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ST DAVID'S MARIST COLLEGE

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Marist Founder to be Canonized

At a consistory of cardinals held in Rome on Saturday 9 January 1999 Pope John Paul II announced that Marcellin Champagnat, the Founder of the Marist Brothers, will officially be declared a saint on Sunday 18 April in a ceremony that will take place in St Peter's Basilica, Rome.

Born in France at the outbreak of the French Revolution in 1789 he was ordained a priest in 1816. Assigned to work in the small, rural and mountainous parish of La Valla outside St Entienne, he was appalled by the lack of schooling and the ignorance of the children of the area about God. Spurred on by the death of a teenager to whose deathbed he had been called, Fr Champagnat founded the teaching order of the Marist Brothers in January 1917, less than six months after he had first started his parish ministry. The Brothers rapidly spread throughout France and then into other countries in Europe.

Following a request for the Brothers to come to Cape Town by the then Catholic Bishop of the city, Bishop Thomas Grimley, the Marist Brothers arrived in South Africa in April 1867 opening two schools in the Mother City shortly thereafter. St Joseph's College, Rondesbosch followed in due course. Their work then spread to the Eastern Cape with schools in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage.

In 1899, within three years of the Witwatersrand being proclaimed a gold mining area, the Marist Brothers opened the first boys' high school in the mining town of Johannesburg. Sacred Heart College, Observatory, St David's College, Inanda and Marian College, Linmeyer today bear witness to the pioneering work of the first Brothers to come to Johannesburg. In 1907 they started a school in Roma in the then Basutoland before opening schools in Pietermaritzburg, St Charles College, and St Henry's College in Durban. They subsequently worked in Cala and Umtata in the Transkei and at Slough in the Kuruman district. Besides being in their own educational institutions, the Marist Brothers are today to be found working at Immaculata High School in Soweto, Marymount High in Uitenhage, with a group of farm schools in the Sunday's River Valley, providing pre-school facilities in informal settlements in the Western Cape and working with the various school upgrading and educator programmes of the Catholic Institute of Education in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal.

The work of the Marist Brothers world-wide for the past 180 years and the over 600 institutions run by the Marist Brothers in 75 countries throughout the world today are testimony to the compassion, the vision and the zeal of Marcellin Champagnat to provide schooling to all in need and to make the love of Jesus Christ known to all children and young people.

Living and sharing the spirituality of Champagnat

By his life, Champagnat encourages us to enter into the adventure of loving God in his creation, and loving God's creatures for his sake.

Moved by his Spirit in his encounter with the dying young man, Montagne, Champagnat experienced the unconditional love of Jesus and Mary for humanity.

Full of compassion he felt compelled to found a community of Brothers who dedicate their lives to the service of young people, especially the most neglected.

This openness to the love of Jesus and Mary and to the events and needs of his time permitted him to integrate his life, and to be in communion with God in the streets of Paris as he was at the Hermitage.

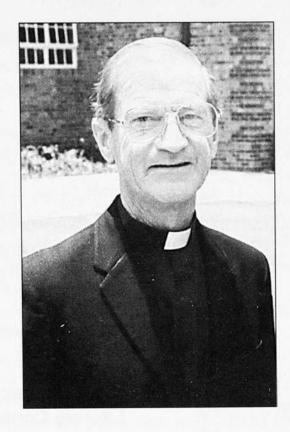
His soul was so apostolically alive that he could not see a young person without feeling the need to catechize him and tell him how much Jesus Christ loves him.

Reliving this spiritual experience and sharing it with lay people is a tangible way of continuing throughout time the gift which Marcellin is for the Church.

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Dedication



The 1998

St David's Marist College

Magazine is dedicated to

Father Bernard Brewer, SJ,

who served as College Chaplain

for 13 years from

1986 to 1998.

Fr Brewer retired at the end of 1998, and we wish him a peaceful and blessed retirement.

It was with heavy heart that 1998 drew to a close and the pupils and staff of St David's said goodbye to Fr Bernard Brewer after 13 years of dedicated service to the school.

Fr Brewer, one of six sons, matriculated at St Aidan's in Grahamstown and then worked for two years in Johannesburg before joining the Jesuits in 1954. Six years of training were followed by a three year course in philosophy in London, after which he returned to South Africa to teach in a full time capacity at St Aidan's while studying for a BA degree part time. On completion of this degree it was back to England for a four year theology course and then he was sent to the then Rhodesia where he worked on the Cathedral staff.

A year later saw Fr Brewer travelling to America where he worked for a year in the Bronx doing hospital visits, before returning again to Rhodesia and St George's College in 1970, where he remained until 1985. During this time he was Spiritual Father to the school as well as head of the boarding establishment and head of the administrative side of the school, while at the same time teaching Latin, Afrikaans and Religious Education. Truly a man of many talents, he has lived a life dedicated to the service of others.

In 1986 St David's was blessed when Father arrived to take up his appointment as Chaplain. He moved into what is currently Matron's sick bay. Some years later he moved into a slightly bigger room along the passage, before finally moving into his flat above the Admin block.

His greatest joy has been the interaction with the boys – saying Mass, instructing the boys for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. He enjoyed travelling with sporting teams to various places nationally and internationally, including Australia with the rugby teams, Zimbabwe with various cricket teams, and on a cultural tour of South America. Father has been a tower of strength behind the scenes in the school plays and took on the duty of looking after the trophies for the sporting events and Prize Giving.

Now it is time to say farewell. It is hard to believe that on the first day of next term Father will not be there to say the opening Mass at the pool. We thank him for the many rewarding years under his guidance, in the Chapel, in the School and on the sports field. We thank him for his time spent in guiding us through the minefield of life. He has been an inspiration to us all.

We wish Father a speedy and complete recovery from illness, and wish him many years of happiness.

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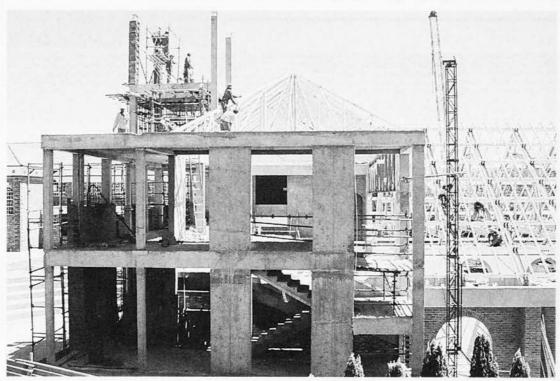
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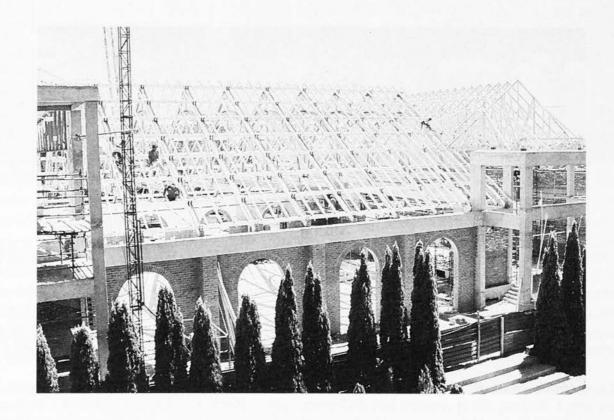
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Development Plan 2000







Development Plan 2000: Phase Two saw the long-awaited Champagnat Hall nearing completion

ST DAVID'S MARIST COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

The Headmaster's Report

Address at The Annual High School Prizegiving 14 November 1998



Professor & Mrs Hall, Mr and Mrs Brewer, Distinguished Guests (and I include both staff and parents under that broad heading), and Gentlemen of St David's:

The annual report of the Headmaster at Prizegiving is in many ways an awkward affair. To start with, one has to encapsulate the many and varied achievements of the school into a 20-minute speech. The staff have a sweepstake with considerable amounts of money invested as to the length of my speech. I would hazard a guess that in the region of 17 minutes is probably the most popular bet – so the staff are looking at their watches and not listening, after 17 minutes they listen even less. The Grade 11 group are not listening because they are awaiting the announcement on Prefectship for 1999, whilst the parents are obsessing about awards and whether their sons will get something coveted – there are many awards which are coveted at St David's!

To those of you who are actually listening, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the annual Prizegiving. Prizegivings tend to be very similar at schools like St David's. The avuncular, strongly built, silver-haired, well-groomed guest speaker (I am looking across at Professor Hall to see whether he fits the bill!) talks about the privilege of attending a really fine school and how, in a sense, every boy sitting here has won a prize. Oh no, that isn't true. Some boys win prizes and others don't. That is the whole point of prizes. As a boy at The Ridge Preparatory School I was awarded the "neatness" prize for three years on the trot! I suppose my teachers were trying to be nice because I certainly wasn't in line for the Mathematics Prize.

To all those boys who are receiving awards, prizes, and accolades of various sorts - well done! To those who aren't - I know how you feel.

A year ago in my Prizegiving Report I mentioned that hopefully this time in 1998 we would be sitting in the new school hall for Prizegiving. This hasn't quite happened but a lot has. The school opened this year with a splendid new Grade 0 Block, a new wing of 6 classrooms and offices and the magnificent sports pavilion was opened in April. Fortunately we only had three major home rugby fixtures so the argument about who should sit on the balcony did not become too heated. It will have to be resolved!

The new facilities are superb and, along with the totally re-landscaped quadrangle, have given all of us a great deal to be proud about. I am not guilty of hyperbole when I say that the new hall – which is to be named after Marcellin Champagnat (not "Edey's edifice" as has unkindly been suggested) is staggering! .With the addition of the clock, stained-glass window and the interior features it will be comparable to the finest school halls in the country. The hall has been a long time in coming and has become an emotive issue – surely noone can be unhappy with the end result. I would like to thank all of you who have contributed towards the success of the Development Plan in any way. The school has been transformed!

We all know that you can have magnificent buildings but unless you have a committed, enthusiastic and caring teaching staff your school is not going to be effective. At the start of the year we welcomed a number of new staff and I am pleased to report that they have all fitted in well and are making a significant contribution to the success of the school. At the beginning of the third term we welcomed back Mrs Martie Andrew from

maternity leave and Mr Graham McMillan (Sports Co-Ordinator and Benedict Housemaster) from long leave. Mr McMillan attended an Australian Level 3 Coaching Course whilst on leave and it appears to have paid dividends with a transformed 1st XI winning six and drawing one of their seven matches this season.

At the end of the year we bid farewell to Mrs Lynn Watson who is retiring after many years of teaching Accounting and Business Economics, we thank her for her contribution. Father Brewer is also retiring after years of selfless service to education and ministry. More will be said about Father Brewer later. On the Administrative staff we were very sad to say farewell to the Bursar, Mr Malcolm Smit, after ten years of extremely skilful accounting. Malcolm did a marvellous job often in difficult circumstances. June Anderson, the extremely competent and charming School Secretary, left us to take up a position in a school closer to home. Mr Mike Forder has joined us in the capacity of Business Manager whilst Mrs Dawn Arnold is the new School Secretary. We wish them a long and happy association with the school.

Academically the year got off to a terrific start with comfortably the best matric results in years. Of the 42 candidates, 83% achieved a university exemption entrance pass whilst Adriano Iorio received 6 'A's and 2 'B's, and Jeffrey Ryan 5 'A's. There were 26 subject distinctions from 42 candidates. This was only our second year on the Independent Examination Board and the staff and boys are to congratulated on a fine effort.

The astonishing achievements of Daniel Wright continue. This year Daniel has won the International Computer Olympiad in Lisbon; he represented South Africa in the International Maths Olympiad held in Taiwan. He won the Gold Medal for being placed first in the Old Mutual Computer Olympiad and was placed in the top ten in the Final Round of the Maths Olympiad.

Together with Ashley Kanter (Grade 11) he was responsible for the school being placed first in the senior section of the Sasol Mini Maths Olympiad. The junior team of Shen Tian and John Morkel were placed second in the junior section and St David's won the trophy for the best school overall.

Daniel, we salute you on your incredible achievements; you have set a superb example and have been a wonderful mentor to the junior boys. WELL DONE!

The school also fared well in the regional Science Expo and a new item on the school calendar was the school holding its own Science and Biology Expo. The judges were impressed with the standard and the relevance of the projects to making a difference to South Africans' lives. It was, however, distressing to see how many of the projects dealt with security! Boys from the school also participated in the English and Afrikaans Olympiads. Boys who excelled in the English Olympiad were David Duarte who achieved a Gold Award, whilst Kyle Wales and Paul Edkins achieved Silver Awards. Nine boys achieved Bronze Awards and five boys were awarded Merit. In the Afrikaans Olympiad for Language Usage Rodney Roman, Nicholas Ridley, James Ashforth, Kyle Wales and Phillip Raw all achieved more than 80%.

In the Science Olympiad Daniel Wright was placed 11th overall whilst Ashley Kanter was placed 45th amongst the Grade 11's and in the top 10% overall. Shen Tian also excelled in the Junior Section of the Maths Olympiad.

Mr William Craven completed a number of Design & Technology modules at the Ort-Step Institute and it was pleasing to see the boys' projects on levers and bridges. We hope that this important area of learning will grow and develop. As yet Design & Technology is not offered as a matric subject.

Curriculum 2000 and Outcomes Based Education have both rather dropped out of the news recently but the school has taken important steps towards teaching pupils to learn for themselves and to move away from teacher-centered lessons. Continuous assessment has been introduced and whilst it is a major administrative challenge, it certainly enables teachers to know their pupils' strengths and weaknesses better. In line with this development, comprehensive comment reports have been introduced and parents have been given the space to respond to these comments.

There continues to be an imbalance in favour of Academics and Sport and not necessarily in that order, and the Cultural activities need more time and resources put into them. Highlights of the year were the Annual School Play, "Oedipus Rex". This is an extremely difficult play and the boys handled it marvellously well. Unfortunately the play was poorly supported by both the parents and the pupil body. The annual Art Exhibition was of an extremely high standard and the Matric Oratory team achieved an 'A' symbol for their presentation. There is still much work to do, however, particularly in the area of singing and music generally.

On the sporting front cricket continues to show excellent improvement and our fixture list shows that we are now playing against some of the top boys schools in the province. After the 1997 Beckwith Week, Dale Horsten was selected to represent Gauteng 'A' at the U/19 Coca Cola Week. Andile Simelane and Michael Miller have both been chosen for the U/15 Gauteng 'A' Side. Shaun Falconer continues to show his prowess in the waterpolo pool and his efforts were rewarded with a South African Schools' U/16 cap to tour Hungary. Jon-Jon Brown and Mark di Pasquale both represented Gauteng Swimming and Jon-Jon Brown was also selected for the Gauteng U/14 Waterpolo team. Rugby had a difficult season with a young 1st XV which was often disrupted by injury. The boys went on two tours, one to Griqualand West and the other to the Independent Schools Rugby Festival held at Woodridge College. The team won many friends for their commitment, demeanour and excellent behaviour. Malcolm Williams produced wonders in his first season as the Master i/c of Hockey. The 1st XI Hockey side enjoyed a very good season with 12 wins in 17 matches. The following boys were selected for various Gauteng sides: Grant Brennon, Michael Marsay, Mark di Pasquale and Matthew Arnold.

The school entered more tennis teams in the Leagues than ever before and the results were impressive. Our swimming has become very competitive and the juniors in particular excelled. Athletics continues to go from strength to strength and we won

the Inter-High 'B' section for the second year in a row. Perhaps it is time for the 'A' league?

I could go on listing the achievements and certainly they are impressive. These results are important, they help to motivate boys at the school and spur the staff on to extend the pupils even more - they also, of course, help to market the school and encourage top calibre pupils to come here.

And yet St David's and other Marist schools are about far more than just results and achievements. We aim to nurture the spiritual and moral side of our boys, to produce young men with integrity and sensitivity and good manners. Our Mission Statement talks about redress and taking up the challenges of living in a country where there has been so much injustice in the past. To what extent are we actually doing this? There is so much cynicism in our society at the moment and for many white South Africans the new South Africa is fast becoming a nightmare - and yet we remain enormously privileged and have really given up very little of that privilege. As a school we are privileged, with wellequipped laboratories and computer centres, and a qualified, dedicated and professional staff, and we need to do far more to take up the challenge posed in our Mission Statement. I quote:

"The school provides a challenging learning environment which enables pupils to realise their potential and develop their talents. Thus prepared, pupils can take their place in society as enquiring, well balanced individuals aware of their social responsibilities to the wider community and ready to respond with compassion and justice to the realities of that society."

The SMILE programme is very important and I know our boys benefit enormously from it - the Co-Workers do sterling work but they remain a small group in our school. We could and should be doing much more.

In newsletters this year I have on several occasions referred to a "partnership" with you, the parents, and I believe this partnership is of crucial importance. Gone are the days when parents dropped their children off at school to start Standard Six (Grade 8) and then came back five years later to collect their son's matric certificate whilst he holidayed for six weeks at Plett during the Christmas holidays - the latter part still happens! Today we have "consumer" parents who expect a fuller say in all aspects of the school, sometimes this becomes a dangerous thing with parents querying team selection and, even worse, the awarding of scrolls and colours. At the same time parents expect schools to toe the line (even if as parents they do not or cannot). The difficulties we now face as teachers are compounded by the unrealistic expectations that society and parents have of schools and by the widening gap between pupils' lives at home and what they are permitted to do - and what we as schools can sensibly permit.

Obviously at St David's we must create a moral climate, teach good manners and maintain standards but our influence will and should always be less than that of the home. We need to cultivate openness and foster dialogue with the parents – it can be a risky process but it is a matter of creating a balance, so that parents neither drift into ownership nor feel excluded. We look forward to extending this partnership between home and school in 1999 but I believe the workings of this partnership should be re-appraised regularly.

Last year I spoke about the challenges and opportunities facing the school and I am pleased to report that the Board of Governors and a number of subcommittees have begun a process of formulating a strategic plan to address a myriad of issues, ranging from marketing the school through to the Employment Equity Act. Demand for places at St David's remains high but we cannot afford to be complacent faced with challenges such as escalating fees, emigration of our brightest and best, competitive state schools and the development of new independent schools in our area. This strategic plan will clarify our niche in the marketplace and set down aims and objectives over the next five years.

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to and thank a number of people. Firstly, I would like to thank the boys of St David's for their co-operation, their Marist spirit and their support of the school. I would especially like to thank the matric group for the example they have set. The Headboy, Stefano Contardo, his Deputy, Luca Fiasconaro, and the school prefects have set extremely high standards. The Headboy's influence has been enormous and he has encouraged, cajoled and, on occasions, inspired the school.

The staffroom at St David's is a pleasant place to be – perhaps at times too pleasant! I thank the entire staff for their commitment, drive and pursuit of excellence.

The Brother Provincial, Br Jude Pieterse, is a man who plays a crucial role not only in Catholic education but in education throughout the country. He provides wise counsel and sound advice. I thank him for the interest he takes in the school and in all the people who work here.

I thank most sincerely the Chairman of the Board and the Members of the Board for giving up so much of their time and energy in the service of the school. Kevin Brewer's contribution has been immense and the Development Plan would probably not be where it is today without his vision and sense of urgency.

To Father Brewer I say thank you for a lifetime of selfless devotion. You have given counsel and care to generations of schoolboys and the broader community, both at St George's, Harare, and here over thirteen years at St David's. You will be sorely missed at this school!

Finally, to my wife, Suzie, a special word of thanks for your love and on-going support. Your role as Headmaster's wife is not always an easy one.

Thank you all for your attention and attendance. I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a fulfilling and peaceful 1999.

P A EDEY HEADMASTER

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Bursar: Mr M Smit, IMTA IAC
Business Manager: Mr M Forder
Mrs G Carvalho
Mrs DM Clark
Mrs J Ficosecco
Mrs A Williams

ESTATE MANAGER

Mr W van der Merwe

CATERER

Mrs M von Guilleaume

Farewells

In the Bursar's Office the College wished a happy retirement to Malcolm Smit and Audrey Williams.



Mrs June Anderson departs after many years' service as school secretary to take up the post of Headmaster's Secretary at Crawford College in Lonehill.

Mrs Lynn Watson, having taught Accounting and Business Economics for two years at St David's, is taking much deserved (and long postponed) retirement.

Mrs Dianne Webb will be taking the first term off from the Biology department to give birth to her first child, but we are glad to report that she will be back with us in May.

We thank all of them for their valuable contribution to the College, and wish them well for the future.

New Appointments

We congratulate the following new and familiar members of the High School staff on their appointments in 1998:

Rev Nick Bruce as Religious Education Co-ordinator Mrs Katherine Emery as Head of Department: Natural Sciences Mr Simon Fry as Housemaster of The Bishops' House Mr Shane Young as Head of Department: Commercial Subjects Mr Mike Forder as Business Manager

The Head Prefect's Address

Given at the Annual Prizegiving, 14 November 1998



Stefano Contardo, Head Prefect 1998

As we draw to the end of another year, we look back on our experiences and ask ourselves: what sort of year have we had? Each individual has his own idea of the success of his year. Some might feel a little disappointed, and others content with their achievements. The Matrics though will be assessing their

school careers and wondering where they have gone. It was just yesterday that we were in Grade 0, and who can believe that 13 years have passed already? But in the end it is what you have accomplished that counts, and every one of you has succeeded in your own way, whether it be in the classroom, on the sports field or culturally.

At the end of the day our lives would have been a lot more difficult if it hadn't been for the guidance and motivation of the staff and Fr Brewer, so on behalf of the Matrics I thank you.

I would like to extend a personal vote of thanks to Mr Edey, who was always willing to offer support and guidance, not only through this year but in others as well. I think that in the relatively short time he has been here we have seen many changes for the better which I am sure can largely be attributed to him and not to circumstance.

Thanks must also go to Mr Williams, who was always checking up on situations and making sure that all went smoothly. He always seemed to know what was going on, even having only been here for his first year.

A big thank you to the staff who encouraged and supported me throughout the year, and to Fr Brewer who is leaving this year. I thank you and know that, like us, you will take many fond memories with you.

A special thanks go to my parents who have put up with me for the last 18 years. They say that the apple never falls far from the tree, so I am who I am because of you.

Lastly to the prefect body and all my friends: over the past year I have learned a lot about friendship. I've learned that we each have our own special qualities that make us individuals and that being at Marist has given us a special bond that we will always have. I thank you too for your support, words of encouragement and especially your friendship and trust. These are qualities that mean a lot to me and that I will always cherish.

There have been many achievements this year, but one that stands out above the rest is Daniel Wright's academic brilliance all round, and in the fields of Mathematics and computers especially.

We now begin a new chapter in the history of the School and approach the new millennium. With the opening of new facilities next year seems set to be a great year. I have no doubt that the present Grade 11s, soon to be Matrics, will do a superb job of running the school, and I wish them and the new Prefect body the best of luck.

When I think back to Std 6 I recall how impressed we were with the then Matrics and how we wanted to be like them. They were in a sense our role models. Who could forget the likes of Giuricich, Forssman, Harris and Jurgens, to name but a few? They taught us our Marist values. Now I hope we have passed them onto the present group of Grade 8s, who I am sure will make us proud.

I final address is never complete without the mention of Mr Castle. What can one say about him, except for the fact that he has dedicated his life to maintaining the high standards of the School, and that he will always be remembered in his own special way.

In conclusion – it has been a great year. High standards have been set for the following years, and it will be a challenge to uphold them. To the school: I'd like to thank you for your dignity and respect. It's not what you do but how you do it that makes me proud to have been a Marist boy.

S Contardo Head Prefect 1998



School Prefects

Back Row: J West; B Thomas; W Bruns; R Tait; D Wright

Middle Row: G Simaan; V van der Merwe; G Geldenhuys; JR McKay; A Stocks; R Traver de Sousa Front Row: S Contardo (Head Prefect); Mr P Edey; Mr M Williams; L Fiasconaro (Deputy Head Prefect)



Heads of Houses

A Stocks (Osmond); R Tait (College); J West (The Bishops); L Fiasconaro (Benedict)

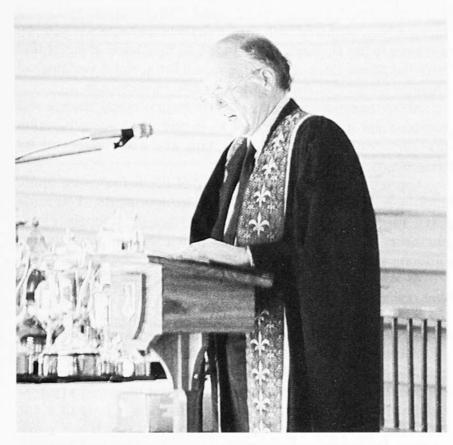


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The Guest Speaker's Address

Address by Professor Graham Hall, Guest Speaker, on the occasion of the College's Annual Prizegiving Ceremony held on 14 November 1998



Professor Graham Hall presents his address

Mr Headmaster, Members of the Board, Members of Staff, Parents and Pupils:

May I thank you for your kind words of introduction and for your invitation to be part of this prizegiving – it is a great pleasure for me to be associated with this fine school.

The three most important categories of persons present today are the teachers, the parents and last but by no means least, the boys. I should like to address a few words to each group:

Firstly to the Headmaster and the teachers:

St David's is fortunate to have had over the years a tradition of fine Headmasters. Mr Edey is part of that fine tradition and I wish to pay tribute to him for his commitment and dedication to this school. You are exceptionally fortunate in having a person of his calibre and I have no doubt whatsoever that under his leadership your school will flourish. The Headmaster will be the first to admit that his efforts would indeed be in vain were it not for the support he receives from the teachers.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am convinced that the teaching profession, despite constant efforts of some members of the public to diminish its status, and despite the controls which the state attempts to place on it, still remains the finest profession in the world. I am in very good company when I make this claim. The well known author, James A Michener, who had been invited to the White House, wrote this elegant regret:

"Dear Mr President, I received your invitation three days after agreeing to speak a few words at a dinner honouring the wonderful high school teacher who taught me to write. I know that you will not miss me at your dinner, but she might at hers."

The President's gracious reply:

"In a lifetime a man can live under 15 or 16 presidents, but an outstanding teacher comes into his life but rarely." The pupils of this school have indeed been fortunate to have been influenced by fine teachers.

An event such as this also gives me the opportunity of expressing appreciation to the parents for the love, the support and the encouragement which the parents give their children. I want to reaffirm what I hope the pupils already know: your parents are important, not for what they own or their station in life but for the values they hold and for the values by which they live their lives. Your education has been a shared responsibility – shared by your teachers and your parents.

To the parents and to the teachers may I record the sincere appreciation of the pupils.

I said at the beginning of this address that it was a pleasure to come to this fine school. Pupils from this school have over the years developed a pride and a love for their school. In the years that lie ahead you will look back with considerable affection on the time that you spent here. Why do I say this? What are you proud of?

Is it the buildings? Or the playing fields? I don't think so. Clearly, there is something more to a school than buildings and facilities. Your pride is based on the values and the traditions of this school. It has something to do with the ethos which is nurtured in the classroom and on the playing fields. It has to do with values but what are these values that I'm referring to? They are not subjective but universal – namely:

TRUTH, HONESTY, JUSTICE, RESPECT for persons and property; TOLERANCE of different religions, views, races SENSITIVITY to the aged, the handicapped and the less privileged than ourselves.

It has something to do with your self-esteem, it has something to do with humility and honesty.

It is amazing how television adverts influence us. I'm sure many of you are familiar with the series of adverts around Mr and Mrs Charles Dickens and I thought I might take a lead from the advertising agency by using the opening of the Tale of Two Cities:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness. It was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way."

Do you view the years that lie ahead as the "worst of times" or are you optimistic that the "best of times" lie ahead? What will be your role in the future South Africa? It might be appropriate if we look together at the challenges facing South Africa. Initially let us look at the path that you and I have taken and consider the challenges that lie ahead.

Perhaps we should ask ourselves a number of questions. Questions which raise issues but which do not have ready answers. Some of these questions are universal, they are the sort of questions which youth always ask at this transition stage in their lives. Certain of the questions must, of necessity, raise political issues. But, gentlemen, this is not a party political platform and, therefore, the answers must be the answers which you and your generation find for yourselves. If you were given

the opportunity of restructuring the very fabric of South African society, what changes would you introduce? Is our present system of education able to meet the needs and aspirations of all the people of this country or have you and I enjoyed privileges which are not available to others?

Has your education encouraged you to question, to probe, and has it (as Albert Einstein suggests) kindled "the sacred flame of curiosity"? Has your education encouraged you to handle change, to look at problems and situations afresh? Has your education been as the poet, Milton, suggests:

"complete and generous", an education which "fits a man (or woman) to perform justly, skilfully and magnanimously all the offices both private and public...."

Are you aware of the issues that you will have to solve in this land of ours as we enter the 21st Century?

Have you used the many and varied opportunities given to you to lead? In the positions of authority which some of you have held as school prefects, have you learned too handle authority, learned to lead by example, learned of your own strengths and weaknesses, learned to accept your own limitations and what is equally important, learned to accept the limitations of others? So much for the past but what of the challenges and the opportunities that lie ahead?

English literature is full of examples of the advice given to young men like yourselves. One has only to think of the advice given by Polonius to his son, Laertes, in Hamlet. Now I'm certainly not going to give that sort of advice. I'm not wise enough and besides I'm sure that you did not come here to hear that sort of thing.

It would be more appropriate to look forward. This is a dangerous game looking into the crystal ball but perhaps certain images begin to appear. The first image is difficult to interpret, for the future presents awesome challenges and one may so easily become despondent and negative.

- · Millions of jobs will have to be found.
- · Millions of homes will have to be built.
- A quarter of a million additional teachers will have to be trained during the next 25 years and thousands of schools will have to be built.
- A workable political dispensation will have to be found. From the amalgam of diversity which is South Africa, we need to ensure that the new totality will be bigger and stronger and more cohesive than the sum of its diverse parts.

It is easy to be despondent when we witness South Africa being torn apart by acts of violence and crime. The ongoing violence and killings make the thoughts of W B Yeats the more pertinent:

"Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold: more anarchy is loosed upon the world,

The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere,

The ceremony of innocence is drowned;

The best lack all conviction,

While the worst are full of passionate intensity."

You and your generation must not allow yourselves to be overwhelmed by the enormity of the task. I trust that you do not as Yeats suggests, "lack all conviction".

We face the enormous task of:

- · building bridges where previously separation prevailed
- · of exhibiting tolerance where animosity exists
- · of showing love when mistrust abounds
- · of acting in faith when cynical scepticism is the fashion.

So much for the negative images but there are other images that appear. There are the tremendous opportunities for young people in South Africa.

In every sphere of activity we desperately need men who will grasp the opportunities that present themselves - opportunities in engineering, science, medicine, commerce, civil service, government and, let us not forget, education.

But we must keep the opportunities which are available in perspective. These opportunities are not your birthright. They are not the birthright of one privileged group and ways and means will have to be found to ensure that all young people of this land share in the opportunities. All young people, irrespective of their race, colour or creed, must share a common optimism which leads ultimately to a common wealth of all people. It is only by sharing the opportunities and the resources of our land that we will be able to prevent false ideologies and doctrines from finding ready converts to their pernicious creeds.

I referred to the opportunities but what is the future going to be like? No person in his right mind can confidentially predict the future. We can anticipate technological change of mind-blowing proportions. Man's ingenuity will know few limits. The Industrial Revolution of the 18th and 19th centuries will seem minor when compared with the fundamental changes which you will have to live through. Many of the technological changes that have happened since you were born will bring about sociological changes far greater than all the schemes of statecraft.

All we can say for certain is that technological change will continue and it will be your task to ensure that your generation masters technology and that you are not mastered by technology.

You must ensure that the quality of life is improved upon, and not made worse by technological achievements. You must have the courage to stop the activities of scientists and engineers if they meddle in areas which lead us towards our ultimate destruction.

As you look to the future, you are naturally afraid because you realise that your generation has a crucial role to play, you are apprehensive because your ultimate success or failure will largely depend on the foundations which have already been laid.

You must have courage to stand firm in your beliefs. Have courage and faith in the future of South Africa and in all its people. Have courage and faith in the spirit of mankind which results in a cast of mind which is capable not only of great technological and scientific achievements but which is capable of love, kindness, understanding, consideration and genuine humility.

May I end with three quotations. One from the year in which I was born, one from the decade in which your parents were your age, and one of this decade.

The first from a King speaking to the Commonwealth at the moment of its greatest need, when defeat was a real possibility, and the powers of evil in the world seemed to be victorious. I quote from King George VI's Christmas and New Year message in 1940:

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied,

'go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way'.



Mr and Mrs Edey, Prof and Mrs Hall, Mr and Mrs Brewer at the Annual College Prizegiving

From the decade in which your parents were at school a quotation from a great South African, Alan Paton:

"I say to my fellow South Africans:

'If you have no hope you should get out as soon as possible. If you have unbounded hope you should go and see a psychiatrist. If you can't give up hope, if you insist on hoping against hope, then persist with all the things you have been doing to make this a better country and give us hope for the future."

Finally a quote from a prayer of a lady who can best be described as a modern day Saint - from Mother Teresa of Calcutta who worked among those suffering and dying in the slums of Calcutta:

"Lord:

when I am hungry, give me someone in need of food; when I am thirsty, send me someone needing a drink; when I am cold, send me someone to warm; when I am grieved, offer me someone to console; when my cross grows heavy, let me share another's cross; when I am poor, lead me to someone in need; when I have no time, give me someone I can help a little while; when I am humiliated, let me have someone to praise; when I need to be looked after, send me someone to care for; when I think only of myself, draw my thoughts to another."

I trust that you and I will never give up hope, and in the future when things are bleak and despair abounds, we, like King George, will place our hand into the hand of God and when we meet the poverty and need, we will accept the challenge as Mother Teresa had done.

I trust that you will go forward into the unknown with faith and that you will neither shrink nor defer from the responsibility which South Africa places so firmly on your young shoulders.

May God bless you all.

Prize Winners

Grade Eight Prizes

Br. Edwin Cup for Dux of Grade 8 S TianSecond Prize M BrinkThird Prize G Jago

Subject Prizes

English D Smith

Afrikaans D Smith

Mathematics S Tian

Mathematics Most Improved J Blonski

Science S Tian

Biology S Tian

History K Mullane

Geography S Tian

Art J Makan

Accounting S Tian

Zulu M Pitso

Design & Technology S Tian

Grade Nine Prizes

Davis Cup for Dux of Grade 9 B Murray Second Prize R Daniels Third Prize G Ronaldson

Subject Prizes

English B Murray

Afrikaans T Marais

Mathematics G Ronaldson

Science G Ronaldson

Biology B Murray

History D Tucker

Geography G Ronaldson

Art R Daniels

Accounting G Ronaldson

Zulu S Zulu and G Mposula

Design & Technology R Daniels

Grade Ten Prizes

O'Connor Cup for Dux of Grade10 G Horsten Second Prize K Wales Third Prize M Schafer

Subject Prizes

English G Horsten

Afrikaans K Wales

Mathematics Higher Grade G Horsten

Mathematics Standard Grade A Roberts

Science G Horsten

Biology M Schafer

History K Wales

Geography G Horsten

Accounting M Schafer

Art P Raw

Computer Studies M Schafer

Business Economics B Winderley

Grade Eleven Prizes

Bro. Urban Cup for Dux of Grade 11 A Kanter Second Prize L Liddiard Third Prize J Ashforth

Subject Prizes

English A Kanter

The Seed Trophy for Afrikaans R Roman

Mathematics Higher Grade A Kanter

Mathematics Standard Grade G Finnemore

Additional Mathematics A Kanter

The Keith Schafer Trophy for Science J Robson

Biology J Robson

History J Ashforth

Geography L Liddiard

Art A Kanter

Accounting J Ashforth

Business Economics S Browne

Grade 12 Prizes

Phillimore Trophy for English R McKay
Trudy Elliott Award for English Literature R McKay
Buckley-Jones Trophy for Afrikaans W Greenwood
Ryder Bowl for Mathematical Achievement D Wright
Mathematical Achievement in Standard Grade G Simaan
Walter Cronje Trophy for Additional Mathematics D Wright
Michael Science Trophy for Physical Science D Wright
Matric 1991 Trophy for Biology D Wright
Dion Saks Trophy for Geography B Thomas
Thomas McFadden Trophy for History W Bruns
The Germco Trophy for Art L Chandler
The Tischhauser Trophy for the Art Exhibition L Chandler
Matric 1991 Trophy for Business Economics Z Laher
Accounting Prize B Thomas
Painting/Sculpture Prize Standard Grade V van der Merwe

Painting/Sculpture Prize Standard Grade V van der Merwe Mayat Trophy for Computer Studies D Wright The Eilertsen Trophy for Information Technology D Wright B R Hunt Trophy for Dux of the School D Wright Lynn Stuart Memorial Trophy for Academic Achievement B Thomas

Third in Grade 12 Z Laher
Old Boys Trophy for Leadership and Promotion of the
Marist Spirit S Contardo
Osmond Cup for Study, Sport and Leadership B Thomas



Daniel Wright collected a record number of trophies

Annual Trophies

The Buchanan Trophy for Achievement in the Mathematics Olympiad D Wright and S Tian

Trophy for Excellence in Dramatics R McKay and A Stocks **Trophy for Senior Best Speaker** R McKay

The R J Girdwood Shield for Cultural Involvement G Geldenhuys

The Bro Edwin Award for Cricketer of the Year J Morte The Steve Murray Trophy for Most Improved Cricketer K Haswell and R Wood

Reeves Trophy for the Senior Swimmer of the Year S Falconer E Harper Trophy for Senior Most Improved Swimmer A Hayes Kelly Trophy for Junior Swimmer of the Year J Brown Clark Atwell Trophy for Waterpolo Player of the Year R Tait Michael Boic Trophy for Rugby Player of the Year S Contardo The Brewer/Finlayson Trophy for Most Improved Rugby Player D Randall

Hockey Player of the Year M Marsay

Desmond Schatz Trophy for Sportsman of the Year L Fiasconaro



Robbie Tait was named waterpolo player of the year

Service Certificates

- for general service to the school
- G Simaan and B Thomas Co-Workers
- M Hayward and B Mills First Aid
- C Bredenoord and A Stocks Cricket Umpiring
- B Murray Scoring for 1st XI
- D Thomas Music

The Champagnat Medal

'A pupil who is nominated for the award of the Champagnat Medal should exemplify the Marist spirit in the following categories: Academic; Spiritual; Sporting; Cultural; and Service.' This medal can only be awarded to pupils in Grade 12.

This year Champagnat Medals were awarded to: Stefano Contardo, Wayne Collett and Bruce Thomas



Champagnat Medal winners: Bruce Thomas, Wayne Collett and Stefano Contardo



Back row: D Ballantine; A Dempster; M Majoka; P Belemant; K Barnes; J Brown; JF Bruneau; N Haralambous; N Marques; D Shillaw

Middle row: A Stapelberg; M Chalmers; D Smith; R Hoosen; A Giraud; B Don; R Peirce; F Caille; S Robertson

Front row: D Bonini; M Misiewicz; B Rowley; Mr G Behr; M Arnold; R Richardson; J Nawa



Back row: J Whitson; M Dube; D Alves; G Malakou; D Black; M Pitso; A Pichulik; D Law; M Schneider; J Makan

Middle row: T Scott; M Hayward; J Sharman-Harris; M Cameron; M Maraschin; F Cellini; N Goncalves; R Burgess; M Archary; B Studti; M di Pasquale

Front row: K Sibiya; A Saunders; K Kanyangarara; Mrs J Roman; L Rivers; N Sprenger; G Harding



Back row: J Davidson; S Stewart; R dos Santos; B Lambert; W Clarke; M Brink
Middle row: K Nkosi; S Tian; P Aitken; P Matshikwe; S Reynolds; G Insausti;
R Wainwright; K Setzkorn; J Cohen
Front row: S Allen; A Atkinson; M Benton; Mr W Craven; J Criticos;
G Jago; B Annegarn



Back row: C Merry; J Marchand; M Snyman; D Msimango; A Papadopoulos; G Stiles; J Blonski; P Smith; S Cory; B Siebrits; D Wiggill Middle row: B Gouveris; J Jericevich; K Richards; J Ward; A Cochrane; R Johnstone; B Ravjee; C Maphuruma; N Tsaperas

Front row: K Mullane; C Green; T Mokgopha; Mr P Andrew; T Malekane; A Lupini; M Rantla



Back row: J Morkel; N Quail; A Futcher; S Osterloh; G O'Mahoney; R Cochrane; R Daniels; P Brandenberg; C Macpherson

Middle row: J Cain; N Redshaw; R Warnecke; D Buttrick; M Shippen; J Deyzel; I Mogatusi; K Gow; H Cheng

Front row: S Muller; L Kowalski; A Levy; Mrs T Vroom; G Mposula; S Sitole; B Mills



Back row: M Rands; G Dace; S Fraser; G Barrow; J Mitri; R Stuart; T Vundla; J Joustra; B Murray; R Naydo

Middle row: S Zulu; J Sing; R Willis; D Tucker; B le Roux; N Black; G Smith; A Taljaard; I Coughtrie

Front row: M Vidulich; V Manganye; X Nouse; Mr S Young; A Brady; A Similane; M Schoombie



Back row: A Sidele; R Goldby; J Linington; M Reid; M Bembridge; R Bray; J Christie; A Hayes; J Nel; G Swanepoel

Middle row: L Olver; J Venter; G Ross-Munro; C Knezovich; E Stewart; A de Canha; J Krynauw; M Finch; S Aronson

Front row: M Tonetti; G Lindsay; JJ de Castro Maia; Mrs L Watson; T Tshiwula; D Dias; T Marais

Absent: W Esposito



Back row: G Rees; G Ronaldson; W Gordon; A Koninis; H Penny; W Bowen; S Walsh; S Coughtrie; G Frigenti; B Rowlings

Middle row: D Wark; S Lishman; S Mitchell; B Lewis; S Khumalo; L Carter; M Miller; R Pizzi; T Teubner

Front row: J Harris; Z Thokan; G Pooley; Rev N Bruce; M Sola; S Smith; M Gibson



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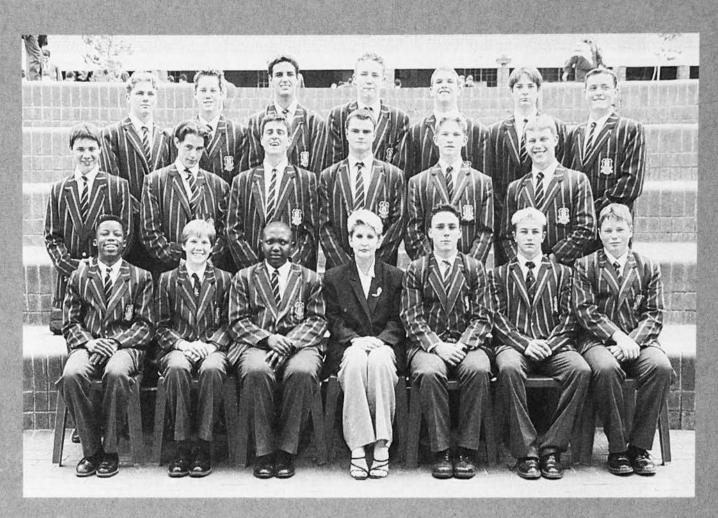
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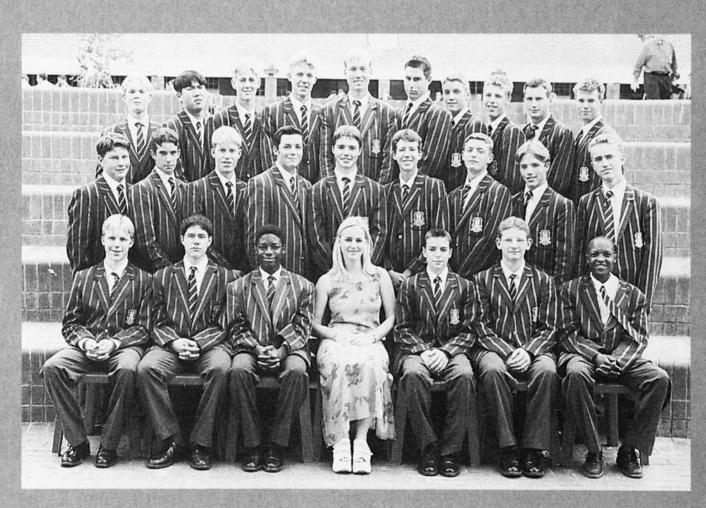
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Back row: W Ho; S Duve; L Atherton; B Jackson; R Wood; G Robertson; S Falconer Middle row: C Goodwin; J manson; D Garofoli; A Scott; N Nosworthy; G Perry; R Mazaham Front row: D Carnicelli; A Sleigh; Mrs D Cameron; B Winderley; A Mills; J Lemm



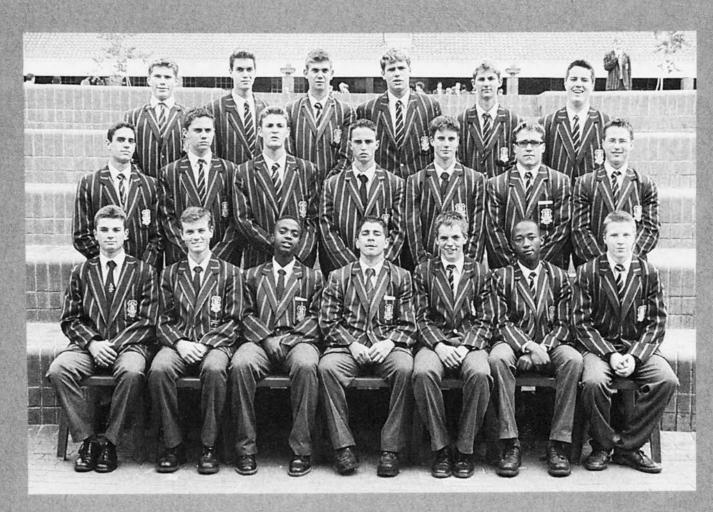
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Back row: C Proudfoot; J Jang; A Joubert; D Bauer; G Horsten; C Hepburn; M Eilertsen; P Raw; F Valente; G Johnston

Middle row: M Schafer; D Brown; G Collister; G Pera; A Parker; W Thrupp; K Sterrenberg; R davies; K Wales

Front row: R Brady; M Mavromaras; I Lehloo; Miss LA Nolan; E Giuricich; C Wood; T Monyemore



Back row: N Risi; G Finnemore; B Hubbard; G Browne; A MacFarlane; PJ Steyn Middle row: M Cannata; P Smith; M Tyack; M Gunning; A Horsfield; P Mostert; D Biezanek Front row: R Brunette; G Brennon; M Nawa; A Witten; D Cochrane; P Kuzwayo; A Stewart



Back row: D Bradbury; M Marchand; A Chemaly; D Clover; M Skosana; A Kanter; R Roman; L Johnson; I Busschau

Middle row: J Robson; A Holmes; C Thomas; M Lenz; M Lopes; L Liddiard; G Borman; M Marsay

Front row: T Warnecke; C Bredenoord; B Leadbeater; Mrs K van der Riet; J Ashforth; G Atkinson; D Thomas



Back row: B O'Shea; K Speirs; J Morte; F Bush; A Williams; K Haswell; G Thomas Middle row: D Randall; S Makan; J Tonetti; D Jackson; S Browne; C Shaw; P Taliadoras; D Boyd; E Jones

Front row: T Masterton; H Cheng; M Paschkewitz; Miss M Brickett; P Dladla; N Thokan; J Farrell

Absent: J Lekalakala; M Mkhize





In memory of

Dasene Smith

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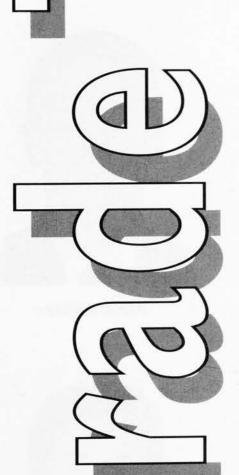
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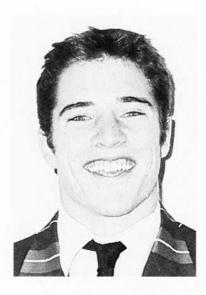




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Johnny Farrell



Luca Fiasconaro



Gary Geldenhuys



Grant Goodwin



Wayne Greenwood



Luca Guareschi



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Mario Lacueva



Zayd Laher



Mambila Mageza



Simpiwe Matshikwe



John Ross McKay



John Middlewick



Sadik Moorad



Alistair Moore



Daryn Moore



Michael Murray



Stephen Naudé



Dean O'Haughey



Ryan Orr



Paul Owens



Serafim Pinto



Chris Pottinger



Bradley Poultney



Morathi Ramokgopa



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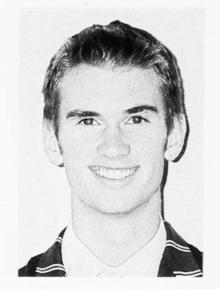
Ricardo Traver de Sousa



Vaughan van der Merwe



Clinton Verhoog



James West



Murray White



Stuart Wilson



Daniel Wright



Zwakhele Zulu

Absent: Thomas Chen



Grade 0 to Grade 12

Back row: D Wright; L Fiasconaro; S Contardo; R Tait; V van der Merwe Middle row: C Verhoog; W Collett; B Sono; L Guareschi; G Geldenhuys Front row: D O'Haughey; J Farrell; G Simaan; M Murray; L Chandler

Independent Examinations Board Senior Certificate Examination Results 1998

Subjects in brackets indicate distinctions

Passed with Matriculation Exemption

N Alberts

D Archary (Mathematics SG)

W Bruns (Science, History)

L Chandler (Mathematics, Science)

T Chen (Painting SG)

W Collett

S Contardo

V Deyzel

L Fiasconaro

G Goodwin

W Greenwood

L Guareschi

S Hayes

R Jorge

M Lacueva

Z Laher (Accounting, Business Economics)

M Mageza

S Matshikwe

R McKay

J Middlewick (Biology SG)

A Moore

D Moore

S Naudé

D O'Haughey S Pinto (Geography)

C Pottinger

N Ranger (Art)

G Ross-Munro

N Royce

G Simaan

A Stocks

R Tait (Science, History)

B Thomas (Geography, Accounting, Computer Studies)

R Traver de Sousa

V van der Merwe (Sculpture SG)

C Verhoog

J West

M White

S Wilson

D Wright (Mathematics, Science, Biology, Accounting, Computer Studies, Additional Mathematics)

Passed with conditional Matriculation Exemption:

B Poultney

M Ramokgopa

Passed without Matriculation Exemption

J Farrell

G Geldenhuys

P Kobila

S Moorad

M Murray

R Orr

P Owens

R Rundell

B Sono

Z Zulu

There were no failures

Open Day



Open Day: in the Afrikaans class



Open Day: in the Afrikaans class



Open Day: Grade 8 battery assignments



Open Day: Mathematics exhibit on tesselations and statistics



Open Day: Testing one's lung capacity



Open Day: Contemplating the principles of a swinging pendulum

Olympiads

English Olympiad

The Anglo-De Beers English Olympiad was written by seventeen boys in March this year. David Duarte, in Grade 10, earned a Gold medal, placing him in the top 175 in the country. We are very proud of his outstanding result. 4074 pupils wrote the examination country-wide.

Kyle Wales (Gr 10) and Paul Edkins (Gr 11) achieved Silver awards.

The following boys achieved Bronze awards: Grade 10 - Michael Schafer, Irvine Lehloo, Rhys Davies Grade 11 - Ashley Kanter, Musi Skosana, Grant Brennon Grade 12 - Gregory Ross-Munro, Bruce Thomas, Daniel Wright

Merit awards went to:

Grade 10 - Garth Horsten, Gian-Paolo Pera, Duncan Brown, Philip Raw

Grade 12 - Nicholas Royce

It is very gratifying and encouraging to see the standard of our boys' improving.

1998 National Youth Science Olympiad

The first round of the Science Olympiad was written on the 6th May by 32 grade 10, 11 & 12 St David's pupils. Based on the results of this round, Ashley Kanter was selected, as one of the top 300 grade 11 candidates countrywide, to write the second round, in September.

The final results of this Olympiad have now been received and are as follows:

Top two achievers:

Daniel Wright placed 11th overall.

Ashley Kanter placed 45th in the Grade 11 competition

and in the top 10% overall.

Boys placed in the top 10% of achievers:

Bruce Thomas Serafim Pinto
Philip Raw Paul Edkins
Rhys Davies Grant Atkinson

Ross McKay

Boys who obtained 50% or more:

Carl Bredenoord Lawrence Liddiard Kyle Wales **James Robson** Greg Borman Dean Thomas Musi Skosana Ryan Brunette David Duarte Richard Brady Gabriele Maraschin Derek Clover Irvine Lehloo Chris Hepburn Gian-Paolo Pera Michael Schafer Nicholas Royce Garth Horsten

Physical Science Expo

The 1998 Physical Science Expo was a new venture for the Science department but proved to be a very worthwhile exercise. The projects produced by the pupils were of an excellent standard, showing thorough research and a good understanding of scientific principles. The boys are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and superb effort.

Certificates were awarded to the following pupils:

Grade 8

1st place: D Ballantine/D Smith

(Soil erosion)

2nd place: R Richardson

(Brickettes)

3rd place: B Annegarn

(Irrigation system)



1st place: A Futcher (Computer cooker)

2nd place: R Cochrane/R Daniels (Flood buster)

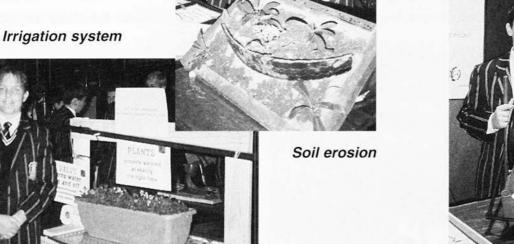
3rd place: D Dias (Tennis ball collector)

Grade 10

1st place: R Brady/C Hepburn (Lazy bath)

2nd place: GP Pera/M Schafer (Newspaper bricks)

3rd place: M Graham/A Parker (Roof tiles)





Tennis ball collector



Lazy bath

Grade 11

1st place: M Stapelberg

(Low cost wall)

2nd place: H Cheng/M Marchand

(Pot stirrer)

3rd place: G Brennon/A Williams

(Water cooling)

The following projects were highly commended:

Grade 8

T Scott/B Studti (Service buzzer)

A Stapelberg

(Low cost housing)



Pot stirrer

Grade 9

J Mitri/R Stuart

(Taxi overload system)

W Esposito/J Linington (Expandable hanger)

G O'Mahoney/B Rowlings

(Golf club)

Grade 10

J Lemm/J Manson (Garage sensor)

G Maraschin (Milk bottle wall)

Grade 11

R Roman (Movable wall system)

J Robson/A Holmes (Car gate-o-matic)

R Brunette (Car mirrors for the deaf)

D Thomas/M Skosana (Car refrigeration)

K Emery



Expandable hanger

Regional Science Expo

St David's entered 34 Science and Biology projects in the Regional Science Expo in August. The standard of projects was very high but our boys still managed to achieve good results, as the following individual results demonstrate:

> Water cooling Service buzzer

Fighting soil erosion

Roaccutane and acne

Newspaper brick

Bronze

G Brennon/A Williams B Studti/T Scott

D Ballantine/D Smith G Horsten/M Schafer

D Duarte/T Monyemore

M Schafer/GP Pera

Silver

D Dias

R Cochrane/R Daniels

A Futcher

Gold

D Wright

K Emery

R Brady/C Hepburn

The ballboy

Flood buster Gillian McKay's interactive cookbook

Classical music and stress alleviation

Phylogeny in the animal kingdom

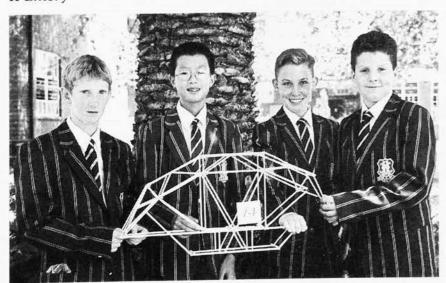
Lazy bath

Daniel Wright receives a prize from Old Mutual for excellence in the 1998 Computer Fair

University of the Witwatersrand Bridge-Building Competition

St David's Science Club entered five teams in the 1998 Regional Bridge-Building Competition. Out of 48 teams entered, St David's were placed 3rd, 5th and 11th. The Grade 8 team of Shen Tian, Ross Burgess, Fabiano Cellini and Graeme Harding were placed 3rd with a structure that held 52kg. The Grade 11 team of Greg Borman, Greg Thomas and Paul Edkins were placed 5th with a structure that held 47kg.

K Emery

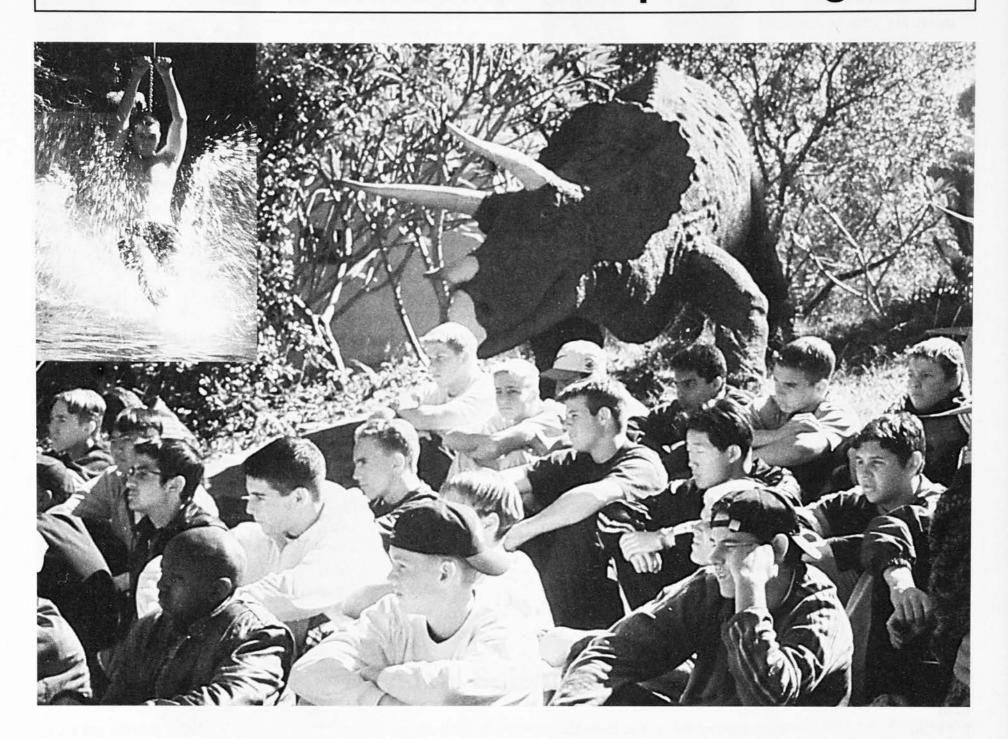


The Grade 8 team of Shen Tian, Ross Burgess, Fabiano Cellini and Graeme Harding were placed third



The Grade 11 team of Greg Borman, Greg Thomas and Paul Edkins were placed fifth

The Grade 10 Tour to Mpumalanga



Tuckshop



The Friday tuck shop mums

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Chess Report for 1998

Team: Marco Vidulich

Maxwell Gordon (captain)
Daniel Wright
Jerry Nawa
Carl Bredenoord
Philip Raw

Irvine Lehloo Wilf Exton Justin Sing Wesley Gordon Tumelo Malekane Gilbert Pooley



Chess at St David's is said to be on the move. We participated in the chess league, as we did last year, and continued to hold our own against other, sometimes bigger, chess playing schools. Amongst others we met Bryanston, Parktown B, Torah Academy and Midrand in the league.

Special mention must be made of the following players. Marco Vidulich, our top player, ended the season unbeaten. Marco has been the top player since grade 8. Maxwell Gordon, the chess captain this year, performed all his duties responsibly and never missed a practice or a meeting. Unfortunately Maxwell, along with his brother Wesley, has left us and we wish them well in their new school. We must also commend Daniel Wright on his commitment to the chess club even though, as I'm sure you have read, he was already quite busy this year.

This article would not be complete without thanking Mrs. Andrew and Rev. Bruce, during her absence, for their time and organising.

Last but not least we must thank Mr. and Mrs. Pooley for all their help throughout the season. Mr. Pooley's many hours of time and patience dedicated to our coaching were invaluable to the chess club and Mrs. Pooley's catering was enjoyed by the boys and staff alike, thank you. They must also be thanked for sponsoring the chess page.

Looking forward to next year we can only improve on our record and our numbers and hopefully next year will be a year to remember in our new St David's chess club.

Gilbert Pooley, Grade 10

Choir



Choir

Back row: M Schoombie; R Pizzi; I Mogatusi; S Zulu Middle row: K Nkosi; C Mapharuma; X Nouse; V Manganye; S Sithole Front row: A Simelane; T Tshiwula; Mrs M Middlewick; G Mposula; J Nawa

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Matric Dance Committee



Matric Dance Committee

Back row: J Robson; I Busschau; A Chemaly; J Morte; F Bush; G Browne; K Speirs; D Bradbury; A Holmes Middle row: D Biezanek; P Smith; G Borman; C Thomas; P Mostert; D Thomas

Front row: J Farrell; N Thokan; M Lenz; A Witten; C Bredenoord

Matric Dance 1998

Once the Committee was elected, we had to quickly jump into action, due to time constraints. The first objective was to raise some funds for the dance, which seemed a daunting task, but was easily overcome with successful boerewors-roll sales, jumble and cake sales, and the traditional selling of Valentine's roses, where we rightfully maintained our reputation by sending out over 700 roses and receiving even more, stating our obvious popularity with the girls in S.A.

These activities got the ball rolling and made the task of giving the Matric's of 1998 a night to remember, a little easier.

It was now time to get creative and to come up with some innovative ideas to increase the cash flow. Amongst many ideas it was decided by the committee to hold Disco evenings for the juniors and host a bingo evening, which both proved to be a big success.

The finalization of the theme was made very difficult due to

many innovative and original ideas. We finally decided to choose a "Night at the Round Table" as our theme and transformed the newly decorated Wanderers Main Hall into an 18th Century Castle, which perfectly complimented the Halls blue and gold drapery. The warm colours, together with the candle light, created a cosy and inviting atmosphere on this cold wintry night of the 27th June 1798.

Our objectives were met, it was a tremendous success, not only for the departing Matric's, but brought us, the Matric Dance Committee Group, closer together.

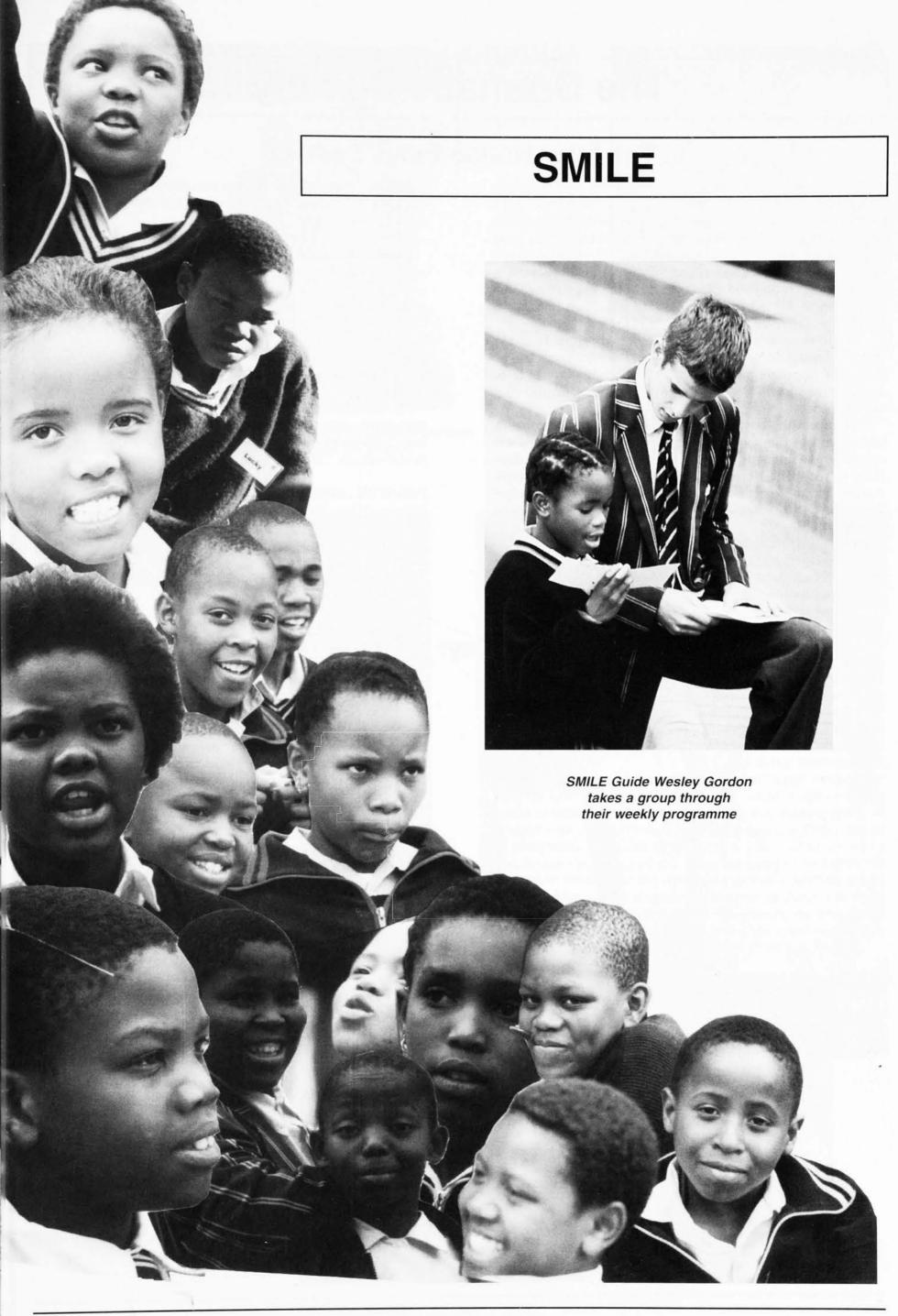
Many thanks are extended to those who supported this cause and a special thanks to the organising committee who made this evening possible.

Michael Lenz

Chairman of the 1998 Matric Dance Committee



Over 800 Valentine roses were distributed to raise funds for the Matric Dance



The Dramatic Society

The Inter-House Plays Festival

Whilst there were some very entertaining productions this year, it was a little disappointing that so many of them were taken from ONE particular playwright! Boys need to think about their choice of play very seriously - and they need to do it in good time. It is not simply a matter of grabbing the script closest to hand. It is also not good enough to leave all preparation, scriptwriting, casting and rehearsals until the last minute...one House almost did not make it on to the stage. It is not always 'all right on the night'.

I think there is a misconception attached to this Festival that it is enough to 'get up there and make the audience laugh.' The latter has some merit as long as the laughter stems from immaculate comic timing and not from humiliating incompetence.

We expect the boys to aim for excellence in the academic sphere and in the sporting arena - why is there such scant regard for the dramatic arts? The boys should strive to produce plays of the highest standard, to showcase their House talent proudly and to expect performances of only the highest calibre from each other. Not to do so is a slight to the audience, their House and peers, and shows an all too common practice nowadays - to accept half-baked, half-hearted mediocrity as the norm. Mediocrity does not have a place in the dramatic endeavour at the College - nor should it deserve even a temporary resting place in any area of our school life. Excellence in production preparation, excellence in staging and acting and excellence in audience attendance and behaviour should be our norm.

Here ends the tirade...

This year's Festival was rounded off with a Winners' Night at which the respective winners of the junior and senior sections performed their plays after a cocktail party for an audience of invited guests. It was a successful evening and it is hoped that it will become a prestigious occasion in the school calendar.

WINNERS: JUNIOR SECTION

Winning Play - The Bishops - "Ring for more Toast" by Kenneth Lillington

Best Actor - Gilbert Pooley - The Bishops

Best Supporting Actor - Gareth Rees - The Bishops

Best Producer - Musi Skosana

WINNERS: SENIOR SECTION

Winning Play - The Bishops - "Cinderella Story" by Kenneth Lillington Best Actor - Adam Stocks - Osmond

Best Supporting Actor - Johnny Farrell - The Bishops

Best Producer - Adam Stocks and Nicky Royce

Best Costume - The Bishops

The School Play: Oedipus Rex

The 1997 College production was an over-the-top comedy which involved a very large cast. Expectations at auditions in 1998 were somewhat confounded, therefore, when aspirant thespians found themselves confronted with a Greek tragedy penned by Sophocles in the 5th century BC and requiring a (mentally concentrated) cast of ten!

Despite some initial scepticism, the cast soon began to come to grips with this highly demanding script. Most difficult to grasp perhaps was the moral ambiguity so central to Greek tragedy: Oedipus commits his sins unwittingly; he does his best to live a moral life. When a man behaving admirably is nevertheless tripped up by forces beyond his control and understanding; when the audience can sense what is coming and is frustrated by the hero's blithe lack of awareness, then the conditions are prepared for catharsis, the emotional release which was always the moral objective of classical tragedy.

For the cast Oedipus was a theatrical learning experience,

and they rose to the challenge with a will. Ross McKay, in the title role, deserves particular recognition for mastering a part that required almost constant presence on stage, and the portrayal of powerful and unfamiliar emotions. The same level of commitment was displayed by the entire cast, some of whom were participating in a major production for the first time.

It is a minor tragedy in itself, however, that the learning and enriching experience of the cast was not shared by the College family as a whole. Perhaps alarmed at the prospect of a theatrical experience more challenging than mere farce. audiences stayed away in droves. The dramatic tradition at St David's clearly has some distance to travel before it is fully mature.

I extend sincere thanks to all those, on and off the stage, who made Oedipus the experience it was, particularly to Mrs Vroom backstage and Rev Bruce for managing front of house. S Foulds



Cast and backstage crew

Back row:

N Powell: G Poolev: Mr S Foulds; Mrs T Vroom

Front row:

A Levy: M Skosana: A Kanter; L Chandler; R McKay; S Matshikwe: A Stocks; S Lishman



Ross McKay as Oedipus, Musi Skosana as Jocasta and Adam Stocks as the Chorus



Simpiwe Matshikwe as Creon



Michael Murray as the Messenger from Corinth



The tragic climax of Oedipus

1998 Awards for Dramatics

Cultural Tie for Dramatics

Ashley Kanter Neil Powell Musi Skosana **Scrolls for Dramatics**

Gary Geldenhuys John Ross McKay Michael Murray

Public Speaking

Our participation in the Highveld Schools Public Speaking Festival was rather a rushed affair. The Grade 8's had only just returned from their orientation tour when they had to prepare and present their talks. Term one seemed fraught with a myriad interruptions and House Play rehearsals and the oratory suffered as a result. Congratulations are due, however, to the Grade 12 Prepared Team - Gary Geldenhuys, Adam Stocks, Ricardo Traver de Sousa and Robbie Tait - who achieved an A symbol.

The Debating Society

1998 was another very successful year for Junior Debating. Mrs Vroom and an enthusiastic group of debaters took part in six fixtures under the auspices of the friendly "KES League", winning all six. Competition was fierce for places in the teams, and the success achieved at junior level has pleasing implications for the future success of the College in the challenging arena of senior debating.

That said however, the Senior season itself was most disappointing for a number of reasons. While a number of Matric boys turned out enthusiastically for the debates, support was very thin among the Grade 10s and 11s. This lack of depth was exacerbated by the midyear 'flu epidemic, making it impossible to meet all our fixtures. More commitment at senior level will be needed before this very worthwhile activity can realise its full potential at St David's.

The following boys participated in Senior Debating: S Contardo; R Davies; M Eilertsen; J Farrell; A Kanter; Z Laher; JR McKay; B Poultney; P Raw; G Simaan; M Skosana; A Stocks; R Tait; R Traver de Sousa.

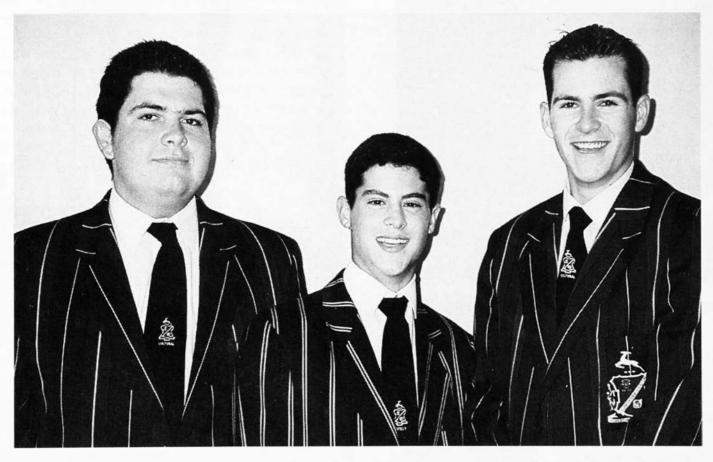
S Foulds

Oratory Awards

In order to qualify for awards in Oratory, boys must participate regularly in both Public Speaking and Debating, showing marked ability in at least one of the two areas. The following awards were made at the end of the 1998 season:

Cultural Tie for Oratory: Ross McKay; Robbie Tait Scroll for Oratory:

Adam Stocks; Ricardo Traver de Sousa; Gary Geldenhuys



Adam Stocks, Ricardo Traver de Sousa and Gary Geldenhuys received full colours for Oratory after five years of Public Speaking and Debating

LITERARY SECTION

Windows '95 Rap

(an extract)

Well I bought it up, took it home and tried to boot it up When I booted it up, it said my memory is not enough It said it like it was the great buff.

I went running out, I need some extra RAM to fix me up I have to cough it up, open my wallet up It never stops, never stops, never stops.

CHORUS

This Windows '95, is sucking up my drive It makes a pentium fly, there's so much stuff to buy, it's gonna suck me dry.

My PC is obsolete; a 486 don't have the beat - it takes an hour just to bring up the screen; I'll have to buy myself a brand new machine!

M. Schafer; D. Brown; G-P Pera; G. Collister and W Thrupp Grade 10M



Michel Tyack - Grade 11

Awareness

We sit there. It is just that time when the sun creeps over from what seems the end of the world and rises majestically and its rays creep up to the rocks and warm our cold bodies. Then the sun shines into the dark blue water and it's as if a light has been switched on in a dark room. The whole ocean lights up from a dark blue that not even the sky can comprehend.

A Horn, Grade 8

Awareness

The early morning veil of mist, smothering the view, had not yet lifted from the ocean's face. The echoing of the breaking waves drifted through the air as the towering mountains of water crashed and then rumbled on the moist sand-bed. I sat on the rough and uncomfortable rocks deep in thought.

R Johnstone, Grade 8

The Love Song of J Random Hacker

Let us go then, you and I, For fast Chinese and talk of years gone by Filled with random jumps and custom cable; Let us go, recalling joys of FORTH and MUMPS, The clattering lumps

Of threaded code in frantic ten-hour hacks To get that midterm project off our backs: With code that twisted, doubled-back and bent And set into cement

But came through with an underwhelming "B"... Oh do not ask, "What was it?" I don't care what it does, just how it does it.

On the Net the expert systems come and go, Bragging about how much they know.

Over yellow chad that chattered out from teletype machines, Over yellow tape that rattled out encoding fever dreams That curled into the data centre trash; We lingered, inventing novel sort/merge schemes, Or ways to thwart collisions when we hash - And seeing that we'd been logged in since late last week Took one last gulp of coke and fell asleep.

On the Net the expert systems come and go, Bragging about how much they know.

No! I am not Bill Gates, nor would I want to be; I'd rather parse the fish than own the knife; (Imagine! Having moby bux but chained to ninety million lusers, what a life...)
Am a flamer, goateed, pallid, overweight, Willing to pull two shifts, then (hell) a third, To save a session from a deadlocked state; At times (to put it mildly) unrestrained – Almost, at times, a nerd.

I grow old... I grow old... DBase II and WordStar are no longer sold.

Shall I start a BBS? Do I dare to try to teach? I shall take my palmheld portable and hack upon the beach. I have heard the networks passing packets, each to each They have no traffic for the likes of me.

I have seen the Altair live and die And software startups score on merry score -And millions made by men like Mitch Kapor.

We hackers linger by our leading edge Forgetting what is pending in the cache *Greg Ross-Munro 12C With apologies to TS Eliot*

The Lamb

- A Parody of The Lamb by William Blake

Little Lamb, how taste thee?
Dost thou know I crave thee?
Right now thou hast no name
So when I eat I'll feel no shame.
Juicy leg is my delight,
For softest tender chops I'll fight.
Oh dear creature, I do rejoice,
Thy cuts are my prime choice.
Little Lamb, how taste thee?
Dost thou know I crave thee?

Little Lamb, I'll baste thee,
Little Lamb, I'll demolish thee!
Oh I ponder long, what method to try To roast, to grill, perchance to braai...
I look for a sauce - mint's much too bland
Now peri-peri will make me stand!
Oh dear sweet lamb
You will taste so grand.
Little Lamb, God bless thee
Little Lamb, so good to me.
Grant Brennon - Grade 11B



Lawrence Liddiard - Grade 11



Mongezi Mkhize - Grade 11

An Early Autumn Morning

Winter grass crunches beneath my rubbery soles Relaxed autumn sunrays glimmer between the dying leaves A mirage of mellow colours Greeting the new day

Beside the leafy green umbrella-like tree I wait, the only pupil on the green bench A chill in the air zephyrs on my morning face I shiver, mildly, with the leaves

Behind, I feel the lethargic sun
As the golden rays on my blazer blend with the sun
To fill me with tepid energy
Preparing me for a new, full day at school
G Swanepoel 90

The Beach

The sun was blazing down and the sand was golden brown. The water was crystal clear and had a fresh smell of salt. The waves were rather big and rolled like great barrels to their destinations. Big white puffs of cloud filled the blue sky. The whistle blew and there was a sudden rush and many splashes. I dived into the cool, refreshing water and I was at peace. *J Davidson, Grade 8*

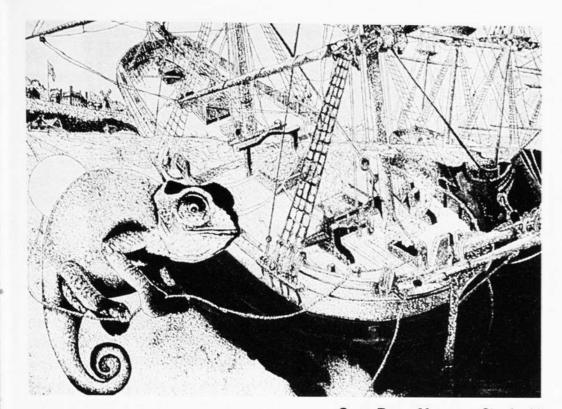
Urban Requiem

Internal hells our minds did lend
Deep amongst dirt where good is bent
Our lives in shadows are immersed
Homies' language, with obscenity versed
Not so bad to want a piece of heaven
Not so easy when you one of seven
Damned terrain, "God" a lie
I gotta firearm, you gonna die.

CHORUS

When heaven calls where will we be Like Satan's allies, we perpetuate misery

Our lids lowered, our brows cowered Tired are we - every ambition is soured Hopes ambitions relentlessly smashed Guns, artillery - not so easily trashed ...life is bad, but it could be worse Locked in a coffin, drawn in a hearse Bombs explode, bullets fly I gotta firearm, you gonna die. K Wales, I Lehloo, A Parker, J Jang Grade 10M



Greg Ross-Munro – Grade 12

The Innocent Victim

I stood before him, weeping with my sorrow. I saw his ragged wrists: a man pinned to a cross. A cross that was not really his; it belonged to another. But he was grateful for it, for his chance to meet his maker. They said he raped a poor girl. But I could not see it in his eyes, blackened, solemn eyes. The blood from his wrists dripped onto the stained wood and formed a pool. It would not mix nor add a stain to the forsaken platform on which he bled; his face bruised, bleeding, pale and hollow.

Yet he was grateful for this cross which belonged to another: the starvation was at an end, the suffering was incidental. Once more I gazed into his patient eyes and then I saw his pain, I saw his innocence and I saw his longing until the last for God, for God to forgive him for his sins.

And then suddenly his plight was finished and his feeble body bled no more. I could have sworn I heard a bell ring and saw an angel get his wings.

Kevin Gow 9B

Moon

Oh

Constant

Companion

To the lonely

Earth. Oasis

In the speckled

Sky, gateway To the heavens,

Secretive

Companion

Ever seeking

Ever searching

Mirror in the night,

One faced lamp

The guardian

Of knowledge The symbol of

Enlightenment

Questless

Quester

The mirror-star

In the night

Kevin Gow, 9B

BACK TO SCHOOL RAP

This is a rap coz I'm going back to school no more lazin' round the swimming pool no more mornings sleeping late or being able to decide my own fate

Rap! Rap! Knock on the door I'm gonna learn that 2+2 makes 4 Geography, History Maths and Science I'm gonna get a job or form an alliance

I don't have a choice of what to wear When I open the cupboard my uniforms there Can't wait to see my best friend A real cool guy on whom I depend

Together we have laughs and play sport Play a few pranks without getting caught Do our homework, join the choir Aim our sights higher and higher.

I gotta do well - can't act 'thick' Coz I'm one year closer to the end of Matric.

B Winderley, N Dabbs, R Ravenhill, A Mills, A Scott - Grade 10B

The Ghetto

A few kilometres east of where I now sit, lies the place from which I come, "The Ghetto." Funny as it may seem, all my love is invested in this place. Yet it may be days or even hours before it sees another death.

Sometimes I wonder if God is ever around to observe the gunshots, cries and poverty. It seems as if funerals are now "casual meeting places." Not a day passes without one hearing the "festive gunshot." Turn a corner and there again you'll come across a shack (not to mention the average "bum" who sits in the corner all day awaiting his last hour).

Only a few positive minds survive in my ghetto. Sometimes they flee but others remain. There, birth is just another excuse for a death. Yet no matter what the ignorant say, there is still a sense of "Ghetto Love", and I still love the place.

Jerry Nawa



Chris Shaw - Grade 11

Aftershock

The door swung slowly inward, and I clung onto the knob so tightly it made my knuckles pale. The room stared at me silently, but I felt it shake, a rumbling like thunder, everything crashed all around...

No! It was over! The earthquake had ended!

I took a deep breath, wrenching my hand free, and forced myself into the room. I wanted to step surely, solidly, as though that would bring stability back, but my shoes crunched upon the broken china strewn about the floor. I dodged my couch, spun from its normal place, and came to a nightstand and lamp which lay on their sides.

Somehow, neither lay broken. I picked up the lamp. It still gave off a sparkling reflection from its cylindrical base, and I twisted it around and gazed into it like a crystal ball. The littered floor, the table and couch, my fallen bureau, the overturned desk and computer, pictures that'd slid from the wall – all this reflected at me in an image distorted by the lamp's shape.

And there, in the midst of this distortion, blurred into a single image with the disarray about the room, was my face: a warped figure staring, eyes unnaturally wide.

Something screamed from the corner, and I dropped the lamp and covered my ears.

Down, down, down it fell, as if in slow motion, and my reflection within the base seemed to reach out, arms groping futilely above its head to stop the fall.

The lamp hit the hardwood floor and shattered, spraying everywhere.

The scream came again.

I wanted to scream back, but was stopped by a sudden realisation. "The phone!" I grunted, dropping my hands. I pushed my way into the kitchen. The reek coming from my overturned refrigerator nearly overwhelmed me, but I took short breaths, trying to inhale only through my mouth, and lifted the receiver.

"You okay?" my brother's voice asked calmly, a contrast to everything that surrounded me.

"I...I...think..." I began to answer.

"It's alright," he interrupted. "Maybe it's still too soon."

"No!" I blurted. "I can do this."

"Look, earthquakes are traumatic. And you had the worst of it."
"No!" I called again. "Damn it! I can handle this! It's been long

enough!"

My brother paused briefly, then said, "I know how you feel. I've been scared too. It can take time."

My grasp threatened to crush the phone and I cried, "Damn you! It's been three months, and I've never been..." I cut myself short.

Voice soothing, he said, "Okay. You decide what's best. You're welcome to keep staying with us – lucky my wife likes you!" He laughed, and continued more solemnly, "It's up to you. But remember: there's no shame in this. You've been through a lot."

I nodded with the phone still to my cheek, and said, "Okay."

After I hung up, I glanced around. The light flashed off the lamp shards I'd recently added to the mess, reflecting tiny pieces of myself scattered about.

"No shame!" I cried, shaking my head with my eyes closed. **Stephen Naudé 12B**

Crucified

Rugby vs St Stithians

The blood runs down my face and palm. My crown of pride digs deep. Hands come to comfort me in my pain and sorrow: the rough touch of a palm. I turn them away, my robes wet and cold from the loss. A serpent curls round my tongue, and words of anger pour out of my mouth. My friends and team-mates stare at me in disgust. They mock me as I cry. The clock ticks on by and the hour is almost done. The whistle blows: Saints wins, we lose our game. The fires of hell burn within me: night to day, sweet to sour. The crowd claps us off and we go home. It is finished. It is all finished.

The field is empty. Marks of soil and torn grass litter the field. I can still hear the crowd screaming – but too late. It is all finished.

Gareth Rees 9T



Marco Cannata - Grade 11

Armageddon

"Profound events are beginning to happen that will soon lead the world to a tragic catastrophe..."

She knew of hardship, pain; she knew of anguish and affliction. She thought she knew of evil, the deeds of evil men. This was the first time she had felt a tablet - baneful, enveloping - she indulged in the perverse rawness that seduced her. Saline crimson flowed, deluging irreverence -her body seemingly detached from her static cerebrum. Lights, entertainment - her entertainment: deluded aberration. A singular subliminal image - "the end of the world". She liked the sound of that for what a world she had come to know. Dull pain gnawed her softly like images of a mushroom cloud. But she was above that now, soaring, unobstructed - she was damned if the world was going to end without her.

"...the end of the world..." He felt the cold metallic hardness of the .22 calibre against the nave of his head. He felt the bullet enter him. No instant death; he had screwed up again. Everything had gone wrong. He had been an office clerk once...before he was retrenched, before they started downsizing. Now he was slumped forward, his life ebbing sluggishly from his body as he lay helpless. They were all going to die anyway, so why not die before them? He could feel the looming armageddon...that's what the guy on the television had said. He believed him.

Their worlds had ended. But the world did not end. Two suicides, seemingly unrelated. Two cerecloths. Two postmortems ... for the world did not end. The mortician trudged into his sterile workplace, his hands latex-surfaced, his scalpel gleaming malevolently. He glanced at the clock and smiled. It was ten-fifteen. The world should have ended - it hadn't. It was going to be a long day.

Kyle Wales, 10M



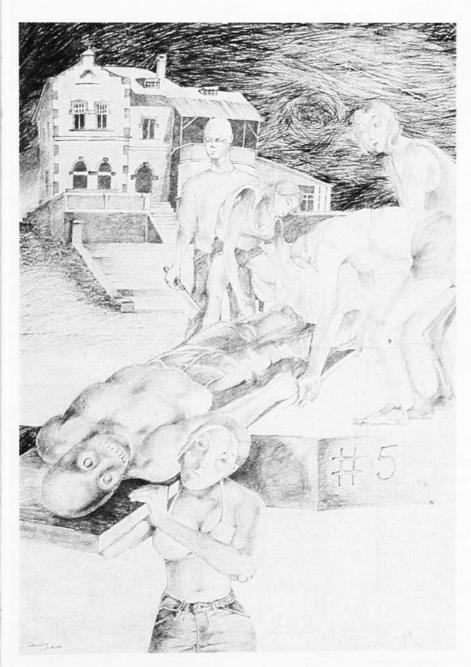
Michel Tyack - Grade 11

Hluhluwe - The Final Frontier

Kicking, screaming, crying, clutching and desperate last goodbyes. And those were just our parents! It was 22:30 on a Sunday night and we would soon be off to our Grade 9 Zululand adventure. We clambered onto the bus and chose our respective seats. We were told that when we were under way we would have half an hour's time to talk to friends and then it was lights out. So as soon as we were rolling we dutifully set about waking up as many people in Inanda as possible in our half-hour. After lights out and a few failed attempts at counting sheep, the teachers were declared asleep and we continued our discussions long into the night.

We arrived, rather drowsily, at 07:30. We were met at the gates by the rangers and waiting landrovers. We were driven to camp and the first animal we saw was a rhino! It was a great experience for the budding game rangers in the Grade 9 group. When we arrived at the campsite we were all given badges with our names and a picture of a giraffe, a warthog, a wildebeest or a zebra. These were the groups, and much to their delight the Zebras won a large wooden hippo trophy for being the top points scorers after the camp was over. Our groups determined what activities we would do when. After we were all settled down we ate breakfast, hiked to the swimming pool, swam and spent the rest of the day doing our art drawings and exploring the local tuckshop.

On the second day my group, the Giraffes, went rock climbing. This was up a 15m artificial wall. Not tough, you



David Jackson - Grade 11



Stuart Wilson - Grade 12

say. They had ways to make it harder: they blindfolded us, tied the right hand to the left foot and put socks on our hands to impede our grip. Of course, when I was the first to go up with a blindfold, I was told when I reached the 10m mark to reach out to my left and ring the bell (which was at the top). After about 2 minutes of seeking for this \$%^&* bell, I decided to trust only what I could feel.

On the third day we did some traditional Zulu things. First we learned how to make, ferment and finally taste traditional Zulu beer. Then we did some pottery with clay and rhino dung, and of course this led to the inevitable mud fights! We plastered each other, and Mr Buys, with mud from head to foot. We also made a giant mud slide, and slipped and skidded our way into the mud pool.

On the fourth day we practised the obstacle course in preparation for the following and final day at Babanango, when we would race the course against the other groups. We also went canoeing in a Big Five area (personally I didn't see all the promised crocodiles, etc., but it was great fun canoeing up river and letting the current carry us down again).

We were woken on the fifth and final day at 05:00 (i.e. very very early for those of us who enter a semi-comatose state when we sleep). We lined up and each team was sent off at 15 minute intervals. The Giraffes balanced, climbed and ran the obstacle course like pros, but were heavily penalised when we took 30 minutes to complete the final obstacle.

All in all the trip was great fun. And I haven't even been able to tell you about the night drive, the campfire activities, the trip to Cape Vidal or the night out in the bush! The camp was great, and I hope that the Grade 9s of next year enjoy it as much as we did.

Brendan Murray 9C



Grahame Finnemore - Grade 11

Nirvana: Sedgefield

Life in Johannesburg can become very hectic and exhausting. It takes its toll on your mind and body. There is no respite from the noise and stress. Ill-tempered teachers, ill-mannered students, stressed parents are the recipe for anarchy. That is when I sit and dream of Sedgefield.

Our wooden house is on stilts overlooking a vlei. This is mostly land where thick reeds grow and we spend hours watching a wide variety of exotic birds. As the sun rises we are greeted by the whistling of wings. Hundreds of birds leave their nests to search for food for their young. Colourful sunbirds, round coucals and the occasional pink flamingo sit at the edge of the vlei in front of us.

As dusk approaches one hears the fish eagles' cries, as high in the sky they soar in circles like gliders over the rising heat. The fish eagle returns to its nest, standing proudly, a god-like image watching over its territory.

Swartvlei has the most golden beaches that stretch for miles in the shape of a horseshoe. At first the dunes seem like a deserted desert, but then one hears the roaring of the ocean. I sit for hours with a coke in my hand, gazing into the far blue horizon. Lazily, I scan the beach hoping for a young, beautiful girl to walk past. But that never happens on this deserted beach.

As I drift off to sleep I am suddenly woken by the bark of a large St Bernard being taken for a walk by its master. I watch the dog bound along in the waves, searching for something new, like a great explorer who has just discovered a new world.

Suddenly harsh reality breaks into my dreams. The teacher towers over me, angry because I am not concentrating. I sit and wait for the time when once more I can visit my Nirvana.

James Linington 90



Michel Marchand - Grade 11

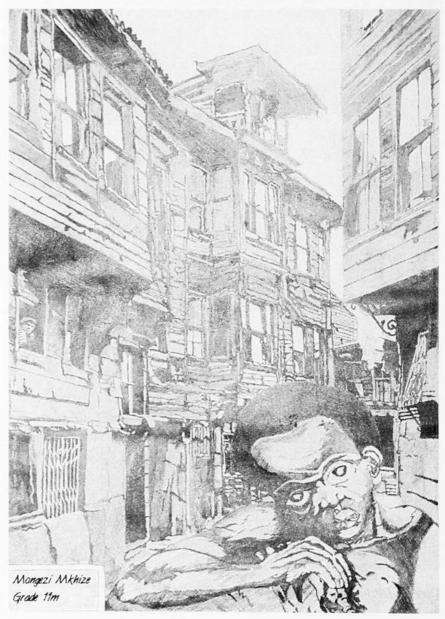
Just Me and My Reflection

Have you ever been alone at night Standing in front of the mirror Did you ever reminisce over the day Standing in front of the mirror The day gone by when it was just me The real unaltered me Standing in front of the mirror Not for the colour of my skin Nor the clothes on my back Nor the money in my pocket Just me and my reflection Naked of my ego Choking on my pride Ridden of all delusions Just me and my reflection My eyes bright against the dark outside Staring at me At me and my reflection

When you believe in your own lies
Or are fooled by your own illusions
Gaze into your looking-glass
Ignore the mist and fog
You will find a stranger
A naked humble stranger
You will find the truth and its reflection
And it will hit you right between the eyes

Now suddenly my eyes are not so bright
And the dark seems to be more light
My head is hung in humility
Now I know the real me
It's just me
Just me and my reflection

Kevin Gow 9B



Mongezi Mkhize - Grade 11



Nicholas Ranger - Gr12



Grahame Finnemore - Gr11

Rigid

Crime, violence, robbery and drugs Stats show too many of us getting mugged Innocent civilians hijacked and slugged Ministry of security, please reduce the thugs.

Since our parents' generation, drugs have been dangerous We need to spread education, the situation is serious Can't you find a solution? Think hard it's obvious. Stop drug consumption, because you know they're killing us.

The situation of violence is now quite phenomenal Guns rest under thugs' vests by the abdominal You can't tell from their dress who is the criminal But the crime rate needs to be made minimal.

F Valente, E Giuricich - Grade 10M

Now we've let you all know that the situation is real
And its sad when we good fellows catch a raw deal
And pain is a part of life that we all feel
But this hijack game is making us ill.
Now how do we catch and punish the thugs
Death sentence maybe, because they're starting to bug
Dealers keep on smuggling through borders those deadly drugs
Police, do your job, put them all in handcuffs!
So in conclusion
We need to stop confusion
and miscued illusion
of an ideal constitution
Are we ever going to find a solution?
Maybe not...but we still have to pull together as a nation.

C Hepburn, T Monyemore, M Mavromaras, R Davies,



Greg Ross-Munro - Gr12

That Day

It's been about two years now since that day. I can still remember the fear and anxiety I felt. It was a relatively cold and damp day. The wind was blowing with an eerie howl and it was drizzling quite hard. I thought that the weather would clear up, but as the day progressed it didn't.

I was not quite sure where I was walking, but my feet seemed to know where they were, and as I walked, the rain pouring down, wind howling, I wondered if it was all worth it, worth the pain and suffering I would have to endure in the coming hours. I must admit, though, I was not the only one. There were a few other fools, many who also seemed to have no clue as to why they had come.

We all started looking nervously at our watches as if the time had come, and it had. The door opened and someone came out. A lady signalled to one of us. Off he went, the first one to endure the pain of the following few minutes. About twenty minutes later the door swung open and the boy reappeared. He had a certain, proud smile on his face. After this the group slowly shrank in numbers as the door opened and closed, sucking in the poor souls. Some returned with a gigantic smile on their faces, others with nothing.

Eventually there were only two of us. The hand signalled to me to come in first. My friend watched as I disappeared behind the heavy door. I was inside, looking nervously around. Somewhere in my sub-conscious I felt I knew this place. It was a relatively old building with quite antique furniture. I was summoned into the room. My hands began to sweat as I was shown "the chair." I sat down and after about fifteen minutes the ordeal that had just a while ago begun, was over.

I walked out of the old building feeling proud. The fear and anxiety had all left my body, as I walked home knowing that my high school entrance was assured.

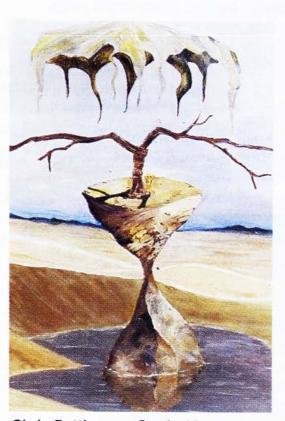
Michael Gibson 9T



Philip Raw - Grade 10



Philip Kobila – Grade 12



Chris Pottinger - Grade 12



Luke Chandler - Grade 12



Andrew Munro - Grade 10



Wayne Collett - Grade 12



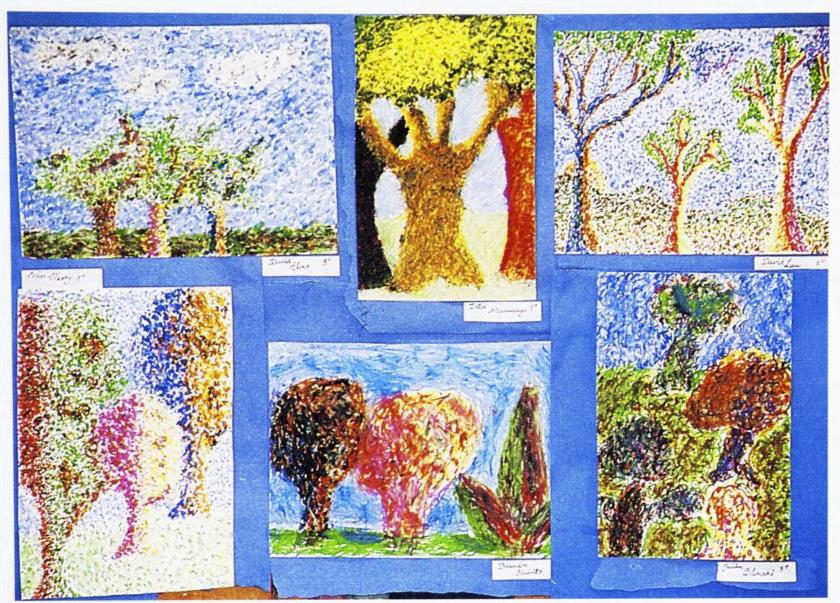
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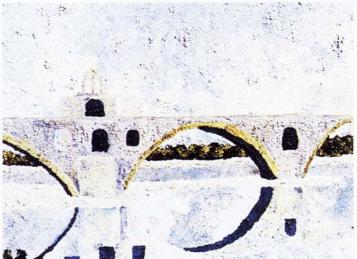
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Grade 8 Impressionist Trees



Stuart Wilson - Grade 12



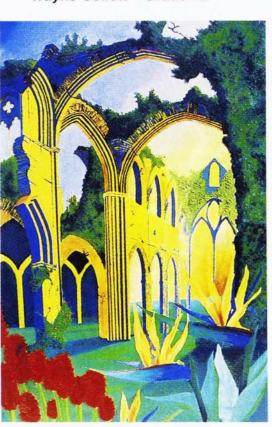
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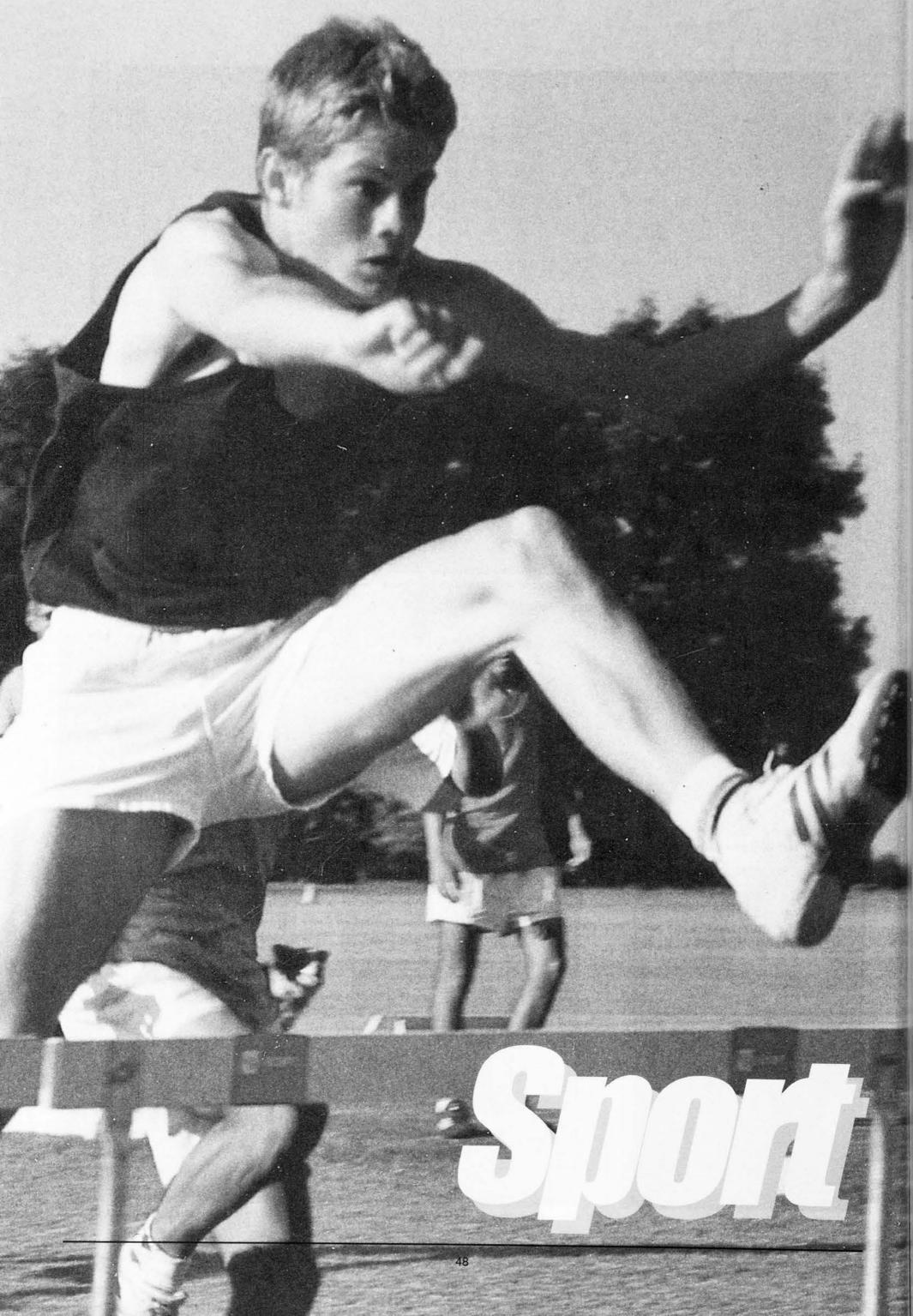
Grant Perry - Grade 10



Nicholas Ranger - Grade 12



Luca Guareschi - Grade 12



Athletics



Athletics

Back row: Mr S Fry; M Bembridge; S Contardo; J Morte; D Randall; B O'Shea; I Busschau; Mr S Young Middle row: J Jericevich; R Davies; D Archary; M Marsay; G Geldenhuys; W Collett; N Haralambous; G Brennon; J Sing

Front row: Miss L Nolan; Mr W Craven; Mrs T Vroom; V van der Merwe; L Fiasconaro; R Tait; Mrs K Emery; Mr G Behr; Mrs E Snyman

This year's athletics season consisted of 5 Inter-School meetings, with the highlights being retaining the B Inter-High by a comfortable margin, as well as a very enjoyable Inter-House meeting. Other notable performances were losing to Jeppe A by a mere six points and beating St Alban's on two occasions. All in all the 1998 season proved very successful, with a number of athletes achieving some excellent individual performances. Congratulations to all the athletes for their performances and

behaviour both on and off the track. Thanks must go to all the staff who were dedicated and committed throughout the season. Also a special thanks to Father Brewer, who once again ensured that the standards and records were efficiently and accurately kept up to date. Fr Brewer's contributions to athletics at St David's over the years have been enormous, and on behalf of the athletics team I would like to thank him and wish him well. *G Behr*



Behind the scenes: announcer, scorers and scribe

Summary of results:

Inter-Schools' at St Alban's (9 September)

St David's 393
 St Alban's 390
 St Benedict's 286
 St Stithians 219
 Athlone 87

Standards: 51 Records: 3

Inter-Schools' at St David's (12 September)

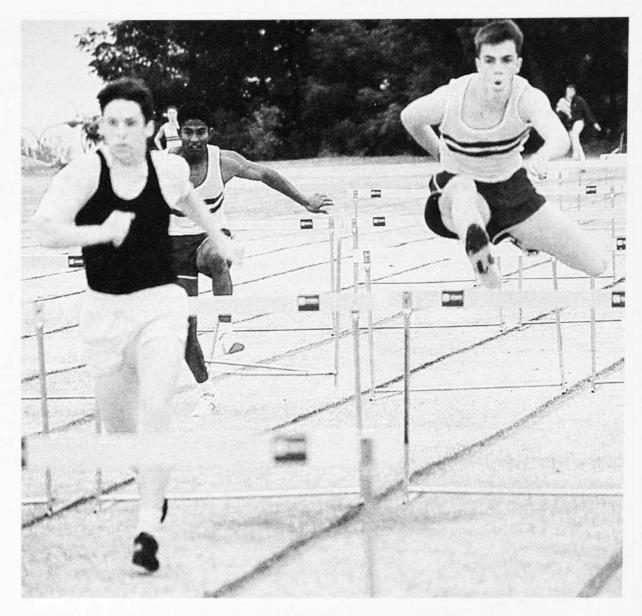
Jeppe 356
 St David's 349

Standards: 52 Records: 4

Inter-Catholic (18 September)

1. St Benedict's 502 2. St David's 467 3. De La Salle 425 La Salle 358 4. Sacred Heart 342 5. Holy Family 303 6. 7. Maryvale 79 8. Boys' Town 58

Standards: 32 Records: 8



Brendan O'Shea and Deon Archary straddle the hurdles during an Inter-High meeting



Luca Fiasconaro and Paul Owens were joint winners of the Victor Ludorum award

B Inter-High at St David's (19 September)

1. St David's 402 St Alban's 2. 385 3. KES B 354 4. Parktown B 326 5. Pretoria B 261 6. St Stithians B 255 7. St John's B 237 8. Jeppe B 211

Standards: 36 Records: 3

Private Schools' Pentangular at St Stithians (30 September)

St Stithians 360½
 St John's 318
 St Alban's 157
 St David's 138½
 St Benedicts 104

Standards: 38 Records: 3

ST DAVID'S INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Inter-House Athletics (Track and Field)

College Benedict The Bishops Osmond

Standards: 123 Records: 5

Inter-House Age Group Winners:

U/14

N Haralambous/D Shillaw

D Msimango

U/15

J Mitri

M Rowley

R Pizzi

U/16

M Marsay

M Eilertsen

R Davies

U/17

I Busschau

D Archary

B O'Shea/J Morte

Open

L Fiasconaro/P Owens V van der Merwe



The Headmaster demonstrates his impartiality at the Inter-House meeting

Total standards and records for the season:

Standards: 332 Records: 26

New Records for 1998:

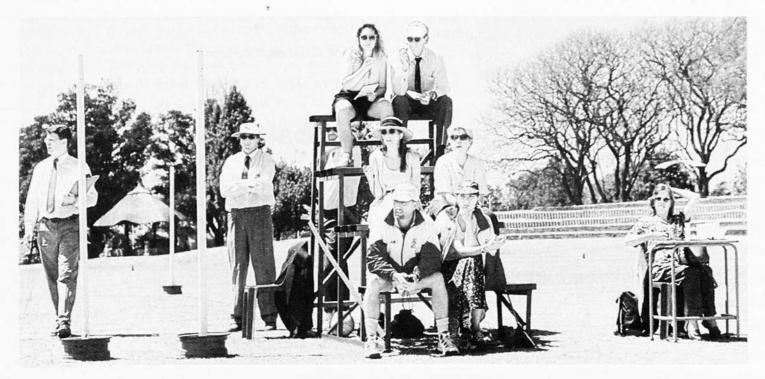
Track events:

| U/17 | I Busschau | 800m: | 2:05.38 |
|------|---------------|--------|---------|
| | | 1500m: | 4:32.85 |
| U/16 | M Marsay | 400m: | 52:49 |
| | | 800m: | 2:05.87 |
| U/14 | M di Pasquale | 1500m: | 4:44.89 |

| Field | events: | | |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Open | W Collett | Long Jump: | 6.44m |
| | J Morte | Discus: | 35.52m |
| U/17 | N Royce J Morte | High Jump: Discus: Javelin: | 1.80m (equals record) 41.40m 51.30m |
| U/16 | G Brennon S Falconer | High Jump: Discus: | 1.80m (equals record) 35.69m |
| U/15 | D Tucker | Javelin: | 45.68m |
| | M Miller | Discus: | 40.48m |
| U/14 | N Haralambous | Long Jump: | 5.36m |
| | P Smith | Triple Jump: | 11.49m |
| | G Barrow | Javelin: | 42.17m |

The following boys have been awarded their Age Group Scrolls:

| U/15 | B Rowlings M Miller D Tucker | | E Dall B Winderley S Makan | Half Colours: S Contardo D Archary | G Geldenhuys R Tait |
|------|--|---|--|--|---|
| U/16 | S Aronson N Laher D Buttrick J Mitri M Bembridge M Eilertsen R Davies S Falconer | U/17 | F Valente A Chemaly A Munro P Smith D Randall B O'Shea J Tonetti T Masterton | Full Colours: L Fiasconaro W Collett I Busschau G Brennon | V van der Merwe J Morte N Royce M Marsay |
| | | M Miller D Tucker S Aronson N Laher D Buttrick J Mitri M Bembridge U/16 M Eilertsen R Davies | M Miller D Tucker S Aronson N Laher D Buttrick J Mitri M Bembridge U/17 U/16 M Eilertsen R Davies S Falconer | M Miller B Winderley D Tucker S Makan S Aronson F Valente N Laher A Chemaly D Buttrick A Munro J Mitri P Smith M Bembridge U/17 D Randall U/16 M Eilertsen R Davies J Tonetti S Falconer T Masterton | M Miller D Tucker S Makan S Aronson F Valente N Laher D Buttrick J Mitri M Bembridge U/17 D Randall W Collett I Busschau G Brennon R Davies S Falconer B Winderley S Contardo D Archary Full Colours: L Fiasconaro W Collett I Busschau G Brennon |



Place judges and timekeepers at the ready

Basketball



Senior and Junior Basketball

Back row: R Abvajee; A Shine; W Ho; D O'Haughey; L Chandler

Middle row: T Wu; M Mavromaras; T Chen; M Nawa; T Mangope; D Duarte; J Sing

Front row: J Nawa; C Mapharuma; Mrs K van der Riet; M Mageza; Miss M Brickett;

K Nkosi; T Tshiwula

Senior Basketball

This basketball season was one of the best seasons the school has ever played - we qualified through to the semi - final of the playoff championships.

Each player had his own special ability to add to the team effort as a whole. Every player was committed to the team because of his love for the game and because of all the fun that we had.

Our coach, Eve, was a strong anchor for the players, helping us to build up our skills and therefore boosting our confidence when we played against other schools. Teamwork was the key factor. The whole senior basketball team was awarded ties for their outstanding effort and Fako Lenkoe won a sports scholarship to Damelin.

Although we did not have as loud a support medium as other schools did, we showed that St David's were not going to give up and because of this we gained a lot of respect.

Many thanks go to Miss Brickett, Eve and Mr McMillan for making it possible for us to play the game that we love.

M Mageza, Captain

Junior Basketball

| RESULT | S | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Competitor | Score | Win / Loss |
| King David Victory Park | 22 - 16 | Win |
| The French School | 40 – 30 | Loss |
| Yeshiva School | 51 – 28 | Loss |
| Phuteng School | 19 – 14 | Loss |
| Quarter finals against French School | 22 - 11 | Loss |

Apart from the listed fixtures, we also played two friendly games. The first one was against our biggest rugby rivals - St Stithians College. We showed them that basketball is a different game with a different ball and we defeated them 25 - 13. The second friendly was against St John's where we won 38 - 21.

The Junior Basketball team would like to thank Miss Brickett for her hard work and contribution to the team.

T Mangope, Captain

Canoeing



1998 was an exciting year for the club. With all the "experienced" members like Shaun Levick and Alfred Foden matriculating in 1997, we had to start building the club at Junior level. Despite the fact that everyone had only started out at the beginning of the year, we participated in various river and sprint races. The boys did us proud with their courage, determination and enthusiasm.

T Vroom

Canoeing

Back row: T Dlukulu; W Gordon;

B Rowlings

Front row: A Roberts (Capt); Mr W vd Merwe; N Powell;

Socks (Mascot)

Cricket

Cricket at St David's - a perspective

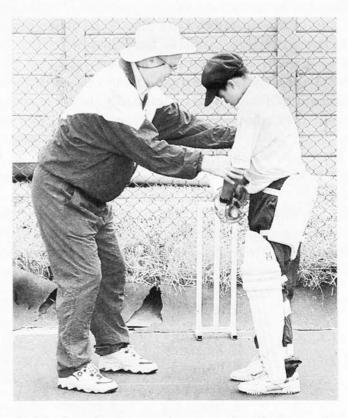
As is the case in most walks of life, one notices quite quickly how to differentiate between the Achievers and the under-Achievers. Almost without exception, the Achievers at St David's are proud to represent the College; they are smartly turned out for both matches and practices - they arrive on time, are the last to leave - the quickest to offer help, the first to say thank you and the last to moan or gripe. The under-Achievers are often sloppily turned out - without pride, taking everything for granted. They find excuses for being late, for being absent and for their lack of success.

Fortunately at St David's, there are many more Achievers than under-Achievers. To be a successful schoolboy cricketer requires some basic natural ability, but even more important is the *desire* to succeed and a positive attitude. One cannot do better than one's best, but too often there is a gap between one's *actual* best and one's *self-perceived* best.

During the approximate three years I have been associated with St David's, I have experienced several emotions. I have shared the elation of those boys who have been selected for provincial and area teams, I have shared the heartache of those who deserved selection but missed out, and I have experienced my own disappointment at not being able to get the best out of some boys.

Students and their parents should be extremely proud of the amenities at St David's - three excellent grounds with good wickets, including one of the most beautiful ovals at any school I have ever seen - now replete with sightscreens, boundary ropes, thatched scorer's hut, etc. With the recent addition of the Sports Pavilion, we are now able to compete with the best. Our practice nets and facilities are also outstanding. Our next step *must* be to start producing more positive results on the field.

Cricket is unique. It is a team game in which individuals can excel. How many boys, I wonder, are more delighted by their



own individual performance in a match which was lost than those who performed more moderately in a match that was won? A good team is one where the whole is greater than the sum of its component parts – synergy, where 1+1 is greater than 2.

It should always be remembered that cricket should be played for fun, but the rider to this is that the better one plays, the more fun one has, and the more fun one has, the better one plays.

At the end of the day, I just wish that the player can look his coach, or his teacher, or his parent, straight in the eye and say, "I honestly did give it my best shot!"

Rodger Butt, Cricket Professional



First XI Cricket

Back row: W Bruns; M Lacueva; R Wood

Middle row: J Lekalakala; S Naudé; J West; I Busschau; M Miller

Front row: B Leadbeater; D Biezanek; Mr G McMillan; J Morte (Capt); Mr R Butt; B Murray (Scorer); R Brunette

First XI

"Cricket is, in a sense, warfare in miniature and a cricket match should be fought out by both sides with all the resources of spirit and technique at their command" MCC Cricket Coaching Book

The '98 cricket season at St David's was definitely a war of two fortunes. For the young and inexperienced side the first half of the year was a tough learning curve. Out of the eleven matches played the young puppies only lost four.

The lessons learnt by these hard fought results (junior players being forced to mature) stood the side in good stead for the second half of the season. The side played seven games and won six of these and only drew one. The highlight of Term 3 was undoubtedly the 8 wicket win over Jeppe Boys.

The following boys represented the Sandton Area Side in the Beckworth

J. Morte, R. Wood, I. Busschau, B. Leadbeater, R. Brunette, K. Speirs, K. Haswell, M. Maleleka. Unfortunately there was no provincial selection for the U/19.

Michael Miller played in the PG Bison week, representing the Gauteng U/15B side. He also captained the side.

I think that it would be fair to say that in the 1998 cricket season St David's might have lost a few battles but we won the war.

The 1998 Squad

| J. Morte | W. Bruns |
|-------------|-----------------|
| D. Biezanek | J. West |
| R. Brunette | K. Haswell |
| I. Busschau | K. Speirs |
| R. Wood | M. Miller |
| G. Horsten | B. Leadbeater |
| M. Maleka | |
| A. Munro | |
| G. Brennon | Played one game |
| G. Johnston | |
| Awards: | |

Full Colours - J. Morte Half Colours - I. Busschau - W. Bruns

Match Results: - Term 1 1998

KES - 17/1/98

| KES | 199/7 | I. Busschau 6/80/23 |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| ST DAVID'S | 111/9 | R. Brunette 37 |
| Match drawn | 111/3 | R. Brunette 37 |
| or totalle 24/1 | /0.0 | |
| ST JOHN'S - 24/1 | | 1.14 - 2.700.70 |
| ST JOHN'S | 94/6 | J. Morte 3/28/9 |
| | 0.1 11.0 | W. Bruns 3/14/8 |
| ST DAVID'S | 91/10 | K. Spiers 18 |
| | | R. Wood 16 |
| Lost by 3 runs | | |
| WANDERERS NO | MADS - 25 | /1/98 |
| NOMADS | 183/5 | K. Speirs 1/15/6 |
| | | M. Miller 1/36/2 |
| ST DAVID'S | 177/7 | J. Morte 84 n.o. |
| | | R. Wood 23 |
| | | I. Busschau 20 |
| Match drawn | | |
| ALEX - 28/1/90 | J.W.K.O. | |
| ST DAVID'S | 207/6 | R. Brunette 40 |
| | | R. Wood 35 |
| ALEX | 125/10 | J. Morte 2/17/5 |
| | 1-0/1-0 | J. Lekalakala 2/25/5 |
| | | S. Naude 2/8/5 |
| Won by 75 runs | | 5 |
| RANDPARK - 31 | /1 /98 | |
| RANDPARK | 133/10 | J. Morte 2/31/11 |
| KANDIAKK | 133/10 | M. Lacueva 2/15/8 |
| | | M. Miller 2/46/15 |
| ST DAVID'S | 134/6 | S. Naude 42 |
| 31 DAVID 3 | 134/0 | J. Lekalakala 27 |
| | | |
| 10 1 1 1 1 | | R. Brunette 25 |
| Won by 4 wickets | | |
| | | |

| POTCH BOYS - | 4/2/98 | J.W.K.O. | RANDBURG - 7 | 7/3/98 | |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| POTCH | 184/4 | I. Busschau 1/46/7 | ST DAVID'S | 134/10 | J. Lekalakala 32 n.o. |
| | | J. Lekalakala 1/29/7 | | | M. Miller 20 |
| ST DAVID'S | 156/10 | S. Naude 56 | RANDBURG | 136/5 | M. Miller 2/34/17 |
| | | R. Brunette 26 | | | W. Bruns 1/36/12 |
| Lost by 25 runs | 3 | | Lost by 5 wicke | ets | |
| | | | | | |
| QUEENS - 28/2 | | | | | |
| ST DAVID'S | 182/6 | R. Wood 56 | Results for 1 | st Term 199 | 98 |
| | | J. Morte 44 | PLAYED | 11 | |
| OT IPPN 10 | 122.5 | J. West 30 | WON | 3 | |
| QUEENS | 133/7 | K. Speirs 2/24/9 | | | |
| | | I. Busschau 2/26/8 | DRAWN | 4 | |
| Match drawn | | | LOST | 4 | |

| Name | Runs | Outs | Ave | Max | Innings | Runs | Overs | Wickets | RPO | Ave | Matches |
|--------------|------|------|------|-----|---------|------|-------|---------|-----|--------|---------|
| D Biezanek | 39 | 5 | 7.8 | 14 | 6 | 52 | 9 | 2 | 5.8 | 26 | 9 |
| J Morte | 408 | 10 | 40.8 | 84 | 15 | 347 | 108 | 21 | 3.2 | 16.5 | 18 |
| R Brunette | 240 | 14 | 17.1 | 51 | 15 | | 23 | 2 | 0 | 11.5 | 18 |
| K Haswell | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 245 | 71 | 20 | 3.5 | 12.3 | 9 |
| I Busschau | 207 | 11 | 18.8 | 63 | 13 | 428 | 103 | 16 | 4.2 | 26.8 | 16 |
| K Speirs | 42 | 6 | 7 | 18 | 8 | 330 | 99.5 | 14 | 3.3 | 23.6 | 16 |
| B Leadbeater | 106 | 9 | 11.8 | 33 | 11 | | | | | | 18 |
| R Wood | 415 | 14 | 29.6 | 56 | 18 | | | | | A PART | 18 |
| M Miller | 268 | 10 | 26.8 | 74 | 12 | 348 | 107 | 22 | 3.3 | 15.8 | 14 |
| G Horsten | 15 | 0 | | 13 | 2 | 67 | 14 | 2 | 4.8 | 33.5 | 9 |
| M Maleka | 88 | 4 | 22 | 59 | 5 | 59 | 19 | 2 | 3.1 | 29.5 | 11 |
| G Johnstone | 25 | 0 | | 25 | 1 | | | | | | 2 |
| Totals | 1853 | 83 | 22.3 | 84 | 106 | 1899 | 532 | 99 | 3.6 | 19.2 | |

Runs for 1828 Runs against 1899 Wickets for 97 Wickets against 83

Match Results: - Term 3 1998

| DANDDARK 7 | /10/08 | | NORTHCLIFF - | 31/10/98 | |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| RANDPARK - 7 | | K. Haswell 4/21/6 | NORTHCLIFF | 267/4 | J. Morte 4/52/16 |
| RANDPARK | 88/10 | M. Miller 24 n.o. | ST DAVID'S | 166/8 | R. Wood 26 |
| ST DAVID'S | 89/0 | R. Wood 24 n.o. | 31 DAVID 3 | 100/0 | M. Malaleka 59 |
| Won by 10 wick | ets | R. Wood 21 II.O. | Match drawn | | |
| HYDE PARK 21 | /10/95 | | | | |
| HYDE PARK | 41/10 | M. Miller 5/7/5 | FOURWAYS 4- | | 77 77 11 0 /10 /0 |
| 111001 | 77.77 mon | K. Haswell 2/14/4 : | FOURWAYS | 113/10 | K. Haswell 3/12/6 |
| ST DAVID'S | 44/0 | R. Wood 23 n.o. | | | J. Morte 2/14/4 |
| | | M. Miller 20 n.o. | | | M. Miller 2/14/6 |
| Won by 10 wick | ets | | ST DAVID'S | 117/4 | I. Busschau 2/30/55 J. Morte 47 |
| a | 24/10 | /0.0 | Won by 6 wick | | J. Morte 47 |
| SANDRINGHAM | | M. Miller 74 | Woll by 6 wick | ets | |
| ST DAVID'S | 230/8 | I. Norte 42 | | | |
| | | J. Norte 42 I. Busschau 63 | ST ALBAN'S - | | ** ** 11.0 /41 /1 = |
| CANDDINGHAM | 111/10 | K. Haswell 3/28/8 | ST ALBAN'S | 155/10 | |
| SANDRINGHAM | 111/10 | K. Speirs 3/27/93 | om D 1 1 11 10 10 | 155/10 | K. Speirs 4/36/10 |
| | | I. Busschau 2/18/9 | ST DAVID'S | 157/10 | M. Miller 35 |
| | | J. Morte 2/26/7 | n/ 1 - 2 - 2 - 1 | | J. Morte 34 |
| Won by 119 run | IS | J. Morte 2/20/1 | Won by 3 wick | ets | |
| | | | | | |
| JEPPE - 28/10/ | | K. Haswell 3/19/6 | | | |
| JEPPE | 124/8 | J. Morte 2/15/5 | Results for 3 | ard Term | 1998 |
| | | M. Miller 2/14/6 | PLAYED | 7 | |
| ST DAVID'S | 127/2 | M. Miller 35 | WON | 6 | |
| JI DAVID J | , - | R. Wood 50 | | | |
| | | J. Morte 31 | DRAWN | 1 | |
| Won by 8 wicke | ts | | LOST | 0 | |
| TOTAL DI OTTAL | pro-tree | | | | |

STATISTICS TERM 1

| BATTING | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------|------|---------|------|------|----|----|-------|---------|-----|---------|
| Player | Matches | Runs | Innings | Outs | Ave | 4s | 6s | Balls | St Rate | Тор | Catches |
| D Biezanek | 8 | 34 | 4 | 3 | 11.3 | 3 | 0 | 124 | 0.27 | 14 | 0 |
| J Morte | 8 | 189 | 6 | 3 | 63 | 27 | 2 | 189 | 1 * | 47 | 2 |
| R Brunette | 8 | 29 | 5 | 5 | 5.8 | 1 | 0 | 137 | 0.21 | 13 | 1 |
| K Haswell | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 2 |
| I Busschau | 8 | 95 | 5 | 4 | 23.8 | 14 | 0 | 141 | 0.67 | 63 | 1 |
| K Speirs | 8 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 3.5 | 1 | 0 | 43 | 0.16 | 7 | 1 |
| R Wood | 8 | 220 | 8 | 5 | 44 | 29 | 0 | 248 | 0.89 | 50 | 2 |
| M Miller | 8 | 230 | 8 | 6 | 38.3 | 31 | 0 | 417 | 0.55 | 74 | 1 |
| G Horsten | 8 | 15 | 2 | 0 | | 2 | 0 | 43 | 0.35 | 13 | 3 |
| M Maleka | 7 | 71 | 3 | 2 | 35.5 | 8 | 1 | 101 | 0.7 | 59 | 0 |
| G Johnstone | 1 | 25 | 1 | 0 | | 2 | 0 | 67 | 0.37 | 25 | 1 |
| B Leadbeater | 8 | 24 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 0.53 | 19 | 6 |

| BOWLING | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|-----|----|----|----|----|
| Player | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average | RPO | 4s | 6s | NB | WB |
| D Biezanek | 2 | 0 | 15 | 0 | | 7.5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J Morte | 51.1 | 5 | 189 | 13 | 14.5 | 3.7 | 22 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| R Brunette | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| K Haswell | 64 | 6 | 216 | 18 | 12 | 3.4 | 24 | 0 | 19 | 13 |
| l Busschau | 47.5 | 8 | 198 | 6 | 33 | 4.2 | 27 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| K Speirs | 54.8 | 14 | 175 | 10 | 17.5 | 3.2 | 21 | 1 | 13 | 7 |
| M Miller | 51.4 | 9 | 143 | 12 | 11.9 | 2.8 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| G Horsten | 9 | 0 | 52 | 0 | | 5.8 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

Total runs for 939

Total wickets for 59

Total runs against 994

Total wickets against 32

Second XI

Won 6 games - Lost 3 games

Our first game was against a strong KES side. We fought hard but unfortunately lost. The team soon gelled together and found a good rhythm. We qualified through to the second round of the John Waite B section, with a very close loss against Lenasia.

The team also had a great number of victories over other teams such as Azaadville, Randpark, King David Victory Park, Sandringham, St Alban's and Queens.

The team had a lot of spirit and was one of the best sides I have ever played in. Every member performed when he needed to.

Consistent batting performances came from Charles Tomsett, Murray White, Dom Biezanik and James West, while good bowling performances came from Paul Taliadoras, Clinton Verhoog, Kevin Haswell, David Randall, Mario Lacueva and Charles Tomsett.

Mr Young, our coach, helped us a great deal and supported each one of us. This great season would not have been possible without him.

M White, Captain



Second XI Cricket

Back row: L Liddiard; G Geldenhuys; B Hubbard; K Haswell; M Lacueva; D Randall; D Bradbury; P Edkins

Front row: J Orr; N Royce; M White (Capt); Mr S Young; D Biezanek; P Taliodoras

Third XI



Third XI Cricket

Back row: S Matshikwe; J Tonetti; JR McKay; B Thomas; P Edkins; C Thomas; C Shaw Front row: M Mkhize; W Greenwood; Mr R Butt;

V vd Merwe; A Holmes; L Liddiard

We enjoyed a successful season. We played a total of 6 games, winning 4 and losing 2.

We experienced a high standard of cricket. The batting highlights of the season were Liddiard's 71 and Tonetti's 51, while the good bowling performances came from Liddiard, Mashikwe, Van der Merwe and Orr.

On behalf of my team, I would like to thank Mr Fry for coaching us this season.

C Thomas, Captain

| | | RESULTS | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| St David's Vs | St David's | Opponent | Result | Special Mention |
| Randpark | 120 / 6 | 106 / 8 | Won by 14 runs | Liddiard 71 |
| King David Linksfield | 143 / 3 | 70 after 20 overs | Won by 73 runs | C. Thomas 1 / 16, J. Orr 1 / 12, Tonetti 51 not out, Shaw 29 |
| Sandringham | 108 all out | 90 / 8 | Won by 18 runs | |
| St Alban's | 87 all out | 87 / 3 | Lost by 7 wickets | B. Thomas 21 |
| Queens | 131 / 8 | 102 all out | Won by 29 runs | Mashikwe 2 / 8, Liddiard 2 / 13, J. Orr 2 / 25, Van der Merwe 2 /2, J. Orr 27, Randall 30 not out |
| Randburg | 92/9 after 20 overs | 93/7 after 18.5 overs | Lost by 2 wickets | J. Orr 25 |
| | | | | |

Fourth XI



Fourth XI Cricket

Back row: P Kuzwayo; T Warnecke; S Browne; F Bush; M Lopes; H Cheng Front row: M Marchand; C Bredenoord; D Cochrane (Capt); Mr M Williams;

M Skosana; G Atkinson

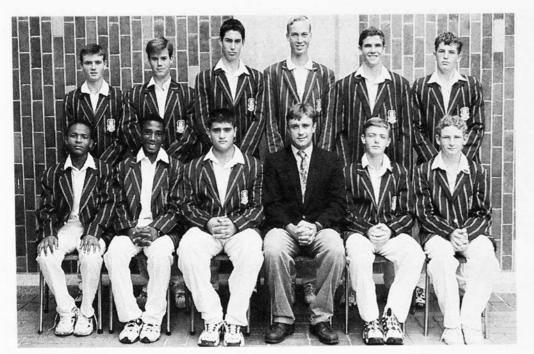
The middle stump flies out of the ground, as Lopes takes his 5 wicket haul for just 9 runs. This was the highlight of the season for the whole team.

We called our team, "The Fighting Fourths", as it was in our nature to fight for victory. Our team had the potential and tried to improve its standards at all times. Unfortunately, the results do not reflect the improvement in the players' performance during the season. What was most pleasing was that the team played and practised with spirit and enthusiasm, even though we often faced strong opposition.

D Cochrane, Captain

| | RESU | JLTS | |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| St David's Vs | St David's | Opponent | Result |
| Northcliff | 40 all out | 42 / 4 | Lost by 6 wickets |
| Bryanston | 91 / 6 | 93 / 2 | Lost by 8 wickets |
| KES | 64 all out | 188 / 4 | Lost by 124 runs |
| Northcliff | 101/6 | 104 / 2 | Lost by 8 wickets |
| St Alban's | 51 all out | 54 / 2 | Lost by 8 wickets |
| Randburg | 25 all out | 51 all out | Lost by 26 runs |

Under 16A



Under 16A Cricket

Back row: G Brennon; G Johnstone; C Hepburn;

G Horsten; A Munro; T Garden

Front row: M Maleka; J Lekalakala; A Chemaly;

Mr G Behr; K Sterrenberg; C Wood

The success of the season is reflected by the results. Of the eight matches played, we won six and lost 2.

The greatest strength of this side was its spirit, determination and will to win. This was characterised by the fact that we weren't reliant on any particular batsman or bowler to perform consistently.

A Chemaly, Captain

| | | RESULTS | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| St David's Vs | St David's | Opponent | Result | Special Mention |
| KES | 156 all out | 157 / 3 | Lost by 7 wickets | |
| St John's | 71 / 4 after 20 overs | 70 after 25 overs | Won by 6 wickets | |
| Randpark | 71 / 9 | 70 all out | Won by 1 wicket | Munro 5 / 22 |
| King David Linksfield | 157 / 1 | 156 / 9 | Won by 9 wickets | Maleka 122 off 13 overs |
| Sandringham | 153 / 7 | 101 all out | Won by 52 runs | Chemaly 56 |
| St Stithians | 92 all out | 145 / 7 | Lost by 53 runs | |
| Queens | 257 / 7 | 108 all out | Won by 149 runs | Brennon 148, Sterrenberg 51 |
| Randburg | 180 / 5 | 176 all out | Won by 5 wickets | Munro 5 / 31, Horsten 62 |

Under 16B



Under 16B Cricket

Back row: A Mills; G Roberts; L Atherton;

D Bauer; T Wood

Front row: W Thrupp; N Dabbs; B Winderley;

Mr R Butt; A Tennant

As is reflected below, we played 8 matches, we won 4, drew 1 and lost 3. The team played well, but we lost our spirit towards the end of the season.

B Winderley, Captain

| | | RESUL | .TS | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| St David's Vs | St David's | Opponent | Result | Special Mention |
| KES | 123 all out | 162 / 8 | Lost by 39 runs | Vundla 3 / 21, Goldby 23 |
| St John's | 142/5 | 142 | Drawn | Vundla 3 / 32, Winderley 72 not out |
| Randpark | 200 | 110 all out | Won by 90 runs | Mills 2 / 12, Goldby 86 |
| King David Linksfield | 63 / 2 | 62 all out | Won by 8 wickets | Thrupp 3 / 15, Goldby 32 |
| Sandringham | 54 / 3 | 52 all out | Won by 7 wickets | Mills 6 / 20, Goldby 21 |
| St Stithians | 95 all out | 125 | Lost by 30 runs | Atherton 2 / 12 |
| Queens | 120 / 4 | 118 all out | Won by 6 wickets | Thrupp 3 / 20, Winderley 56 not out |
| Randburg | 95 all out | 130 all out | Lost by 35 runs | Vundla 4 / 50 |

Under 16C



Under 16C Cricket

Back row: D Brown; W Exton; JP Pera; A de Ujfalussy;

J Haralambous

Front row: N Powell; M Shafer; G Naudé; Mr R Butt;

A Roberts

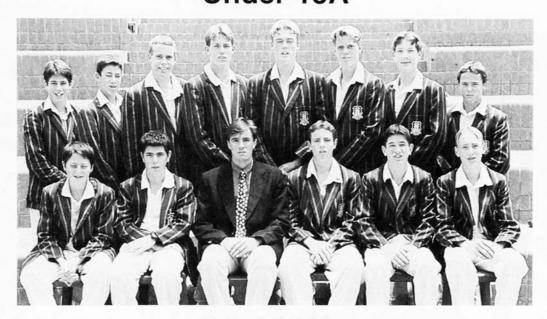
This season was very enjoyable. We played 5 games; we won 2 and lost 3.

Everyone in the team played well. Although the batting season was not great, our bowling was very good this season. If we work on our batting, hopefully we can do better next year.

Thanks must go to our coach, who gave us a fun season. G Naudé, Captain

| | | RESULTS | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| St David's Vs | St David's | Opponent | Result | Special Mention |
| King David Linksfield | 41 / 1 | 41 all out | Won by 9 wickets | Perry 3 / 5 |
| Queens | 80 / 6 after 20 overs | 81 / 5 after 17 overs | Lost by 5 wickets | |
| Randburg | 119 / 7 | 99 / 8 | Won by 20 runs | Roman 70 |
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Under 15A



Under 15A Cricket

Back row: M Schoombie; JJ de Castro Maia; B Rowlings; M Bembridge; W Bowen; G Barrow; T Teubner; D Dias Front row: L Olver; D Carnicelli; Mr W Craven; M Miller; D Tucker; G Ronaldson

Under 15B



Under 15B Cricket

Back row: A Taljaard; N Laher; M Reid; J Linington; G Hunter; B le Roux; S Aronson Front row: M Tonetti; M Schoombie; Mr W Craven; D Dias; G Lindsay

Under 15C

The under 15C team had a fun and enjoyable season, winning 3 out of the 5 games. We beat King David Linksfield convincingly by 10 wickets, Queens by 6 wickets and Randburg by 25 runs.

There were some excellent individual performances with Rowlings scoring a total of 103 runs and a batting average of 25,75. Rees, Muller and Pooley also had their share of outstanding batting performances.

Muller was the pick of the bowlers, taking 10 wickets in 5 games and Rowlings was close behind with 9 wickets. Fraser, Mposula and Walsh also were top strike bowlers.

We were unfortunate to miss out on one more win, narrowly losing by one run to St Alban's However in our very first game we lost by 6 wickets to Randpark - we had not had much practice at that stage and our game improved during the rest of the season as is reflected in our results.

Congratulations must go to Gareth Rees, with the highest batting score of the season: 36 not out, and to Sean Muller with the best Bowling figure of 4 / 8.

On behalf of the Under 15C cricket team, I would like to thank Mr McMillan for the games that he organised and for the opportunities that he created. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you.

B Rowlings, Captain



Under 15 C and D Cricket

Back row: C Knezovich; J Krynauw; S Walsh; G Rees; S Fraser; R Bray; P Brandenberg; M Rands; S Muller; M Shippen Front row: H Cheng; G Pooley; B Rowling; Mr W Craven; A Levy; T Tshiwula

| | | RESUL | TS. | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---|
| St David's Vs | St David's | Opponent | Result | Special Mention |
| Randpark | 68 all out | 68 / 4 | Lost by 6 wickets | Rowlings 20 |
| King David Linksfield | 19/0 | 19 all out | Won by 10 wickets | Muller 4 / 8, Rowlings 2 / 0, Rowlings 16 not out |
| St Alban's | 85 / 4 | 86 / 7 | Lost by 1 run | Rowlings 3 / 5, Rowlings 25, Rees 21 |
| Queens | 86 / 4 | 79 / 7 | Won by 7 runs | Rowlings 4 / 6, Rees 36 |
| Randburg | 79 all out | 64 all out | Won by 15 runs | Nkosi 3 / 2 , Muller 2 / 9, Muller 30, Rowlings 28 |

The Shell-St Andrew's U15 Cricket Festival: 26 February – 1 March 1998

The St David's Colts Team once again made the trip to Bloemfontein to take part in a weekend of festival cricket.

The boys had the opportunity to play against other private schools from all over the country. As in previous years, the

cricket was of a very high standard and the St David's team acquitted itself well, very ably led by Michael Miller. *W Craven, Coach*

| | | RESUL | TS. | |
|---------------|------------|----------|-----------------|--|
| St David's Vs | St David's | Opponent | Result | Special Mention |
| St Charles | 250 / 7 | 121 / 7 | Drawn | Carnicelli 68, Miller 30, Bowen 54 Bembridge 2 / 35, Bowen 2 / 13, Miller 1 / 18 |
| Kingswood | 220 / 10 | 73 / 10 | Won by 147 runs | Miller 30, Semilane 44, Bowen 74 Bembridge 2 / 24, Miller 2 / 11, Semilane 3 / 14, Teubner 2 / 5 |
| Bishops | 188 / 10 | 261 / 5 | Lost by 73 runs | Miller 30, Tucker 18, de Castro Maia 22, Olver 25, Teubner 2 / 35, Barrow 2 / 44 |

Norwich Life U15 Cricket Week: 24th - 27th September 1998

The Norwich Life U15 cricket week was held at schools in the Northern suburbs. The Sandton team was selected from St David's Marist College, Bryanston High, Hyde Park High and Fourways High.

The team competed against area teams from all around Gauteng.

Four matches were played in the limited overs competition

with the local team celebrating a great win on the first day against Vaal, but going down narrowly against St John's, KES and Alberton. At the end of the tournament, Michael Miller, Andile Semilane (St David's) and Shane van Coller (Fourways) were selected for the Gauteng squad of 24 from which two teams will be chosen to represent Gauteng in December.

Greg Ronaldson

| | | RESUL | _TS | |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---|
| Sandton Area team vs | Sandton Area | Opponent | Result | Special Mention |
| Vaal | 179 | 100 all out | Won by 79 runs. | A.Semilane 45, D.Tucker 44 not out, W.Bowen 3 / 23, M.Bembridge 2 / 12 |
| St John's | 112 all out | 113 for 7 | Lost by 3 wickets | G.Ronaldson 31, W.Bowen 2 / 15 |
| KES | 169 all out | 170 for 8 | Lost by 2 wickets | M.Miller 42, G.Ronaldson 32, M.Miller 1/20, P.Smith 2 / 15, A.Semilane 2 / 18 |
| Alberton | 140 all out | 169 for 9 | Lost by 29 runs | M.Miller 44, W.Bowen 2 / 16, M.Miller 2 / 19, M.Bembridge 2 / 26 |

Under 14A

Considering that we were a newly shaped team coming up from the St David's under 13A team, and a new group of good players from different schools, we combined well.

We played 8 games, winning 4, drawing 2 and losing 2. I think that we had a relatively successful season, but we need to improve our skills against the good teams like KES, St Stithians and St John's. We can do this by working on our team spirit.

Our leading wicket taker was Warren Clarke with an amazing 17 wickets, our leading catcher was James Ward and our leading run scorer was Nicholas Marques with 169 runs.

M Benton, Captain



Under 14A Cricket

Back row: D Shillaw; N Marques; W Clarke; N Haralambous; B Siebrits; K Barnes; P Smith

Front row: B Reisdorf; R Speirs; M Benton; Mr R Butt; J Ward; A Saunders

| | | RESUL | _TS | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|---|
| St David's Vs | St David's | Opponent | Result | Special Mention |
| KES | 83 / 7 | 193 all out | Drawn | Spiers 3 / 20, Smith 44 |
| St John's | 60 / 5 | 83 all out | Lost by 24 runs | Benton 3 / 15 |
| Sandringham | 43 / 3 | 42 all out | Won by 7 wickets | Smith 3 / 15, Clarke 5 / 12 |
| St Stithians | 97 / 6 | 98 / 1 | Lost by 9 wickets | Smith 21 not out |
| Queens | 186 / 6 | 61 all out | Won by 125 runs | Smith 3 / 7, Marques 73, Smith 25 Barnes 33 not out |
| King David Linksfield | 77 / 5 | 76 all out | Won by 5 wickets | Clarke 5 / 14, Benton 36 |
| St Alban's | 187 / 9 | 127 all out | Won By 1 wicket | Clarke 7 / 22, Benton 53 |
| Randburg | 140 all out | 140 / 7 | Drawn | Marques 20 |

Under 14B

We started the season off on a bad foot, when we lost to KES and although we knew that St John's would be a tough match we managed to clinch victory.

Our openers batted well against King David Linksfield, but the highlight of the season was Bonini's 93 runs against St Alban's, which contributed to our 210 / 6 score and our 97 run victory.

All in all we had a very successful season. We played 7 games, winning 6 games and losing only 1.

R Wainwright, Captain



Under 14 B and C Cricket

Back row: M Matshikwe; J Cohen; S Robertson; G Borman; J Bruneau; S Osterloh; M Schneider; T Marais

Front row: J Sharman-Harris; K Kanyangarara; R Wainwright; Mr P Andrew; G Jago; G Harding

| | | RESUL | .TS | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|--|
| St David's Vs | St David's | Opponent | Result | Special Mention |
| KES | 60 all out | 113 / 8 | Lost by 53 runs | Belamant 3 / 17, Robertson 3 / 31 |
| St John's | 86 all out | 81 / 8 | Won by 5 runs | Msimango 2 / 15, Stewart 2 / 15, Haralambous 50 |
| King David Linksfield | 105 / 4 | 101 / 2 | Won by 6 wickets | Marais 3 / 21, Marais 23 not out |
| Sandringham | 52 all out | 65 all out | Lost by 13 runs | Schneider 5 / 13 |
| St Alban's | 210 / 6 | 113 all out | Won by 97 runs | Belamant 4 / 24, Bonini 93 |
| Queens | 60 / 1 | 59 all out | Won by 9 wickets | Borman 5 / 11, Bruneau 24 not out Wainwright 20 not out |
| Randburg | 68 / 2 | 57 all out | Won by 8 wickets | Marais 3 / 2, Bonini 33 not out |
| | | | | |



Under 14D Cricket

Back row: C Merry; R Speirs; B Siebrits; K Barnes; S Stewart; N Marques; W Clarke Front row: P Smith; J Ward; Mr P Andrew; M Benton (Capt); Mr S Young; D Bonini

Colours Awards 1997

Full Colours T O'Shea

D Horsten

J Morte
Half Colours G Hutcheon

I Busschau

Area Side Selection

Timothy O'Shea, Dale Horsten, Grant Hutcheon, Iain Busschau, Dominic Biezanek and Stephen Naude were selected for the Sandton Area Side to play in the Beckwith Cricket Week in December 1997.

Jonathan Morte and Ryan Brunette were selected for the North West team to play in Singapore and Australia.

Hockey

The Hockey section can look back on the 1998 season with a measure of satisfaction. Overall, the results in both the Senior and Junior sections were pleasing and the boys approached their practices and matches with vigour. There was also a definite increase in the skills level of most players during the season, which should stand them in good stead next year. The

School was able to field 4/5 sides for most fixtures which was most encouraging. Of course, this could not have been achieved without the enthusiastic involvement of the staff and the student coaches, and I would like to thank Mrs Emery, Mrs van der Riet, Mr Rob Beaton and Mr Mike Haswell for their support.



First XI Hockey

Back row: G Borman; D Clover; G Thomas; J Linington

Front row: B Leadbeater; M Marsay; Mr M Williams; M Murray; J Farrell (Capt); G Ronaldson; G Brennon

First XI

The 1998 First XI enjoyed a very good season. With few players remaining from 1997, however, the side was young and inexperienced and they were uncertain of their abilities. Their performance in their first festival – the Chairman's Festival – changed this. With two wins and a draw against recognised Hockey schools, the team's expectations were raised dramatically. Instead of going out "to keep the score down", the team focused on playing to win.

One of the highlights of the season followed, with the team securing a 2-1 victory over the St John's 1st XI at the Morningside Astro, courtesy of great goals by Bryn Leadbeater and Greg Thomas and a rock-solid defence. This was certainly a fitting performance from the team.

There were a number of other excellent matches, with the draw against Krugersdorp High and the narrow loss to the St Alban's 1st XI probably the most notable of these. In these matches, the players were able to raise the level of their game and perform effectively under pressure.

Other pleasing results were the good wins over Sandringham, Sacred Heart, Hyde Park and Wendywood.

Of course there were a few disappointments, where the team did not perform to their ability and the losses to St Benedict's and Bryanston High were the result of lacklustre performances. Nevertheless, the team made great strides during the season, and by July they were playing a brand of attacking hockey they would not have contemplated at the beginning of the season.

Here credit must go to Johnny Farrell, the 1st XI captain, whose enthusiasm and commitment directed the energies of the team. On the one hand he never lost his sense of humour; on the other, he thrived on the pressure of the "big match" – he dominated his area in these matches, and was a key figure in the defence. He was ably supported by the Sweeper, Paul Etkins, and the outside halves, Greg Borman and Greg Ronaldson. Greg Borman was seldom beaten at Left half, while Greg Ronaldson showed great flair and vision at Right Half.

Mike Murray's performance between the posts was also of a very high standard, which enabled the defenders in front of him to play with confidence. On his day almost unbeatable, he had the knack of pulling off great reflex saves. At times lapses in concentration resulted in 'soft goals' being scored. Mike is also to be commended on competing in two major school sports at the same time.

In the midfield "engine room", Mike Marsay and Grant Brennon performed with distinction. They complemented each other with their skills and provided the stikers with real scoring opportunities. Grant was excellent on the drive, while Michael was probably the strongest tackler of the team, who broke down opponents' attacking moves very effectively. They were well supported by James Linington at Left Link, who improved with every game and made the position his own.

At Centre Forward, Bryn Leadbeater - in his first year of hockey - had a great season. He is strong on the ball and goal

hungry: his play in the circle on attack was excellent, and his 16 goals in the season are a just reward for his efforts. The team was also able to attack down both flanks through Wings Derek Clover and Greg Thomas. With Bryn, they formed an imposing trio of strikers and their hard-running physical play was an important factor in the team's success.

A number of boys were awarded provincial colours at different levels:

G. Brennon - Gauteng U16 'B'
M. Marsay - Gauteng U16 'C'
M. di Pasquale - Gauteng U14
M. Arnold - Gauteng U13 'A'

At the inaugural College Hockey Dinner, the following awards were made:

Player of the Year: M. Marsay
Most improved: B. Leadbeater
Most promising: G. Brennon

Endeavour (Seniors): V. Deysel and D. Thomas

Most improved Junior: M. Shippen Most promising Junior: G. Ronaldson Endeavour (Juniors): C. Thomas

The following boys received colour awards:

Full Colours: J. Farrell

G. Brennan M. Marsay B. Leadbeater

Half Colours: G. Borman

M. Murray

Team of the Year: The First XI

To those players who are leaving, I trust you will continue to develop your hockey skills. To those returning: a great challenge awaits you next year. Set yourself challenging goals and be prepared to work to achieve them: much will be expected of you next year.

I should like to thank Mr Edey and the staff for their support, Mr van der Merwe and his staff for preparing the fields, and Mrs von Guilleaume, Mrs Pooley and the other catering mothers for their support and efficient organisation during the season.

SUMMARY OF SEASON

 Played:
 19

 Won:
 11

 Lost:
 5

 Drawn:
 3

 Scored:
 37 goals

 Scored against:
 17 goals

Chairman's Festival: vs Wendywood 2-0 (Won)

vs Sandringham 1-0 (Won) vs Bryanston 2-2 (Draw)

Aitken Trophy: vs Mondeor 1-2 (Lost)

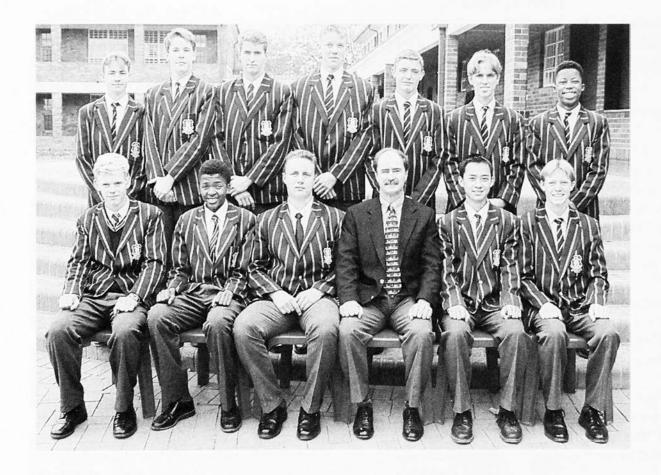
vs The Hill 4-0 (Won) vs Hyde Park 2-1 (Won) vs Krugersdorp 1-1 (Draw)

1/4 Final vs Krugersdorp 1-1 (Draw)
Playoffs (lost 2/4 on flicks)

vs Mondeor 2-0 (Won) vs Bryanston 0-2 (Lost)

Final Position: 6TH

Second XI



Second XI Hockey

Back row: J Lemm; B Jackson; L Johnson; D Bauer; K Sterrenberg; J Venter; T Dlukulu Front row: K Haswell; M Skosana; V Deyzel (Capt); Mr M Williams; H Cheng; G Atkinson

The Second XI enjoyed a pleasant season and acquitted themselves well, with a number of the players still Under 16. They played with enthusiasm under the able leadership of Vaughn Deyzel. The team won more than half of their matches; more importantly, they developed their skills remarkably during the season. They have formed a solid foundation for playing a high level of hockey next season. A number of the players must ensure that they prepare thoroughly in the off-

season in order to challenge for a First XI place next year. Mr Beaton, the Second XI coach, was an important feature in the team's performance and I would like to thank him for his enthusiasm and his expertise.

Regular members of the team were: V Deyzel (captain); B Jackson; R Weedon; M Haswell; M Skosana; L Johnson; J Venter; J Lemm; H Cheng; G Atkinson; T Dlukulu and K Sterrenberg *M Williams*

Third and Fourth XI

Our season started with a slight hint of scepticism because, for many it was their first season of hockey. The majority of these players had made the huge step of moving from rugby to hockey, which is a game that requires very different playing skills. After our first match, we were all surprised to see that the teams had some potential and with the help of all the coaches we were able to walk onto any hockey field with confidence.

Unfortunately we could not win all our matches but that

was irrelevant when we consider the tremendous commitment shown by all the players.

Mention must be made of the 3rd XI centre forward, Wilf Exton, who scored a double hat trick in one of the games.

Thanks must be extended to all the coaches, umpires and parents involved because without their organisation, support, advice and patience we would not have had such an enjoyable season.

D Bauer, Captain

Junior Hockey



Junior Hockey

Back row: D Carnicelli; J Deyzel; B le Roux; J Nel; J Christie; R Daniels; R Cochrane; M Shippen
Front row: S Allen; G Pooley; Mrs K vd Riet; C Thomas;

Miss M Brickett; G Insausti

Hockey at St David's has improved drastically during the last season on account of the new deputy head and master in charge of hockey, Mr Williams. Many new boys joined the sport this year, to see what hockey was all about. This enabled us to field two junior teams.

At the beginning of the season many members of the junior team had never picked up a hockey stick in their lives. Owing to this fact we suffered a 0 - 6 defeat in our first game against St John's. Fortunately as the season progressed, new talents continually surfaced and with the all important direction and coaching of Mr Mike Haswell, we worked our way up to winning a total of 17 games out of the 23 played by both teams.

Throughout the season there were many highlights which included astro practices, which enhanced our game a great deal, as well as the B team victory over Saints. The season culminated with the introduction of the hockey dinner.

Special thanks to Mrs Pooley for organising the much needed tea at the end of each game, Miss Brickett and Mrs Van der Riet who organised practices, games and made sure every thing ran smoothly. Thanks must also go to Mr Rob Beaton who helped with practices.

The season was a huge success and I think that more players will join next year.

C Thomas, Captain

St David's Hockey extended huge strides ahead this season. This was owing to our new recruit to hockey, Mr Williams, and the many new boys who came to try their skills from across the border.

Hockey has come a long way since my days at St David's and we fielded two Junior Hockey sides. Some very talented boys joined us for Hockey this year and were led by the very capable Clyde Thomas. The astro practices definitely brought new dimension to our Hockey this season and much improvement was seen by all the boys.

We had a very successful season, winning 17 out of 23 games, losing only 6 games. The A team's best win of the season was against Sandringham where we won 5 - 1 and the B team's best win was against King David 8 - 1.

The Hockey Dinner was definitely one of the highlights of the season and a special word of thanks must go to Mrs Pooley who organised tea the whole season and was an absolute star. My thanks must go to Miss Brickett, Mrs van der Riet and Rob Beaton who helped make Junior Hockey a success this season. It was a very enjoyable season and hopefully we will go from strength to strength. I look forward to next season with even more earnestness because I feel we have only scratched the surface of the potential that lies within St David's Hockey.

Well done boys: we became men this season. *M Haswell, Junior Hockey Coach*

JUNIOR HOCKEY RESULTS St David's vs Result U15A Result U15B St John's 0 - 6 Did not play. King David 3 -1 8-1

King David 3 -1 8-1 **CBC Boksburg** 6 - 0 1 - 0St Benedict's 1 - 2 3 - 0 2 - 0 Hyde Park Did not play. St Alban's 1 - 2 0 - 2 Bryanston 2 - 1 3 - 1 1 - 3 Sandringham 5 - 1 Edenvale 1 - 0 0 - 2Sacred Heart 1 - 0 Did not play. St Stithians 1 - 4 2 - 0

Rugby



First XV Rugby

Back row: V vd Merwe; A Chemaly; M White; B Thomas; W Bruns; J Morte; J West; D Randall; G Geldenhuys

Middle row: S Moorad; T Masterton; M Murray; W Collett; B O'Shea; S Naudé; R Tait; D Biezanek; D O'Haughey; D Archary

Front row: G Simaan; R Brunette; Mr S Young; L Fiasconaro; S Contardo; Mr S Fry; A Stocks; A Witten

Inset: P Mostert

First XV



Walt Bruns on the charge from a practice scrum.

The 1998 Rugby season has raised a number of issues and provided many lessons. The major issue to be addressed is the question of where St David's rugby is going. Where does the school want to be in five years? We need to aim high and therefore to strive to be as competitive as possible among the independent schools of Southern Africa. St David's must compete with the top schools at the Independent School's Festival if not in the year 2000, then certainly in the year 2002. An overall strategy to improve St David's rugby throughout the school must be implemented. Coaches of all the age groups need to identify common goals and then pursue them single-mindedly.

It was evident at the Saheti Sevens Rugby Festival that handling and running skills were not developed to anything like the desired level. The earlier these skills can be implemented the better. Holiday clinics involving Prep school boys and other feeder schools must be run. We also need to persuade our Prep School that a few weeks of their Phys Ed programme should be devoted to the basic rugby skills of handling and running. Touch Rugby needs to be introduced. Some of our competitors have the advantage of playing competitive rugby in junior school.

Efforts also need to be made to keep talented sportsmen at St David's and to attract others from all communities. Our bursary programme is certainly an avenue through which to achieve this.

The players who represented the school at the first team level this year were amongst the most committed the school has seen. The pride in playing in the black jersey never waived. Defeats did not dampen this passion and 100% was given in each game. Unfortunately this determination was not always matched by skills, plan and vision. This situation was aggravated by injuries and flu. In only one game during the entire season were the best fifteen fielded. Disruption through injury meant that a settled combination was never achieved and players were forced to play in positions in which they

were inexperienced. The biggest blow was injury to the school's top athlete and first team captain. This injury robbed the side of experience, pace and a certain amount of confidence.

Unfortunately many of the first fifteen players will have

played only one year of open rugby. A few however will have gained valuable experience and together with exciting talent coming up from the U16 age group, 1999 should be a rugby year to look forward to.



Dominique Biezanek and Stefano Contardo on defence from a maul.

Alfred Chemaly and David Randall compete for possession against Roosevelt.

Vs Parktown - Saturday 28 March - Home

St David's entered a new era by playing Parktown. We are slowly entering the world of the big boys' schools in competitive rugby.

A nervous and inexperienced St David's side took the field and defended with their lives. St David's conceded four tries through naïve blind side defence and disorganised defence when faced with opponents who set up drive after drive. The forwards were on the back - foot for most of the game and attacking options and opportunities were therefore few.

Lost 0 - 22

Vs De la Salle - Saturday 4 April - Away

After the Parktown fixture the team were looking forward to an easier game. A shock awaited St David's. Problems in the scrum continued and De la Salle showed more organisation and purpose amongst the backs. St David's were squarely beaten. De la Salle deserved their win but had benefited from playing a number of games more than St David's had by that stage.

Lost 6 - 17

Vs Kimberley Boys' High School – Tour during April – Away The first half of this game seemed to indicate that a St David's rugby renaissance was in the offing. A definite improvement on the first two games. Lineouts, scrums and defence had all improved. The side looked confident and determined. Half time came with St David's in the lead and looking good value for it. As the game progressed the team began to wilt in the heat and conceded two soft tries - one from a charge down on the flyhalf.

Encouraging signs nevertheless for the rest of the season. Lost 9-17

Vs Christian Brothers' College Kimberley - Tour during April - Away

CBC had little more than guts and determination to offer. St David's scored in the first minute and a win seemed possible. It was noticeable how the team struggled to convert possession into points. St David's should have scored more than the four tries that they did. This became a problem for most of the season. Won 24 – 0

Vs King David's Linksfield - Wednesday 13 May - Home

This without doubt was the first fifteen's finest hour of the season. There was commitment and cohesion among the forwards while the backs defended ferociously. Luca Fiasconaro led by example and instilled confidence in the side. The provincial backs in the King David's' backline ran into a brick wall of defence and were allowed no space to move. A well deserved win for St David's despite not scoring a try. This game was one of the few where St David's had a full team – what a pity this team could not last the season together.

Vs Hyde Park - Wednesday 20 May - Away

A disappointing display of sub – standard rugby. A complacent performance by the forwards was matched by a lack of pace and penetration amongst the backs. Only two pieces of individual brilliance saved the game for St David's – a try by Paul Owens and a long range solo effort by Dean O' Haughey. Although St David's attacked hard in the last ten minutes, the loss of key players and a lack of backline plan did not look good for the rest of the season.

Won 14 - 7

Won 9 - 8

Vs Fourways - Saturday 23 May - Away

This was a game which got away from St David's. The forwards were close to their best but were let down by some aimless kicking in the backs and hesitancy with the ball in hand. A try was conceded through an intercept in the St David's half while the forwards earned a try in the corner late in the second half. It looked as if St David's could win the game with determined attacking at the end but time ran out. An important game because the confidence built up in the previous three games was severely knocked. Fourways won by two penalties.

Lost 7 - 13



Sandown win scrum ball against St David's.

Vs Sandown - Wednesday 3 June -Away

Another brave performance by St David's. Sandown had a backline with a lot of pace and they were able to score two tries. A feature of St David's play was good lineout work and superb forward drives. Jonathan Morte kicked two penalties for St David's. Unfortunately this was the game where Walt Bruns suffered an injury which put him out for the rest of the season.

Lost 6 - 12

Vs St Albans - Wednesday 24 June - Away

This game was lost mainly due to a lack of communication and harmony in the backline. St Albans' try was again the result of poor organisation in the defence. The simple procedure of fullback tackling the outside attacker with the blindside wing covering was not executed. St David's attacked in the final minutes but were held off by determined defence.

Lost 0 - 16

Vs Roosevelt - Wednesday 10 June - Home

A game that St David's should have won. The team attacked for long periods but was unable to score. St David's try was scored by Bruce Thomas after a number of drives at the line. Roosevelt scored their try in one of their few attacking moves. Wrong options plagued St David's as the ball on occasion went wide to Roosevelt defenders while a 20m blindside lay begging with no defenders. A disappointing result.

Lost 7 - 11



Bruce Thomas goes up for the ball against Bryanston.



Bruce Thomas goes up high for a lineout ball against Roosevelt.

Vs Bryanston - Saturday 20 June - Away

St David's never stopped playing rugby against fast, strong opponents. Well done to Bryanston who used their pacy backs well and always seemed to have the extra man. St David's scored a well worked try from a lineout and always looked to try and score tries rather than settling for three points from penalties.

Lost 11 - 40

Vs St Stithians - Saturday 27 June - Away

The final result was disappointing when one considers that the half – time score was 0 – 14. St Stithians really piled on the points during a period when St David's were reduced to fourteen players. The lesson to be learnt is that discipline and focus on the field must be maintained. A sending off affects the entire team and not just an individual. Antagonising referees is stupid and counter-productive. A physically superior and pacy St Stithians really outplayed a gutsy St David's.

Lost 0 - 47

Independent Schools' Festival at Woodridge - 3-8 July

A successful, enjoyable and beneficial festival. St David's were exposed to the rugby of South Africa's top independent schools and were made aware of the qualities needed to be the best.

The best try of the season - both for and against - was scored by St David's in the first match of the festival against Thomas More. The ball went from fly-half to second centre coming in towards the fly-half. The first centre received the

ball in a well timed scissors with the second centre. First centre drew the fullback, fed the wing who then ran sixty meters to score under the posts. Fine try. Unfortunately the forwards were battered into submission by Thomas More and the game was lost 7 - 10. The side recovered to score a narrow win against St Henrys 7 - 5. A very disrupted St David's side earned a hard fought draw against Treverton 3 - 3.



St David's First XV squad to the Independent Schools' Festival at Woodridge, Port Elizabeth.



Gary Geldenhuys on the run against Thomas More.

Vs Christian Brother's College Boksburg - Saturday 11 July - Away

The poorest display of the season and from a coach's point of view the most frustrating. Numerous scoring chances were squandered with the final pass not being made. The team almost conspired to defeat themselves against weaker opponents. CBC'S try was again a result of poor defensive organisation in the backs. Disappointing end to the season.

Lost 8 - 15

S Fry, MIC First XV

Colours and Awards

Half Colours: David Randall; Ryan Brunette;

Walt Bruns; Alfred Chemaly.

Full Colours: Stefano Contardo.

Player of the year: Stefano Contardo.

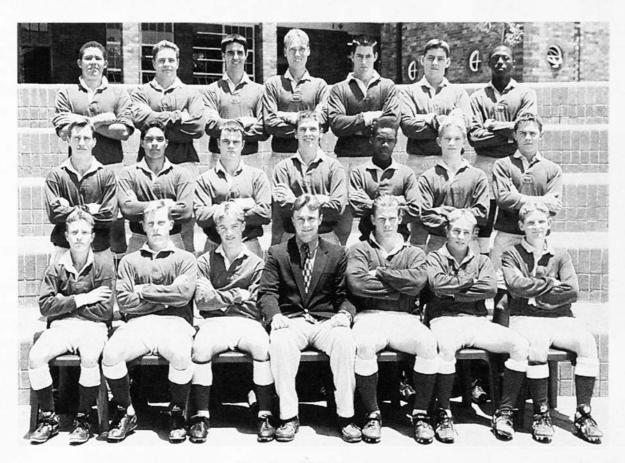
Most Improved Player: David Randall.



Second XV Rugby

Back row: D Bradbury; JR McKay; S Moorad; M Lacueva; F Bush; M White; I Busschau; C Shaw Middle row: A Witten; N Royce; V vd Merwe; J Tonetti; W Collett; M Lenz; D Cochrane; M Paschkewitz Front row: W Greenwood; A Horsfield; Mr S Young; J Middlewick; Mr S Fry; R Traver de Sousa; D Archary

Under 16A



Under 16A Rugby

Back row: R Roman; A Tennant; G Horsten; C Hepburn; R Stuart; T Vundla Middle row: F Valente; R Abvajee; E Dall; A Munro; D Radebe; R Atkinson; P Smith Front row: B Winderley; T Wood; R Davies; Mr G Behr; S Falconer (Capt); G Katz; C Wood

To start the season with a fixture like Parktown is never easy, and if our performance in that match was a sign of things to come, then a "no – loss" season was well within our reach! Unfortunately, in the games to follow our performances were not of such a high standard.

It must be said that the difference between U15 and U16 school rugby is remarkable. There were no longer any easy fixtures or "walkovers" and every game had to be played with full effort if the victory we wanted was to be achieved. When faced with defeat, it seemed to inspire a flare of brilliance in

the team and our best rugby was mostly played when the games were at their most difficult and the pressure immense.

We were not the best or the biggest team in Johannesburg, but we were certainly amongst the most committed, determined and dedicated. This led to us often coming out on top in close games and it was only once that we were beaten by a margin of more than seven points.

The backline really showed vast improvement this season – always making the big tackles; moving the ball swiftly and thus contributed many points – a huge change from the continuous

"forward - ball" of our previous season as a team. What accounted for the defeats in the "big" fixtures however, was that offensively we lacked confidence and this led to the backline and forwards functioning as separate units. Defensively we dominated every game!

Although many of our "starting-lineup" players were injured for most of the season, the replacements filled their boots with the same courage, commitment and determination that their predecessors had shown. The tremendous success rate that we had, despite our injuries, indicates the "never say die" attitude that each member of the team had.

Something must be said for our dedicated coaches, Messrs

Behr, Kenyon and Harris, who have experienced a mere five defeats during the two seasons that they have coached us. They expected 100% from us and gave us 100% in return. They gave us the encouragement we needed in defeat and kept us level-headed in victory.

For the players of the U16A team, the rugby season of 1998 has been one from which we have developed experience, skill, physical and mental strength and unity to ensure a strong, competitive open age group in the last two seasons of the millennium.

G Horsten



Under 16B Rugby

Back row: B Glanville; L Atherton; C Hepburn; R Wood; G Robertson; J Jang Middle row: M Mavromaras; G Johnson; G Maraschin; M Eilertsen; C Proudfoot Front row: P Raw; J Haralambous; S Duve (Capt); Mr G Kenyon; N Dabbs; A Shine



Under 16C Rugby

Back row: G Collister; D Garofoli; N Ridley; A Romano; C Bredenoord; A Roberts Front row: R Brady; M O'Donaghue; A Mills; Mr P Andrew; M Schafer; M Mavromaras

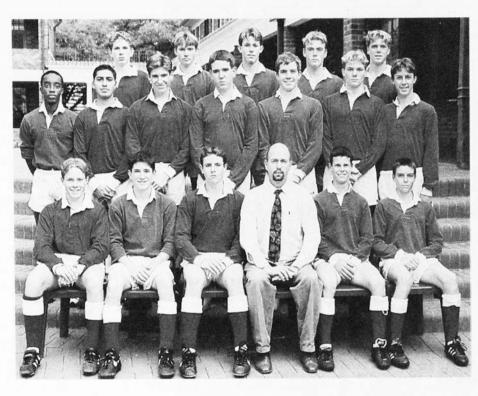
Under 15

Staff: D Smith; M Buys; S Giuricich; W Mande

The U15 age group played a total of 28 matches during the 98 season. The most successful of the teams was the A team who played 11 and won 7. This team has players of tremendous ability, many of whom with hard training and practice will form the backbone of St David's first XVs in the years to come.

Thank you to all the players who represented the U15 age group, the coaches and the parents who contributed towards a very enjoyable season.

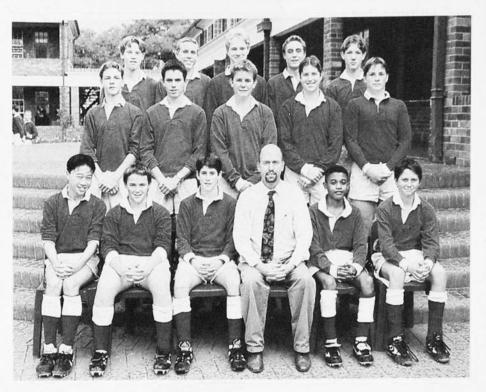
D Smith, MIC U15 Rugby



Under 15A Rugby

Back row: M Reid; S Fraser; M Bembridge; W Bowen; G Barrow Middle row: C Mangope; N Laher; G Rees; H Penny; M Ramsden; M Rowley; R Pizzi

Front row: L Carter; D Tucker; M Miller (Capt); Mr D Smith; S Aronson; E Giuricich



Under 15 B and C Rugby

Back row: J Rands; B Rowlings; G O'Mahoney; A Hayes; T Teubner

Middle row: N Black; D Tucker; J Manson; A de Canha; B Murray Front row: J Sing; D Dias; M Schoombie; Mr D Smith; G Mposula; L Olver

Under 14

Masters-in-charge: R Smith; W Craven

U/14 Rugby '98 was a year that heralded great change for the Grade 8 boys, since it was, for many of them, their first year of playing rugby. Fortunately they soon discovered that the new challenges were ones they could master. New skills were learned, new friendships were formed and new confidences were born.

The grade 8 boys of '98 were a most enthusiastic and committed group. They were also well-behaved, co-operative and a sporting group.

The fixture list included 15 fixtures for the A and B teams, and even the bottom D and E teams had 8 fixtures. We tried to give everybody a game and it was at times necessary to incorporate Nic Mallet's "running substitution" in order for them all to play!

A perusal of the results table shows that the A team won 10 of their 15 fixtures, with the rest of the teams also having a roughly even share of the spoils. The A and B teams were able to achieve the running style of rugby we like to play at St Davids. The pattern certainly worked well and Mr Moffat, who has now helped us for the fourth year, deserves a special note of thanks. Thank you also to Anthony Bayne, Ian Terbrugge and Grant Hutcheon for all their help in coaching such a large group. Thank you also to Mr van der Merwe and his ground staff for all their helpo in preparing the grounds.

W Craven



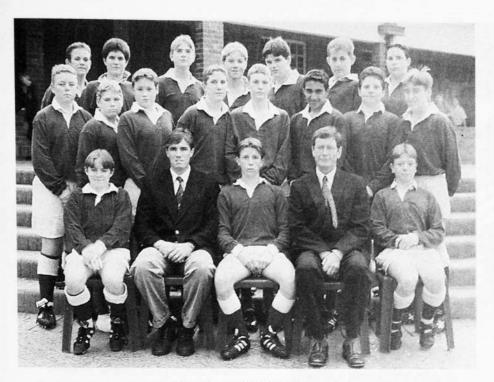
Under 14A Rugby

Back row: C Merry; S Osterloh; J Brown; W Clarke; A Papadopoulos

Middle row: J Jerecivich; M Schneider; P Bellamant; R Speirs; S Stewart; R Parkinson; P Wainwright Front row: J Ward; Mr W Craven; N Haralambous;

Mr R Smith; G Malakou

Absent: D Shillaw



Under 14B Rugby

Back row: D Bonini; N Marques; K Barnes; D Black; JF Bruneau; B Siebrits; R dos Santos

Middle row: B Gouveris; R Johnstone; S Reynolds; D Smith; K Richards; J Cohen; F Cellini; J Robertson Front row: A Saunders; Mr W Craven; N Tsaperas;

Mr R Smith; B Rowley



Under 14C Rugby

Back row: T Marais; G Borman; M Snyman; D Wiggil; K Setzkorn Third row: B Studti; D Ballantine; B Gouveris; M Brink;

J Sharman-Harris

Second row: M Benton; K Mullane; F Cellini; D Smith; A Giraud;

A Lupini; C Green; G Harding

Front row: L Cochrane; Mr W Craven; R dos Santos;

Mr R Smith; B Rowley



Under 14 D and E Rugby

Back row: K Setzkorn; M Brink; G Stiles; D Wiggil;

G Borman; R Peirce; B Don; S Tian

Middle row: K Kanyangarara; B Ravjee; M Maraschin; J Davidson; A Dempster; M Cameron; B Annegarn

Front row: K Mullane; Mr W Craven; C Green;

Mr R Smith; J Criticos



Loyal support from the Old Boys is always welcomed by the School. This group was spotted during the 1st XV game against Bryanston

Swimming



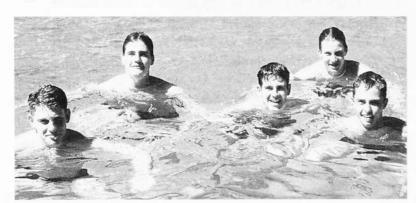
A Team Swimming

Back row: D Wark; M Ramsden; J Brown; L Johnson; E Jones; L Fiasconaro; P Kobila; R Stuart

Middle row: N Redshaw; A Horsfield; G Dace; F Valente; J Middlewick; M Gunning; A Hayes; C Proudfoot; J Jerecivich

Front row: W Crawford; M di Pasquale; Mr G Kenyon; S Contardo (Capt); R Tait (V Capt); Mrs K Emery; D Black; B Mills

St David's enjoyed a good swimming season which began with the defeat of Parktown Boys' High in the first relay gala and later on in the season at St John's. As the year progressed, we shared our ups and downs with the highlight of the season being the swimming tour.



Osmond won the Inter-House Gala by 1 point



The Old boys challenged the School at the Inter-House Gala and were victorious. The team consisted of Stephen Giuricich, Peter Daniels, Byron Hardy, David Rabbolini, Andrew Harris and Jason Lamb

We left early on the Friday morning and arrived in Durban that afternoon, where we competed in the Catholic Schools' gala.

This was a superb event and the swimmers carried us to a great victory by winning the lion's share of the races and thus the gala. The remainder of the weekend was spent in Umhlanga where we were blessed with blue skies and warm sun. On the Sunday we travelled to Midmar Dam for the Midmar Mile, which we swam in good spirits with all our swimmers completing the 1600m. When we had all finished, it was back to Johannesburg. Having the St Theresa's swimming side travelling with us proved to be an interesting and new experience!



Happy smiles from the Midmar Milers

Our next achievement was the Inter-High Gala at Ellis Park, which was a closely contested event. We achieved sixth position out of the top nine schools in Johannesburg, after having started off in fourth position ahead of St John's and Parktown Boys' High. The day was concluded with the annual swimming braai, which proved to be a delicious end to a superb day.

The end of the season was marked by the Co-Ed gala which was hosted by St David's.

We were paired up with Kingsmead and achieved a well deserved second place overall. This entertaining event marked the end of a highly motivated and long season, which would not have been of the same standard if it were not for the efforts of the swimmers and especially those of Mrs Emery and Mr Kenyon.

S Contardo, Captain



Robbie Tait,
Vice Captain of the A
Team, was awarded full
colours for Swimming
and Water Polo

Tennis

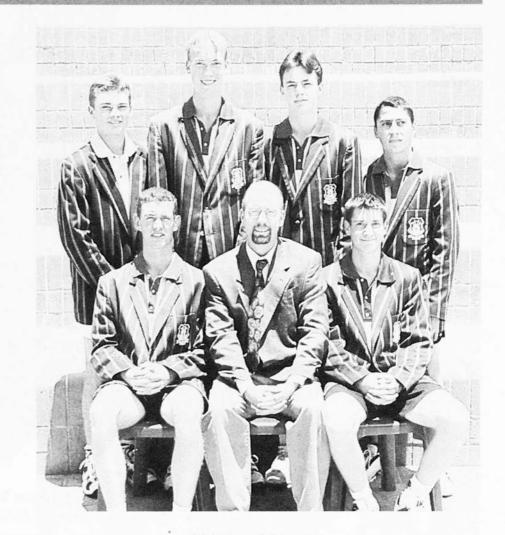
Staff: D Smith; A Carter; B Marais; L Nolan; J Roman; M Andrew; L Watson and D Webb.

This year the college entered more teams than in previous years as a result of improved interest in the sport. The A team played 10 matches and won 8 and as a result have now won league 2A and next year should play in the first league, section C. A noticeable feature of the first team is that 5 of the 6 regular players are in grade 10. This looks good for the future of the tennis club.

Thank you to the parents for support at the various matches, the tennis captain Ian Busschau and to all the boys who represented the six St David's teams. A special thank you must go to all the staff who transported the boys to matches.

With hard work, lots of drills and match practice, St David's has the potential to play in the top Johannesburg leagues within 18 months.

D Smith, MIC Tennis



A Team Tennis

Back row: R Brunette; G Horsten; A de Ujfalussy; R Mazaham Front row: I Busschau (Capt); Mr D Smith; A Romano



B Team Tennis

Back row: M Lenz; G Brennon; C Verhoog Front row: S Aronson; B le Roux; N Risi

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| Event | Winner | Runner up | | | |
| Senior Singles | A. de Ujfalussy | A. Romano | | | |
| Junior Singles | E. Giuricich | B. Le Roux | | | |
| Senior Doubles | de Ujfalussy/Horsten | Busschau/Brunette | | | |
| Junior Doubles | Mitri/Le Roux | Giuricich/Carnicelli | | | |
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Waterpolo

Master - in - charge: R.T. Smith

Captain:

L. Fiasconaro

1st Team Coach:

B. Hardy



First Team Waterpolo

Back row: M Murray; P Mostert; S Falconer; G Browne; R Tait; P Kobila Front row: A Witten; A Horsfield; L Fiasconaro (Capt); S Contardo (V Capt); G Simaan

Term 1 1998

The waterpolo season got off to a slow and uncertain start. It was clear that we hadn't done sufficient preparation for the season and therefore suffered a few early and unnecessary defeats.

After this severe wake-up call and rejuvenated commitment in the side, we started to work a lot harder, practising mornings, afternoons and some nights. Our hard work with the help and dedication of old boy coach Byrone Hardy, was soon rewarded. The side improved drastically and there were some surprise performances from some of the younger, inexperienced players. Towards the end of the season, the team was really at its peak and we were beating sides that had beaten us in the final term of 1997.

Results:

Seven matches and one tour were scheduled. Only five matches were played, while the tour was cancelled by the school authorities.

| St David's vs | Result |
|-----------------|---|
| St Stithians | Prefects were away and all other matches were lost. |
| Fourways | Won 7 - 5 |
| Highlands North | Won 9 - 2 |
| Jeppe Boys' | Lost 7 - 8 |
| Randpark | Won 9 - 2 |
| Edenvale | Lost 4 - 6 |
| | |

Awards and Colours

Full Colours: L Fiasconaro

L Fiasconaro, Captain

R Tait

S Contardo

Half Colours: A Horsfield

Age Group Scrolls

16: S Falconer

G Maraschin

U15: B Scott

L Carter

U14: J Brown

Special mention must also be made of Sean Falconer. Sean is only in grade 10 and in most fixtures he played for both the U16A and the First team. He was chosen to represent Gauteng and South African schools at the U16 level. He has done himself and St David's proud.



Under 16A Waterpolo

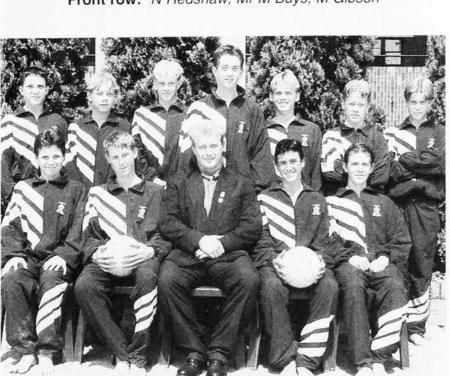
Back row: R Stuart; G Foden; F Valente Front row: C Proudfoot; E Dall; G Maraschin;

C Cikara; R Brady



Under 15A Waterpolo

Back row: H Gill; L Carter; A Hayes; M Ramsden; G Dace; J Cain Front row: N Redshaw; Mr M Buys; M Gibson



Under 14A Waterpolo

Back row: R dos Santos; D Black; J Jericevich; B Lambert; T Scott; M Chalmers; G Smith

Front row: F Cellini; J Brown; Mr M Buys; D Alves; N Tsaperas



Under 15B Waterpolo

Back row: N Black; R Pizzi; J Mitri; A Futcher; C Lomas Front row: M Finch; R Daniels; Mr M Buys; K Gow; A Brady



Under 14B Waterpolo

Back row: R Burgess; G Insausti; S Corey; D Wiggil; M Snyman;

A Giraud; B Annegarn

Front row: B Rowley; D Smith; Mr M Buys; K Mullane; A Lupini

RELIGIOUS REVIEW

Religious Life

1998 in Review

A great deal is owed by many to Neil Mitchell who accepted appointment as Headmaster of St Martin de Porres School, Orlando West. Neil left St. David's to take up this post leaving a void in many people's minds and hearts, especially in terms of the facilitation of Religious Education in the College. Life however does go on and although Neil was a tough act to follow a replacement was found in the person of Deacon Nick Bruce of the Archdoicese of Cape Town. Rev. Bruce as he has come to be known, initially wondered whether it wouldn't be best for all concerned if he simply got back on the plane and went back to the Cape and pretended nothing had happened in his life. The spirit of St. David's took hold however and he began to slowly slip into the routine of the College and the measured round of time and season. Not without help and support from many people who tried to keep him on the right track using what he came to regard as the timetable from hell! Mrs. Pooley was of the greatest assistance in faithfully keeping the Religious Life Notice Board full of meaning and interest.

Apart from the everyday minutiae of teaching there were a number of markers that were evidently those that separated the different times and seasons, the first of these being Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. A season that was marked by a very well attended Mass of the Ashes at the pool set the seasonal tone and a faithful group of staff attended an early morning mass each weekday. The Stations of the Cross were prayed daily in the Chapel by many staff and students. Easter followed and the weekly round of masses celebrated for each section of the College, Prep and Grade schools took us through the feast of Ascension to Pentecost. Then came June and our Founders Day celebration. The Grade 8 students in class had already begun an introduction to the life and work of Fr. Champagnat and the perennial question of why he had not been canonised, YET? The information that was to settle that question was not at that point available and so patience was once again advocated and prayer indicated. Through a series of letters ghost-written by one of the Marist Brothers, Fr. Marcellin began to become a real person instead of simply a pious supplication at the end of our morning prayers. Connections were able to be drawn between what he did two hundred years ago and the continuing (it seemed at times like, continuous) building and development that was assailing our ears. That development had its uses when the students were assigned a project to display some chosen aspect of Fr. Marcellin's life and work. Much scurrying between the computer center and classroom as the Internet was foraged for websites and their contents prompting a discussion on plagiarism and the rights of intellectual property. The lesson was well received despite already downloaded material and for the common good much had to be forgiven. June the 6th was another major celebration with a touch that is not often seen on such days. Despite a number of raised eyebrows the Staff Bursary Fund benefitted hugely from a minor carnival held after Mass had been celebrated. A large number of Staff, Students and Parents took it upon themselves to vend all sorts of sticky comestibles. Many other ways were devised of relieving the contents of purses and wallets so that a sum of R27,000 was collected to be used as bursary funding. It is certain that Fr. Marcellin smiled hugely that day as the spirit of the work he began was made a reality. He would have been the first to encourage such notable efforts following as they did the celebration of the Eucharist by the whole Marist community. He would no doubt have been pointing out to the other saints the prayers and good works that would serve to realise his dearest wish, "All to Jesus".

While the year slipped onwards inexorably on its path each of the senior grades were given an opportunity to engage with a day's retreat at St John Bosco Diocesan Youth Centre in Daleside near Walkerville. Operated by the Salesian Sisters, Priests and Brothers with attendant volunteer staff the center coped with a day's visit by each grade in turn each of whom many tended to admit to much enjoyment. "You actually ENJOYED a retreat?" "Yes" came the answer accompanied by a nonchalant shrug of the shoulders. The seasoned campaigners among the Grades had a look which seemed to say, "But aren't we supposed to enjoy our retreat?" Mr Williams after dropping in on the day's activities seemed to think that there was a good deal too much enjoyment. Maybe his expectations were coloured by ideas of sack cloth and ashes, "Not like that in my day, lad." But even he was quickly able to acknowledge that on a beautiful site like Bosco it would be difficult to retain a negative attitude for long. One or two students came to a realisation that Meditation techniques did not include pugilism or pillow fights, but once those things were understood better much benefit accrued to all those involved. Much thanks to Fr. Eoain Farrelly SDB and his team for the blessed benefits. The culmination of the programme was the residential retreat made by the Matrics which was supervised by Mr. Fry and Rev. Bruce. Again the sense of calm and focus was worked by the Bosco milieu and a couple of days of grace were found in the busy schedule of the Matrics. For them to stand aside and give consideration to the universal need for peace and spiritual development among the "maddening crowd" was a small mercy. To all those who were involved who supported the Matric group in any way while they took a little time off with the Lord much appreciation is expressed.

The year moved to its close and much concern, especially by the students, was expressed about Fr. Brewer's state of health. Despite serious setbacks Fr. Brewer had faithfully served us at the altar and in any other way he could throughout the year. We have all valued his work and thank him particularly for his constant presence when no doubt it would have been easier for him to walk away and rest awhile. Thank you Father, for your constant care and service. As the year closed off rumours and rumblings about the long awaited canonisation of Fr. Marcellin began to emerge. A miraculous healing of a Marist Brother in

South America was officially attributed to the intercession of Blessed Marcellin and accepted by the Church. The way seemed clear then for the declaration of sainthood, why was there further delay, the students wanted to know? After all it had taken two hundred years to reach this point, how much longer could it possibly take? What were they doing in Rome? After all, Mother Theresa of Calcutta would probably be made a saint

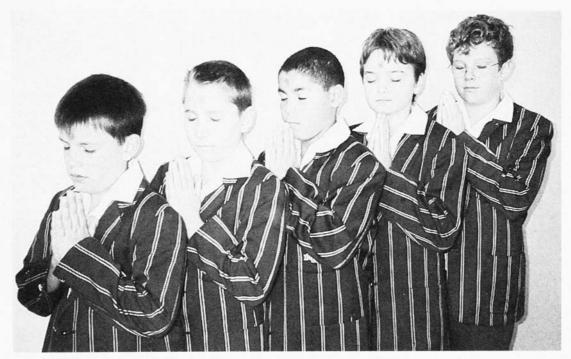
tomorrow. Why not our saint, now! Gradually an understanding of the universal nature of the Church began to percolate and become apparent and the size and scope of the work Jesus started and that Fr. Marcellin in his own time and state had faithfully inched forward. The impatience of youth began to give way to a wider understanding of the connectivity of our lives and God's saving plan for us all. Not a bad note to finish on.

Religious Activities in the Prep

Being a part of the RE class in 1998 was a great honour. We did many wonderful things for the poor and we put a smile on a lot of peoples' faces. The three highlights for me during the year were, without a doubt, writing to our Father in Heaven for Marcellin Champagnat to become a saint. A few days later it

was declared he would be made one in June 1999. Collecting food for poor people and sending it to the Rose of Sharon and lastly to sit in class and listen to the wonderful stories about Jesus.

Massimo Senatore Grade 6G



Crosses of Ash marked the foreheads of all the pupils and extended families of St David's who attended the Ash Wednesday Mass at the pool.



Michael Kairuz and Armani Jamrozinsky with the almost 700 tins collected to feed the poor. Gavin and Des from the Rose of Sharon, had to make two trips to collect all the generous donations made by the boys.



Grade 6 Catholics with their pictorial interpretations of 'Hail Mary' during the month of May.

First Holy Communion

Due to Father Brewer's ill health, the date for this year's First Holy Communion was brought forward some four months.

Sunday 28 June dawned a beautiful Highveld day not too cold and not too warm. The 35 boys looked very smart in their winter uniform. As they processed down the aisle carrying their candles their fellow classmates, who formed the choir, sang beautifully. Mrs Middlewick had prepared the choir and the communicants and as usual they all sounded angelic especially when singing "Suffer Little Children" with Mrs Kalk and Mr Thackwell as soloists.

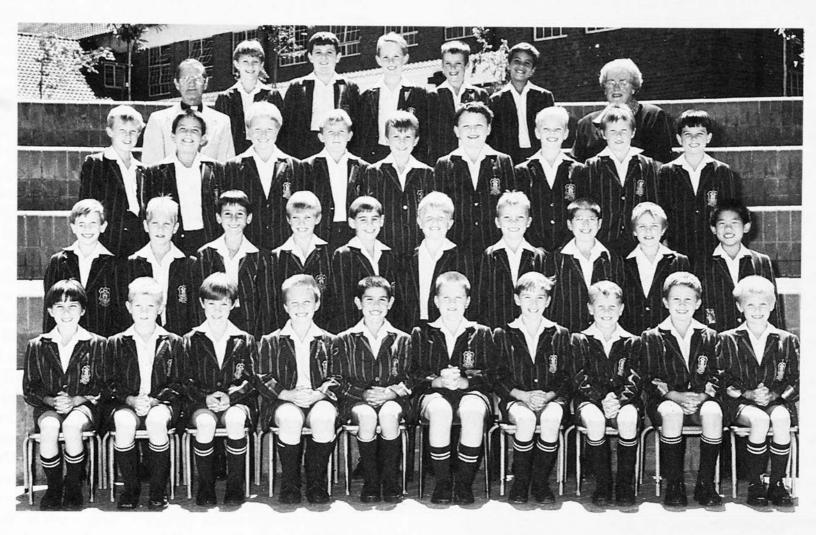
The service, celebrated by Father B Brewer, was most moving and there were many tears shed by the congregation.

As is tradition, the boys then proceeded to the hall for their breakfast organised by Mary von Guilleaume and prepared by Matron Ryan and some Grade 3 mothers. After the breakfast Father Brewer presented each communicant with his certificate, while he in turn gave his mother a hug and a rose in appreciation.

My thanks to the parents for their support and co-operation during the preparation for the Holy Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

I would like to thank the Staff and all those who assisted in making this very special day such a memorable one for the 1998 First Holy Communicants.

MRS G D E Anderson



First Holy Communicants

Back Row: Fr B. Brewer, Reece Webster, Gianluca Sacco, Craig Wallington, Benjamin Lowe, Michael Sparkes, Mrs G Anderson.

Third Row: Duncan Pettit, Brian Lebos, John Van Wyk, Nicholas Riemer, Andrew Keightley-Smith, James Clark, Nicholas Illes, Paul Cooke, Justin Neilson

Second Row: Kyle Dos Santos, Nicholas McWilliams, Matthew Alves, Rory Du Toit, Lorenzo Agostinetto, Stefan Estment, Chase Remmington, Dean Perdigao, Daniel Chappel, Peter Lee.

Seated: Justin O'Byrne, Samuel Vandeleur, Julian Brink, Michael Berti, Gareth Borrageiro, Stewart Leith, Luke Goncalves, Matthew-Luc McCreedy, Matthew O'Connor Pretorius, Timothy Adam

Confirmation 1998

The ninth of October was an extremely significant and special day for 15 Grade 11 pupils of St. David's who received the sacrament of Confirmation. Father John Coleman SDB, the Episcopal Vicar, confirmed us in The Church of the Immaculate Conception at Rosebank. The church was crowded to capacity as a group of over seventy young people from St David's, St Theresa's Convent and Rosebank Parish were confirmed together.

Confirmation is the sacrament of the Catholic church which marks an important change in the our lives as we are now expected to carry the extra responsibility of being 'adults' in the Church!

The St David's pupils underwent preparation which let them know exactly what to expect of their newly-found responsibility. This preparation was enthusiastically provided by Reverend Bruce, who became much more than a teacher to the pupils. Thanks to Reverend Bruce we feel confident in handling this responsibility.

Alfred Chemaly Grade 11

Altar Servers

Senior Altar Servers

It is always wonderful to have young boys offering their services as Altar Servers. This year we had 25 boys from Grade 4 through to Grade 7. The boys practise on a Friday after school They are taught how to serve at Mass, as well as the role an Altar Server Plays in representing the congregation and setting the tone of

the Mass by showing their reverence and concentration during the Mass. Thank you to all the boys for their loyalty and commitment during the year.

Mrs M Middlewick



Senior Altar Servers

Back Row: Nicholas Ansell, Nicholas Schilperoort, Graeme Nieman, Ricardo Brocco, Tyrone Avnit, James Oberholzer, Brent Jacks, Danilo Giacovazzi

Middle Row: Gianluca Tucci, Luca Senatore, Robert Smith, Andrew Caste, Mrs M Middlewick, Fr Brewer, Walter Giuricich, Brendan Roane, Dominic Hodge, Danilo Biccari

Seated: Eric Bauer, Massimo Senatore, Adriano Mendes, Richard Kelly, Mark Middlewick, Ciro De Siena, Riccardo Forleo, Paul Nieuwoudt, Warwick Gird.

Junior Altar Servers

Apart from doing their First Holy Communion, a number of Grade 3 boys joined the Altar Server group this year. These little fellows work hard at remembering what has to be done during the Mass. It is with great anticipation that they await the day when they are allowed to serve for the first time. The boys take their tasks very seriously and really do look like little angels when they process down the ails with the older boys and Father behind them. Although the reason behind doing certain tasks at Mass is explained to the boys, you can't blame a nine year old for wanting to be on the side of the Altar where they know that you will have the chance to ring the bells. Well done to the boys who served this year. I hope that they will continue with this wonderful ministry over the next few years. Mrs M Middlewick



Junior Altar Servers

Back Row: Daniel Chappel, Kyle Dos Santos, Mrs M Middlewick, Fr B Brewer, Dean Perdigoa, Justin Neilson

Seated: Justin O'Byrne, Luke Goncalves, Michael Berti, Stewart Leith, Matthew O'Connor-Pretorius, Timothy Adam

The Marist Co-Workers

1998 was a year in which the CoWorkers began with a very enthusiastic group of Matrics who clearly intended to take every opportunity afforded them to serve the poor. Early in the year Gareth Simaan organised a visit to meet Fr Ronald Cairns OMI the Parish Priest of Alexandra. Fr Cairns made it quite clear to the group that he had a huge amount of work for the CoWorkers to do. Nothing daunted the group who set to work to see how they could address the needs that Fr Cairns presented them with. Clearly some of the needs would require a fair amount of money to do anything about. The two foci of the Co-Workers attention would be the St Martin de Porres, Preschool and the Scared Heart Old Age Home both located within the premises of St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Alexandra.

Plans were devised and the group set out to try their best to raise the funds that would see change occur in the lives of the children and Pensioners in these two establishments. A donation of three bicycles provided the group with a vehicle for raising funds as did the opportunity to sell boerwors rolls at a number of functions. The Pre School provided us with a wish list which had some seemingly strange items on it. What could they do with second hand towels for example. It turned out that the children very often came long distances to school in the morning and being as young as they were a change of clothes was sometimes needed. So a shower and a serviceable towel were the order of the day. The classrooms that they learned in were enhanced by the erection of shelves which after much trial and error where firmly fixed to the walls. Andrew Parker's



Marist schools must

"awaken people's

consciences to the

problems that affect

society"

and must

"involve our pupils in

charitable works that

bring them into contact

with situations of poverty"

(Constitution of the Marist Brothers, paragraph 87.2)

workmanship and dedication to this task has to be commended.

A special mention must be made of the way in which Mrs Zambon's class reacted to the appeal that the CoWorkers made. The "Terrible Towel" campaign (you know, the one you whip out of the guest cloakroom when visitors come?) resulted in a large number of towels being taken by the CoWorkers on a Friday afternoon visit much to the delight of those who needed them. Food was also a staple need and the Co-Workers through their weekly collections and "civvies" day collections brought in a steady supply

of coins and tins which often Matron appealed to us to take away as she couldn't cope with the quantity of tins that landed on her doorstep.

A donation of blankets organised by the Naude family was a welcome gift during the winter months greatly appreciated by the various Hospices that they were shared amongst. Used clothing was a very welcome adjunct to the collections that went on and greatly appreciated by the recipients. An appeal for soap and washing powder was received from the Missionaries of Charity for their Aids Hospice. Mrs Webb kindly agreed to take a group of boys to help with a visit there and was disconcerted to be asked to drive the school kombi down a very steep slope to the Hospice garage. She was somewhat comforted when Sister explained that a vehicle that had been left outside had been stolen. On enquiry it turned out to be a hearse, such are the times we live in! That visit and a previous time had made a lasting impression on the members of CoWorkers present having to see the HIV+ babies. Bruce Thomas' ability to comfort a crying baby was impressive and will no doubt stand him in good stead. Making some more determined to increase their efforts to help. Students of the calibre of Daniel Wright, among others, with all that he was involved in still managed to find time to be present, to help and to facilitate helping by others, not only during term time but in the holidays as well. He and the others are a tribute to the up bringing they have had as CoWorkers. All in all a good year for the spirit of CoWorking in the school and plans were already afoot to redouble efforts to make sure that there would be continuity when the school reopened in 1999.

Prep Co-Workers

We had an enthusiastic group of co-workers this year and enjoyed a number of successful projects. The making and selling of Easter chocolates was a lot of fun and the boys really surprised us all with the various activities (from radio controlled trick races to face painting) raffles and prizes they planned for their Champagnat Day stall. The co-workers also helped with the collection of "terrible towels" books and games

for needy schools. The boys were also involved in serving supper at the library "Hooked on Books" evening. They spent a lot of their time working on these projects and their efforts were much appreciated by all who benefited.

Thanks to all for their continuous support of the coworkers.

Mrs D Zambon and Mrs M Barbour



Prep Co-Workers

Back Row: Mrs Michelle Barbour, Warrick van der Merwe, Michael Thomas, Timothy Johnson, Guy Little, Fr Brewer, Ricardo Brocco, Kyle Biller, Nicholas Ansell, Danilo Giacovazzi, Mrs Debbie Zambon

Seated: Richard Kelly, Gianluca Tucci, Clinton Vallis, Timothy Forssman, Matthew Milne, Luca Senatore, David Teagle, Brendan Roane, Mark Middlewick, Glynn Allen

obituaries

The Headmaster, Staff and Pupils extend their sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have died since the publication of the 1997 St David's Marist College magazine.

Mr Felix Zeltner

Died of a heart attack. Grandfather of Rhayne Heynike Gr 5W, and father of Mrs Evette Snyman.

Mr Anthony Clover

Husband of Mary, the Prep Librarian, and father of Keith, Old Boy 1997, and Derek Gr 11.

Robin John Cross

Killed tragically in Lusaka, Zambia. Son-in-law of Mrs Debbie Hurley.

Mrs S Burger

Mother of Mrs Glenda Anderson, HOD Junior Primary.

Mr G Maraschin

Father of Gabriele Gr 10J and Michele Gr 8C

Mrs Rossana Colaianni

Grandmother of Gabriele Maraschin Gr 10J and Michele Maraschin Gr 8C.

Mr and Mrs P Desilla

Old Boy of Marist Inanda

Mrs Yvonne Bruneau

Grandmother of Jean-Francois Gr 8B and Damien Gr 7

Mrs D Smith

Mother of David Gr 8, and wife of Alex, PTA member.

Mrs Evelyn Brewer

Mother of Fr Bernard Brewer, School Chaplain, and of Kevin Brewer, Chairman of the Board, and grandmother of Rowan, Old Boy.

Mr Steven Brewer

Died tragically in a car crash. Nephew of Fr Brewer and Kevin Brewer, and cousin of Rowan.

Mr David Baker

Brother-in-law of Mrs Belinda Marais on the staff, and uncle of Terence Marais Gr 9O and Bradley Marais Gr 5W

Mrs Pat Madison

Librarian at Inanda in 1987

Mrs Jean Bolton

Died tragically in a car crash.

Aunt of Mrs Carol Ansell on the staff,
great aunt of Nicholas Gr 7, Ryan Jamieson Gr 5H
and Sean Jamieson Gr 1R

Mr Alexander Davidson

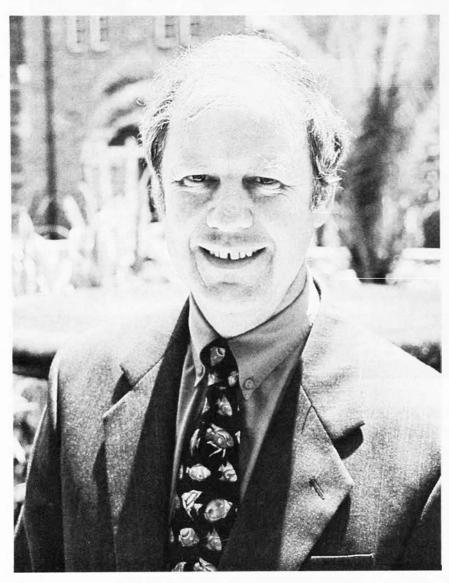
Brother-in-law of Mrs Marleyn Humm, College receptionist.

may they rest in peace

ST DAVID'S MARIST PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Headmaster's Report

Address at the Annual Prizegiving 2 December 1998



Rick Wilson - Headmaster of the Prep School

To realise the value of one year Ask a student who has failed his exam, To realise the value of one month Ask the mother who has given birth to a premature baby. To realise the value of one week: Ask the editor of a weekly newspaper. To realise the value of one day: Ask the daily wage labourer who has ten kids to feed To realise the value of one hour: Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet. To realise the value of one minute Ask the person who has missed the train. To realise the value of one second: Ask the person who has survived an accident To realise the value of one milli-second: Ask the person who has won the silver medal in the Olympics.

Mr. & Mrs. Edey Members of the Board, Special guests of Honour – Fr. Brewer and Mrs. Rose, ladies and gentlemen and boys. A very warm, if somewhat wet welcome to Prize Giving 1998.

I started my speech this evening with that statement on

time for good reason. You see, our lives are controlled by time, by clocks and calendars.

There are 23 days left until Christmas and 388 days until the Millennium. The oft quoted adage "Time stands still for noone" is so true. Once again I find myself wondering just where the past year has gone. It would seem that the older you become - the faster time flies.

Here at St. David's, so much has been achieved over the past year. Those of you, who attended this function, last year, will remember that the new classroom block, pavilion and Grade 0 centre were nearing completion and we were still pondering over plans for the Hall. In fact I clearly recall standing here last year with the sun dazzling me from the western horizon. The pondering has resulted in the magnificent building you see nearing completion behind me. The new hall is going to make a huge difference to many facets of school life - be they cultural, sporting or social.

Such is human nature – that we have already taken our new buildings for granted and a year down the road it feels as if they have always been here. The conscious effort by the design team and architects to perpetuate the existing style, has meant that our new additions have just blended into the campus unobtrusively. There still remains a fair amount of planning and building to be done in the coming years until we have reached our optimum enrolment in the high school. Being involved in the whole exercise has been a stimulating, whilst at times, anxious experience.

Finance is one of the aspects, which can cause sleepless nights, and we have been fortunate to have the business acumen of people like Mr. Brewer, our chairman, to control expenditure as effectively as he has. Our fund raising has been fairly successful too and to those of you who have been in the position to contribute - it has been greatly appreciated.

I'm sure that by now you are aware; that after 1999 we will not be receiving any further subsidy from the State. Whilst some people are deeply saddened and others annoyed by the State's apparent abrogation, we have been anticipating this for some time. When budgeting, we have taken cognisance of this eventuality, in order to cope with a worst case scenario. The recession has placed further strain on all of us, and interest rates have forced everyone to tighten their belts. Despite the larger increase in school fees than in previous years – St. David's fees still remains very favourably positioned, when compared to other Independent schools.

I deliberately choose to avoid the term "our rivals" or "our competitors" when mentioning other schools. I often have to remind myself as well as other folk that it is unwise to compare ourselves against other leading schools. Whilst acknowledging the importance of continuously striving to be the best that we can, just as it is dangerous to compare children's' relative capabilities – so the same mistake can be made when comparing schools. There is a saying that "Imitation is the greatest form of flattery" We don't try to emulate anyone. We regard ourselves as

a unique school, doing the best we can, with what we have, for the boys in our care. Every school has strengths and weaknesses and it is important that we all acknowledge this. St. David's does not, or will ever, regard itself as an elitist school, despite our physical location.

We are ever aware of the need to prevent grass from growing under our feet and of becoming complacent. To this end, the whole College will be embarking on an exhaustive self-appraisal exercise using the instrument developed in Scotland entitled "How good is our school?" This will examine every aspect of the functioning of the school over an extended period and will provide us all with direction, new short and long term objectives and I believe a fair deal of affirmation for what already exists.

Next year too, we will be embarking on a detailed strategic planning exercise to analyse the whole function of the school and map the way forward in terms of additional facilities and policy.

The national, albeit somewhat haphazard, introduction of Curriculum 2005 took place in Grade 1 this year. Opinions on the relative merits thereof are as varied as the seasons of the year. Arguments still rage over the long term benefits or otherwise of the scheme and those in the teaching profession themselves generally have ambivalent feelings on the issue. We have decided to proceed cautiously with O.B.E. Much of what the philosophy purports is nothing new to Independent schools—we have been doing theme teaching, group teaching, integrated studies and continuous assessment for years. Among our concerns are the incredibly time-consuming recording and "banking of skills" components of the system.

This year we have been active participants in the Independent Schools Internship programme. This new initiative seeks to identify promising potential teachers and these youngsters are sponsored by a host school to complete a Bachelor of Education degree. The programme seeks to address the critical shortage of young men in particular entering the teaching profession. We have thoroughly enjoyed hosting Gareth Weinrich this year and we thank him sincerely for his contribution to St. David's. To broaden his experience, Gareth will be moving to Redhill school next year.

In addition to the huge task of ensuring that academic standards are maintained throughout the school, our Head of academics – Mr. David Spence had the responsibility of being Gareth's mentor and we believe that by the time he qualifies, Gareth will have become a fine young teacher. Our best wishes go with him for the future.

In his place next year, we will welcome Mr. Mike Haswell, an old boy of this school who has a final year to complete of his H.D.E. He is a very talented sportsman and we look forward to his input in both classroom and sportsfield.

From matters academic, to the extra-curricula programme. This year has been another record breaker in terms of sheer number of fixtures and levels of participation. Our own internal sports events have been incredibly well-organised and supported. Our teams have performed at very pleasing levels. Our 1st football team was undefeated in the Independent schools league and our swimming teams excelled throughout the season.

To be selected for the annual football tour to East London remains every boy's ambition and this year 110 lads made the journey. We were proud winners of the trophies for best team overall and best visiting team. Again – the donation of a mountain of boots for the needy was for us more gratifying than receiving trophies. We undertook a cricket tour to Mpumulanga too, but sadly as we arrived – the heavens opened and it rained continuously for 3 days!

My thanks as usual must go to Mr. Castle who goes to great lengths to ensure that our sports programme and educational tours run as smoothly as they do. He is an absolute stickler for detail and nothing is ever left to chance. We have been especially fortunate this year to have enjoyed the services of Dominic Busschau. Dominic decided to have a break before commencing further studies and we have really benefited from his enthusiasm, reliability and commitment. I have tried more than once to persuade him to enter the ranks of teachers, but he has politely told me that he has other plans. Dominic, our grateful thanks and best wishes go with you too, for the future.

On the cultural front, we have again enjoyed a busy year. The arrival of Mr. Thackwell in January has given Mrs. Middlewick much needed moral and teaching support. Our choir has had an outstanding year. Who can forget the huge audience at the St. Stithians festival suddenly springing to life as our boys performed a song from Grease? It brought the house down. The choir supper shows were sold out as usual and next year we will be able to offer more tickets as we will benefit from the additional space afforded by our new hall. The Grade O Nativity play remains one of my favourite events in the calendar and together with the Carol concert is always a fitting conclusion to the year.

The staff members who joined us this year - namely the aforementioned Mr. Thackwell, Mr. Demblon, Mr. Hayter, Mr. Smit and Mrs. Horrocks have all settled into the hectic lives teachers at this school lead, and all five are making a valuable contribution. We further congratulate Mt. Thackwell on his recent promotion to Head of Department - Senior Prep.

We were thrilled too - to welcome Mrs. Norton back into the fold following Mrs. Temperley's decision to give more time to her new-born son.

Mrs. Levick, the headmaster's secretary left in August to be replaced by Mrs. Groenewald and she has settled in happily and is doing a wonderful job.

Now, sadly, we say goodbye to some of our colleagues.

Mrs. Rose leaves us to join family in England after 16 years service to the school. Sue is one of those quietly dedicated teachers who does a fine job in the classroom and also has contributed to many other facets of school life including a stint as Aftercare co-ordinator. We shall miss her dulcet tones announcing at galas and sports events. Sue, thank you for 16 years of sound education to so many youngsters. In a slight break from tradition and policy, we would like tonight - to present Sue with the gift her class parents made for her. It is an amazing and quite unique present and I know that she will gain hours of pleasure looking at it as it stands on her mantle piece in her new home in England. Sue would you come forward? (There is no truth in the rumour that the model is in fact a petrified Grade 0 boy or the next in the long line of Busschau brothers!!)

Bev Kalk has recently completed a remedial education qualification and when the opportunity arose to put these skills to full use in a school on the doorstep of her home – she could not resist the offer. Bev too has made a huge contribution to St. David's in many spheres – most notably in assisting boys with learning difficulties and in the music arena. Her perceptive educational acumen, beautiful singing voice and cheery smile will be sorely missed.

Anne Morkel who unfortunately is unable to be with us this evening, joins the staff at Crawford College in Lonehill in January. Anne has been an inspirational educator in the Biology and Afrikaans departments. She is one of those teachers who successfully challenges convention and the lives of her pupils have been richer as a result. Anne has also spent countless hours improving the appearance of the school through managing the gardens.

Our very best wishes go with the three of you in your new positions.

We also bid our final farewell to Fr. Brewer - the school Chaplain. As you know, Fr. has been unwell for most of this year and his retirement whilst being a relief for him, has left a huge void in our school. A quiet man who prefers not to bask in the limelight, Father's contribution to this school has been immense over the past years. He would not be impressed with me if I made a lengthy speech outlining everything he has done for our School Community – so I will not. It goes without saying that we all wish him strength, a peaceful retirement and God's richest Blessings.

Just as we sadly say goodbye to some of our colleagues, it is a pleasure to welcome new teachers onto the staff. Mrs. Shamani Pillay joins us from Greyston prep and Mrs. Zaza Ladeira from Roseneath. Both ladies will teach Grade 1 classes. Mrs. Morkel's replacement is Mrs. Frances McWilliams who joins us from Northview High School where she was Head of languages. She is also a very keen biologist and has much to offer our school. We extend a warm welcome to the three of you as you join our Marist family and trust you will have a long and happy association with us.

We bid adieu to our Grade 7 boys too. This year sees the highest number of boys ever - moving directly into our high school. Gentlemen, I address my remarks now, to you in particular. You have certainly been an interesting group of young men to teach. I will be honest in saying that you have certainly been a challenging group at times, full of talent and mischief in equal proportions, but all in all we have enjoyed teaching you this year.

You now move onto the next phase of your lives. One day, when you are grown up and have children of your own starting school, I'm sure you will reflect upon your own school days. If you do, I would like to think that you will remember the teachers who invested their lives, their sweat and guts into to making you what you have become. Just as your parents have fretted over your physical well being, so have your teachers sweated over your progress - not only in academics, but also in life skills. It is an investment, which you can repay by continuing to strive to do your best through high school and the years beyond. I am in weekly contact through the Internet with many of my former pupils, and it gives me great satisfaction to hear about the success they have achieved in life. We as a staff, will be quietly watching your progress too and your success will also be our success, for over the past seven years - you have surely become a part of us.

Returning to the issue of time and how it flies – it is vitally important that as parents – we are more aware of time in relation to bringing up our children. I know that frequently I chide in Newsletters - how important it is to give your sons TIME – especially Dads, who are after all, a boy's main role model. How many of us (and I say us as I am one of the most guilty here) make an inconsistent effort every now and then to give our sons quality time? I would like to prick consciences here by reciting the words of a Pop song from the 70's as a little warning of what might be, should we neglect our responsibilities in this regard. It's called

"The Cat's in the Cradle."

It goes:

My child arrived just the other day - he came to the world in the usual way

But there were planes to catch and bills to pay - he learned to talk when I was away,

And he was walking before I knew it - and as he grew I'd hear him say:

"I'm going to be like you Dad - you know I'm going to be like you!"

The cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon - Little Boy Blue and the man in the Moon.

"When are you coming home Dad?"

"I don't know when, but we'll get together then son - you know we'll have a good time then."

My son turned 10 just the other day - said, "Thanks for the ball Dad come on let's play!"

"Can you teach me to throw?" - I said, "Not today, I've got a lot to do."

He said "That's OK" and he walked away - the smile never dimmed- it said

"I'm going to be like him, I know I'm going to be like him!"
Well he came from college just the other day - So much like
a man I just had to say

"Son I'm proud of you - can you sit for a while?"

He shook his head and said with a smile:

"What I'd really like Dad is to borrow the car keys - see you later - can I have them please?"

"When are you coming home son?"

"I don't know when, but we'll have a good time then Dad - you know we'll have a good time then."

Well I've long since retired - My son's moved away

I called him up just the other day – I said: "I'd like to see you if you don't mind?"

He said "I'd love to Dad if I could find the time - You see, my new job's a hassle, my kids have the flu

But it's sure nice talking to you Dad - It's been real nice talking to you!"

And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me:

He'd grown up just like me - My son was just, like, me!

I hope we can all take the time to reflect on the significance of those words.

Now I'd like to address a group of people who do actually have TIME for your sons and those people are of course the staff. We can build the most magnificent buildings, purchase the best possible equipment but in the final analysis - it is the staff who make a school what it is. Increasingly, in everyday life, teachers are becoming more than purveyors of educational curricula. Financial survival dictates that more mothers are in the business world now and they are unable to devote as much time as previously to their children - and fathers are working longer hours than before - that word time once again! Teachers have become more involved in the social, psychological and emotional well being and upbringing of youngsters. We are blessed with a team of men and women who are prepared to give up their own extra precious time - often at the expense of their own families, and are prepared to go the extra mile for the children in their classes. I would like to thank them for another year of dedication and commitment to this school - thank you staff.

I like to always extend thanks to Mr. van der Merwe and his staff for the wonderful job they do in maintaining our grounds in the best possible condition. They are the envy of many schools - thank you Willem.

There have been numerous people who have contributed to our school this year. They have given that precious commodity - time - to assist. To list them all here would take ages and I know that most of them do it to be involved as a partner in the school and thus - to ultimately help their sons. I'm not going to mention any names this year, but instead extend our grateful thanks to those who helped with Kumon, Tuckshop, Swop shop, pavilion, catering, Reading, the P.T.A, Board of Governors and the 101 other arenas. Thank you all - you make a huge difference.

I would like to thank our guests of honour - Fr. Brewer and Mrs. Rose for so kindly acceding to present prizes tonight and to my wife Gerry for her unfailing support. Teaching at one school and being a Headmaster's wife at another isn't easy - thank you.

In conclusion - the staff and I wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year and I close with my favourite blessing to all of you:

"May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face

The rain fall soft upon your fields

And, until we meet again - may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Thank you.

Staff Farewells in 1998

Mrs Levick left St David's after 9 years as Headmaster's Secretary. At a well-attended function, Mr Wilson lauded Barbara's wonderful contribution to the Prep School. Dealing with hundreds of enrolments and inquiries, parents, teachers and boys, Barbara exhibited wonderful qualities and capabilities. Mr Wilson further thanked her for the wonderful and loyal support she had given him as his personal assistant. Our best wishes went with Barbara to her new appointment in a legal firm.

This year we have said goodbye to three of our staff members, Mrs Anne Morkel, Mrs Bev Kalk and Mrs Sue Rose. At their farewell, Mr Wilson and Mr Spence thanked them for their loyal and dedicated service to the school and wished them well in their new ventures. Mrs Morkel took up a new position at Crawford, Lonehill, Mrs Rose has returned to Scotland and Mrs Kalk has gone to take up responsibility for the aid class at Trinity House.



We sadly said 'Goodbye' to Sue Rose, Ann Morkel and Bev Kalk in 1998.

Vote of thanks to the Staff



Jason Simaan Gr 7E

Good evening Mr Edey, Mr Wilson, members of Staff, parents and fellow pupils.

Thirteen years ago, when we were born, our mothers held us in their arms looked at us and said, "Isn't he gorgeous!" six years later, when we entered our Grade 0 classrooms for the first time our mothers looked at us with tears in their eyes and once again said, "Isn't he gorgeous!"

But watching us from a distance, was a man,

dressed in a tracksuit, who was not thinking the same thing as our proud mothers. He was thinking of yet another new bunch of 'brats' who would soon be needing a touch of discipline and lessons in good manners. Well, Sir, I think you might agree that we have grown into a fine bunch of young men.

It is indeed a great privilege and honour for me to be standing here before you this evening and addressing you on behalf of the Grade Seven pupils of 1998, to pay tribute to our school, St David's Marist Prep and the wonderful people who work here and who have been part of our lives for so many years.

We sit among you tonight with mixed feelings as we realise that we are about to embark on a new adventure in our lives. We don't quite know what to expect as we leave the cosy, comfortable and happy environment that has been provided for us in primary school. On the one hand, we are all extremely excited to be entering the College and the thought of being in high school is quite awe inspiring. However, we do realise that life will change. Mom will be kissed very quickly in the car park in case someone sees, Steer burgers will no longer be delivered by mom before cricket matches and swimming galas, and no more lazy afternoons on the golf course or in front of the TV,

At the same time, coupled with the excitement, it a feeling

of sadness at the thought of leaving our wonderful teachers, many of whom have become like friends, and who have helped and guided us through our primary school years. They have done a magnificent job in equipping us for high school and we can all go forward knowing that we have had the best primary school education possible, not only academically, but in the sporting arena, religious education and in building our characters and personalities.

A big thank you must go to our Prep Headmaster, Mr Wilson and all the staff both academic, administration and support staff. A special thank you, and one which comes with great sadness, is for our dear Father Brewer who will not be returning to St David's next year. Father Brewer has been our school chaplain for many years and has seen to all our religious needs. He has always been available to us, day and night and nothing has ever been too much trouble. Father, for this we say, "Thank you." We will miss you terribly, but pray that God will keep you in His care and that you will visit us whenever possible.

We also have to say goodbye to three teachers who have taught all or some of us at some stage in our primary school careers. Mrs Rose, Mrs Morkel and Mrs Kalk – thank you for having been a part of our St David's family for such a long time. We wish you luck and happiness in your new ventures.

Being part of this wonderful school would never have been possible without two very important people – our parents. We know that we are very privileged to attend a school such as this one and we thank you for your kindness, patience and love as well as the sacrifices you have made to keep us here – not to mention taxi driving.

Finally, a word to all the Prep School pupils and particularly the Grade Sixes who will be standing in our shoes next year. Remember that your school days are among the happiest of your lives, especially here at St David's. Hold your heads up high, look to the future but most of all, have FUN while doing so.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this thought: If you can't be a highway, be a trail
If you can't be a sun, be a star
Its not by size
That you win or fail
Be the best of what you are.

Farewell Address at the Grade 7 Luncheon

To Mr Edey, Mr Williams, on behalf of the 1998 Grade 7's, I offer you our thanks for joining us at our farewell luncheon. We stand here today big fish in a small pond. It does not seem like eight years have passed since most of us took those first little steps into the primary school. Most of this year's Grade 7's will be continuing their Marist education in the College, and, with the Marist spirit which exists among us, we look forward to taking up the challenge to be everything we can be.

Mr Wilson, we thank you for working so hard towards providing an environment conducive to the development of the total person - religious, intellectual, emotional, cultural, social and physical. This will allow any boy to attain the aim of the college - to be a man. Mr Spence we appreciate your tremendous concern for each boy's academic progress. We have spent many hours in the sun with Mr Castle and his endless quest to develop a caring involvement in sport from which no one is excluded. We thank him for coaching teamwork, reliance on others, how to win and more importantly, how to lose. To Mrs Anderson, Teaching is a work of heart and we are grateful for your single-minded devotion to the Marist boys.

The opportunity for the boys to achieve so much would not be provided were it not for the dedication and commitment of all the teaching staff and for this we say thank you, not only for your excellent teaching but also for your patience and understanding. A teacher is someone who takes your hand, opens your mind, touches your heart. In particular, we would like to thank the administrative staff from the Bursar's office and the two offices in the Prep and College, not forgetting of course, Mr Selima in the print room. They all play a quiet yet integral role. In her absence, a special thanks to Matron who is

so much a mother to the boys and to Mrs Von Guilleaume for successfully organising the catering at all our events. We would like to express our appreciation to all class moms who have put in so much precious time and effort.

It is difficult to imagine St David's without Father Brewer and we thank him from the bottom of our hearts for always being there for us. Mr van der Merwe, a warm thank you for reminding us that one is nearer God's heart in a garden, than anywhere else on earth. Our grateful thanks to our therapists, who offer remedial, occupational and speech therapy within the school. It certainly helps towards creating a stress free environment. Last, but by no means least, we wish to give credit to the Grade 6 teachers, Mrs Geldenhuys and her hardworking helpers, Mrs Browne and Mr Hosmer, for making today a success.

For the Grade 7's, this is not the end, it is merely a beginning and, in closing, we would like to pay tribute to the entire staff of St David's for creating the wonderful, supportive spirit which makes this such a special place. You have given us a code by which we should try to work in order to make the world a better place.

Rhett Finch

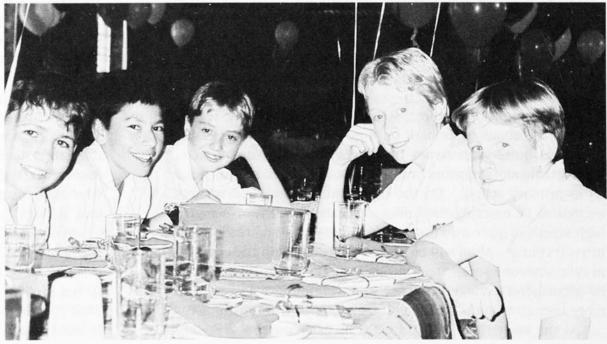
On behalf of the Grade 7 boys, I'd like to extend a vote of thanks to the parents, pupils and the staff of Grade 6, who prepared, decorated and served this wonderful lunch. To Mrs Raaff, Mrs Burgess and Mrs Estment and the team of mothers who helped in any way to make this such a memorable occasion, we extend our sincere thanks for all that you have done.

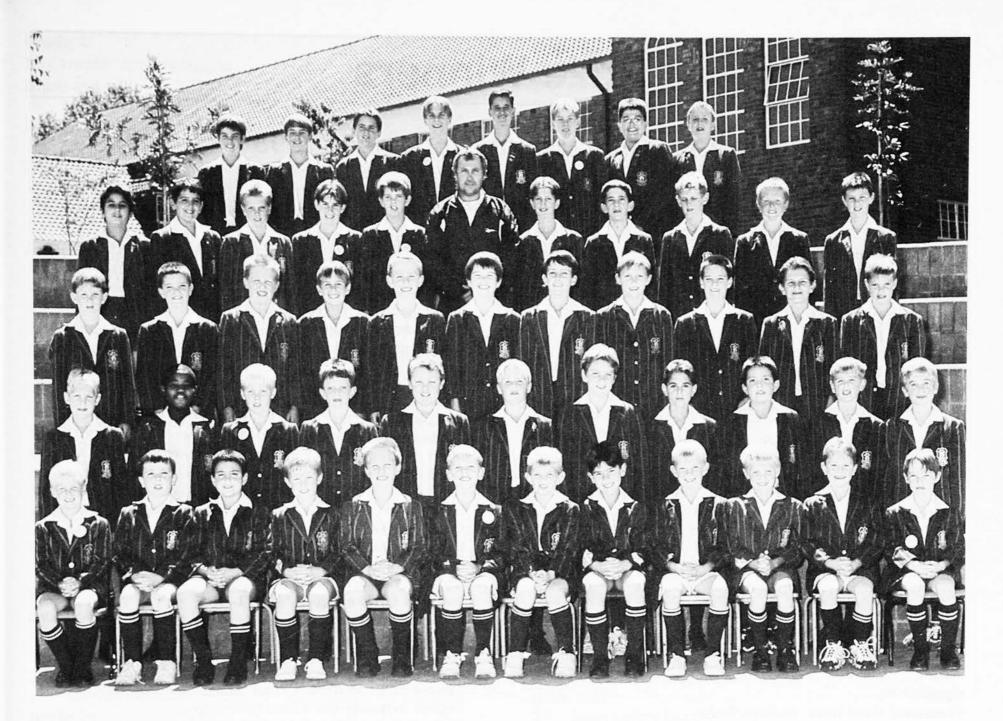
Christopher Carey



From left to right: Mrs Geldenhuys, the luncheon co-ordinator and her staff team, Mrs Browne and Mr Hosmer

From Left to right: Warren Raaff, Justin Andrews, Mark Middlewick





Sons of Old Boys

Back Row: Alistair Jordan, Sean Schoombie, Nicholas Schilperoort, Kyle Biller, Ricardo Brocco, Rhett Finch, Jason Simaan, Andrew Castle

Second Row: Jason Mazaham, Anthony Khoury, Christopher Forssman, Christopher Marsay, Gregory Jordan, Mr W Castle, Robert Smith, Daniel Berti, Timothy Forssman, William Ryan, Matthew McFarlane

Third Row: Struan Cameron, Malcolm Hunter, Nicholas Berti, Gary Stanley, Craig Wallington, Jonathan Jordan, Mark Zweigenthal, Jordan Graham, Duncan Hunter, Massimo Senatore, Mark Goosen

Fourth Row: Nicholas McWilliams, Miso Shongwe, Ryan Jamieson, Reuben John, Karl Rieth, Stephen Adam, John Moni, Jonty Kourie, Brian Lebos, John-Michael Glaeser, Michael Evans

Seated: Sean Jamieson, Guissepe Carosini, Jared Lebos, Simon Wallington, Michael Berti, Nicholas Johnson, Reinhardt Arp, Shuan Sardinha, Philip Hawkins, Timothy Adam, Marco Carleo

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Prize Winners

Annual Prizegiving December 1998

Junior Prep

Religion Prizes:

Grade 1-K James Reilly

Grade 1-N Daniel O'Connor-Pretorius

Grade 1-R Alessandro Mendes

Grade 2-A Giulio Giuricich

Grade 2-B Christopher Schilperoort

Grade 2-N Gareth Seland

Grade 3 Catholic Doctrine - Justin O'Byrne

Scripture - Kent Hauptfleisch

Altar Boys Awards

Timothy Adam, Michael Berti, Daniel Chappel, Kyle Dos Santos, Luke Goncalves, Stewart Leith, Justin Neilson, Justin O'Byrne Dean Perdigao

Grade 1-K

Consistent Good Work Matthew Hawinkels
English Achievement Alistair Smith
Mathematics Achievement Giuseppe Carosini
Merit Awards James Lowe, Nicholas Von Roretz
Good Progress Prizes: Matthew Riemer, Matthew Van Der Merwe

Grade 1-N:

Consistent Good Work Graham Starkey
English Achievement Andrew Jackson
Mathematics Achievement Steven Bauthier-Pienaar
Merit Awards Matthew Edwards, Declan Scott
Good Progress Prizes: Robert Longland,
Jayson Van Kerckhoven

Grade 1-R:

Consistent Good Work Christopher Van Eden English Achievement Patrick Chappel Maths Achievement David Leith Merit Awards Ramon Michael, Antimo Osato Good Progress Mathew Macindoe, Michael Wackrill

Grade 2-A:

Consistent Good Work Kaelo Molefe
English Achievement Craig Koorn
Mathematics Achievement Lloyd Berndt
Good Progress Giuliano Minucci, Nicholas Johnson
Merit Awards David Gardner, Andrew Murphy

Grade 2-B

Consistent Good Work Shaun Sardinha English Achievement Paul Hon Mathematics Achievement Marc Neto Merit Awards Daniel Kourie, Kimon Kramvis Good Progress Kurt Boere, Jean-Pierre Viviers

Grade 2-N

Consistent Good Work Kyle Waldeck
English Achievement Tim Brinkmann
Mathematics Achievement Reuben John
Merit Awards Wayne Eldridge, Brandon Whitson
Good Progress Kyle Lawrence, Byron Rodrigues

Grade 3-H

Consistent Good Work Alexander Rodel
English Achievement Gareth Brickman
Mathematics Achievement Duncan Pettit
Afrikaans Achievement Brian Lebos
Study Of Environment Stewart Leith
Merit Awards: Michael Berti, Christopher MacKeown
Good Progress Lorenzo Agostinetto, Dean Perdigao

Grade 3-S

Consistent Good Work Craig Wallington
English Achievement Chase Remmington
Mathematics Achievement Andrew Mckenzie
Afrikaans Achievement Nicholas McWilliams
Study Of Environment Justin Neilson
Merit Awards Praveshin Pillay, James Clark
Good Progress Andrew Slack, Stewart Wackrill

Grade 3-Z:

Consistent Good Work Dale Walker
English Achievement Sean Gishen
Mathematics Achievement Shaun Wilson
Afrikaans Achievement Byron King
Study Of Environment Warren Scott
Merit Awards Kyle Dos Santos, Kyle Mills
Good Progress Kyle Robinson, Nicholas Riemer

Schaafsma Trophy

Best Academic Student - Grade 3 Alexander Rodel

The U/9 Medley Trophy For Good Fellowship: Best Academic Achievement, Sporting Achievement & Leadership Qualities In The U\9 Age Group: Alexander Rodel

Senior Prep

Religion Prizes:

Grade 4: Catholic Doctrine Dean Shillaw, Michael Macindoe Scripture Justin Kalk

Grade 5: Catholic Doctrine Lorenzo Agustoni, Struan Cameron Scripture David Everson

Grade 6: Catholic Doctrine David Blandin De Chalain Scripture Matthew Milne, Walter Giuricich

Grade 7: Catholic Doctrine Gianluca Tucci, Nicholas Ansell

Scripture Glynn Allen

Altar Boys Awards

Nicholas Ansell, Tyrone Avnit, Eric Bauer, Danilo Biccari, Ricardo Brocco, Andrew Castle, Ciro De Siena, Riccardo Forleo, Danilo Giacovazzi, Warwick Gird, Walter Giuricich, Dominic Hodge, Brent Jacks, Richard Kelly, Adriano Mendes, Mark Middlewick, Graeme Nieman, Paul Nieuwoudt, James Oberholzer, Brendan Roane, Nicholas Schilperoort, Luca Senatore, Massimo Senatore, Robert Smith, Gianluca Tucci

Grade 4

Dux Trophy Gregory Murphy

Grade 4MJ

Gregory Murphy

2nd Michael Carey

Danilo Baccari

Grade 4 DH

1st Justin Kalk

2nd Stephen Adam

3rd Paul Niewoudt

Grade 4SJ

1st Duncan Hunter

2nd Ivan Giuricich

3rd Jordan Graham

Academic Excellence: Gregory Murphy, Duncan Hunter

Good Progress: Adrian Gebers, Kevin Harding, Nicholas Berti, Richard Edey, David Schilperoort, Justin Ferriere, Adam Weldon-Ming, Sean Nieman, Malcolm Hunter, Graham Freeman, David Naylor

Subject Prizes

English: Duncan Hunter **Afrikaans:** Gregory Murphy Mathematics: Jordan Graham Integrated Studies: Duncan Hunter

Art: Ben Lemmer

Computer: Paul Nieuwoudt

Grade 5:

Dux Trophy Sabelo Sithebe

Grade 5S

Adam Lowe

2nd Kyle Burger

3rd Mark Zweigenthal

Grade 5W

1st Sabelo Sithebe

2nd Nicholas Neto

3rd Andrew Moerdyk

Grade 5H

Adriano Mendes 1st

Lorenzo Agustoni 2nd

3rd Justin Henry

Academic Excellence: Adam Lowe, Kyle Burger, Mark Zweigenthal, Sabelo Sithebe, Nicholas Neto, Adriano Mendes

Good Progress: Nicholas Marini, David Everson, Warwick Zipp, Grant Hayward, Andrew Moerdyk, Adam Smith, Dominic Hodge, Alexander Kaminski, Struan Cameron, Kieran Fane-Harvey, Michael Shaw-Taylor, Jonathan Kourie, Declan Berndt, Paul Hunt

Subject Prizes

English: Sabelo Sithebe Afrikaans: Adriano Mendes Mathematics: Adam Lowe

Integrated Studies: Sabelo Sithebe

Art: Andrew Moerdyk

Zulu: 1st Language: Sabelo Sithebe Zulu: 3rd Language: Adam Lowe Computer: Sabelo Sithebe

Grade 6:

Dux Trophy Matthew Starkey

Grade 6-G

William Gebers

2nd Craig Roman

David Blandin De Chalain 3rd

Grade 6-B

1st Reece Boosi

2nd Richard Halton

David Black

Grade 6-H

1st Matthew Starkey

2nd Richard Wands

3rd Mark Middlewick

Good Progress: Riccardo Forleo, Warren Raaff, Robert Van Den Houten, Franco Insausti, Alexander Ridley, Richard Wands, Matthew Cumming, Richard Halton, Johnathan Mouton

English Rowyn Dama, Franco Insausti, Richard Halton, Johnathan Mouton, David Teagle, Matthew Cumming, Brian Morkel Zulu Reece Boosi, Johnathan Mouton, David Teagle, Steven De

Villiers, Nicholas Schilperoort, David Sutton

Mathematics Steven De Villiers, Ricardo Afeltra

Afrikaans David Sutton, Charles Pringle

Subject Prizes:

English: Richard Wands Afrikaans: Craig Roman Mathematics: Craig Roman **History:** Matthew Starkey Goegraphy: William Gebers

Science: David Black Art: David Black **Biology**: Richard Halton Zulu: Richard Halton

Computer: Matthew Starkey

The Sifiso Sitole Memorial Tophy: William Gebers

Grade 7

Dux Trophy Farhaan Williams

Grade 7-M

1st Farhaan Williams

2nd Danilo Giačovazzi

3rd Gianluca Tucci

Grade 7-T

James Oberholzer 1st

2nd James Reeves

3rd Ciro De Siena

Grade 7-E

1st Guy Little

2nd Damian Bruneau

3rd Glynn Allen

Academic Excellence: Farhaan Williams, James Reeves, Guy Little, James Oberholzer, Danilo Giacovazzi

Good Progress: Vincent Clarkson, Rudi Archary, James Rolt, Dylan Rodrigues

Zulu Steven Campbell, Brent Nolten, Rowan Fenn, Robert Thackwell, Sebastian Kolsch, Leon Stirk

English James Rolt, Paul Pereirinha, Christopher Kufal, Sebastian Kolsch

Afrikaans Maqhawe Dlodlo, Rowan Fenn, Jason Mazaham, James Rolt, Rudy Archary, James Reeves, Paul Pereirinha, Sean Deegan, Clinton Vallis

Mathematics Maghawe Dlodlo, Peter Huber, Peter Van Den Houten

Subject Prizes:

English: Farhaan Williams Afrikaans: Leon Stirk

Mathematics: Farhaan Williams Science: Farhaan Williams

Biology: Guy Little Geography: Farhaan Williams

History: James Oberholzer Art: Rhett Finch

Zulu: 1st Language: Nkanyiso Zungu

Zulu: 3rd Language: Danilo Giacovazzi, Glynn Allen

Computer: Damien Bruneau, Grant Gardner

Annual Awards

Honours Candidates PDP: Nicholas Ansell, Robert Smith, Glynn Allen, Jared Haddon, Gianluca Tucci, James Reeves, Guy Little, Ricardo Brocco, Michael Thomas, Dylan Rodrigues, Jason Simon, Grant Candrag, Davila Giagorgasi

Simaan, Grant Gardner, Danilo Giacovazzi

Overall Dux: Farhaan Williams

The Costa John Memorial Trophy: James Oberholzer The Stephen Laing Memorial Trophy: Jason Mazaham

Headmaster's Trophy: Jared Haddon

The Chess Player of the Year: Paul Nieuwoudt

Gauteng South A Chess Team Paul Hon, Paul Nieuwoudt

The Most Improved Chess Player: Paul Hon

Public Speaking:

Shirley Bowles Trophy: Declamation: Michael Shaw-Taylor Wilma Wilkinson Trophy: Deklamasie: Jason Simaan St David's Marist Music Trophy Darren Leader

Most Improved Tennis Player: Stuart Prior

Cross Country: Ryan Shillaw

Cricket Scoring: Robert Smith, James Oberholzer, Walter Giuricich, Nicholas Ansell, Michael Shea, Nicholas Schilperoort, Riccardo Forleo, Wesley De Klerk, Jonathan Pohlman, Bjorn Estment, Nkanyiso Zungu, Robert Thackwell, Danilo Giacovazzi,

Rowan Fenn, William Gebers, Andrew Castle Most Improved Cricketer: Sean Schoombie Norwich Week Cricket - North Area Team:

Captain: Ricardo Brocco, **Vice Captain:** Michael Thomas, Jonathan Pohlman, James Oberholzer, Robert Smith, Neil Le

Roux, Sean Schoombie, Nicholas Gordon

Special Award for Cricket: Connor McCreedy U/11a Team, 101

Not Out

The Gauteng Primary School Swimming Team:

Dean Di Pasquale, Guy Little (Captain) Of South Gauteng Team

Swimming Captain: Guy Little

Most Improved Swimmer: Timothy Johnson Karate - Most Dedicated Student: Justin O'Byrne Karate - Most Progressed Student: Antimo Osato Karate - Most Persistent: Alexander Simpson

Football:

Northrand: Tyler Hollingsworth Central District: Jake Levin, Kyle Mills Southern Gauteng: Nicholas McWilliams

Far North Area Football: Tyrone Avnit, Michael Thomas, Neil Le

Roux, Sean Schoombie, Christopher Carey, Rhett Finch

South Gauteng Football Team: Tyrone Avnit, Michael Thomas

Invitation Football Team: Mputle-Kgolo Matseke

Mini City Councillors 1998: Grant Gardner, Jason Simaan

The Pam and Greg Royce Inter-House Academic Trophy:

4th Place: Osmond 3rd Place: College 2nd Place: The Bishops 1st Place: Benedict

Winning House Captain: James Oberholzer

Vice Captain: Stuart Prior

Overall Academic & Sport Inter-House Award

St David's Prep Champagnat Trophy:

4th Place College Points 20

3rd Place Osmond Points 22

2nd Place The Bishops Points 27

1st Place Benedict Points 31

Winning House: Benedict

Winning House Captain: James Oberholzer

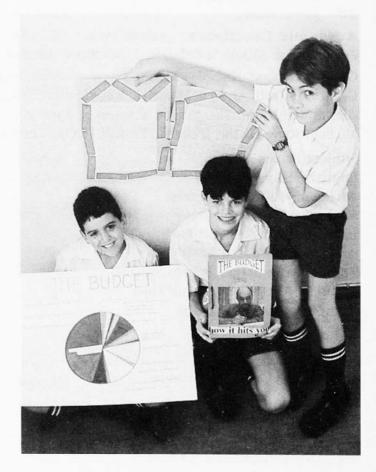
Vice Captain: Stuart Prior

ACADEMIC

Mathematics



'Maths is no island' is demonstrated by these Grade 7's in the OBE approach to Mathematics. The self-study demonstrated the relevance of this important subject in everyday life. Ciro De Sienna, Murray Collier are dubious while Ryan-Lee Goncalves and Damian van der Walt are ecstatic.



Maths and the country's budget.
Anthony Khoury, Ryan-Lee Goncalves
and Ciro de Sienna show how valuable
their mathematical skills are in everyday life.



Robert Horsfield donned a bee suit at a FANSA production for the biology pupils.



I caught it and I cooked it. Ryan Norton proved to be an expert fisherman and cook!

Biology

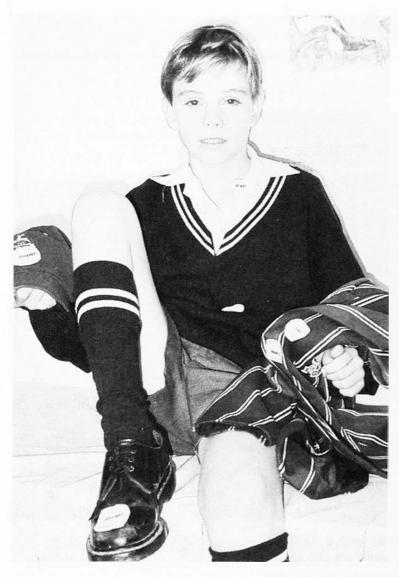


We wish Mom would let us cook the supper every night. Warren Raaff, Steven De Villiers, Robert Van den Houten display their culinary skills during their food technology class.



Justin Fitzgerald with an example of personalised Egyptian hieroglyphics from his history assignment on Ancient Civilization.

Science



Michael Shaw-Taylor learns abut clothing in Zulu. His clothing is labeled for easy recall.

History



Mr Mitchley displays convection in liquids and proves that he is not just a pretty face!

Zulu



Left to right: D Hodge, L. Agustoni, R. Webber, N. Luksich, V. Cook Zulu puppets bring a smile to their faces!

English Declamation



Our congratulations are extended to Michael Shaw-Taylor, Darren Leader and Jeffrey Johnston who all achieved a gold certificate in the English Declamation. These three Grade 5 boys kept their audiences captivated throughout their presentations.



Back Row: Jason Simaan, William Gebers, Ricardo Brocco Front Row: Matthew Milne, Anthony Khoury, Michael Kairuz, Gianlucca Tucci

The happy faces of those Grade 6 and 7 boys who were awarded Gold Medals in the English Declamation.

Afrikaans Deklamasie



Left to right: Willaim Ryan, Eyrton Hayes, Terence Dicks, Bradley Marais, Adriano Mendes and Mrs Whitfield
Afrikaans Deklamasie gold medalists with Mrs Whitfield



Jason Simaan receives congratulations from his Afrikaans teacher after he received a gold for his Deklamasie. Mr Spence enjoyed his speech on 'Die wilde hond'.



"My Afrikaans onderwyseres is 'n heks." Tyrone Avnit was awarded a gold for his Afrikaans Declamation Speech.

Book Fair



The Book Fair in October generated excitement and enthusiasm for the wonderful new books on display. Michael Shea, Jonathan Pohlman, Matthew Tyack, Sebastian Kolsch and Audrey Hitchcock.



During the Book Fair, students and parents benefitted from Audrey Hitchcock's vast knowledge of children's books. Adam Scott, Philip Sandland, Mrs Clover, Danny Gladulich and Leon Stirk.

Afrikaans



Die Graad 6 Afrikaans klas maak Timothy Forssman bang!

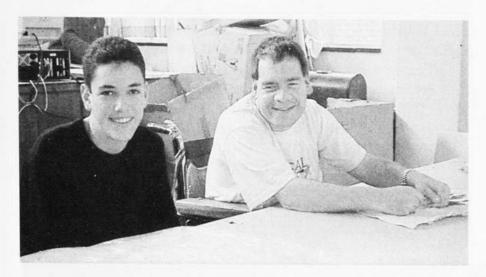


Misdaad in die Graad 6 Afrikaans klas!

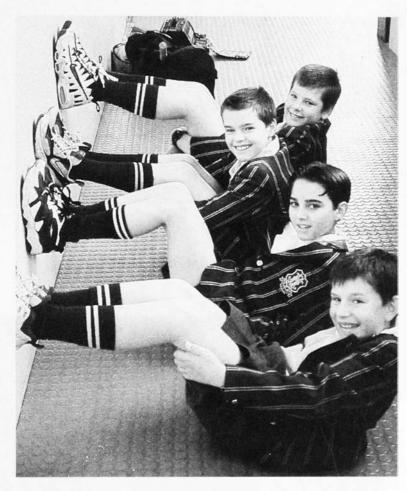


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Cultural and Other Activities



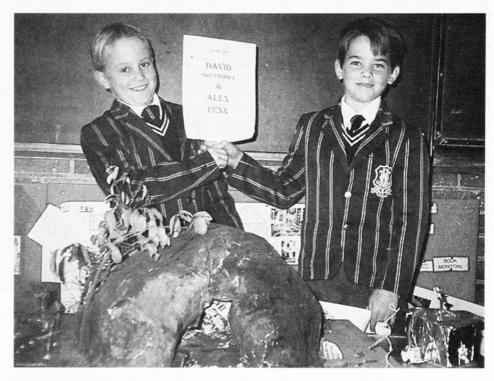
Guy Little and Bertie Williams at the end of an afternoon of work at Forest Farm. Guy assists there regularly as part of his service for the pupil development program.



Takkies were the order of the day. These boys display their different styles of takkie which were worn in order to raise money for the disabled.



Paul Egnos, Bradley Marais, Sabelo Sithebe with the cast of "Children's Classics" Grades 3-7 enjoyed this excellent, interactive production which weaves three traditional tales together into an amusing drama.



The Grade 4 pupils were involved in creating models of Bushmen dwellings. David Schilperoort and Alex Fenn created this cave complete with fire and rivers.

The Geo-Science Expo

The annual Science exhibition for the Grade 7 pupils was held during July. The pupils were given a range of topics to choose from.

Time was available during class to work on the assignments and the pupils were also allowed to work at home. During class, most of the boys concentrated on the written aspect of their work and made time to build the models. This gave their parents an opportunity to become involved in advising their sons.

The models were required to be 'working' models that demonstrated the practical side of the topic. The pupils were

also required to explain how the different parts of their models worked. Marks were awarded for originality, explanation given, the model, the presentation, and making use of a combination of ideas.

At the end of June, the boys began bringing their models to school. The high quality of work handed in reflected how much enjoyment the pupils gained from their work. Many of the models were made entirely by the pupils, while others showed how much the parents enjoyed getting involved.

Each boy was given an opportunity to present his model to

the class. The boys were very excited about presenting their work to their friends and were captivated while watching their peers demonstrate their projects. Generally, the projects were of a very high standard and the boys demonstrated how much they had learnt from this assignment.

The most satisfying aspect of the exercise was the range of topics chosen and the variety of work handed in. The majority of the pupils put a great deal of effort into their work and this was reflected in the way they spoke about their projects to their friends and to the parents at the exhibition.

One could have also imagined that you might have been in a well-supplied pet shop this year. Pupils did research on their pets and observed their behaviour and habits. It appears that the households in Sandton have many beautiful and scary pets. Our snake pit was complete with American Red Corn, Albino Red Corn and Burmese Python.

Our local Sandton birds should be able to frequent the bird tables that the pupils designed and constructed.

Water wise pupils displayed the merits of cactus gardening. On the other extreme we even had an aquarium with water garden. Design and technology reared its head again in the form of insects that the boys had constructed.

The exhibition was a great success and the pupils can be very proud of their hard work and the excellent results they achieved for the projects.

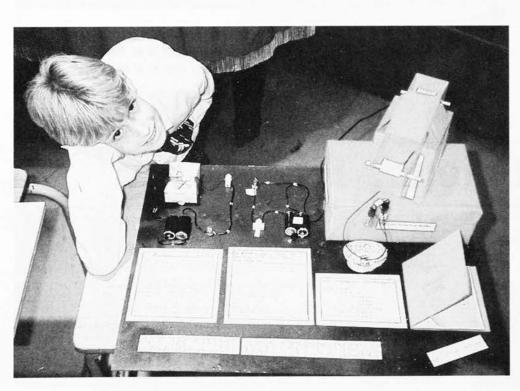
Mr D Hosmer and Mrs A Morkel



Robert van den Houten shows off his working model. He used a motor and batteries to demonstrate electricty.



William Gerber's model drew a great deal of attention.



Steven de Villiers' model was extremely popular.



Michael Kairuz and Paul Gerber demonstrate their electricity models.



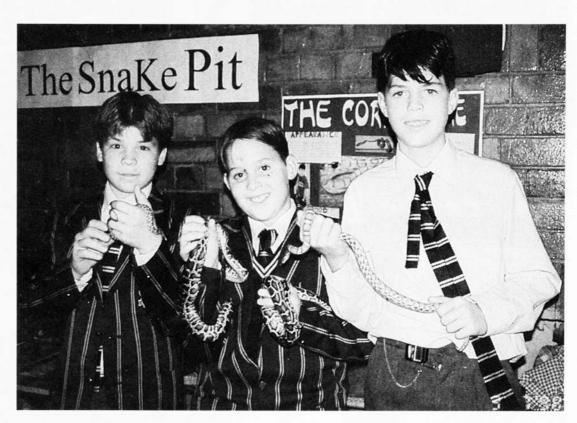
Charles Pringle enjoyed explaining how his model worked.



Danilo Giacovazzi proved that he could produce a water wise garden.



Mighty Mollusca prove to Gianluca Tucci, Kgolo Matseke and Jason Struzenegger that they too can win the race.



Sebastian Kolsch, Rowyn Dama and Ryan-Lee Goncalves with some of the inhabitants of the Snake Pit.

English Literary Evening

The English Literary Evening was hosted by the Grade 6 and 7 pupils on Thursday 1 October 1998. This evening was an event that the boys used as a showcase for Grade 6 and 7 English. There were six set-works offered this year, and the boys presented various dramatisations based on four of these books. The novels were studied intensively and formed the basis of much of our language, oral and creative work, as well as giving us an insight into the structure of a novel and its literary value.

In addition, both Grades produced some outstanding poetry and creative writing pieces which were showcased on this evening too. The boys are to be congratulated on their fine performances and the tremendous effort they put into the auditions and preparation. Parts in these plays are hotly contested and the competition was keen to say the least. The production had to 'come together' in five days. That was all we had to make adequate preparation. After an abysmal dress-rehearsal which prompted thoughts of resignation from the staff involved, the boys put on one of the best evenings yet. Congratulations to you all! My thanks to Mr Thackwell and Mr Hayter for their help.

Mrs M Everson

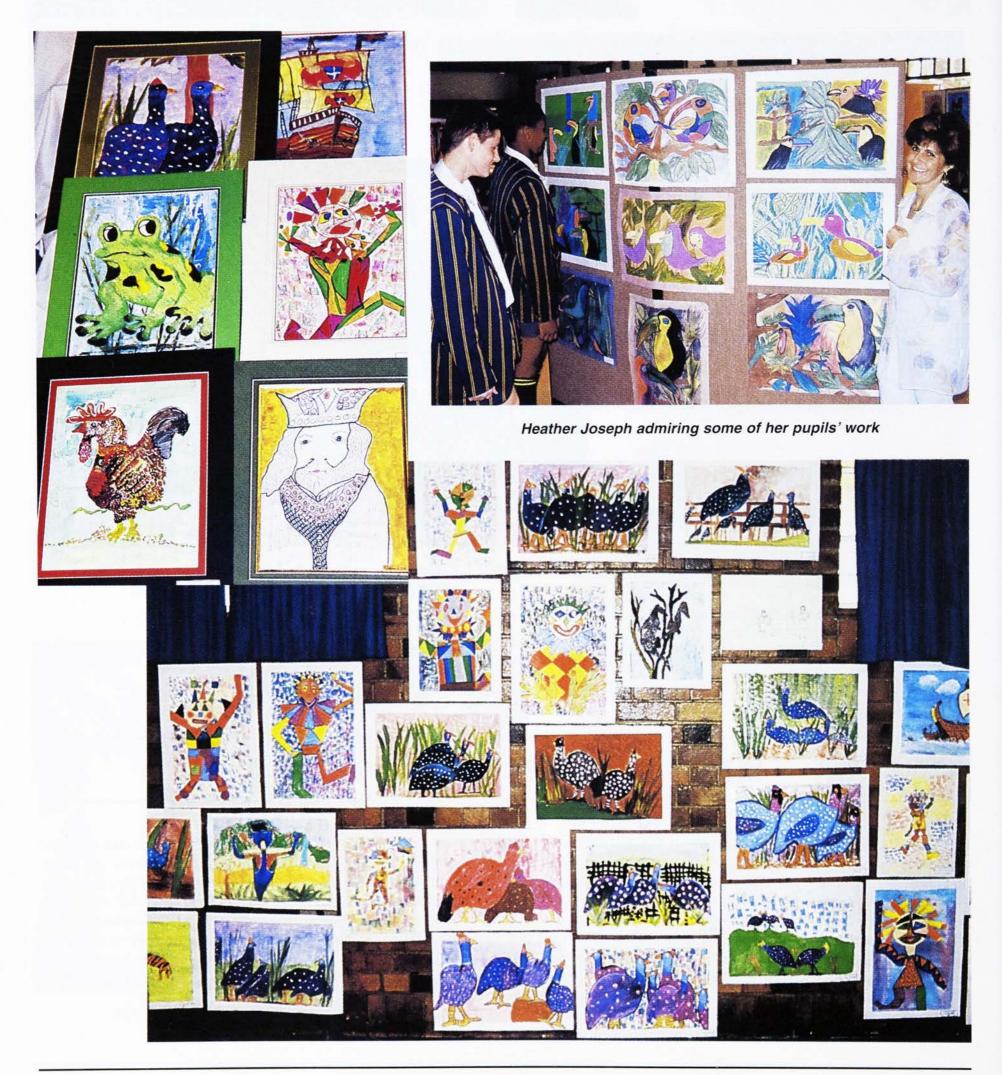
The Annual Prep Art Exhibition

Don't you just love the smell of paint? Painting is for most of us visual music. Everyone derives some kind of pleasure from our annual art exhibition with Ms Joseph. This year on a warm evening in October, the viewers were invited to walk down a pathway towards a beautiful house, or enjoy bright birds resting on a branch. They could even marvel at the fine detail and colouring of an insect, or run into a giant spiders web, or chuckle and chortle at the expressions that were captured by the pupils of Grade 4, or Ms Joseph on a bad hair day. Each and every painting was different – a new destination. The energy

clearly saying that the subject matter is not the issue, but merely an instrument by which Ms Joseph has encouraged and inspired each pupil to express themselves freely in colour, shape and texture. There is no hidden agenda - Ms Joseph loves us to paint and create. She is vibrant, loving, caring and more importantly tuned into our wave length. For this from your budding young Picasso's, we say thank you.

"The beauty of art is that it does not demand perfection, but compassion"

Rhett Finch 7M





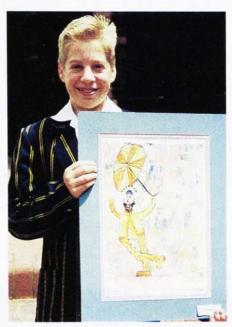
James Rolt Gr 7E



Rhett Finch Gr 7M



Charles Pringle Gr 6B



Johnathan Mouton Gr 6B



Gianmario Afeltra Gr 6B



Robert van den Houten Gr



Leon Stirk Gr 7M

Inter-House Quiz

1998 saw a break in tradition as regards the Inter-House Quiz. Instead of holding the quiz in the Auditorium at 19:00, the venue and time changed to the Hall at 14:30. This change proved quite successful but sadly many parents were unable to attend.

Once again the 16 contestants astounded everyone with their answers, some of which, the adults attending, could not answer.

This years contest was the most closely fought contest for many, many years. The score at interval read Benedict 31, The Bishops 26, College 23 and Osmond 17. But after interval the pace hotted up and margins between the teams grew narrower and narrower.

Congratulations to Damien Bruneau, Richard Ramsden,

Stuart Prior and Reece Boosi of Benedict who beat College by a single point. College in turn beat The Bishops by one point and Osmond ended fourth.

My thanks to the contestants who provided a most entertaining and enjoyable afternoon. Well done to you all.

The final points position was:

First: Benedict 54 points Second: College 53 points Third: The Bishops 52 points Fourth: Osmond 38 points

Mrs GDE Anderson

The Choir

The Choir has continued to play an ever-increasing role in the school calendar. This year they have established themselves as an extremely competent and dedicated group. Each year the demand for places in the choir is greater and competition is fierce - a healthy situation in any boys' prep school. This year no less than fifty-seven boys attended 'Choir Camp', the largest number ever! The boys rehearsed long hours and, in contrast, enjoyed physical and vocal release during the short breaks! This camp proved popular and was undoubtedly the highlight of the year. It was here that we prepared for our two major events of the year - The St Stithians Choir Festival and our own legendary Choir Supper Show.

Early in the third term the choir performed at the St Stithians Choir Festival. The boys sang beautifully, thrilling a responsive, appreciative audience. This evening was designed to entertain and was in no way competitive. Had it taken the form of an Eisteddfod, we would surely have been counted among the top few schools. The talented and charismatic Sue Cock conducted the combined choir items. The audience delighted in this memorable and most moving experience.

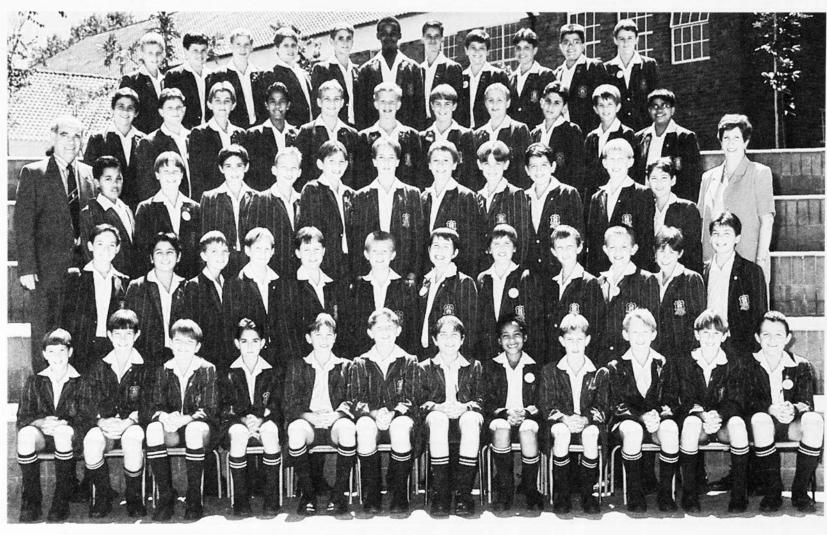
Preparation for the Choir Supper Show, was an intense and lengthy process. While the boys rehearsed long hours, a number of enthusiastic moms organised costumes, decorations, programmes, food and refreshments for the shows. The boys coped well with the arduous and sometimes

demanding rehearsal schedule. The staff also maintained a certain decorum and patience under, sometimes rather trying conditions. We even managed to retain some of our humour!

The first evening finally arrived! Excitement, anticipation, exhilaration and a few nerves greeted the audience. The boys, overwhelmed initially by the enormity of the situation, soon settled into their rhythm, and produced a performance which was truly professional, slick and highly entertaining. The highlight of the evening had to be the section on 'Grease'. The boys enjoyed dressing up in their denims. T-shirts and 'greased back' hair! They have also sung at a number of assemblies and led the congregational hymn singing. The grade four choir has also provided us with some entertaining and solid performances and Mrs. Browne must be complemented on the foundation and platform she provides for those younger boys.

The emphasis this year has been on challenge and enjoyment. It is our sincere wish that the boys retain and nurture their interest in music in the years that lie ahead. My grateful thanks go to the Choir Leaders, Sean Schoombie and Ricardo Brocco, as well as to the three monitors, Andrew Castle, Nicholas Ansell and Jason Sturzenegger.

I wish to thank Ron Thackwell, Shelley Campbell and Bev Kalk for their help and support during the year. *Mrs M. Middlewick*



Senior Choir

Back Row: Michael Thomas, Matthew Starkey, Jason Sturzenegger, Graeme Nieman, Paul Pereirinha, Nkanyiso Zungu, Ricardo Brocco, Grant Gardner, James Oberholzer, Jason Simaan, Christopher Kufal

First Row: Warren Raaff, Danny Gladulich, Alexander Kalebka, Craig Small, Richard Ramsden, Nicholas Ansell, Sean Schoombie, Michael Kairuz, Gregory Jordan, Veekesh Parbhoo

Second Row: Mr R Thackwell, Bradley Marais, Clinton Vallis, Kieran Fane-Hervey, Kyle Burger, Andrew Prior, Shaun Mets, Michael Busschau, Bryan Morkel, Anthony Khoury, Matthew Milne, Declan Berndt, Mrs M Middlewick

Third Row: David Everson, Jason Mazaham, Nicholas Koll, Mark Middlewick, Dominic Hodge, Andrew Moerdyk, Richard Kelly, Adriano Mendes, Grant Hayward, Michael Stirk, Richard Halton, Sebastian Kolsch

Seated: Darren Leader, Robert Thackwell, Robert van den Houten, Jonathan Kourie, Michael Shaw-Taylor, Ryan Norton, Ciro De Siena, Sabelo Sithebe, Steven De Villiers, Glynn Allen, Rowan Fenn, Leon Stirk



Grade Four Choir

Back Row: Michael Macindoe, Dane Hauptfleisch, Daniel Berti, Mrs M Everson, Mrs L Browne, David Naylor, Ryan Abrey, Graham Freeman First Row: Kuda Nyatsambo, Justin Kalk, Daenico De Lorenzo, Adrian Gebers, Matthew Sherrat, Ivan Giuricich, Richard Harte Seated: Karabo Mohlahlo; Grant Davidson, Michael Carey, James Shaw-Taylor, Eric Bauer, Joseph Gates, Filipe Gonsalves, Kevin Harding, Otsile Mogale



Choir Monitors 1998

Ricardo Brocco, Jason Sturzenneger, Andrew Castle, Sean Schoombie, Nicholas Ansell.

These boys have shown years of loyalty and dedication to the choir.

The Choir Supper Show
The songs from 'Grease' were the highlight
of the show.

From left to right: Danny Gladulich, Glynn Allen, Mrs M Middlewick, James Oberholzer, Jason Simaan.

Front: Sean Schoombie, Rowan Fenn



Chess

St David's was once again fortunate enough to enter two teams into the South Gauteng Primary Schools Chess Association. The Senior team, captained by Paul Nieuwoudt won 3 of the 5 games they played. We had a very strong Junior team captained by Craig Wallington. They won 4 of the 7 games played this year.

Eight boys were selected to partake in the preliminary trials for Gauteng Chess Provincial colours. Paul Nieuwoudt (Grade 4) and Paul Hon (Grade 2) received their provincial colours for chess this year. Congratulations and well done!

Thank you to Mrs Von Guilleame for providing refreshments throughout the season. Mrs Clover for her help and use of the library and Mr Pearson for his endless patience whilst coaching the boys.

1998 was the first year that an Inter House Chess Match was played. The boys responded eagerly, with 66 boys partaking in the match. The results were as follows:

First Benedict 88 Second College 70 Third Osmond 63 Fourth Bishops 32

Mrs Barbour and Mrs Zambon Chess Co-ordinators



Senior Chess Team

Back row: Mrs M Barbour, Damien Bruneau, Matthew Poultney, Nkanyiso Zungu, Mrs D Zambon Seated: James Ware, Blake McLuckie, Veekesh Parbhoo, Daniel Berti, Paul Nieuwoudt



Junior Chess Team

Back row: Mrs M Barbour, Karabo Mooko, Alastair Morris, Elliot Marsden, Mrs D Zambon Seated: Matthew Marsden, Kyle Toner, Craig Wallington, Paul Hon, Mark Nieuwoudt

Mini City Council

This time last year I was so very excited as I had just found out that I was going to represent St David's on the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Mini City Council better known as 'Council'. First let me tell you a little about it. The council is made up of 46 schools and two councillors are chosen from each school. There is a mayor. This year he was from Glenanda. Then there is a deputy mayor, a chairman of management and lastly a PRO. Then there are six committees which are Smile, Special Projects, Welfare, Civic Awareness, Leadership and Recreation.

Little did I know what a busy and demanding year it was going to be. It all started off with an introductory weekend away to Camp David. There we discussed many things that we were going to do throughout the year. During this weekend we were told that we had to start collecting Easter eggs for the underprivileged people of South Africa. We collected a grand total of over 20 000 eggs. This was the most collected from any other school in Sandton and out of the whole council we came second by 162 eggs. We had great fun going around to every class twice a week and I think we managed to lose quite a bit of weight. Sometimes, we would have to go to the same class up to three times. We were very proud of all the boys. Mrs Barbour's Grade 2 Class collected the most eggs and we were able to give them a party. It was lots of fun and hard work but it was worth it.

Then on to our next project which was to get the moms, grannies, aunts, sisters and girlfriends, to start knitting blanket squares for the cold, homeless and underprivileged people of Gauteng. Thank you for all the support and effort - you definitely did us proud. Once that was over, I had the privilege of going to Cape Town. Unfortunately, my co-councillor, Jason

Simaan, was unable to join me on this journey of a lifetime. Words can never describe what an excellent time I had while I was there. I was given the best ship of all, which is friendship. I made so many new friends and I will never forget any of them. After that we had to start selling Reach for a Dream badges for the terminally ill children of South Africa. This was also very successful and the council managed to raise over R60 000. All this money has now gone to the Foundation.

We have visited many great places during the year, for example, Museum Africa, Guide dog Association, Mr and Mrs Johannesburg Youth and many, many more. One particular event I enjoyed was going to the mother's day tea for the elderly in Hillbrow. Some of the councillors entertained the ladies and gentlemen.

For me this year has been the best learning experience ever. It has made me a more confident person and I have become more sensitive to the needs of people who are underprivileged, unlike all of us. We just take so many things for granted and do not appreciate what others will never have. I am now more aware of what is actually going on in this country of ours and my heart goes out to all those people who are in desperate need of simple things. Another thing which amazed me, was how little those with nothing complain. I ask the Lord to bless every one of them and to help them through their bad times of pain and suffering and to guide them through their everyday lives.

Jason Simaan and I would like to thank Mr Wilson, Mrs Geldenhuys, Avril Rebeck, our parents and of course all the teachers and boys for all their support and encouragement during our term of office. We would also like to wish the 1999 councillors the best of luck for the exciting year to come.

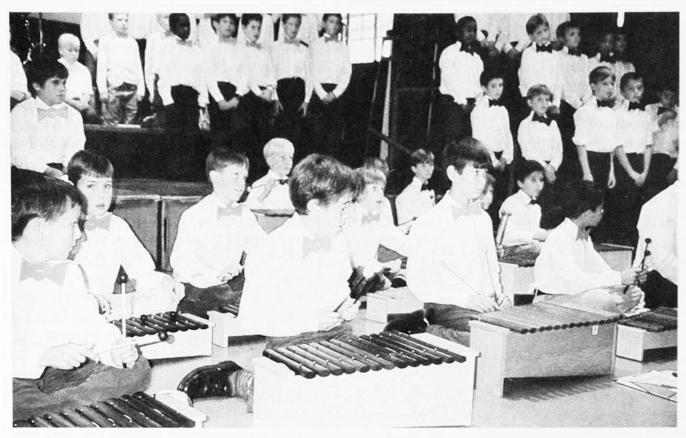
Grant Gardner



Mini City Councillors 1998

Mini City councillors, Grant Gardner and Jason Simaan with co-ordinator Beverley Geldenhuys. Our representatives have worn the badges of the council with pride and have done an excellent job serving our school and the community. They were good ambassadors for St David's in 1998.

Grades 4 and 5 Literary Evening



The Grade 4's and 5's pupils look and sound great on the literary evening.

Playing the musical instruments are:

Left to right front row: Paul Nieuwoudt, Filipe Gonsalves, Don Bryce, Kevin Harding and Ryan Abrey Second row: Graham Freeman, Michael Macindoe, Justin Kalk, Robin Garden, Domenico de Lorenzo

Back row: Dean Shillaw, David Kets



Our very own Grade 5 drummer.

Darren Leader shows off his

considerable talent.

Grade 5 Cultural Evening



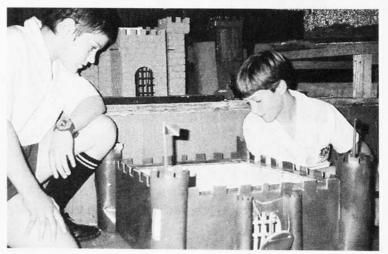
Michael Shaw-Taylor, Kyle Burger, Mark Zweigenthal and Jonty Kourie show off their conservation project on the Wild Dog. The projects were displayed as part of the Grade 5 cultural evening.

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David Everson, Glenn Hurter, Declan Berndt and Paul Isaac present their project done on the Blue Crane. The projects were part of the conservation theme.

Adam Smith, Dean di Pasquale and Grant Hayward display the wonderful models they made for their medieval projects.





Shaun De Sousa and Darren Leader examine a castle built by their classmates for the Middle Ages theme.



Back row: Bryan McCarthy, Brett Marneweck, Tristan Schafer, Fabrizio Sacco, Mrs P Milne, Nicholas Ware, Mark Paterson, Murray Burgess, Kai Marini

Middle row: Jarrod Halsted, Ronan Worthing, Brendan Mitchell, Dean Whitson, Alvaro Giuricich, James Morrison, Ryan Kalk, Giulio Pozzobon

Seated row: Daniel Barnard, Louis Wildman, Warren Ezzey, Rory Wildman, Dean Bakos, Gareth Wildman, Richard Steyn, Simon Rigby, Marc Hess



Back Row: Simon Ehrlick, Richard Fisher, Ethan Wallington, Mrs A Rodrigues, Gareth Hardie, Adithya Venkatraman, Travis Van Crombrugge

Middle Row: Daniel Still, Brandon Morton, Michael O'Flaherty, Donavan Nicholls, Sheldon Diepraam, Rohan Hayes, Matthew Lowe

Seated row: Michael De Santana, Angus Morris, Khumo Matlhoko, Gregory Ballington, Michael Dal Col, Stephen Thatcher, Mark Goncalves, Cewan Swanepoel, Chase Rodrigues



Back row: Andrew Orgar, Mark Prior, Kieran Goosen, Mrs L Tyack, Michael Kirby, Andrew Fisher, Storm Gallie

Middle row: Grant Walker, Jared Solomon, Jonathan Sardianos, Jerome Archary, Kevin Shaw-Taylor, John Hawinkels, Matthew Dyson, Julien Houdet, Barry Morisse Seated row: Thomas Cole, Trevor Rowley, Richard Ashton, Bradford Latilla-Campbell, Richard O'Mahony, Christopher Hubble, Raymond Zambon, Alexander Evers, Matthew Ralphs



First day at school! Mrs Tyack eases her new boys in with relaxing activities.



Yummy, yummy - Marc Hess, Richard Steyn, Mark Paterson and Bryan McCarthy enjoy a chocolate fondu after their theme on Switzerland.



Murray Burgess had the class enthralled during Show and Tell when he made a huge pizza which everyone tasted.

Grade 0 Grandparents' Day



Grade 0-M show off their musical talents to their grandparents on Grandparents' Day.



Ryan Kalk shows his granny, Phyllis, how to draw a picture of Heidi.



Matsilela dashing to win the "Fireman" race on the Grandparents' Day.



Jared with his Grandparents, Mr and Mrs Solomon, on Grandparents' Day.



Trevor Rowley prefers looking at the world from a different view! With him are Granny and Grandpa on Grandparents' Day.



James Morrison makes sure that his granny has had a lovely day visiting his school.

Grade 0 visit to Gold Reef City

A big part of the excitement of going on an outing is most definitely the bus ride to and from the destination. So, after about a week of anticipation, counting sleeps, and warnings from anxious, concerned parents, the boys clambered onto the waiting bus.

Armed with sunglasses, cell-phone and whistles (not to mention the anti-histamine, ventoline, tissues and plasters - just in case) as well as a camera, we three teachers climbed aboard too. Our dependable and much loved Jacky found a seat amidst the enthusiastic bunch of St David's boys.

Mrs Anderson waved good-bye and we were on our way at last! Before long we reached the parking area of Gold Reef City, and were lining up, counting children and checking that everyone had their lunches.

In an informal and relaxed manner the children enjoyed discussing and observing the sights and sounds as we arrived at the mint. Here the boys were treated to a coin pressing demonstration. After much chatting and observation, we streamed out onto the street again ready for the next activity. There was time for a ride on the train before the gold-pouring demonstration, the highlight of the visit! (Although spending a few Rand at the kiosk, and watching the puppet show came a close second).

Pertinent discussion was had at the site of the mine's Head Gear. This was certainly an area of much interest for our boys.

Glancing at our watches we realised that there was only about twenty minutes left before we had to head in the direction of the bus once more! After debating the safety of some of the rides at the fun-fare, eager beavers were allowed to choose which they wanted to enjoy.

Tired, happy children climbed into their seats once more, with equally tired adults in tow, as we headed back to school, ready to share our experiences with the waiting parents and a concerned Mrs Anderson.

A most worthwhile and enjoyable outing was had by all! *Alyson Rodrigues*



Rohan and Grant having fun on the rides at Gold Reef City.



Kai Marini and Mark Paterson thoroughly enjoyed the Merrygo-round at Gold Reef City.



Louis Wildman waits in anticipation for the elephant to rise up into the air on a ride at Gold Reef City.

Grade 0 Nativity

What a moving and joyful morning! The boys performed beautifully and the nativity play turned out far more polished than expected! The boys were confident and the play was a great success. The spiritual atmosphere and true message of Christmas was appreciated by both the children and parents alike.

The three Grade 0 teachers were thanked for their combined efforts, Mrs Penny Jackson for her music and the addition of new

and tuneful pieces and Mrs Shelley Campbell for her appropriate choreography.

Father Christmas finally arrive in great spirits and chatted merrily with the boys. The morning ended with sweets and a hug from him for each boy and refreshments for the parents. *Louise Tyack*



"God's Christmas Gift" performed by the Grade 0 classes.



Adithya Venkatraman, the Inn keeper who says, "Yes!"



The three wise men were Grant and Mark Prior and Chase Rodrigues.



Fabrizio Sacco and Barry Morisse as Joseph and Mary.



Bradford Latilla-Campbell as the "Christmas Star".

Grade 0 Letterland Day

What a wonderful opportunity for each little boy to live as a character from Letterland, even if it was for just a morning!

The boys were turned out in imaginative and well put together costumes to round off their knowledge of the Letterland sounds learnt during their Grade 0 year.

Each boy provided eats eats beginning with the letter chosen by him and a great party then had by all!

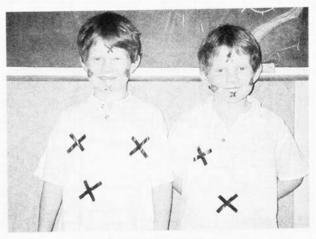
Louise Tyack



Ronan Worthington (Robber Red) Ryan Kalk (Robber Red) James Morrison (Fireman Fred).



Alexander Evers with his Hedgehog cake.



The Rigby twins, Matthew and Simon.



Bryan McCarthy (Zig-Zag Zebra) Marc Hess and Tristan Schafer (Munching Mike).



Left to right, Trevor Rowley, Simon Gallie, Matthew Ralphs and Mark Prior.

Grade 0 Visit to the Bunny Park

Even though there is very little grass left and most of the bunnies are moth eaten and scarred, the Grade 0's still had a wonderful outing to the Bunny Park in Benoni.

Easter time always raises a great deal of chatter about bunnies so we decided to study them further by having a hands on experience at the Bunny Park.

Unfortunately the bunnies refused to be touched but they were spoilt rotten with all the carrots and lettuce our boys took with them.

We had our lunch next to the lake on arrival and then went on an excursion to see all the other animals. The boys went out onto an island in the middle of the lake and fed bread to the ducks, they were able to touch the ponies, sheep and goats as they fed them and they all screwed up their noses as we neared the pig-sty! (being little city dwellers!)

The highlight of the trip was the time spent in the section of the park where there are swings and round-a-bouts which was excellent for their gross motor co-ordination.

Seventy five tired and dusty little boys almost fell asleep on the long journey home.

Pat Milne

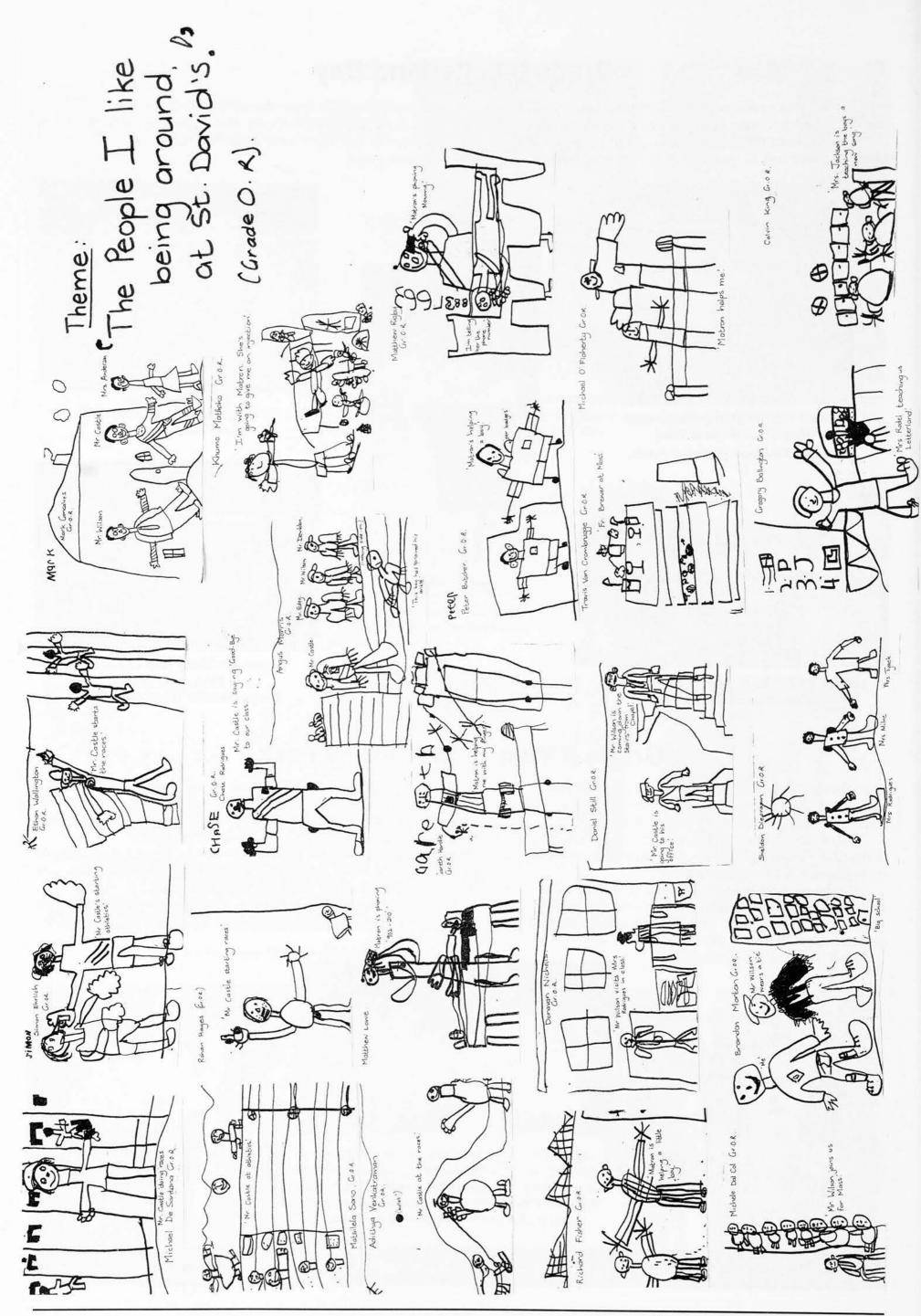


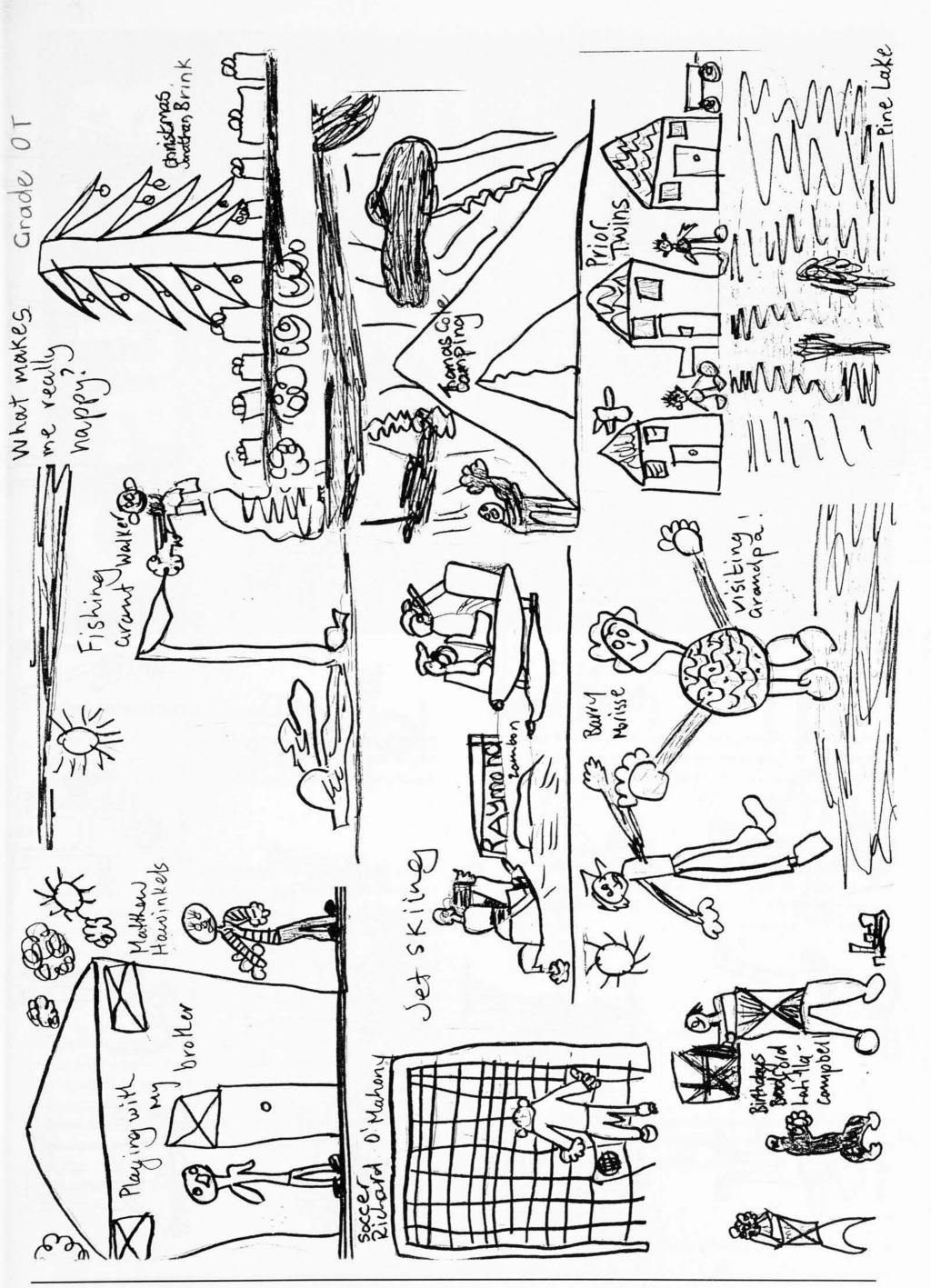


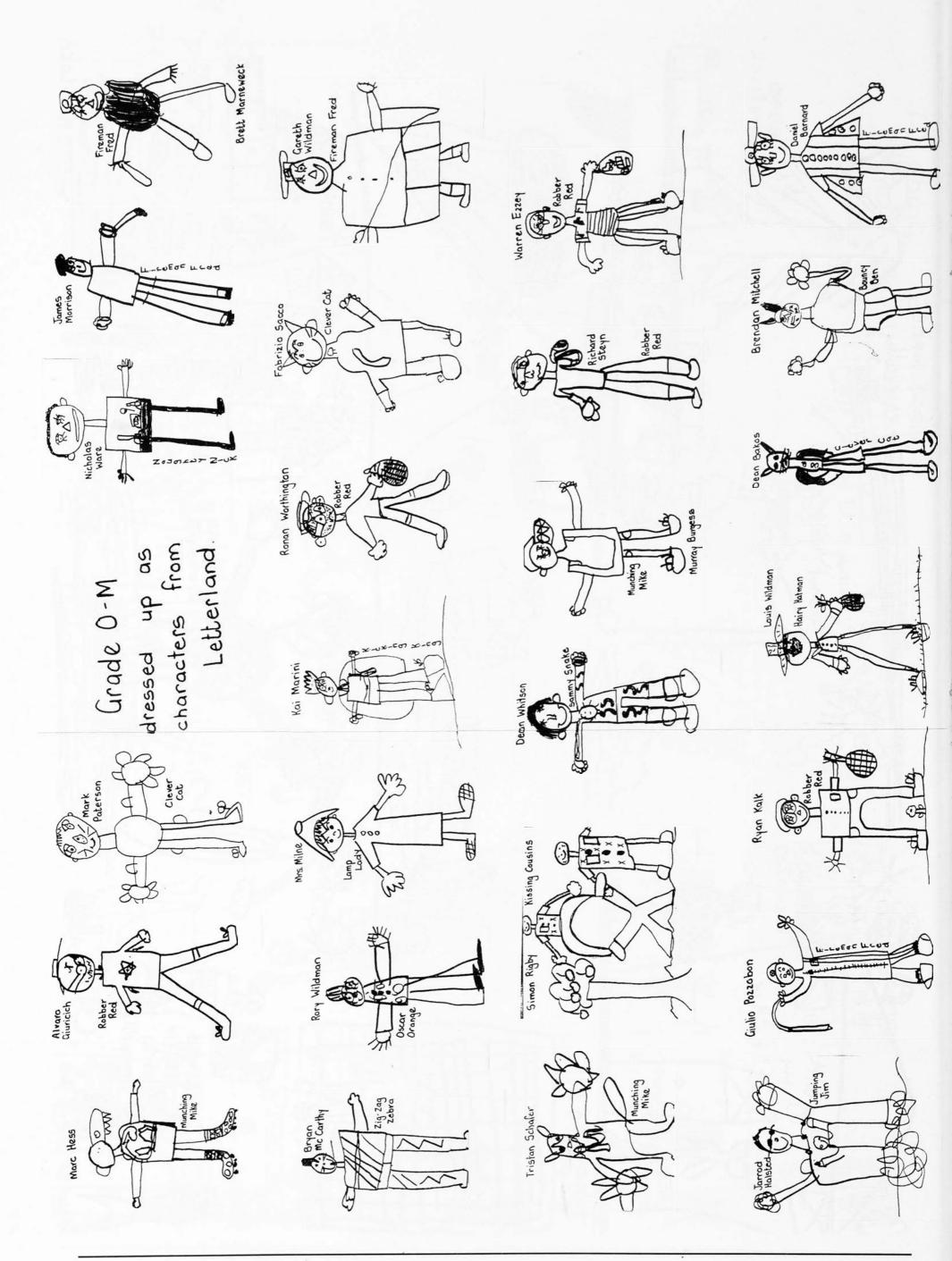
After an exciting, busy visit to the Children's Farmyard, some of the Grade 0 boys succumbed to a well deserved nap on the bus trip back home. Matthew Rigby (left) Calvin King and Matsilela Sono (right) can't resist a bit of shut-eye.

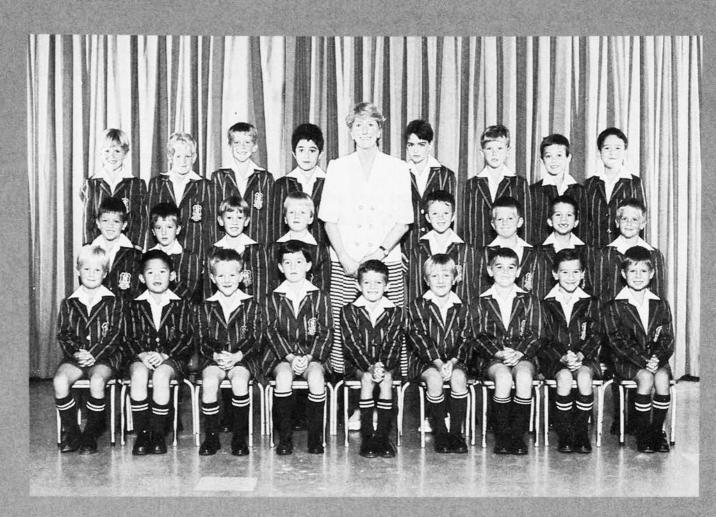


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Back row: Matthew Kets, Michael Wackrill, Mathew Macindoe, Alexander Simpson, Mrs S Rose, Sebastien John, Greig Steenberg, Michael Allport, Martin Harris

Middle row: Gabriele Di Giorgio, Mark Koorn, Shaun MacKeown, Seth van Staden, Devin Miles, David Leith, Ramon Michael, Alessandro Mendes

Seated row: Sean Jamieson, Nicholas Hon, Patrick Chappel, Timothy MacKeown, Mark Nieuwoudt, Matthew Robinson, Luciano Agostinetto, Antimo Osato, Christopher van Eden

Alien adventures

I am a good Alien from pluto. I came to earth. My spaceship landed then I met a human. I played with the human then it was time to go. I said bye! Then I went to my spaceship then I went back to my planet.

Nicholas Hon

I am an alien. Wun day I came down from the sun. I saw very strange pepell. I was very ancshes. I got out of my fliinge soser and then I stood very stell and then I started walking agen. I saw, a very strange thing. It started shooten at me. I got into my fliing soser. I took off amedietlee. I was back on the sun. I did not get hert.

Michael Wackrill

I am a little green Alien I live on mars. I was on my way to my cousin who lived on jupiter. Wait! I have fourgotin there were asteroids. I saw a big asteroid. I smashed into one. I went down down down! I landed on a peculiar planet called Earth. I needed to get to my cousin at 1 o'clock because it was his birthday and I didnt want to be late. I quickly put my extra rocket boosters on and I got to my cousins birthday just in time.

Christopher van Eden

My Pets

thay are cyoot thay are noty thayr names are roccy and pach. Thay play with the springklis and thay roown the gardin. Thayfinish thar food in a sickind and arfta that thay have a drink ov wota and then thay play with me. Thay cach sum birds and thay are ckudulee.

Mark Koorn

I had three pes but one dide of fleas. One was a boxer and one was alabrdoor and I have a bugie his name is snowi. My boxer is Budziy and my labrdoor is Bailey and when My gran cums Baily licks her one dog is white and My other dog is brown and Bailey is a girl and she is not allowed in side.

Shaun MacKeown

My dogs Names are Bell and Wallace and Purdey and we play together. We play with the rugby ball and soccer ball and we Ride on the bicycle. And the dogs chase us on the bicycle.

Devin Miles

I have a persian cat named jessy and she cuddles up to me when I go to bed and I have a German sheperd. Her name is Casey and I have a nuther dog named Misty and she is also very ruff.

Seth van Staden

We have three Animals, one pig and goldfish for Africa we have two dogs we love them very much they help our dad to shoot. We feed our pig all our old food.

Daniel Chappel

My pet is a black dog it's a fox terrier-cross. She luves playing games. She is not a frade of thunder and litning. She is veree hapee to see me come home.

Timothy MacKeown

I have a Maltese poodle its name is Bella and I have another poodle its name is Peepau. My best one is Bella she likes to jump and play. She likes to bite and she doesn't like her food. She likes our food. She is fluffy.

Antimo Osato

I like my cat and my bruthers cat. My cat comes and snugls with me in my bed. I like my bruthus cat because she sits on my lap my cat likes playing gamis with me and she jumps this tree and gets on a warll and gats down on her stumik. She likes string and if you hold it up she will jump and get it. We call her blue eyes. I got my goldfish for my sixth birthday. I got 3 gold fish and then thay all did die.

Matthew Kets

I have 5 pets two are goldfish and the names are Sharky and George. They are small, and they fite over the food. I have one cat and it is black and its name is Jessie. She likes playing with me. I have one poodell and it is furry and it likes to play with me. I have a dog and its a boxer, its name is bonny. It loves me wen I come home from school. It gets excited.

Sean Jamieson

Mid-Term Holiday

On Friday I went to White River we went to Up lands theyre wos no cricet and we went to my cousins home we had a braai and I played with their dog and we went home.

Matthew Robinson

On Friday I went to Sudwana and We stayd in a tent and My mom went diving and I went swimming in the see and I had lots of fun.

Sebastien John

Yesterday i went to a museim and sow animals and dinosaurs. *Luciano Agostinetto*

On Satrday I went to Maritzburg. On Sunday we went to ten pin bowling.

Mark Nieuwoudt

On fiday I went to Martins house and we billt a camuflag house and we played micro mshins.

Michael Allport

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Family Matters

I love my brother because he always hugs me while I am doing my home work and while I am reded my boock.

John-Michael Glaeser

I love my Mommy because she makes me some cakes every day after school she takes me home from school she makes me some lonch.

Ryan Estment

My Mom is very sensitive. Evry night I get in Mom's bed. Evry night wen I'm cudduling she reds a boock. Evry day I osal cuddl.

Nicholas Gishen

I like school

I like school because all my friends are there and it keeps me busy. School helps me get things right and it is fun because we get play time and werc time. Werc is sometimes hard.

Philip Hawkins

I like school because I can see my friends and like school work and I like my spelling test and like cake and candy.

Warren Anthony

I like school because it is fun and also it is nice to learn. Sumtimes we go on fieldtrips. Every Wednesday ther is assembly. Assembly is my favourite thing.

Gianpaolo Mariano

I like school because I learn so mach also because I can play with my friends and I can learn bonds and spelling and I also haf a special teacher name Mrs Nieman.

Robbie Longland

I like school because it is fun and my best thing is loning and doowing computers. I ooso like art too. One day I did three pags of rite then I did a pech then I loont to rite.

John Moni

My space adventure

I am a alien. My name is Michael I live on Mars in my spaceship and my spaceship has spots on the back and I am green and I have long her and it is blue and I have long toes and I have long legs. I have long oms and I have long nayels. I have been on Mars for one hour and then I wnt to Pluto.

Tyron Springer

I am an alien I have two eyees and I have no hair. I got bored at home so I decided to go on an adventure. So I hopt in my spaceship and went on an adventure to the moon and I walked on the moon but ther was a police alien so I ran to my spaceship and went back to mars.

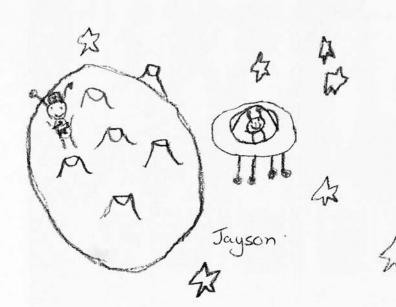
Jayson van Kerckhoven

I am an alien. I live on Jupiter. I want to go on an adventure in a Spaceship to Earth. I look lick this. I have three eyes and two mouths and one long nose. I jumpt in a square window and there were funny creatures. Thay where sced of me and they want me to go home and I went home.

Mark Abrey

I am a round fuzzy alien. My name is Harry I have two eyes and I have six arms and two legs and I live on Mars and I got a round spacehip. I got in to my spaceship and I went to see the moon and when I got ther it was a difirint would and ther was no life and then I got back in my space ship and I flew back to mars and when I got back to mars I had supper then I went to bed.

Miles Demmer





Spring adventures

I am a bunny. I have ben born. Me and my mom are going to eat sm karits. Then we well gow and drinc and then we went fo a worc and saw sam flowers and a tractar and then it stotid to rain so we went back to ower buro.

Neo Neophytou

David and Goliath

A few years ago there was a fight between the Israelites and Philistines. There was a huge fight. David was the smallest one in the hole family with three other brothers. He was left behinde to take care of the sheep wile the older brothers went to the army. Then a big 10 foot hi giant came out and he said who wants to fight me. No body answered. Then David came to the army and he got five smooth stones and shot the giant with a slingshot and he died.

Graham Starkey

David was a shepherd. He looked after his sheep and took food to the soldiers. One day David went to see his brothers he saw a giant named Golieth. Everybody was scared of him he was tall and he did not bileev in God. He was horid. David wantered to fite him. He went to the river and got smoth stones and made a slingshot he shot Golieth on the forehead.

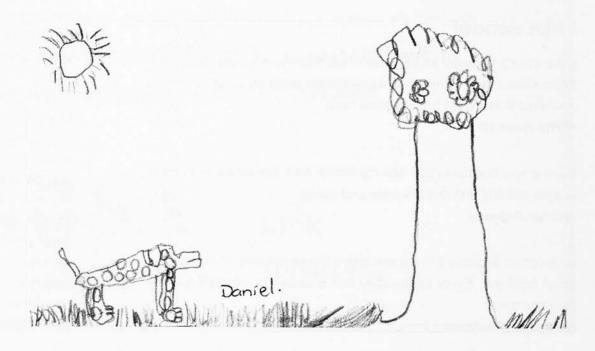
Steven Bauthier-Pienaar

The soldiers went fight. Three of David's brothers wour chosen to fight four the Isralites. One day Davids Dad asked David to take some food to his brothers. David saw Goliath he said I will fight Goliath but they said that you cant fight light that. You have to have armour. The armour was to big. He went to fight Goliath he pict five smooth stones he put one into his slingshot he shot Goliath on the forehead.

Declan Scott

steven.







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My Alien Adventure

I am a alien. One day I was in my space ship. I went high speed I saw a asteroid, it hit my ship fell to Earth. I looked it was nite time I went in my ship and I had a rest. Next day I came out I was serownded by polece they started shooting at me. When I woke up I didnt no wer I was in my ship I tryd to open it, it was locked. My ship was fixed I flyd arownd and arownd I looked at the sky. I sudnly I saw the police looking for me I flyd and flyd. They saw me they shot me more and me I got away I landed I got out I went into the shops to get a drink and some bred I went back to my ship and I went back to space.

Ryan Robinson

The flying saucer landed on earth. He pushed open the door and saw the earth. He got chased by dogs and he climbed over the gate and then he was safe.

Matthew Riemer

I am an alien. In my flying saucer I was flying in my flying saucer ool of a sudin sumfing hit me and I went spinning arond and I crashed on Earth I pushed the door open and all of a sudden I saw giants and they were humans and a little Bary picked me up and took me home and put me in his draw and I livd there.

Reinhardt Arp

I was flying in space and I ran out of petrol and I landed on Mars and I saw other Aliens.

Matthew van der Merwe

I am a alien from planet zookey. I went for a ride and I lost control I went spinning down I tried to control the spase ship I went down and down and down, then luckily I jest hert my leg was sowr.

Thomas Bertie

I am a little alien and I come from space. I was flying in my spaceship but I went to close to the sun and my engines melted and I started falling down and I hit a planet. I pushed the dor owpen and I saw a lot of smoke from my spaceship and there were a lot of rocks and it was very hot. I first my engines and I flew back to the moon.

Bradley Campleman

One day a green alien landed on Earth and he met a hol lot ove dogs and they did not like him. He ran as fast as he could and went back to his spaceship and then he went back home.

Charl Mostert

I crashed in the jungle. I was lost in the jungle. I was sced, it was cold I cont find my way home I sr two frends of myn I sed wer wil we looc in the jungle. Wer can we go.

Dale Coleman

One day I was flying in space and then an asteroid came out of nowhere and made a hole in my space ship and I crashed on Earth. Quickly I opened the door and I saw trees and I got out of my space ship. I liked it on Earth.

Nicholas Von Roretz

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Hallow I am an alien. I look like this. I have little eyes and I orso have sharp teeyh and I orso have green and black spats on my bodie. I have a blue flying saucer. Ooooo sumyhen hit the space ship I'm going duwn Help wow Im amasd these are big things.

James Lowe

A Spring Adventure

On Saturday the hol family went to camp and me and my bruther were icsited. Dad put up the tent and I sed yay the tent is up. After we went camping we went home. The next morning me and my bruther got drest and tip tode to brecfist and made a suprise. Mom came down sters and she sed she coodent buliv her ise.

Alistair Smith

I am a baby cheetah and when my daddy taught me to hunt buck and then I tried but I was too little and when I grew up I was good at hunting and then I caught a buck.

Nicholas Applewhite

This weekend I went to my fam and wey unpacked first and then went to fish and my dad cot ten trout and then wiy went into the car and then wiy went to the house I went to sleep.

Jason Wright

I am a little foal. I Jose and one day I found water. I drank from it and I drank until someone found me.

Werner Van Zyl

I am a lion cub and I am a carnivore. One day I saw some impala and I ran and I caught one and I climbed up a tree with the impala and hungry hyhaenas were waiting. The necst day I got chased biy wildebees but mi daddy chased them away.

Enzio Quartero

I am a little cheetah cub I was playing and then this werd animal came and it had long horns. I jumped on his back then fell off and he ran away.

Guiseppe Carosini

I am a cheetah cub. One day I went to the waterhole and I smelled some flowers and a bug stung me on the nose.

Reginald Holliday



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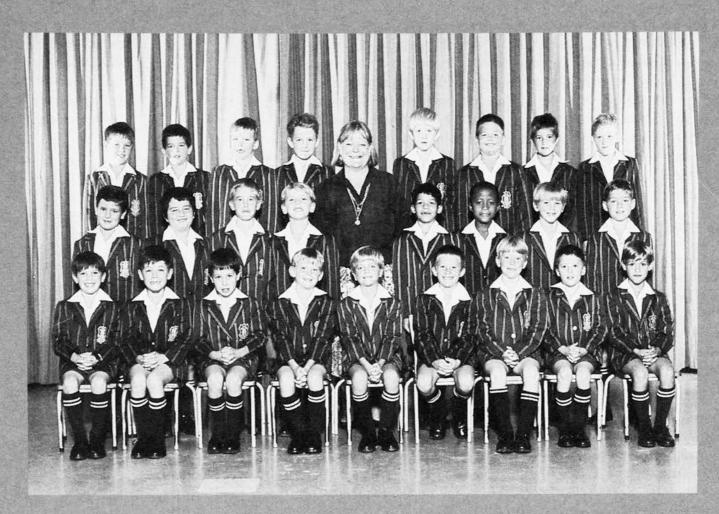
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Joseph

Joseph was sold to the Egpshens. Nouw Joseph was a slave. The Egypshens sold him to Potiphar. Potiphar had a evole wife. His wife thort my husbind is at werk so she went to Joseph and seaid I want you to be my boyfend. But Joseph seaid I carnt be yor boyfend, yore maried to my bos. She went and seaid III get you back for this. Then she went to her husbend and seaid rood things about Joseph.

Gerard Kairuz

My Holiday

I went to Nelspruit with my dad. We livd in a flat at the bottom flor. On the fawst day we went to find a shoping centre. On the nexs day we whent shoping. We bawrt meet and food, then we whent home. The nex day we went to find the silkworm farm but it whos not opin sow we whent to the reptile farm. We sawr lots of snakes.

Joshua Rodrigues

Joseph

Josephs brothers threw him in a dich then they chacged there minds and sold him to Egyptens and he became a slave for Potiphat. And one day Potiphars wife went to Joseph and said be my boyFriend. Joseph said no you have got a hasbent. She said I am going to get you and she did! She told her hasbent that Joseph said be my girlfriend and Potiphar was so agree that he het the rofe and he put Josph in jail! **Dylan Finch**

A Prayer to Jesus

Thanks for my eys
Thanks for all the things I have in my famle
I preshati it
My sisters ar nise
And so is my Mom and my Dad
Thamks Jeuse.
Adrian Plaskocinski

Pirate Andrew

HO! HO! HO!

I'm a pirate! I work for my Copton Hook. He is VERY bad thats WHY he is capton of the ship. He is very lasy. He is very sill. His worst enemy is Peta Pan and the other

one is the CROCODILE! But he will not get us!

Andrew Murphy

Captain Jake

I am Captin Jake.

I love treasure and RUM.

I love maps and ships. And I love sailing on the ruff sea. I allso love books and nice cutlesses.

I am a fine Pirate Captain Jake, I am!

Elliot Marsden

Our visit to the War Museum.

When we got to the Museum the man that toock us around wos Mr Frend. The first thing we soar was the biplane. In the first woold war it was yorsd for spiing. Then we went to the submarine it was small. If it went below 20 meters it wood start to leak and if it went below 30 meters it wood start to crash. The Buccanear can fly faster than the sped of lite, it caries its oil in its wings. It has an ejector seat.

Lloyd Berndt

The snacke and the rabit.

One day ther was a snacke that has not had food for two weeks. The snacke fownd a rabit. The rabit sead plese donot ete me. I wont ete you if you get me some food. The rabit got some food. You are a dum animail. Wod you like more food? Yes. The rabit got some more food but this time he put some poisin in it. He gave the food to the snacke. I do not want to ete this I want to ete you. So the rabit ran away. The snacke ate the food with the poisin. He was dead. So the rabit came back and he was happy. MORIL: Do not be GREDY!

Jamie Barnes

The two boys that faght.

Once upon a time there were two boys, there names were Joe and Dick. They were fighting over a ball. They both started a big fight. They where down by a lake. Lots of people told them to stop it but they would not. They were chasing each other around and cicking and punching. The one boy throu the ball into the water and both of them coudent swim. But they bothe jumped into the lake and they were fighting and they were pushing each other under the water and they both dround. MORAL: Don't risk your life for a ball.

Dylan Fritelli

The meircat and the warthog.

Once there was a warthog that lived in the Kruger National Park and his name was Pumba. And there was a meircat his name was Timon. They woke up. There birthday's where on the same day and Pumba got Timon a present but Timon didn't get Pumba a present. So Timon felt bad and Pumbe said it was fine.

MORAL: Make sure you are ready.

David Gardner

The three fiting twin dogs.

There was once three twin dogs and one bone. The three dogs were fiting because they all liked bones and they had been fiting for days. On the seventh day the oldest dog said why dont we share the bone. The other dog's said we want our own bone. The oldest said we can cut it in qaters, so we can have our own part of the bone. But how are we going to cut it? We can get a stick to cut it. MORAL: It's always nice to share.

Nicholas Johnson

The fox and the mouse.

One hot sunny afternoon there was a long bright fox who was starving. The next day the fox herd a squeek, he woke up in a rage. He chased the little mouse, he ran and ran. Then the fox saw a big fat worthog. The fox was overjoyed, he left the little mouse and went after the worthog. The worthog was to fast and the fox couldn't catch it. MORAL: Greed won't get you anywhere.

Craig Koorn

A prayer to Jesus.

Thank God for ow trees
Thank God for ow plants
Thank God for every thing he does for us.

Adrian Marcia

The fox and the Ladybird.

One fine day ther lived a fox. And this fox was very hungry, he hadn't eaten for a year so the next day he saw a ladybird. He crept up on the ladybird and opend his jaws and tried eating the ladybird but she flew away. The fox ate a leaf instead. Then the fox had a dream about food and he swa meat, hotdogs, ham, chicken exetra. So the next day he started eating every plant around him. MORAL: Always eat or you will have an iloushin.

Giuliano Minucci

The lion and the Hiena

Once u pona time there was a lion and a hiena. The hiena said to the lion he would help him to hunt. The lion agread and said you catch the small one, the hiena agread. They both set off to hunt. The hiena caught the big one and the lion caught the little one. The lion chased the hiena untill the hiena gave up. The lion roared and the hiena ran away. MORAL: Never trust an hiena.

Christopher McGuire

A prayer to Jesus.

I thank Jesus for all my good marks
I thank Jesus for biscuits and tarts
I thank Jesus for a heart and a smile
I thank Jesus for guarding me all day
And I thank Jesus for helping me pray.

Kaelo Molefe

Lost

Joshep and Mary were looking for Jesus when they met they where arguing because they thort that each other had Jesus. After three days they found Jesus at the tempall teaching mail teachers. I have been lost at the Lowd of the Darns. It was very scery antill I fownd my dad and my mom.

Giulio Giuricich

My news

On Friday I went to Edwins house. We went on the roof and played on the gameboy. Then we had tea and biskets. Then we went on the roof agen and saw a gardner pointing a bb gun at us and started to shoot at us but we were armd to the teeth as well. We had orange peells, roten tomartos, roten eggs that were reguler stingck boms. After the grate war I went home. On Satrday I had a foot ball mach. We droo nil all.

Kevin Gahan

A pelecen who lade three eggs

A pelecen lade three eggs. She never nowd the egg wos coming so soon, but it did. She wos so hape, but!!! A snacke came and chasd the pelecen away. The pelecen cold the arme ants and they bit the snacke and it went away.

Dwane Barker

A Pirate

My name is
Tom the Pirate.
He is good. I have a
ship at sea. I have a croow in the ship. I am
a good pirate not a bad pirate!
Nikki Carnicelli

Our visit to the War Museum

The cockpit is wher the pilot sits in a wooden plane called a biplane. The Hawker Hartebees was made with wood and metel. The wood is for the wings and the meter is for the body of the plane. The bak pilot wood do all the shooting and the frunt pilot wood just fly the plane. The Spitfire is made of metel and has two cannons. In a Minny Sub you have 20 howers to blowe up a ship and your seat is your toilet! *Michael Evans*

A letter to Santa

Dear Santa

Hope you have a lovely Christmas. I know why you are so fat because you eat and drink all the cookies and the milk. Thank you for last year's presents. They were super and I don't know what to get this year. Well that's all for know. Chow - that means good-bye! P.S. Tell the reindeers I love them and tell rudealph he must keep shining his nose!

David Gardner



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On TV you will all soon see ...

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And Shaun the soccer player.

Michael and Nathan will be in the police force,

So they can shoot!

And ride a horse!

Christopher and **Kevin** want to be game rangers So they can look after the animals of course!

Paul Hon wants to be a robot scientist,
While Miso's drawings turn him into a fine artist!

Mathew and Gregory want to work like their dads! A lawyer (Tyler), a teacher (Marc)

Jared wants to build bridges in sand, There's **Kurt** the mechanic,

He'll work on our cabs!

David Haigh will design new buildings for us

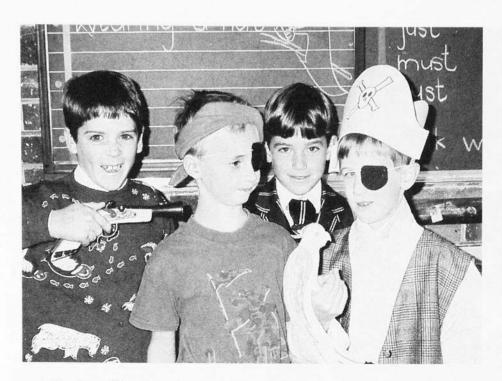
A great architect he will be - just you wait and see! Our entertainer, dear **Danny**, a singer he'll be.

Jean-Pierre the racer,

Why, he could beat a bus!

We're still young, that we know, But you watch us grow!

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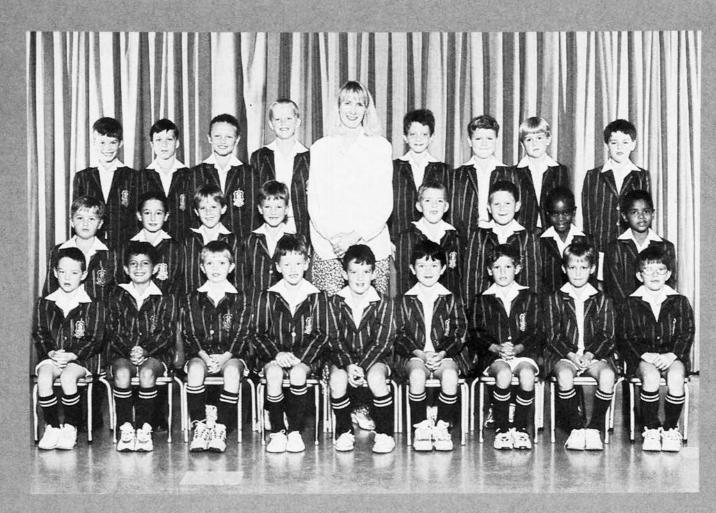
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News from Grade Two T

Stories from Africa.

The Pelican

Once upon a time there was a Pelican who decided to leave home because his mother nagged him too much. He flew to Pelican Paradise. When he got there, he had a swim. After he swam he went to sleep. When he woke up he found a big pile of rubbish. Some people came and helped him to tidy up. He was sad because he missed his mother but his mom came to look for him. He was so happy when he saw his mother that he went home with her. The moral of the story is: There is no place like home.

Kyle Waldeck

The Silly Crocodile.

Ther was once a monkeys weding and there wer a group of monkeys who were late. They almost could not get there because the vines were broken and they could not swing across the river. A crocodil who said I will take you across. Ow but were the monkeys silly, no. So they got onto the crocodile's back and half way throw the crodile said give me

your hearts. The monkeys said that they had left them in the tree so the Crocodile took them to the other side and as soon as they go ther the monkeys laughed and said You silly crocodile we do have our hearts!

Reuben John

The Fruit Tree

Once upon a time there was a princess of a mountain and she knew everything. In the woods there live some animals. One day all the fruit had gone except the fruit on one tree. You could not get it off unless you said the name of the tree butt the animals did not know the name. So the kudu went to go and get the name. The princess told him the name but on the way back he forgot. They then sent the jackal because he was cuning. On the way back he fell asleep and when he woke up he had forgotten the name of the tree and made up a name but when he got back and said the name the fruit would not fall. The tortoise went and no one thought he would remember because he was so slow. He asked the princess to tell him the name twice and when he got back he said the name and all the fruit fell down. The moral of the story is don't juj a purson by there look.

Daniel De Almeida

Letters to Santa

Dear Father Christmas

Have a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year. May I please have a four wheeler. I would be the happiest boy on earth and how are you doing down in the north pole and is the wheather like 10 or something and can you try and please get me a T.V game set with quite a few games and will you please try and get quite a few computer games formy brother and my two sisters and I would love to see you.

Love from

Stefano de Siena

Dear Father Christmas

It has been a year sins you gave me a presint. I have been a good boy this year. Sow please can I have a 15teen gear bike and some mad dog clothing. Please can I have two more things a sager game and an air hog and a bit of Lego. Hope you are all well.

Love from Gareth Seland

Dear Father Christmas

How are you? I have not ritten to you in a year. How are you reindeers? Have you been working hard, are your elves doing their work, how is your wife. What have you been doing this year have you been making presents? Please may you get a Billabong walet for me and please can you make this the best Christmas for my cusen Rowen.

Love from

Matthew van Buuren

Dear Father Christmas

How are you? Are yore rainders allright? I hope they are because they have a long way to go. I would like a motcontrol car and I would really like a big fluffy teddy. You know the big big ones. Please may I have two big jumbo marbles and could you put a few more small marbles with those. One more thing please can you give everyone a very happy Christmas.

Love from

Robert Seals

Prayers to God

Dear God – thank you for all of my friends. Thank you for my mom and my brother and my gran. Thank you for my dogs and please God let there be peace in the world NOT CRIME

Kurt Solomon

Dear God – please help the people on the street and please peace in South Africa. Thank you God for my family and my freands and also my pets. Please help the rulers of the countreis so there is no world war three.

Simon Wallington

My own fable

One day there was a girl called Chip. She didn't believe in Father Christmas. It was the 24th December. She did not like Christmas. On Christmas day which was the 25th December her two brothers got planes, her two sisters got dolls. She got not a thing. The moral of the story is just because you can not see it, it does not mean it doesn't exgsist.

Wayne Eldridge

A boy was walking to school it was Friday. It was test day. He was waryd. Thow harf of the year he had only one time he had got a good test. After the test was finished. The teacher told the children that he got twenty out of twenty. He was so happy and at the end of school he ran to his mother and the moral of the story is never give up.

Murray Hyslop

Mr. Men with a difference.

Mr. Scared was walking past Mr. Naughty's house. Mr. Naughty was looking out of the window. Mr Naughty saw Mr. Scared walk past. He opened the door. In his hand he had a balloon and a pin. Mr. Naughty went to Mr. Scared. He said hello too Mr. Scared. Mr. Scared said hello too, but then Mr. Scared heard a big bang. He got such a frite he jumped on a tree. Mr. Naughty was so glad that he had scared someone.

Jacek Kaminski



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Being Happy...

Is sleeping at my Granny and Grandfather. I playing soccer for my school.

Brian Lebos

Is getting no homework. Is feeding my puppy. **Gareth Brickman**

Is fishing with my dad Is going to Cubs

Is climbing trees.

Struan Frost

Is the holidays.

Samuel Vandeleur

Is going to school because I LOVE school. Is my birthday with my Mom and Dad.

Matthew-Luc McCreedy

Is going to a five star hotel.

Is lying in bed on a cold night.

Peter Lee

Is having a parent at your shoulder. Is winning a go kart race.

Lorenzo Agostinetto

Is going to Sun City. Is a chocolate bar. **Stewart Leith**

Is going to Steers and Spur. Is winning prizes.

Matthew Ware

Is playing with my dog Pluto. Is going to England.

Dominic Elliman

Is going on a train.
Is my Mom getting better.

Jonathan Jordan

Is being with family. Is laughing.

Duncan Pettit

Is doing Maths at school. Is eating sweets.

Craig Watson

Is friendship.
Is flying my kite.

Andrew Osborne

Is giving my Mom a very big hug. Is when I caught my very first fish at the Rainbow Trout Farm.

Luke Gonsalves

Is eating a whole slab of white chocolate. Is staying up late.

Julian Brink

Is doing karate with my friend.
Is watching videos with my Mom and Sister.

Justin O'Byrne

Timothy Adam

Is going to the bush.
Is playing with my next door neighbour.

Is going on a speedboat. Is sleeping late in winter.

Rory du Toit

Is stroking a kitten or a puppy. Is drawing pictures.

Dean Perdiago

Is playing with my toy soldiers. Is sleeping in the car.

Michael Berti

Is having tuck on Fridays. Is going ice skating.

Christopher MacKeown

Is playing with friends. Is enjoying the holidays.

Alexander Rodel

Rain

I look up at the sky
And wonder why
Those big blue rain drops
Fall from the sky.
I think of sad times
I think of good times
It makes me happy
It makes me sad
But I still wonder why
That big blue sky does cry.

Dominic Elliman

The Salmon

On the second of early May
All the salmon decide to play
When the rivers are fast and full
That's when the salmon decide to come
It's when the salmon decide to come
It's so much fun and so much daring
But that's when danger starts appearing
Some of them were caught
Some of them weren't
That's when some of the salmon
Were badly hurt.

Lorenzo Agostinetto

The Fat Cat

I once had a cat
With eyes so black
Which ate a rat
And made it fat
And after that
It ate a bat!
Greedy cat!
Dean Perdigao

The Ant

Once I saw a little black ant And he made a very big pant Pant! Puff! Puff! Pant! He was very very tired He was very very small Oh dear - poor little sad ant! Matthew Ware

Grade 3 Trip to Happy Acres

I was getting on the bus when some one pulled my right arm I fell on the seat then I saw it was Chase Remington. He let me sit by the window. I waved at my mom. She took three photos of me. The driver turned on the bus. The music was on then he turned it off. Chase was telling me jokes. Then we stoped at a biltong shop. Chase said look it says ostrich stake. We both said yuck. I needed the toilet so I ran out of the bus, ran behind a bush and you what after I ran back then I saw Elijah had also run behind a bush. Every one on the bus was laughing. Then we arrived at Happy Acres....

We hated carrying our bags but we had to. We were sent to our dormitorys and we changed into play clothes. Then we went to the stage and they told us the rools of Happy Acres. We went and had lunch. Then it was time for our first lesson. It was on plants. Our teacher was Lloyd. He was a fun teacher.

Our next lesson was on birds. Our teacher was Jigs. He was funny too. Then it was free time. I walked into my dormitory. That is when I realised our dormitory did not have a toilet. We had to run to the other dormitorys for the toilet. Every night we played Games. Happy Acres is the best place to be if you want to have fun.

Luke Goncalves - Grade 3H

When we got to Happy Acers we went to our dormitories and we slept in buncers then they told us all about Happy Aceres and they told us when lunch time is at 12 o'clock and supper is at 6 o'clock. On the first day we went looking for tadpoles at free time and there is a lovely bunny cage it had bunnys and guinea pigs and ten people at a time and they had a basketball net and went to the greenhouse and we saw a venus fly trap and we learnt where the habatats of sertan plants and man that worket there took a little stick and he put it in the venus fly traps mouth and it nearly closed on the stick. And then we went to the river and I was the first boy to see the fish in the river and we saw crabs and we were fishing for crabs with chicken bones and two boys caught crabs and we went on the monkey bridge it had three ropes to walk on.

Matthew Alison - Grade 3S

On Monday 2nd of November we loaded our luggage on the bus and boarded it. The engine started. Ta-room – room it went. I peaked out of the window and saw some moms waving goodbye. Slowly the bus started to move. I could hear the engine reving up. We moved out of the car park. Off we went to Happy Acres in the Magaliesburg! When we arrived we had to unpack our stuff in the dormitory. We were in the upstairs dormitory. After that we went to the hall area. Sally, one of the teachers, told us about Happy Acres. Then we were aloud to explore. Suddently the bell rang and we all had to go to our tables with our books. We did lots of learning. My Best part of Happy Acres was the crab fishing. And my Worst part was the river because I got wet. All in all we had lots of fun. You can tell because my clothes were dirty from the fun! END.

Gareth Brickman - Grade 3H

I liked Happy Acres a lot and it was fun walking and playing on the Monkey Bridge. When we got there a lady told us what we would do that day. Then we went to play and then we had macaroni and cheese for lunch and then we went to have tuck and then we had free time to play. Then we had our first lesson about plants and then we had free time. Then we had our second lesson about birds and then we had free time. Then it was supper time and we had chicken-a-la-king. Then we had more free time and then we had a scavanger hunt. Then we went to bed. The next day we had breakfat and then we had free time. Then we had our first lesson that day where we went down to the river. Then we had more free time and then we had lunch which was potatos and cheese-sauce. Then we had tuck and then we had free time. Then we had a colouring-in competition. Then we had some free time. Then we had a lesson on scorpion hill. Then we had free time. Then it started raining and we had a lesson about animals. Then we had free time and then we went in the hall to eat mince and rice for supper. Then we had free time and then we played games in the hall. Then we went to bed. The next day we had breakfast and after that we had free time. After that we had another lesson about plants and after then we had some free time. After that we had another lesson about plants and after we had some more free time. After that we went to play on the Monkey Bridge and after that we had a lesson about water pollution. After that we had lunch which was either cheese, butter, jam or salad and after that we packed our bags and after that we got on the bus and left Happy Acres.

Craig Wallington - Grade 3S

On the morning we were leaving I was very excited. It took the bus driver quite a long time to get there. It took one hour and fifteen minutes to ge there. When we got there we all went to our dormitory. I loved going to the bunny and guinea pig cage. I also loved swinging across the river on a rope and falling in. Another thing I loved was the tuckshop. It was the ultimate. But over all I liked the Burmese Python, and how it slithers across the floor this way and that way. One thing I did not like was the macaroni and cheese. It was dreadful. I enjoyed my trip to Happy Acres lots and lots and I'll never forget it.

Duncan Pettit - Grade 3H

My best part at Happy Acres was when Craig (the guide) told us to rock everyone off the monky bridge and I rocked my best friend Chris into the river! Me and Chris weren't very lucky at scorpion hill because we didn't catch any scorpions. In the morning at quarter to seven we were aloud to go and play outside and me Matthew and Chris went catching whirlgigs. I liked the games at night. I liked cheesy macaroni.

When we were working in our books at the river we saw a huge crab! We lernt that a crab has ten legs and two of them are pincers. One of the guides showed us a python. Did you know a python has a claw? These are all the things we lernt about: Plants, Birds, Rivers, Scorpions, Insects, Trees, Shrubs, Herbs, Plant Habitats and Water Pollution.

On the way back Me Mathew and Chris tried playing a game to see who spoted Sandton City first and Matthew won that. Then we played another game to see who could see St David's first. And Matthew won again.

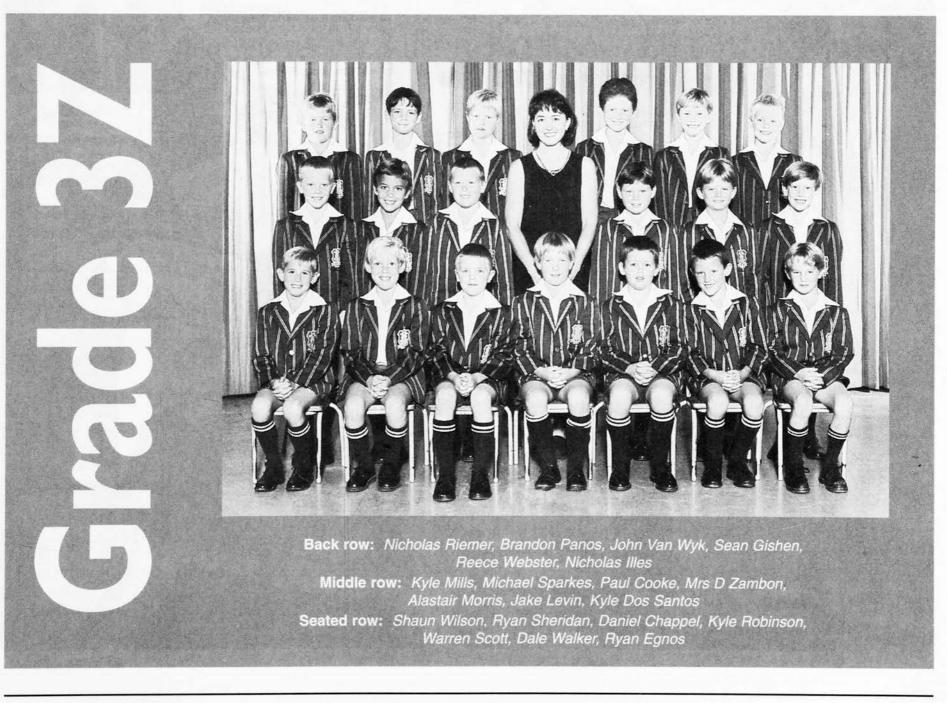
I wish I was still at Happy Acres because I liked fishing for whirlgigs.

THE END.

Alexander Rodel - Grade 3H

When we got to Happy Acres we unpacked then we went to study plants. We then had some snakes and then we had a talk about birds. Then it was lunch after lunch we went to the river. We saw crabs and fish then we went to the monkey bridge. I fell off. It felt scarey. Then I went crab fishing. It was fun. Then we went to scorpion hill. I caught a burrower scorpion. It was my best. They had rabbits and cats and monkeys. We saw a bermeys python. It was so scarey. Then we went to the greenhouse. We had to find plants. It was grate. Then it was off to the zoo. At the zoo there were crabs, insekts, reptiles, and last but not least mice. We learnt about trees, shrubs and herbs. We had to find names of trees, shrubs and herbs. We learnt all about water pollution. We also learnt about plant habitats. It was grate. The food was not good it was about 2% food. We went to King Fisher Bend and the Old Mill. It was like an old village.

Michael Berti - Grade 3H







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Seated row: Matthew O'Connor-Pretorius, Matthew Alves, Praveshin Pillay, Andrew Slack, Matthew McGuire, Stefan Estment, Justin Neilson, Chase Remmington, Nicholas McWilliams

Views on our trip to Happy Acres.

My best thing was the monkey bridge because it was very very wobbly. **Matthew Alison**

I liked hunting for scorpions and swinging on the rope and monkey bridge.

Matthew Alves

My worst part of my visit was when the guinea pig died.

Gareth Borragiero

I enjoyed the monkey bridge but did not like Mr Castle shining his spotlight on me!

Norman Cahi

I enjoyed making it over the monkey bridge until I fell in! James Clark

I did not like the macaroni cheese.

Stefan Estment

What I liked the most was scorpion hill because I caught three scorpions, one burrow and two stingers.

Kent Hauptfleisch

My worst part was the porridge for breakfast.

Andrew Keightley-Smith

I loved Happy Acres because I saw a scorpion which I had never ever seen before.

Benjamin Lowe

I liked falling nto the river because it was fun to get wet!

Matthew McGuire

I enjoyed the wobbly monkey bridge as lots of people fell in the river. Nicholas was the first one in. I never fell in but shaked three people n.

Andrew McKenzie

I loved the rabbits, they were so cute and cuddly.

Nicholas McWilliams

I did not enjoy all the food because they were mostly vegetables.

Justin Neilson

My worst part was Mr Castle and his torch.

Matthew O'Connor-Pretorius

I enjoyed the scorpion the most because we caught so many.

Praveshin Pillay

I liked the bunny cage because they were the cutest things in the world and I could cuddle them.

Chase Remmington

I enjoyed Scorpion Hill the most because I enjoyed the climbed and looking for scorpions.

Gianluca Sacco

I loved catching scorpions and bugs.

Andrew Slack

My best part was the monkey bridge but fell in the river.

Stewart Wackrill

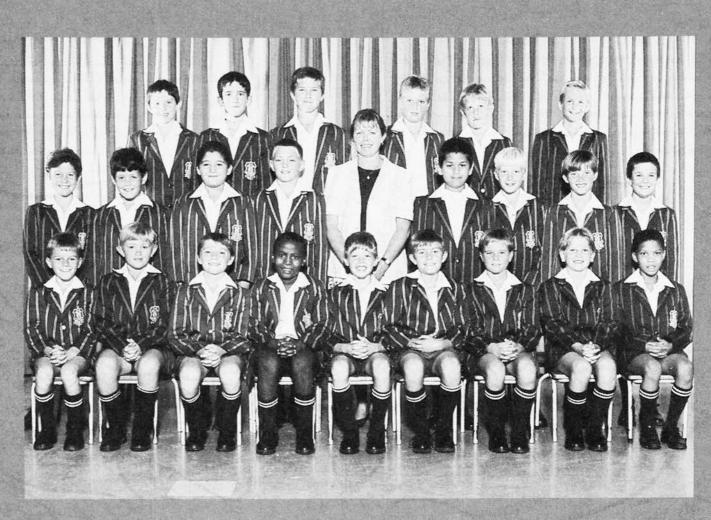
I liked trying to get across the river to the other side.

Craig Wallington

I enjoyed the monkey cage because we could go in and play with them.

Geoffrey Kukard





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Middle row: Richard Harte, Wade Whittaker, Domenico de Lorenzo, Adam Weldon-Ming, Mrs M Johnston, Mohamed Hoosen, Dean Shillaw, David Kets, Joseph Gates
Seated row: Adam van den Houten, Tyrelle Tintinger, Danilo Biccari, Khumo Phetoe,
Sean Nieman, Richard Edey, Michael Carey, Gregory Murphy, Otsile Mogale

The Technabob Spider

This bug is called a technabob spider. It lives in the Kalahari Desert (South Africa) and some regions in Zimbabwe. It lives by a few bushes and hot sand. It eats lizards, small birds and flies. It survives in hot regions because you see on it, it has little holes on the side of its body, those spray sweat from the things it has eaten. Its enemies are Jackals and its friends are scorpians.

Richard Edey

The Life of a Bushman Boy

My name is Xaxa. I live with a small band of Bushmen in the Kalahari Desert. When I was six, I learnt to shoot a bow and arrow. I like to hunt and dance. I have three friends their names are Ikxna, Xmas and Wata. They hunt with me. When we have had a successful hunt we will drink the blood if we are thirsty. At camp we skin the animal and hang the skin up to dry. With the skinned animal we put it under hot coals to cook it. When the skin is dry we will scrape it to make it smooth for the blankets. We are now on the spoor of a steenbok but we can see lion tracks in the sand. We find the steenbok but the lions have beaten us there. So we go back to camp with just the parts that the lions had not eaten.

Domenico De Lorenzo

My name is Ixna. I live with a small band of bushmen on the border of the Kalahari Desert. My family has been around for hundreds of years. We do things the old way, we kill our prey with our bows, arrows and spears. I like playing with my best friends Xmas, Xaxa and Wata, we like to hunt all day. We are fourteen years old, we use our bows and arrows that we have made by ourselves. We pretend to be hunters and we kill rats and sometimes lizards. The hunters went out early this morning and they might only be back tomorrow if they are successful today. The women also went out this morning to go gather roots. The men have just come back from a successful hunt, they have a Zebra. Tonight there will be feast, the people will dance all night. The Government has built a settlement, there is lots of water there but I still miss hunting.

David Kets

My name is Bobo. I live with a small band of Bushmen in the Kalahari desert. When we are born we have smooth skin and as we grow older our skin starts going rough. We only grow a certain height. We have flat noses. We dance after a good hunt and then we paint the body for the animal to remember it.

They go hunting with a spear and arrow. They use a digging stick to dig up roots to eat and use an ostrich egg to store water. When us kids go hunting we only to two miles away from camp and sometimes we only catch a few things like rats, lizards and rabbits. We cut the leftovers of an animal into strips and hang it up. When we have killed it, we drink the juice from it. When there is no water or food then we move. Our huts are mae out of sticks, dry grass and twigs.

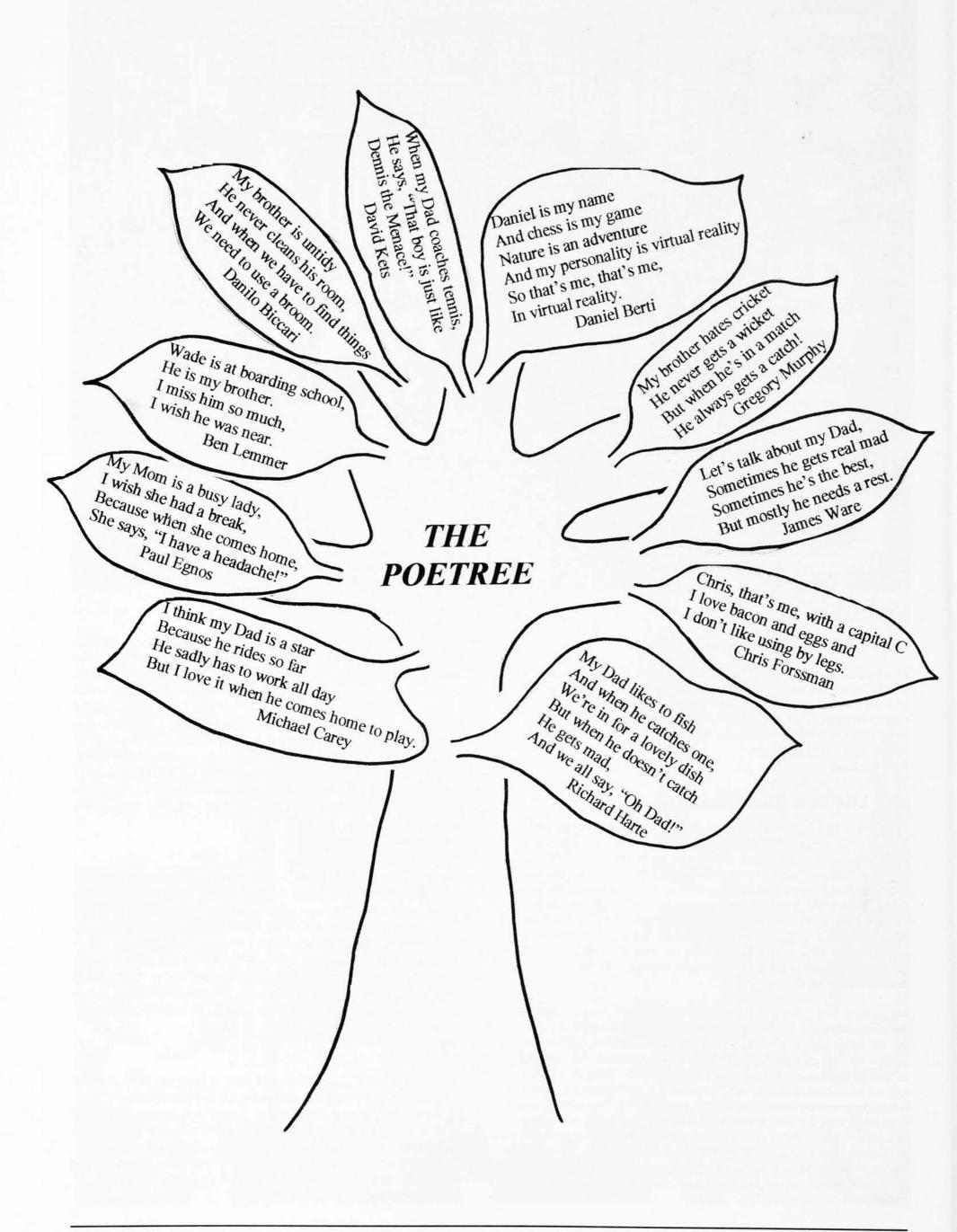
Adam Weldon-Ming

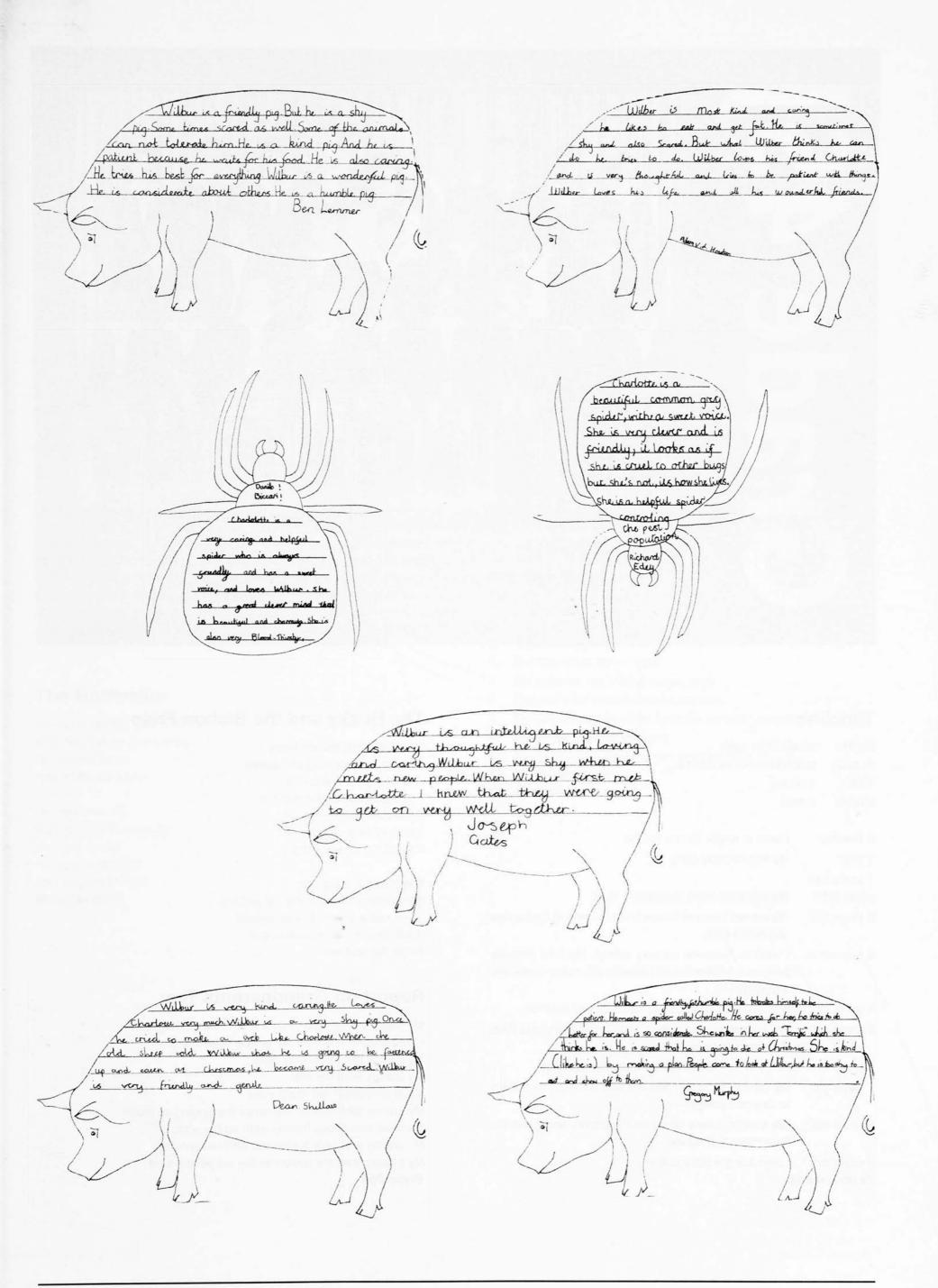
Hello, my name is Qwak Qwa. I live with a band of Kalahari bushmen. We live in the Kalahari Desert. At the moment I am making a bow and arrow. I am one of the best shooters of the children. Look there's a snake. I am going to shoot it shhhh xaxa. I am going to shoot Yes, I got it!!!! Thank you son. Look the hunters have got a big bushbuck. Ahhh night, lets eat over the warm fire. Look the ladies are starting to dance. They are doing the bushbuck dance. They are doing the bushbuck dance. It is warm, I will sleep outside my hut. There is talk that we are going to live in a happier life. Bushmen now are decreasing. Tradition will never be the same.

Paul Egnos

My name is Kuxa. I live with a small band of bushmen in the Kalahari Desert. I am a small boy that lives with my friends, parents and cousins. Every day we like to dance and play. When it is a full moon we would sing and dance with every body in the tribe. We make lots of bead work and rattles. All of the bushmen learn how to hunt with bows and arrows. By the time we are eight of nine years old, we will have a good aim and will be able to shoot anything from lizards to snakes.

Michael Carey







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Middle row: Jonathan Duckworth, Lebogang Maboa, Jordan Graham, Matthew Wallace, Stephen Libera, Dane Solomon, Felipe Gonsalves

Seated row: Wade Steinbach, Karabo Mohlahlo, Robin Garden, Duncan Hunter, Ivan Giuricich, Brandon Reisdorf, Karl Reith, Kevin Harding, Justin Ferriere

Timeline

BIRTH: 20 MARCH 1989

PLACE: MARYMOUNT HOSPITAL

TIME: 1:00 AM MASS: 3,1KG

9 Months: I went to Alletta Sutton creche

1 year: My first birthday party

1 and a half

years old: We travelled along the garden route

2 years old: We moved to a new house in Parkview and I got a new

dog called Dino

3 years old: I went to Parkview nursery school. My third birthday

party was celebrated with clowns, a jumping castle and

a magician

4 years old: Started Grade 0 at Saint David's Marist Brothers

5 years old: We travelled to Zimbabwe and stayed at Victoria Falls

Hotel and on Lake Kariba

6 years old: We went to Disney World Orlando in America

7 years old: My mother bought a new car and we went on holiday

to Crystal Springs

8 years old: We bought a new house in Bryanston, and I had my

First Holy Communion

9 years old: I am having a baby sister

Kevin Harding

The Husky and the Bichon Frise

The husky and bichon frisey
Both have coats long and spikey
One has got the wet nose
And the other has the wet toes
If you think the frise is big
You're in for a surprise
It's half the size of a pig

The husky is a big dog
It's probably the size of a cat and log
If you see a cross of these breeds
It will probably be a catastrophe!

Filipe Gonsalves

Report on Grandparents Tea:

My best part of the party was when I was eating cake I liked it when I fetched my granny from the quad

My granny like the history table

My granny liked the tea

My granny didn't eat much cake

My granny told me that she loved the singing so much

That she had goose bumps went up her arms

My granny was very impressed with our serving My granny liked the speeches the old people said

Bryce Don

Labrador

Tail wagging as it goes past Bright as a new car Barking with a blast Body as black as tar

Playful as playful can be –
But watch out! They can bite!
Once one bit me,
And I really got a fright

Duncan Hunter

My Anaconda

Someday I want to own an Anaconda. I will save up and buy it when it is still in an egg. I will name it Spike because snakes have spikes in their eyes. It is very long and fat. It is brown with green spots. I will feed it rodents and rabbits. In his big tank (which he lives in) I will simulate the Amazon rain forest. An Anaconda can swallow a rat whole without chewing and I am going to teach him how to jump.

Ryan Abrey

What we learnt from 4MJ

We learnt that the name of a San hut is called a scarab. The Hunter gatherers found Ostrich eggs and put water in them for storage. The men do the hunting and the women do the gathering using digging sticks to dig out bulbs and roots. They then squeeze out all of the nutrients.

Justin Ferriere

The Rottweiler

He has a chubby little face With his chubby little tummy He is quite fierce And that's not funny

He isn't very big
And he doesn't even dig
He's got no tail
He guards all night
And he likes to fight
Nicholas Berti

My Pet

My dog's weight is well over one ton Although he can still run With rather big ears That turn off the fleas

With a tail
In the mail
He's more like a whale
Than a dog
David Naylor

My Great Dane

He's long and tall
He's got to be careful not to fall
He's big and fat
He always chews up my cricket bat
We often throw him a tennisball
But instead he chases a soccer ball
He thinks his tail is a worm
I say "Stop that, Kurm"
I don't know why but he is a cool guy
Karl Reith

My Tien Sinne

- 1. Die tuinslang is baie lank.
- 2. My huis is baie groot.
- 3. My hond bly buite.
- 4. Die klein muis bly in 'n gat.
- 5. Die volstruis het 'n lang nek en bene.
- 6. Ons het groot pers druiwe in ons tuin.
- 7. My boetie was vuil nadat hy in die sandpit gespeel het.
- Die uil wil 'n kleinmuis vang.
- 9. As my honde in die huis kom stuur ek hulle uit.
- 10. Die duiwel is baie sleg.

Fergus Klein



Back row: Justin Kalk, Marco Picone, Graham Freeman, Adrian Gebers, Mrs A Swanepoel, Michael Macindoe, Matthew Sherratt, Warwick Gird, James Shaw-Taylor

Middle row: David Schilperoort, Malcom Hunter, Craig King, Alessandro Higginson, Duncan Reid, Warren Bretherton, Mark Goosen, Kuda Nyatsambo

Seated: Dylan Tollemache, Grant Davidson, Kevin Came, Alex Fenn, Eric Bauer, Sebastian Ridley, Paul Niewwoudt, Steven Adam, Karabo Mooki

Our Family Dog

He can be used as a pet or a cop-dog.

He is strong and he likes to chase bad guys and a ball.

But when I play with him I think he is quite cool.

With his black and brown coat he looks quite scary.

And if you trying to steal you better be weary.

I love him.

He's a German Shepherd

A top dog

My family's watch dog

Kevin Came

Up in The Sky

The fireworks fly
And the sky is filled with rockets
All the children
Run up and down
With money in their pockets

The Catherine Wheels go round and round And then it burns to the ground When we go home Max is alone And so afraid is that little Hound! Justin Kalk

The sky's full of light
So don't get a fright
It's Guy Fawkes
The 5th of November
While fireworks fly high
And Colour fills the sky
We watch them fade away
As night becomes day

Graham Freeman

The Border Collie

He is not a racist Because he's black and white He has a history of helping Old shepherds on a stormy night

He has a big build but not like a husky And he rather likes to chase after a dassie Although about sheep he's not that fussy **Adrian Gebers**

The Golden Retriever

He stands high he proudly walks by His golden coat shines As the sun rises, it almost blinds

He doesn't like to fight
Even though he has
A great big bite
He's lots and lots
Of fun in the sun
And can run very fast
He hates being lost
Kuda Nyatsambo



Back row: Brett Ross, Gregory Jordan, Richard Austin-Williams, Alistair Jordan, Mr T Smit, Jacky Wu, Terence Dicks, Kyle Burger, Nicolas Watson

Middle row: Mark Zweigenthal, Declan Berndt, Adam Lowe, Kieran Fane-Hervey, Paul Isaac, David Everson, Nicholas Marini, Kholane Mapetla, Michael Shaw-Taylor

Seated row: Jonathan Kourie, Warwick Tollemache, Nikhil Sud, Glenn Hurter, Jeffrey Johnston, Jack Wylie, Lloyd Miles, Conor McCreedy, Paul Hunt

Lions

Here we come through the night Stealthily, towards the zebra Our claws are as sharp as hooks Our teeth are like pins in our mouths Here come the zebra, right past us I jump straight for the neck My claws grip on his skin My teeth bite into the neck He falls slowly to the ground The hunt is over.

Kyle Burger

Who am I?

Crouching on a branch
Above the animal trail
Along comes a tapir
I leap and I am on him
Waiting for his heart to stop
Deep in the Amazon Jungle
Can you guess who I am?

Adam Lowe

The Deadly Fish Eagle

My beak is as sharp as a yellow pin
I wait and wait, until I find and when I find I kill
I swoop down onto the bright shiny water
And I use my claws
The fish scatter and swim
But, one cannot escape my reliable eyes.
I grab!
The fish waddles and tries to escape
But I'm too quick and too aware
So don't find me, I'll find you!

Mark Zweigenthal

African Stories : Why the Warthog's tail always stands up

One cosy night while warthog was lying with his piglets, Lion's messenger appeared through the top of their burrow and told them that Lion had called a meeting under Stormy Rock. While all the animals were running tto get to the meeting, it suddenly got very windy and big rain clouds appeared. All the animals ran for cover, the warthogs ran under a big oak tree. A big bolt of lightning suddenly struck their tails. That is why the Warthog's tail always stands up!

Mark Zweigenthal

Can you guess who I am?

I'm the largest land mammal they say Baggy skin, all wrinkled and grey Munching and crunching as I amble Poachers make my life a gamble For my ivory I often die Who am I?

4.00

David Everson

The Porcupine

I carry around on my back a spiky fortress to keep predators at bay.

If they attack they will dearly pay, with a face full of black and white spears.

I, on the other hand am very afraid, that they'll get through my fortress and kill me. So I tuck in my head and put it on my chest, curl up into a ball and hope for the best.

Kieran Fane-Hervey

Who am I?

A miniature pin-cushion is what I am Ambling on the forest floor I'm not as cuddly as a lamb But, we both like milk for sure When scared, a lamb will run to Mum But, I curl up and prick you on the bum! Kieran Fane-Hervey



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Flight with Captain Jordaan

Here's an insight of a flight with Captain Jordaan, on a Airbus A 300 from Johannesburg to Capetown. The flight will take 2 hours and 10 minutes. There are 3 people in the cockpit the captain, co-pilot and the flight engineer. The control tower has given permission for take off, which the Captain does with an ease that makes controlling this air beast look like taking a Sunday stroll. Soon we are flying at 3100 ft at a speed of 925 kms per hour. Everything is going according to plan. Suddenly the radar tells us we are heading into a violent storm. The Captain swiftly turns the plane so that we can fly around the storm. Unfortunately, we do not miss it completely and we experience heavy turbulance. The Captain informs the passengers to remain calm and to fasten their seatbelts. My own stomach does a few summersaults and my face must have changed colour as the Captain smiles at me and laughs. The 2 hours start seeming like 5 when suddenly the control tower in Capetown gives us permission to land. Captain Jordaan lands the plane superbly and this reporter is delighted to be on the ground. A report by reporter 105: Sebastian Lewis

Guess Who?

Man of dignity Always fun Ranting and raving ain't his job King of U/11's Has good days, has bad Always calls you Noddy Entertaining guy Talkative? No not really Especially on Saturdays Radical, Mr. Hayter. Sabelo Sithebe

The World Cup 1998

Welcome to 1998 world cup final. I'm John Motsen and now we are ready for kick-off. Brazil takes centre, Beberto passes to Roberto and an amazing tackle by Marcel Desailly, out comes the first yellow card. Thirty minutes into the first half as Roberto Carlos kicks it out for a corner. Emmanuel Petit takes the corner.....and a brilliant header by Zinedine Zidane. The first goal in normal time in the world cup finals since 1986. The ball is played down to Givarsh and only Claudio Tafferel to beat, he must score. Oh no, a great save by Tafferel saving Brazil from goal number two as it flies out for a corner. Petit takes it and a header. Its in the net its Zidane again, oh what a match this man is having! We are in the last minute of the first half. Ronaldo has the ball. out comes Barthez, and there is a collision between keeper and striker. Ronaldo seems to be hurt and on come the paramedics. The second half begins with a bad tackle by Desaiily and he's been booked already, out comes the red card, he's been sent off! Last minute in the world cup final as Zidane passes it to Thuram, who knocks it onto Petit. What a goal!!! Petit has won the cup for the French. Brazil did not play their best and the French are now the 1998 world cup champions.

Adam Smith

The Lion

The lion is knows as the king of the beasts On zebra, buffalo and kudu he feasts. By day he is restful And lazily sleeps But by night up to his prey he creeps The wind is strong It carries his smell The buck must now run But one of them fell. The lion makes his move He pounces and hits And carries his food between his mits Andrew Moerdyk

The Cheetah

The cheetah lies in the shade. He waits for dusk to fall His stained eyes are choosing one that will Have to die.

The cheetah sees a tender looking zebra A hearty dinner he will make The cheetah gets up The zebra feels death approaching.

The cheetah pounces! It is the zebras last moment This cheetah shall not starve But one had to die! Sabelo Sithebe

The Snake

The snake slithers smoothly through the twigs early on a Saturday morning It hisses and says what a lovely day I am on my way to say hallo to Mr. Dorning the Mole He's going to show me how to bowl down his hole And after that I'm away to say Good day to the rest of the woodland people They're all quite used to my scaly skin And pleased to see me when I drop in. Paul Lishman



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Seated row: Marcel Taljaard, Marc Cooke, Darren Leader, Nigel Wright, Shaun de Sousa, David Allen, Christopher Steinbach, Dorian Labuschagne, Ryan Jamieson

The Bat

I am the bat
Are you afraid of me?
With my long wings
And my body so black
I swoosh past
In the dark evening sky
I am fast and very quiet
I have long fangs to eat my food
Are you afraid of me?
Would you run away?
Nigel Wright

The Mouse

Scuttling, scrapping through the floorboards
Running from that dreadful sight
Hiding in his little mouse hole
Hiding from the spiteful cat
Running now for all his life
The little mouse runs in a hat.
Here he sits very still til he
Hears the cat jump on the window sill.

Marcel Taljaard

Rose

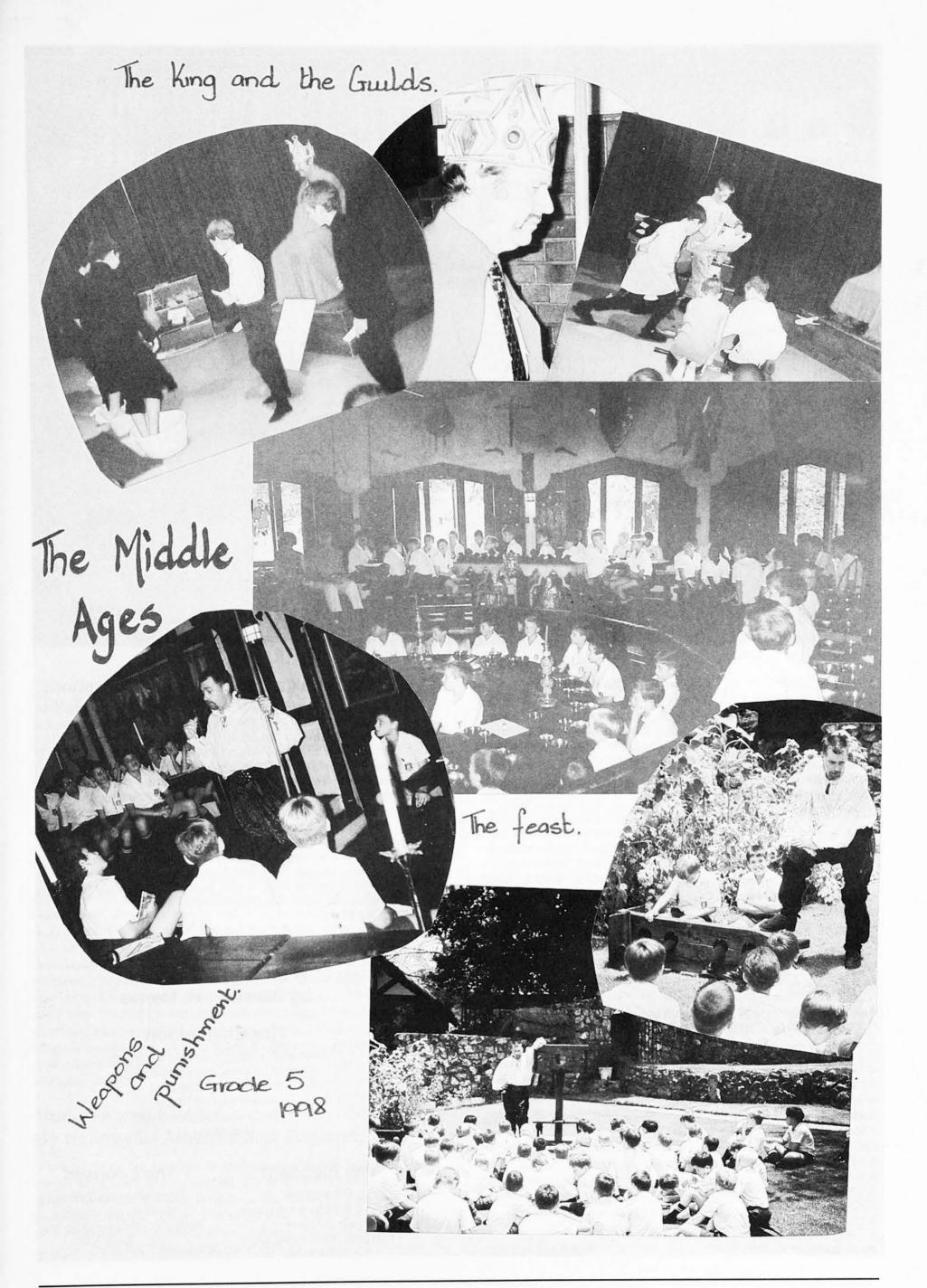
R ed as blood
O old fashioned but never fades
S mell of a new born baby
E ssential gift for a beautiful lady
Lorenzo Agustoni

It's a tree

Quiet as can be
Swaying in the breeze
Slowly blowing in the wind
Oh! What a sonderful
Wind it is. So
Graceful and calm
Yes its
a
green
tall
thick
grand
tree.

Dominic Hodge







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Seated row: Charles Pringle, Reece Boosi, Richard Halton, Nicholas Koll, David Teagle, Paul Gerber, Richard Lee, David Black

Bats

Bats are blind And live in a cave To me bats are at a constant rave **Lions**

Lions are friendly Lions can bite To me lions are quite alright Justin Andrews

The Lion

The hungry lion stalks its prey
Before him is a wide array
He picks one out in its tracks
Before his eyes lay the facts
He is a lion who has to proceed
In this way he protects the breed.

Bryan Morkel

Ngiyagula

- A. Sawubona dokotela Sipho
- B. Yebo, sawubona Thandi
- A. Unjani?
- B. Ngihona, wena unjani?
- A. Ngiyagula
- B. Uphethwe yini?
- A. Angazi dokotela
- B. Mangihlole
- A. Unommkuhlano
- B. 000000000
- A. Udinga umuthi
- B. Kulungile dokotela
- A. Uthatha ipilisi ngelanga izipuni ezimbili
- B. Kulungile
- A. Uhambe kahle Thandi
- B. Usale kahle dokotela

Ryan Norton

The cheetah

Fast, active, muscular, athletic Stalking, silently, cautiously Bold, sleek beautiful, energetic, Walking, carefully, victoriously. **David Black**

Ibhulakufesi

- A. Kuqala ngiyenza ithosi
- B. Emva kwalolkho ngiyenza iphalishi
- A. Emva kwalolkho ngivuka usisi wami
- B. Manje ngiyenza ikhofi
- A. Manje ngidla ithosi
- B. Manje ngihamba esikoleni

Nicholas Koll

Syllable Poems

Fire

The
More you
Feed it the
More it will grow
But if you give it
Water then it
Simply dies
In a
Glow
Matthew Milne

Zulu People

one
nation
african
people, sawubona
the rainbow country
kewnejani?
we are
one

Charles Pringle

What I think about our novel "Walkabout"

The language in this book is absolutely beautiful. For example we would say, 'after a while the only sounds we could hear, was the noise of the river.' In the novel, the author James Vance Marshall wrote, 'for a while the only sounds were the distant rippling of water over stone.' This book contains many wonderful descriptions, like "the sky of Reckitt's blue', or 'from pink to fawn to dazzline white.'

The three main characters were, Mary and Peter, and an aboriginal boy whom Peter called 'darkie'. Mary and Peter arrived in the Australian desert by plane which then crashed. The 'darkie' found them and led them to food and water. This young aboriginal boy dies, leaving Peter and Mary to fend for themselves. We learned about prejudice, racism, becoming independent, different cultures and much about the Australian desert.

David Black

A selection of poems by Warrick v.d. Merwe

The Chameleon

Chameleons climb from tree trunk to twig
They sit on a leaf as long as it is big
It is hard to be sure quite
Where they are sitting
Their skins change colour
Until they fit in

The Elephant

The elephant
Elegant enormous soft power
Big tall tower
Trumpets loud drinking strolls
On his soles

The Leopard

Silent stealth deadly bold Secret danger unfolds Hungry shadowed stalking prey Deep damp grey



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Middle row: Brendan Roane, Luca Senatore, Andrea Cavalieri, Mr D Hosmer, Riccardo Afeltra, Nicolas Rasenti, Richard Wands, Bjorn Estment

Seated row: Franco Insausti, Michael Stirk, Mark Middlewick, Craig Burgess, Allan Stiles, Richard Kelly, Scott Reinders, Rowyn Dama

The Incredible Story of The Oceanos

I'm sure you have already heard the story of the Titanic and how 11/2 thousand people tragically lost their lives in the freezing Arctic Ocean. My story is incredible because like the Titanic this luxury cruiser, the Oceanos also sank beneath the sea, however, on this occasion no lives were lost and 581 people were rescued.

This involved the biggest ever sea rescue drama on the South African Coast. After floundering in heavy seas 3 km off the Transkei coast near Coffe Bay, this beautiful ship eventually disappeared beneath the waves at 1:30 pm.

Captain John Avranasi the Greek master of the Oceanos said he radioed his first distress call at 10 pm on Saturday. There had been a power failure and the ship was wallowing in heavy seas. The crew realised that their attempts to prevent the flooding of the vessel were all in vain and the Oceanos was going to sink. The Captain ordered all passengers to abandon ship. The first aircraft on the scene was a Hercules C-130 from East London. 6 ships were in the vicinity at the time and all cme to help. Passengers left the Oceanos in life boats and some were lifted off the deck by Buma helicopters. Although a strong wind was blowing making the rescue attempts very dangerouos, miraculously no lives were lost and all the crew and passengers reached land safely.

Nicholas Rasenti

That's Incredible!!! My holiday to America and England:

In the holidays, we travelled to America and then to England. My brother and I were so very excited. We flew from Johannesburg to Miami. From there we went on a three day cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas on the MS Ecstasy. This was the first time I have ever been on a cruiseliner before. The ship was massive with 2500 passengers on board. It was like a floating five star hotel with four swimming pools.

Into one of the pools there was a big water slide. My brother and I went on the slide a number of times. From Miami we flew to Orlando to stay in Dixie Landings in Disney World.

Our first day in Disney was the best. We caught a bus to The Magic Kingdom. In Magic Kingdom there are lots of cool rides, like Splash Mountain, Space Mountain and the Big Thunder Railroad Track. Splash Mountain is a terrifying ride. You sit in a log and the log falls down a hundred foot drop and you get very wet. Space Mountain is a rollercoaster going through space and the Big Thunder Railroad Track is a train ride through the desert. Just missing rocks and twirling around at high speeds was definitely not my Mom's best. The Epcot centre and MGM Studios were just as much fun especially the Tower of Terror with its falling elevator. It was also fun to have met Bjorn Estment at MGM Studios.

We hired a car and drove to Busch Gardens and Sea World. At Busch Gardens, there are a number of cool rides. One of these rides was called Flume which is a smaller version of Splash Mountain. Another ride at Busch Gardens was called Montu. This is the tallest and fastest rollercoaster in the world. You sit in a seat which hangs from the rails like a monorail like this. It was incredible. All the rides that we went on were amazing. We spent seven days in Disney with lots of walking and standing in "lines". After seven days we were very tired.

New Orleans was our next destination. We stayed in a beautiful hotel in the French Quarter. This was the perfect spot for shopping. There were thousands of shops in New Orleans. There was every single type of shop from sports shops to music shops to restaurants to toy shops. There were also plenty of camera shops. My Dad bought himself a new digital camera which does not need a film. It connects to our computer and we can print the photo ourselves. What my Mom liked best in New Orleans was the music, because she loves jazz. Our two night stay in New Orleans included a trip down the Mississippi river on a steamboat. Then off to New York we flew.

Our hotel in New York was positioned just off the famous Fifth Avenue. Once again lots of lovely shops and restaurants. All you can see is massive skyscrapers towering into the sky and yellow taxi cabs. In New York we went to the 102nd floor of the Empire State Building. Our family went to the biggest toyshop in the world, F.A.O. Schwarts. This is a toy shop that has seven huge floors full of toys. An even bigger eye-opener was the new Nike shop called NikeTown. What a store!!! Five floors of the most incredible Nike gear from clothes to shoes to watches. Wow, did we spend money in that place. We took the ferry to Straten Island so that we could get closer to the Statue of Liberty. She is quite a lady!! She's huge!! We stayed in New York for two nights and then we flew across the sea to London.

We stayed in my grandmother's flat in Arundel right next to Arundel Castle which we discovered is amazing inside. Another day, my brother, my Dad and I went on a small motor boat on the River Arun with me as skipper. Later, we drove down to Hampton, near London, in my grandpa's Honda to see my cousins, Alex and Andrew. It was quite a long drive. It had just been Andrew's birthday and he hadn't yet had a party so we all went to quadbiking which are like four-wheeler motorbikes as we would call them. This was great fun. We had races and we went on a safari around the adults track.

And then it was time to come home to South Africa.

What an incredible holiday of a life-time.

Mom, can we go again????

Matthew Starkey

The Eagle Has Landed

"The eagle has landed", said Michael Collins as the lunar landing module touched down on the moon!

My speech is about three men and how they conquered the moon. These three men: Neil Alden Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldren and Michael Collins are the three famous astronauts who reached the moon first. All three men are expert pilots but each had only been in space once before. In 1955 Armstrong joined N.A.S.A. (North American Space Administration) as the first civilian astronaut of the USA. He piloted the two man Gemini 8 spacecraft whose flight lasted 10 hours. Apollo 11 was then launched on 16 July 1969 commanded by Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldren and Michael Collins. The Lunar Landing module, called the Eagle, carrying Armstrong and Aldren separated from Columbia, the command module, piloted by Collins. The eagle landed on the moon, Armstrong stepped onto the moon and said "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind".

Neil Armstrong now lives in Ohio and has two grandsons. He taught at the University of Cincinatti and is presently an Aerospace Consultant.

Neil Armstrong will always be remembered as the first man on the moon.

So when you gaze at the moon remember the incredible feat these three men accomplished, with the aid of a huge number of scientists, technologists and vast amounts of money provided by the US government.

Richard Wands

My Worst Fear:

"Mark get over here. You still haven't fixed Mr Malone's car. You were meant to fix it last week. He's coming today to get it." At that moment Mr Malone walkin in. "Hi, Mr Malone" he said in a dismal voice. "Have you fixed my car yet?" he said to me.

"Well um I didn't really um get around to it." I saw Mr Malone's eyes. It was if he had fire in them. He gazed at me for a minute, and as I thought he wasn't going to freak out, he went bananas. "You you didn't get around to it! Well then you better fix it then." At that he walked out and screamed, "I know where you live." I hadn't been so scared in my life. That night in bed I heard a howl. I went outside and saw nothing, I saw a huge wolf walking towards me on two legs. I screamed and ran upstairs to wake up my friends Mario and Lara. "Mario, Laraa aaa wwww werewolf". At that instant Lara woke up "What" she said, "a a werewolf" She jumped up and started to run up the attic and jumped on to the roof. We screamed "Mario wolf wolf". Mario looked out the window and there behind him was a werewolf, the werewolf bit him in

the ribs. He jumped as it bit him, and hun onto another roof. I tried to lift him but the werewolf had already launched itself at poor Mario. Mario had a broken bottle in his hand. He pointed it at the werewolf shutting his eyes. The bottle went through the werewolf like a hot knife through butter. The werewolf dropped to the ground. The werewolf was dead. At that moment the werewolf turned into Mr Malone. Mario did you see that? I turned around and saw that Mario had turned into a werewolf after he was bitten. Ahhhhh Lara and I screamed. We ran towards my motorbike and jumped on. We started it and rode for the bridge. It was opening. "Hang on," I said and we ramped over it. Lara fell just before we ramped. "Oh no" I thought to myself. I saw the werewolf heading for Lara. I screamed at the werewolf "hey you big bafoon". The bridge had closed now and the werewolf was heading towards me. He chucked my motorbike in the river. He was about to eat me. At that moment I woke up. It was only a dream, or was it?

Mark Middlewick

Conversations in Zulu Ngiyagula

- A. Sawubona nkosikazi Browne
- B. Yebo sawubona dokotela Sipho
- A. Kwenzenjani nkosikazi Browne?
- B. Angazi doketelangiya nawe.
- A. Mangihlole
- B. Kwenzenjani dokotela?
- A. Hmmmmm unekhanda?
- B. Yebo dokotela.
- A. Unendlebeni?
- B. Yebo dokotela.
- A. Uphuza umuthi
- B. Yebo dokotela.
- A. Uya ekhaya manje
- B. Ngiyabonga dokotela
- A. Hamba kahle nkosikazi Browne.
- B. Sala kahle dokotela Sipho.

Brendan Roane

Ngidla iqanda

- A. Ekuseni ngiya ekishini
- B. Namhlanje ngiyenza ikofi, iqanda, nethosi.
- A. Manje ngithosa isinkwa ethosita.
- B. Manje ngithosa epanini iqanda
- A. Manje ngithosa ithosi
- B. Manje ngiyenza ikofi
- A. Manje ngidla ukudla wami.

Mark Middlewick

Die Beste Plek in die Wereld

Margaruque is vir my die beste plek in die wêreld. Mararuque is 'n klein eiland in Mosambiek. My pa het op hierdie eiland gewerk vir omtrent vier jaar. Hy was die hotel bestuurder.

Op die eiland, is daar baie vis om te vang. Ek het die Suid-Afrikaanse junior rekord gevang. Eendag het ek onder die water die mooiste visse gesien. Ek het gesnorkel en daar was groen, geel, rooi, blou en oranje visse.

Ek het met 'n motor-boot diepsee visse gaan vang. Op die eiland is daar baie hoë sandduine wat ons met sandplanke afgery het. Dit is heerlike pret. Ek het eendag deur die veld gestap en op 'n groot gevaarlike boomslang afgekom. Ek het groot geskrik, en het die slang met 'n baksteen gegooi. Die slang was dood.

Op die hoogste punt van die eiland kan jy somtyds dolfyne en walvisse sien. Op pad huis toe, in Maputo, kry jy die lekkerste vuurwarm peri-peri Cashewneute. Vat my woord, dit is die beste vakansie plek in die wereld.

Wesley De Klerk



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Gutting Sharks

Just imagine yourself surfing on big waves and suddenly you hear this loud whistle being blown and a man shouting "shark". Just imagine all the panic and fear rushing through your body and into your heart and making you think that your life is just about to end.

Have you heard that just two weeks ago one of our top boogie board champions lost one of his feet in a shark attack?

Most people on this earth are terrified of sharks but in fact, sharks are not man-eaters. They have only attacked man due to mis-identification or from fright. I am going to tell you about my amazing trip to the Natal Sharks Board two years ago and the shark I heard of.

It was on this visit that I saw a Spinner Shark. The Sharks Board staff started to gut the shark and to tell us what had happened to it. The way they gutted the shark was truly amazing. This shark was pregnant. In the sack, which they cut out of the mother's belly, there were six babies and they were pretty big. They were fully developed and the mother had been ready to give birth. This shark had got stuck in the nets where it became entangled. Once a shark stops moving, it cannot breath and this causes it to drown or die.

Men from the Board go out every morning on ski-boats and check the shark nets. They release any live sharks caught there and try to save the babies of any pregnant sharks, if the mother has not been dead long. Ian Johnson

That's incredible!

I think that the computer is an incredible invention. It is a contraption that is far beyond our minds. There are just so many things that you can do on this one machine. You can look up information you need, by simply loading the disk. Just one disk instead of the many thick books that clog up your bookcases. The computer is a mastermind. You just have to type the information you need, up on the screen, press a button and there it is. No more wading through useless information.

Apart from the educational programmes, the choice of games is awesome. Simulators, lateral thinking and action games to name a few. All in this one machine.

The computer has a memory that you can upgrade when needed. Not to mention the rams and megabytes. I'm amazed at how small the computer has become. A machine that once filled entire buildings can now fit into a laptop that you can carry around. The technology is constantly getting better. The graphics are almost the same as looking at a television screen. The most spectacular thing is the World Wide Web.

Through the internet, one can use the computer to find out about almost anything. Through E-mail we can communicate so much quicker than writing letters.

The computer has engraved its name in history. It is found everywhere. People's homes, schools, offices, government and in leisure. We use it to store information, to communicate, to buy things, to play. Just think. We might save those rain forests from extinction, by using the computer, instead of all that paper. Now that is incredible!

Warren Raaff

Boerewors

Braaivleis, sonskyn en Chevrolet. Maar die beste bly steeds boerewors.

Waar kom boerewors vandaan? Ons boerewors resep is deur die ou Hugenote na die Kaap gebring. In die agtiende eeu was vleis 'n belangrike deel van die Suid Afrikaans diët. Boerewors was in daardie dae ook bekend as 'plaaswors'. Die vleis was gewoonlik in die wintermaande verwerk. Hierdie was 'n belangrike tyd om beeste te slag.

Waaruit bestaan boerewors? 'n Mengsel van varkvleis, beesvleis en skaapvleis was gemaal. Hierdie vleis was gegeur met sout, peper en spesereye. 'n Beeshoring is as 'n tregter gebruik. Die vleis is deur hierdie horing met 'n kiaat houthamer in die varkderm ingedruk. Al die bure het kom handbysit en 'n groot partytjie is gehou. Drie eeue later geniet ons ons boerewors nog steeds as of dit van daardie eerste boerewors was. Is dit nie verbasend nie?

William Gebers

Dis Ek

- D is vir dans. Ek hou ook van musiek Michael Jackson is my gunsteling. U is vir uie. Knoffel, braaivleis, pasta, sjokolade en lekkers. Soos jy kan
- sien, ek hou baie van kos. is vir rooikop. Ek het rooi hare, groen oe en baie sproete.
- is vir aantreklik. Kyk my profiel. Is ek nie aantreklik nie?
- N is vir nuuskierig. Ek will alles weet wat aangaan.
- **S** is vir swem my gunseteling sport. Ek swem vir die skool B span.
- M is vir my ma. Ek hou baie van haar, en my pa en sussie, Jade.
- is vir lerse. My pa is lerse en kom van Ierland af. is vir twaalf. Ek is twaalf jaar oud en my verjaarsdag is op die 15 September.
- is vir my hond Tito. Ek is baie lief vir my hond.

Duran Smith

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Ghosts do exist

A ghost, according to tradition, is the spirit of a dead person that visits the living. Reports of seeing or hearing ghosts have been common throughout history - more so in ancient or medieval times than today. Most ghosts resemble its living form and are evil so to speak. These ghosts are called poltergeists. They are normally spirits of murdered or abused people. The other ghosts are good, like Casper.

Most people do not believe in ghosts but I definitely do. I was first convinced of the existence of ghosts when I actually saw on TV cuts appearing on a man's body for no apparent reason. Later on in the show they brought in an expert who confirmed a paranormal presence in the house.

There are two personal experiences which convince me that ghosts exist.

One of my mom's friends experienced a ghost in her house. It all started when she found an old banjo, which had been left behind by the previous owners of the house. It looked quite valuable so she placed it in the lounge. One night she woke up to a crying noise coming from the other room. She thought it was her daughter so she checked, only to find her child fast asleep. She thought nothing of it and went to bed. A few nights later both she and her husband woke up to the same noise as well as a child, calling mommy, only this time it was right in the room. They turned the lights on but no one was there. They are not sure but they think it has something to do with the banjo.

A few days after my grandpa died, he appeared before my granny while she was in bed. When my granny saw him he smiled and after a few seconds he disappeared. My granny is convinced that this event happened to let her know that he was happy where he was. There are many more stories that would lead most people to believe in ghosts, but there will always be those people who will never.

Timothy Johnson

How to be popular

I bet you are all thinking, Tyack what does he know about being popular? Aha right you are - but its cool not being the most popular guy on the block. One reason is that you don't have to talk to everyone all at the same time. But this essay is for you really unpopular guys out there, who want to talk to a million people at once, to go out every weekend and not stay at home relaxing once in a while. Here are the top 10 ways in which you could become popular:

- 1. Dress the way you think the other cool guys think you should dress.
- When someone says something to you pretend you didn't hear him the first couple of times and then answer him.
- Take up an interesting sport for example surfing. That way others will think you're cool.
- Go out and buy the latest CD.
- Bring lots of cash to school and buy everyone food and drinks.
- Get a good clothing name brand, one of many JOE SOAP.
- Make sure you have a groovy pair of shoes in your cupboard, or even better, outside your cupboard on display.
- Go to socials and wear what you have that glows the most in a UV light. This way everyone will notice you.
- 9. Have a sleepover where the whole class is invited
- Make sure you have the latest eyewear.

Matthew Tyack

One should want to be rich

Imagine being rich, all that money just waiting to spend on something. All those jealous people wishing they were like. Wouldn't you be so proud buying a movie ticket, three large cokes, three big packets of popcorn, four large jelly tots and much more with thousands to spare. That feeling of being so different to everyone else, knowing there is nothing to worry about in the world. I sure would be happy to be like that.

But as my Dad says when he is running, "When there is an up, there is always a down." I have just given you some examples of why we should want to be rich, but here are a few as to why we should not. Wouldn't you hate it if your friends left you because you were boasting about your pocket money, Dad's car and your five new pairs of Subzeros. Another problem is not trying to show off, being scared to show your things, worrying about your friends sleeping over and seeing all your possessions and resenting it.

As a normal run-of-the mill kid, I sure would love to be rich. But I suppose a different rich child would want to be normal like me. So it just goes to show that we should be proud of what we are!

Jonathan Pohlman

A Free Verse Poem The Eagle

For prey she searches
From her deserted domain
Still and steady, her shadow sleeping on the plain
She senses, sees something moving
Sailing smoothly on wide, finger-feathered wings, waiting
She drops like a thunderbolt, her claws outstretched
Ready to make the kill
Out on the plain
Farhaan Williams

A Dylan Thomas Portrait: Geese Flight Formation

Have you ever seen the geese? V-formation, very fast, necks-nestled, fastidious.

Farhaan Williams

Die Eland

Koeie moo! Kalwe bler en bulle blaf en bulk. Nee dis nie die geluid van die suiwel koei, maar dis die geluid van die Eland, die grootste bok in Suida Afrika. Hulle is vaalbruin van kleur en die bulle word blougrys teen die nek hoe ouer hulle word. Op die voorkop is 'n klos bruin hare met reguit horings. Bulle is groter as koeie en hul horings is korter en dikker. Eland is habitat tipies en hulle hou van vlaktewereld, boomveld en berggrasveld. Hulle eet blare, maar in die Lente ook gras. As water beskikbaar is, drink hulle gereeld. Elande is Koedoediere en vorm groepies van agt tot twaalf diere. Hulle lewe tot plus minus twaalf jaar. Hulle trek baie rond agter kos aan en hulle is ook baie seenuweeagtig. Die grootste vyand van die Eland is die Leeu, en die Jagters. My pa en sy vriende, die jagters, het gaan skiet. Hulle het so pas van die veld teruggekom, waar hulle 'n Eland geskiet het. In die winter sal die vleis lekker smaak in pooitjiekos. Die res van die karkas sal ons biltong van maak. Wil julle daaraan proe.

Danilo Giacovazzi

A Selection of poems by Leon Stirk

The Chicken

Clumsy, cheeky always strange Cocky, sometimes hasty Stupid, they never change Funny, always tasty

The Salmon

Sliding through the water Cutting it like a knife Gleaming red and silver In the sunlight. Then flying Like a bird and crashing Into the water like a wounded Duck, this is the salmon

The Weaver Bird

Face,
Pitch Black
Precision
Is used to craft
A delicate patchwork of plants, is
Truly a
Sight to
See



Back row: Graeme Nieman, Jared Haddon, Ricardo Brocco, Maquawe Dlodlo, Guy Little,
Damien Bruneau, Sean McCarthy, Curtis Geils
Middle row: Robert Horsfield, Michael Thomas, Grant Gardner, Nicholas Gordon,
Jason Simaan, Mrs M Everson, Christopher Kufal, David Venter,
Scott Conway, Vincent Clarkson, Matthew Erskine
Seated row: Glynn Allen, Jason Mazaham, Grayson Hopkins, James Rolt, Johnathan Kaiser,
Earl James, Robert Thackwell, Rowan Fenn

What would the world be like without the wheel?

Can you imagine what the world would be like without the wheel? All I could think of would be absolute havoc. Did you know that the first wheel was invented round about 3500 BC by the Sumerian civilization. The actual inventor who thought of it is anonymous. Wheels have changed from round carved wood to the modern rubber wheel. You can even get a wheel that when punctured, will re-inflate itself. Can you believe that?

When you go to school in the morning you jump in the car and drive off. It takes about thirty minutes at the most to get to school and that's including traffic. Just think of all the amazing inventions that have been created using a wheel or wheels. I could spend a whole day just thinking of all the things without even running out. Bicycles, cars, airplanes, roller skates which were followed by roller blades, skate boards, trailers, caravans, trucks, police cars, ambulances and many more. Even a thing like a Tamagotchi had something to do with wheels, remember when he got sick and you would press a couple of buttons and an ambulance would appear on the screen and take him to the doctor? I am sure that nearly everything has something or other to do with wheels. Take your furniture for example, I am sure it came from somewhere on a big truck. Think of factories without vehicles like forklifts to move heavy loads around. What about a lift? You wouldn't think a wheel has anything to make the lift functional. But it does, the cable that holds the lift is wound around a wheel at the top and when the wheel turns it moves the lift up or down. Without lifts it would be a nightmare if you had a meeting at the top of Sandton City.

Grant Gardner

My most embarrassing moment this year

My most embarrassing moment was at the inter-house gala. I will never forget it as long as I live. As Mr Castle called the Opens out for the butterfly race, everyone ran down the big concrete stairs and then to the grass area by the pool. Most of us just played around until Fr Brewer came down to sort the races out. I think I was in the 'D' race.

As we all line up, one race after the other, my mind mostly focused on trying to win my race and not to dive incorrectly or go so slowly that I would come last. I definitely did not want that to happen. All the people in my race were not the least bit worried, but I was so nervous in case I did something stupid. Then came the dreaded race.

"On your marks...get set...go!" Off went the gun and off I went swimming as fast as I could; the adrenaline pumping in my body, then it stopped and so did I, as I got to the other end of the pool, only to find Mr Spence there. "That was a good run Laddy, but the gun misfired."

Did I actually notice that I was the only person in the pool? All the people were laughing at me and as I got out of the pool, I actually thought it was quite funny and I laughed at myself in sheer embarrassment. **Grayson Hopkins**

To be rich or not to be rich

People want to become rich because they think money is everything, but its not. Firstly, it can't buy friends and love, the two most important things in everyone's life. Sure money can buy food, homes, cars, jacuzzis and girlfriends but can it buy real friends? When someone becomes rich many strangers want to be their friend because of the money which means that you have no friends at all. People want to become rich because they think that it gives them power and they think other people will notice them. Many people spend their lives waiting to become wealthy and to achieve success and miss the many wonderful opportunities and meaningful relationships instead. True wealth is within ourselves. Family and true friends respect you for what you are and not for what you have or don't have. This is the wealth for which we should all strive.

Curtis Geils

Dinge Wat Jou Pla

Elke persoon het sy eie bekommernise. Dinge wat hulle pla. Miskien is die probleem klein soos byvoorbeeld om bang to wees vir spinnekoppe or donderweer. Party probleme is sielkunding of selfs 'n vrees.

Ek is die meeste bekommerd oor die dood. Om een aand bed to te gaan en die volgende more nie wakker te word om skoool toe te gaan nie.

Daar is baie maneere om dood te gaan. U kan dit op jou-self veroorsaak om byvoorbeeld op verdowensmiddels oor te dose, om self moord te pleeg or in 'n baksteen muur in te ry. Dit kan ook 'n ongeluk wees, soos in a motor ongeluk. Jy kan ook gesassaneerd word of in 'n oorlog sterwe.

Die Heere mag vir jou in die heemel wil he. Hy sal vir jou 'n maklike dood gee soos om 'n hartaanval te he or neer versaking. Elke twee sekonde gaan 'n mens in die hierde wereld dood van allehande verskillende redes. As 'n familie lid dood gaan sal dit almal in die familie tref. Hulle sal begrafnes toe gaan en die mens wat dood is, rou. Almal en alles sal eendag dood gaan. Jy kan van een sekond tot 'n hondered-en-tien jaar lewe. Jy sal nog oor die dood ongemaklik voel, daarom is ek daarvoor bang.

Nicholas Gordon

Die Wilde Honde

Die wilde hond is my beste dier in die bos. Soos 'n jag luiperd, het hy lang dun bene en 'n dun lyf, wat goed is vir 'n dier wat op hardloop en spoed afhanglik is, om sy kos te vang.

Die wilde hond bestaan in troppe van vyf tot twintag honde. Hulle het groot ronde ore en is van swart, wit en oranje/bruin gekleur.

Hulle is nomadies van aard en trek oor baie veld om kos te kry, want hulle is altyd honger. As die trop besluit om iets te vang, dan jag hulle aanhoudig tot die slagoffer gevang word. Hulle jag in 'n span, omdat as die leier moeg word, neem 'n ander hond oor. Gewoonlik jag hulle rooibok, sebra, kudu en ander bokke.

As hondtjies gebore is, sal die trop in dieselftde plek bly. Die babatjies is in 'n gat gelos as die volwassenes jag, dan kom hulle terug en breek uit die vleis vir die kleintjies. Daar is net 360 wilde honde in die Kruger Wild Tuin. Hulle is 'n beskermde dier soort.

Robert Horsfield

Free Verse Poem

Most storms

Begin with a dark could,

Filled with water ready to fall,

Then comes the wind,

Driving the cloud overland.

The rain starts

Followed by the loud banging

of the thunder and lightening which fills the dark skies with seconds of light

Crashing on the roof,

The hail begins.

The wind eventually blows the storm away.

This is a normal summer's day.

Syllable Poem

David Venter

Eagles

Beak
Curved-sharp
Dangerous
Circles the day
Looking, searching for
Caught, dead, rabbit
Lives no more
Young ones
Starve
S.A. McCarthy

Three Poems from my Own Anthology by Vincent Clarkson

Night shall fall softly now

Anxiety of strength behold
Through anger, pain
It now unfolds
To bring it forth with such desire
Twilight comes now day is gone
Night shall fall softly now
Trees singing of the anger lost
To their song
The talons clash against the hawk
Wings slowly flapping to a stop.

The Eagle

Enthusiastically searching
Antics of a hunter
Gliding in
Luxurious style
Endowed with magnificent power
Sailing through the liquid sky
Approaching
Lustfully
Meaningless craving
Oblivious to the outside world
Nature's seed fulfilled

Flying high, time to die
The reaper spirit hanging low
Blood, crushed air wheezed
Out in a sigh
Death is the rodent's foe
The rodent in the eagle's sight
The battle of strong and weak
Diving down with all his might
The eagle on the prowl,
The rodent's future
Now is bleak

A Syllable Poem

Sky
Hanging
Now the end
Lashing air against
His angry
Feathered
Wings



Back row: Rudy Archary, Ryan-Lee Goncalves, Piers Howe-Ely, Nkanyiso Zungu, Neil Le Roux, James Reeves, Gareth Foulkes-Jones, Dominic Henry

Middle row: Andrew Castle, Justin Fitzgerald, Veekesh Parbhoo, Brent Nolton, Mr R. Thackwell, Dylan Rodrigues, Brent Jachs, Nicholas Ansell, James Oberholzer

Seated row: Damian van der Walt, Ciro de Siena, Ryan Shillaw, Robert Smith, Murray Collier, Stephen Campbell

The Cheetah

Sleek, shiny, spotted, light, Swift, silent, feet, Hungry, watching, speedy, flight, Large, buck, meat *Murray Collier*

Eagles

Swift, gliding, searching, prey Diving, clutching, mice Catching, eating, mice all day Strong, jaw, vice Damian van der Walt

Pigeons

Did you ever see a pigeon?
Dirty, dusty, disease giving, grey, green, birds

*Damian van der Walt**

Dolphins

All Dolphins
Are extremely intelligent
Swimming joyfully in the sea
Waves splashing, fins shining,
A friend to humans and sea creatures.
Cutting through the waves,
Free-falling like parachutists,
Leading the pack,
Ever-free, ever cheerful,
Dolphins, grey and pretty,
Shimmering, calling....
Free...... Come with me.

Neil le Roux

Friendships

Some start off well
Some end in terror
Giving and taking
Daring and sharing
Going out and having fun
Telling jokes and having a laugh
Birthdays and parties
Presents and more
Sleepovers
Best friends
Peter v.d. Houten

A Greek Myth

On the long sea journey home from ten years of war against Troy, Odysseus and his Greek friends came across a terrible storm. They were blown towards the island of Sicily. The ship was badly damaged so they decided to take cover in one of the many caves on the island. They were so tired that they collapsed into the first cave they found.

While they were fast asleep Odysseus heard a loud noise. He woke his friend Eurylochus up. Eurylochus did not at first hear anything but soon he also heard the terrible loud rumbling sound, it was so loud that it also woke the other eleven Greeks. They were so scared that they were shaking all over. The worst thought that one of the Greeks had was that it would be a giant...... It was a giant!!!!!!!

A huge giant with two enormous feet that sounded like thunder. His legs were like tree trunks and his tummy the size of a hill. But the most scary part was his face. His great mouth filled with sharp teeth like a crocodile and as vicious. The cheeks that hung down like walls of a prison. His hair matted and dirty, hung down like thick curtains. His eyes.... no his one and only eye right in the middle of his face stared down on the terrified men. This was no ordinary giant, this was the Cyclops Polyphemus.

The men screamed in terror as they knew that the Cyclops enjoyed eating people for his meals. To prove this he crunched and swallowed six men in a second, licking his lips in joy. Odysseus was so sad and cried because his men had gone through so much trouble fighting the wars with the troy. The rest of the men were lucky that the giant was too full to eat them at that moment. The Cyclops left the cave to get some wine while the Greeks were left to make a large fire.

The Cyclops returned with the wine and a flock of sheep. The men knew what the sheep were for as they saw sheep skins in the corner of the cave. Meals for the giant for sure......

They knew that they had to escape somehow. The only way would be to get the giant drunk, so they carried buckets of wine for him to drink and soon he was snoring on the floor. The men sprung to action. They lit his walking stick in the fire and together they stabbed him in his only eye. There was the terrible smell of burning flesh and a cry of pain that deafened the men. The Cyclops went crazy looking for the men. He wanted to kill them in an instant because he was now a large blind Cyclops. The Greeks threw sheep skin over themselves and pretended to be sheep. They crawled towards the cave entrance with the giant feeling them under the skins and thinking that they were sheep. They made their escape and headed for the ship.

The ship was damaged so the Greeks had to set sail on the small boats and face many adventures ahead of them. But the meeting with the Cyclops was always the most frightening time of all.

Brent Jachs

Dinge Wat My Pla

Skool werk, my stoute sussie, die pikswart van die nag, hierdie is al dilnge wat my pla.

Maar ek verkies om te praat oor iets wat meer interessant en 'n bietjie anders is. Nogal dit pla my:

Omtrent sewentig jaar gelede het vier Engelse geoloe 'n skatkis in 'n graftombe in Egipte gevind. Hulle het dit terug na hulle hotel gevat en vir eienaarskap gedobbel. Hulle het besluit dat as die een wat die skatkis besit sterf, kry die volgende een eienaarskap. Die volgende oggend het die eerste besitter in die woestyn gaan loop. Hulle het hom nooit weer gesien nie. Die tweede geoloog het saam met die skatkis in sy eie vliegtuig 'n ongeluk gehad en na twee weke het die derde geoloog en sy dogter, wat die sxkatkis terug huis toe gevat het van 'n geheimsinnige siekte oorlede. Die vierde geoloog en sy familie is oorlede toe hulle huis aan die brand geraak het. Hulle het die skatkis saam gehad.

Die skatkis was aan 'n Museum gegee. Die werkers by die Museum het siek geword en geluide van die skatkis gehoor.

'n Amerikaner het oor die stories gelees en het na Engeland toe gegaan om die skatkis terug na Amerika toe gevat. Ongelukkig was hy saam met 'n skip op sy eerste reis en dit het gesink. Daardie skatkis was nooit weer gesien nie. En die skip? Die was die Titanic.

Dit pla my dat a ding soos 'n skatkis, soveel mense se lewens kan verongeluk.

James Oberholzer

Jagluiperde

Daar is hy, daar is hy, die koning van spoed. Nee, dis nie Schumacher nie, dis 'n Jagluiperd. Jagluiperde is soms genoem as jag luiperde want vir duisende jare in Asia was hulle suksesvol vir jag opgelei. Hulle is die vinnigste landdiere. Hulle kan teen 'n spoed van 110 km/u oor 'n kort afstand hardloop. Die kop en liggaam van die jagluiperd is ongeveer 150 sm lank, met 'n 76 sm stert en lang, dun bene. Die hoogte van die skouer is 100sm, en die maximum gewig is 65 kg. Hulle het swart kolle op 'n donkergeel pels, en die kloue is nie terugtrekbaar nie. Die meeste katte jag die nag en met omsigtigheid, deur om te wag of om stilletjies hulle prooi te bekruip totdat hulle naby genoeg is om dit te vang met 'n kort bars van spoed. Die jagluiperd, die vinnigste vier-been dier oor 'n kort afstand, jaag sy prooi in 'n jag oor die veld. Menslikke gebruik van die wêreld se weivelde vir die grooi van oeste, weiding vir beeste en blyplekke sit groot druk op die lewens gebied van jagluiperde. Daarom verdwyn die jag-gebied van die jagluiperd, saam met hulle prooi.

Nicholas Ansell

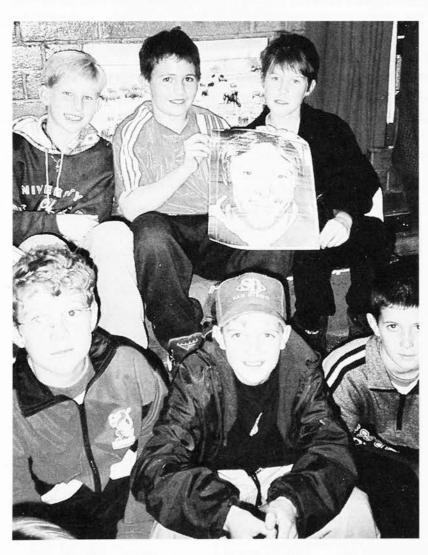
SPORT

House Captains



Swim-a-long time!

Mr Castle rescues a tired teacher from the pool after her fund raising swim.



Matthew Milne, Warren Raaff, Richard Halton, Nicholas Reeves, Nicholas Koll at the World Cup Evening



Michael Thomas, Christopher Carey, Rhett Finch and James Oberholzer chat to Mr Wilson after they were chosen as house captains for 1998.

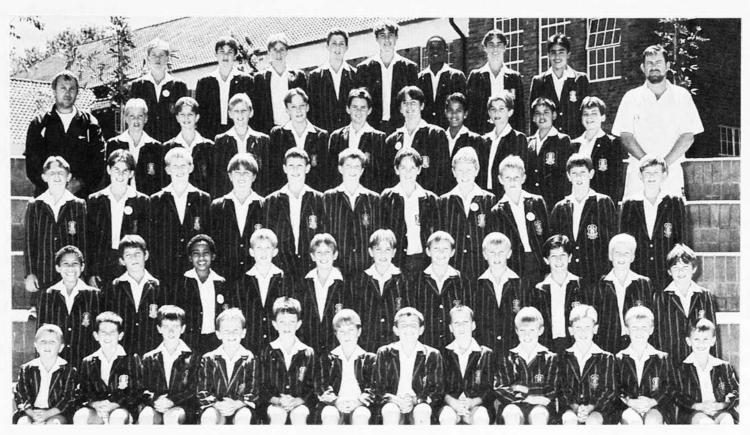


Guy Little – our National swimming champ with arms full of gold



The Hurter twins who were the Gauteng representatives at the National Championships in Natal this year.

Athletics



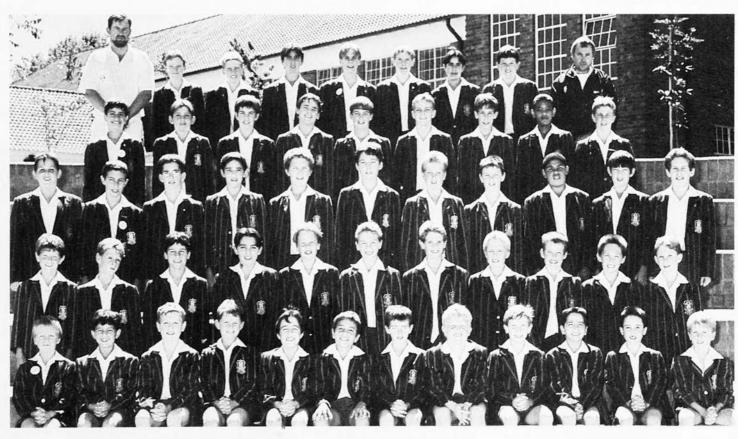
A Athletics Team

Back Row: Rhett Finch, Sean McCarthy, Timothy Johnson, William Gebers, Neil Le Roux, Kgolo Matseke, Christopher Carey, Tyrone Avnit Fourth Row: Mr Willy Castle, Ryan Shillaw, Robert Smith, Jonathan Kaiser, Gianmario Afeltra, Nicholas Schilperoort, Nicholas Gordon, Craig Small, Alexander Kalebka, Lorenzo Agustoni, Sebastian Kolsch, Mr Mike Mitchley

Third Row: Ryan Norton, Christopher Marsay, Matthew Milne, Bjorn Estment, Jason Sterrenberg, Adam Smith, Andrew Sutton, David De Chalain, Paul Egnos, Ryan Botha, Mark Beevers

Second Row: Kevin Harding, Ivan Giuricich, Sabelo Sithebe, David Allen, Gary Stanley, Michael Shaw-Taylor, Jordan Graham, Matthew Sherrat, Marco Picone, Dean Shillaw, Tyler Hollingsworth

Seated: Matthew Robinson, Guilo Giuricich, Alex Rodel, Kevin Came, Reuben John, Michael Carey, Richard Edey, Ivo Lazic, Rory du Toit, Greg Steenberg, Robert Longland, Shuan McKeown



B Athletics Team

Back Row: Mr Mike Mitchley, Murray Collier, Stuart Prior, Scott Conway, Kyle Biller, Jason Sturzenegger, Dylan Rodrigues, Matthew Starkey, Mr Willy Castle

Fourth Row: Roberto Di Giorgio, Andrew Prior, Alistair Jordon, Brent Nolten, Sean Schoombie, Richard Ramsden, Ryan Mets, Farhaan Williams, Michael Shea

Third Row: Wesley De Klerk, Gianluca Tucci, Kieran Fane-Harvey, Ben Lemmer, Walter Giuricich, Christopher Forssman, Matthew McFarlane, Craig Roman, Bryce Don, Nicholas Rasenti

Second Row: Kent Hauptfleisch, Craig King, Nicholas Neto, Riccardo Forleo, David Teagle, Andrew McKenzie, Scott Reinders, David Black, Benjamin Lowe, Matthew Wallace, Struan Cameron

Seated: Seth van Standen, Kurt Solomon, Brandon Whitson, Jake Levin, Filipe Gonsalves, Michael Sparkes, Alex Rodel, Stefan Estment, Kyle Dos Santos, Gregory Khoury, Daniel De Almeida, Matthew Kets.

Results of the Inter-House Athletics

Under 6 - Kempster Trophy

First R Hayes (College)
Second M Prior (Benedict)

Third R Wildman (Benedict)

Under 7 - Tonetti Trophy

First J Lowe (College)

Second R Longland (Benedict)
Third N von Roretz (Osmond)

Under 8 - Barenbrug Trophy

First R John (The Bishops)

Second D Frittelli (Osmond)

Third G Giuricich (Osmond)

Under 9 High Jump - Bronkhorst Trophy

B Lowe - The Bishops

Under 9 Long Jump - Geldenhuys Trophy

R Du Toit - The Bishops

Under 9 100 Metres - Norton Trophy

R Du Toit - The Bishops

Under 9 150 Metres - Anderson Trophy

R Du Toit - The Bishops

Under 9 Relay - G Manolios Trophy

First: The Bishops - B Lowe, S Estment, R du Toit, K Solomon

Under 9 - George Roy Trophy

First R Du Toit (The Bishops)

Second B Lowe (The Bishops)

Third T Hollingsworth (Osmond)

U/10 High Jump - Ronnie Carr Trophy

J Graham - The Bishops (New Record)

U/10 Long Jump - Scott Trophy

J Graham - The Bishops (New Record)

U/10 Shot Putt

M Picone - The Bishops

U/10 100 Metres - McLintock Trophy

J Graham - The Bishops

U/10 200 Metres - Rothbauer Trophy

D Shillaw - Benedict

U/10 70m Hurdles - Gore Trophy

J Graham - The Bishops

U/10 400 Metres - Walton Trophy

D Shillaw - Benedict

U/10 800 Metres - Standard Trophy

R Edey - Benedict

U/10 4 x 100m Relay - Marais Trophy

First: The Bishops - G Pearce, B Don, M Carey, J Graham

U/11 High Jump - William Castle Trophy

G Afeltra - Benedict

U/11 Long Jump - Lipshitz Trophy

C McCreedy - Benedict

U/11 Shot Putt - Gill Trophy

L Agustoni - Benedict

U/11 100m - Tait Trophy

J Sterrenberg - Benedict

U/11 200m - French Trophy

J Sterrenberg - Benedict

U/11 70m Hurdles - O'Shea Trophy

G Stanley - Benedict

U/11 400m - Tarry Trophy

J Sterrenberg - Benedict

U/11 800m - Visser Trophy

C McCreedy - Benedict

U/11 4 x 100m Relay - Joe de Decker Trophy

First: Benedict - G Stanley, G Afeltra, L Agustoni, J Sterrenberg

U/10 & U/11 - W I H Maguire Trophy for the Athlete who scores the highest Points in "A" events

J Graham - The Bishops

U/12 High Jump - Terry O/Mahony Trophy

N Schilperoort - Osmond

U/12 Long Jump - Brindle Trophy

J Kaiser - Osmond

U/12 Shot Putt - Owens Trophy

T Avnit - Osmond

U/12 100m - Scott Trophy

J Kaiser - Osmond

U/12 200m - Vaughan Wickens Trophy

I Kaiser - Osmond

U/12 70m Hurdles - Br Edwin Trophy

C Marsay - The Bishops

U/12 400m - Stockden Trophy

C Marsay - The Bishops

U/12 800m - Stubbs Trophy

C Marsay - The Bishops

U/12 4 x 100m Relay - Luyckx Trophy

First: Benedict - R Di Giorgio, W Gebers, R Norton, C Small



Mrs Bev Kalk was the guest of honour at the Inter-House Athletics

Open High Jump - Br Ralph Trophy

M Mapetla - The Bishops

Open Long Jump - Alcock Trophy

C Carey - The Bishops (New Record)

Open Shot Putt - Brown Trophy

C Carey - The Bishops

Open 100m - Priscilla Carlisle Trophy

C Carey - The Bishops

Open 200m - Ryan Trophy

C Carey - The Bishops

Open 70m Hurdles - Anderson Trophy

C Carey - The Bishops

Open 400m - Gallizio Trophy

C Carey - The Bishops

Open 800m - Br Aquinas Trophy

T Johnson - Osmond

Open 4 x 100m Relay - Br Timothy

First: The Bishops - K Biller, M Matseke, G Tucci, C Carey

U/12 & Open – Sandton Mayoral Trophy for The Athlete who scores the Highest points in "A" events

C Carey - The Bishops



The Bishops house captain and vice-captain Chirstopher Carey and Ricardo Brocco, display the Interhouse trophy with pride.

Inter-School Athletics Results

| 9 September | | 16 September | | 18 September | | 30 September | | 6 October | | |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| A Team KEPS 127 | | A Team St Stithians 87 | | St Benedict's St David's | 502 467 | A Team & B Team Combined | | Prestige Invitation Athletics Meeting | | |
| St Stithians | 67 | St David's | 78 | De La Salle | 425 | St Stithians | St Stithians 195 Small | | ll Schools | |
| St David's | 59 | The Ridge | 65 | La Salle | 358 | St David's | 171 | Grayston | 2991/2 | |
| B Team | | B Team | | Sacred Heart | 342 | St John's | 129 | Pridwin | 2551/2 | |
| KEPS | 98 | St David's | 83 | Holy Family | 303 | The Ridge | 17 | St Martin's | 235 | |
| St Stithians | 82 | Pridwin A | 76 | Maryvale | 79 | 220 225 | | Helpmekaar | 219 | |
| St David's | 73 | St Stithians The Ridge | 75 26 | Boys Town | 58 | 3 October: | | Jan Celliers | 140 | |
| | | | | | | A Team | | St Dunstan's | 138 | |
| 12 September | | The range | | 19 September | | St Stithians | 96 | Bishop Bavin | 119 | |
| B Team | | | | KEPS | $149^{1/2}$ | St David's | 64 | Woodmead | Nil | |
| WHPS A | 186 | | | St Stithians $105\frac{1}{2}$ | | St Peter's | | Large Schools | | |
| St David's | 101½ | | | St David's | 95 41½ | St John's | 22 | St Stithians | | |
| Pridwin A | 841/2 | | | St John's | | B Team | | KEPS | 246 | |
| | | | | | | St John's | 131 | St Peter's | $197\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| | | | | | | St Stithians | $107\frac{1}{2}$ | WHPS | 174 | |
| | | | , | | | St David's | $100\frac{1}{2}$ | St David's | 172 | |
| | | | | | | St Peter's | 92 | Redhill | $131\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| | | | | | | | | The Ridge | $127\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| | | | | | | | | St John's | $107\frac{1}{2}$ | |

Sports Day

The crowds were cheering, the atmosphere was great. The boys were shouting the names of their houses. There was a strong scent of braaing chicken and wors. As the cameras flashed the boys posed and put on their best smiles. The boys gave their best in all their events and were always cheering their mates on. Prizes were presented by Mrs Kalk, our guest of honour, as this

is her last year with us at Marist Brothers. The overall positions were: The Bishops in first place, Benedict in second place, Osmond in third place and College in fourth place. All in all the day was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone.

Christopher Carey (7M)