

EASTER TERM 2023

From the Senior Deputy



Easter Term was a busy term: from the inspiring *Hugh Lewin Memorial Lecture* and the riveting *Hani - The Legacy* Production to the light-hearted but memorable GROBS (who will forget the Mr Magubane impersonation?). There were so many highlights, on the sporting front, in the academic arena and also in our music. As Taeg Mosehla (Head of School) reminded the school last term when we rang the Victory Bell twice. Personally, my highlights from this wonderful term were probably the come-back after a poor start at the KES Water Polo tournament to achieve a remarkable gold medal, and the academic excellence achieved by the class of 2022. I am sure each one of you will have your own view on what was the best in a very good term. I hope this edition of events that happened up until the end of Easter Term, will enable you to remember and savour once again, the best of Easter Term 2023. Enjoy the read.

Peter Wright, Senior Deputy



St John's College Aquatics Centre

The long-awaited state-of-the-art St John's College Aquatics Centre was officially opened on Friday 17 February 2023, with special guests Prof Jon Patricios and The Visitor, The Right Revd Dr Steve Moreo, Bishop of Johannesburg, in attendance. More on [page 10](#).

Photo by Kamogelo Thobejane (UIV Nash)

COMMUNITY MASS 125TH CELEBRATION

St John's College celebrated the start of the new year with a Community Mass. All of our students, from the little boys in the Pre-Prep to the older students in the College and Sixth Form, along with all our Council members, staff, parents and OJs, came together on Burger Field, looking up at the magnificent northern facade of our school, to attend

Mass with The Visitor, The Right Revd Dr Steve Moreo, Bishop of Johannesburg.

This year's Community Mass was extra special as it marked the beginning of our 125th-anniversary celebrations at St John's College, a time to reflect on where we have come from and to look forward to where we are headed.

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Class of 2022 delivers exceptional results, 100% bachelor pass

A massive congratulations to our Class of 2022 for returning yet another exceptional set of matric results, achieving a 100% pass rate and a 100% Bachelor Degree Pass.

“We salute the Matric Class of 2022 on their truly outstanding results, and while we celebrate our many top achievers, we also recognise and applaud every matric who worked incredibly hard to achieve their personal best,” said Stuart West, Executive Headmaster, St John’s College. “This speaks to the resilience, habits of excellence and structured academic confidence that each of our matrics embraced to achieve these remarkable results. The rising tide lifts all the boats!”



CLASS OF 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



122 students (100% pass rate)
122 BD passes (100% BD pass9)

Of the 122 Matrics that wrote:

- 11 boys average of 90% and above (9.0%)
- 46 boys average of 80% and above (37.7%)
- 64 boys average of 75% and above (52.5%)
- 86 boys average 70% and above (70.5%)
- 120 boys average 60% and above (98.4%)
- The top three students achieved an average of 93% and above.
- The top 11 students achieved an average of 90% and above.
- 43 students had subject results in the 1% of all IEB candidates in SA

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TERTIARY AWARDS #Classof2022

Prestigious Allan Gray Fellowship
Nsika Dlamini (Clarke 2022) in #Classof2022 was awarded the prestigious Allan Gray Fellowship after returning an outstanding set of matric results. He achieved an overall average of 86% and six distinctions in his final examinations. He is studying Computational and Applied Mathematics at Wits this year. Great job Nsika!

Wits Vice-Chancellor Award
St John’s College is incredibly proud of our top students in #Classof2022, Sebastian Bouilliant (Clarke 2022) and Khelan Desai (Hill 2022) who were awarded the Wits Vice-Chancellor Award. Every year, Wits awards ten of these prestigious scholarships to academically excellent students for

each year of their degree studies leading up to their graduation. Well done, gentlemen!

Student Placements At International Universities
We are delighted to congratulate the following students who’ve found placements at US Universities for the 2023 intake:

- Matthew Pryce (Fleming 2022) - MIT
- Darren Peng (Clarke 2022) - The University of Chicago
- Leo Fridjhon (Clarke 2020) - The University of Columbia
- Letho Sikosana (Thomson 2020) - London School of Economic

What an incredible achievement to be accepted at one of the highest ranking universities in the world.



Excellent results achieved by our 2022 AS and A level students

St John’s College Sixth Form was delighted to announce excellent results of our 2022 AS and A Level students. “I am particularly proud that our Sixth Form students achieved this level of excellence, and wish all the 2022 Upper Six leavers the very best as they start

their university careers either in South Africa or overseas, as I know they are well prepared. Congratulations to the students, their parents, and particularly the teachers who have guided them during their Sixth Form journey.” - Paul Emant, Head of Sixth Form.

TOP AS LEVEL

We congratulate our Lower Six AS Level #Classof2022 students who achieved 30% A symbols across their subjects. This bodes very well for their Upper Six A Level 2023 year.

TOP A LEVEL

St John’s College Sixth Form proudly announced our #Classof2022 A Level results.

- The subject pass rate of the students who wrote the A Level examinations was 99%.
- 77% of students achieved A* to C symbols across all subjects.
- 14% of our symbols were over 90% in one or more A Level subjects.
- 34% were over 80% in one or more subjects.
- Nicholas Lowick, our top A Level achiever this year, who achieved 3 x A* and a 94% average, has already been offered a place at Oxford where he will read Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

Sixth Form students receive outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards

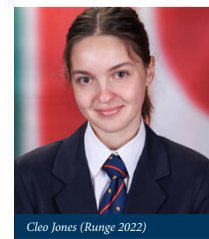
St John’s Sixth Form is extremely proud of our AS and A Level students who achieved Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards for their exceptional performance in their 2022 examinations.

Top in the World: Lili Spinazze (UVI Runge) for AS Level Language and Literature in English, and Anna Wang (UVI Runge) for AS Level Chinese.

Top in South Africa: Joseph Chemaly (Runge 2022) for IGSCE Latin.

High Achievement: Leo Cheenne (Runge 2022) for A Level French and Cleo Jones (Runge 2022) for A Level Psychology.

“We are exceptionally proud of all our students who sat their examinations in 2022, and these students highlight our academic excellence. Congratulations to our students, and to our teachers, in these departments specifically,” said Mr Paul Emant, Head of Sixth Form.



CELEBRATING MILO SHAN

St John's Sixth Form is incredibly proud of Milo Shan (UVI Runge), a brilliant young man who exemplifies what we need most today - hope, empathy, authenticity and driving solutions that change the world for the better.

Milo's award-winning research project, SMARter: Soil Moisture Artificially Intelligent Regression in a domestic garden environment to conserve water, is the perfect example of his efforts to drive change for the better.

SMARter is the result of his curiosity in the sprinkler systems that were turned on at illogical times in his neighbourhood. With the sad reality of water-scarcity in South Africa, Milo decided to investigate which learning machine model could produce the most accurate high-resolution soil moisture prototype. The goal was to build an intelligent sprinkler system that would reduce water waste, while maintaining plant health and quality.

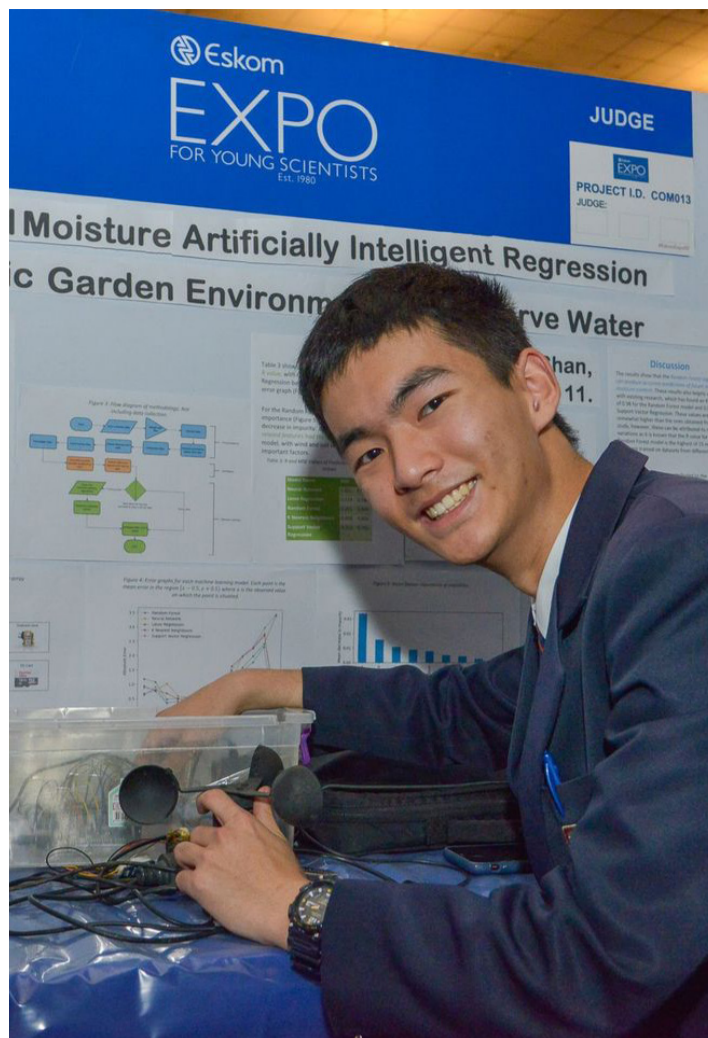
"I collected and compiled a multimodal dataset of the environmental parameters of my garden and used it to train several machine-learning algorithms. I then evaluated the accuracy of soil moisture predictive models created by these algorithms," said Milo. In his findings, he found that the Random Forest algorithm was able to produce a model accurate

enough for it to be used in applications such as irrigation systems.

Milo registered SMARter at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists and walked away with a few awards: a Gold Medal, Top Senior Scientist Awards, Top Project in the Computer Sciences and Software Development category, the SAICE Water Engineering Division Award and the Eskom Best Innovation Project.

Milo Shan will travel to Dallas, Texas in the USA where he will showcase his research project, entitled "Soil Moisture Artificially Intelligent Regression in Domestic Garden Environment to Conserve Water," at the Regeneration International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) from 14 to 19 May 2023.

Outstanding achievements for a young man at his age. Milo says much of his achievements is owed to his grandparents, who introduced him to the world of science, technology, and engineering at an early age of three. "My grandparents used to read science articles from encyclopedias every night," said Milo.



Other achievements to date include:

- International Young Physicists' Tournament South Africa team captain.
- Finalist in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge Global.
- Alumni of Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS), Innovations in Science and Technology (IST) programme.
- Alumni of the 2023 MIT-ISASA workshop on natural and artificial intelligence.
- Global Finalist Conrad Challenge 2021-2022. Milo entered as one of the Top 5 teams in the Energy and Environment category out of 950 teams globally.
- Gold Award and \$20 000 scholarship in the Genius Olympiad 2021 creative writing category (organised by TERRA Science and Education) with over 2400 entries globally.
- Honourable mention (top 1%) and \$250 prize in Bowseat Ocean Awareness Contest visual art category, with over 6000 entries globally.
- Top 5 in South African Maths Team Competition (SAMTC) 2020.
- Gold Awards in the 2021 and 2022 South African English Olympiad, with over 6000 participants each year.
- Invitation to the NASA Webinar about Curiosity rover on Mars in 2021.



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE ACADEMY CLASS OF '22

We are incredibly proud of our matrics in the St John's College Academy Class of 2022, who, despite enduring the hardships of the pandemic, have returned a fantastic set of results in their final matric examinations. Our young men joined us back at St John's for a celebratory lunch in their honour.

As it stands, our students have amassed 33 distinctions, with almost all achieving a bachelor pass - that is 50% more distinctions than last year. Each year, five Academy boys

take the IEB's Further Studies Mathematics (formerly AP Maths) as an elective subject.

The St John's College Academy continues to rely on the generosity of our Community, and we are especially grateful to our anchor funders The Johan Norman Trust and Summit Education Trust, who, together with other private donors, make this programme possible. Best wishes to our young men as they start the next phase of their academic careers at various institutions, including UCT, Tukkies and UJ.

Introducing Grade 9 Maths Enrichment Programme

As we celebrate 125 years of academic excellence at St John's College, we were proud to introduce our new Grade 9 Maths Enrichment Programme at our partner schools as an extension of the St John's College Academy programme.

"The Grade 9 year is crucial in the South African educational journey. We believe that improving Maths results at this stage will improve overall confidence and motivate students to

select subjects that will ultimately shape their careers," said Mr Mickey Mashego, Head of Community Engagement.



Royal Philomonic Society Awards

We were immensely proud to see Abel Seloacoe (Nash 2009) winning the Instrumentalist category at this year's Royal Philomonic Society Awards. Abel is a multi-talented musician who fuses being a cellist, singer, composer, and improviser, and combines global traditions. Huge congratulations Abel.



A PhD in Engineering Management at the age of 80

We certainly inculcate a culture of lifelong learning at St John's College!

We are incredibly proud of #OldJohannian Robert Jeffrey (Thomson 1960), who was

awarded his PhD in Engineering Management at 80, becoming the oldest graduate of the autumn graduation season at the University of Johannesburg.

He said he embarked on his PhD to share his knowledge with people and make them aware of the country's energy crisis. "I have been working on energy for years and have gathered so much knowledge and information, I wanted to put it in writing. I thought it would be worthwhile to get a doctorate," said Jeffrey.

Jeffrey is the son of Douglas Jeffrey, who joined St John's as a science teacher in 1931, later taking on the role of Second Master in 1940 until his retirement in 1972. The Jeffrey Auditorium is named in his honour.

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HANI - THE LEGACY

Hani - The Legacy took to the stage from 22 to 25 March 2023 at St John's College. This significant South African production celebrating the life of Chris Hani was attended on the opening night by Mrs Limpho Hani and on the closing performance by Hani's two daughters Lindiwe and Neo. The

College students raised the roof of Big School as they celebrated Hani's legacy. Their passion and youthful vitality made a powerful impact through words, song and rap. The audience were invited to honour a struggle hero as a new generation who weren't even born when Hani was assassinated, told his story with pride and conviction.

We were deeply grateful to have members of the Hani family attend and would like to thank our sterling Drama Department, the young men and women of the College and all those who supported the production for bringing to life this heartfelt and historic piece of South African theatre.



Hugh Lewin Memorial Human Rights Lecture - Lindiwe Hani

St John's College was honoured to welcome Miss Lindiwe Hani, the youngest daughter of the late Chris Hani, as the special guest speaker at the 5th Hugh Lewin Memorial Human Rights Lecture.

In her address, Lindiwe reminded those present that the struggle for

Human Rights is not the Hani story. It's every South African's story. She challenged our students to use their privilege as the power to create a more just world and society.

"For those of us in a position of privilege, it means we all have a responsibility to fight the stereotype of how the world may see us and

fight for the world to see us as we are. Not as the progeny of your individual lineage, but as the hope of what you will offer the world," she said. Ms Fiona Lloyd, the late Hugh Lewin's partner, was also in attendance.

For an extract of Lindiwe Hani's address, [Read More](#).



GROBS

GROBS 2023 continued a well-loved St John's College tradition with some added extras to celebrate our 125th birthday!

This year we invited our partner school Masibambane College to kick off proceedings with the incredible sound of their Masibambane Prestige Band in Tutu Quad. Their phenomenal marimba performance set the tone for a GROBS like no other.

Proceedings began with Mr Stuart West, Executive Headmaster, his wife Mrs Joyanne West and Taeg Mosehla (Head of School), in a musical number which culminated with Mr West's Harley Davidson roaring into life in Big School, and

from then on, the packed house knew it was going to be tough to say who stole the show.

Our wonderful MCs, Nicholas Pearce (UV Nash) and Max Gordon (UV Nash), ensured the evening flowed beautifully. As always, we had fantastic, energetic musical and dance numbers, notably the College and Academy Gumboot Co-lab. The new staff leapt onto the stage in a birthday celebration version of Mambo Number 5. There were scenes from theatre and film as well as our traditional Prefect Play and its masterful impressions of the Housemasters. And, of course, everything was topped off by an incredibly slick First Team Rugby



Ballet, where rucks and mauls were replaced with swan dives.

Thank you, St John's, for a night of such spirit and fun. We can't wait to do it all again next year!

PI DAY

Pi Day, or 3.14 is a celebration that has become an institution in the life of St John's College. This year we celebrated with our circular eats, or doughnuts as most people call them, and the traditional recitation of the digits of pi from memory.

Three boys managed to recall over 150 digits this year, with Muhammad Moosa (LV Alston) reciting 200 digits. The Removes built a paper chain of over 3000 digits that adorned the Pelican Quad and contributed to the day's festivities.



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the magnificent St John's heritage campus in a multinational and multicultural setting. Our students leave with an internationally-accredited qualification that opens doors to universities in South Africa and the world.

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IN CONVERSATION WITH A GLOBAL ICON KEVIN HART

St John's College was privileged to join US comedian and box office powerhouse Mr Kevin Hart at partner school Masibambane College on Friday 17 February, when he visited South Africa as part of his worldwide tour.

Khumo Khumalo (Student Affairs) and Lili Spinazze (UVI Runge) were among the students who shared the stage with the global icon to discuss social cohesion.

In his address, Mr Hart told the students they are part of the future

and will be a part of the change. This message resonated with Mr Allan Magubane, Deputy Head: Transformation & Community Engagement, who marked this event as monumental in the imperative of social cohesion. "Social cohesion describes the condition of a truly sophisticated society. It is an ideal to strive towards for the sake of our children," he said.

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Supper and Song

After three years of no public instrumental performances, St John's College music department presented the first post-Covid Supper and Song again on Saturday, 11 March.

The choir performed four items, starting with Bruckner's Locus Iste, sung around the seated audience, followed by two traditional choruses, Siyavutha, (isiXhosa) and Bawo thixo Somandla, (isiZulu).

The choir ended their contribution with the very popular Bohemian Rhapsody, an arrangement for choir, pianist, bassist, guitarist and drummer.

The St John's String ensemble performed Warlock's Capriol suite and Mattachins' Allegro con brio, and ended

their section with YMCA.

St John's College Symphony orchestra performed two works: The Moldau by Smetana, and Millennium by Richard Meyer. This was followed by the Windband's contribution of the opening of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, Mango Groove's Pennywhistle, and Latin Celebration arranged by Tatgenhorst.

The Big Band ended a very enjoyable evening with their rendition of Tuxedo Junction (Erskine Hawkins), Blue Rondo ala Turk (Dave Brubeck) and Mania by Michael Sembello.

This sold-out performance was testimony to the variety of music at St John's College.



HIGH PERFORMANCE SUMMIT

After months of planning, the successful first chapter of our St John's College High Performance Summit took place on Friday 10 March and Saturday 11 March.

The aim of the Summit was to create a platform for sports and

performance professionals to engage, share ideas, collaborate and grow. With the support of a number of key partners, namely Decathlon, Implus Africa, Liquid Chalk, SEMLI, Setanta Institute, Vald and First Choice Dairy, we

were able to achieve our goal: 17 local and international speakers, 97 attendees over two days, and a big first step towards an annual feature in the South African school sports calendar!



Tribute to our incredible coach - Mr Vlado Trninic

No discussion about water polo at St John's College, or indeed South Africa, would be complete without mentioning the contribution of Mr

Vlado Trninic.

Thank you to SuperSport Schools for this awesome tribute to our incredible coach.



Isizulu Competition

Well done to our students who performed outstandingly and won prizes in their respective categories at the isiZulu Oral Competition in the Easter Term.

In the Junior Speech Category, Ravjee Zhy (LIV Clarke) took second place, Tyler Khumalo (LIV Clayton) took third place and Nevan Naidoo (Remove Fleming) was honoured as the Most Promising Performer.

In the Senior Speech Category,

Kabir Budlender (UIV Alston) took first place and Ndabenhle Shoji (LV Clayton) took first place in his year as well as being awarded as the overall Top Achiever in the Senior Speech Category. William Mills (UV Thomson) and Luyanda Madliwa (UV Fleming) were also honoured as the Most Promising Performers.

In the Poetry Category, Abeku Hinson (Remove Thomson) took first place, Makwande Makhathini

(LIV Hill) took second place, Ntsako Chauke (LIV Nash) took third place, Olwethu Ndwandwe (LV Clayton) took third place and Mduduzi Zulu (UV Hill) took second place.

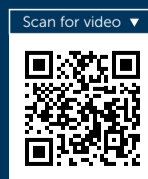
In true isiZulu fashion, St John's College was awarded the top winners' meaningful headgear - Umqhele. The competition was highly positive, and we look forward to next year's competition at St Stithians.



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St John's Pre-Preparatory equips each boy with the necessary skills for a happy and confident start to their school career.

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Easter Term Awards

Debating

Honours

Daniel Chibafa (UV Alston)
Thandolwethu Kambule (Head of Hill)
Jonathan Shiferaw (UV Hill)

Half Colours

Boris Daley (UIV Clayton)
Siza Gule (UIV Nash)
Sonwabile Makaula (Post-Humously) (UIV Hodgson)
Majil'Aphiwe Nqumba (Custos)
Joshua Bruwer (UV Clarke)

Merit Certificate

Thyilelo Mabandla (LIV Hill)
Bryan Dong (LIV Hogson)
Vashiv Naidoo (UIV Nash)

Drama

PERFORMANCE

Honours

Thandolwethu Kambule (Head of Hill)
Luke Robinson (UV Nash)

Full Colours

Noa Burke (UV Fleming)
Skyla Potgieter (UVI Runge)

Half Colours

Menzi Bongwe (UIV Nash)
Elliot Cross (UIV Alston)
Siza Gule (UIV Nash)
Khumo Kumalo (Student Affairs)
Lehakoe Matlala (LIV Nash)
Siya Modise (UV Hodgson)
Sangxa Mxenge (LV Thomson)
Lonwabo Stevens (LV Clayton)
Mduduzi Zulu (UV Hill)
Connor Cooper (LIV Hodgson)
William van der Linde (LV Nash)

BACKSTAGE

Honours

Jordan Cooper (LV Hill)
Murray Halstead-Cleak (LV Hill)
Arthur Oyet-Otim (LV Nash)

Chess

Honours

Kelvin Liao (UV Clayton)

Team Blazer

William Jones (UIV Clayton)

Community Hours

Tadiwanashe Kudzurunga (UV Fleming)

Tennis

Honours

Christopher Milton (LV Hodgson)

Colours

Hein Gertenbach (UV Hodgson)

Team Blazer

Alex Hale (UV Nash)
Enrique de Naia (UIV Hodgson)
Tapiwanashe Mutetwa (UIV Clayton)
Aiden Barberini (UIV Fleming)

Basketball

Colours

Matthew Garrad (UV Alston)
Nathan Tswatswa (LV Hill)
Matt Mhangami (UV Hill)

Team Blazer

Bradley Olivier (UV Fleming)
Adam Creamer (UV Clayton)
Caleb Sigamoney (LV Fleming)
Yannis Njanfang Patu (UV Nash)
Owethu Mbuyane (LV Thomson)
Kuda Tebeila (UIV Hill)
Nkosinathi Maseko (LV Hill)

Golf

Team Blazer

Rory Crosley (UV Clarke)
Liam Murning (UV Clayton)
Jonathan Hall (UV Hodgson)
Jayden Hoskins (UIV Hill)
(Special Mention: He is in U4 and according to the Colours criteria is only eligible for a tem blazer award in his U4 year. He qualifies for a Colours award and will therefore be awarded his colours award in January next year at the beginning of the LV year)

First Aid

Full Colours

Shen Qiao (UV Hodgson)
Matthew Venter-Clelland (LV Clayton)
Mihir Nayee (UV Alston)

Level 3 Certificate Achievers

Ofentse Mophosho (LV Fleming)
Pat Masithela (Remove Thomson)
Zuko Mabizela (UV Hodgson)
Nikhil Kallan (UIV Clayton)
Matthew Botha (UV Alston)
Grant Wensley (LV Hill)
Connor Leech (LV Alston)
Liam Finnemore (UV Hill)
Francesca Genovese (LVI Runge)
Nikayla Pillay (LVI Runge)
Yifan Dai (LVI Runge)
Noah Jacobsen (LVI Runge)
Rumbidzwai Chinamasa (LV Hill)
Jordan Cooper (LV Hill)
Kakuhle Tungata (LV Hill)
Avi Nayee (LV Alston)
Norbi Rozenfeld (LVI Runge)
Raquel Madley (LVI Runge)
Lenita Jacobs (UVI Runge)
Liyema Matakane (UVI Runge))
Alex Song (UVI Runge)
Camissa Rajpal (LVI Runge)
Emma Bothner (UVI Runge)
Furkan Kipel (UV Clarke)
Mduduzi Zulu (UV Hill)
Bradley Wise (LV Clarke)
Aiden Leech (LV Alston)
Aamina Daya (LVI Runge)
Khumo Mapaya (UIV Hodgson)
Thabo Mote (UIV Alston)
Tsiamo Mabiletsa (UIV Clarke)
Kirabo Lutamaguzi (LVI Runge)

Buddy Aid

Reza Salojee (UIV Alston)
Noah Xego (UIV Nash)
Nevan Naidoo (Remove Fleming)
Oskar Stahljans (LIV Nash)
Rudolf van der Merwe (LIV Clayton)
Alex Scharneck (UIV Hill)
Oliver Frost (UIV Clarke)
Vashiv Naidoo (UIV Nash)
Logan Rosenberg (Remove Alston)
Chenglin Yin (LIV Clarke)

Music

Half Colours

Tsiamo Mabiletsa (UIV Clarke)
Boris Daley (UIV Clayton)
Kabir Budlender (UIV Alston)
Tom Dewar (UIV Hodgson)
Luke Brickhill (UIV Thomson)
Michael Jeong (UIV Thomson)
Daniel Teeling-Smith (UIV Nash)
Liam Batley (UIV Clayton)
Leo Chen (UIV Clayton)
Rupert Pretorius (UIV Nash)
Jason Aspoas (UV Clarke)
Sean Li (UIV Clarke)
Luca van Tonder (UIV Clarke)
Vashiv Naidoo (UIV Nash)
James Burger (UIV Alston)
Aiden Barberini (UIV Fleming)
Joss Bosa (UIV Clayton)

Water Polo

Honours

Ross Rovelli (LV Clayton)
Nicholas Pearce (UV Nash)
Taeg Mosehla (UV Hill)
Caleb van Loggerenberg (UV Clayton)
Greg Pryce (LV Fleming)

Colours

Liam Krynauw (UV Hodgson)
Liam Brodie (UV Clarke)
Leo Pereira (UV Clarke)

Team Blazer

Max Gordon (UV Nash)
Ethan Wilcocks (UIV Hill)
Nicholas Searle (UIV Hill)
Luke Towell (UV Clayton)
Sebastian Bruinders (UIV Clarke)
Kamogelo Thobejane (UIV Nash)
Michael van Heerden (UIV Fleming)

PR Committee

Full Colours

Thandolwethu Kambule (UV Hill)
Daniel Chibafa (UV Alston)

Half Colours

Nicholas Meyer (UV Nash)

Rowing

Colours

Simphiwe Tshabalala (UV Thomson)
Angus Clark (LV Thomson)
Zain Newman (LV Clayton)

Team Blazer

Angus Charlton (UV Hill)
Liam van der Westhuizen (LV Fleming)

Swimming

Colours

Leruo Tshephe (Second Prefect)

Team Blazer

Ross Rovelli (LV Clayton)
Greg Pryce (LV Fleming)
Max Merritt (LV Clayton)
Alessio Cimato (LV Clayton)
Luke Spalding-Jones (LV Fleming)

Public Speaking

Half Colours

Jonathan Shiferaw (UV Hill)
Dharshaan Gopaul (LV Clarke)
Zac Erasmus (LV Alston)
Matthew Venter-Clelland (LV Clayton)
Caleb van Loggerenberg (UV Clayton)

Merit Certificate

Bryan Dong (LIV Hill)
Sahurin Naidu (LIV Thomson)
Apostoli Apostoleris (LIV Hodgson)
Dirk Jacobs (LIV Hodgson)
Thyilelo Mabandla (LIV Hill)
Dhilhaan Gopaul (LIV Clarke)
Ayush Desai (UVI Runge)
Menzi Bongwe (UIV Nash)
Luyanda Madliwa (UV Fleming)
Kali Selepe (LV Hill)
Joshua Bruwer (UV Clarke)
Estian Jordaan (LV Fleming)
Luca van Tonder (UV Clarke)
Yandisa Xaba (UV Hill)
Alexander Tafur (Head of Fleming)
Udo Elleh (UV Clarke)

Cricket

Honours

Luke Francis (UV Nash)

Colours

TJ Chalmers (UV Hill)
Christopher Ford (UV Hodgson)
Harry Grose (UV Clarke)
Cole Francis (LV Nash)
Joe MacRobert (LV Nash)
Mihir Nayee (UV Alston)

Team Blazer

Jacob Smith (LV Thomson)
Kago Masote (LV Nash)
Thomas Archer (UV Fleming)
Alec Loveland (UIV Nash)
Liam Billett (UV Hodgson)

Visual Arts

Full Colours

Well done to the following students who have been awarded their Full Colours in Visual Arts. Since LIV, these students have accumulated 75 credits to be eligible for receiving this outstanding award. This means they have achieved 75% and above in their art works, visual diary, visual culture studies and art club and extra art hours and service and duties. Nico du Preez (UV Fleming), Harry Grose (UV Clarke), Matthew McMaster (UV Clayton), Bradley Smith (UV Nash), Mark Dougherty (UV Thomson), James Pelicot (UV Thomson) and Majil'Aphiwe Nqumba (UV Hill). A huge congratulations to these young men!

Half Colours

Congratulations to Ignatius Coetzee (UV Clayton) on being awarded his Half Colours in Visual Arts. This achievement is awarded to students who have accumulated 45 credits since LIV for their art works, visual diary, visual culture studies, art club and extra art hours and service and duties. Well done, Ignatius!

Sports

T20 CRICKET FESTIVAL

The 125 St John's College T20 Cricket Festival took place between the 14th and 15th of January. The festival which is a part of the school's 125-year celebrations took place on our Mitchell and Rice Fields, with friends and neighbours King Edward VII School providing their John Hurry Field for the third venue.

The festival was a two-day event featuring nine schools that played two T20 matches per day, taking it to 18 fixtures over the two days. It was an enjoyable festival that saw all the boys putting on quite a showing with their skills despite playing under hot weather conditions. The festival was played in a good and fair spirit by all the schools that were in attendance.

Our 1st XI prevailed with four victories from their four games played over the weekend against Hoerskool Noordheuwel,

Northcliff High School, Jeppe High school for boys and St Benedict's College. The matches were thrilling and kept all those in the stands thrilled over the two days.

From a performance perspective, the boys often showed great composure to claw their way out of tough situations that required true grit. TJ Chalmers (UV Hill) was one of the top batsmen with his incredible unbeaten century he notched up against Northcliff High school. The best bowling figures from St John's were claimed by Mihir Nayee (UV Alston), who put in quite a performance against Jeppe returning with 4/25. The team complimented each other very well, with various individuals consistently stepping up when called upon. The season ahead is one to definitely look forward to.

For all results, please visit sport.sjc.co.za



EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL

The St John's College Easter Rugby Festival, proudly brought to you by Standard Bank was a massive success largely due to all the schools that came out producing great performances on 6, 8 and 10 April 2023.

Our festival featured both prep and college teams coming up against each other over the three days. The Prep teams played a majority of their match-ups on C Rugby, with a few games taking centre stage on Burger Field. All the College games took place on Burger Field in front of impressive crowds

that cheered all teams. The festival was not just about the rugby out on the fields but also a good day out for families and friends to enjoy themselves on our Endean Field, where there were activations with our partners as well as food stalls and refreshments for all to enjoy.

Well done to all the boys and coaches for a great long weekend of the game first and best played by schoolboys.

To read more on our rugby festival teams and catch some action photos, please visit www.stjohnscollege.co.za/rugbyfestival



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 2023 St John's College Basketball Tournament, brought to you by MTN, saw 54 teams — more than 600 players — from across South Africa and neighbouring Zimbabwe and Eswatini competing at St John's College over the mid-term break from 23 to 26 February.

The tournament provided loads of fun for players and spectators, with plenty of court-side action and lots to eat and drink. MTN, our new headline sponsor, provided a chill-out

lounge where fans could watch the action in comfort between games.

Basketball is one of the fastest-growing sports in South Africa, and we were delighted to host our 18th edition of this premier schoolboy basketball tournament, which offers our young men the chance to showcase their skills and participate in healthy competition.

The teams from all age groups enjoyed four days of meeting their peers, loads of fast and competitive play, and the weather

was kind, providing hot and dry conditions on the courts.

The tournament culminated in the playoffs on Sunday. A nail-biting U19 final saw St Charles College from KwaZulu-Natal facing St David's Marist Inanda. St Charles College was victorious after a hard-fought 40-36 win, a great victory after they missed out on the final playoff against St Alban's College last year due to inclement weather. St Benedict's College placed third.

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Basketball Awards Dinner

The St John's College Basketball awards dinner on Friday 17 March to celebrate the past season and to recognise great individual and team performances throughout the campaign. The basketball boys and parents were in attendance enjoying a scrumptious three course meal prepared well by our kitchen staff.

The dinner saw Mr Stuart West, Executive Headmaster, also in attendance to hand out awards and as well as

congratulate all the winners, with a few words of encouragement.

Each age-group had four categories where individual players were recognised for their consistent efforts throughout the season. The awards section of the dinner was capped off with additional awards that included teams. The Team Spirit Award went to the U14F team, Coach of the Season was awarded to coach Blessing Hlakuva and coach Tafadzwa Tswatswa. Team of the Season was awarded

to the U16A team for their impressive unbeaten season that included two tournament wins in the American School of Johannesburg and St Stithian's College Basketball tournaments. Matthew Mhangami (UV Hill) walked away with the ultimate individual honours of Player of the season.

Congratulations to all the winners, the effort put in by all the teams and coaches have paid off.

U14 Boys

1. Best Defensive Player
Mahlatshe Maile (RE Clayton)
2. Best Offensive Player
Tumiso Motshegoa (RE Hill)
3. Most Improved Player
Jamie Morris (RE Hill)
4. U14 Most Valuable Player
Reza Creamer (RE Clayton)

Additional Awards

1. Newbie of the Season (RE)
Abeku Hinson (RE Thomson)

U15 Boys

1. Best Defensive Player
Lwandile Khuphe (LIV Hodgson)
2. Best Offensive Player
Aniel Nuttall-Mbembe (LIV Thomson)

3. Most Improved player

- Hamza Ismail (LIV Hodgson)*
4. U15 Most Valuable Player
Ama Ntsubane (LIV Nash)

U16 Boys

1. Best Defensive Player
Yanda Peter (UIV Clayton)
2. Best Offensive Player
David Tirkaso (UIV Thomson)
3. Most Improved Player
Koketso Ngubane (UIV Hodgson)
4. U16 Most Valuable Player
Tinyiko Makhubela (UIV Hill)

Opens Boys

1. Best Defensive Player
Kuda Tebeila (UIV Hill)
2. Best Offensive Player
Nathan Tswatswa (LV Hill)

3. Most Improved Player

- Matthew Snell (UV Nash)*
4. Open Most Valuable Player
Matthew Garrad (UV Alston)

Additional Awards (Teams and Boys)

1. Team Spirit Award
U14F team
2. Coach of the Season
Coach Blessing Hlakuva & Tafadzwa Tswatswa
3. Team of the Season
U16A team
4. Player of the year
Matthew Mhangami (UV Hill)

Sports

DERBY DAYS

The much-anticipated winter sports season got underway on the weekend of 18 March as we hosted one of our oldest rivals, Jeppe High School for Boys in Hockey and Rugby. Our First XI Blues, unfortunately, went down to the highly ranked Jeppe side with a final score of 6-2. The effort made by our boys must be commended as they fought right until the end, with Jeppe proving too good and finishing the clash as deserved victors.

Congratulations to the U14B and U14D teams for picking up wins, while the U16B and U16G teams had to settle for a share of the spoils on the day with their drawn matches.

In the rugby fixtures, Jeppe again enjoyed the better of the exchanges, even claiming the main fixture on Burger Field, emerging the 59-27 winners against the Blues. The main game was a great spectacle, but a strong second-half showing from

our visitors was too much in the end for the Blues. There were however wins for our 4th, U16C and D teams on the day. For more results, visit sport.sjc.co.za

This was followed by another exciting sporting weekend as we welcomed our friends from Pretoria, St Alban's College for a number of hockey and rugby games on 25 March. The First XI against St Alban's College were in a tough battle but prevailed in a thrilling fashion to scoop a 2-1 win. In our A teams, there was joy for the U14A and U15A teams who came away with well-deserved victories. St Alban's College enjoyed the best of the results in the open age-group. Our boys did incredibly well in the juniors and overall results.

Rugby saw a great set of results despite some difficult conditions for both teams. Our boys managed to win all the

games on the day, with quite a few of the matches going right down to the wire. The First XV bounced back to winning ways with a nail-biting 29-24 win over the St Alban's College First XV. For more results visit sport.sjc.co.za

The third home derby saw our good friends St David's Marist Inanda visiting for a number of rugby fixtures on 1 April. It was a great weekend for our boys, who did incredibly well to return with a good all-round set of results. Only one side lost on the day, with the main game falling our way. The main game was quite a spectacle with the blues coming out with a 29-10 victory on Burger Field. The match saw a dominant display from the blues, who enjoyed much of the territory and possession battle. In the end, the boys finished the game on a high note, with a try to see off a St David's challenge 29-10. For more, visit sport.sjc.co.za

Our rugby boys were then hard at work over the holidays, with the Blues and all our A teams playing at the Grey High School Rugby Festival in Gqeberha from 27 to 29 April.

The Blues were up against Nico Malan High School on day one, seeing the hard-fought battle end in a 17-all stalemate. The U14A team also put in quite a shift against the highly rated St Andrew's College, where they managed to clinch a 19-0 victory. The U15A and U16A teams unfortunately went down against Nico Malan.

After a day's rest, the boys were all back out on the park again, with the Blues claiming a well deserved 22-12 win over Hudson Park. For more, visit sport.sjc.co.za

Well done to all the boys and coaches on a great season!



Cricket

Our College Cricket season ended with fixtures being against Pretoria Boys High School.

The 1st XI and 2nd XI picked up good wins against tough opposition in Boys High. The 1st XI was away to Boys High, where they managed a convincing 6-wicket victory. Boys High went in to bat first, with our bowlers restricting them to 200/10. Christopher Ford (UV Hodgson) and Cole Francis (LV Nash) were the pick of the bowlers, returning with figures of 3/50 and 3/46. The chase was a good one, with Joe MacRobert (LV Nash) top scoring with a well-played 77 runs, while

TJ Chalmers (UV Hill) assisted well with his knock of 59 runs leading the 1st XI to a 6-wicket win.

The 2nd XI was also on top form hosting Boys High on Mitchell Field, where they claimed a 70-run win. Thomas Ievers (LV Thomson) led the charge well, with the bat scoring 64 runs. Oliver Tait (LV Clayton) and Khrishay Patel (UV Alston) were the front-runners, with the ball carving out the Boys High batting line-up with figures of 3/7 and 3/36. Well done to all the boys and coaches on a wonderful end to the first term season.

Victory Bell

Chess

St John's College had a successful chess season, with four teams participating in the Central Johannesburg Chess League. The first, second and third teams were all undefeated and won their respective divisions of the league. The young men who represented the first team this season - *Yashil Modi (UV Hill), William Jones (UIV Clayton), Kelvin Liao (UV Clayton), Vian Ziegenhagen (LIV Clarke), Edward Jones (Remove Clayton), Lenita Jacobs (Sixth Form), AJ Myburgh (LV Hodgson) and Kagiso Moagi (UVI Runge)* - received their medals at Amphitheatre. The captains of the second and third teams, *Kagiso Moagi (UVI Runge) and Luyanda Madliwa (UV Fleming)*,

also collected their trophies as winners of the second and third divisions.

This is the second consecutive year the first team has won the league. In celebration of this exceptional season, they rang the Victory Bell during Amphi.

Well done to you all!

Water Polo

St John's College had a successful Water Polo season, with the first teams participating in the 40th King Edward VII School (KES) 1st Team Water Polo Tournament. The first team had a slow start to the tournament, losing by one and by four respectively to Rondebosch Boys' High School and Westville Boys' High School. In the end,

our first team managed to beat Jeppe High School for Boys by 9 goals in their last pool game and made it into the quarter-finals. Here they were met by a very strong SACS team who in the end, we were able to beat 11-9. In the semi-final, we met Hilton College who became victorious in the last encounter. However, we were able to cut out their attack and managed to go ahead by 4 goals. The game finished with a score of 13-12. The final game of the tournament was against St Stithians College, our local Gauteng rivals. Both teams put out their best performance of the tournament ending the game in a draw. A penalty shoot-out to determine the winner saw St John's College victorious with a score of 12-11.

A massive congratulations to the following students who represented us well in the tournament - *Liam Brodie (UV Clarke), Taeg Mosehla (Head of School), Caleb Van Loggerenberg (UV Clarke), Nicholas Pearce (UV Nash), Max Gordon (UV Nash), Liam Krynauw (UV Hodgson), Ross Rovelli (LV Clayton), Greg Pryce (LV Fleming), Nicholas Searle (UIV Hill), Kamogelo Thobejane (UIV Nash), Ethan Wilcocks (UIV Hill), Luke Towell (UIV Clayton) and Leonardo Pereira (UV Clarke)*.

This is the second consecutive year the first team has won the tournament. In celebration of this exceptional season, they rang the Victory Bell during Amphi.

Well done gents!



Sports

Rowing

The 2022/23 rowing season ended this past weekend with the South African School Championships held at the Rooddeplaat Dam from 3 March through to 5 March 2023.

The three days

of rowing saw some outstanding rowing on show, with this also yielding some good results for the boys. The last six months have seen a lot of work and a massive effort being put in by both our rowers and

coaches.

A lot of the junior boys were out rowing for the first time and as the season progressed, they gradually improved, setting our school rowing team in the right direction for the future.



SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

U14

Quad - 5th
Oct - 3rd & 6th

U16

Scull - 7th
pair - 3rd
Coxed Four - 5th
Coxed Quad - 3rd
coxless Four - 3rd
Eight - 3rd

Open

First team

Scull - 8th
Coxed Quad - 6th
coxless Four - 4th
Eight - 6th

Second team

Coxed four - 8th (First team event)
Second Eight - 2nd

Well done to all involved and particularly the boys who have officially finished their school rowing careers, we wish you the best of luck for the future.

Golf

National College Golf Championship

Our Golf first team recorded an overall 2nd place finish at the 22nd edition of the Dainfern College National College Golf Championship held from 5-7 March at the Dainfern Country Club.

The competition featured 35 teams from 27 schools across the country including neighbouring Zimbabwe. Jayden Hoskins (UIV Hill) finished 2nd in the individual competition

with a score of 9 under par, one shot behind the eventual winner Daniel Bennett who shot 10 under par.

Well done on a good effort boys.



SA Schools Championships

Congratulations to Nicholas Vogelzang (Remove Thomson) on being part of the Gauteng Provincial Swimming Team, which participated in the SA School Swimming Championships from 20 to 23 April. Nicholas placed third in the 50-metre, second in the 100-metre, and first in the 200-metre races.



Cricket

Congratulations to our 1st XI Cricket captain Luke Francis (UV Nash) on his selection to attend a National U18 Cricket camp in Pretoria from 17 to 21 March. Well done Luke on a great achievement.



Equestrian

Lara Obadic (UVI Runge) and Emma Bothner (UVI Runge) competed in SANESA show jumping events towards the end of 2022.

Lara was involved in four qualifiers, where she made it through to Nationals. Unfortunately, unable to compete, as the event that was scheduled clashed with her final exams. Emma Bothner qualified for finals, but unfortunately, her horse got injured and she had to withdraw from the event, missing the finals and nationals. St John's College received the Category H Award in the school category, which is awarded to the school with the most points. The category H award is also awarded to the school where there are two to four horse/rider combinations competing.

Congratulations Lara and Emma for some fantastic results. At Nationals, Lara received: 1st Placing for Show jumping 90cm A2 Pony Rider on Moonlight (as well as 1st Place for the Gauteng Team) 6th Placing for Working Hunter 70cm on Always a Royal (as well as 2nd Place for Gauteng Team) 3rd for Show jumping 90cm Competition Pony Rider on Moonlight (as well as 1st Place for Gauteng Team) 3rd for Equitation 60cm Pony Rider on Moonlight (As well as 1st Place for Gauteng Team) Lara was awarded Gauteng Schools Equestrian Regional Full Colours for Level 1 Working Hunter, Level 2 Equitation and Level 3 Show jumping She also received Regional Half Colours for Level 1 Prix Caprilli.



African Continental Track Championships

Well done to William Mills (UV Thomson) who represented the South African team for the African Continental Track Championships, held in Cairo, Egypt from 5 to 9 March. William competed in four Junior (U18) events, winning gold in the team pursuit, silver in each of the elimination and madison

events, and a close fourth in the scratch race. The championship featured 12 teams from across Africa, the closest competition coming from Algeria, Egypt, and Nigeria. This event served as a qualifier for the World Championships to be held in Cali, Colombia in August. Congratulations William on these amazing results.



Indoor Hockey

Well done to Liam Billett (UV Hodgson) who represented the Gauteng Gryphons during the December holidays competing in the Pro- Series Indoor Nationals competition in Cape Town. The competition saw a high standard of indoor hockey with franchise teams from around South Africa competing as well as teams from Namibia and Zimbabwe. At the conclusion of the indoor Nationals, Liam was selected for the tournament All Stars Team. Congratulations Liam on a fantastic achievement.



South African Grand Prix Championships

Congratulations to Michael van Heerden (UIV Fleming), who has done incredibly well so far in his 2023 swimming season, qualifying and setting new milestones for himself in national events. Michael qualified to swim in the South African Grand Prix Championships (2-5 March) where he broke the EGA provincial records for both the 50m and 100m backstroke races for his age group. He further managed to qualify for the South

African National Junior Championships (SANJ) that were set to be held at Kings Park in Durban, between 21-26 March. Michael also qualified to compete in the South African National Senior Championships taking place a month later to be held in Gqeberha, between 12-17 April. As of 12 March, Michael's Swimming South Africa (SSA) national age group rankings are as follows: 50m backstroke: 3rd



100m backstroke: 3rd
50m butterfly: 3rd
100m butterfly: 3rd
Well done Michael on such great achievements and results. We continue to stand behind you and wish you the best of luck for the upcoming championships.

Sports

South African Schools Rowing Union Development

Well done to *Billy Cronje (UIV Clayton)* and *Liam Batley (UIV Clayton)* who were selected as members of the South African Schools Rowing Union development squad.

The squad was scheduled to leave on

25 April for the United Kingdom and return to South Africa on 9 May. They will be participating in the Wallingford, Scullery and Bedford regattas whilst in the UK.

Zain Newman (LV Clayton) who has

also been one of our high-flying rowers was selected to represent the Gauteng Schools Rowing Federation J19 team. The Gauteng Schools team will be training together in preparation for the South African squad trials later

in the year.

Congratulations on your great achievements boys, we wish you all the best going forward!

TENNIS

GAUTENG BOYS U19A AND U15B

Congratulations to *Christopher Milton (LV Hodgson)* and *Faizaan Ghoor (REM Thomson)* who were selected for the Gauteng Boys U19A and U15B tennis teams respectively.

Christopher Milton took part in the interprovincial tournament in Pretoria on 24-29 March.

Faizaan was recognized as one of the top players in

Gauteng with the U15 age group unfortunately not competing in any tournament.

Well done boys on a great achievement. For all results, please visit sport.sjc.co.za

OJ Cricketer

Well done to Old Johannian, *JP King (Hill 2021)*, on making his 1st class cricket debut for the North West Dragons against the Dolphins on the weekend of 1st March at Kingsmead in Durban.

Another Old Johannian that recently joined the

1st Class cricket fray was *Connor Esterhuizen (Clayton 2019)*, who made his debut for the Lions the weekend before.

A massive congratulations to both JP and Connor, this is a big step in your cricket careers!



St John's College Aquatics Centre

St John's College was proud to officially open the long-awaited St John's College Aquatics Centre on Friday 17 February 2023, followed by celebratory cocktails under twinkling lights in the Aquatics Courtyard.

The magnificent new facility was opened by renowned Sports Physician Prof Jon Patricios (Clayton 2006) and blessed by The Visitor, The Right Revd Dr Steve Moreo, Bishop of Johannesburg.

Stuart West, Executive Headmaster, thanked the St John's community and donors for their generosity in making the Aquatic Centre dream a reality. He used the often misquoted line from Field of Dreams that states: "If you build it, they will come" and subtly changed it to "If they come, we will build it."

"As we open the new St John's College Aquatic Centre, we affirm that it will stand as a tribute to our community's determination, generosity and partnership to faithfully continue the Venture of Faith that is St John's," he said. "It all began with one member of the St John's community, who boldly made the

completion of the Valley Pool part of the 125 dream for the College. This was followed by more people offering support as hoped they would. Despite the slow start, the building process was ultimately worth it as more people came."

Mrs Caron Mosehla, a proud donor to this facility, expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Mosehla Family to St John's and the committed parents and committee members who have been able to help gift the school a world-class facility. "This facility is truly one of the best water polo facilities in Africa, and it fills us with immense pride that we could be part of this legacy project."

The magnificent new Aquatic Centre meets the highest global standards of function and design, the ultimate dream of Vlado Trnicic, his coaches, and the many water polo and swimming parents, past and present. For anyone still wishing to donate to the Aquatic Centre, please contact

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