eagle Award and the Leadership Programmes. The ideal must be that all our sons come through affirmed, committed to others and able to lead – *rightly trained in body, mind and character*.

## **Holiday Programme**

During the holidays a number of events take place. There has been a soccer tournament at St David's, a squash tour for our 1<sup>st</sup> Team participating in the National Top Schools Tournament in Pietermaritzburg (St John's won the Top Gauteng Schools Tournament). The rowers and the cricketers are attending training camps. The golfers are playing in our own St John's College International Schools Golf Tournament at Sun City. At the same time our basketball team is playing at a tournament in Zimbabwe at St John's College Harare, the water polo players are playing in Croatia and there is an Art and Drama tour to New York and Washington.

## **Staff News**

It has been a busy term with many wonderful moments. It has also been a sad term in that **Mr Abbie Morwane** who served St John's for 38 years, first as a Groundsman, then as Messenger, and finally as Print Room Manager, died at the age of 62. Mr Morwane was a loyal member of staff of St John's and he humbly served many teachers and boys, always well-mannered, helpful and courageous. This was particularly evident during the last few years when his health deteriorated. Several staff attended his funeral at Tlaseng Village near Rustenburg where he was honoured by his family, community and the school.

We also say farewell to **Mr De Wet Wentzel** who leaves us to take up a Deputy Head post at Maragon Primary School. He has served St John's College as an Afrikaans teacher, Housemaster of Thomson House, and as a fine rugby coach of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and a provincial rugby referee. He is a man who cared for his boys in his House, a man of integrity. We wish him all the best for her future and congratulate him on his appointment. We also congratulate him and his wife Adele on the birth of their son Ruan. Ruan was born six weeks premature, but he is making good progress.

**Mr Derek Bradley** will take over from Mr Wentzel as Housemaster of Thomson. I congratulate him on his appointment.

I would also like to congratulate **Mr Sean Wilson** who has been appointed as Deputy Head of Jeppe Boys High from January 2012.

**Mr Lewis Manthata** has been awarded his Master degree from Wits in Political Economics. We congratulate him on this fine achievement.

**Mrs Wendy Young**, who has been acting as Head of the English Department, has been appointed to this post. I congratulate her and know that she will perform this task well.

Finally I am pleased to announce that after a long process of interviews and careful evaluation, **Mrs Jane Lane** has been appointed Head of the Pre Prep to replace Mrs Helen Popplewell who will be retiring. Mrs Lane has two sons attending St John's and has a long association through her family with St John's College. Her father and her brothers attended St John's. Mrs Lane has taught as a Class Teacher at St John's and Roedean. She has taught art for many years in the Pre Prep and she has been the Curator of the art at the Constitutional Court. We congratulate her and believe that she will ably fill the big shoes which Mrs Popplewell will leave.

Have a wonderful holiday, travel safely if you are going away and we look forward to returning to school on 6 September. Reports can be collected from Mrs Schaerer's office until 12 noon on Thursday 11 August. After that they will be posted. If you do not receive your son's report, please contact Mrs Schaerer at St John's College.

**Roger Cameron**



## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE - 2011 PREFECTS

**Head of School:** Schalk Burger  
**Second Prefect:** Jeffrey Long  
**Additional School Prefect:** Travis Bradfield

NASH	HILL	CLAYTON	THOMSON
<b>Head of House</b>  Peter Raney	<b>Head of House</b>  Dylan Feldner-Busztin	<b>Head of House</b>  Jesse Bulabula	<b>Head of House</b>  Markus Trengove
Jonathan Austin Kai Brummer Liam Buisson-Street Murray Dryden Scott Hunt Lloyd Jubane Christian Kocher Reshard Kolabhai John Luxmore Alex Masianoga Ben Myres Nicholas Reid Kevin Tang	Michael Lucas Thomas Geffen John Newsome	Rowan Dalton Jake Ireland Sahil Jamnadas Shyam Venkatakrisnan Edward Butler	Asiri Rathugamage Simon Trisk Ebrahim Laher Jason Constantinou

ALSTON	CLARKE	HODGSON	FLEMING
<b>Head of House</b>  Matthew Diepenbroek	<b>Head of House</b>  Paul Malakou	<b>Head of House</b>  Kathu Ramabulana	<b>Head of House</b>  Tebogo Lekubu
Michael Bailey Kirk Bolland Jacques Le Roux Steven Theunissen Lloyd van der Griendt	Michael Cloete Ian McBride Jamie McGraw Greg Rowan	Richard Berry Dino Coundourakis Alex Du Plessis Willie Morgan	Jarryd Wood Johan Prinsloo Akshar Jivan Nicolas Jelonek Francois du Plessis Jared Kruger George Varughese Daniel Trollip

## EAGLE AWARDS - 2011

Surname	Name	Form	House
Allsop	Geoffrey	UV	Hill
Atherfold	John	LV	Thomson
Babshet	Kanaka	UVI	Runge
Berry	Richard	UV	Hodgson
Botha	Johannes	LVI	Runge
Bradley	Dylan	LV	Fleming
Brittain	Rory	VI	Runge
Burger	Schalk Johan	LV	Clarke
Burger	Schalk	UV	Thomson
Cheng	Shuo	LVI	Runge
Chiu	Aaron	LV	Clayton
Cloete	Kade	LV	Clarke
Cloete	Michael	UV	Clarke
Collins	Pele	LV	Clayton
Cordes	Matthew	UV	Clayton
Coundourakis	Dino	UV	Hodgson
Cowper	Julian	LV	Thomson
Daya	Ashin	LV	Clayton
De la Fargue	Jack	LV	Hodgson
Diepenbroek	Matthew	UV	Alston
Domanski	Julia	UVI	Runge
Donoghue	Thomas	LVI	Runge
Dryburgh	Megan	LVI	Runge
Fisher	Cameron	LV	Fleming
Georgiades	Jonathan	LV	Hill
Greeff	Nicholas	LV	Alston
Holliday	Matthew	LV	Nash
Jiang	Meiyan	LVI	Runge
Jivan	Akshar	UV	Fleming
Kalidas	Bhaveen	LV	Clarke
Kalogirou	Matteo	LV	Clarke
Kalyan	Shaneel	LV	Fleming
Karungu	Karungu	UVI	Runge
Kooverjee	Himal	LV	Thomson
Kruger	Jared	UV	Fleming
Kuehnemann	Svenja	LVI	Runge
Laloo	Sameer	LV	Alston
Le Roux	Jacques	UV	Alston
Lloyd	Johnathan	LV	Clayton
Malakou	Paul	U5	Nash
Masood	Talha	UV	Fleming
McFie	Megan	LVI	Runge
Mohamed	Ebrahim	UV	Hodgson
Moya	Monica	UVI	Runge
Narotam	Kishan	LV	Hill
Nel	Laurence	LV	Alston



**Golden Eagle**  
*Aquila Chrysaetos*

Surname	Name	Form	House
Obregon	Ines	LVI	Runge
Prinsloo	Johan	UV	Fleming
Reid	Nicholas	UV	Nash
Sacranie	Mohamed	LV	Thomson
Sam	Jerry	UVI	Runge
Schindler	Kyle	LV	Alston
Schindler	Edwyn	UVI	Runge
Soal	Alexander	LV	Fleming
Soni	Ahmad	UV	Hill
Sterley	Christopher	LV	Hill
Surgey	James	LV	Fleming
Tang	Chia-Jung	UV	Nash
Tattersall	James	LV	Hodgson
Tattersall	Patrick	LV	Hodgson
Taylor	Daniel	UVI	Runge
Theofanidis	Dimitri	LV	Nash
Thormeyer	Oscar	UV	Hodgson
Trisk	Simon	UV	Thomson
Trollip	Daniel	UV	Fleming
Urata	Nami	UVI	Runge
Van Der Giendt	Lloyd	UV	Alston
Van der Schyf	Dedrick	LVI	Runge
Verheul	Joshua	LV	Clayton
Verheul	Grant	UV	Clayton
Vermaak	Marius	LV	Clarke
Vosloo	Danica	LVI	Runge
Wolfe	Matthew	LV	Nash
Zilesnick	Daniel	LV	Fleming



Left to right: Dr John (OJ) and Mrs Jennifer Pettifor and Mr Clive (OJ) and Mrs Sue Rice with the Headmaster – both OJs were recipients of Gold Eagle Awards.

## CULTURAL AWARDS - MUSIC



### Honours

Riaan de Kock U5  
Reshard Kolabhai U5  
Michael Cloete U5

### Colours

Milan Conkic L5  
Shuo Cheng L6

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## Cultural Awards

August 2011

### ART

Honours **Alistair Bashall**

Colours **Sean Devonport**  
**Murray Steinhobel**  
**Chris Soal**



### ORATORY

Honours **Michael Macklin**

Michael leaves on August 15<sup>th</sup> to represent **South Africa** in the **World Schools' Debating Championships** in Scotland. We congratulate him on his selection for the national team, and wish him all the best.

**Our senior debating team** has also done very well to reach the semi-finals of the SACEE League, and will meet Pretoria Girls' High early next term, and we congratulate them.

Half Colours **Alex Masianoga**  
**Kai Brummer**

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## DRAMA AND BACKSTAGE AWARDS –TRINITY TERM 2011

### DRAMA

NAME	GRADE	AWARD
Kai Brummer	U V	Honours
Michael Cloete	U V	Honours
Khathu Ramabulana	U V	Honours
Nicholas Reid	U V	Colours
Murray Dryden	U V	Colours
Jared Kruger	U V	Colours
Thomas Geffen	U V	Colours
Rivoningo Mhlari	L V	Re-award Half-Colours
Mzolisi Dube	L V	Re-award Half-Colours
Michael Macklin	U V	Re-award Half-Colours
Kirara Sato	U 6	Re-award Half-Colours
Marina Ceccarelli	U 6	Half-Colours
Daniyal Hukamdad	U 6	Half-Colours
Kamogege Phage	U V	Half-Colours
Oscar Thormeyer	U V	Half-Colours
Tinaye Tengende	L V	Half-Colours
Murray Conway	L V	Half-Colours
Andrew Tuma-Waku	L V	Half-Colours
James Surgey	L V	Half-Colours

Khaya Maseko	L V	Half-Colours
Lesego Mako	L V	Half-Colours
Nicholas Tennick	L V	Half-Colours
Anthony Testa	L V	Half-Colours
Nicholas-John Maree	L V	Half-Colours
Jonty Schwartz	L V	Half-Colours
James Barton-Bridges	U IV	Half-Colours
Jonty Fletcher	U IV	Half-Colours
S'bonakaliso M G Nene	U IV	Half-Colours
Lubabalo Kahla	U IV	Half-Colours
Daniel France	U IV	Half-Colours
Thulani Maphasa	U IV	Half-Colours
Nicholas McLoughlin	U IV	Half-Colours
James Sulter	U IV	Half-Colours
Christopher Huntley	U IV	Half-Colours
Luke Reid	U IV	Half-Colours
Jarryd Wood	U V	Merit
Nicholas Lambropoulos	U V	Merit
Jamie Mcgraw	U V	Merit
Peter Raney	U V	Merit
Christian Kocher	U V	Merit
Rowan Kovel	U V	Merit
Joshua Wesseloo	U V	Merit
Owen Newton-Hill	L V	Merit
Sam Theron	L V	Merit
Philani Qwabe	U IV	Merit
Matthew Henderson	U IV	Merit
Timothy Kyagambiddwa-Nyanzi	U IV	Merit
Gianluca Agostinnetto	U IV	Merit
Brett Van Staden	U IV	Merit
Themba Daniels	U IV	Merit
Luke Auret	U IV	Merit
Grant Carroll	U IV	Merit
Buhle Blose	U IV	Merit
Lizolethu Rensburg	U IV	Merit
Adrian Jennings	U IV	Merit
Jon-Luc Robinson	U IV	Merit
Simbai Kanjere	L IV	Merit
Ttravis Hornsby	L IV	Merit
Llewellyn Craddock	Remove	Merit
Jesse Stevens	Remove	Merit
Matthew Davies	Remove	Merit
Tamlin Love	Remove	Merit



## **BACKSTAGE**

Jean-Andre Deenik	U IV	Merit
Matthew Irvine	Remove	Merit
Chris Mackie	Remove	Merit
Muaaz Suliman	Remove	Merit



## **MUSIC**

The Senior Jazz Band participated in the Grahamstown National Youth Jazz Festival during mid-term. Three of our boys were selected for the National School Big Band: Hamish Mollett, Jason Smythe and Kevin Murning. They then performed with the leader of the Stockholm Jazz Orchestra who prepared them for the gala evening which was the highlight of the Jazz Festival.

## SACEE/English Alive

Congratulations to the following boys who have had their work selected for the prestigious SACEE publication "English Alive", an anthology of writing selected from schools around the country. It is certainly an acknowledgement of very good writing indeed. Publication date is mid-August 2011:



*Alistair Bashall*  
*Benedict Didcott-Marr*  
*Dylan Feldner-Busztin*  
*Thomas Geffen*  
*Thomas Geffen*  
*Shaneel Kalyan*  
*Nicolas Martin*  
*Andrew Petersen OJ 2010*  
*Pieter Swart*

**Bhangra**  
**Playground warfare**  
**Time of death: 21st Century**  
**Kissing at seventeen**  
**Call**  
**Witness chair**  
**The kite flyer**  
**Variations on a crown**  
**Vampires**

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## SACEE DEBATING

The St John's team of Michael Macklin, Scott Hunt, Gianluca Agostinetto, Nabeel Seedat and Mo Kaskar have reached the semi-finals of this tournament. They will meet Pretoria Girls' High in the first week of next term. They deserve heartiest congratulations.



## Science Expo 2011

St John's College entered 16 projects into the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists this year. The expo took place on 30 July 2011 at Wits Education Campus. The boys had an interesting morning and did very well in earning 14 medals: 5 Gold, 5 Silver and 4 Bronze.

### Gold medals were awarded to the following projects:

The Solution	Ayrton Kapp, Nicholas Rowe and Cameron Thompson	Remove
Solar Thermal Active Buildings	Tye Clarke and Kyle Whitfield	L4
Helios Duo	Owen Newton-Hill, Wesley Coulentianos and Paul Ontong	L5
Limogreen	Muhammed Bulbulia, Gerhard Olivier and Septimus Boshoff	L5
Silver Solutions	Nabeel Seedat and Mohammed Kaskar	L5

The gold medallists attended an elimination round on Wednesday 3 August where all 5 projects were selected to proceed to nationals. We wish the gold medallists the very best for the National Final in October.

### Silver medals were awarded to:

The Sound of Light	Daniel Arnot, Daniel Carter and Emilio Ziniades	Remove
Hovercraft	Llewellyn Craddock and Nicholas Peterson	Remove
Light Efficiency	Alistair Seymour and Kevin Boyce	Remove
Vetiver: A solution to a big problem	Kaleem Ahmid, Ross Blackwell and Andre Venter	Remove
Acid Mine Solutions	Craig Murrell and Jacques Oosthuizen	L5

### Bronze medals were awarded to:

Solar Oven	Nicholas Zille, Muaaz Suliman and James Owen	Remove
Breathalyzer	Matthew Taylor and Christoff du Plessis	L4
The Effect of Density on Refraction	Christopher Hale	U4
Bridge Structures	James Chang, Micha Dedekind and Muhammed Mangera	L5

Well done to all these young men on an excellent achievement.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Colours Awards - Winter Sports - 2011

#### CHESS:

Jaishil Modi (U4) is to be commended on being re-awarded South African National Colours by the South African National sports Council.

Present position:

Colours:

George Varughese



New Awards:

Team Blazer:

Jaishil Modi  
Aaron Krishna

Neil Viviers  
Hano Prinsloo

Colours:

Jonathan Georgiades

Nicholas Lambropoulos

#### SQUASH:

Played Super League finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall – played 16 won 11, lost 4 & drew 1

New Awards:

Team Blazer:

Bradley Dial  
Cameron Dry

Dean Maxton  
Matthew Barker

Colours:

Kyle Robertson

#### HOCKEY:

Played 31 matches - Won 15, lost 10 and drew 5 - Kyle Lion-Cachet (U4) is to be commended on being selected for the South African National U/16 squad.

Present position:

Team Blazer:

John Newsome

John Austin

New Awards:

Team Blazer:

Kyle Lion-Cachet  
Sameer Laloo  
Bradley Stocks

Daniel Fiser  
Keith Mhlari  
Nicholas Tennick

Gregory Harrup  
Mohammed Kaskar  
Kirk Bolland

Colours:

Luke Langschmidt  
Thabo Zindi

Kyle Robertson  
Owen Newton-Hill

Andrew Tuma-Waku

#### RUGBY:

Played 14 games - Won 3, Lost 10 & Drew 1

Present position:

Team Blazer:

Thomas Berry

Brett Rodger

New Awards:

Team Blazer:

Gerhard Olivier  
Samuel Theron  
Dean Gordon

Philani Qwabe  
Edward Butler  
Wesley Coulestantinos

Donovan Strydom  
Khatu Ramabulana

Colours:

N-J Maree  
Gianny Mbayo

Thomas Workman  
Sheldon Valjalo

Honours:

Jason Newton



## Athletics Captain for 2011

Dylan Feldner-Busztin - (Captain)  
Jesse Bulabula - (Vice Captain)

### HOCKEY

Kyle Lion-Cachet has been selected for the S.A. National U/16 Hockey team at the recent inter-provincial hockey tournament held in Pretoria from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July.



### YACHT RACING

Henry Daniels – Remove, departs for Pwllheli in Wales on the evening of 26 July to participate in the British National Optimist regatta as a member of the South African Yacht Racing Team.

#### TABLOID RESULTS 2011

SENIOR RESULT			JUNIOR RESULT			OVERALL RESULT		
1	ALSTON	25.40	1	THOMSON	25.00	1	THOMSON	46.90
2	CLAYTON	23.90	2	CLAYTON	22.50	2	CLAYTON	46.40
3	HILL	22.40	3	HILL	17.50	3	HILL	39.90
4	THOMSON	21.90	4	FLEMING	16.20	4	ALSTON	38.90
5	FLEMING	20.30	5	HODGSON	15.50	5	FLEMING	36.50
6	HODGSON	19.30	6	NASH	14.70	6	HODGSON	34.80
6	CLARKE	16.60	7	ALSTON	13.50	7	NASH	30.10
8	NASH	15.40	8	CLARKE	11.20	8	CLARKE	27.80

#### ANNUAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2011

OVERALL RESULT			SENIOR TROPHY			TEAM RACES		
HODGSON	1 <sup>st</sup>	443	HODGSON	1 <sup>st</sup>	284	800 m Team Race	U/14	Alston
CLAYTON	2 <sup>ND</sup>	385	CLAYTON	2 <sup>ND</sup>	249	800 m Team Race	U/15	Nash
NASH	3 <sup>RD</sup>	327	ALSTON	3 <sup>RD</sup>	214	800 m Team Race	U/16	Hill
ALSTON	4 <sup>TH</sup>	305	NASH	4 <sup>TH</sup>	193	800 m Team Race	U/17	Nash
THOMSON	5 <sup>TH</sup>	276	THOMSON	5 <sup>TH</sup>	182	800 m Team Race	U/19	Fleming
HILL	6 <sup>TH</sup>	265	HILL	6 <sup>TH</sup>	141	1500 m Team Races	U/14	Clayton
FLEMING	7 <sup>TH</sup>	221	FLEMING	6 <sup>TH</sup>	118	1500 m Team Races	U/15	Hodgson
CLARKE	8 <sup>th</sup>	178	CLARKE	8 <sup>th</sup>	106	1500 m Team Races	U/16	Nash
						1500 m Team Races	U/17	Hill
						1500 m Team Races	U/19	Hodgson
						3000 m Open Team Race		Hill

#### BEST ATHLETES PER AGE GROUP

Best U/14 Athlete  
Getliffe Floating Trophy (U/15)  
Best U/16 Athlete  
Headmasters Trophy (U/17)  
Geoffrey Cherrington Cup (Open)  
W H A Allen Open House Cup  
Phillips House Athletics Trophy

D Petyt  
T Oberholzer  
J Sanders  
C Murrell  
D Gordon  
Hodgson  
Hodgson



#### RELAY RACES

U/14 Relay  
U/15 Relay  
U/16 Relay  
U/17 Relay  
Open Relay

Hodgson  
Nash  
Hodgson  
Hodgson  
Hodgson

## Reach for the Stars

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the longest lunar eclipse for ten years was visible in the Southern Hemisphere. To appreciate this event and understand the universe in which we live better, 'Attingite Ad Astra' (Reach for the Stars) took place at St John's College between 9<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Remove and LIV students studied different areas of astronomy across the curriculum. Some of the questions explored included:



- Which historical figure has been most significant in the study of astronomy?
- What are the five most important objects to take to the moon?
- How did the planets and constellations get their names?
- How large would the Solar system be if the earth was the size of a peppercorn?
- What phenomenon is marked by the Winter Solstice?
- How does the weight of a coke bottle vary on different planets?
- Who was Johannes Kepler and what is his equation of planetary motion?

Attingite Ad Astra began at Arts Fest with a talk for the whole school entitled 'Living Among the Stars' given by Vincent Nettmann, resident astronomer at Maropeng. For the night of the Lunar Eclipse, Professor David Block from Wits University spoke on the theme of 'Extraordinary'. His talk focused on the extraordinary nature of the universe and the unique potential of each individual within it. This echoed the message in chapel that morning from Psalm 8:

***When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour.***

The talk finished on time to watch the eclipse from its early phases. Saturn was also visible in the night sky and with an 8" telescope its rings and largest moon, Titan, could also be seen.

The week finished with a quiz around the Science block which touched on a wide range of disciplines related to astronomy. Our hope is that the week inspired boys to reach out to the infinite wealth of knowledge there is to be discovered within the universe around them but also to gain a greater understanding of themselves and their significance within the created world.

Link to Pictures:

Saturn:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/ethanallens/3138962663/>

Lunar Eclipse:

<http://www.callegari.co.za/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/lunareclipse-8x6.jpg>

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*"There is no passion to be found playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living."*

*- Nelson Mandela*

# DANCEWEB STUDIOS...

Will be teaching at your SCHOOL

**DO U WANT TO BE PART OF A CREW at YOUR SCHOOL?  
OR DANCE JUST TO KEEP FIT AND KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST DANCE TRENDS?**

**WHAT:** HIP HOP , KRUMPING & TUTTING  
**WHERE:** ST JOHN'S  
**WHEN:** EVERY TUESDAY STARTING TUES 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011  
**TIME:** 14H10 – 15H00  
**TERM'S FEES:** R550.00  
**WHAT TO WEAR:** ANYTHING COMFORTABLE

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**ST. JOHNS COLLEGE**

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Name of teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Tel: © \_\_\_\_\_ (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Calligraphy Workshops Given by Jean Urry

During this series of workshops I will cover the basics of calligraphy using both popsicle stick pens and steel nibs.

Students will learn 3 to 4 calligraphy hands -

Gothic, Foundational and Uncial. Italic, if time permits. Lower and U case letters will be taught. We will also touch on the history of writing.

Once we have completed a hand, we will do a project in class, and students will get the chance to use their newly acquired calligraphy skills.

I can take up to 10 pupils. Cost R40 per person per lesson. Each student will receive 2 steel nibs and a nib holder – this is included in the cost of the course.

If you have any questions, I can be contacted on  
072 440 0130



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# ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

## SWIMATHON AND WATER POLO FESTIVAL 2011

On **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011** the school will be holding a Swimathon and water polo festival to raise money for the improvements (both completed and planned) to the water polo pool and surrounding area.

As a result of these improvements, the school now boasts a FINA-regulation size water polo pool and will therefore be able to host international tournaments and prepare our players for international competition. These improvements will benefit many generations of St John's water polo players and swimmers as well as the broader water polo community which uses our facilities. We also hope, during the course of 2012, to be able to refurbish and add to the change rooms and increase the available stand capacity which will make for more pleasurable playing and watching.

On the **17<sup>th</sup> September 2011**, you will be able to:

- ♦ Stand a chance of winning an **Air Hockey table** for your house common room
- ♦ Stand a chance of winning a **digital camera**
- ♦ Watch the **SJC first team** play a match
- ♦ See many members of the Springbok men's water polo team in action as the **Old Johannian Eagles** play a match
- ♦ Enjoy **food and drink**
- ♦ Enjoy **music** and the **festival atmosphere** throughout the day
- ♦ Stand the chance of winning **fantastic prizes** at the "Lucky envelope"

And in the process you will be helping the St John's water polo community to realise its dream of having a world-class water polo facility at the school.

**Minimum entry is R50** (or the equivalent in sponsorship) and we hope each participant will be able to raise **sponsorship of at least R150**. Each participant will be allocated a time slot of 10 minutes and you can see how many lengths (25m) you can swim in this time. We will have older swimmers and/or kick boards for the very young swimmers so you won't have to swim on your own, or you can swim with your Mum or Dad or a sibling. There will be five swimmers per lane per time slot of 10 minutes.



In addition to **spot prizes** on the day, **the following prizes will be awarded:**

Most money raised by a house in the College	<b>Air Hockey table</b>
Most money raised by a boy in the Pre-Prep	<b>Digital Camera</b>
Most money raised by a boy in the Prep	<b>Digital Camera</b>
Most money raised by a boy in the College	<b>Digital Camera</b>
Most money raised by a sibling	<b>Digital Camera</b>

Time allocation is as follows:

09h00 - 10h00	Grade 0 Grade 1 Grade 2	3 lanes each 3 lanes each 3 lanes each 1 lane for parents, siblings and teachers
10h00 - 11h00	Upper I Lower II Upper II	3 lanes each 3 lanes each 3 lanes each 1 lane for parents, siblings and teachers
11h00 - 12h00	Lower III Upper III	4 lanes each 4 lanes each 2 lanes for parents, siblings and teachers
12h00 - 13h00	Remove Lower IV Upper IV	3 lanes each 3 lanes each 3 lanes each 1 lane for parents, siblings and teachers
13h00 - 14h00	Lower V Upper V Vlth Form	3 lanes each 3 lanes each 3 lanes each 1 lane for parents, siblings and teachers
14h00 - 15h15	SJC match OJ Eagles Match	

An alternative date will be arranged for boys who have cricket, basketball or rowing fixtures on the day.

**Sponsorship forms to be returned by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September to:**

- ♦ **Class teachers** (boys in the Pre-Prep and Prep)
- ♦ **The Sports Office** (boys and girls in the College)

Money is to be handed in at the Swimathon, or on the following Monday (i.e. 19 September 2011). Contributions can also be added to school accounts with authorisation.

For any queries call **Richard Irvine on 082-820-5800** or **Peter Verwer on 082-821-2354**



# SWIMATHON 2011 SPONSORSHIP/DONATION SHEET

Name of swimmer\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ House: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please indicate if you are a sibling/parent or teacher

## SPONSORSHIP/DONATION:

	Name of sponsor	Donation/Amount sponsored per length	Lengths swum on the day	Amount Due
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
			<b>Total Due:</b>	

OR

FLAT RATE DONATION: (minimum entry R50) \_\_\_\_\_

I authorise the school to charge the following to my school account: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ House: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

