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Board of Governors

Mr Kevin Brewer (Chairman)



Educated at St Aidan's College in Grahamstown, Mr Brewer is a chartered accountant by profession, and was Group Financial Director of Edgars Stores until his retirement in 1994. Since then he has pursued private business interests. His three sons attended the College in the 80s and early 90s. He has been a Board member from 1984-1990 and from 1995 to the present. His particular focus has been the Development Plan 2000 and the building developments at the school over the past few years.

Mr Mike Forder (Secretary)



Mr Forder is the Business Manager of the College. He has spent his career in commercial administration, including 26 years in the transport industry, and joined the College staff in 1998. He and his wife, Jean, have three children and three grandchildren.

Mr Anthony Reilly (Vice Chairman)



Mr Reilly was educated at CBC in Kimberley and at Rhodes and the University of the Witwatersrand, where he completed his Master of Laws degree. He is currently employed as the Group Legal Advisor for Lonrho South Africa, and describes himself as a keen trout fisherman, a regular golfer and an "occasional" jogger.

Mr Eric Annegarn



Mr Annegarn was educated at the University of the Witwatersrand, from which he obtained an MBA degree. He is a qualified commercial pilot and works as the managing director of Creative Zoo Advertising. His son Bjorn is currently in Grade 9.

Brother Brendan (Marist Provincial representative)



Br Brendan was educated by the Christian Brothers in Ireland and attended Unisa and the University of Natal. He served as principal of St Henry's in Durban and as Marist Provincial from 1983 to 1989. At present he co-ordinates the Catholic Institute for Education in KwaZulu Natal.

Mr Greg Garden



Mr Garden obtained his tertiary education at the University of the Witwatersrand, and currently holds the position of General Manager (Marketing) at Nedcor Bank. He has a son, Robin, in the preparatory school, and holds down the marketing portfolio on the Board.

Mr Paul Edey (Headmaster)



Mr Edey received his education at The Ridge School, St Andrew's in Grahamstown and at the University of the Witwatersrand. His previous teaching positions were held at St John's College and King Edward VII School, where he served as Deputy Principal until 1994. He is married to Sue, head of Alumni Affairs at Wits, and has two sons, one of whom is at St

David's. Mr Edey currently serves as chairman of the central region of the Heads of Independent Schools Association.

Mrs Hilary Geber



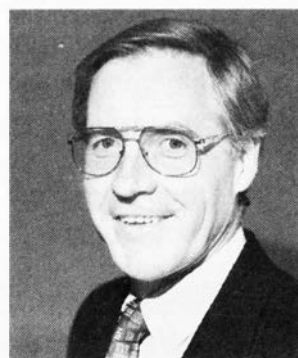
Mrs Geber holds qualifications from RAU and the universities of Cape Town and the Witwatersrand. She is a registered psychologist and has also worked as a teacher, trainer, lecturer and consultant. She currently works for Wits University, where she is the Principal Tutor (Staff Development) in the Academic Development Centre.

Mr Rick Wilson (Prep Headmaster)



Mr Wilson was educated at Milton Boys' High School in Zimbabwe and at UCR in Bulawayo. He was Headmaster of Acacia Primary School in Jwaneng, Botswana, for eleven years before joining St David's in 1996. He is married to Gerry, a teacher at Redhill School, and has two sons, one of whom is going into Grade 12 at St David's in the year 2000.

Mr John Kelly



Mr Kelly is qualified as a chartered accountant in both South Africa and Scotland, and is a partner at Price Waterhouse Coopers. His son Alasdair matriculated at St David's in 1997. Mr Kelly has served at different times as treasurer and chairman of the PTA, and currently manages the Finance portfolio on the Board.

Mrs Alison Ramsden



Mrs Ramsden was educated at Parktown Girls' High, and is currently completing a Master's degree in business ethics at Stellenbosch University. She works as Group Corporate Accountability Manager at South African Breweries, and has two sons at St David's. Her portfolio on the Board deals with religious and social responsibility.

Mr Lorenzo Brocco



Mr Brocco is an Old Boy of St David's and worked for many years on the Old Boys' committee. He is a building contractor, serves as chairman of the PTA, and has a son, Ricardo, in the College.

Staff of St David's Marist College



Staff 1999

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ST DAVID'S MARIST COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

The Headmaster's Report

Address at The Annual High School Prizegiving 13 November 1999



Mrs Sue Rees, the Chairman of the Board and Mrs Brewer, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen and young men of St David's:

It is wonderful to welcome you all to the Annual Prizegiving in the Champagnat Hall in this the year of the canonization. The prizegivings at the pool are a thing of the past - no more low level landings by Egyptian geese to distract one, or violent winds to blow the bouquets of flowers into the pool. Instead we have a hugely impressive hall - a little lacking in atmosphere perhaps and without photographs and the names of heroes of the past. These will come. The Honours Boards arrived yesterday and the Hall will celebrate academic achievement. The Pavilion will have Honours Boards detailing sportsmen on them and I hope Cultural Boards will go up in the auditorium. I have always found it strange that there are no photographs of sports teams, academic achievers, legendary schoolteachers or scholarship winners anywhere around the school and it is time for this to change. It is very important for pupils to have a sense of the past, to be aware of the people who have gone before them and hopefully have the desire to emulate them.

The great Soviet dictator, Josef Stalin (this is a serious non-sequitur - I don't really want anyone to emulate Stalin), plunged the Soviet Union into a series of five-year plans beginning in 1928. The Russian economy became a planned economy with ambitious targets being set for industry and agriculture. Certain key heavy industries such as iron and coal had to treble output whilst agriculture had to be completely transformed. Lenin's

flirtation with capitalism by allowing small peasant farmers to sell their surplus on the open market was to be done away with - violently because the Kulaks resisted and millions died, and in their place came vast collective farms.

You are probably sitting wondering where this history lesson is going and the boys are smiling to themselves as they believe the Headmaster is indulging himself in his passion for history or has simply lost the plot and thrown a massive red herring into the prizegiving ceremony!

St David's has come to the end of its first five-year plan. With the completion of the Champagnat Hall in April the first phase of the Development Plan was completed. This ambitious cohesive plan saw the building of a Grade 0 block, a classroom block with offices, new toilet and change-room facilities, a high school pavilion and this magnificent hall. Along the way separate High School and Prep computer facilities were established, both with state of the art equipment.

The High School roll has gone from 229 in 1994 to 452 at the start of this year and the staffroom is really no longer big enough to hold the combined staff. The total cost of the physical development which included the complete re-landscaping of the quadrangle and imploding of the famous toilet block was in the region of R11-million. Thank you once again to those of you who contributed so generously to the Development Plan.

In places the school is unrecognisable from the old St David's or Marist Brothers, Inanda, as it is still fondly known by most people in the northern suburbs and, indeed, by the boys in their war cries. (This confusion of identity is something we will need to resolve.)

The change in the school has brought new issues to deal with. Some might say that the Marist ethos has been eroded and that certain key elements of Marist education have been lost. As we have become larger and more competitive, both academically and on the sportsfield, it has placed greater demands on the staff and pupils to achieve results - parents compare our matric results with our northern suburbs' competitors, our fixture lists in sport have also changed. In cricket, for example, this term we have played every top boys' cricket school in the province and, if that wasn't challenging enough, we started the season off with a tour to the Western Cape where we played Wynberg Boys and Bishops. We are no longer able really to use the excuse when we don't shape up that we are a small school where each child is nurtured, entrance is open to all - not just the gifted, and that really what we offer is different. The reality is that we are a much bigger school than we were but still we find ourselves in limbo in terms of our numbers. This year's matric group of 66 is half the size of the other boys' schools. The Co-Ed schools generally cannot offer us enough fixtures and yet our numbers are not quite large enough to take on the Boys' schools with conviction.

Part of being a Marist teacher is a genuine concern and love for one's pupils. "To love them all and love them all equally." As we get larger there is a real danger that more and more boys will simply become part of the roll call, faceless individuals who make no contribution in the classroom or extra-murally. The challenge for our teachers is to make every pupil feel "special"

- noticed and cared for. The danger in large schools and crowded classrooms is that many pupils begin to regard themselves as average - the sort of boys featured in Ed Buscenu's poem "The Average Child."

The Average Child

*I don't cause teachers trouble
My grades have been okay
I listen in my classes
I am in school every day
My parents think I am average
My teachers think so too
I wish I didn't know that 'cos there's lots I'd like to do
I'd like to fly a rocket and I've a book that shows you how
Or start a stamp collection
Well no use in trying now
For since I have found I am average
I am just smart enough you see
To know there's nothing special
That I should expect of me
I am part of that majority that hump part of the bell
Who spends their life unnoticed in an average kind of hell.*

As you listen to those words many of you must be sitting there thinking "that's me" and your Mum and Dad are thinking "that's you" too - there is a devastating sense in this poem of unrealised, untapped potential. We have to make sure at St David's that no boy believes that he is an average child. Accompanying the first five-year plan was a massive propaganda exercise which indoctrinated the Russian people into believing that communism was a superior system to capitalism and that the sacrifices of today would result in a classless utopia.

Headmasters, particularly of independent schools, and schools follow a similar tactic in attempting to convince their clientele that, with fees in excess of R20 000 from next year, their facilities are the best, they have technology at the cutting edge, Maths and Science teachers who compare with the best in the country, all contained in an environment where your son is an individual! Look at the mission statements and prospectuses - I quote from a typical one:

"The school is dedicated to:

*Providing a well-balanced education in a Christian environment
Recognising and developing the unique potential of each individual
Ensuring that the process is guided by well qualified and highly motivated teachers
Equipping pupils with self-esteem and the moral and intellectual qualities to succeed and be happy in an ever-changing world.*

In order to achieve this the school will:

*Provide small classes (maximum of 25 pupils per class)
Encourage religious tolerance and multiculturalism
Emphasise quality Maths and Science education, entrepreneurial and communication skills, information technology, sport and extra-mural skills."*

Wow! What a school! How do they possibly achieve all that? The answer is they don't.

Prizegiving is one of those occasions where we celebrate the achievements of those who have excelled in the classroom, on the sportsfield and in the culturals. It is a chance for the Headmaster to trumpet the achievements of the students and staff and really to convince you that the financial sacrifices which you make to send your son here are well worth it - indeed, that you are getting excellent value for money. As we congratulate the winners today let us also remember those boys who have reached or exceeded their own goals, those who have improved on their previous best. If your son is in this category this day belongs to him as well.

Any overview of the year involving so many pupils and staff is necessarily eclectic and underscores only some of the more tangible highlights. (This is really a subtle way of apologising in advance for the hurt caused to those who are left out!) On the academic front the 1998-matric results were pleasing. There

was a 100% pass rate and an exemption rate of over 80%. Five candidates achieved 'A' aggregates and the top candidate, Daniel Wright, achieved 6 distinctions.

It is interesting and disconcerting to note the dramatic improvement effected by most of our matric candidates on their mid-year exam marks - the average increase per subject was an astonishing 6% (perhaps if the present matrics are listening they should stop doing so). There is no doubt that with the present system whereby you stand or fall on the results of the final examination, that some of our boys go into a period of extended hibernation from which they only emerge in about October of their matric year. One can only imagine what results they could produce if they worked consistently hard from the start of their matric year - indeed from the start of their High School careers! The extension of the portfolio system, already in English, Afrikaans, Art and Computer Studies, to subjects such as Science and History will ensure a more consistent work ethic.

In the present matric group three boys were awarded Specific Academic Honours for maintaining an average above 80%: James Ashforth, Ashley Kanter and Lawrence Liddiard are to be congratulated on this fine achievement!

The top mathematicians in the school excelled themselves once again by winning the Sasol Mini-Maths Olympiad Trophy for best school overall whilst the Junior Team of Shen Tian, Brendan Murray and Marco Vidulich won the Trophy for the best junior team. Shen Tian went on to take the top position for a junior in the Old Mutual Maths Olympiad.

Excellent results were also achieved in the English Olympiad and at the National Science Expo. Greg Ronaldson won a Silver Medal for his project on cricket umpiring whilst Cameron MacPherson and Andrew Fatcher won a Bronze Medal.

After an absence of several years our boys took part in the Young Historians Conference. Kyle Wales, Marco Mavromaras and Brendan Murray are to be congratulated on advancing through to the final round. We once again held our own Science Expo and the ingenuity and innovation of the boys was impressive. Top Ten badges were introduced for the top ten boys in each standard. It was pleasing to note that ten Grade 8 boys achieved 80% or more.

The number of staff furthering their qualifications is also impressive and there were no fewer than seven staff members doing courses ranging from Diplomas in Educational Leadership to Honours Degrees in linguistics. It is critical that the staff take the lead as learners and this is certainly happening.

The sporting side of the school continues to improve all the time. Tours are an important part of the sports calendar and this year there were rugby tours to Kwa-Zulu Natal and Bloemfontein, a hockey tour to Kwa-Zulu Natal, three cricket teams went to the Western Cape, whilst the 1st XI performed with distinction at the Independent Schools' Cricket Week. This included a victory over Hilton College by four wickets. There was also a successful golf tour of some of Natal's finest courses. The swimmers have shown astonishing improvement and won the Inter-Catholic Gala at St Henry's for the second successive year whilst we placed 5th in the Boys' Inter-High Gala and 4th in the relay event. Water polo is enjoying a resurgence in popularity and the juniors are capable of holding their own against most of the top schools. We have been able to field six tennis teams and next year we will put out eight sides. We were able to put out two athletics teams and the 'A' team acquitted themselves really well on their debut in the 'A' Inter High. There were a number of outstanding individual performances. Sadly we have decided that we cannot offer basketball until a new court is built - this will hopefully be part of the next development plan.

A number of boys won provincial caps and we congratulate them on their achievements. A big thank you to the staff who spend many hours on the sports fields doing extra-murals. Mr McMillan tries to organise as many fixtures as possible and it is not just the 'A' teams that count at St David's.

Compulsory sport remains an important part of our curriculum at the school although I fear that team sport is in retreat and more and more of us want to watch sport rather than participate in it. Simon Barnes writing in "The Spectator" recently says that school sport in England is in decline because

of a demonic mixture of political idiocies, heavily seasoned with the culture of wimpishness. Left-wing ideologies said that sport, especially team sport, was anti-equality and must be suppressed in favour of communal yoghurt-making, or whatever.

Certainly, we are not quite there yet in South Africa. The cultural side of the school is hampered by a lack of time, resources and commitment. We are looking at restructuring the school day to devote more time to cultural activities. Nonetheless the school play, Dario Fo's "Accidental Death of an Anarchist", was absolutely excellent. The play is a challenging piece of theatre and presented some interesting parallels with South Africa's attempts to come to terms with its recent past through the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Inter-House Play Festivals were also of a high standard. Special mention should be made of Michael Schafer, Conan Green and Ashley Kanter who produced original play scripts for the festival. The Bishops House won the trophy in the Senior Festival for Musi Skosana's excellent production of "I Spy" whilst Benedict House scooped the awards in the Junior Festival for their production of "Wanted: One Groom".

For the first time in five years a Best Speaker's Competition was held. Twelve speakers took part in a competition which required them to present both a prepared and an impromptu speech. Staying with public speaking we were delighted with an impromptu team winning the prestigious Norah Taylor Trophy at the High School's Public Speaking Festival. Sixty-eight schools entered the Open section and winning this award was a superb achievement.

The Variety Concert held over two evenings in October was revealing in more ways than one and hopefully more boys and staff will take part next year. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and showed the talent that exists on the pupil body and staff.

Moving on to matters spiritual ... Father Michael Austin S.J. joined the College at the start of the year and he has proved an asset to the school. His homilies are erudite, witty and stimulating. We hope that his chaplaincy at St David's will be a long and happy one. Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the Canonisation of Marcellin Champagnat. It is remarkable how the faith and vision of this wonderful teacher has led to the establishment of Marist schools worldwide. The canonization in Rome on 18 April was attended by Mr Simon Fry and the Head Prefect, Alfred Chemaly. In July Glenda Anderson and Beverley Geldenhuys, both on the Prep School staff, went on a pilgrimage to Rome and Champagnat land. A workshop for Marist educators was held in April and the St David's staff who went on it regarded it as a formative experience.

It was with great sadness that we learned on Thursday, 24 June, that Father Bernard Brewer had passed away after a long battle with cancer. The number of people who attended the funeral was testimony to the impact that Father Brewer had on so many peoples' lives, particularly at St George's, Harare, and latterly at St David's where he served as Chaplain for thirteen years.

Service remains an important part of our school and a number of Service Certificates will be awarded to boys who serve the school for the good of all - they do so without seeking rewards, badges or ties.

It is wonderful to see the Grade 6 children from Tembisa on a Wednesday afternoon being taught English communication skills by our pupils. Our boys who volunteer for this benefit enormously from it - and appear to really enjoy their contact with the children.

The Co-Workers do sterling work but they remain very small in number - I appeal to the boys to do more. Think of that diminutive Sister at Assembly yesterday - give until it hurts!

The anti-violence against women pledge was a small initiative started in Mr Foulds' English class. It grew into something really substantial being featured in several newspapers, women's magazines and the Democratic Party MEC's coming to Assembly.

The Staff Common Room has not been as settled as I would have liked. A number of temporary teachers have come and gone and there is no doubt that this has had a negative effect, particularly in the key subject areas of Maths and Science. At the end of the year we say farewell to Mrs Emery, Head of Science.

Under Mrs Emery's leadership the Science results have improved significantly and there has also been keen participation and success in public competitions such as the Wits University Bridge Building competition, the Science Olympiad and the National Science and Technology Expo's. We wish Mrs Emery well as she takes up a post at the new Beaulieu College.

At this stage I would like to pause to pay tribute to our entire staff - from the teachers in the classroom through to the support staff. Teaching at a school like this requires a full commitment; expectations from management, parents and pupils are high and on your behalf I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and expertise.

In particular, I would like to thank the Deputy Headmaster, Mr Malcolm Williams, for his support. He has had a profound impact over the past year in the Staff Common Room and amongst the pupil body. It is largely through Mr Williams and his committees' efforts that we now have a Code of Conduct, a Drug and Alcohol Policy and an Aids Policy. We started this process some four years ago and all stakeholders in the College community have had input into the code. The Code will be implemented next year and all parents and learners will be expected to sign it. A report back evening on the Code was held last Thursday for parents - I am hoping that the tiny turn out was indicative of general support for the Code. I believe that the Code of Conduct is a positive document and that it will have a significant impact on the school.

I would like to thank the schoolboy leaders of this year. It is not easy being a prefect any longer - they come under intense scrutiny from the staff, the boys and particularly their peer group. The prefect body under the leadership of Alfred Chemaly, the Head Prefect, and Iain Busschau, the Deputy, have led the school well and I thank them for their commitment to the school.

To the Matric Group of 1999 I say thank you for your contribution, and valeté. You have given much to St David's and hopefully you have been equipped at the school to move in to the 21st Century with skill, optimism and courage and ready to take up the challenges of living in a non-racial, democratic South Africa.

To the members of the Board and particularly Mr Kevin Brewer, the Chairman, I thank you for your time and effort in the service of this College. Mr Brewer, you must be absolutely thrilled with the results of the first Development Plan and certainly much of it is testimony to your hard work and vision. Thank you.

What can we expect over the next five years? The major physical development is the building of a new media centre. It is envisaged that this will be in the old hall - this has enormous potential to be a centre of learning and research in our school.

Our surroundings have changed significantly and residential Illovo and Inanda are giving way to commercial and business properties plus cluster developments. The University of Pretoria has built a new business school less than a kilometre away in Melville Road. All of this should be seen as an opportunity for the school and not a threat.

We need rigorously to examine our teaching and learning, our pastoral care systems, our communication and partnership with parents and our marketing of the school. We have made a small start this year with the introduction of the Scottish system of whole school appraisal, "How Good is Our School". We need to take this much further over the next five years.

We would also like to know how you, the parents, feel about the school and both in the Prep and High school we are looking at a climate survey in the year 2000.

In conclusion I would like to thank the boys of St David's for their support, their good sense and their sense of humour. To the parents, thank you for sending your sons to this school, I know for many of you it involves significant sacrifices financially. As a staff we will continue to strive to impart a sound value system based on the principles of St Marcellin Champagnat and to provide a challenging learning environment which enables pupils to realise their potential and develop their talents.

I believe that with common vision, clear academic goals, firm leadership, a strategic plan and a strong partnership between the school and the home, we can continue to build St David's into a great school - indeed a world class one.

Thank you for your attention and attendance.

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The Head Prefect's Address

Given at the Annual Prizegiving, 1999

Rev. Father Austin, Rev. Bruce, Honoured Guests, Mr. and Mrs. Edey, Staff, Parents and boys,

This, my thirteenth and final year at St. David's, is one that I will cherish for the rest of my life. My only regret is that it has passed so quickly.

I remember my first day. For some strange reason, the picture that comes to mind is one of Mr. Castle strutting around, bellowing and barking in a tone that belies his small frame and giving a whole new perspective to the word "pampoen". I recall asking my mom, when she fetched me that day, if Mr. Castle was the owner of the school. Until today I have never received an answer to that question. I think this speaks volumes for his presence and of the positive influence he has had on all our lives.

Over the past thirteen years I have had the privilege of watching St. David's grow from a small intimate school, to the formidable establishment it is today. With an increase of numbers the school is bound to have a diversity of personality types and characters. For me personally, I feel I owe much of my growth as a person and a leader, to having to interact and deal with this broad spectrum of individuals. With the unwavering support of my prefect body and matric group, most situations were amicably resolved.

Here I must pay special tribute to my deputy, Iain Busschau. He supported me with an infectious enthusiasm and nothing was too much trouble for him - Thank you, Iain.

In Mr. Edey and Mr. Williams, we have a highly professional and extremely committed leadership team. I thank you both for your support and guidance throughout the year.

When I started to prepare this address, I sat back for a while and asked myself the question - "What is it about St. David's that is so special, why do I love this school so much? Is it the extraordinary fields and now enviable facilities? Is it the teachers, or perhaps my fellow pupils?"

And then it dawned on me - It is all of these things and yet none of these things. The answer is simple - the marist ethos. The school is blessed by an intangible, omnipresent brotherhood - The Marist Brotherhood. This is a doctrine that is universal and that we will take with us forever.

As this Matric group is set free into the new millenium, we all

reflect on our school careers and perhaps even subconsciously attempt to assess our levels of personal success. To have been successful does not necessarily mean being a prefect, gaining academic honours or playing first team sports. I feel you have been successful if you have been the best you, that you can be.

Ralph Walder Emerson wrote of "Success": "To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition. To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; this is to have succeeded."

To the grade eleven group, and for that matter, the rest of the school: Make use of every opportunity that this fine school offers you. "There is only today," in the words of Khalil Gibran, "Yesterday is but today's memory and tomorrow is today's dream."

Seize the moment and make the most of your school career. Above all believe in yourselves. I would like to end by leaving you with the words of this poem by Larry Chengges:

*Believe in yourself -
in the power you have
to control your life, day by day...*

*Believe in the strength
that you have deep inside,
and your faith will help
show the way...*

*Believe in tomorrow
and what it will bring -
let a hopeful heart carry you through...*

*For things will work out
if you trust and believe.
There's no limit
to what you can do!*

*Alfred Chemaly
Head of School 1999*

The Guest Speaker's Address

Address by Mrs Suzanne Rees, Guest Speaker,
on the occasion of the College's Annual Prize-giving Ceremony

Mr and Mrs Brewer, Mr and Mrs Edey, ladies and gentlemen, teachers and pupils of this fine school. Good morning and thank you very much for inviting me to speak at your prize-giving. I consider it an honour and am pleased to be here. I hope that when I am finished you will be pleased that I came! I heard a story of one prize-giving where the head boy introduced the guest speaker by saying, "I have been at the last four prize-givings at this school and all I can say on introducing you is that I hope you are not as boring as the last four speakers have been!"

We are here to honour the prize-winners, but also, I think, to honour the support systems which have enabled these boys to achieve. First among these are the parents, I found some wonderful quotes about parenting. Someone called Rita Rudner commented: My husband and I are either going to buy a dog or have a child. We can't decide whether to ruin our carpet or ruin

our lives! And the talk show hostess Roseanne Barr said: I figure that if the children are alive when I get home, I've done my job! And it was Plato who said: A boy is, of all wild beasts, the most difficult to manage.

But actually we all know that parenting is serious stuff and behind every successful schoolboy there is a parent, or surrogate parent, who has provided the nourishment which we all need in order to realise our potential. This nourishment comes in the form of food, security, good example, encouragement and, most importantly of all, unconditional love. To all the parents here I say congratulations. You are doing a great job. Know that even when this child of yours is driving you mad, even when he seems completely unaware of how much you do for him, he cares and he knows that without you he would be so much less.

The other incredibly important and so often unsung support

system is, of course, the teachers. The men and women who work here don't just work at a job, they work at a life. Their lives become the school, their off spring the pupils. So often teachers at schools like this one invest their passions in other people, their energies are focused on forging a wonderful learning environment, their joys are wrapped up in the successes of their pupils.

But alas, ladies and gentlemen, pressures on teachers are taking their toll. The media has in recent months focused incredibly negatively on the failings of teachers, especially in some sectors of the state education system. The profession is not attracting numbers of good candidates, the pool of excellence is drying up and good teachers are becoming an endangered species. I urge all the boys here, and all the parents, treasure your teachers, maintain conditions which will enable them to function really well, for without a strong and committed teaching force your school will not be able to provide the kind of nursery for life that you wish for your boys.

But let me focus on the stars of the show today. This is an important climax to your school year and I am very pleased to be speaking to you. In a world which is increasingly settling for mediocrity it is good to be in the company of young people who are striving for more than that. It is good to be reminded of youth's power to overcome.

But I need to say to you that life at the beginning of the next century will be a tough call. We will enter the next century in a country still struggling through transition, still saddled with a huge population of have-nots, still carrying massive unemployment problems and still wracked with violence and crime. We will enter the next century with the moral order still on extremely shaky ground, still carrying the dubious distinction of having the highest rape statistics in the world and the most rampant HIV/AIDS problem. That is the adult world that the boys of this school will enter. It sounds depressing, doesn't it? The sort of stuff which politicians seem to make so much of and do little about, the sort of stuff which it would be nice to forget...the sort of stuff which may be the inspiration for a new breed of heroes.

What will history record of your generation, the generation which begins its adult life in the next century? Will the problems overcome you? Will the collapse of the moral order continue? Must we accept that South Africa will inevitably be sucked back into an impoverished, third world, typically African disaster? Or has this generation a particular mission?

I believe that it has. History will record great things of this generation of South Africans. Among the youth of today there is a sharp rise in religious conviction - in Islam, in Judaism and particularly in Christianity. This generation does not have to carry around the baggage of the past. They can stand proud and unfettered in their search for truth and honour and justice. It is this generation which will make sense of the contradictions of our society and achieve true reconciliation. Much has been said of the campaign for an African Renaissance which our president, Thabo Mbeki, has made into a cause. African Renaissance means the revival or rebirth of Africa. If we as a country are to achieve a revival, to be reborn, we will need a brave generation of young leaders to make it happen and some of those leaders are among the prize-winners sitting in the hall this morning.

But as I said it will not be an easy call. Those that continue to



be high achievers will need special qualities. Perhaps the most important among those qualities is the quality of resilience. I recommend to you a book by Roger Crawford called *How High Can You Bounce?* He deals with the concept of resilience as the critical factor in life's success.

If you look up the term "resilience" in the dictionary you will find words like: elasticity, rebound, recoil, spring back, buoyancy, power of recovery, rising readily again after a setback. The degree of resilience that we have determines whether we will bounce or break.

People are like that. They can look pretty much alike, come from similar backgrounds, and go through similar experiences. Yet in the same situation one person soars and another comes up short, one person flourishes and another is devastated. A high level of resilience is a great thing to have. It makes our lives richer, more productive, happier and more successful. But how do we get it? How should you develop your own resilience?

First: be an integrated man and a whole person. Whole men don't limit their lives with macho responses; whole men have soft, sensitive sides as well as being tough, physical and dominant. Remember Shakespeare's words from *Julius Caesar*:

*His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him that Nature might stand up,
And say to all the world, this was a Man!*

Second: use your talents and skills intelligently. Go towards your strengths and learn how to compensate for your weaknesses. Don't let what you can't do get in the way of what you can do.

Third: accept the person that you are. Recognise that you may not be able to change real limitations in yourself, be they physical, emotional or intellectual. To be truly resilient we need to acknowledge and use our flaws. We also need to learn not confuse limitations with weaknesses like procrastination, pessimism and anger, that we can change.

Fourth: choose positive role models who have the qualities and skills you admire. Study the real thing - high functioning achievers and resilient optimists - your instincts will lead you in that direction. You may never be able to thank your role models face to face, but you will do so in spirit every time you draw strength from their examples and inspiration from their lives.

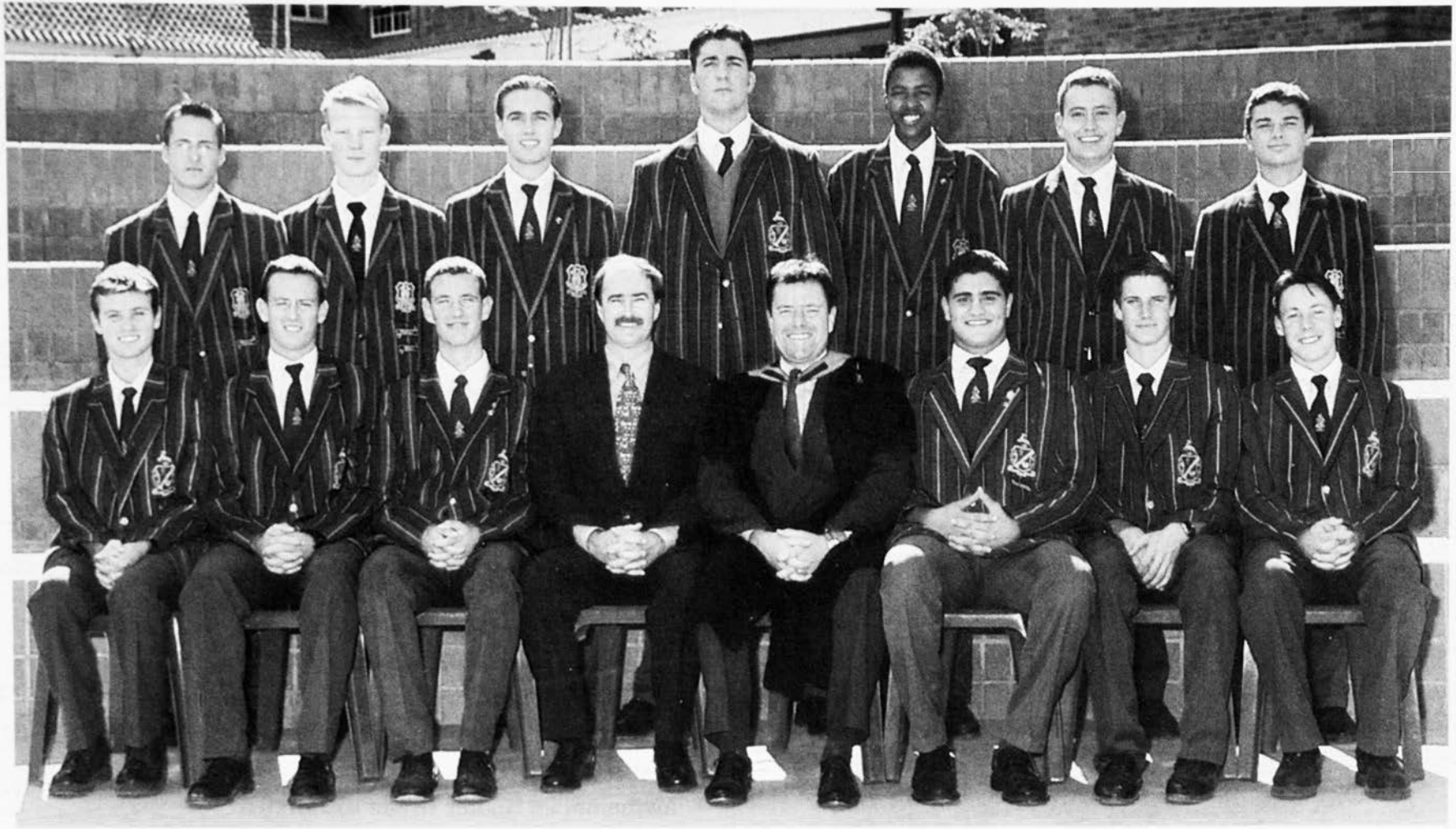
Fifth: develop and maintain hope. Hope is the energiser for everything we attempt, a constantly renewable source of resilience. It is the ultimate tool for achievement, discovery and change, the ultimate tool for coping with disappointment and loss.

Sixth: keep faith in your life, faith in the goodness of God and the goodness of others, faith that a task is worth doing, that love is worth risking and that life is worth living. For the resilient, faith is an inescapable, everyday necessity.

Finally my brothers, to be truly resilient you must control how you respond to life. Know that you are equipped to make your mark in the world, fasten your eyes on a vision and set a course which will allow you to achieve what you want from life. And remember that you can choose whether to be a pessimist or an optimist, a victim or a victor, a wimp, a whiner or a winner.

And now allow me to wish for you an old Irish blessing:

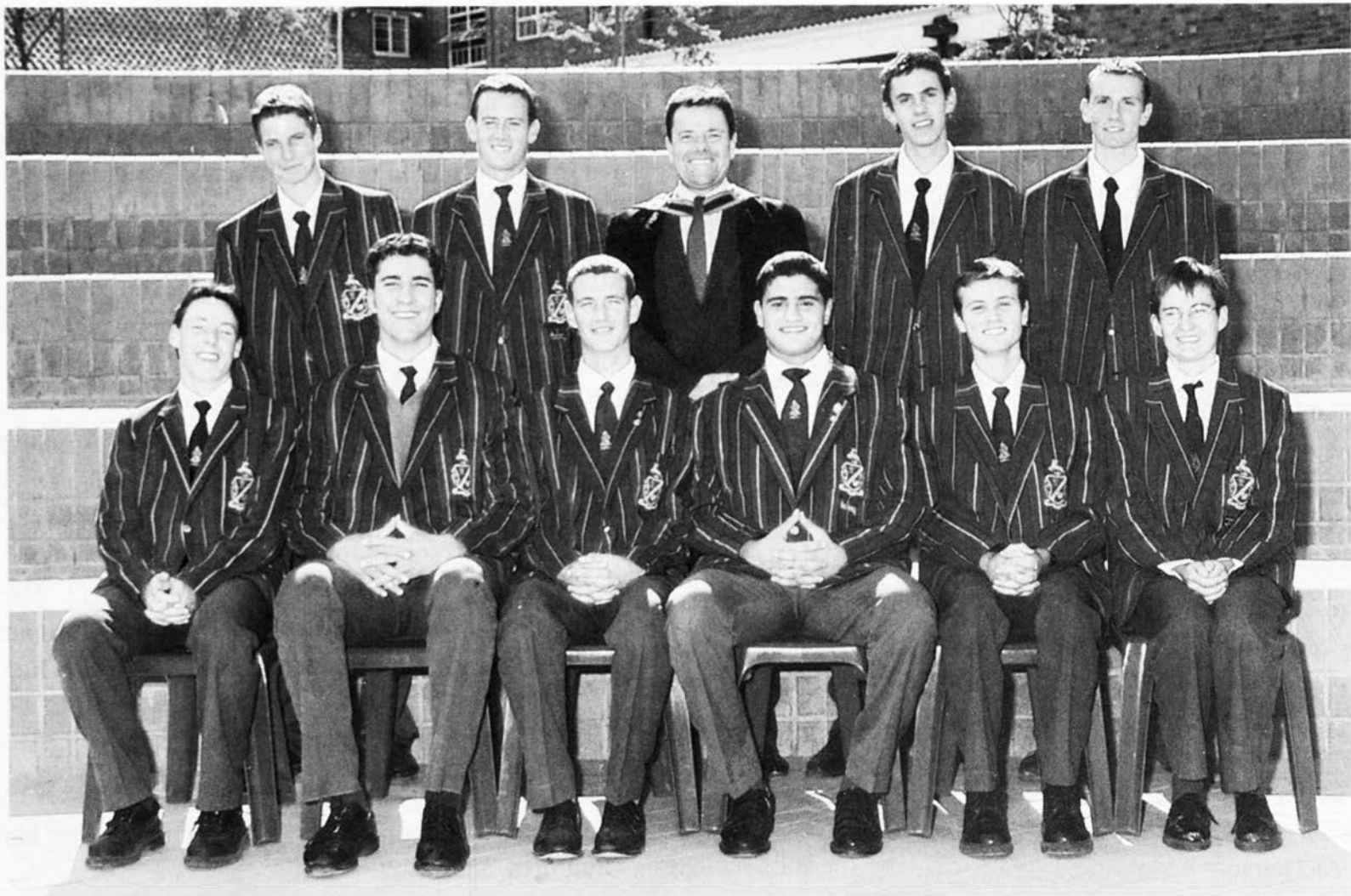
*May the road rise up to meet you,
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the wind be always at your back,
And may God forever hold you in the palm of his hand.*



School Prefects 1999

Front: *G Brennon; M Marsay; I Busschau (Deputy Head Prefect); Mr M Williams; Mr P Edey;
A Chemaly (Head Prefect); A Horsfield; B Leadbeater*

Back: *D Biezanek; G Borman; M Lenz; J Morte; M Skosana; D Bradbury; R Brunette*



Honours Blazers

Front: *B Leadbeater; J Morte; I Busschau; A Chemaly; G Brennon; J Ashforth*

Back: *A Horsfield; M Marsay; Mr P Edey; A Kanter; L Liddiard*

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Prize Winners

Grade Eight Prizes

Bro. Edwin Cup for Dux of Grade 8 F Williams
Second Prize D Giacovazzi
Third Prize J Reeves

Subject Prizes

Accounting J Reeves
Afrikaans F Williams
Art R Lobban
Biology M Truscott
Design & Technology J Oberholzer
English F Williams
Geography F Williams
History D Giacovazzi
Mathematics F Williams
Mathematics Most Improved G Nieman
Science F Williams
Zulu J Reeves

Grade Nine Prizes

Davis Cup for Dux of Grade 9 S Tian
Second Prize G Insausti
Third Prize G Jago

Subject Prizes

Accounting S Tian
Art S Tian
Afrikaans D Law
Biology S Tian
Design & Technology S Tian
English N Haralambous
Geography S Tian
History S Tian
Mathematics S Tian
Mathematics Most Improved A Saunders
Science S Tian
Zulu M Pitso

Grade Ten Prizes

O'Connor Cup for Dux of Grade 10 B Murray
Second Prize G Ronaldson
Third Prize M Vidulich

Subject Prizes

Accounting G Ronaldson
Afrikaans G Ronaldson
Art D Wark
Biology C MacPherson
Business Economics G Ronaldson
Computer Studies M Vidulich
English B Murray
Geography D Buttrick
History B Murray
Mathematics Higher Grade B Murray
Mathematics Standard Grade M Rands
Science B Murray

Grade Eleven Prizes

Bro. Urban Cup for Dux of Grade 11 G Horsten
Second Prize K Wales
Third Prize M Schafer

Subject Prizes

Accounting G-P Pera
Additional Mathematics G Horsten
Seed Trophy for Afrikaans G Horsten
Art P Raw
Biology G Horsten
Business Economics N Laher
Computer Studies M Schafer
English G Horsten
Geography G Horsten
History K Wales
Mathematics Higher Grade G Horsten
Mathematics Standard Grade G Foden
Keith Schafer Trophy for Science G Horsten

Grade 12 Prizes

B R Hunt Trophy for Dux of the School A Kanter
2nd: Lynn Stuart Memorial Trophy for Academic Achievement
J Ashforth
Third in Grade 12 L Liddiard
Accounting Prize M Lopes
Walter Cronje Trophy for Additional Mathematics A Kanter
Buckley-Jones Trophy for Afrikaans R Roman
The Germco Trophy for Art A Kanter
The Tischhauser Trophy for the Art Exhibition A Kanter
Matric 1991 Trophy for Biology J Robson
Matric 1991 Trophy for Business Economics B Leadbeater
Mayat Trophy for Computer Studies J Ashforth
Phillimore Trophy for English J Ashforth
Trudy Elliott Award for English Literature A Kanter
Dion Saks Trophy for Geography L Liddiard
Thomas McFadden Trophy for History M Lopes
The Eilertsen Trophy for Information Technology
C Bredenoord
Ryder Bowl for Mathematical Achievement A Kanter
Michael Science Trophy for Physical Science A Kanter

Annual Trophies

The Buchanan Trophy for Achievement in the Mathematics Olympiad S Tian
Trophy for Excellence in Dramatics B Murray
Trophy for Senior Best Speaker M Eilertsen and A Kanter
The R J Girdwood Shield for Cultural Involvement M Skosana
The Bro Edwin Award for Cricketer of the Year J Morte
The Steve Murray Trophy for Most Improved Cricketer
R Wood
Reeves Trophy for the Senior Swimmer of the Year S Falconer

E Harper Trophy for Senior Most Improved Swimmer

R Stewart

Kelly Trophy for Junior Swimmer of the Year J Browne

Clark Atwell Trophy for Waterpolo Player of the Year

S Falconer

Michael Boic Trophy for Rugby Player of the Year J Morte

The Brewer/Finlayson Trophy for Most Improved Rugby Player

K Speirs

Hockey Player of the Year M Marsay

Desmond Schatz Trophy for Sportsman of the Year J Morte

The A Chemaly Trophy for Academic Endeavour S Browne

Old Boys Trophy for Leadership and Promotion of the Marist

Spirit A Chemaly

Osmond Cup for Study, Sport and Leadership R Brunette

Service Certificates

- for general service to the school

Co-Workers G Thomas, C Bredenoord, D Biezanek,
M Paschkewitz

First Aid P Brandenburg, B Mills, N Quail, R Horsfield

Library G Gardner

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:

G Brennon, R Brunette, I Busschau, A Chemaly, M Skosana,
C Thomas, D Thomas



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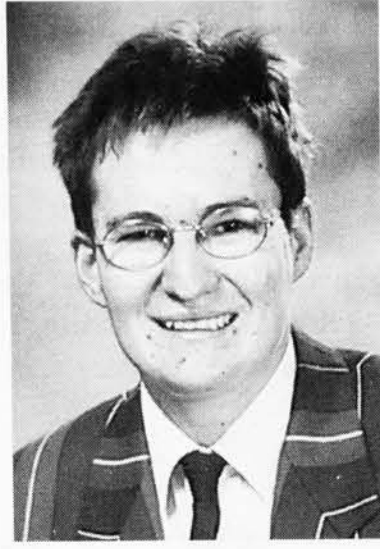
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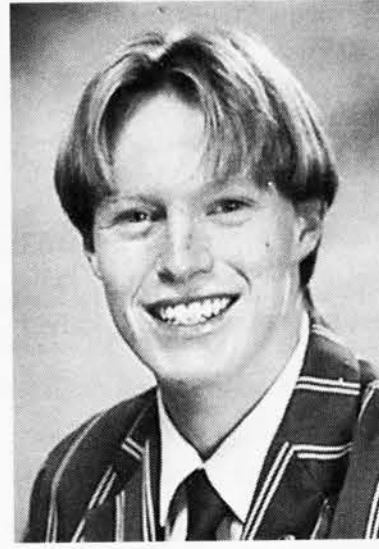
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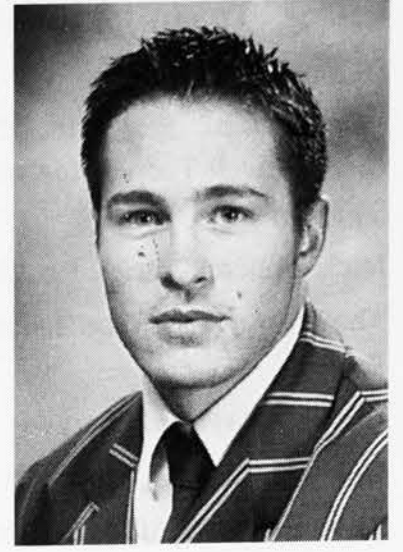
Twelve Grade Graduate



James Ashforth



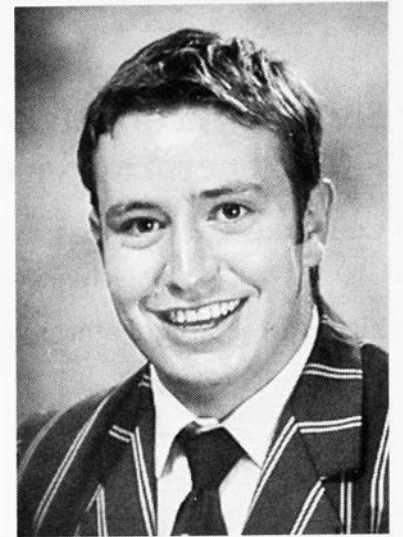
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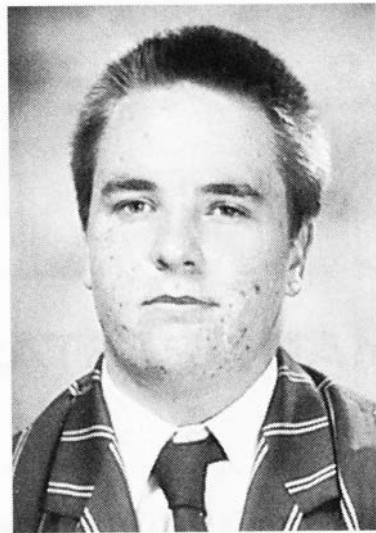
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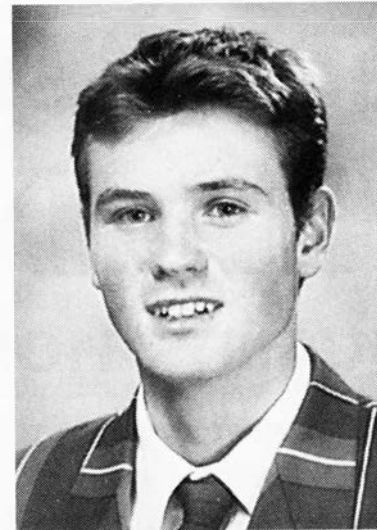
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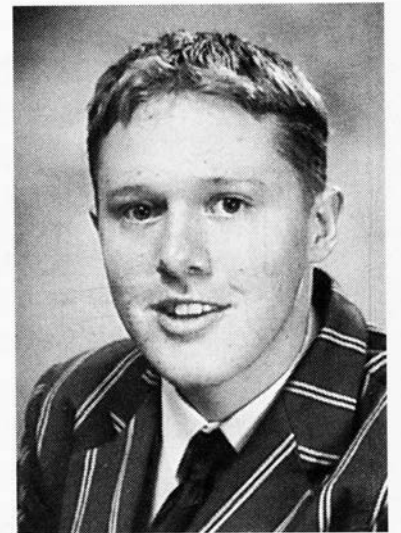
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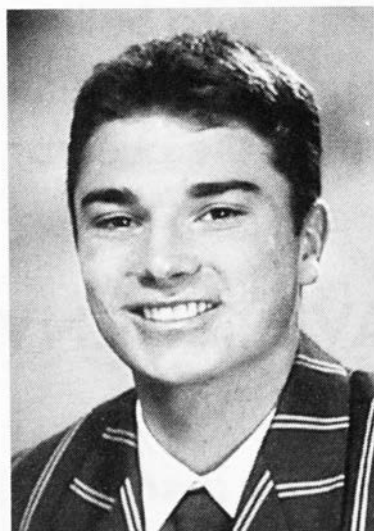
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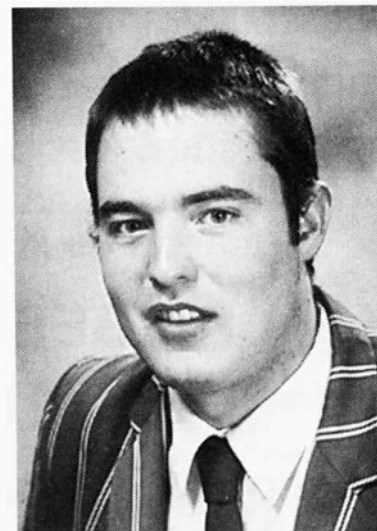
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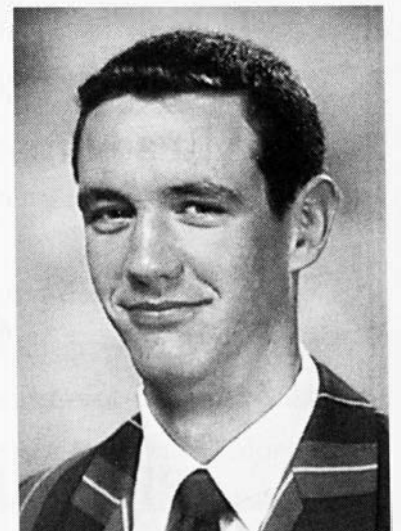
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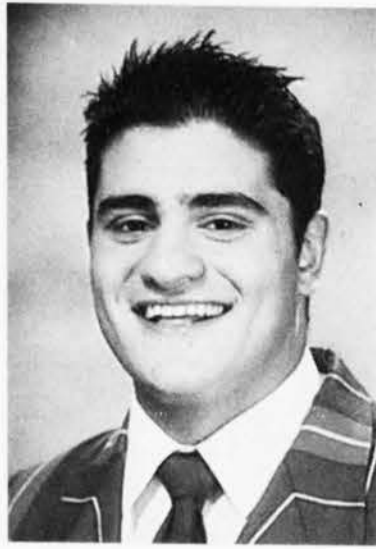
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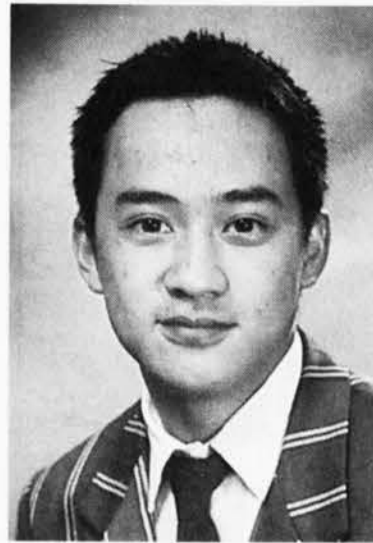
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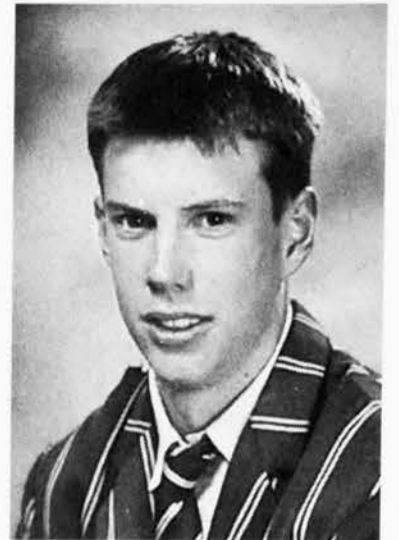
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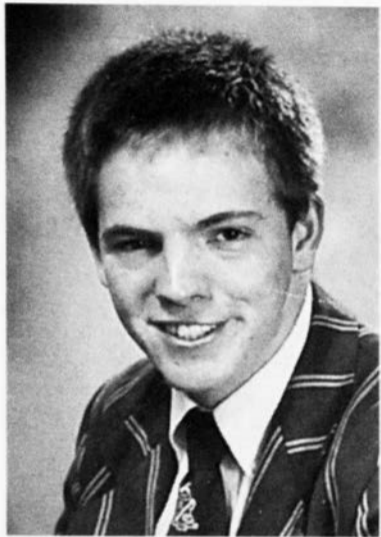
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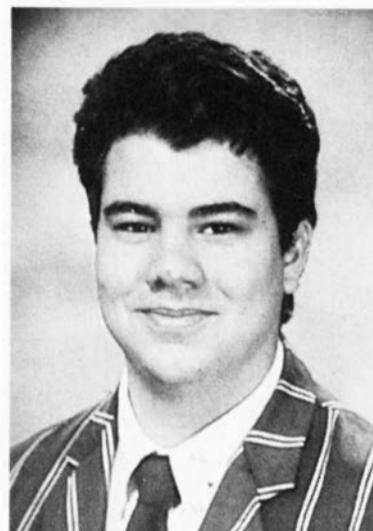
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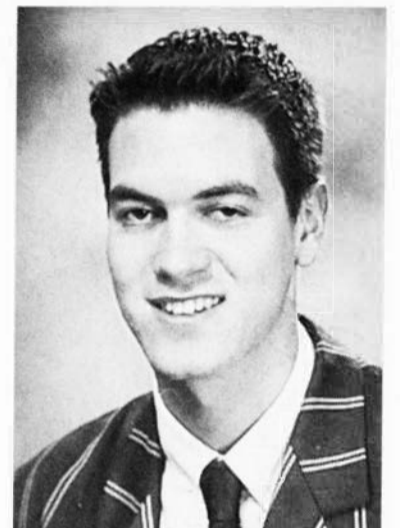
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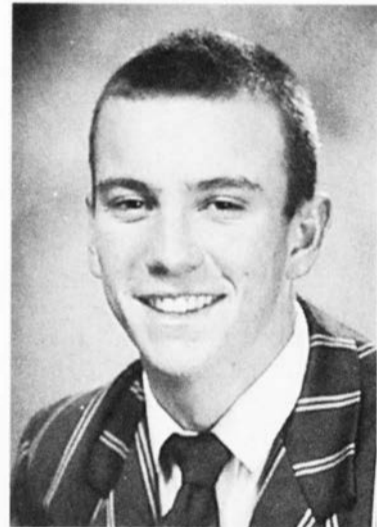
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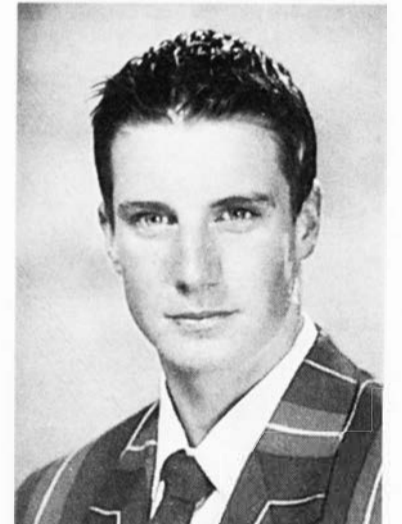
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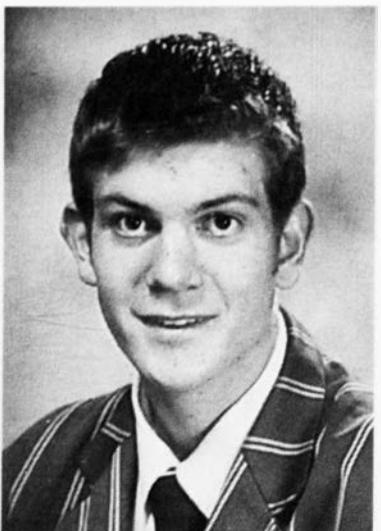
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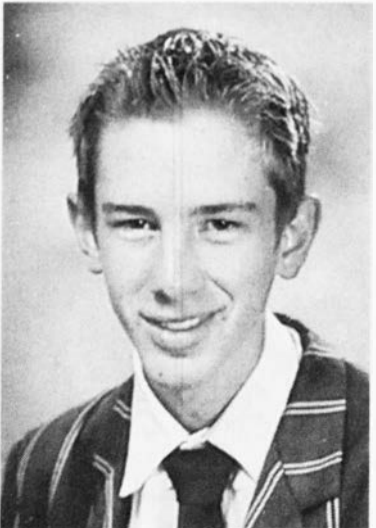
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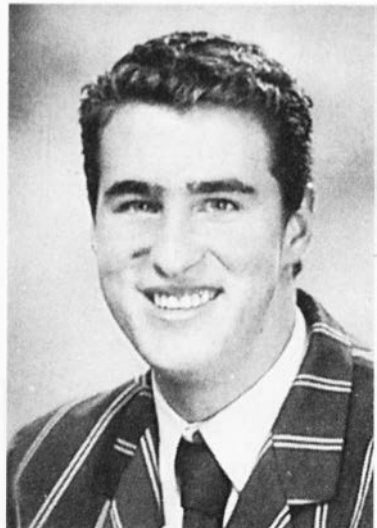
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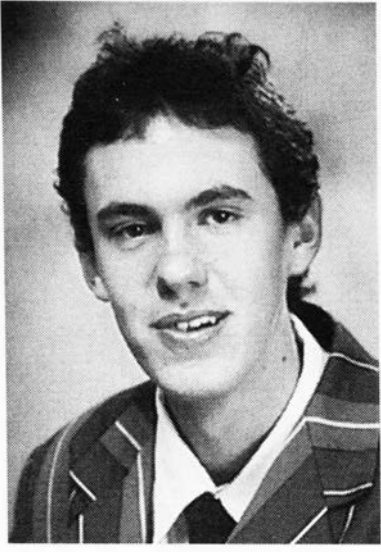
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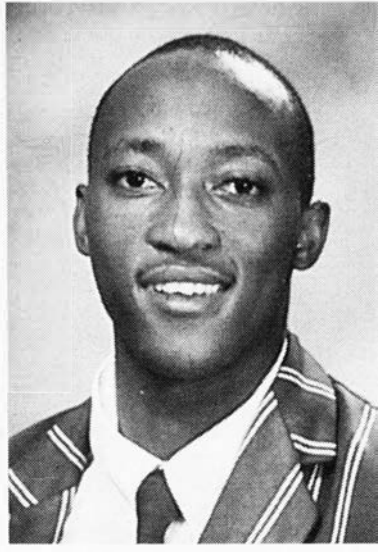
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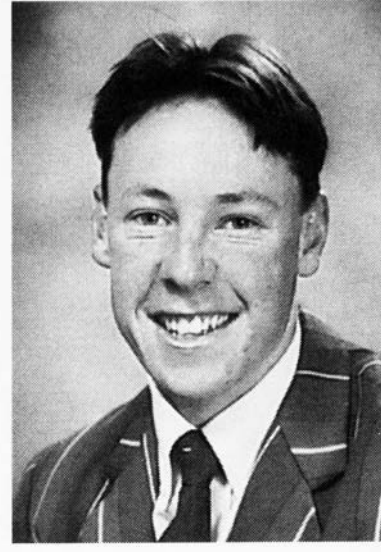
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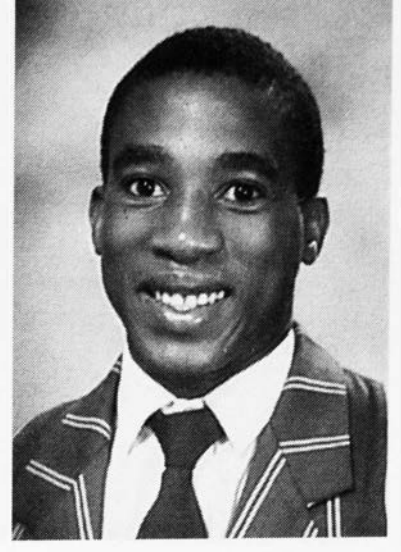
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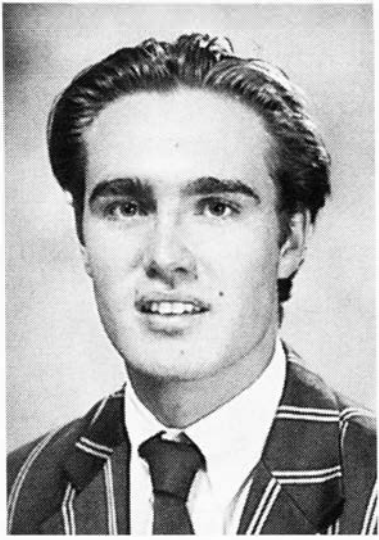
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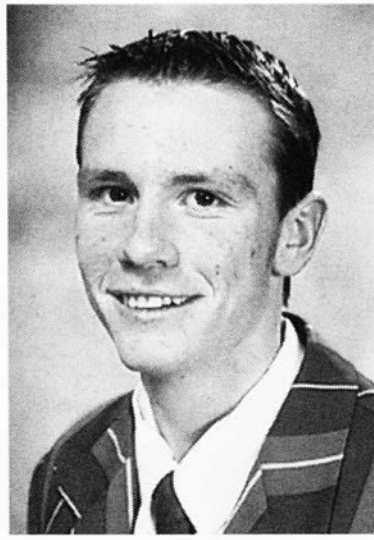
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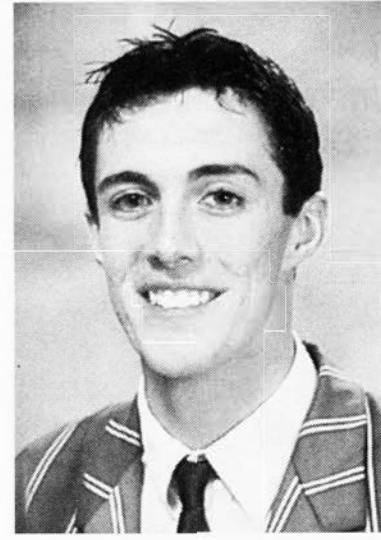
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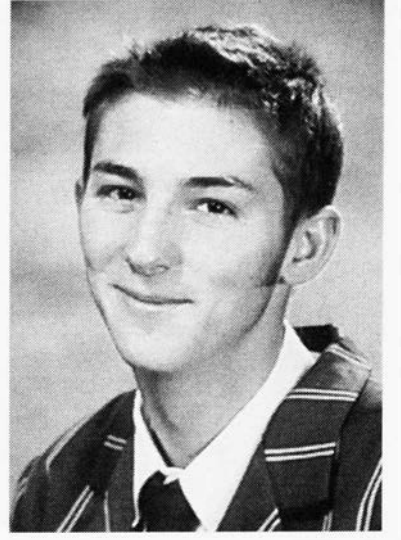
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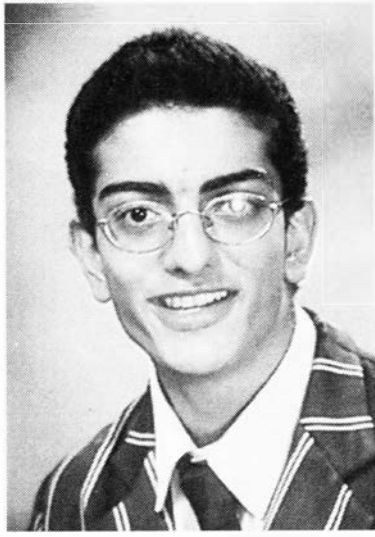
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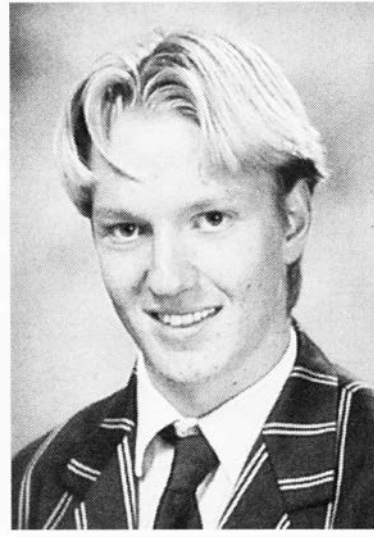
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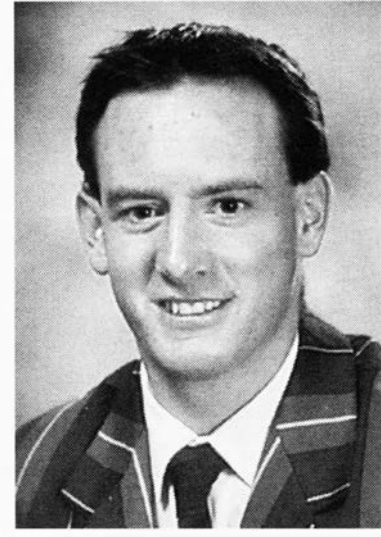
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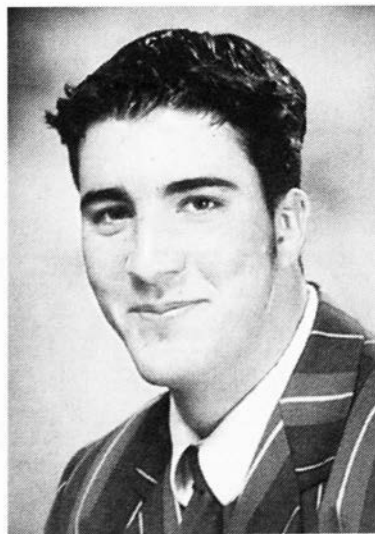
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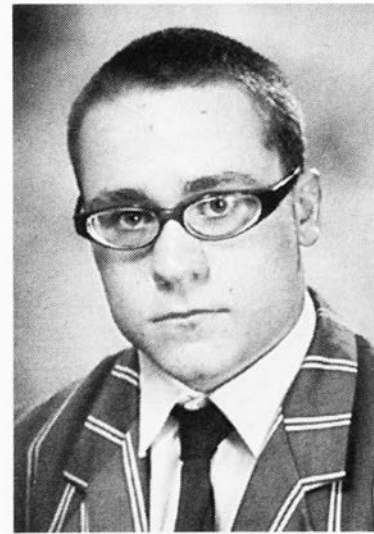
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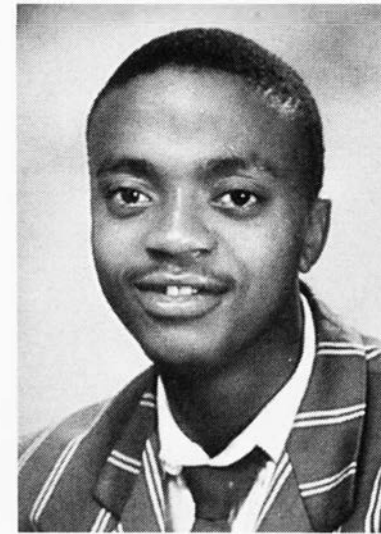
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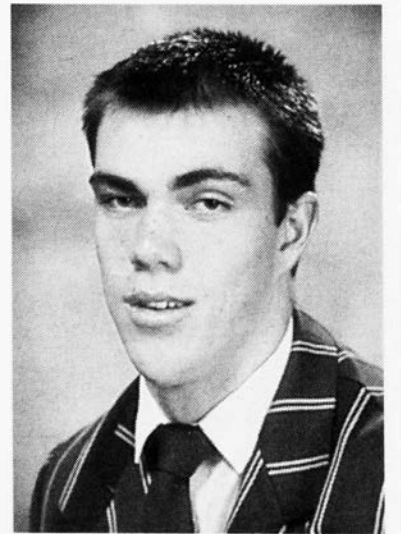
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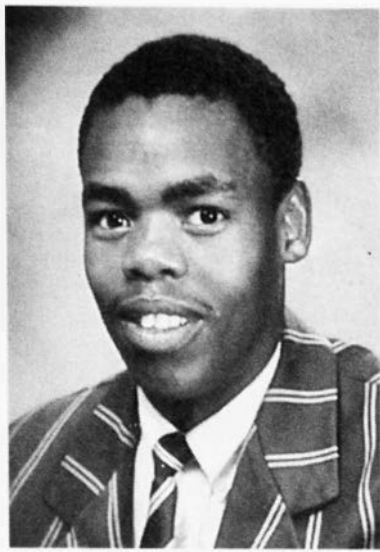
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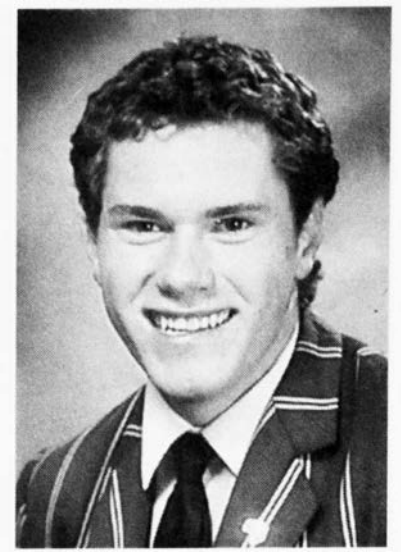
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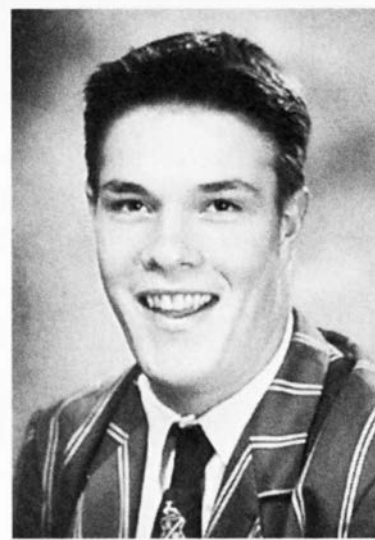
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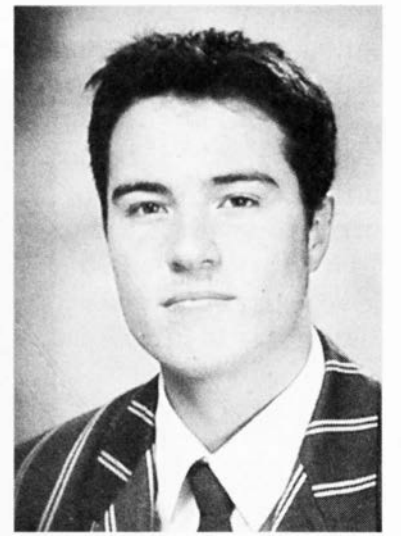
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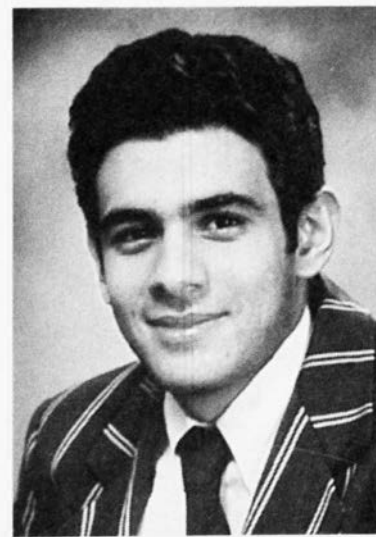
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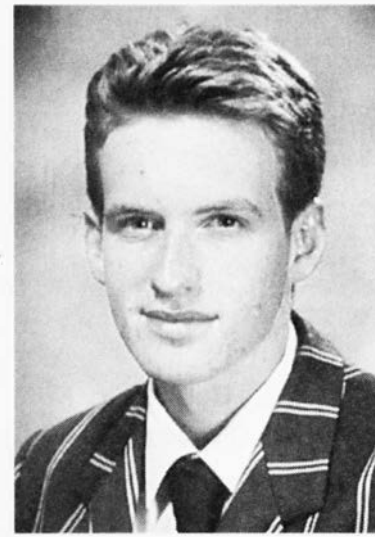
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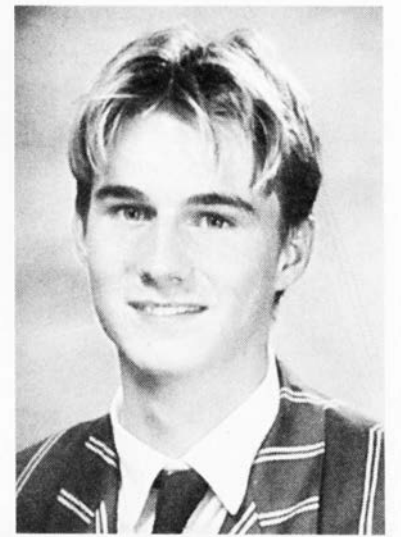
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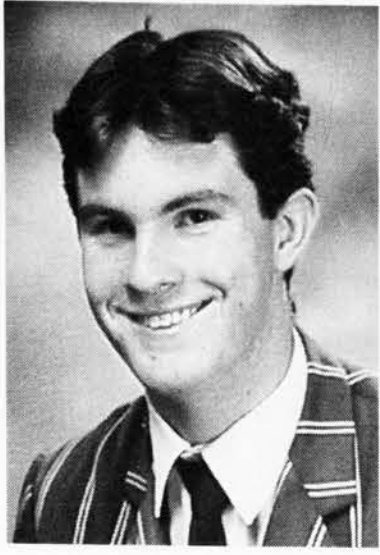
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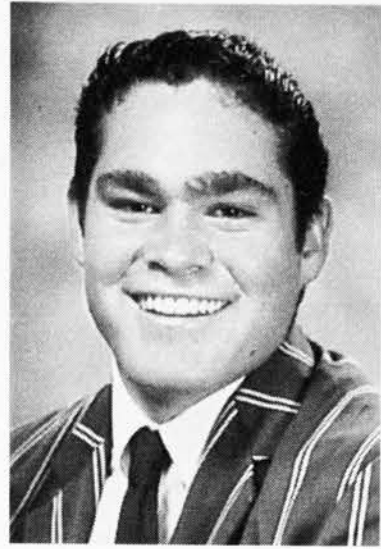
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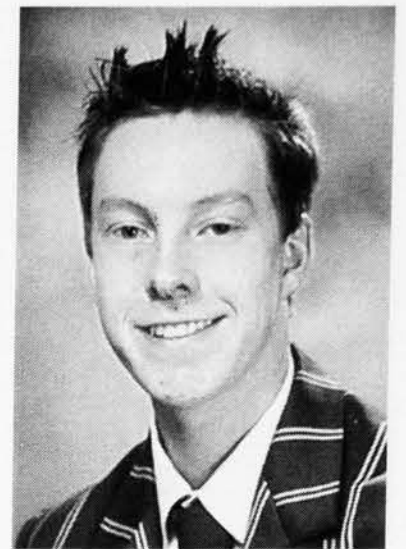
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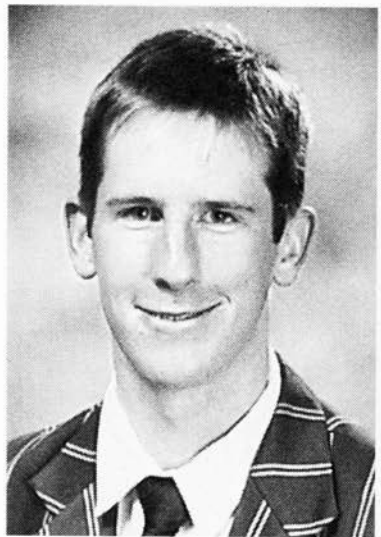
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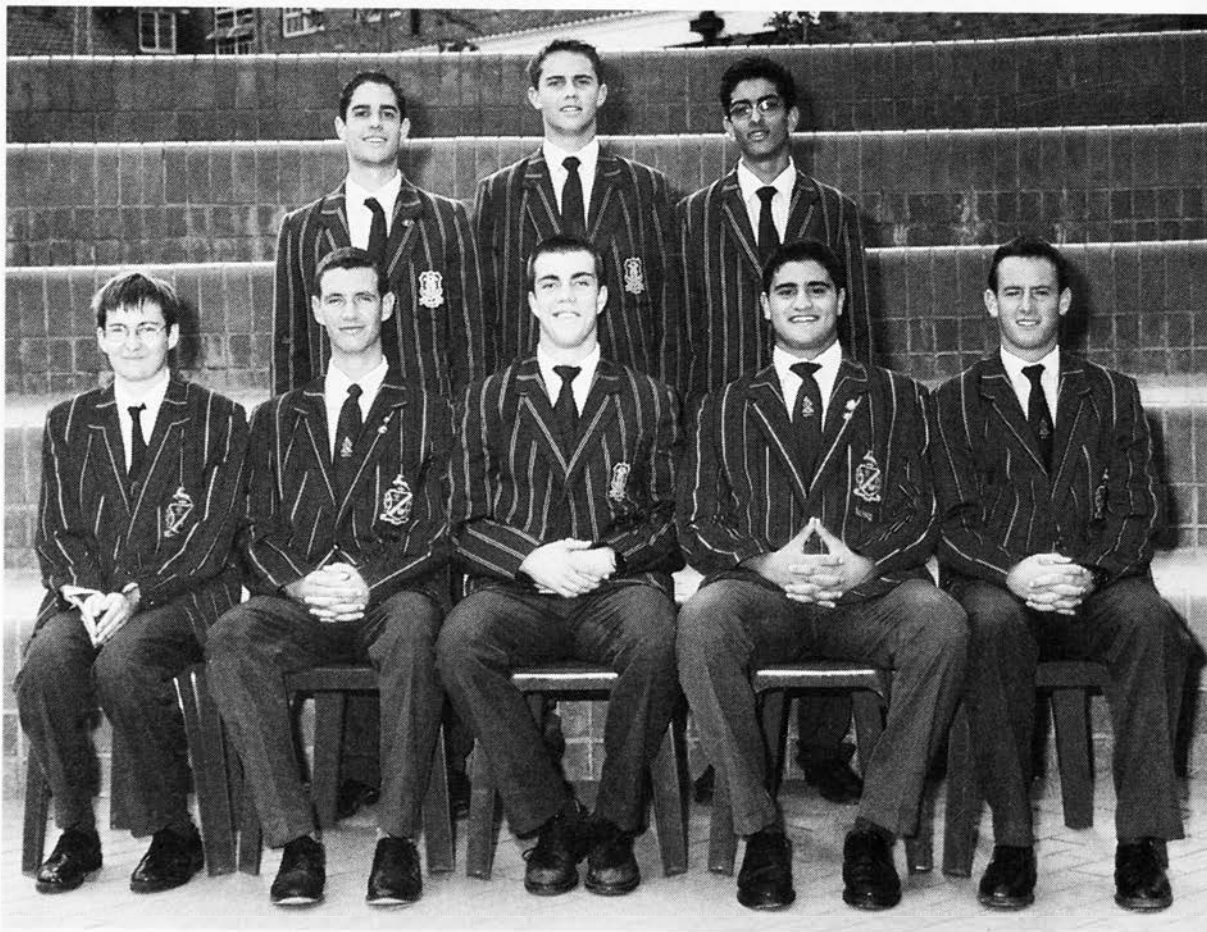
Tyrone Warneke



Andrew Williams



Andrew Witten



Grade 0 to Grade 12

Back row: M Cannata; P Smith; S Makan

Front row: J Ashforth; I Busschau; B O'Shea; A Chemaly; M Marsay

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Sons of old boys

Back row: J Simaan; A de Canha; A Rundell; N Quail; B Rowlings; C Knezovitch; K Biller; M Cameron
Front row: C Marsay; S Schoombie; A Castle; A Chemaly; D Busschau; R Smith; A Khoury

Parliament

Parliament is a pupil body that is unique to St David's. This forum's responsibility or function is "to make constructive suggestions to the Headmaster and staff in relation to matters affecting the running of the school and matters relating to the service that the school might render to society at large." The body does not have any legislative powers. Each house supplies two representatives per standard, but other pupils may attend as observers. The Head Prefect, Alfred Chemaly, filled the role of Prime Minister and it was his responsibility to appoint other prefects in the role of Cabinet Ministers. Parliament tries to meet every two weeks at second break on a Thursday.

The following prefects were appointed as the Cabinet for 1999:

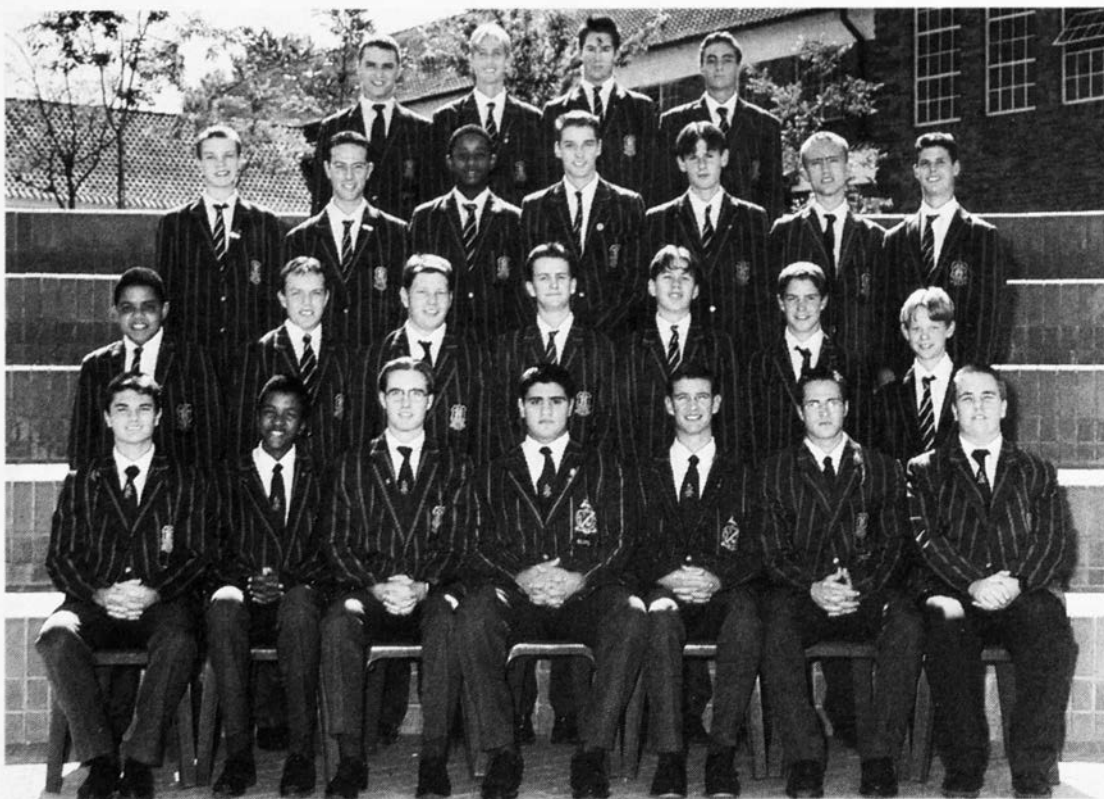
Minister of Catering:	G Brennon
Minister without Portfolio:	I Busschau
Minister of Cultural Activities:	M Skosana
Minister of Sport:	J Morte
Minister of Justice:	P Mostert

Minister of Public Relations:	M Lenz
Minister of the Environment:	D Biezaneck
Minister of Finance:	R Brunette
Parliamentary Secretary:	C Bredenoord

The most debated issue raised during the year was the prices and menu at the Tuckshop. Despite the pupils being quite vocal on this topic, no-one was prepared to take on the responsibility of preparing a proposal for Mrs. von Guillaume. Other topics of relative importance raised during the year included the need for more cultural activities, a cycling club, the comment reports and compulsory attendance at rugby fixtures.

As Speaker for 1999, I have enjoyed the opportunity of being part of this unique body. Next year Mr. Foulds takes over as Speaker and I hope that more of the debate can be translated into action in 2000.

Mr S Young



Parliament

Back row: J Robson; A Joubert; C Hepburn; A Hayes
Third row: K Gow; D Duarte; K Matseke; M Eilertsen; M Tyack; K Wales; S Aronson
Second row: E James; B Annegarn; M Schafer; A Sleight; M Cameron; S Schoombie; G Allen
Front row: R Brunette; M Skosana; M Lenz; A Chemaly; I Busschau; D Biezaneck; C Bredenoord

Independent Examinations Board

Senior Certificate Examination Results 1999

Subjects in brackets indicate distinctions

Passed with Matriculation Exemption

J Ashforth (English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Science)
 G Atkinson
 D Biezanek
 G Borman (Mathematics, Science)
 D Boyd
 D Bradbury (Mathematics)
 C Bredenoord
 G Brennon
 S Browne (Art)
 R Brunette (Mathematics)
 F Bush
 I Busschau
 M Cannata
 A Chemaly
 H Cheng
 D Clover (Accounting)
 D Cochrane
 J Farrell (Mathematics)
 G Finnemore
 K Haswell (Accounting)
 A Holmes
 A Horsfield
 D Jackson
 L Johnson (Art)
 A Kanter (English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Science, Art,
 Additional Mathematics)
 P Kuzwayo
 B Leadbeater
 M Lenz
 L Liddiard (Mathematics, Science, Geography, Art,
 Additional Mathematics)
 M Lopes (Accounting)
 A Macfarlane (Science SG)
 S Makan
 M Marchand
 M Marsay
 T Masterton
 J Morte
 P Mostert
 M Paschkewitz
 D Randall
 N Risi
 J Robson
 R Roman (Afrikaans)
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 P Smith
 K Speirs

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 P Taliadoros
 N Thokan
 C Thomas (Science)
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 G Thomas
 T Warneke
 A Williams

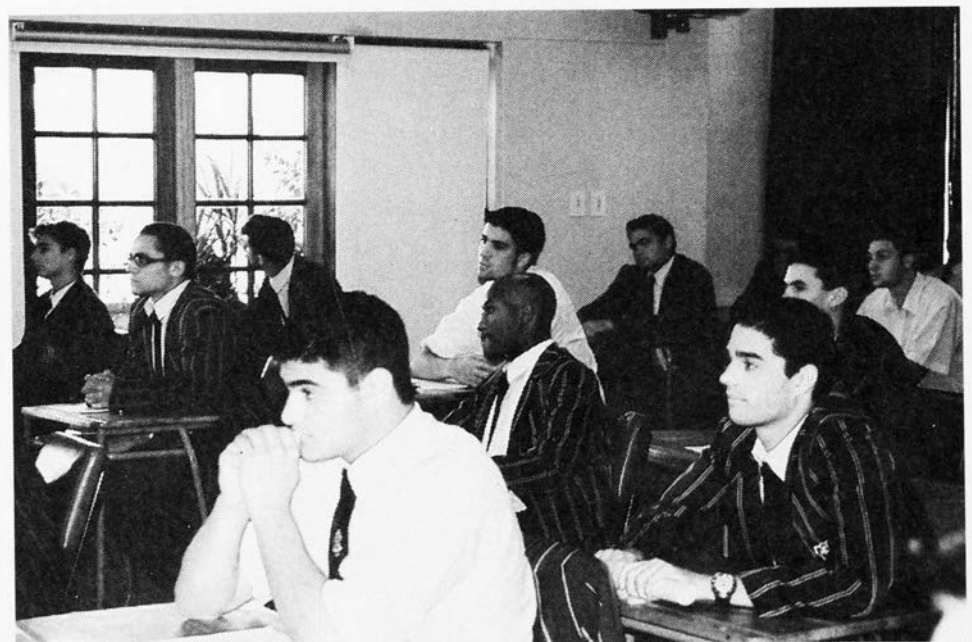
Passed with conditional Matriculation Exemption:

J Lekalakala
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Passed without Matriculation Exemption

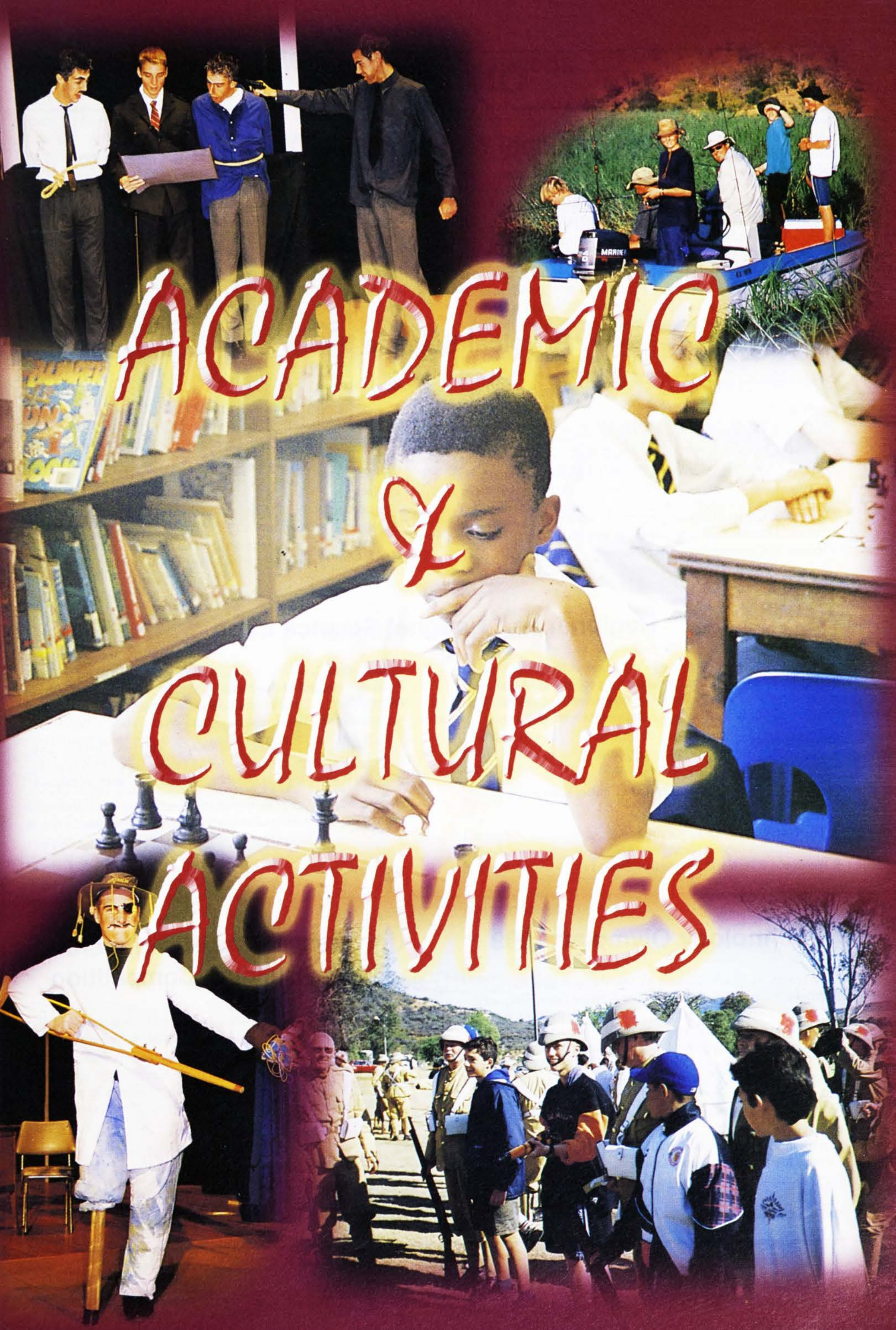
P Dladla
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 B Hubbard
 E Jones
 C Shaw
 J Tonetti
 M Tyack
 A Witten

**Four candidates attained "A" aggregates
 There were no failures**



A pensive moment as the Matric examinations get under way

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Olympiads

1998 National Youth Science Olympiad

The first round of the Science Olympiad was written on 19 May by thirty Grade 10, 11 and 12 pupils at St David's. Based on the results of this round seven boys were selected to write the second round in September.

The final results of this Olympiad were as follows:
Placed in the top 100: Michael Schafer

Placed in the top 200: Bradley Jackson and Philip Raw
Placed in the top 250: Gian-Paolo Pera
Placed in the top 400: Irvine Lehloo and Kyle Wales
Placed in the top 500: Michael Gibson

Mrs K Emery

Physical Science Expo

Certificates were awarded to the following boys:

Grade 8

1st place: R Thackwell/M Thomas (water saver)
2nd place: P van den Houten (solar water still)
3rd place: D Giacobazzi/C de Siena (Daco 3-in-1)

Grade 9

1st place: B Rowley/R Hoosen (electricity saver)
2nd place: J Davidson/B Annegarn (can you smell?)
3rd place: M Cameron (computer lessons)

Grade 10

1st place: G Ronaldson (fourth umpire)
2nd place: S Mitchell/G Lindsay (auto baby rocker)
3rd place: A Futcher/C MacPherson (anti-virus system)

Grade 11

1st place: N Nosworthy (pressure cannon)
2nd place: R Brady (alluvial diamond mining)
3rd place: A Tennant (polytube)

Mrs K Emery

Regional and National Science Expo

St David's entered 29 projects in the Regional Expo, held at JCE on Saturday 31 July. The standard of projects this year was greatly improved as is evidenced by the number of gold medals awarded to our boys. The individual results were as follows:

Bronze medals

R Thackwell and M Thomas (Grade 8)
B Rowley and R Hoosen (Grade 9)
J Lemm, G Johnston, A Tennant and N Ridley (Grade 11)

Silver medals

M Truscott and RR Clarke (Grade 8)
G Pooley and M Gibson (Grade 10)
R Weedon, GP Pera and M Schafer (Grade 11)

Gold medals

P van den Houten, D Giacobazzi and C de Siena (Grade 8)
G Ronaldson, A Futcher and C MacPherson (Grade 10)
R Brady (Grade 11)

Richard Brady, Greg Ronaldson, Andrew Futcher and Cameron MacPherson were invited to exhibit their projects at the National Science Expo in October. Their results were as follows:

Silver medal: Greg Ronaldson (third umpire)

Bronze medal: Andrew Futcher/Cameron MacPherson
(anti-virus system)

Mrs K Emery

Technology Olympiad 1999

Four teams of Grade 10 and 11 pupils opted to enter the Technology Olympiad instead of the Science Expo. They were presented with an engineering problem, which they had to research, and were then asked to design a working model to solve the particular problem. They were adjudicated initially on their written entries and designs. Three of the teams qualified as regional finalists, which place them among the top 25 entries nationwide.

The following boys are to be congratulated on their achievement:

Marco Vidulich and Richard Willis
Gabriele Maraschin and Craig Cikara
Rory Atkinson, Rhys Davies and Geoffrey Naudé

Mrs K Emery

University of the Witwatersrand Bridge-Building Competition

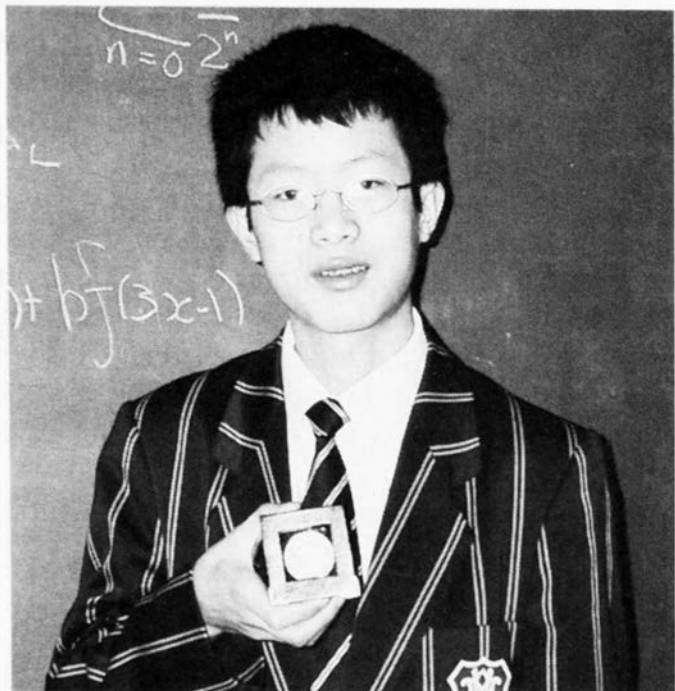
St David's entered four teams in the 1999 regional bridge-building competition. Out of 44 teams entered, St David's were placed 13th, 16th, 20th and 23rd.

Mrs K Emery

Mathematics Olympiads

1999 has been another very good year of Maths Olympiad results for St David's.

In the AMESA (Gauteng) Mini Maths Olympiad, Shen Tian (Grade 9) and Brendan Murray (Grade 10) achieved 100% and tied for first place along with a competitor from St John's. Marco Vidulich (Grade 10) scored 90%. The trophy for the top school in the junior section went to St David's.



*Shen Tian: gold medallist
in the Old Mutual Maths Olympiad*

In the senior section Ashley Kanter (Grade 12) came 5th with 84%, Rhys Davies (Grade 11) tied in 10th place and Ryan Brunette (Grade 12) tied in 16th place. St John's won the trophy in this section but St David's effort was enough to see our team walk away with the trophy for the best school overall, and this for the second consecutive year. Well done!

In the Old Mutual Maths Olympiad, 5 senior and 20 junior pupils qualified for the second round. This is a national competition and the multiple-choice questions are very challenging. Ashley Kanter fared best among our seniors, achieving a category 2 result. In the junior section Shen Tian came in the top 20% of the participants and was invited to write the final round of the Olympiad. Other noteworthy results were achieved by Gareth Jago, Damien Bruneau, Gaurav Nair, James Reeves and Douglas Wood (all category 2). The proverbial cherry on the top came when we were informed that Shen had performed the best of all the junior finalists in the country and had been awarded a gold medal. Congratulations Shen, we are very proud of you!

Shen was also selected to represent Southern Gauteng in the Interprovincial Maths Olympiad. His contribution helped his team to win this competition for the first time in many years.

My grateful thanks must go to all the pupils who so readily participate in the various Maths Olympiads - your spirit is commendable. To those who manage to achieve good results, well done!

Miss L Henning

English Olympiad

The English Olympiad always provides a challenge for all participating learners - whether they be linguistically gifted or not. This year was no different. The theme "Crime in Literature" demanded a wide range of responses that focused on the candidates' understanding of contextual morality. Hopefully, there emerged an eventual understanding of the difference between revenge and justice!

The major frustrations in this year's examination were the unavailability of prescribed texts and ensuing debate around the suitability of the prescribed texts.

The following boys participated successfully:

Grade 12

Ashley Kanter	Silver Award
James Robson	Bronze Award
Lawrence Liddiard	Bronze Award

Grade 11

Gian-Paola Pera	Bronze Award
Michael Schafer	Bronze Award
Garth Horsten	Bronze Award
David Duarte	Bronze Award
Irvine Lehloo	Bronze Award
Rhys Davies	Bronze Award
Philip Raw	Bronze Award
Kyle Wales	Merit Award

Grade 10

Gilbert Pooley	Bronze Award
Brendan Murray	Merit Award

Mrs D. Cameron

Afrikaans Olimpiade

Oor vyftig Graad 9 - 12 leerlinge het aan vanjaar se Olimpiade deelgeneem. Die uitslae was ietwat teleurstellend wanneer n mens dit met vorige jare s'n vergelyk. Dit bly egter nog steeds n goeie manier om ons leerlinge se kommunikatiewe vermoëns te toets.

Twee matriekleerlinge het hulself as die top Afrikaans-leerlinge onderskei, naamlik Rodney Roman en Ashley Kanter.

e-pos in Afrikaans!? Hoekom nie ?

Danksy Michael Schafer se inisiatief, het die Afrikaans Departement (die enigste departement) nou 'n e-pos adres. Wie sê ons kan nie tegnologies en dinamies wees nie?

Ons graag e-pos stuur?

Ons adres is: Maristcol@uskonet.co.za

Vlerkdans

Miskien handel die lewe oor iets belangriker as die besonderhede wat 'n individu se ondervinding besonders maak. Miskien is daar iets universeels - 'n universiële ondervinding. En dis diè iets waarvoor VLERKDANS gaan en die rede waarom Barrie Hough se boek en Liz Meiring se toneelstuk 'n groot sukses is. Na ons besoek aan die Staatsteater een Vrydagaand in Pretoria het ek deur middel van die internet met Liz en Barrie kontak gemaak en St. David's was die eerste skool wat die inisiatief gehad het om hulle uit te nooi.

Vlerkdans is die verhaal van 'n buitengewone vriendskap tussen 'n jong kunstenaar, Hannes, en 'n welopgevoede danser, Anton, altwee slagoffers van ander mense se vooroordele omdat hulle as anders beskou word, en ten spyte van hierdie vooroordele steun aan mekaar moet verleen toe Anton met vigs gediagnoseer is omdat hy vroër as 'n roekelose tiener dwelms misbruik het. Maar dit gaan nie net oor hulle vriendskap nie, maar oor alle vriendskappe en alle verhoudings wat die beste in mense uitbring en wat sommige mense die moed gee om teen hopelose sake te stry. Dis 'n inspirasie wat die grootword van sy held te boek stel en wat bo die hartseer 'n mens heel laat voel.

Die bekende aktrise/regisseuse, Liz Meiring, het Hough genader met die voorstel om sy roman op te voer en het ook die

teks geskryf. Hy het self, nie genoeg tyd gehad nie, maar Hough, 'n toneelkritikus, het insae in elke stap van die proses gehad, repetisies bygewoon en het ook inspraak gehad in die keuse van akteurs.

Hough en Meiring betreur die feit dat daar nog nie genoeg boeke is wat tot jong mense spreek nie of genoeg jeugteater is nie, maar beide Hough en Meiring het 'n deernis vir tieners en hulle het 'n werklike begrip van die dinge waarmee jong mense sukkel. VLERKDANS preek nie, maar dit het beslis 'n boodskap en onderrig baie lesse.

Op 'n dag het Meiring en twee van die akteurs, Wikus du Toit en Francois Henning, na ons skool gekom en die Kingsmead standaard nege meisies. Barrie Hough was ongelukkig in Amerika, maar het my een Saterdagmiddag gebel en die boek bespreek.

Ons is almal dankbaar dat hulle sonder enige beloning tyd aan ons afgestaan het om ons begrip van die stuk te verbeter en geduldig na ons geluister het toe ons ons mening daarvoor in Afrikaans probeer gee het.

Ons sien verseker uit na meer sulke ervarings en uitstappies in die jaar 2000!!

Kyle Wales (Gr. 11B)



Kingsmead Graad 11 leerlinge by St David's



Toneelspelers en regisseuse van "Vlerkdans" met P Raw en N Powell



St David's en Kingsmead Afrikaans leerkragte met Liz Meiring, regisseuse van "Vlerkdans"

History Tours

Anglo-Boer War (1899–1999) Centenary Year

In order to commemorate the events of the Anglo-Boer War the St David's History Department embarked on a tour of the battlefields of Natal. This took place over the October mid-term break. A new experiment was tried with a combined high school and prep tour, which was a great success.

On the Friday morning our tourists made their way down towards Volksrust and then on towards the imposing Hill of Doves - Majuba. Here our guide gave us a brief background to this conflict of the first Anglo-Boer war. A testing but enjoyable climb followed. At the summit we were rewarded with a spectacular view and an explanation of that fateful day for the British in 1881. The afternoon took us to a large laager of bronzed wagons - Blood River. We learnt a few new facts about this encounter between the Boers and the Zulu in 1838. Above all we learnt that to understand an historical event one needs to understand the psychology of the participants. Arrogance, intimidation, fears, superstitions and superiority are concepts which often explain historical happenings.



The history tour party with the Hill of Doves, Majuba, in the background.



The St David's wargame attempted at the top of Isandhlwana



Kyle Wales ready to do battle in British colours

On Saturday morning we headed for Ladysmith via one of the first encounters of the second Anglo-Boer War - Elandshoogte. We were very fortunate to run into two "Boers" sitting in their bakkie waiting for a group of tourists to arrive by train. On to Ladysmith and the siege museum, followed by a visit to a private collection of memorabilia kept in a home-made blockhouse owned by one of the locals. The big moment arrived later that morning - Spioenkop. Standing on that quiet, deserted hilltop we could only imagine the noise, suffering and death of hundreds of men in January 1900.

Every successful tour needs moments of relaxation. Saturday afternoon we found ourselves at a lake in Glencoe. Here the boys enjoyed a few water sports with jet-skis, motorboats and rubber dinghies.

Sunday our attention moved away from the Anglo-Boer War to the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879. The battlefields of Isandhlwana and Rorke's Drift were visited. On Sunday afternoon we were given a special treat - a re-enactment of the battle of Talana in Dundee. The deafening noise of blank cartridges and the occasional big explosion gave our boys a sobering taste of what war is all about. It is hoped that they learnt that war is not to be glorified but to be abhorred and avoided. Our excellent guide was the commander-in-chief of the British forces at the "battle of Talana." He was very informative and interesting, and taught the boys to think about what they read and not just accept everything.

Monday morning we left our accommodation at Fort Mistake (excellent food, activities and comfortable accommodation) and made our way back to Johannesburg happy and enriched.



Making friends with a friendly "boer" as the Union Jack and the Vierkleur fly behind this happy group



Displaying the flag and the scarf of a certain football club at the top of Spioenkop

Grade 8 visit to Wits University



*Archaeological exhibit at Museum Africa.
Curtis Geils shows interest*

This was an excursion to the Department of Palaeontology and Archaeology. Professor Bruce Rubbidge gave a lecture on the origins of life on earth and introduced the theory of evolution. History was put into perspective as the boys were made aware of what a relative late-comer man is to the whole story of creation. We were also treated to a visit to the laboratory where technicians were painstakingly removing fossils from their ancient rock housing. From Wits we made our way to Museum Africa to look at displays of Stone Age and Iron Age man. The history of photography exhibit was also particularly interesting.



A palaeontological technician busy in the Wits laboratory



Professor Rubbidge imparting some of his vast knowledge

Grade 9 trip to the SA Museum of Military History

Much of the Grade 9 syllabus this year had centred on the rise of Hitler and the Second World War. It being the centenary of the Anglo-Boer War, a section was also completed on this event. The boys were shown a video on the horrors of the Holocaust in Germany - the particular aim was to show the consequences of racism and hate. The Rev Bruce had a few words to say to the boys at the conclusion of the video. Thereafter they were given worksheets which they filled in as they perused the museum.



Exploring the exhibits at the Military History Museum

Young Historians' Conference

This annual event was held at Crawford College in 1999. Two boys each from Grades 9, 10 and 11 were entered. The boys presented speeches of approximately 15 minutes on a topic within a given theme, giving our boys valuable public speaking exposure. Congratulations to Kyle Wales, Brendan Murray and Marco Mavromaras who made it through to the final round. This was a notable achievement, considering that about twenty schools from throughout Gauteng had entered.

Mr S Fry



Entrants for the Conference in the halls of Crawford College

Anti-rape pledge

As a result of discussion and transactional writing lessons in the English class, a group of Grade 11 pupils became concerned about the high incidence of rape and abuse of women in South African society. They published the following letter in the Mail and Guardian of 28 May 1999.

We write as a group of male Grade 11 students at St David's Marist College, Johannesburg, to express our shock and outrage at the horrific epidemic of rape infecting our society.

As men we undertake:

Never to rape

*To treat the women in our lives with dignity and respect
As husbands and fathers, to foster a culture of love and respect, rather than violence and aggression, towards women.*

D Bauer, R Brady, G Collister, R Davies, D Duarte, M Eilertsen, W Exton, C Hepburn, G Horsten, G Johnston, A Joubert, I Lehloo, G Maraschin, A Parker, GP Pera, C Proudfoot, M Ramsden, P Raw, N Ridley, M Schafer, K Sterrenberg, K Wales

About forty boys also had letters published individually in various newspapers and magazines, dealing with the same issue.

The reaction to the pledge has been extraordinary. It has been featured in numerous newspapers and periodicals, and on both English and Afrikaans radio. A group of the boys presented a short talk on the rape problem to over a thousand of their peers at a JOCASCO Mass at Johannesburg cathedral, and the Gauteng Democratic Party visited an assembly to take up the pledge as a project in township schools.



JOCASCO anti-rape presentation group
Mr S Foulds, A Parker, G Johnston, M Eilertsen,
A Joubert, P Raw, GP Pera, R Davies

Afrikaans en die media

Die Graad 11 B-klas is 'n Engelse opdrag gegee om n brief aan die redakteur van 'n koerant te skryf. Die klas het besluit om iets oor verkragting in Suid Afrika te doen - om rede verkragting nie 'n vroue probleem is nie - die verantwoordelikheid lê volledig by die manne.

Die reaksie op ons briewe en beloftes was massief. Hulle het in agt verskillende koerante verskyn - 'n paar honderd uitgawes. Ons het ook eenduisend tweehonderd (1200) mense by die Johannesburg Katedraal toegesprek, terwyl 'n Gautengse magistraat ons 'n onderhoud toegestaan het.

Ek het besluit om ons inisiatief nog verder te neem deur aan 'n paar Afrikaanse koerante per e-pos te skryf. My brief het in RAPPORT (6 Junie 1999) asook in KEUR (2 Julie 1999) verskyn. Korrespondensie in Afrikaans, wat my standpunt ondersteun, is alreeds deur my in ontvangs geneem.

Ek is ook die geleentheid gegun om op Vrydag 26 November 1999 in 'n regstreekse onderhoud met Punt Radio in Afrikaans, ons poging om verkragting te verminder, te bespreek. Dit was 'n baie opwindende ondervinding en ek wil my dank aan mev. Schumyn uitspreek wat my vir die onderhoud voorberei het.

Om saam te vat - vyf-en-twintig jong manne wou nie net passief toekyk terwyl die hoë verkragting frekwensie in S.A. voortduur nie. Hulle het besluit om te poog om 'n paar honderd-duisend mense in die verband te mobiliseer. Hulle klein "druppeltjie in die oseaan" was bedoel om kulturele, sosiale en politieke verskille te oorbrug en mense saam teen verkragting te laat werk.

Garth Horsten
(Graad 11B)

Art Exhibition

A great variety of art was on display at the College Annual Art Exhibition, in which themes were lively, colourful as well as more sombre and serious. The adjudication was performed by Rafiq Sarlie, an ex-pupil of St David's who achieved a distinction for Art. The guest speaker was Mrs Donna White, a well known artist who has exhibited in South Africa and internationally.

The Matric pupils excelled with works ranging from Michel Marchand's large welded fish to Hoi Cheng's sculpture of victims of a mudslide; from Ashley Kanter's photography of exceptional tonal variety and composition to Michel Tyack's musician; to exceptional drawing of war scenes with a difference from Laurence Johnson and Simon Browne.

First place in Matric was tied among four pupils: Ashley Kanter (photography), Michel Marchand (sculpture), Simon Browne and Laurence Johnson (drawing).

First place in Grade 11 went to Philip Raw, second place to Andre Munro and third place to David Duarte.

The Grade 10s were congratulated on their innovative sculpted chairs. The first place was a tie between Jonathan Joustra (modernist railway sleeper chair) and Andrew Brady (skateboard

chair). Second place went to Damon Wark and Brennan Lewis, with Mark Tonetti in third place.

The wire sculpture of the Grade 9s included bicycles, dolphins, fruit baskets and an aeroplane. The most outstanding pupils in Grade 9 were Shen Tian, Brendan Lambert and Matthew Brink. The Grade 9 colour poems, plus their illustrations, received many complimentary comments.

No individual places were awarded in Grade 8 as there were many excellent self portraits in constructed frames, "fruit face" collages and negative space designs. The following were highly commended: M Alford, D Bruneau, J Cohen, R di Giorgio, G Little, R Lobban, J Oberholzer, M Shea, J Sturzenegger, N Ansell, J Arnesen, A Hoffe, J Mazaham, G Nieman, D Rodrigues, L Stirk, R Thackwell, M Thomas, C Vallis, C van Zyl, D Wood, G Allen, R Botes, RR Clarke, R Finch, A Frankiskos, T Johnson, J Pohlman, E Raffner, P Sandland, M Truscott, K Biller, R Brocco, C Geils, D Giacobazzi, A Green, N Harding, R Lambert, C McWilliams, J Simaan, N Smith, G Tucci and M Tyack.

Mrs A Carter

Fishing Trips

1999 Fishing Trip to Clarens



We had been anxiously awaiting the fishing trip since the day we were told about it in the second term. The holidays drew to an end and although we were not looking forward to school, we had the comfort of knowing that we would be going fishing the very weekend we got back. On Friday the 3rd September we were all set to go.

Having never been there before we didn't know what to expect. We all had our ideas of what it would be like. The trip went quite quickly and we arrived at the main gate in the

late afternoon. After receiving directions to our bungalow from a somewhat intoxicated security guard we were quite confused, but managed to find our way. We were greeted and welcomed by our guides; Tony Kietzmann, Turner Wilkinson and Hester Planck.

We unpacked our luggage and settled all our disputes of who would sleep where. Then we were given a lecture on the numerous natural foods of trout. We learned about all the different rises of the fish and how to tell what they were feeding on. From this we could decide what fly to use. After the lecture we knew that we were in the hands of real professionals. Some of the group stayed up till well after midnight tying their own flies.

On the Saturday morning most of us woke before dawn to go and put our newly acquired knowledge to the test. It was that 12 pound giant that we had set out to catch. As we all soon found out, it was harder than we thought. The guides later arrived to show us how it was done. We were split up into groups, half of us went to the river and the other half went to a larger dam. Both of which were equally exciting. I personally preferred the river, where stalking the fish and successfully presenting your fly in difficult situations was the challenge. It was at the dam, however, that most of the fish were caught.

The Saturday afternoon seemed to be the most productive, almost everyone at the dam having caught, or at least hooked into a fish. Although fish weren't the only things we had caught. Michael Rands managed to successfully land an accidentally entangled bat, and I had enough luck to catch the only clawed toad of the weekend. That evening the prizes were awarded. Andrew Hammond got the first prize of a fishing rod and Levi Olver got the second prize of a fly box. There were also various other prizes awarded. I would like to thank Laxton's for donating the prizes.

We were later shown the gory process of gutting and filleting a trout. We learnt how to improve on our casting techniques and tie a number of essential knots. Whatever we learned was by a process of demonstration, which made it infinitely easier to understand.

Having learnt way more than we had ever expected to, we would have willingly stayed for the rest of the week. It was for fear of causing widespread panic amongst the mothers that we had to leave on time. The journey home was not uneventful. Having witnessed the car in front of us running over a mongoose, Mr Craven, being the opportunist that he is, salvaged the corpse for fly-tying materials. I can't exactly say that I landed a fish but I did come back with a lot more than I left with. I can truly say that we all enjoyed the trip and we are all looking forward to the next one.

Thank you to Mr Craven and Mr Behr for a wonderful weekend.

M Brink

Zimbabwe fishing trip – April 1999



Mr Mc Millan, Dayne Shillaw, Levi Olver, Matthew Cameron, Mark Schoombie, Allan Horsfield, Glynn Allen, Mr Mitchley, Alex de Ujfalussy and Kyle Biller

Mr. Mitchley, Mr. McMillan and eight pupils departed early on a Thursday morning in April and headed towards Bulawayo via Beitbridge. Our first night was spent at Retreat Lodge 45km from Bulawayo where we immediately started fishing in our own private dam at the lodge. The next day we left and travelled to Victoria Falls where we spent two nights. At Victoria Falls we visited the National Park and watched the bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls bridge on the Zambia/Zimbabwe border. The Victoria Falls Hotel was visited for afternoon drinks where Mr. Mitchley insisted we see the railway station. The sunset was spectacular at the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge deck where animals drank at the water hole just below.

Msuna fishing village is on the Zambezi River between the Falls and Lake Kariba. Our next six days were spent fishing on the river. We were provided with two boats and every morning and afternoon the enthusiastic fishermen would be out trying their luck/skill. Tiger fish, our main objective proved elusive but Bream and Chesa were plentiful. The expert, Mr. McMillan caught very little while some of the apprentices proved to be more successful. Mark Schoombie landed a 6 kg Cornish Jack while Mr. Mitchley caught a 2,5 kg Bottlenose and a 2,5 kg Cornish Jack. The weather was perfect at Msuna, as each day was cloudless with temperatures exceeding 35° C.

On our return journey to Johannesburg, we stayed in the bush camp at Ben Lavin Nature Reserve. The Spur in Louis Trichardt was the venue for our final dinner at the end of a marvellous trip. My thanks to Mr Chris Shillaw and Mr John Rosenfels for their hard work and kind assistance.

M. Mitchley



Mark Schoombie with his 6kg Cornish Jack

*Fishing for Bream in the reeds
Glynn Allen Tyrone Baker,
Levi Olver, Mr McMillan,
Matthew Cameron,
Allan Horsefield*

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SMILE

WHAT IS SMILE?

It is a dynamic community programme that aims at reducing the alarming drop-out rate in local Black schools.

English-medium instruction starts in Grade 5 and this causes grave difficulties to those children whose mother tongue is not English.

By teaching conversational skills to Grade 5 - 7 pupils, the pupils gain confidence in the English language and are encouraged to remain at school.

SMILE and St. David's

Every Wednesday (for the last six years) SMILE GUIDES (Grade 10-12 pupils) play host to 48 Grade 5 pupils from different Black primary schools in Gauteng. In 1999 the pupils came from Tembisa.

During this one afternoon per week, the children are exposed to conversational English. They interact with two teachers, who together with the Guides, endeavour to increase their confidence and competence in speaking English.



Pupils at work



*Theme: food
Grade 5 pupils icing biscuits*



SMILE guides

Standing: T Dube; B Lewis; D Buttrick; S Mitchell

Seated: T Marais; T Teubner; A de Canha

That our very busy St. David's pupils find time to commit to this programme, is laudable. We appreciate the effort they put into the Wednesday afternoons.

This programme is of mutual benefit to all. Our own pupils derive great enjoyment from their participation in the programme and the Tembisa pupils improve their communicative ability.

Co-ordinating this programme has been an absolute pleasure! Long may it last!!!

Mrs BM Marais



Grade 5 pupils from Tembisa

The Dramatic Society

The Inter-House Play Festival 1999

Approximately 80 boys were involved, on and off the stage, in this year's festival and the adjudicators were unanimous in praising the high standard of all the productions. It was pleasing to see this important area of school life showing such growth and dynamism. Special mention should be made of Michael Schafer, Conan Green and Ashley Kanter, who produced original playscripts especially for the festival.

While a good audience turned out for the senior evening, it would still be gratifying to see more support from the school for the hard work and creativity which goes into this competition. Those of us who were present had a most enjoyable and entertaining time.

Mr S Foulds

JUNIOR FESTIVAL

BEST COSTUMES: Benedict: "Wanted: One Groom"

BEST SET: Benedict: "Wanted: One Groom"

BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE: Grant Gardner (Benedict)

Highly commended: Maqhawe Dlodlo (Benedict)

BEST ACTOR IN A MAJOR ROLE: Blake McLuckie (Benedict)

Highly commended: Matthew Cameron (College)

BEST PLAY: Benedict's production of "Wanted: One Groom"
Produced by Philip Raw and Dean Thomas

SENIOR FESTIVAL

BEST COSTUMES: Osmond: "Bang Bang You're Dead"

BEST SET: Osmond: "Bang Bang You're Dead"

BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE: Gilbert Pooley (The Bishops)

Highly commended: Antonio Romano (Osmond)

Michael Rands (College)

Andrew Levy (Benedict)

BEST ACTOR IN A MAJOR ROLE: Gareth Rees (The Bishops)

Highly commended: Marco Mavromaras (Osmond)

Michael Schafer (The Bishops)

BEST PLAY: The Bishops' production of "I Spy"

Produced by Musi Skosana

Runner up: Osmond's production of "Bang Bang You're Dead"

The School Play: *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*

For many years school plays at St David's were rehearsed and presented on a stage not much bigger than a postage stamp, with sound and lighting facilities which were primitive to say the least. The opening of the Champagnat Hall thus presented the Dramatic Society with both an opportunity and a challenge - the opportunity to avail ourselves of excellent stage facilities, and the challenge to make good use of them. Ambitiously we embarked on *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, a complex political farce.

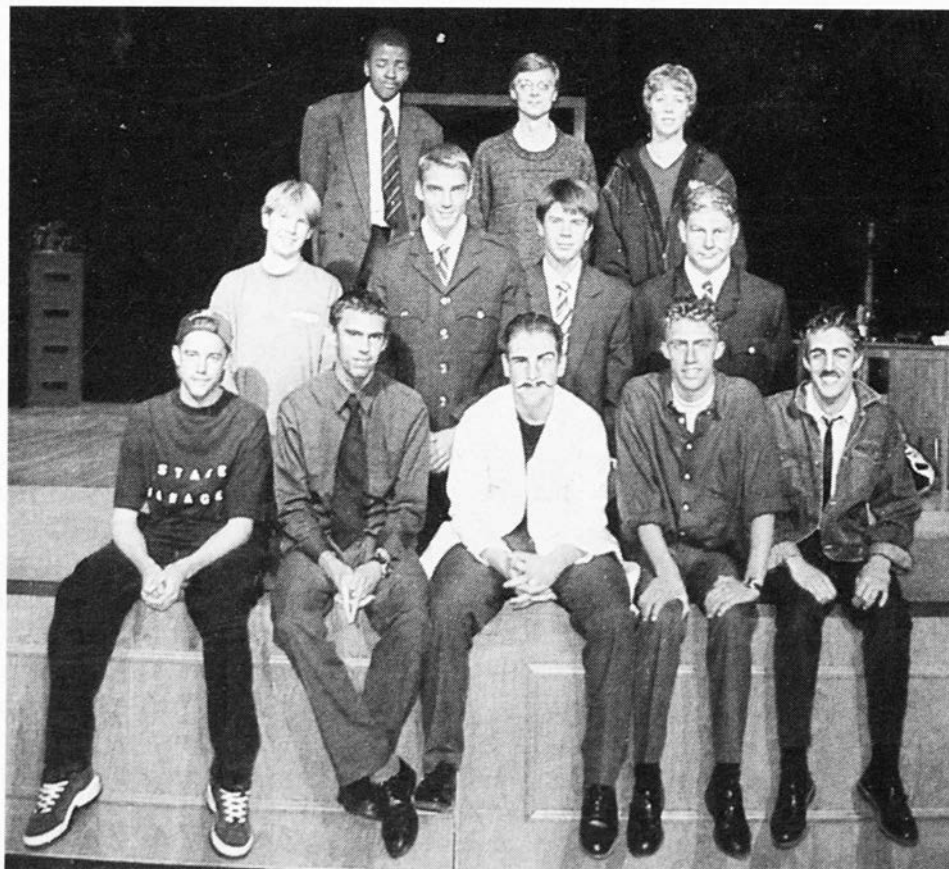
A notorious West End hit, *Anarchist* is a sharp and hilarious satire on police corruption and brutality in Italy. It concerns itself with the actual case of an anarchist railway worker, who, it was claimed, "fell" to his death from a police headquarters window in 1969. The resulting trial ended in a great smokescreen, in which senior state and police officials were acquitted.

While the various attempts at coverups revealed in the play seem impossibly funny, they are factually accurate renditions of the authentic documents employed as evidence in the trial. It was Dario Fo's project to counteract the reluctance of the Italian and international media to challenge the police version of events and he does so with brilliant comic incisiveness. After the laughter however, we are left (as the playwright intended) with some uncomfortable memories of events in the recent past of our own country. The play is vastly more amusing than the Truth and Reconciliation Commission perhaps, but no less thought-provoking.

Anarchist was difficult and exhausting to prepare for performance, particularly for Brendan Murray in the very long lead role. Nevertheless the entire crew enjoyed themselves immensely, learning some important theatrical lessons about the demands of ensemble performance along the way. We were pleased to see that, if laughter and applause are a reliable indication, our audiences had an equally enjoyable experience.

My thanks go to all those, on and off the stage, who made the 1999 school play such a success. In particular I would like to thank my wife for the superb programmes and posters, Mrs Vroom backstage and the Reverend Bruce for managing front of house.

Mr S Foulds



Cast and backstage crew

Front: M Graham, A Kanter, B Murray, R Pizzi, M Lopes

2nd row: N Powell, M Eilertsen, G Pooley, M Schafer

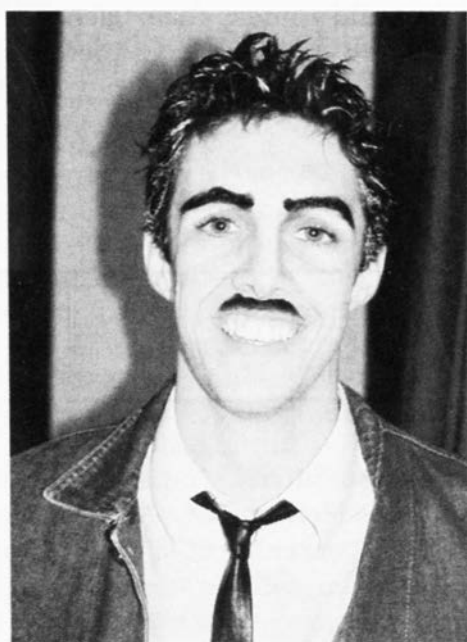
Back: M Skosana, Mr S Foulds, Mrs T Vroom



*Brendan Murray as the Maniac
in cunning disguise*



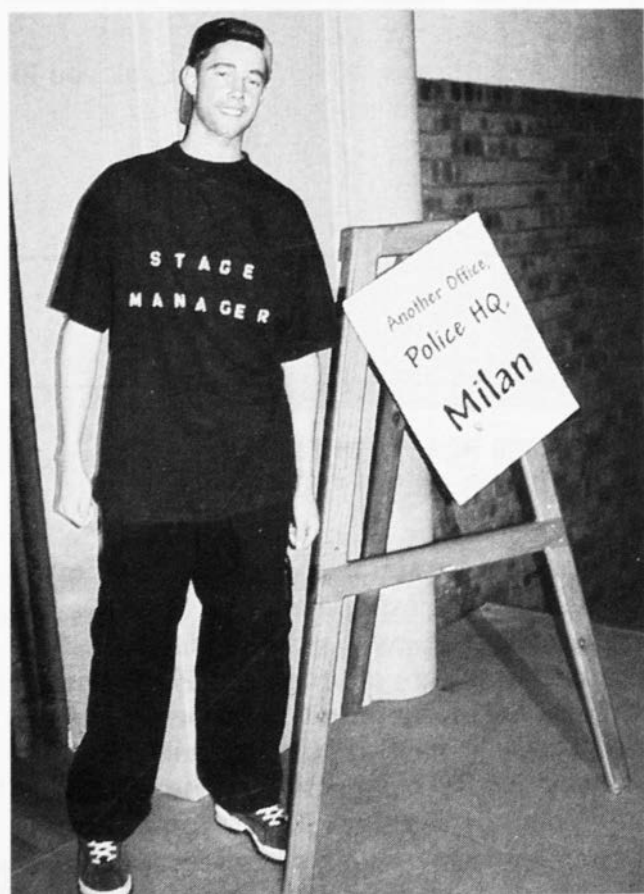
*Ashley Kanter as Bertozzo and Michael Schafer as the First
Constable take the Maniac to task*



*A virtually unrecognisable
Marco Lopes as Pissani*



*The astounding truth becomes clear to Pissani, the Second Constable
(Michael Eilertsen) and the Superintendent (Riccardo Pizzi)*



Michael Graham as The Stage Manager

1999 Awards for Dramatics

Cultural Tie for Drama:

Brendan Murray
Gilbert Pooley
Ricardo Pizzi
Marco Lopes

Scrolls for Drama:

Ashley Kanter
Neil Powell
Musi Skosana

The Variety Concert

The 1999 Variety Concert was nothing less than a success. It was a night of music, poetry, good acting and laughter, and to top it all off, it was held in the new Champagnat Hall. The evening certainly did show that St David's has some very talented boys and even some talented staff!

The performance I most enjoyed came from the band "Rising Sunset". They played with precision and gusto and their lead singer, Alex, certainly set the boys alight with her seductive performance.

Our very own standup comedian, Marco Mavromaras, had the audience in stitches with his wisecracks, sarcasm and jokes. Michael Rands, Marco Vidulich and Brendan Murray presented a so-called Oscar evening which provided us with many laughs. Messrs Edey and Williams made a formidable singing duo that would have made Frank Sinatra smile. The lovely Miss Nolan melted our hearts with the song "Hero" while Mr Foulds showed us that he is a regular casanova on the guitar.

Other commendable performances were put in by Mr Buys and Mrs Sherratt, Mr McCaskill and David Duarte, while the "Smoking Lemons" made a great deal of noise!

The concert was a fun evening enjoyed by all with good attendance from the boys. It was a resounding success and we hope to see everyone there again next year.

G Frigenti Grade 10

During my time at the school I have had the pleasure of watching a dramatic cultural improvement. The numbers taking

part and the competition grow every year, and this year's Variety Concert was a superb function.

I was able to watch the concert grow from the beginning, from those first practices and flat notes until the lights, microphones and action of the two nights the event ran for. Although the concert was officially open to the paying and brave public on two nights, it was the second, Thursday, night that really came alive.

From backstage, the Wednesday performance ran like a dress rehearsal. There were stressing teachers from every department. The juggling of lights on, right music on, right people on, and then the right words from Mr Foulds proved far too great a task for mere mortal St David's boys.

Although the numbers attending on the first night were by no means impressive, the crowd seemed to have a good laugh, whether at the expense of the backstage crew or at the sheer talent and wit of the performers. The second night, however, ran as well as any performance that has graced the St David's cultural calendar.

What was particularly pleasing about the whole experience was the lessons learnt by the performers, the lessons learnt by the lighting and sound "specialists" and the confidence the concert gave others to come forward and confess their talents for next year's show. After the two bands' performances there has been endless chatter about new guitars being bought, new bands forming and a fresh air of competitiveness for next year's show.

G Pooley Grade 10

Public Speaking Festival

We were very pleased with the general standard of our Public Speaking teams this year. The boys appeared to be more confident and accomplished in their presentations. The adjudicators complimented our boys on their engaging spontaneity and sincerity in their speeches, but said they must aim for greater depth of research and less reliance on reading of notes next year.

We are particularly proud of the Grade 10 and 11 Impromptu team members who were awarded A symbols.

The following boys are to be congratulated on outstanding performances:

Grade 10 (A symbol): B. Murray G. Pooley
 M. Gibson R. Pizzi

Grade 11 (A+ symbol): Sibusiso Sitole David Duarte
 Tshepo Monyemore Michael Eilertsen

The Grade 9 Prepared team, consisting of Michele Maraschin, Kevin Setzkorn, Matthew Cameron and Nic Haralambous, were awarded an A symbol for their presentation on "Going Solo". This was the first time they had participated in the Festival and they are to be congratulated on a fine achievement.

Total symbol allocations were as follows:

Prepared: 1x A 1 x B+ 3xB 2 xC+
Impromptu 1 x A+ 1 x A

Well done to all the boys who participated and thank you to the parents who supported their sons.

Mrs D Cameron

The Debating Society

Debating at St David's continues to gain support, and we were fortunate enough to field six teams in the King Edward VII Debating League. The standard of presentation has improved considerably as the boys have gained valuable experience. It was very encouraging to have such strong floor support at both away and home fixtures. There were several memorable combi trips where we were treated to soccer club supporter songs and some really lame jokes and accents (probably a new way of coping with stage fright).

The topics were rather challenging, and the boys had to deal with issues such as:

It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive

Shopping malls are the new temples of our society

Co-operation produces better results than competition

Love, friendship and respect do not unite people as much as a common hatred for something

What makes debating such fun is that speakers can define the topic and twist the meaning to suit their argument. This often results in complicated semantic experiments (as Rhys Davies will know), and is therefore not an exercise for the faint-hearted.

Cultural ties for Debating were awarded to Gilbert Pooley, Michael Gibson and Brendan Murray. Michael Eilertsen received a scroll for his exceptional contribution as debater and public speaker.

Thank you to the parents for patiently waiting in the car park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the combi's (noisy and/or late) return, and a special thank you to Mrs Pooley and the Mums for the tasty home fixture snacks.

Mrs T Vroom

Annual best speakers' competition

Three senior boys from each house qualified to take part in this competition on 21 September. Each speaker was required to present a prepared speech of 3 - 5 minutes based on a quotation of his own choice from the works of Oscar Wilde. In addition, speakers were expected to deliver impromptu speeches of approximately 2 minutes' length, for which they were given 10 minutes to prepare.

The evening was ably chaired by David Duarte, and the adjudicators were Miss Beaton, Mrs Vroom and Mr Williams.

The following boys took part:

Benedict: Philip Raw, Ashley Kanter, Rhys Davies

College: Michael Eilertsen, Marco Lopes and Brendan Murray

Osmond: Terence Marais, Marco Mavromaras and Gavin Johnston

The Bishops: Gilbert Pooley, Kyle Wales and Michael Schafer

The Bishops was the winning house. The individual winner was Michael Eilertsen, and the runner-up was Gilbert Pooley.

Chess

The response and enthusiasm during the 1999 Chess season indicates that Chess at St David's is going from strength to strength. Three home and four away matches were played against the following teams:

Bryanston	lost 3-7
Parktown Boys B	won by default
Torah Academy	lost 3-6
Phuting A	won 9-1
King David Victory Park	lost 3-7
Midrand	won 6-4
Phuting B	won 9-1

St David's won 4 and lost 3.

One specific match day will be long remembered - a day on which a number of records were set: The longest travelling time to an opposition school, the shortest playing time, our best score, the most socialising.

It was of course, the match against Phuting B, when we arrived at 3.45 pm and left approximately 40 minutes later!

Our two matric members of the team will be sorely missed: Marothi Nawa, who was the number one ranked player and was a force to be reckoned with.

Carl Bredenoord, who could be counted on to bring in the points match after match.



We say goodbye and good luck to Marothi Nawa and Carl Bredenoord

Chess ties were awarded to our captain Gilbert Pooley, and to Carl Bredenoord this year, and it is hoped that a greater number of players will join the ranks in future.

Thank you to our loyal supporters who accompanied us to matches and encouraged the players to outwit their opponents.

The Interhouse Chess Tournament was the highlight of the chess season and produced the following results:

The Bishops 13½ Benedict 10 College 6½ Osmond 6



Undefeated in the tournament were: Carl Bredenoord, Jerry Nawa and Gaurav Nair.

During activity period on a Friday afternoon, a large number of rugby and hockey boys challenged each other to a quick game of chess before going down to the fields to "sweat it out".

Mr Gil Pooley is our official coach, and gives of his time freely. Being an expert at both chess and gentlemanly manners, he contributes greatly to the boys' level of education. We are privileged to have him on our side.

Mrs Bonny Pooley is by now known to us all for the efficient way in which she goes about the many tasks that she performs around our school, and also for the delicious snacks she prepares for us at our chess meetings.

Mrs M. Andrew



Chess Team:	No. 1	Marothi Nawa
	2	Jerry Nawa
	3	Gilbert Pooley
	4	Tumelo Malekane
	5	Carl Bredenoord
	6	Gaurav Nair
	7	Chavani Mhinga
	8	Damien Bruneau
	9	Irvine Lehloo
	10	Blake McLuckie

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The Junior Johannesburg Metropolitan City Council

It is with great pride that St David's Marist College rejoined the Johannesburg Junior City Council in 1999. The chosen councilors, Rhys Davies and Michael Eilertsen, proved to be excellent representatives, wearing the St David's blazer with pride.

St David's re-entered council on a high note, when Michael was elected to the executive position of Public Relations Officer. Michael and Rhys must be commended on their excellent level of commitment to council. I know that they had a very busy year, as they both kept me well informed about their different projects and the functions that they attended.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our two councilors on an outstanding year. Well done! It was a pleasure working with both of you.

Miss LA Nolan

Before anything can be said about what an amazing year being part of the council is really about, a thanks is due. To Miss Nolan who managed to get St.David's onto the council because of her dedication and past involvement in it, Rhys and I say thank you. You gave us more than an opportunity to learn, you gave us the most growing experience which will be part of us for years to come.

The council is solely run by eighty school pupils from forty different schools across Johannesburg. The projects we do arise from our creativity and hard work and their success is dependent on our dedication and commitment.

Our particular year has been nothing short of amazing. Just to name a few of our achievements, we arranged the entire Mr and Miss Johannesburg. This involved getting sponsors, venues and the community to take part in it. All the money raised went to the Darren Serebro Bone Marrow Foundation and this was in excess of R30 000. Other projects included: visiting the Hope Home for disabled children, arranging a Johannesburg soccer and touch rugby tournament and helping many other organizations in many other ways.

Council doesn't only help out the community, it helps us, the councilors as well. The friends you make and the people you

meet have a dramatic effect on you. You have to learn that everything you do, no matter how small, helps the project expand to reach its full potential.

To the new councilors of the year 1999/2000 I can only wish the best. May the year help you develop into all you can be as it did for Rhys and me.

Michael Eilertsen

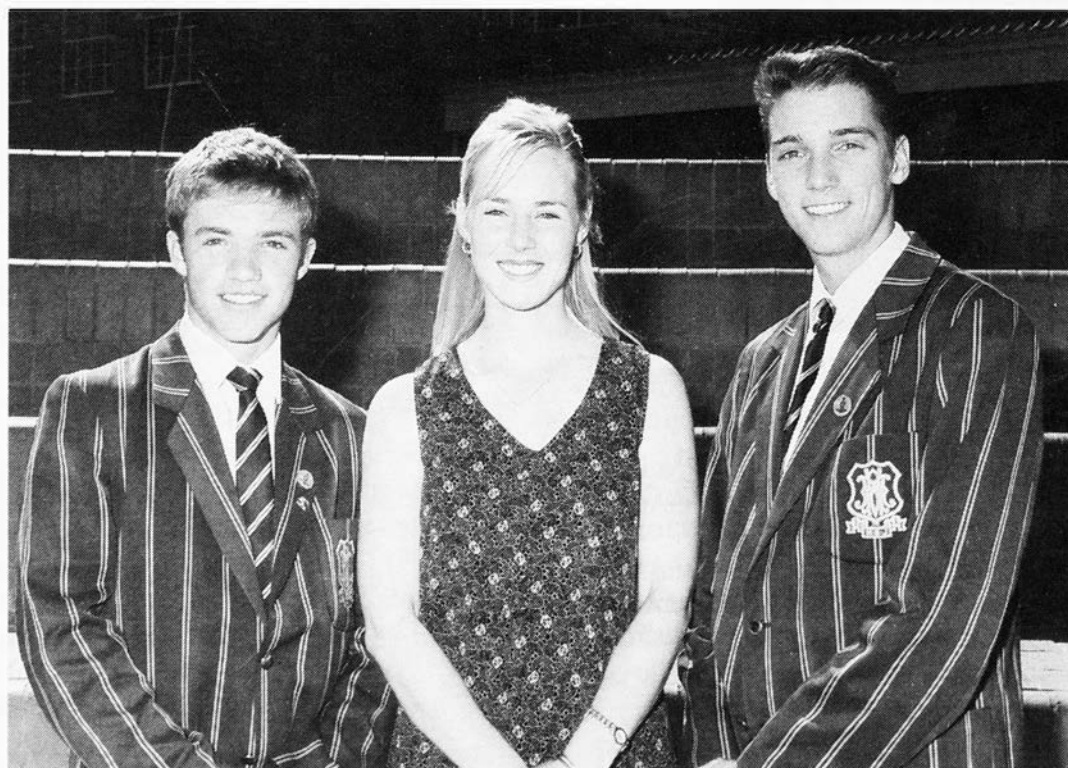
Our maiden year on the Junior City Council (JCC) has proven to be exceptionally rewarding. St David's as a school has done exceptionally well, achieving a position on the executive committee as Public Relations Officer, and for me, I have grown vastly in maturity and wisdom as to what the world is really like out there. Both Michael and I have been exposed to the 'other side'.

We soon settled into our committees and ventured out into the final project of the previous year's councilors, officially opening a crèche in the center of Diepsloot, funded by the efforts of the council. We were beginning to see what was in store for us, a year of tremendously hard work and smiles. Greatly motivated, we set out on our own projects.

The projects tackled by the council this year have been less extravagant than in the past, yet they have all made at least a little difference in the lives of those whom the project were aimed at. The committee I serve on, Welfare, took the lead in the organization of projects, mostly involving visiting and spending time with the physically disabled, elderly, destitute and abandoned. We have seen a lot of loving and caring people giving of themselves and learnt much of the rewards they work for, just the joyous smiles on people's faces when they realise there are people that care for them.

This year has shown me how privileged I am. It has shown me how lucky I am to be normal and loved. I feel that the Johannesburg Junior City Council is not only helping the community right at this moment, but also shaping those on council, our future politicians, into mature, exceptional adults who will have the power and direction to influence the course of our country's future for the better.

Rhys Davies



*Junior City Councilors 1999/2000
R Davies; Miss LA Nolan; M Eilertsen*

Matric Dance Committee

Wow! The Oscars - a night with the stars. It was quite obvious who the stars on the night were - the matric dance committee, of course, for organising...no...wait...the matrics is more like it, for every matric class that passes through St David's helps to shape our school for the future.

Like the stars in the sky, some of these young men come out early and shine brightly - lighting the sky for others to follow. Others take longer to begin to shine, and shine less brightly, but because of their unity create even more light and marvels in the sky. And then there are those stars in the sky whose light we have never seen, but that shine nonetheless in other galaxies, or who twinkle gently but in years to come may explode into raging comets! Although some matrics' light has been outshone by the bigger, brighter lights of others, collectively they form a spectacular pattern in the sky that will always be remembered!

For a relatively small school such as St David's to be competitive amongst much larger schools, it is imperative that the group who hold the leadership of the school promote school spirit, dedication and determination. I think that the success of

our school this year is a reflection of the matric class of 1999 being well on their way to stardom!

As one can well imagine, a night such as the Matric Dance did not come to pass without the committed help and sacrifice of spare time by many people, and I would like to give my sincerest thanks to a few of these people: to the dance committee for their insightful and enthusiastic hard work; the mothers' committee for their unstinting help (especially Dalwin Rowley and Ilene Wales for their efforts put into fundraising); Miss Nolan and Miss Joseph for their creative flair; Miss Brickett for her administrative role; and last but by no means least Mrs Snyman, whose experience and expertise in organising such an event were unparalleled. Thank you all!

In the end, the most important factor to ensure when organising a successful Matric Dance is that the matrics themselves must have a great time - and judging from the ardent and sincere feed-back from the matrics, they all had an extraordinary evening!

G Horsten
Chairman



Our lads were treated to hundreds of red roses, balloons and heart shaped chocs on St Valentines Day.

Deputy head boy, Ian Busschau, with the young ladies from St Teresa's who spent a day with our matrics during an exchange programme.





LITERARY SECTION

A child's innocence

The young boy is asleep. He is dreaming of a place filled with toys and where the sun shines all the time. Everything is colourful and lovely. He is sitting under a tree, gazing across a field of toys.

He is happy.

The boy awakens. His eyes open and sweep across the room. He turns his head and looks at a closed door, the source of mystery. As his mind tires of the large portal, he looks back to the colourful toys and small picture books.

He is happy.

The boy's mother enters the room. He peers at her through the boldly hued duvet covers. She looks at him disapprovingly and tells him to get up. He does this quickly and follows his mother into the bathroom. She quickly washes him and brushes his teeth. He follows her back to his room and sits on his bed. He watches her as she pulls a red shirt, a pair of blue pants and a pair of blue socks out of his cupboard. She puts these clothes on him and walks to the door, telling him to come to breakfast.

He is happy.

The boy walks out of his colourful room and walks down the passage. He looks into his older sister's room. His older sister is hurriedly dressing and trying to write something at the same time. She glances at him and tells him to leave her alone.

He is happy.

He carries on walking down the passage and enters the kitchen. His mother and older brother are eating breakfast. He climbs onto a chair and peers over the top of the table. His mother hastily gives him a bowl of cereal and tells him to eat it quickly. His brother smiles at him and says good morning. After breakfast the four get into the car and set off on yet another adventure. First, the sister is dropped off at her school, then the brother at his. On the way to the mother's office, the boy sees a woman driving a car next to them. He smiles and waves at her. She ignores him.

He is happy.

The world around the boy changes rapidly from slumbering country homes to high skyscrapers. The boy is filled with amazement. He is also excited at what will happen soon. They stop. It is dark outside. There are many other cars around them. They walk to a small lit room. His mother presses a button and the doors close. For a second he is slightly light-headed, but it passes. Shortly after that, they arrive at the office. The boy follows his mom to a small room with a window. Here, he will sit until five o'clock, watching the world below him through the window.

He is happy.

At five o'clock the boy's mother calls him away from the window and they go back into the small room and back to the dark place with many cars. It is quite chilly now. They get into the car and travel towards home. First, they pass by the sister's school and pick her up. Second, they go to the brother's school and pick him up. He has a black mark on his face and his eye is swollen. In the car, the boy's mother has a fight with the boy's brother.

He is happy.

They arrive home and everyone goes inside. They all have supper and the boy's mother disappears into her bedroom. A bit later she emerges looking pretty. She tells the boy she is going out for a while.

He is happy.

After brushing his teeth and washing, the boy climbs into bed and thinks about the day. He misses his mom. He waits. Much later the boy hears a car outside. He gets up and runs to the front door. The door opens and the boy's mother is there with a man the boy has never seen before. His mother looks cross when she sees him. She shouts at him and tells him to go to bed.

He is happy.

Returning to his bed, the boy falls asleep quickly. He dreams about his tree and his toys and how very lovely it all is.

He is happy.

Bradley Jackson Grade 11

A childhood memory

It was early, too early. The morning could not arrive, not now when I needed to sleep, to dream about my adventures in the holidays. But the dreaded noise of footsteps along the passage arrived contrary to my hopes. "Thud, thud, thud."

I prayed that the door would not open, that I could sleep even for five minutes longer. The thought of getting up, even the thought of movement made my body ache and cry for mercy. "What have I done to deserve it?" I thought. "Why am I being punished?" Then the idea came to me - what if I couldn't get up or if I was forced (totally against my will, of course) to go back to bed?

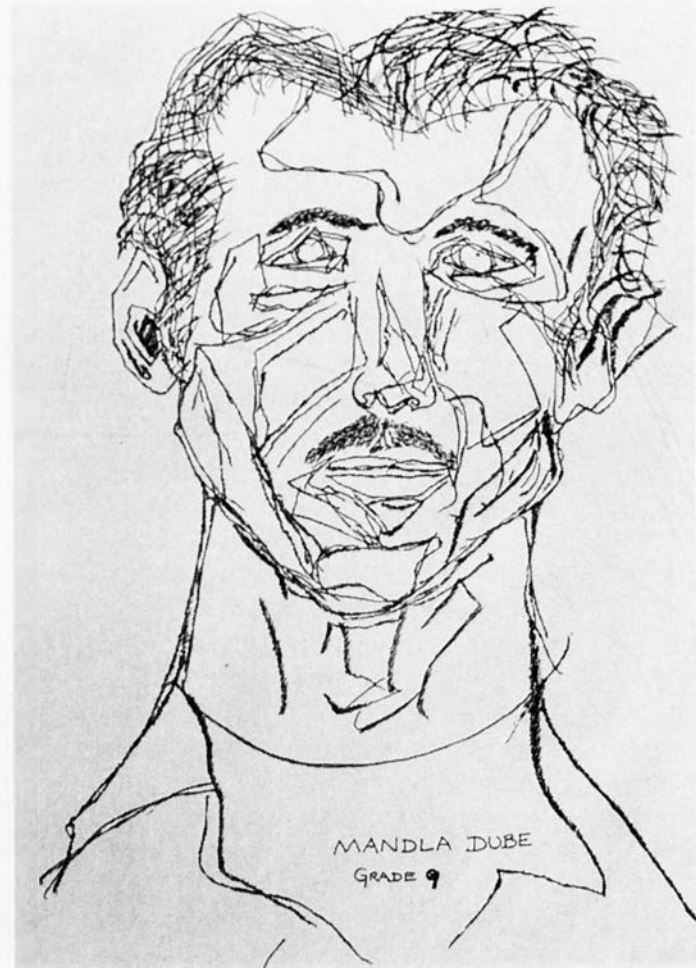
It was brilliant, all I had to do was put on an act and I would be saved. Time was of the essence. I had to act quickly. "Thud, thud, thud." The footsteps grew louder. My mind was now clear. I knew I had to think of something original, something new. I had already used up the 'I'm feeling sick and my stomach is sore' story and the 'My head hurts and my throat is burning' act was getting old. I also knew that I wouldn't get away with heating the thermometer on the light bulb, and saying that I had a terrible temperature. That was ruled out forever, about two months ago, when I was rushed to the doctor. This proved to be more exercise than going to school.

I decided that I had to play it safe, it had to be something simple, yet brilliant. The footsteps grew louder and louder and edged closer and closer to my bedroom door. I had to think quicker, time was running out. My fears of getting up were rising to absolute terror. The sound of each footstep was now amplified in my mind so that I could no longer hear myself think. My mind raced and my palms were wet with sweat. What could I do?

"Thud, thud", the footsteps of terror were now at my door. Everything suddenly fell silent. For the first time I wanted to hear that sound of footsteps again, as much as it terrified me. I realised that this would mean I was saved. I suddenly became aware of the sound of breathing, my breathing! I tried to hold my breath but nothing seemed to stop the ever-growing noise.

"Thud, thud." The footsteps were passed! "I am saved!" I screamed to myself. The air could finally flow to my lungs, as I breathed deeply, relieved. Then, as the oxygen flowed to my brain, it dawned on me - today was actually a holiday!

Greg Ronaldson 10B



Mandla Dube - Grade 9

As I Woke Up

as I woke up I was greeted
by the brilliance of the sun
which shone on me giving
the warmth I needed.

the sky stared at me
giving me hope and peace to
start the day. The green of
the trees showed growth and
life for the country we live in.
purple for the fantasy of the forests,
black for danger, no hope, war but
contradicted by white for peace
hope, prosperity and purity.

Matthew Benton Grade 9

Don't say...

To lose a life
You thought was yours
In the abstract way of
Friendship
You do not die
Not your soul
But only what your mind
Imagines
A friendship lost is cruel
For sure, but nothing you can't handle
So cry your tears
And mean each one
But remember that time ticks
On

Rhys Davies Grade 11



Lawrence Liddiard – Grade 12

A long, hard road?

It was a Saturday night, and Joe was alone in his room. With only his thoughts to keep him company, he became bored very quickly. As he moved across the room to turn on his radio, Joe noticed how the chilling night air was seeping into the house, and so crossed to his cupboard instead to pull on a jersey. His cupboard was not stuffed with clothes in all the latest styles, but was bare save for a few 'smart' outfits and his ill-fitting school uniform. He pulled out a jersey that was not of the latest fad but one that suited his own personal style. As he tried to lose himself in the pounding rhythm of the music 5fm had chosen for his listening this Saturday night, his only thought was: "Why am I alone?"

A year or so ago, being alone on a Saturday night would not have bothered him. His miniscule friendship circle at that stage was not the kind to go out on a Saturday night, or any night for that matter. But now, Joe had undergone a complete metamorphosis - he had become one of the most popular people around, "Not bad for someone who was once an outcast", Joe muttered aloud.

Joe never used to make friends easily, and those he made, he smothered with his intense desire to be their BEST friend. He used to eat his lunch with the few friends he had and did well in his studies - making himself even more of an outcast. He did not excel at sports, leaving him home alone in the afternoon more often than not.

He didn't enjoy being an outcast, "And yet I resisted the easy, and most traveled roads to being 'cool'" - drinking and smoking. He took the road his morals led him down - 'The Road Less Traveled By'. He just remained the same, humble uninteresting self until he chose his road, and changed his self-image.

He decided that he would no longer care what other people said about him or the things he did. He would know himself, and know that the hurtful words were not true. That was when his metamorphosis began.

Without having to sacrifice his morals, values, dignity, or integrity; Joe began to make more friends and less enemies. He began to get invited to parties, and turned out to be a surprising hit with the ladies. His popularity grew and grew, and truly Joe had reached the destination of the road most traveled by.

As the song on the radio was ending Joe's thoughts dissolved into reality and he was pleased for this time alone. It had allowed him to think in a way he hadn't had time to before, and to come to a stunning realisation, that he wished he had found in his younger days. The two roads that diverge in the forest, rejoin each other, and in the end the one most traveled by is the longer and harder of the two.

Brendan Murray Grade 10



Simon Browne – Grade 12

Disguised as Love

The pursuit of love is like looking for a corner in a round room,
Like looking for stars on an overcast night.
Still, vainly we look for these things
This love, this corner, these stars
Yet even against the impossible
Love is found, like corners and stars
But only if we are willing to wait and change for
This love, this corner, these stars
But just as you think love has pounced
Uncaring takes off its mask
Reveals our stupidity at trying to find
This love, this corner, these stars
R Davies Grade 11

Chalk

A child took to painting with oranges, yellows, greens, browns, pink. She was going to paint the sun. A tree. Herself. She liked to paint. She liked the feel of paint, a paint-brush, the gloominess of the water inside her mixing cup - she liked it when a picture grew from a clean sheet of paper.

She spread the piece of paper out in front of her and arranged her paints with a careful deliberateness. She did not want the wet paints to flow brown into each other when she began, as they often did. She dipped her heavy brush into the yellow paint and traced the circular outline of her sun. Then cleaned her brush, dipped it into the red and gave her sun a mouth, then blue eyes and framed him with warm stripes. She giggled - it was the best sun she had ever drawn. Look how friendly he was. But he was lonely ...

So she painted clouds around him and grass, but she had no green so she used purple instead. The colours did not have to be real colours. Once her sun had dried, she lead her fingers over it. Where the paint was thicker, it was coarse under her fingers. She stared dreamily into her page, before she started to paint again. She needed brown for the bark of her tree but gave it a mass of green foliage at the top. Some people didn't like green, but she indulged in it.

She was the girl in the picture. She wished she had a dress like the girl in the painting, and long hair too.

Then she painted her sky around the fluffy white clouds. It was an attractive blue. She stood back and smiled, scribbled her name with crayon on the back. She was satisfied with what she saw and went off to play. Once the painting had dried, she came back to look at it, because paintings often turn different when they dry. It is as if the paper swallows vibrant colours and spits them out in ripples of diminished hues. But she liked this painting.

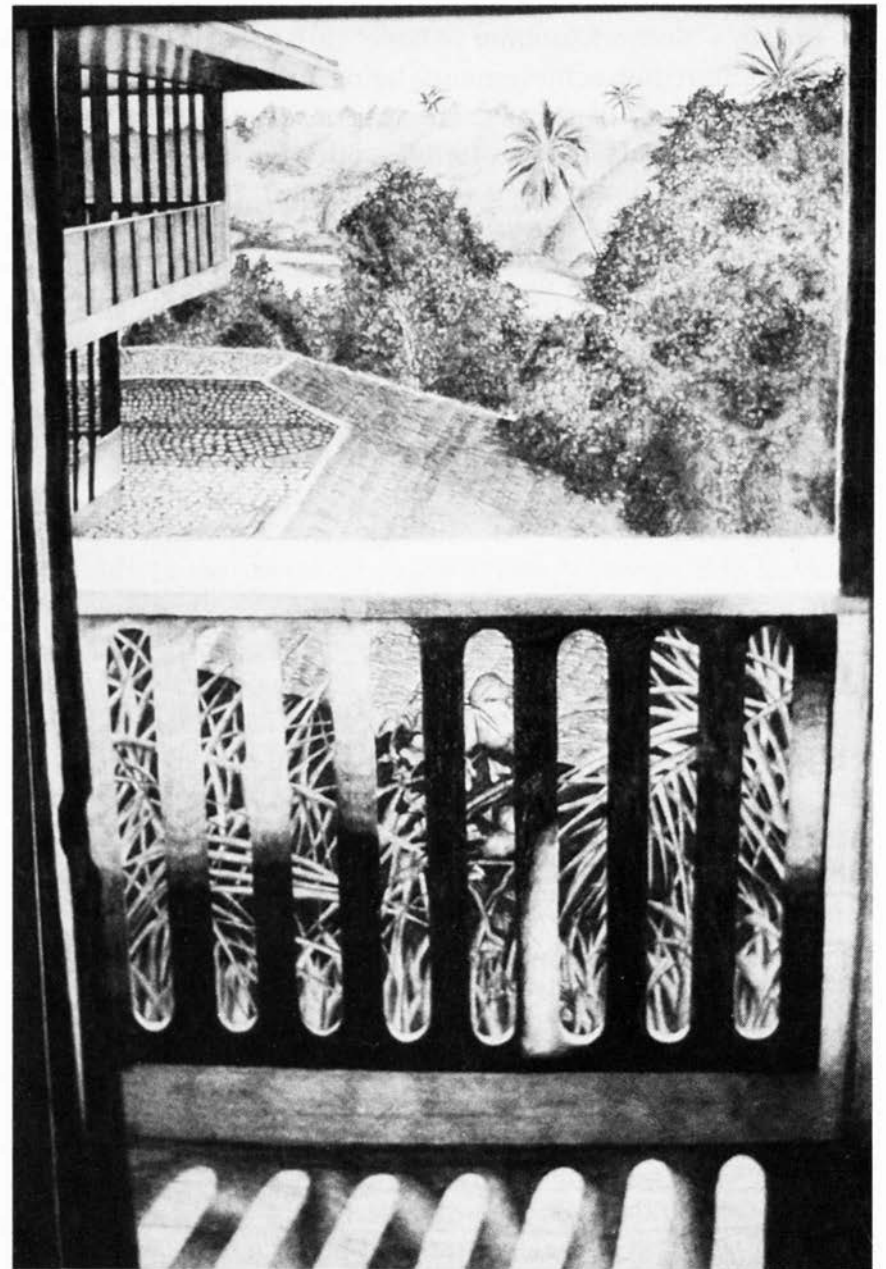
The schoolmaster looked at the picture. He did not see the profundity in it. He did not see all the meaning in the world. No, he did not see any of those things. He did not like the child's painting. The sun did not smile at him as it smiled at the child, the grass and the trees did not enthrall him as they enthralled the child. It was a mess. He was disappointed by the child's attempt.
Kyle Wales Grade 11

Christmas holiday

Nana, Ba, Michelle, Candy and her brooks...
hugs and kisses emanating asphyxiating perfume...
nana, Ba, Michelle, Candy and her brooks...
stockpiled rich puddings, turkish delights and creamy tropica...
nana, ba, Michelle, Candy and her brooks...
candy's perpetual tinkling do tags...
nana, na, michelle, Candy and her brooks...
alien surroundings make adventurous exploring, especially when
the Litchi tree, who's taboo because of his venomous guards,
clenches succulent and juicy fruits upon his mossy fingers...
nana, ba, michelle, candy and Her Brooks...
beads of sweat, each mirroring imagined Gifts, form on
christmas eve's fatigued victim...
dark and early awakenbing inspired by excitement and then he
asks, "which Present's Mine?"
Nicholas Ridley Grade 11

My Bicycle

A thick combination of air and pine.
The piercing afternoon light.
Damp grips and
The continual thud of adrenaline.
It was time...
Breaking barriers and reaching new grounds,
An invisible security pushing me forward.
The excited whirring of wheel.
Rubber on concrete.
Tooth in chain.
A blur of faceless buildings: grey and white grey and white
I turned around...
Confidence shattered.
My security getting smaller and smaller,
Further and further.
With no other resolve...
I stopped.
Chris Proudfoot Grade 11



M. Tyack - Grade 12

Not Anyone's Choice But His

Here I stand, my head has long lost its sense
They talk of me and look at me,
But they may as well talk to the pounding sea
They have caught me against his circumstantial fence
They say I should do that or this
But really I have no choice
No one listens to my fear-ridden voice
They would not notice me, even if I were amiss.
Still, they fight about what is right
Each paid for just that reason
Day in, day out, season to season
But still they fight.
He looks at me, asks if I have anything to say
They still won't listen, to this day.
R Davies Grade 11

I march to a different drumbeat

Well, not so much march as dance, and I wouldn't exactly say drum beat either. I dance to a different big beat, a different drum bass, a different breakbeat and, while a drum beat may occasionally give me a nudge in a foot tapping direction, it's just not the same. This is a story not unfamiliar to many other people, young and old, who form part of the dance sub-culture.

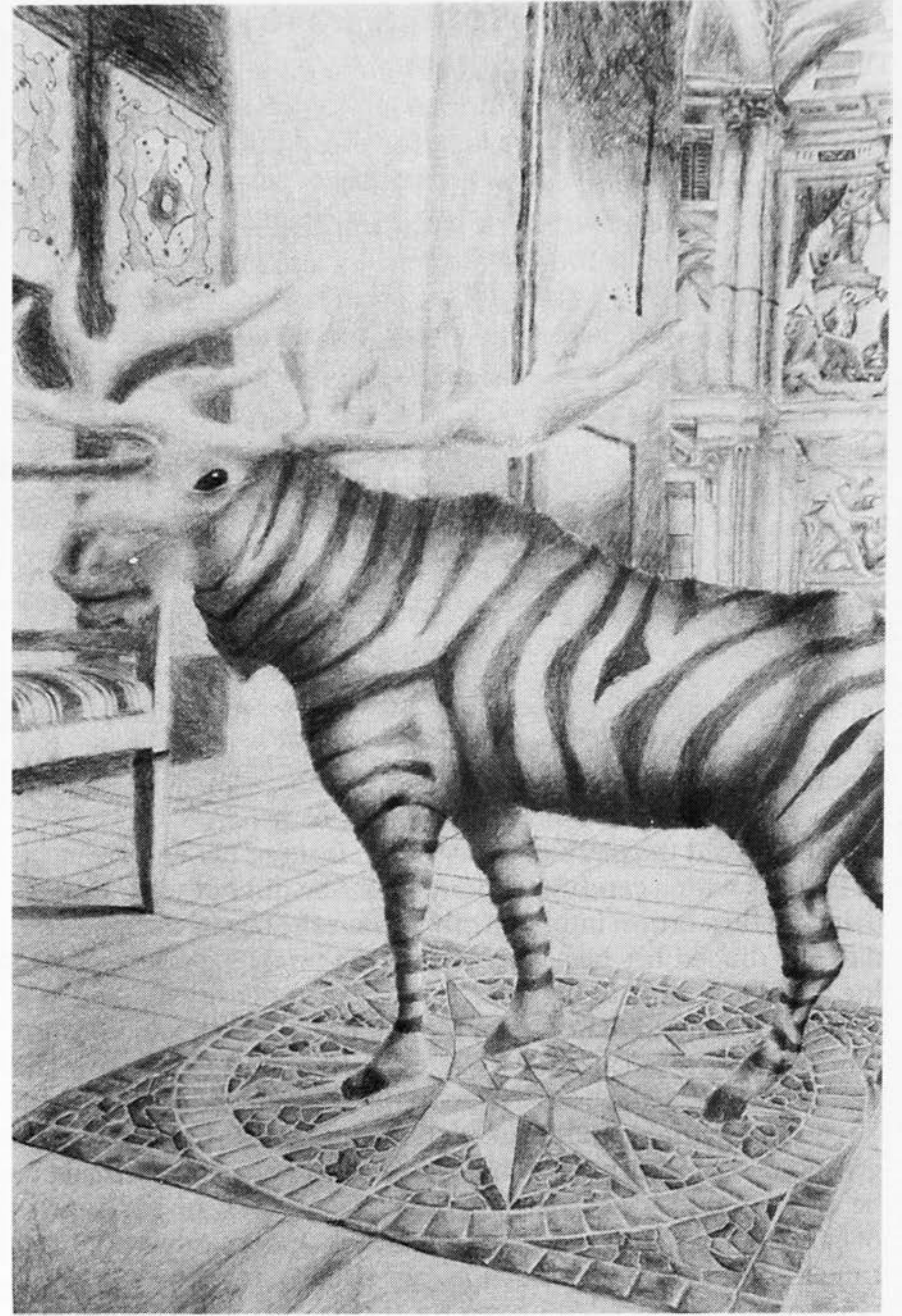
As I said earlier, it is a culture that marches to a different drum beat, although the metaphor is hardly apt. The only marching you'll find a raver doing is for the legalization of Cannabis or some other contraband. Dance, at its greatest was always about rebellion. Drove of mad-for-it punters would descend upon fields, warehouses and barns and, within hours, a quiet rural setting would be turned into a village of sound, populated by a mass of seething bodies, sinking deeper and deeper into a drug-induced euphoria. This was all, of course, highly illegal, and in this lawlessness was the beauty of the culture. The culture was united by the most powerful link people can experience: a determined intention to flip a concordant index finger at authority.

Britain's "Second Summer of Love" in 1989 saw some of the most monumental achievements being brought about by the least likely bunch of people. The ravers through their intense spirit of unity almost brought about the end of football violence, something police there have not yet been able to emulate. As further proof of the power of the culture, the alcohol industry suffered a mass decline in sales and found itself in a marketing battle against illegal drugs. Admittedly this would have been far more admirable had the decline not been a direct result of the increasing popularity of MDMA (ecstasy) but it's interesting to note that while in one decade there have been only 100 or so documented deaths as a result of ecstasy, alcohol's annual death-toll amounts to a five-figure total.

After a while, however, the British government became aware of the power of the beats and passed one of the most influential bills of law a sub-culture has ever had to experience, Graham Bright's 1990 Entertainments (Increased Penalties) Act. This increased the maximum fine for an unlicensed party from £32,000 to £320,000 and six months' imprisonment. This was initially passed as a knee jerk Tory reaction to 1989's wave of illegal parties, but in 1992, when 25,000 people arrived to dance on Castlemorton Common to 100 hours of music from the nation's collected sound systems, the British government made it clear they'd had enough. To set an example members of the Spiral Tribe sound system were arrested and charged with "conspiracy to cause a public nuisance". When the Tribe won their freedom in a court case that cost the taxpayer £4m, the government passed the Criminal Justice Bill, to end the party once and for all. This was a wide-sweeping set of laws which, amongst other things, overturned the centuries-old right of free assembly and greatly increased the powers of the police. Illegal parties were, indeed, a thing of the past, and, as a result of further legislation all legal parties had become tame and muted. So much so, that you could, in fact, have a conversation above the music! The parties were driven into clubs where partygoers fondly remember a time when they would travel miles along the M25 for a party they weren't even sure existed

So, what's my point? After all this happened in England and has nothing to do with us right? Wrong. The increasing popularity of rave in England led to its eventual arrival in South Africa, with one fundamental difference. We never had to fight for our right to party, and, as such, there is nothing that unites the culture in this country. Style fascism and snobbery, both of which are totally at odds with the true spirit of rave, permeate clubs and raves. People take drugs so they can tell their friends about it when the weekend's over, all the while forgetting how it all started. My point is that maybe people should remember that there was time not so long ago when going to a rave meant stripping back the falseness of being a contender and just being yourself for once in your life.

Ashley Kanter Grade 12



Teddy Dlukulu – Grade 11

In the shade of the lemon tree

In the shade of the lemon tree
the pastel smell merges with the
oil and the machine grease and
the well oiled bayonet and the
polished metal gears placed in
the corner gathering more dust

than use, through the sticking
door into my Grandfather's workshop
his own private room away from the women
and the kitchen and the chores with
its cool concrete floor littered with iron
filings by the large press drill blocking
the way to the greasy towel covering the safe
holding the rifle

only I was told about. The book in the corner
with the elephant on the cover by his comfortable
chair where he used to tell stories of the steam trains
and the boer war and the desk stained silver from when
we painted the

Christmas decorations to put on the
Christmas tree before we sat down to
freshly cooked turkey and ham and he would
say his toast

Dusk now rests on the grease, the workshop unused
the secrets left undisturbed and the Wilbur Smith book
on its shelf the couch unused and the model train unfinished
but the innocent laughter still echoes in the corners
of the workshop, under the lemon tree

Adrian Joubert Grade 11

My childhood memory

My hands were shaking as I caught a glimpse of the fish as it rose to the surface. It was definitely a 'boasting fish'. As the fish tired, I debated how I would fit this fish into my new Orville landing net.

It was an early morning in the October holidays and the smell of spring sauntered in and out of my nostrils and mouth. It was prime fish-catching time. All around this picturesque midland brook a series of trout constantly rose to the surface, obviously actively searching for a succulent midge or an intruding dragon fly.

I carefully set up my trusty old "Hardies" two-three weight rod. Taking special care not to disturb the mirrored surface of the crystal clear water, and in doing that, spooking the already sparsely distributed shoals beneath our world, I loaded my Darwa reel with Stealth C20 floating line with a twelve foot leader to allow for optimum presentation as well as minimal disturbance of the glass surface.

The perfectly clear water did not bode well for me as stalking would be difficult. I could see two half-kilo rainbow patrolling the bank and I stalked to the edge. Just before commencing my cast, out of the corner of my eye I caught a two or three kilogram brown entering the vicinity. I proceeded to perform a near perfect double-haul cast to minimise my false cast in case of spooking this beast!

The fly-line rolled perfectly and allowed the leader to roll about five feet in front of the salmonoid without as much as a ripple. The blood started pumping as I could feel, deep in my gut, a strike coming on. My confidence dropped and I almost immediately whipped up my fly-line. As suddenly as it was rejected the fish made a 180 degree turn and darted straight back for the fly.

I felt the familiar tug and I instinctively struck. The fish made a surging run for the rapids about twenty metres downstream. As the line was stripped out of my hand the sun glistened off the spray streaming out from my rod. The fish made a determined leap which showed me its true size. I estimated it to be around the three kilo mark. Before re-entering the water the hues of blue, yellow and black glistened off its back.

The fight continued for about ten minutes before my prize slid easily into my net. My problem in the beginning of the battle had been solved. I was however wrong about it being a Brown. It was in fact a regular Rainbow that greatly disgraced other game fish of its size. The rainbow christened my new Orville landing net.

Although it may sound strange, my greatest feeling of this fight came when I released it. The feeling of "pins and needles" filled my whole body as I was drowned in a mass of spray and the fish scurried for the nearest shelter. He was back in his own world. I was complete and so was one of my most vivid childhood memories.

Levi Olver Grade 10

One night

One night
while I slept...
while the house slept...
I dreamt... I flew uncarried through the *sky*
I remember the take-off
that exhilarating moment, losing touch with the *earth*
the anoetic tingle that spread all over, a mixture of nervousness
and excitement
then the sinking and the sudden upsurge that attacks the pit of
your stomach
like driving quickly over a bump in the road
...but wouldn't go away...
not the flying, but the soaring
the freedom in the clouds, the panoramic view
terminal

Kyle Wales Grade 11

Hindsight

A double-edged cudgel in hand,
The sun reflecting off its sparkling blades,
I stand fast as the evil drips closer.

In swift, heavy strokes I hew into the invisible flesh,
the resistance negligible.

I view, and share each death, and the evil destroyed
with each vain soul

Time fades to the colour and roughness of the sun's
burning rays

My mother calls me for dinner,
I utter an unutterable spell to incinerate the remains,
Tossing my exquisite blade for the dog to maul

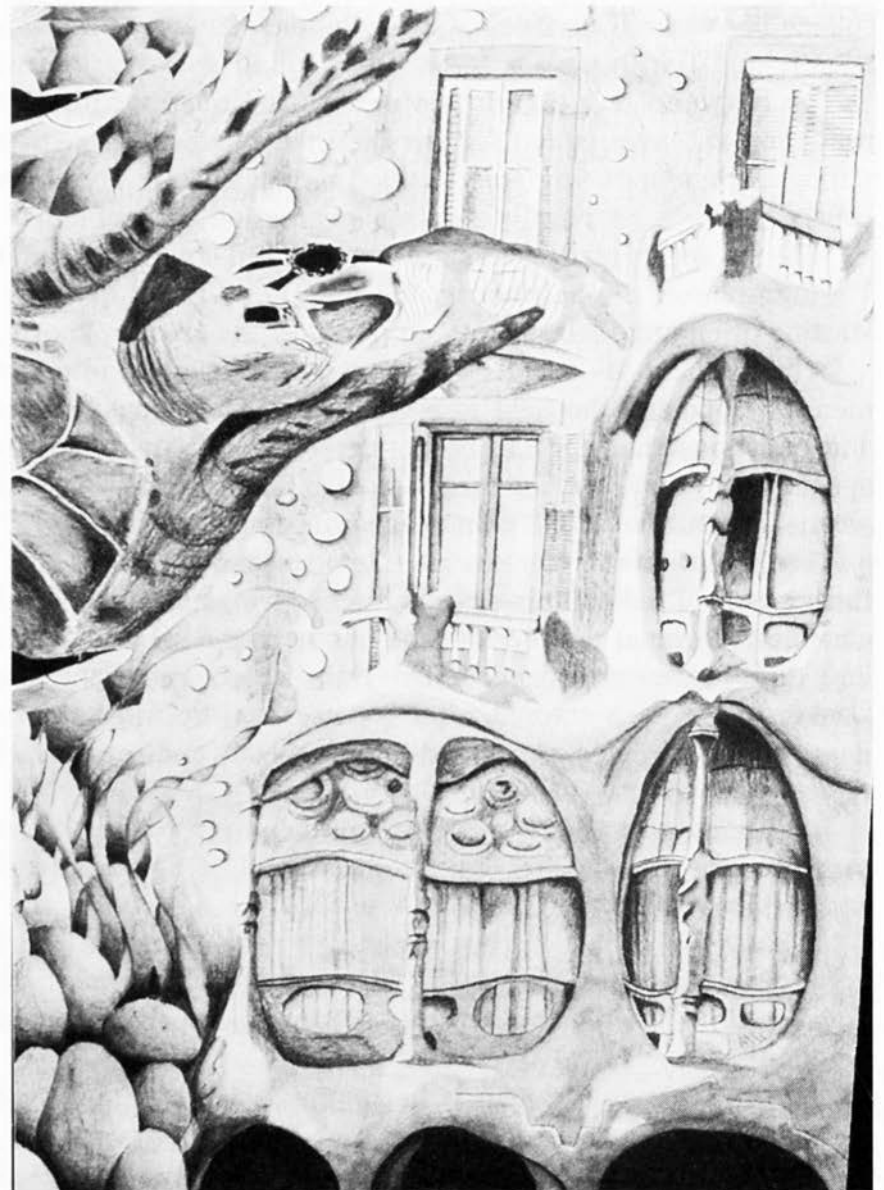
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I see now the wasted effort of trying to rid even my
little childhood world

Of the oily black stains of imagined evil

I'll realise my current vanity when I'm cleared of my stains

Rhys Davies Grade 11



Marco Cannata – Grade 12

Gramps and me

Gramps and me,
we're in a museum.
Navigating the seas with Dias.
One degree off course
and you're in heaven.
One rock, one wave,
you become withered and grey.
The sea, the voyages,
THE WRECK! The fire.
Ashes left, and let go...

But not forgotten.

Andrew Parker Grade 11

The lighthouse and tugboat

On a secluded island, just off the coast of the mainland, stands a lighthouse in all its glory, displaying its proud new structure in its traditional red and white colours. Always fulfilling its duties, providing the necessary protection and warnings to its surroundings for passers by. Protecting the ships from the dangers at all times, even if not so obvious, as in the thick mist, or when the moon has deserted the lighthouse and left it to guide the seafarers in the darkness, as the moon does on its regular orbit.

On the mainland amidst a concrete jungle and its hostile environment, excitement, hustle and bustle, lives a young boy trying to adapt to the city life. Amongst his school going friends and family he has built up a reputation as being honest, trustworthy, caring and always available to help with a problem. In modern terms, we would consider him to be a very average sort of person.

It is another clear night and the moon is out. The lighthouse is sending out its warning message. The ships are moving safely into the harbour, to dock and unload their cargo in the morning. Unfortunately for the boy, the sun does not shine brightly every day, day to day problems are unavoidable. Having to contend with disruption in family life, forcing him to grow up very quickly and become very self-dependent. In addition to this he has to conform to college life with all its rules and regulations, having to make new friends and find his place in this new found society. Confusion reigns between home and this new found society, home life providing an environment for personal development, growth and strong leadership, being able to take part in making decisions at college. There is restraint of personal expression and opinions.

The sea seems restless as ships move in and out of the harbour. The lighthouse, the lighthouse, the only hope the ships have of starting or ending their journey, in or out of the great unknown.

The boy and his friends at college are developing into young men, this opening the field to a great array of feelings, emotions and questions that need to be pondered on and answered. Once again the boy, now a young man, becomes the pillar of strength and advice for his friends. His own needs are being neglected.

The lighthouse structure is starting to deteriorate and its former radiant red paint has been bleached by the sun. The rust has corroded the metal components and has given the lighthouse an old and dilapidated appearance. The light has become seemingly weaker, as the sea stained windows prevent the full light from passing through the glass. But still it stands tall, and is a beacon of direction for the passing ships.

Although the young man is feeling lonely within, he still provides help with the problems of others, still keeping a brave face and looking content and happy.

On a rough and stormy night the sea is raging and the lighthouse is needed badly. The main warning light has broken down and has left a boat astray and heading for the island towards the lighthouse.

Life for this young man is becoming rough and stormy and confused.

The boat is steadily approaching the lighthouse and it is becoming a desperate situation. Suddenly the light becomes functional. The boat acknowledges the warning signal. Stops, and anchors. In return the boat sends a message of appreciation to the lighthouse. This is the first time the lighthouse receives a response from a passer by.

The young man's life is enlightened when he meets a special person. Through conversation he is enthralled by her and her similarity to him, in their feelings and emotions about life. This brought the glow back into the young man's life.

At early sunrise, it is noticed that a small tug boat is anchored outside the lighthouse. This presumably is the boat stranded during the stormy night. This tugboat has been sent from another bay to help with the duties of bringing in the ships.

As tugboat and lighthouse complement each other in bringing ships into the bay, so this young man and woman complement each other in anchoring their relationship.

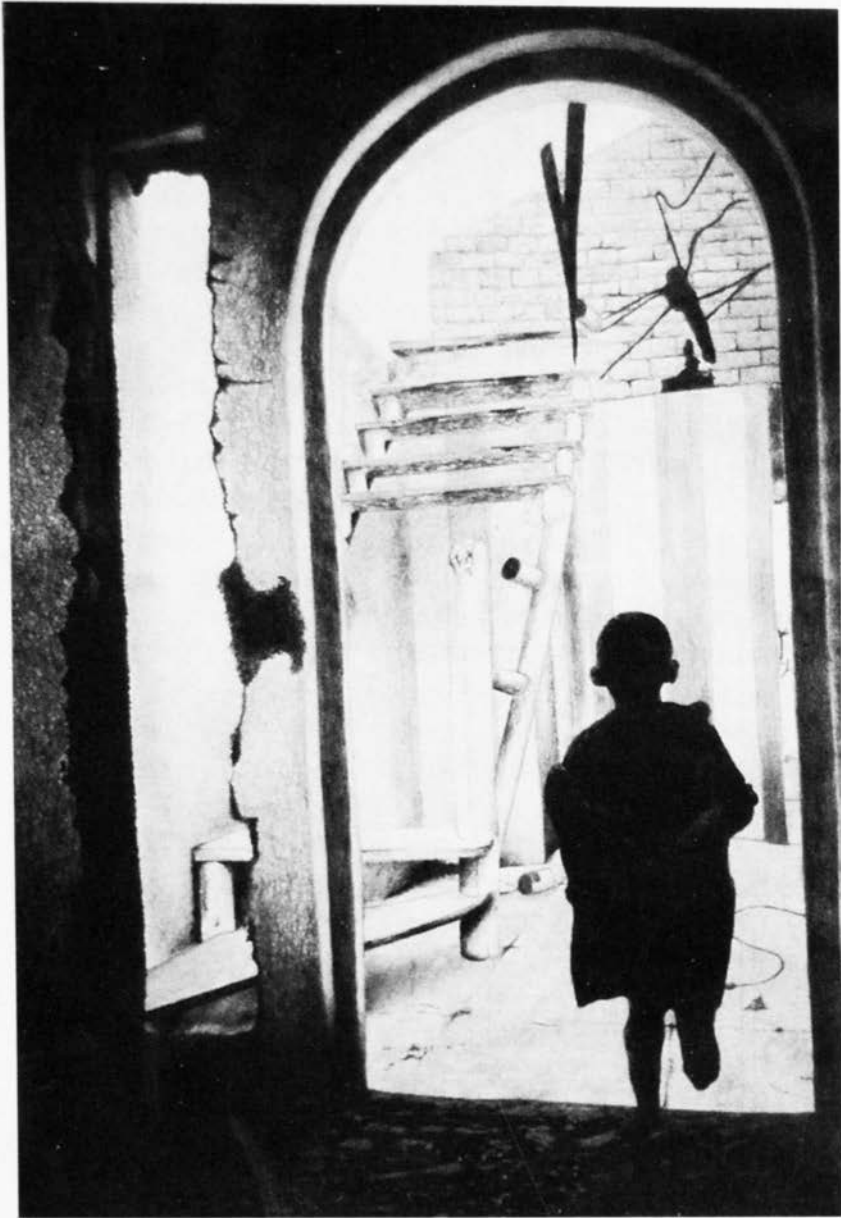
Michael Lenz Grade 12



D. Jackson – Grade 12



A. Kanter – Grade 12



M. Marchand – Grade 12

Blue Beast

The icy current tugged at my flimsy, exhausted legs
 As the immense Blue Beast rose, pursuing its prey -
 A suspicious silence...
 Then distant rolling thunder, louder, louder, louder
 The monster struck out at its unsuspecting victim
 My world, my trusted, gentle world...
 Chaos!

Corrosive salt burning deep into my tender eyes...
 Now tightly shut - possibly never to open again
 A sure arm hugged me tight
 The warm feeling of feet on sand soon returned
 But still that distant rolling thunder remained:
 To haunt me!

Garth Horsten Grade 11

Secrets in the Rocks

The towering, rich-toned rocks fill the splendid sky
 Speckled with bottle-green growth
 Cutting into the rusty, chocolate-stained stone below,
 Runs a river of radiant, navy-azure blue,
 As it cascades and crashes over into a mist on a splendid
 spectrum of colour
 As it flows, the fresh sweet sky-blue
 Silk water calms to a mirror-reflection
 The complexion of aquamarine
 Dense depth of life
 Engrained in the crevice lies the gold glowing half-hidden
 village

Woven into the magnificence
 In between the pea-green leaves
 Bloom brilliant, bishop-purple pods
Alan Stapelberg Grade 9

People worth remembering

I met him when I was about five. It was my first few days at school and he has touched my life ever since.

I never really needed him. What I mean is I didn't have to go and spill my guts out to him. Yet he was there. He was a pillar amongst the beauty of the Marist walls. He was there for all of us: he watched my soccer and cricket games, standing alone. His happiness for the games was seen in his friendly smile. I'd sit in the front row of the church and listen to every word, understanding but a few. My little legs were unable to touch the floor.

Now I'm all grown up. I'm taller than that quiet man I met so long ago. Where is he now? Does anyone care? He came into my life silently and left without a word. Does anyone know of all the things he did without a fuss? The little things we all took so for granted.

Oh, what a fuss and goings-on took place when he was found to be ill. Mom and all the others made meals throughout the year for him in his weak state. We were losing one of our pillars - the most important one.

Suddenly we were all so concerned. Why did we not care when he was well? Why does illness have to wake us up to appreciate someone as wonderful as he was?

Now I sit in the back row of church and reflect on the man who used to stand behind that altar and I want to say thank you. Thank you for being such an important pillar in my life. You are the unsung hero of our Marist Family and I'll never forget you, Father Brewer.

Revel Ravenhill Grade 11

People worth remembering

The most important people in our lives are those from whom we have learnt the most important lessons. These people are our role models, the people we try to be similar to. They are people like teachers, sportsmen, actors and our parents. The most influential and important of these are our parents.

To our parents we owe our lives. They have built us into who we are today. They have taught us all that parents can teach. They taught us how to talk, how to walk and so the list goes on.

Our parents have taught us manners. "Manners maketh man" - this is a very true and well known quotation. Without our parents we wouldn't know our "pleases" and "thank yous" or the simple basics of when not to do or say certain things!

Something that goes hand in hand with our manners is our morals. Morals are the very roots of a person, the foundation. Our parents set a moral code for us to live by and through the development of our morals, a wonderful trust relationship with our parents develops. The trust bond is very precious but also tenuous and we must respect this bond.

The day we forget our parents is the day we forget who we are and all that our parents have taught us. Our moral code and respect for ourselves will be in danger. And when we have no self-respect the people around us will start to lose respect for us too.

Our parents taught us that it is wrong to take without permission. To steal is a sin. A lot of South Africans have quite obviously lost their respect for their parents, and with that went their self respect and their place as "humans" in today's society.

Our parents have spent a lot of money, time and love on us and on our interests, to try to lead us out onto the right highway of life. The least we can do is respect them for all their efforts by remembering what they have taught us and by living by the morals that they have set and which have become a deep seated base in our lives.

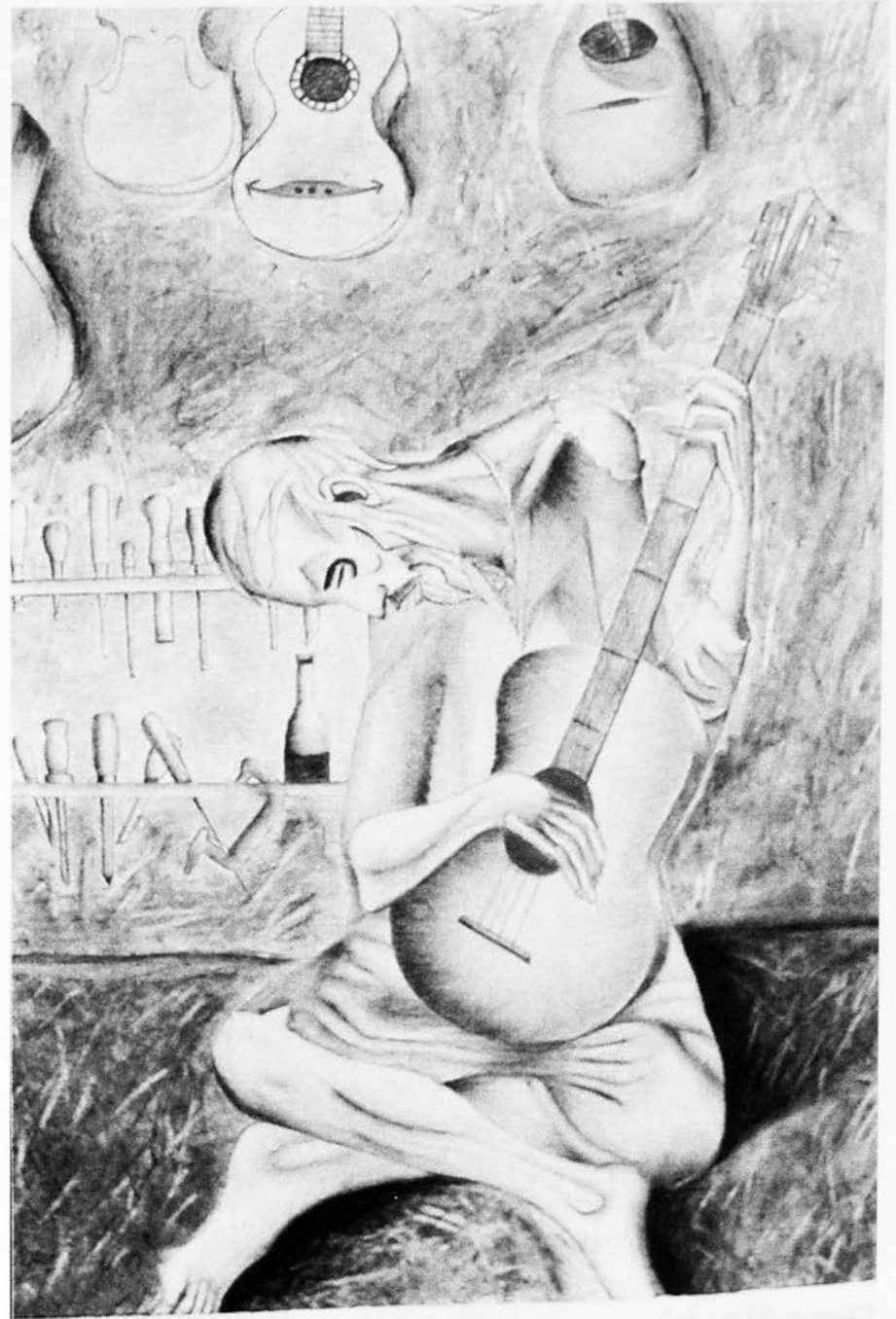
Thomas Garden Grade 11

In Praise of Self

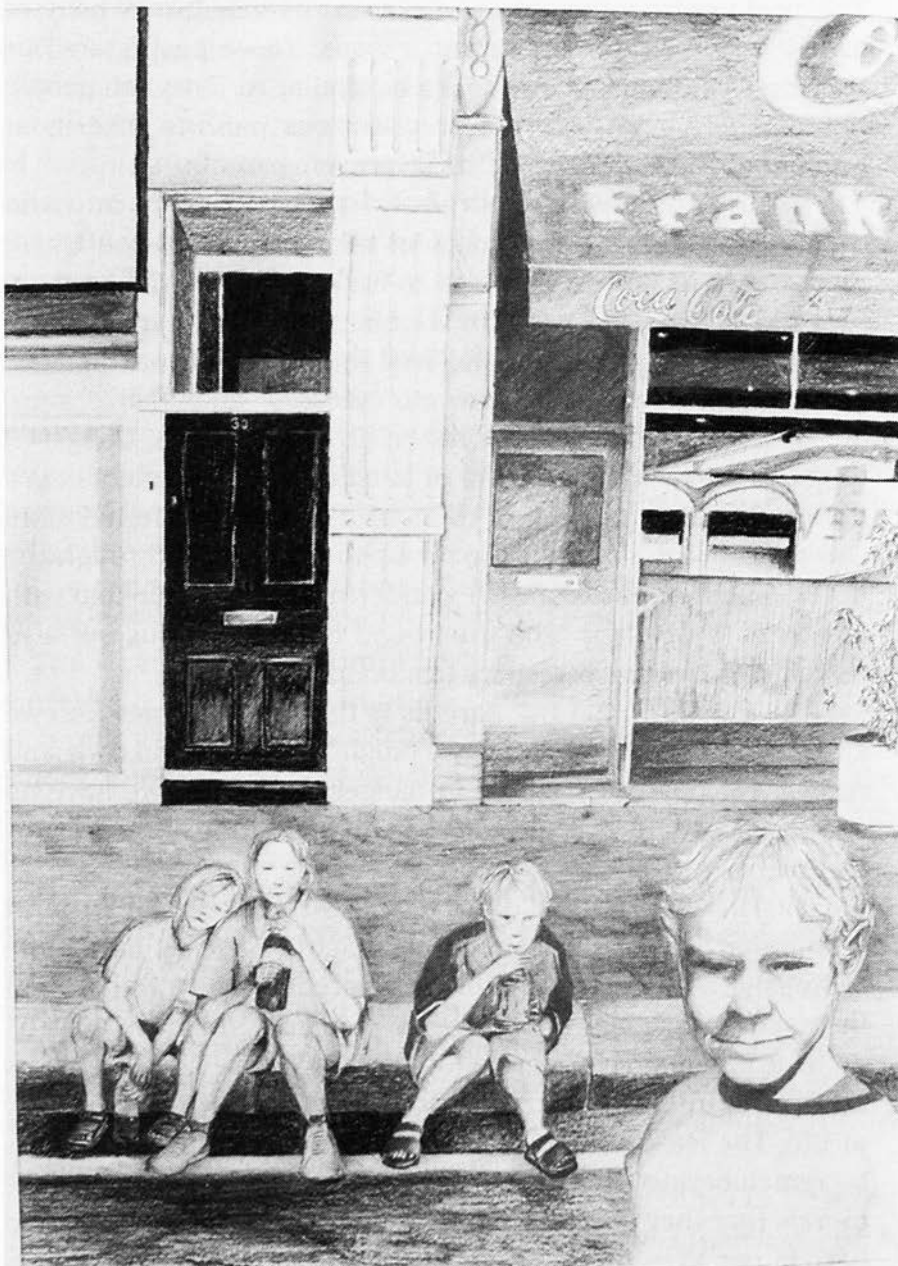
Son of talent
A natural artist at the style
With an in-built strength to push harder
The will to succeed and to be the best
Jealousy looms in his heart
With the desire to conquer the podium
He knows the limits and hovers on the narrow line
A promising champion
A Stapelberg Grade 9

Nic, Son of triumph
Steadfast in his ways
Thought-provoking mind
Confided in by many
Confiding in no one
Deep within himself
Painter of the clouds
Lost within the lyric
N Haralambous Grade 9

I am
The creativity in the poet's mind
The structure in a building
The note in a bird's song
The knowledge in a book
He who has the wisdom of an old owl
He who is respected as is the old elephant.
K Mullane Grade 9



C. Goodwin – Gr11



David Jackson – Gr12

In Praise of Self

Dale, son of art
Lover of sleep and winner of hearts
Intelligent when willing, and friend of forgiveness
Delinquent in mind, but secure in heart.
I am the tall giraffe and the cunning cat:
Daring on occasion, but tender in soul.
D Ballantine Grade 9

Nic, son of napalm
Explosive as the bomb
Yet calm and peaceful at rest.
Wise with the ball
Yet slow with paper and pen...
The burning blazer with the bat!
N Marques Grade 9

Brett, Son of Scorpio
Who cannot move over land as fast as other people
Who is not tall enough to have to duck under low branches
But who is tall enough to be
Above others in excellence.
I who have many and much
A family, friends and fortune.
B Rowley Grade 9

People worth remembering

In my short life so far there are many people I consider "worth remembering". However, there is one person in particular that I would like to mention, my late grandfather. The title suggests that more than one person should be spoken about. My grandfather was someone very special and I feel he is worthy to be called people instead of person, as in my eyes he has the same value as ten people. I hope after reading this you will feel the same way.

My first memories of my grandfather are of sitting on his shoulders, an impressive six and a half feet above the ground, while going for early morning walks. I used to think I was high enough to have a conversation with God, and I told him so too. Next are the memories of driving his tractor with him and picking all the grapes off his vines before they were ripe.

After being on this earth and around my grandfather for just a short while, about four years, I soon learnt a few things about my surroundings and my grandfather in particular. The first and most important of these, was to be careful of his explosive temper and what felt like continual grumpiness. This became especially evident when he was frustrated or angry. I was the catalyst for both.

My grandfather had dreams of me becoming another Boris Becker. Twice a week we would go to "practise" my tennis. However I preferred to pick the ball up and run with it, causing him to lose his temper completely. Eventually, once he realised persuasion was impossible he would tackle me and we would wrestle for a few minutes, before trying to resume tennis practice. Boris was forgotten and Andre Joubert brought into the picture. I'm sure this secretly delighted him. His one love greater than tennis was rugby. Oddly enough, rugby matches were another cause for his temper to explode with power and might equivalent only to those of a volcanic eruption. I'm convinced I learnt my first swear words sitting with him watching the Blue Bulls, and Naas Botha and his kicking.

Time as always flew by, and the year I turned eight, he was hospitalised. The doctors didn't know what was wrong, however a month later they diagnosed him with Motor Neuron Disease (MND). There was and still is no cure. For four years his massive body wasted away to nothing but a gaunt frame. He died at the end of the fourth year. The date was 24 October 1994. The worst thing about his disease was that the muscles became useless, gradually wasting away, taking all their strength with them. By the time fourth year came he did not even have the strength to lift a spoon to his mouth.

This is the worst fate that could have befallen a 6 foot 6 inch giant who weighed more than 115kg, and had the power of an entire front row. To take this superb ideal human and turn him into something that could not even feed itself.

Gramps, I will never forget you ... Dad and I both know you sit on those rugby poles and watch my every match. I hope I've made you proud.

Mike Rowley Grade 11

Cellar serpent

Sitting on the cold cobblestone floor
the damp, suffocating humidity sitting on me.

The movements and the CREECH CREECH
of the old ironing board's oxidised legs.

A rope hanging over the edge like a mortified boomslang.

A sense of adventure and playfulness; and a tug at the rope:
the serpent has been disturbed!

A sudden bite at my flesh and
the realisation of my bliss's prematurity.

Next the bite of a second serpent though
this time the experience was more chilling.

This second attack, I was most pleased to be a victim of:
it lessened the pain of the first.

The serpent now lay almost dead on the ground:
my mother pulling its tail out of the wall and
cooping it away in a cupboard, out of danger.

Gabriele Maraschin Grade 11

The child

I see a child out there on the road

Like a fool he waits, thumb outstretched

I go by just like anyone else

Trying not to care but feeling almost guilty

Time passes

On my return

He is still standing there, thumb outstretched

I wonder who is this child?

Where does he belong and to whom?

Where is he going?

Maybe nowhere, maybe somewhere

He is out of sight now but I know he is still standing there

Maybe one day I will stop and offer a child a ride

Or maybe I'll just carry on

Like everyone else and never stop

And eventually pass him by

G Dace Grade 10

Memory's lane

Mary Monroe was a beautiful girl. Sitting in her 4 story apartment she could see the world. In the opposite park, the summer greens had long lost their beauty. Mary watched the cold winter air surprise a young girl as she left the comfort of a yellow cab.

Slowly exhaling, her cold body wriggled closer to the little mirror. Lifting the reflecting surface off the loveseat, Mary made another line. She and the little mirror shared the over-sized seat, which provided her perch to spy through the large bay window.

She knelt over the white tracked mirror as if embracing her lover. The chalk filled her mind with burning; then pleasure. This was the rush.

A beautiful girl stood admiring her reflection in the dressing room. Mary held a brush in her hand and had a hand on her hip. She looked past the reflection to the array of clothes hung neatly in the wardrobe. The new summer sun's rays painted a darker shade on her silky calf.

A warm hand touched her bare shoulder. She spun and the world turned. Musk- flavored skin danced on her senses. Her small hands found much needed warmth in such a strong grasp. He fell and her with him. Rosy petals filled the spaces her mind couldn't. She rolled over onto another patch of cold snow. It was now quite cold again.

The hard pavement hit her soft foot. She motioned to turn her collar of her overcoat, but she found none to turn. The yellow cab pulled off, skying a neat pile of autumn's last leaves. The blonde hues dripped with red, floated carelessly into the air and again down to earth where they found rest on the pavement. Toeing the dead leaves into the gutter, she tentatively waltzed a straight line through the cobble stones onto the faded grass of the park.

Her phantom coat lay in the back of the tatty green removal van, still parked in the driveway, facing the stone mansion. Smoke filled the van's cabin as the driver lit another cigarette. Smoke mixed with the cabin's distinctive smell filtered into the driver's mouth as he felt the last box jolt into place in the back of the van.

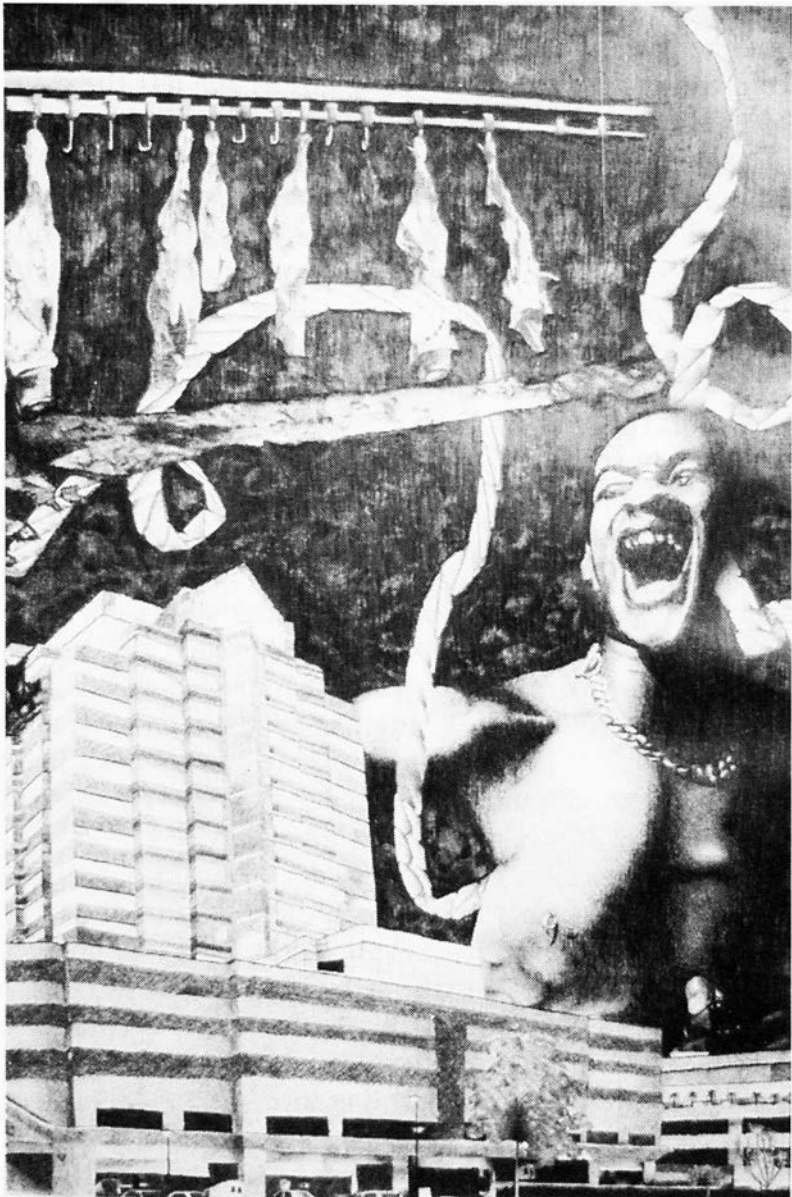
The same yellow cab bent past the green van and nudged into place at the foot of the tiered steps. Hand in another's hand Mary descended to the cab. Half way the other hand stopped. Her mother spoke through a tear and they embraced. The warmth filled her and then deserted her.

Mary found herself, once again, back on the hardening seat with the little mirror. Her blonde hair was now dripped with blood, and clotted her bleeding nose. Struggling for breath she looked back into the park. The once cold girl strolled arm-in-arm with a new stranger.

Gilbert Pooley Grade 10

The Birth of a New Day

The sun rises, a symphony of colour
First red then orange finally golden yellow
The stirring ocean changes from deep black to bright blue
 with shining white rollers
Sparkling in the intense light of a new day
The world awakens, the indigo night shrinks away
The sky above fresh and blue
Fluffy white clouds with silvery linings float on by
Crystal fingers shine through, dancing touching the earth
Stirring all creation into rebirth
As mountains are kissed awake, rocks soften from purple
 to blue brown and finally
Golden brown with green scrub all twinkling with dew
Grey coloured field mice scamper for home
As the gold speckled hawk lifts into the blue light
The air is cool, pure and fresh
The world filled with energy
A symphony of colour
Everything pure light
Kevin Barnes Grade 9



A. Kanter – Grade 12

Zero or hero?

The ball leaves the bowler's hand. Trickle of sweat run down my face and my hands feel numb. The wicket-keeper breathes heavily behind me but otherwise there is a deadly hush. The sun beats down on my burnt neck and I can smell the sweet green grass and am conscious of a sea of faces around me. We need one run to win and this is the last ball of the match. Everything depends on me, I can't miss this ball. Should I play it safe and run or go for the big hit? The little red missile hisses through the air, my heart gives a lurch and I see my chance. I step forward and take a full swing - Wham!

Greg Ronaldson 10 B

The Beat

The balcony, Sunday 2 am: His subliminal state of mind and weary body lie against the decrepit, tawny walls of the Johannesburg City Hall. He watches the strobe lights flicker on the ferrous railings, as he hears the perpetual beat start pumping.

Inside the cocky DJ scratches and mixes, while the lonely, lost, inadequate teens dance below. The bright lasers gleam from all directions, an extravaganza of red, blue, yellow, green, purple, pink and teal. The trendy clothing and obscure body piercings reveal the epitome of current fashion, and the sweet smell of "weed", the eternal gatekeeper, reveals the epitome of the current craze. Drugs and sex. This is Rave culture, a culture composed of lewd obsessions.

The beat pumps. On the dancefloor the young, naive kids relinquish their free will to soft, silent, stimulants. "Dexies" and "black bombs" are popular, consistent performers, always producing the "good feeling" - an illusion of increased performance.

The beat pumps on, the teens rave on. In the musty backrooms the macabre minds of the dealers collude, as they tempt the experienced into a "happy life" of eternal hell. The main boys confidently tackle the mainline drugs. One sniff of crack, one plight of sniffing.

The beat pumps on and on ... as the "chill room" fills with young girls lying all over the floor, submitting their innocent virginity to men, in exchange for another pill of E. Ecstasy, the ultimate climax.

The beat pumped on, aspirate with the farcical screams from "tripping" addicts, their aspiration being a surge of plenary highs. Would the night ever end?

The beat still pumped, the "white doves" still flew and the "black bombs" still blew. Would this sick culture ever die? Or would someone beat it in the race to the cemetery gate?

Outside he lay, watching the dark ashen clouds slowly become visible; he couldn't see a silver lining. Was there hope for him? Would they label him a loser?

Below the balcony the streets were dark, covered in broken bottles. The revving bikes roared off, as the rowdy boozers crawled away, vomiting and urinating along the cold black pavement.

The beat had stopped pumping. He still lay there, against the decrepit, tawny walls. He watched the clouds become clear, he witnessed their ashen fluff develop into snow white feathers, but still he never saw a silver lining. In his ears he heard the soft knelling of the nearby Cathedral bells. The party had ended.

He was my best friend, and he won the race.

Gavin Johnston Grade 11

That's life

...Should I go...Should I stay...should I go...should I stay...

...I'll go!...

...No wait if I stay I won't need to put myself through all that stress and I'll be snug at home...

...I'll stay!...

...No wait if I go I'll have fun, I'll meet new people, I'll improve myself, I'll grow as a person...you know all the wishy washy stuff..

...I'll go...and that's final!...

...Did I make the right choice...Oh, for God's sake stop doing this to yourself.... ...I'm staying!

A week later:

...O.K., should I go or should I stay...Oh boy, I'm doing this to myself again...he's my best friend and I owe it to him to be at his Birthday Party.

...I'm going...wait maybe... no I'm going...

...I'm in the car already it's too late to change my mind...

...Hey this isn't too bad...All my friends are here...I don't feel out of place... This could work....But...well you'll only know by speaking to people if they like you or not...

...Nothin much has happened so far...well the truth is you're too scared to go and mingle you're just following your friends around...maybe something will happen later...I hope...

...This is O.K., some girls have come to talk to me...they like my shirt...that's good...this isn't so bad... I wonder what I look like, a "fruitcake" is my guess...I think by now they worked me out, shy, boring...well the only thing I can do is see how things go...

...Hey, I'm cracking jokes ... I'm quite good at this...it isn't so bad...Cindy & Susan...interesting... they seem nice enough...

"Cindy do you want a drink?"

...great...she wants a drink ...well let's see where this leads to ...we've got a drink ...wait this is interesting, we're sharing a drink...backwash...who cares...

"Let's go sit on the grass".

...Hey,there' s quite a group of us...this is fun...more new people...funny how they're all sitting around Cindy and me...they're laughing...where are all these jokes coming from... who knows...they're coming from somewhere...

"What's the time?"

...already...almost time to go...no fair, I'm having fun...oh,well...

"Bye Cindy".

...that was short lived...back to square one...

"John, write your number on my arm".

...O.K. this is weird...she wants my number...better make her happy...

Three Days Later:

... Well I got her number from Michael...only way to see if she was serious is to phone...funny how I'm not even worried or shy...hmmm, wierd...

"Hi, how are you?"

...Well that was great, I suppose...we're going out on Saturday...things are changing rapidly now aren't they...where will I end up from here...

Saturday:

... This is fun...she seems nice enough...I'll tell you one thing: she's not the brightest apple in the basket ...does it matter...it's only movies...we'll see...

"The show is about to start".

...this is a first...we're progressing now...isn't this interesting...

After the movies:

... That was fun...Cindy's friend "Susan" is nice...

Drinks:

... This is cool I'm cracking everyone up...wow there are some dead fish in this group...what's wrong with them...liven up people. ..look who's talking, a week ago I was a dead fish...in fact I was a dead fish that nobody knew...

Consecutive Days:

... Well now isn't this getting serious...we're speaking to each other quite a bit on the phone...I'm not saying it's not nice...but it's different...

"Hello".

"Who?".

"Susan".

"Of course I remember you".

...Well that was wierd...she offered to go out with me if I ever broke up with Cindy ...always better that they like you than hate you...but, she's Cindy's best friend... hmmm...

"Oh Please, Michael it's not serious between me and Cindy, its only been a month"

...My God a month...this is getting serious...we're progressing too...I don't know ..I have no reason to be unhappy...

...Can you believe a month ago I was a hermit and now it's like I've always been going out, like I was always meant to...

... This is great fun...I've got something to talk about with the guys and I know everyone they're talking about...girls included...I've even made a new group of friends at school...

"Oh, hi Susan, how are you".

"Good, good".

"Me I'm fine".

... That was interesting... got to be a confidence builder, that one...more people or should I say ladies that don't hate me ...quite the contrary...

A month later:

"No Miahael, we're not serious, don't worry about me I've got everything under control with Cindy".

... Who am I kidding... serious and how... Two months!...can you believe it...this is getting seriously serious...what am I getting myself into...do I love her...HA, love, what a joke...do I like her...maybe...the body...the face... listen to me...I'm being a "bastard"...listen,she's done nothing to give me any reason to break up with her I'll see how it goes...

"O.K.,I'll meet you at her house".

...Oh, boy aren't I the "nice guy", two months ago I didn't have a clue what I was doing...and now I'm already bored...I'm already thinking, it's time for a change...but I suppose it was going to happen sooner or later...I'm in the right, aren't I...She's so sweet ..how can you say anything to her over the phone...well I'll see her tonight...

...Yeh, right did I really expect to say anything to her tonight...what a joke...

A week later:

"John I'm leaving for America in two months" .

"Oh, really".

... Well there you go, problem solved...

...Is this really the right way to get out of it...I'm just going to stick it out till she leaves...why not...better to do this and I'll hopefully have her as a friend for a long, long time...well, it's always better to have friends than enemies...good, that's that...and we'll make the best of it till then...

Gian-Paolo Pera Grade 11

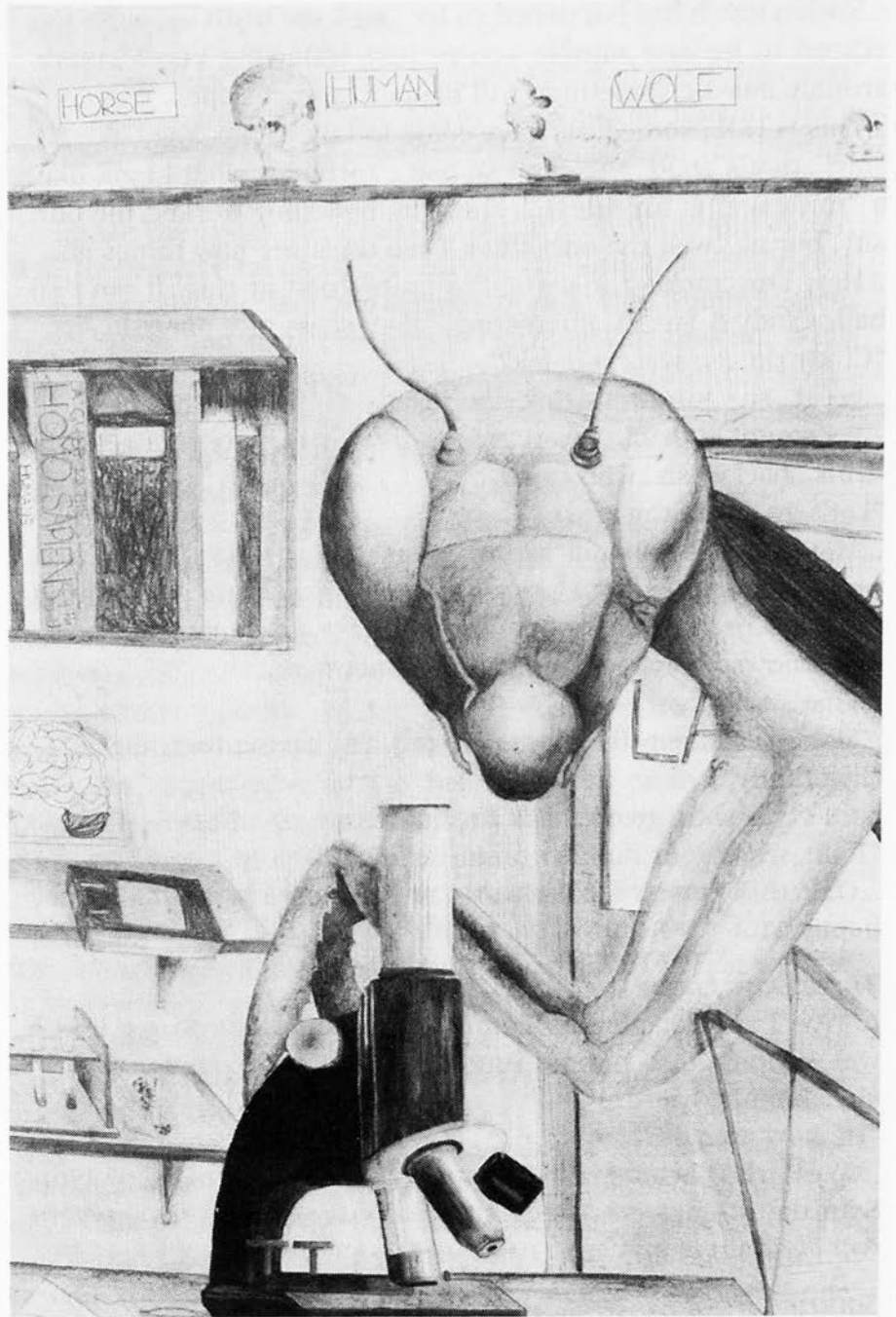


Marco Cannata – Grade 12

Sunset at Sea

As the lava-like sun starts
Its spectacular display
Of colour and light
The raging reds, the lively yellows
Spin their webs of colour
Across the deep blue sea
And, in the fading sunlit show,
A stupendous splash
Of white and blue
Announces the arrival
Of the shining, grey whales
And as they jump
The reds and yellows
Dance over their sleek, grey bodies
And in the setting sun
The slinking dolphins
Begin sliding through the waves
To join the whales
In their frolicking dance of joy
And, in the distance,
The sun makes its last, stunning display
Of glorious pink, dazzling red, and scintillating yellow
On the clouds above
Leaving the deep, dark, blue ocean below
To its deep, mysterious self

Levon Rivers Grade 9



Clyde Thomas – Grade 11

Torturing timeless mind

“Students...”

Emptiness. Utter emptiness. A desolate mindscape meets me as I try to access a fraction of my hard-won knowledge. Love; hate; life; death; Newton’s third law; a recipe for goat’s milk quiche; and a thousand equally useless fragments of memory explode in my head for a nanosecond, then - emptiness. With the return of the emptiness panic begins to rise in the core of my being. What will I do if this blank continues? I shall have to relearn everything - and it is too late for that now.

Relax; Relax; RELAX!

All these thoughts have bubbled through my hollow mind in under a split second. But finally a feeling other than panic rises in me: anticipation. This process seems to be taking an eternity.

“...please...”

RELAX! But the emptiness remains; not a scrap of knowledge for this unruly hound to hunt. I wish this were over! RELAX! Murrur a mental prayer and then my worst fears come to light:

“...turn over your papers...”

What will I do? I am blank, I have to relax.

Zap - a spark of memory. Zap! Zap! Two sparks; they start off a chain reaction as all my former knowledge comes flooding back - a hundredth of a second before:

“...begin...Now!”

Brendan Murray Grade 10



Simon Browne – Grade 12

Trapped in my art

How did I manage to ensnare myself in this studio of pain and suffering? I envisioned that the hardships would pass after my studies and apprenticeship. I have already sacrificed a flock of valuables and still there is more that I must give. Not one my mentors and influences said that my undertaking would be easy. I took their advice for granted and leaped headstrong into this bottomless pit of experimentation that is called art.

From the creativity and passion of both Salvador Dali and Henry Matisse, my greatest influences, I strove for that style and technique that I could call my own. I mistakenly dreamed of the glamour and stardom of being mentioned along with Pablo Picasso and Cezanne as the most valued artist in the gallery. I know that I could borrow styles from different movements and eras, but I found myself depending too much upon these. I strove to enhance my technique, unable to find uniqueness that was my own. Perhaps Abstract Expressionism. Perhaps Cubism. I needed to create a style that had not yet been given a title. My goal was becoming an obsession.

I was trapped.

I was losing understanding and technique as my emotions were splattered and dabbed onto the canvas. I began hoping for an evolution as the colour reformed and continually changed. These colours no longer represented the metamorphosis of a figure or shape, but rather the changing of my deepest emotions.

Would others accept my new art? This was an ultimate thought in my head. I needed acceptance from others to accept the work in my own state of mind. This was a struggle in order to make my work understandable to the general so that they would like it. People generally fear what they do not understand so my emotions had to suffer in striving for generalisation. How could I sell my emotions? My mind fluttered as I thought of the need people have to display a man's deepest emotions on their dining room walls.

What was the point to this senseless wasting of emotions? I was caught up in trying to create while somehow all I wanted to do was destroy. I cherished this paradox in my mind as I knew it would help my art. Unfortunately the element of doubt became a great factor. Now I wanted to get out of the room of self-denial and loathing.

But the emotions always remained.

The only way I could deal with these was to create and develop. The canvas was my addiction and I had to supply it with paint. I was the dealer that had no way out for there was nothing else for me to do. The altar upon which my sacrifice was painted and worked heralded my anguish. I loathed all that I was, but the truth was that this was my only path, the path that was the best for my life. But the path was never-ending.

Lawrence Liddiard Grade 12

The Millennium is Irrelevant

It's ultimately very stupid to assume that the Millennium is relevant on any large scale but that is not to say that it would be wrong to celebrate it or that the event itself has no value. After all, the world can't be stupid enough to wait eagerly in anticipation of a non-event. Hopefully not, at least.

Everyone assumes that the Millennium marks two thousand years since a particular event. Of course, no one really knows exactly what this event is, or what its significance is in our lives. Some argue that it marks two thousand years of Christianity but I fail to see how one can mark the beginning of a religion with one date or even be sure that the event occurred two thousand years ago. Certainly, many have presented arguments that the turn of the Millennium has already occurred or that it will only occur at midnight on New Year's Eve of the year 2000. Even if one was to say that the millennium does in fact mark two thousand years of Christianity, what is its relevance to members of other denominations (a very comfortable majority in comparison to the number of Christians in the world)? This essentially nullifies its relevance in terms of a commemoration of a religious or historical event.

Of course it has a definite relevance to those of us that are linked to computers in the form of the much talked about y2k bug, a technological problem that threatens to have a crippling effect on the world's computers and computer-driven systems. However, amid all the hype, the problem has become somewhat overstated and its



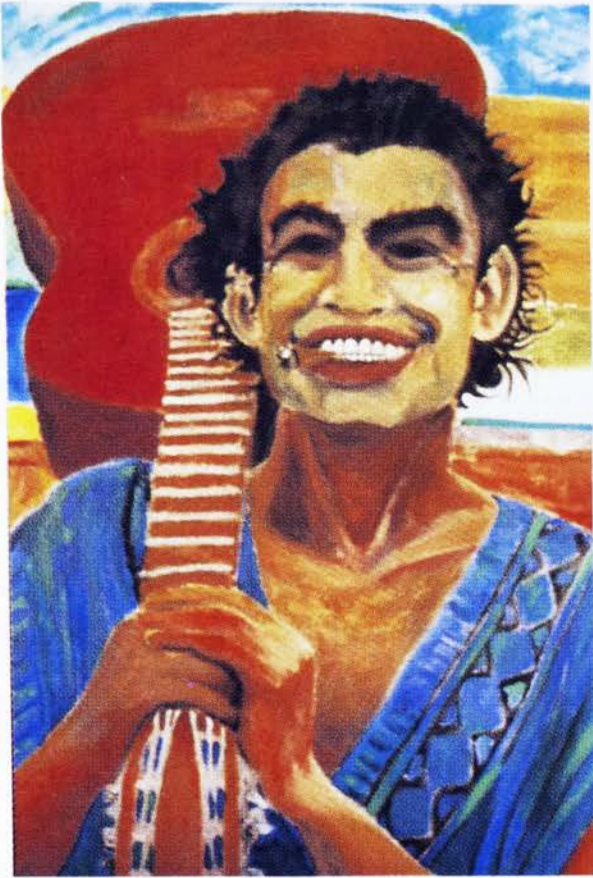
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effects will not be as devastating as most of the predictions have estimated. Equally, it will not be a problem, the presence of which is only felt at the turn of the Millennium. Indeed, programs which make long term calculations are already feeling its effects. It must be conceded that the Millennium has a relevance to us as a society highly dependent on computers but not directly, rather through the y2k bug, which can be perceived as an entity in itself, otherwise why would people be celebrating the Millennium?

This also dispels any other theories that the Millennium is significant because it marks the end of the world, since that is no cause for celebration. The fact of the matter is that the turn of the Millennium is no cause for celebration, it is merely an excuse. As has been the case with parties for many years, people don't look for a reason to celebrate; they look for an excuse. Which raises the question, why choose New Year's Eve? The reason is this: people are only able to deal with their lives in small partitioned packets. While it may not be easy to deal with your life when looking at it as an event that could last over one hundred years, it becomes very easy to deal with it one year at a time. New Year's Eve is a time when we celebrate achieving our goals and make goals for the coming year, hence the New Year's resolution. Humanity, as an entity, however, has a much longer life span for which to plan and also has much more significant changes to make in these shortened time spans. However, during previous transitions between millennia, centuries and half-centuries the world, as a whole, did not possess the technology to unite in a single celebration, or indeed, to create the same mass hysteria around the celebration.

This information would lead me to conclude that that millennium is irrelevant, but this does not detract from its value. Not only is it an excuse for one hell of a party but it is also for once, an opportunity for a united humanity to set goals for the future, and together, to make a concerted effort to change for the better.

Ashley Kanter Grade 12



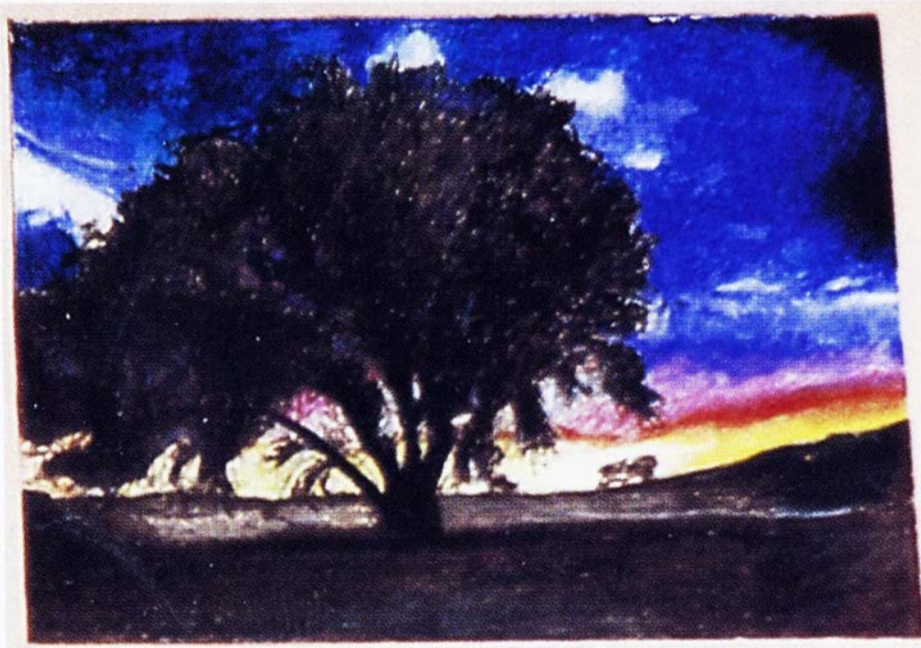
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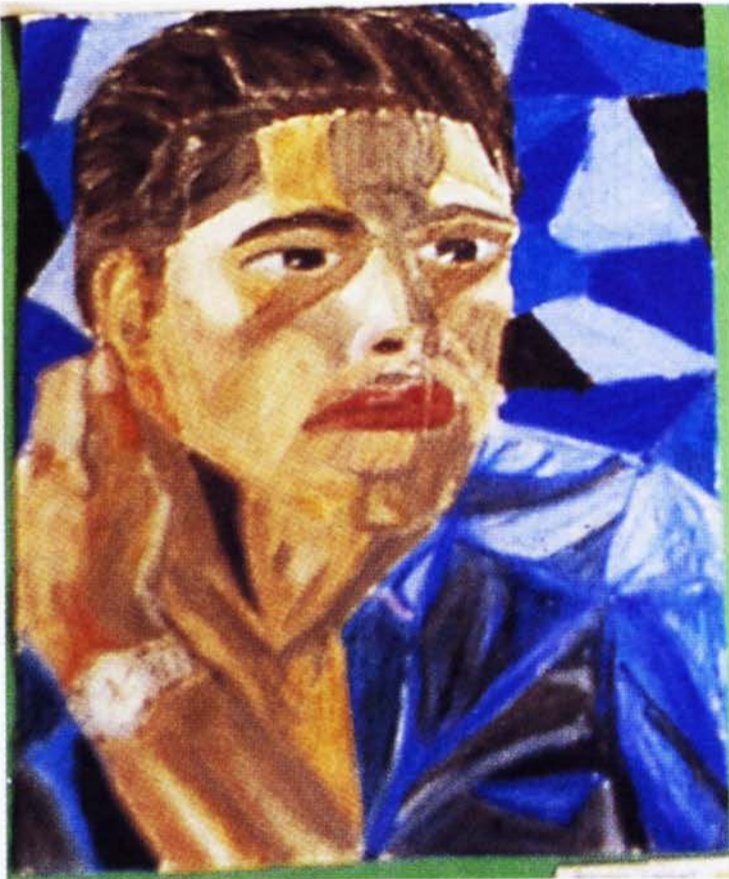
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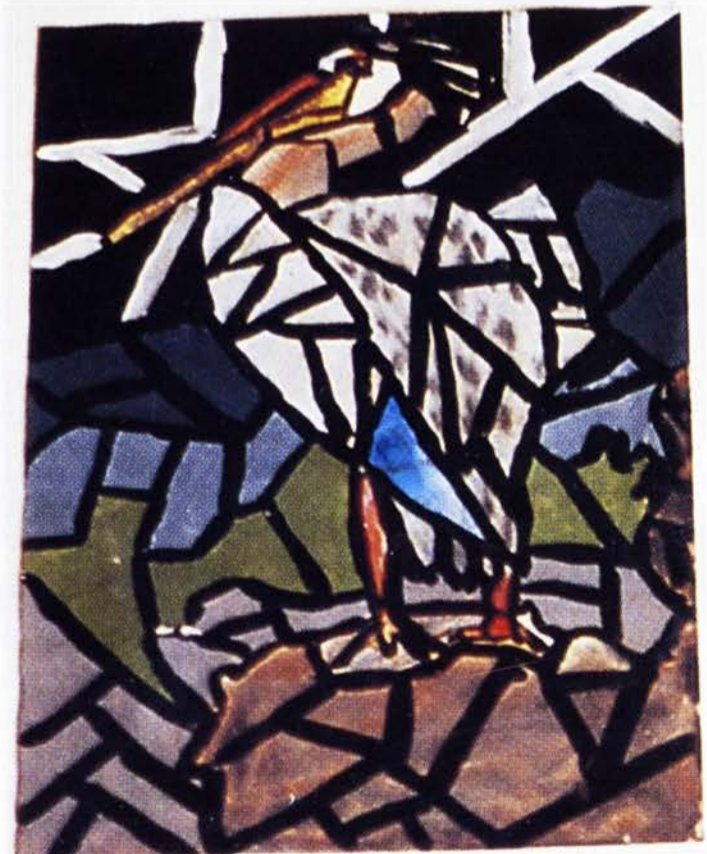
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Athletics



Athletics

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Fourth row: R Pizzi, T Teubner, B Rowlings, M Rowley, L Atherton, A Hayes, M Eilertsen, G Frigenti, B Glanville

Third row: C Carey, D Msimango, S Makan, E Dall, P Smith, F Valente, M Miller, A Holmes, J Tonetti, P Raw, T Johnson

Second row: T Dube, J Jericevich, M Dube, S Aronson, G Malakou, N Haralambous, D Tucker, R Davies, G Katz, C van Zyl, P Dladla

Front row: G Brennon, J Morte, Mrs T Vroom, Mr M Buys, Mr G Behr, M Marsay, Mr G Kenyon, Miss L Nolan, I Busschau, A Chemaly

Absent: R Brocco

The season consisted of 5 'A' Inter School meetings and 2 'B' meetings. Although both our A and B team came last at their respective inter-high, there was a marked improvement from last year. This was noticeable by a victory over Jeppe Boys' High, as well as being very competitive at the Private Schools' Pentangular. This was our first year in the 'A' inter-high and by exposing our athletes to the competition at this level, enabled them to produce some of their best performances of the season. This exposure was invaluable.

Being able to field two athletics teams this season was an excellent achievement, as some larger boys' schools are unable to do this. Fielding two teams enables a far greater number of boys to partake and to display their talent. It also encourages greater competition, as the 'B' team challenge for places in the 'A' team, thus bringing out the best of these athletes.

Inter-house athletics was an exciting event, with more races being run than have been, in a very long time. The emphasis here was on maximum participation, rather than only on championship races. I hope that the boys enjoyed the opportunity to compete for their houses. Congratulations to College house for coming first overall.

All the athletes must be congratulated on their commitment and dedication. Many boys recorded some excellent times/distances. The most noticeable aspect of the season, was how our athletes improved their individual results with each event.

Thanks must go to the coaches, who put in many hours to ensure the season is a success.

Mr G. Behr

Summary of results:

A Meeting at St David's (08 September):

St David's
St Alban's
Athlone

A Meeting at Jeppe (11 September):

St John's	294
St Stithians	280
St David's	232
Jeppe	218

A Meeting at St Albans (15 September):

1.	St John's	330
2.	St David's	325
3.	St Alban's	193
4.	St Benedict's	119

B Meeting at Parktown (15 September):

1.	Parktown	494
2.	St John's	247
3.	St David's	191
4.	Athlone	106

A Inter-High (18 September):

- King Edward
- Parktown
- Pretoria Boys'
- Afrikaans High School
- St John's
- Jeppe
- St Stithians
- St Davids

B Inter-High (18 September):

- King Edward
- Parktown
- St John's
- St Alban's
- St David's

Private Schools Pentangular (22 September):

1.	St John's	338.5
2.	St Stithians	328
3.	St David's	228
4.	St Alban's	147.5
5.	St Benedict's	48

During the season 475 standards were achieved and 30 new records were established. (Last year there were 332 standards and 26 new records).

Age group scroll awards:

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| U/14 | C. Carey
C. Merry
R. Finch
T. Johnson
C. Parker
G. Kolkenbeck-Ruh
K. Matseke
N. Le Roux
C. Hodgson
N. Gordon
C. Van Zyl
R. Brocco
R. Botes
J. Sturznegger
R. Shillaw | W. Malkin
G. Barrow
B. Don
P. Smith |
| U/15 | J. Jericevich
N. Haralambous
D. Shillaw
M. Di Pasquale
D. Msimango
M. Schneider
G. Malakou
P. Belamant
D. Alves | U/16
M. Rowley
M. Schoombie
R. Pizzi
A. Hayes
M. Miller
B. Rowlings
D. Tucker
S. Aronson
N. Laher
J. Mitri
G. Frigenti
C. Mapharuma
D. Buttrick |
| | | U/17
A. Mills
A. Munro
A. Tennant
R. Wood
E. Dall
S. Falconer |

Colours Awards:

Current position of awards:

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|--------------------------|---|
| Half Colours: Nil | Full Colours: 1. J. Morte
2. I. Busschau
3. G. Brennon
4. M. Marsay |
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New awards:

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|---|---|
| Half Colours:
Rhys Davies
Michael Eilertsen
Paul Smith
Gareth Katz
Bevan Glanville
Lawrence Atherton | Full Colours:
Brendan O'Shea
David Randall
Alfred Chemaly
Jonathan Tonetti
Fabio Valente
Bevan Winderley |
|---|---|

The following boys won their age groups at the inter-house athletics:

- U/14: C. Carey
U/15: G. Barrow/B. Don
U/16: J. Mitri
U/17: M. Eilertsen
Open: I. Busschau

Basketball



Senior and Junior Basketball

Back row: D Garofoli, M Dlodlo, R Abvajee

Middle row: G Zulu, M Mavromaras, D Duarte, P Kuzwayo, A Shine, S Tian, T Wu

Front row: M Rantla, D Shine, Miss M Brickett, M Nawa (capt), Mrs K van der Riet, C Mapharuma, T Mokgopa

First of all I would like to thank Miss Brickett for her hard work. I would also like to thank the Coach, Mambila Mageza, for his hard work and time spent with the team. His expertise was greatly appreciated. I thank the players, both Junior and Senior, for their consistent commitment.

Although the season was plagued with losses, we enjoyed ourselves.

The beginning of the season, at the end of last year, started well for the Senior team, who won 2 out of 3 games. The Juniors started with a disappointing 1 out of 3.

The beginning of this year marked the beginning of the rest of the '98/'99 season and the entering of a NGW league. Out of 7 games our Senior team did not manage to win a single game. The Juniors, however, did us proud by managing 2 victories out of the 8 games played.

The NGW league was certainly of a higher level than anticipated, but with the persistent commitment showed by players this season, the next season is sure to see a great improvement.

Once again, thanks to Miss Brickett and Mambila for their hard work to the team.

M Nawa

RESULTS 1998/1999 SEASON

1998	Juniors	Seniors
vs Woodmead	(L) 19 – 55	–
vs Chinese Kuoting	(L) 9 – 37	(W) 49 – 48
vs King David Victory Park	(W) 20 – 18	(W) 36 – 22
vs Bishop Bavin (Quarter Final)	(L) 29 – 106	
1999		
vs St Benedict's	(L) 19 – 37	
vs KES		(L) 14 – 21
vs St John's	(L) 19 – 51	
vs KES		(L) 28 – 32
vs St Stithians		(L) 10 – 14
vs St Stithians		(L) 22 – 52
vs St Stithians		(L) 12 – 20
vs St Albans		(L) 11 – 36
vs St John's		(L) 18 – 33
vs Holy Family		(W) 16 – 6
vs King Edward		(W) 20 – 17
vs KES		(L) 14 – 16
vs St Albans		(L) 12 – 47
vs KES		(L) 16 – 37
vs KES		(L) 48 – 86

Canoeing

Canoeing has grown tremendously during the past year and we have had around 30 members signing up since the beginning of the year. Members had to book early for a place in the bus to Emmarentia Dam every Friday. Summer season was great with many enthusiastic members and a lot of fun for newcomers. As we approached the winter season, however, some members dropped out. The following events took place during the year:

Saturday 10 April: Gauteng Canoe Sprint Championships, Roodeplaat.

Alex Roberts was selected for the Gauteng team and received the DISA trophy for the Best Novice of the year at the Gauteng awards evening.

24 – 27 April: SA School's Canoe Sprint Championships, Knysna

Alex Roberts, Neil Powell, Shaun Fraser, Irvine Lehloo and Wilf Exton all participated in this event. There was tough competition from the boys and girls from all over South Africa. All our boys did their best and many made it into the semi-final and final races, everyone enjoyed the experience, despite the hard work!

Sunday 2 May: Dabs Time Trial 10 km

Alex Roberts, Shaun Fraser and Irvine Lehloo participated in this event and Alex was placed 15th overall and 1st Under 18.

Alex Roberts participated in a number of races during the winter season, always finishing in the top 3 of the U18 category. These races included:

Pan Paddle 15km; Homestead 21 km; Florida Watuni 30 km; Clean Water Challenge - 1; Clean Water Challenge - 2; Clean Water Challenge - 3; VLC Race 21 km; Lowveld Croc - 1 day race; Florida Half 21 km.

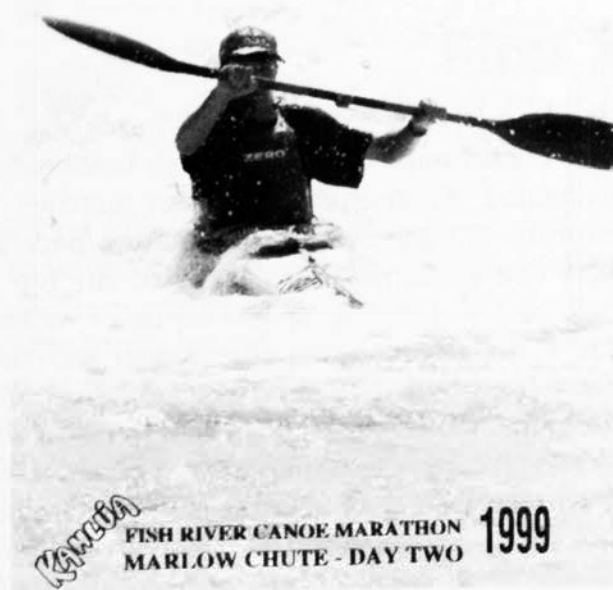
Major Races:

1 & 2 October: Fish River Canoe marathon 85km

Alex Roberts and Mr van der Merwe participated in this event, Alex was chosen to represent Gauteng and the results were as follows:

Alex's first major race and his overall position was 343, his time for the 1st day was 3:55:32, the 2nd day was 2:50:58, and his overall time was 6:46:31. He was the 192nd single canoe. There were around 1500 participants.

Mr van der Merwe received a special trophy, the





Kanva FISH RIVER CANOE MARATHON GAUGING WEIR - DAY TWO 1999

Coelacanth, awarded in recognition of his 10th completed "Fish" - Congratulations to Mr van der Merwe!

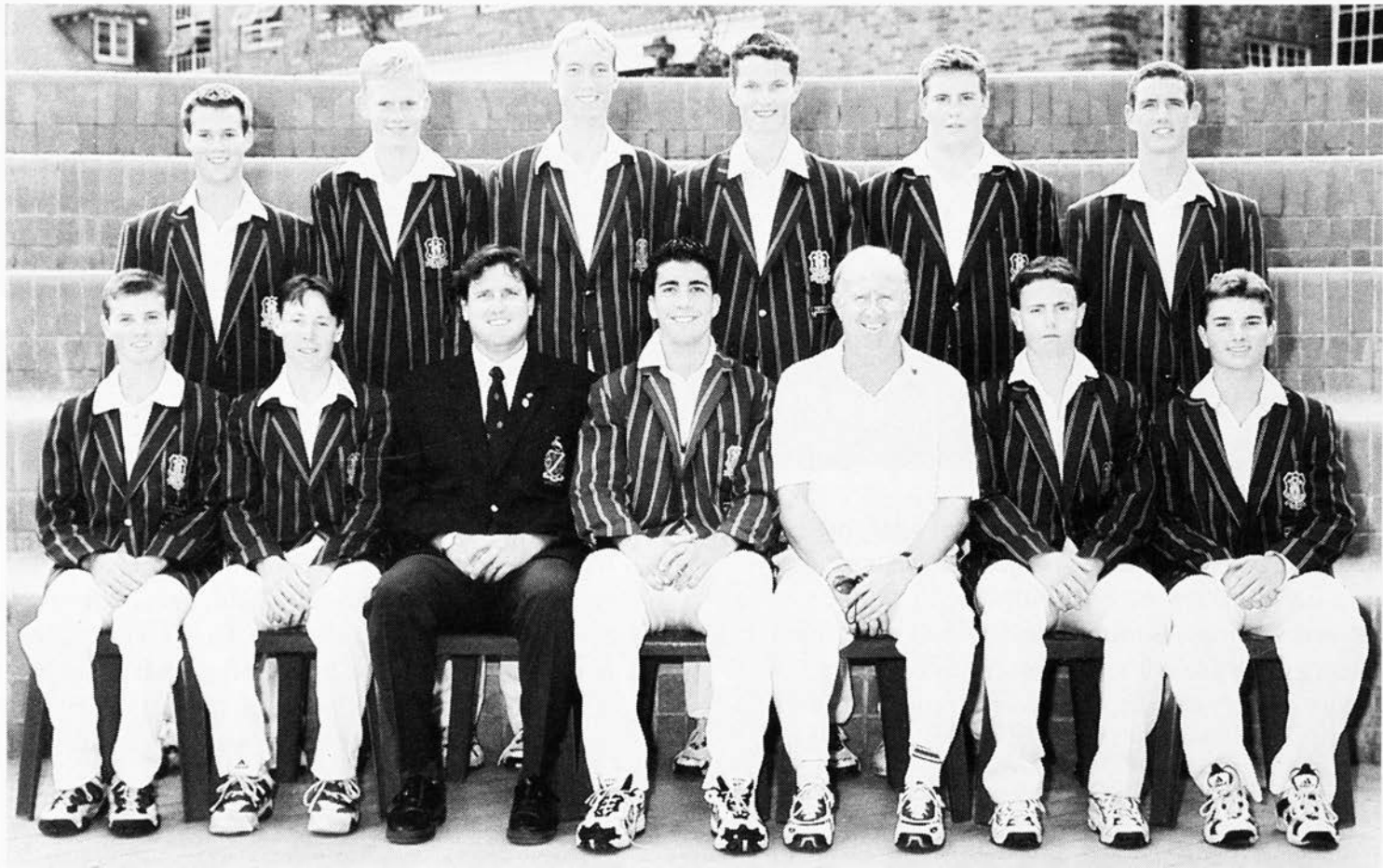
Alex Roberts was chosen to represent the Gauteng team for the Vaal marathon but, due to exams, was unable to participate.

As you can see Alex had a great year. His efforts were rewarded by his club Dabulamanzi, at the club's recent 20th annual dinner, when Alex was awarded the prize for top junior. Alex is also now spending time coaching the novices three times a week at Emmerentia.

On behalf of the canoeing club I would like to thank our captain, Alex Roberts, for his support and encouragement during the year. In particular I would like to thank Mr van der Merwe and Mrs Vroom for their constant help, support and encouragement and for transporting us to all the various venues. Without their unerring support the canoeing group could not have been a success.

N Powell (Club Secretary)

Cricket



First XI Cricket

Back row: G Johnston, K Haswell, G Horsten, K Speirs, R Wood, I Busschau

Front row: G Brennon, B Leadbeater, Mr G McMillan, J Morte, Mr R Butt, M Miller, R Brunette

First XI

The 1998/1999 1st XI Cricket season was highly successful. Our exceptional captain, John Morte, led us to 10 victories, 7 draws, and only 4 losses out of the 21 games played. Despite being the captain, John also shone with the bat and ball as he took 34 wickets and earned a batting average of 25 in his full compliment of 21 games. But the prize for batting goes to our openers, Richard Wood and Michael Miller. Richard scored an astounding 586 runs this season, maintaining an average of 34.5. Michael scored 482 runs and earned himself an average of 27 runs a match, possessing, as well, the highest score in the team of 74 not out. Gavin Johnston acted as a tremendous anchor to all our sloggers with an average of 23 runs in his 13

games. Many thanks must be given to Bryn Leadbeater, whose gymnastics behind the stumps saved many matches - he took 34 catches in his 20 games. Our devastating pace attack of Kegan Speirs and Kevin Haswell decimated the top order of almost every team we came up against taking 27 wickets apiece this season. Those left standing after Kegan and Kevin were swiftly dispatched by the "Spin Twins" Michael Miller and Ashfaq Abowath. Michael took 26 wickets this season with an average of 3.0 runs per over. Complimenting him, Ashfaq took 17 wickets with an average of 2.3 runs per over - tremendously conservative for an off-spinner. Half colours were awarded to Bryn, Gavin and Kevin. While full colours were awarded to John,

Richard and Kegan. Special mention must be made of Ashfaq who was selected for the South Africa u/17 side for the Coca-Cola (formerly Nuffield) selection week. This year we also attended the St Alban's Private Schools' Festival and emerged the only unbeaten team in the week.

But all of these fantastic achievements could never have been realised without the support of the rest of the team, who acted

as a well-mannered, cohesive unit at all times, and the expert coaching of Mr G MacMillan and Mr R Butt, who spent countless hours sculpting the boys into the players they are today.

With all the evident talent we have at St David's - on, and off the field - the 1999/2000 season promises to be a resounding success.

B Murray (Scorer)

ST DAVID'S 1st XI AVERAGES '98/'99

BATTING

Player	Matches	Runs	Innings	Outs	Ave	4s	6s	Balls	St Rate	Top	Catches
D. Biezniak	10	37	6	5	7.4	3	0	143	2.6	14	0
J. Morte	21	370	19	15	25	43	3	524	7.1	47	4
R. Brunette	21	160	17	15	11	11	0	477	3.4	41	8
K. Haswell	16	7	4	2	4	1	0	28	2.5	4	2
I. Busschau	15	135	11	8	17	17	0	225	6.0	63	2
K. Speirs	20	88	13	9	10	10	0	184	4.8	28	5
R. Wood	21	586	21	17	34.5	67	0	934	6.3	53	8
M. Miller	20	482	20	18	27	54	1	1043	4.6	74	6
G. Horsten	19	88	13	9	10	5	0	209	4.2	36	7
G. Johnston	13	228	12	10	23	20	0	626	3.6	45	1
A. Abowath	13	8	9	8	1.0	2	0	121	0.7	16	4
B. Leadbeater	20	137	13	12	11.4	14	1	233	5.9	24	18

BOWLING

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	RPO	4s	6s	NB	WB	Amount
D. Biezniak	2	0	15	0		7.5	2	0	0	0	0
J. Morte	130	12	434	34	12.8	3.34	38	4	21	21	42
R. Brunette	1	0	6	0		6.0	0	0	0	1	1
K. Haswell	114	9	375	27	13.9	3.29	35	3	27	32	59
I. Busschau	105	21	345	11	31.4	3.3	40	1	3	13	16
K. Speirs	151	23	513	27	19.0	3.39	40	3	53	35	88
M. Miller	128	20	386	26	14.8	3.0	32	6	2	20	22
A. Abowath	113	29	261	17	15.4	2.3	21	1	0	1	1
K. Sterrenberg	23	2	99	5	19.8	4.3	9	0	1	5	6
G. Horsten	32	4	138	5	27.6	4.31	10	1	8	6	14
											249

Total runs for 2368

Total wickets for 152

Total runs against 2572

Total wickets against 134

First XI tour to Cape Town (15 – 18 October)

A new-look First XI, with five new players, left for Cape Town expecting three extremely difficult matches: Wynberg Boys' on the Friday, Western Province Development on the Saturday and finally Bishops on the Sunday.

We arrived on Friday morning with our hopes high. The weather however, in typical Cape style, was miserable. We checked into our hotel and after a short swim we were ready to play our first match. We arrived at Wynberg that afternoon, only to find that they didn't have covers for the pitch. This meant that waterpolo was the only game on offer! This didn't

dampen our spirits too much, as we were told that we would spend the day at the V&A Waterfront instead.

The next day we experienced more typical Cape weather, but this time it was the wind. Our opposition, unaffected by the wind, played well and beat us in a very exciting match. I think it was quite an experience for many of us to play in these conditions, with the bails being blown off at least twice every over. With our morale a little low, we decided to watch the rugby at the V&A. The rugby was almost as demoralising - South Africa showing a poor performance against Uruguay.

The next morning however we awoke refreshed and the general morale of the team had lifted. We were determined to put up a good performance against Bishops. When we arrived we were astonished by the wonderful buildings and facilities the school had to offer. It was (amazingly) a sunny day with only a hint of wind. It was another very exciting game, with St David's scoring 155 runs in the allotted 60 overs. Knowing the strength of the Bishops team, we knew we had to bowl extremely well.

The opening bowlers came out firing and we had Bishops struggling from the start at 0 for 2. The next two batsmen put on an excellent partnership of 156 runs to win the game.

Although we lost both games, the team came back with morale high. This was only the start of the season and the team was beginning to gel. Overall, it was a wonderful experience, enjoyed by all. Well done to the team and to our opponents!

G Ronaldson Grade 10

ST DAVID'S 1st XI AVERAGES '99

BATTING											
Player	Matches	Runs	Innings	Outs	Ave	4s	6s	Balls	St Rate	Top	Catches
J. Morte	9	141	9	8	18	14	1	241	5.9	33	1
R. Brunette	9	69	8	6	12	5	0	215	3.2	26	5
K. Haswell	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	13	0.0	0	0
I. Busschau	5	27	4	2	14	2	0	40	6.8	17	1
K. Speirs	8	43	6	4	11	6	0	57	7.5	21	2
R. Wood	14	393	14	13	30.2	43	1	804	4.9	53	6
M. Miller	13	322	13	13	25	41	1	699	4.6	77	5
G. Horsten	13	74	12	8	9	5	0	161	4.6	36	4
G. Johnston	13	228	12	10	23	22	0	664	3.4	45	1
A. Abowath	14	0	9	9	0.0	8	1	157	0.0	27	4
B. Leadbeater	8	68	6	6	11.3	7	1	98	6.9	20	7
G. Brennon	4	17	4	3	6	2	0	39	4.4	15	0
G. Ronaldson	5	64	5	4	16.0	5	0	168	3.8	33	0
W. Bowen	2	3	1	0		0	0	4	7.5	3	0
C. Wood	5	9	2	2	4.5	1	0	61	1.5	6	0
A. Munro	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	3.3	1	0
L. Olver	5	6	2	1	6.0	0	0	12	5.0	6	2
L. Atherton	2	0	1	0		0	0	2	0.0	0	0
R. Goldby	2	65	2	2	32.5	10	2	57	11.4	65	0
K. Sterrenberg	10	26	10	6	4.3	2	0	89	2.9	8	1
BOWLING											
Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	RPO	4s	6s	NB	WB	Amount
J. Morte	62	4	203	14	14.5	3.27	14	2	12	12	24
K. Haswell	30	2	103	6	17.2	3.43	11	1	3	10	13
I. Busschau	47	11	111	5	22.2	2.4	9	1	0	6	6
K. Speirs	68.6	8	241	11	21.9	3.51	16	2	28	15	43
M. Miller	89	12	314	12	26.2	3.5	27	4	5	18	23
A. Abowath	124	30	344	15	22.9	2.8	34	1	0	1	1
K. Sterrenberg	28	2	132	3	44.0	4.7	14	1	1	6	7
G. Ronaldson	0	0	1	0			0	0	0	1	1
W. Bowen	12	1	60	2	30.0	5.0	7	0	0	4	4
A. Munro	37	3	175	2	87.5	4.7	18	1	1	9	10
L. Atherton	9	1	16	1	16.0	1.8	0	0	0	1	1
R. Goldby	3	0	17	1	17.0	5.7	3	0	0	1	1
G. Horsten	51	7	201	8	25.1	3.94	15	0	7	14	21
											155

Total runs for 1556

Total wickets for 80

Total runs against 1918

Total wickets against 99

Second XI



Second XI Cricket

Back row: D Biezanek, D Bradbury, B Hubbard, A Tennant, G Robertson, B Glanville

Front row: T Wood, G Naude, A Chemaly (Capt), Mr P Andrew (coach), G Benion (wicketkeeper), A Romano, C Wood

The second XI was represented by a number of players over the 17 games played in the 98/99 season. Captained competently by Paul Taliodoros, Alfie Chemaly and Grant Brennon, they had a very good season. There were certainly interesting occurrences during the season: David Randall's big hitting early in the season, the one run loss to Northcliff after we thought we had won it, the game in the mist at St Alban's, Paul Taliodoros' decision to concentrate on tennis, the disappointing loss in the first Johnny Waite game, the tie at Boksburg and KES's rather large total in the penultimate game, followed by a win at Jeppe.

The batting line-up was strong, Grant Brennon often adopting a pinch-hitter role to get the innings started positively. Grant and Kevin Sterrenberg developed a positive approach and often set the team up for a good total, their partnership at St Alban's was a memorable one after which Joseph Lekalakala went on to wrap the game up with an unbeaten 49. It was very unfortunate that Joseph did not play a full role in the season because of injury. Dominic Biezanek had some aggressive innings but he could perhaps look back at this season as one of unfulfilled potential. Paul Taliodoros also struggled to fulfill his potential, and after captaining the team early on, decided to concentrate on his tennis. Alfie Chemaly then took over the captaincy and his single-handed destruction of Randburg's attack was the highlight of his season.

Robin Goldby's attacking batting often promised much, and it is good to see that he has forced his way into the 1st XI scoring a 50 against PBHS. Bryan Hubbard sometimes got started well, but perhaps concentrated too hard and seldom got a big score. Christopher Wood showed his worth by chipping in with innings which won the second game against Jeppe, and earned the team a tie at CBC Boksburg. Lawrence

Atherton took on the responsibility of opening the innings late in the season, and his batting and bowling were important to the team. Dale Bradbury served the team well as a lower middle order batsman, and he perhaps too often went in late and had to score quickly early in his innings and therefore did not get the scores he could have.

In the bowling department, Andrew Munro developed into a bowler of pace and aggression. It is a pity injury kept him out of a few games. Bevan Glanville supported well, and perhaps his potential as an all-rounder is best illustrated by his 52 and 6/35 against Queen's. Lawrence Atherton bowled straight and quickly attacking the wickets successfully on numerous occasions. Andrew Tennant showed significant potential as a fast bowler late in the season. Perhaps the two bowlers most often relied on were Kevin Sterrenberg and Dominic Biezanek. Kevin's consistent in-swing was outstanding in pegging a side back and regulating scoring. His best of 4/36 against St Alban's probably did as much to win that game as his 42 runs did. Dominic was lethal when in form, bowling quickly and getting substantial swing, his 3/36 against KES was evidence of his considerable ability. When Kevin Haswell played for the 2nd XI, he took 4/43 in the return game against St Alban's, mainly in a fiery first spell, but this was not enough to save the game.

The team did not always field well, and some matches were lost when chances went down. An example of this (which may not necessarily have led to victory) was the game against KES where four chances went down before the first wicket fell. Hard work in the field is a prerequisite for success at this level.

The season was very good overall as witnessed by the results. Thanks are due to those parents who supported the team and were so gracious in organising the catering on those long Saturdays.

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Results

Randpark H S - 67 all out (Taliadoros 3/24)
 St David's - 70/2 (Randall 34)
 won by 8 wkts

Hyde Park - 89/5 (Goldby 2/12)
 St David's - 93/2 (Randall 33 n.o., Hubbard 25)
 won by 8 wkts

St David's - 160 all out (Johnston 45, Chemaly 41)
 Sandringham - 95 all out (Munro 3/23, Taliadoros 4/17)
 won by 65 runs

St David's - 106/7 in 30 overs (Johnston 31)
 Jeppe - 110/3
 lost by 7 wkts

Northcliff - 158/7 (Taliadoros 3/38, C. Wood 2/27)
 St David's - 157/7 (Johnston 54 n.o., Lekalakala 31)
 lost by 1 run

St David's - 136 all out (Chemaly 35)
 Fourways - 98 all out (Atherton 3/3)
 won by 38 runs

St Albans - 164/8 (Sterrenberg 4/36)
 St David's - 167/3 (Sterrenberg 42, Brennon 32, Lekalakala 49 n.o.)
 won by 7 wkts

Potchefstroom - 167 all out (Atherton 3/34)
 St David's - 168/5 (Sterrenberg 26, Biezaneck 81)
 won by 5 wkts

St David's - 202/7 (Brennon 40, Biezaneck 49, Goldby 49)
 Hyde Park - 92 all out (Sterrenberg 3/11, Biezaneck 5/22)
 won by 110 runs

St David's - 249 all out (Brennon 25, Glanville 52, Chemaly 31, Atherton 60)

Queens - 117 all out (Glanville 6/35, Atherton 2/38)
 won by 132 runs

Johnny Waite Knockout

Eden Glen - 129 all out (Sterrenberg 3/17)
 St David's - 106 all out (Sterrenberg 28, Atherton 21)
 lost by 13 runs

St David's - 188 all out (Chemaly 68, Sterrenberg 30)
 Randburg - 179 all out (Atherton 3/22)
 won by 9 runs

St David's - 150 all out (Brennon 25, Biezaneck 55)
 Sandringham - 122 all out (Glanville 3/33, Biezaneck 4/24)
 won by 28 runs

St David's - 200/7 (Brennon 84, Sterrenberg 36)
 Roosevelt - 118/7 (Tennant 3/20, Atherton 3/19)
 won by 82 runs

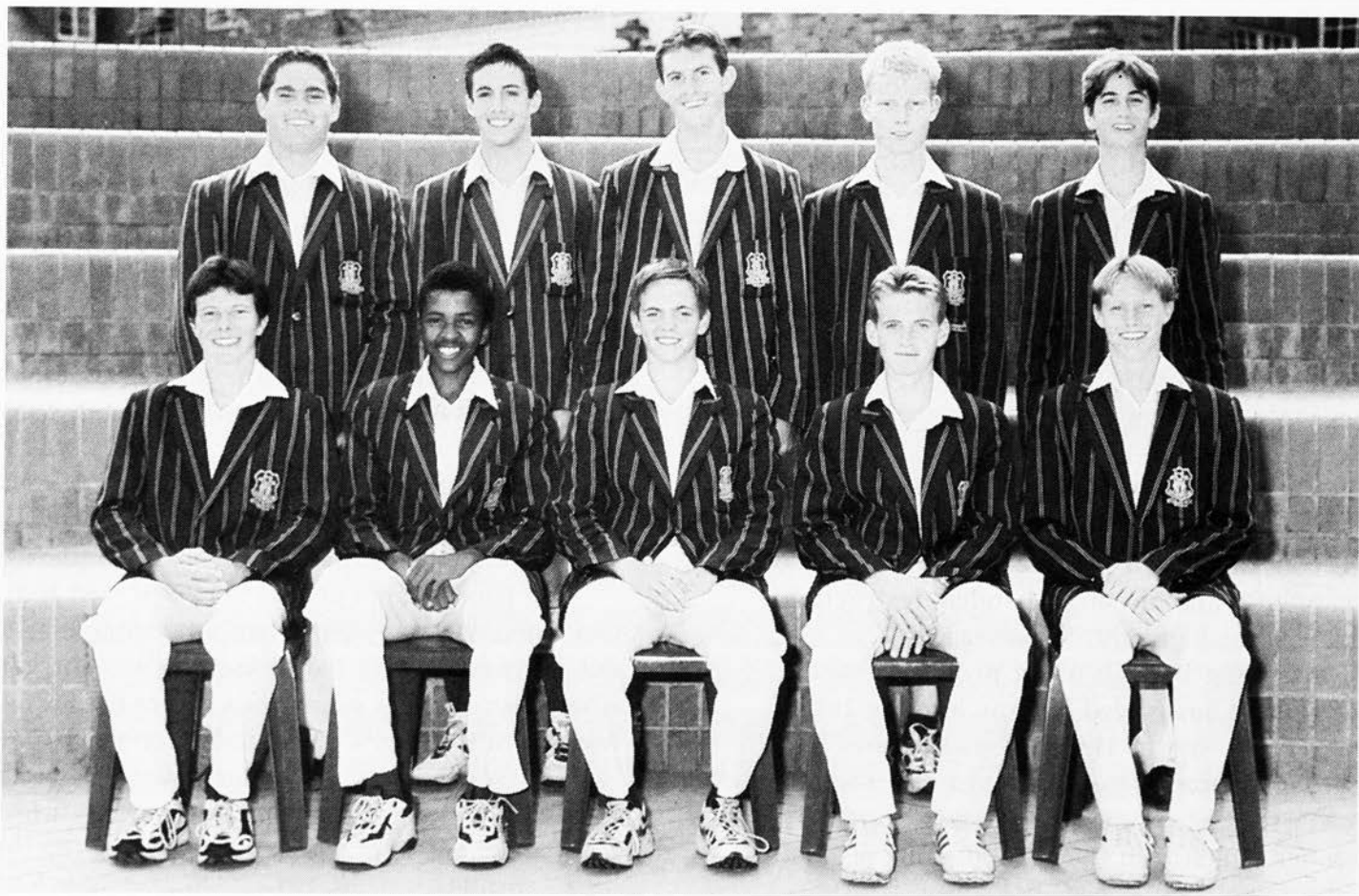
St David's - 137 all out (Johnson 45, Atherton 22)
 St Albans - 139/5 (Haswell 4/43)
 lost by 5 wkts

St David's - 124/5 in 25 overs (C. Wood 28, Hubbard 25)
 CBC Boksburg - 124/9
 Match tied

KES - 317/5 (Biezaneck 3/36)
 St David's - 186 all out (C. Wood 48 n.o., Biezaneck 22, Atherton 31, Goldby 21)
 lost by 131 runs

St David's - 120/9 (C. Wood 43, Hubbard 20)
 Jeppe - 84 all out
 won by 36 runs

Fourth XI



Fourth XI Cricket

Back row: J Tonetti, M Lopes, G Thomas, G Borman, W Exton
Front row: A Roberts, M Skosana, D Cochrane, C Thomas, G Atkinson

Under 16A



Under 16A Cricket

Back row: *E Giuricich, G Ronaldson, B Rowlings, L Olver*

Front row: *D Dias, D Tucker, Mr B Ireland, M Schoombie, JJ de Castro Maia*

This has been a very successful season for the u16A team. The team was captained by Damien Tucker. They won seven of the nine matches completed. The team's victories were by convincing margins, with the exception of a very exciting and well deserved 10 run defeat of St John's. The loss to Queens was disappointing, but it did prove that no match should be taken lightly. The top run scorer was David Dias with 244 runs which included the only century (106) of the season. The next best run scorers were Greg Ronaldson (192) and Levi Olver (150). The top wicket takers were Damien Tucker (15), JJ De Castro Maia (13) and Warren Bowen (11). Warren Bowen was the most economical of the bowlers, conceding only 2,2 runs per

over. It was pleasing to see spin bowlers being used for both attacking and defensive purposes. The spinners bowled 120 of the 309 overs, and took 26 of the 72 wickets taken by the bowlers. The following boys represented the team on three or more occasions: Damien Tucker, David Dias, JJ De Castro Maia, Greg Ronaldson, Daniele Carnicelli, Levi Olver, Mark Schoombie, Tyson Teubner, Warren Bowen, Greg Barrow, Michael Reid, Edward Giuricich. The players are to be commended on a fine season and I wish them all success for the rest of their cricketing careers, and hope that they continue to play once they have left school.

Mr B Ireland

Results – 1st Term 1999

Potchefstroom

Potch - 96/10 (De Castro Maia 4/39, Tucker 3/29)

St David's - 97/6 (Olver 51*)

Won by 4 wickets

Queens

St David's - 69/10 (Dias 27)

Queens - 71/7 (Teubner 3/36)

Lost by 3 wickets

Bryanston

Bryanston - 33/10 (Ronaldson 3/11, Tucker 3/14)

St David's - 34/6

Won by 4 wickets

Randburg

Randburg - 67/10 (Tucker 3/21)

St David's - 68/5 (Ronaldson 35*)

Won by 5 wickets

St Johns

St David's - 135/4 (Ronaldson 37*, Dias 37, Bowen 24)

St Johns - 125/10

Won by 10 runs

Sandringham

Sandringham - 200/7

St David's - 201/6 (De Castro Maia 53, Ronaldson 42, Olver 34)

Won by 4 wickets

Roosevelt

Roosevelt - 101/7 (Tucker 3/27)

St David's - 103/4 (Dias 28, Bowen 24)

Won by 6 wickets

St Albans

St David's - 219/10 (Dias 106, Ronaldson 26, Olver 26)

St Albans - 134/10 (Barrow 3/10)

Won by 85 runs

KES

KES - 222/9 (Bowen 3/27, Dias 3/29)

St David's - 112/10 (Carnicelli 23, Ronaldson 21)

Lost by 110 runs

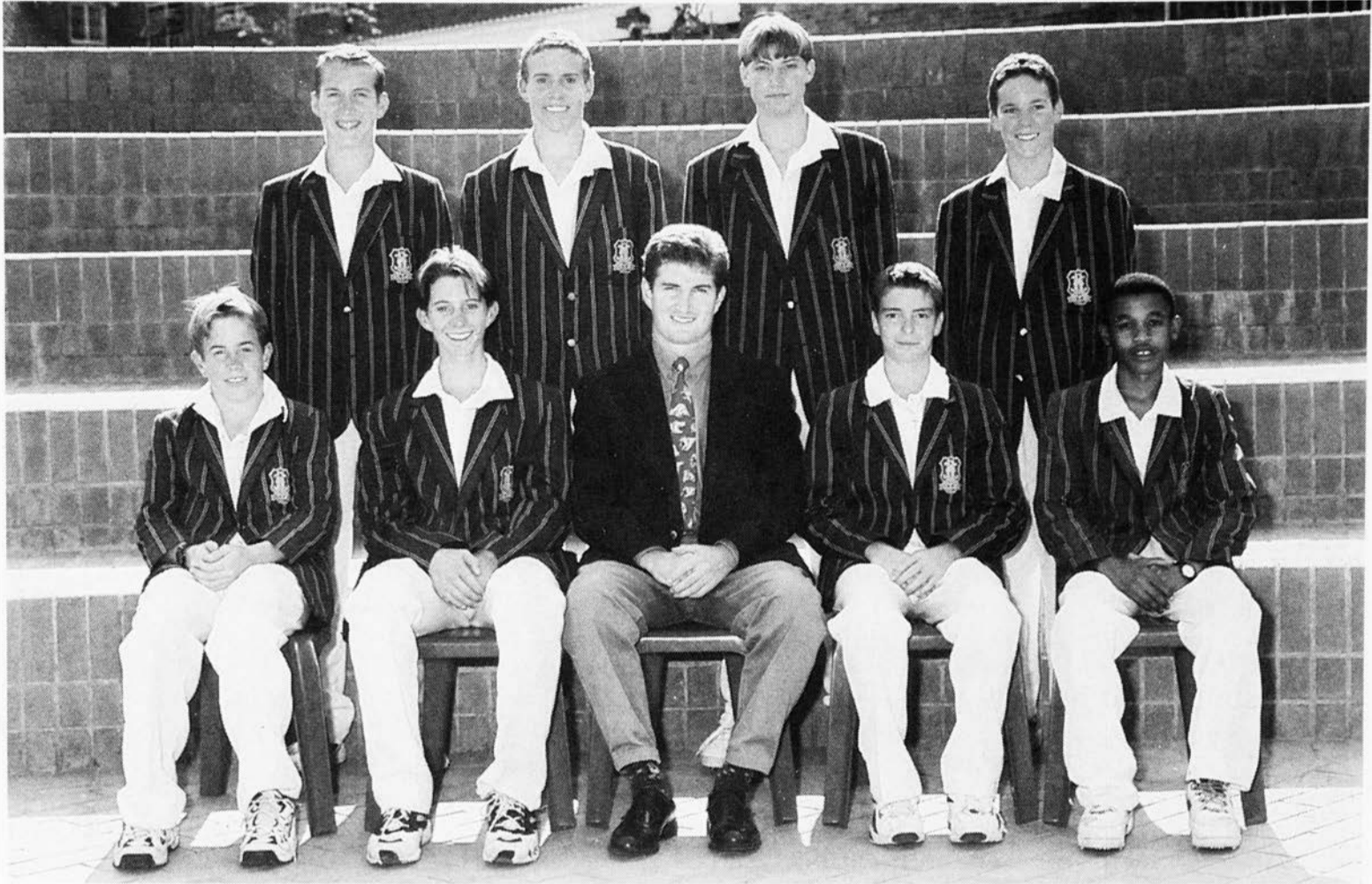
Jeppe

St David's - 165/8 (Carnicelli 25, Bowen 25, Taljaard 24*)

Jeppe - 33/0

Drawn (rain stopped play)

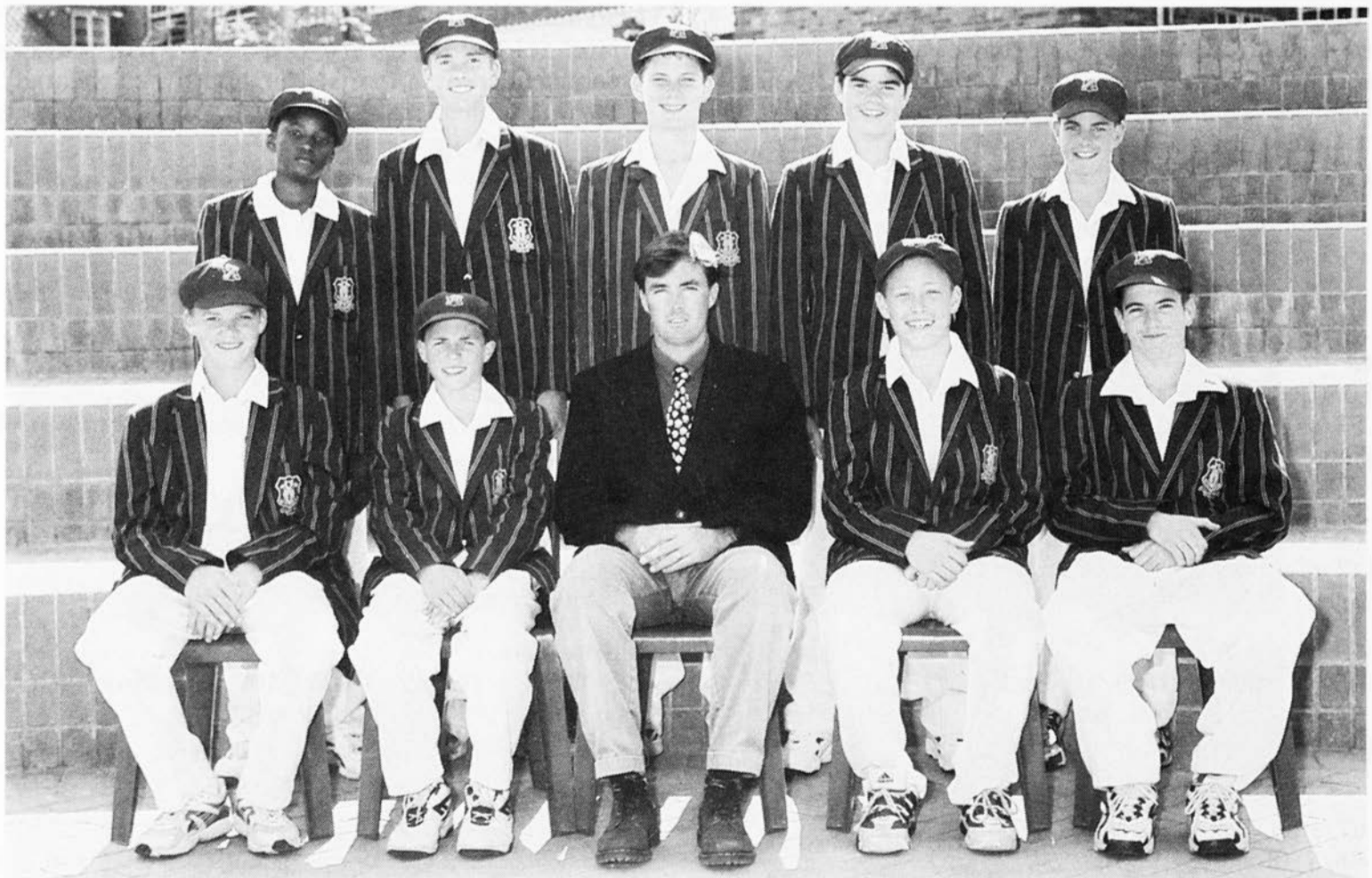
Under 16B



Under 16B Cricket

Back row: C Knezovich, B Rowlings, S Fraser, M Tonetti
Front row: A Levy, B le Roux, Mr B Ireland, E Giuricich, G Mposula

Under 15A



Under 15A Cricket

Back row: P Matshikwe, K Barnes, R Speirs, S Stewart, R Wainwright
Front row: W Clarke, M Benton (capt), Mr W Craven, J Ward (vice capt), P Smith

Under 15A

The U/15A cricket team had a wonderful season with W. Clarke shining with the ball and J. Ward and R. Speirs succeeding with the bat. We had some excellent moments in the field. All in all we had a great season. The team spirit was high and we all enjoyed ourselves. A very big thank you goes to Mr Craven who made our season into a great one. Thank you, sir.

M Benton (Captain)

Squad: M. Benton (c), J. Ward (vc), R. Speirs, W. Clarke, K. Barnes, N. Marques, P. Smith, P. Machiewe, A. Saunders, R. Wainwright, B. Siebrits, S. Stewart.

Results

St David's vs Potch Boys High

St David's - 153/5 dec. (J. Ward 64)
Potch - 67 all out (M. Benton 4/5)
St David's won by 80 runs.

St David's vs Queens High

Queens - 38 all out (W. Clarke 5/22; G. Barrow 5/8)
St David's - 39/2
St David's won by 8 wickets.

St David's vs Bryanston (30 overs)

St David's - 127/7 (W. Clarke 31; J. Ward 30 n.o.)
Bryanston - 37 all out (W. Clarke 4/13)
St David's won by 90 runs.

St David's vs Randburg High

St David's - 122/5 (J. Ward 64 n.o.)
Randburg - 75 all out (P. Smith 6/16)
St David's won by 47 runs.

St David's vs St John's (30 overs)

St John's - 161/5
St David's - 96 all out (W. Clarke 39)
St David's lost by 65 runs.

St David's vs Sandringham

St David's - 225/6 (R. Speirs 72 n.o.; K. Barnes 36 n.o.)
Sandringham - 68 all out (W. Clarke 7/9)
St David's won by 157 runs.

St David's vs Roosevelt (30 overs)

Roosevelt - 110/8 (W. Clarke 2/13)
St David's - 98/1
Bad light stopped play.

St David's vs St Albans

St David's - 180/6 (R. Speirs 61; J. Ward 37)
St Albans - 103 all out (W. Clarke 3/14; P. Smith 2/8)
St David's won by 77 runs

St David's vs KES

St David's - 82/9
KES - 82/1
St David's lost by 9 wickets

St David's vs Jeppe

Jeppe - 77 all out (W. Clarke 4/9; S. Stewart 3/13)
St David's - 78/4 (Marques 29)
St David's won by 6 wickets.

TOTAL MATCHES PLAYED: 10
MATCHES WON: 7
MATCHES LOST: 2
MATCHES DRAWN: -
NO RESULT: 1

Under 15B

We started off the season well with two wins in a row. Players that had moved from the A team to the B made a good contribution to the team. We had a very strong bowling and batting attack which helped a lot against sides like Jeppe. Overall we had a good season winning four out of our six matches.

R. Wainwright

Results

St David's vs Queens

Queens - 31 all out (Siebrits 5/11)
St David's - 32/1
St David's won by 9 wickets.

St David's vs Bryanston

St David's - 85 all out
Bryanston - 86/8
St David's lost by 2 wickets.

St David's vs Sandringham

Sandringham - 71 all out (Marais 3/11)
St David's - 24/1 (Wainwright 42 n.o.)
St David's won by 9 wickets

St David's vs KES

KES - 162/7
St David's - 120 all out (Haralambous 30 n.o.)
St David's lost by 42 runs.

St David's vs Jeppe

St David's - 150/3 (Bonini 71 retired hurt; Siebrits 57)
Jeppe - 114 all out (Belamont 3/16; Marais 3/24)
St David's won by 36 runs.

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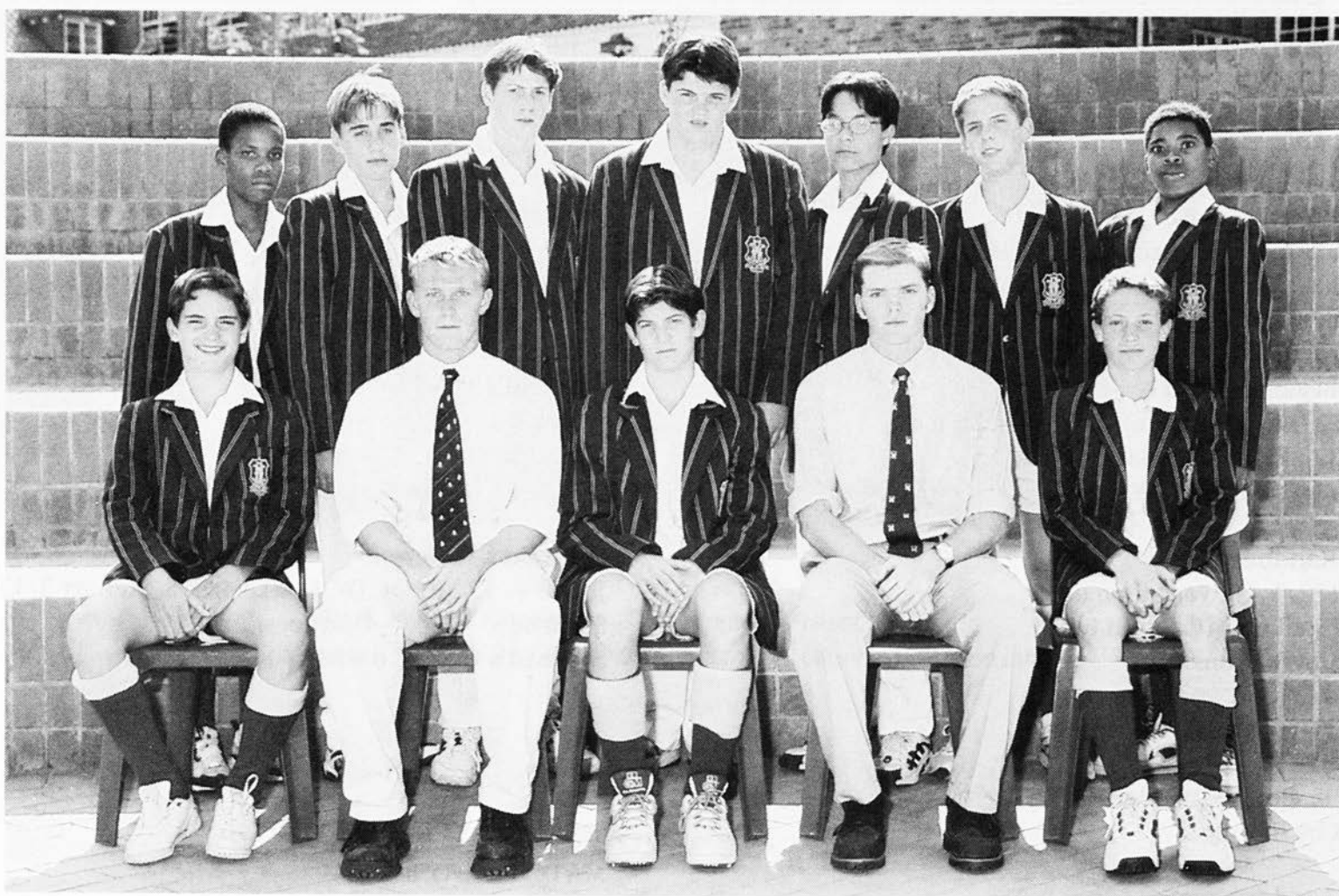
Under 15C

PLAYED: 8 GAMES
WON: 6
LOST: 2
DREW: 0

Throughout the first cricket season of 1999 the U15C had an impressive performance. The team looked strong and stayed the same throughout the season. The captain, Brendan Don, looked particularly impressive during the season, taking his

share of wickets as the opening bowler and also scoring well with the bat with an outstanding 34 not out vs Parktown. Another impressive player was Graham Harding who opened our batting adding runs on quickly and playing his shots. Our team's overall performance was a good one and I thank each player for contributing to our team spirit. A special thanks goes to our coach, Mr Hutcheon, who spurred us on and corrected our faults.

B. Don (Captain)



Under 15C Cricket

Back row: T Mabaso-Magwa, S Robertson, P Belamant, J Bruneau, T Marais, M Rantla
Front row: A Cochrane, Mr J Cameron, B Don, Mr I Terbrugge, C Green

Under 14A

The start of the Under 14 cricket season is always a daunting task. You have all these young cricketers that have represented their respective first teams at their respective primary schools all looking to make an impact at St. David's. This year was very different from past years. The under 14A side picked itself barring a few exceptions. The talent of the boys was nothing short of astonishing.

The A-Team had a very successful season. The eighteen matches played produced cricket of a high standard. The first half of the season saw the boys notching up some large victory margins against relatively weak opposition. The highlights included a good victory in scorching heat against a motivated St. Alban's team, the narrow loss by 4 runs to St. Johns in a limited overs match and the draw against King Edward with 5 regular players away on tour in Bloemfontein. The second half of the season took a whole new turn with a much tougher fixture list, there would be no easy games. Again the boys acquitted themselves well winning twice as many games as

they lost. Highlights included an exciting win over Randburg, the tour to Cape Town, a good draw against Pretoria Boys' and the win over Parktown.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS:

Played: 18
Won: 12
Drawn: 2
Lost: 4

It would not be right for me to single out any player in the side. The team as a whole contributed to the success of the season. The boys' enthusiasm and tenacity combined with their talents carried them through the season. I would also like to make special mention of the wonderful and loyal support of the parents during the year. This group of boys is talented and I would like to wish them every success in the years to come.

Mr S Young

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Under 14A Cricket

Back row: *C Merry, N le Roux, C van Zyl*

Middle row: *L Stirk (scorer), S Schoombie, J Oberholzer, R Clarke, S Cepnich*

Front row: *M Thomas, R Brocco (capt), Mr S Young (coach), G Kolkenbeck-Ruh (vice capt), J Pohlman*



Under 14B Cricket

Back row: *C McWilliams, R Finch, R Botes, S McCarthy, N Gordon*

Front row: *A Green, R Smith, A Parker, Mr S Fry, J Arnesen, A Jones, R Shillaw*



Under 14C Cricket

Back row: *N Pierce, D Henry, R Stafford, K Matseke, J Haddon, R Melton*

Front row: *G Allen, N Harding, D Wood, Mr G Hutcheon, E Raffner, R Coomer, G Tucci*

Under 14D Cricket

Back row: *A Hopkins, T Kidney, D Bruneau, M Hammond*

Front row: *A Khoury, M Truscott, Mr G Hutcheon, M Carvell, D Gladulich*



Under 14E Cricket

Back row: *D Shine, P Pereirinha, J Reeves, P Howe-Ely, A Hoffe*

Front row: *B Cochrane, K Gullacksen, S Deegan, Mr G Hutcheon, A Scott, J Kaiser, B McLuckie*

St David's Colts Cricket Festival

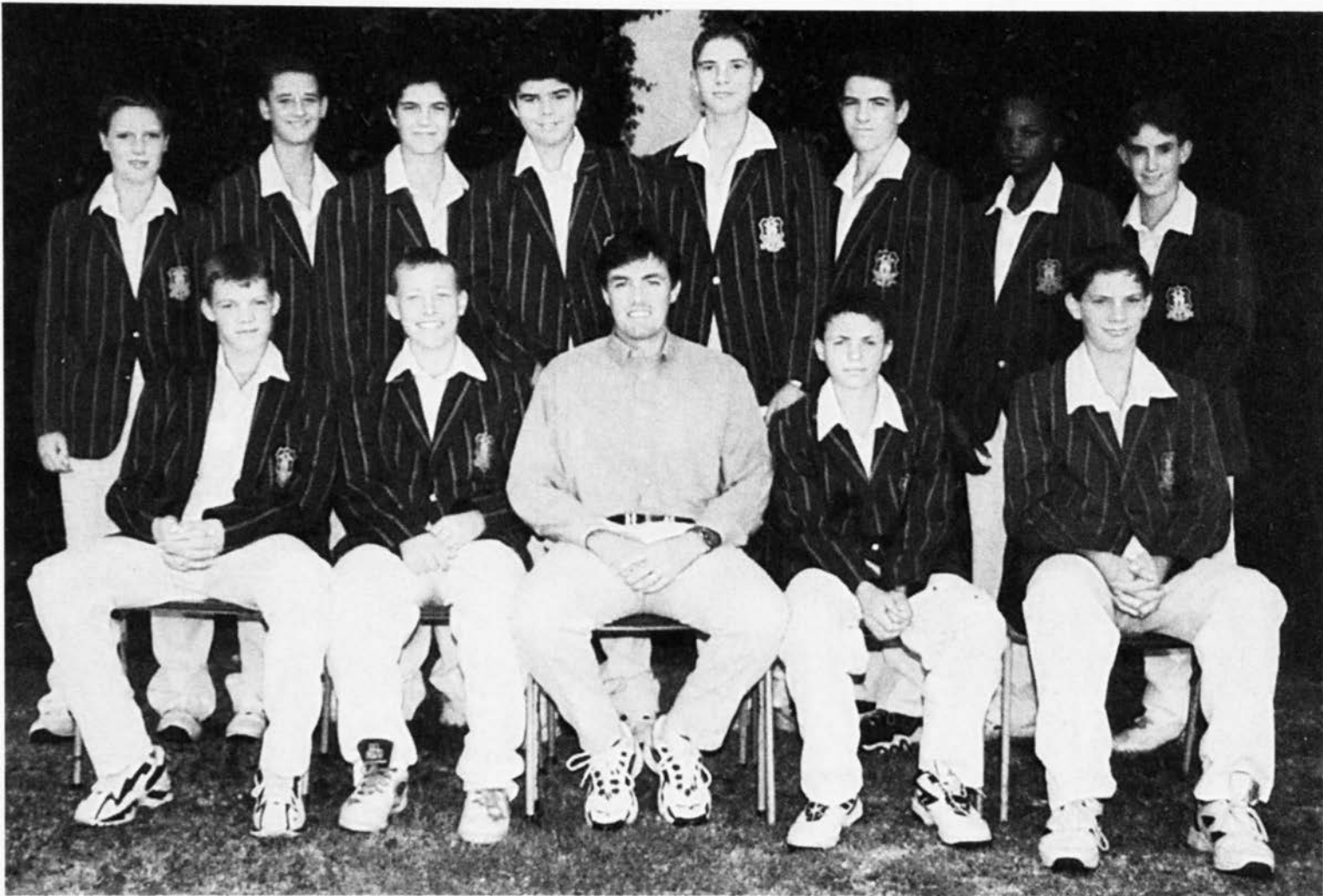
On a hot Thursday afternoon the Colts Cricket Squad of St David's departed. It was a 5 hour drive and we were accompanied by Mr Craven (Coach) and Mr Behr (Manager).

On the Thursday 25 February 1999 we had to stay at the Formula 1 Hotel for the night. Friday morning was the start of the St Andrews Cricket Festival. We had a good tour beating Michaelhouse and Kingswood comprehensively but having the disappointment of losing to St Charles. We had some excellent batting performances with J. Ward making his first hundred.

The best batsmen went to St Albans and best bowler went to St John's. The overall trophy went to St Charles.

All in all it was a wonderful experience and I'm sure that our team became more experienced and better cricketers. Many thanks to Mr Craven and Mr Behr who guided us through this wonderful week and special thanks to the parents who came to support their children.

M Benton (Captain)



Colts cricket tour

Back row: J. Pohlman, R. Brocco, N. Marques, S. Stewart, K. Barnes, P. Smith, P. Matshikwe, G. Kolkenbeck-Ruh.

Front row: W. Clarke, J. Ward (vc), Mr W. Craven, M. Benton (c), R. Speirs

St David's Colts Tour to Bloemfontein 26-28 February 1999

St David's vs Michaelhouse

St David's - 184/7
Michaelhouse - 146/10
Speirs 47; Ward 48; Benton 3/36; Speirs 2/34; Clarke 2/22
St David's won by 38 runs

St David's vs St Charles

St David's - 170/10
St Charles - 171/3
Benton 44; Clarke 32; Speirs 29
St David's lost by 7 wickets

St David's vs Kingswood

Kingswood - 164/5 in 40 overs
St David's - 165/2
Brocco 2/21; Ward 106 N.O.; Brocco 40
St David's won by 8 wickets.
Congratulations to James Ward on his maiden century.

The boys played very good cricket in excruciatingly hot weather. Matthew Benton captained the side with distinction and maturity beyond his 14 years.

The lads were well behaved and well mannered. Well done on a super weekend!

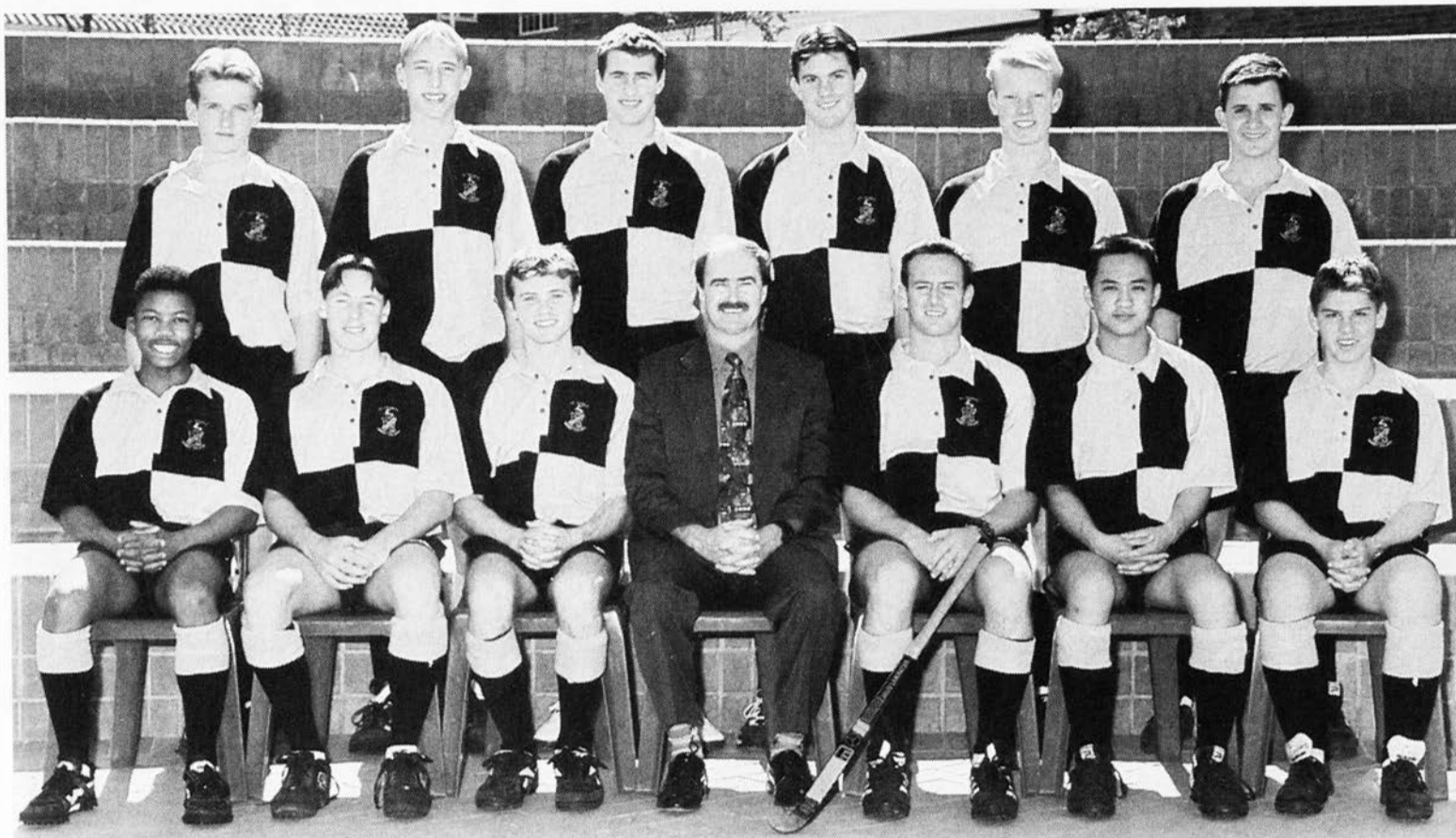
Mr W Craven

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Hockey

Overall, the Hockey Club has enjoyed a fairly successful season with most teams winning more matches than they lost. We fielded three or four Open teams for most fixtures, as well as two Under 16 teams and an Under 14 team. The Under 16 A and B teams enjoyed a good season with a number of players new to the game developing rapidly as they gained experience

The top Under 16 squad also did very well to reach the finals of the Boden Trophy Competition. A highlight for the Under 14 A team was their victory over the St Stithians U14A team a notable achievement. Continued performance of a high standard requires depth and it would seem that the Hockey Club is moving in that direction.



First XI Hockey

Back row: C Thomas; G Ronaldson; L Johnson; G Thomas; G Borman; C Stanway

Front row: T Dlukulu; B Leadbeater; G Brennon (vice-captain); Mr M Williams; M Marsay (captain); H Cheng; D Venter

Absent: D Clover; J Linington

First XI

The 1st XI has enjoyed a successful season overall, with some great victories and also some disappointing performances. After a fairly successful Chairman's Festival early in the season, the tour to Kwa-Zulu Natal presented the first major challenge to the team.

This tour proved most successful and served to bond the players into an effective unit. Mr Andrew was able to show us how to drive with a shattered windscreen, and we tested the 4X4 capabilities of the school Hi-Aces when visiting Derek Clover's mountain retreat in the Drakensberg! The positive interaction between seniors and juniors was a significant factor in the success of the tour. In fact the only tension generated was on the field when Grant Brennon decided to put a 2m giant from Linpark High 'in his place' - it is unfortunate that no other teams we played had giants to stoke Grants' fire. Nevertheless, the team completed their tour unbeaten, coming from behind in two matches to secure victory.

The tour proved to be an important foundation for the Aitken Trophy, which was held early in the second term. This tournament turned out to be a highlight, with the team reaching the final of the 'B' Section with 6-0 and 5-0 wins in the quarter and semi-final matches - quite an achievement considering that these matches were only of 25 minutes' duration. Unfortunately the team did not sustain this in the final and went down 1-0 to Sunward Park. Nevertheless, the team took some solace from the fact that they beat Sunward Park 3 - 0 in a full match two weeks later.

The team's second place in the 'B' Section qualified them for a play-off to attain 'A' Section, which will be the main challenge facing the team in 2000. A draw against Queens High School - who did well in the 'A' Section - indicated that St David's players have the ability to play at that level.

There were also some disappointing results. Losses to Edenvale and Sandringham spring to mind, as well as the draw with King David which probably ranks as the team's worst match of the season. The loss of Bryn Leadbeater through injury was also a blow to the team, and his flair for scoring goals was sorely missed. He is to be commended for the tremendous support he gave to the team and the club in general while he was injured. His positive involvement was an important factor in the team's success this year. All the members of the 1st XI Squad are also to be commended for their grasp of the squad system and the extra options it gave the team through the 'rolling substitution' rule.

The team was well balanced, with David Venter - still Under 14 - having a great season in goal and Greg Borman, Craig Stanway, Mark di Pasquale providing a strong defensive line in front of him, ably supported by Colin Thomas and Lawrence Johnson. Mike Marsay, Grant Brennon, Hoi Cheng and James Linington did excellent work in the 'engine room' while Derek Clover, Bryn Leadbeater, Greg Thomas and Teddy Dlukulu all got amongst the goals.

Special mention must be made of the Captain, Mike Marsay. He was an inspirational captain who led by example. He always

spent time with each player before a match and focused on the positive in his comments. On the field, he thrived on pressure and dominated the midfield with his strong tackling and aggressive defensive. He was ably supported by Vice Captain Grant Brennon who, apart from showing real flair in attack, brought new meaning to the idiom "to get one's pants dirty"! The other seniors also played an important role, ensuring that the younger players were made to feel a part of the team at all times.

Mike Marsay was selected to represent South Gauteng U18 'C' and Grant Brennon South Gauteng U18 'D' at the USSASSA Winter Games, where the 'C' team went on to win the Tournament. David Venter was selected to represent the South Gauteng North U14 Area team, which also went on to win the U14 Tournament.

Mike and Grant are to be congratulated on obtaining the highest sporting award at the College for Hockey - Specific Honours. The Half Colours men - Derek Clover, Greg Borman, Greg Thomas and Hoi Cheng also deserve to be congratulated. Other awards presented at the Hockey Dinner are as follows:

- Interhouse Hockey: Seniors - Benedict House
Juniors - Benedict House
- Most improved player: Junior - David Venter
- Most promising player: Junior - Mark di Pasquale

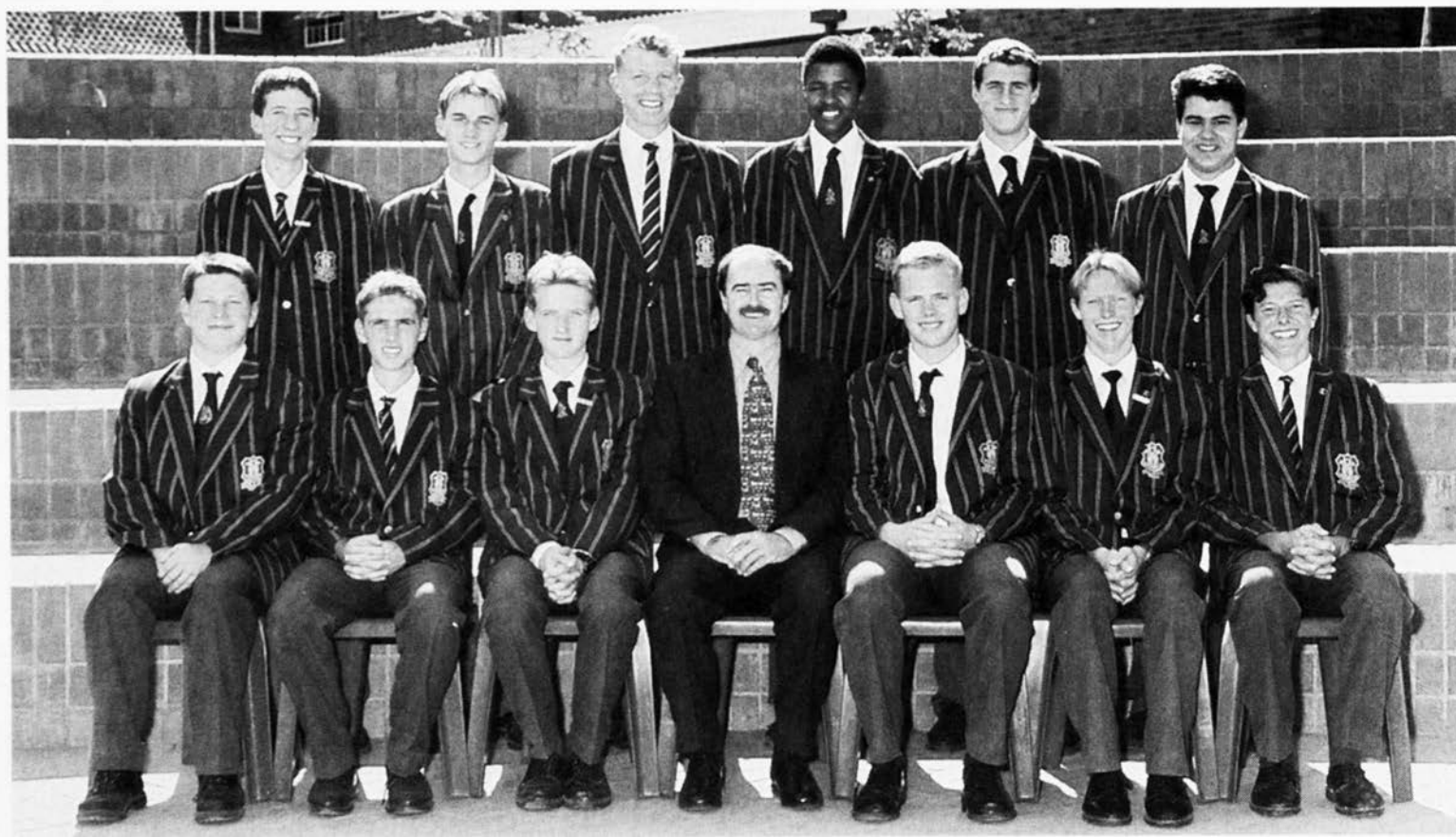
- Award for Endeavour Junior - Levi Olver
Matthew Arnold
- Most improved player: Senior - Derek Clover
Colin Thomas
- Most promising player: Senior - James Linington
- Award for Endeavour: Senior - John Venter
Greg Thomas
Bryn Leadbeater
- Team of the Year: 1st XI
- Player of the Year: Mike Marsay

To those boys matriculating, I wish them well as they move into the senior ranks. So those players still at St David's next year: set your goals now for next year. Modern Hockey - especially on AstroTurf - requires upper and lower body strength and off-season preparation will be necessary if you are to give of your best during the season. Carpe diem!

Lastly I should like to thank Mr Andrew, Miss Brickett and Messrs Haswell, Murray and Farrell for their coaching and support; Mr Ronaldson for his assistance with umpiring; Mrs von Guilleame, Mrs Pooley and Mrs Brennon for co-ordinating the catering; Mrs Arnold for her assistance with Administration; and Mr van der Merwe and his staff for the maintenance of the fields. We do appreciate it.

Mr M Williams

Second XI



Second XI Hockey

Back row: W Thrupp, D Thomas, D Bauer, M Skosana, L Johnson, J Farrell

Front row: M Schafer, J Venter, C Thomas, Mr M Williams, K Haswell, G Atkinson, A Roberts

A young team, made up mainly of Grade 10 & 11 pupils, which made great strides during the season.

Captained by Kevin Haswell they enjoyed a fairly successful season, winning most matches. When they did lose, these were always closely contested, hard-fought affairs which produced some good Hockey.

This experience should stand the players in good stead next year as they focus on lifting their game to the next level.

A number of players were also very willing to sit 'on the bench' for the 1st XI after they had played, and this was much appreciated.

Regular members of the team were: Bradley Jackson, Musi Skosana, Dean Thomas, John Venter, Laurence Johnson, Colin Thomas, Craig Stanway, Kevin Haswell, Grant Atkinson, Justin Lemm, Warwick Thrupp and Teddy Dlukulu.

Mr M Williams

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Third and Fourth XI

The 3rd and 4th XI hockey teams had several talented players who showed a degree of enthusiasm for the game. The teams played fewer games than we would have liked, but acquitted themselves well on each occasion that they took the field.

Duncan Brown's efforts in goal were a high point of the season, and other boys who showed potential were Andrew 'smiler' Williams, Michael 'effort' Graham and Ashfak 'skills' Abowath. Other players who represented the 3rd XI regularly were Dean Thomas, Andrew Wilson, Chris Goodwin, Alex Roberts, Michel Marchand, Nicholas Nosworthy, Thomas

Garden and Jonny Farrell. Wilf Exton and Neil Dabbs also played but played many games for the 2nd XI.

Good commitment and dedication were shown by many of the players, but the teams did not settle well, because of the lack of availability of certain players. With greater overall commitment in the winter of 2000 I am sure more games will be played more successfully.

Results

3rd XI Played 7 Won 2 Drew 1 Lost 4

4th XI Played 4 Lost 4

Under 16A

As the captain of the U16A Hockey side at St David's I am very pleased to elaborate on a really fantastic season.

The participants in the Hockey Club doubled from the previous season due to the number of Rugby players hoping for a less strenuous sporting programme. However, this was not the case. We played twice as many games as last season and with more coaching staff, great progress was made.

For me the highlight of the season was the regular practices held at the Morningside Astro Turf, which not only gave us extra practices, but enhanced our skills and left us with invaluable experience for the years and seasons ahead. The U16A played two games against St Stithians where we were beaten both times. The games were all about opportunities, which we failed to capitalise upon. We were, however, to seek our revenge on our

Randburg opponents by beating them 1 - 0 in the Boden Trophy.

The tour down to Bloemfontein was a great success which we all enjoyed.

A special thanks must be made to Mr Haswell, who was responsible for three teams and his invaluable experience and unending commitment went a long way towards our experience and renewed attitude of the importance of Hockey at St David's this season. Thanks must also go to Mrs Pooley who catered for us throughout the season.

Hockey has certainly attained new heights and respect at St David's and my belief is that Hockey has not yet reached its zenith at Inanda. We can definitely expect new participants next year.

A Taljaard

Under 16B

The U/16B team got off to a slow start but we soon learnt the ropes, thanks to our hidden talents. I think it was a good season considering that most of the U/16B team had never played Hockey before. We lost to Roosevelt, St Stithians, Wendywood, St Stithians, Edenvale and St Andrews, but managed wins against Sandringham and CBC Boksburg with a draw against Queens High.

The fixture at Bloemfontein (St Andrews) was definitely a highlight for the season. We look forward to it next year.

I would like to thank all the people who played for the team and all those involved - with special thanks to Johnnie Farrell, Mr Williams, Mr Haswell and Miss Brickett.

J. Joustra

Under 14/15

The standard of Hockey at St David's is improving continually, thanks to Deputy Headmaster and Master of Hockey, Mr Malcolm Williams. Many new boys joined Hockey this year, most of whom have never played Hockey before. This did not keep us back - with great coaching from Mr Mike Haswell, we won our first two games (one of which was against St Stithians!) We went on to win 6 out of 11 games.

There were many highlights this season, including Astro-Turf practises, which demonstrated to us how fast hockey can be played.

Well done to the team for the great spirit and sportsmanship, and especially to Shen Tian for stepping in as goalie at the last minute (there is life after Maths!!!).

Special thanks must go to Mrs Pooley for the much needed tea after games, and to Miss Brickett who organised the practices and matches and made sure things ran smoothly and, of course, Mr Haswell who spent many hours coaching and encouraging us. The season was a great success and I hope more players will join us next year.

M Arnold (Captain)

RESULTS

Opponents	Score	Results
Roosevelt	2 - 0	Won
St Stithians	1 - 0	Won
Wendywood	1 - 1	Drew
St Stithians	1 - 2	Lost
Edenvale	0 - 2	Lost
St Andrews (Bloemfontein)	0 - 4	Lost
Sandringham	1 - 0	Won
CBC Boksburg	2 - 0	Won
Bryanston	5 - 0	Won
Sunward Park	2 - 0	Won
Hyde Park	0 - 3	Lost

Rugby

Captain: Alfie Chemaly (Injured)
Jonathan Morte

The 1999 season can best be summed up as a season of unfulfilled potential. For the first time St David's recruited the services of a professional fitness trainer, Nick Barkham, who was responsible for the Open age group pre-season fitness training.

The season started on a high note with a well-deserved victory over a strong Roosevelt side. A marked feature of this match was the incredible school spirit displayed by the St David's boys in the stands at an "away game".

The tour to Durban over Easter weekend was an overwhelming success both on and off the playing field. The team played as a unit in beating Park Hill and St Henry's convincingly which did their confidence the world of good. They were, however, beaten by Port Natal who gave an entertaining display of running rugby. Socially the boys forged a unity and the highlight was the boys, masters and parents all spending Easter Sunday together - epitomising the Marist Spirit.

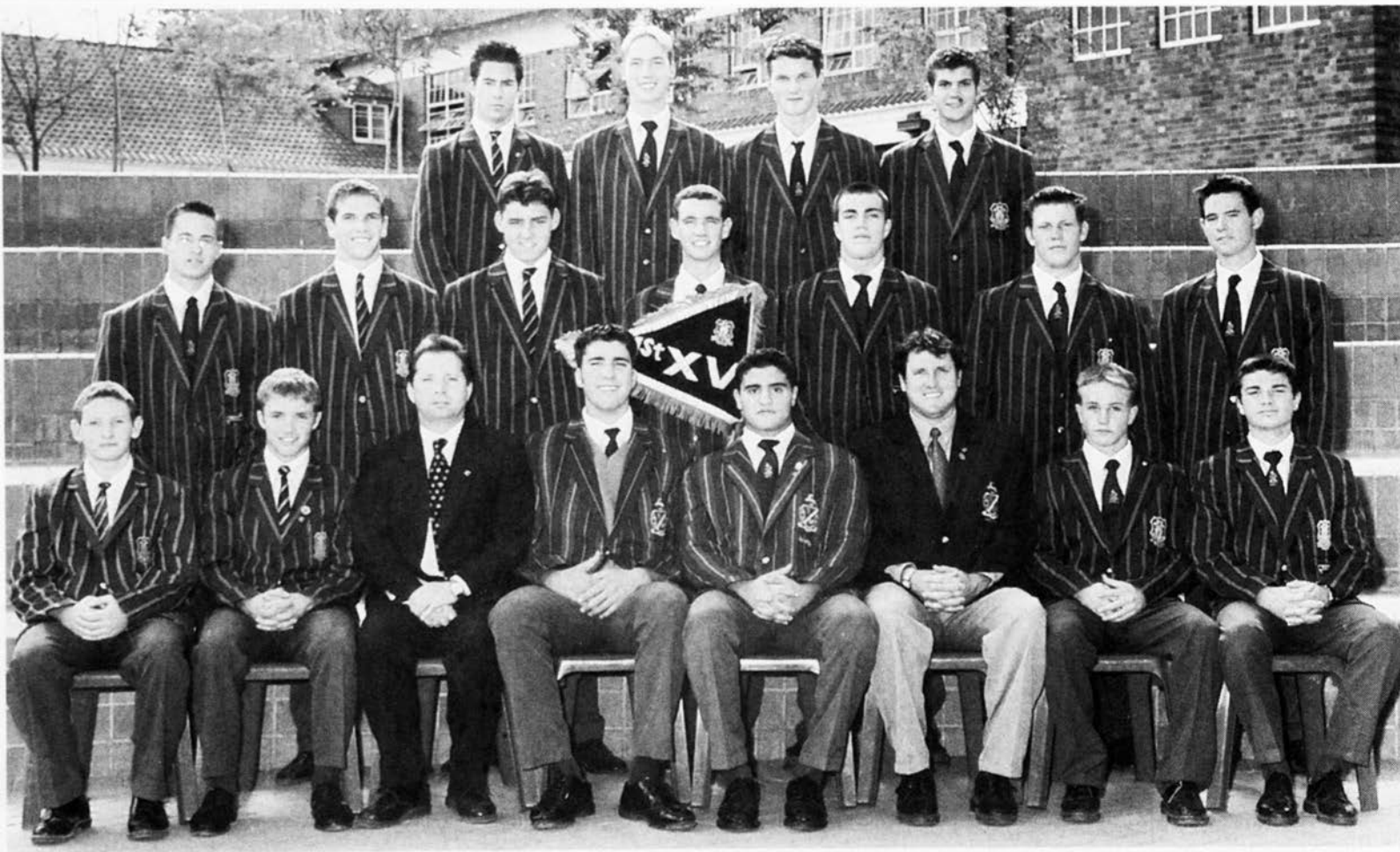
Spirited and gutsy performances by St David's were not enough to stave off defeat against formidable St Stithians, St John's and Parktown's teams. One feels that with a little more discipline, fewer injuries and perhaps a little luck, losses to Hyde Park, Bryanston, King David and Sandown could have been averted. However, the season will be remembered for its good wins, including those against CBC Boksburg, De La Salle and St Andrew's.

The entire squad gave its all, but special mention must be made of Jonathan Morte and Tshepiso Vundla who made it through to the final round of the Craven Week trials. The following awards were presented:

SPECIFIC HONOURS: Jonathan Morte
FULL COLOURS: Brendan O'Shea; Keegan Speirs
HALF COLOURS: Dominic Biezaneck; Garth Horsten

*A Chemaly
(Captain Of Rugby 1999)*

First XV



First XV Rugby

Back row: C Hepburn, G Horsten, K Speirs, B Hubbard

Middle row: D Biezaneck, A Munro, R Stewart, I Busschau, B O'Shea, S Falconer, L Atherton

Front row: C Wood, R Davies, Mr S Fry, J Morte, A Chemaly, Mr G McMillan, G Katz, R Brunette

The following quote from Joost van der Westhuizen's book - "Joost: For love and money" - serves as an apt introduction to a synopsis of the St David's 1st XV rugby season. Joost was talking about the Springboks and the 1995 World Cup.

"People have said the All Blacks were the stronger side," Van der Westhuizen reflects, "and it would be hard to argue with that. They had been together for a longer period and, man-to-man, they probably out-powered us but they could not match our shared resolve. That is why we won the World Cup -

because Morne du Plessis and Titch Christie took a squad of rugby players and turned them into a family of rugby players, who played for each other."

Those close to the St David's 1st XV know that a commonality of purpose and unity were often lacking. A team game demands that team members are in harmony with each other, play for each other and trust one another. All team members need to subscribe to game-plan. Different agendas - whether influenced by outside or not - serve only to undermine the smooth-running of the team.

Very often the team was drawn together when playing against stronger opposition. The common knowledge that they were facing adversity made them realize that they needed each other to triumph. The first thirty minutes against Parktown and the performance against St Stithians were classic examples of this.

Against weaker opposition the team tended to focus on personal differences and were more prone to individuality. Poor discipline is a form of individuality because it means the player has lost the sight of the overall game plan, and his team mates, and is focused on a personal duel (referring to the Springboks'

match against Wales, ten weeks after the world cup, Joost said, "There was a bit of a scrap but I was pleased to have held my discipline under constant provocation." The disciplinary action sent a clear message that violent indiscipline was unacceptable. First XV defeats hurt everyone, especially the players and coaches, but our morality cannot be dictated by this. Our morality can not be dictated by the actions of other schools either.

We look forward to the season of the year 2000. May the 1st XV play with discipline, pride and confidence (and avoid the injury bogey - especially to its captain).

RESULTS

Vs ROOSEVELT

If the rest of the season had been played like the first half of this game the team would have had a better than 70% season's record - commitment, backs prepared to take their man on, support play and good ball retention. Fatigue set in during the second half and Roosevelt were allowed back in the game. The game will be remembered for a superb break at first centre by David Randall who passed to Keegan Speirs for the try.

WON 16 - 13

Vs ST STITHIANS

A brave display by St David's, particularly by the forwards. The forwards gave as good as they got against a physically strong St Stithians pack. The St David's backs were nervous, lacking in confidence and outgunned by a stronger, more skilled and quicker St Stithians backline. In retrospect this game should have been played more with the forwards.

LOST 3 - 39

ST HENRY'S FESTIVAL

St David's were desperate for a confidence boosting game. The opening game against a development side provided this. Brendan O'Shea excelled at centre by breaking the line a few times to score tries. He seemed to lack the confidence to do this in subsequent games.

WON 39 - 0

The second game was against our brother school, St Henry's. The St Henry's side started off strongly but eventually succumbed to stronger forwards. The backs ran well with Keegan Speirs coming close to opening the scoring for St David's. A well-worked try was scored by wing Lawrence Atherton.

WON 14 - 5

The last game against Port Natal was a lesson in quality rugby. The Port natal side were strong, committed, confident and showed a feel for the game that cannot be coached. Their absolute love for the game expressed itself in awesome support play and steel-like defense. A thoroughly outplayed and intimidated St David's side **lost 3 - 39**.

Vs SANDOWN

If ever the whistle spoilt a game it was in the encounter. Play was never really allowed to get going. The game provided a strong case for the English schools to appoint their own competent referees to 1st XV games. Highlight of this game was a good backline try scored by Rhys Davies (wing). A disappointing result for an over-confident St David's teams who were rudely awakened.

LOST 12 - 15

Vs NORTHCLIFF

Probably the best performance of the season. After a slow start the team grew in confidence as they realized they could win. St David's tries were well worked with David Randall scoring on the wing from a full line movement. Andrew Munro (centre) also scored after relentless pressure on the Northcliff line. Northcliff scored from a charge down and from a St David's lineout. A match which so easily could have gone St David's way.

LOST 20 - 22

Vs ST ANDREW'S (BLOEMFONTEIN)

A team returned to full strength were too strong for St Andrews. On a wet, muddy field the St David's backs were not allowed to play a free flowing game. The team played one of their rare well-co-ordinated linking games. The half pass from Tshepiso Vundla to David Randall for the try was typical of this. Unfortunately there were incidences of ill-discipline which cost St David's a try but the team had shown what they were capable of.

Won 17 - 8



Vs CBC BOKSBURG

St David's made hard work of beating opponents who were physically weaker than them. The highlight of the match was a try scored by Brendan O'Shea from seventy metres out. This illustrated the value of a strong running wing. With more quick ball to the wing O'Shea would have scored many more - so much for being out of position. An unsatisfactory result.

WON 20 - 3

Vs KING DAVID LINKSFIELD

A game in which the side contrived to defeat themselves. With most of the possession and territory, scoring chances were thrown away. A golden three on two opportunity squandered. Again indiscipline reduced the team to 14 players. What would have been a winning try for St David's, in the final minutes, was disallowed.

LOST 0 - 5

Vs BRYANSTON

A difficult match against a strong Bryanston side - particularly in the backs. Jonathan Morte was, however, the best forward on view with his dominance in most phases particularly from the kick-offs. The low margin of victory was a credit to the determination and solid defense of St David's.

LOST 3 - 12

Vs PARKTOWN

A game in which the whole issue of playing against sides with post matrics and boys over 18 came into question. Despite the age handicap St David's produced a first half hour of superbly courageous rugby. The physical battering eventually told as St David's tired and suffered a number of second half injuries. Had this display been sustained throughout the season the side would have won at least 70% of their games.

LOST 0 - 24

Vs DE LA SALLE

A disappointing display. The side appeared unable to score tries and had to settle for a win by two penalties. The enigmatic character of the team displayed itself. Wonderful against Parktown but poor in every aspect against a far weaker side. Suspensions were beginning to cost the side dearly.

WON 6 - 0

Vs ST JOHN'S

Up against a strong St John's side the team were never really in the game as far as attacking options were concerned. Again St David's started bravely but coming up against constant driving play by bigger opponents eventually told.

LOST 3 - 41

Vs HYDE PARK

A sad ending to a season which could have been. Was this the same side that nearly defeated a strong Northcliff side early in the season? A complacent St David's side with little commitment or imagination were rudely awakened by a Hyde Park team which regarded this fixture as a major one. This performance was notable only for the good play of Fabio Valente who scored a try through determined follow-up. Unfortunately this was not a foretaste of more and the team were left to ponder another unnecessary defeat.

LOST 16 - 8

Played 15

Lost 9

Drew 0

Won 6

AWARDS:

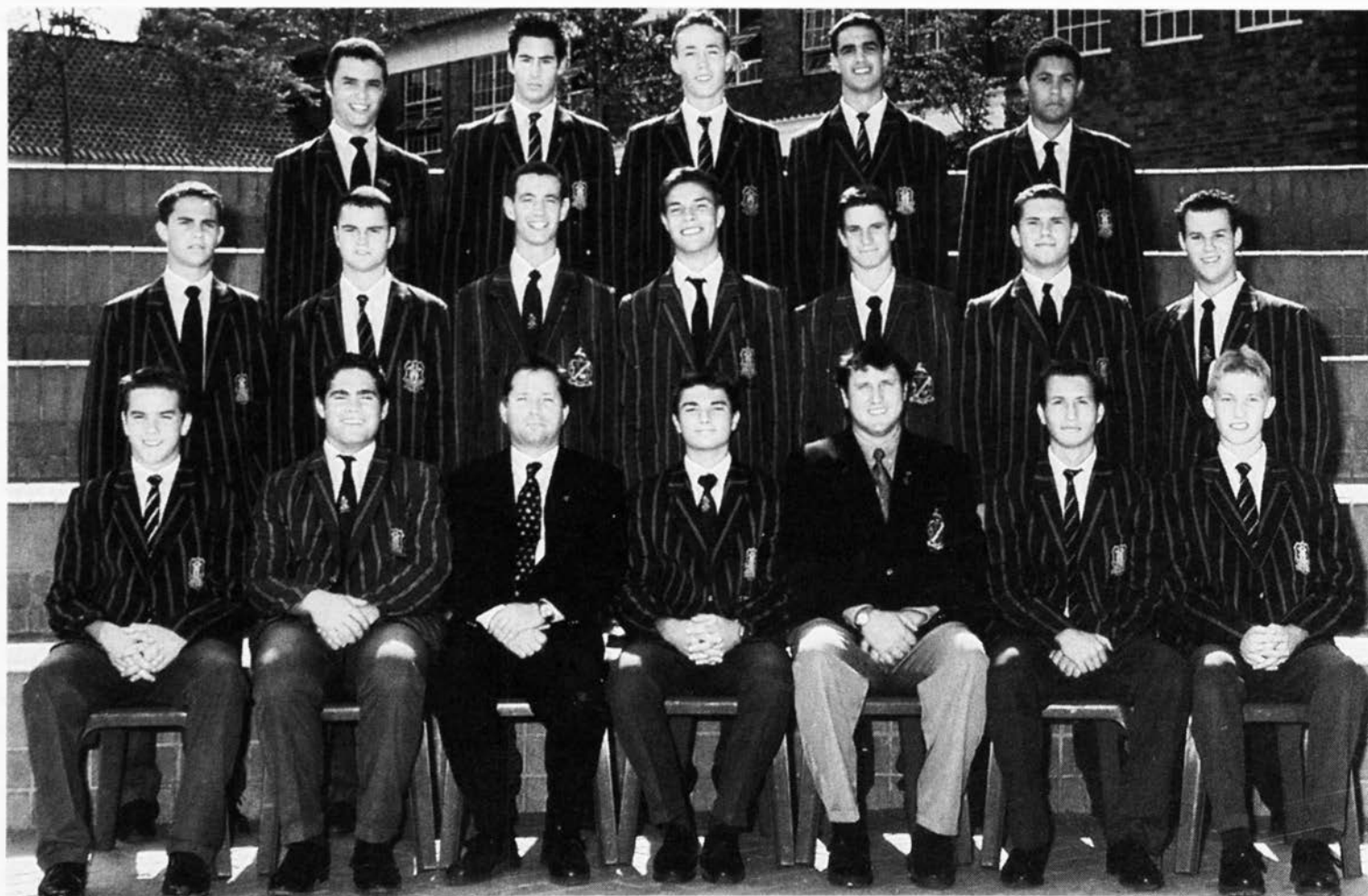
Half Colours: Dominic Biezanek
Garth Horsten

Full Colours: Brendan O'Shea
Keegan Speirs

Honours: Jonathan Morte

Mr S Fry

Second XV



Second XV Rugby

Back row: J Robson, C Hepburn, G Foden, A Tennant, R Roman

Middle row: P Smith, E Dall, I Busschau, C Shaw, A Horsfield, N Risi, G Johnston

Front row: A Shine, J Tonetti, Mr S Fry, R Brunette, Mr G McMillan, F Valente, R Atkinson

Third and Fourth XV



Third and Fourth XV Rugby

Back row: D Bradbury, G Naude, N Ridley, A de Ujfalussy, A Joubert, M Eilertsen, A Scott, A Holmes, B Glanville
Middle row: K Sterrenberg, T Monyemore, D Garofoli, S Duve, P Raw, G Scognamiglio, R Abvajee, C Goodwin, G Collister
Front row: T Dube, R Brady, C Bredenoord, A Parker, Mr M Buys, J Haralambous, A Romano, T Wu, M O'Donoghue

Be not under the illusion that "The Game" is any easier the further it is removed from the limelight. Here is the arena where often battles are fought within the boundaries of the playing field, and the confines of the human psyche.

It requires courage, commitment, a belief in self, and fellow teammates to make players face up to often, uneven odds. But before I lapse into poetry, allow me to tell you about the, good, the bad and the ugly of the 1999 season, as seen through my eyes.

Trials

Selection: Teams are read out and divisions are made. For those not chosen, this is the first test of character. Boys have mixed emotions, and it is easy to see the forced smile of a player who favoured himself above his elected counterpart. I wonder if some of the B group players will even pitch up for practise. I can only too clearly remember how desiccated the group was at the end of 1998.

The Season:

The Best Of Times

The highpoint of the season was undoubtedly the away match against St Andrews, played in wet and muddy conditions, that was reminiscent of the 1995 World cup game of SA vs. France. Both 3rd & 4th teams came away with convincing wins over their opponents.

John Haralambous led a motivated team to a well deserved 28 - 7 victory, over the principal coached, St Andrews 3rd, that in credit to them, at no stage gave away points easily.

Michael Eilertsen played an astonishing 3 consecutive matches at fullback for the 4th; 3rd and 2nd team. Donny O'Donoghue stole 6 tightheads at hooker

The poor boys didn't understand a word the oh so very Afrikaans referee said, but somehow managed to guess by watching what their opponents did. He must have thought it was a Super 12 game when he blew the whistle after a full 45 minutes (we normally play 25 - 30 minutes). Needless to say, that St Andrews 1st score was in the last minute.

A memory I will always treasure was when the school gave a war cry to the boys - something I was told is unheard of for a 3rd team.

...The Worst Of Times

The Irish came; semi-giants all of them, and fast well drilled and...

The game, against Presbyterian, ahem, correction - I mean Presentation Boys college was a mis-match. The result was closer to the proverbial cricket score and not worth mentioning. The 3rds managed to keep them from the tryline for a good 15 minutes, and then the floodgates opened. For the boys it had been a very very long game, I reflected afterwards as we joined the ever so vocal touring group in the Wanderers Club, for speeches, back slaps and impromptu choir practice.

For those who hosted visiting players, it was a culturally enriching and sleep depriving experience, that culminated in a farewell braai and a Marist button exchange.

Parachute Battalion

"When you get back from the holiday I will expect you to do - 100 push-ups, 100 sit-ups, 100 star jumps, 100 embankments, 100 leg raisers, 100 burpees, sprint/jog across the field 10 times and do 10 laps around the field" Sounds impossible?

Not so - The B practice group rose to the challenge and only 5 of 31 boys did not finish.

The boys could now walk the walk as well as talk the talk.

Worth Mentioning

The 4th team had a good win over the Crawford Lonehill 1st team and the 3rd team had a convincing win over the St Peters 1st team. It must be mentioned that these schools have low student numbers, and it is purely the oddity of a 4th team playing a 1st team, that makes it notable. Close scores of a five point difference was attained against KES 5th and 6th teams. A large amount of boys moved through to the 2nd team.

In Perspective

The result of the majority of the games were non-wins. There was improvement towards the latter part of the season. I think spirit and camaraderie were the real victors this season. We have managed to maintain two full teams throughout the season.

Something unheard of in recent years: the boys stuck it out however, even if it meant playing two games right after each other. Well done to the Captains, John Haralambous and Craig Parker.

Mr M Buys

Under 16

After starting our season with a good win against Roosevelt we then had to face, with renewed confidence, our biggest rivals - St Stithians. Although we lost by a narrow margin of 12 points to 0, the team showed incredible commitment and spirit. We consider this to be our best game of the season, but unfortunately our success of the season fluctuated between narrow losses of 10 points to 12 to Northcliff and huge wins of 72 points to 0 against CBC Boksburg.

The backline showed great speed and agility and were always good in attack scoring most of the team's tries while the forwards showed superb dedication and guts in rucks, mauls and scrums. We were lucky enough to have the pleasure of playing a well polished touring team from Ireland who were by

far the toughest team we faced this season.

The B team won 4 of their 12 matches but they played some great entertaining rugby. We battled to field a C and D side, as there were not many U/16 players. At the end of the day rugby was all about enjoyment and we look forward to another enjoying season in the next two years to come.

Special mention must be made to Michael Bembridge who was selected to play for the Gauteng U/16A side. We must thank our dedicated coaches - Mr Behr, Mr Harris, Mr Smith and Mr Bayne who were always there for us and helped us grow in confidence throughout the season.

S. Aronson and M. Bembridge

Under 15A

From the very beginning of the Rugby season the U15A team had to show just how much courage, determination and school pride they had.

An opening game against Roosevelt High proved to be a very good warm up game to one of our most important games of the season...St Stithians. After the St Stithians game I was extremely proud to be called a Marist boy. I was even more proud to be part of the U15 A team. We showed St Stithians just what a Marist boy was made of. The guts and determination that was shown that day have yet to be equaled by the team. We did, however, lose that game by 14 points in the last 5 minutes of play by some excellent rugby on St Stithians part. The loss in the game proved to the whole team that we did not need to win to feel like we had won.

From that game on our season could only have improved, and improve it did. We lost three games in total the whole season. We lost in gracious battle against very worthy opponents - namely: Parktown Boys, King David Linksfield and St Stithians College.

Another highlight in our long season was the game against St John's. We managed to beat them in the 1998 season and felt that we had the edge on them. We were very wrong in that assumption. We fought and fought hard to gain the great victory over such an improved side. We were ecstatic that we had managed to beat them. With a critical team try that was started with great loose play by Ross Speirs (who was concussed by his fearless acts in the try) and finished off by John Jericevich, we were able to gain an undefeatable edge on St John's. An awesome tackling pair in the centers, Gareth Malakou and Dayne Shillaw, completed the teams' performance. I admire every one of the players who played in that game for his determination, as we only scored the winning try in the closing minutes of the game.

Midway in our hectic rugby season we went on a tour down to St Andrew's, Bloemfontein. As was expected no one got any sleep on the train down. Yet this was no obstacle for us. We were awake and wary. The first teams as usual were playing at the same time as we were so we hardly had any support. That is until people started to notice the unbelievable tackling that was taking place on our field. Once again it was a great team performance all round. The winning try could not have been scored without very insightful play by Gareth Malakou, who kicked a perfectly placed chip to set up an easy try.

Four players out of the 10 that were sent to the Area trials got into the team. Greg Barrow, Ross Speirs, Dayne Shillaw and Gareth Malakou all rose above excellent opponents from many schools.

Unfortunately our Derby Day game against St Alban's was cancelled due to a flu epidemic at their school. It was surely

going to be an amazing game to mark the end of a shining season.

Yes, we did have some very ominous times in our season but we once again managed to pull out of any situation as the victorious team. Bryanston High provided us with the most interesting game of our season. They had some extraordinary game tactics that at the start of the match baffled us. We learnt quickly that these tactics could not be defeated with the same tactic and developed our game plan to one that would simply win the game for us and win we did. The score was 22 - 0. We showed Bryanston that the ultimate victory is in winning the game and the ultimate loss is in losing the game.

N Haralambous (Captain)



Under 15B

The U/15 B Rugby team had a successful season. Our season started off very well with a 33-0 victory over Roosevelt High. From there our Rugby got better with an impressive win over the U/15 A Trinity College Rugby team with big tackles and sterling defense we ran in two tries to their one and won the game 12 - 7. Our discipline was good throughout the season. As the season went on so our Rugby got better.

Fixtures:

Roosevelt High	0 - 33	St David's
St Stithians College	32 - 0	St David's
Bryanston	0 - 45	St David's

CBC Boksburg	13 - 15	St David's
Northcliff	5 - 24	St David's
Trinity	7 - 12	St David's
St Andrew's Bloemfontein	13 - 6	St David's
King David	17 - 7	St David's
Parktown	11 - 10	St David's
St John's	5 - 5	St David's
St Peter's	5 - 48	St David's

Points for 202 Points against 97

Played 11; won 6; drew 1; lost 4

M. Benton (Captain)

Under 15C

Surprisingly, the rugby season produced a good performance, having more wins than losses, much to the disbelief of some. As a team captain my prime objective was to create discipline and team spirit amongst the players. I expected our opposition to be fairly tough considering their reputation. With a few new additions to the squad, our chances were enhanced.

As St Stithians was our first fixture our hopes weren't too high and the score illustrated this clearly but as the season progressed our skill and our "getting ability" came into their own, winning matches that the A and B teams hadn't. One of the highlights was our victory over Parktown Boys' High. During the game tension was at its peak with both teams taking the situations a little too far, but at the end of the day our score triumphed over theirs.

Playing the Eldorado Park Development side was a character building experience for myself and the rest of the team. As their team arrived, we took one look and swallowed hard; they came half-kitted out and with half a team, but with a bit of Marist

compassion they soon found adequate kit and the team played. The match got under way with St David's putting the first points on the board and shortly followed by the Eldorado equaliser.

The game remained head to head, which was pressuring for both teams. Just before half time, a tackle sent Jeremy Cohen off with a broken ankle. The game remained very tight until we got a breakaway try, which eventually won it for St David's. I was pleased to have had the opportunity to play an under-privileged side and I hope they come back next year for another head to head match.

Our "C Team" season was positive and victorious with major wins like Parktown and King Edward and narrow losses like St John's. I hope that next year those narrow losses become major wins!

I would also like to thank Mr Craven, Mr Kenyon and Mr Ireland for their dedication and perseverance throughout the season.

S Robertson (Captain)

Under 14



Masters-In-Charge: R. Smith, S. Young

The challenges of rugby present huge physical and emotional hurdles for most boys in their first season. Their fears are not unfounded, for their experience of rugby is largely confined to

tales of horror and mothers' trepidation. Fortunately the boys soon discover their physical natures and overcome certain of these challenges. New skills are learned, new friendships are born and new confidences are born.

This year was no different. The boys were a most enthusiastic and committed group. They were also one of the most well behaved, co-operative and talented groups in a long time.

A full fixture list was prepared for the age group, with the D and E teams being involved on a regular basis. With over 100 players involved it was necessary, from time to time, to rotate players during the game to ensure that all received an opportunity to play. This remained one of the largest problems for the coaches.

A look at the results table shows that the A team won 10 of its 12 fixtures, with the other teams also having a reasonable success rate. The A team had impressive wins over Parktown, St Andrew's and Northcliff. The team showed tremendous courage going down to St John's. Much of the A team's success can be attributed to the commitment of the forwards and the tremendous pace in the backs. Christopher Carey ran in many tries on the wing and Neil Le Roux and Charles Hodgson were stalwarts up front. The latter two players were selected to play in the area side. The running style of rugby adopted by the B, C and D teams always made for an exciting game.

With so many players involved a large coaching staff was necessary. A special word of thanks to Mr Hugh Moffat who turned out regularly to give of his time and knowledge. With old boys Jonathan Tilley, Grant Hutcheon, Ian Terbrugge and Paul Schoombie adding their efforts, there was never a shortage of quality time available to the players.

Messrs R. Smith And S. Young



Swimming



B Team Swimming

Back row: G Maraschin, N Risi, G Foden, C Hepburn, J Jang, J Robson

Middle row: R Thackwell, C Cikara, J Venter, M Gibson, J Farrell, E Dall, N Black

Front row: C Marsay, M Tyack, A Witten (capt), Miss L Nolan, P Mostert (vice capt), A Castle, D Giacobazzi

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The 1998-1999 swimming season was certainly a memorable one.

The most significant aspect of the season was the team spirit evident at practices and on competition days. This ambition and determination was largely responsible for our enjoyment and success.

The team began to see our efforts coming through at the Relay Gala at King Edward VII. The team realized that every point counted and the pressure was on. The boys pulled through to achieve third place in front of Parktown.

After a very exhausting, yet enjoyable, swimming tour to Umhlanga Rocks and Midmar, the team spirit was at its peak, which helped us soar through the season. We had our share of glory as well as defeat, but this encouraged us to try harder. Winning the Inter-Catholic Gala at St. Henry's was the highlight of the tour.



There was pure dedication this season, with training at seven o'clock in the morning and training in the afternoon, which ensured a high level of fitness, necessary to be competitive throughout the season.

The Johannesburg Boys' Inter High Gala was held for the first time at the St. Stithians Aquatic Centre, in their 50m pool. St David's achieved a 5th place out of 9 schools, with excellent results achieved by Guy Little, John Brown and Shaun Falconer.

The final weeks of the season are always a busy one with, the very exciting Inter-House Gala, and the eagerly awaited Co-Ed Gala. We were teamed up with Brescia House, and were placed 3rd overall.

I would like to thank all of the swimmers this season, who gave of their best at all times, and were a credit to the College.

A special word to the boys who were chosen to swim for Southern Gauteng. In U14 they were Guy Little, Kyle Biller and Timothy Johnson. John Brown was chosen in U15, and Shaun Falconer at U17 level. Shaun Falconer was a vital part of the team and I would like to thank him for the part he played.

The U14 age group is a very talented group of boys and I congratulate them on a well swum season.

We must not forget the teachers who gave up their time to the team. Mrs. Emery and Mr. Kenyon have made huge improvements in the team and its performance. Their efforts have paid off.

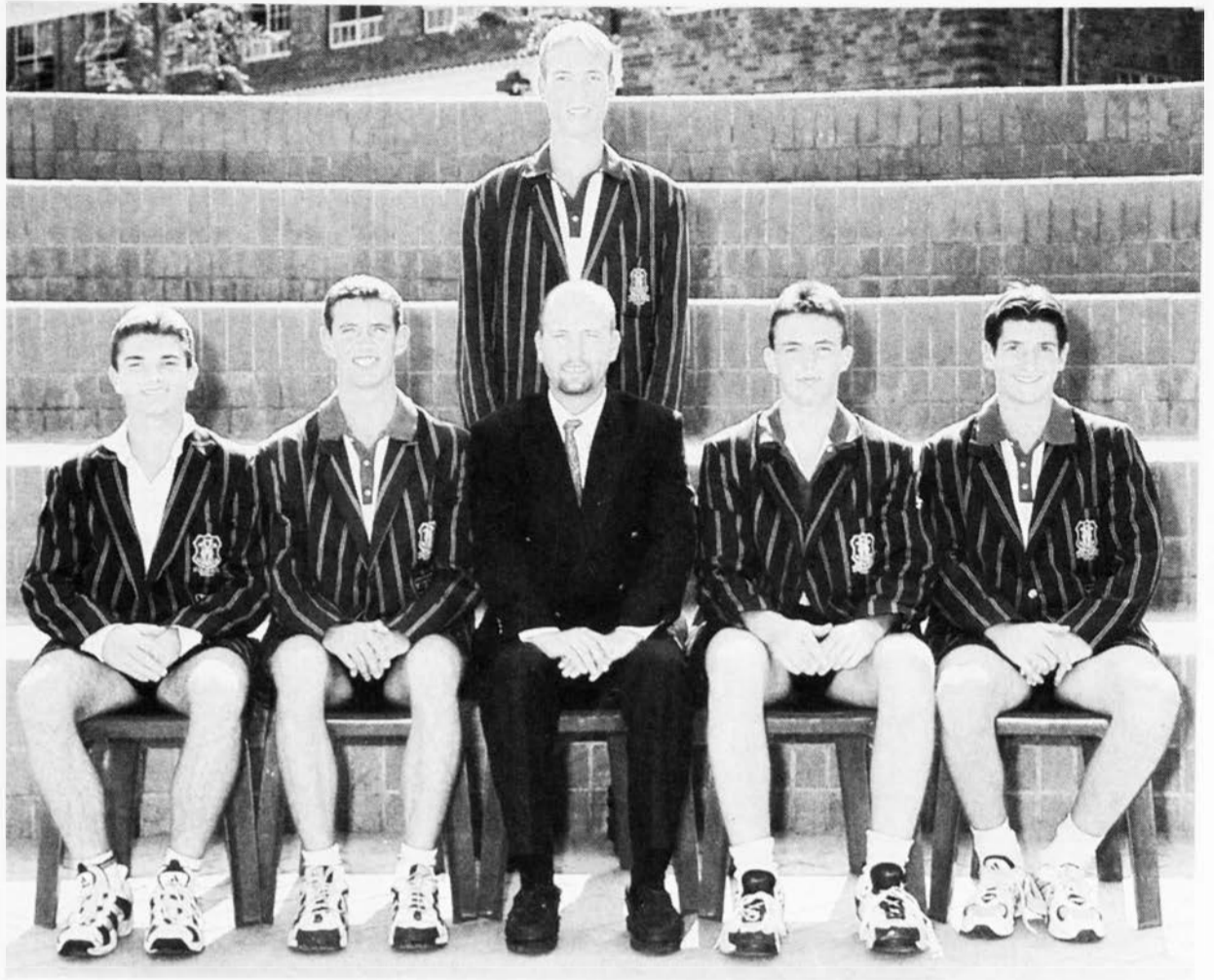
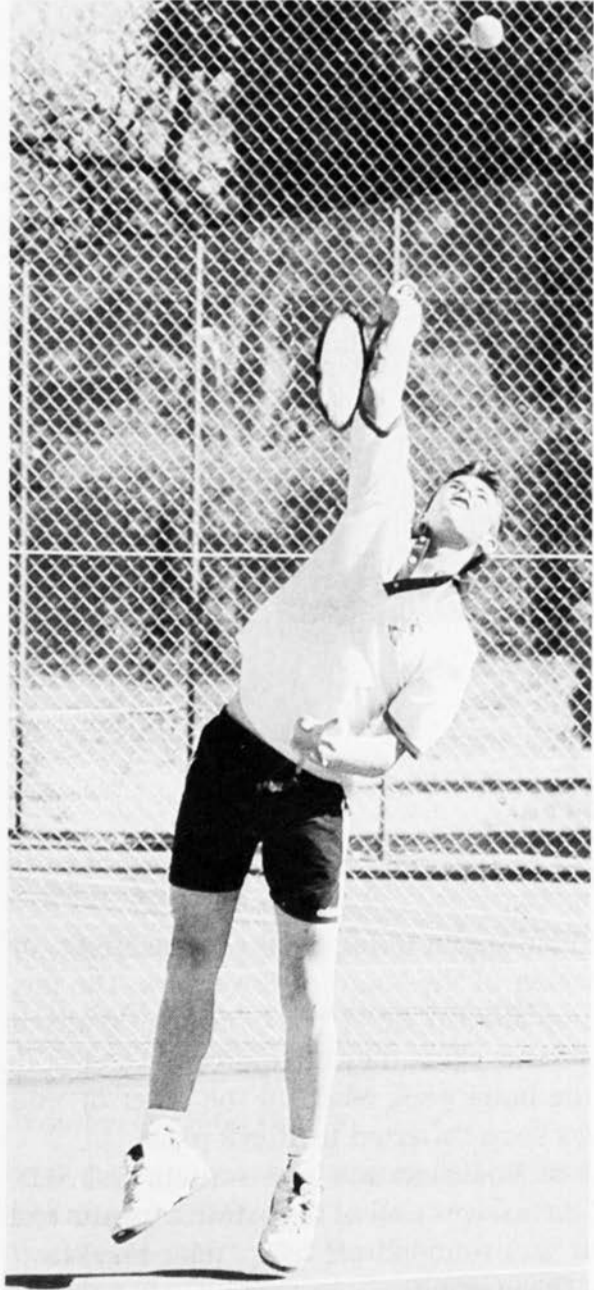
I wish the team the best of luck for the forthcoming season and hope your results will continue to improve with every gala.
M Gunning (A Team Swimming Captain)

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Tennis



St David's tennis club continues to grow from strength to strength with regard to both playing ability and numbers of boys playing tennis. This year six St David's teams played in the Southern Gauteng Boys league and on the whole played excellent tennis. Our A team played in



A Team Tennis

Back row: G Horsten

Front row: R Brunette, I Busschau (Capt), Mr D Smith, A de Ujfalussy, A Romano

league 1A for the first time in many years and held their own against good opposition. Tennis is a great athletic and social game and next year St David's hope to enter eight teams in the various leagues. Many thanks to all the boys who played during 1999. The College can look forward to a successful 2000 season as almost the entire first team return next year. Tennis coaching and drills take place at the College every Tuesday and Thursday so encourage your sons to attend.

1999 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Team	League	Played	Won	Lost
A	1A	11	5	6
B	2B	11	4	7
C	3B	11	5	6
D	7B	10	8	2
E	8A	8	5	3
F	9A	10	7	3

1999 TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

- Open Singles:** Winner - G. Horsten
 Runner-up - A. de Ujfalussy
- Junior Singles:** Winner - W. Clarke
 Runner-up - R. Brocco
- Senior Doubles:** Winners - G Horsten and A. du Ujfalussy
 Runners-up - A. Romano and G. Scognamiglio
- Junior Doubles:** Winners - W. Clarke & M. Benton
 Runners-up - R. Brocco & J. Oberholzer

Mr D Smith

Waterpolo



The Scottborough Tour together with team shirt, funny hat and attitude.

From l to r:

Standing: Mr M Buys, R Weedon, A Horsfield, G Katz, E Dall, Mr S Giuricich

Seated: G Maraschin, R Pizzi, C Cikara, L Carter, A Hayes



The "Fines" Breakfast

The Scottborough tournament

It was an intrepid and enthusiastic group of boys who left with Mr Buys and Mr Guiricich. The date of the tournament was moved and had caused havoc with Matric Dance arrangements with certain players. St David's still managed to send a team down against all odds. Well done to the committed few who came back by airways to keep their prior commitment.

The team managed to win 2 out of the 5 games played and narrowly lost another. It was a good experience for the younger players to be involved in a tournament where the majority of competitors were slightly older and more experienced in the water. As predicted, the experience gained here stood them in

good stead later in the year.

We lodged in the Blue Marlin Hotel, thanks to the efforts of a recently retired member of the Board of Governors. The fact that the boys live, sleep and eat water polo was soon realized by the rest of the residents when they attempted a water polo match at 23h30 in the hotel pool. Much to the relief of said complainants, Mr Buys soon thwarted their evil plans.

Tour Captain Allan Horsfield and vice captain Gabrielle Maraschin acquitted themselves well of their duties for the rest of the tour. The tour was rounded off by a "fines-breakfast" and a prawn braai in the evening.

The Season

Highlights of the season included :-

The first ever water polo dinner, a second place for the plate trophy at the St Stithians night festival, the excellent performance by the U/14A and U/15A teams, Shaun Falconer's election to the S A Schools team that toured Hungary, John Brown's election to the Gauteng A team, the gutsy and innovative parent group, a new and improved inter-house format and the election of Mr Buys as the Provincial Manager.

Results

1997/1998 Season

1st team played 18, won 5, lost 12, drew 1.

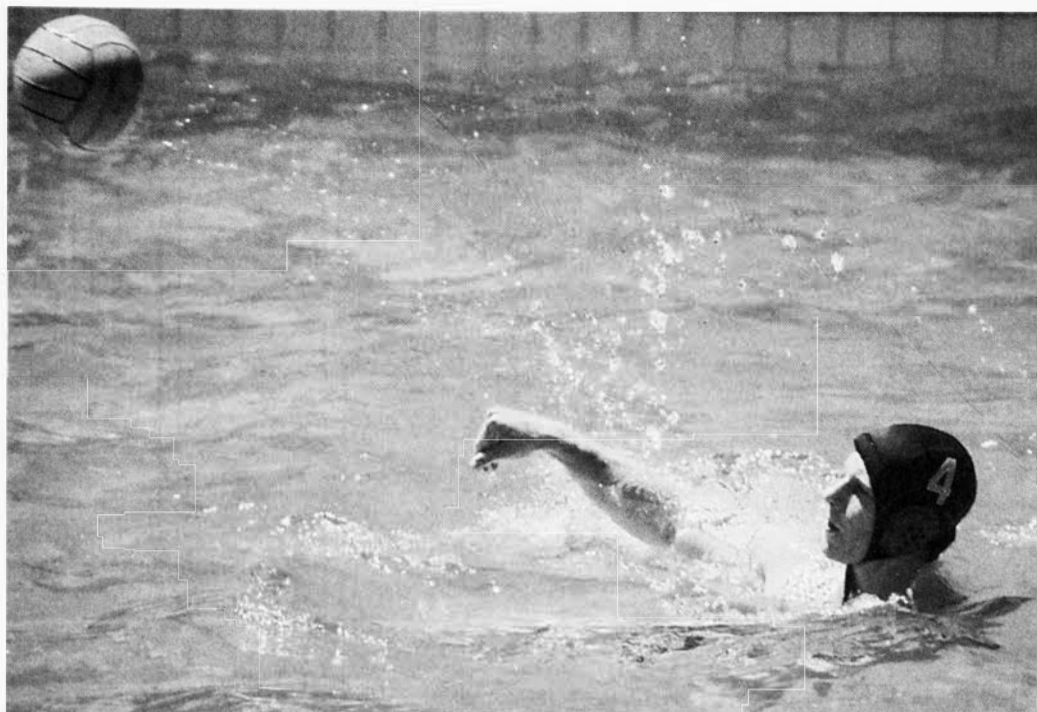
2nd U/16 combined played 12, won 0, lost 11, drew 1.

U/15A's played 12, won 8, lost 4, drew 0.

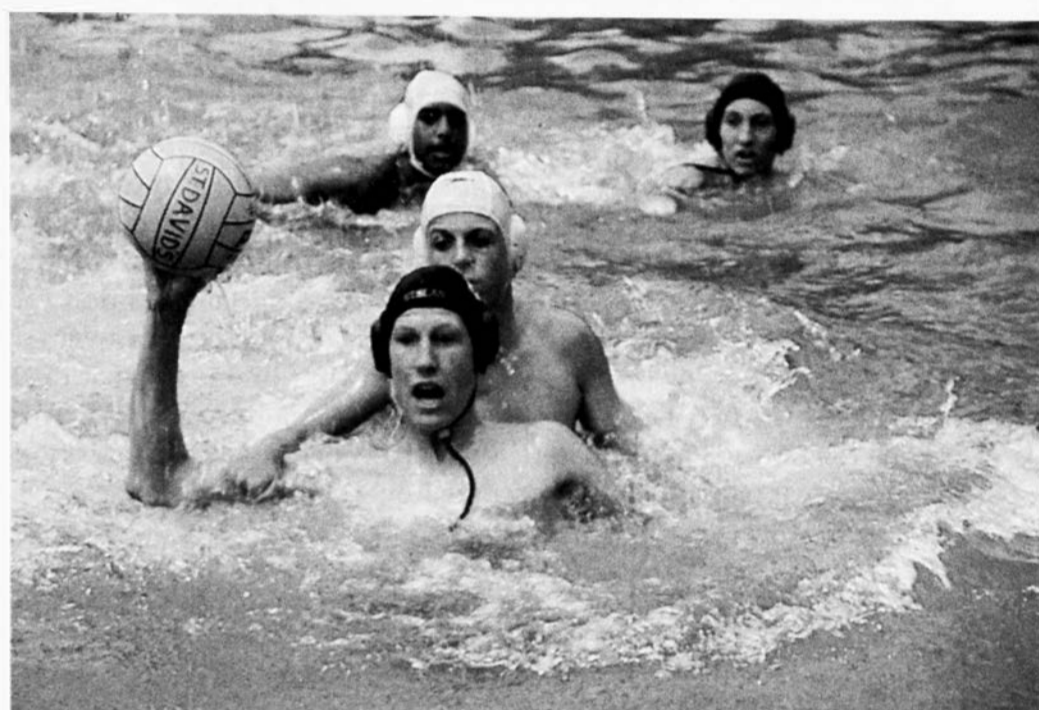
U/14 A played 10, won 8, lost 2, drew 0.

U/15 B played 6, won 3, lost 2, drew 1.

U/14 B played 7, won 4, lost 3, drew 0.



Shaun Falconer executing a wrist flick pass. He was selected for Gauteng A, SA Schools, and toured to Hungary in 1998.



John Brown in action. (Selected for the '98 Gauteng team)

Awards

Full Colours:

Allan Horsfield
Hayes
L. Carter
N. Black

U/16 Scroll

R. Pizzi
J. Mitri

Half Colours:

Shaun Falconer
Gabrielle Maraschin
Gareth Katz
Andrew Witten
Robert Stuart

U/15 Scroll

D. Alves
J. Brown
D. Shillaw
D. Black
G. Malakou
M. Di Pasquale

U/14 Scroll

M. Marsay A. Castle
P. Huber C. Merry
D. Giacobazzi Hodgeson

The Mid-Term Water Polo Clinic

On the 18th October, the first team boys and I attended a Water polo Clinic run by old boy, Byron Hardy. Byron is a Springbok Water polo player and we were lucky enough to have him come down and coach the boys. The boys were extremely unfit and the harsh session brought them back to reality. Although fitness is an important quality to have, ball skills are the most

important point. We learnt a lot over the weekend and realized how hard we have to work, in order to play with the big boys. I would like to thank Mr Hardy for his time and expertise. We are eager to draw from his extensive experience.

S Falconer

The Inter-House Tournament

Held in very cold water on the 7th October, it was an event the gradually escalated in attendance. It culminated in a exciting final between the 1st team and the old boys team. (Which the old boys won, as usual).

For the first time there was a trophy table to speak of, for this we have the following parents to thank:

THE BEAUMONT FLOATING TROPHY

Water polo Championship

Existing trophy: 33rd year

Won by: Osmond House

THE CARTER FAMILY FLOATING TROPHY

1st team vs old boys

Donated by the Carter Family

Won by: the Old Boys

GUIDO MARASCHIN FLOATING TROPHY

(Interhouse) Open

Donated by: Lucia Maraschin

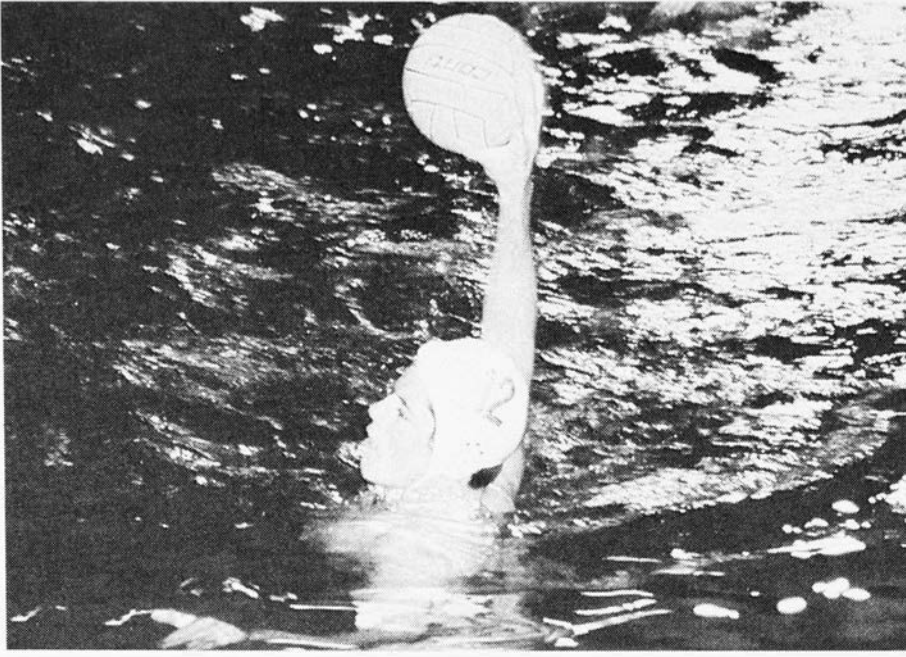
Won by: College House

THE CHALMERS TROPHY

(Interhouse) U/15

Donated by: The Chalmers Family

Won by: College House



Old Boy John Tilley trying to see the next scoring opportunity

GIACOVAZZI & SIMAAN TROPHY

(Interhouse) U/14

Donated by: The Giacovazzi & Simaan Families

Won by: The Bishops

BILLER & JOHNSON TROPHY

House spirit

Donated by: The Biller & Johnson Families

Won by: Osmond House

THE FATHER BREWER TROPHY

Most Spirited Individual

Donated by: 3 spirited Marist Boys, Dane, Ryan and Dean Shillaw

Won by: Osmond House

THE BLACK FAMILY TROPHY

Most improved junior

Donated by: The Black family

Won by: Michele Maraschin

THE HAYES TROPHY

The most promising senior

Donated by: The Hayes Family

Won by: Alan Horsfield

THE WILLIAM AND LINDA CASTLE CUP

Most improved player

Donated by: William & Linda Castle

Won by: Clyde Thomas

A special thanks to Mr and Mrs Horsfield for the donation of the set of water polo caps.



The Old Boys are victorious!



The Dinner: speeches were good, but the food was even better!

It was a grand affair hosted for open players and parents, with the U/15 players serving. Guest speaker Mr Brian Webster (previously St. David's Water Polo MIC and presently Gauteng Chairman & Coach) spoke about the history of Water Polo at St David's. Mr Byron Hardy, (old boy and Springbok) spoke about the recent South African tour to Hungary.

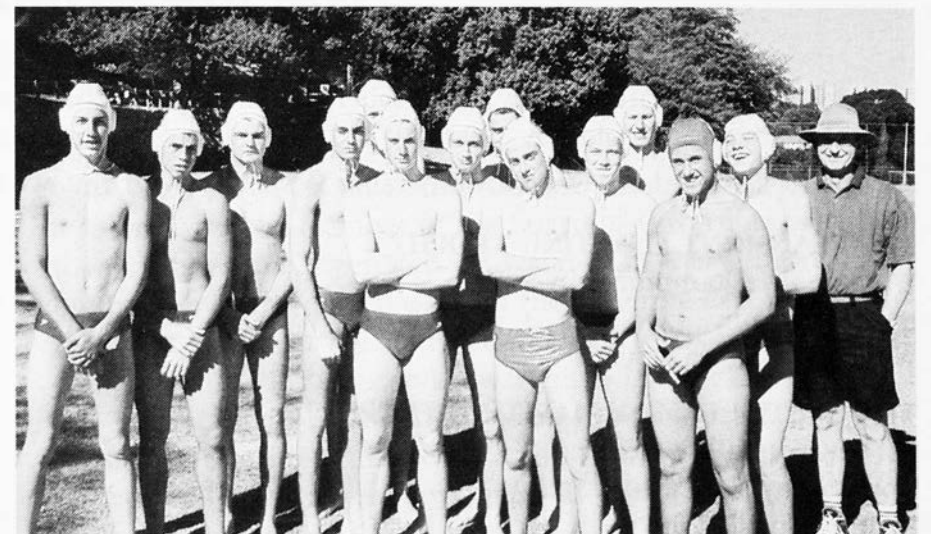
New 1st team coach, Mr Gary Burgess made a fiery speech about his plans for 2000. The talks were interesting, informative and inspirational. The good turn out merely emphasized the fact that there is a lot of positive commitment from players, parents and coaches alike. Rev. Bruce must receive a special mention for concocting a dinner prayer that carried a connotation to water. Well done Rev. We are sure you wracked your brains for that one!

New Captain, Gabrielle Maraschin, was announced to take over the reins from Philip Mostert. Shaun Falconer took up his position as vice captain, previously occupied by Alan Horsfield.



Farewell to the old...

...and in with the new.



Under 16

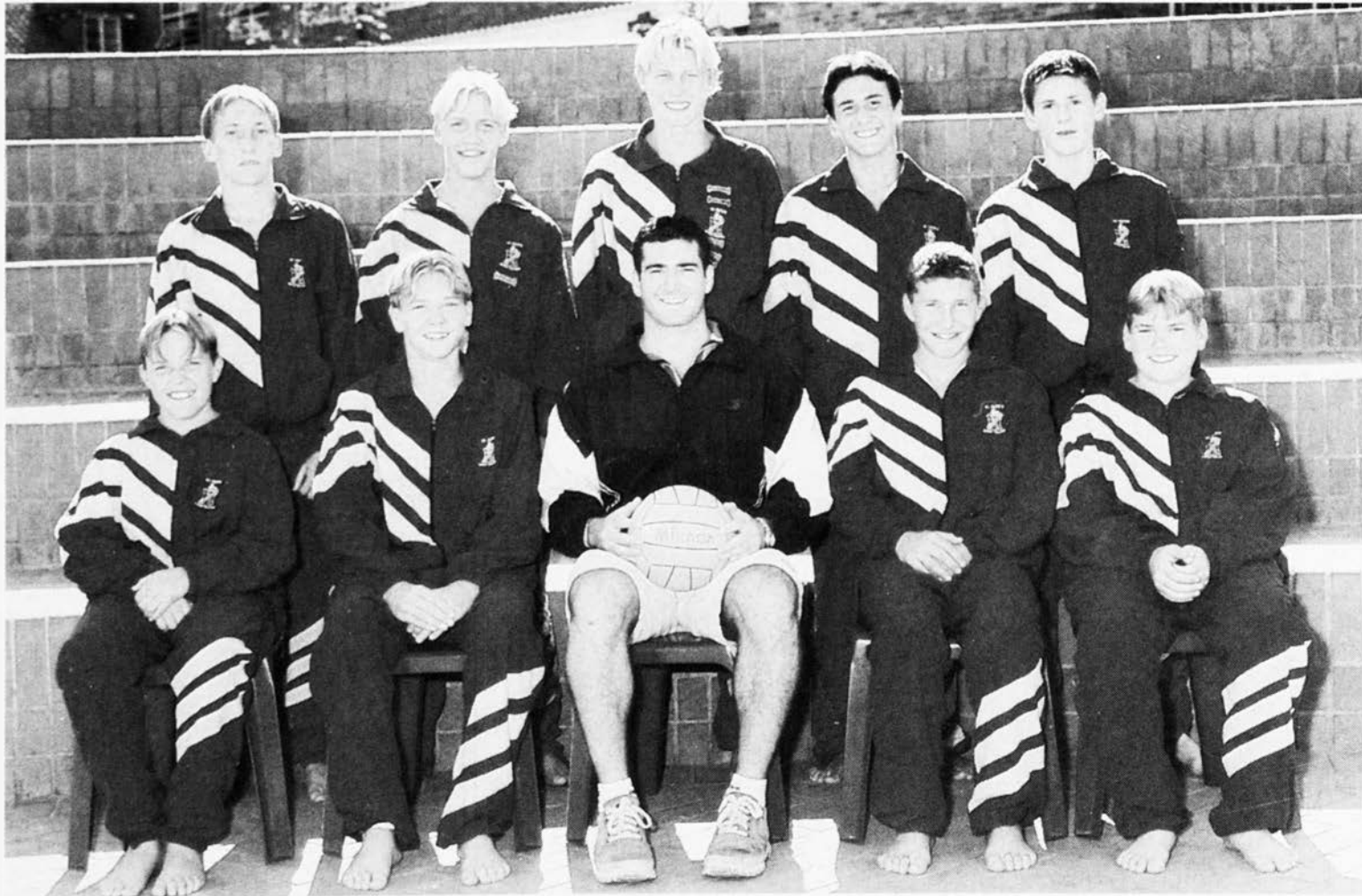


Under 16 Waterpolo

Back row: *J Christie, R Pizzi, B Murray*

Front row: *N Black, L Carter, Mr M Buys, R Cochrane, M Gibson*

Under 15

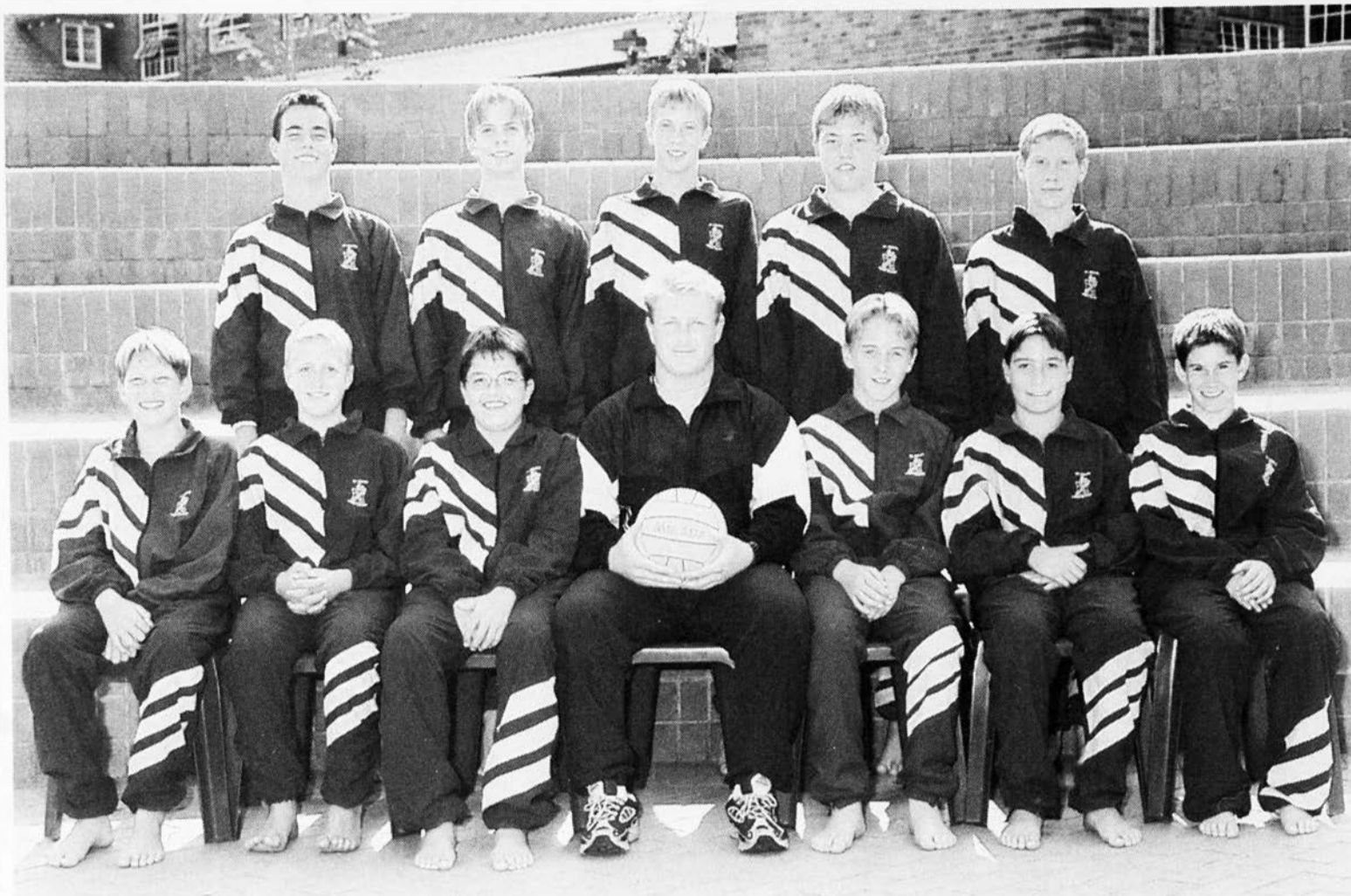


Under 15 Waterpolo

Back row: *M di Pasquale, D Shillaw, J Brown, D Alves, M Tyack*

Front row: *B Annegarn, D Black, Mr S Giuricich, A Frankiskos, R Johnson*

Under 14A



Under 14A Waterpolo

Back row: C Carey, K Biller, T Johnson, C Hodgson, J Sturzenegger

Front row: P Huber, A Castle, J Simaan, Mr M Buys, B Jachs, D Giacovazzi, C Marsay

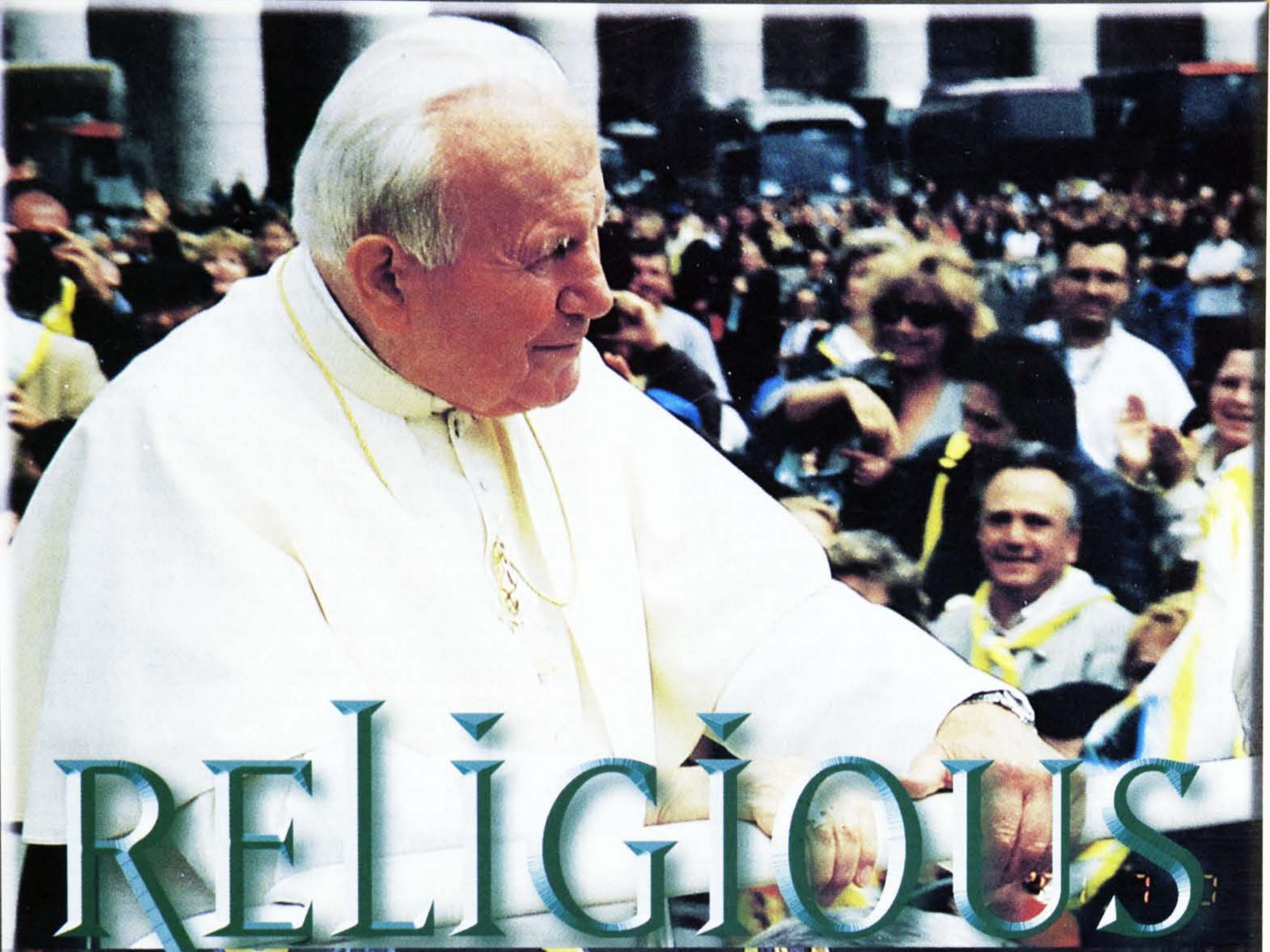
Under 14B



Under 14B Waterpolo

Back row: G Nieman, D Bruneau, D Wiggill, G Gardner

Front row: R Thackwell, B Nolten, Mr M Buys, N Ansell, C Vallis



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REVIEW

Religious Life

1999 in Review

"Who was the King who tried to kill the infant Jesus?" asked Fr Michael from the pulpit. Hands go up in the congregation, "Yes, tell me" says the good Father, "King Horrid" comes the reply, much laughter! So it came to pass that at the second combined school mass of this year in the new Champagnat Hall, the catechesis of our students continues much as it has always done since 1941.

It is very difficult to find new ways of describing the way in which the constant round of time and season plays itself out in our lives much as it has done for the last two millenia. Faces and locations change inevitably but the faith handed on to us by the apostles doesn't. There is a temptation to become jaded by a process that one has personally seen in schools for the last twenty five years. But when one attends the confirmation mass, one looks at the, literally, shining faces of our Grade 11 students and one then sees the church of tomorrow. The First Holy Communion masses don't seem to have the same effect, perhaps because the younger students are somewhat cuter than the confirmands. But regardless of the difference the process of handing on the faith goes on unabated.

Fr Michael Austin SJ's appointment as College Chaplain was a very welcome addition to the team of those who must ensure that the catechesis does take place. He brings a range of talents too numerous to mention with him, but has very much made himself heard in the sacred singing sessions. A hundred thousand welcomes, Fr Michael, lang may yer lum reek!

His predecessor Fr Bernard Brewer SJ sadly departed this world in June to his eternal reward. Such was the regard that Fr Brewer was held in, that 800 individuals assembled in the Champagnat Hall to reverently bid him adieu. His brother Jesuits were out in force and Fr David Dryden SJ told us his story and gave a different slant to the long life of selfless service that Fr Brewer had lived out. Always ready with assistance and even a cigarette for those in desperate need, it was good to see Fr Brewer at the Standard Bank Arena for the celebration of St. Marcellin Champagnat's canonisation.

And what an event that was. Planned over the months between the start of the year and April, the month of the canonisation, finally the new saint's feast day was upon us. Agonised over, to the point where this writer said, (apparently several times), lacing his fingers together, "Don't worry everything will fit together on the day". Rather than provide the comfort it was intended to do, it provoked the remark from a stressed member of the organising committee, "If he says that again, I'll break his fingers!" Eventually the greatly anticipated,

day of the mass finally dawned. A thick fog palled the city on June 6th. But the buses hired for the occasion relentlessly rolled into the parking lot in ever increasing profusion. Over 4,000 Marist students from the three schools disembarked and were shepherded to their allotted places. The arena was filled with teachers, past students, well wishers and most significantly, a myriad children sporting the famous blue and gold striped blazers. Quizzical teachers looked bemused at crowds of children whom they thought they recognised but in the end turned out to be from one of the other schools. How they all got home to their own schools without involuntary hijackings almost defies description, but they did, thanks be to God.

The conductor of the massed choirs leaned over the balcony and flinging up his arms induced the strains of the processional hymn. The procession culminating in Bishop Orsmond with Bishop Mvemve and Bishop Ndlovu wound its way to the altar. Bishop Orsmond led the celebration with a goodly number of priests, deacons, and Marist Brothers in attendance. Mr Mitchell (now at Sacred Heart College) outlined the life and work of Fr Champagnat and liturgical dancers and marimba players, choirs and actors played out the sacred drama. The question was raised later, "Did you see the altar boy with the burning hair? Is that a catholic thing, Rev.?" Then all too soon the concourses of the arena began to empty and as if to say, "this is about the rest of us too!", a spontaneous "Mexican Wave" started on one side of the arena and rippled round the arena gathering momentum as it went. Soon it was in full swing and the Marist students who had perhaps been a little wary of each other up to then, realised their common heritage and uniquely indicated their understanding of it. Truly a day of which reminiscence in later life is made of.

Other aspects of our religious life indicating that the faith of our fathers is alive and well, are perhaps too numerous to mention. Such as, the Grade 11 mass in the cathedral where our students made a much applauded presentation on violence against women. Such as the pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation and the pilgrimage to Champagnat country. Such as, the First Holy Communion Mass which included Staff and students, first communicants alike. Suffice it to say that our faith plays a key role just as strongly as it ever did, here at St David's. For it to do so depends on the involvement of very many people. God will undoubtedly reward all those who took the time to be present to the needs of our students. Of course, I do mean, "in heaven".

St Marcellin, pray for us!

Rev N Bruce

Notes from the Chaplain

This report is a revival of a tradition that had lapsed in recent years. As the new chaplain it provides me with an opportunity to record some of the achievements in 1999 and to air some of my hopes for next year. As in past years we celebrated Mass for the opening of the school year at the swimming pool; hardly appropriate but at that time the only venue capable of accommodating both the high and the junior schools. This was followed some weeks later by the Mass for Ash Wednesday at the same venue. This time a storm the night before eliminated part of the PA system and the altar had to be relocated to a

corner of the bleachers that rendered it and the celebrant invisible to a quarter of the senior boys. A sharp wind that whipped the altar cloth and guttered the candles ensured a most uncomfortable occasion. Discreet enquiries from the builder elicited the welcome information that the new Champagnat Hall would be ready in the second term. I prayed for this outcome with the next combined school Mass scheduled for Ascension Thursday. It was. And I uttered a silent vow that never again would we try to turn Marius Buys' play area into a sanctuary.

Another advantage to using the Champagnat Hall for the weekly high school Mass is that we are able to accommodate the whole high school, so there is no more need to send one of the grades off in rotation to the Brothers' Chapel for a communion service conducted by Deacon Bruce. Although the hall is a multi-purpose building and certainly not a chapel, our high school boys have observed due decorum on Thursday mornings when the Eucharist is celebrated there.

A number of liturgical innovations that express the mind of the Church's liturgical reforms have been introduced. Owing to the generosity of Mrs Mary Clover, we have acquired a handsome processional cross and stand given in memory of her late husband. Garth Horsten and Ricci Brocco shared the honours in leading a dignified procession onto the stage where the altar is set up. Nicholas Ansell and James Oberholzer have been faithful acolytes, mastering the art of transferring the lights from the processional candles that flank the Lectionary during the Liturgy of the Word to the altar candles for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Rev Bruce, our in-school deacon, proclaims the Gospel and sometimes preaches. Messrs Stuart Foulds and Simon Fry assist in the distribution of Holy Communion.

Matric student Dean Thomas did sterling work on the piano as accompanist for Mass. He was dedicated and accommodating and generous with his time, and was of great assistance to the undersigned who had to assume the hymn singing in the high school. Dean continued to play until the Matric exams removed him, when Mrs Marilyn Middlewick graciously returned to play for the high school Mass.

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation are an integral part of a Catholic school. St David's is indeed blessed with dedicated and competent catechism teachers like Mesdames Anderson, Hedding and Johnston, who prepare boys in the junior school for their First Holy Communion. This year we had two celebrations in November, when a total of 67 boys received the Eucharist for the first time. As in previous years the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated in Rosebank Catholic Church. On 17 September 26 Catholic boys in Grade 11 were prepared by the Rev Bruce and I was privileged to lay hands on their heads to invoke the Holy Spirit as they ratified the choice made for them by their parents when they were baptised as infants.

The junior school continues to have a weekly Mass in the chapel for Grades 1 and 2 on Tuesdays, and for Grades 3 - 7 on Fridays. Mrs Glenda Anderson has succeeded Mrs Middlewick in continuing to train boys who have made their First Holy Communion to serve at Mass. It was a great loss to the music of the chapel when we bade farewell in June to Mrs Middlewick.

After years of teaching RE and singing in the prep school she felt the need of a rest. Ever enthusiastic and determined that only the best was good enough for the Lord, her delightful sense of humour enabled her to get the best out of the boys and ensured a wide repertoire of hymns. We are delighted that she has agreed to return next year to help with the high school singing, which will build on the foundations she laid when the boys sang treble for her. May she cope with the tenors, baritones and incipient basses she will hear in the Champagnat Hall! Ms Blake has succeeded her in the prep school and is willing and able to maintain the standards set for the singing at prep school Masses in the chapel.

In fulfilment of the liturgical instructions of the Church, I deliver homilies at all the Masses. These are intended to instruct and inspire and are well received by staff and students. The increasing turnout of parents at the Friday morning prep Mass is encouraging.

Finally, to a contentious point. I have been asked why the Eucharist is offered exclusively to Catholics. To answer the question adequately would require a lot more space and involve statements both on Ecclesiology (the theology of the Church) and Sacramentology (the theology of the sacraments). But briefly permit me to state the teaching of the Catholic Church: we do not practise inter-communion. The belief of the Catholic Church is based on a number of principles: faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist based on Our Lord's own teaching set out in John chapter 6; the act of communicating being an ecclesial action, namely involving the whole Church, hierarchy and laity, and not just the belief and devotion of the individual recipient. A baptised person must be able to acclaim with sincerity and truth his/her "amen" to the eucharistic prayer which proclaims unity with the Bishop of Rome and the Bishop of the local church, assenting to all they hold and teach in the name of the apostles. If any boy or parent or staff member is able to affirm these Catholic doctrines I shall be happy to receive him/her into full communion with the One, Holy, Roman and Catholic Church which will entitle that person, being in full communion with Rome, to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the hands of a Catholic priest. I am fully aware that the practice of the Protestant churches differs. Sadly, this is the reality of the scandal of disunity among Christian denominations which has been attended by the shedding of blood on both sides, and no purpose is served by pretending that the situation is otherwise. Rather it is a challenge to all of us who suffer the scandal and pain of disunity to pray and work for the unity of Christians.

Fr Michael Austin, SJ

The canonisation of St Marcellin Champagnat 18 April 1999

A heart which knew no bounds

The opportunity of seeing Rome for the first time and of witnessing the canonisation of our founder, Marcellin Champagnat, made this pilgrimage a very special life experience. My background in Marist education had given me an early awareness of Champagnat, but in Rome we were to experience him as never before.

South Africa was represented in Rome by one staff member and one pupil from each of the Marist schools (St David's was represented by myself and the Head Prefect, Alfred Chemaly). We were also accompanied by Brothers Jude, Vincent, Nimrod and Timothy. This group of people became a closely knit Marist family and it was very apt when Br Jude, in one of his prayers,

thanked God for the gift of each other. Our vision of the Marist family was to be enlarged in Rome as we experienced the world wide community of the Marists through meeting delegates from Brazil, Mexico, the USA, Spain, France, Australia, Korea and many other countries. All the Marist pilgrims wore Champagnat scarves and were instantly recognisable.

The powerful sense of Champagnat was heightened by our visit to the headquarters of the Marist Brothers on Friday 16 April, the day of our arrival. The General House was packed with people speaking a variety of languages. Particularly noticeable was the manner in which the Brothers affectionately greeted and welcomed one another. Within the corridors of the General

House works of the Marist community throughout the world were displayed. A popular area was the souvenir hall where posters, key-rings and many other items were eagerly sought.

Saturday 17 April began with a visit to the Basilica of St Peter. Outside the Basilica, hanging from repair scaffolding, was a large portrait of Marcellin Champagnat. On either side of him hung the portrait of two others who would be canonised with him. Br Jude explained to us that the Marist Brothers had agreed to have Marcellin canonised together with John Calabria (an Italian priest) and Agustina Pietrantoni (an Italian sister) because on his deathbed Marcellin had said to his Brothers: "Never be jealous of the good that others do." This was one of the many examples of Marcellin's spirituality which we found inspiring.

On the same day the school pupils went to the Canadian

Church for a youth meeting at which tremendous spirit was in evidence. Alfred later expressed the wish that more St David's boys could have been in Rome to experience the true Marist spirit. Saturday evening was a special experience of celebration in the papal audience hall, at which most countries presented a musical piece, mime or play with their particular national flavour. The joyous mood of the welcome celebration was later carried out onto the streets of Rome.

On Sunday 18 April our small Marist group made its way down the hill from our guest house to St Peter's square. On our way we were joined by an ever increasing crowd with the same destination. By the time the canonisation mass began St Peter's square was filled by between 50 and 80 thousand people. Although the rain came down intermittently, spirits were not



The large crowd for the canonisation mass. The South Africans are at bottom right, with Br Vincent in the foreground



Pope John Paul II after the canonisation mass, with the South African contingent in the background

dampened. This was a very special Sunday and the large portrait of Marcellin hanging behind the altar spoke of a man who had led an extraordinary life - simplicity, humility and love for humanity were values which came powerfully to mind. As Pope John Paul II was to say the next day, Marcellin's charism is truly ever timely.

The mass began with the Pope reading out the canonisation formula: "In honour of the Most Holy Trinity, for the advancement of our Catholic faith and growth in Christian life, with the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and with our own authority, after having reflected for a long time, invoked Divine Assistance often, and listened carefully to the opinion of many brother bishops, we solemnly declare and define that the Blesseds Marcellin Joseph Benedict Champagnat, John Calabria and Agustina Livia Pietrantoni are Saints, we inscribe their names in the Book of the Saints, and we decree that throughout the whole Church they be devoutly venerated among the Saints."



Pope John Paul II greets the thousands of pilgrims in St Peter's square after the papal audience



Inside St Paul's after the Eucharist of Thanksgiving



The South African Marist group making their way to the General House via the Piazzale Marcellino Champagnat

The reading took no more than three minutes, after which Br Jude turned to us and said: "Marcellin Champagnat is now a saint!" The canonisation mass was sung in Latin, with readings in Italian, Greek and French. Although the mass was difficult to follow fully, there was still a great sense of the powerful significance of what was happening. The founder of the Marist Brothers had finally been canonised after over 150 years, and we were privileged enough to be witness to it. Pope John Paul's homily pertained to the works of the new saints and the example they left to each of us. The following is an extract:

"Marcellin Joseph Benedict Champagnat, John Calabria and Agustina Livia Pietrantonio opened their eyes to the signs of Christ's presence. They adored Him and received Him in the Eucharist; they loved Him in their neediest brothers and sisters; they recognised the signs of His saving plan in the events of everyday life. They listened to Jesus' words and sought His companionship, feeling their hearts burning within them. What an indescribable attraction the Lord's mysterious presence holds for those that accept Him! This is what the saints experience."

Monday morning we rose early to attend the Eucharist of Thanksgiving in St Paul's, outside the ancient walls of Rome. We had assembled to give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Marcellin to the Church. Father Joaquin Fernandez, Superior General of the Marist Fathers, was the main celebrant and Brother Benito Arbues gave the homily. From St Paul's we moved back to St Peter's for an audience with John Paul II. This brought the canonisation weekend to a close.



Mr Fry and Mr Stephen Meehan (St Joseph's Cape Town) outside the General House



At breakfast in the guesthouse. A close group of Marist youth



The South African youth. From left: St Henry's (Durban), St David's, Marian College, Sacred Heart, St Joseph's (Cape Town)

Our pilgrimage to Rome was over all too quickly and many of us were left to ponder our role within Marist education. With many of the Brothers having turned their attention towards the enrichment of those who have been marginalised, a role has been left for lay educators within the traditional Marist schools. What would Marcellin Champagnat envisage that role to be? I'm sure he would suggest that we need to encourage an awareness of God in the lives of our boys and to assist them in

building their own spirituality. This may be done through our own pastoral care of each boy and by encouraging within them an awareness of the needs of others. This is not an easy task, given the materialistic framework in which our own society operates. Here again Marcellin is an inspiration, as his own life was fraught with adversity and setbacks.

In closing I should like to point out that much of what was said during the formal occasions in Rome was lost because of the language barriers, but there was a foreign phrase which I came to learn and understand: "...de la Familia Marista."

Mr S Fry

A heart that knows no bounds



Front: Leigh-Anne Maurtin (St Joseph's Rondebosch),
Rene Whitaker (Sacred Heart), Gilbert Pooley (St Davids)
Back: Mark Peters (Marian College), Pierre de Marigny
(St Henry's Durban), Alfie Chemaly (St Davids)

We as a family participated for five days at the canonisation of Marcellin Champagnat, along with the official delegation from the Marist schools in South Africa. Alfie Chemaly and Mr Simon Fry took Gilbert under their wings, and together with Br Jude made our family feel part of the wider Marist Family.

Looking at the comradeship that took place on St Peter's Square, at St Paul's Basilica, in the General House of the Marist Brothers and at Paul VI Assembly Hall in the Vatican brought a lump to my throat - I felt very proud and honoured to be a Marist mother. This feeling must have been shared by the thousands of other mothers who were at this gigantic gathering.

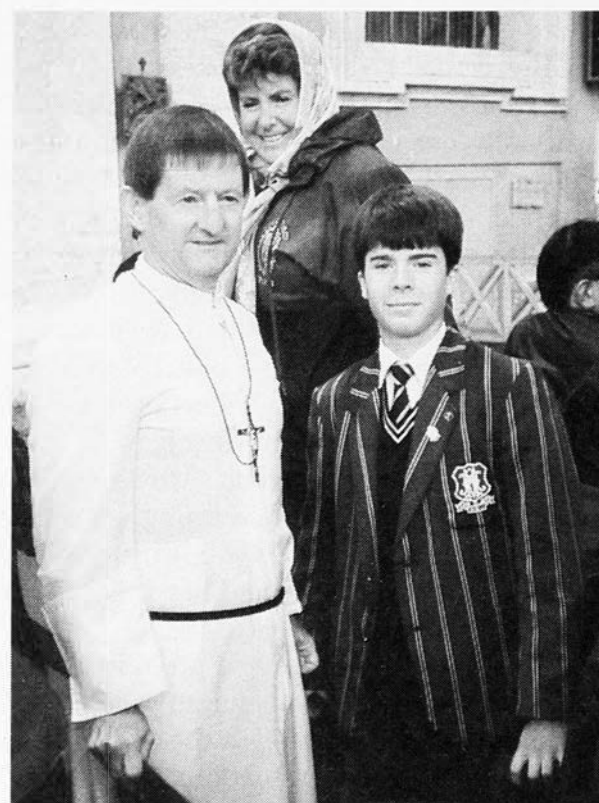
We each received a tag of identity - a beautiful scarf. Walking through the crowded streets of Rome by day or strolling by the Trevi Fountain at night, we met hundreds of Marist pilgrims from the Americas, Europe, Asia, Australia, and of course experienced some touching moments with Marist priests, brothers and sisters from Africa. During the ceremonies I was fortunate occasionally to be

seated beside Br Jude and was told some touching stories. The brother from Rwanda who recited one of the readings at the canonisation Mass had lost his entire family in that troubled country. A young Congolese brother sitting beside me at the thanksgiving Mass was posted in the Tutsi area back home, whilst his family all lived in the Hutu region. He had not heard from any of them for months.

After the canonisation Mass Gilbert and I walked among thousands of Marist people from every corner of the world. At one of the pillars a man in a wheelchair stopped us. He cried: "A Marist boy from South Africa!" (Gilbert was in his full school uniform) He was so emotional and obviously homesick for the old days back at a Marist College in Johannesburg.

The five precious days in the Vatican, being within touching distance of His Holiness John Paul II, plus the love that circled us wherever we went, all made me realise how blessed I am to be a Marist Mom!

Bonny Pooley



*Br Jude with Gilbert and Bonny Pooley
in St Peter's Square*

Pilgrimage to Rome and Champagnat country

To celebrate the canonisation of Marcellin Champagnat in April, the Marist brothers sent two teachers from each of the five Marist schools in South Africa on a pilgrimage to Rome and Champagnat country in France. St David's was represented by Glenda Anderson and Bev Geldenhuys.

The country where Marcellin grew, lived and worked 200 years ago is not very different today. In La Valla, the cradle of the Marist Institute, are two of the original rooms used by Marcellin. The original Oratory now contains an impressive series of paintings which depict important events in the eight year sojourn of the early Marists. The classroom scene is of particular interest. While most pupils are attentive to the brother's lesson, some pairs of eyes are intently watching another brother preparing a pot of broth for lunch!

The inner room, Fr Champagnat's quarters,



*Nine out of a contingent of 12 pilgrims, at Jhb International Airport
prior to our departure.*



Glenda Anderson in the first classroom of the Marist Brothers in La Valla

contains the altar from the Lady Chapel of the church of his own time. In this we had an indication of the prayer life of the community. Writing models painted on the walls and materials for the manufacture of nails pointed to the apostolate of the first brothers - teaching and manual work. A rough table was made by Champagnat himself, a sign of the community life of the religious. We thus experienced a visual and tactile presentation of the three great pillars of Marist religious life - prayer, apostolate and community.

The pilgrims returned home from Italy and France enriched by what we had seen, learned and felt as we traced the footsteps of St Marcellin Champagnat. We are now equipped to share our experiences with all those who wish to know more about the life and times of our founder, and milestones in our Marist history.

Mrs B Geldenhuys



The St David's banner enters a crowded Standard Bank Arena during the celebration mass held in Johannesburg to mark the canonisation

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The Marist Co-Workers



**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)

1999 was the year in which the Marist co-workers worked in order to redefine themselves, something which proved to be a difficult task. Picking up the reins from the former head and vice of the co-workers, Bruce Thomas and Gareth Simaan, Dominic Biezanek and Dean Thomas, with the help of Rev. Bruce, led the co-workers into the year. Their first project was the Valentine's Day School Social. With the help of the teachers, prefects and mothers, the event was a success. This was a great step towards a successful year. Change within the organisation occurred where tight control was administered over the monetary issues and more responsibility was delegated.

The concentration on the St. Martin de Porres Pre-school and the Sacred Heart Old Age Home was continued. During the year collections of money continued in the house line-ups weekly, and on Civvies Day cans were taken in. This maintained the standard which the co-workers in 1998 had set. Clothes were also taken to the old age home.

The Easter Egg collection initiative was a success. After a good response from the high school, the eggs were taken to the Chris Hani Baragwanath



Hospital, where they were received with open hands. The donation to the children of the wards, made them smile with thanks. One of the goals which was set for the organisation was to be more visible at school functions such as swimming galas and athletics meetings. This is a standard which we hope the next leaders of the organisation continue. We ended the year with the social which repeated the positive response we had received early on during the year.

With the new millennium upon us, the Co-workers will go into a year with support from the school, its students, teachers and the mothers who have been there to help us with the organisation of the food. May the new leaders continue with the success achieved in 1999.

M Skosana



Marist Co-Workers

Back row: A Joubert; R Ravenhill; R Brocco; M Graham; M Gibson

Middle row: G Mposula; R Horsfield; I Lehloo; D Scott; A Parker; A Sleigh; G Pooley; P Dladla

Front row: M Skosana; M Paschkewitz; D Biezanek; Rev N Bruce; C Bredenoord; D Thomas; G Thomas

Religious Activities in the Prep

The relevance of R.E. in my life this year

This year (1999) in our Religious Education classes we have been taught how to be better Catholics today in 1999. We used the modern approach to our classes. We didn't read textbooks, we talked, we spoke and we discussed things. We also covered many, many subjects. The way we discussed all our topics was interesting.

Our first topic was on a great man and the founder of the Marist schools, St Marcellin Champagnat. We spoke about his background, his family and the people who helped him found the schools. Our next topic was friendship, a very special thing. Although our proper RE teacher, Mrs Geldenhuys was away on her long leave, we still had fun talking about it. We discussed what real friends are made of and how we relate to them. When Mrs G came back we were told that she was to go on a pilgrimage so we all wrote letters to St Marcellin. Mrs G went on her pilgrimage and took our letters and left them by his coffin. While she was gone we covered Easter. When Mrs G came back from her pilgrimage she told us all the great sites and the spiritual feeling she encountered. We went into the reasons why Champagnat became a Saint. This term (3rd term) we have discussed very controversial issues such as abuse. We've been taught how to deal with it and what to do if we ever fall prey to an abuser. It has been an educational R.E. year, and the subject has had relevance in my life in Grade Six.

Sabelo Sithebe Grade 6G

R.E. has taught me a lot about the harsh, cruel world. It has taught me to beware of evil myself and to pray to God for the strength of Jesus to cope with modern day evil. R.E. has brought me closer to God and has showed me the importance of God's love and will on earth. Without R.E. we would most probably have no knowledge of the Sacrament or of Mass. In R.E. this year we have created an atmosphere of love and care.

Michael Kairuz Grade 6G

I have learnt a great deal this year in R.E. Religion has been cut out of school quite a lot but our teachers' way of teaching R.E. makes it fun because we are not just getting the facts but also understanding the facts. I think you have to do it that way now because it will stay in your head. We have focussed a lot on Saint Marcellin Champagnat because he was canonised in April. He was a great man and I have learnt a lot from him through books and pictures and stories. We watched many videos on Jesus and how he lived his life. I think videos really give us a picture on how it was back in the time when Jesus lived. "Friends" was another subject that helped me realise how important friends are. The most recent subject we did was child abuse. I think it is terrible and that it should be dealt with more in the open. It was an interesting subject because we expressed our thoughts and what should be done as we are the generation of the future.

We are now doing the Rosary and the mysteries and prayers in this symbolic string of beads. I think R.E. has been great fun and I have learnt a lot.

Nicholas Neto Grade 6G

To the Late Great Saint Marcellin Champagnat

Dear St Marcellin Champagnat

A few days ago before you were canonised a Saint my friend asked me who was the Saint of our school. I didn't know how to answer that so I thought a bit and said it was St David the Bishop. The following week you were canonised St Marcellin Champagnat. You have cured two people. (Mrs Adams and Lloyd Miles) So now we don't just have One way of giving messages to God, we have two ways. 1. Through Mary our mother 2. Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

From

Gregory Beevers, Grade 6G

Dear St Marcellin Champagnat

You are now a saint and you intercede for us in heaven. It has been less than a month and already you've helped two members of our Marist family, Lloyd Miles, and Trish Adams. I am really happy and proud to be part of the family of Marist schools. I thank you for starting the Marist Brothers all those many years ago because all who have joined the various schools to teach have given thousands of children a great education.

We at St David's also have more than our fair share of great teachers. And now that you are a saint all the Marist schools are united in happiness.

From *Sabelo Sithebe, Grade 6G*



A takkie tax was levied on delighted pupils and a handsome sum of R1 133,00 was donated to the disabled of our community



Jeffrey Johnston and Jonty Kourie raised several hundred rand with their takings from their grand raffle. This money benefits the needy. The grade sixes collected over R1700,00 during their cake sale and a fun time was had by all.

Grade 3 First Holy Communion

This year the inevitable happened, due to the increase in numbers, the First Holy Communion was celebrated in the Champagnat hall. It was fitting that in the year of the canonisation of Blessed Marcellin Champagnat, that the service was held in the Hall named after him.

Another first this year, brought on by the large number of boys making their First Holy Communion - 49 in all - saw the dividing of the class between Mrs Anderson and Mrs Zambon.

The 7th November was a glorious early summer's day with a brisk breeze to take the edge off the intense heat we had been experiencing. It was an impressive procession as the 49 boys, clutching their candles followed the altar servers down the aisle to take up their seats at the front of the hall as the choir, made up of their fellow Grade 3 learners, and the soloists Mrs B Kalk and Mr R Thackwell sang the hymn Suffer Little Children.

The service was conducted by our Chaplain, Father Michael Austin S.J., and the boys listened in awe as he told them of

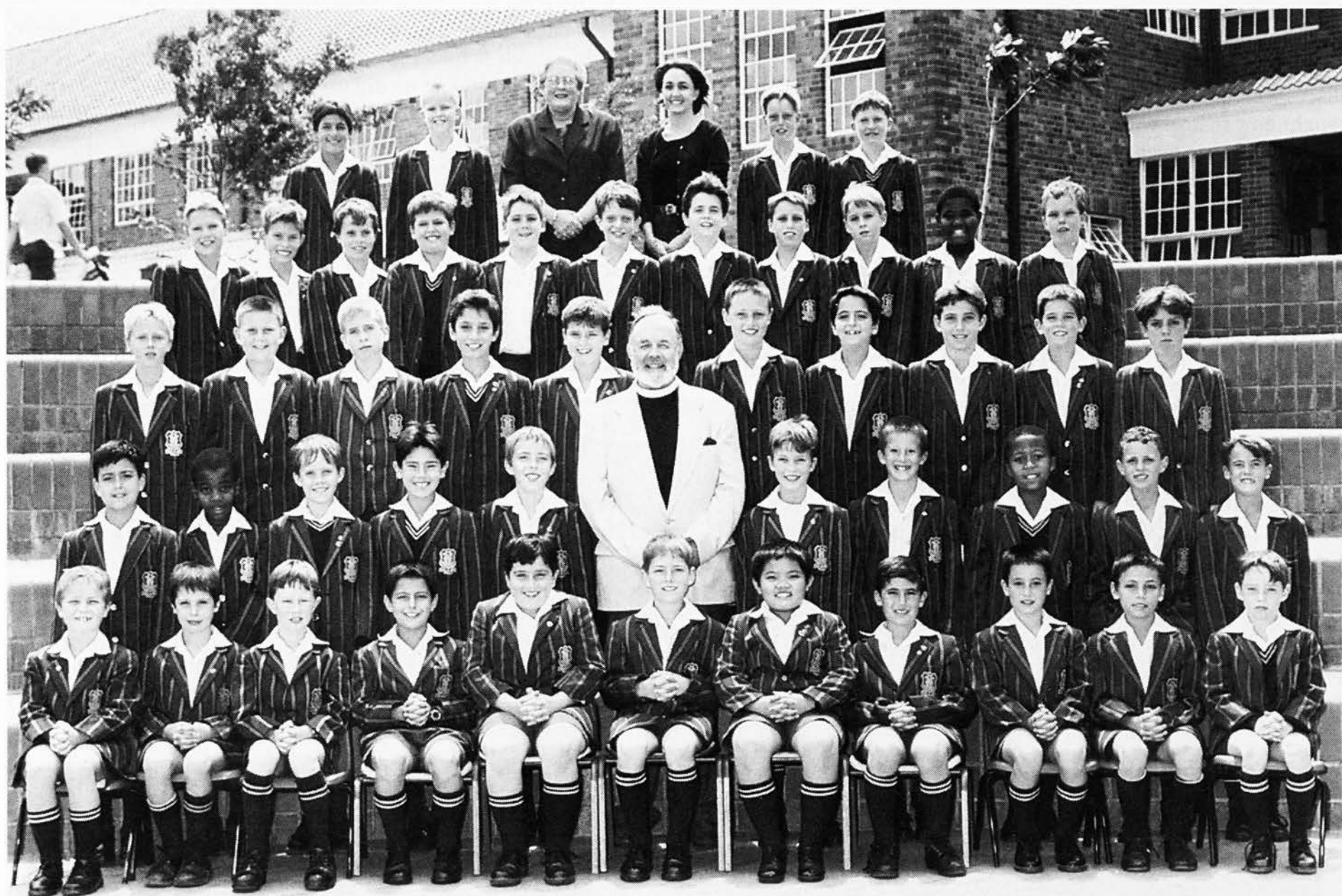
Napoleon, who when questioned on the greatest day in his life, said that it was the day he received his First Holy Communion. Looking at the angelic faces, the thought that crossed many minds, was that to date many of the boys may consider this day to be one of the greatest in their lives.

The traditional breakfast in the old Hall followed the service after which Father Michael 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 Mrs Zambon, in particular, the Staff and all those who assisted in making this very special day such a memorable one for the 1999 First Holy Communicants.

Mrs G Anderson



First Holy Communicants

Back Row: (left – right) Marc Neto, Tim Brinkmann, Mrs Glenda Anderson, Mrs Debbie Zambon, Kurt Boere, Mark Deegan

Fourth Row: Ryan Edwards, Robert Seals, Kevin-Michael McCarthy, David Gardner, David Reading, Reuben John, Christopher Schilperoort, Ivo Lazic, Simon Wallington, Miso Shongwe, Kevin Gahan

Third Row: Michael Loewke, Gareth Seland, Michael Evans, Gerard Kairuz, Nikki Carnicelli, Kyle Lawrence, Gregory Khoury, Tyler Hollingsworth, Giulio Giuricich, Devin Botha

Second Row: Jared Lebos, Dennis Lugemwa, Jacek Kaminski, Shaun Sardinha, Byron Rodrigues, Fr Michael Austin, Jason Welsh, Dylan Finch, Kaelo Molefe, Joshua Benton, Shaun James

Seated: Stefano De Siena, Joshua Rodrigues, Gavin Steyn, Kurt Solomon, Giuliano Minucci, Llyod Berndt, Paul Hon, Daniel Kourie, Danile De Almeida, Dylan Bolus, Kyle Toner



Senior First Holy Communicants

Back Row: Moeketsi Mde, Ryan Norton, Christopher McWilliams, Mrs C Hedding

Middle Row: Fr Michael Austin, Nicholas Marini, Joaquim D'Almeida, Matthew Stephenson, Gareth Benton, Mrs M Johnston

Front Row: Shaun Norton, Christopher Franke, Bryce O'Donnel, Sabelo Sithebe, Michael Drummond

Junior and Senior Altar Servers

The Altar boys meet weekly for training and practice and it is gratifying to see such a dedicated group who are prepared to give up their Friday afternoons to serve the Lord in such a special way.

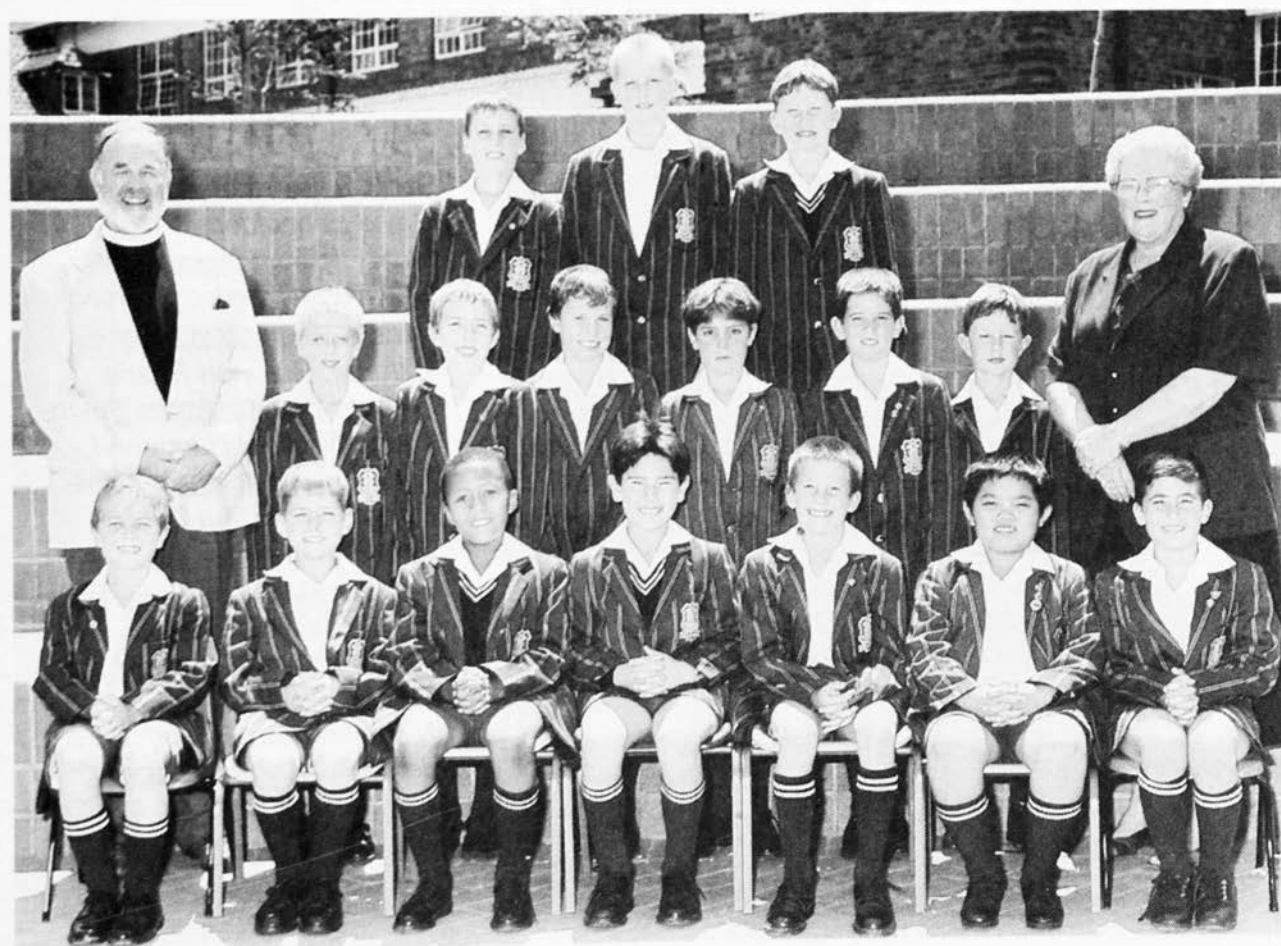
This year saw 14 very enthusiastic little boys from Grade 3 come forward to be prepared as Altar Servers. Although bubbling with excitement, they undertook these duties with a dignified reverence. They could hardly wait until the Second Term when they began serving and they have remained as eager as the very first time up to the end of the year.

This year there were 20 senior Altar Servers, many of whom

had progressed through the ranks. These boys drawn from Grade 4 to 7 were both keen and faithful in their duties. Their assistance and encouragement during practices and at Mass is much appreciated by all concerned.

My grateful thanks to Mrs M Middlewick, who as R E Co-ordinator until the end of May, trained, coaxed and encouraged the boys and laid a very firm foundation for the Junior Altar Servers. I would also like to thank the boys for giving up their time and may they remain as eager to serve at Mass always

Mrs G Anderson



Junior Altar Servers

Back Row: Ivo Lazic, Tim Brinkmann, Mark Deegan

Middle Row: Fr Michael Austin, Michael Loewke, Byron Roderigues, Kevin-Michael McCarthy, Devin Botha, Bulio Giuricicich, Gavin Steyn, Mrs Glenda Anderson

Seated: Stefano De Siena, Lloyd Berndt, Kaelo Molefe, Shaun Sardinha, Dylan Finch, Paul Hon, Daniel Kourie



Senior Altar Servers

Back row: Ryan Abrey, Adam Smith, Nicholas Rasenti, Tyrone Avnit, Luca Senatore, Brendan Roane

Middle Row: Fr Michael Austin, Richard Kelly, Mark Middlewick, Dominic Hodge, Adriano Mendes, Ricardo Forleo, Massimo Senatore, Mrs Glenda Anderson

Seated: Stewart Leith, Elijah Lubala, Dean Di Pasquale, Joaquim D'Almeida, Shaun Norton, Kyle Dos Santos, Justin O'Byrne

Prep Co-Workers

The Prep co-workers took part in many raffles and projects around the school. Our Easter raffle was co-ordinated by Ryan Norton, who raffled a beautiful chocolate bunny, which he made. The other co-workers enjoyed making little chocolates, which they sold at breaks. Ryan also received overwhelming support from the boys when he collected clothes for the needy and for flood victims. The co-workers sold raffles to raise funds for the R.E. department to renovate the statues in and around the school and also to purchase new statues for the school. Paul Isaacs co-ordinated a collection of animal food and old towels for an

animal rehabilitation centre. Our boys took turns weekly to sew and sell blazer buttons for a fee. Some of our co-workers "ventured out" this year and visited Cotlands Baby Sanctuary, where they presented Cotlands with a generous amount of money which they'd raised throughout the year through their raffles, selling of blazer buttons and donations. They also presented Cotlands with toys and food, which had been generously donated by the boys in the school. It was a very touching and thought provoking trip.

Thanks to all for their continuous support.

Mrs. Zambon and Mrs. Barbour

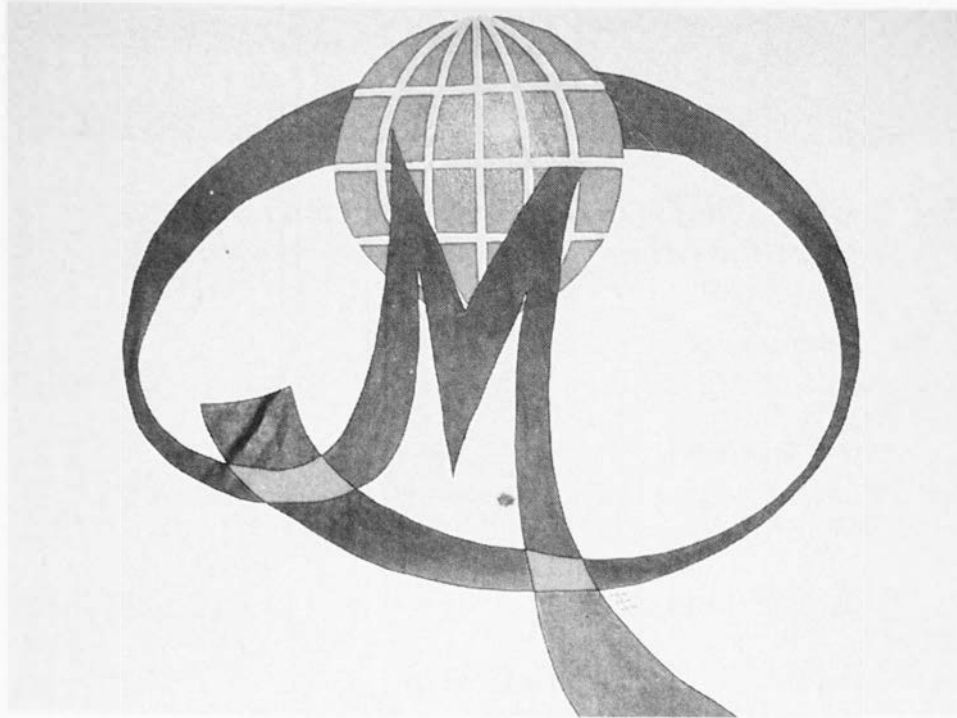
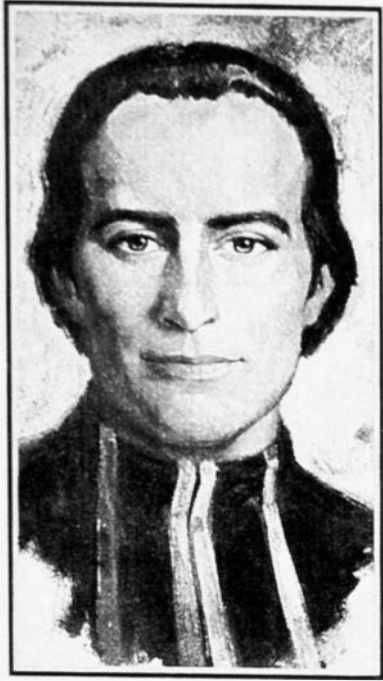


Prep Co-Workers

Back Row: Nicholas Watson, David Schneider, Matthew Starkey, Jacky Wu, Craig Small, David Everson

Middle Row: Mrs Michelle Barbour, Brendon Roane, Richard Wands, Adam Smith, Gregg-Michael Hammond, Kyle Burger, Matthew Milne, Ryan Norton, Mrs Debbie Zambon

Seated: Michael Shaw-Taylor, Mark Zweigenthal, Richard Halton, Richard Kelly, Mark Middlewick, Paul Isaac, Nicholas Neto, Declan Berndt, Jonty Kourie



The Champagnat Logo

Champagnat Day



Mrs Debbie Zambon was actively involved on the committee, which organised the Champagnat Day celebrations. She is photographed here with some Prep boys all of whom were given a Marcellin Champagnat Badge to wear on their blazers.



Mrs A Hayward with one of the flowers she arranged for the Champagnat Day celebrations at the Standard Bank Arena

obituaries

The Headmaster, Staff and Pupils extend their sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have died since the publication of the 1998 St David's Marist College magazine.

Mr L Palmer-Oven
Head Prefect 1958

Mrs B Barrow
Grandmother of Greg Barrow Grade 10
and James Barrow Grade 8

Mr R Anderson
Father of Trevor Anderson, PTA member,
and father-in-law of Glenda Anderson, HOD Junior Prep

Mr W van der Mey
Father of Ann Hayward, Grade 5 teacher, and grandfather of
Mark Hayward, old boy, and Grant Hayward Grade 6

Mrs C Wood
Aunt of Mark and Sean Schoombie and Ross Wainwright,
all of College House

Mr T Sithebe
Uncle of Sabelo in Grade 6

Mr J O'Hagan
Grandfather of Jeffrey Ryan, old boy,
and father of Mary Ryan, Matron

Mrs Peddler
Grandmother of Michelle Barbour, Grade 2 teacher

Mrs J Barlow
Cousin of Belinda Marais, head of high school Afrikaans

Mr A Gilmore
Brother of Mrs G Wilson, wife of the Prep Headmaster,
and uncle of Andrew Wilson Grade 11

Mr M Cericula
Grandfather of Marco and Fabio Valente

Steed McMillan
baby son of Graeme McMillan, high school Sports Co-ordinator

Mr Marlow
Old boy

Mrs Rowley
Grandmother of Michael Grade 11, Brett Grade 9
and Trevor Grade 1

Mr E Pearce
Grandfather of Alfred Chemaly, Head Prefect 1999

Father Bernard Brewer S.J. (1934 – 1999)

Father Brewer passed away on the 24th June 1999 after a long struggle against illness. He was a man of many talents holding a BA degree and having completed a four year course in theology and a three year course in psychology.

Before coming to St David's in 1986 Father Brewer worked in America and Zimbabwe. He was an integral part of St David's and his greatest joy was interacting with the boys – saying Mass and celebrating Baptisms, First Holy Communion and instructing the boys for Confirmation. He thoroughly enjoyed travelling with the Staff and boys on sporting trips, being behind the scenes at school plays and all the other small jobs that he so readily took on.

Father Brewer achieved much in his life making many friends as was attested by the large crowd, from all over Southern Africa, who attended the Requiem Mass held in the Champagnat Hall. He was a much respected man by all who knew him and will be deeply missed by all. We extend our condolences to his family.



Brother Anton Meis (1912 – 1999)

Br Anton (better known to many Marist old boys as Br Leonard), a Marist brother of the Durban community, passed away peacefully at Nazareth House on 19 April 1999. After completing his religious and professional training as a teacher in Germany, he came to South Africa in 1936 and began a teaching career which was to extend over more than fifty years. During this time he taught at seven different Marist schools in South Africa and was Principal of the College in Walmer, Port Elizabeth for a number of years. He also spent several years working in the Novitiate and Scholasticate. Br Anton enjoyed good health throughout his long life until last year, when he was diagnosed with cancer. The faith, courage and acceptance he showed in fighting this disease were most edifying. A concelebrated requiem mass was celebrated at Nazareth House on 23 April.

may they rest in peace

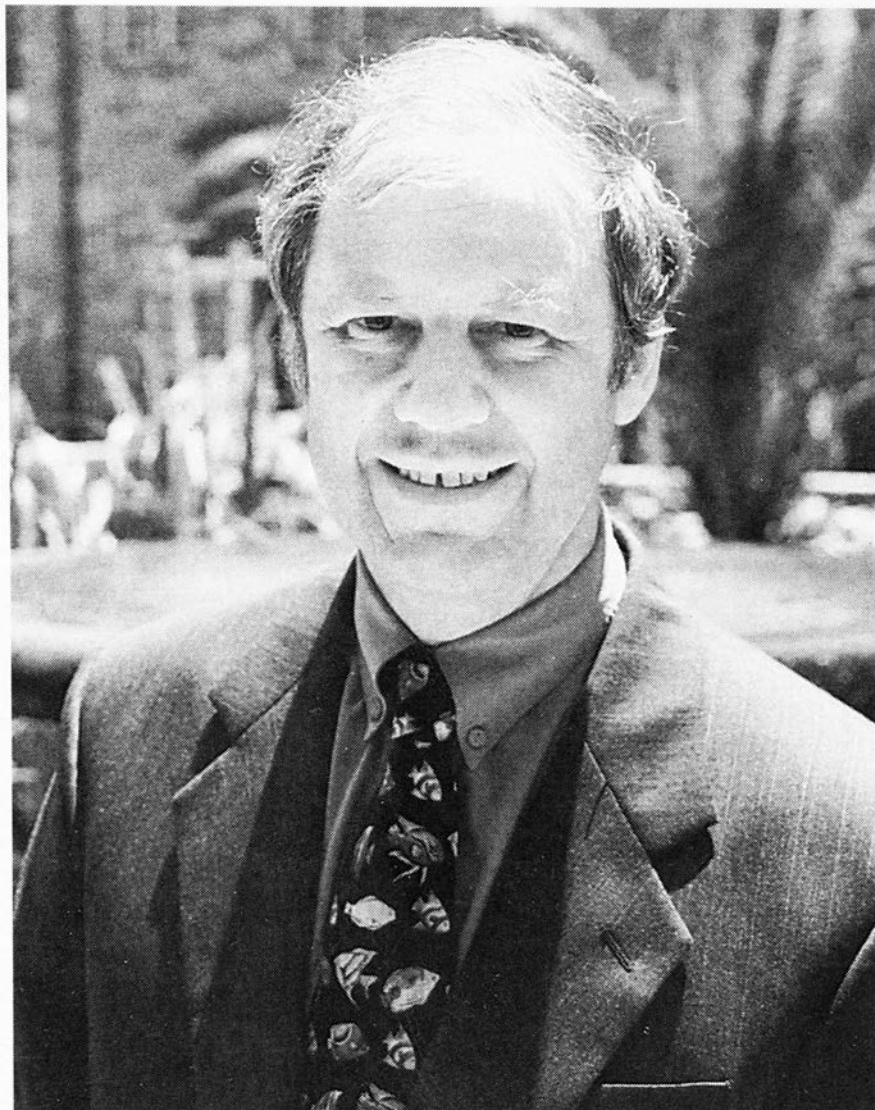
ST DAVID'S MARIST

PREPARATORY

SCHOOL

The Headmaster's Report

Address at the Annual Prizegiving 1999



Rick Wilson
Headmaster of the Prep School

Chairman and members of the Board, Mr. & Mrs. Edey, Special Guests of honour, Fr. Michael, Parents, Colleagues and boys.

I agonised for days on what I might base my address to you this evening. My colleague Mr. Edey gets his inspiration at 3am on the morning before his own Prize Giving and he always manages so well.

Sometimes in life, the answers to the most complicated problems are quite simple and so I chose a simple two-letter word to try and base my annual report upon.

That word is "if."

Last year we sat in the shadow of the hall as it neared completion and I stated that I hoped Prize-giving 1999 would take place in this building. Despite our best intentions - logistically it is impossible to fit the whole school and parents (a number approaching 1600) into the hall and hence the last minute decision to split the event. We considered every angle we could before we gave up: We thought "what if.....we bring in grandstands to place along the walls, what if.....we made the boys sit outside in the amphitheatre...what if...we continue holding this event at the pool - and then it pours with rain..."

In the end, common sense dictated that we follow the course we have chosen today.

What a marvellous facility the Champagnat Hall is proving to be. We are left wondering how we ever managed without it. If

you, the parents, hadn't been so generous in your donations towards the hall, it is unlikely that we would have completed such a magnificent structure and *if*, you weren't as enthusiastic about supporting your sons as you are (and for this of course, we are grateful!) we might after all have managed to squeeze everybody into the hall. Enough of that!

The building of the Champagnat hall has brought to an end a period of unprecedented development at St. David's. More building has taken place in the past two years than in the preceding 30. This of course was brought about by the increase in pupil numbers as the expansion exercise cascaded through the school. *If* you pause in thought for a moment and consider - the changes to the St. David's skyline have included: this hall, high school pavilion, Grade 0 block, six new high school classrooms, change rooms and ablutions, tuck shop, amphitheatre and upgrade of the quad, you will agree - we have all achieved much.

The Development Committee and school management has targeted a number of projects for the next phases of development and high on the list of priorities is a new Media centre.

1999, the year leading up to the Millennium. That word strikes fear into our hearts. We wonder *if*, our video recorders and computers, our stock market shares and our bank accounts will still be working properly on January 1st 2000!

The year in retrospect has been a significant one for the Marist Community. It was on 18th April that our founder Marcellin Champagnat was finally Canonised by the Holy Father. This was a cause for **great celebration** throughout the Marist world. St. David's marked the occasion by sending the Head Boy **Alfie Chemaly** and **Mr. Simon Fry** to Rome as our representatives at the ceremony. They came back with reminiscences of being warmly welcomed by all with whom they came into contact. The Canonisation in St. Peter's in particular, was both a moving and spectacular occasion.

To celebrate the event **here in Johannesburg**, the three local Marist schools, ourselves, Marian College and Sacred Heart, took part in a jointly organised Mass at the Standard Bank arena. This too was a marvellous occasion and our schools benefited in many ways from "being as one" for the morning.

From June 10th - 23rd, two of our stalwart staff members **Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Geldenhuys** flew to Rome and France on what has become termed "the Marist Pilgrimage." They stayed initially in Rome where they visited the "General House" - the headquarters of the Marists World-wide, before travelling to France where they stayed in **Le Hermitage** - the "Mother House" built by Champagnat together with the first Brothers in the 1840's. Both Bev and Glenda described the whole trip as a **deeply spiritual** experience and came back with an even deeper appreciation of the Marist values and ethics we try to instil in our charges.

One wonders "*if*" Marcellin had not decided to make education of the poor his life work - where each of us might be today, instead of here in this magnificent hall which bears his name.

Whilst mentioning Mrs. Anderson - in October this year Glenda celebrated a remarkable achievement by notching up 25

years unbroken, loyal service to the school. In this day and age - that is special!

On the staffing front, this year we welcomed Ms. Blake, Mrs. McWilliams, Mr. McIver, Mr. Kirkby, Mrs. Pillay, Mrs. Ladeira and Mr. Hewitt.

Sadly, in June, we lost our beloved Chaplain - Fr. Bernard Brewer after a long illness bravely borne. (pause!)

We were extremely fortunate when Fr. Michael Austin accepted the position of chaplain and commenced his duties as spiritual head of the school. Fr. Michael has adapted well to life at St. David's and his fascinating homilies are one of the highlights of the week for the boys.

At this time of year, it is not uncommon to say goodbye to some colleagues and we bid farewell to Mrs. Sherratt who is going to Crawford, Mrs. Clover who is relocating to Natal where she owns a cottage in the 'Berg and Mr. Hosmer who is moving to the Cape. All three have served the school well and given of themselves unstintingly. We have honoured them today by inviting them to be our joint guests of honour and to present the prizes.

We wish them all the very best in their moves.

Our Intern Student Mr. Haswell will be taking up permanent employment at St. Peters and we wish him many happy years of teaching in the future.

Everyone's favourite secretary Robbie Orr sadly leaves us to join Crawford in January. Her cheerful disposition and positive efficiency will be sorely missed.

In their places, we welcome Mrs. Perdakis in Grade 2, Ms. Johnston as librarian and Mr. Craig Sinclair who joins us from Clifton Nottingham Road where he is currently Deputy Head.

I had hoped to be able to introduce Mr. Darrell Webb, to you this evening. He is our new Deputy Headmaster and Head of academics. Unfortunately he is attending his own farewell function at St. Stithians so couldn't be here. Darrell has already been quite active at St. David's in preparation for his role next year.

Whilst on the subject of farewells, we bid adieu to 74 Grade 7 boys tomorrow. Thankfully, the **overwhelming majority** is only moving across the quad into the high school classrooms, but a few others are going further afield.

Three of our Grade 7 boys performed very well in the Scholarship exams and we congratulate Richard Wands for winning the main Closed Scholarship with the highest score of all candidates, both internal and external, William Gebers who won the Foundation Scholarship and Matthew Starkey who won an Open Scholarship.

Boys, we have enjoyed you as a group of youngsters. Some of you have certainly given us much food for thought, some of you have given us much mirth, and in some cases a few of you have even managed to master the art of successfully raising the blood pressure of your teachers. We shall follow your progress with interest. You may think that once you have left the Prep, we just focus on the next lot of Grade 7's - but we don't. Your triumphs and failures (and I hope there won't be too many of those) are also our triumphs and failures, for we have invested much of ourselves in you. When in the high school, you are elected a prefect or 1st team captain, or pass Matric with distinction, we will feel as proud as you do. You have been a big part of our lives, as we have been of yours over the past 7 years. We have tried to give you an academic grounding to build your future career upon, skills and a joy of playing sports for your future pleasure and values, we hope, to guide you for the rest of your lives.

Kipling wrote:

"If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise.

If you can carry these values into the high school - as your teachers we will be satisfied that we have done our job.

This year saw a "first" for the Prep school with the enrolment of 4 Bursary boys - two through the Gauteng Cricket Union, and two from Martin de Porres School in Soweto. These boys have already made a significant contribution on the sports field and whilst they have some ground to make up academically - I know that they have the will to ultimately succeed. Our aim for the future - must be to try and accommodate these boys at an earlier age in order to give them a better foundation for the more advanced learning. We hope that they will be the first of many. If, this can gain momentum - not only will we be providing opportunities for the boys themselves, but also ultimately, making a significant contribution to the greater community.

On reviewing the year and some of the highlights therein:

On the cultural front there was Marilyn Middlewick's musical production "Rats" which played to full houses on both nights. Our choir was again one of the highlights of the St. Stithians's choir festival and the annual Art Show comprised some outstanding work from boys from all levels throughout the school.

The Inter-house quiz and Declamation were of the usual high standard.

The Grade 0 Nativity play was held last Friday and again it was one of my own favourite events of the year even if Santa Busschau did try to upstage the boys!

The carol pageant was held on Monday and as usual - the event was a joyous one and was well attended.

Still on matters cultural, a new initiative to be introduced at the beginning of the New Year will be the commencement of musical instrumentation lessons provided on campus, by staff of "The Leading Note." A large number of boys have signed up for instruction on instruments such as violin, flute, piano, recorder, saxophone and I suppose inevitably - guitar. I hope that this will be the start of something, which will grow and flourish. Ultimately, the school will need to provide facilities for the expansion of this very important faculty.

Moving from matters cultural to the games front, the year was characterised by the usual heavy commitment to the major sports. The internal events, such as the Inter-house galas and athletics championships were showcases of efficiency. This year saw more events than ever before (165 in the gala and over 200 in athletics) with every boy given the opportunity to represent his house in more than one event.

After an inauspicious start, the athletics season culminated in the Prestige Championships which features all the leading Independent Schools and where on a wave of passionate team spirit and endeavour, our team managed to place 2nd - the highest position we have ever attained.

In football and cricket, the "team of the year" was undoubtedly the U 10 age group, who only lost once during the football season and was undefeated on the cricket field.

Our swimming continues to improve and both 'A' and 'B' teams had hugely successful seasons.

Every year, we are proud when our boys are chosen for Area, or Provincial sides, and this year we have again enjoyed a healthy number of them being selected for the different sports.

What is gratifying too, is the success some of our lads achieve in sports and activities not catered for in the mainstream extra-curricula timetable. These include karate, go-kart racing, chess (where we have two provincial players)

archery, yachting, cycling, public speaking and even modern dancing to name but a few.

I would now like to direct the next part of my address to the staff. Often we forget that the key to any school's success lies not in the Headmaster, the Board, the buildings or even the pupils - but the staff. You can have the most magnificent buildings, the most generous budgets, the most capable pupils, but in the final analysis - it is the teachers who 'make' a school.

I would like to share this piece of anonymous writing about the importance of teachers. It is entitled:

Message of Thanks to Great Teachers.

(and I dedicate this to the staff and executive.)

Thank you for being such a wonderful teacher,

An exemplary role model and caring person.

Thank you for knowing your subject and sharing your knowledge.

Thank you for not being afraid to treat children like real people

Thank you for showing acceptance, approval and appreciation.

These are all gifts that are so important to a child's development

- and that your pupils will always remember, just as they will all remember you.

Words of encouragement, a little respect and simple gestures of kindness from a teacher promote the perfect climate for pupils to study, learn and grow.

Your attitude translates into a spirit of friendliness and good will towards others in a sometimes-unfriendly world.

Progress is easier in an atmosphere of creative freedom, joy and ease, and you foster this feeling in your classroom.

I salute the good work you've done. I appreciate the person you are, and I thank you for your positive influence.

You have passed on invaluable instruction and wisdom and created pleasurable moments associated with learning that will always be sweet memories.

Thank you, for answering the call to be a teacher.

Thank you, for the enduring impressions you've made in the lives you have touched.

Every community needs people like you. Your contributions are immeasurable.

Your lessons are permanent.

You improve our world.

You are so important.

To my staff - Thank you!

Whilst on the subject of **thanks**, there are a number of people whom I'd like to publicly recognise and to whom I'd like to pay a special vote of thanks. These are people who have often

worked behind the scenes unnoticed, but who have made significant contributions to the school and to whom we, the staff and boys, are deeply indebted.

Thanks to:

To the Board of Governors for their wisdom and sound governance.

To the PTA who have had a record breaking year in terms of funds raised through events such as the World Cup Rugby, Fireworks and Golf Day.

Mesdames. Alves and Estment of the Prep. Pavilion and their numerous helpers who have taken that facility to new heights.

The Moms who have run the swop shop, the tuck shop and marked Kumon.

There have been so many more people who have either given of their time or contributed in other ways and to you all, I would like to say a BIG "thank you." You have made a difference to our school.

We are about to move into the Prize Giving section of proceedings and before we do, I would like to turn my words back to the boys. I know that when Mr. Thackwell gets to your class and starts reading out the names of the winners - your heart will beat a bit faster. I know, **that you know**, not everyone can be a winner. Some of you will leave this hall elated and others possibly **deflated**. I also know that it's little consolation to those who do not win when I say "Chaps, you're all winners in your own way. Next year when you come back to school - set your sights high and work hard and who knows - next year you might be in the winner's circle!"

Draw strength from my friend Kipling again, who wrote:

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds worth of distance run -

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And - what is more - you'll be a Man, my son!"

In conclusion, at the end of my speech, I normally recite my favourite Irish Blessing, but in light of the fact that it was quoted by the guest speaker at the High School Prize giving - I will instead share my second favourite Irish blessing with you - and dedicate it especially to Grade 7's:

It goes:

As you slide down the banister of life - may the splinters always point in the right direction!

I wish you all a Blessed Christmas, happy and safe Millennium New Year and God's richest blessings.

Thank you.

Prep School Staff and Class List 1999

Headmaster - Rick Wilson
Headmaster's Secretary - Pam Groenewald
Deputy Headmaster - Willy Castle
Prep School Secretary - Robbie Orr

H O D: Jnr Primary - Glenda Anderson
H O D: Snr Primary - Ron Thackwell

Subject Head: English - Mandy Everson
Subject Head: Mathematics - Bev Geldenhuys
Subject Head: Afrikaans - Anne Whitfield
Subject Head: Science - Mike Mitchley
Subject Head: Art - Heather Joseph

Grade 0-M - Pat Milne
Grade 0-R - Alyson Rodrigues
Grade 0-T - Louise Tyack

Grade 1-L - Zeza Ladeira
Grade 1-N - Beatrice Nieman
Grade 1-P - Shamani Pillay

Grade 2-A - Carol Ansell
Grade 2-B - Michele Barbour
Grade 2-N - Allison Norton

Grade 3-H - Deborah Hurley
 Grade 3 S - Liz Sherratt
 Grade 3-Z - Debby Zambon

Grade 4-DH - Debbie Horrocks
 Grade 4-MJ - Melisan Johnston
 Grade 4-SJ - Sharon Jones

Grade 5-AH - Ann Hayward
 Grade 5-MH - Mark Hayter/Ross Kirkby
 Grade 5-W - Anthony Winson/Roger McIver

Grade 6-B - Louise Browne
 Grade 6-H - David Hosmer
 Grade 6-G - Beverley Geldenhuys

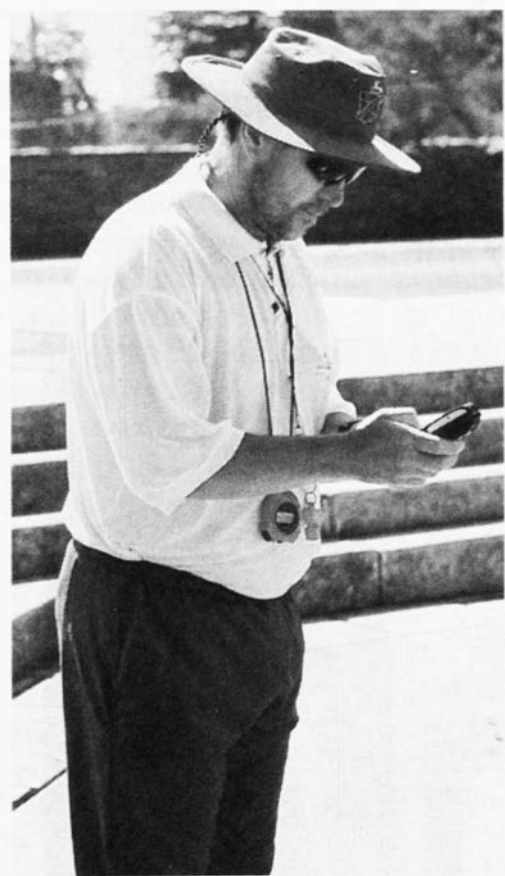
Grade 7-E - Mandy Everson
 Grade 7-T - Ron Thackwell
 Grade 7-M - Michael Mitchley

Afrikaans - Anne Whitfield
 P E and Geography Teacher - Georges Demblom/
 Martin Hewitt
 Art Teacher - Heather Joseph
 Music Teacher - Marilyn Middlewick/
 Cleone Blake
 Zulu - Louise Browne
 Computer Teacher - Jean Rodel
 Library - Mary Clover
 Afrikaans & Biology - Frances McWilliams
 Geography & History - Mike Haswell

Therapists
 Mitzi Claassen (RT) - Monday & Thursday
 Saskia Leenstra (OT) - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
 Thursday
 Sandra Tarlie (ST) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
 Claire Hedding (Maths) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Staff 1999

Some comings and goings...and other happenings



Mr Willy Castle enjoyed an overdue long leave in the middle term.



Mrs Louise Browne goes on maternity leave in early 2000. Mrs Browne is pictured here with Kyle dos Santos who played "Samson" in the short musical she produced as the opening act to "Rats"



Mr David Homser seen here with Lorenzo Agustoni, moved to the Cape to take up a post in Franschoek.



Mrs Elizabeth Sherratt leaves to take up a post at Crawford Lonehill. She is pictured here presenting the prizes at the Junior Prep Athletics prizegiving.



Mrs Marilyn Middlewick pictured here with her son Mark on the eve of the production "Rats". Mrs Middlewick leaves St David's after many years of dedicated service in the Music and RE departments.



Chaos on the stage at the Farewell Assembly for Mrs Middlewick. The staff dressed in school blazers behaved very badly. This would never have been allowed in any of Mrs Middlewick's productions.



Mrs Beverly Geldenhuys and Mrs Francis McWilliams dressed and ready to go out on the town. Mrs McWilliams joined the staff this year to teach Afrikaans and Biology in the Senior Prep.



Mrs Glenda Anderson with Mr Wilson at the celebration of her 25 years at St David's.



Mrs Beverly Geldenhuys pictured here bravely participating in the swim-a-long, also took her long leave this year.

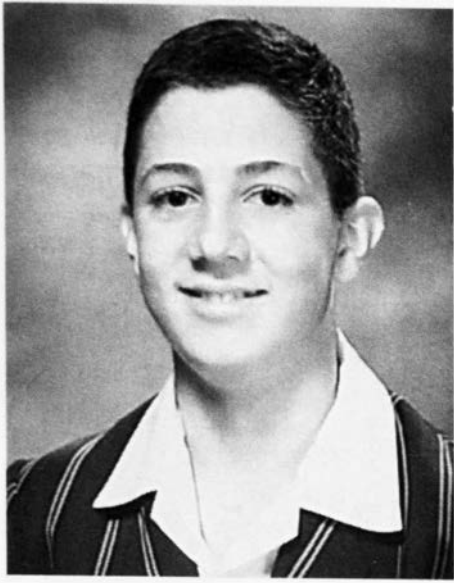


Mr and Mrs Anderson with the plaque awarded to Mrs Anderson for her years of service and commitment to the school



A mottley collection of staff working ???? at the finish line on Inter-House Athletics Day. Mrs McWilliams, Mr Wilson, Mrs Everson, Mr Mclvor, Mr Kirkby and Mr Mitchley.

Vote of thanks to the Staff



"We may as well close the patent office, all the important inventions have already been invented." So said the secretary of the US Patent Office in 1897.

The Americans may have need of the telephone, but we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys". Sir William Preece Chief GPO Engineer 1876.

"He will never amount to anything". Albert Einstein's Munich High School Report."

Imagine where we would be now if these statements had been accepted as fact. Perhaps it is worth looking back momentarily as we go forward.

Mr Edey, Mr Wilson, Members of the governing body, staff, pupils and parents, good evening.

As I stand here tonight on behalf of the grade 7 class of 1999, I do so with great pride, honour, sadness, happiness and not to mention shaking legs. It seems appropriate to look back and to say thank you to all of you who have made such an impact on our lives over the last 7 years. I feel especially proud and honoured because I am part of the last group of grade sevens to pass through the St David's junior school this millennium. I also feel especially privileged to be a member of the wonderful Marist family.

The feeling of sadness comes as I realise that this is the end of my junior school career as we bade farewell to the wonderful teachers who have taught us, cared for us and made us ready for high school. We may be leaving you but you will not be forgotten. The happiness comes with the anticipation of the coming year and the beginning of high school. The last seven years have provided us with excitement, happiness, fun, change and last but definitely not least, fear of the dreaded Castle.

Only 8 years ago the whole school could fit into the old hall for assembly. The new Champagnat hall being but a dream. 8 years ago the computer room was a very hot stuffy half a classroom that could hardly accommodate a whole class. Today thanks to the generosity of the St David's parents, The Board and the PTA, the Champagnat hall has been built. The computer room is now air-conditioned and big enough to seat a whole class.

Our wonderful facilities are just that - facilities - useless without the wonderful body of dedicated teachers we are so blessed to have here at St David's.

It is appropriate that we say a special thank you to our teachers.

The grade nought teachers, you let us indulge in playtime whilst you slowly started to teach us to read and write.

The grade one teachers taught us about letter land and how to string basic sentences together.

The grade two teachers gave us wonderful lessons in English. You also taught us to listen to the Afrikaans language and start a simple vocabulary.

Our grade three teachers taught us to start those rather more complicated sums and to start writing in Afrikaans.

Grade four proved to be challenging, this was our first year in the senior prep. The first year that we wrote exams and the first year that we finished at 2 o'clock. Thanks for always being there for us.

Grade 5 was a busy year and flew by very fast. The year was filled with projects and school work.

In grade six we started the year off not knowing our heads from our toes and by the end of the year which came very quickly, we still didn't know our heads from our toes, but we had started to form an opinion on that and many other subjects. Despite a hectic schedule our teachers still managed to pound some information into us.

Suddenly we were in grade 7, now top of the junior school. This is where the boys start to turn into men. Our voices have started to crack, and for this whole year we made the atrocious noise at the back of the hall during assembly.

Mrs Everson, it may have seemed that we tried to drive you insane this year, but I can assure you it was only a test to see how much you cared for us. I have consulted with my fellow class-mates and it is my pleasure to inform you that you passed with flying colours.

Mr Mitchley, perhaps in real life flying paper punches don't exist, but in the exciting make-believe world of your science classes they did exist. We learned lots about the fascinating world we live in.

Mr Hosmer, although you have only taught some of us this year we all looked forward to seeing you in the corridor as you were always ready to put a smile on a sad face.

Mrs Mc Williams, your Afrikaans and Biology lessons were always interesting even if they sometimes provided us with more information than we could handle. Thank you

Through the last eight years the four teachers who have been with us throughout are:

Ms Joseph, well known to all of us, has taught us since grade two. After 6 years of toil and trouble you may have actually made artists out of some of us.

Mr Castle, after 7 years of close scrutiny we have finally come to the decision that your bark is worse than your bite. And sir, I must agree with you on one point- "Soccer is life and the rest is just detail."

Mrs Anderson you have been at St David's for 25 years, for the 8 years that we have known you, you were always there, in times of trouble and when ever we needed help and support. Thank you very much.

Mrs Clover, after 7 years of us invading your library once a week, and often more when the cricket was on. We have to say thank you and good luck in your new home.

Mrs Browne, you have taught us Zulu for 3 years and we now consider ourselves almost able to have a conversation with a Zulu speaking person. Thank you and good luck with your baby.

A big thank you is due to Mrs Middlewick who encouraged us to exercise our vocal chords in a controlled fashion for most of the 8 years. We hope you are enjoying your new life.

Last but not least Mr Wilson, since you started at St David's your friendly face on the sports field as a supporter has always been welcome especially when we were 2 goals down. Your stories in assembly always gave us encouragement.

To all the other staff, as well as to Mrs Von Guilleaume and her staff, Mr Van der Merwe for the wonderful grounds, thank you, you have made an impact on our lives and you will always be remembered.

To the pupils who will carry on in the junior school, remember the words of William Blake, "An eagle can soar as high as he wants, as long as he soars on his own wings."

Thank you

William Gebers

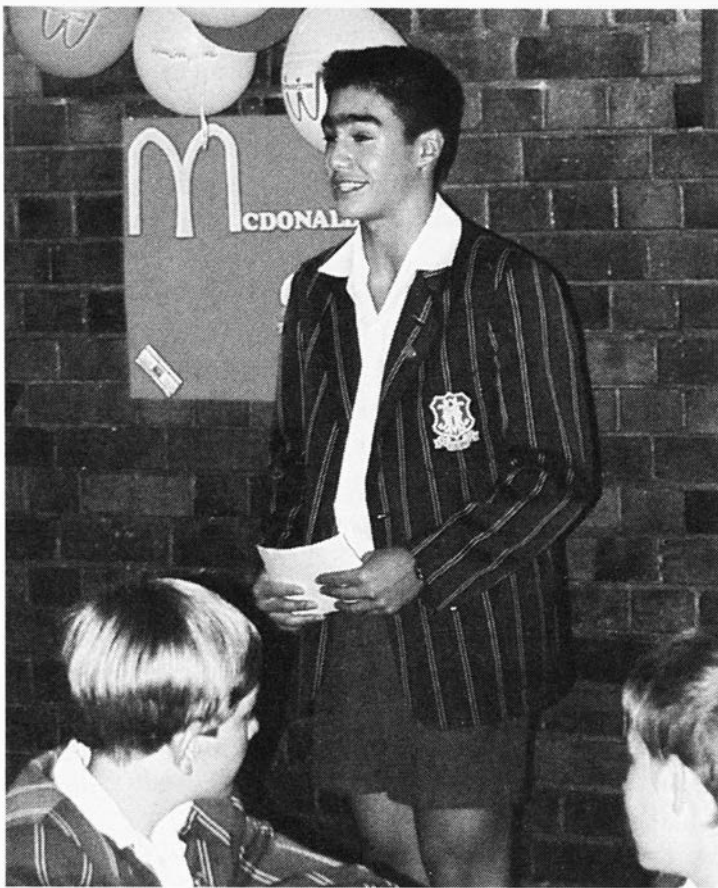
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Farewell Address at the Grade 7 Luncheon

Welcome Mr Edey, Mr Wilson and staff. Thank you for joining us at our farewell lunch. This is one of the last formal occasions we share together our Prep school careers. The Grade 7's have many wonderful memories of our Prep school years to take with us as we go to the College. I remember in Grade 0 when I hear Mr Castle's booming voice for the first time. I was terrified. Now 8 years later, I hear that same booming voice and it still terrifies me.

Thank you Mr Castle for everything that you do for the pupils of St David's. Thank you for strong leadership and a consistent interest in our progress. Thank you for always being there. You have given us spirit, courage, pride in ourselves and in our school.

Your name is synonymous with St David's.



Tyrone Avnit giving the Farewell Address

The prep school is like an extended family. Teachers like Mrs Anderson, Mrs Geldenhuys and Ms Joseph have watched most of us grow up. And we all know Matron, who is our source of comfort when ill and not so ill, she is our ally when in trouble. Thank you ladies for giving us living examples of true Christianity and living the Marist ethos.

A special thank you must go to our admin staff, the bursars office and our therapists. Much of your work is not directly seen by the pupils but we know that it affects our lives greatly and it does not go unnoticed. Thank you for joining us this morning.

Father Michael, I hope that we have made you feel welcome at St David's. We appreciate your encouragement and counsel. We have enjoyed your homilies at Mass on Fridays. We have learned a lot about saints and devout Christians who have accomplished much for their faith.

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell, to Mrs Orr, Mrs Clover, Mrs Sherrat and Mr Hosmer who will be leaving us. Thank you all for the substantial contribution you have made to both the school and the pupils in the time you have been here. We wish you every success and happiness in your new environments. Take the spirit of St David's with you.

To all the staff who have worked with the Grade 7's boys throughout their time in the Prep, you have survived!! Thank you for your input, care, and discipline even though at the time we probably did not enjoy the latter. Each boy goes from the Prep school with a solid foundation educationally, spiritually, physically and emotionally. We intend to build upon your hard work and become successful in all we do.

A final thank you must go to Mr Wilson. Thank you sir, for your leadership, kind support and the interest you show in your pupils. Thank you for all those occasions when you have come to support us when we were playing sport. Thank you for the messages at Assembly and in the newsletters. Our parents always made sure we read them.

Tyrone Avnit



Walter Giuricich with Mr Wilson who presented him with the Headmaster's Trophy



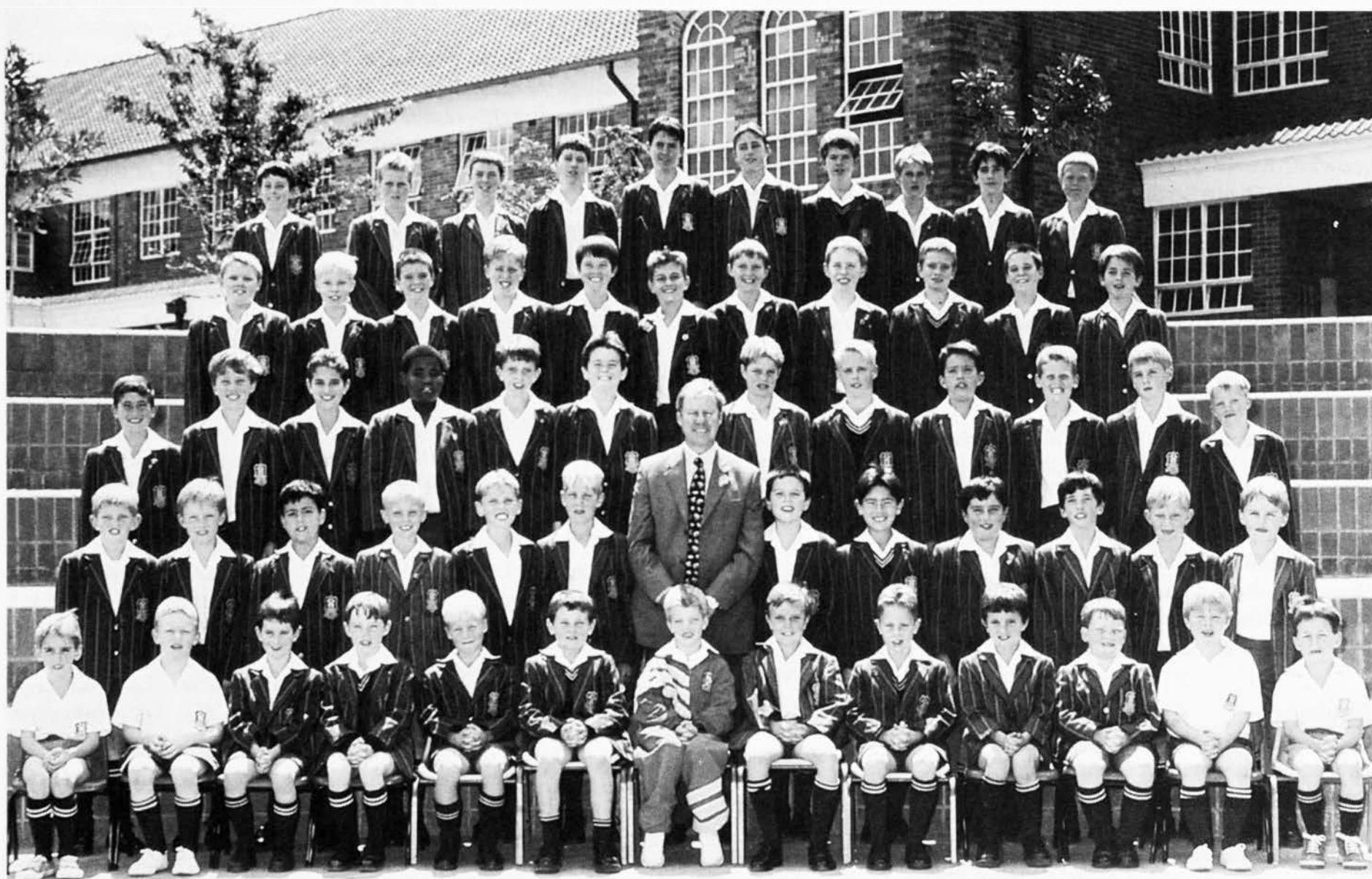
Moeketsi Mde enjoying his Big Mac



**The Gr 6 waiters in their McDonald's T-shirts.
From left to right: Olec Kaminski, Justin Henry, Michael Shaw-Taylor, Stephen Hoffe, Martin Latham, Bongani Tshabalala, Gregory Beavers.**

HOUSE POINTS

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
ACADEMIC	B	C	TB	O
ATHLETICS	B	O	TB	C
CRICKET	O	B	TB & C	
CROSS COUNTRY	B	O	TB	C
MERITS	B	TB	O	C
QUIZ	B	TB	O	C
SOCCER	TB	B	O	C
SWIMMING	B	O	TB	C
TENNIS	O	C	B	TB
CHESS	C	O	B	TB



Sons of Old Boys

Back Row: Mark Zweigenthal, Christopher Forssman, Matthew Macfarlane, Luca Senatore, Nicholas Schilperoort, Matthew Poultney, Gregory Jordan, Timothy Forssman, Daniel Berti, William Ryan.

Fourth Row: Karl Reith, Ryan Jamieson, Duncan Hunter, Nicholas Berti, Jonathan Jordan, Massimo Senatore, Jordan Graham, Craig Wallington, John Moni, Malcolm Hunter, David Schilperoort

Third Row: Daniel Kourie, Michael Berti, Jonty Kourie, Miso Shongwe, Reuben John, Christopher Schilperoort, Mark Goosen, Stephen Adam, Brian Lebos, Marc M'Crystal, Simon Wallington, James Morrison

Second Row: Reinhardt Arp, John Michael Glaeser, Jared Lebos, Timothy Adam, Nicholas Johnson, Nicholas McWilliams, Mr R Wilson, Justin Neilson, Shaun Sardinha, Giuliano Minucci, Thomas Berti, Philip Hawkins, Ethan Wallington

Seated: Paul Wallington, Ryan Tangey, Matthew Ralphs, Kyle Toner, Sean Jamieson, Travis van Crombrugge, Kyle John, Kyle Lewin, Marco Carleo, Timothy Mackeown, Peter Butcher, Sinjin Bulbring, Jonathen Edward.

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Prize Winners

Annual Prizegiving 1999

Junior Prep

Religion Prizes:

Grade 1-L Raymond Zambon
Grade 1-N Brendan Mitchell
Grade 1-P Michele Dal Col
Grade 2-A Alessandro Mendes
Grade 2-B Bradley Campleman
Grade 2-N James Reilly
Grade 3 **Catholic Doctrine** - Robert Seals, Dylan Bolus
Scripture - Jean-Pierre Viviers

Altar Boys Awards

Tim Brinkman, Mark Deegan, Stefano de Siena, Dylan Finch, Giulio Giuricich, Paul Hon, Jacek Kaminski, Ivo Lazic, Michael Loewke, Kevin-Michael McCarthy, Kaelo Molefe, Byron Rodrigues, Shaun Sardinha, Gavin Steyn

Grade 1-L

Consistent Good Work Daniel Still
Literacy Achievement Bradford Latilla-Campbell
Numeracy Achievement Barry Morisse
Merit Awards Warren Ezzey, Kai Marini, Trevor Rowley, Richard van der Berg
Good Progress Prizes Richard Fisher, Julien Houdet

Grade 1-N

Consistent Good Work Ethan Wallington
Literacy Achievement Matthew Rigby
Numeracy Achievement Simon Ehrlich
Merit Awards Andrew Fisher, Rohan Hayes, Kailin Pillay, Grant Prior
Good Progress Prizes Michael de Santana, Spencer Smith

Grade 1-P

Consistent Good Work Simon Rigby
Literacy Achievement Grant Walker
Numeracy Achievement Michael Kirby
Merit Awards Alvaro Giuricich, Mark Prior, Matthew Sham, Livhuwani Tsanwani
Good Progress Donovan Nicholls, Francesco Rizzuto

Grade 2-A

Consistent Good Work Mark Koorn
Literacy Achievement Brendan Stott
Numeracy Achievement David Leith
Merit Awards Marco Carleo, Patrick Chappel, James Lowe, Gareth Timm
Good Progress Hugo D'Almeida, Michael Sherry

Grade 2-B

Consistent Good Work Ramon Michael
Literacy Achievement Christopher van Eden
Numeracy Achievement Michael Wackrill
Merit Awards Gianpaolo Mariano, Alistair Smith, Craig Steyn, Jayson van Kerckhoven
Good Progress Nicholas Applewhite, Matthew Riemer

Grade 2-N

Consistent Good Work Graham Starkey
Literacy Achievement Nicholas von Roretz
Numeracy Achievement Steven Bauthier-Pienaar
Merit Awards Andrew Jackson, Mathew Macindoe, Shaun MacKeown, Antimo Osato
Good Progress Daylin Kirk, Marco Pinheiro

Grade 3-H

Consistent Good Work Elliot Marsden
Literacy Achievement Paul Hon
Numeracy Achievement Wayne Eldridge
Afrikaans Achievement Joshua Benton
Life Skills Miso Shongwe
Merit Awards Murray Hyslop, Ivo Lazic, Jared Lebos, Gareth Seland
Good Progress David Reading, Byron Rodrigues

Grade 3-S

Consistent Good Work Kaelo Molefe
Literacy Achievement Giulio Giuricich
Numeracy Achievement Chase Remmington
Afrikaans Achievement Kyle Waldeck
Life Skills Marc Neto
Merit Awards Richard Allen, Ruval Boosi, Shaun James, Kimon Kramvis
Good Progress Nikki Carnicelli, Simon Wallington

Grade 3-Z:

Consistent Good Work Dale Walker
Literacy Achievement David Gardner
Numeracy Achievement Reuben John
Afrikaans Achievement Tim Brinkmann
Life Skills Shaun Sardinha
Merit Awards Daniel de Almeida, Jacek Kaminski, Daniel Kourie, Mathew Marsden
Good Progress Daniel Holliday, Byron Rose Roberts

Special Awards

Grade 1L

Peter Butcher **Progress in Phonetic Spelling**
Thomas Cole **Good Progress in Reading**
Sheldon Diepraam **Neat Handwriting**
Wesley Finlay **Good Progress in Phonetic Spelling**
Kamogelo Kwele **Good Recognition of Flashwords**
Matthew Lowe **Neat Handwriting**
Bryan McCarthy **Good Grasp of Bonds**
James Morrison **Good Progress in Reading**
Chase Rodrigues **Good Number Manipulation**
Jared Solomon **Good Progress in Mathematics**
Richard Steyn **Good Progress in Spelling**
Stephen Thatcher **Neat Handwriting**
Louis Wildman **Beautifully Illustrated Work**

Grade 1-N

Dean Bakos **Good Work in English**
Daniel Barnard **Good Progress in English & Mathematics**
Murray Burgess **Good Progress in Mathematics**
Alexander Evers **Good Progress in Reading**
Gareth Hardie **Good Progress in Reading**
Calvin King **Good Progress in Mathematics**
Angus Morris **Good Progress in Reading**
Richard O'Mahony **Good Work in English & Mathematics**
Jonathan Sardianos **Progress in Mathematics**
Tristan Schafer **Good Progress in English**
Kevin Shaw-Taylor **Good Work in All Subjects**
Travis von Crombrugge **Progress in Mechanical Mathematics**
Nicholas Ware **Improvement in Number Work**
Rory Wildman **Good Sight Word Recognition**

Grade 1P

Jerome Archary **Good Number Concept**
Matthew Dyson **Good General Knowledge/Life Skills**
Devon Edwards **Improved Spelling**
Jonathan Franke **Improved Sight Recognition**
Mark Goncalves **Good Number Concept & Spelling**
Kieran Goosen **Good Number Concept**
Mark Paterson **Good Sight Recognition & Spelling**
Giulio Pozzobon **Good Number Concept & Improved Spelling**
Matthew Ralphs **Neat Presentation of Work**
Fabrizio Sacco **Good Number Concept**
Matsilela Sono **Improved Flash Recognition**
Gareth Wildman **Improved Number Concept**
Ronan Worthington **Good General Knowledge/Life Skills**

Grade 2A

Mark Abrey **Achievement in Reading Comprehension**
Warren Anthony **Achievement in Reading**
Thomas Berti **Achievement in Learnt Spelling**
Dale Coleman **Achievement in Mechanical Mathematics**
Gabriele Di Giorgio **Achievement in Learnt Spelling**
Matthew Edwards **Achievement in Reading Comprehension**
Ryan Estment **Achievement in Reading Comprehension**
Brendan Gahan **Achievement in Learnt Spelling**
Nicholas Gishen **Achievement in Reading Fluency**
Gregory Horsfall **Achievement in Mechanical Mathematics**
Sebastien John **Achievement in Reading Comprehension**
Timothy MacKeown **Achievement in Reading Comprehension**
Matthew Robinson **Achievement in Learnt Spelling**
Ryan Robinson **Achievement in Language Skills**
Werner van Zyl **Achievement in Reading Fluency**

Grade 2B

Stuart Allen **Good Progress in Writing**
Miles Demmer **Outstanding Reading**
Martin Harris **Achievement in Handwriting**
Reginald Holliday **Achievement in Mathematics**
Sean Jamieson **Good Progress in Literacy**
Samuel Jarrett **Good Progress in Handwriting**
Matthew Kets **Good Progress in Spelling**
Kyle Lewin **Achievement in Phonics**
John Moni **Achievement in Life Skills**
Neo Neophytou **Achievement in Reading**
Ross O'Donnell **Good Progress in Mathematics**
Tyron Springer **Achievement in Handwriting**
Greig Steenberg **Good Progress in Literacy**
Seth van Staden **Good Progress in Reading**
Jason Wright **Good Progress in Literacy**

Grade 2N

Luciano Agostinetti **Achievement in Mathematics**
Michael Allport **Achievement in Mathematics**
Reinhardt Arp **Progress in Spelling**

Kyle Cassani **Progress in Reading**
John-Michael Glaeser **Progress in Reading Comprehension**
Oliver Green **Achievement in Mathematics**
Philip Hawkins **Achievement in Reading Comprehension**
Nicholas Hon **Achievement in Reading**
Robert Longland **Achievement in Presentation of Work**
Stuart MacLaren **Achievement in Reading**
Devin Miles **Achievement in Reading Fluency**
Mark Nieuwoudt **Achievement in Mathematics**
Enzio Quartero **Achievement in Reading Comprehension**
Alexander Simpson **Achievement in Reading**
Matthew van der Merwe **Progress in Reading**

Grade 3H

James Barnes **Reading Advancement**
Lloyd Berndt **Mathematics**
Stefano De Siena **English**
Paul Duckworth **Mathematics Advancement**
David Haigh **English Advancement**
Giuliano Minucci **English**
Andrew Murphy **English**
Adrian Plaskocinski **English Advancement**
Joshua Rodrigues **Language Advancement**
Christopher Schilperoort **Tables and Bonds Advancement**
Ryan Sheridan **English**
Kurt Solomon **English Advancement**
Andrew Still **English Advancement**

Grade 3S

Devin Botha **Outstanding Project Work**
Norman Cahi **Achievement in Mathematics**
Mark Deegan **Achievement in Mathematics**
Michael Evans **Achievement in Mathematics**
Nicholas Johnson **Outstanding Project Work**
Gregory Khoury **Persistent Good Work**
Kyle Lawrence **Progress in Afrikaans**
Kyle Lloyd **Persistent Good Work**
Michael Loewke **Progress in Mathematics**
Dennis Lugemwa **Project Work**
Kevin-Michael McCarthy **Persistent Good Work**
Christopher McGuire **Progress in Afrikaans**
Lawrence Steyn **Achievement in Mathematics**
Jason Welsh **Persistent Good Work**

Grade 3Z

Kurt Boere **Persistent Good Work**
Gordon De Vincentiis **Improvement in Written Comprehension**
Ryan Edwards **Mathematics Improvement**
Dylan Finch **Mathematics Improvement**
Kevin Gahan **Reading Improvement**
Tyler Hollingsworth **Mathematics Improvement**
Gerard Kairuz **Reading Improvement**
Jacek Kaminski **English Advancement**
Craig Koorn **Afrikaans Achievement**
Adrian Marcia **Reading**
Daniel Rothschild **Mathematics Improvement**
Edwin Staundenmaier **Progress in Spelling & Phonics**
Gavin Steyn **Reading Advancement**
Kyle Toner **Mathematics Achievement**
Matthew van Buuren **Mathematics Improvement**

Schaafsma Trophy

Best Academic Student - Grade 3 Dale Walker

The U/9 Medley Trophy For Good Fellowship:

Best Academic Achievement, Sporting Achievement & Leadership Qualities In The U\9 Age Group: Dale Walker

Senior Prep

Religion Prizes:

Grade 4: Catholic Doctrine Justin O'Byrne, Dean Perdigao,
Brian Lebos

Scripture Jonathan Jordan, Matthew Alison,
Kyle Robinson

Grade 5: Catholic Doctrine Ivan Giuricich, Wisani Mhinga

Scripture Paul Egnos

Grade 6: Catholic Doctrine Jeffrey Johnston

Scripture Nicholas Neto

Grade 7: Catholic Doctrine Mark Middlewick

Scripture William Gebers

Altar Boys Awards

Ryan Abrey, Tyrone Avnit, Joaquim D'Almeida, Dean Di Pasquale,
Kyle Dos Santos, Riccardo Forleo, Dominic Hodge, Richard Kelly,
Stewart Leith, Elijah Lubala, Adriano Mendes, Mark Middlewick,
Shaun Norton, Justin O'Byrne, Dean Perdigao, Nicholas Rasenti,
Brendan Roane, Luca Senatore, Massimo Senatore, Adam Smith

Grade 4

Dux Trophy Craig Wallington

Grade 4MJ

1st Alex Rodel
2nd Shaun Wilson
3rd James Clark

Grade 4 DH

1st Sean Gishen
2nd Gareth Brickman
3rd Craig Watson

Grade 4SJ

1st Craig Wallington
2nd Duncan Pettit
3rd Michael Berti

Academic Excellence: Alex Rodel, Craig Wallington, Duncan Pettit

Good Progress: Richard Britz, Andrew Slack, Jake Levin, Kent Hauptfleisch, Andrew Keightley-Smith, Stephen De Ujfalussy, Justin Neilson, Marc McCrystal, Brian Lebos, Gianluca Sacco, Shane Beamish, Christopher MacKeown, Daniel Chappel, Matthew McGuire, Stewart Leith, Nicholas McWilliams

Subject Prizes

English: Alex Rodel, Craig Wallington

Afrikaans: Alex Rodel, Craig Wallington

Mathematics: Craig Wallington

Integrated Studies: Craig Wallington

Art: Luke Goncalves

Computer: Jonathan Jordan

Grade 5

Dux Trophy Duncan Hunter

Grade 5 AH

1st Paul Nieuwoudt
2nd Kuda Nyatsambo
3rd Ivan Giuricich

Grade 5 RK

1st Duncan Hunter
2nd Jordan Graham
3rd Grant Davidson

Grade 5 RM

1st Adrian Gebers
2nd Kevin Harding
3rd Gregory Murphy

Academic Excellence: Paul Nieuwoudt, Duncan Hunter, Kuda Nyatsambo, Adrian Gebers

Good Progress: Malcolm Hunter, Domenico De Lorenzo, Richard Harte, Fergus Klein, Karabo Mohlahlo, Michael Macindoe, Craig King, Sebastian Ridley, David Naylor

Subject Prizes

English: Duncan Hunter

Afrikaans: Paul Nieuwoudt

Mathematics: Jordan Graham

Integrated Studies: Kuda Nyatsambo, Duncan Hunter

Art: Ben Lemmer

Zulu: 1st Language: Lebogang Maboja

Zulu: 3rd Language: Kudu Nyatsambo

Computer: Paul Nieuwoudt

Grade 6

Dux Trophy Adam Lowe

Grade 6 G

1st Sabelo Sithebe
2nd Andrew Moerdyk
3rd Nicholas Neto

Grade 6 B

1st Adam Lowe
2nd Kyle Burger
Jonty Kourie

Grade 6 H

1st Adriano Mendes
2nd Justin Henry
3rd Lorenzo Agustoni

Academic Excellence: Sabelo Sithebe, Andrew Moerdyk, Adam Lowe, Kyle Burger, Jonty Kourie

Good Progress: Grant Hayward, Paul Isaac, Shaun Mets, Sven Meydell

English: David Everson, Bongani Tshabalala, Brett Ross, Paul Isaac, Richard Austin Williams, Jacky Wu, Ryan Botha, Vincent Cook, Dorian Labuschagne, Darren Leader, Conor McCreedy, Jason Sterrenberg, Nicholas Neto

Afrikaans: Paul Isaac, Rhayne Heynike, Jacky Wu, David Everson, Michael Kairuz, Andrew Prior, Lorenzo Agustoni, Christian Walsh

Mathematics: Matthew Bolus, Eyrton Hayes, Shaun Mets, Warrick Hammond, Alexander Kaminski, Dorian Labuschagne, David Everson

Zulu: Stephen Hoffe, Paul Isaac, Gregory Beevers, Matthew Stephenson, Darren Leader

Subject Prizes

English: Adam Lowe

Afrikaans: Adam Lowe

Mathematics: Adam Lowe, Sabelo Sithebe

History: Sabelo Sithebe

Geography: Adam Lowe

Science: Justin Henry

Art: Christopher Steinbach

Biology: Kyle Burger

Zulu: 1st Language: Sabelo Sithebe

Computer: Sabelo Sithebe

The Sifiso Sitole Memorial Trophy: Mark Zweigenthal

Grade 7

Dux Trophy Craig Roman

Grade 7 M

- 1st Reece Boosi
2nd Richard Halton
3rd Ryan Norton

Grade 7 T

- 1st Matthew Starkey
2nd Richard Wands
3rd Brendan Roane

Grade 7 E

- 1st Craig Roman
2nd William Gebers
3rd Massimo Senatore

Academic Excellence: Reece Boosi, Matthew Starkey, Richard Wands, Craig Roman, William Gebers

Good Progress: Kyle Broughton, Franco Insausti, Robert van den Houten, David Schneider, Jonathan Mouton, Mark Middlewick

English: Luca Senatore, Rowyn Dama, Nicolas Rasenti, Gianmario Afeltra, Johnathan Mouton, Sizwe Ntombela, Ricardo Gomes Da Silva, Charles Pringle, Devin Lloyd, Bernhard Kolsch, Kyle Broughton, Ian Johnson, Steven De Villiers, Robert van den Houten, Phakamani Mkulise

Afrikaans: William Gebers, Moeketsi Mde, Nicholas Reeves, Dale Potter, Reece Boosi, Timothy Forssman, Allan Stiles, Japhala Gwangwa, Alexander Ridley

Mathematics: Sizwe Ntombela, Matthew Cummings, Jonathan Mouton, William Gebers, Ian Johnson

Zulu: Kyle Broughton, Kieran Parbhoo, Dale Potter, Franco Insausti

Subject Prizes

- English:** Reece Boosi
Afrikaans: Craig Roman
Mathematics: Matthew Starkey, William Gebers
Science: Matthew Starkey
Biology: Ryan Norton
Geography: William Gebers
History: Richard Wands
Art: Joaquim D'Almeida
Zulu: 1st Language: Phakamani Mkulise
Zulu: 3rd Language: Richard Halton
Computer: Matthew Starkey

Annual Awards

Honours Candidates PDP: Mark Middlewick, Matthew Milne, David Blandin De Chalain, William Gebers, Matthew Starkey

Overall Dux: Craig Roman

The Costa John Memorial Trophy: Matthew Starkey

The Stephen Laing Memorial Trophy: Michael Stirk

Headmaster's Trophy: Walter Giuricich

The Chess Player of the Year:

Sen: Paul Nieuwoudt, **Jun:** Paul Hon

Gauteng South A Chess Team: Paul Nieuwoudt, Paul Hon

The Most Improved Chess Player:

Sen: Craig Wallington, **Jun:** Rohan Hayes

Public Speaking:

Shirley Bowles Trophy: Declamation: Tyrone Avnit

Wilma Wilkinson Trophy: Deklamasie: Craig Roman

St David's Marist Music Trophy: Darren Leader

Most Improved Tennis Player: Matthew Starkey

Cross Country: Jason Sterrenberg

Cricket Scoring: Walter Giuricich, Gregory Jordan, Adrian Gebers, Richard Lee, Bradley Marais, William Gebers, Robert Crichton, Lesego Masekela, Mark Zweigenthal, Jonathan Mouton, Adam Lowe

Most Improved Cricketer: Nicholas Neto

Norwich Week Cricket - North Area Team:

Nicholas Schilperoort, Nicholas Neto, Matthew Starkey, Bongani Tshabalala, Lesiba Mailula

USSASA South Gauteng Team: Bongani Tshabalala

Special Awards for Cricket:

Hat-trick: David Kets, Jake Levin

U/11: Garreth Benton - 109 not out - vs St Peter's, 104 not out - vs Redhill

The South Gauteng Primary School Swimming Team:

Marc Neto, Tyrone Avnit

Gauteng Lifesaving: Duncan Hunter, Malcolm Hunter

Most Improved Swimmer: Michael Busschau

Karate - Most Dedicated Student: Antimo Osato

Karate - Most Improved Student: Marco Carleo

Karate - Student of The Year & Junior Black Belt: Justin O'Byrne

Football:

Far North Area: Tyrone Avnit, Nicholas Reeves, Nicholas Schilperoort, Conor McCreedy

Northern District: Reuben John, Jake Levin, Tyler Hollingsworth

Southern Gauteng: Tyrone Avnit, Daniel De Almeida, Nicholas McWilliams

Mini City Councillors 1998: Massimo Senatore, David Blandin De Chalain

The Pam and Greg Royce Inter-House Academic Trophy:

4th Place: Osmond

3rd Place: The Bishops

2nd Place: College

1st Place: Benedict

Winning House Captain: Craig Small

Vice Captain: Richard Ramsden

Overall Academic & Sport Inter-House Award

St David's Prep Champagnat Trophy:

4th Place College Points 17½

3rd Place The Bishops Points 21½

2nd Place Osmond Points 27

1st Place Benedict Points 34

Winning House: Benedict

Winning House Captain: Craig Small

Vice Captain: Richard Ramsden



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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

ACADEMIC

Mathematics



Grade 6G demonstrate symmetry as part of their "hands on" approach to Mathematics



Grade 6G boys kept up to date with the country's monetary status when budget '99 was issued by South Africa's minister of finance. They read newspapers prior to and after the presentation, watched the TV version and then interviewed their parents to determine how the budget affected their families. Several aspects of their Maths syllabus were covered during this very relevant exercise.



Michael Shaw-Taylor, Jonty Kourie, Gregg-Michael Hammond and Mark Zweigenthal of Grade 6B worked as a group to produce this model of a butterfly.



Richard Webber had to design a bird feeder from completely natural scrap and refuse.

Biology



Justin Andrews with a model of a boomslang

History



Sabelo Sithebe, Dominic Hodge and Paul Isaac show off their election posters.



David Everson, William Harding and Lorenzo Agustoni know they will make good political leaders

Other Activities



Spring

Pupils welcomed Spring by each bringing a bouquet of flowers to school. These floral displays were presented to the female members of staff to brighten a somewhat chilly day.

Science and Biology Exhibition 1999

Grade 6 and 7

The annual Science and Biology Exhibition held during July was attended by a large number of proud parents and excited boys.

The theme for the Science display was 'Accessibility'.

Each boy made a model which could be of use to a person with a certain disability. The models and ideas ranged from the practical to Science Fiction. Many of the pupils put a great deal of thought into their work and demonstrated that they understood the difficulties associated with certain disabilities. Due to the complexity of some of the models, parental support and guidance was evident. Although too much help is not always encouraged, the assistance given, in most instances, was beneficial to the child learning from this experience.

During the Science lessons preceding the exhibition, practical difficulties were discussed in class to assist the boys in their approach to the project. Eco-Access, an organisation which assists the public in making facilities accessible, gave practical examples of the types of problems encountered by disabled people. All the ideas were taken from experiences of disabled people. This made the lessons more personal for the pupils and therefore their models were based on real life situations.

Each boy was responsible for giving a demonstration on how his model would be used by a disabled person. The pupils showed off their work enthusiastically and their excitement could be felt throughout the hall. Many parents were impressed with the high standard of work produced and the comments made were extremely positive.

As a follow-up to the exhibition the pupils dealt with specific disabilities in more detail. They concluded the section of work by designing a holiday resort which would cater for all people. These projects were completed in class and reflected the ideas and understanding the pupils gained about disabled people and their needs.

The theme for the grade 6 Biology display was "Our Environment".

Some boys displayed their design and technology skills when they designed and constructed bird feeders to encourage various birds to their gardens and to restore ecosystems that have suffered due to environmental hazards. Others recycled waste products and displayed homemade compost as their contribution to our environment. Some moms and dads joined in the spirit and produced some masterpieces.

The theme for the grade 6 Biology display was "Invertebrates and Vertebrates".

Pupils did research on the animals of their choice and observed their behaviour and habitats. The displays varied from aquariums with fish, snails and crabs to the more scary pets with a sting in their tails. Others used their design and technology skills to construct models of insects and even hairy spiders while a great white reared its head in the background.

The Science and Biology Exhibition was a great success and the work produced by the boys demonstrated that we all can play a part in making our world more accessible to everyone.

Mr D Hosmer and Mrs F McWilliams



David Teagle of Grade 7M with his model of an invertebrate – the mopani worm.



Andrea Cavaliere and Luca Senatore at an aquarium containing goldfish



Alex Kalebka, Japhala Gwangwa, Luca Senatore and Matthew Borrageiro of Grade 7T are studying crabs, plants growing in a terrarium and a model of a crayfish.

Arbor Week

Theme - "Trees In Our Lives"

We celebrated "Arbor Day" on Monday the 6th of September when five representatives from Total SA visited our school to promote their "saving our soil" campaign. Hans Schulte, the owner of Total Illovo, his son Hans, Justine, Lucas and Irma from Total SA explained how every one of us could get involved to protect our 1017 species of indigenous trees by looking after our soil. They told us about the work they were doing with trees and their great competitions! They donated five trees to our school and the grade sixes planted a "Karee" tree with great spirit. Keep going guys!

Andrew Moerdyk - Grade 6G

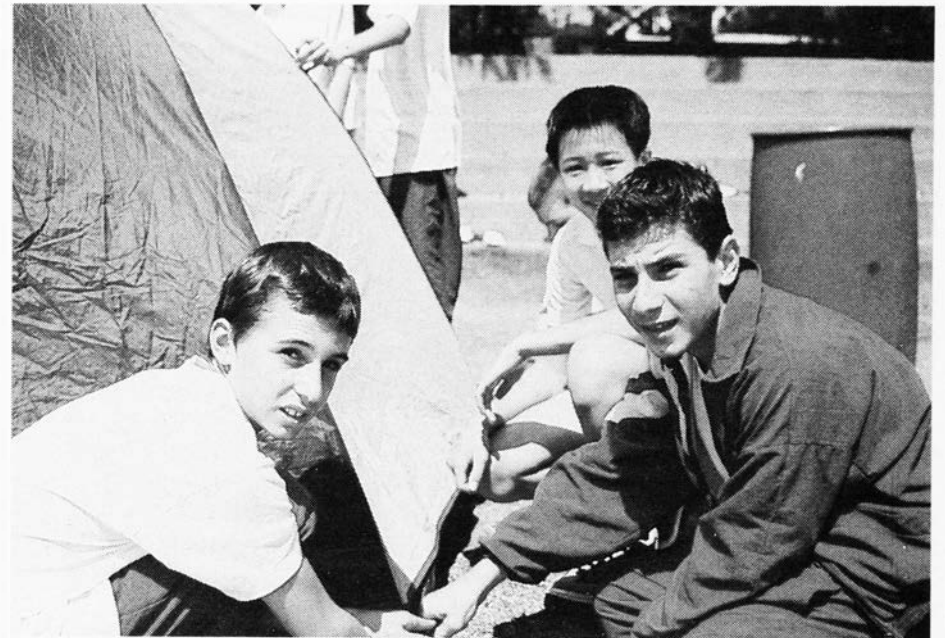


Hans Schulte with Grade 6 boys planting one of the Karee trees.

Eco Day

On Friday 26 November we were in for a day that was ecological, economical and educational. Eco-venture came to school to teach us and make us aware of nature. "Carpe Diem" was certainly the motto for the day. We completed a scavenger hunt, undertook some orienteering which proved very challenging. Other activities included a lecture on fossils and dinosaurs as well as Pre-historic Man by Prof Marion Duncan a lecturer at the Witwatersrand University. Roland, a game ranger taught us what and how to pack for a hike. We were instructed on how to build a tent, which also proved difficult for some. To me the highlight of the day was being told that we behaved better than St Stithian's or St Peter's (but we knew that anyway) Of course, the marshmallow braai was the best. This was a day we shall remember and we thank Eco-venture for their time.

Sabelo Sithebe 6G



Michael Kairuz and Dylan Clarkson putting up a tent



A group of Grade 6 boys attempting to build a shelter.



Kholane Mapetla 6B enjoying his roasted marshmallow

1999 Prep Inter-House Quiz

The Inter House quiz made another move this year, from the old hall to the beautiful new Champagnat Hall. The flu had played havoc with the teams, so much so that some reserves had to cross the house boundary lines and play for what was normally an opposing house. However this did not detract from the competition and soon the battle lines were joined.

At the end of Round 1, The Bishops had established a narrow lead of two points over Benedict which was promptly altered after Round 2 - Sport - everybody's favourite. The intense competition between the two continued throughout the quiz and with one Round to go Benedict led The Bishops 61 points to 60 with Osmond at 45 and College at 38.

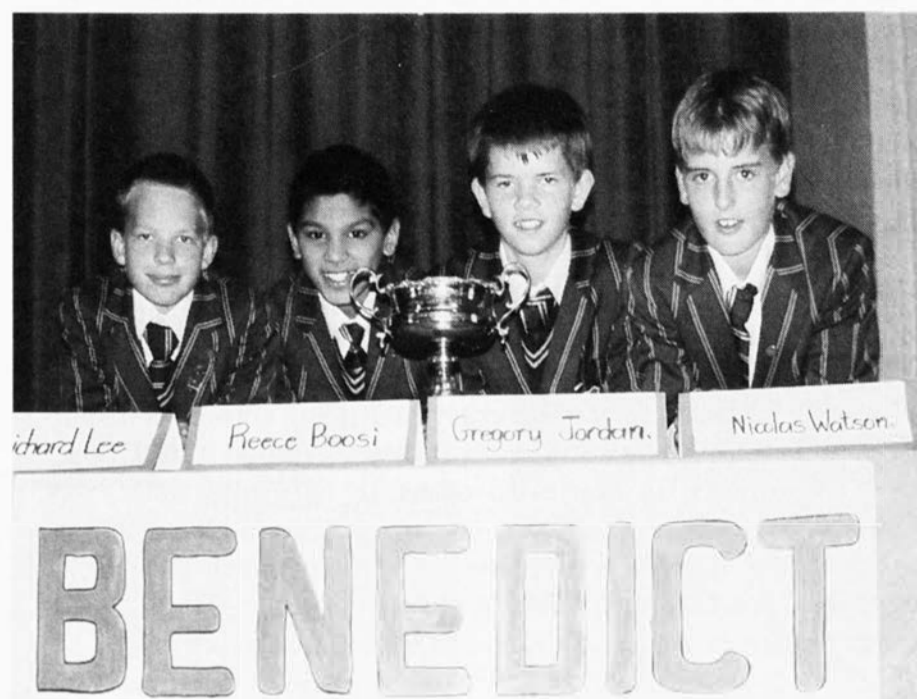
The final score shown below testifies to the intense battle that was waged during the last Round with Benedict represented by Nicholas Watson, Gregory Jordan, Reece Boosi and Richard Lee hanging on to win by a mere two points.

My thanks to the 16 able and enthusiastic contestants who provided an extremely entertaining and enjoyable afternoon for the Grade 6 and 7 boys and those parents who were able to attend. Well done to you all.

Final points position:

Benedict	69 points
The Bishops	67 points
Osmond	61 points
College	45 points

Mrs G Anderson



*The winners of the quiz!
The four smiling faces of the Benedict team after having won the Quiz. The boys were Nicolas Watson (Captain), Gregory Jordan, Reece Boosi and Richard Lee.*

Mini City Councillors



*1999 Mini City Councillors
Massimo Senatore and David Blandin de Chalain
with Prep Co-ordinator Beverley Geldenhuys*

One year ago I was elected as one of two boys to represent St David's on the Mini Council. To me it has been one of my biggest highlights of 1999 but, as past councillors had warned, I knew that I was in for one year of very hard work. For the boy to become a Mini City Councillor is one thing, for the boy's parents it is another thing, as my parents soon found out. Very soon my parents began to learn about places in Johannesburg that they had never heard of before.

But what is this 'Mini Council' anyway? Well in council you

have a mayor, deputy mayor, a chairman of management and a PRO. Then there are six committees - Smile, Welfare, Leadership, Recreation, Civic Awareness and Special Projects. This year there were forty schools so that means eighty councillors. Each committee has different jobs to do and this is where all the work comes in.

I will now tell you a little bit about the main projects that we covered in the last year. Firstly, the first Sunday of every month is used for what we call our Mix and Meet meetings. At these we discuss what we will be doing during the next month and what our previous month was like.

The Easter egg competition is famous for the Mini Councillors and as you probably know by now is a competition that everyone tries to win. Every day we saw numerous boxes of Easter eggs being brought to school and because of this St David's is normally one of the best schools for this competition and so we thank you for your support.

The Easter eggs get distributed to all the different funds for the poor. If only you could see their faces light up when they see mountains of Easter eggs coming their way. Functions like these always make me appreciate all that I have and how lucky I am.

The blanket square collection was another interesting project where we had to collect blanket squares which were made into blankets for the funds and once again we thank you for your support.

Our trip to Cape Town was my best highlight of the year. There are no words to describe how much fun we all had there. Cape Town gave us all one thing and that was friendship. After that trip we were all good friends and I don't think that I will forget any of them.

During our Council year we visited many places that were of great interest to me. One of them was a tour of SABC studios and I think that this fascinated many of us.

During the year we were pleased to hear that Wimpy became

our biggest sponsor, but the problem with this is that we were not allowed to eat any Steers and McDonald's any more!

My year on council has been a once in a lifetime experience and it taught us all so many things about life, like how lucky we are to have what we have but to me, I have learned to become more confident in myself and my actions and that people that have less are more happy than those that have more than they need.

I would like to thank Mr Wilson, Mrs Geldenhuys, Avril Rebeck, my parents and Massimo Senatore, my co-councillor. I would also like to wish the 2000 councillors the best of luck for their wonderful and exciting year ahead.

David De Chalain

Nelson Mandela once said: "You will never really understand something unless you experience it." These words particularly rang true for David and I this year. We had always heard about what a thrilling and rewarding experience being chosen as a Mini City Councillor is, but never really fully understood it until now.

The council is made up of forty schools, with two councillors from each school. The council is divided into six committees, namely Smile, Recreation, Leadership, Special Projects, Welfare and Civic Awareness. An executive and manager are in charge of each committee. There are 12 to 15 councillors in a committee. All the management committee members, including the Mini Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman of management and the PRO are all elected by the councillors.

We have met many new people and most of all learnt many new things. We started our council year off with a weekend to Camp David. There we learnt how to work as a team and we discussed what lay ahead of us during the very demanding year.

Then it was time to collect Easter eggs for the many underprivileged communities around Johannesburg. Unfortunately we started the collection a week late, but with the help of Mrs Zambon we collected a reasonable amount of 15 000 eggs. David and I really enjoyed collecting the eggs and in the end Grade 3Z collected the most eggs and they were rewarded with a special surprise. David and I were really grateful to the boys who contributed to the collection and they certainly put a smile on many people's faces. Then it was time for the grannies, moms, aunts and girlfriends to show their skills, and they certainly did.

They brought in large amounts of squares for the underprivileged homes around Johannesburg and they helped them to sleep with a lot more warmth and happiness. Then it was time to pack our bags and go on a journey of a lifetime. David and I with the council went to Cape Town for a week. There we made new friends and met people like the Deputy Mayor of Cape Town. We also went to the Navy, Telkom, Parliament and our favourite the Waterfront. During the year we visited the SABC Studios, underprivileged homes and many more.

The Mini Council has taught us to be more confident. It's made us communicate with people of a different colour and most important made us realise how important the less fortunate people are to our country.

David and I would like to thank Mr Wilson, Mrs Geldenhuys and Avril Rebeck for supporting and comforting us through this year. We would like to end off by wishing the best of luck to the councillors next year and we hope they will enjoy their year as much as we did.

Massimo Senatore

The English Declamation

The 1999 English Declamation once again saw the orators of our Prep School determined to entertain, persuade, impress and inform their audience. They came with well prepared speeches and we heard their opinions on a great variety of topics.

The aim of the Declamation is to give pupils an opportunity to practise their public speaking skills in front of an audience. While expecting the very best the boys have to offer, and striving to maintain the highest possible standards, we also try to strike the balance between a very formal situation and speaking in the classroom. We deliberately cultivate a relaxed and encouraging atmosphere. 1999 saw a number of firsts in

the Declamation. This was the first year that we held this event in the new hall - a rather daunting prospect initially, it was not nearly as frightening as many thought it would be. We were extremely fortunate to have Mrs Sheila Barlow adjudicate this year. Mrs Barlow is the doyenne of public speaking in both junior and high schools across Gauteng. She brought her invaluable experience to the pupils in her adjudication. This year we also introduced a chairperson for each session. Kieran Fane-Harvey and William Gebers did very well indeed, often having to think on their feet when the program took unexpected turns.



*Mrs Sheila Barlow with some of the orators:
Tyrone Avnit, Michael Kairuz, Mark Zwegenthal, Darren Leader,
Jonty Kourie, Matthew Milne and William Gebers*



*Some of the younger speakers who were very good indeed:
Nicholas McWilliams, Paul Nieuwoudt, Sean Gishen, Justin
O'Byrne, Richard Harte, Brian Lebos*

Preparatory Art Exhibition

Some of Art's benefits are obvious - it is an excellent outlet for self-expression and it develops motor skills. It puts children in touch with their emotions and provides them with a vehicle for expressing themselves in a constructive and unique way and this was evident at the annual art exhibition held in the Marcellin Champagnat Hall.

An enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the exhibition. What a pleasure it afforded to see so varied and so excellent a display of artistic and creative talent on the part of

the pupils. The painting and craftwork were displayed in a creative and interesting way.

The standard and quality of the work on display was excellent, as were the numerous, different and very individual approaches to subject matter.

Thank you and congratulations, my budding Picassos, on your effort and achievement at this exhibition. Thank you also to those who provided the tasty snacks for the evening.

Heather Joseph



Nicholas Rasenti making paper mache with Ms Joseph



Ms Joseph with a group of Grade 7's working on their crafts



Matthew Borrageiro with his paper mache mould





Look what we did!!!!



Some of the Grade 5's with Ms Joseph at the Art Exhibition



These boys show off their craftwork, painted Amish bird-designs displayed at the Art Exhibition



The Library

Over the past year the Library has moved several giant steps towards the new millennium. We finally completed the mammoth task of entering all our stock onto the computer, and bar-coding each item. We were able to take over several of the old 486 computers that were made redundant during the computer centre upgrade. We have networked these with the two Pentium computers which our boys won in the last Computer Science Olympiads, and installed the Zeus Interlit 2 library software programme. Every student has been allocated a barcode, so we are now able to issue books using a barcode reader. The advantages of this system are enormous, even though we tend to lose sight of them every now and then when the computers crash and we lose information so thoroughly that even Grant Gardner can't find it.

The High School once again took on St Theresa's in the annual

Inter-School Book Quiz. Each pupil had to read ten books from a set list, and then answer contextual questions. It was a fun-filled evening with much laughter and merriment (caused by some of the St David's answers!!)

The Prep entered for the first time the "Battle of the Books", an interschool quiz for Gauteng Primary Schools that is organised by the Johannesburg Library. Although we were knocked out in the first round, the boys enjoyed the experience, and benefited from the exposure to a wider range of books than they would normally read.

Next year promises more exciting changes and even greater improvements to our St David's Library. We wish the two new Librarians a smooth transition, and happy landings in the New Millennium.

The Choir



Senior Choir

Back Row: (left – right) Gregory Jordan, Michael Kairuz, Craig Small, Matthew Starkey, Richard Ramsden, Matthew Cumming, Michael Busschau

First Row: Michael Stirk, Richard Halton, Adam Smith, David Everson, Alexander Kalebka, Shaun Mets, Kieran Fane-Harvey, Kyle Burger, Dane Hauptfleisch, Bradely Marais

Second Row: Steven De Villiers, Grant Hayward, Ryan Norton, Matthew Milne, Mark Middlewick, Ryan Abrey, Nicholas Rasenti, Japhala Gwanga, Brendan Roane, Richard Kelly, Struan Cameron, Sabelo Sithebe

Third Row: Robert van den Houten, Michael Shaw-Taylor, Graham Freeman, Declan Berndt, Dominic Hodge, Mr R Thackwell, Adriano Mendes, Jeffrey Johnston, Andrew Moerdyk, Nicholas Berti, Kyle Stanway

Seated: Marcel Taljaard, Jonty Kourie, Justin Ferriere, Ivan Giuricich, Dane Solomon, Darren Leader, Dean Shillaw, Michael Carey, Filipe Gonsalves, Kevin Harding, Adam van den Houten

Junior Grade Four Choir

This year the Grade Four choir had enormous fun preparing "Samson and Delilha" as the opening act for the "Rats" concert. The choir is purely voluntary and Mrs Brown and Mrs Everson were delighted with the calibre of the boys' voices and their enthusiastic commitment.



Junior Grade 4 Choir

Back Row: (left – right) Craig Wallington, Struan Frost, Jonathan Jordan, Stewart Wackrill, Andrew McKenzie, Gianluca Sacco, Dayne McLaughlin

Middle Row: Mattehware, Alastair Morris, Kyle dos Santos, Shaun Norton, Mrs L Browne, Kent Hauptfleisch, Nicholas Illes, James Clark, Lorenzo Agostinetti

Seated: Timothy Adam, Alex Rodel, Christopher MacKeown, Dean Perdigao, Peter Lee, Brian Lebos, Stewart Leith, Craig Watson, Gareth Brickman, Luke Goncalves, Justin O'Byrne (Absent Mrs M Everson)

The Musical "Rats"



Musical Director Marilyn Middlewick at her piano on the opening night.

The production opened the new Champagnat Hall and was sadly, also Mrs Middlewick's swan song. This outstanding musical was a fitting tribute to the exceptional commitment given by Mrs Middlewick to St David's Prep.

1999 was the year of a number of concurrent major happenings, and the show Rats was just one of them. For Mrs. Middlewick, the last show of Rats was the end of a long and dedicated teaching career at St. David's. For me, it was the last show in the Prep school, as I was now moving on to the College. The school was also proud of being able to host the Rats show in the brand new Champagnat Hall. For the rest of the world, a century was coming to an end, and everyone was awaiting the millennium, with mixed feelings, and not sure whether there would be any major technology glitches.

Preparation for the show had commenced eight weeks prior to the first performance. This included many hours of practicing, and Sunday dress rehearsals. I was fortunate to be a Rat, and as rats, the 'Rat Team' thoroughly enjoyed the 'cool' image we aspired to, the characters we portrayed, as well as the music that we sang.

The amount of effort and hard work required to put on such a production, is often not fully appreciated. We were tired after the weeks of practicing our limited parts, so the likes of Mrs. Middlewick, Mr. Thackwell, Mrs. Campbell, to mention but a few must have been exhausted. Mrs. Middlewick was always in control of the situation, and never seemed to tire. Mrs. Campbell

spent many enthusiastic and tiresome hours with us all. I was often amazed at how patient she actually was with some of us boys, who really battled to learn some of the fancy choreography.

The use of a brand new hall (sound etc. only being completed at the very last minute) also presented a few minor challenges. The first night's production underwent a few minor technical sound problems that were ably corrected before the performance the following evening.

The last night's production ended as usual with much applause from the audience. Mrs. Middlewick ended her prep school teaching career with a speech in which the words came deeply from her heart. We all had lumps in our throats, but were glad that our choir years and prep school years had ended on such a high note.

*Matthew Starkey
Grade 7T*



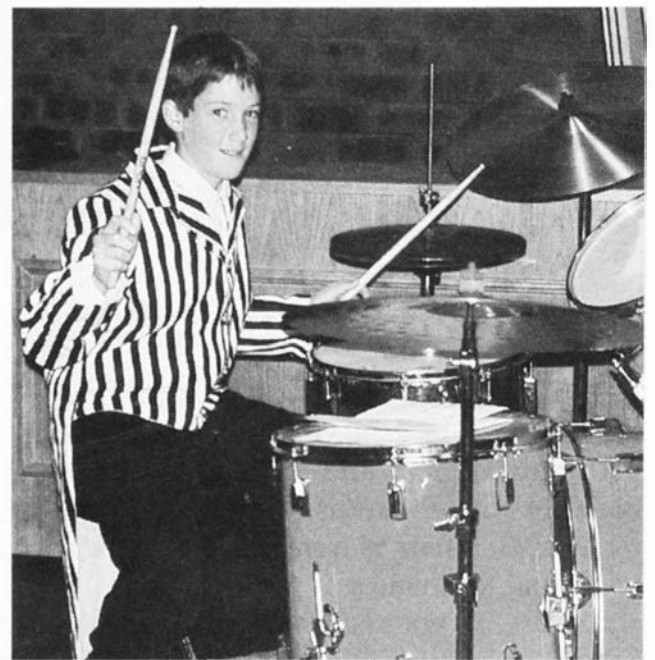
*The Rats of Hamlyn with the Pied Piper played by Jonty Kourie.
The Rats (back row): Matthew Starkey, Michael Kairuz, Mark Middlewick,
Alex Kalebka, Matthew Cumming, Adriano Mendes
(seated) Marcel Taljaard, Richard Kelly, Matthew Milne, Michael Shaw Taylor.*



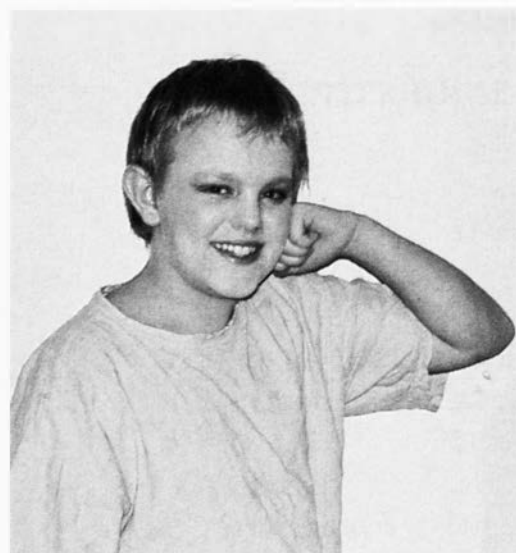
Richard Halton, the narrator



Jonty Kourie played the Pied Piper



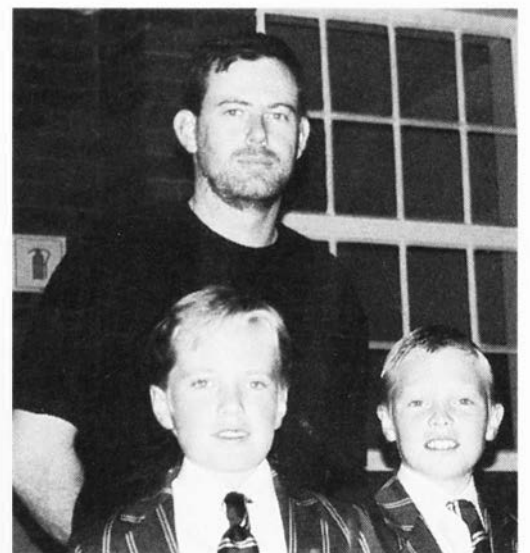
Darren Leader keeping beat on his drums



Michael Stirk as the cripple boy who was left behind



*The town leaders with their mayor.
Nicholas Rasenti, Andrew Moerdyk and Michael Busschau
were drunk, disorderly and disinterested
in the town's problems.*



*Mr M Mitchley with
Sven Meydell and Marc Cooke
- backstage managers*

Swinging Samson

Opening Act for the musical "Rats"



Some of the cool dudes swinging to the music and showing off their strength.



Mrs L Browne accompanying the Grade Four choir in Samson and Delilah



Kyle Dos Santos and Luke Goncalves who played Samson and Delilah

Chess

1999 saw the introduction of level badges which the boys worked hard to achieve during their weekly practice lessons with Mr. Pearson and what a success! The boys attended practices with enthusiasm and we were excited to have a record number of Junior players all working to master the different levels and techniques.

St David's entered two teams in the South Gauteng Primary Schools Chess Association. Our Junior team, captained by Mathew Marsden won 3 of the 6 matches played. Our Senior team, captained once again by Paul Nieuwoudt won 2 of the 5 games played. Paul Nieuwoudt and Paul Hon were selected to partake in the preliminary trials for Gauteng Chess Provincial colours. Both were successful in attaining their provincial colours. Well done boys, you've done us proud!

The Interhouse Chess was extremely well supported with 64 boys taking part with great enthusiasm. The match was enjoyed by all and was closely contested.

The results were as follows:

First	College	28
Second	Osmond	26
Third	Benedict	21
	Bishops	21

Many thanks to Mrs. Von Guilleaume for providing refreshments throughout the season and Mr. Pearson for his endless patience and excellent coaching.

*Mrs. Barbour and Mrs. Zambon
Chess Co-ordinators*



Paul Nieuwoudt and Paul Hon were both successful in attaining their Provincial colours for Chess. Paul Nieuwoudt was selected as Senior Chess Player of the year and Paul Hon was selected as the Junior Chess player of the year.



Senior Chess Team

Back Row: (left – right) Daniel Berti, Mrs M Barbour, Mrs D Zambon, James Ware
Seated: Andrew Slack, Alastair Morris, Paul Nieuwoudt (Captain), Craig Wallington, Paul Hon

INTER-HOUSE CHESS WINNERS 1999

JUNIOR INTERHOUSE CHESS RESULTS

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SENIOR INTERHOUSE CHESS RESULTS

College
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SENIOR CHESS COLLEGE PLAYERS

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 J Ware
 M Poultney
 D di Pasquale
 R Forleo
 R Wands
 L Masekela

JUNIOR CHESS COLLEGE PLAYERS

P Hon
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Junior Chess Team

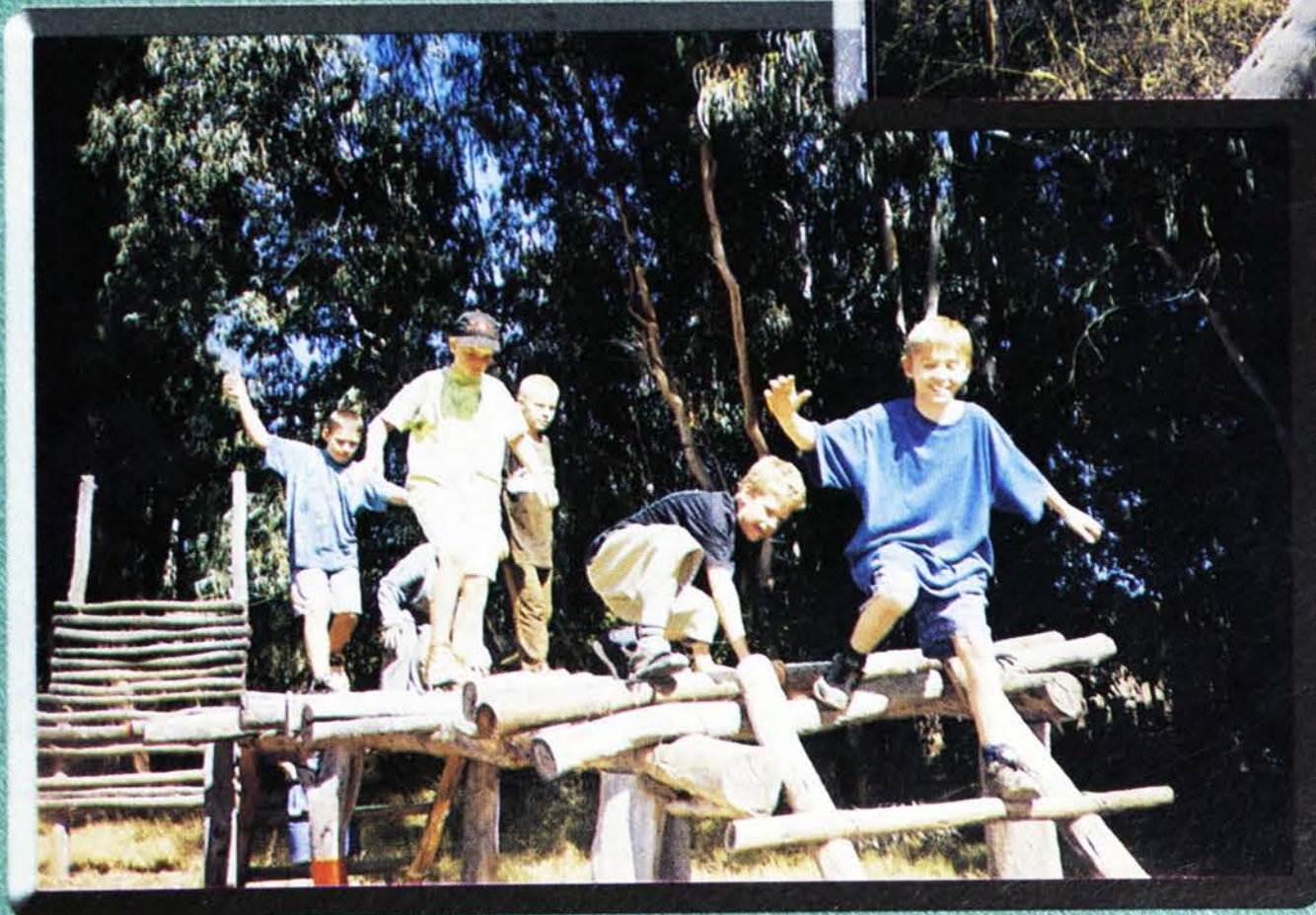
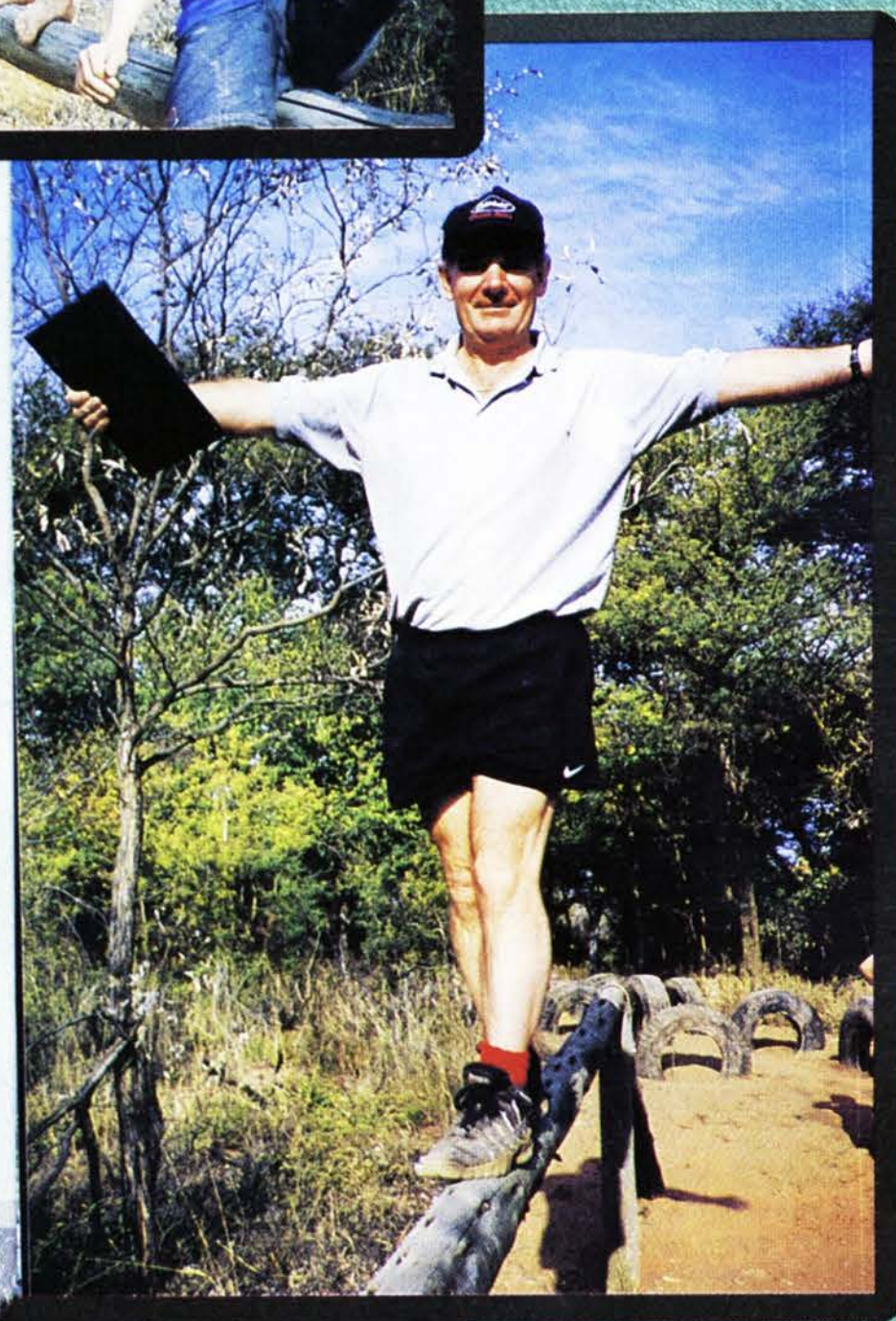
Back Row: (left – right) *Thomas Berti, Matthew Ware, John Sherry*

Middle Row: *Mrs M Barbour, Christopher van Eden, Gianpaolo Mariono, Michael Wackrill, Jason Wright, Richard Fisher, Brendan Stott, Mrs D Zambon*

Seated: *Mark Niweuwoudt, Bradley Campleman, Elliot Marsden (Vice-Captain) Matthew Marsden (Captain), Simon Rigby, Rohan Hayes, Michael Sherry*



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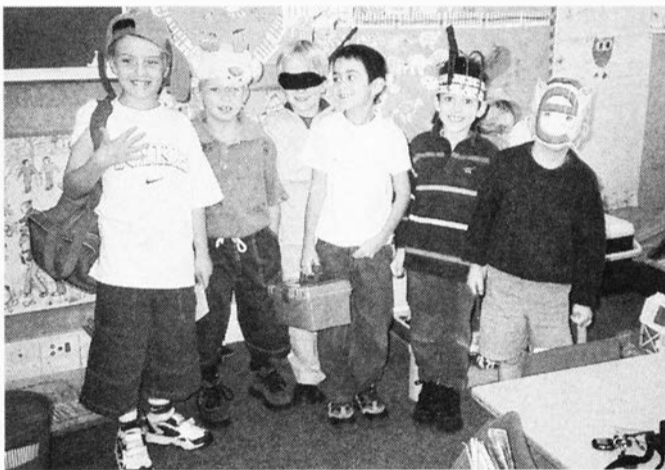


Grade 0R



Back row: (left to right) Fabian Ruszczynski; Kyron van Dyk; Declan Ahern; Mrs A Rodrigues; Roberto Casaletti; Jonathan Steyn; Kyle John.
 Middle Row: Brendan Pike; Matthew Finke; Riccardo Marengo; Nicolas Jelonek; Justin Lellyett; Matthew Forssman
 Seated: Alexander de Ponte; Dominic Caister; Mattia Maberti; David Allen; Joshua van Staden; Nicholas Sims; Tristan Montocchio; Matthew Nortje

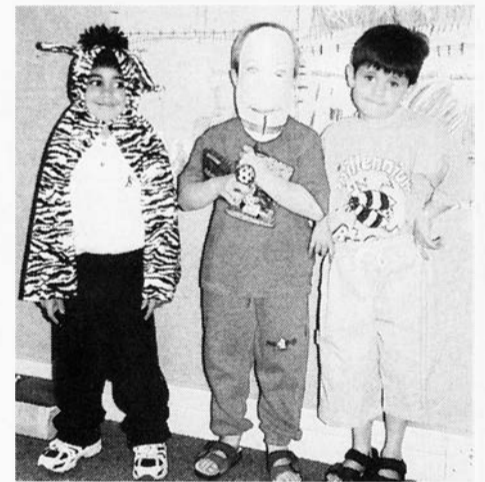
Grade 0 Letterland Day



The children can dress up as their favourite Letterland Character. Here we have Roberto Casaletti, Matthew Finke, Thomas Davey, Nicolas Jelonek, Matthew Forssman and Brendan Pike



A group of Letterland characters from Grade 0T before the party.



Angelo Neophytou is Zag Zag Zebra, Sinjin Bulbring is Sammy Snake and Tiago Campbell looks just like Naughty Nick



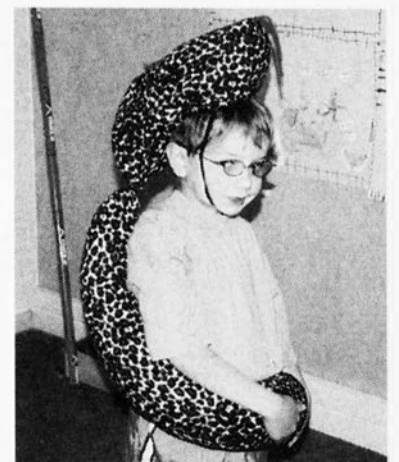
Patrick Besson and Stuart Ingledeew are Poor Peter Puppy and Christopher Rosie is Clever Cat



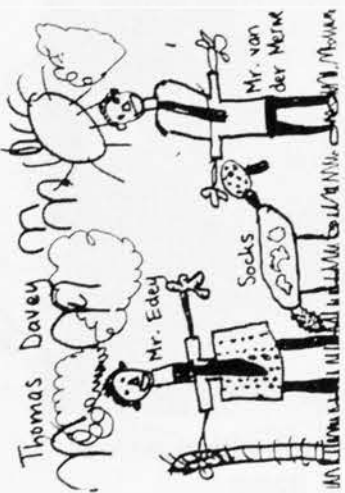
James Thorne is Lucy Lamp Lady



Matthew Finke is Dippy Duck and Riccardo Marengo is Robber Red



Here is Sammy Snake – Tyrone Pearce



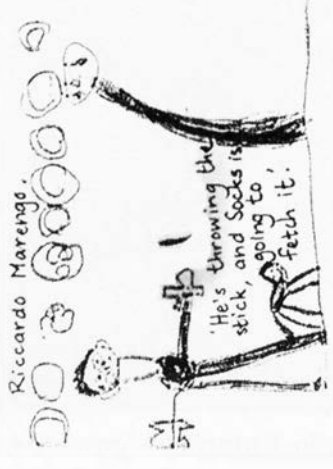
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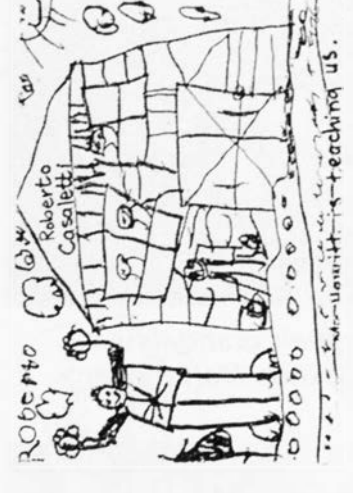
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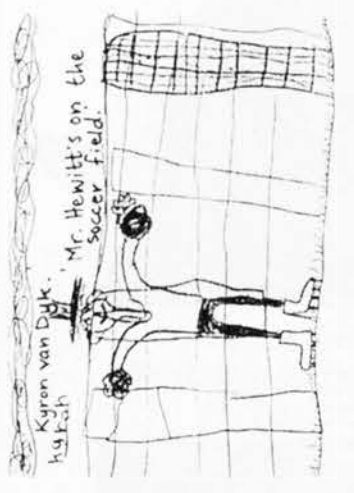
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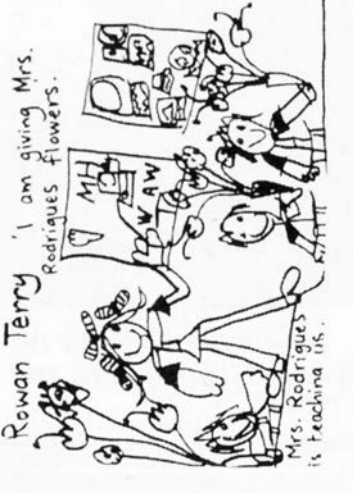
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Kyle John



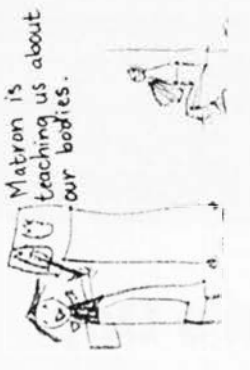
Kyrion van Dyk



Rowan Terry

THE CHILDREN IN GRADE 0 R WANT TO SHARE SOME OF THEIR SPECIAL MOMENTS AT SCHOOL WITH YOU.

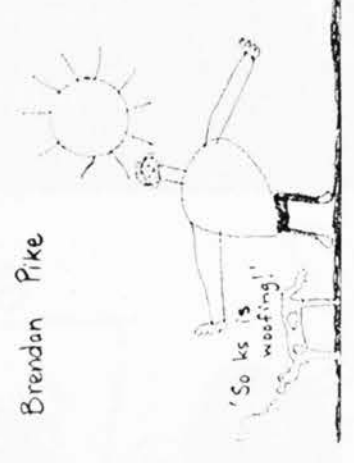
Tristan Montacchio



Matron is teaching us about our bodies.



I'm walking to school in the rain.



Brendan Pike



Dominic Caister

'I am patting Socks.'



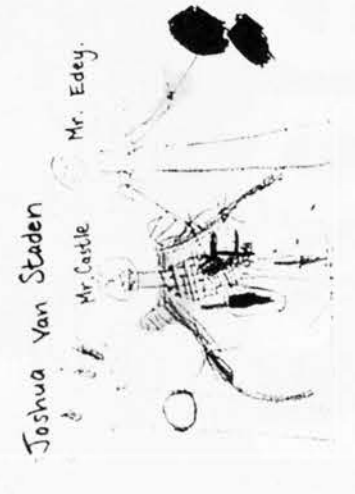
Dominique Baste

'I am Stroking Socks' tail.'



Declan Ahern

'Socks is eating and drinking.'



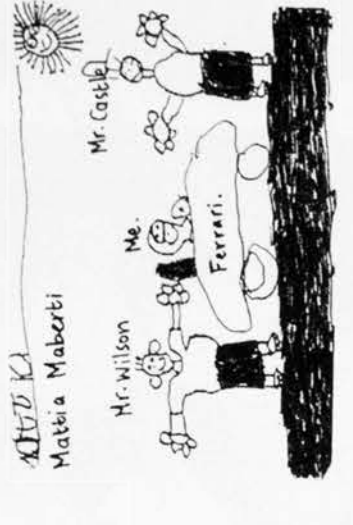
Joshua Van Staden

Mr. Castle Mr. Edey.



Alexander de Ponte

'Socks is saying 'grrrr' because Mr. Castle is touching his tail.'



Mattia Maberti

Mr. Wilson Mr. Castle Ferrari.



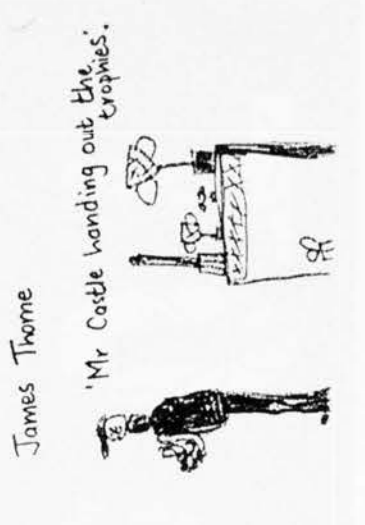
Fabian Ruszczyński

'We're at Mrs. Rode! doing computers.'



Matthew Finke

'Mr. van der Merne has tools.'



James Thorne

'Mr. Castle handing out the trophies.'

Grade 0T

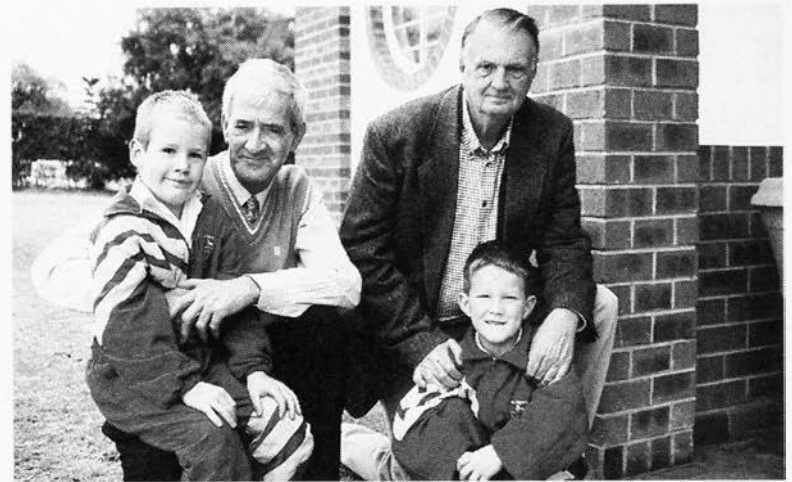


Back row: (left to right) Rudi Campbell; Kyle Saunders; Anthony De Vincentiis; Keegan Spindler; Aston Schafer; Dexter Lohler; Joshua Nott; David Cook
Middle Row: Michael Gustavo; Anthony Artemides; Richard Koorn; Chris Sexwale; Mrs L Tyack; Sean Mercer; Anthony Edwards; John Sherry; Richard Croves
Seated: Benjamin Pannell; Lewis Klein; David Messenger; Michael Wilson; Paul Wallington; James Dalais; Gregory Dos Santos; Chester Holliday

Grade 0 Grandparent's Day



Chester Holliday proudly flanked by Gran Alice Spence (left) and Shelagh Holliday (right)



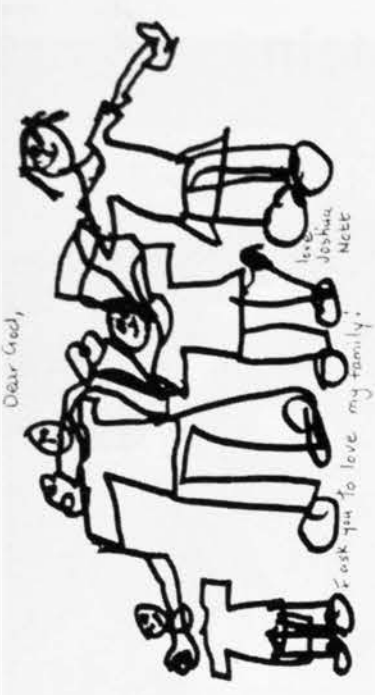
Two Marist old boys with their grandsons – Dexter Lohler (left) and Joshua Mott (right)



Sinjin Bulbring's grandparents Peter and Marion flew in especially from Cape Town



Mrs Penny Jackson entertaining the grandparents with her repertoire of items

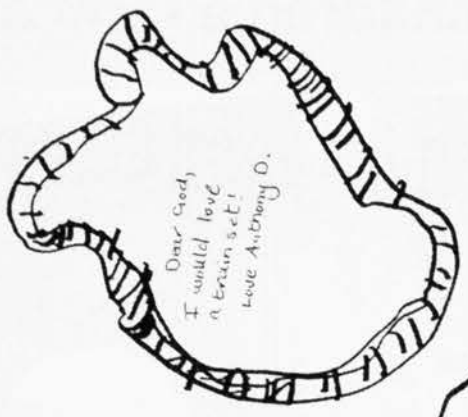


Dear God,

I ask you to love my family!
love
Joshua
Mette



I am asking God to give presents to the poor
Chris Sexwale



Dear God,
I would love a Brian set!
Love Anthony D.



Dear God,
I am asking for my nanny to get better. She has a big jump in her tummy and she is in hospital. Love
Cweter Hobday



I ask God that we all love each other and play as friends at school!!
Richard Crooks



Anthony Antonides

God,
My cat killed my hamsters. Chip and Dale and I would like my uncle to buy me more!
love,



Dear God,
I would love you to care for my family most love
James Dadais



Dear God we love
Lots of love
Ryou Welsh

Grade OT
The children drew their night prayers and told Mrs Tyack all about them.
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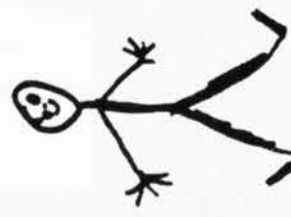
Dear God I would love a remote car that ramps, love
Rudi Campbell,



Dear God,
Please could Granny in Madaira get better love
Michael Cuservo



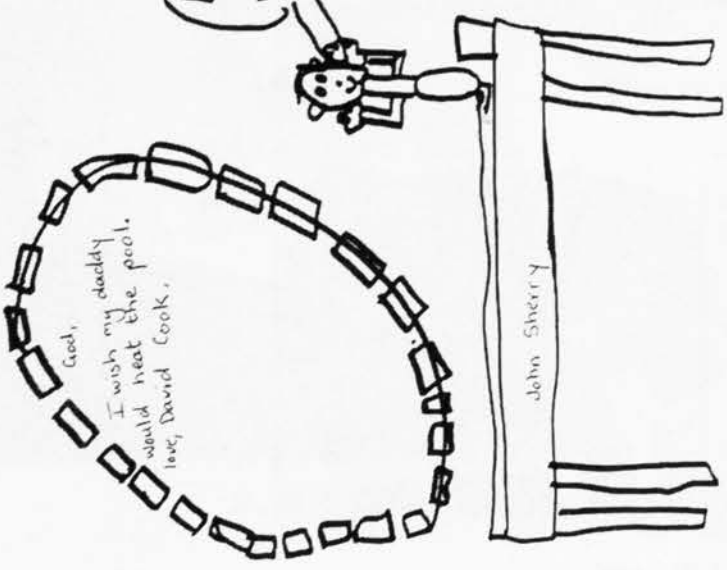
Dear God,
I wish my dad would buy me a new bike!
Kyle Saunders



Please God, could everybody share their money out so that the crime will stop!
Love Dexter



I don't want my friends to be bullied or hurt!
love Sam Moxier



John Sherry

God,
I wish my daddy would heat the pool.
love, David Cook.

Dear God, my twelve chickens died because of the Cat and Dog next door. Please look after them
Love
Michael Wilson



Dear God
I WANT A NEW HOUSE
love
Lewis Kien

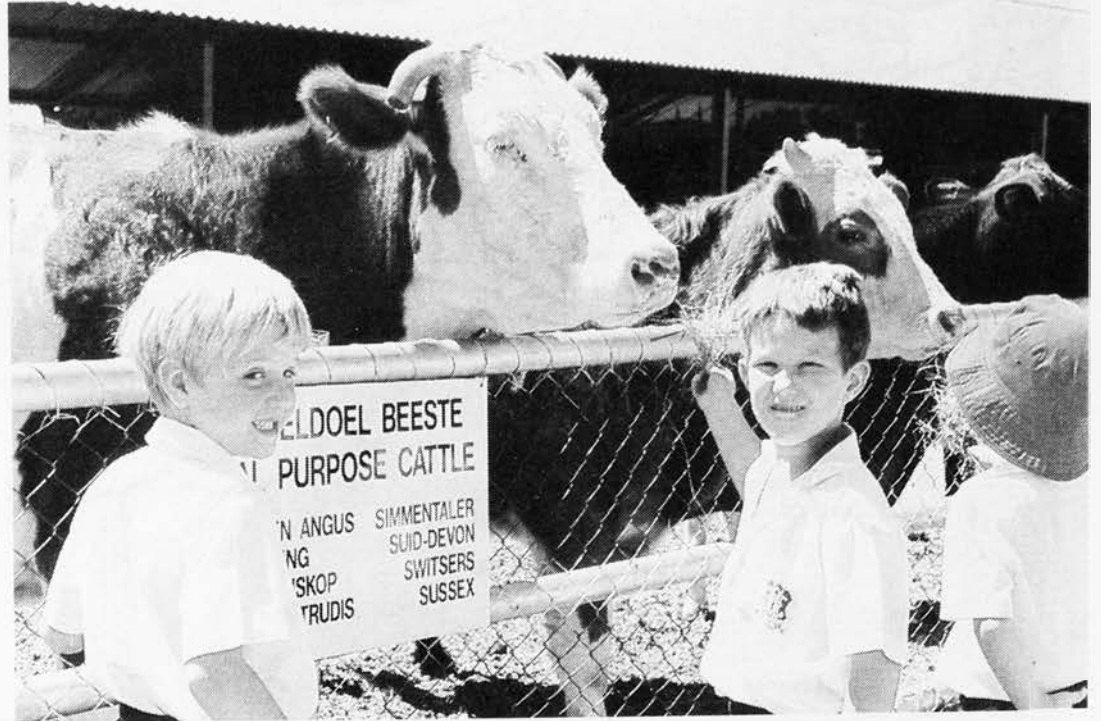


Dear God,
I would love to have a trampoline, love
Aiston

A visit to the children's farm at Oliphantsfontein



Bruce Potgieter feeds the hungry ducks



Kudi Campbell and Josua Mott feeding the cows



The Shetland is more interested in tasting shorts than the grass in his hand



Matthew Forssman takes 'time out' to cuddle the bunnies



Each little boy had a quick turn to feed the calf

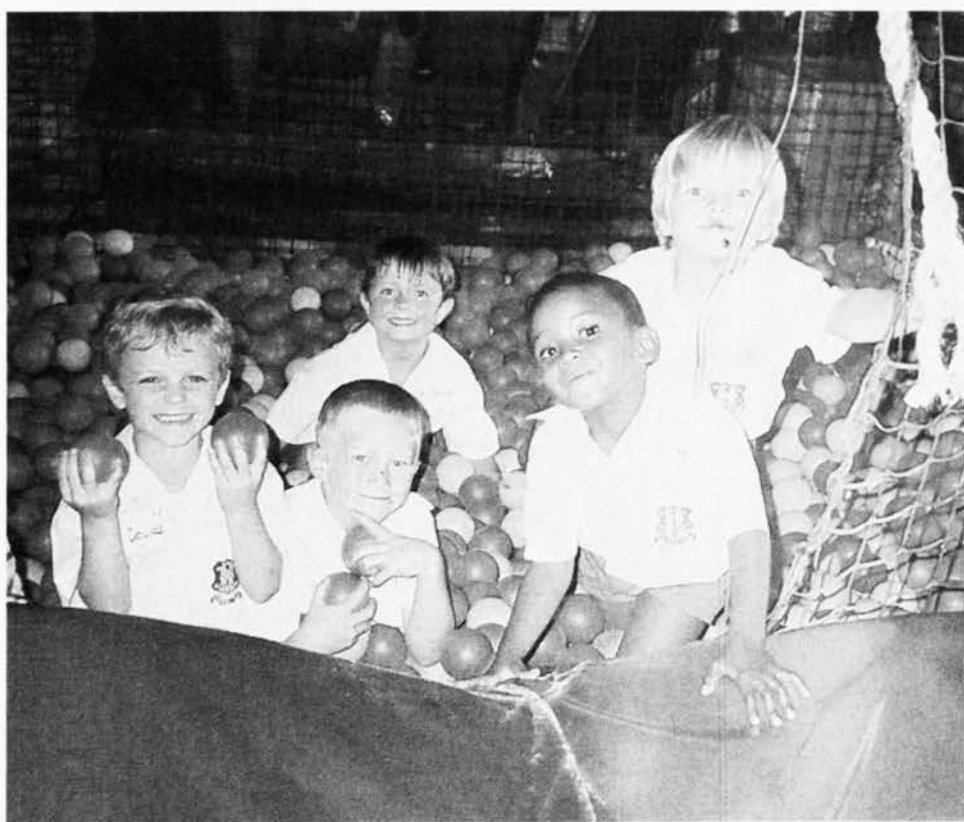
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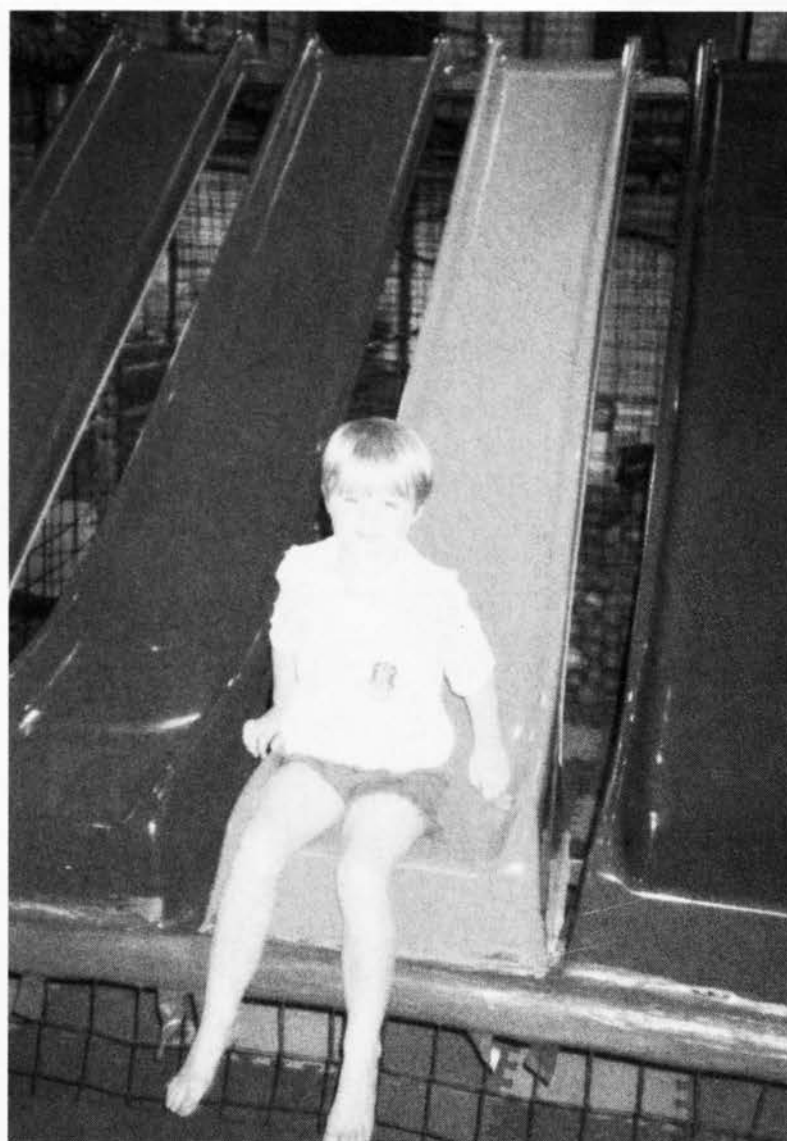
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Middle row: Marco Antezana; Michael Sherratt; Tyrone Pearce; Declan Williams; Brandon Ho; Roberto Sabato; Tiago Campbell; Leith Antecevich; Dikgabane Moeng
Seated: Stuart Ingledew; Angelo Neophytou; Richard Smith; Bruce Potgieter; Michael Cyrus; Luca Ghillino; David Golach; Luke Maingard.

A visit to Tumbletown

Our first term excursion was to Tumbletown in Bedfordview. The boys couldn't believe their luck when they saw all the fun equipment and realised that they would be spending the whole day having fun. No work, just play - what a lovely day!



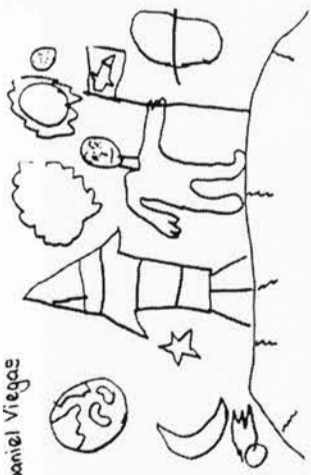
Much fun was had in the ball pond



Sinjin couldn't decide which slide to go down

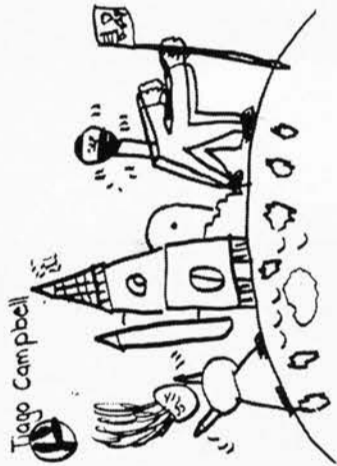


Brandon Ho



Daniel Viegas

SPACE



Tiago Campbell

What did we see on the planet of 'Os'.



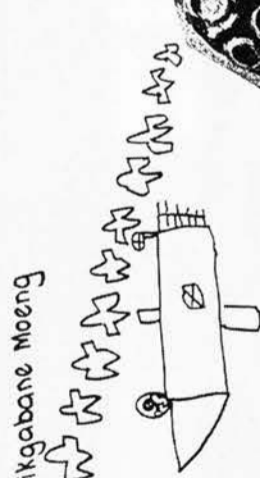
Luca Chillino



Richard Smith



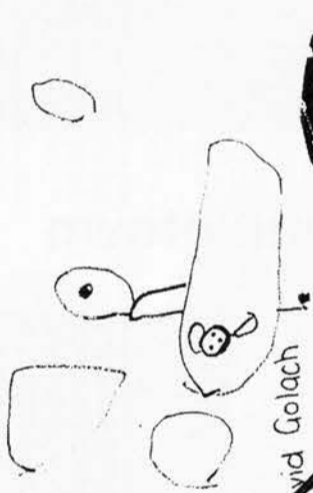
Ryan Tangney



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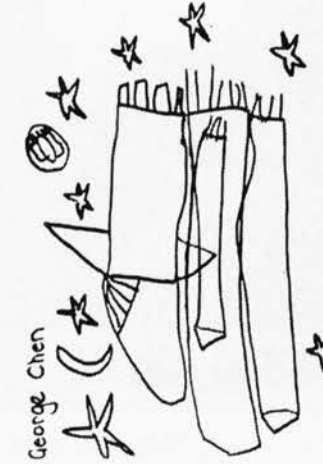


A life in Space.

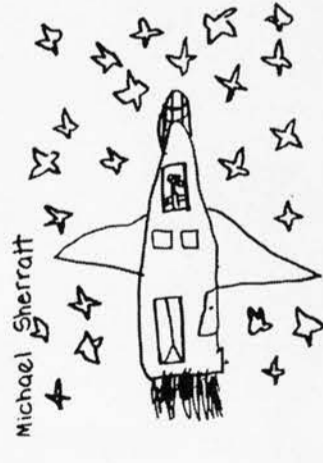


David Golach

Flying through the Milky Way.

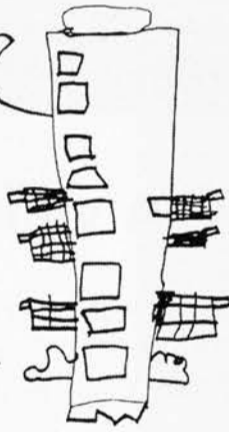


George Chen

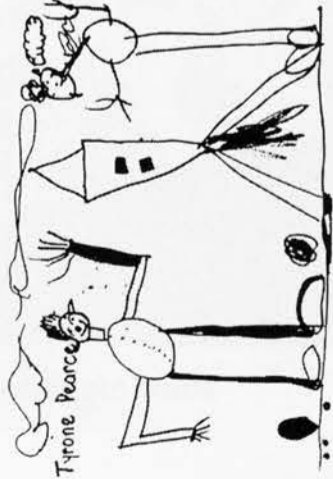


Michael Sherratt

Christopher Rosie



Patrick Besson



Tyrone Pearce



Luke Maingard



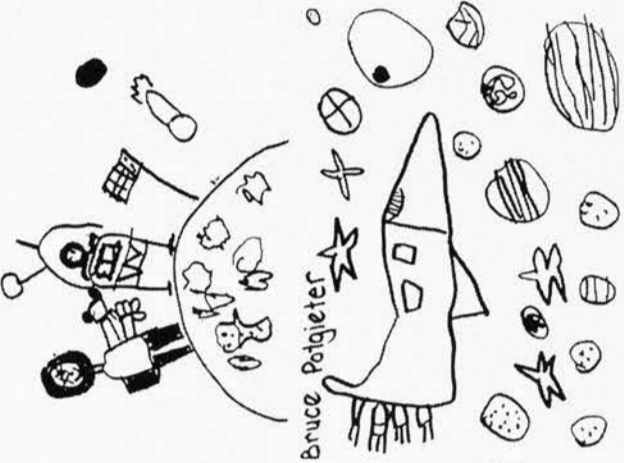
I think I saw an Alien.

Jack Rickards



We're going to the moon.

Andrew Fiean

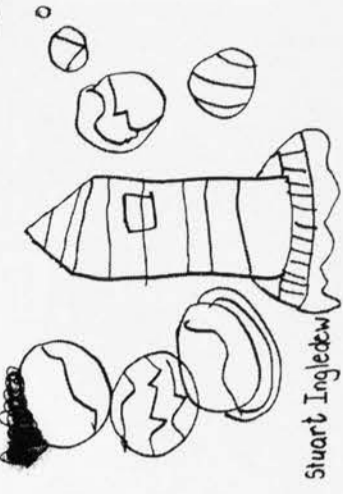


Bruce Polgieter

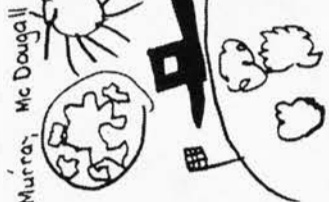
Planets, planets everywhere.



Michael Cyrus

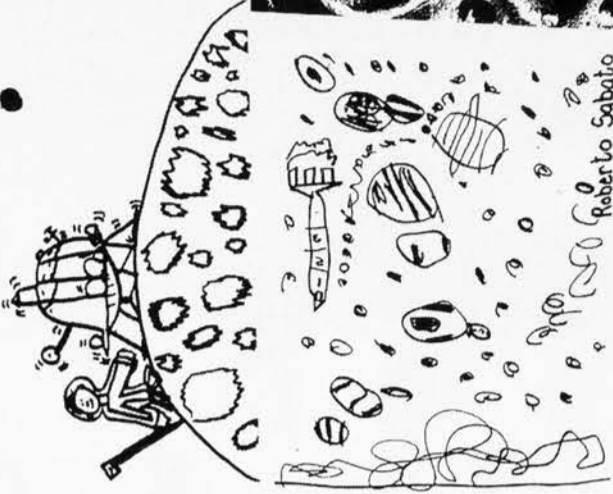


Stuart Ingledew

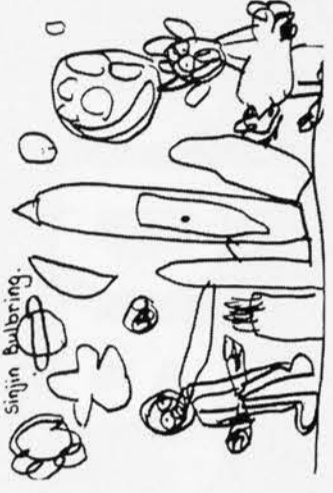


Murray Mc Dougal

Angelo Neophytou

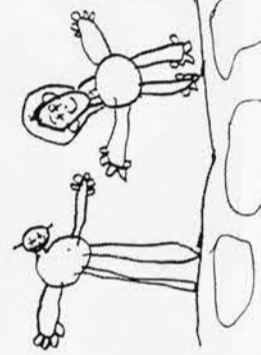


Roberto Sabato

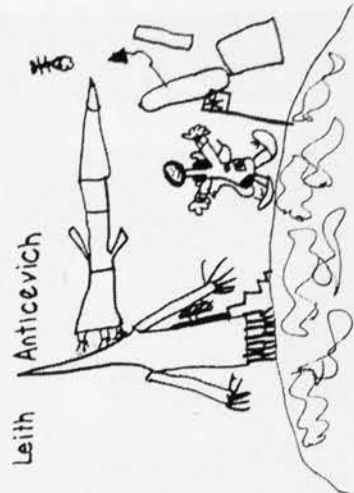
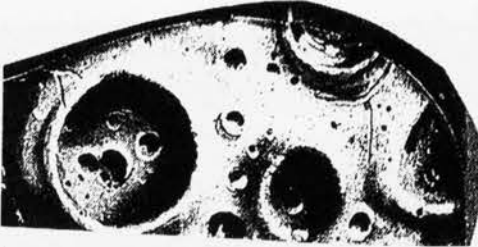
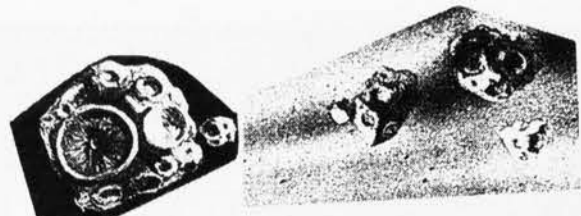


Sinjin Bulbring

Leith Anticevich



Marco Antezana



Grade 0 Nativity Play

Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus, soldiers in shining armour, a really grumpy King Herod, shepherds, angels and children from different countries! Three wise men bearing gifts and three innkeepers with beautiful voices. This is what we saw in this year's Nativity concert.

Mrs Shelley Campbell, one of our Mums, wrote and directed this delightful play and Mrs Penny Jackson, our music teacher accompanied the boys on the piano. The songs were modern

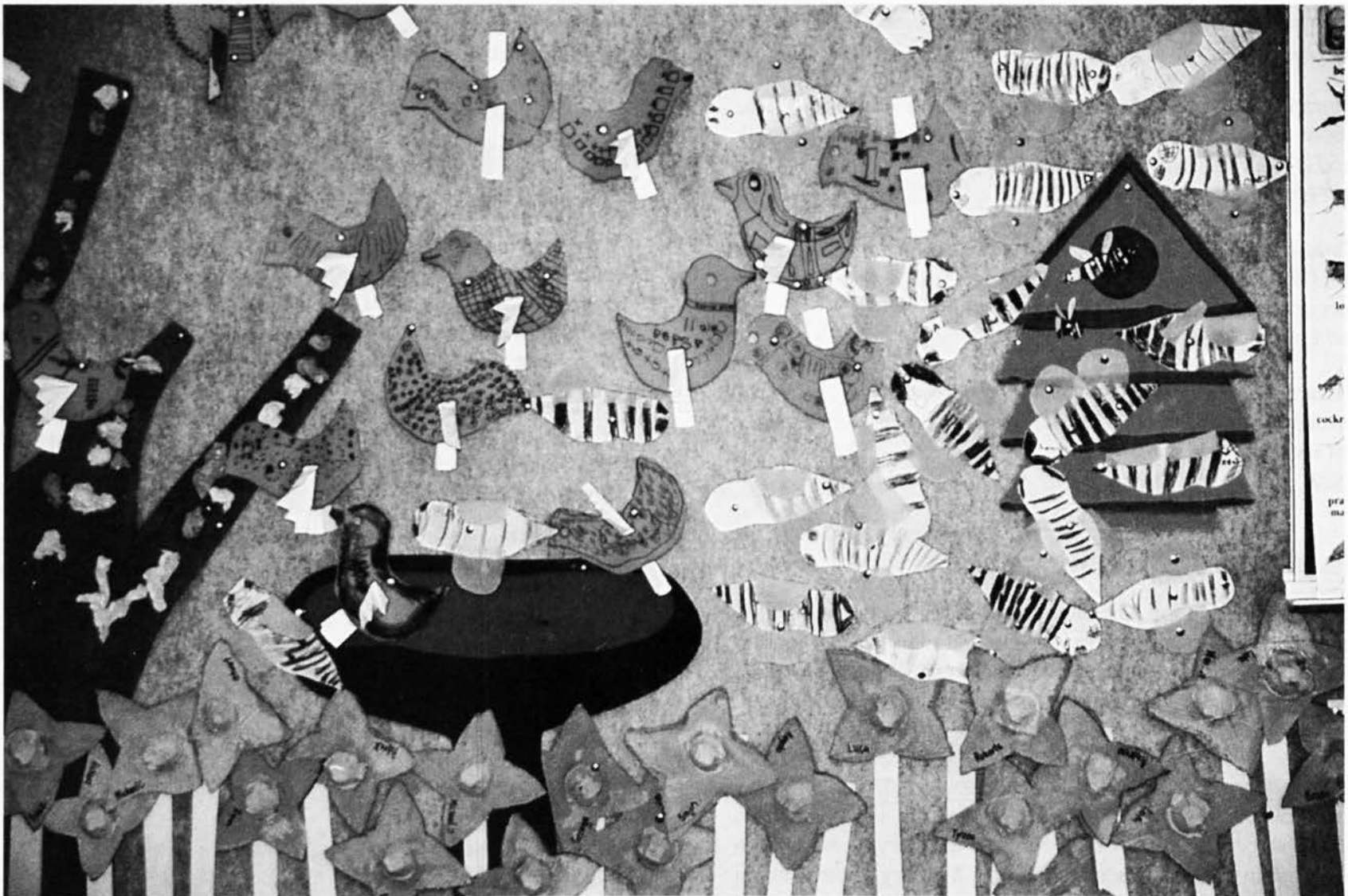
and catchy and had many parents foot tapping in their seats.

The boys outdid themselves with their performance and the play was a great success. The true meaning of Christmas and the joy of Christ's birth was felt by all.

The highlight for the children was when Father Christmas came into the hall to hand out sweets and to read all the children's letters.



The stage full of happy children celebrating the Birth of Jesus.



A collage called Spring made by the children in Grade 0M

Grade 1L



First Row: (left to right) Bryan McCarthy; Richard van der Berg; Richard Fisher; Dean Whitson.
Second Row: Richard Steyn; Kai Marini; Gregory Ballington; James Morrison; Sheldon Diepraam; Stephen Thatcher.
Third Row: Louis Wildman; Raymond Zambon; Wesley Finlay; Daniel Still; Mrs Z Ladeira; Warren Ezzey; Bradford Latilla-Campbell; Kamogelo Kwele; Matthew Lowe.
Seated: Peter Butcher; Thomas Cole; Barry Morisse; Jared Solomon; Julien Houdet; Trevor Rowley; Chase Rodrigues; Marc Hess.

In a Land before Time

I am Triceratops. I eat grass and I drink by a lake. I form large circles around my young so Tyrannosaurus can't get my young.

Stephen Thatcher

I am a Pteranodon. My wing span is seven meters. I am a reptile. I have a long, bony crest on my head. I have a long, narrow beak, no teeth and scoop up fish like a pelican.

Richard Fisher

I am a Tyrannosaurus. I am a meat-eater. Although my arms are small and weak I have powerful hind limbs. I stand as tall as a house. I have huge jaws and sharp teeth to eat other dinosaurs.

Bradford Latilla-Campbell

I am a Edaphosaurus. I am nearly 3m long. I grew large fins on my back which grew up to 2m high. People think that the fins on my back absorbed heat from the sun.

Daniel Still

A Space Travel Adventure

I went on a spacetrip at the planetarium. Yesterday the grade 1L went to the planetarium. Neil Armstrong was the first man to stand on the moon. At the planetarium I learned a lot about space and meteorites. Jupiter is the hottest planet in space. We all watched pictures on the roof.

Raymond Zambon

I went on a spacetravel adventure at the planetarium. The moon is full of dust and rocks and sand. Neil Armstrong was the first to stand on the moon. The closest planet to the sun is Mercury. Venus is the second closest to the sun it is not as hot as Mercury. Earth takes a whole year to go a round the sun.

James Morrison

I went on a spacetravel adventure at the planetarium. All the grade one's went on a bus to the planetarium. It was very noisy on the bus. When we got there we listened to story about Neil Armstrong. He was the first man to walk on the moon. Inside the planetarium we saw models of rockets, astronauts and planets. We also saw a show about planets and stars. It was very interesting. When we were on the way home the bus couldn't fit through the boom.

Kai Marini

The Aliens have landed

One day I met an alien. This is what he looked like. He had a big head with a crown of thorns. He had big eyes and a huge back with lots of bones. Five hands with two fingers on each hand. He had seven eyes and slimey skin. He could eat his food in one gulp.

Barry Morisse

One day I met an Alien. This is what he looked like. The alien had a lot of teeth and a big eye. He had a red stem and three tongues. His body was a plant. It lives on the planet Mercury.

Sheldon Diepraam

One day I met an alien. This is what he looked like. He had longer ears than people. He had a big tongue. He was very grumpy. His home was in the water. His friends were Jedi's.

Trevor Rowley

The X-Files

If I met an alien here are the questions I would ask it.

Why are you huge?

Where do you live?

How do you sleep?

What do you eat?

Who are you?

When were you born?

Thomas Cole