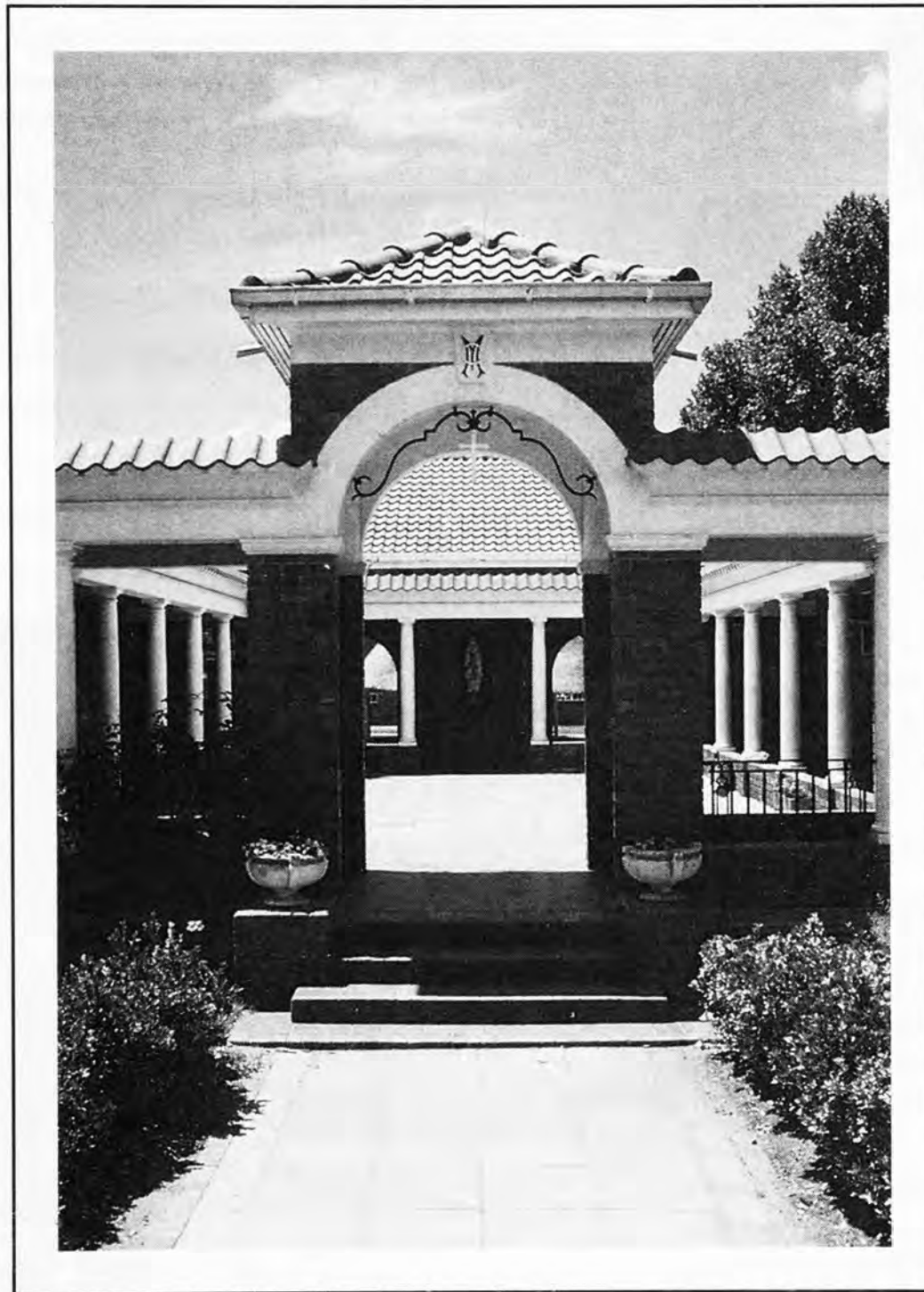




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## Catholic Schools Prayer

*Jesus, Good Shepherd,  
Teach us through your Spirit  
to walk your way of light,  
to live your way of truth,  
and in all things  
to act with love and compassion.*

*Help us to come to the Father  
by knowing you, loving you  
and serving you in one another.*

*May our schools be places  
of wonder, learning and peace,  
where the lessons of today  
prepare us for the challenges of tomorrow.  
May our schools be reflective communities  
involving ourselves in processes of renewal.*

*May your Mother Mary  
guide our footsteps  
as she guided yours.*

*This prayer we make in faith.  
Amen.*

*Rejoice, Mary, you who enjoy God's favour,  
The Holy Spirit came down upon you,  
In you the Word became flesh,  
Of all women you are the most blessed,  
A sword pierced your soul,  
You treasured all these things and pondered them in your heart.*

*Mother standing at the foot of the cross,  
Blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
Blessed are you because you believed.  
You who did the will of the Father in heaven,  
You who caused Jesus to work his first miracle,  
You whom Jesus gave to be the Mother of His Church,  
You who prayed with the apostles in the upper room,  
You who are called blessed by all generations,  
You for whom the Almighty worked wonders,  
You who proclaimed God's Name to be holy,  
The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's son,  
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come,  
Lead us to your Son,  
Pray for the poor, the sick, the downtrodden and the abandoned,  
Pray that the Almighty will bless us and our School,  
that we may always do His will,  
and that His Kingdom will come amongst us.  
Amen.*



**REJOICE O HIGHLY  
FAVORED DAUGHTER  
THE LORD IS WITH YOU**

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During the course of 1996 we were sad to say farewell to the following members of staff. We thank them for their contribution and wish them well.

**Mrs Robyn Henderson** (April 1996) to have her first baby  
**Mr Greg Lambe** (April 1996) to take up a position in commerce  
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**Mrs Nicki Sulter** (December 1996) to St John's College Preparatory School

**Mr Richard Girdwood** (December 1996) to Marcellin College, Auckland, New Zealand



# The Headmaster's Report

## The Headmaster's Address at the Annual Prizegiving 31 October 1996

"... the bearded bloke stepped into the footlights and started to make a speech. From the fact that he spoke as if he had a hot potato in his mouth without getting a raspberry from the lads in the ringside seats, I deduced he must be the headmaster.

"With his arrival in the spotlight, a sort of perspiring resignation seemed to settle on the audience ... The speech was on the doings of the school during the past year, and this part of prize-giving is always apt rather to fail to grip the visiting stranger."

PG Wodehouse, *Right Hon. Jeeves*, 1934

Good evening Brother Jude, Members of the Board, Staff, Parents and Prize Winners.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the annual St David's Marist College High School Prizegiving. As you know, or can see, there has been a change in the Prizegiving this year. Last year it was held at the swimming pool at the end of the year, one week after the matrics had finished writing. A violent wind caused the bouquet of flowers to take off and land in the pool with a spectacular plop, whilst the timing of the event coincided with a Bon Jovi concert which caused gaps in the roll call register. This year the prize winners and their parents were invited, plus the matrics and an open invitation was extended to parents and the boys.

Prizegiving is an important occasion in the school calendar and I am pleased to see so many of you made the effort to be here.

The school year opened with an enrolment of 325 pupils in the high School. This figure represents an increase of just under 100 from the end of 1994 when the enrolment stood at 228.

Eight students were the founder members of an exciting new Post-Matric programme developed by Miss Lesley Henning. The programme is unique in that it offers students a wide variety of tertiary course options including correspondence courses through overseas-based institutions, coupled with an extensive support programme covering everything from your own personal finance, art appreciation to job shadowing. It was a pity that no girls enrolled for the programme as I believe that this would have enriched it, and knocked some of the edges off the boys. Miss Henning worked tremendously hard at putting the course together and I know the boys derived a great deal from it.

The 1995 Matric Group produced a 100% pass in the last of the Transvaal Senior Certificate Examinations. There was an 83% university entrance pass and Iain Morgan excelled himself, gaining seven distinctions and a B symbol. It was decided that we should switch to the Independent Examinations Board Matric as from the beginning of this year. This decision was not made lightly. After years of racially segregated matric exams it was felt that we should support the new Gauteng Education Department and our fellow South Africans of all races by writing the Gauteng Education Department Senior Certificate Exams. Another body of opinion, including, I think, many of our parents, felt that we should write the IEB exams. It was felt that there would be a drop in standards and that there would be breaches of security and logistical problems with the efficient distribution and marking of papers. Events over the past fortnight have vindicated the decision to write the IEB.

At this stage the Gauteng Education Department exam faces a loss of credibility. I certainly don't derive any pleasure from this – it would have been wonderful if this year's Senior Certificate exams could have gone off without a hitch. The Independent Examinations Board system has challenged both the staff and the present matrics. Several innovative changes have been made, such as the submission of portfolios in the Afrikaans literature and English writing sections in lieu of a three-hour paper. There is a strong emphasis on thinking skills and a move away from the rote learning which characterised some of the old TED papers. It is envisaged that matrics will do practical exams in Science and Biology in the near future. Another change, and quite a frightening



*The Headmaster, Mr PA Edey*

one, is that matrics will stand or fall on the result of a single set of exams. No year mark has been submitted to contribute towards the final result. We await the results with interest and some trepidation – they will come out at midday on 24 December – a happy Christmas for hopefully most of our candidates!

The intake of 97 Standard Sixes was the largest in the history of the College and Mr Rod Smith, the Academic Director, took them off to Glenmore Veld School (now called an Environmental Centre – far more politically correct) on the Natal South Coast in the second week of the school year. This proved to be a very successful experience and enabled boys from other primary schools to integrate with the large contingent of boys who came up from our own Prep School. The size of the group also enabled us to be a lot more competitive on the sportsfield and we were able to field six rugby teams at under 14 level. Next year another intake of just over 100 will enter the College in Standard 6 and by the year 2000 we aim to have approximately 480 boys in the senior school. This is not large compared to other State and Independent Schools. For example, Pretoria Boys' High School has over 1300 pupils – their Standard Six intake exceeds our entire senior school enrolment, whilst both St Stithians and St Johns are heading towards 700 in the senior school. These figures should be borne in mind when one compares our results, both academic and sporting, with other schools. I believe that paradoxically our small size is a major strength. There is a tremendous *esprit de corps* amongst our boys, everyone in the school knows one another and each boy is an individual. The class sizes are small and there is a caring nurturing environment. It is imperative that we retain this caring community in both the Prep



and High Schools and don't become too large.

In order to accommodate the numbers coming into the school, changes will have to be made to the infrastructure and a major development plan is set to begin in 1997. This will include, amongst other things, the necessary classrooms, a new hall and a High School pavilion and change rooms. Parents will be kept informed of the details of this plan and a letter has gone out from the Chairman of the Board detailing some of the plans. This letter went out via the notoriously unreliable pupil post and some of you might not have seen it.

One of the major issues of the year facing independent schools was the sudden slashing of the subsidy to independent schools in the Gauteng Province. This precipitated a crisis and a number of our fellow Catholic schools faced closure. Only after considerable pressure was brought to bear on the MEC for Education – including a planned march on the Education Department plus the submission of 145 000 signatures on petitions – was the 40% cut reduced. We had planned for a reduction of the subsidy in our budgets but nonetheless the reduction and the somewhat high-handed way in which it was handled has caused enormous anger. By now you will have received a letter detailing fee increases for 1997: an increase on average of 15%. Whilst our fees remain substantially below other northern suburbs private schools, it is imperative that we continue to offer value for money. We must strive for excellence in the classroom, on the sportsfield and culturally. We must be able to attract and retain the best possible teaching staff – a staff which is accorded the recognition and remuneration it deserves because of its dynamism and dedication. The flight to private schools by middle-income parents fearful of the collapse of State education is intense. There are waiting lists for Standard Six and Standard Seven and at Grades level in the Prep School these waiting lists are huge. There is, however, no room for complacency on the part of the staff. To this end rigorous and exciting staff development and appraisal programmes have been introduced in both the Prep and the High Schools. Education is changing fast and gone are the days when a matric certificate guaranteed university entrance or a degree guaranteed a job. We are faced with the challenge as a school of producing students who can go out into the world of work and start their own businesses ... students who can speak confidently in public and run an accounting package on a computer and who have drive and initiative.

As I mentioned last year the number of black pupils coming into the school has continued to drop. This is cause for concern; it is not sufficient for parliament alone to reflect the racial make-up of this country. We cannot afford to let our school become whiter and whiter. The workplace and education must reflect the realities of South Africa. Our children must leave St David's aware of the challenges which lie ahead in a new non-racial democracy – they must not leave St David's ready to give their skills and expertise to another country. We need to set up substantial bursary schemes, to investigate twinning our school to another school less fortunate than ours, and to go beyond the very meaningful SMILE programme and develop our outreach activities. This is a major challenge and one that needs to be addressed.

It has not been an easy year in terms of staffing. A number of senior staff left during the course of the year to take up positions in commerce and in the case of Mr Geldenhuys, an appointment at another school. In addition two of the ladies on the staff left to have babies. Finding suitable replacements at short notice was not always easy. I am very pleased with the replacements that we have got, but the change in teachers was quite unsettling, particularly for the Matric classes. Details of the staff changes during the year have been put in the newsletters and a report on staff will be in the school magazine. At the end of this year Mrs Sulter will leave us after eighteen months to take up the Head Librarian post at St John's Preparatory School. In the short time she has been here Mrs Sulter has impressed everyone with her efficiency and professional manner. It is with regret that I must inform you that Mr Richard Girdwood will be leaving us to take up a position in New Zealand. Mr Girdwood has run the Languages Department, been the Senior Housemaster and played a major role in the cultural side of the school. He directed the excellent production of "Salad Days" in the

second term – his seventh consecutive school production at St David's. Mr Girdwood, apart from being an effective teacher, has also been one of the characters in the staff room, looking quite splendid in his kilt or stealing the show singing "Cleopatra" in the school play. I would also like to thank him for organising this Prize Giving so efficiently. We wish him well in his new venture.

There have been numerous achievements during the year. I would like to mention a few:

- Daniel Wright, who is still in Standard 8, reached the final round of the Maths Olympiad and six boys got through to the second round.
- Seventeen boys successfully wrote the English Olympiad.
- Adriano Iorio was invited to spend the day at Wits University's Science Faculty because of his achievements in the Science Olympiad.
- Daniel Wright and Adriano Iorio produced Biology dissertations of breathtaking standard.
- A team consisting of Rafiq Sarlie, David Pierson, Jonathan Nel and John Hilton won a nation-wide competition to produce a home page on the Internet. The prizes they won for the school were worth R30 000.
- On the cultural side, Mr Girdwood's production of "Salad Days" maintained the high standard of dramatics we have come to expect. The girls from Brescia House joined the boys in the production and we look forward to future joint ventures with this school.
- Over 20% of the school took part in the One-Act Play Festival. The standard varied enormously and some of the plays attempted proved to be too ambitious. It was significant that two of the plays produced were written by the boys.
- The choir has enjoyed a recent resurgence under the capable direction of Mr Trollope.
- The Standard 8 oratory team achieved an A grading in public competition.
- On the sportsfield there were some outstanding individual performances. One thinks of:
  - Tim O'Shea's century against Hilton on his debut as Captain of the 1st XI.
  - Shaun Falconer's South African record at age-group level in the 50m butterfly.
  - Ronald Abvajee's second place and a silver medal in the World Karate Championship held in New York.
  - Bamuza Sono's selection for the Under 17 South African Soccer Squad.
  - Jonathan Morte took the prize for the best bowler at the Under 15 Ken Viljoen Week and was subsequently selected for the Transvaal Under 15A team.
  - Ian Busschau and Moses Maleka were selected for the Transvaal Under 15B team.
  - Vaughan van der Merwe was undefeated in the 800m during the athletics season.
  - Dominic Busschau was selected for the Transvaal A team at the Under 19 School of Excellence whilst Tim O'Shea and Darryl Anderson were chosen for the B squad.
  - Merriman Masuku was chosen to represent Transvaal A at Craven Week.
  - Bevan Winderley, an under 14 boy, won the Annual Road Race and came close to the record.
  - Of the teams the 1st XI Cricket team and the 1st Water Polo side enjoyed excellent seasons. Our Athletics team enjoyed a superb season and was placed second in the B Inter-High, just five points behind King Edward VII School B.

Many of the achievements mentioned would not have been possible without the enthusiasm, support and guidance of a dedicated teaching staff. To all the staff at the school I would like to say a big thank you. Many of you work extremely hard and give up hours of your own time in order to provide a top-quality education for the St David's boys. I would like to ask the parents and boys to join me in a vote of thanks to all the staff of the school.

Finally, to the 1996 Matric Group I would like to say *valet* and



good luck. You have done yourselves proud, boys! Your behaviour on the last day of the academic year was exemplary and capped a year characterised by excellent spirit and generally very co-operative behaviour. To the Head Boy, Jordan Forssman, and his Deputy, Matt Ross, I say thank you for your good sense, your leadership and your loyalty.

Good luck to you all in the final examinations which start on Monday 4 November – don't arrive late!

I would like to conclude with a poem dedicated to the 1996 Matric Group:

*For every meeting holds the seeds of parting  
We are but vagabonds of God  
Blowing where the Spirit wills  
Hopefully leaving behind  
A little of what we have garnered  
While gathering up the stars.  
Pray, therefore  
that we might always have  
the vision to venture  
the patience to persevere  
the determination to succeed  
And the courage to fail.*

## Brother Jude's Address

Mr Edey, Parents, Members of staff and Students – thank you for the welcome. It is indeed my pleasure to be with you this evening.

I wish to use this opportunity of addressing you for two purposes. In the first place I would like to say a few words about prize-givings and in the second place I would like to spend a few minutes talking about St David's College itself.

At the risk of repeating much of what has been said before about prizegivings I think it is only appropriate that I do say a few words on this topic. Being human we all like to be recognised, to be acknowledged at some time or other. And a prizegiving is just such an occasion. Tonight we congratulate all those who have achieved success in their studies and school life during 1996. And they are indeed deserving of our congratulations and applause for their achievements. To them we say: well done; keep up the good work.

bear the fruit of your labours in many other ways.

And to those of you who, for whatever reason, did not apply yourselves to your school life and studies this year, the challenge for next year is even greater and more important. Let this prizegiving tonight be a catalyst that will spur you on to give of your best, for only your best is worthy of you.

And speaking of prizes, the words of St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians are a particular challenge and reminder to all of us – parents, members of staff and students alike – that the ultimate motivation and goal behind all that we do is to strive for the prize that will not perish: "All the runners at the stadium are trying to win, but only one of them gets the prize. You must run in the same way, meaning to win. All the fighters at the games go into strict training: they do this just to win a wreath that will wither away, but we do it for a wreath that will never wither" (1 Cor. 9:24ff).

I wish now to move on to my second point for this evening, namely that of St David's College itself. I am aware that much of what I wish to say is known to many of you but as a school community is of its very nature transient and many parents and students at St David's today were not associated with the school when the Marist Brothers were last involved in the school on a day-to-day basis, I feel it may be helpful for me to elaborate on both the Catholic and Marist nature of St David's.

St David's is a Catholic school. What should this mean? And what is the reality? In the first place, in terms of Church law, a Catholic school is understood to be one which is under the control of the competent ecclesiastical authority or one which in a written document is acknowledged as Catholic by the ecclesiastical authority. In our case the competent ecclesiastical authority is the bishop of the Catholic diocese of Johannesburg, currently Bishop Reginald Orsmond. When in 1939 the Marist

Brothers wished to establish a new school on the outskirts of Johannesburg they sought in the first place the permission of the then bishop, Bishop David O'Leary, to open a new Catholic school. The existence of St David's today is evidence that that permission was granted. As you no doubt know St David's was named after Bishop O'Leary's patron saint, St David. A photograph of Bishop O'Leary is to be seen in the corridor opposite the entrance to Mr Edey's office. In agreeing to the establishment of a new Catholic school to be run by the Marist Brothers Bishop O'Leary entrusted to the Brothers the responsibility of ensuring that the school operated within particular parameters which would allow him and his successors to consider the school as being a Catholic school. So much for the legal side. But what are those parameters and what more does it mean, if anything, when we say a school is a Catholic school?

The recent crises about the issues of subsidies and the South African Schools Bill served to bring to the fore again these very



But for everyone who has received a prize here tonight, there are several others who have not. And what can we or ought we to say to you? While winning a prize is recognition for work done and may make us feel good and encourage us to work even harder, it is certainly not everything. The awarding of prizes is inevitably a tricky business. Who really deserves a prize? Some are talented, work hard and receive a prize. Some are talented, don't really work hard at their studies and still receive a prize. Others less talented work hard but do not have their efforts recognised. Some would say that a fairer system would be to award prizes to those who have done their level best. The trouble here though is the great difficulty and virtually impossible task that making such assessments would be. But that there are those of you, who despite applying yourselves with great diligence and much hard work, did not receive a prize here tonight there can be no doubt. To you we say as well: well done; keep up the good work. Don't be discouraged. You may not have received a prize on this occasion but you will



questions. Why Catholic schools? What's so special about them? I have just returned from a month's stay in the United States where I was privileged to be one of a team of four Brothers who were asked to visit the Marist communities and institutions in the U.S. on behalf of Brother Bebito, the Superior General of the Brothers. It was interesting to see that much the same questions are being asked there. The public schools' system is, to a large extent, in disarray and continues to absorb a large proportion of the finances of the various states. By contrast the Catholic schools on substantially smaller budgets are answering the needs of parents and students and are generally acknowledged as doing a very good job. Hardly a day goes by without some comparison or other being made. What then are we talking about? What is the special character of a Catholic school?

At the risk of being simplistic we can describe education as being composed of two inter-related elements: instruction and formation. Instruction aims at the acquisition of knowledge and skills while formation focuses on values, attitudes, behaviour and human relations. Instruction is related to academic success while formation is related to living. While both instruction and formation are essential components of a complete education, neither instruction nor formation can take place in a cultural vacuum. The concept of a value-free education is a contradiction in itself.

All formation is based either consciously or unconsciously on some or other values and herein lies what makes a school Catholic. A Catholic school is a school which strives to have as its foundationstone, its cornerstone, its reference point, Jesus Christ, since "His revelation gives new meaning to life and helps people to direct their thought, action and will according to the Gospel, making the beatitudes their norm of life" ("The Catholic School", The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education).

The same document continues: "The Catholic school is committed thus to the development of the whole person, since in Christ, the Perfect Man, all human values find their fulfilment and unity. Herein lies the specifically Catholic character of the school. Its duty to cultivate human values in their own legitimate right in accordance with its particular mission to serve all people has its origin in the figure of Christ. He is the one who ennoble men and women, gives meaning to human life, and is the model which the Catholic school offers to its students." Essentially then in a Catholic school the principles of the Gospel are its educational norms and internal motivation. On the one hand it tries to bring about a synthesis of culture and faith by integrating all the different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught in the light of the Gospel. On the other hand it strives for a synthesis of faith and life by promoting the growth of those virtues characteristic of a Christian.

Under no circumstances is there any intention of downplaying the imparting of knowledge as such. To quote the Catholic School document yet again: "Individual subjects must be taught according to their own particular methods. It would be wrong to consider subjects as mere adjuncts to faith or as a useful means of teaching apologetics. They enable students to assimilate skills, knowledge, intellectual methods and moral and social attitudes, all of which help to develop their personalities and lead them to take their places as active members of the community." In other words, academic excellence at a Catholic school is certainly to be encouraged but not however as an end in itself. Again: "Education is not given for the purpose of gaining power but as an aid towards a fuller understanding of and communion with our fellow humans, events and things. Knowledge is not to be considered as a means of material prosperity and success, but as a call to serve and to be responsible to others."

Much of this flies in the face of what the world about us espouses, but this is what a Catholic school is supposed to be about and therefore what St David's is supposed to be about. The challenge is a daunting one and one made much more difficult by today's world of individualism, materialism and instant gratification. Given the reality of the immediate world in which St David's finds itself, this is even a more critical and particular challenge.

Much more could be said about what it means to be a Catholic school, but I shall limit myself to one further point on this topic.

Quite clearly, given both the composition of the teaching staff and those of the parent and student bodies, St David's caters for a wider body than simply Catholics and such is the case not only here but in Catholic schools in most parts of the world. Through its schools the Catholic Church provides a service which is open to all those who wish to make use of it or participate in providing it. The Catholic school is not an instrument for proselytising. On the contrary, it will be failing in its mission if it did not respect the religious beliefs and rights, including the right to religious freedom, of others. The close association over many years with Catholic schools of countless teachers, parents, students and former students who have not been members of the Catholic Church is more than ample evidence of this respect. For Catholic schools this association has long been both a cherished and enriching one.

But besides being a Catholic school St David's also advertises itself as being a Marist school. What does or should this mean? To set the scene for the answer to this question, a short story.

On 28 October 1816 a young newly-ordained priest, Marcellin Champagnat, working in a remote mountainous village in France, was called to the deathbed of a sixteen-year-old boy. Appalled by the young man's ignorance of even a basic knowledge of God, Father Champagnat was spurred on to set about founding a group of Brothers who would be devoted to the education of youth. Given the absence of any form of education in rural France following the French Revolution, Father Champagnat had already conceived the idea of founding an institute of Brothers, but it was this incident that really provided the catalyst. Within six months he had gathered the first group of young men around him and started their training and formation.

For Father Champagnat the model of all working with children and youth was Mary, the mother of Jesus and hence he chose to call his first disciples the Little Brothers of Mary, more commonly known today as the Marist Brothers. But Mary was for him more than just a model. He firmly believed that Mary would look after and care for his little band of followers so that Jesus could be brought to those who would otherwise not know him. For Champagnat some things were of critical importance and he set out to imbue his followers with these values. He worked hard to pass on to the Brothers a family spirit, leaving the relative comfort of his presbytery to stay with them, much to the shock and disgust of his fellow priests. He was a very practical and down-to-earth man, the son of a farmer, who never shirked or ran away from difficulties. With him there was no pretence or duplicity and he always appealed to his Brothers to be simple and straightforward in their relationships with others. The pedagogy he advanced was a pedagogy of presence, wanting the Brothers to be with the young people confided to their care and not distant from them lording it over them. And without doubt he had a predilection for the child that was most needy, the poor, the weak, the outcast. This then was the inheritance that Father Champagnat passed on to his Brothers. These are the elements of a Marist education. This then is what makes a Catholic school a Marist school.

Two further points before I bring this address to an end.

As I reflect on the years since the Brothers last had a day-to-day involvement in the running of St David's, I believe that we have been remiss in not being of greater assistance to the Headmaster and staff in sharing with them Champagnat's vision. Two events are planned for next year that I hope will help rectify this. During the course of the first quarter of 1997 we will be running a series of workshops at the various Marist schools in the country on Father Champagnat, and mid-year there will be a visit of the principals of Marist schools in the country to the headquarters of the Marist Brothers in Rome and to the Lyons region in France where Champagnat founded the Brothers and the first Marist schools began.

St David's is without doubt a very well-endowed school. True, there are some facilities, including this hall, that require attention, but by and large there are relatively few schools in the country that are able to offer their students what St David's can. The developments planned for the College over the next five years will go even further in providing St David's with some unique facilities. But with all of this comes some very clear responsibilities. We will cer-



tainly be acting contrary to Gospel values and the Marist spirit and pandering to those very present-day values of individualism and materialism, mention of which I made earlier, if we concerned ourselves only with our own best interests and turned our backs on those less fortunate than we are.

I fully understand and support parents in wanting the best for their children; however, when our demands and requirements are such that they lead us into an ever more privileged position at the expense of others than we are no longer being true to the Gospel and our Marist Tradition.

Let me expand on just one aspect of this. You are well aware of the level of school fees at St David's and how this affects you. While they may compare favourably with some other independent schools in South Africa, they are certainly among the highest, if not the highest, for Catholic schools in the country. The level of these fees automatically excludes a large number of potential students from attending St David's. This is of concern to the Marist Brothers and I would hope also of concern to all of you and not simply because of how it affects your pocket.

Quite clearly school fees are related to many factors, but one critical one is class size. Small classes have become a fetish in South Africa today. Are today's teachers and your children less gifted and capable than your teachers and you were? How many of today's parents were ever taught in classes of twenty and even fewer? Certainly small classes make it easier for the teacher but I am not sure it is always best for the students. Given too that classes are today frequently split two ways and sometimes even three

ways for subject options, the matter certainly bears questioning. I am not advocating excessively large classes but I am asking that we keep the matter in perspective. While in the United States visiting the Marist communities and institutions earlier this month I was particularly interested in keeping an eye on the issue of class size. The normal size at high school level in all the schools I visited was in the thirties. And this would reflect the general position of Catholic schools in the United States. I mention this only to help bring some perspective to our own situation and the challenges facing us.

In concluding I wish to thank Mr Edey and all the members of his staff for their dedication and commitment to helping all the students at St David's. I wish also to thank Mr Wilkinson and the members of the Board of Governors and Mr Busschau and the members of the PTA for all their sterling work during the course of this past year. Besides the normal matters that have had to be handled during the year, much additional energy and time have been consumed in matters related to the proposed reduction in subsidy in Gauteng and to the South African Schools Bill at national level. The board, Mr Edey and other members of staff have also had to give of their time and energy to working on the plans for the proposed new developments at St David's. To them all I wish to say well done and thank you very much.

*Brother Jude  
Provincial  
Marist Brothers*



**Mr T Wilkinson (Chairman of the Board of Governors), Brother Jude (Provincial of the Marist Brothers) and Mr PA Edey (Headmaster) at the 1996 Prizegiving**



# The Head Prefect's Address

When I was in Grade One I remember coming home and telling my mother that I no longer wanted to play soccer. When she asked me why this was, I said, "It's that Mr Castle, he shouts and screams at us and calls us things like 'fruitcake'". A while ago one of my little cousins came home and told his mother that he no longer wanted to play soccer; immediately I knew what he was going to say. St David's Marist College is a family and like any family it has members, names and faces, people like Mr Castle who we can relate to when our cousins tell us that they no longer want to play soccer. It's this family attitude, I believe, that produces a much more personal and thorough education, that can be found at St David's.

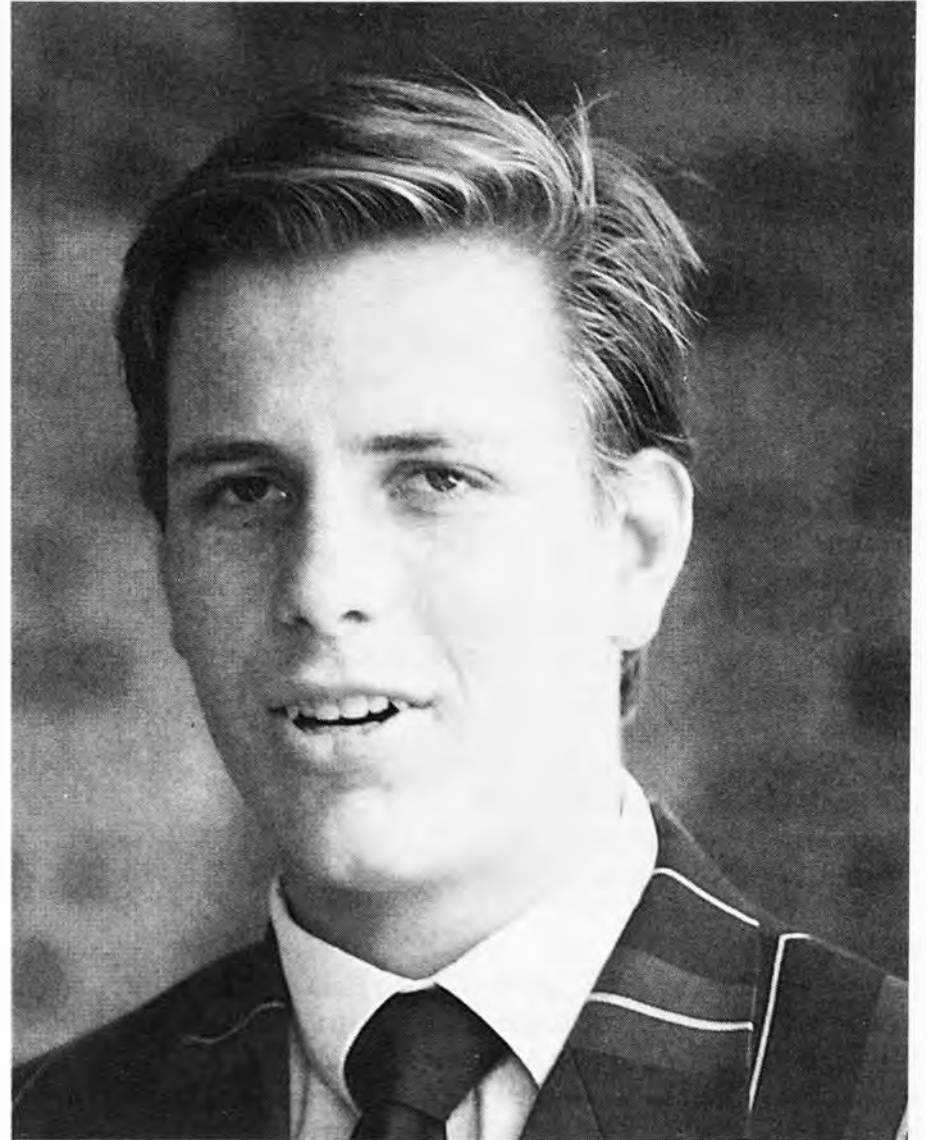
1996 was undeniably a year of change, from the teachers that came and went to the transition from the TED to the IEB, to the very manner in which we're holding the prizegiving tonight. With these changes, some old traditions have died and some new ones have been born.

For example, this year saw the first, of what I hope will be many, school tours down to Bloemfontein, a very successful multi-activity event which brought the school together in terms of spirit. Also, this year was the first year for a long time that the swimming club had a B team. These and many other changes made 1996 a very interesting and exciting year to be in Matric.

The Matrics of 1996 have, since Standard Six, had to face a lot of criticism and have, admittedly, not always been the best ambassadors for St David's, but I think that this criticism and expectation of disaster has made the Matrics capable of understanding and dealing with a wide array of problems not usually faced in school life. I see it as part of our education, the product being very reasonable, responsible and realistic young men who I know will find success wherever they search for it.

At this point I would like to thank Mr Edey and all of the staff for all the help and support they've shown us throughout the year. I would also like to thank the Deputy Head Prefect, Matthew Ross, and all of the prefects for everything they've done this year.

There is one last person whom I would like to thank, a man who has always been there for me and my brothers when they were still at St David's, a man who was always the first to dispel any doubts that any of us ever had about ourselves and was always



*Jordan Forssman, Head Prefect 1996*

ready to help us if we had any problems. Father Brewer, from myself and all my brothers, thank you for everything.

*Jordan Forssman*

## Prize Winners

**The Old Mutual Bronze Medal and Certificate (for having reached the final round of the Old Mutual Maths Olympiad, presented by Mr T Borchers (FILPA), Sales Manager, Old Mutual, Sandton) Daniel Wright**

### Standard Six

**Brother Edwin Cup for Dux of Standard Six** Kyle Wales

**Second Prize** Garth Horsten

**Third Prize** Rhys Davies

**English, Afrikaans, Biology, History, Geography, Art, Accounting, Zulu** Kyle Wales

**Mathematics** Garth Horsten

**Mathematics – Most Improved** Alexzis Spinnaze

**Science** Rhys Davies, Garth Horsten, Kyle Wales

**Best Entrepreneurial Partnership** Michael Schafer, Kyle Wales

### Standard Seven

**Davis Cup for Dux of Standard Seven** Paul Edkins

**Second Prize** Ashley Kanter

**Third Prize** Colin Thomas

**English** James Ashforth, Paul Edkins

**Afrikaans, Mathematics Science, Geography, Accounting** Paul Edkins

**Mathematics – Most Improved** John Farrell

**Biology** Colin Thomas

**History** James Ashforth

**Art** Kenji Moriguchi



**Zulu** Ramanare Magampa  
**Certificate of Commendation** Kevin Montgomery

#### **Standard Eight**

**O'Connor Cup for Dux of Standard Eight** Daniel Wright

**Second Prize** Zayd Laher

**Third Prize** Bruce Thomas

**English** Zayd Laher, John-Ross McKay

**Afrikaans** Wayne Greenwood

**Mathematics, Science, Biology, Computer Studies, Additional Mathematics, The Buchanan Trophy for Achievement in the**

**Mathematics Olympiad** Daniel Wright

**Mathematics – Standard Grade** Grant Goodwin

**Art** Nicholas Ranger

**History** Walt Bruns

**Geography** Bruce Thomas

**Accounting, Business Economics** Zayd Laher

#### **Standard Nine**

**Brother Urban Cup for the Dux of Standard Nine** Adriano Iorio

**Second Prize** Jeffrey Ryan

**Third Prize** Robert Morgan

**English, The Seed Trophy for Afrikaans, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, The Keith Schafer Trophy for Science, Biology,**

**Geography** Adriano Iorio

**History** Dale Horsten

**Art** Adam Treki

**Business Economics** Lloyd Eliot

**Accounting** Firaz Ahmed

**Computer Studies** Alastair Lacy

#### **Standard Ten**

**Phillimore Trophy for English** Teboho Fokane, David Pierson

**Trudy Elliott Award for English Literature, Thomas McFadden Trophy for History** Teboho Fokane

**Buckley-Jones Trophy for Afrikaans** Ian Acott

**Ryder Bowl for Mathematical Achievement, Dionn Saks Trophy for Geography, Accounting** James O'Haughey

**Mathematical Achievement at the Standard Grade** Dennis Helyar

**Walter Cronje Trophy for Additional Mathematics** James O'Haughey

**Michael Science Trophy for Physical Science, Matric 1991 Trophy for Biology** David Pierson

**The Germco Trophy for Art** Miguel Nunes

**Mayat Trophy for Computer Studies** Rafiq Sarlie, David Pierson

**Lynn Stuart Memorial Trophy for Academic Achievement** David Pierson

**BR Hunt Trophy for Dux of the School** James O'Haughey

**Old Boys Trophy for Leadership and Promotion of the Marist Spirit** Ian Acott

**Osmond Cup for Study, Sport and Leadership** James O'Haughey

#### **Annual Trophies**

**The RJ Girdwood Shield for Cultural Involvement** Jonathan Nel

**Art Exhibition** Miguel Nunes, Rafiq Sarlie

**The Br Edwin Award for Cricketer of the Year** Dominic Busschau

**The Steve Murray Trophy for Most Improved Cricketer** Dale Horsten

**Reeves Trophy for the Swimmer of the Year** Shaun Falconer

**E Harper Trophy for Most Improved Swimmer, Clark Atwell Trophy for Water Polo Player of the Year, Desmond Schatz Trophy for Sportsman of the Year** Richard van Lienden

**Michael Bioc Trophy for Rugby Player of the Year** Batana Vundla

**The Brewer/Finlayson Trophy for Most Improved Rugby Player** Timothy O'Shea

**Hockey Player of the Year** Roydon Frost

#### **Service Awards – for general service to the school**

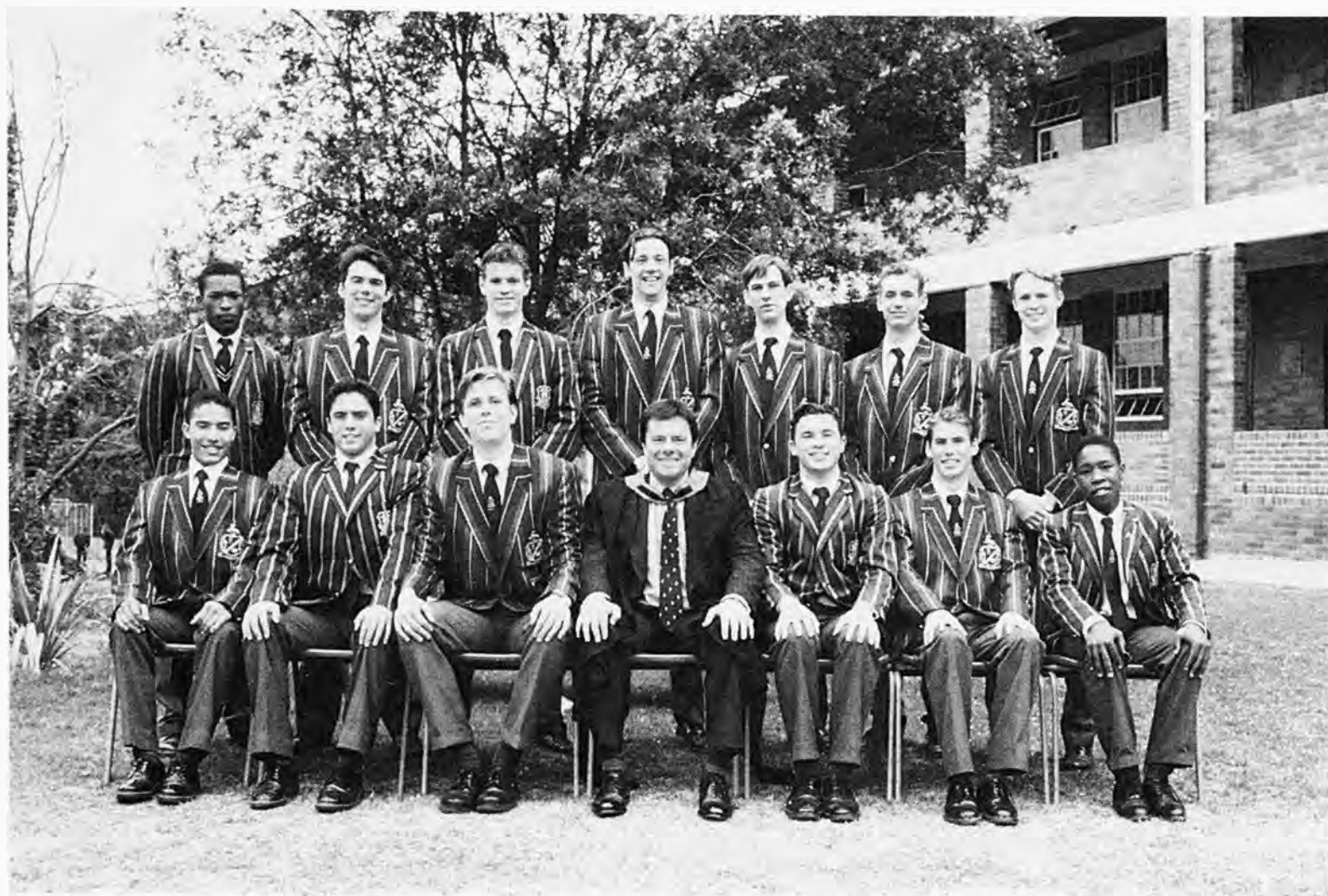
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**Standard Ten** David Pierson (Computers), Rafiq Sarlie (Computers)

**Champagnat Medals** Ian Acott, Jordan Forssman, David Pierson, Matthew Ross, Rafiq Sarlie



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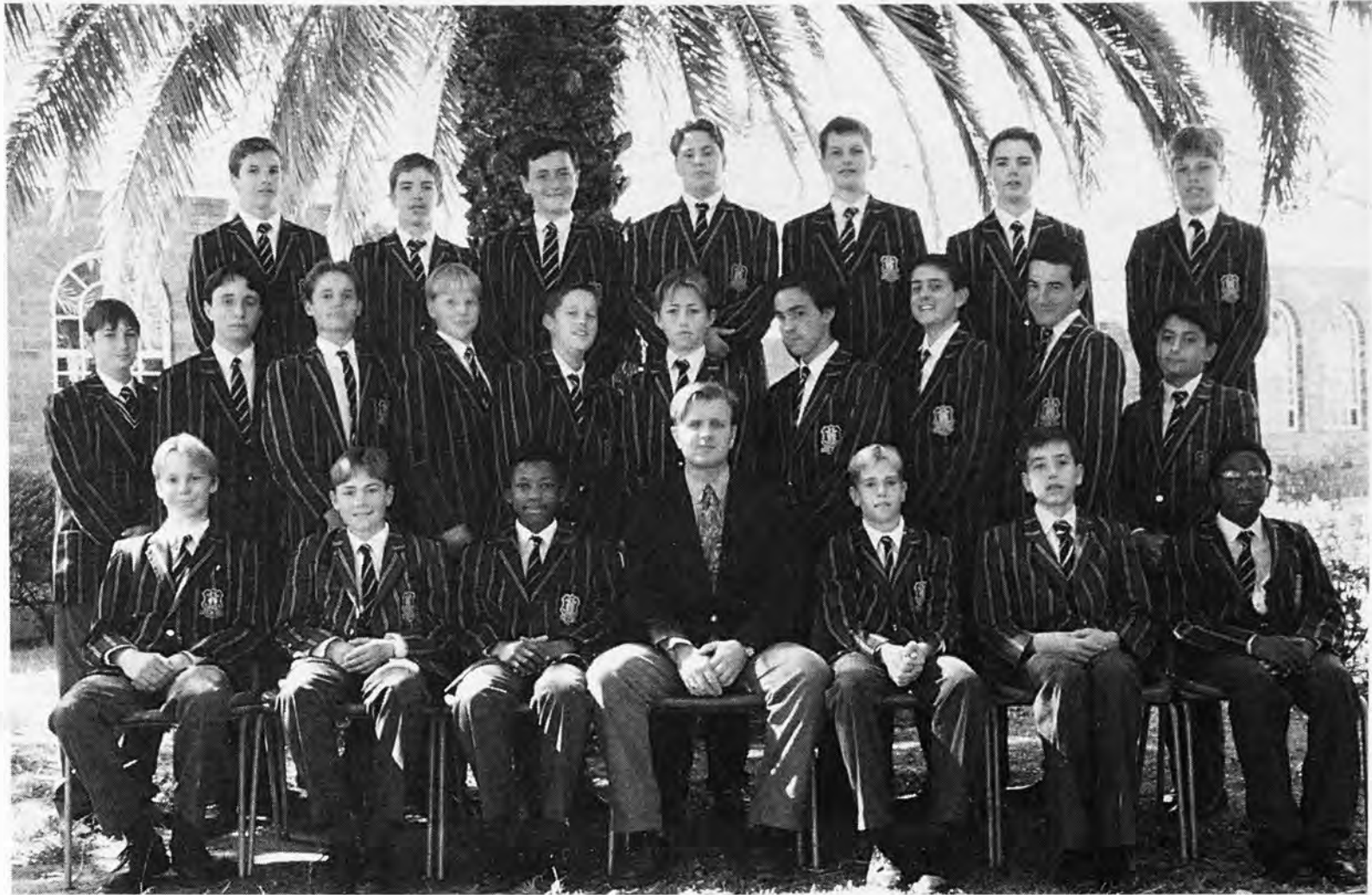
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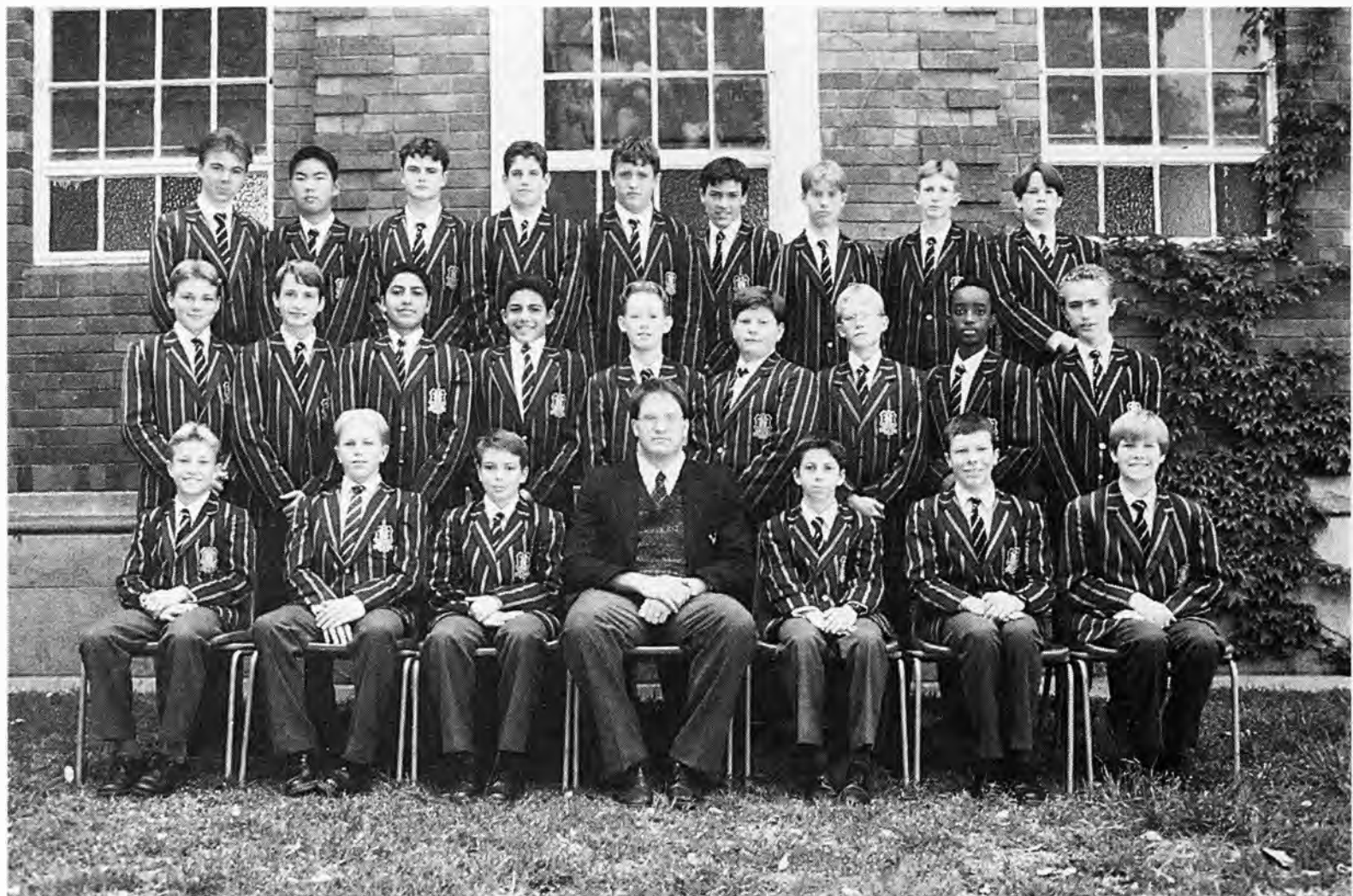
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**Standard 6B**

**Back row:** Andrew Munro, Matthew Ramsden, Bevan Glanville, Richard Wood, Thomas Garden, Andrew Parker, Philip Raw  
**Middle row:** Wilf Exton, Miklos Szecsei, Christopher Goodwin, Graeme Armstrong, Michael Graham, Revel Ravenhill, Craig Cikara, Gabriele Maraschin, Andrew Cox, Richard Mazaham  
**Seated:** Richard Brady, Justin Lemm, Tebogo Dlukulu, Mr D Trollope, Alan Mills, Geoffrey Naude, Irvine Lehloo



**Standard 6M**

**Back row:** Sean Deller, Woo Jong Jang, Evan Dall, Nicholas Emmanuel, Byron Moss, Marc Lomas, Grant Collister, Kevin Hutton, Bradley Jackson  
**Middle row:** Michael Rowley, Fabio Valente, Nabeel Laher, Allain Spinnaze, Guy Robertson, Michael Schafer, Christopher Proudfoot, Clive Mangope, Kyle Wales  
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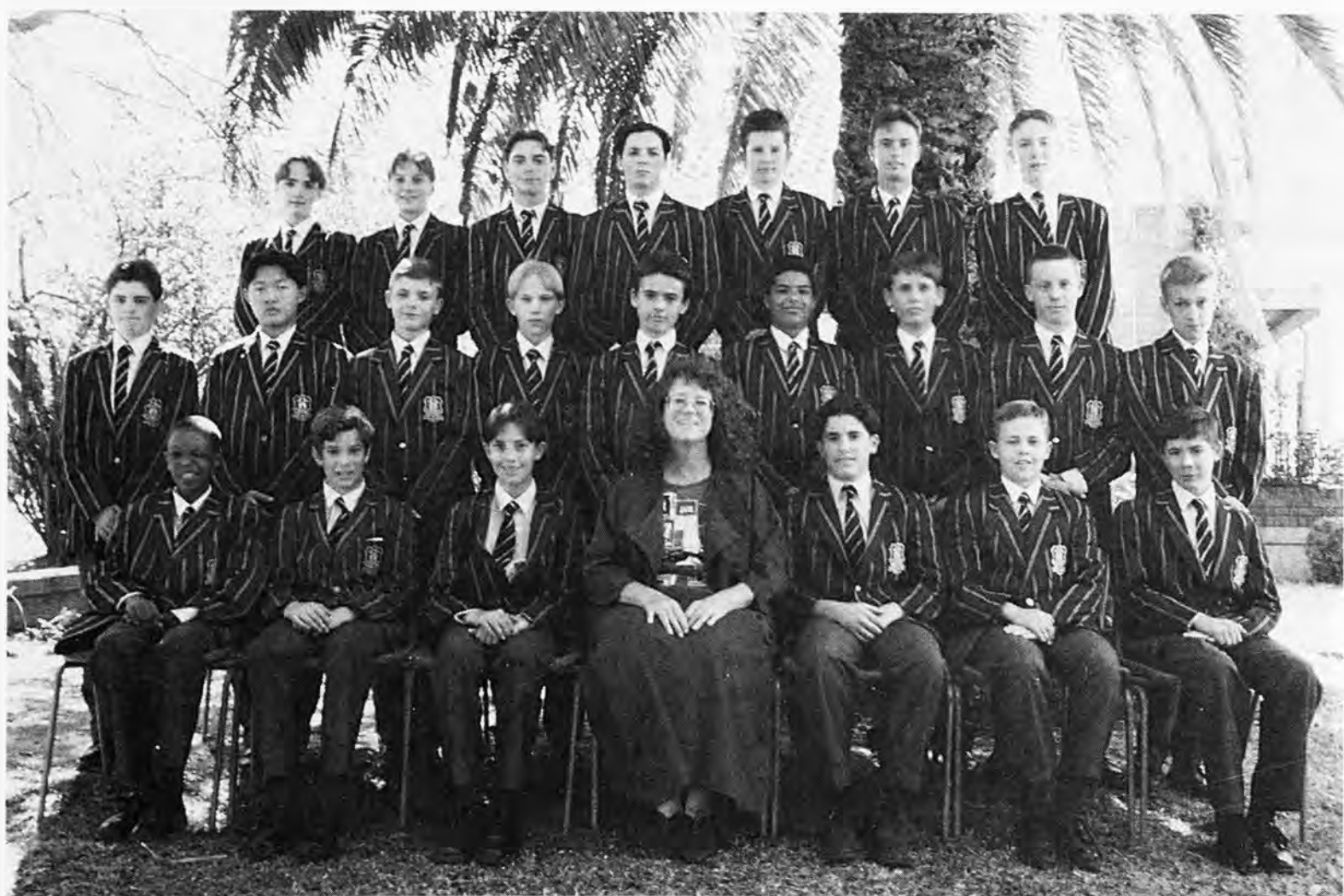


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**Middle row:** Warwick Thrupp, Andrew Goodman, Gian-Carlo Scognamiglio, Michael Paxinos, Rhys Davies, Matthew Smith, Warren Ho

**Seated:** Sibusiso Khumalo, Daniele Carnicelli, Neil Dabbs, Ms J Leenstra, Adam Sleigh, Matthew O'Donoghue, Christopher Wood



**Standard 6C**

**Back row:** Andrew Scott, Michael Eilertsen, Derrick Garofoli, Gian-Paolo Pera, Peter Joubert, Siegmar Duve, Gijs Foden

**Middle row:** Stuart Barke, Tommy Wu, Kevin Sterrenberg, Rory Atkinson, Nicholas Nosworthy, Roger Abvajee, Clayton Hood, Tristan Wood, Glenn Smith

**Seated:** Tshepo Monyemore, Duncan Brown, Clyde Thomas, Mrs A Carter, Jarrid Treges, Grant Davies, Andrew Wilson





**Standard 7B**

**Back row:** Ashley Kanter, Kevin Haswell, Fraser Bush, Grahame Finnemore, Musi Skosana

**Middle row:** Jonathan Tonetti, Carl Bredenoord, Simon Browne, Michael Lenz, Ian Busschau

**Seated:** Joseph Lekalakala, Kevin Montgomery, Grant Atkinson, Mr S Fry, Colin Thomas, Tyrone Warneke, Peteni Kuzwayo



**Standard 7M**

**Back row:** Marco Lopes, Maxwell Gordon, Michael Gunning, Matthew Barker, David Randall, Allan Macfarlane, Michel Marchand

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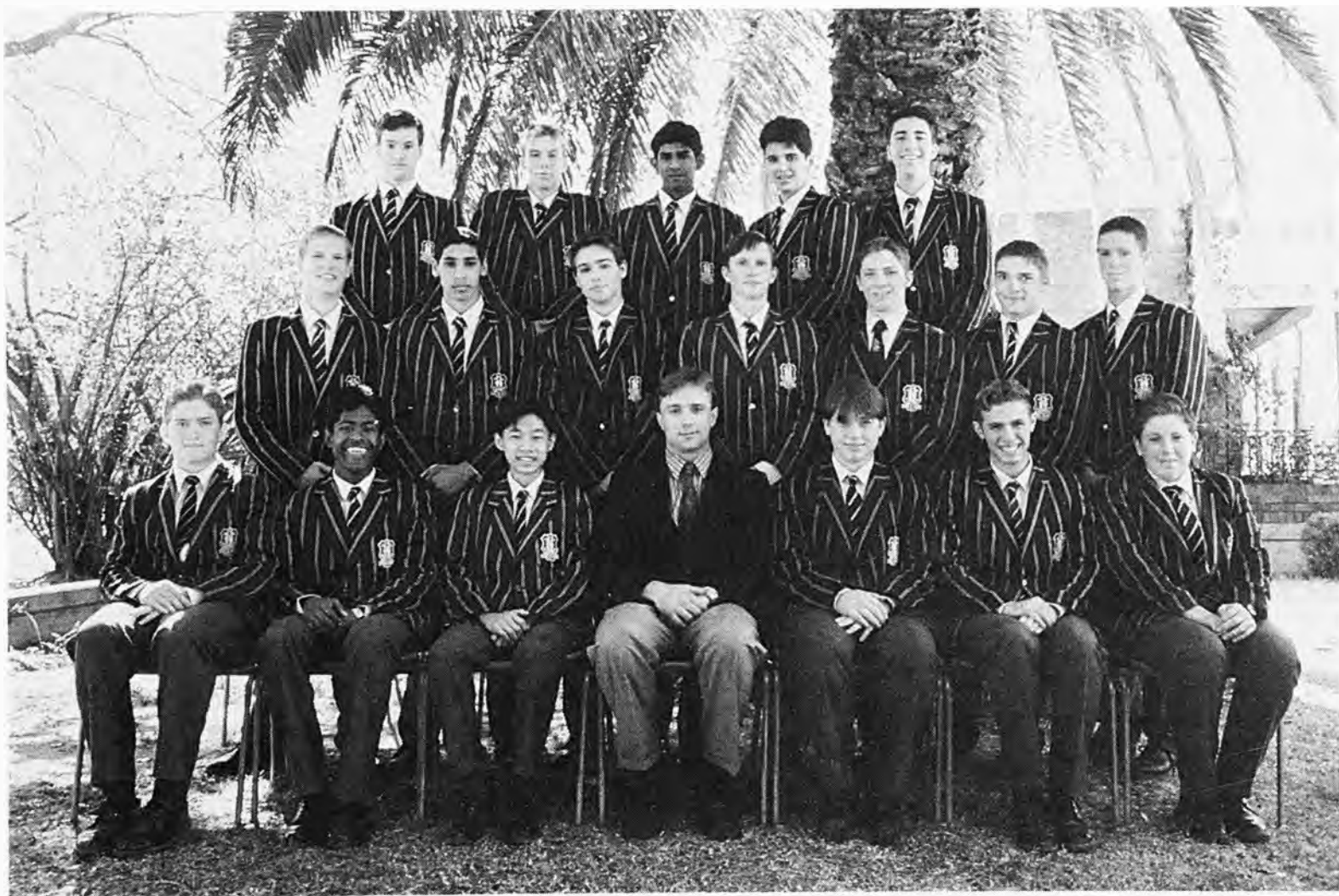
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**Seated:** Naasir Thokan, Ryan Brunette, Warren Pollard, Mrs D Cameron, Alistair Holmes, Bryn Leadbeater, Mohammed Kader



**Standard 8B**

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**Middle row:** Robert Tait, Nadeem Mahomed, Nicholas Ranger, Wayne Collett, Michael Murray, Ryan Hugo, Martin Harrod  
**Seated:** Brandan Wustefeld-Janssens, Deon Archary, Thomas Chen, Mr G Behr, Gregory Ross-Munro, Serafim Pinto, Luca Ceresa





**Standard 8M**

**Back row:** Luca Fiasconaro, James West, Walt Bruns, Murray White, Bradley Poultney

**Middle row:** John Middlewick, Bamuzo Sono, Radford Lai, Robert Rundell, Morathi Ramokgopa, Ryan Orr, Zayd Laher

**Seated:** Stephen Naude, Jeremy Sternberg, Ricardo Traver-de Sousa, Mr W Craven, Deane O'Haughey, Allan Horsfield, Alastair Moore



**Standard 8C**

**Back row:** Paul Owens, Stefano Contardo, Mario Lacueva, Mambila Mageza, Adam Stocks, Daryn Moore

**Middle row:** Simpiwe Matshikwe, Zanoxolo Nhantsi, John Ross McKay, Luke Chandler

**Seated:** Nicholas Royce, Wayne Greenwood, Kelly Putter, Mrs B Marais, Clinton Verhoog, Johnny Farrell, Grant Goodwin





**Standard 9B**

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**Middle row:** Rei Farinha, Jeffrey Ryan, Shaun Zuccolotto, Grant Brown, Brendan Copestake, Firaz Ahmed, Sean Lane, Michael Muller, Ian Terbrugge

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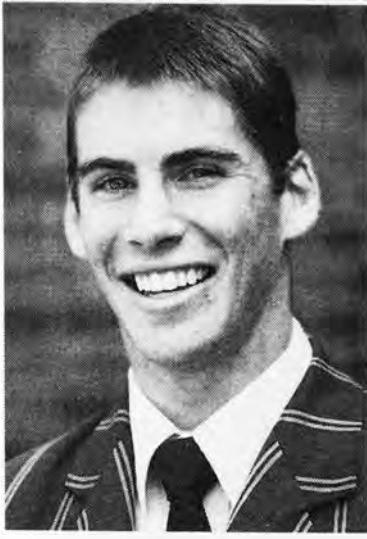
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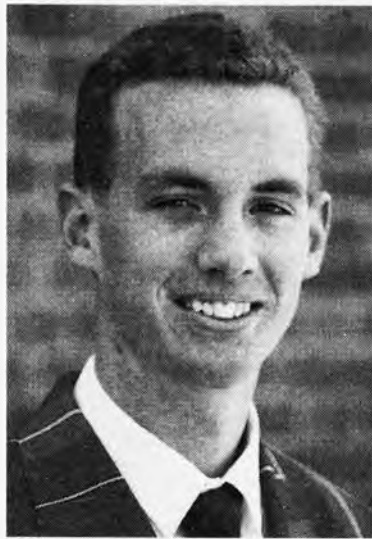
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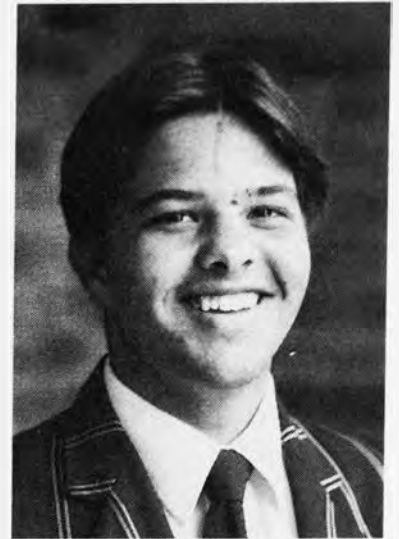
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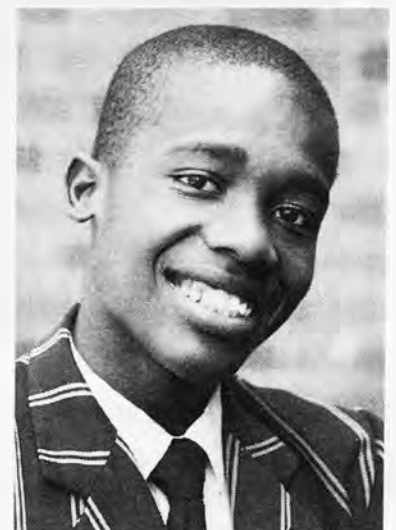


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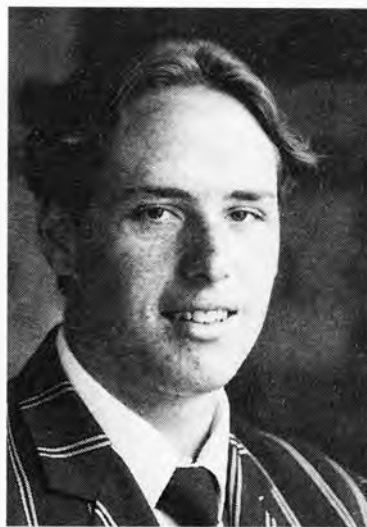
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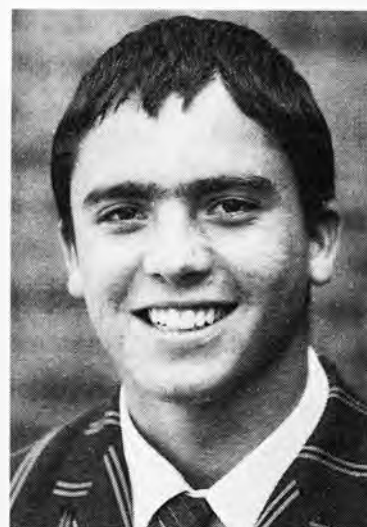
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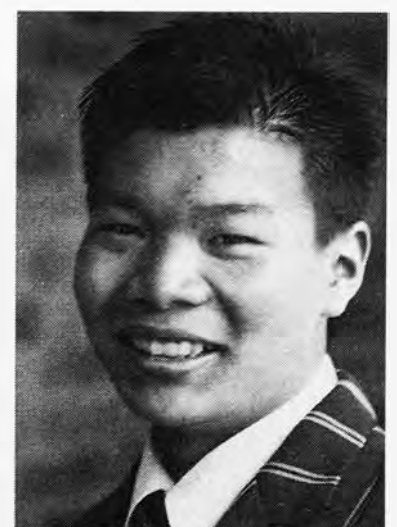
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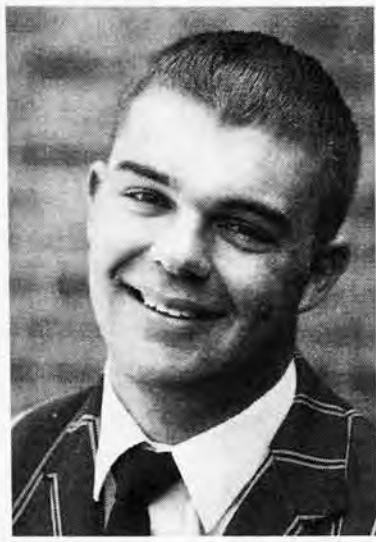


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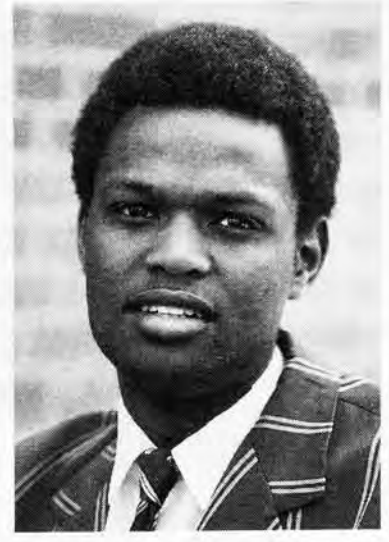
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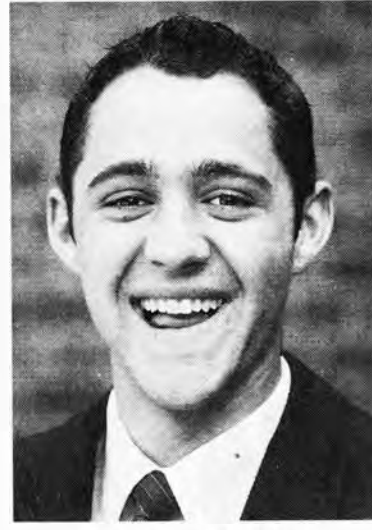
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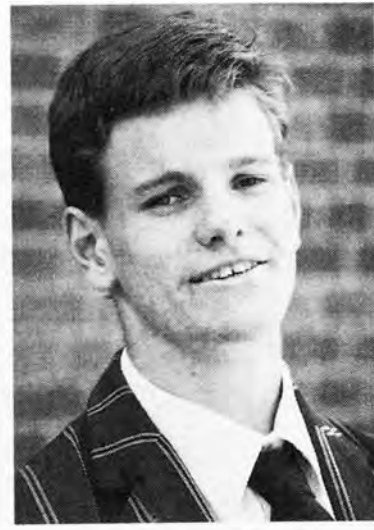
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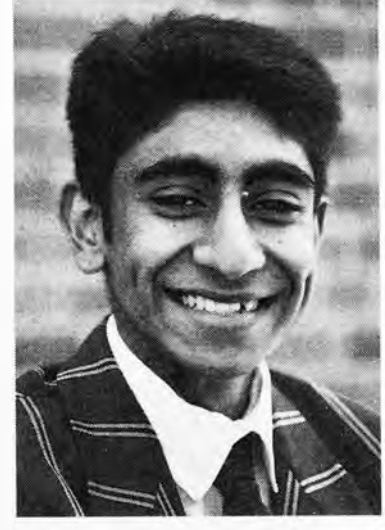
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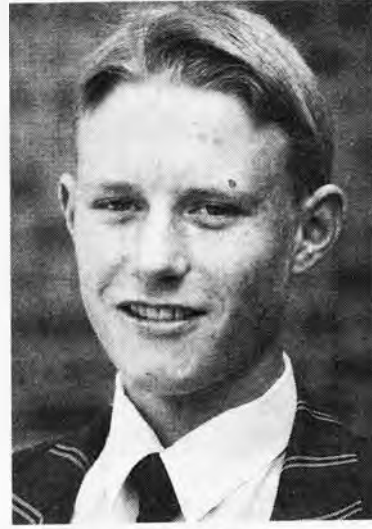
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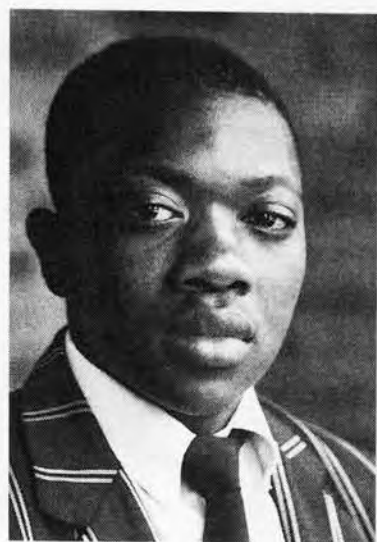


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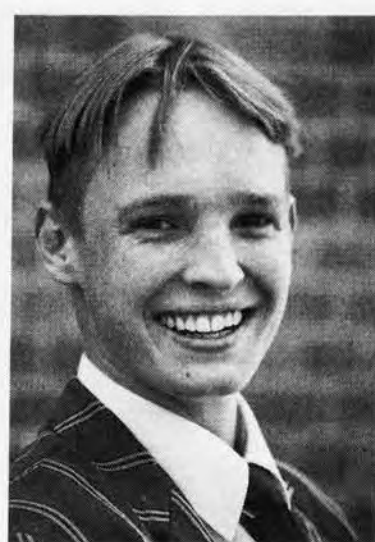




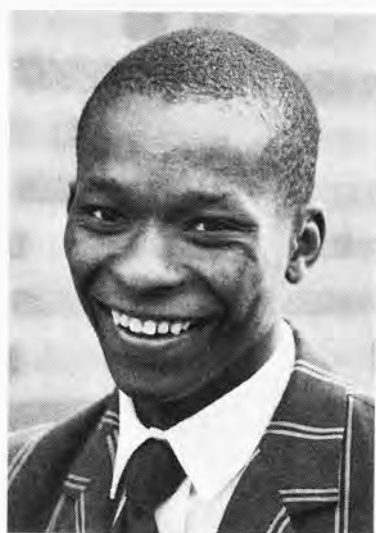
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*Mark van Gemert*



*Richard van Lienden*



*Batana Vundla*



*Ian Wood*



**Grade 0 to Matric**

**Back row:** *Reatile Pinto, Sean Goldhawk, Jordan Forssman, David Pierson, Bradyn Dama, Rafiq Sarlie*  
**Seated:** *Dominic Busschau, Batana Vundla, James O'Haughey, Gregory Moser*

# Independent Examinations Board Senior Certificate Examination Results

(Subjects in brackets indicate distinctions)

## Passed with matriculation exemption:

Ian Acott  
Dominic Busschau (Mathematics SG)  
Bradyn Dama  
Paul Denny  
Teboho Fokane  
Jordan Forssman  
Sean Goldhawk  
Dennis Helyar (Mathematics SG)  
Andy Hsu  
Jonathan Nel  
Karabo Noinyane (Mathematics SG)  
Miguel Nunes (Mathematics SG)  
James O'Haughey (Mathematics HG, Additional  
Mathematics HG, Accounting HG)  
David Pierson  
Reatile Pinto  
Anthony Quail  
Matthew Ross (Mathematics SG)  
Rafiq Sarlie (Art HG)  
Gareth Shippen

Themba Thusi  
Matt Ushikubo (Japanese HG)  
Mark van Gemert  
Richard van Lienden  
Batana Vundla

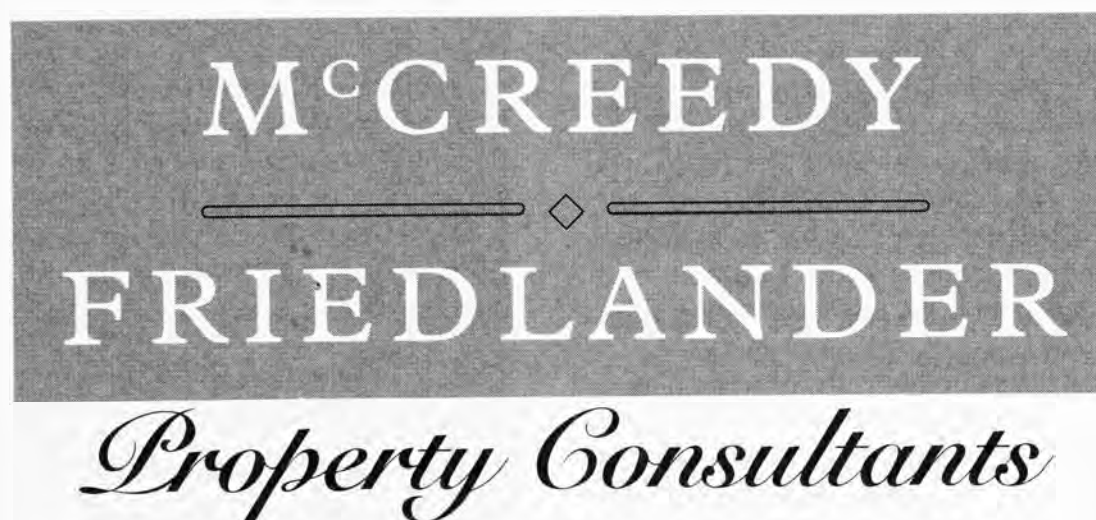
## Passed without matriculation exemption:

Jason Cole (Mathematics SG)  
Nick Kallinikos  
Arshad Mahomed  
Kai Masterton  
Merriman Masuku  
Christopher Morte  
Gregory Moser  
Warren Phillips  
Aslam Sardar  
Malusi Skenjana  
Cyril Skhosana  
Ian Wood

**There were no failures**

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# Post-Matriculation Group

Some say that your schooldays are the best years of your life ... others don't agree. We, as post-matrics, really did enjoy our schooldays, so much so that we decided to come back for another year.

The inclusion of a post-matric year is a valuable asset to any school. Not only does it add another dimension to the school, but it makes the school a more marketable business.

The 1996 class of post-matrics consisted of eight young men. Five of them had spent many years at St David's. Two came from King Edward VII School and one from Rand Park High School. We all had one thing in common – we wanted to appreciate and experience life as we had never done before. The post-matric programme was the vineyard, we had to reap the harvest.

Coming from a large government school like KES, St David's was undoubtedly a shock to the system. The smaller school gives one a different sense of community. This school is also far more culturally diverse than what I had previously experienced and St David's forced me to rethink many of my former ideas and prejudices.

*Roydon Frost*

The support programme was a valuable dimension of our post-matric year. Many of us were immature and ignorant in the ways of the world and would probably not have succeeded in our first year out of school. The teachers made an effort to ensure that we were busy and interested and that we learnt many a valuable lesson.

Miss Henning gave us career guidance and taught us skills that will be vital in our future lives. Our lessons with Mr Edey kept us up to date with current affairs. Mr Craven's lessons can be summarised with the saying "Marete a ga mniago" (people depend on one another). Mr Girdwood always provided interesting and entertaining lessons on social etiquette. Mr Eilertsen's effort to ensure that even the most computer-illiterate of us became literate by the end of the year proved to be successful. Mr Smith taught us how best to invest our money and Mr Pretorius made us aware of various threats to the environment and the horror of a nuclear disaster. In his inimitable way Mr Mitchell looked after our spiritual interests. Mrs Ross-Munro gave us vitally important skills for working in the business world – we had a wonderful formal lunch at her home.

*Antonio Strijdom*

After my job-shadowing experience at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West, I have decided to pursue a career in hotel management next year.

*Marc Wilkinson*

I was given the chance to experience the life of a pilot at first hand as part of the job-shadowing programme. SA Airlink allowed me to fly with them on trips to Phalaborwa, Sun City and Nelspruit. Then as a guest of Helicopter Training Services, I had the privilege of flying with the pilot in one of the Netstar Tracking Helicopters. Landing back on terra firma after two hours of circling, diving and climbing couldn't have come too soon!

*Paul Geddes*

Thanks to job-shadowing at a computer software company, I will have a job when I leave university.

*Antonio Strijdom*

The sporting year for the post-matrics was an eventful one. Michael Ward was re-awarded his full colours for cricket and later awarded cricket honours.

Marc Wilkinson enjoyed a good season in the pool, representing St David's at water polo. He also had a successful rugby season. His experience and knowledge was beneficial to his team-mates and for his effort and commitment he was re-awarded his rugby scroll.

Roydon Frost was a valuable member of the first hockey team and was awarded his hockey scroll.

*Michael Ward*



## Post-Matriculation Group

**Back row:** Brendan Greeff, Mohamed Moorad, Ms L Henning, Antonio Strijdom, Roydon Frost

**Seated:** Sunil Gopal, Paul Geddes, Michael Ward, Marc Wilkinson

From day one, we had to make vital decisions. We learnt about ourselves and about one another. A unique bond was created between us that will be remembered long after the final bell. We learnt that life is not what it is made out to be; it is a lot harder. Nothing is given to you on a plate. We had to organise our own tours and our own transport to get us there. We had to discipline ourselves to get work done and assignments sent off on time. We had to make many decisions and even if we made the wrong ones, we still learnt a great deal.

The post-matric programme ran smoothly with Miss Henning at the helm. Even when the seas were rough, she and her crew kept their heads above water. The support programme consisted of many different courses and teachers, outside tutors and guest speakers offered valuable instruction.

Even though the ship sailed smoothly, there were some leaks. The facilities were inadequate, understandably so, because this was just a "pioneering" group and the authorities were not sure if the programme would continue into 1997. Hopefully it will. Certainly all our expectations were met.

It is now time to jump overboard, but the water we will land in is not deep and shark-infested, but shallow so that we can make our way to land without too much difficulty. "Take courage and be a man": it is now time to go out into the world and be me.

*Michael Ward*



## The Library



### Student Library Committee

**Back row:** Irvine Lehloo, Matthew Ramsden, Wilf Exton,  
Mrs M Clover

**Seated:** Grahame Finnemore, Daniel Wright,  
Bruce Thomas, Adam Stocks, Ashley Kanter

This year has been a good one for the Library. The PTA has generously donated, among other things, a magnificent poster cabinet, and a large "state of the art" laminator. We have purchased a library management system software package, and hope to have our library catalogues on computer next year. Global Internet Access has made it possible for our students to surf the Web in search of information by allowing us access to the Internet through their server.

The members of the newly-formed Student Library Committee have worked hard and made a very valuable contribution to the running of the Library this year. As a reward for their labours they spent a long weekend in the Cathkin area of the Central Drakensberg, where they walked, fished, rode horses and enjoyed the mountains. No-one talked about books!

Thanks chaps for your dedication, the many cups of tea, and especially for your company: Adam Stocks, Bruce Thomas, Daniel Wright, Grahame Finnemore, Ashley Kanter, Michael Marsay, Kevin Montgomery, Musi Skosana, Gregory Thomas, Wilf Exton, Irvine Lehloo, Neil Powell, Matthew Ramsden.

*Mary Clover*

## The Computer Centre

The quality of the hardware and software being used in our Computer Centre is comparable with any other school in the country. We need, however, to open a second lab and thus double the capacity of the Computer Centre. We also need to get computers into some of the classrooms in certain key subjects.

The highlight of the year was St David's winning the country-wide Microsoft Web Competition against fifty-five other schools, which involved designing an Internet homepage which advertises the school. The team of Rafiq Sarlie, David Pierson, John Hilton and Jonathan Nel is to be congratulated. Their achievement won the school over R30 000 worth of prizes.



### Computer Centre Committee

**Back row:** John Hilton, Daniel Wright, Adriano Iorio,  
Bruce Thomas, Robert Morgan

**Seated:** Rafiq Sarlie, Jonathan Nel, David Pierson



**David Pierson, John Hilton, Rafiq Sarlie and Jonathan Nel, who won the Microsoft Web Competition for St David's against fifty-five other schools**

The work being produced by the boys is of an extremely high standard. In general, Standard Ten students doing Computer Studies as a seventh subject continued to do extremely well, most getting distinctions.

One staff member for 850 boys is proving inadequate; for this reason at least one additional staff person will be employed next year, to cover the Prep School.

The school has full Internet access, but only via one computer using one telephone line. We need to thank Global Internet Access for their generous donation of free access throughout this past year. A lot of very good work has been done, but this facility also needs to be expanded.

*S Eilertsen*



# The Art Exhibition

A wide collection of art-work – oil paints, water colours, sculptures, models, oil pastels and other interesting forms of art greeted the visitors to our school hall on 10 October, at our Annual Art Exhibition.

The judging was done by two artists, Donna White and Louise Goudemond. A high level of creativity was evident along with an extremely high standard of work. The Standard Sixes had fun with collages of faces in fruit, impressionist craypas works and sculpted musical instruments. In Standard Seven, some very entertaining and colourful Pop Art sculptures were built, including a huge packet of “slap chips”, giant scissors, Liquifruit, boxes of



**St David's Art teachers Anneke Carter and Heather Joseph-Neuhoff with Malcolm Smit, the College Bursar, at the Art Exhibition**



matches and bowls of fruit. Classical Greek Art formed the focus of some Standard Eight works, as well as works in various mediums. In Standard Nine a variety of acrylic, pencil drawing and pastel work was produced. The Standard Tens displayed some outstanding work and special mention must be made of Rafiq Sarlie and Miguel Nunes' exceptionally high standard.

The exhibition was very well supported and a pleasant evening was had by those who attended.

Special thanks to those who helped organise and set up the exhibition. A special word of thanks to Mrs Carter.

*Nicholas Ranger 8B*

**Rafiq Sarlie and Miguel Nunes, joint winners of the Standard Ten Prize**

# The Maths Olympiads

## Maths Olympiad

### Back row:

*Robert Morgan,  
Richard van Lienden,  
James O'Haughey,  
Daniel Wright*

### Seated:

*Gian-Paolo Pera,  
Philip Raw,  
Kyle Wales*



1996 proved to be yet another successful year on the Maths Olympiad front at St David's.

On 7 February, all the pupils in the A sets of each standard wrote the Sasol Mini-Maths Olympiad. Their answers were sent to Wits University for marking. We were delighted when the results were released – Daniel Wright achieved fourth place in the Std 8 group and Kyle Wales came fifth in the Std 6 group. Prizewinners were awarded their certificates at a ceremony at Museum Africa early in the third term.

St David's also participated in the Old Mutual Maths Competition and Olympiad. Top Maths pupils in each standard were invited to write the first round on 19 March. Once again, our pupils achieved excellent results – James O'Haughey and Richard van Lienden (Std 10), Robert Morgan (Std 9) and Daniel Wright (Std 8) qualified for the second round in the senior section and Paul Edkins (Std 7) and Philip Raw (Std 6) in the junior section.

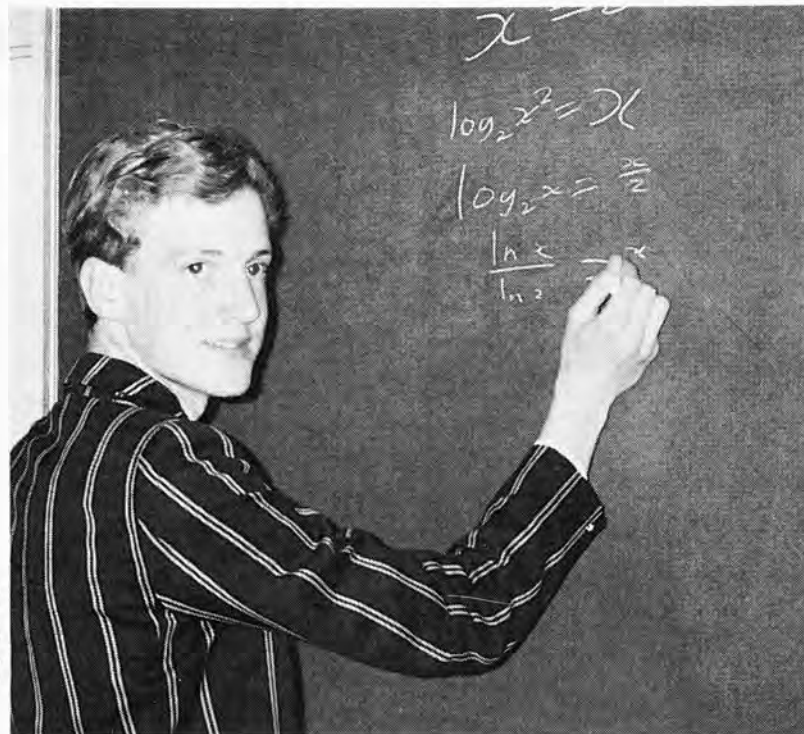


The best was yet to come! Daniel Wright achieved the remarkable feat of qualifying for the third and final round of the Olympiad. In recognition of this outstanding achievement, he was awarded a bronze medal and invited to participate in the national "talent search" to select a South African Maths Olympiad team. Daniel did not win one of the silver medals for coming in the top ten in South Africa, but we are extremely proud of him.

Congratulations to all our achievers, and thank you to their Maths teachers for their interest, support and encouragement.

*Miss LA Henning  
Head of Mathematics*

*Standard Eight student Daniel Wright – awarded a bronze medal for qualifying for the final round of the Maths Olympiad*



## Sporting and cultural excursion to St Andrew's College, Bloemfontein, 17-19 May

About half the school, accompanied by half the staff, travelled by train to St Andrew's College in Bloemfontein, where activities between the two schools, ranging from debating and chess to rugby and tennis, had been arranged.



*The Standard Eight manne (and a few Standard Sevens)*



*On the platform at Johannesburg Station*



*Under 14 team talk*



*The St David's-St Andrew's First XV match*



# Standard Eight Trip to Mpumalanga





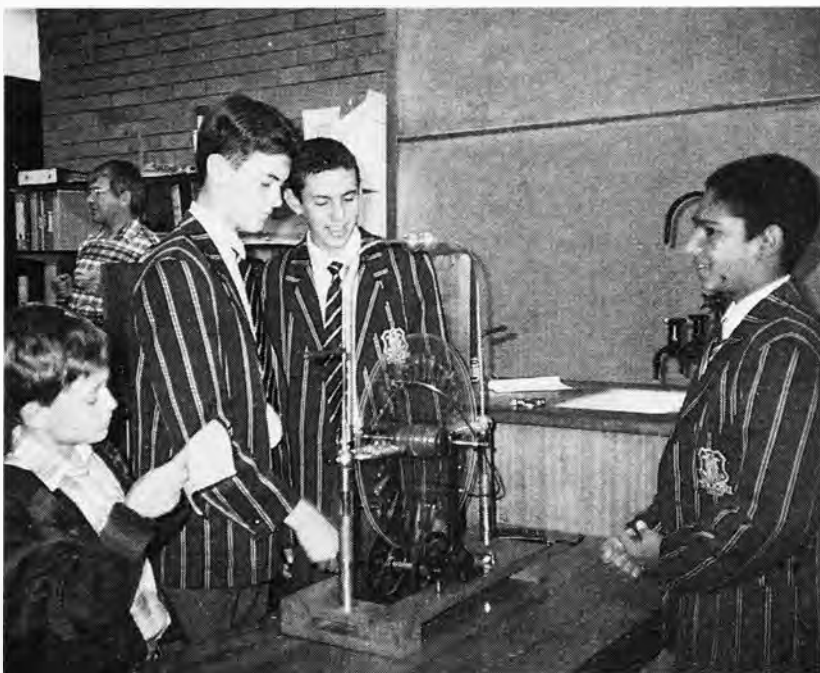
## Open Day – 25 May



*Rui Jorge explains a geographical model to a prospective student*



*The maths programme at the Open Day included an attempt to portray maths, science and technology in an “industrial” environment. Here, Daniel Wright and Ross Weedon test their construction ability using thatching grass stalks, drinking straws, string and other everyday materials*

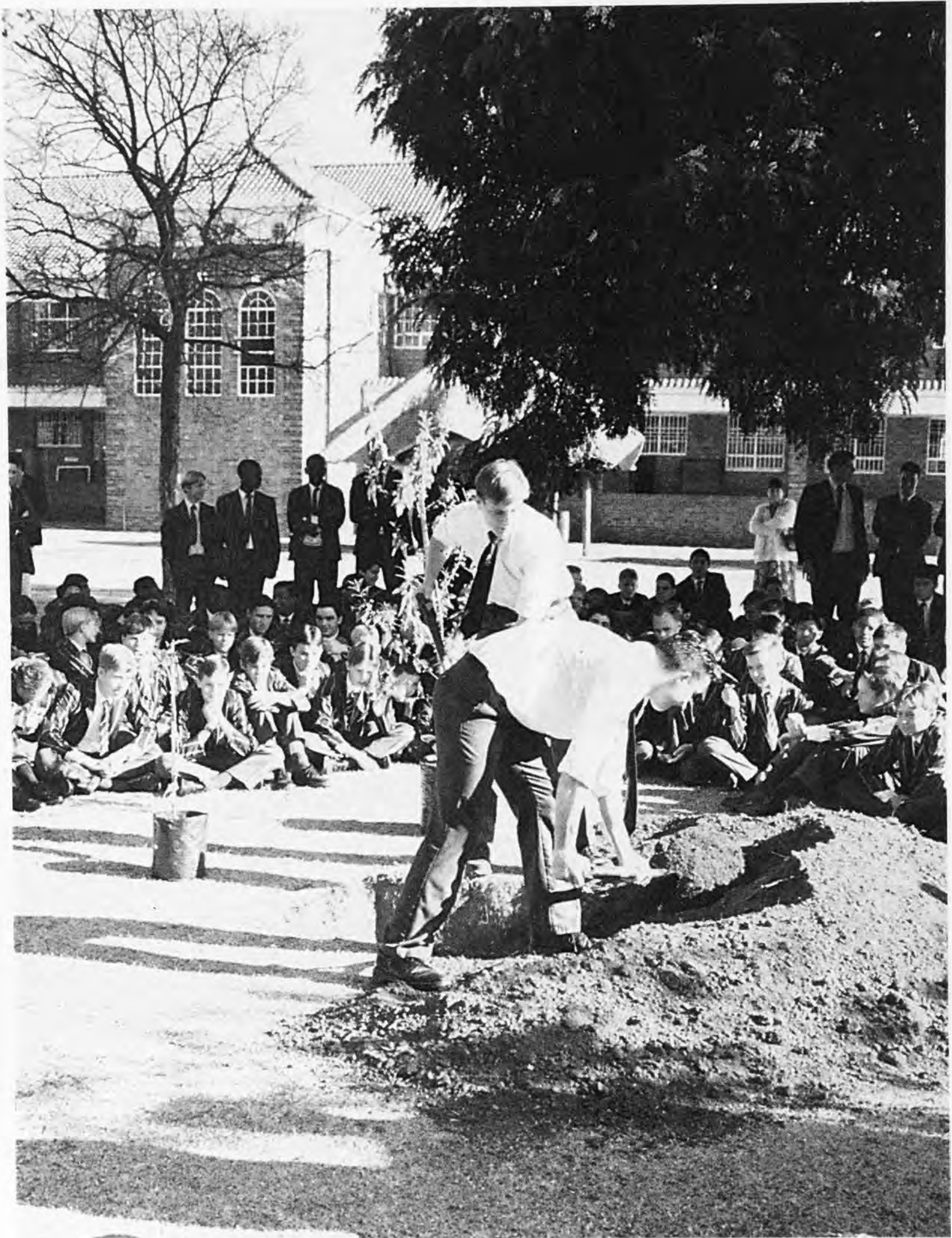


*Examining a generator on display in the Science Laboratory*

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## Arbor Day – 6 September



*The Head Prefect, Jordan Forssman, and Deputy Head Prefect, Matthew Ross, plant a wild peach (Kiggelaria africana), one of the trees of the year for 1996, on Arbor Day. Mr Norton delivered a talk about the role of trees in the environment*



# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## Parliament



### Parliament

**Back row:** Brandon Duffield, Rei Farinha, Anthony Quail, David Pierson, Adriano Iorio, Timothy O'Shea, Richard van Lienden, Jeffrey Ryan, Ian Busschau, Gary Geldenhuys, John Hilton

**Seated:** Matthew Ross, Rafiq Sarlie, Dennis Helyar, Mrs D Cameron, Jonathan Nel, Ian Acott, Dominic Busschau

Since its inception in 1989, Parliament has become a well-supported and thriving institution. Each house elects representatives from each standard, and the body is headed by a Prime Minister (the Head Boy) and Cabinet Ministers with portfolios (the Prefects). This year saw the introduction of Chief Whip.

Parliament provides a forum for the discussion of issues that affect the student body. These can range from the seemingly mundane decision about whether "Holy-Moleys" should be sold at the tuckshop, to the profundity of a debate regarding the legitimacy and validity of a peaceful march in solidarity with Catholic schools facing closure.

Whilst Parliament does not have executive powers, it does provide a very valuable function. Students may voice their opinions and suggestions for improving the daily running of the school. This leads to the development of a keen awareness of the "machinery" which drives a school, and the decision-making process within a democracy.

I thank my Prime Minister, Jordan Forssman, all my Cabinet Ministers for their support and contributions, and, in particular, Chief Whip, Batana Vundla, for his guidance and supervision. It has been my privilege and pleasure to be Madam Speaker this year.

DC

## SMILE

Our outreach programme, SMILE, has continued successfully this year. The success of the project relies on the kind favour and generosity of sponsors and the enthusiasm of the pupils who volunteer their services. Fortunately for us, both of these components are reliably entrenched and we salute them for their ongoing contributions to educational outreach into the community.

The project involves a number of primary schools in Alexandra. Approximately fifty-two Standard Three pupils are bused to St David's each Wednesday afternoon. Here they participate in an English oral communication skills programme. The benefit to pupils' language skills is remarkable.

Our Standard Eight and Nine pupils act as facilitators in this programme. Their enthusiasm and commitment is admirable. I would like to commend our boys for their generosity with their time and for making the programme a fun-filled, happy exercise.

My sincere thanks go to Joanne Hirschmann, Regional SMILE Co-ordinator, and SMILE teachers Vivienne Ezzey and Margie Shaw-Taylor. Lastly, and mostly, grateful thanks to my SMILE guides for doing a wonderful job.

DC



### SMILE Guides

**Back row:** Rei Farinha, Adam Treki, Keith Clover, Adriano Iorio, Jeffrey Ryan, Robert Morgan, Rui Jorge, Bruce Thomas

**Middle row:** John Hilton, Daryn Moore, Alfred Foden, Dale Horsten, Firaz Ahmed, Brendan Copestake, Adam Stocks, Daniel Wright

**Seated:** Ricardo Traver-de Sousa, Robin Yarham, Brandon Duffield, Mrs D Cameron, Alasdair Kelly, Paul Schoombie, Lloyd Eliot

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*When children for whom English is a second or third language change their medium of instruction from mother tongue to English, they encounter enormous difficulties. The SMILE programme tries to ease these difficulties. Here, in groups facilitated by the St David's SMILE guides, Std 3 pupils from primary schools in Alexandra enjoy oral activities such as learning rhymes, acting out plays and completing puzzles. Each week a different theme is followed.*



## The Dramatic Society 'Salad Days'

The play this year was a production of a musical by Dorothy Reynolds and Julian Slade. "Salad Days" does not have an intricate plot, nor characters who are highly developed. A number of the songs are highly accessible, and people went away humming them.

A positive aspect of this year's production was the involvement of a number of girls from Brescia House – they brought a new excitement to the play, particularly for some of the cast.

As always the enthusiasm of the boys was not confined to the stage; many were involved in backstage work, while an able team worked on the set.

The production of "Salad Days" was my seventh for St David's. I have always been impressed by the wealth of dramatic talent possessed by our boys. I hope that Drama, as with all things cultural, will develop from strength to strength.

*Richard J Girdwood*



**Art students painting the backdrop for 'Salad Days'**



**Dramatic Society Musical – 'Salad Days'**  
**Back row:** Rei Farinha, Anthony Quail, Timothy O'Shea, David Pierson, Jeffrey Ryan, Daryn Moore  
**Middle row:** Brandon Duffield, Michael Murray, Dominic Busschau, Richard van Lienden, Ian Acott, Gary Geldenhuys, Adam Stocks  
**Seated:** Ross McKay, Jonathan Nel, Mrs D Cameron, Mr R Girdwood, Mr D Trollope, Rafiq Sarlie, Matthew Ross





*The male cast of 'Salad Days'*



*The Brescia House girls who joined us for 'Salad Days'*

## The Inter-House Plays Festival

The format of the festival changed this year to accommodate a junior and a senior section, held on two consecutive evenings. This was done to allow a greater number of boys the opportunity to be exposed to and to participate in the plays. It also offers more boys the chance to try their hands at producing. The junior section provided some entertaining performances and thought-provoking plays.

It was particularly exciting to have an original play produced. The Osmond play, *Snow White and the Seven Boers*, was written by Jonathan Nel and John Hilton. The old fairy tale was revitalised and modernised in a local South African context. This play, ably directed by Alasdair Kelly and Ronald Abvaje, won the award for Best Costume and was declared the Winning Play.

Adriano Iorio, of College, won Best Producer for his production of *Shirts* by JAS Coppard. His production showed a sensitive appreciation of the demands of this genre of play. It was imaginatively and effectively staged. A delightful performance was given by Irvine Lehloo as the "nerd". An equally sustained and entertaining cameo performance came from Andrew Parker as a "Boer". These two boys shared the Best Supporting Actor award.

The Best Set was awarded to College and Alistair Holmes of Osmond garnered the Best Actor award for his stylish, northern suburbs *Snow White*.

All the boys who participated in the junior section are to be congratulated for their efforts. Now that they have been initiated, I anticipate that next year's Festival will yield an even higher standard. Certainly, the boys have learned the necessity for rehearsal and teamwork.



*The cast of 'Deep Cover' – Timothy O'Shea, Matt Ross, Jeffrey Ryan and Rafiq Sarlie (The Bishops)*

The standard in the senior section was reasonably high, but there was evidence of lack of preparation and the choice of script was sometimes over-ambitious. Commendations were made to Matt Ross for his polished performance as a CIA agent which won him the Best Actor award; to Gary Geldenhuys, Jeffrey Ryan and Rei Farinha for their amusing and sparkling cameo performances. The Bishops play, *Deep Cover*, was awarded Best Set. The South African *Nativity* was an adaptation by Jonathan Nel and John





*The cast of 'The South African Nativity' – the winning play from Osmond House*

Hilton and was a very slick and well rehearsed production. The adjudicators awarded it Winning Play of the evening. It also won the award for Best Producer which went to Jonathan Nel and John Hilton.

The cast of Abu Hassan Pays His Debts (College) enjoyed themselves. Batana Vundla was a particularly rascally character (type-casting, I wonder?). He gave a well sustained performance. This play won the Best Costume Award.

Benedict House undertook a production of Tom Stoppard's After Margritte, a play which proved to be too challenging for the cast. Whether the production is of a high standard or not, the learning experience is always a valuable one. The adjudicators commended all the boys for their efforts given the limitations of the Hall, acoustics and basic stage lighting at our disposal.

DC

## The Debating Society

Debating at St David's came along very nicely this year. We entered both the junior and senior sections of the King Edward VII league, where the debates are "friendlies", and also the SA Council for English Education league, which can become very competitive as it involves knock-out rounds leading to semi-finals and finals. Adjudicators awarded us roughly half of the debates we entered.

There are some keen and talented junior speakers who, with more experience and acquisition of debating technique (especially in summation), will become accomplished speakers. They included Ashley Kanter, Adam Stocks, Musi Skosana, Alistair Holmes, Michael Eilertsen, Grahame Finnemore and Peter Norton. Some memorable debates were "Television is the greatest deterrent to literacy" against Hyde Park, "The pursuit of happiness is pointless" against Jeppe Boys, and "Schooldays are the best days of your life" against St Teresa's, which included a lively floor debate which went on for almost half an hour. The rather disastrous debate against St

Andrew's in Bloemfontein, about whether that city should be the new capital of South Africa, the Debating Society disclaims any responsibility for!

Senior debates included, in the KES league, "New ideas improve the quality of life" against Wendywood, "Unhappy is the land which has no heroes" against Parktown Boys, "Owning a gun makes you safer" against Sacred Heart, and "Failure makes people cruel and bitter" against Jeppe Girls.

Daryl Emes, Adriano Iorio and John Hilton were regular members of a Standard Nine team, and Jonathan Nel, Rafiq Sarlie, David Pierson and Batana Vundla spoke in the Standard Ten team. Jonathan Nel and Rafiq Sarlie, in particular, had become accomplished and formidable speakers by the end of the season, well-versed in debating technique and procedure.

We didn't last beyond the first round of the SACEE league, where the motions debated were "Foreign Aid benefits primarily the benefactor" (against The King's School), "Hosting the Olympics will be of long-term benefit to South Africa" (against Parktown Girls) and "Personal ideals should take precedence over public duty" (against Sandown).

A pleasing aspect of this year's debating was the faithful group of mostly Standard Eight boys who came along as members of the floor. They came not only because they liked meeting girls, but also because they enjoyed the cut and thrust of debating, and the growth in some of them (and the same can be said for the debaters) was remarkable – at first gawky and not making too much sense, some of them became quite adept at standing up and confidently making points and putting challenging questions to the speakers.

When it comes to producing articulate, intelligent, thinking, informed young people, knowledgeable about the issues of the day and what constitutes a valid argument, there can be no more worthwhile activity than debating.



### The Debating Society

**Back row:** Musi Skosana, Grahame Finnemore, Rei Farinha, Adriano Iorio, Jeffrey Ryan, David Pierson, Adam Stocks, Ashley Kanter

**Seated:** John Hilton, Jonathan Nel, Mr N Mitchell, Mrs D Cameron, Rafiq Sarlie, Daryl Emes



# Oratory

Every year the school enters teams in the Guild of Speech and Drama Teachers' High Schools Public Speaking Festival. Our teams generally work hard at their speeches, and the teamwork required brings out a variety of skills which will be of benefit to the boys in later life.

As Oral Communication forms part of the public examination, all the boys have to participate in the oral programme during their English lessons. The School Oral Examination was again a part of the final exam for all standards this year.

*RJ Girdwood*



## Oratory

**Back row:** Paul Edkins, Rei Farinha, Adriano Iorio, Timothy O'Shea, Jeffrey Ryan, John Hilton

**Middle row:** Grahame Finnemore, Ashley Kanter, Marco Lopes, Robert Tait, David Pierson, Ian Acott, Gary Geldenhuys, Adam Stocks

**Seated:** Ricardo Traver-de Sousa, Rafiq Sarlie, Mr R Smith, Mr R Girdwood, Mrs D Cameron, Jonathan Nel, Daryl Emes

*The junior team from The Bishops – Bevan Winderley, Alan Mills, Michael Schafer and Kyle Wales – won the Forum Trophy for their presentation on “It is better to let nature take her course” at the Inter-House Oratory Evening in the Auditorium on 9 September*



*The Osmond senior Oratory team – Gary Geldenhuys, Jonathan Nel, Adam Stocks and Robert Morgan – were awarded the Senate Trophy for their stylish but not altogether sincere presentation on the saying of Oscar Wilde, “In matters of grave importance it is style rather than sincerity that is vital”*

*The Standard Eight oratory team hard at work in the library researching their topic “Basic Instincts” for their presentation at the Guild of Speech and Drama Teachers' High Schools Public Speaking Festival. Gary Geldenhuys, Ricardo Traver-de Sousa, Robert Tait and Adam Stocks were awarded an “A” symbol*





# Book Quiz



**Reading is fun! Daniel Wright, Bruce Thomas, Adam Stocks, Greg-Ross Munro, Irvine Lehloo, Sean Deller, Kyle Wales and Glenn Smith prepare for the annual Book Quiz against St Teresa's Convent**

This year the book quiz held between St David's and St Teresa's comprised a Standard Six and Seven quiz as well as a Standard Eight quiz.

All of the participants were expected to read ten books and two teams were then quizzed on what they had read. The books were carefully chosen so that they would appeal to both sexes and expose the contestants to a wide variety of reading which included science fiction, South African novels and non-fiction.

St David's established their superiority in the senior contest and won convincingly by eight points. The junior contest, for which the trophy is fought, was a different matter for the boys, as it was St Teresa's who emerged the victors. This is the second successive year that the boys have been trounced and they threaten to come back with a vengeance next year to reclaim the trophy.

The quiz was held at St David's, with Mr Sulter as quizmaster.

*NMS*

# The Canoe Club

During the last term of 1995, Mr Willem van der Merwe started a "Canoe Club" as one of the Friday afternoon activities, with 25 boys involved. As canoeing is a difficult sport to master, most boys dropped out. Of those still participating, Wayne Collett, Alfred Foden and Shaun Levick pursued the sport with enthusiasm.

These boys so enjoyed the sport, that at the commencement of the first term in 1996, they trained tremendously hard for the SA Schools' Championships, which were held in Knysna during the April holidays. Mr van der Merwe accompanied these boys as well as juniors from the Dabulamansi Canoe Club at Emmarentia Dam to Knysna. Wayne, Alfred and Shaun did extremely well in these championships, especially considering that they were competing against pupils from schools all over the country, most of whom had started canoeing at the age of 11 or 12.



**Wayne Collett, Alfred Foden, Shaun Levick and a canoeist from KwaZulu-Natal at the SA Schools Championships in Knysna**

During the course of 1996, Nicolaas Alberts, Rui Jorge, Nicholas Emmanuel and Ricardo Traver-de Sousa also joined this activity and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Shaun Levick and Alfred Foden were selected to represent the Gauteng Canoe Union at the South African Sprint Championships held on 24-26 May, at the Roodeplaat Dam. Again these boys did well, coming sixth in the K2-500 metre sprint. Both Alfred and Shaun enjoyed the experience gained.

Shaun Levick then took to River Racing and has participated in numerous marathon events this season, including the Barrage-van Heerdens Marathon (in which he was placed 3rd Junior) and in the SA K2 Marathon (Fish River Canoe Race) held in Cradock on 4 and 5 October. Shaun felt this Marathon was the most wonderful experience and looks forward to participating in 1997. Our congratulations go to Shaun and to Mr van der Merwe, who bettered his personal time in this Marathon.

*Graham McMillan*



**Shaun Levick after the 200m sprint at the SA Sprint Championships at Roodeplaat Dam**

On behalf of all the boys involved in canoeing, I would like to thank Mr van der Merwe most sincerely for his tremendous encouragement and enthusiasm in getting us involved in this terrific and exciting sport. We really are most grateful for the time and effort he has put in, including lifting us to and from Emmarentia Dam on Friday afternoons and to other venues on Saturdays.

*Shaun Levick*



# The Trout-Fishing Club

Fishing is a strange activity, in that one's attitudes determine how much one learns from the multitude of interactions and experiences of others. The novice fisherman is a good student, always willing to listen to older, more experienced fishermen. Once a fish is caught, the novice suddenly becomes an expert, with others flocking to see what was used to catch the fish. Those who have not yet caught anything become convinced that all the fish are there, waiting to take up baited hooks or lures. It is perhaps this sudden transition from novice to expert that encourages most youngsters to come back time and again to test their skills.



**Michael Ward with the rainbow trout he caught on the post-matric excursion to Dullstroom**

St David's Fishing Club is not an elitist fly-fishing fraternity who boast of giant fish caught with self-tied flies. This is not to say that big fish are not caught or that some of our pupils do not tie their own flies. In fact some of our Prep pupils tie exceptionally good flies and sell these to our staff. Certain flies are used time and time again by our pupils who fish confidently with flies like the Woolly Worm and the Golden Ribbed Hare's Eared Nymph weighted with a brass head. The most important consideration, I believe, is that we need to develop a respect for our environment and the organisms that live in it. Is it not more important for a young boy to understand why man hunts fish, his position in the food chain and that the death of a fish should mean life for the hunter?

Numerous outings to Footloose Trout Farm and Rainbow Trout Farm enabled our pupils to catch many rainbow trout, carp and catfish. Many pupils who started off using bait have since realised that it is much more fun to use a fly rod and flies. This year many more Prep pupils have gone fishing than before. The Post-Matrices spent a weekend at Dullstroom with some of our staff. This was a very rewarding experience for most of them.

Many restful hours have been spent fishing, chatting, sometimes catching fish and sometimes not. The popularity of this activity certainly indicates that our pupils have often enjoyed many Friday afternoons.

*GM Norton*

# The Matric Dance



## Matric Dance Committee

**Back row:** *Rei Farinha, Keith Clover, Shaun Levick, Adriano Iorio, Timothy O'Shea, Adrian Nel, Sean Lane, Jeffrey Ryan, Ian Terbrugge*

**Middle row:** *Adam Treki, Shaun Zuccolotto, Darryl Anderson, Alfred Foden, Dale Horsten, Ahmed Firaz, Brendan Copestake, Robert Morgan, Robin Yarham*

**Seated:** *Grant Brown, Shaun Zuccolotto, Brandon Duffield, John Hilton, Alasdair Kelly, Paul Schoombie, Lloyd Eliot*

On the evening of Friday the 13th of September, a myriad of motor vehicles began delivering dress suit-clad young gentlemen to the Wanderers Club, on their arms a bevy of beautiful young ladies dressed to kill.

The 1996 Matric Dance was an event organised with much enthusiasm from beginning to end, and in no way did the Standard Nine boys allow superstition to interfere with their eagerness to

make the evening memorable for all there, whether in body or spirit!

The dance committee was spearheaded by Dimitri Tsaperas, John Hilton, Ronald Abvajee, Alasdair Kelly and Adrian Nel. Without the inspiration and encouragement of these boys the others would not have been able to do their utmost in arranging the evening. Preparation began in February for a date in September, eight months hence. Our fundraising endeavours proved most suc-



cessful, as a surplus amount was raised. Every boy involved himself in one activity or another and although the high financial goal we had set seemed impossible to reach, this did not dishearten any boy in the slightest but inspired everyone to work harder at their goal.

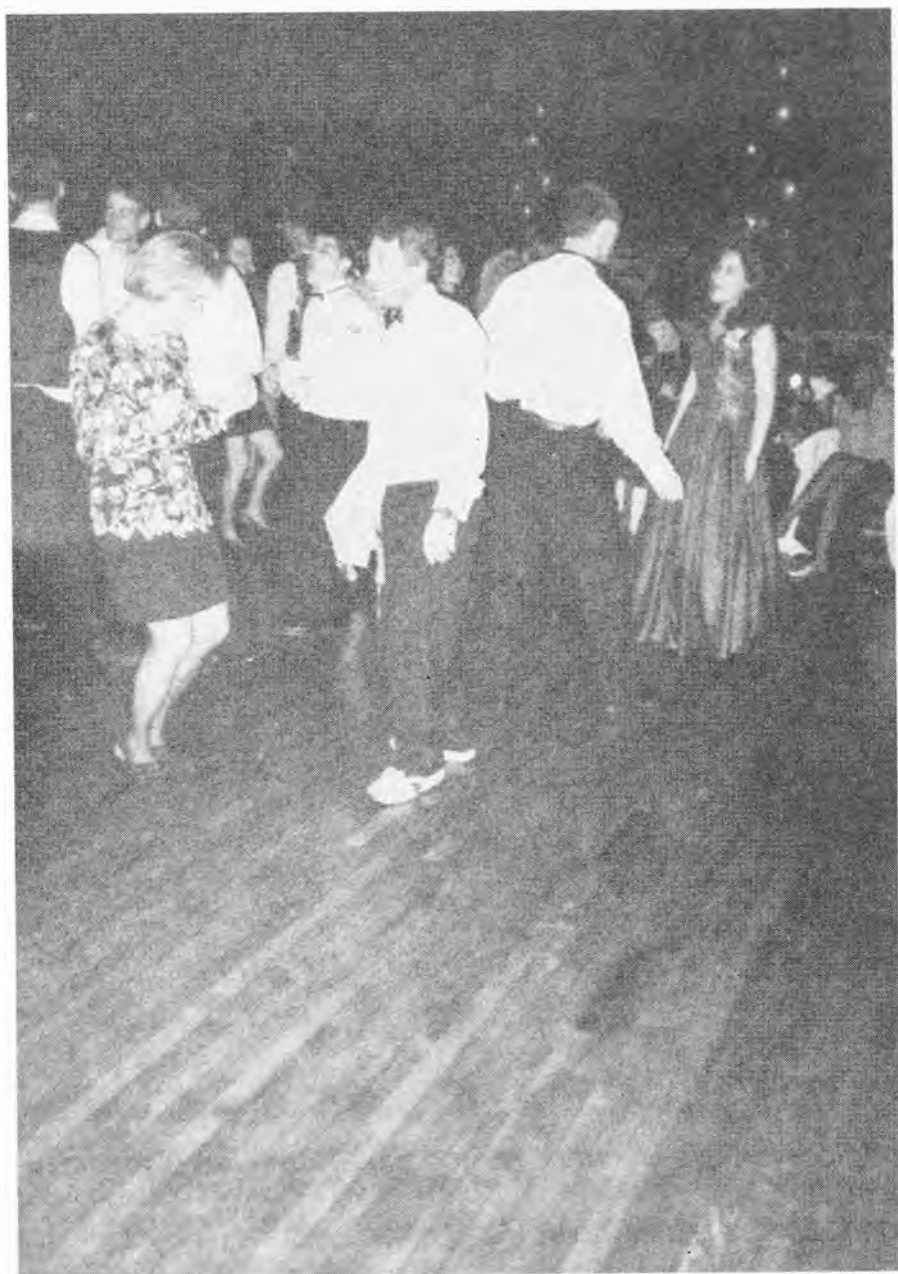
The theme was chosen by coincidence, whereby the only available date that The Wanderers could allocate to us was a Friday the 13th. We used the superstition associated with this date to make the evening a spectacular event in everyone's eyes. The colour scheme was chosen so as not to offend superstitious people, but to still have the Marist colours. Blue, yellow, black and white were used on the tables and in the decoration of the hall and foyer.

Invited guests were Mr and Mrs T Wilkinson, Fr B Brewer, Mr and Mrs R Smith and Mr and Mrs C Busschau. I would like to thank them for their support on the evening. Another vote of thanks goes to the Standard Eight boys who were waiters on the evening.

Finally, thank you to the Standard Nine mothers, and Mrs Evette Snyman, without whose help we could not have organized such a professionally run evening.

*John Hilton*

*Secretary, 1996 Dance Committee*





# Literary Section

## The piece of paper in front of me

It is as empty as a new-born life, waiting to be filled with whatever we make of it. It stares back at me open-eyed, the blue lines forming endless boundaries of literature. The margin is a starting point. There is no end. Like life, you can make whatever you want out of the page.

*Evan Dall 6M*

## A lazy Sunday afternoon braaivleis

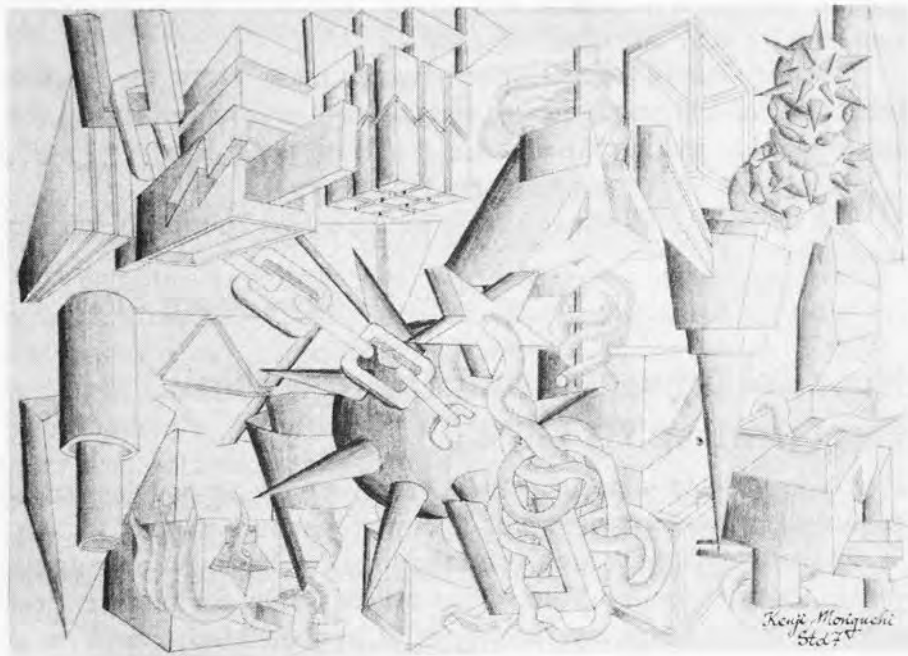
The smoke streams from the braai, slowly spiralling and twisting up to the heavens. The neat little coal pyramid collapses like a card castle, exposing the red-hot embers. The smell of blossoms and soft smoke fills the air. A small breeze comes up over the coals. Little red sparks are ejected. Psssss! The meat touches the braai and sizzles like a swarm of angry honey bees. After a while, the meat is ready. Slowly the knife glides through the steak, the soft juicy tender steak, and I lift it to my lips.

*Miklos Szecsei 6B*

## A Sunday afternoon braaivleis

Every Sunday afternoon my dad and I pull out the braai, the charcoal and the firelighters. I guess it has become a ritual in our household. I look forward to our Sunday braais. I love the aroma of the red-hot coals, burning away in the little furnace. When the fire has calmed down, we get our heavily marinated braai meat, and bring it for the slaughter. The wet, silky texture of the meat makes it sizzle away. It creates the sound a snake makes before it strikes. The sound sends shivers down my spine. After the meat is cooked to a turn, we remove it from the almost dead coals. We eat it slowly and enjoy every bite of the succulent, tender meat.

*Andrew Parker 6B*



## The Beauty

Two eyes gaze upon the untouched beauty of a rose. The mind behind the eyes wonders in thought of how pleasant the rose would look in a glass vase on his living room table. Then a thought comes rushing into this mind – is it worth touching the untouched? The thought fades away into a dark oblivion.

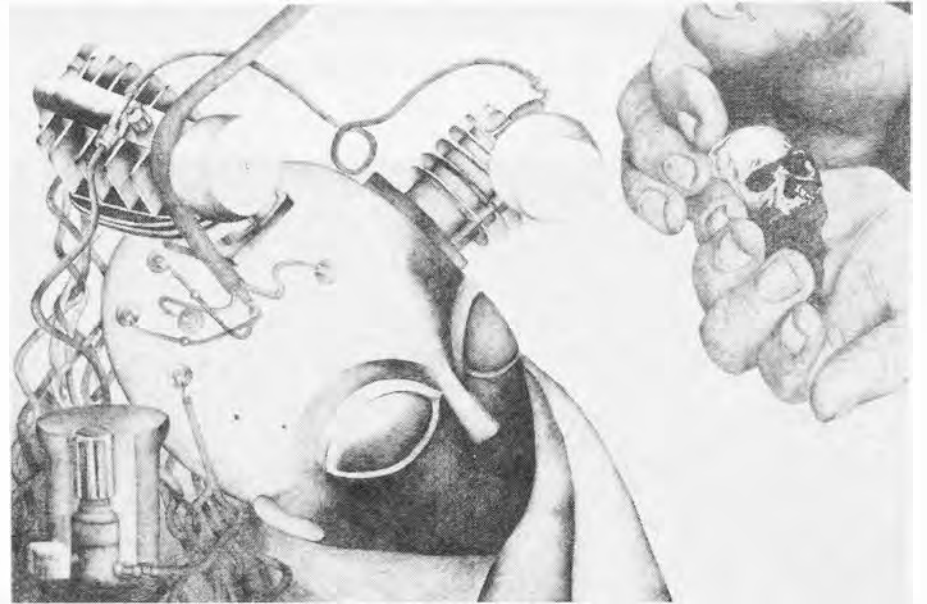
A hand reaches out to grasp the rose. The rose is surrounded; there is no way out, or so it seems; but the rose remains in the ground; this person will regret this day. The pain of the thorn lasts only for a few seconds, but the memory of the rose will remain for a lifetime. He has learned his lesson.

*Dean Bauer 6J*

## Eshowe

The valleys are deep and wide with trees rustling in the midday breeze. A little river rushes past over the stones worn smooth after many years. You have to follow that river over boulders and soft damp sand, until you get to the waterfall running over a ledge marked by a boulder split in half. Go down a twisted path lined with trees gnarled with age. Trees seem to be moving, creeping up to you with their long, entwined arms. When you get down to the base of the waterfall you will see a strip of flat stone about sixteen metres long at a forty degree angle. It is there that the sluggish water turns into a raging white torrent leading into a bigger body of water. It is there that I love to go where I can listen to the birds and the water gurgling, unpolluted and tranquil.

*Wilf Exton 6B*



## A walk through the veld after the rain

This must be one of the most reviving things you can do. As you take your first step onto the lush, moist surface, you can hear the smallest little twig crack. Take a deep breath. There is nothing in the world more pure than what you have just breathed in. Look around you. The small specks of water on the bright green leaves are almost blinding. Reach out and touch something. Feel the moisture on it. Then touch yourself. It brings souls back to life. Listen very carefully, you can hear all the little creatures coming out to get their share of this little heaven.

*Andrew Parker 6B*

## Judgement Day

The sparrow eyes the ground with the excellent vision God gave it. Who else could create this wonder of the world, the bird. It sees its victim, dives through the trees, dodging, manoeuvring and passing through the branches at high speed. Finally the prey is sighted, but to the bird's dismay it is not what it expected and once again the bird, tired and disappointed, climbs to the sky to look for its next victim.

*Fabio Valente 6M*

## The classroom's blackboard

Used and abused, thought of, then forgotten, it stands there, with white scribbles on it. It has been used over the years, used for momentous occasions and sad ones alike. It is divided by a great line, making two separate boards where the remains of old writing can be seen in swirling blurs of chalk. Some of the writing on the board has more meaning than just writing. It stands for a while, then is copied, recited and destroyed.

*Ross Weedon 6C*



## The Dustbin

A pot-pourri of fetid smells swirls up my nostrils as I open the dustbin. I peer over from above and I can see caked, rotting goo clinging to the lips of the bin, forming a black-brown stain. A lone piece of plastic protrudes beyond the vile mess, while a brave fly lands on the malodorous, almost-empty can of cat food. The bin is packed almost to the brim with damp trash. I grab a paper serviette and shift a box of eggs, only to reveal the rotting remains of Saturday's dinner.

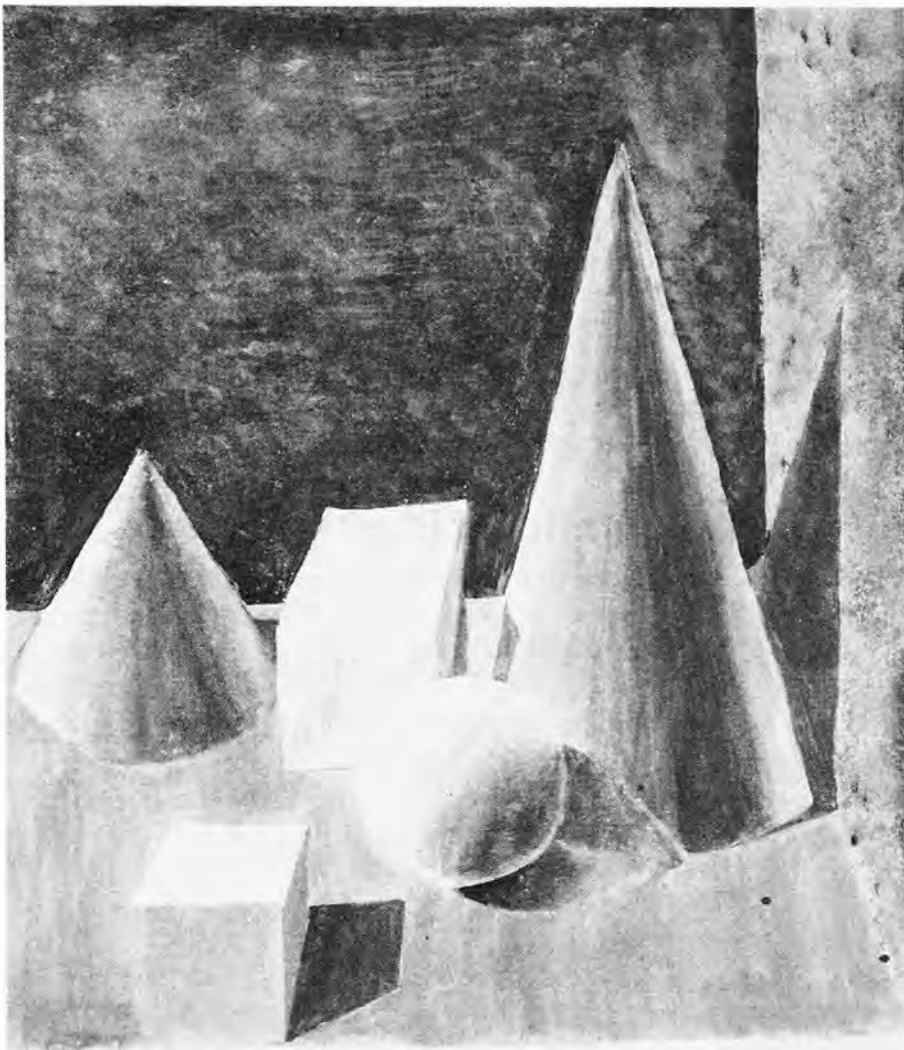
I close the dustbin and walk off feeling slightly nauseous.

*David Duarte 6J*

## Old Age

A youthful puppy is playing in the garden. It is looked after and fed with loving care. The puppy is full of strength and vitality. The puppy is flawless and admired. Now years have gone by and the once-puppy, flawless, full of strength and vitality is no longer. Now it is lying in the garden oblivious to the passing days. It watches its master who it has looked after and protected all its life. The master calls. It responds faithfully and joyfully only to be pushed into a car and driven away.

*Wilf Exton 6B*



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## The Mask

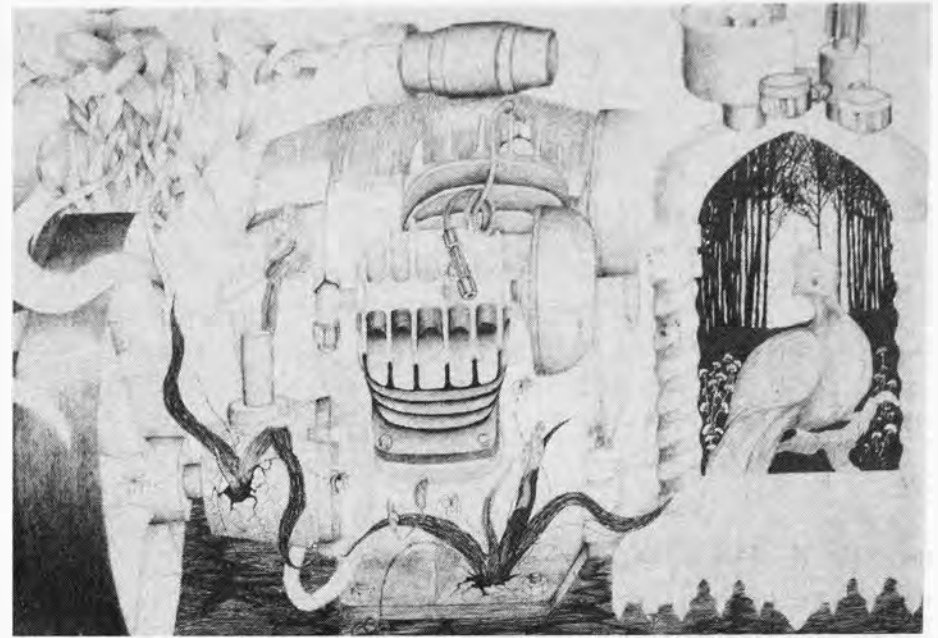
He stands alone on the pavement.

His face is protected by a mask. His facade is complete. Nothing can betray him.

He and I are engulfed in our private worlds. We cannot infiltrate each other's solitude and will never know or comprehend what happens behind the other's mask.

The grey, cold pavement is his stage. He acts out his scenes, silently. His hands beat relentlessly against invisible impediments. A few people stand silently, interested yet detached. He acts out his own imprisonment and torment, calling mutely for help, but none is given.

My mask slips silently with emotion as I stare at the reflection of my life. The man in his despair has reached out and touched my soul.



People scuttle by, each on his private mission, his thoughts and feelings dictated by society's values.

My actor and I are alone. The few who had hesitated for a moment have fled to embrace the correctness of society and its shallow values, leaving me behind.

I clear my wallet, and drop the coins into his hungry can. I gaze into his hopeless eyes. He looks back with bewilderment.

In deep thought I walk away, and search my soul for a decision. I stumble and from my inner depths I reach a conclusion.

I discard my mask: emotion engulfs me. I am vulnerable. Fear overcomes me. I am no longer in control.

I reach out for my protector, my mask. It conceals me. I am secure again. No one can touch me.

*Shaun Falconer 6J*

## How To Swat a Fly

Reach for a fly swatter and pick it up. The large wire-mesh head should be facing upwards. Your hand should be at the bottom of the swatter, gripping it tightly so as not to lose it in the mad rush that may follow.

Look around the room for your icky nemesis. When you have seen it, wait for it to land, if it is flying. Stealthily, but also quietly, sneak up on your unsuspecting victim.

Lift the swatter a little higher than your ear. Draw the swatter back a little, take careful aim, and as hard as you can, bring the swatter down, making the wire mesh side hit the fly.

Now draw back your hand and the swatter.

Put the swatter down and clean up the mess. Your problems are now over.

*David Duarte 6J*

## How To Drive a Small Orange Mini, Registration BTY674T

First you have to persuade parents to give you driving lesson. If unsuccessful, make mother a good cup of tea (sure winner!)

If successful, walk around mother jingling keys. Propel mother gently towards orange Mini. Open driver's door for mother. Seat yourself in passenger seat and smile at mother. Mother will drive you to closest open field (primary school soccer field). On arrival listen attentively to lecture on the dangers of driving. Smile and nod in agreement with mother.

Do not rush mother, or driving lesson will be cancelled. Switch seats with mother. Promise not to go too fast. Insert key into ignition of Mini. Dry sweaty palms without mother noticing.

Adjust rear-view mirror and check for zits. Ensure gear lever is in neutral position. Turn key to start motor. Dry very sweaty palms.

Push clutch pedal down with left foot and put car in first gear with left hand. Hold steering wheel with both hands. Swallow saliva in mouth to avoid choking.

Mother will instruct you to push accelerator down, while slowly lifting left foot of clutch.

Pretend to understand.

Carry out mother's instructions. Car will jerk violently forward



and stall. Begin to cough loudly hoping that mother will think that coughing fit caused stall. Continue to cough to convince mother. Mother will repeat instructions. Pretend to understand once more.

Keep large loud sneeze handy in case car stalls again.

After jerky start car will move forward. Your eyes will light up with evil glint. Mother will hang onto seatbelt, place a foot on the dashboard and will repeatedly scream "SLOW DOWN!" Engine will scream for mercy, mother will scream for second gear and you will scream for more.

*Michael Eilertsen 6C*



## My Father's Eyes

My father's hazy blue eyes are alert, watchful and loving. Sometimes I sit and look at his eyes as they take in the world and nature around him. I wonder what number of things those wise eyes have seen. I think of the good things and the bad things, the happy and sad moments and wonder what else. Through the border war, scoring the winning try, crunching the opposition in a tackle. His children's births and, sadly, his father's death. It is a pity I have to see the bad things as well as the good. It makes me feel good and safe to have those watchful, loving eyes to look after me.

*Michael Rowley 6M*

## My School Desk

Scratched, old and well-used are only a few of the many thoughts that come to mind when I think of my old school desk.

When the school bell rings there is a rush of pupils each trying to find his own desk, easily identified by the original, hastily-scribbled masterpieces. I would be most surprised if anyone could decipher these modern-day hieroglyphics! My desk is also used as the "gum dustbin" – how revolting! Have you ever run your fingers under a school desk and been unlucky enough to find yourself stuck to it by soft, sticky, well-chewed gum which probably was deposited there the lesson before? Or have you felt the hard, stale and germ-ridden gum which has probably been there for the past year or more.

Even though my desk is battered, it has many uses. It is solid and reliable. It even provides a certain comfort for me. Next time you come across an old school desk, try to think a little differently about it. It's not just a plank of old wood. It has endured a lot more than you and I.

*Thomas Garden 6B*

## Fishing

As I watch my float it becomes alive. It starts to jump around. I wait patiently. Suddenly it disappears. The rod bends in half. I feel the fish fighting for its life. I hear the reel scream as the fish swims for cover. Suddenly the rod stands straight. All is over. I drop my rod, in bad temper. I hear the reel crack as it hits the rock. I do not look down.

*Tristan Wood 6C*

## My Grandfather's Hand

My grandfather's hand has held so many objects. I look at his fingerprints. They are like little ripples in a wide open expanse of water. His fingerprints have been worn down by old age as well as from handling so many things. His hand is chubby with overgrown skin. His hand looks like a glove which is too big for him. His skin is wrinkly, and where the joints in his fingers are, the skin is very creased. His hand has hair on it, looking like a gorilla's hand. His nails are perfectly cut and very clean. His palm is bald. His hand is like a cushion and his skin is as smooth as a baby's bottom. When he aims to pick up an object, it is difficult, for his hand is shaky. His veins bulge like a little mountain range.

*Justin Lemm 6B*

## My Old School Shoe

My old school shoe lying at the back of my cupboard is like a forgotten piece of existence. Inside the cupboard, in the darkest, gloomiest place, it lies there shrouded in a mist. Its soul seems locked away forever – perhaps even dead. What memories it holds, long past and forgotten. My tramples and failures are locked inside its soul. It's a fitting resting place for my little old shoe.

*Michael Paxinos 6J*

## Recollections of my Old Boot

The other day when I was tidying out my shoe cupboard, I found, to my amazement, in the dark corner under my golf shoes, a size five hiking boot. Memories flooded back – how could I have forgotten my faithful friends – and where was the other boot? I picked up the neglected boot and remembered...

The excitement of buying my first pair of hiking boots, a rich black – the colour I always wanted. My feet slipping into the boot, secure and safe. The fresh smell of the shoe, the thick rubber tread. I felt so tall (about two centimetres taller than usual). The gold lettering of Protouch was embossed on the top of the tongue of the boot. The smooth, velvety look of the boot interrupted by the shiny







black leather (plastic) strip that ran from above the heel down the front of the boot. Shiny brass hooks ran up the boot and fastened way up my ankle, and the laces were sleek, black like long pieces of liquorice.

I smile, remembering wearing them so proudly to dinner in a restaurant – knowing I was so “cool” – leaving the top hooks undone – being dead casual – the rich gold label of Protouch hanging down the back of the

boot for everyone to notice. I remember the devastation at being forbidden to wear them on the beach when I was on holiday.

We hiked together. My friends were a part of me. My companions never gave me a hard time, and were always there when I wanted them.

I jolt back to the present and gaze down at the one forlorn, shabby shoe. The plastic above the heel is now dull and ripped in a couple of places. The gold name that stood out so proudly on the tongue is hardly recognisable. The smooth black suede of the shoe, now a dirty grey colour. Some of the hooks are no longer visible, just replaced by gaping holes. The laces are frayed and filthy. The sole is worn and smooth. Bent and buckled, the boot is now an out-cast.

I hesitate ... no, I can't throw it away. I grab a rag and clean my loyal, old friend and put him carefully back in the front of the cupboard.

*Shaun Falconer 6J*

## The Kitchen

The kitchen is a place of hurry and confusion. People rush in and out, leaving the floor like a child's stamp book. The tiled floor races across the room until it reaches the end, as if to escape the chaos. The walls are stained with oils and fats from nearly every meal prepared there. The stove is a place of wonder, a marvel in the mist, where all the boiling and bubbling takes place. Steam leaps from the little pots and rises up to dance around the room. It brings the air to life. Beautiful smells fill the atmosphere, turning it into a kind of rose garden. The cookie jar sits on the small wooden table, greased with children's hand marks. It sits there surrounded by a beach of firm little crumbs that make a crackling sound when you touch them. The kitchen is a friendly place, a place of many wonders. This is why it is my favourite place.

*Peter Joubert 6C*

## My Interview with Mr Fry

Mr Fry, our dedicated, thought-provoking, humorous, history teacher has baited my Standard 7B class for the majority of this year with titbits of his own history. I decided to make him my interviewee as this would be the ideal opportunity to really find out what lies behind the man who has fought in a battle, speaks several languages and has the amazing ability to rename a whole class of pupils.

Mr Fry is actually an Englishman as he was born in Portsmouth, England. I enquired about his early life and without hesitation he told me that he moved from England to South Africa at the early age of four. He started off his schooling career in the Cape at SACS and then moved on to an excellent high school, Marist Brothers Linmeyer (I say this mainly because of the name). After attending

classes at Marist Brothers, Mr Fry studied a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree at Wits followed by an honours degree at UNISA (I wonder whether this is where he was taught the art of renaming individuals?).

Mr Fry always brags in class that he has mastered seven languages but I am never too sure if he is over-exaggerating his linguistic skills. I proceeded to ask him how many languages he can speak. He started to chuckle to himself and he replied that he speaks English, Afrikaans and a little bit of French.

We moved on to discuss Mr Fry's war skirmishes and he willingly told me about his experiences in the army. I learnt that he was there for a year and that he did his border duty in SW Africa. I gathered that it was during this time in his life that he came to the conclusion that “war is so unnecessary”, a comment he often makes during our history lessons. Having covered his early life in fair detail, I questioned him on his previous teaching posts. Mr Fry has been teaching for many years, fourteen to be exact. His first post was at King Edward VII in 1982, where he remained for ten years. Next he had a three-year post at Hyde Park High and he is now presently ensconced at St David's Marist Brothers.

My following questions were aimed at finding out what Mr Fry does during his free time and what has been his most enjoyable experience. Knowing Mr Fry's personality, I waited in anticipation for the answers but I discovered that his hobbies are quite ordinary. He enjoys reading, playing tennis and golf. After some pondering he replied that his most enjoyable experience was an exciting three-week trip to Germany and England.

It was time to pose my final question, something which is frequently asked by many South Africans. Mr Fry quickly replied, without a moment's thought, that he prefers South Africa to England because of our great climate and cultural diversity.

From my interview with Mr Fry I have learnt that teachers have a social life beyond the school premises and that they may share the same interests as myself.

*Colin Thomas 7B*





## The Call

The anticipation is difficult to bear when you finally come to a decision about a girl; that's a big moment, a big step in the building of a relationship.

The indecision is probably the most difficult obstacle in the entire procedure. For example, you will be standing in the shower and it all seems so right, as if God had intended you two to be together. The confidence is overwhelming but as soon as you step out of the shower, the confidence goes down the drain with the water. But as soon as you pick up that phone, no matter how many times you have rehearsed what you are going to say, that same indecision returns.

The dialling tone sounds like the butterflies flapping their wings in your stomach. You push seven buttons and wait. Will it be engaged? Will someone have beaten me to her? No, it rings and feels like an eternity. Someone picks up and says, "Hello".

You reply, "Hello; please may I speak to Jane."

There's a pause and you hear, "Speaking".

All of a sudden your heart leaps and it is beating at one hundred miles an hour. You're afraid she might hear it.

"Hi! It's Brandon."

"Oh, hi Brandon, how are you?"

"Fine thanks, and you?" you say enthusiastically.

"I'm fine", she says.

You remember a few tips a friend gave you. Be cool but collected, popular but caring, always listen when she's talking, and never, never forget what she tells you.

You think of her crying at school for some reason and no-one seemed to know why,

so you ask, "I saw you crying at school today. Is anything or one bothering you?" Perfect opening line, you think; popular but caring.

"No, don't you worry about it," she replies.

"You're sure?" you say.

"Yes!" she exclaims.

You musn't beat about the bush, so you pop the question in a subtle way. "The real reason I phoned you is that ..." You hesitate. "There's a



dance on Saturday night, and I was wondering, if you weren't busy, if you would like to accompany me?"

There's a long silence and you imagine she's thinking up an answer - "I'll think about it", or "No, sorry, John has already asked me". You think of the nursery rhyme, "She loves me, she loves me not."

She replies, "Yes, I'd love to go to the dance with you."

Your heart leaps out of your chest and you feel exhilarated. "Okay," you reply, "I'll pick you up at seven thirty."

She responds, "Perfect. Maybe then I can tell you my problems." You say quickly, "I charge by the hour, you know." She laughs and means all the world to you.

"So I'll see you on Saturday then," she says with a note of excitement in her voice.

"Yes!" you reply.

"Bye," she says and you hear a click. You replace the receiver and scream "Yeeesss!" You run around the garden and when you finally trip and fall you still have the biggest smile on your face.

*Brandan Wustefeld-Janssens 8B*



## The Death of Samson

And then he appeared. It was true that this great man Samson was one of the strongest men in the world. He walked unequally and quite hesitantly as his eyes had been burnt out and he therefore couldn't see. There was a rumour going around that because his hair had been cut off in prison his strength would have been gone forever. However I had a strange feeling about this because his hair was now the same length as before - but I wasn't sure.

Three guards guided him to stand between two large pillars, so that everyone could mock and taunt him. Then I noticed Samson holding onto the two middle pillars and almost touching them all over. It was as if he was making sure that they were still there. Then I saw the great man starting to speak to himself and it looked like he could have been praying to God because of the pain and humiliation that he was in. Suddenly I heard a roar and then saw the pillars moving apart. I looked around and everyone was panicking. They screamed, "The palace is going to fall to the ground. Run for your lives."

*Nicholas Ranger 8B*

## A World Without Media

Two people were lying shivering under their only covering - a bearskin. They were on top of Mount Killimo, battling against the elements, waiting for the exact moment to jump up, hoping to take advantage of the element of surprise, to kill one. Just one. One of the many that scarred the white desert of snow that lay in front of them, endlessly.

Through the snowflakes that fell, Fuli, the younger of the two people, although with well-conditioned eyes, could just barely make out the line of advancing animals. The ground in this region was broken, but its contours were rapidly lessening as the bad weather set in, this time for good.

The two men were now sitting on the mountain, which faced the West, but their blue faces were still always looking towards the East. The animals, their only hope of survival, were advancing from that side.

Fuli and his companion stole quietly towards the edge of the cliff. Fuli was the first to jump down into the soft knee-deep snow. Fask, Fuli's companion, followed and quickly removed his ivory-tipped spear from its pouch.

They advanced stealthily towards the main group of





animals. The fur-covered animals took no notice of Fuli or Fask as they advanced. As soon as Fask got to within throwing distance, he took aim and threw, throwing not only for their food but also for their last chance of survival.

“Dad?”

“Yes?”

“Thanks for going to so much trouble to get this book for me. I mean, I didn’t want you to stand in such a long line and wait for two weeks before you could get it for me, from the archives and all.”

“Are you tired, or must I carry on reading?”

“Dad?”

“Huh?”

“Last night I had a dream about how awesome it was when we all sat down and watched this box thing. It was telling us the story. Plus it showed these really nice pictures at the same time.”

“Yes son, you are right. Such a box thing would be a spectacular thing to have.”

*Lloyd Eliot 9B*

## A World Without Media

According to the “Concise Oxford Dictionary” the media is the mass means of communication, especially newspapers and broadcasting, regarded collectively.

The main function of the media is to expose all the facts pertaining to a certain issue to the public. Often, however, a biased view is presented and usually accepted by those who do not question it. Thus the media has the power to influence the masses which can be seen in political intervention by government in the media.

A classic international example is that of Nazi Germany during World War Two. Hitler exploited the media in his propaganda cam-

paign and with its help became a fascist leader. With hindsight the question arises of whether or not the atrocities of this war would have happened had there been no media.

In South Africa the media has undergone radical changes over the past two years. This was necessary to enable the South African media to establish a reputation for factual reporting. Prior to the 27th of April 1994, it was state-controlled. Thus the Nationalists had full control over all publications, including their banning and censoring. With the full support of such a media the National Party was able to maintain power for decades.

The media played an important role in ensuring that the April 1994 elections were free and fair. Political parties had to be able to campaign from level playing fields. Poor education and limited political awareness were major stumbling blocks. Wide-scale educational programmes were launched. As voting was a first-time experience for the majority of the population, the voting process had to be advertised extensively to the masses. That the media succeeded in its efforts to establish an environment conducive to a free and fair election can be seen in the Independent Electoral Commission’s declaration that the election was indeed free and fair.

In the future we hope to see the international media stimulating world interest in South Africa and in so doing gaining international investment. Locally we hope that unbiased coverage of news items will maintain the transparency of the Government’s actions.

South Africa has travelled a long road over the past two years, a road that has led her to freedom. This achievement would have been impossible in a world without media.

*Adriano Iorio 9M*



**A familiar sight on the St David’s campus – Mr Julius Shibambu and his maintenance workers getting around on the tractor**

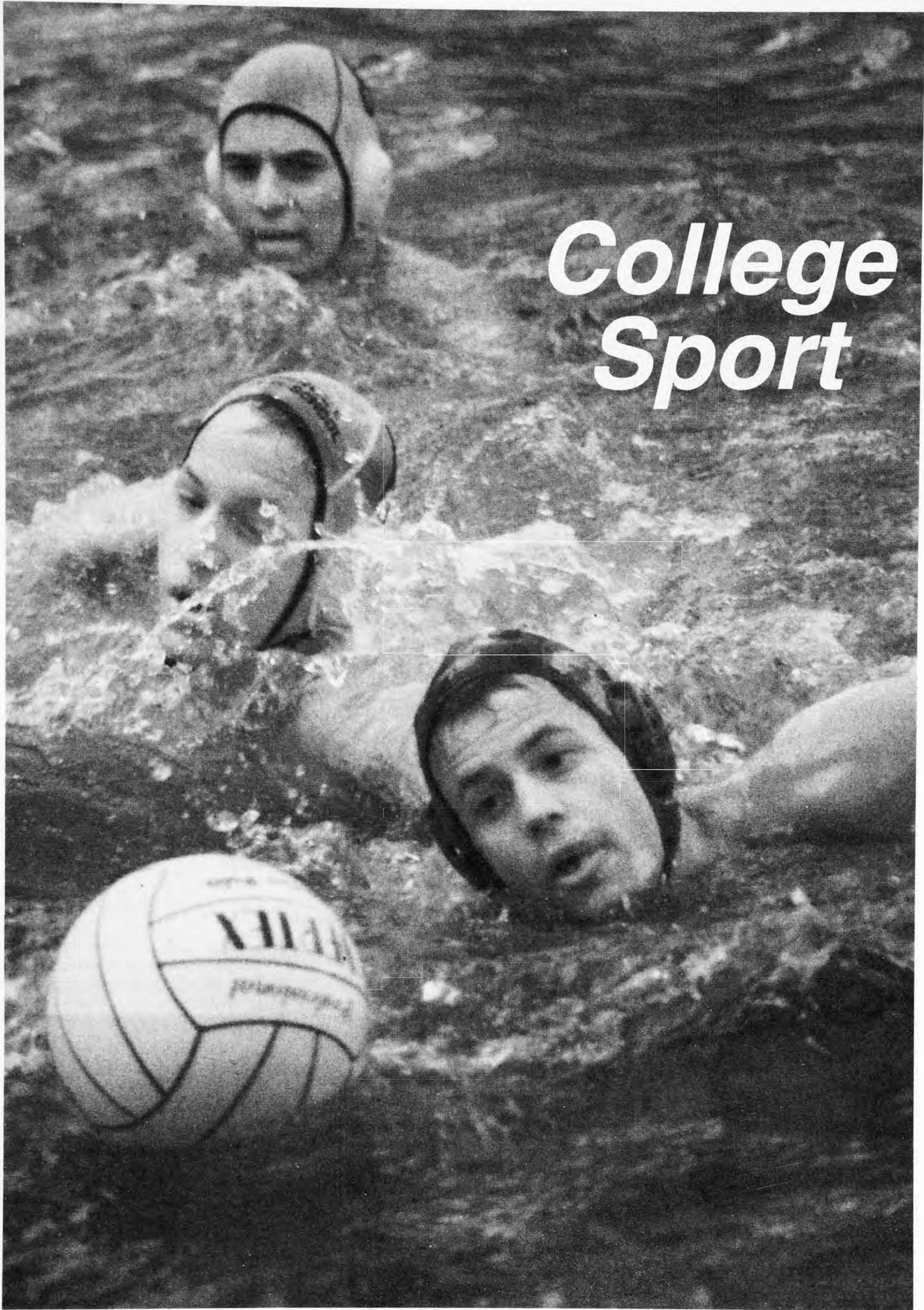


**On the coldest day of winter, when it all but snowed, classes were evacuated and everybody stood outside in the freezing cold for almost two hours while the police searched the buildings for a bomb. And we thought bomb-scares had ended with apartheid!**



**History being dismantled brick by brick as the kitchen chimney (it was once the kitchen of the boarders’ refectory) is demolished to make way for new classrooms and offices. “Development Plan 2000” has begun!**





# *College Sport*



# Athletics

The 1996 Athletics season saw boys being stretched to their limits, and being able to maintain good performances at their limit.

From year to year the athletics at St David's is on the upswing. A startling fact in proof of this is a staggering 224 Standards achieved and 36 records broken during the season – altogether an excellent performance.

Certain individuals put in outstanding performances. Ian Busschau was unbeaten in the Under 15 800m for the entire season (including the Private Schools Quad and the B Inter-High). James Turton extended his winning streak in the Under 16 Shot Put. In three years he has never been beaten. The last person to do this was the 1994 Head Prefect, Stephen Giuricich, also in Shot Put.

Kai Masterton led the Athletics team exceedingly well. He was always a shining example of what we expect of a St David's boy. Well done to Kai.

Mr W Craven, Mr G Behr and Mr G Kenyon have had a huge impact on the 1996 season. This all began in the last week of the August holidays, when they took the squad to the Potchefstroom University for an athletics camp. This camp was intensive and well-run. It set the standard to be maintained throughout the season. Most of the wonderful performances would not have been possible without their input.

*G McMillan*

## Colours for Athletics

### Half Colours

Batana Vundla

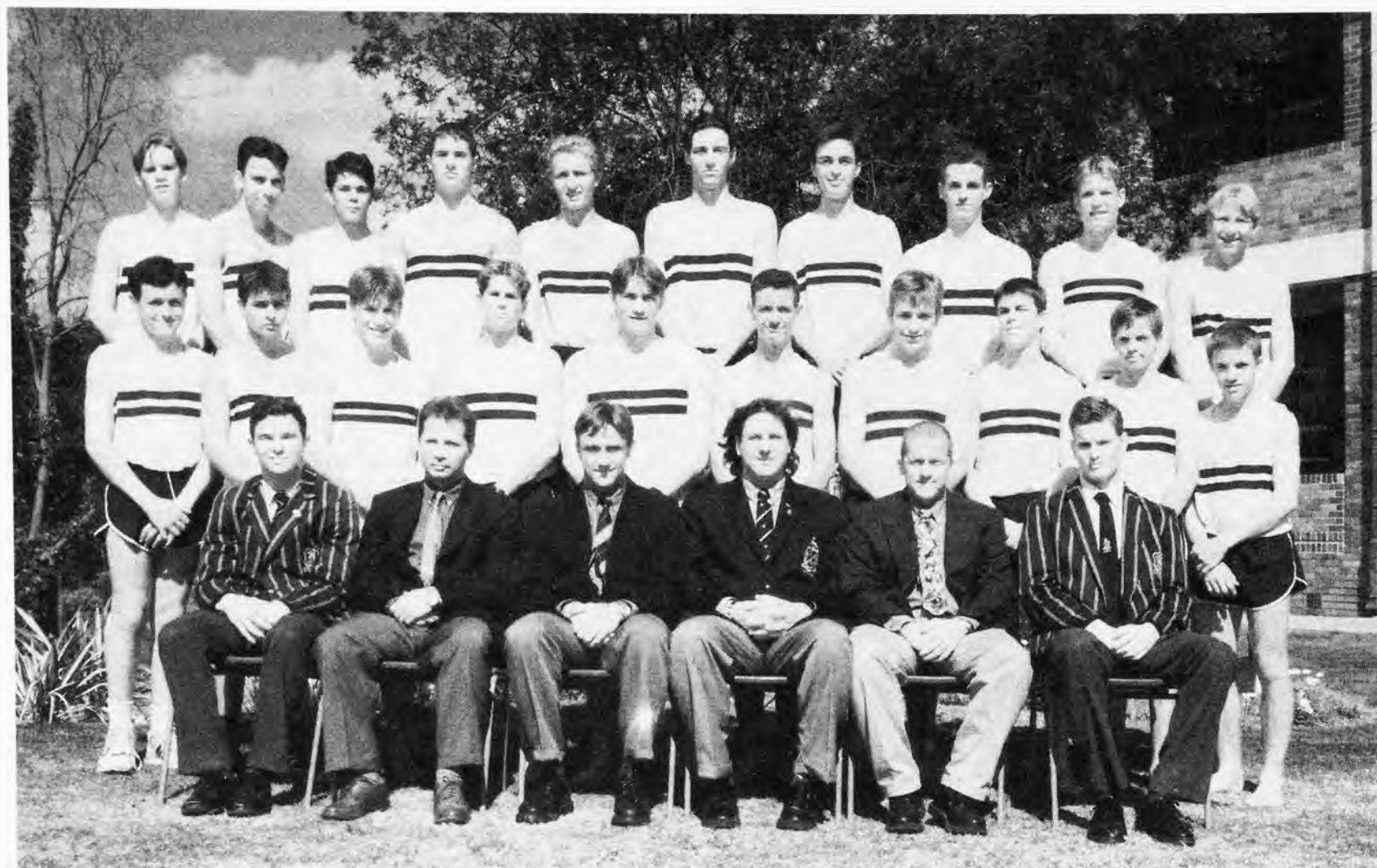
Warren Phillips

### Full Colours

Kai Masterton







### Athletics Team

**Back row:** Alasdair Kelly, Jeffrey Ryan, Craig Chandler, Luca Fiasconaro, Adrian Nel, Jonathan Nel, Timothy O'Shea, Dominic Busschau, Robert Tait, Grant Nel

**Middle row:** Bevan Glanville, Nicholas Ranger, Shaun Falconer, Gary Geldenhuys, Rei Farinha, Ian Busschau, Dale Bradbury, Brendan O'Shea, Douglas Cochrane, Rhys Davies

**Seated:** Matt Ross, Mr S Fry, Mr G Behr, Mr G McMillan, Mr G Pretorius, Anthony Quail

## Results

### 11 September – Triangular at St David's

1st	St Alban's	279.5
2nd	St David's	259
3rd	King Edward VII B	175.5

### 21 September – B Inter-High at St John's

1st	King Edward VII	302
2nd	St David's	297
3rd	St Alban's	293
4th	St Stithians	229
5th	Pretoria Boys	222
6th	St John's	177

### 25 September – Private Schools Quad

1st	St Stithians	358
2nd	St John's	355
3rd	St Alban's	172.5
4th	St David's	155.5

## Standards achieved during the season

### Under 14

F Valente	100m (2), 200m (3), 400m (2)
A Tennant	Javelin (4)
S Duve	100m (2), 200m (1)
B Moss	Discus (1)
M Marsay	400m (5), 800m (4)
A Munro	Javelin (3)
S Falconer	Discus (5), Shot Put (5), Javelin (1)
W Emmett	Long Jump (3)
B Winderley	800m (3), 1500m (5)
G Brennon	High Jump (4), 1500m (1)

G Nel	(Hurdles (2), High Jump (2), Triple Jump (2))
E Dall	1500m (2)
T Wood	High Jump (1)
A Mills	High Jump (1), Triple Jump (1)
B Glanville	Shot Put (4)
A Scott	High Jump (1)
J Bennett	Javelin (1)
R Davies	Long Jump (2)
S Maken	1500m (4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>

### Under 15

R Tait	200m (1), High Jump (3), Triple Jump (3)
J Tonetti	Shot Put (5)
I Busschau	800m (4), 1500m (4), Javelin (2)
W Bruns	Shot Put (3)
M Mageza	Long Jump (5), Triple Jump (3)
N Davies	Long Jump (1)
J Morte	Discus (4), Shot Put (2), Javelin (3)
J West	Shot Put (1)
D Archary	High Jump (1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

### Under 16

P Owens	100m (4), 200m (2), 400m (3), Hurdles (4), Long Jump (1)
L Fiasconaro	100m (2), Shot Put (2)
J Turton	Shot Put (5)
V van der Merwe	800m (5), 1500m (5)
G Geldenhuys	High Jump (3)
N Mahomed	High Jump (5), Hurdles (1)
R Hugo	Discus (2)
M Harrod	Javelin (1)
S Contardo	Discus (1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>





**Under 17**

- T O'Shea Hurdles (5), 300m Hurdles (1)
- R Farinha Discus (3), Shot Put (2)
- C Stockden High Jump (5), Triple Jump (1)
- A Iorio Shot Put (2)
- G Brown Shot Put (4)
- G Hutcheon 100m (2)
- R Abvajee Hurdles (1)
- A Kelly 1500m (3)
- A Nel 400m (1)
- K Clover 1500m (1)
- Total 31**

**Open**

- K Masterton 100m (3), 200m (1), Hurdles (4), High Jump (1)
- B Vundla 400m (2), 300m Hurdles (5)
- W Phillips High Jump (4), 300m Hurdles (1)
- J Nel High Jump (3)
- M Vassarotti Javelin (1)
- Total 25**

**Records Achieved**

**Under 14**

- B Winderley 1500m 4m 52.48s
- B Winderley 1500m 4m 47.31s
- M Marsay 400m 59.78s
- M Marsay 400m 57.75s
- M Marsay 800m 2m 15.85s
- S Falconer Discus 35.99m
- A Tennant Javelin 38.65m
- G Brennon High Jump 1.65m

**Under 15**

- I Busschau 800m 2m 15.3s
- I Busschau 800m 2m 11.3s
- I Busschau 1500m 4m 37.97s
- I Busschau Javelin 38.39m
- R Tait Triple Jump 11.57m
- R Tait Triple Jump 11.73m
- J Morte Discus 39.39m
- J Morte Javelin 43.12m
- M Mageza Long Jump 5.46m

**Under 16**

- P Owens 400m 55.53s
- P Owens 400m 55.39s
- P Owens 400m 53.59s
- V van der Merwe 800m 2m 10.5s
- J Turton Shot Put 12.46m
- J Turton Shot Put 13.01m
- J Turton Shot Put 13.20m
- R Hugo Discus 31.95m
- R Hugo Discus 32.73m
- N Mahomed High Jump 1.80m

**Under 17**

- R Farinha Discus 31.27m
- R Farinha Discus 33.28m
- G Brown Shot Put 11.46m
- G Brown Shot Put 11.52m
- R Farinha Shot Put 11.63m
- T O'Shea Hurdles 14.05s
- T O'Shea Hurdles 14.28s
- A Nel 400m 53.78s

**Open**

- B Vundla 300m Hurdles 41.09s



## Annual Inter-House Road Race 28 September

### House Results

1st	Benedict	4413
2nd	The Bishops	3953
3rd	Osmond	3567
4th	College	3051

### Individual Results

1st	B Winderley (The Bishops)	23m 57s
2nd	V van der Merwe (College)	24m 45s
3rd	R van Lienden (The Bishops)	



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# Basketball



## Junior Basketball Team

**Back row:** Thomas Chen, Mr S Makhaya, Marco Lopes, Carl Bredenoord, Kenji Moriguchi  
**Middle row:** Simpiwe Matshikwe, Luke Chandler, Radford Lai, Deane O'Haughey  
**In front:** Tshepo Monyemore

## Results

### 1 February, vs American International School

Junior 14-21  
Senior 33-85

### 8 February, vs Saheti

Junior 17-47  
Senior 26-49

### 21 February, vs King Edward VII

Junior 13-81  
Senior 28-149

### 12 March, vs Woodmead

Junior 6-52  
Senior 31-70

### 16 October, vs NEST Phuting

Junior 6-56  
Senior 12-55

### 23 October, vs Linden

Junior 10-38  
Senior 23-32

### 6 November, vs Chinese Kuo-Ting

Combined Junior and Senior 28-33

### 13 November, vs Woodmead

Combined Junior and Senior 19-47

Our basketball teams play against schools such as the American International School, Woodmead and Phuting, where there is a whole American-style basketball culture with all its attendant hype, and no rugby, swimming or cricket to dilute the focus on basketball. So our results are usually of the type which the Headmaster chooses not to read out at assembly, preferring to announce simply that we lost.

Nevertheless, and far more importantly, the boys who play basketball do so with great enjoyment, and their standard of play improved tremendously over the year. One skill that still needs a lot of development is actually dunking the ball – our scores would have been a lot higher if more such attempts had been successful.

In the first term the players were coached by Patrick Mitchell, a one-time student at St David's. In the third term, the league was re-organised in regions under the auspices of the Johannesburg Basketball Academy. They provided a knowledgeable young coach, Siphso Makhaya, who was very good at motivating the players. Our newly refurbished court meant that we could have home fixtures and not always have to travel a considerable distance to every match, as we had to in the first term.

Matthew Ross and Merriman Masuku were awarded half colours.





# Cricket

## First XI

The 1995/'96 cricket season will be remembered as a very successful season, as only three games of the sixteen were lost, two of them to St John's.



### First XI Cricket Team

**Back row:** Grant Hutcheon, Timothy O'Shea, Mario Lacueva, Charles Tomsett, Jonathan Morte, Dale Horsten, Darryl Anderson

**Seated:** Brandon Duffield, Dominic Busschau, Mr G McMillan, James O'Haughey, Jeffrey Ryan

The season started off very well with good wins against the Development side and Jeppe. We then had the better of a draw against St Alban's. Our first loss then came against Sandown, in a game that we really should have won. The draw against St John's was perhaps very lucky for us but all was forgotten as we totally outplayed Plumtree. In the next game against Bryanston the team really showed their true colours. With the scores tied at 128, Bryanston still had three wickets in hand. What followed was amazing as they lost their last three wickets without adding to their score. So we ended up winning as we had lost fewer wickets.

In the John Waite Knockout Competition, we lost in the quarter finals, which was very disappointing as later in the season we beat Randburg, who made the semi-finals of the tournament. The season finished with a tour to Potchefstroom where we did very well in beating Volkskool and having the better of a draw against Potchefstroom Boys.

During the season our batting often lacked one of our batsmen batting through an innings which resulted in a couple of batsmen getting into the twenties but not taking it further. But on the whole our top four performed very well. In the bowling department, we had a lot of depth but often lacked variety. Our opening bowlers, Chris Morte and Dominic Busschau, performed very well and Darryl Anderson backed them up time and time again.



**Michael Ward, Sandton Area Side captain, was awarded his Transvaal 'A' cap during the December 1995 Beckwith Week. Michael was the leading run scorer, his 103 not out being his highest**

On the whole, the team performed very well and can be proud of themselves. It was a great credit to them and the team that Michael Ward and Dominic Busschau made the Transvaal A and C teams respectively. Most of the side made the area side which shows how strong we are in our area. Another good sign was the number of younger players coming up, which should keep St David's cricket strong in the future.

*J O'Haughey  
Captain*

## Results – 1995/'96 Season

St David's 175 for 4  
Development 90 for 17  
Won

Jeppe 129 for 7  
St David's 130 for 5  
Won

St David's 248 for 7  
St Alban's 166 for 8  
Draw

Sandown 162 for 7  
St David's 158 for 7  
Lost

St David's 195 for 9  
St John's 231 for 7  
Draw

St David's 163 for 10 (Ward 35, Hutcheon 37)  
Plumtree 82 for 10 (Lacueva 2 for 5,  
C Morte 2 for 12, Anderson 3 for 20)  
Won

St David's 143 for 5 (Ward 32,  
Anderson 49 n.o.)  
CBC Boksburg Rain stopped play

St David's 128 for 9  
(Anderson 40 n.o., Ward 29)  
Bryanston 128 for 10 (Busschau 4 for 23,  
Morte 2 for 13, Lacueva 2 for 18)  
Won (fewer wickets lost)

St David's 180 for 3  
Wendywood 136 for 10  
Won

St David's 216 for 10  
Sandown 133 for 8  
Draw

St John's 133 for 2  
St David's 130 for 7  
Lost

St David's 73 for 2  
Greenside 7 for 10  
Won

St David's 172 for 8  
St John's 173 for 4  
Lost

St David's 135 for 10  
Randburg 115 for 10  
Won

St David's 139 for 5  
Volkskool 135 for 7  
Won

St David's 162 for 10  
Potchefstroom Boys 127 for 9  
Draw

Played 16  
Won 8  
Lost 3  
Drew 5



### Batting Performances – 1995/'96 Season

	<i>RUNS</i>	<i>AVERAGE</i>	<i>INNINGS</i>
1. G Hutcheon	329	23,5	16 (2 N.O.)
2. D Anderson	326	27	14 (2 N.O.)
3. M Ward	310	38,7	9 (1 N.O.)
4. T O'Shea	298	18,6	16
5. M Skenjana	246	20,5	14 (2 N.O.)
6. G Shippen	172	19,1	10 (1 N.O.)
7. D Horsten	155	13	12
8. J O'Haughey	142	12,9	12
9. J Morte	43	21,5	3 (1 N.O.)

### Bowling Performances – 1995/'96 Season

	<i>WICKETS</i>	<i>RUNS</i>	<i>AVERAGE</i>	<i>WKTS P/GAME</i>
1. D Anderson	25	271	10,84	(1,5)
2. C Morte	23	347	15	(1,64)
3. D Busschau	23	321	13,9	(1,5)
4. D Horsten	13	230	17,6	(1,08)
5. G Shippen	11	299	27,1	(1,37)
6. T O'Shea	5	111	22,2	(1,2)
7. J O'Haughey	4	92	23	(1)
8. M Laceuva	4	43	10,75	(1)
9. J Ryan	2	71	35,5	(0,5)



#### Second XI Cricket Team

**Back row:** Gary Geldenhuys, Jeffrey Ryan, James Turton, Ian Terbrugge, Kevin Haswell, Clinton Verhoog

**Seated:** Damon Hopkins, Paul Schoombie, Mr S Fry, Brandon Duffield, Lloyd Eliot



#### Third XI Cricket Team

**Back row:** Wayne Collett, Vaughan van der Merwe, Clinton Verhoog, Shaun Levick, Matt Ross, Ross McKay

**Seated:** Bruce Thomas, Kelly Putter, Mr R Smith, Bradley Poultney, Michael Murray

## Under 16

The season, at the beginning of the year, was plagued with rain and a number of matches and practices had to be called off. Although the rain was wonderful for the grounds, it did leave the boys feeling a bit frustrated at times.

While the season was unsuccessful in terms of results, the boys nevertheless remained enthusiastic and motivated throughout. The games that the boys were able to play were of a good standard, although this standard was not always maintained.

Good batting performances came from Charles Tomsett, Murray White and Gary Geldenhuys. Excellent targets were often set, but unfortunately the bowling was not of an equal standard. A good example of this was against Bryanston, where the boys made 130 for 3 in just 25 overs, which is an excellent run rate. Bryanston,

however, passed this total with only two wickets down and a couple of overs to spare.

Although bowling was not our strong point and a lack of depth in this department let us down, we did have a number of boys with promising potential. Noticeable bowling performances came from Kevin Haswell and Mario Lacueva.

If the boys take time to work at their game they have the ability to become a very competent side. I am sure that by the end of the year a few will find themselves in the First XI.

The team was led by Gary Geldenhuys and I would like to thank him and the rest of the team for a most enjoyable season.

*Mr G Behr*



## Under 15



### Under 15A Cricket

**Back row:** Dean O'Haughey, Brendan O'Shea, Bryan Hubbard, Ian Busschau, Ryan Brunette, Neil Davis  
**Seated:** Nicholas Royce, Kegan Speirs, Mr P Andrew, Walt Bruns, Brandan Wustefeld-Janssens

### Third Term

The very talented Under 15A side were unbeaten in the third term, playing seven matches, winning six and drawing one. The team's success was based on six very solid batsmen (in only one game did one of them fail to score to fifty) and a very hostile and accurate opening bowling pair, who usually destroyed the opposition before the first change.

The team unfortunately tended to see fielding as a secondary cricket skill, and a large number of catchable chances were missed. Speed off the mark, clear thinking and committing to the catch are all things that most of this side can work on.

The players are to be commended on a fine season, and on several fine individual performances.

*P Andrew*

The Under 15 team was enthusiastic and talented. The fielding and bowling were particularly strong. James West, Kegan Speirs and Walt Bruns were penetrative bowlers who seldom failed to provide the breakthroughs required. Neil Davis was also often effective as an off-spinner. His control and accuracy bogged down the opposition and induced opposition batsmen into risky shots. Neil also often played a determined role as a lower-order batsman and hung on to keep the innings going.

If the team had one major weakness it was the batting. This was not because of a lack of talent but because sound techniques had not yet been mastered. Wickets were often thrown away by shots which were either irresponsible or lacking in conviction. The batting talents of Bryn Leadbeater and Ian Busschau were highlights in a somewhat brittle batting order.

Much of sport is a mind game and players need to have confidence in their own ability. The team needs to think about the game more by summing up match situations, thinking about field placings, watching opponents' field placings and observing opponents' weaknesses.

This was an enjoyable season and thanks go to the parents for their support and top the ground staff for their contribution.

*SC Fry*

### Results (Third Term)

vs St Albans – won by 190 runs  
 Brunette 81, Speirs 60  
 Bruns 4 for 11

vs The Glen – won by 200 runs  
 Brunette 43, Busschau 47, West 51  
 Bruns 4 for 12, West 5 for 23

vs Roosevelt – won by 7 runs  
 Leadbeater 28  
 Bruns 3 for 12

vs CBC Boksburg – won by 139 runs  
 Leadbeater 60, West 36 n.o.  
 Bruns 5 for 10

vs Randpark – match drawn  
 Janssens 112, West 47, Hubbard 37  
 Bruns 3 for 13, West 4 for 20

vs Bryanston – won by 161 runs  
 Leadbeater 44, Busschau 80, West 55 n.o.  
 Bruns 3 for 25



### Under 15B Cricket

**Back row:** Paul Edkins, Jonathan Tonetti, David Randall, Dale Bradbury, Lyndon Dafert, Tristan Masterton  
**Seated:** Christopher Shaw, Philip Mostert, Mr G Behr, Alistair Holmes, Johnathan Orr



### Under 15C Cricket

**Back row:** Naasir Thokan, Marco Lopes, Michael Gunning, Deon Archary, Carl Bredenoord, Warren Pollard, Jameel Kader, James Ashworth  
**Seated:** Hoi Cheng, Douglas Cochrane, Mr A Harris, Tyrone Warneke, Michel Marchand



## Under 14A

The wet weather this summer resulted in the completion of only four matches. It was thus difficult to judge the true potential of the team. Three games were won and one was lost.

Some of the memorable performances of the season were Kevin Sterrenberg's excellent batting against St John's (later in the year Kevin was selected for the Sandton Under 15 area side, where he made scores of 18, 33 and 39), Alfie Chemaly's fine innings against Greenside and Christopher Wood's haul of five wickets against Sandown and six against Greenside.

The bulk of the runs were scored by Kevin Sterrenberg, Alfie Chemaly, Richard Wood, Garth Horsten and Eddie Giuricich. Bevan Glanville was certainly the quickest of the bowlers and he kept the batsman and wicketkeeper guessing. Once he bowls a consistent line, success will follow. Christopher Wood has shown good potential with his legspin and much is expected of him in the future. The team's fielding was enthusiastic and they certainly kept the pressure on the batsmen.

The team enjoyed their cricket, they practised hard and were always willing to learn, which augurs well for cricket at St David's.

*W Craven*

### Results

St David's 106/6 (Sterrenberg 28, R Wood 18)

Helpmekaar 78/10 (Munro 2/2, Brennon 3/8)

St David's won by 28 runs

St David's 170/8 (Horsten 40, Emmanuel 28, Chemaly 28)

Sandown 73/10 (C Wood 5/21)

St David's won by 97 runs

St David's 203/6 (Chemaly 59, R Wood 30, Giuricich 41)

Greenside 132/10 (C Wood 6/61)

St David's won by 71 runs

St David's 110/10 (Sterrenberg 41, Chemaly 19)

St John's 111/5 (Munro 3/40)

St John's won by 5 wickets

## Under 14C & D

It was not easy coping with a squad of well over 30 boys coupled with a season which was disrupted by so much rain (not that I'm moaning about the rain!). Nonetheless the boys achieved good wins over St Stithians and St Alban's. Thanks go to the boys who turned out so enthusiastically for practices and I expect great things from some of you, particularly those of you who are still under 14 in 1997.

*P A Edey*



### Under 14B Cricket

**Back row:** Warwick Thrupp, Lawrence Atherton, Dean Bauer, Alexander de Ujfalussy, Andrew Tennant, Fabio Valente, Geoffrey Naude, Glenn Smith

**Seated:** Michael Rowley, Guy Robertson, Neil Dabbs, Daniele Carnicelli, John Haralambous



### Under 14A Cricket

**Back row:** Grant Brennon, Kevin Sterrenberg, Nicholas Emmanuel, Alfie Chemaly, Grant Horsten, Andrew Munro, Moses Maleka, Christopher Wood  
**Seated:** Bevan Glanville, Eddie Giuricich, Mr W Craven, Joseph Lekalakala, Richard Wood

### St David's boys at the Ken Viljoen Cricket Week

Several St David's boys played in the Sandton area side at the Ken Viljoen Week.

#### Results of matches:

King Edward VII 155/7 (Morte 3/24, Busschau 2/22)

Sandton 146/6 (Morte 50 n.o., Leadbeater 25, Speirs 23)

Sandton lost by 9 runs

Sandton 226/8 (Speirs 35, Brunette 22, Bruns 22)

Development 209/7 (Lekalakala 70; Sterrenberg 1/25, C Wood 2/30)

Sandton won by 17 runs

St John's 175/10 (Morte 3/33, Busschau 3/27)

Sandton 166/10 (Sterrenberg 33 n.o., Brunette 25)

Sandton lost by 9 runs

Sandton 245/5 (Busschau 46 n.o., Brunette 40, Sterrenberg 39)

Johannesburg East 93/10 (Morte 6/45, Busschau 3/35)

Sandton won by 152 runs

Jonathan Morte was selected for the Transvaal Under 15A Team, and Ian Busschau and Moses Maleka for the B Team.



### Under 14C Cricket

**Back row:** Philip Raw, Gian-Paolo Pera, David Clements, Warren Ho, Irvine Lehloo

**Seated:** Andrew Parker, Andrew Goodman, Graeme Armstrong, Grant Davies, Neil Powell



## Inaugural Six-a-Side Cricket Tournament and Awards Day

Our first Inter-House Six-a-Side Cricket Tournament and Awards Day was a great success, with both cricketers and parents getting into the spirit of things.

College House won the senior section and Osmond House the junior section.

The weather held off just long enough for us to present the age group awards at the end of the tournament, and then witness the winning senior house beat the fathers' side.

It is planned that next year's tournament will have more facilities available, including a tea garden and a greater choice of lunches and snacks throughout the day.

Individual awards of special V500 cricket shirts, based on averages over the season, went to:

### *Under 14*

<b>Best bowler</b>	C Wood
<b>Best batsman</b>	A Chemaly
<b>Most improved player</b>	G Brennon

### *Under 15*

<b>Best bowler</b>	A West
<b>Best batsman</b>	B Leadbeater
<b>Most improved player</b>	W Bruns

### *Under 16*

<b>Best bowler</b>	K Haswell
<b>Best batsman</b>	C Tomsett
<b>Most improved player</b>	M White

### *Open*

<b>Best bowler</b>	C Morte
<b>Best batsman</b>	D Anderson
<b>Most improved player</b>	R Pinto



*The winning College House senior side*

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# Hockey

We began the season sceptically – very few junior boys joined the Hockey Club when the winter sports season came around, and the previous First Team had consisted of Standard Ten boys who all left at the end of last year, meaning that this year's First Team was on the whole inexperienced. Hockey at first team level differs greatly from that at under 15 level, and we were thrown into the deep-end as it were.

At the Gauteng Pre-Season Tournament, our First Team was up against government schools who had been into their hockey season a month longer than we had, due to our different holidays. Of the four matches played the team won one. The results of the day:

- vs Highlands North won 1-0
- vs Wendywood lost 0-1
- vs Sandringham lost 0-3
- vs Fourways lost 0-4

We went into our scheduled matches with great spirit and zest, determined to do our utmost to win as many matches as possible. Ian Wood was selected as Captain of Hockey and served his time in office well. A newcomer to our school and to the Hockey Club was Roydon Frost – a post-matric student – without whose help, inspiration and encouragement the teams would not have done as well as they did.

The tour to St Andrew's in Bloemfontein proved to be a learning experience for both teams, as the scores show. This can only be attributed to our lack of sleep on the train the night before, although they were the stronger sides.

Later in the season we hosted the First Team from Grosvenor Boys in Durban. A match was played against a very tired Grosvenor Boys side who had already played two matches that day.

We ended the season having scored 14 goals to the 38 scored against us. This may seem like a harsh result, but our improvement during the season was tremendous and the results could have been a lot worse.

The Under 15 side displayed some excellent teamwork and skills that will contribute to making them one of the better First Teams in Gauteng in the future. They scored 17 goals and conceded 14. This is a great achievement, considering that this season was, for most of the team, their first hockey season. Like the First Team, the Under 15 Team improved constantly throughout the season.

Johnny Farrell, John Hilton, Kelly Putter, Charles Tomsett and James Turton participated in the Under 16 Southern Transvaal tri-

als. Charles Tomsett was selected to represent the Southern Transvaal Under 16C Team.

Full colours were awarded to Gareth Shippen and Roydon Frost, while half colours went to Ian Wood.

Finally, on behalf of the boys of the Hockey Club, I would like to thank the coaches and staff involved for a great season – your inspiration and support was the fulcrum on which we played.

*John Hilton*



## HOCKEY RESULTS

vs	First Team	Under 15
Queens	won 3-2	lost 1-2
Bryanston	lost 0-4	lost 0-5
Highlands North	lost 1-2	won 2-1
St Andrews	lost 1-9	lost 0-5
King David	lost 2-3	won 3-1
Ferndale	lost 2-3	won 4-0
Sacred Heart	lost 0-5	won 3-1
Hyde Park	lost 0-5	won 3-0
Grosvenor Boys	won 3-2	
Sandringham	lost 2-3	drew 1-1



### First XI Hockey Team

**Back row:** Lloyd Eliot, Firaz Ahmed, James Turton, Keith Clover, Kelly Putter, Charles Tomsett  
**Seated:** Johnny Farrell, Ian Wood, Mr G Pretorius, Gareth Shippen, John Hilton  
**In front:** Richard Harris



### Under 15 Hockey Team

**Back row:** Michael Marsay, Naasir Thokan, Martin Harrod, Dean Bauer, Derek Clover, Alistair Holmes  
**Seated:** Jameel Kader, Warwick Thrupp, Mr M Haswell, Kevin Sterrenberg, Grant Brennon  
**In front:** Daniele Carnicelli





# Rugby

## First XV

The First XV of 1996 was a team full of promise and lots of guts; but, being a school of our size (only 36 matrics), we were often out-gunned by schools with greater depth. However, the squad members never lost their enthusiasm and love for this game, Rugby.

The season got off to a bad start with a severe loss to Helpmekaar, but the First Term half of the season ended with a victory over fellow Catholic school De la Salle.

The boys were extremely motivated for the Eastern Cape tour. This was a hard "pre-season" tour of an extremely rich rugby-playing region of South Africa. They returned to Gauteng without a victory. On the upside the three matches in the Eastern Cape were definitely character-building.

The Second Term half of the season was a closely-matched affair. There were numerous matches where if Lady Luck was on our side (or perhaps if I prayed harder) we would have won. The most significant example of this was Tim O'Shea's penalty kick in the dying moments of the game against Fourways. Of course, the kick hit the upright. We lost 7-9.

The season is full of near-wins such as the already-mentioned Fourways game, the Roosevelt draw (17-17), the Bryanston near-miss, and the fabled clash against the highly-rated Sandown High School.

Against St John's, probably the strongest schoolboy side in Johannesburg this year, our valiant side managed to prevent them from scoring in the second half.

All this added to an exciting rugby season. The highlight will always be the match against Fettes College from Scotland. The match took place on a bitterly cold day, which probably suited the tourists, amongst much pomp and ceremony, including both national anthems on bagpipes. After a hard-fought and open game, St David's were defeated 12-24.

Throughout the season the First XV never gave up and I think that is one life skill these boys will take with them from St David's – never give up!

*G McMillan*

## First XV Matches

### vs Roosevelt 11 May Home

After a hard tour to the Eastern Cape, the team were hoping to get the season back on track. We didn't waste any time in doing so as St David's dotted down in the opening minute for a superb try by Grant Hutcheon. Roosevelt successfully converted a penalty and then scored a try to give them a 10-7 lead. Attacking the Roosevelt goal line for much of the first half, St David's had to settle for a converted penalty and a 10-10 half-time score. Roosevelt took the game to us in a second half which seemed to drag on forever. Their determined attacking resulted in a try. St David's got back into the game when Grant Hutcheon scored his second try from good second phase play by the forwards and a fluid back line move. Drew 17-17.

### vs Fourways 22 May Away

A great game of rugby. St David's fought back well after a successful Fourways penalty kick, our efforts rewarded when Anthony Quail crossed over for a try. St David's maintained a 7-3 lead until midway through the second half when a Fourways penalty kick closed the gap to 7-6. Both teams then raised their game to a high standard of play. With minutes to go, the Fourways flyhalf kicked a drop goal which gave them a 7-9 lead. St David's threw everything into the game but our efforts were fruitless. The game ended when a St David's penalty kick mercilessly bounced off the upright, giving the game to Fourways. Lost 7-9.

### vs Highlands North 25 May Home

A long-awaited victory. The match began with a try from Batana Vundla in the opening five minutes. Highlands replied with two successful long-range penalty kicks. St David's then took control of the game and good ball retention by the forwards and swift back-line movement resulted in a second try by Batana Vundla. In the opening minutes of the second half Timothy O'Shea scored a try, which he converted, stretching the lead to 21-6. After he success-



fully kicked a penalty the side relaxed somewhat and poor defence resulted in a try by Highlands North.  
 Won 24-15.

**vs Sandown 5 June Away**

The 1st XV went into the game as underdogs against a highly rated and undefeated Sandown side. Sandown raced to a 0-8 lead in the opening ten minutes. St David's got back into the game and Sean Lane crashed over the line for a try. From then on the game was evenly balanced. In the second half St David's probably dominated, certainly in the forwards. We always seemed to be one break away from scoring a try and taking the game. In the end, Sandown scored a try two minutes from time to seal the game but people who believed the match would be a walkover for Sandown were proved wrong as our boys showed tremendous Marist spirit.  
 Lost 8-18.



**First Rugby Team**

**Back row:** Dennis Helyar, Robin Yarham, Kai Masterton, Timothy O'Shea, Jordan Forssman, Christopher Morte  
**Middle row:** Grant Brown, Richard van Lienden, Anthony Quail, Sean Goldhawk, Sean Lane, Ian Terbrugge, Bradyn Dama  
**Seated:** Grant Hutcheon, James O'Haughey, Mr GD McMillan, Matthew Ross, Dominic Busschau

second half, but could not breach the tight defence. St David's defended well against an onslaught from a large St John's pack with Sean Lane and Batana Vundla playing prominent roles, and Dennis Helyar finding himself in the unaccustomed position of chasing a centre and saving a certain try.  
 Lost 6-26.

<b>Played</b> .....	17
<b>Won</b> .....	4
<b>Drew</b> .....	1
<b>Lost</b> .....	12
<b>Points for</b> .....	221
<b>Points against</b> ..	421

**vs Bryanston 8 June Away**

The undefeated Bryanston side led 0-7 at half time. St David's came back strongly in the second half and were rewarded when Batana Vundla crossed over for the eighth time this season. Tim O'Shea brought us within a point's difference with an excellent penalty kick, but, as usual, Lady Luck deserted us as Bryanston were awarded a penalty in the last minute and took the game. Sean Lane and Jordan Forssman had an outstanding game.  
 Lost 8-13.

**vs King David (Linkfield) 12 June Home**

From early on in the match, things went wrong. The forwards were able to secure good, clean ball from the lineouts, rucks, scrums and mauls, but the backline was unable to penetrate the solid King David backline. The tries King David were able to get were not remarkably well-worked; they simply seized every opportunity given them by the Marist side.  
 Lost 20-30.

**vs St Alban's 19 June Home**

St Alban's dominated the first half, controlling the game with powerful forward play. The second half belonged to St David's. All the misfortune of the season was forgotten as the forwards created the platform to allow the backs to outscore St Alban's by 4 tries to 2.  
 Won 30-27.

**vs Hyde Park 22 June Away**

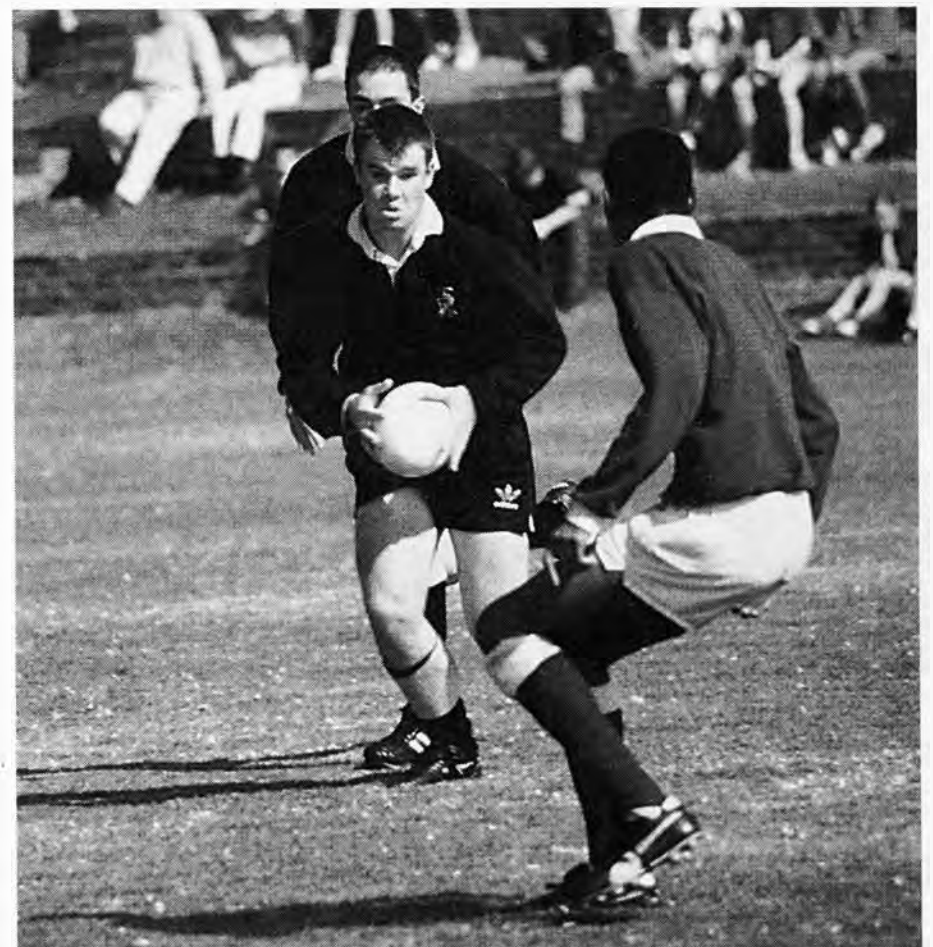
Matt Ross opened the account in a rather hot-tempered match when he sliced through the Hyde Park defence and dotted down (a candidate for try of the season). Our lead was increased when, after good handling from forwards and backs, Tim O'Shea crossed over and then converted his try. In the dying moments of the game, Hyde Park (with one of their players sent off) managed to score.  
 Won 14-7.

**vs St Stithians 29 June Away**

Our play started and ended off well, but left much to be desired in between. St Stithians opened with a try in the early minutes of the game. We came back immediately and our pressure resulted in a try by Grant Hutcheon. St Stithians then played a very tight game and dominated in most phases. St David's never gave up though, and the last ten minutes of the game belonged to us as we scored two more tries through Grant Hutcheon and Merriman Masuku.  
 Lost 17-45.

**vs St John's 10 July Home**

From the first whistle the team had their backs against the wall. St John's converted this pressure into points, scoring two tries and three penalties. Once again St David's came back strongly in the







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**Colours Awards**

**Half Colours**

- J O'Haughey
- J Forssman
- D Helyar
- G Hutcheon
- G Brown
- M Ross
- T O'Shea

**Full Colours**

- B Vundla
- M Wilkinson (re-award)



**Second Rugby Team**

**Back row:** *Rei Farinha, Adrian Nel, Jonathan Nel, Alasdair Kelly*

**Middle row:** *Brady Dama, Darryl Anderson, Dale Horsten, Robin Yarham, Ian Terbrugge*

**Seated:** *Themba Thusi, Dominic Busschau, Mr GD McMillan, Paul Schoombie, Ian Acott*

**Tour to the Eastern Cape**

As most of us had never set foot in the Eastern Cape before, we were unsure of what the tour was going to be like. We played three matches, against Graeme College, Union High and Alexander Road High. We were treated very well and everybody was very friendly towards us. The only downside to the tour was the long distances we had to drive.

Against Graeme College we were totally outrun by a very well-drilled side. At times we held them but our first-time tackling let us down and we ended up losing 0-44.

The fire and the will-to-win that we lacked in the first game was very evident in our second game, against Union High. We put a lot of pressure on the Union High side but failed over and over again to convert this pressure into points. We ended up going down by two lucky tries and the final score of 24-37 did not do us justice.

Against Alexander Road we hoped to repeat our play from the previous game and get our first win of the tour. It was not to be, as we again failed to convert pressure into points and we trailed 3-5 for most of the game. Our forwards performed very well and it was only in the last five minutes when Alexander Road scored two tries that we lost the game. The final score was 3-17.

*James O'Haughey*



## FIRST XV PLAYERS FOR THE SEASON

	Helpmekaar	Roosevelt	De la Salle	Graeme	Union	Alexander Rd	St Andrews	Fourways	Highlands	Sandown	Bryanston	King David	St Albans	Hyde Park	St Stithians	St Johns	Fettes	TOTAL	
M Ross	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	17
G Hutcheon		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	14
B Vundla	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	16
J O'Haughey (c)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	17
A Quail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	15
T O'Shea	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	17
M Ushikubo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	15
M Wilkinson (v/c)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	16
R van Lienden	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	11
S Lane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	17
J Forssman	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	13
G Brown	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	16
D Helyar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	17
C Morte	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
R Pinto								✓	✓										2
B Dama				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					9
S Goldhawk					✓	✓		✓					✓	✓					7
I Terbrugge				✓		✓													2
M Masuku										✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				5
A Nel														✓	✓	✓			3
K Masterton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	17
R Abvajee							✓												1
R Yarham				✓	✓														2

## Under 16

The 1996 Under 16 age group was one of the most committed that I have had the pleasure of coaching. Opposing schools made mention of the way in which the forwards in particular played with controlled aggression and dedication. Luca Fiasconaro, Bruce Thomas, Stefano Contardo, Michael Murray, Ryan Hugo and Adam Treki are worthy of special mention due to their untiring commitment and courage. The Under 16A also had a reasonable backline which often played superb rugby. Their hands and running skills led to some stunning tries. The big problem was the injury bogey. Unfortunately the age group did not possess enough talent in depth to cover adequately for injuries. One or two players also did not display enough regard for their fellow players and periodically missed crucial practices. This is a talented age group which will do the school proud in the open age group.

The Under 16B Team had a very up-and-down season. When at full strength this was a very competitive and successful team. Unfortunately injuries and unavailability seriously depleted this team. The team did however enjoy their rugby and pulled off some notable victories. The win against Fourways was a particularly good one.

Well done to all the players – keep showing your enthusiasm and appetite for the game.

Thanks to Andrew Harris for his huge contribution and to the parents and ground staff.



*The Under 16 A Team in their first match of the season, against Roosevelt. St David's won 23-7*

SC Fry





### Under 16A Rugby

**Back row:** Murray White, Adam Treki, Bruce Thomas, Stefano Contardo, Michael Murray

**Middle row:** Bamuza Sono, Zanoxolo Nhantsi, Wayne Collett, Gary Geldenhuys, Vaughan van der Merwe, Ryan Hugo, Ryan Orr

**Seated:** Brian Teixeira, Luca Fiasconaro, Mr S Fry, Stephen Naude, Daryl Emes

**In front:** Andrew Witten



### Under 16B Rugby

**Back row:** Shaun Zuccolotto, Murray White, Mario Lacueva, Fraser Bush, Adam Stocks

**Middle row:** Stephen Naude, Gary Geldenhuys, Vaughan van der Merwe, Clinton Verhoog, Philip Kobila, John Middlewick

**Seated:** Wayne Greenwood, Nadeem Mahomed, Mr S Fry, Ross McKay, Damon Hopkins

**In front:** Simpiwe Matshikwe

## Under 15

The Under 15 rugby teams were a most enjoyable group of boys to coach as they were keen and well motivated.

The A team played 13 matches, won 6 and lost 7. They had a better season than these statistics show. Injuries and illness took a serious toll in critical stages of the season and prevented the team from realising their full potential. The highlight of the season was a narrow victory over the highly-rated Bryanston team: for the first time during the season the team played close to their potential, and with committed rugby they earned a well-deserved victory. Another memorable performance was against St Stithians. Although this game was lost, the boys put in a highly-motivated performance. The team was very ably led by Philip Mostert in the forwards and Nicholas Ranger in the backs, both of whom set a good example for the rest of the team.

Both the B and C teams had a difficult time coping with injuries, sickness and replacing players in the A team. Nevertheless, the boys played with plenty of spirit. The most noteworthy performance by the B team was a good victory against Sandown. A disappointing aspect for the C team was that they were not able to play too many games as few schools can field three teams at under 15 level, so they did not put up consistently good performances. But they were at times able to turn it on and produce some entertaining rugby. If these boys could have been more consistent, many more results would have gone their way.

Many thanks to all the boys for an enjoyable season, and best wishes for your future rugby-playing careers. To all the parents who supported the teams, we record our sincere appreciation.

**Coaches:** G Behr, S Giuricich, J Tilley



### Under 15A Rugby

**Back row:** Bryan Hubbard, James West, Walt Bruns, Seyton Hayes, Mambila Mageza

**Middle row:** Brandan Wustefeld-Janssens, Brendan O'Shea, Kevin Haswell, Robert Tait, David Randall, Nicholas Ranger, Tristan Masterton

**Seated:** Ryan Brunette, Philip Mostert, Mr G Behr, Chris Shaw, Allan Horsfield



### Under 15B Rugby

**Back row:** Deon Archary, Dale Bradbury, Ian Busschau, Ramanare Magampa, Jonathan Tonetti

**Middle row:** Marco Paschkewitz, Douglas Cochrane, Nicholas Risi, Nicholas Royce, Luke Chandler, Peteni Kuzwayo

**Seated:** Kenji Moriguchi, Bryn Leadbeater, Mr G Behr, Ricardo Traver-de Sousa, Colin Thomas



## Under 14

The first year of rugby presents huge physical and emotional hurdles for almost all boys, not to mention their mothers. The fact that virtually all go into the season with much trepidation and emerge at the end as devotees, says much for the nature of the game. With this year's Standard Six group it was no different. From the start, the boys were enthusiastic and committed. While they may have lacked speed, size, bulk, strength and flair, there was no shortage of old-fashioned courage. This attribute, which the group displayed in abundance, in the end contributed to an acceptable set of results over the season.

A perusal of the results table shows that the A team won 7 of its 13 fixtures, the B team 10 of its 12 and the C team 4 of its 8. The B team, until late in the season, was a contender for the team of the year award. Equally gratifying was to see the D and E teams playing 9 fixtures in total. Here we mixed boys in at all times, often only giving players one half, but at least ensuring that every one of our large and enthusiastic group managed to pull on a jersey in inter-

school competition at least a few times during the season.

With almost 100 players turning out, a large coaching staff was necessary. Mr Peet Smit, a parent, deserves a special word of thanks. For the second year in a row he turned out week after week at practices and matches, giving of his time and knowledge. Another tower of strength was Mr Hugh Moffat, a grandfather of one of the players, and a highly experienced rugby coach in Johannesburg coaching circles. He emulated Peet's commitment in every way. Mr Chippy Wood, also a parent and a well-known rugby personality, assisted frequently. His expertise was appreciated at this level and by other age groups within the school. Michael Murray, one of the Under 16A players, was also a regular assistant coach. With Mr Craven, Miss Leenstra and Mr Andrew all adding their efforts, there was never a shortage of quality time available to the pupils.

*RT Smith*



### Under 14A Rugby

**Back row:** Fabio Valente, Evan Dall, Siegmur Duve, Garth Horsten, Bevan Glanville

**Middle row:** Gareth Katz, Tristan Wood, Richard Wood, Andrew Munro, Justin Bennett, Paul Smith, Christopher Wood

**Seated:** Grant Nel, Mr W Craven, Shaun Falconer, Mr R Smith, PJ Steyn

**In front:** Eddie Giuricich



### Under 14B Rugby

**Back row:** Thomas Garden, Evan Dall, Andrew Tennant, Richard Wood, Bevan Glanville

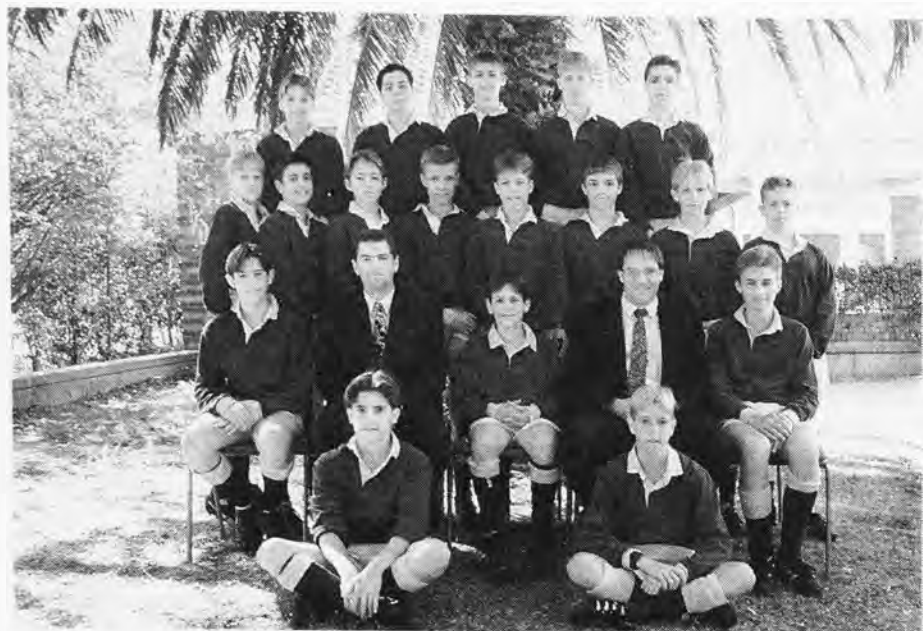
**Middle row:** Michael Eilertsen, Michael Rowley, Marc Lomas, Andrew Munro, James Jang, Andrew Parker, Rory Atkinson

**Seated:** Richard Mazaham, Mr W Craven, Nicholas Emmanuel, Mr R Smith, Eddie Giuricich

**In front:** Alan Mills, Grant Davies







**Under 14C Rugby**

**Back row:** Michael Eilertsen, Gian-Paolo Pera, Allan Macfarlane, Grant Collister, Andrew Parker  
**Middle row:** Graeme Armstrong, Gabriele Maraschin, Revel Ravenhill, Glenn Smith, Philip Raw, Rhys Davies, Rory Atkinson, Grant Davies  
**Seated:** Lawrence Atherton, Mr G Kenyon, Neil Dabbs, Mr Andrew, Dean Thomas  
**In front:** Jarrid Treges, Alan Mills



**Under 14D Rugby**

**Back row:** Miklos Szecesei, Matthew Ramsden, Gregory Thomas, Derrick Garofoli, Matthew Smith  
**Middle row:** Michael Schafer, Stuart Barke, Nicholas Nosworthy, Christopher Goodwin, Peter Joubert, Kevin Hutton, Guy Robertson, Justin Lemm, Richard Brady  
**Seated:** Andrew Goodman, Mr G Kenyon, Michael Graham, Mr P Andrew, Andrew Wilson  
**In front:** Duncan Brown, Tebogo Dlukulu

**RUGBY RESULTS**

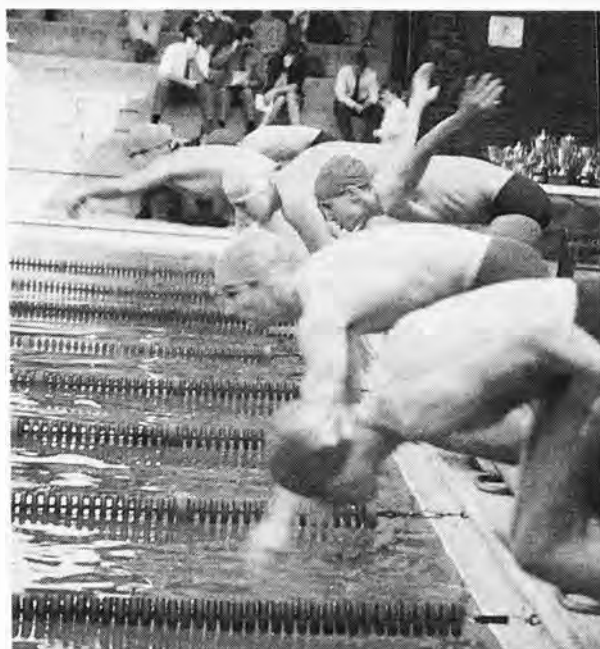
Date	Opposition	1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV	16A	16B	15A	15B	15C	14A	14B	14C	14D	14E
20/3	Helpmekaar	3-39	5-15	29-10	-	29-39 vs Redhill 2nds	5-15	15-17 vs Redhill	-	35-0	10-15 vs Redhill 14A	-	-	-
23/3	De La Salle	25-17	63-0	13-12 vs KES 7ths	53-0	5-16 vs KES 16D	20-7	5-13 vs KES 15D	5-25 vs KES 15E	20-0	49-0	0-5 vs KES 14E	17-0 vs KES 14F	9-59 vs KES 14G
11/5	Roosevelt	17-17	25-17	10-12 vs KES	23-7	0-21	20-0	15-13	0-50	13-5	60-0	0-48 vs KES	0-43	-
18/5	St Andrew's Bloemfontein	6-40	14-12	-	35-0	-	22-40	-	-	15-30	0-8	-	29-35	-
22/5	Fourways	7-9	28-12	-	5-5	19-0	10-12	7-28	-	5-3	14-5	7-0	-	-
24/5	Highlands North	24-13	40-13	-	32-0	17-31	44-0	12-0	0-30 vs Northcliff	40-0	36-0	-	0-35 vs Northcliff	0-30 vs Northcliff
5/6	Sandown	8-18	5-8	-	11-20	0-7	19-10	11-7	-	31-5	54-3	-	-	-
8/6	Bryanston	8-12	19-3	5-12	3-20	19-0	8-0	12-27	12-0	0-22	19-0	25-12	-	-
12/6	King David (Linksfield)	20-30	15-15	-	19-27	5-10	8-14	12-19	-	6-0	28-0	30-5	-	-
19/6	St Alban's	30-23	18-3	19-23	16-14	0-40	5-29	5-40	-	7-19	48-0	40-0	-	-
22/6	Hyde Park	13-7	53-0	-	33-5	13-5	15-0	5-10	-	7-12	22-0	-	-	-
1/7	St Stithians	18-47	13-39	24-31	0-32	0-44	0-41	0-50	0-27	3-36	0-36	12-17	0-28	0-33
10/7	St John's	3-27	6-32	-	15-35	-	6-64	0-56	0-56	0-17	0-15	15-14	5-12	-
17/7	Fettes College (Scotland)	12-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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# Swimming

This year saw many changes to the swimming division of St David's. A major change was the departure of all the swimming coaches, namely Mr Brownlee, Mr Lambe and Mrs Henderson. Another major change was the formation of not one, but three swimming teams, due to the large intake of Standard Sixes this year.



The year, as usual, started off slow and painstaking. A portion of the swimming squad was taken to the annual Midmar Mile in Natal. We swam in the Inter-Catholic gala at St Henry's in Durban and, I am pleased to say, we won the gala. The weekend was wonderful, even though the weather conditions were unsettling. On the overcast, rainy Sunday,

we plucked up enough courage to swim the mile!

The inter-house Gala was another highlight for the swimmers. The gala was held in the afternoon and not in the evening as in the past. The long-distance events, instead of being pre-contested, were also held that afternoon and this proved too much for some of the swimmers.



My favourite gala of the year must surely have been the co-ed gala with Rosebank Convent. Even though it was raining cats and dogs and lightning threatened, everyone was filled with spirit and a stubborn will to see the gala through!

At the beginning of the third term, we were joined by Mrs K Emery and Mr G Kenyon, our new swimming coaches. I am able to report that they are training the swimming squad expertly and bringing out our true potential. We have had an explosive start to the new season and we hope not only that we can keep it up but can improve on it.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people involved with swimming for their time, patience and effort. Thanks to the boys, coaches, announcers, scorers, catering moms and the spectators.

*Adam Treki*



## Swimming – A Team

**Back row:** Robert Morgan, Sean Lane, Rei Farinha, Stefano Contardo, Adriano Iorio, Luca Fiasconaro, Robert Tait, Alasdair Kelly, Daryn Moore, Martin Harrod

**Middle row:** Dean Thomas, Grant Collister, Evan Jones, Nicholas Ranger, John Middlewick, Ryan Hugo, Michel Tyack, Shaun Falconer, Marco Cannata, Grant Nel, Matthew Ramsden, Allan Macfarlane

**Seated:** Adam Treki, Sean Goldhawk, Jordan Forssman, Mrs K Emery, Mr G Kenyon, Bradyn Dama, Richard van Lienden, Adrian Nel

**In front:** Christopher Proudfoot, Maxwell Gordon, Allan Horsfield



## Swimming – B Team

**Back row:** Jeremy Sternberg, Peter Joubert, Evan Dall, Siegmur Duve, Gijs Foden, Lawrence Johnson, Nicholas Ridley, Woo Jong Jang, Lyndon Dafert

**Middle row:** John Farrell, Tommy Wu, Jarrid Treges, Miklos Szecesei, Andrew Cox, Paul Smith, PJ Steyn, Andrew Witten, Grant Goodwin, Brendan Mauger, Andrew Scott, Rory Atkinson, Roegn Dane, David Duarte

**Seated:** Adam Sleigh, Marco Paschkewitz, Evan Jones, Grant Brown, Ms C Beynnon, Ms J Leenstra, Brendan Copestake, Simon Browne, John Hilton, Kyle Wales

**In front:** Sibusiso Khumalo, Gareth Katz, Christopher Goodwin, Gabriele Maraschin, Matthew Smith, Richard Brady, Craig Cikara, Justin Lemm





**Shaun Falconer receives the L Shulman Trophy for the top Under 14 swimmer from Mrs Forssman. Shaun holds the South African record for his age group in the 50m butterfly**

## Inter-House Gala

<b>1st</b>	Osmond	442 points
<b>2nd</b>	The Bishops	420 points
<b>3rd</b>	College	309 points
<b>4th</b>	Benedict	194 points



# Tennis



### A Tennis Team

**Back row:** Dale Horsten, David Pierson  
**Seated:** Brian Teixeira, Brandon Duffield, Adrian Nel

The first term tennis season showed the depth of St David's tennis as four teams participated in their respective leagues. An encouraging sign was the number of Standard Sixes who eagerly played during the season. There was never a shortage of players and competition for places in teams was evident.

The A team won their league, winning six of their seven matches and losing narrowly to a St Stithians side. The B team struggled in their league but had many closely-contested matches. The C and D teams won half their matches and showed progress throughout the season.

*Dale Horsten*

## Tennis Championship Results

**Open singles:** Adrian Nel

**Open doubles:** Adrian Nel and Brandon Duffield

**Under 16 singles:** Colin Thomas

**Under 14 singles:** Alexander de Ujfalussy



### B Tennis Team

**Back row:** Grant Nel, Paul Edkins, Ian Acott, Ian Busschau  
**Seated:** Colin Thomas, Ms J Leenstra, Alexander de Ujfalussy



### C Tennis Team

**Back row:** Daryl Emes, Clinton Verhoog, Jeffrey Ryan, Garth Horsten, Nicholas Risi  
**Seated:** Warwick Thrupp, Ms J Leenstra, Grant Brennon



# Water Polo



The First Team had great spirit and enthusiasm. Richard van Lienden and Sean Lane caused many problems for the other schools, whether it was on defence or attack. Sean Goldhawk, the goalkeeper, became a nightmare for any offence and brought a new meaning to the term "using one's head".

The year will be remembered for the goals scored, the convincing wins and the enormous team commitment. Jordan

Forsman led the team to 16 great wins, including wins against schools like St Stithians, Jeppe, Rand Park and Fourways. The team managed to score 205 goals at an average of 8 goals per game.

Sean Goldhawk and Richard van Lienden were awarded full colours and Alasdair Kelly, Bradyn Dama, Jordan Forsman, Sean Lane, Adrian Nel and Adam Treki half colours. Congratulations to Richard van Lienden and Sean Lane on being selected for the Southern Gauteng Schools B Water Polo Team, and to Grant Nel and Shaun Falconer for their selection to the Southern Gauteng Schools Under 14 Team.

The junior teams played well and showed much improvement over the season.

Mr Pretorius must be thanked for his expert advice. His love of the game made our achievements possible.

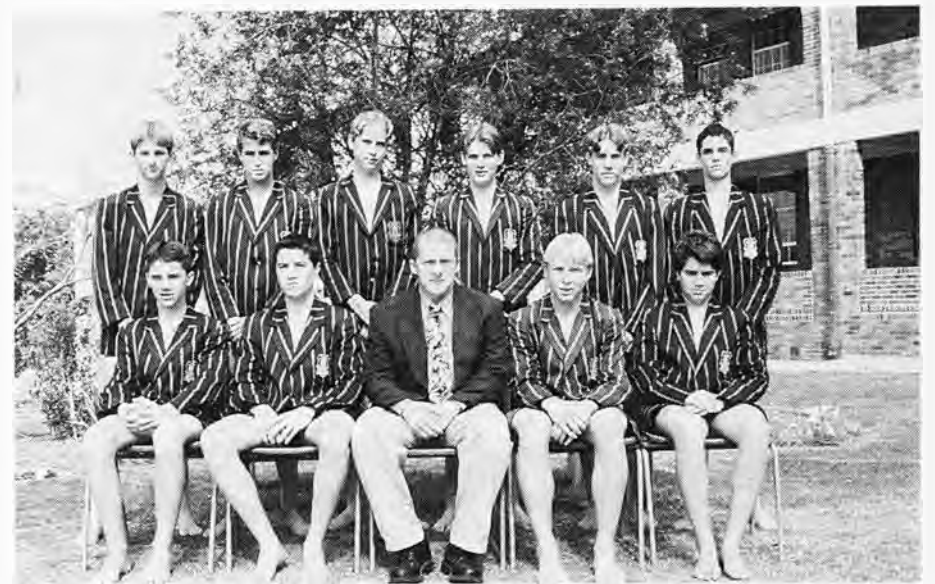
*Alasdair Kelly*



## Under 16 Water Polo Team

**Back row:** Philip Kobila, Robert Tait, Stefano Contardo, Daryn Moore

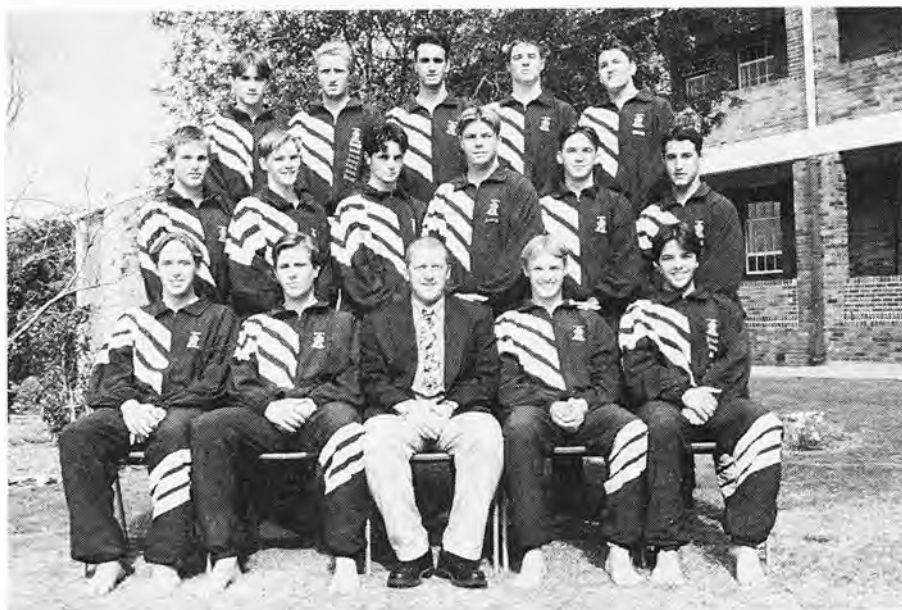
**Seated:** Nicholas Ranger, Luca Fiasconaro, Mr G Pretorius, Andrew Witten, Allan Horsfield



## Under 15 Water Polo Team

**Back row:** Allan Macfarlane, Lawrence Johnson, Evan Jones, Michel Tyack, Justin Bennett, Marco Cannata

**Seated:** Paul Smith, PJ Steyn, Mr G Pretorius, Grant Nel, John Farrell



## First Water Polo Team

**Back row:** Rei Farinha, Adrian Nel, Adriano Iorio, Luca Fiasconaro, Sean Lane

**Middle row:** Robert Morgan, Alasdair Kelly, Adam Treki, Stefano Contardo, Brendan Copestake, Grant Brown

**Seated:** Sean Goldhawk, Jordan Forsman, Mr G Pretorius, Richard van Lienden, Bradyn Dama



## Under 14 Water Polo Team

**Back row:** Roegn Dane, Matthew Smith, Craig Cikara, Matthew Ramsden, Gijs Foden, Evan Dall, Gabriele Maraschin, Justin Lemm

**Seated:** Adam Sleigh, Shaun Falconer, Mr G Norton, Gareth Katz, Jarrid Treges

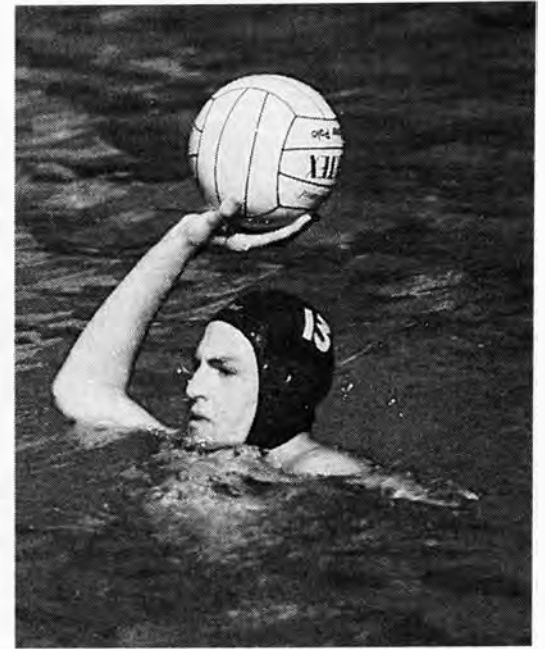




## Tour to Natal

During the last weekend in February, the First Water Polo Team went down to Port Shepstone to participate in a water polo tournament. We stopped over on the way down in Pietermaritzburg, where we played Carter High, the result of that match being 9-5 to us.

In Port Shepstone we were hosted by the boys of Port Shepstone High School. Eight schools – four from Johannesburg (Fourways, Rand Park,



Edenvale and ourselves) and four from Natal (Port Shepstone, Scottburgh, Kingsway and Kloof) – had gathered for the tournament. The way the tournament worked was that the Johannesburg schools only played the Natal schools.

Our first game was against Scottburgh, whom we beat 6-2. The next was against Kingsway. We won 12-1. Our third game against Kloof was our toughest, but we won 4-2. Finally we played Port Shepstone, and beat them 7-0.

The team played well; they showed a lot of skill and spirit, which is what led to us winning the tournament, having come through unbeaten.

All the boys had a great time; we enjoyed not only the water polo but also the boisterous evenings arranged by our hosts.

*Jordan Forssman*

## St David's boys at the World Seido Karate Tournament

From October 18th to 20th my brother, Roger, and I participated in the World Seido Karate Tournament in New York, USA.

Our training for this auspicious event began two years ago, but the team itself only started tournament training at the beginning of the year. We trained five days a week for two to three hours a day. This training increased to seven days a week as the tournament neared.

I participated in the Men's Under 40 age group, and Roger participated in the Junior Black division.

The tournament was spectacular, with over four hundred competitors. Roger managed to achieve fifth place in his division. His

division was tough and he faced some "buffelbulbs". I managed to achieve second place and the silver medal.

My motivation for participating in the tournament was that I was representing my country, an honour which will remain with me for an eternity. I represented South Africa and I did it well. I made my country, parents and school proud, not by achieving a silver medal, but by having strong "kokoro" (spirit).

NANA KAROBI YA OKI

(If you fall down seven times you get up eight times)

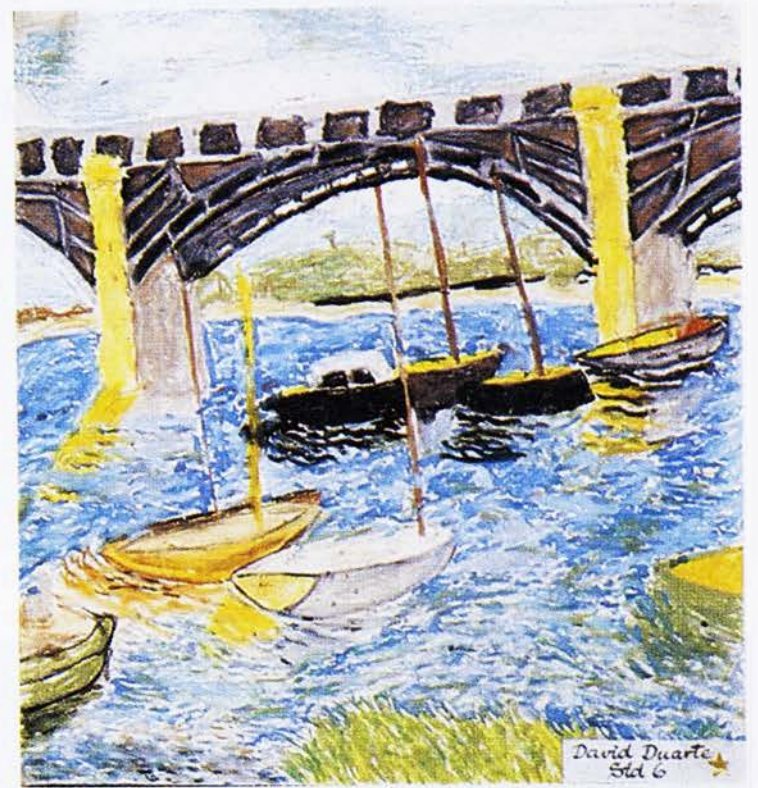
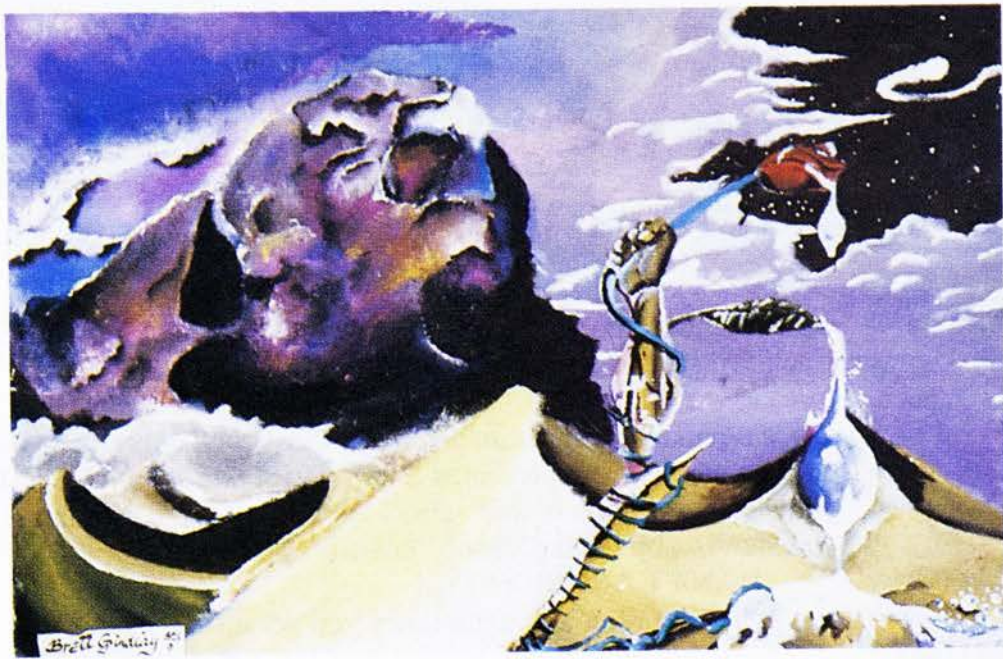
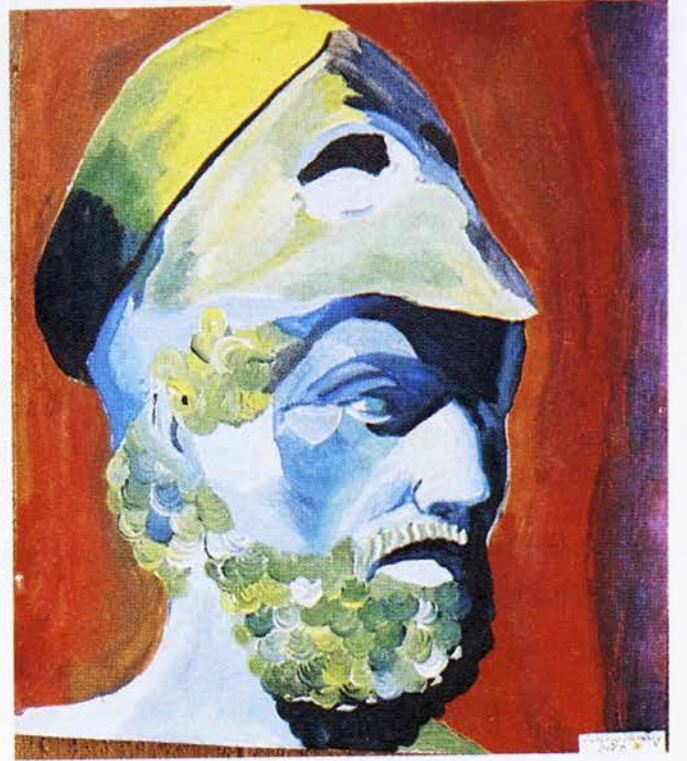
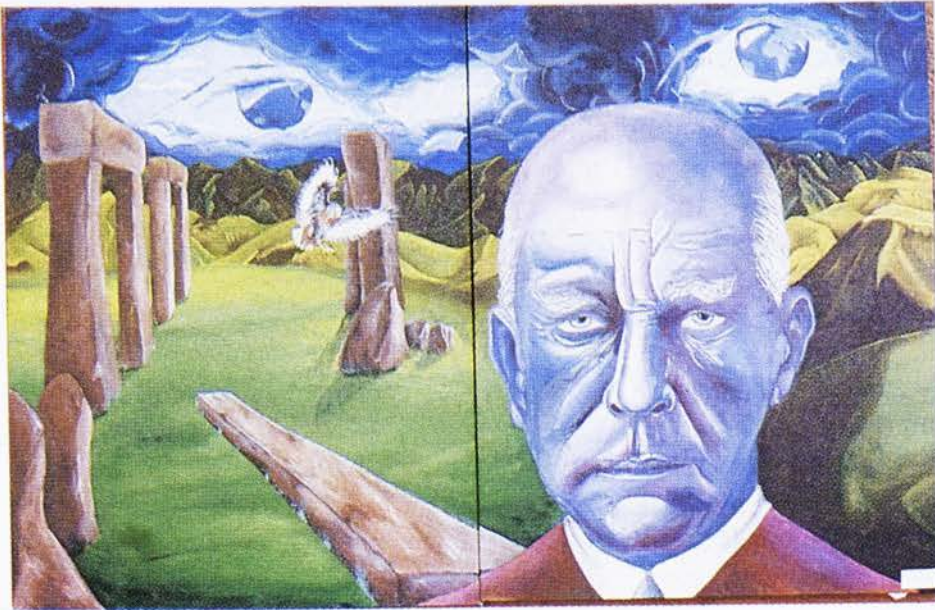
*Ronald Abvajee*



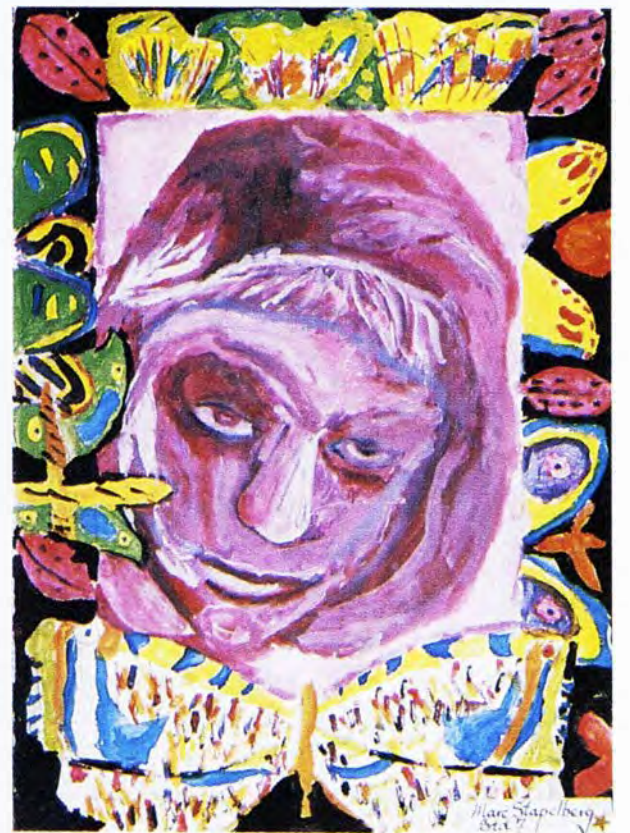
**Brothers Ronald and Roger Abvajee participated in the World Seido Karate Tournament in New York. They did spectacularly well – Ronald achieved second place and the silver medal, and Roger fifth place, in their respective divisions**



# High School









# Religious Review

## Confirmation

Seventeen of our Standard Nine students were confirmed at a ceremony at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rosebank, on 20 September. They were prepared for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Father Brewer, the College Chaplain.

### Confirmation Group

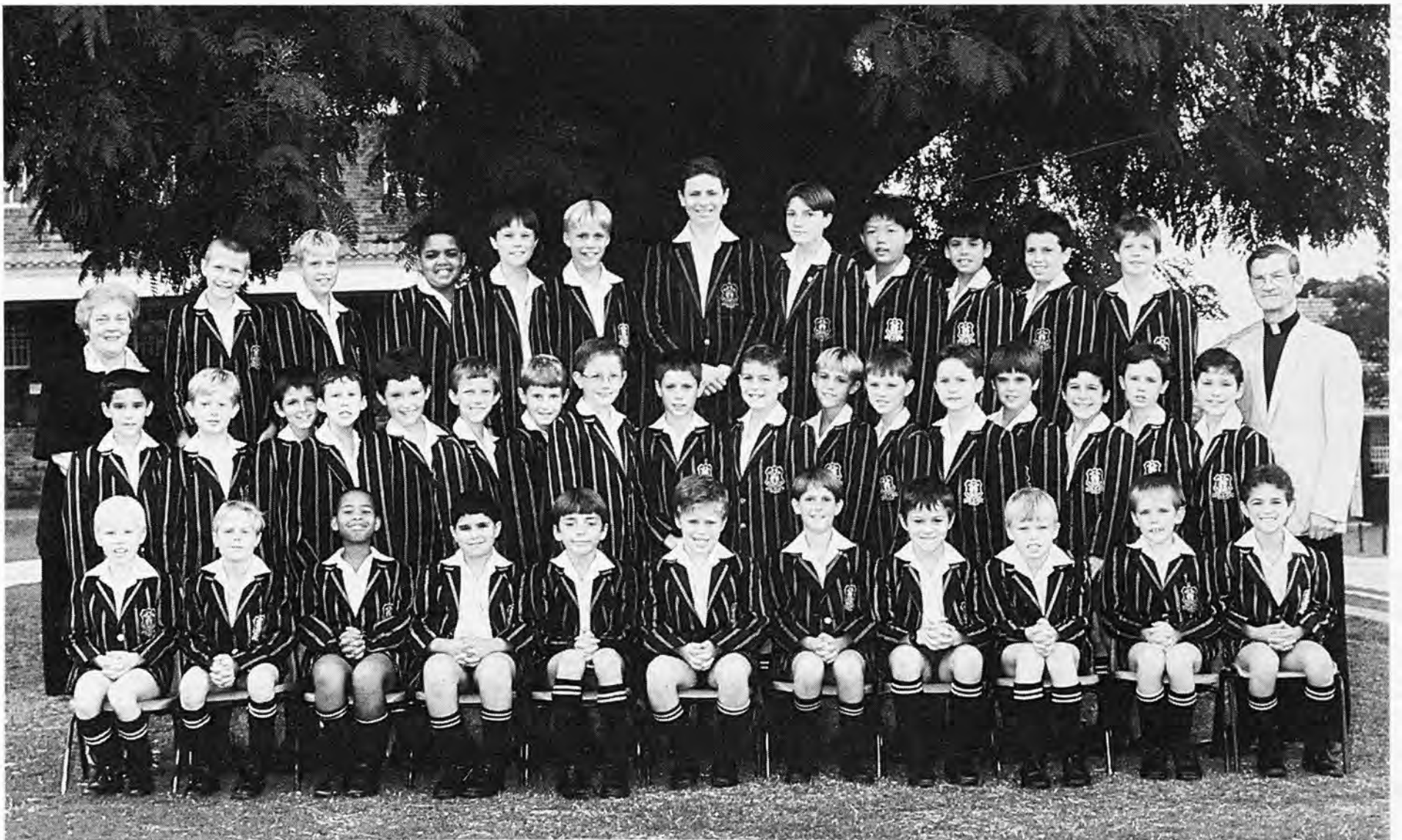
**Back row:** Jarred Dodson, Shaun Zuccolotto, Rei Farinha, Craig Chandler, Damon Hopkins

**Middle row:** Alasdair Kelly, Jeffrey Ryan, Dale Horsten, Adriano Iorio, Massimo Vassarotti, Keith Clover, Adam Treki, Robert Morgan

**Seated:** John Hilton, Brendan Copestake, Fr B Brewer, Paul Schoombie, Brian Teixeira



## First Holy Communion



### First Holy Communion

**Back row:** Mrs G Anderson, Sebastian Lewis, Ryan Shillaw, Earl James, Michael Misiewicz, Dayne Shillaw, Michael Miller, William Esposito, Jacky Wu, Lorenzo Agustoni, Richard Austin-Williams, Adam Smith, Fr B Brewer

**Middle row:** Kieran Fane-Hervey, Andrew Moerdyk, Nicholas Luksich, Christian Walsh, Ricardo Guimaraes, Grant Hayward, Adam Lowe, Paul Delaney, Ryan Botha, Gregg-Michael Hammond, Eyrton Hayes, Matthew MacFarlane, Dominic Hodge, Adriano Mendes, Nicholas Neto, Vincent Clery, Declan Berndt

**Seated:** Ryan Jamieson, Conor McCreedy, Mahlatse Sethole, Michael Khoury, Glenn Hurter, Nicholas Berti, Nigel Wright, Shaun de Sousa, Marc Cooke, Patrick Gahan, Jonathan Kourie

**Absent:** Struan Cameron, Christopher Lazley





**Jonathan Kourie receives Holy Communion from Father Brewer**

Sunday, 10 November, saw one of the largest groups of boys make their First Holy Communion in the College Chapel.

The Mass was celebrated by Father B Brewer and there were very few dry eyes as Mr R Girdwood sang "Suffer Little Children" as the boys led into the Chapel holding their candles. The choir was once again formed from the remaining Standard One boys, which has now become a tradition. These boys, trained by Mrs M Middlewick, are an integral part of the service and my thanks to these boys for giving up their Sunday morning to be with their classmates and for singing so beautifully.

After the service the boys went to the Hall for their breakfast, prepared as usual by Mrs Mary von Guilleaume and Matron Mary Ryan, while the parents enjoyed a cup of tea and a light snack.

The tradition was continued where the boys gave their mothers a posy of flowers and a hug to say thank you for all they had done for them, after which Father Brewer presented each boy with his certificate.

My thanks must go to the Staff for all their support and to the parents for supporting their sons in the preparation for the two important Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and I do hope that the parents will encourage their children to attend Mass on a regular basis.

*Mrs G Anderson*



**The boys prepare their readings for the First Holy Communion Mass around the statue of Our Blessed Lady**

## Retreats

Each class in the Prep School and each Standard Six, Seven and Eight class spent a morning on a retreat with Father Brewer.

The Standard Ten retreat was again held in the tranquil surroundings of the Good Shepherd Retreat Centre, overlooking Hartebeespoort Dam. As the dam was 100% full, we made a trip to see the water flowing over the wall.

The retreat was led by Father Vincent Mokhete, a Dominican who is the parish priest of the KwaThema parish on the East Rand. Father Mokhete is the priest who sang and danced at the head of the procession of clergy to the altar at the Mass which the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, celebrated at Gosforth Park last year. He handled the retreat in a quiet but purposeful way, challenging the boys to think about the values they live by and how faith in God fits into the future direction of their lives.



**Father Vincent Mokhete leading a session at the Standard Ten retreat**



**The view of Hartebeespoort Dam from the Good Shepherd Retreat Centre. Mr Lambe meditates on the scene**





# Post-Matric Trip to Sizanani Mission and Buddhist Centre

Some of the Post-Matrices came on a trip to the Sizanani Catholic Mission and the Buddhist Centre at Bronkhorstspuit. At Sizanani, we were shown the ceramics, leather, candle and weaving workshops; and the beautiful church with its outdoor sculpted Stations of the Cross and "prayer hill" with sculptures of the Corporal Works of Mercy, all created by local artists. We visited the facilities for disabled children, some of whom are severely retarded and deformed and can do nothing for themselves – little fragments of humanity simply existing. This was a profoundly sad and disturbing experience.

The Buddhist Monastery and Guest House is a magnificent structure (our guide told us that some tourists arrived one night, thinking it was a casino!). Going up next to it is the largest Buddhist temple outside of the East. We were shown the prayer rooms and meditation halls, and at lunch (vegetarian, of course) were introduced to some of the monks and nuns. Unfortunately our guide did not speak very good English and so could not really answer any of our questions about Buddhism. We did learn that, as in Christianity, there are many different branches of the religion – this branch ("Pure Land Buddhism") was certainly not the most ascetic!

Over camomile tea with the Abbot of the monastery, the boys asked him, "So, what do you do all day?" The Abbot looked a little puzzled, but as the interpreter clarified the question, he grinned and the reply came back, "I pray and meditate". Seeing their shocked disbelief that anyone could possibly occupy their time with something so boring, the guide explained that the Abbot had been through many incarnations and was at a very advanced spiritual stage – obviously light years away from where most Sandton teenagers are at! He was unsuccessful in signing them up for a course in meditation.



*With the Abbot in the courtyard of the Buddhist Guest House. The tinkling bells (which can be seen at the top of the picture) sound a constant hymn of praise to God*



*In the church at the Sizanani Mission*



*One of the temples in the Guest House*



# The Marist Co-Workers

There are many charitable institutions and welfare agencies which depend on the generosity of the public for their survival. The Co-Workers continued their primary work of collecting contributions from the student body in order to be able to assist a few of these institutions. This year we supported the Johannesburg Child Welfare Society, the Joseph Gerard Home for the Aged in Alexandra, the San Salvador home for mentally retarded girls, the Polokong Children's Village (run by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul), the Street-Wise project for streetchildren, and the bursary fund of the Marist Brothers at their mission school in Slough.

Eight Co-Workers raised R2134 for World Vision's relief and development work among underprivileged children in South Africa, by going without food for forty hours in the "Hunger for Life" fast.

Something of a debate was going around some classrooms and corridors that St David's is a school that raises many times more for its matric dance than it does for charity (the high school, that is) and yet still somehow professes to be a Christian school. Certainly, for a school located in the most affluent bit of square kilometerage in the country, the amount raised for charity is embarrassingly small.

Some pointed out that the members of the Matric Dance Committee roll up their sleeves and organise movie premieres and competitions with big prizes, and there is nothing to stop the Co-Workers marketing themselves in the same way.

But there is something. Would such high-profile activity be in keeping with the spirituality of the Co-Workers? And anyway, should almsgiving not be second nature (or, at least, a sacred duty) for people who profess to be Christian?



*Outside the home for the destitute and terminally ill in Bellevue, newly established by sisters of the Missionaries of Charity. The sisters who run the home are keen for the St David's Co-Workers to do volunteer work at the home*



*Befriending David, a terminally-ill patient at the home. The sisters gave us an object lesson in humility when they declined to appear in the photograph. David died a few weeks after this picture was taken*

But the Marist Co-Workers should not only be about raising money. The Constitution of the Marist Brothers speaks of the need in Marist schools to "awaken people's consciences to the problems that affect society" and of the need to "involve our pupils in charitable works that bring them into contact with situations of poverty" (Paragraph 87.2).

With these needs very much in mind, some boys again came along to the soup kitchen operated by "Paballo Ya Batho" (Caring for the People). This is a "mobile" soup kitchen, with vans going around to communities of homeless people living on the streets and under motorway bridges in the inner-city areas, bringing them soup, bread, basic medical care and human friendship. Each excursion is preceded by a session where the night's volunteers are briefed about the need to respect the dignity of those they will encounter on the streets by, for example, calling them by their names and showing regard for their space by not doing things like treading on their cardboard sleeping mats.

Sadly, a planned trip to the Marist Mission at Slough was cancelled when not enough boys wanted to go to make it viable.

Some sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Mother Teresa, are in the process of establishing a home for the destitute and a hospice for AIDS sufferers in Bellevue. We took some bed linen and towels, generously donated by St David's parents, to the home. The sisters showed us around, and were agreeable when we asked if we could come regularly to do odd jobs and to visit the patients. This we hope to do next year.



**Marist Co-Workers Committee**  
**Back row:** Dale Horsten, Adriano Iorio, Jeffrey Ryan, Robert Morgan  
**Seated:** Ian Acott, Mr N Mitchell, David Pierson



## Prep Co-Workers



### Senior Prep Co-Workers

**Back row:** Sean Osterloh, Anthony Colia, Bryan James, Michael Reid, Graeme Ross-Munro

**Middle row:** Christian Jeurissen, Hugo Gill, Ryan Warneke, Justin Nel, Mrs S Bowles, Adrian de Canha, Riccardo Pizzi, Shane Mitchell, Grant Kennedy

**Seated:** Gift Mposula, Alan Stapelberg, Justin Sing, Alexi Papadopoulos, Fabiano Cellini, Matthew Cameron, Nicholas Ansell

This year our Co-Workers continued to collect vegetables each week for the Joseph Gerard Home. Each class in turn was responsible for bringing their contributions to the chapel altar during the offertory procession at Friday Mass. We thank the boys and their parents for their kind support.

Due to your generosity there was always a supply of good quality clothing, books and stationery to pass on to Brother Vincent and through him to the Mission and school at Slough where there are so many needy young people.

A friend of the Co-Workers, Mrs Elizabeth Matthews, kindly donated two exquisitely embroidered nursery pictures of "Winnie-the-Pooh". These were raffled throughout the Prep school and raised R3340. Of this magnificent amount, R1000 was given to Mrs Ansell for distribution among our various charities, R1000 was given to Brother Vincent, R300 was the cost of having the pictures framed and we have a small reserve ready for the next cry for help.

Many mothers, aunts and grannies knitted vests or blanket squares during the winter and the response to our call for towels, blankets and baby requisites was overwhelming.

Despite times being hard it seems that we can always depend on our Marist Co-Workers to remember our less fortunate friends.

*S Bowles*

## Statue of the Sacred Heart finds a new home

On 1 July, on the outside wall of the Brothers' chapel, above the staff room, a statue of the Sacred Heart was placed in a niche which has stood empty for years. It took six strong men to hoist the statue into place.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back to 1673, when Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, had a vision in which Jesus showed her his heart which was on fire with love for mankind. At the time the Jansenists were spreading the doctrine in France that God was a stern judge who had elected only a few souls



for salvation and that all others were damned. This obscured the doctrine of Christ's love for all people, sinners included. With the assistance of Margaret Mary's Jesuit confessor, Saint Claude de la Columbiere, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the visible sign of Christ's infinite love for mankind gradually became established in the church, and was officially made a feast day in 1856. May the statue serve as a reminder of Christ's love for all of humanity and of his vigilance over our school.



# Altar Servers

## Senior Prep

This has been a successful year for our faithful band of senior prep altar servers. It is often difficult for them to attend regularly and to fix a time for practice into our extensive extra-mural timetable. However, our numbers continue to grow and with patience and encouragement we have trained several new members during this year.

What makes me so proud is the immediate and positive response from the boys whenever they are called upon to serve. We often make mistakes! Being a competent altar server requires real

effort and concentration. However, Father can always be relied upon to help a novice who has temporarily forgotten the Order of Service or some vital procedure.

Our Lord taught us, by his example, the importance of service to others. I believe that, by their example, our altar servers help their friends to enjoy the celebration of Friday Mass. To my Standard Five servers, I say thank you for your support and I pray that the Lord will walk with you as you begin your new careers in High School.

God bless.

*S Bowles*



## Junior Prep Altar Servers

**Back row:** Mrs M Middlewick, K Fane-Hervey, R Guimanaes, A Smith, D Hodge, A Mendes, Fr B Brewer

**Seated:** J Kourie, S Sithebe, D Berndt, V Clery, N Berti, M Sitole, C Steinbach.

**Absent:** D Clarkson, S Cameron

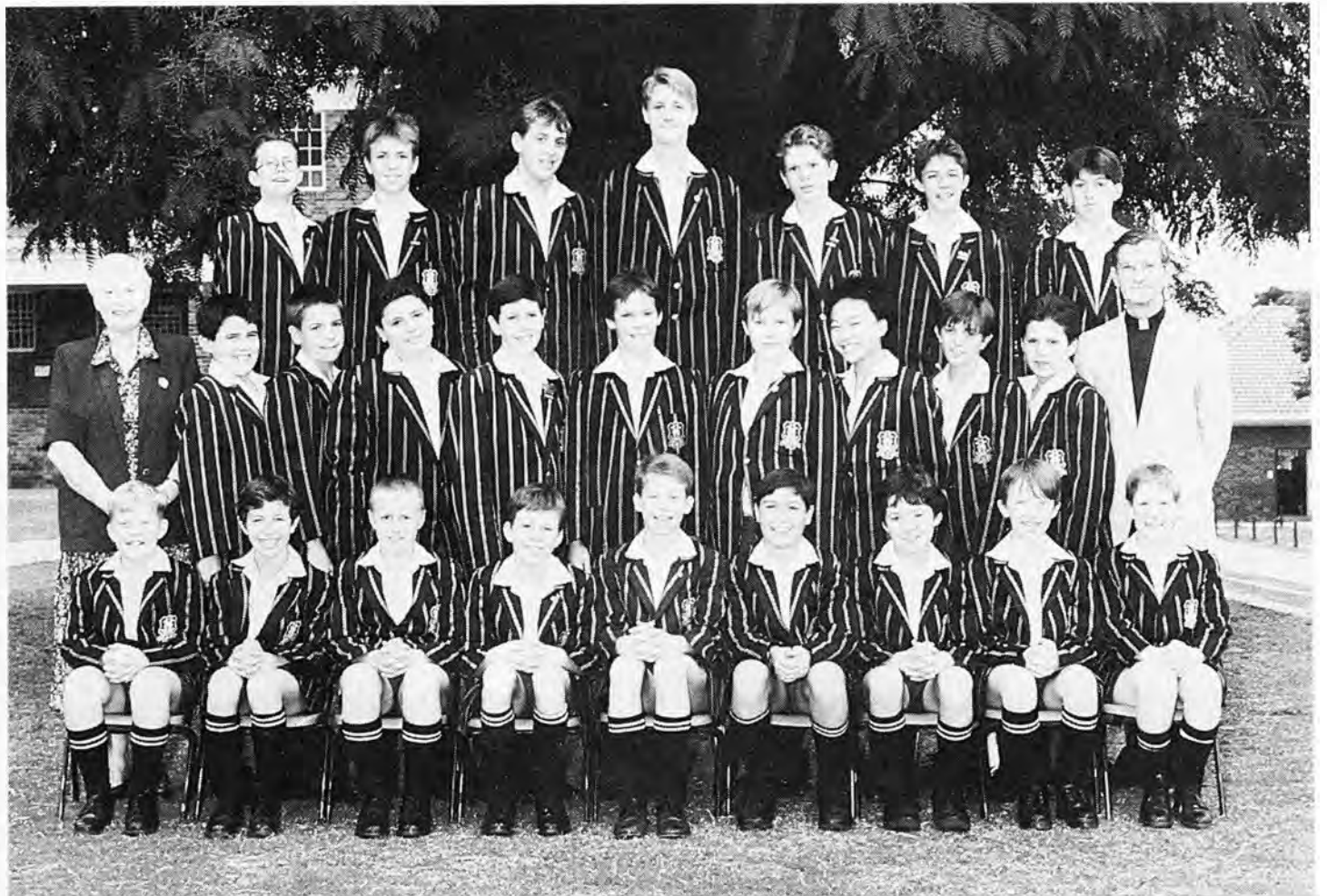
## Senior Prep Altar Servers

**Back row:** Ryan Warneke, Pierre Wilkinson, Anthony Colia, Bryan James, Riccardo Pizzi, Shane Mitchell

### Middle row:

Mrs S Bowles, Kevin Mullane, Patrick Smith, Alexi Papadopoulos, Hugo Gill, Mark Tonetti, Christian Jeurissen, Justin Sing, Michele Maraschin, Fabiano Cellini, Father Brewer

**Seated:** Nicholas Ansell, Gianluca Tucci, Andrew Castle, Matthew Cameron, Alan Stapelberg, Danilo Giacobazzi, Walter Giuricich, Brendan Roane, Mark Middlewick







# Champagnat Day

*A day to give thanks to God for the life of Blessed Marcellin Champagnat (1789-1840)*



I went to mass. it was nice then we went to the sorcer feelds I went on the jumping casle. I got a sweet then I wotsht the pillow fights then I got sum jellee and a coke then my mom came and fecht me

*Andrew Keightley-Smith Grade 1R*

I went to mass and I sat down and my botm was cold. After mass I went to the soccer fiyld and I played with my best frend.

*Andrew Osborne Grade 1R*

On Champagnat Day I went to mass and we sang songs. After mass I went back to the closroom and i got drest and then I playd agenst the moms.

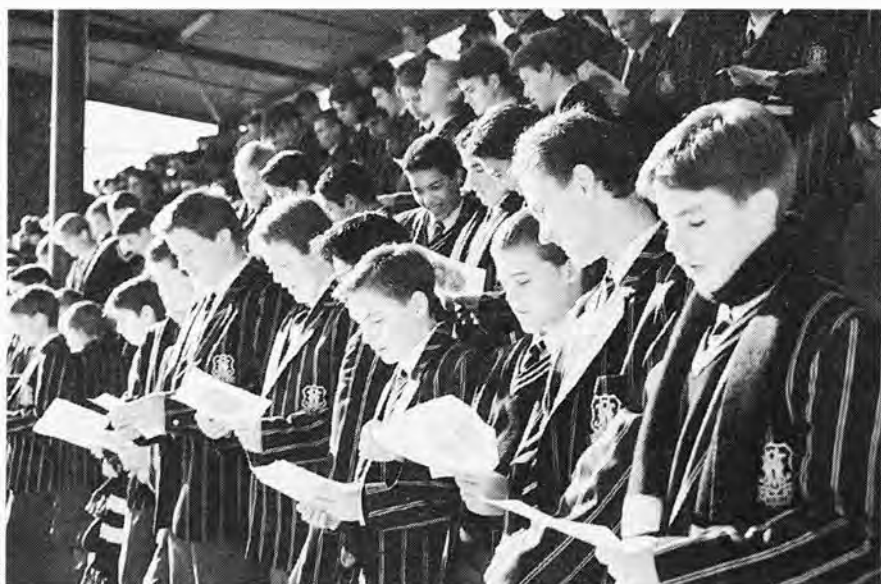
*Sam Vandeleur Grade 1R*

First I went to the pool at mass. then I played a dart game. It was 2 rand. then I woctht the soccer match. Our boys plaed the Mums. the boys won 3-one. It was My best scool day!

*Alastair Morris Grade 1R*

6 June is a very special day because this is the day when all Marist schools in the whole world celebrate Champagnat Day. Blessed Marcellin Champagnat was the man who started the Marist Brothers. On that day we had such a special Mass at school. Father Brewer told us all about Marcellin Champagnat and the choir sang lovely hymns at our Mass. After Mass we had such fun on the soccer fields. I went to watch the Prep Staff versus the Boys soccer match and the score was one all. I am sure the staff team had too many players. Finally, I bought a boerewors roll and a cooldrink and played Gladiators on the jumping castle. We had such a wonderful day.

*Sabelo Sithebe 1H*







I woke up at 4 o'clock in the morning on Champagnat Day because I was so excited. I jumped out of bed and got ready for school. When I got to school I had to help carry all sorts of things to the Pavilion for Champagnat Day. Then the school bell went. We lined up and went to the pool for our Champagnat Mass. When Mass was finished I got my tickets and ran to the soccer field to buy a pancake but there were queues of boys already and I had to wait for my turn. Then I went to buy some sweets and chocolates and watched some soccer. I bought a cooldrink and ate a whole tub of jelly and custard. It was delicious. I watched some more soccer and saw Mr Mitchley boot the ball and score the goal of the century. Then I went home with my best friend Mark.

*Kieran Fane-Hervey 1H*

I woke up very early because I was so excited. It was Champagnat Day! Champagnat Day is a very important day for all the Marist Colleges in the whole world. On Champagnat Day we have a big Mass at the pool. When Mass is finished, we all go up to the soccer fields. We have so much fun. There are lots of soccer games like the Prep Firsts against the Prep Staff and then there are pancakes and cool drinks and lots of sweets. There are pillow fights and jumping castles and tug-of-war teams. Champagnat Day is when we celebrate the Feast Day of the Founder of our school. We do no work at all. It is the very best day in the year.

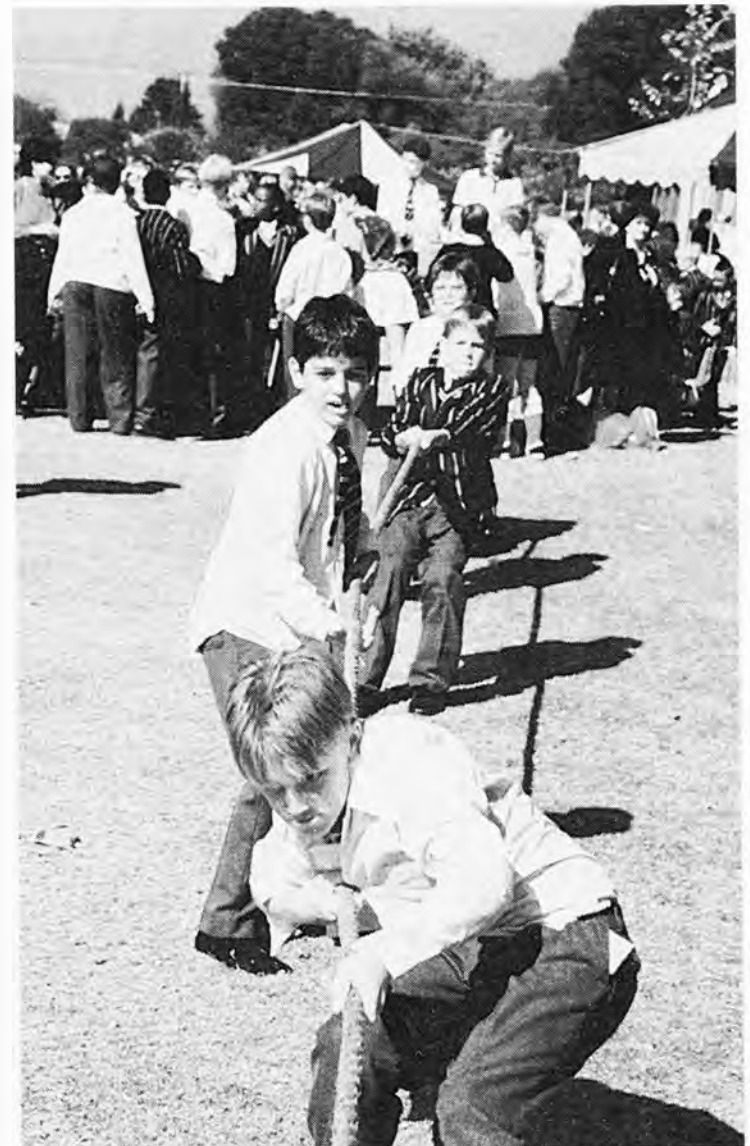
*Richard Prior 1H*

Father Brewer's sermon at Mass made a large impression on me. It made me notice how I can better myself.

*Grant Collister 6M*

I scored a brilliant goal with my header which led us to the semi-finals but sadly we lost the semis to 7M and were knocked out the soccer tournament.

*Allain Spinnaze 6M*







The pillow fight was very nice to run except for the children complaining. The day was very enjoyable and all the money went to a good cause.

*Neil Powell 6M*

Champagnat Day is a day to celebrate the life of our founder, Blessed Marcellin Champagnat. It was a day to raise funds to help carry out his mission. Champagnat opened schools to give the less fortunate the gift of education. Our staff bursary fund helps bring some less fortunate children to our school, children who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford a good education.

*Duncan Brown 6C*



The day was a good way to fulfil Marcellin Champagnat's dream which was to bring to school the unfortunate, to take off the streets those who had no food or shelter, to help those in need.

*Tshepo Monyemore 6C*

Champagnat Day made me feel proud of St David's because of all the fundraising that was done for the poor.

*Peter Joubert 6C*





The mass at the pool was good. The soccer could have been better. There could have been more activities. It was quite boring. All we did was eat until we felt sick. But it was worth it.

*Rory Atkinson 6C*

I thought of all the other schools sharing this day around the world. I really felt like part of the Marist Brothers family.

*Derrick Garofoli 6C*

The day started with a mass which reminded us about the holy side of the day. We then went to the fields to play soccer and watch the teachers! The money raised I think is for a good cause. The day was fun and very enjoyable.

*Jarrid Treges 6C*

I think that the soccer was really unfair because we had to play against Std 7, but if we played a Std 6 class we would have had a chance. I enjoyed the Mass and the whole day was different.

*Grant Davies 6C*





LACIDEOR JESUS  
CHRISTUS



ET MARIA MAGER  
EJUS AMEN

## Marist Brothers News

Brother Jude became the Provincial of the Marist Brothers at the beginning of the year. As such he serves on the Board of Governors of St David's.

The Brothers are closing their mission at Slough in the Kalahari. The schools and clinics which they helped to establish will now be run totally by the communities for whom they were established. Brother Anthony (who was Headmaster at St David's from 1960 to 1974) will be staying on in Kuruman a while longer to wind up some remaining projects.

Brother Vincent moves to Uitenhage, where he will be teaching at the Marymount High School and helping at the new Marist Pre-Novitiate.

At the St David's staff lunch at the end of the year, Brother Vincent thanked St David's for all the support given to Slough over the years, and presented us with a gift as a token of the Brothers' gratitude. We hope that Brother Vincent will continue to visit us whenever he is able – he is always welcome.

Brother Timothy (Headmaster at St David's from 1975 to 1981) is now the supervisor of diocesan Catholic schools (these are schools which are not run or owned by religious orders, but by the diocese) in Johannesburg.

We were shocked to hear in November the tragic news of the murder of four Marist Brothers in Zaire, by members of the Hutu militia of the former Rwandan government. Servando Mayor, Miguel Angel Isla, Julio Jorge and Fernando de la Fuente, all Spanish citizens, worked at a refugee camp in Nyamirangwe, near the town of Bugobe in Zaire. They helped teach 6000 refugee children in the camp. The area is in a war-zone controlled by elements of the ex-armed forces of Rwanda. The Brothers knew they were in a dangerous and vulnerable position and had decided to return home a week before they were attacked, but stayed on at the request of those they served. It is presumed that a motivation for the killings was that the Brothers had radio communication and therefore were suspected of being in touch with opposition forces.

The bodies of the four Brothers were found in a septic tank pit (which they themselves had dug) at their residence. Their murderers remained in the house for several days, thereby preventing anyone else from approaching it. The few witnesses remaining in the area claim to have seen the men walking around in clothing belonging to the dead Brothers.

With these four Brothers, the number of Marist Brothers who have met violent deaths in Africa has risen to ten since April 1994.

## Obituaries

The Headmasters, staff and pupils offer their sympathy and prayers to the families of those who died since the publication of the 1995 St David's Marist College Review

**MR HUGH O'NEILL**, March  
Father of June Anderson (College Secretary), Grandfather of Darryl (Std 9M)

**MR C PHIPPS**, March  
Grandfather of Michael Phipps (Std 4G)

**MR EDDIE NETO**, March  
Cousin of Nicholas (Std 1H) and Marc Neto (Gr 0M). Tragically killed

**MR DEAN SWANSON**, March  
Nephew of Mrs D Hurley (Std 1 teacher). Tragically killed in a car crash

**MR PAUL VISSER**, April  
Old Boy of the school and brother of Lee, also an Old Boy

**MRS MACDONALD**, May  
Mother of Bev Kalk (Gr 1 teacher),

Grandmother of Justin (Gr 2M) and Nathan Kalk (Gr 0M)

**MRS CLAUDIA KOBILA**, June  
Mother of John (Old Boy) and Phillip (Std 8C)

**MR E AHMED**, August  
Father of Firaz (Std 9B)

**MR MANUEL NETO**, July  
Grandfather of Nicholas (Std 1H) and Marc Neto (Gr 0M)

**MR IRVING LEIBBRANDT**, August  
Father of Mrs M Everson (Senior Prep) and Grandfather of David Everson (Std 1H)

**MR J BARNETT FERREIRA**, August  
Father of Mrs Andrew (teacher in the High School) and Grandfather of Wilf Exton (Std 6B)

**MR LUDWIG SMITH**, September  
Grandfather of David Smith (Std 4M)

**MR DAVID GEDDES**, September  
Father of Paul Geddes (Post-Matric)

**MR PETER O'CONNOR-PRETORIUS**,  
October  
Father of Matthew (Gr 1R)

**MR MARK BROWN**, October  
Brother of Robyn Henderson (teacher in the High School) and cousin of Bev Kalk (Gr 1 teacher). Tragically killed in an aeroplane crash

**MRS MILNE**, October  
Grandmother of Matthew (Std 2B), mother-in-law of Pat Milne (Gr 0M teacher)

**MRS VAL ZANIN**, November  
Grandmother of Brendan (Std 7B) and Timothy O'Shea (Std 9B)

**FR JIM McELLIGOTT**, November  
Uncle of Brendan Roane (Std 2P) and of Old Boys Kiernan and Declan

**May They Rest in Peace**



# ST DAVID'S MARIST PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## The Headmaster's Report

Address at the Prep Prizegiving, 4 December 1996

I have been very given strict instructions that my speech must not last longer than sixteen minutes. If it does, I have been informed that I will become the first St David's Headmaster to receive an unceremonial baptism in the pool. This means I will have to say little or speak fast!

Mr and Mrs Wilkinson, Members of the Board, Mr and Mrs Edey, Ladies and Gentlemen, Colleagues and lastly – and most importantly – boys.

Good evening.

I would like to divide my report into two sections – firstly a brief retrospective chronology of the year and secondly a personal perspective.

On 16th January we opened with 528 pupils including 72 new Grade 0's. We welcomed onto our staff Mr Hosmer, Mrs Zambon, Mrs Browne and Mrs Hayward – the latter in a permanent capacity. We were sadly to lose the services of one of our colleagues through ill-health when Mrs Sandy suffered multiple strokes. Mrs Hedding very kindly offered to teach in Yvonne's place. We also were taken by surprise when Mrs Phillips suddenly emigrated to New Zealand. We were most fortunate to be able to enlist a very capable relief teacher in Mrs Kourie and we are deeply indebted to both her and Claire for coming in at such short notice and doing such a wonderful job.

It seems a lifetime ago, but in January I too made a nervous start to life at St David's. My task was however made more straightforward than I originally anticipated and I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Greg Royce for the wonderful school that I have inherited.

Instead of having a baptism of fire – through the continual support and advice from my executive in general and my deputy heads Messrs Spence and Castle in particular – my integration has been relatively pain-free. My sincere thanks go to them. One of the finest legacies Greg left behind is undoubtedly our staff who contribute so much towards making this school what it is. To the staff, I thank you for your hard work – we are fortunate indeed to possess a group of teachers who care so much for the individual.

I believe we have had a very successful year and I would like to highlight a few of the significant contributory factors. Our school ethos is established upon four cornerstones of pupil development. They comprise academics, sport, cultural and spiritual. No one complement is viewed as being of greater importance than another. Holistic education should seek to nurture every aspect of a child's development and that is our primary aim in the Prep school. I would venture to suggest that there is in fact a fifth dimension in the provision of the best possible educational opportunities for children –

and that is the wholehearted support and encouragement by parents, who together with the school, must form an equal partnership in the best interests of the child.

I seek no kudos in saying that I am deeply indebted to the overwhelming majority of our parents who work in tandem with us for the sake of their sons. It helps us, the staff, immeasurably.

In briefly mentioning the academic highlights of the year, I would like to point out that the policy of the school has never been one of admitting only academic wizards – but rather we strive to offer a good education to pupils from diverse backgrounds and varied ability. I believe our track record is one to be proud of.

This term, Mr Spence conducted Maths tests in the Senior Primary from which each boy's Maths age and quotient was derived. We were delighted by the results which in most cases indicated that our boys were functioning between one and two years in excess of their chronological ages. We also held a very successful Science Expo in the hall where some of the projects were nothing short of ingenious.

Our own Standard Five boys performed very well in the scholarship exams for the High School and John Morkel, Greg Hunter, Brendan Murray and Terence Marais were successful in securing scholarships. Additionally, Christopher Lazley has been awarded a music scholarship to St Andrew's College in Grahamstown.

The 1995 HSRC results, whereby our school is evaluated alongside many others both state and Independent, were particularly praiseworthy and we expect similar results this year. Through very careful monitoring of each individual boy we endeavour to encourage them to maximise their potential.

On the cultural front the school has enjoyed a busy year. The highlight was undoubtedly the production of "Joseph" which played to full houses each night. Additionally, the choir evening of "Songs from around the world", the Nativity Play, and the wonderful junior and senior primary art exhibitions, declamations and inter-house quiz, kept us entertained and each event was a showpiece.

Turning to sport, there is one in our midst (who shall remain nameless) who says that "Sport is not a matter of life or death – it's far more important than that!". Our sporting achievements have done us proud. When one considers any prep school's sporting achievements, I believe that the number of children who participate and the number of matches played are more important than the year's victories. I don't know of any prep school in Gauteng which can equal our levels of participation and the sheer number of matches we have played. We are very proud of this record.



*Mr R Wilson, Headmaster of the Preparatory School*



The East London football tour is the pinnacle of the sports calendar for those who are lucky enough to participate, and in August one hundred boys thoroughly enjoyed the tour! There was also a cricket tour to Natal for the Under 11 and 1st Teams.

Representation in area and provincial sides is obviously the icing on the cake and our boys have met with considerable success in this regard. We will recognise their efforts later this evening.

Spiritual guidance is the fourth cornerstone and an important one for the school and the boys. Sadly, in this day and age, there is a universal decrease in family participation in religion and increasingly some grown-ups are relying upon schools to provide for their children. We are fortunate in having Father Brewer, someone with whom the boys can identify and the Masses and Retreats this year have been well received. Our grateful thanks go to Father for all that he does for the school.

When we commence the new year in 1997, we shall be welcoming several new teachers, some as replacements for those leaving, and others as a result of our continued expansion which will culminate in 1998 with the third Standard Five class. We are pleased with the calibre of replacement we have recruited and we look forward to their ideas and input into our school.

Sadly, we shall be losing the services of Mrs Burt who leaves shortly for New Zealand, Mrs Murray who moves to St Andrew's, Mrs Sternberg who leaves to go to Durban and Mrs Ballard who has decided to pursue a career in Remedial Therapy. I would like to publicly thank these ladies for their tremendous commitment to our school. Each one of them is a gifted teacher and we shall sorely miss them.

The turn of the century is almost upon us. There have been major advances and at the same time increased pressures in our lives. We appear to be caught on a rollercoaster which we cannot seem to slow down or stop. We at St David's have to be aware of the paradigm shifts occurring in education and it is vital that we don't let the grass grow under our feet if we are to adequately prepare our boys for the future. To this end, we are currently involved in studying options to improve the provision of computer education in our school and many teachers are including Design Technology in their themes. Staff development is an important priority and between them our teachers have attended over fifty courses this year.

There are going to be major changes in our school over the next four to five years. They are going to be very exciting and will include the provision of many long-awaited facilities. I am by nature a very impatient person and I can therefore well understand the anxiety felt by many of you, the parents, who have spoken to me about when the changes will be made. The period of waiting is almost at an end and I would liken what lies ahead to a long ocean cruise. We are all becoming excited to be setting off, but it is vital that the captain knows exactly where we're going and if we have sufficient fuel to get there! Furthermore, there are bound to be the occasional stormy seas along the way and skilful navigation is therefore of paramount importance. Mr Edey and I, together with the Board and your representative in the form of the PTA Chairman Mr Busschau, have planned long and hard and we are all committed to providing the best that we can offer for your sons. Whilst mentioning the PTA, I would like to extend my thanks to them for the support that they have given the school throughout the year – it is greatly appreciated.

In further mentioning my colleague Mr Edey, I must affirm what a pleasure it is working alongside him. We have the same dreams for the school and I believe that your sons will be in fine hands when they reach the high school. I spoke to one of our Standard Five boys last week about moving out of the Prep and asked him how he felt. He said, "After all these years the Prep seems almost like home to me and the staff and my friends are like my family and luckily I won't be leaving it altogether when I move up into the college."

Our Standard Five boys are passing on to the college and we are proud of them and their achievements, no matter how great or small.

One of the aspects of my job that I enjoy (and there are many) is the absence of passing the buck. To illustrate how it could be at St David's, imagine this:

Wits Professor: Such rawness in a pupil is a shame. St David's high school is to blame!

Mr Edey: Good heavens, what stupidity; the boy's a fool. The fault of course lies in our prep school!

Mr Spence: From such stupidity may I be spared. The JP sent them unprepared!

Mrs Anderson: The pre-school must be such a joke. I never saw such a backward oke!

Pre-school teacher: Such a lack of training did I never see. What kind of woman must his mother be?

Mother: Poor helpless child; he's not to blame. His father's people were just the same!

The father said keeping in line: I doubt the rascal's even mine!

Ladies and gentlemen, thankfully these rascals are ours and we are proud of each one of them.

Boys, tonight some of you will be receiving awards and others won't. Some of you will go home thrilled and others tremendously disappointed. If we could, we would give out 525 prizes because each of you in some way deserves it. Sadly we can't do that. It is a fact that some of you are stronger than others academically, some are excellent at sports or drama and most of you have done your best this year. Whilst we may only be giving out a few prizes per class, I want you to know that you are all winners. You are winners in that you attend a really good school, have dedicated teachers who work incredibly hard for you, you have parents who have made big sacrifices to keep you here and of course best of all, they love and support you. Even though you may not be receiving a prize yourself, feel happy for what you have in life and share the enjoyment of those whose efforts we do recognise tonight.

To the parents – some of you too will be thrilled tonight and others disappointed. Believe me, the teachers had a terribly difficult time finalizing some of the awards and though your son may not be a recipient tonight, he is no less esteemed in our eyes. Please maintain your positive input into the school and always give your sons that most valuable of commodities – time.

I came across the following poem by an unknown author entitled "Unity" and I feel it is so applicable to our situation that I would like to share it with you.

I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a young child's mind, and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher – the tools he used were books and music and art.  
One, a parent with a guiding hand, and a gentle loving heart.  
Day after day the teacher toiled, with touch that was deft and sure,  
While the parents laboured by his side and polished, and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last their task was done, they were proud of what they had wrought.

For this thing they had moulded in the child could be neither sold nor bought.

And each agreed he would have failed if he had worked alone,  
For behind the parent stood the school, and behind the teacher, the home.

I would like to think that this is the way we work at St David's.  
We are entering the wonderful season of Christmas and I hope I won't be entering the pool.

In closing, to our Standard Fives in particular and to all of you in general, I wish you a peaceful and restful Christmas holiday, and to the staff, I thank you for a tremendous year and I further thank you for your commitment to St David's.

The Irish have a wonderful blessing which I feel is appropriate for our St David's family and I would like to dedicate it to our Standard Fives.

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face

The rain fall soft upon your fields.

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

Thank you.



# Vote of Thanks to the Staff

Good Evening Mr Edey, Mr Wilson, Members of the Governing Body, Staff, Parents and Pupils.

It is with a feeling of great pride and honour and some sadness that I stand before you today representing the Standard Five pupils of 1996. Amongst us are provincial sportsmen, academic achievers and all-round good guys with whom I have had the pleasure of sharing the last eight years of my life, with the exception of those who joined us in later years.

During the course of this year many goals were achieved which have made our lives a good deal richer both in spirit and outlook; this augurs well for the class of '96 which will, I am sure, move on to greater excellence during the course of the next five years.

On behalf of all my fellow Standard Five pupils, I would like to thank Mr Wilson and all the teachers who have taught and supported us during this past year. We appreciated and will remember your help and understanding when the going got tough.

A special thank you goes to Mr Wilson who, in his first year as Prep Headmaster continued with the excellent standards that Mr Royce and Mr Spence set prior to his taking the reins in January 1996. Sir, we are quite astounded by your ability to call all your pupils by their first names. This is one of the very special qualities of our school – the fact that each and every boy is treated as an individual. For this, we thank you.

Mr Spence, our Deputy Headmaster, has had his fair share of Oscar-winning performances in the classroom. Sir, we thank you for making us believe in ourselves and always reminding us to be gentlemen, even when we knew our bad manners must have made you cringe.

Mr Castle, our Deputy Head, whom all of us have learnt to respect over the years, we say, Sir, we used to look up to you, because of our short statures; however, we can now look you straight in the eye. We are sure that you will come up with new ideas to punish the boys when they stray from the straight and narrow now that corporal punishment has been abolished. We thank you for being there when we needed you and for being the astute organiser of all our sporting events.

Mr Sloane, who would rather be on the golf course than teaching boys who are on the threshold of teenagerhood. Sir, we thank you for your guidance and help through the pupil development programme in achieving our goals, and hope to see you on TV when you join the ranks of Nick Faldo and Ernie Els.

We would like to thank Father Brewer for administering to our religious needs and always being present at functions with words of encouragement when we needed it most.

To all the other teachers who made us understand what school

is about and who gave up their time to ensure that we achieved the best that we could, thank you. Thank you Mr Mitchley, Mrs Morkel, Mrs Geldenhuys, Mrs Browne, Mrs Joseph-Neuhoff for your patience and perseverance, as we are a lively bunch. And to Mr Nel who will always be remembered for his war-cry of "NO! YOU BEHAVE", thank you.

A special thank-you goes to Mrs Bowles, who showed us that she still has what it takes by stealing the show in our play "Joseph". Your English lessons have always been adventurous and we all learnt to enjoy your special brand of teaching, especially when you taught us that the third person plural reflexive is not themselves, but themselves.

We would also like to thank Mr van der Merwe for always making sure that our playing fields were at their best for our matches. Mrs von Guilleaume and her team of mothers have the unenviable task of ensuring that the tuck-shop and all teas and snacks for functions are ready when needed, and give so willingly of their free time. They, who share Napoleon's philosophy that an army marches on its stomach, have turned the Prep Pavilion into a regular breakfast "hot spot" during soccer matches.

Our characters have been moulded over the years by all our teachers, but especially by those teachers who have been in the Prep School since we joined in Grade 0. They have watched over us and contributed to our growth in all spheres: spiritual, physical, intellectual and emotional, and for this we thank them.

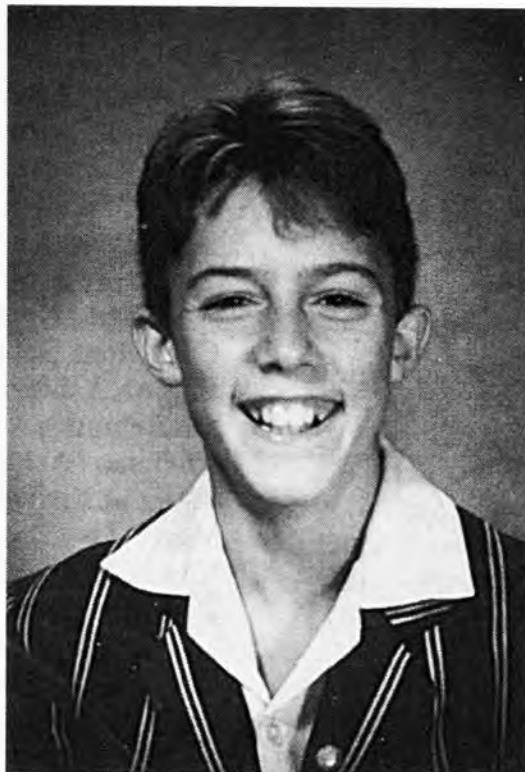
To Matron. Thank you for always being there when we needed more than first aid. A thank you to our secretaries Mrs Levick and Mrs Orr for putting up with the phone calls from our parents. To the PTA for all your hard and dedicated work, without which the school could not

function so smoothly.

We must not forget to thank those very important people in our lives, our parents, who have made it possible for us to attend St David's. We know that at times you have had to make choices and give priority to school fees rather than to some personal desires. Moms and Dads, with love we thank you. Thank you, too, for always being there for us when we needed you.

Finally, I would like to say to the Standard Fours who are going to fill our shoes next year, you are about to start one of the best years of your school life. Be fair to the smaller children in the lower classes you will help to monitor, promote goodwill and comradeship amongst all the primary school pupils, but above all remember that you are part of the best Catholic School Family in the world. Forge ahead with heads held high, proud of being a St David's Marist Brothers pupil. Uphold our motto, "Take Courage and be a Man".

*Riccardo Pizzi*



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# Prize Winners

## Junior Prep

### Religion Prizes

**Grade 1K** Luke Goncalves  
**Grade 1N** Brian Lebos  
**Grade 1R** Devin Hall  
**Grade 2A** Warwick Gird  
**Grade 2B** Ryan Abrey  
**Grade 2M** Michael Macindoe  
**Standard One – Catholic Doctrine** Dominic Hodge  
**Scripture** David Everson

### Altar Boys Awards

Struan Cameron, Dylan Clarkson, Ricardo Guimaraes, Dominic Hodge, Adriano Mendes, Christopher Steinbach, Nicholas Berti, Vincent Clery, Kieran Fane-Hervey, Sabelo Sithebe, Declan Berndt, Jonathan Kourie, Mahlatse Sethole, Adam Smith

### Grade 1K

**Consistent Good Work** Duncan Pettit  
**English Achievement** Antoni Harbuz  
**Mathematics Achievement** Andrew McKenzie  
**Merit Awards – English** Justin O’Byrne, Chase Remmington, Dale Walker  
**Mathematics** Kent Hauptfleisch, Christopher Mackeown, Michael Simpson  
**Good Progress Prizes** Kyle McMahon, Nicholas Reimer

### Grade 1N

**Consistent Good Work** Connor Williams  
**English Achievement** Gareth Brickman  
**Mathematics Achievement** Benjamin Lowe  
**Merit Awards** Michael Berti, Kyle dos Santos, Warwick Burt, Warren Scott, Sean Gushen, David Steinfeldt-Kristensen  
**Good Progress** Dean Perdigao

### Grade 1R

**Consistent Good Work** Craig Wallington  
**English Achievement** Craig Watson  
**Mathematics Achievement** Justin Neilson  
**Merit Awards – English** Matthew O’Connor Pretorius, Daniel Chappel, Alastair Morris  
**Mathematics** John van Wyk, Stewart Leigh, Andrew Keightley-Smith  
**Good Progress** Timothy Adam

### Grade 2A

**Consistent Good Work** Ivan Giuricich  
**English Achievement** Richard Edey  
**Mathematics Achievement** Gregory Murphy  
**Merit Awards** Kyle Tonetti, Domenico de Lorenzo, Danilo Biccari, Alexander Moody, Tyler Ray  
**Good Progress** Sean Nieman, Wade Whitaker

### Grade 2B

**Consistent Good Work** Adrian Gebers  
**English Achievement** Filipe Gonsalves  
**Mathematics Achievement** Matthew Sherratt  
**Merit Awards** Matthew Burt, Kevin Came, Jonathan Duckworth, Kuda Nyatsambo, Marco Picone, James Shaw-Taylor  
**Good Progress** Richard Harte, Ostile Mogale Mogale

### Grade 2M

**Consistent Good Work** Justin Kalk  
**English Achievement** Grant Davidson  
**Mathematics Achievement** Paul Niewoudt  
**Merit Awards** Graham Freeman, Lebogang Maboja, Jordan Graham, Daniel Berti, Duncan Reid, Michael Carey  
**Good Progress** Kevin Harding, Wade Steinbach

### Standard 1H

**Consistent Good Work** Adam Lowe  
**English Achievement** Vincent Clery  
**Mathematics Achievement** Sabelo Sithebe  
**Afrikaans Achievement** Andrew Prior  
**Study of Environment** Mark Einhorn  
**Merit Awards** Stephen Adam, Cameron Adams, Gregg-Michael Hammond, Daniel Kuan, Shaun Mets, Brett Ross  
**Good Progress** Alistair Jordan, Gregory Jordan

### Standard 1S

**Consistent Good Work** Nicholas Neto  
**English Achievement** Struan Cameron  
**Mathematics Achievement** Adriano Mendes  
**Afrikaans Achievement** Michael Shaw-Taylor  
**Study of Environment** Richard Hardy  
**Merit Awards** Jack Wylie, Mark Zweigenthal, Paul Delaney, Nigel Wright, Paul Isaac, Dylan Clarkson  
**Good Progress** Mark Peck, Ryan Mets

### Standard 1Z

**Consistent Good Work** Adam Smith  
**English Achievement** Andrew Moerdyk  
**Mathematics Achievement** Nicholas Luksich  
**Afrikaans Achievement** Declan Berndt  
**Study of Environment** Kyle Burger  
**Merit Awards** Lorenzo Agustoni, Gregory Beevers, Jonathan Kourie, Lesego Masekela, Peter Pang, Marcel Taljaard  
**Good Progress** Grant Hayward, Paul Hunt

### Schaafsma Trophy

**Best Academic Student in Standard 1** Adam Lowe

**The Under Nine Medley Trophy for Good Fellowship  
Best Academic Achievement, Sporting Achievement and  
Leadership Qualities in the Under Nine Age Group** Jason Sterrenberg

## Senior Prep

### Religion Prizes

**Standard 2 – Catholic Doctrine** Vincent Holland, Mark Middlewick  
**Scripture** Matthew Cumming  
**Standard 3 – Catholic Doctrine** Veekesh Parbhoo  
**Scripture** James Reeves  
**Standard 4 – Catholic Doctrine** Michael Misiewicz  
**Scripture** Nash Sprenger  
**Standard 5 – Catholic Doctrine** Hugo Gill  
**Scripture** Terence Marais

### Altar Boys Awards

Brendan Roane, Walter Giuricich, Mark Middlewick, Ross McKay, Nicholas Ansell, Andrew Castle, Danilo Giacobazzi, Ciro de Siens, Gianluca Tucci, Alan Stapelberg, Christian Jeurissen, Ryan Warneke, Justin Sing, Anthony Colia, Patrick Smith, Kevin Mullane, Alexander Papadopoulos, Matthew Cameron, Fabiano Cellini, Michele Maraschin, Bryan James, Hugo Gill, Mark Tonetti, Pierre Wilkinson, Michael Reid, Riccardo Pizzi, Roy Harris, Shane Mitchell

### Standard 2

**Dux Trophy** David de Chalain

### Standard 2K

**1st** David de Chalain

**2nd** Ryan Watts

**3rd** Kiran Parbhoo

### Standard 2B

**1st** Ryan Norton, Paul van’t Hof



**3rd** Gianmario Afeltra, Matthew Starkey

**Standard 2H**

**1st** Walter Giuricich

**2nd** Rowyn Dama

**3rd** Steven de Villiers

**Academic Excellence David de Chalain**

**Good Progress** Riccardo Afeltra, Evan Barke, Andrea Cavaliere, William Gebers, Ryan Norton, Maredi Sethole, Paul Gerber, Richard Halton, Matthew Milne, Ivan Steinfeldt-Kristensen, Armani Jamrozinski, Richard Kelly, Nicholas Koll, Warrick van der Merwe

**Subject Prizes**

**English, Mathematics** David de Chalain

**Art** Paul van't Hof

**Afrikaans** Richard Halton

**Culturals** Matthew Milne, Walter Giuricich

**Standard 3**

**Dux Trophy** Farhaan Williams

**Standard 3D**

**1st** Danilo Giacobazzi

**2nd** Gianluca Tucci

**3rd** Glynn Allen

**Standard 3W**

**1st** James Oberholzer

**2nd** Ricardo Brocco

**3rd** Rhett Finch, Brett McLuckie

**Standard 3H**

**1st** Farhaan Williams

**2nd** Jason Simaan

**3rd** Christopher Carey

**Academic Excellence** Danilo Giacobazzi, Glynn Allen, Gianluca

Tuci, Farhaan Williams, Jason Simaan, James Oberholzer

**Good Progress** Rudy Archary, Vincent Clarkson, Damien Fourie, Kgolo Matseke, Sebastian Kolsch, Maqhawe Dlodlo, Curtis Geils, Graeme Nieman, Stuart Prior, Dylan Rodrigues, Jason Sturzenegger, Ryan-Lee Goncalves, Nicholas Howse, Wade Lemmer, Jason Mazaham, Damien van der Walt

**Subject Prizes**

**English, Mathematics, Afrikaans** Farhaan Williams

**Art** Jason Sturzenegger

**Culturals** Jason Simaan

**Zulu First Language** Nkanyiso Zungu, Semadi Manganye

**Zulu Third Language** James Oberholzer

**Standard 4**

**Dux Trophy** David Smith

**Standard 4G**

**1st** Justin Davidson

**2nd** Levon Rivers, Michael Kaeflein

**Standard 4M**

**1st** David Smith

**2nd** Matthew Brink

**3rd** Michael Misiwicz

**Academic Excellence** David Smith

**Good Progress** Alan Stapelberg, Michele Maraschin, Michael Kaeflein, Alan Atkinson, Richard Peirce, Benjamin Carreira

**Subject Prizes**

**English** Levon Rivers

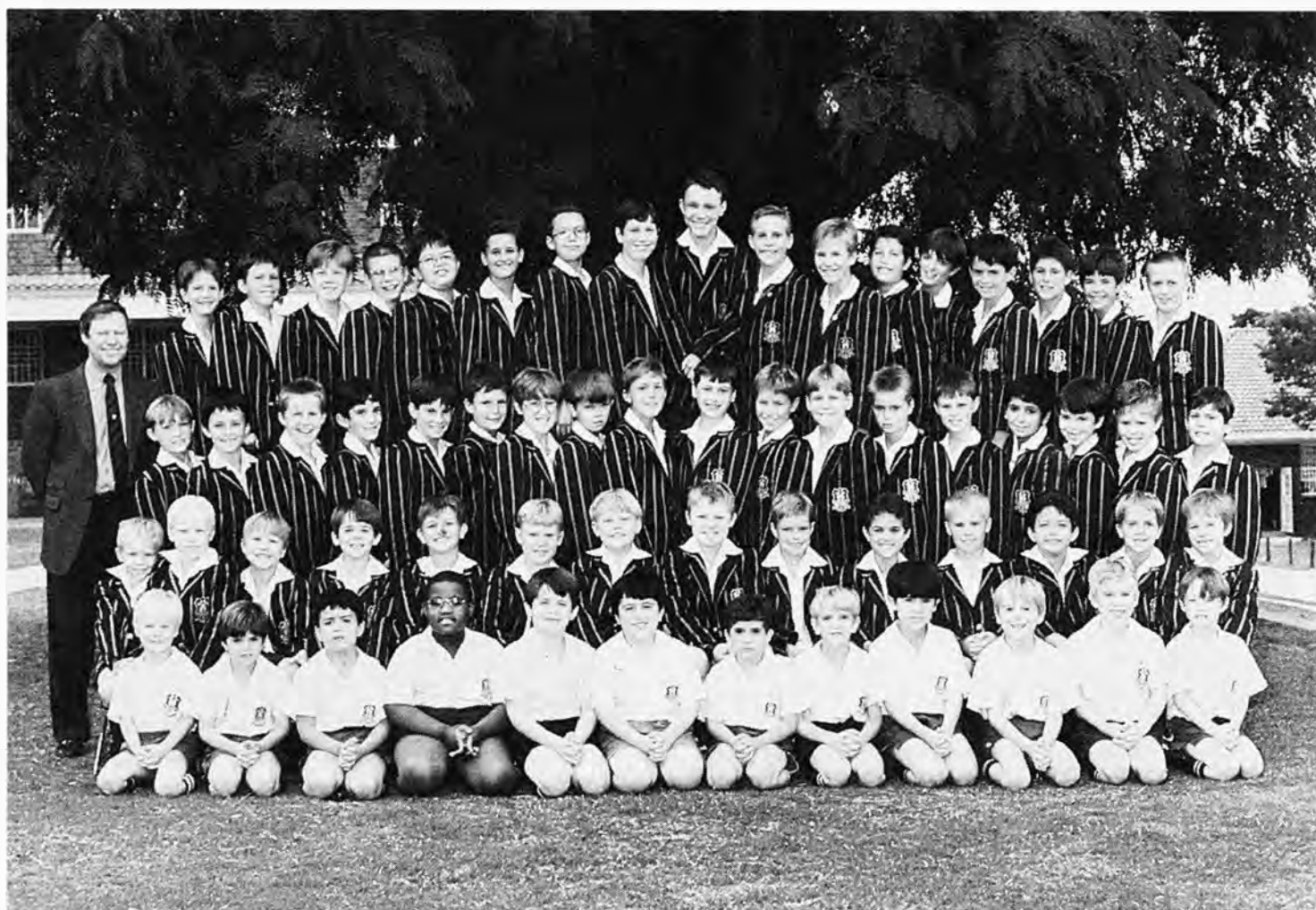
**Mathematics, Afrikaans, History, Geography, Science/Biology** David Smith

**Art** David Law

**Zulu First Language** Kevin Sibiya

**Zulu Third Language** Alan Atkinson, Matthew Brink

**The Sifiso Sitole Memorial Trophy** Matthew Cameron



**Sons of Old Boys**

**Back row:** Mr R Wilson, R Smith, M Cameron, R Finch, K Biller, J Simaan, R Brocco, R Warneke, A de Canha, N Quail, B Rowlings, M Finch, B Carreira, M Maraschin, N Schilperoort, M Schoombie, A Jordan, A Castle

**Middle row:** J Graham, M Zweigenthal, P van't Hof, D Berti, C Marsay, J Sterrenberg, N Sprenger, G Jordan, M Poultney, L Senatore, S Schoombie, G Ramsay, C Forssman, M MacFarlane, J Mazaham, J Jordan, N Berti, I Giuricich

**Seated:** T Adam, R Jamieson, A Harbus, D Schilperoort, M Senatore, T Ray, R Ramsay, K Reith, M Goosen, J Kourie, S Adam, B Lebos, T Hussey, M Berti

**In front:** S Jamieson, C Hall, J Lebos, M Shongwe, C Schilperoort, G Minnucci, D Kourie, P Rowlinson, S Sardinha, S Wallington, M Evans, K Toner



### Standard 5

**Dux Trophy** Roy Harris

### Standard 5S

**1st** Roy Harris

**2nd** Brendan Murray

**3rd** Gregory Hunter

### Standard 5B

**1st** John Morkel

**2nd** Pierre Wilkinson

**3rd** Terence Marais

**Academic Excellence** John Morkel, Roy Harris, Brendan Murray

**Good Progress** Adrian de Canha, Christian Jeurissen, Riccardo Pizzi

### Subject Prizes

**English** Brendan Murray

**Afrikaans** Pierre Wilkinson

**Mathematics, Geography, History, Science/Biology** Roy Harris

**Art** Hiu-Ming Cheng

**Zulu First Language** Gift Mposula

**Zulu Third Language** Terence Marais

**Honours Candidates** Jared Deyzel, Michael Reid, Riccardo Pizzi, Grant Kennedy, Francois de Lame, Tyson Teubner, Gavin O'Mahony, Hugo Gill, Pierre Wilkinson, Sean Osterloh, John Morkel

**Overall Dux** Farhaan Williams

**The Costa John Memorial Trophy** Pierre Wilkinson

**The Stephen Laing Memorial Trophy** Mark Schoombie

**The Headmaster's Trophy** Grant Kennedy

**The Chess Player of the Year** Paul Niewoudt

**The Most Improved Chess Player** Paul Niewoudt

**St David's Music Trophy** Christopher Lazley

### Special Service Awards

**Annual Maths Festival** Roy Harris, Christopher Lazley, Brendan Murray, John Morkel, Gregory Hunter, Hiu-Ming Cheng

**Cross Country** Christopher Marsay

**Cricket Scoring** John Morkel, David Alves, Grant Kennedy, Matthew Cameron

**The Gauteng Primary Schools Swimming Team** Anthony Colia, John Brown

**Southern Gauteng Swimming Team** Gregg-Michael Hammond

**Karate – Nationals Represented SA in Japan** Mark Einhorn, Kieran Fane-Hervey

**Karate – Most Dedicated Students** Mark Einhorn, Kieran Fane-Hervey

**Treadwell Cricket Week** Ross Speirs, Warren Brown, Nicholas Marques, Tyson Teubner, Michael Miller, Mark Schoombie, James Ward

**Transvaal Primary Schools Cricket Team** Michael Miller (Vice Captain)

**Far North Area Football** David Law, Hugo Gill

**Southern Transvaal Football Team** Conor McCreedy

**Transvaal Baseball** Warren Bowen

**Southern Transvaal Karate** Pierre Wilkinson

**The Pam and Greg Royce Inter-House Academic Trophy** Osmond House

**Winning House Captain** Michael Reid

**St David's Prep Champagnat Trophy -**

**Overall Academic and Sport Inter-House Award** Benedict House

**Winning House Captain** Hugo Gill

## “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat”

What a wonderful year the Choir had in 1996. The highlight was our production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat” by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. All fifty-three choir boys took part in the production. If ever teamwork was needed, it was in this musical. Every boy played an important part in making this show a real “hit”. It was a great deal of work, especially for the soloists, who put their hearts and souls into the production. Many of them attended rehearsals throughout the August holidays – one of the cast cut his holiday short and flew back from Cape Town so as to attend a rehearsal of a scene he was needed in! If nothing else, the boys learnt hard work pays off in the end.



**Some of the Standard Two's who performed “Jonah-Man Jazz” as the “curtain-raiser” to Joseph**

Mark Schoombie was a most delightful Joseph. Other excellent performances were given by David Smith (Narrator), Justin Nel (Pharaoh), Terence Marais (Potiphar/Narrator), Riccardo Pizzi (Jacob) and last but not least Mrs Shirley Bowles (Mrs Potiphar).

My grateful thanks go to the staff and parents who helped with the production. Mrs Shelley Campbell did a brilliant job of the choreography and her enthusiasm and wonderful sense of humour kept us all going.

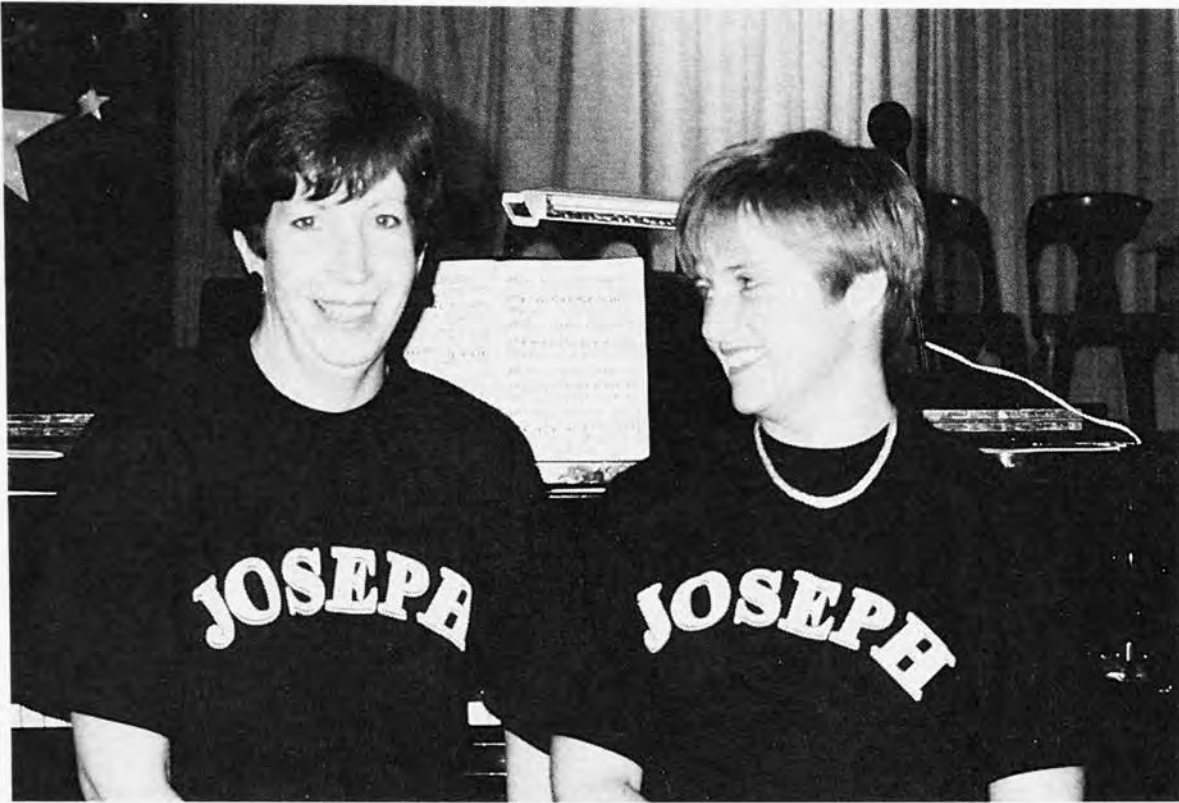


**Mark Schoombie as Joseph, with narrators Terence Marais and David Smith**



**Shirley Bowles as Potiphar's wife, with Mark Schoombie as Joseph**





*Producer Marilyn Middlewick and Louise Browne*



*Shelley Campbell,  
choreographer*



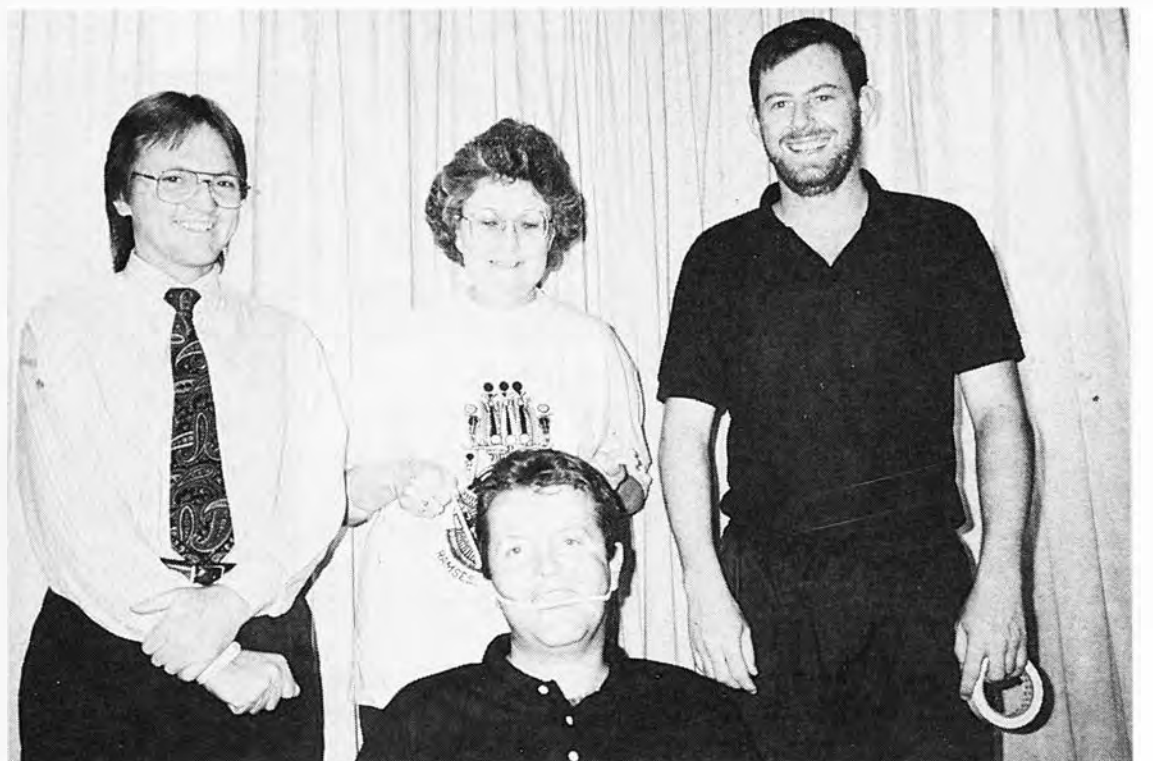
*Justin Nel as Pharaoh and Terence Marais as Potiphar*



*Shaun Raaff and Justin Sing – the guards*



*Riccardo Pizzi as Jacob, being made over by Father Brewer*

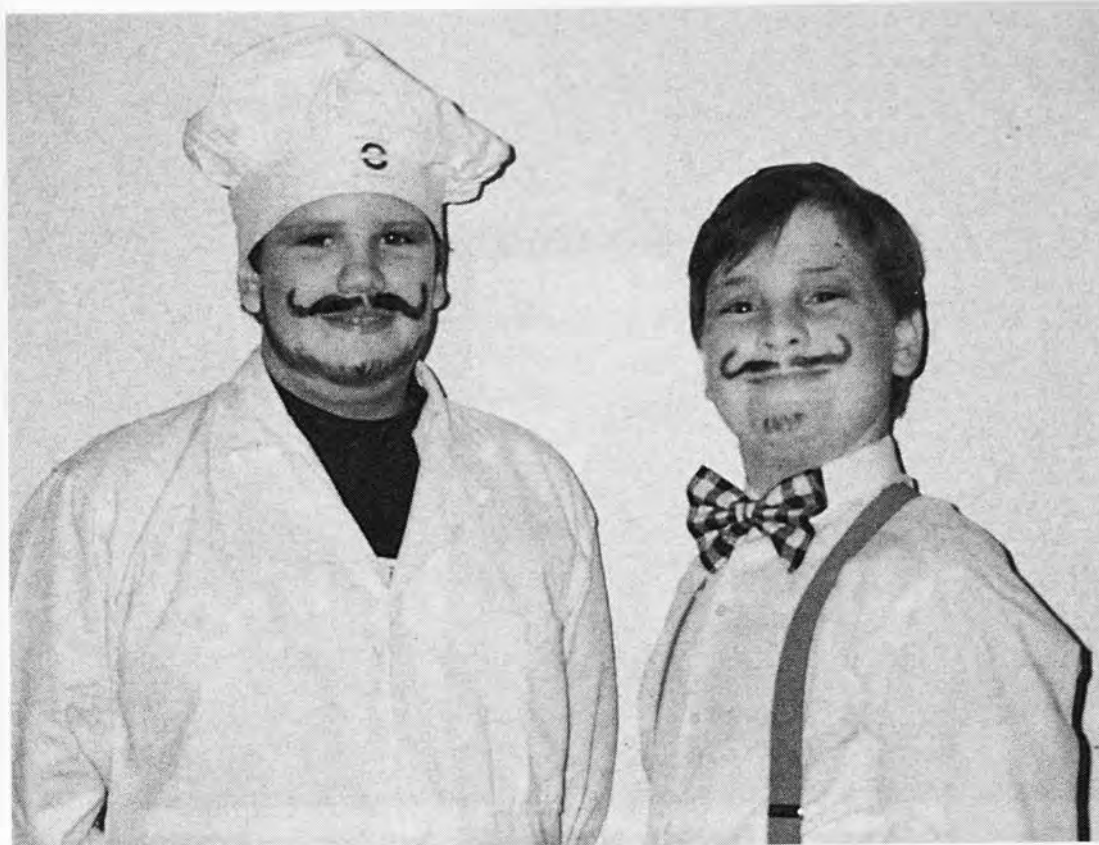


*The backstage helpers: David Hosmer, Aunty Ann, Mike Mitchley and Grant Nel*





*Three of Joseph's brothers*



*The baker and the butcher – Wesley Gordon and Brendan Murray*



*Jonathan Nel doing sound control*



*Three of the hairy crew of Ishmaelites: Chris van Vliet, John Morkel and Kevin Mullane*



*Japie Nel, who helped with production and provided guitar accompaniment*



*Patrick Jordan being transformed into a freckled brother by Beverley Geldenhuys*



# The Choir

During the year, the choir did St David's proud when they sang at Sunday Mass at three of our neighbouring parishes: Craighall Park, Rivonia and Rosebank. Another highlight was our Choir Supper Evenings. It was freezing cold weather but the audience were soon warmed by the beautiful songs, hymns and national anthems from around the world, as well as the wonderful food and wine.

At the St Stithian's Choir Festival our boys sang extremely well, particularly in the two songs "O' Flower o' Scotland" and "Hit the Road Jack".

I would like to thank Louise Browne and Dudley Trollope for their help with the choir, as well as the two choir leaders Mark Schoombie and Riccardo Pizzi. Many of our choir members are very involved in sport and go the extra mile by attending choir functions outside of school hours. Well done boys – we are really proud of you.



*There was hardly a dry eye in the house after Michael Attwood's rendition of "God Bless Africa" at the Choir Supper Evening*



## Standard Two Choir

**Back row:** C Small, V Holland, W Gebers, A Kalebka, M Stirk

**Middle row:** M Milne, W Giuricich, A Shaw, Mrs L Browne, B Morkel, W Raaff, M Poultney

**Seated:** R Lee, J Edey, R Norton, N Koll, P van't Hof, M Middlewick, R Forleo, S de Villiers, A Likotla



*The choir sang national anthems, hymns and songs from around the world*



*The fifty-strong choir in full voice*



## Anthony Choir (Stds 3-5)

**Back row:** D Smith, S Mitchell, T Teubner, G Ross-Munro, P Wilkinson, J Morkel, J Brown, W Gordon, B Lambert, J Nel, A de Canha, R Pizzi, B Murray, C van Vliet

**Middle row:** T Marais, N Tsaperas, J Davidson, S Raaff, N Zungu, M Tonetti, J Sing, M Kaeflein, Mrs M Middlewick, J Marchand, S Sitole, H Gill, K Nkosi, P Smith, M Tyack, K Mullane, C Geils

**Seated:** J Mazaham, G Mposula, M Cameron, K Sibiya, S Manganye, J Jericevich, M Schoombie, J Oberholzer, J Sturzenegger, N Sprenger, N Ansell

**In front:** P Jordan, A Lupini, S Schoombie, V Parbhoo, N Howse, A Castle, L Rivers



## Class Music

During class music the Junior Prep boys continue to learn many new songs as well as music notation and percussion work, which then leads them on to playing the recorder. Many of these classes performed at assemblies during the year. The Standard 2 and 3 classes had many educational and fun lessons with Mrs Browne, who does a great deal of instrument work and singing. The Std 4 classes spent the year learning about the instruments in the symphony orchestra. This learning was taken out of the classroom, with the boys going to a rehearsal of the National Symphony Orchestra.

The Standard 5's started learning about the different periods in Music. With only one lesson a week, this is done very briefly, but will hopefully help them as they continue Music in the High School.

From Grade 2 to Standard 5, the boys had great fun learning the "Macarena" dance. Although they think it is just "for fun", they are having to concentrate, feel the rhythm and remember the sequence. Many of them find this very difficult but Music helps them with a great deal of skills which they would otherwise be lacking.

*M Middlewick*



*Jason Sturzenegger, Andrew Castle and Robert Horsfield try out the double bass at the rehearsal given by the National Symphony Orchestra at the Linder Auditorium*



*The leader of the percussion section of the orchestra demonstrates the timpani to James Ward, Patrick Smith and Jon-Jon Brown*

## Literary Evening

On Thursday 25 July, Standards Four and Five hosted the Annual Literary Evening. This consisted of dramatised extracts from our literary networks with speeches made by the pupils on the structure of the novel, the importance of the opening paragraphs, the development of character, themes and social issues.

Some of the Standard Four pupils read aloud the stories they had written and illustrated for the Grades and several speeches were made about "The Hamburger" to demonstrate the diverse ways in which our pupils approach the same topic.

In Standard Five we spent some time exploring the world of advertising and the parents and visitors were entertained by two groups which had invented their own products.

The whole programme was brought together by an able master of ceremonies, Tyson Teubner.

Our thanks go to all those who attended and whose support, on a chilly winter's evening, was greatly appreciated.

*SB*



*Mr Jerkins (Francois de Lame) finally plucks up courage to deal with Raymond Burke (Warren Bowen) in a classroom scene from "Justin" by DA Gazard*



*Christian Jeurissen and Matthew Chalmers act out a scene from "Flight of the Grey Goose" by V Canning. Mark Schoombie was the narrator*





*Ross Burgess, Shaun Raaff and Revel dos Santos love hamburgers!*



*Mrs S Bowles with Michael Miller, Hugo Gill and Justin Nel who dramatised a moving scene from the novel "Justin"*

## The Geo-Science Expo

### Geography

The geographical flavour was added to the evening with displays representing the countries competing in the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Brightly coloured flags and posters showed off the competing nations with particularly good displays from South Africa and Australia. Penny Heyns was correctly tipped as a major medal hope, as was Hezekiel Sepeng. The evening certainly cultivated interest in the Games which were to dominate the news for the next two weeks.



*Standard 5B pupils display their project on South Africa's participation in the 1996 Olympic Games*

### Science and Biology

Scientific endeavour was demonstrated with displays of working models. A hot air balloon flew around powered by a hairdrier and conveyor belts trundled along delivering things from one desk to another. There was a model boat with a battery-powered engine and rockets that would have gone through the roof if the boys were allowed to demonstrate them, so they tried them out in the quad. One boy's interest in rugby led him to build and light up a model rugby stadium in tribute to the World Cup victory.

The gruesome interest section was provided by the biology displays and presentations by the working groups. Studies had been carried out into vertebrates, with live specimens such as the American Corn Snake and birds on show. A dissected bass was on display.

*Nigel Sloane and Anne Morkel*



*Bjorn Annegarn, Malcolm Archary and Wesley Gordon keep a watchful eye on Bjorn's flaming volcano at the Geography-Science Expo*



*Pupils test the buoyancy of some of the model boats on display at the Expo*



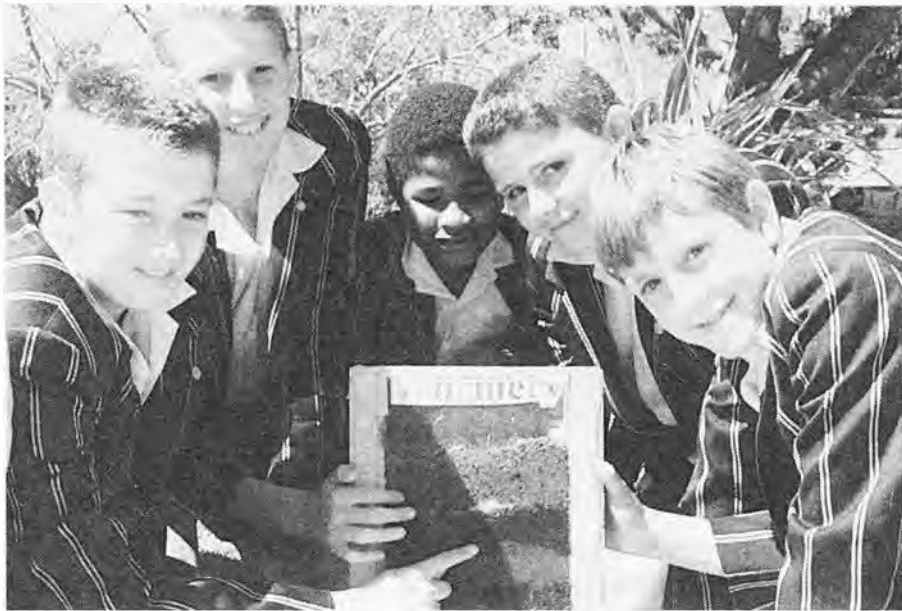


*Std 3 pupils Timothy Johnson, Andrew Castle and Brent Jacks at the open evening, with a model demonstrating the workings of hydro-electric power*



*Std 3 pupils Ryan Goncalves, Matthew Tyack and Christopher Carey with the medieval castles they built*

## Biology Practical Work



*The Std 4's studied the soil and observed the "saviours of the soil" in a wormery*



*Indigenous trees on the college campus were adopted by the boys, who observed them all year*



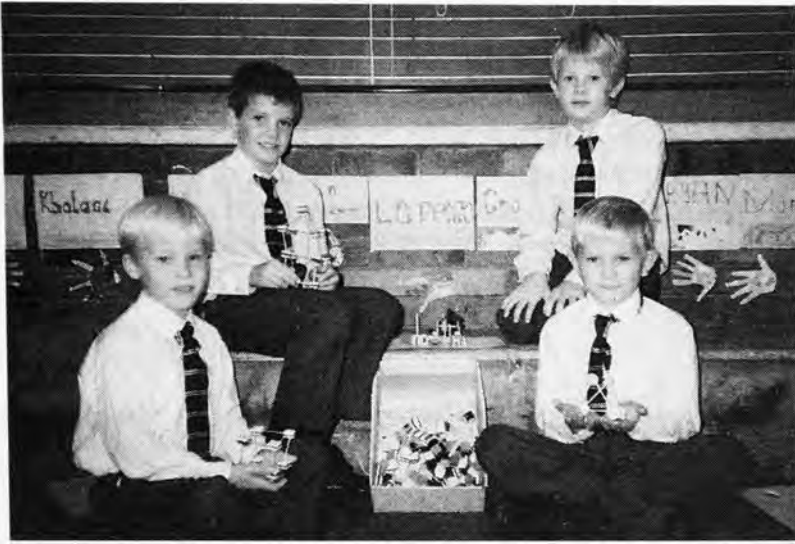
*A Sandton river crab paid a visit to the Std 5 Biology class*



*Give a man the wide open spaces! Relaxing after a walk on a Biology field trip*



# Design and Technology



*Std 1Z pupils constructed space vehicles out of toothpicks and liquorice allsorts during their Design and Technology lessons. Adam Smith, Andrew Moerdyk, Ryan Jamieson and Gregory Beevers display their constructions. The boys discovered the need for a triangle or strut to strengthen their quadrilaterals and other polygons. This knowledge will assist them with their Std 5 Maths syllabus!*



*Std 4 pupils count the Treason Trial bricks in the Maths Trail at the Museum Africa, during the Maths and Science Fair. The pupils received detailed information about the struggle against apartheid while calculating areas, perimeters, ratios, statistics and graphical data.*



*In their Design and Technology lessons, the Std 2's had the task of designing and building boats which could support a 200 gram load.*

## Chess



### Senior Chess Team

**Back row:** Eric Stewart, Mrs Rose, Roy Harris

**Seated:** Kevin Mullane, Fabiano Cellini, Graham Stiles, Graeme Ross-Munro, Brendan Murray, Benjamin Carreira

**Absent:** Michael Attwood

This year St David's entered two teams into the Southern Transvaal Primary Schools Chess Association.

The Junior Team was particularly strong, and won all their matches except one, which they drew.

The Senior boys played well, but with mixed results.

Both teams have shown great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Brendan Murray has been an able and reliable captain.

Paul Niewoudt (Grade 2M) was selected to take part in the National Championship Trials held recently in East London. Congratulations.

Finally, a big thank-you to Mrs Louise Tyack and Mrs Bowles for their assistance during the match season, and to Mrs von Guilleaume for providing refreshments.



### Junior Chess Team

**Back row:** Christopher Steinbach, Mrs Rose, Paul Niewoudt

**Seated:** Peter Pang, Michael Shaw-Taylor, Matthew Poultney, Adriano Mendes, Declan Berndt

**Absent:** Wade Atherton

*Sue Rose*



# Inter-House Quiz

Sixteen reluctant "volunteers" took their seats in front of their peers and parents, wondering if they could do justice to their selection or would their minds turn to jelly under the gaze of so many expectant people at the Prep Inter-House Quiz held on the night of 30 July.

They need not have feared as the slick, fast-flowing and tense battle produced answer after answer, leaving those in the audience wondering from where these bright sparks had dug out the answers.

All the teams fought hard but gradually Benedict pulled out in front to beat College, who were in turn followed by The Bishops and Osmond.

Congratulations to all the boys who took part and provided a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The final points position was:

First: Benedict 61 points

Second: College 53 points

Third: The Bishops 51 points

Fourth: Osmond 47 points

*Mrs G Anderson*



*The Inter-House Quiz has been an annual event for the past eighteen years. All pupils in Standards 4 and 5 are given a test and the top four in each house then represent their house on the evening. The quiz questions come in three categories: General Knowledge, Sport and Current Affairs*



*Master Quiz Mistress Mrs Glenda Anderson with the Benedict team (Pierre Wilkinson, Hugo Gill, Michael Kaelein and John Morkel), winners of the PTA Inter-House Quiz Trophy*

# Mini City Council

I was so thrilled to be chosen to represent St David's on the Johannesburg Mini City Council. What an eventful and busy time it's been too.

During the first term I had the biggest challenge I've ever had to face. I had to collect Easter Eggs for the underprivileged, not that many of you parents or boys will ever forget for I was always pleading for more, more, more! It was well worth it too because the final figure was over 20 000, the second highest in Johannesburg.

Then the blanket Square Collection – your moms, sisters and grans did us proud. However, it was not all collections; the councillors meet once a month and discuss various projects, have fun and there was usually a guest speaker too. We learned a great deal of useful information at these mix-and-meets. We enjoyed the visits to the zoo at night, the Guide Dog Association, Cotlands Baby Sanctuary, Drug Rehabilitation Centre and many more. We encountered the elderly on Mothers' Day and had a premiere of the movie "Babe".



*Hugo Gill and Francois de Lame with the blankets and blanket squares collected for the needy. Moms, Grans and sisters were kept busy through winter*



*Our Councillors collected 20 000 Easter Eggs for underprivileged children*



Unfortunately I could not make the trip to Cape Town as it was in July during school term. It most certainly has been busy but there was always time for Prefect Dinners where the councillor is allowed to invite ten other boys from his school to meet the rest of the other forty schools involved. It's a lot of fun working together to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

So with that I leave you and thank all those involved, namely my principal Mr Wilson, Mrs Geldenhuys (who is the co-ordinator for our councillors), the boys and parents of St David's and last but not least my parents.

*Hugo Gill 5B – Mini City Councillor*



**Standard Five pupil Pierre Wilkinson cuddles a baby at the Princess Alice Adoption Home. Pierre collected clothing and toys from the generous St David's families to distribute to those less fortunate than we are**



**Recycling**

**The Prep School boys put their weight firmly behind Mondi's recycling efforts. Classes competed with one another to collect the most newspaper. The project turned out to be very educational, with our pupils realising how valuable our natural resources are**

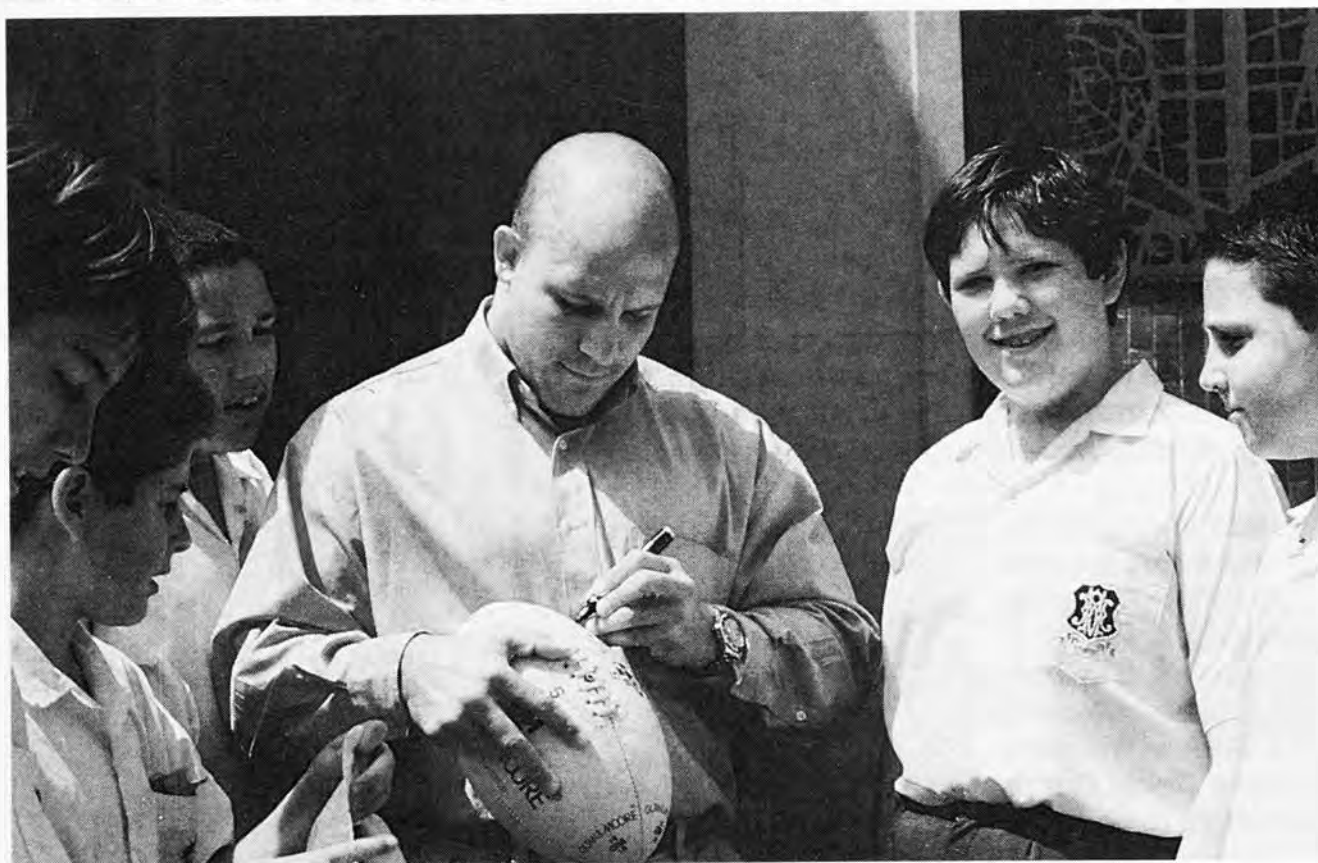
**Why rugby is banned at breaks – Std 5 Self-Study on Sports Injuries**

During the year, the Standard 5 pupils have often been reprimanded for extremely rough play during break. It was obvious that they had caught "Rugby Fever" but had no idea how to prevent serious injury. The "tackling" was high and the "rucks" and "mauls" enough to send the teacher on break duty into a mild panic.

With the newspapers and magazines full of depressing articles about young men who have suffered serious injuries and even permanent spinal damage resulting in complete paralysis, it was time to show the boys why such rough play is not only unacceptable but also highly dangerous. With this in mind, a "Mini Self-Study" was set, based on a detailed article from "Time" magazine which explained in graphic detail, how Christopher Reeve became paralysed and is still completely dependent upon others to keep him alive.

The boys worked hard at the Self-Study and did appreciate the reasons why rugby has been banned in the prep school. Mr Castle persuaded Springbok player, James Dalton, to come and address the boys and discuss with them the importance of proper training before playing contact sports. He also highlighted the importance of a sound education before embarking on a career in sport.

The boys enjoyed the question and answer session and James Dalton was patient, relaxed and happy to sign at least a hundred autographs.



**Springbok rugby player James Dalton was inundated with requests for his autograph after addressing the Standard Fours and Fives on how to prevent sports injuries**



# CLASS CONTRIBUTIONS

## Grade 0



*Oh, boy! Mum remembered ... Grades 0's Craig, Robert and Edwin tuck into lunch on their very first day of "big school"*



*Too many Chiefs and not enough Indians? Red Indian Day is a wild and noisy day when all the Grade 0's dress up, paint their faces with war paint and rush around with cardboard tomahawks making an awful noise. The Chiefs are Nathan Kalk, Alexander Howell and Jean-Pierre Viviers*



*What?! A fondue for Grade 0's? Yes, a "Visit to Switzerland" is one of their themes. Dressed in winter woolies, Mrs Sternberg's class enjoy dunking marshmallows into delicious chocolate*



*What a turnout we had for Grandparents' Day. Nearly ninety grandparents spent a busy and happy morning in our Grade 0 department. Here is Devin Miles with his Granny (on the right) and his Great Granny (on the left). She is 97 years old*



*Proud grannies and grandpas on Grandparents' Day. The event was a huge success and the many grandparents who attended were entertained throughout the morning*



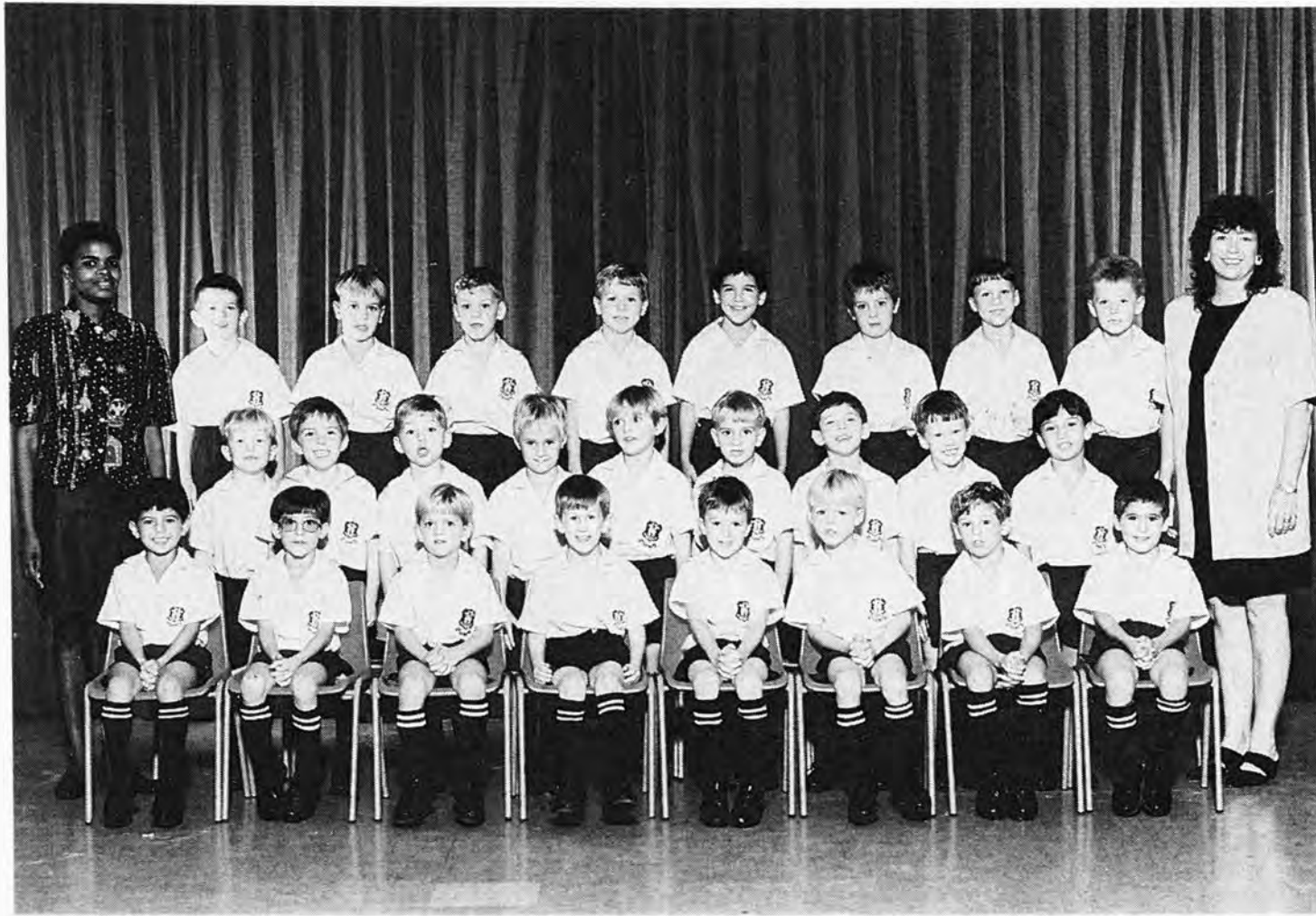
*It was on with the fireman's hat and off with it again during the combined Grade 0 and Grandparents' PT lesson on Grandparents' Day*

*Karate is one of the extra-murals that the Grade 0's thoroughly enjoy. It is so good for their co-ordination. Matthew Williams and Devin Botha practise their skills*



*What a coincidence! Giuliano Minnucci, Paul Rowlinson and Daniel Kourie are all in Grade 0M this year and their dads were all in the same class when they were at St David's*



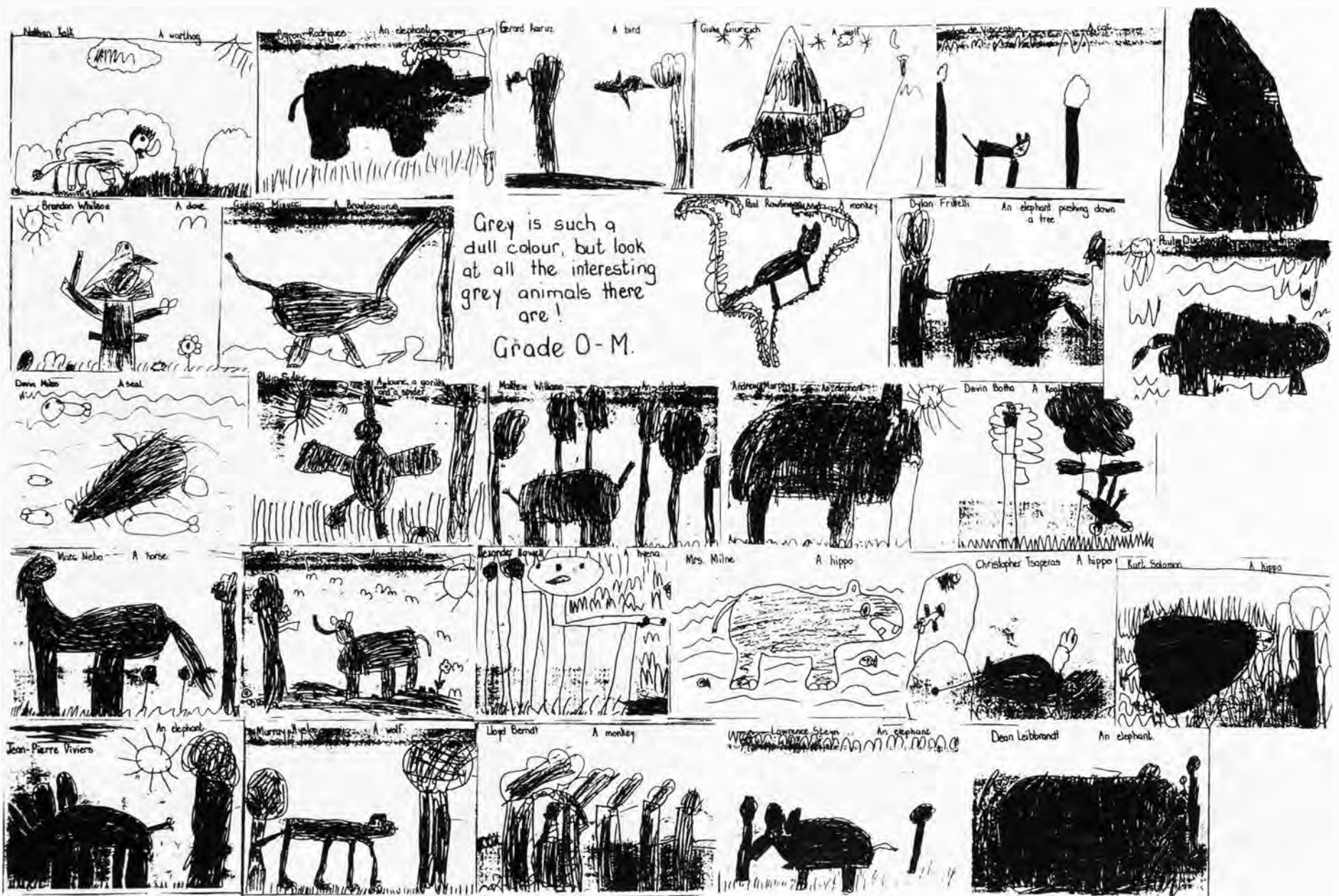


**Grade 0M**

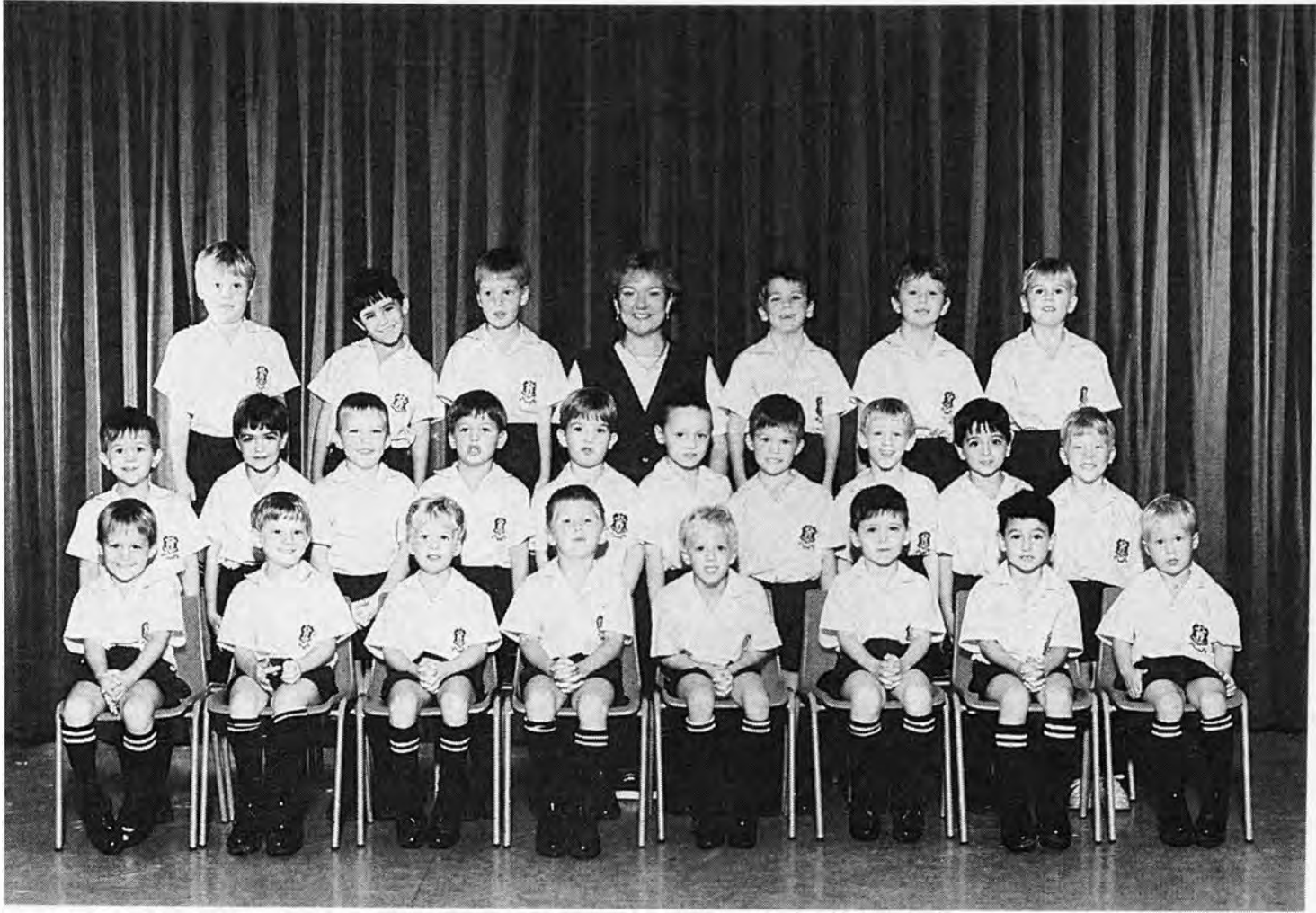
**Back row:** Jackie Dire, Giulio Giuricich, Paul Duckworth, Philip Sulter, Brandon Whitson, Marc Neto, Devin Botha, Ivo Lazić, Dylan Fritelli, Mrs P Milne

**Middle row:** Lawrence Steyn, Byron Rodrigues, Llyod Berndt, Gordon de Vincentis, Matthew Williams, Paul Rowlinson, Jean-Pierre Viviers, Murray Hyslop, Gerard Kairuz

**Seated:** Kurt Solomon, Christopher Tsaperas, Andrew Murphy, Nathan Kalk, Devin Miles, Dean Leibbrandt, Alexander Howell, Daniel Kourie







**Grade 0S**

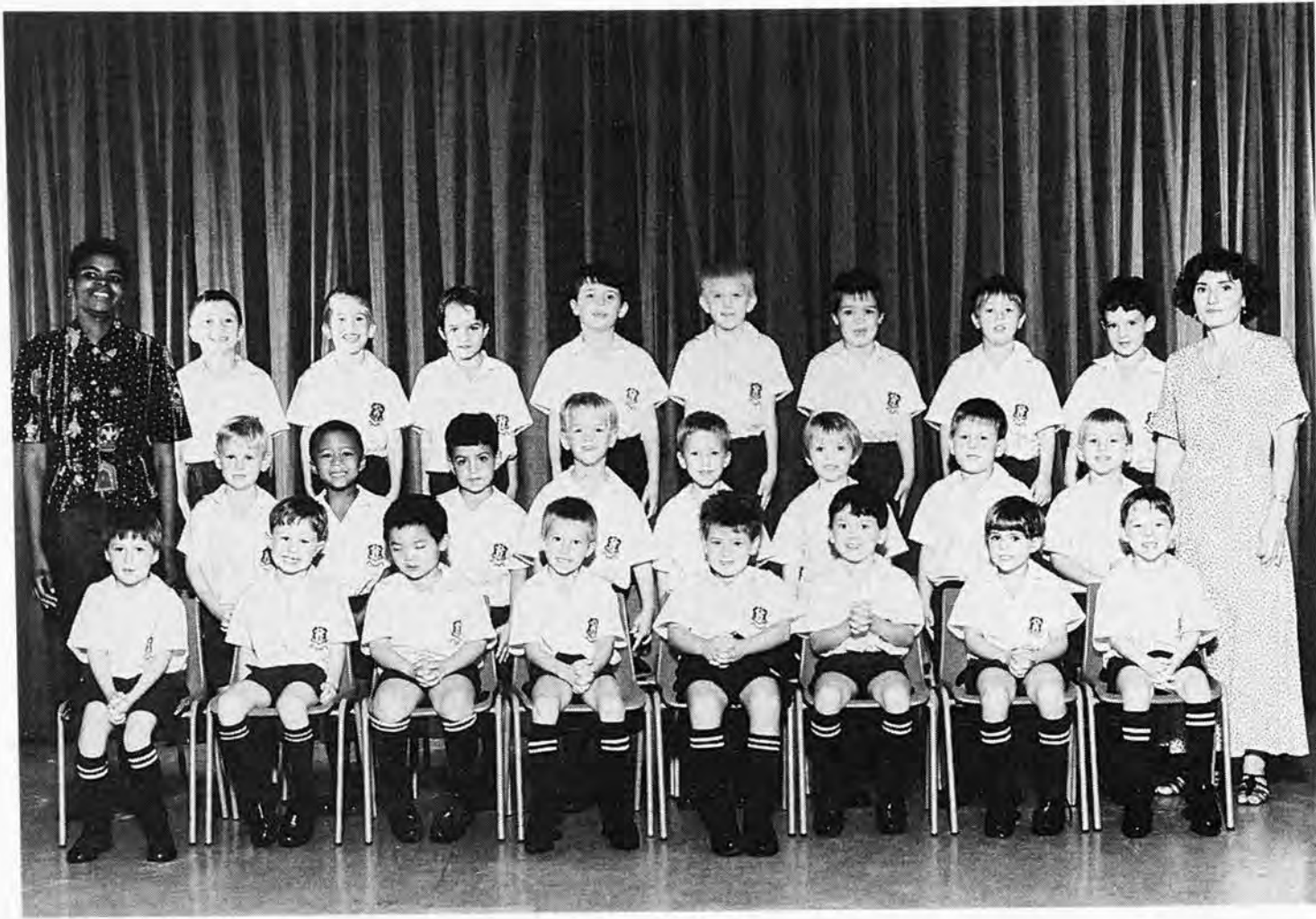
**Back row:** Stuart Ellwood, Gianluigi Nicolosi, Kurt Boere, Mrs B Sternberg, David Reading, Warren Galley, Simon Wallington

**Middle row:** Kimon Kramvis, Sebastien John, Kevin Gahan, David Gardner, David Haigh, Kyle Lawrence, Robert Seals, Edwin Staudenmaier, Gregory Khoury, Craig Reisdorf

**Seated:** Matthew van Buuren, Thomas Howell, Daniel Holliday, Brendon van Niekerk, Michael Loewke, Adrian Plaskocinski, Daniel de Almeida, Sean Jamieson





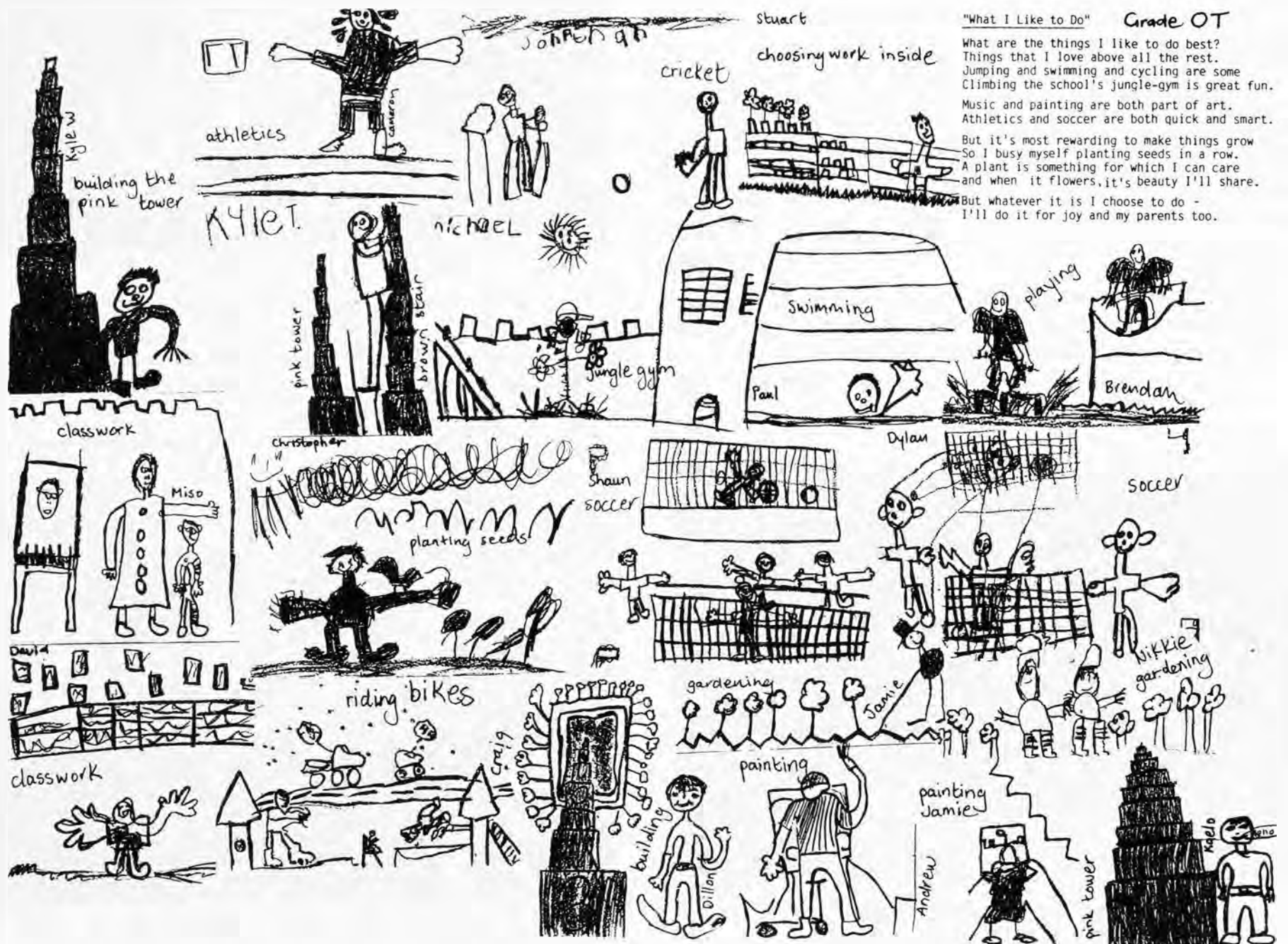


**Grade 0T**

**Back row:** David Olver, Michael Evans, Nicolas Sardianos, Christopher Schilperoort, Dillon du Plessis, Garreth Prout, Craig Koorn, Jonathan Jones

**Middle row:** Ms J Dire, Brendan Shaw, Kaelo Molefe, Jared Lebos, Stuart Conlan, Jason Welsh, Andrew Still, Gareth Selano, Adrian Marcia, Mrs L Tyack

**Seated:** Jamie Barnes, Gavin Steyn, Paul Hon, Dylan Finchy, Nikkie Carnicelli, Kyle Waldeck, Cameron Hall, Kyle Toner



**"What I Like to Do" Grade 0T**  
 What are the things I like to do best?  
 Things that I love above all the rest.  
 Jumping and swimming and cycling are some  
 Climbing the school's jungle-gym is great fun.  
 Music and painting are both part of art.  
 Athletics and soccer are both quick and smart.  
 But it's most rewarding to make things grow  
 So I busy myself planting seeds in a row.  
 A plant is something for which I can care  
 and when it flowers, it's beauty I'll share.  
 But whatever it is I choose to do -  
 I'll do it for joy and my parents too.



## Outing to Gold Reef City

There was great excitement when the Grade 0's visited Gold Reef City in July. They travelled there by bus which for some of the boys was a totally new experience. The guides met us at the gate and hurried the boys off for a visit underground. Mrs Anderson, Mrs Sternberg and Mrs Tyack accompanied the boys underground (Mrs Milne was too scared!) and there was very little consternation even though it was fairly dark and the sound of the blasting was very loud. Next we visited the Gold Pour and all the little boys tried in vain to pick up a bar of gold so that they could keep it. A ride on the train followed and we all screamed in terror in the dark tunnel where it feels as if the train is falling over. What did the boys like best? The rides, of course! As many as they liked! Great fun was had by all!



## The Grade 0 Nativity Play

After only one week of practising, the class of 1996 proved to be outstanding. This year many children had solo roles and they never faltered. The choir was particularly melodious and sang lustily from beginning to end. Proud mums and dads took photographs and videos and were absolutely amazed at what their little ones had achieved.

The entire cast seemed confident and at ease and from the moment the curtain opened, they waved and pointed at their parents – totally uninhibited.

Once again, Father Christmas proved to be a huge success. I do think he was rather aghast when one of the Three Wise Men asked: "Santa, are you married?" – it brought the house down! Just before he left he asked the children for a big hug and 75 6-year-olds rushed forward, nearly stripping him of his robes and beard. However, he soon rearranged himself, and after handing out sweets, waved goodbye, taking with him a huge box of letters and drawings requesting various gifts.

The Grade 0 teachers are indebted to Marilyn Middlewick for her hard work and interest every year, tirelessly teaching the children many carols, both traditional and calypso-style.

Shelley Campbell helped with the actions and choreography and we appreciate her input.



*Choirs of angels and shepherds*

May we look forward to many more years of Grade 0 Nativity Plays as these experiences are so worthwhile in promoting self-assurance and a sense of achievement, thus giving a good grounding for later years.

*Barbara Sternberg*



*Adrian Marcia as Gabriel, Robert Seals as Joseph, Dillon du Plessis as Mary and Ivo Lazic as an ox*



*The Three Wise Men: Kaelo Molefe, Christopher Schilperoort, Jared Lebos*



# Grade 1K



**Back row:** Kent Hauptfleisch, Andrew McKenzie, Jonathan Jordan, Gianluca Sacco, Geoffrey Kukard, Brandon Panos

**Middle row:** Chase Remmington, Matthew Ware, Dominic Elliman, Antoni Harbuz, Duncan Pettit, Nicholas Riemer, Paul Cooke, Christopher MacKeown, Gareth Borrageiro

**Seated:** Justin O'Byrne, Lydon Hanger-Hill, Byron Diepraam, Luke Goncalves, Jake Levin, Michael Simpson, Murray Hawker, Dale Walker

## Noah and the Ark

The people were bad and cruel one day God sade to Noah I will flood the Earth you must mack an Ark and must mack shrae that all the animals are to of each. It rand for forty days one day Noah sent a dave it came back with a leaf

*Luke Goncalves Grade 1K*

## My News

This weekend I went to soccer it was fun I scored 2 goals we wun it was two nil we plad a gen we lost it was one nil.

*Jonathan Jordan Grade 1K*

## Outer Space

I went out into space in a rocket. The rocket ran out of fuel it landed by the moon i went out to explore another rocket landed by then they took me home

*Antoni Harbuz Grade 1K*

## Outer Space

I went to Mercury and I saw some aliens and they had no eyes but they had eyes on they fingers and they were next to two volcanoes and they were erupting and they tried to shoot at me but they couldn't thats it

*Justin O'Byrne Grade 1K*

## The Insect

My insect is like a bat it sucs blud uot of animals and it has three eyes and three body parts and six legs and it has a tail.

*Geoffrey Kukark Grade 1K*

## My News

On the weekend I went to the CNA and got a Shaun Michaels tape and I also got a toy of ownheart.

*Geoffrey Kukark Grade 1K*

## Noah and the Ark

The people were bad God was sad with the peopl he deside to flood the world he told Noah had to build an Ark. He Built it with wood then the animals went in the Ark to biy to and the flood came and people drowned thay stayed in the Ark for forty days time brst then he sent a rob it did not come back then he sent a dave and it came back with a life.

*Dominic Elliman Grade 1K*

## My News

On Saturday I went to Cresta centre and we watched rugby on a big screen and after that we went home and we got a CD rom and then I went to Dales house to have lunch and play soccer

*Chase Remmington Grade 1K*

## The Forest

First a grizzly bear bit me on the foot but luckely I had my toy nuyf and wen I liftid it up the bear ran away after that I saw a python the python spat poison at me and I nyeley diyd.

*Dale Walker Grade 1K*

## Outer Space

My trip to space. Won I was at space I went to the planet called jupiter and we saw the ring around it. And on Earth it was so peaceful. No wonder that people live on Earth. And won I was on Mars and I tried to take off my engine was broke in down the aliens helpt me fix it.

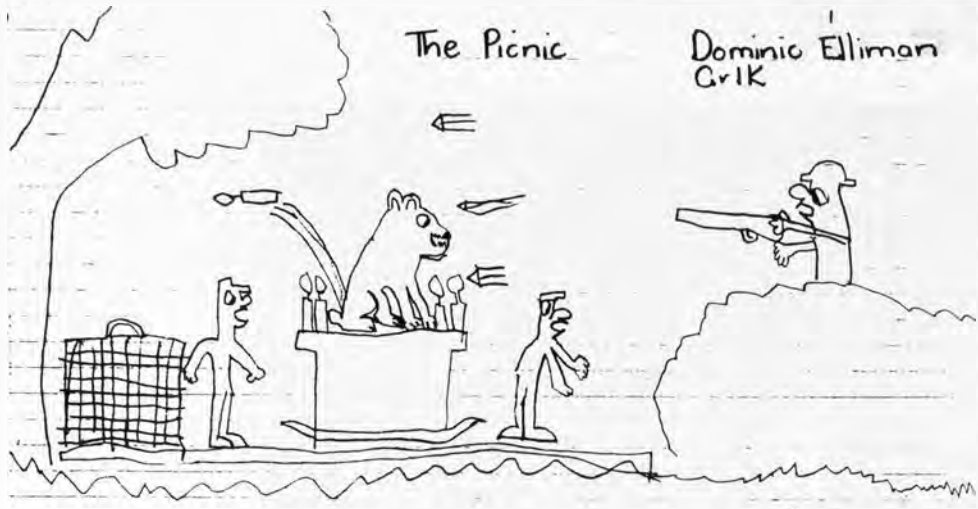
*Duncan Pettit Grade 1K*

## The Forest

I am in a forest. I thik oh no a bear looking this way. Help help help. By mr bear. I ran and ran and ran. Then I found the rode and went across the rode and went home.

*Andrew McKenzie Grade 1K*

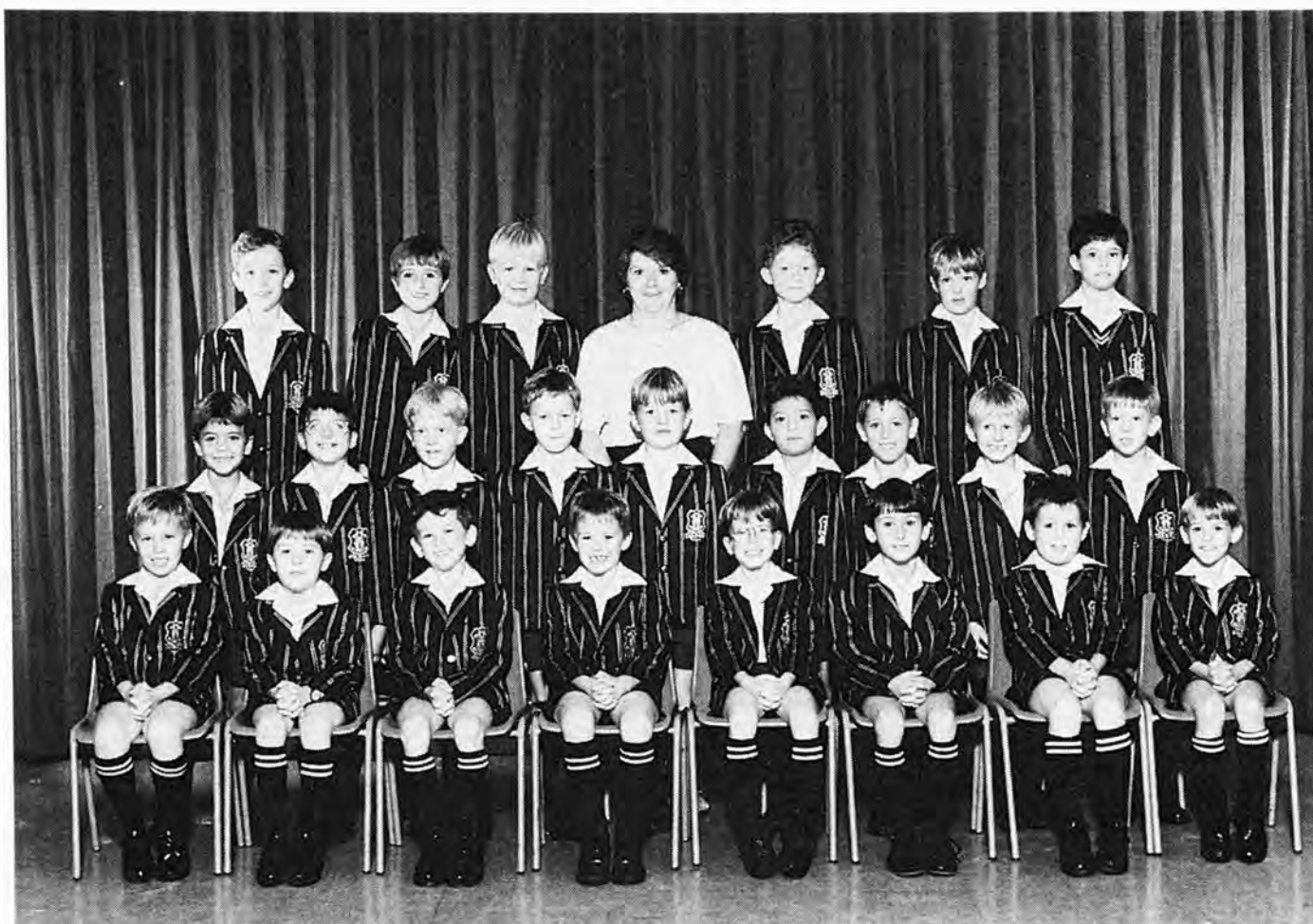




Grade 1K on Arbor Day (6 September)  
"We've brought the tree, Mrs Kalk. Where can we plant it?"



# Grade 1N



**Back row:** Blake Atherton, Connor Williams, Stewart Wackrill, Allison Norton, Sean Gishen, Benjamin Lowe, Reyner Nefdt  
**Middle row:** Michael Sparkes, Dean Perdigao, Stefan Estment, Reece Webster, Matthew Alison, Brian Lebos, Janek Savage, Cameron McKenzie, Kyle dos Santos  
**Seated:** Michael Berti, Julian Brink, David Steinfeldt-Kristensen, Warwick Burt, Gareth Brickman, Matthew Alveo, Warren Scot, Duane Barker

## The Norton News – Exciting News Items from Grade 1N

I got home my freds were ther. We had a swoom but it was vere cold. We woor so cold we hato run around the hows nin tims. We went in sid and had sum lunch my frends went home and I had a bnonu and sum te. I also had a sanwooj. It wos 7 a klok I went to bed.

*Cameron McKenzie*

I wotcht K.T.V. and then I went to school for karate and after that wemet my friend Craig and on Sunday we went to chorch. The preest gave us hole watre and we gave it to my Gran.

*Dean Perdigao*

On Friday I had a frend and we whent to this nersary. Then I whent to the soccer klinick. The next day I whotcht T.V. then my bruther whent to a party, the next day my grandner and my grandpar kame bak from Amerika and Inland and the last but not leest is Iland. They brort me and my bruthers candy ich and we got kulrinbooks and we got these books and I got a sportsbook.

*Connor Williams*

### Dear Blake...

Thank you for the cod it wos grate too here from you. On Sunday I went to movies, me and my mom saw Broken Arrow then we went home to play Batl ships. By nite I was tired then I went to bed. On Saturday I went to toys.r us. then I went and had a sleep then I woc up and I went out for lunch.

*Michael Sparkes*

...Thank you for the post cod I hop you r having a grate time. I went to Reece. We bilt a base. We took toys in it and we swam with toys and the Dinosaurs cept cuming to bash ow base and we cyild them with Battle Tech and we went diving.

*Matthew Alison*

Thank you for yer letu.

I went to WWF it was good. We bort stuff and went back to our hotel then we wotsht the Mask on the big screen then we went back home.

*Matthew Alves*

### Dinosaurs reign supreme

My name is Michaelosaurus.

I am an omnivore. I am little and I am purple. I live in a cave. I jump on my food. I protect my self with my clors and my hard scin. My eggs are red and it has blue spots. I injoy eteing birds and little dinersars like Comsonathis.

*Michael Berti*

My name is Seanosaurus. I am a carnivore. I protect my self with spikes on my hed. The kallu of my eggs or blue. I am the same sise as T-Rex. I am the king of the carnivores. I am black and red. It takes two munths for the eggs to hatch.

*Sean Gishen*

My name is Brianosaurus. I am a bigdienosurus. I catch my food. I have a long tale and I have sum sharp tith. My eggs are wit and I live on drie land. I look for my food. I got in to a fite and I got a cut. I won the fite. I went to lie in thr shade and i am betr.

*Brian Lebos*

### Marriages

The wedding at Cana wis in Cana. Mary was helping the bridegroom. Jesus and sum freds woo invited and wen the fist was not ovu, the wine ran owt. Mary went to the servants and sed doo wot Jesus says. Jesus sed fool the water jar sow the servants did wot Jesus sed. Jesus sed, now poor the wine and give it to them man in choj.

*Stewart Wackrill*



## Holiday Resorts

We went to Durban and I swam the next day I had a ride in a Merc and then I swam again, and went back to the beach.

*Reece Webster*

We went to the beach at P.E. and then we went back to the hotel. Then we went two Mauritius and then we went to the cheetah parc.

*Stefan Estment*

## Happiness is...

- birde wotching in the felt
- throwing the frizbee to my dad
- haveing fun at school

*Gareth Brickman*

- rudin muy buk
- gowing to Sunsitiy
- crikrit

*Dwane Barker*

- rideing my bicke
- playing tennis with dad
- swinin upside down

*Kyle dos Santos*

- runing in the springclus
- playing with my dog

- haveing a family

*Benjamin Lowe*

- watching my dad dive
- runing in the rase
- climing trees

*David Steinfeldt*

- playing hociy with my brother
- playing mobels
- gowing to my frens

*Warwick Burt*

- fishing in the sea
- gowing owt for dina
- runing in the waves

*Warren Scott*

- playing in the rane
- playing with my brother
- playing kricit with my family

*Janek Savage*

- playing in my pool
- going to movies
- riding my bicke

*Julian Brink*



*Grade One pupils acknowledged Arbor Day by donating three Yellow Wood trees to the College. Long may they flourish!*



# Grade 1R



**Back row:** Kurt Tiedemann, Andrew Keightley-Smith, Struan Frost, Mrs S Rose, Craig Wallington, Dayne McLaughlin, Alastair Morris

**Middle row:** Nicodimus Rametse, Craig Watson, Daniel Chappel, John van Wyk, Samuel Vandeleur, Andrew Osborne, Justin Neilson, Tyler Hollingsworth, Matthew O'Connor-Pretorius, Devin Hall

**Seated:** Ryan Egnos, Timothy Adam, Stewart Leith, Justin Watts, Matthew Luc McCreedy, Peter Lee, Luke Savage, Duane Froes

## Gold Reef City

On Sunday I went to gold reef city and I went in a train rida and I had rides on lots of other things. I had lots of fun. I love going to gold reef city.

*Daniel Chappel Grade 1R*

## Inter-House Soccer

I went to inter-house socker. Then I went to Sams party. we got charged by a lion. an ostrich pecked on the car!

*Timothy Adam Grade 1R*

## Saturday Soccer

I went to the soccer and we played "delesul" and I got hed butted and the Ref never gave it a penlty!

*Ryan Egnos Grade 1R*

## Ouch!

My bother had 30 stitches he was crying like mad!

*Matthew O'Connor-Pretorius Grade 1R*

## Silkworm Season

I went to the chinese fashion and I won a prise I got a magic cube and my cousin gave silkworms to me.

*Peter Lee Grade 1R*

## Great Grub!

on Thursday My MoM got a SaMson Touch and think Microwave. it made yumee food and drinks. we had it only for four days.

*Craig Watson Grade 1R*

## A busy weekend

On Friday Justin (Neilson) came to mu house and we went to buy some cards and he slept over. When he left I planted 3 plants and I swam. On Sunday I got a trophy from Neil Tovey.

*Craig Wallington Grade 1R*

## Trubel!

Tyler came to play on friday. we went on the roof. we got into trubel. I went to the water frunt and went home.

*Justin Watts Grade 1R*

## BIBLE STORIES

### Throo the roof

Jesus was teeching in a house. No one code cum in becos so menee peepil were ther but ther was a man that was sick. A fyoo men took him to the roof then they put him down throo the roof. Jesus tutsht him. He got up and sed thank you.

*Andrew Keightley-Smith Grade 1R*

### The Wedding Party

Jesus was at the party and they ran out of wine. Jesus came to the rescyu and he turnd the water into wine.

*Stewart Leith Grade 1R*

### Jesus calms the storm

Jesus was by the lake teaching his friends. Jesus said lets go to the other side of the lake. then a big storm came. Jesus friends wock him up. He said "calm down"!

*Devin Hall Grade 1R*



## The foolish sun

There was a foolish sun who left home with his share of his father's farm and he partyed for many days and then when his money was ended he had to feed pigs and he thought about going home and he thought about his father getting cross at him and he decided to go home. His father ran and hugged him and his father was very happy and they celebrated. He was very happy at home.

*Justin Neilson Grade 1R*

## SOCIAL INSECTS

### B.B. The Bee

Hallo. I am B.B. the bee. I work very very hard to collect honey. I am a social insect. I started as an egg and then I became a pupa and I made a cocoon and I became a baby bee. The other bees looked after me and they taught me how to no were the flowers are and a lot of other things.

You humans, you better watch out. I have a very sore sting.

*Justin Neilson Grade 1R*

### Antrew the Ant

Hello, I'm Antrew and I'm a worker ant and I'm a social insect. When Larvae are born the other ants look after it, while I look for food. I like the sweet juice Aphids spray out when I stroke them.

My enemies are robber ants and people. Robber ants steal eggs when they are laid and when they grow up robber ants use them as slaves. People stamp on us but I can bite them back.

*Craig Wallington Grade 1R*

## HOLIDAY TIMES

### Cross Border Raids

On Saturday morning we left South Africa and we crossed the border and we were in Swaziland. We went to the glass factory and I bought a Toyota 4x4 and my sister bought an alibi band and my mum bought a key ring.

*Struan Frost Grade 1R*

### Holiday Blues!

In the holidays I went in hospital. My ear was sore.

*Matthew-Luc McCreedy Grade 1R*

### A Wiggly Tale!

On Friday I went to eastern Transvaal and we stayed at Falcon Glen. I swam in two worm pools and it was fun. My gran came with us and he went to a cave.

*Stewart Leith Grade 1R*

### A Cracking Good Time!

I went to White River. I went boating with my cousin. Then we cracked Macadamia nuts. Then we went to bed.

*Luke Savage Grade 1R*

### Gee-up!

I went to a play park and I went on a horse and I had lots of fun on the horse. It went very fast because he went fast fast fast fast!

*Dayne McLaughlin Grade 1R*



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# Grade 2A



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**Middle row:** Damien Kalil, Brandon Reisdorf, Sean Nieman, Khumo Pheto, Wade Whittaker, Tyler Ray, Stephen Parker, Alexander Moody, Domenico de Lorenzo, Gregory Murphy  
**Seated:** David Schilperoort, Richard Edey, Mark Goosen, Ivan Giuricich, Warwick Gird, Bheki Manganye, Danilo Biccari, Dylan Tollemache

## Egypt

The Egypshin people had schools, they had a kind of writing called hieroglyphics Egypt is in Africa every year the Nile floods, then the Egypshins crops grow. The Egypshins built Pyramida to put there Pharoahs and Queens. They first mummified the Pharaoh or Queen, then they put them in a tomb in the Pyramid and The Egypshins did not beleve in one god they beleve in many gods. Some names of the gods are Re, Hapi and Bes. Hapi makes the Nile river rise and flood. Bes is the child god, he likes dancing and music. Reis the sun god he brings people to life. The Egypshins built Pyranid on the western side of the Nile River.

The Egypshins used a glass beetle and the Pharaoh used them to write there news then his servent came and give it to who ever the Pharaoh wanted to. They had a paper called papyrus. The Nile river goes into the Mediterranean sea.

*David Schilperoort Grade 2A*

## Egypt

Near the Nile river there is very green grass. Egypt is on top of Africa. Rameses the first was very rich. He had a toom built out of solid gold. When children first lernt how to write they used cley so when they made mistakes they could just rub it out. When they lernt how to write they used papyrus. Ones a year the Nile river flooded. So then they could grow crops. When pharaohs died they raped them in bandages. And they put special spices on the person. When the people died they payed peopl to weep for the person who died. It use to take them over eighty years to builed a pyramid. They called letters hieroglyphics. They had sea that was called the Mediterranean sea. They thought if they built pyramids directly

under the sun, there spirit would go to the sun and they could shoot to heaven like a rocket. They believed that cats wear saecret so they treated them well and when they died they also go to mummified. When Pharoahs died their tooms was painted with his ansisters. His toom is full of all his gold. They believe that they have two lives. So they give him a lot of food for his journey.

*Kyle Tonetti Grade 2A*

## Egypt

Egypt is in Africa, it is a hot land. They war white cloths and sandles. They use a bot for transeport on the Nile river. It was the fastist transeport in Egypt. They used pyramids for tombs. They bilut tombs for the Pharaoh so when the Pharaoh died he wood be put in a tomb. The Nile river wood flow once a year. That helped grow crops. In Egypt the king had lots of solid gold. Pyramids are ancient tombs for the rich. The rich people wood be bered in pyramids. Tutenkamin was one of the wealthiest Pharaohs in all of Egypt. He had lots and lots of gold. Egyptians used difren cined of writing it was cald hieroglyphics. It was an ancient lanwig Egypt is an old land it was their for centuries. A diner stee was when one holl family roold over Egypt. They put pyramids on the westen side of the Nile river because thats where the sun sets. They drest in there finest clothes. So when they got to the sun God they wood look good.

*Alexander Moody Grade 2A*

## Insects

All Insects have six legs and all lay eggs and have no bones. Some insects canot fly but some can some insects can jump some cant. All



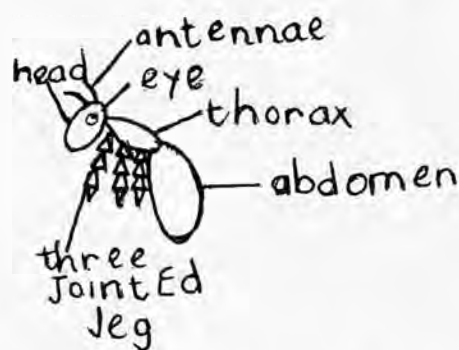
insects have three part on their bodies: - a head, thorax and abdomen. Some can dig, some can't. Some insects can climb. One ladybird eats the pooh, some don't. Some things that you think are insects are not like a worm, spider. All insects have feelers. Insects are hot-blooded. A grub is not an insect.

*Dylan Tollemache Grade 2A*

## Insects

There are more than a million insects. They all have six legs and three body parts. Their names are head, thorax and abdomen. They don't have arms, they have antennae and in the world there are helpful insects and others that are not. Some insects lay over 100 eggs and some insects have four wings and some have two wings. Some even don't have wings and the butterfly, if you touch the wings it won't fly for ever. If you stand on a poisonous caterpillar it will sting you and what happens then? you in fact go hospital, and then?

*Richard Edey Grade 2A*



## The bee, the tortoise and the fox

Once upon a time there was a tortoise. He was very happy. The tortoise decided to go for a walk since I'm happy. A fox came upon the tortoise's house, he opened the door, squeaked, went to the door, he tripped over the tortoise's chair. Then the tortoise came back from his walk, he heard a dark voice say go away, go away. The tortoise ran as fast as he could to a bee, the tortoise said to the bee please help me. The bee said OK, they went back to the tortoise's house. The bee stung the fox. The fox tripped over the tortoise's chair again, no one saw the fox again. The moral of the story is: don't do things to other people because you might get it back.

*Tyler Ray Grade 2A*

## The magic tree

Once upon a time there was a boy and his dad. One day the boy said to his dad, We are poor, dad. We have no food and water. So the next day the boy planted a tree from inside his house. The next day the tree spoke to the boy. The boy was amazed. The tree said to the boy, Go to your dad and tell him to go to a pond, he will find a gold fish there. So the boy went to his dad and said, Dad, do you remember the tree I planted yesterday? Well, the tree spoke to me, said the boy. But dad said, oh, don't lie, a tree can't talk. The boy said, I heard it, dad. I heard it. And the dad believed him now. So the boy told the dad to go to a pond. Why, said dad, in a silent voice, I don't know, said the boy, all I know is you will find a gold fish there. So the day after that the dad went to a pond, there he found a gold fish. The fish said, are you poor, yes I am, said dad, then go home now and you will see a kingdom and you will be very rich. So the dad went and there he saw a kingdom and money. So the dad said, thank you tree, you made us rich and they lived happily ever after.

*Danilo Biccari Grade 2A*

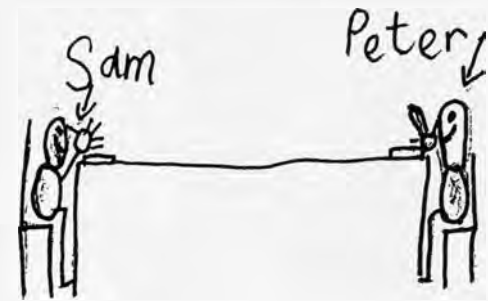


## Peter and Sam

There were two boys, one's name was Peter and one's name was Sam, and Sam was always bad and slow at work, so on Wednesday they were doing English and Sam did not listen to the teacher, so Sam copied Peter and Peter only got it wrong and the teacher marked them and she saw that Sam had been copying Peter. So she shouted at him but he did still not listen. And on Friday they did a spelling test and Peter put his slate over his work and Sam could not copy, so he got all his work wrong.

So the moral of this story is never to copy other boys because if the boy covers his work you will get them all wrong, and to always listen to your teacher.

*Wade Whittaker Grade 2A*



## The woodpecker and the baby tortoise

Once upon a time there lived a baby tortoise. The baby tortoise saw a big woodpecker. The woodpecker was pecking a hole in a tree. The tortoise stood under the tree and stared at the woodpecker. Finally the tortoise shouted up to the woodpecker, he said please pick me up so that I could peck a hole in that tree. The woodpecker said, If you want to little tortoise, so the woodpecker picked up the tortoise and put him on a branch. The tortoise tried pecking at the tree, but he fell and left his legs.

Moral: Don't try to be something that you're not.

*Warwick Gird Grade 2A*

## The fox and the hound

Once there lived a fox and a hound. One day the fox said to the hound, you can't catch me. The hound said, I can. Let's see tomorrow, OK. The next day came, Erlie in the morning, the fox went to where the hound lived and he stole the hound's meat. Now the hound was mad. The fox said, give up, you can't catch me, I am too fast for you. One day the fox was lying in the sun, the hound was looking for food. When he saw the fox, now it was his chance. He leapt out and killed the fox. The moral of that story was: - don't give up.

*Ivan Giuricich Grade 2A*





# Grade 2B



**Back row:** Gregory Pearce, Steven Taverner, Adrian Gebers, Mrs E Ballard, Ryan Abrey, Matthew Sherratt, Matthew Burt  
**Middle row:** Shaun Norton, Jonathan Duckworth, Nicholas Bristow, Dane Solomon, Kuda Nyatsambo, Warren Bretherton, Marco Picone, Robert Ramsay, James Shaw-Taylor, Karl Reith, Kevin Came  
**Seated:** Lorenzo Agostinetto, Joseph Gates, Matthew Holden, Robin Garden, Connor Mace, Richard Harte, Filipe Gonsalves, Otsile-Mogale Mogale

## Dear God

our Mathers thank you for all the things wute you Do for us. We Love you. You tolle us the right things and help us to be good and do the right things forever and ever.

*Dane Solomon Grade 2B*

## Dear God

thanck you God  
for my Mother  
She Looks after me  
She Loves me  
I Love her also  
She also coocks for me.

*Steven Taverner Grade 2B*

ThanK you for my Mom. and She is verey nice to me and She can care for me and She gets what I want and She taKes me to plases and She coms in the medil ov the nite time.

*James Shaw-Taylor Grade 2B*

## My News

On Sunday me and my dad went to our farm and I took my pellet gun. and I shot my dad in the leg and I shot a hen in the bum and saw a crane and I shot it down it coodend fly and then it ran after me and it kicked me and I fell down and I shot piginns and I shot a man and I ran fast and then we went to the pigs and I pickt two piglets up and I git poo all over me and my dad shoted at me and wen we wor going home my dad fond my pellet gun and he shot me.

*Robert Ramsay Grade 2B*

God helped the Israelites get to their promised land. This tells us that God will always help you wan you are intrubl he will help you wan you are hert and God will always be with you.

*Robin Garden Grade 2B*

God helped the Israelits get to their promised land. This tells us that God is always with us and to never stop beleiving in him. no matter what you feel or what you say he will always love you.

*Filipe Gonsalves Grade 2B*

## Egypt the River Nile

The Nile is the longest river in the world. The River Nile is the most important river to Egypt. It is the only place where the people can get water from. With out it they will die. They are crocodiles and hipows in the Nile too.

*Marco Picone Grade 2B*

Mt name is capton Karl. I was once a rich captain but long John silver took my richers but he marooed me but I hade another crew they hade a life boat they saved me I felt sick we fond a ship we fixed it then we were a crew again. The end.

*Karl Reith Grade 2B*

## Beautiful and ugly

Once upon a time the Butterfly and the Monkey lived in the African bushes. Butterfly thort She was the best. She teased the Monkey about who was the best. One day the Butterfly was flying. She was looking back wase. She went into a thorn tree help! help! cryed the Butterfly the monkey hurd the Butterfly. He ran and helped the Poor Butterfly. Moral! dont tease people because one day you mite need them.

*Otsile Mogale-Mogale Grade 2B*

## Egypt-Pyramids

In Egypt people built very big Pyramids are made of lime stone. Some pyramids could fit over 200 ded bodys ded bodys were rapt up in bandigaes and put in tooms. Pyramids were very tall today Egypt people are still Around.

*Warren Bretherton Grade 2B*



# Grade 2M



**Back row:** Adam Weldon-Ming, Michael Macindoe, Christopher Barton, Mrs S Murray, Daniel Berti, Graham Freeman, Marc Colia

**Middle row:** Kevin Harding, Mathew Wallace, Jordan Graham, Justin Kalk, David Kets, Alessandro Higginson, Lebogang Maboja, Eric Bauer, Grant Davidson, Wade Steinbach

**Seated:** Karabo Mohlahlo, Michael Carey, Wesley Tam, Duncan Reid, Craig King, Bongani Manganye, Paul Nieuwoudt, Justin Ferriere

## Our trip to the Willem Prinsloo Museum

We went on a carig with horses in the front the horses went fast and faster. We saw how to make candels and it was a fun trip. We saw oxen and we went into a small hut it was darck and the floor was made out of dung. We saw all of the big wagens and we saw a donky and lots of horses and a momy horse had a baby.

*Michael Macindoe Grade 2M*

## Who stole Peter's wings?

Peter was a lazy bee. He was a worker bee, he dulent do his job. He usually played with the grasshopper. He drank warter from the pond and tried to jump like a grasshopper. Peter floo to a flower and fell asleep. He woke up and saw the sun was almost gon and Peter flew home. He kept on landing. Peter looked to his right sholder his eyes groo biger. Peter had one pair of wings. He wondered who took the other pair he looked up and saw a wasp. The wasp had three sets of wings. Peter said to the wasp. Wasp you have three sets of wings. I hav lost one pair of wings you have my other pair of wings, will you giv it back. Yes said the wasp. And Peter had his wings back. The End.

*Justin Kalk Grade 2M*

## The Black Eagle

Hello I'm a black eagle I live in a dark cave with brown purple and blue walls I caught a buck and ripped it in half and ate it even its head and eyes and then went to catch a snake and ate that to and went to sleep when I woke up I saw another eagle and he was eating a live rat and after the rat he ate a squirrel and then he flew away and he came back with a dead eagle which he had killed himself and then started to eat it and then I went back to sleep for the day.

*Grant Davidson Grade 2M*

## Chip

One day a little bird named Chip went for a walk. He had fun playing with his friends. Before long it time to go back home Chip had

his bath and supper and soon it was bed time. The next day he had some seed and went for his walk. But today his friends were not there. Chip thoart and thought then he said today is my birthday Chip ran home as fast as he could. When he got home. All his friends said surprise and Chip had a wonderful birthday.

*Graham Freeman Grade 2M*

## The Dodo

Hi my name is Dodo bird. I had a good day because I met some new birds they had big wings and there names were black Eagles. They told me that they eat meat. They told me that there wings span was as big as a combey and they can fly as fast as a normal birds. The End.

*Michael Carey Grade 2M*

## The Bird

Birds are big and small they have lovely colours on them Some have big wings some have small wings and some have weebed feet and some have small feet. Some eat meat and some eat seeds. Some have long legs and some have short legs. And some have big eyes and some have small eyes.

*Duncan Reid Grade 2M*

## My Holiday News

On Thursday we wnet to the burg. We stayed at kathedril peek. We played table tennis and put put. We climd up to Doren Falls and Blue pools. On Friday we went to see the golf curse and on Saturday my dad went to play on the golf curse. Whil we jumpd on the tramp a lean. On Sunday we went home. Next week we went to stay at a hotel in Durban. The next day we went to a weding my dad wanted to watch the rugby so he said to me you protend you are sick then Ill take you to the room then we can wach the rugby then we went home.

The End.

*Paul Nieuwoudt Grade 2M*



## Egypt

We learnt about Egypt. Mummies are dead people wrapped in bandages.

Pharaohs are dead kings that live in tombs with statues guarding them. Some have sphinxes to guard them. Papyrus is paper that the Egyptians used to write on.

The Nile river flows in Egypt and people get water.

Pyramids are big triangle buildings for the dead kings.

Egypt is at the top of Africa where the sun shines.

*Lebogang Maboja Grade 2M*

## Egypt

Egyptians do things differently to us they build pyramids for dead pharaohs and other important people. They pull out their brains through their noses with a cork screw because they believed that the heart is the most important part of the body. The Nile is the biggest river in Africa and the world. Tutankhamun was the youngest king in Egypt.

*Justin Kalk Grade 2M*

## Standard 1H



**Back row:** Brett Ross, Sebastian Lewis, Andrew Prior, Alistair Jordan, Mrs D Hurley, Richard Austin-Williams, Shaun Mets, Thami Rametse, Rhayne Heynike

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**Seated:** Mark Einhorn, Conor McCreedy, Nicholas Berti, Gary Filby, Kieran Fane-Hervey, Shaun de Sousa, Sabelo Sithebe, Stephen Adam

## Happiness is ...

Happiness is when I climb trees and build tree houses.  
... when we do sports with Mr Carr.

*Alistair Jordan 1H*

Happiness is seeing the first thunder clouds.  
... seeing all the birds come back.  
... seeing somebody come out of hospital.

*Cameron Adams 1H*

Happiness is my parents.  
... when you know your family really loves you.

*David Everson 1H*

Happiness is seeing fields of green, green grass.  
... the smell of the new roses outside our classroom.

*Vincent Clery 1H*

Happiness is planting a new baby tree.  
... playing sports with all my friends.

*Andrew Prior 1H*

Happiness is going on holiday.  
... seeing happy people.

*Shaun Mets 1H*

Happiness is the birth of a new baby.  
... picking flowers for my Mom.  
... getting into the swimming team.

*Gregg-Michael Hammond 1H*

Happiness is knowing God.  
... playing with my dog.  
... sharing with my friends.

*Nicholas Berti 1H*

Happiness is listening to my friends laugh.  
... when Christmas comes.  
... playing soccer.

*Conor McCreedy 1H*

Happiness is living with my family.  
... when my Dad plays with me.  
... when I see my Gran and Granpa.  
... eating my favourite food.

*Brett Ross 1H*