

OUR VISION

“The Marist School, as envisaged by Saint Marcellin Champagnat, offers families an approach to education which draws faith, culture and life into harmony.”

(Constitution of the Marist Brothers)

OUR MISSION

St David's Marist Inanda is a school in which all members of the school family recognise the special Catholic character of the school and join in upholding the Christian teachings of the Gospel within a Catholic Marist tradition of:

Humility, Simplicity and Modesty.

Our teachers provide a challenging learning environment which enables boys from diverse backgrounds to realise their potential and develop their talents. An African school preparing boys to take their place in society and to build South Africa as enquiring, well-balanced individuals aware of their social responsibilities to the wider community and ready to respond with compassion and justice to the realities of society.

*Family Spirit
Simplicity
In Mary's Way
Love of Work
Presence*



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MARIST INANDA**

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Back: Mr G Krog, Mr N Pryce, Mr S Bhembe, Mr I Benning, Mr J P Renouprez, Mr C Leicher, Mr M Boden
Front: Professor ME Smurthwaite, Mr M Thiel, Mr J Chemaly (chairman), Dr G Edwards, Mrs L Klement
Absent: Mr M Greeff, Ms K Mkhonto, Mrs M Makura

Twenty-seventeen was a year of consolidation and growth within the St David's Marist Foundation.

Fourteen funds and programmes fall under the Foundation, which include an Endowment Fund (to ensure the long-term sustainability of the St David's Marist Foundation), Bursary Fund programmes (including the Fr Bernard Brewer Bursary Fund and the Business in Education B-BBEE Bursary Fund) and development funds (including capital development and Cultural, Sports and Community Development Funds). In addition, there is a Bequests and Legacy Fund, and the Foundation administers the Staff Giving Fund (46 St David's staff donate to this on a monthly basis), as well as the two Marist Old Boys' Funds (the Old Boy's Bursary Fund and the Maristonian Project).

BURSARY PROGRAMME

During 2017, 13 young men were supported on bursaries at St David's, and a further recipient was supported at tertiary level in the final year of his teaching qualification. Three of the bursary recipients matriculated in 2017, achieving excellent results. In addition, in August 2017 one of these young men approached the Foundation to set up his own bursary fund, the Mizpah Bursary Fund, founded with R1 000 that he had raised through his own efforts. This young man's wish in founding Mizpah was to be able to give to other boys in need what he had received from St David's – *mizpah* means "togetherness, protection, inspiration and words of blessing". By the end of 2017, thanks to generous donor support including via the Christmas Star Giving campaign, this fund had reached a total of R22 500.

In 2017 the Foundation launched a termly mentoring breakfast gathering for current bursary recipients – the purpose of these breakfasts is to give the young men an opportunity to meet with each other, to share their successes and challenges with the Foundation and the Wellness Department, and to engage with interesting and relevant speakers. Tyson Sithole (St David's top 10 2007, St David's Marist Foundation Trustee and a previous bursary recipient, who is now forging a successful path in investment banking) was the first guest speaker.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Our individual donors are the backbone of the Foundation and include those who contribute entirely or in part to cover a particular recipient's bursary, or contribute on a monthly basis towards the Endowment Fund or a particular bursary or development fund. The Foundation's donor support comes from St David's parents, staff, Old Boys, local corporate companies, private individuals, and local and international Foundations and grant-making organisations (including a foundation each in the USA and the UK).



LARA KLEMENT, ADVANCEMENT MANAGER

St David's boys themselves are among our donors and it is always particularly heart-warming to receive a donation, no matter what amount, from a young boy demonstrating such thoughtfulness and compassion for others at such a young age. We were also very pleased to have been accepted to have a project profiled on the Different.org site, which raised R50 000 towards a bursary. In addition, following on from a London meeting with Mike Thiel and me in May, a prominent UK-based Old Boy made a significant donation to the Bursary Fund programme.

The Business in Education B-BBEE Bursary Fund received support from two corporates during 2017 – this fund has been specifically set up to enable corporate donors to receive SED and SD points (based on the Revised B-BBEE Codes) for donations to the Foundation. In addition, a St David's parent donated their consulting fee to a firm, to the Foundation.

75TH JUBILEE CIRCLES UPDATE

The 75th Jubilee Circles have provided great support once again this year and it has been very exciting to

welcome on board some new circles, such as the Water Polo Circle (in support of sports development, specifically water polo). The Water Polo Circle launched its initiative with a very successful gin bar at NiteFever.

The St David's Friends of the Arts Circle gave wonderful support to the Cultural Department's Supper Theatre Show in May, as well as hosting the Champagne Stall at the St David's Christmas Market. A Foundation mom donated the 200 buckets that were filled as part of the Prep School's 200 Buckets Lenten initiative – these buckets were distributed to communities in need by Gift of the Givers. The Prayer Group Moms' Circle continued to hold our St David's community in their prayers during 2017, and the St David's Bookclub Circle (Swop Shop Moms) once again sold quality second-hand novels from the Swop Shop, and at the Christmas Market. We thank all of our circles most sincerely for their efforts and support, and look forward to welcoming further new circles in 2018.

COFFEE AND KOEKSISTERS

As a follow-on from the 2016 Coffee and Donuts Circle Mornings, 2017 saw the introduction of Coffee and Koeksister Mornings. These gathering were expanded to include whole school participation and to give parents a

chance to chat informally with school management and staff, as well as with the Foundation. These forums will continue during 2018, as Coffee and Cronut mornings – one session will take place each term.

SIGNATURE CAMPAIGNS

The Foundation continued with its three "anchor" campaigns during 2017, namely the Marathons Campaign, the Montagne Day Pledges Campaign and the Christmas Giving Campaign.

In April Willy Castle once again ran the London Marathon, in support of the Willy and Dorothy Castle Bursary Fund and the Old Boys' Bursary Fund, and finished in a time of 05:47:14. This year the campaign raised R34 000 towards these funds.

In October the second Montagne Day Pledges campaign took place with the St David's boys, who were encouraged to make a pledge about how they would live in the Marist Way, and to support this pledge with a donation of R100 (raised through their own efforts) towards a modern-day Montagne in need. This year R28 000 in donations were received – these donations are all allocated to the boys' Class Year Circles, according to the class years that they will be in when they matriculate from St David's.



APPRECIATION EVENING

Twenty-seventeen saw the fourth year of the Christmas Giving Campaign, with the theme “Be a Star This Christmas”. Donations of R103 400 were received towards the Fr Bernard Brewer Bursary Fund and the Mizpah Bursary Fund, as well as several requests to initiate family bursary funds. In the Old Boys’ space, donations were received towards the Old Boys’ Bursary Fund.

TRUSTEES

The St David’s Marist Foundation Trustees, led by Andy Hall (chairman), continue to provide support, guidance and good governance to the Foundation, including overseeing the investment and allocations of donor funding received. In February 2017 Simon Denny was appointed as the Foundation’s vice-chair, and Tyson Sithole was welcomed as the Foundation’s newest Trustee in July 2017.

SCHOOLS FOUNDATIONS SURVEY REPORT

Once a term school foundation managers from independent and government schools meet to share experiences, and hear speakers on best practice and guidance within the foundation space. With school foundations being a relatively new and unexplored structure, the St David’s Marist Foundation proposed

that a pilot survey be undertaken to assess the current climate and environment of school foundations in South Africa.

Ten school foundations took part in the pilot survey during August 2017, ranging from a foundation that had been in place for 61 years to one that had only started out in 2017. The participating foundations were based in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal, and the survey was set up to be anonymous so that names and locations of the participating foundations were not captured. The survey covered general set-up information, programmes, donors, donations, donor base and giving channels, databases, communication, marketing and tracking.

Participants were a mixture of standalone foundations, combined entities with other school departments such as marketing and alumni, and advancement office structures that include a standalone foundation. The term “foundation”, as used in the survey, was therefore to be understood as relating to each of the respondents’ specific set-ups.

The survey yielded valuable findings and trends, and a snapshot of the current landscape of schools foundations – it will take place again during 2018, and be sent out to a wider range of participants.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

APPRECIATION EVENING

After a gap last year due to the 75th Jubilee celebrations, this year's annual St David's Marist Inanda and St David's Marist Foundation Appreciation Evening took place on Friday, 14 July, in the Champagnat Hall at St David's.

The Appreciation Evening is a very special occasion that allows the school and Foundation to thank staff, parents, donors and supporters for all that they do for St David's, whether through their time, efforts, service, donations or prayers. The theme for this year was centred around the 200 Years of Marist Education and 150 Years of Marist in South Africa anniversaries, celebrating our French roots and origins through St Marcellin Champagnat. The hall was decorated in French café and provincial-style decor; and the gift to guests this year was an African violet – to represent the Marist violet and its symbolism of the three Marist values of simplicity, modesty and humility, and the fact that St David's is an African Marist school.

The formal part of the evening included a welcome and introduction by myself, a Marist meditation video, accompanied by a saxophone-and-piano duet specially composed by Mr Luke, Hands of Champagnat, the presentation of the St David's Marist Foundation 2016 financial results by Simon Denny, and a reflection on the



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200 Years of Marist anniversary by Mike Thiel. Brother Joe Walton said Grace before the evening led into performances by the St David's chamber choir, band and marimba ensemble. We were encouraged that some long-standing donors who are no longer parents at the school also attended the evening, which speaks to the strength of our relationships with them.

DONOR COCKTAIL EVENING, INCLUDING A CELEBRATION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHAPEL OF MARY

On 4 November the Foundation hosted its annual donor cocktail event, as a year-end thanks to its donors and supporters. The event was preceded by Family Mass, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of Mary, and the Foundation was delighted to be able to welcome many of the original donors to the chapel to the event, who had made the chapel's building possible in 2007.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS PROMOTION

During 2017 the Foundation placed two adverts/profiles in *The Southern Cross*, South Africa's Catholic newspaper, as a way of bringing awareness of the Foundation's work to a wider Catholic audience.

OTHER

For more information on the Foundation, and its mandate and work, visit the St David's app (second "page", top left), as well as its own standalone website (<http://www.stdavids.co.za/foundation-home.html>). The Foundation sends out a termly newsletter and, in May 2017, joined Twitter with the handle @Marist_FdnStDav, which had 100 followers by the end of the year.

THANK YOU!

The St David's Marist Foundation ended 2017 with donations of just over R2-million and, on behalf of the Trustees, we would like to thank our supporters and donors, as well as the school, the St David's exco and the St David's staff for their ongoing support.

Mrs L Klement

Advancement manager

ADMIN & SUPPORT STAFF



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Back row: Mr P Fungela, Ms F Budd, Ms T Meni, Mrs L Rodrigues, Mr J Mthembu, Mr J Dry, Mr L Ripley-Evans, Mrs P Groenewald, Mr D Shibambu

2nd row: Sr H Hodgson, Mrs D Clark, Mrs M Bastenie, Mrs L Schafer, Mrs T Mazibe, Mrs K Tangney, Mrs D Bartlett, Mrs S Hudson, Mrs M Ceruti, Mrs I Khoury, Ms B Sitole

Front row: Mr T Ramutshindela, Mrs C Donaldson, Mrs A Mendes, Mrs A Kerr, Mr M Thiel, Mr M Boden, Mrs L Klement, Ms T Dire, Mrs T Wantenaar, Ms C Fisher-Gietzman, Mrs E Vernell



ESTATE STAFF

Back row: Mr K Ramutshindela, Mr P Fungela, Mr A Rambau, Mr H Mzazi, Mr H Nyathi, Mr M Ledwaba, Mr M Tshishongwe, Mr V Maringa
Front row: Mr P Maringa, Mr N Maholwane, Mr L Valoyi, Mr L Mapulane, Mr D Shibambu, Mr T Ramutshindela, Mr F Makhura, Mr E Chauke, Mr N Mamabola



CATERING STAFF

Back row: Mr Z Ramutshindela, Mr B Mahuma, Mr O Shibambu, Mr G Nkuna, Mr V Shibambu

Front row: Ms O Maluleke, Ms K Thusi, Mr J Dry, Mrs K Tangney, Mrs T Mazibe, Mrs K Mbhele, Mrs M Ntsoane



HEATHER JOSEPH – A PERSONAL REFLECTION

How do I sum up 40-odd years of teaching at St David's?

Where do I begin?

Can you believe it? I celebrated my 21st birthday here at St David's and I am still here, just a few years older.

I have certainly made some of my happiest memories here at this wonderful school, and some most amusing ones, too.

When I was young and beautiful, almost as beautiful as I am now, there was a young man called Gary Graham. Yes, he is now a parent and I teach his son, Liam. I was teaching in the High School when Gary managed to remove my car keys from my desk and park my new car between two trees. I was frantic and thought that my car had been stolen. I was running around the school like a lunatic when I bumped into darling Br Aidan, who assisted me in finding it. Can you imagine trying to reverse it out from that lot? Little terror he was!

Then there was the time that Mrs Pat Milne and I were driving home from a rather festive party after a successful rugby match here at school. She drove her car into the ditch on the road close to the aftercare centre. We were frantic and called Mr Willy Castle, who would not answer his phone. I decided to call my knight in shining armour ... and it was Don to the rescue. He heaved and heaved, and in a flash the car was back on the road. The Incredible Hulk, my superhero.

Being on the same campus as the College has been a wonderful perk, as my old students often pop in to reminisce and to fill me in on all their news. On one occasion I entered my classroom, rushing as usual to print the certificates for the assembly, when a young pupil sprang out of the huge bin shouting, "Surprise!" The fright I got was not as funny as the look on my pupil's face when he saw Mr Castle standing right behind me.

I am affectionately known to my past pupils as Josie. This name has certainly stuck. Whether it be at a shopping mall, sometimes the airport or just walking along the street and I hear "JOSIE", I immediately know that it is one of MY boys.

Besides many memories made on campus, there were many fun times had on tours by train to East London, Durban, the Kruger Park and, of course, the Grahamstown Arts Festival, accompanied by special

friends such as Darrel Webb, Ron Thackwell, Martin Hewitt and Mary Ryan, just to mention a few.

I know that thousands of boys and young men have passed through my Art room, and I have been privileged to have taught them. I know that many of them have moved on to become successful in their fields. Many have kept their art alive in their chosen professions, and have become film producers, architects, fashion designers, graphic artists and accomplished engineers. I like to think that I have been a catalyst to their success.

My passion for ART has always been a reflection of the person that I am. My pupils have been given the freedom to express themselves in my classes. We have all developed our talents and I have been proud of the work that they have showcased along the walls of the school, the Art room and at the many successful art exhibitions I have produced.

I look back over the 40 years with gratitude. I entered this profession dedicated to assisting young people, helping them to achieve their potential. I know I have done just that. It has been a thrill watching these young men grow and develop their skills.

I want to pay tribute to my colleagues and, for fear of leaving anyone out, I am not mentioning any names. I will always remember the fun, the shared laughter, as well as the many struggles that we have faced together.

I leave, taking all of you with me in my heart. We have had the most wonderful times together and you will always live on in my memories.

And so, as a true Marist girl! ... I am forever your friend, your Art teacher ... your Miss Josie.

HEATHER JOSEPH – AKA 'JOSIE' – A TRIBUTE FROM RICK WILSON

Heather joined St David's as a "young girl of 19". She has lost none of her effervescence or *joie de vivre* since 1972. In her own words, she's "still pretty and sexy". Rumours abound that Picasso once considered asking her to pose for one of his portraits. One speculates that it might have been titled *Portrait of a Lebanese Beauty!*

Heather initially taught Biology, Afrikaans and LO in the High School. Imagine that – Heather, barely 19, teaching boys who were mere months younger than she! I'm not sure who would have enjoyed the situation more – she or they? She was also the Art teacher to "matrics", a mantle she would wear throughout most of her teaching time through various grades in the school.

Sensibly, she then opted to teach in the Prep School, where her talents were dispensed as a class teacher to Grades 3-6. Eager to explore life outside the Rivonia

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Road campus, she left for a couple of years and then returned to set up an Art department for her headmaster – the esteemed Greg Royce!

It was as the Prep School's Art teacher that Heather further developed her passion for art and Marist education. Interspersed between dating Willy Castle and cutting boys' hair, she became one of the finest Art teachers I have seen in ± 40 years in education. One has only to reflect on the calibre of work displayed in the school's annual Art show to appreciate her amazing talent. From Grades 1 to 7, the work on display was a tribute to a teacher who believed that within every boy was hidden "a budding Picasso" (which, incidentally, was her favourite report comment!) Let the world know that she might even have been instrumental in nurturing the artistic talents of Conor McCreedy – a young man whose stunning paintings are currently each fetching upwards of \$1-million in New York. If you ask her ...

Heather was, however, much more to the boys than just "Josie", their Art teacher. She possesses a deep and genuine interest in counselling those whose souls are troubled, as is often the case in adolescent boys. She was always the compassionate listener and proffered sage advice when needed. Heather was almost a "second Mom" to many.

One had to possess the ESP of a leopard when Heather was around! She was always mischievous and on the lookout for opportunities to play a prank on her colleagues or management. One cannot let the opportunity pass to share the most ignominious moment of her 20-plus year sojourn! This involved a bit of banter between Heather and (who else but?) Willy Castle, which concluded in the latter's favour when he plastered a full cream cake squarely into her face! I wonder how Picasso would have captured that?

Frivolity aside, Heather, as you well know, is a special lady. Nothing is ever too much trouble for her if one needs help. She loves both people and her beloved dogs in equal measure, and the lives of both have been so greatly enriched by her involvement.

Heather is too young and vibrant to simply retire! She has so much more to give, and I have no doubt that she will continue doing so for a long time.

And so as you begin the next chapter in your remarkable life journey, Heather, we join in wishing you everything of the best. I end with my favourite "artist quote":

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." – Pablo Picasso (of course!)

Heather – you are a masterpiece!



PAT MILNE – A PERSONAL REFLECTION

There are not many people who can honestly say that they love their jobs, but I am one of those incredibly lucky people. I started teaching at St David's in 1994, and have loved every single minute

of it! I have had the best and happiest years of my life at this incredible school.

It has been such a privilege to touch the lives of so many little boys, and they have touched my life as well. They have made me laugh and they have loved me unconditionally. Each one has been so different and special.

I have met some incredible parents who have enriched my life. I have always been bowled over by their generosity and support. Their friendship has meant so much.

Alida, Margie, Jenn, Linda and Nicola are the best colleagues that anyone could ever have! We have always taken our jobs seriously, but we have had fun together and I have valued their constant support and kindness (particularly in the past two years). Jacky, Jonathan and Villiah are always there to lend a hand, and I would not have been able to do my job effectively without them.

I am so lucky to have made lasting friendships with people in the Prep, High School, on the admin staff and support staff. Friends are very important to me, and I want to thank each and every one of you for being my friend.

A big thank-you to my previous headmaster, Rick Wilson, for giving me wings and allowing me to fly as head of department of the Mini Marists. Thank you, too, for all the opportunities you gave me to grow – such as sending me to a pre-school conference in America. Thank you to my current headmaster, Graeme Edwards, for the incredible kindness and care you have shown me in the past couple of years.

My family has had to sacrifice so much because I am a teacher (such as the dining room table being constantly covered in papers, artwork and reports!), and I want to thank Ian and Matthew from the bottom of my heart for all their love and support over the years.

It is time for me to retire and I am going to be sad to leave, but I am going with love in my heart and the most amazing memories of a job I have loved to go to every day. Thank you!

PAT MILNE – A TRIBUTE FROM RICK WILSON

St David's has always enjoyed extensive waiting lists for Grades 0/00, sometimes in excess of 250 boys per grade. Most of those applicants took the trouble to research the school, which included the obligatory tour of the Mini Marists. Once they had set foot in the door, their minds were well and truly made up! They had, after all, met Pat Milne!

I make no apology for my effusiveness, or for even sounding like a certain politician's praise singer, such are my feelings of admiration towards this wonderful lady.

As a headmaster, one is continuously meeting people and I can say, without fear of contradiction, that Pat is one of the most positive, radiant ladies it has been my good fortune to work alongside. A smile is never far from her face and she has the unique value of always seeing the good in people – be they children or adults. She is strongly of the belief that every child is a shining star in the firmament of life. Where others might focus on a boy's shortcomings, Pat sees only the potential within and makes it her mission to provide the causeway upon which this can flourish.

Pat first started at our school in 1994. Prior to this, she had been running her own play school. I first met her in 1996, when I arrived at St David's. She, Louise Tyack and Barbara Sternberg taught the Grade 0s in classrooms located where the two computer rooms are now situated. The situation was untenable, for everyone knows that boisterous play is a major part of every Grade 0 programme and the Grade 7s working above must have been hard pushed to focus with the battle cries emanating from below. Accordingly, we took the decision to create a new, stand-alone pre-school and Pat was instrumental in setting up this beautiful facility. One only has to visit the pre-school today to appreciate the time, effort and love Pat has invested within its perimeter fence.

She is a lady of diverse talents indeed. Foremost among these lies her ability to recognise and employ high-calibre staff. Pat has a very good "feel" for the values a Marist teacher should embrace, and the team of colleagues she assembled over the years bears testimony to her vision and intuition. She is more than just "the lady in charge" to her staff. She is their mentor, counsellor, support and friend, and I have little doubt that the team would have no hesitation whatsoever to "go to war" with their leader.

Pat cites the opportunities for personal growth among her memorable reflections. To this day, I can remember the huge excitement she harboured when she heard that

her trip to Washington to attend the NAECY Conference was approved. Pat has always been a lifelong learner and has always sought improvement – not only for herself, but also her school. When pressed to select the most rewarding element of her 23 years, without missing a beat she stated, "The biggest highlight has been my interaction with these loving, giving, exciting little boys." I have little doubt that the boys who have passed through her loving hands will remember her with the greatest affection for many, many years.

Pat has shown the world at large how to deal with adversity. I am astounded by her radiance and positivity every time I meet her. People who do not know her would never believe what she has had to endure, and still endures. Whenever I'm in her presence I am given a life lesson in courage. I reflect on my so-called personal trials and tribulations, and I realise that compared to what Pat deals with ...

As she is about to embark on a childhood dream holiday to Lapland with husband Ian and wonderful son Matthew, I'm sure you join with me in wishing Pat everything of the best for the future. They say that leaving an organisation is like taking your hand out of a pail of water – a minute after you've done it, no evidence remains of your presence. In Pat's case, I would like to assure her that years after she has left, her reflection in that water will still shine as brightly as any star. She is, and always will be, of that same dazzling radiance.

DI WEBB – A PERSONAL REFLECTION



At the beginning of 1997 I joined St David's to stand in for six weeks, as Gary Norton left to take up a headmaster position at another school. The greetings of the boys as I passed them in the corridors, their eagerness to be taught like young university students, and the camaraderie and co-operation among the teachers were definitely reasons to extend those weeks of employment.

For most of my years at St David's I have had the privilege of teaching all of the Grade 9 classes. They are a notoriously tough bunch and a challenge, but the journey is worthwhile when they arrive in Grade 10 eager to learn Life Sciences and in Grade 12 when, in general, they are ready to face the world with some biological responsibility, insight and responsible decision making.

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The team effort of all the staff (academic, cultural and sporting) has always provided a stable guiding direction to enable the boys to transition from boyhood into young men who embrace young adult life, while taking care of both themselves and others – the Marist principle of social responsibility. I felt surrounded by teachers living their vocation with compassion, integrity, humour, forthrightness, and a love and determination to do more than the work that was merely required of them.

On the administration front I was fortunate to be part of the Grade 9s' subject choice decision-making, and then subsequently capturing all of their subject marks for their matric school assessment for the IEB. There I witnessed directly the impact of the dedication of the teachers and, where on many occasions, they nurtured learners' belief in themselves, enabling even absolute strugglers to achieve greatly.

The sense of family spirit is epitomised in the warmth of the gatherings in the staff room; the sharing of family news; the sharing of peace in Mass; and the Champagnat Day celebration. I am certainly going to miss this latter celebration, together with the dozens and dozens of two-litre bottles of batter, the challenge of keeping gas-heated pans hot in the winter wind and the laughter around the constant supply of pancakes to the hungry, sweaty masses.

I will treasure the memories of the very rustic Life Sciences camps at Saronde Valley (Krugersdorp), where the ceiling of the hall was propped up by upright beds. What adventures we have had there! During one camp some years ago, the boys bravely spent hours firefighting to save the campsite and bordering residential area from a runaway veld fire! On another occasion, I invited parents to join the boys and me for dinner at Key West shopping complex in Krugersdorp to watch rugby. My ulterior motive had been for the parents to assist with transporting the boys to and from the campsite. However, the ensuing festivities of the evening meant that the best option for the safety of the boys was for them to walk back to camp!

I am pleased to report that the evolution of our camp venue removed the necessity to leave to find alternative victuals, as in recent years the food has been abundant and delicious, and could be consumed while viewing Saturday sport on a large flat-screen TV. In this wonderful setting, brisk climbs up the Magaliesberg always provided a welcome break from the arduous work we were able to cover, from tackling quite short questions to grappling with the implications of biology in society and questions of ethics.

As I leave, I know that I have grown personally and am a better educator because of my interactions with you all, the families of our community and the learners. I have

purposely avoided naming individuals, as their dedications could be a chapter or a book. But to those of the ladies' club, the Akelas of the pack, the men of St David's, the Osmond clan, tutor and invigilation partners, those in management, administration and printing offices, catering and support staff, and those who had such a positive impact on Joshua, I thank you greatly.

However, there are some ladies who have to be singled out. Karina: she is the best co worker that anyone could wish for. She is kind and fair, is a fearless worker, and truly up to date in her research for relevant ideas to enhance the interest of the boys and stimulate their thinking in their examinations. I know that our collaboration will continue. Belinda: you have so appropriately headed the Ethos KSD, and have been unwavering in your outspokenness for the Marist ethos to be our pilot. Colleen: your generosity of spirit has been expressed in many ways, one of which is your organisation of baby showers (including my own 13 years ago).

I know that the Life Sciences department will go from strength to strength under the immediate leadership of Karina and our dedicated team, Rachel and Soori, who are soon to be joined by Claudio, Bevan and Lynne.

It is with a multitude of fond memories and love for so many that I leave to embark on a new chapter. Thank you all.

DI WEBB

– TRIBUTES FROM BELINDA MARAIS AND KARINA GEORGE

My friendship with Di spans two decades. When she joined St David's she was 30 years old – a time when those in their 30s have this constant worry about what the world is thinking of them. Then she turned 40 and discovered that the world was not thinking of her. As she "matured" here at St David's, Di realised that the dreaded middle-age phase had finally dawned, but without the sky collapsing or any visible change in who she is. Now at 51, Di, like most 50-year-olds, found the urge to break loose and reinvent herself. (I applaud you, Di, for having the courage to "start over", but don't ever change who you are.)

Not many know that Di's generous spirit towards boys on bursaries was the forerunner to the acquisition of The Hermitage, the "safe house". For many years the school took boys in from disadvantaged backgrounds, and sent them back to the township at the end of the day/week, expecting them to flourish when they did not have the room (or electricity) to study or complete assignments. Di saw this need and took matriculants into her home for the duration of the preliminary examinations and finals. She even allowed these boys (while at her home)

to host boys from other visiting schools! What a heart! What a Marist!

Di's quiet demeanour and soft-spoken manner epitomise what Rumi, a 13th century Persian poet, said: "Raise your words, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder." I tried so hard to emulate her, but failed hopelessly!

Di's presence will be sorely missed, but because we are heart-friends, we will never really be separated.

Belinda Marais

Di Webb is one of those rare people who always comes to the party. Not just the fun kind of party, but the daily slog kind of party. She is always there to support her colleagues and to shoulder more than her share of the work.

I had the privilege of teaching with Di for almost a decade. Needless to say, this was the best time of my teaching career. She is incredibly hard-working, and always more than willing to give advice and discuss the challenges we have to face every day. She is never unavailable.

The Life Sciences department will remember Di for her extended knowledge, and her eternal enthusiasm to learn more about her beloved subject.

She always said to me: "Remember, we do not teach the boys to be monkeys; we teach them to think." Her words also encouraged me to keep thinking and to never become complacent. The world is changing rapidly, and keeping up with the latest scientific research and publications is crucial in our department. Something as mundane as setting papers and practical investigations for the boys became a stimulating and interesting task, because Di never failed to encourage us to keep up with cutting-edge research.

For nine years Di and I were partners on the Life Sciences camp. Not only did the Grade 12 boys benefit immensely from her skills and experience, but Di became my valued friend.

"Chaps, we're going to start at 8am. Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed," was one of Di's signature camp expressions. This enthusiasm for her work showed, as she set the example and often worked until well after midnight.

When someone as gifted as Di leaves the workplace, we often hear the expression that nobody is unmissable. It's like sticking your hand into a bucket of water and pulling it out. The water simply fills up the space. All that's left are a few ripples. However, Di's departure is going to leave ripples on the surface of the St David's water for a long time.

Her sense of humour coupled with her genuine interest in, and sympathy towards, her colleagues will surely be remembered long after her departure from St David's.

Karina George



URSULA EYLES – A PERSONAL REFLECTION

I have had so many happy times at Mini Marist Aftercare these past 10 years.

I have always sought out the quieter ones, and especially the boys who have had difficulties and problems. I have grown to love them and have tried to make them feel special. For all the other dudes who were mischievous and completely deaf when being called, they knew that I had a special camera at the back of my neck (a mole) that recorded everything they did. So many other boys knew my humour and would tease me.

The "naughty ones", who insisted they were angels, would believe my threats of having detention for the whole weekend. On a Friday at lunchtime they would all remind me that it is weekend, so they had better watch out.

The boys were not punished except for time out or no pudding, but they knew that I was a softie and they still had pudding in the end. Lunchtime started with "eat your vegetables first", which they all tried, but I always gave up and let them eat as much as they could. It brought discipline, however, as I believe that discipline and routine are the basis of self-control and manners.

I thank the parents who left their Mini Marists in my care and trusted my judgment. I'll miss them all but know that if I pass them in the streets and malls, they will always call my name and greet me.

Thank you to the school for employing me and giving me the opportunity to bond with these Mini Marist dudes. I will miss them.

URSULA EYLES – A TRIBUTE FROM PAT MILNE

Ursula has been our aftercare administrator for a period of 10 years. While under her supervision, the boys were always made to feel safe and secure, and she always paid special attention to those little boys who were most

vulnerable or felt insecure. She tried to be in tune with each boy's emotional needs and often had to mentor or counsel the little ones in her care.

Ursula is a very responsible and reliable person. She would adapt graciously and without complaint whenever there was a change in the usual routine at the end of the term or on civvies days, and be at the aftercare extra-early to assist the teachers.

Ursula's organisational skills are highly developed. She always ensures that the boys' bags are ready and efficiently packed for the parents to collect, making sure relevant notices and items of clothing are safely stowed. Ursula has always wanted to foster a sense of gratitude and appreciation in the boys for what they have, as well as an attitude of respect and consideration for each other. It is heart-warming to know how successful she has been in this undertaking. She has traditional values, and takes the time and trouble to insist on good manners during mealtimes.

Ursula has always tried to maintain appropriate and good relationships with staff and parents. She has gone the extra mile for many a parent by staying late for a child at the aftercare, or even taking a boy home with her until the parent arrives.

A school environment is an excellent place for Ursula to thrive. She is a committed Sunday School teacher, and always takes great care to make her Sunday School lessons interesting and full of fun. She is always on the lookout for little, exciting extras to enhance her lessons.

Being the administrator of the aftercare is not an easy position to maintain, but Ursula has embraced every part of it and has attended to her duties very diligently indeed. Ursula, you are going to be missed, and thank you for everything you have done for me, for St David's and for the little boys in your care.



SUE VAN STADEN – A PERSONAL REFLECTION

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” – Winnie the Pooh

While goodbyes are not forever, they are not the end. Goodbyes simply mean I'll miss you, until we meet again.

Three years at my “forever school” has come far too quickly. First, a dream school for my two boys, Luke and Matt, at Mini Marist (2013 and 2014), then a dream job for me in the Prep (2015). A grand adventure was about to begin. This was to be our final stop for the next 15 years, where we were going to learn, grow and be, and where we would immerse ourselves in the Marist traditions, ethos and values. Sadly, life's plan was not mapped out as we had dreamed. My boys left quickly to begin their journey at Bellavista School, and I have now decided to follow them. Their lives are so young and life is too short. It is time for me to be their mom, to build memories with them, see them in assemblies and at sports, and to pick them up when school closes for the day. Their needs before my needs. A sabbatical leave from St David's until they are standing on their own two feet, and we can join in again.

My time at St David's has been so short, especially with these long-serving teachers surrounding me: Pat Milne, Heather Joseph and Ursula Eyles. Three years has been an excellent wicket. It chose me! The number three is the number of good fortune. The Pythagoreans taught that the number three was the first true number. Three is the first number that forms a geometrical figure – the triangle. Three is considered the number of harmony, wisdom and understanding. Three is the number of time: past, present, future. Birth, life, death. Beginning, middle, end. Three is the number of the divine – a sacred number in many religions – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Three is the number of magic and luck: “third time lucky.” In fairy tales, three is often the magical number. Heroes and heroines are often offered three choices or three tests. They overcome difficulties on the third try. This gives me great hope that I will be back!

“Goodbye ...? Oh no, please. Can't we go back to page one and do it all over again?” – Winnie the Pooh

Throughout all this, I have “two men” to thank. My husband, Chris, and my boss, Graeme. Between home and school, these two men have seen me at my highs and lows, my good and bad, my excitements and disappointments. These two men have listened to me, mentored me, stood by me and respected me. These two men have inspired me, encouraged me and guided me. And they still both like me! I am truly blessed.

To all the staff at St David's, thank you for making my stay so comfortable. Your friendship and love has gone beyond just being colleagues. You are my school family. You have made me laugh louder, made my smile brighter and generally just made my life richer. Thank you.

“Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened.” – Dr Seuss

SUE VAN STADEN – A TRIBUTE FROM LIBBY HILL

*Today I bid farewell to a colleague and a friend
She has a new adventure waiting around the bend
I've been lucky enough to know her for 12 years or so
We worked together at Bellavista many moons ago
She is every bit the teacher, organised and dedicated
Her skills and teaching strategies come incredibly
highly rated*

*Cup of tea in hand, she faces each new lesson
Dedicated 100% to her chosen profession
Every boy has been special and taught with care
and thought*

*This kind of teaching just cannot be bought
She is educated, well-read and oh, so wise
And her quiet, calm demeanour is merely a disguise
For in the classroom she really comes alive
Teaching, guiding, giving, encouraging boys to strive
She understands each character, the joker, the bully,
the nerd*

*She loves them all just the same, of that you must
have heard*

*The boys have called her pretty, kind and very clever
Arty, funny, playful, but boring never
She's worked with boys individually giving
specialised support*

*She'll look for the good and find that strength in every
child's report*

*Her patience is unending and she gives these
boys hope*

*Meticulously attending to what they need to cope
She is constantly learning and improving on
her teaching*

*Her recent work on dyslexia, I know has been
far reaching*

*On top of being just the most amazing teacher ever
She is mom to Mattie and Luke, who are excited that
now they'll all be together*

*Bellavista is truly blessed to have this teacher on
their team*

*The fact that she is going there makes us all turn green
But we wish her every happiness and every success
Because this multi-talented lady certainly deserves
no less*

*Sue, we bid you farewell, know you've made a
difference here*

*Teaching our boys that learning is really nothing to fear
When we miss you terribly next year when you
are gone*

*We'll heed the best advice you've ever given us,
Suck it up and put those big-girl panties on!*



SAM KOLKENBECK -RUH – A PERSONAL REFLECTION

The two years that I have spent at St David's have been fantastic, and I have learned a great deal. It was quite daunting arriving

here at the beginning of 2016 with no private school experience, and in a new environment. However, from day one right through until now, I have been blessed to have worked with fantastic people. My colleagues in the Life Science and Physical Science departments have played a huge role in my development, and aided me in growing and improving as a teacher. I have been privileged enough to make many friends here and the fun times on the side of the hockey Astro, as well as the swimming pool, will stick with me for the rest of my career.

I believe the environment in the staff room at St David's is something to truly cherish and something I will dearly miss. I am passionate about all-boys' education, as up until this point in my career, it is what I have been exposed to and thoroughly enjoyed. However, for a variety of reasons, I have made the decision to accept a new challenge at Jeppe High School for Girls. State schooling is a particular passion of mine, and this is a new challenge that I hope will broaden my skill set, and allow me to further improve and develop as a teacher.

I will always look back on my time at St David's fondly, and I thank you all for the positive impact you have had on me as a person and as a professional.

SAMANTHA KOLKENBECK-RUH – A TRIBUTE FROM RACHEL MINNIE

"A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart!"

Two years ago Samantha bounded into St David's like a breath of fresh air. I hadn't met Samantha before, but I had heard (via the grapevine) that the school had employed a young and very enthusiastic Life Sciences teacher. The minute we met, I knew we would be friends and work very well together. Samantha immediately threw herself into many different aspects of the school's everyday life.

Being an avid swimmer and water polo player at school, Samantha played a vital role in assisting and supporting with swimming in the College. This year, Samantha took on the role of Master of Swimming in the College; a role

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that she took in her stride, and handled with gusto and commitment. She formed some very strong bonds with boys in the College who share her passion for swimming, thereby getting to know them outside the classroom.

I can honestly say that I have not met such a dedicated, hard-working and motivated teacher. You just have to ask the boys whom Samantha has taught. The way in which the boys respond to her and respect her, says it all. Her well-planned and exciting lessons have ignited the imagination and instilled a love for both Life Sciences and Physical Science in many of her pupils.

As a department, we are very sad to have to say goodbye, as we have laughed and cried together. Thank you for always being more than willing to do your fair share AND MORE! Much of your success as an educator has to do with your attitude towards teaching and towards children.

I wish you well in your new endeavour at Jeppe Girls next year. It is their gain and our loss. Exciting times lie ahead. We wish you and Gareth much joy, laughter and amazement with the arrival of Baby Ruh in April next year. I know he will spread warmth and smiles in your family.

Lots of love and best wishes for 2018. Please keep in contact, make time for the occasional cup of coffee and send lots of pictures. We will truly miss you, Sam.



XOLILE NTSHANGASE

– A PERSONAL
REFLECTION

I would like to say thank you for everything since day one. Having the privilege of working here at St David's Marist has been a highlight for me.

Gogo, you have been so dependable, supportive and encouraging during my time here. Your guidance and mentoring was truly helpful. I really enjoyed working with you.

I have also made friends during my stay at St David's. True friends never say "goodbye", but they say, "See you soon." Thank you so much for making my stay here as fun as possible. Thank you for the support and love you have shown me. Remember that I'm just a phone call away.

Thank you to Mr Mike Thiel and his management for giving me the opportunity of working here. Although it was a very short time, I will never forget the experience I have gained. See you guys soon!



LLEWELLYN JAMES

– A TRIBUTE FROM
TARA JONES

At the end of the second term, Llewellyn left the College after serving on the academic staff since the start of 2016.

The saying, "dynamite comes in small packages", certainly applies to Llewellyn as he is a bundle of energy and enthusiasm. His Life Sciences and Physical Sciences classes were always abuzz with innovative ideas and getting his learners engaged. On the sports field, especially in his coaching of rugby, his passion was just as evident.

When the news broke of him leaving, there were many sad faces in the corridors; the touching messages and letters of his learners were testimony to the impact that Llewellyn had during the short time that he was with us.

Llewellyn is to take up a teaching post in the United Arab Emirates. Students and staff will sorely miss his energy, enthusiasm, bright smile and jokes. But he does keep in touch, and we look forward to him visiting us in future.



CARRIN RICHTER

– A TRIBUTE
FROM STEPH
BAUER

Carrin joined St David's in 2013, and proved an outstanding Geography educator from the outset. She added to the

camaraderie in the staff room and developed meaningful relationships with everyone she has encountered.

Carrin's most predominant contribution was in the classroom. Her approach to education is child-centred; the needs and interests of her pupils are her priority.

Carrin was also committed to the extracurricular side of the school, where she managed various hockey teams, co-ordinating the boys and keeping their parents informed.

An opportunity for her and her family in Australia was just too great for her to pass up. The loss of Carrin will be felt by the school for many years to come. I wish her all the best for the future.



GARETH KOLKENBECK- RUH

Mr Gareth Kolkenbeck-Ruh, having previously taught English in the College, rejoined St David's as a deputy head of the Preparatory School in 2014. At the time of his

appointment, his portfolio focused on sport and extra-curricular activities. In a short time, and in alignment with his wide skill set, he grew this portfolio to include subject head of English and Student Affairs in the Prep School. In 2016 he was promoted to the senior deputy in the Preparatory School.

As an old boy and past head boy of St David's, Mr Kolkenbeck-Ruh actively sought ways to enhance the leadership opportunities of staff at a middle management level. He introduced housemasters in the Prep School in 2015 and established MICs (master in charge) of the respective sporting codes in the Prep School. These leadership positions not only enhanced the quality of coaching and overall management of the Prep School Sports department, but also ensured an improved sports offering for the Prep School boys. Gareth leaves St David's to take up a deputy head position at Jeppe High School for Boys.

GARETH KOLKENBECK-RUH — A TRIBUTE BY ILLANA KHOURY

It is said that the gift is in the giving, and that to give of one's self is the best gift of all. This is especially true of the person we are here to acknowledge today, a man I have been privileged enough to work with for the past three years. A man of integrity, passion, humour, kindness, honesty and generosity — Mr Gareth Kolkenbeck-Ruh.

The following has been said of Gareth by his interns: "They say imitation is the greatest form of admiration, and that is why we aspire to be like you."

Most everyone, myself included, who have worked with Gareth have been treated with the utmost respect, care and kindness. He certainly has a knack of bringing about calm on days that seem to be out of control and crazy. Gareth will step into these situations, take control and miraculously it is resolved, all the while making you feel as if you were the one who accomplished it all on your own.

I have seen how the boys, staff and ground staff of this school look up to Gareth and after watching the interaction he has with everyone, I realised why they feel the way they do about him. When Gareth speaks to them he makes them feel that, in that moment, they are his top priority and he truly listens. So many of us are good at talking but not at listening.

Gareth is an extraordinary leader. He never belittles anyone, but rather encourages and inspires one to be the best one can be. He is compassionate, yet strong, and always ready to help those less fortunate.

An author once wrote, "People may forget what you say, they may forget what you do, but they will never forget the way you make them feel." If you talk to anyone about Gareth, whether they've had confrontations with him or not, there is always a positive outcome, always a compliment, always a good word said about him.

Gareth is a prime example of one of God's earth angels. The good he does is not flaunted, not many know about it; it is simply a pact between him and God, and that's all that matters.

Gareth, you have been a boss in a million. Thank you for lessons learnt, for being supportive and protective. Yes, I've been mocked by many staff as to how I'm so well looked after by you, but for me it's not something to be embarrassed about. I count myself exceptionally lucky! Thank you for being such a gentleman always, for our laughs, long talks and agreeing to disagree on some matters.

You have made an impact on not only your colleagues and boys, but on the school as a whole. Many say and believe that "No man is greater than an organisation, no man is irreplaceable." In this case, I tend to disagree. I have never met a man who can take on the jobs of three people, finish studying his MBA and still have time for boys, parents and staff. It's astounding, but you do it.

May your love of teaching and the kindness you effortlessly display have an indelible mark on those at Jeppe, as it has had here at St David's.

Gareth, you are going to be missed more than you know. I wish you all the success in the world at Jeppe. They are privileged to have you as part of their team. I know you'll make a difference no matter where you go, but selfishly, I hope that were there a bend in the road, it would bring you back here to your school, to us.

The St David's PTA is tasked with both fundraising and FUNraising at the school – fundraising for projects that would not normally be covered by the school's budgets, and FUNraising to create events and platforms to build and nurture the sense of community that makes the school so special.

This group of dedicated parents and teachers raised more than R500 000 during 2017 through various projects, including NiteFever, the MySchool programme, the annual PTA/MOBS Golf Day, the Swim-a-long, and the Grades 6 and 7 socials.

These funds have been committed to three initiatives proposed by the school:

- Sponsorship of school golf carts for 2018, to help staff and catering services move around more efficiently, to the value of R60 000
- A new reading programme for the Junior Prep, valued at R65 000
- Renovating a classroom and equipping it to be a Senior Prep Science lab, to the value of R360 000
- NiteFever was the committee's biggest challenge and achievement in 2017, as it had to build a new event following the decision to no longer allow fireworks, and following a hiatus in 2016 because of the extensive Jubilee celebrations.

While the 2017 edition of NiteFever didn't raise as much money as its predecessors (although, because we were trying something new, we would have been pleased with financial break-even!), it certainly achieved a massive FUNraising goal (social profit!), with more than 2 000 people partying to various music performances and food supplied by a selection of on-trend food trucks.

The PTA received great feedback from guests, with suggestions for future editions of NiteFever, and will continue to invest time and effort into fine-tuning the timing and structure of this wonderful celebration of and for the St David's community.

We welcomed 10 new parent members in 2017, following the resignation of two parents late in 2016. As a PTA we are pleased with the current composition of the parent representatives, and with the progress we have made in 2017 – we achieved all our internal guideline targets (Grades – Foundation, Junior and College, Gender, Religion and Transformation).

A special vote of thanks to Paula Lehane and Jim Davies for their many years of service on the St David's PTA, with both leaving the group as their sons matriculated in 2017.

Remember: many hands make light work in raising funds to improve our beautiful school, and in building our community. There is always room for parents who want to play an active and constructive role on the PTA. If, however, you don't want to join the PTA committee, you are encouraged to support as follows:

- Sign up to offer your (wo)manpower for events such as NiteFever and the Grades 6 and 7 socials
- Sign up to the MySchool programme, and nominate St David's as a beneficiary
- Join in the fun at our annual NiteFever event
- Encourage friends and family to sponsor your boys for the Swim-a-long
- Send your suggestions for events and projects to pta@stdavids.co.za

Mr G Krog
 PTA chairman



NITEFEVER

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TRUTH: *“If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”*

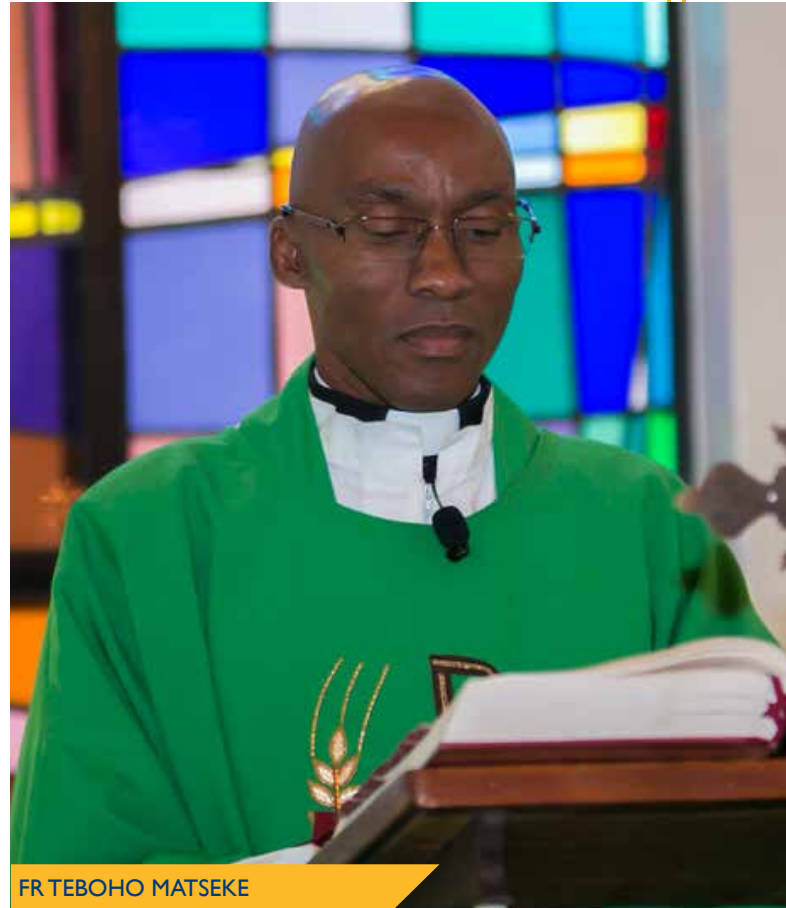
This year I have chosen a very difficult theme, truth, the subject of intense disputes among philosophers and theologians for centuries. For me the word “truth” is a relative one, because to claim that I know the truth is to claim to know what everyone everywhere should think. The fundamental stance should be, does your truth make you happy? As long as you do what makes you happy and leave others to do the same, the truth will always prevail according to your belief.

Bobby Jamieson, Scripture scholar, says, “Truth is what you make it, it is not what is out there. Sometimes people hold this view because they think of language as a glass cage: it looks transparent but really, we are trapped within it. If all our thoughts about the world are mediated through language, we can never get past language to what is really out there. Truth is just a word we use to describe the language game we are playing when we talk about the world.”

Do Jamieson’s descriptions of truth and absolute meaning apply to all? The Gospel of John 8:31-32 says, “Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, ‘If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.’” The most famous words from this verse are “the truth will set you free”, and we use that idea almost every day of our lives. We also believe that Jesus is the way, truth and life. No one goes to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6)

I also believe that truth is a person. Standing trial before the Roman governor Pilate, Jesus said to him, “For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. Pilate responded: ‘What is truth?’” (John 18:37-38). Pilate had no knowledge of truth and he did not know that the truth was standing before him, looking him in the eye. In other words, truth is a person, Jesus Christ the Son of God. This educates me that in order to be a person of truth, I should first look at Jesus’ life and try to epitomise it. I know that I will not be a perfect example of Jesus Christ in the world because I am not a perfect man; however, I can try to ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit to remind me of the presence of Christ in all I do.

In 2017, Pope Francis visited the small towns of Bariana and Bozzolo to commemorate two priests, Fr Lorenzo Milani (1923-1967) and Fr Primo Mazzolari (1890-1959), both of whom had faced opposition both within and outside the church for their stances on issues such as education and pacifism. Today they are recognised – even with schools named after them – for their determination



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to speak the truth. Speaking to educators, the Pope said: “Yours is a mission full of obstacles but also of joys. Above all, it is a mission. A mission of love, because you cannot teach without love and with the awareness that what you give is only a right that you recognise, that of learning.”

As St Marcellin Champagnat once said, “To educate children you must love them and love them all equally.” This makes one to be steadfast upon the truth and grow in love with the truth. Those who live and listen to the truth are called sons and daughters of God.

Pope Francis continued to say that “there are so many things to be taught but the essential thing is growth. Growth of a free conscience, capable of confronting itself with reality and of orienting itself in [reality] guided by love, by the desire to compromise with others, to take on the weight of their difficulties and wounds, to escape from all selfishness to serve the common good.”

Daniel Leicher, a St David’s boy speaking at the Grade 7 Valedictory gathering, said, “Twenty-seventeen was a year of truth and growth. The truth is a powerful force. Over the years at St David’s we have experienced change and have grown at a rapid rate. We have developed our thoughts and ideas, shaped our personalities and realised our potential. We are on a journey of self-discovery,

and all of our teachers have helped us strive to be the best we can be. We have learnt many important lessons, some of which were in the classroom." This young man depicted and summarised what and who we are at St David's: we are a family of growth and truth. Our ultimate goal is to form leaders with honour and truth, who are responsible and committed.

The truth of the matter is, St David's is a Catholic school that respects and embraces every religion, and we follow the Catholic Ethos by following the teachings of the Church. We started our year with a Staff Mass, where new staff members were introduced and incorporated into a new family, the family of St David's. A week later, we celebrated a Family Mass, where we launched the Week of Prayer with our community; the theme was, "Make prayer your steering wheel and not your spare tyre." The young assimilated this very well.

On Monday, 23 January we started our Week of Prayer in both the Prep and College, in the College Quad, where we invoked the power of the Holy Spirit as we prayed together for the success of the week. On 24 January we read from the Gospel, meditating on the Gospel of Luke 3:21: "Now when all the people were baptised, Jesus was also baptised and while He was praying, heaven was opened." On 25 January we read from the Gospel of Luke 11:1-13, teaching us to pray as Jesus taught his disciples. On 26 January we explained the Cantic: what it is and how to pray it. We concluded our Week of Prayer on Friday, 27 January, the birthday of our school, St David's Marist Inanda, by celebrating a combined Mass. During Mass, we all said the Bicentenary Prayer that had been circulated to all Marist schools in South Africa.

On 1 March, we celebrated the Feast of St David, the patron saint of Wales. On that day, we also observed Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and repentance. To celebrate Lent in a different way, the Hands of Champagnat Service Group launched a College Sleepout for Saturday, 25 March. Learners were required to bring a tent for the night, and to secure sponsorship to the value of R250. These funds contributed to the goal of building a house for a vulnerable family. Staff members were also encouraged to participate. As a Lenten appeal donation, each learner filled a bucket with food for the poor.

On 7 April, the whole school prayed for our country. We prayed for the end of exams, our Leaders, government, Members of Parliament and our president. During these prayers, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed to acknowledge Christ among us. This confirmed the Scripture, which says: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) On 6 June, we celebrated Champagnat Day with a combined Mass and various activities.

In following the Sacraments of the Church, 34 College boys were prepared by the RE co-ordinator, Mr Pat Lenye, and confirmed at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Rosebank. The celebration was a memorable one as our Archbishop, Buti Tlhagale, spoke about the role of Mary in our lives, and especially those of the young. On Sunday, 1 October, we celebrated our Prep boys' first Holy Communion. The boys, fully prepared by their RE co-ordinator, Mrs Cherie Smith, were immaculate. Before our boys could celebrate each Sacrament, they had to go for a weekend retreat (College) or a day retreat (Prep). During the retreat, they would do confessions. Those not celebrating the Sacraments also go to confessions during the Lent and Advent periods, and any other time they want to confess. I am always present for such occasions.

On the first Saturday of each month, we celebrate Family Mass, where we call all parents, grandparents, family and friends to come together and share the bread as the Family of St David's. We mostly encourage boys who are preparing for their Sacraments to partake and participate in this Mass.

We also celebrated another anniversary at our school: Montagne Day. It commemorates a teenage boy named Jean-Baptiste Montagne, who was dying and to whom St Marcellin was called to anoint. He realised that the lad had no knowledge of religion and education. St Marcellin was so touched that he resolved to educate the young. In our country, many young people are striving for education. As leaders, we need to show them the truth so that they can grow in love with Christ.

We ended our year of truth and growth by celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Chapel of Mary with a carol service on 30 November. Archbishop Buti Tlhagale had blessed the stone on the feast of St David, 1 March 2007. The Chapel was blessed by the then Apostolic Nuncio of South Africa, Apostolic Nuncio James Patrick Green, on 28 November of that year. The theme of the celebratory carol service was, "The suffering of Mary, Mother of God."

Twenty-seventeen was truly a challenging year for most of us, politically, spiritually and in our relations with one another. One cannot stop thinking of the broken families from which some of our boys come. We are encouraged by our school motto, *Confortare esto vir* ("take courage and be a man"), which resonates with our love for our school and our learners.

I conclude with the words of the late Fr Milani, who said, "Give the poor the Word, because without the Word there is no dignity and therefore no truth, freedom and justice." Let us remain true to God, others and ourselves in order to inherit the Kingdom of God.

Fr T Matseke
Chaplain

ALTAR SERVERS



ALTAR SERVERS – PREP

Back row: Tomé dos Santos, Jordan Klopper, Luke Salmon, Liam Billingham, Tristan Grimett, Christopher Grossmann, Robert van der Zwan, Jack Latilla-Campbell, Alex Lahdiri
 Front row: Noah de Agrela, Kweku Koranteng, David Kalil, Matthew Cole, Samuel van Musschenbroek, Benedict Rebello, Seth McLoughlin, Kwame Ndegwa, Luke Watkins



ALTAR SERVERS – COLLEGE

Connor Human, Robbie Schaafsma, Alistair Ross, Father Teboho Matseke, Thomas Taylor, Adam Goetsch, Mark Foo, Alex Sequira, Michael Todd

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Back row: Daniel Rautenbach, Zach Fourie, Richard van der Zwan, Giulio de Villiers, Luke Viljoen, Luke Fellner, Thaseen Williams, Jess Webber, Remo Ferrari, Tyron Kaufmann, Joshua Seely, Michael Wands
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 Front row: Matthew Cahi, Cameron Duarte, Dominic Michael, Joshua Scott, Luke Rundle, Leo Attieh, Luca Moreira, Alessandro Boscia, Jason Schulz





ASH WEDNESDAY



GRADE 11 MASS



SHROVE TUESDAY



CONFIRMATION



RELIGIOUS EVENTS





CHAMPAGNAT DAY



OLD BOYS



A special thank-you to the Old Boys' Association committee members for the support and time that they devoted to the old boys during 2017.

I would like to dedicate this report to Sally-Anne Lee, who has been our secretary for the past two years and has done so much to help the Old Boys' Association go from strength to strength. Sally, you are definitely going to be missed and it will take someone special to follow the commitment, involvement, participation, interest and passion that you have given to the St David's Old Boys' Association. Words and presentations will not do justice and thank you sufficiently for everything that you have done. We wish you well on your ventures in Vietnam, and hope that you and your husband, Sean, will thoroughly enjoy yourselves.

A big thank-you also to the following:

- Jean-Paul Renouprez, vice-chairman, thank you very much for your support for, and help with, so many of the Old Boys' functions
- Mike Thiel and Graeme Edwards, for your support and interest in the Old Boys' Association; the old boys and their families appreciate it
- Lara Klement, Fiona Budd and Carey Fisher-Gietzman, of the Foundation, for all that you have done to make all the old boys' events so successful and enjoyable
- Liam Carter, our finance guru, for your interest and commitment in handling our finances
- The rest of the committee: Chris Busschau (honorary life member), Nondas Marantos (chairman of Marian College Old Boys' Association), Gordon Tonetti, Ricardo Pizzi, Darrell Caister, Roland Retzlaff, Kudzai Munjeri, Darryl Jago and Kai Marini
- Julie Egenrieder, for all the hours of work that you put in to the Jubilee book, and also not to forget Glenda Anderson who, with Julie, started collecting information for the book
- Thomas Ramutshindela, Karen Tangney, Jon-Jon Dry and all the support staff for your contributions to the Old Boys' Association

The following members of the St David's Marist Old Boys community passed away during 2017/8:

Leigh Hammond, Christine Artemides, Aggie Simaan, Val Cronje, Kevin Ryan, Neill Powell, Mpho Mokgoro, Brother Brendan, Brian Funston, Ed Eddington, Jamecine Hertz, Pam Harrewyn, Jimmy Guthrie, Julie Landau, Giovanni Maraschin, Sandy Biller, Sean Schoombie, Anne Rose Roberts, James Breakey, Ivan Jericevich and Gary Rowley.

They will always be in our thoughts and may their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.



WILLY CASTLE

After last year's Jubilee celebrations, I think everyone had hoped that 2017 would have fewer functions. But this was not the case; the association continued to plan a busy year and invited old boys to, and entertained them at, several functions. A number of reunions were held, with the classes of 1955, 1966, 1977 and 2008 having their own get-togethers around the country.

In addition, we hosted the 1957, 1967 and 2007 reunion dinners at the school – one of the highlights being Terry Lavery (1967) visiting us from Seattle. Our yearly reunion in London took place also, and the annual Old Boys' Day reunion around Champagnat Day proved to be very successful.

With the help of St Joseph's in Cape Town, we hosted a dinner for all old boys of the five other South African Marist schools. At the gala dinner, Brother Mario presented a most informative talk on the 150 years of Marist education in South Africa. At the same occasion, the refurbished founding plaque commemorating the first Marist school in South Africa was presented to St Joseph's School.

I hope that the new remembrance wall in the Garden of Mary is completed in the near future.

Finally, I would like to thank the remaining Marist brothers for their continued support for, and interest in, the Old Boys' Association.

“Once a Marist boy, always a Marist boy.”

Mr W Castle

Chairman of the Old Boys' Association

SONS OF OLD BOYS



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Back row: Leo Attieh, Andrew Ross, Raymond Linington, Cameron Retzlaff, Nicholas Franklin, Christopher Main, Dominic di Nicola, Cullen Massey, Adam Nicholas, Liam Graham, Samuel Hartmann, Jordan Klopper, Max Nader, Alexander Renouprez, Andrew Schaafsma, Matthew McLay

4th row: Luke Wickins, Nicholas Harris, Jethro Wickins, Liam McFadden, Khayaletu Nouse, Luca di Nicola, James Behr, Troy Renaud, Max Cattich, Bryn Retzlaff, Ethan Ford, Matthew Haggard, Ethan Duncan, Max di Nicola, Miles Pegg

3rd row: Luke Attieh, Alexander Morais, Dylan Arlow, Sifiso Sitole, Zachary McBean, Rafael Gonsalves, Danilo Giuricich, Benjamin Davison, Logan McLintock, Kai Davis, Hilton Rains, Cian Sullivan, Thashil Chiba, Kian Ravjee

2nd row: Kieran McLay, Nicholas Bakos, Andrew Renouprez, Justin Nean, Leo Nader, Liam Maraschin, Raphael Cattich, Channing Arlow, Connor Simaan, Leonardo Contardo, Connor Duncan, Adam Wickins, Matthew Grindley, Baxter Forssman, Sebastian Gründel, Simphiwe Jack

Front row: Christian Azar, Vuyani Jack, Ross Thomas, Mikele da Costa, Marco Protti, Noah Ochse, Matteo Barbaglia



SONS OF OLD BOYS

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Front row: Declan Pegg, Fana Dubazana, Mohamed Zidan Cassim, Rupert Hartmann, Braydon Wooley, Yaseen Mayet, Robbie Schaafsma

RITE OF PASSAGE / OLD BOYS' ASSEMBLY



COLLEGE



HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS



Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to you all. Welcome, too, to guest speakers Mr Siseho Ntondini and Mr Piers Cruickshanks, Board Chair Mr John Chemaly and Mrs Rene Chemaly, and other Governors present, Foundation Board members, PTA Chair Mr Grant Krog and PTA members, Director of the Marist Schools' Council Mr Mike Greeff, Marist Old Boys' Chair Mr Willy Castle, Preparatory School Headmaster Dr Graeme Edwards, Chaplain Fr Teboho, Master of Ceremonies Senior Deputy Mr Dave Smith, Academic Deputy Headmaster Mr Nick Clogg, the remarkable academic, administration and support staff of St David's, and each one of you as parents, and friends present, who contribute so willingly to the vibrant experiences on offer here at St David's Marist Inanda. Our committees of governance and organisation are critical elements in our success as a school.

And then to the young men of the College at St David's, and most especially tonight our leaving class – the matrices of 2017, under the strong leadership of Head of School Merrick Hughes and Deputy Matthew Benning – I greet you and thank you for making this a colourful and exciting year in a way that only young people are able to do, for challenging our thinking, for grappling with what it means to be Marist, and ultimately, gentlemen, for adding a wonderful layer to what this great school is all about.

In this 200th anniversary year of the founding of the Marist Institute and 150th anniversary of the first Marist brothers' arrival in Africa, we have walked a journey of A New Beginning with Marists worldwide. In doing so we have been aware of the work of the 22nd General Chapter of the Marist Institute currently under way in Rionegro, Colombia. We rejoice with the entire Marist world in the election of Br Ernesto Sanchez as the new Superior General for an eight-year term, and we eagerly await the calls for action that are being finalised at Chapter for Marist institutions like ourselves to re-look at who we are, and what we are doing.

In a letter to the Marist Brothers in April, Pope Francis challenged the order as follows: "It is not enough simply to reflect on the past; it is also necessary to discern the present. It is right for you to examine yourselves and it is good to do this in the light of the Spirit."

Tonight I want you to consider the dangers and delights of "dancing with dinosaurs". As many of you will know, I am blessed with four of my own children, covering a 13-year age range, and can therefore often end up in debate with my university daughter while also still reading children's stories to my Mini-Marist son. St David's Marist Inanda has a similar range of complexity and challenge to all of us who work here, particularly when charged to look at the good of the whole institution rather than simply working in one focused section of it. What is the dinosaur I am

asking you to dance with? Is St David's a school that is heading towards extinction? Certainly not ... but we need to continue challenging what we do here to ensure our practices and our work become increasingly relevant to our society, and not obsolete like our dinosaur friends.

Without this constant debate and growth, constant renewal and innovation, schools can easily become as dated as dinosaurs. We need to know how to dance with the dinosaur difficulties we encounter, and how to transform them to relevance in this time of huge societal change and a moral relativism that plagues our society. As the notable naturalist Charles Darwin reminds us: "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."

There is a wonderful illustrated children's book (that I have read more than once!) called *Dancing with the Dinosaurs*. It has a memorable line, "The All-saur All-stars are real twinkle toes," and is accompanied by a picture that shows a line of All-saurs each being able to shine in their context. I look at our young men similarly – not as dinosaurs – but as children growing in their own passions and interests. My primary challenge in leading this school, as it is for each of us in our St David's roles, is to ensure that our boys are at the centre of our thinking, and that the unique nature of each of these young men is catered for in what we offer.

While those All-saur All-stars perform in a line, each of them has a different twinkle to their toes. We should never compare our child to others, just as there is no comparison between the sun and the moon – as each one shines when it is their time. The success of St David's is not only in getting the dance line synchronised, but in looking at each of our boys and ensuring that they, too, can shine in their time.

I was again reminded of this phrase when the Director of the MSC, Mike Greeff, described Br Emili's challenge to



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the Marist Chapter as a “dance with dinosaurs” from a spiritual book of the same name.

Br Emili's question is the same as mine tonight: “Are we trying to maintain that all is well while we are still using structures, formations, systems, rules, etc. that were designed for another time?” Dinosaurs were dominant for over 160-million years, but we all know what happened to them! Today we continue to create new dinosaurs – untouchable structures that stunt our growth. I would suggest that schools are often allowed to develop into rigid and static places where we as adults expect them to be the same as they were 30 years ago, when we were at school – “it was good enough for me,” I have heard say ... How sad, though, when we can only look back and not forward! How dangerous when our actions of today echo the past without being responsive to change in our society, as Darwin suggested.

The new beginnings for the College in 2017 must be centred on what is best for our boys – a key reason for our success as a school, and the starting point for all our decisions. These beginnings are happening in a world epoch of Trumpian big-boy politics, where threats are traded and it is all about who speaks loudest and longest. Some might say that the dinosaurs have returned to world politics, and most would say that corruption and self-importance are difficult to outmanoeuvre, difficult dinosaurs to dance with. The uncertainty of such a world, globally and in South Africa, can be scary.

It forces us to question everything we thought we knew; it seems to glorify breaking down and destroying – rather than growing and developing, this uncertainty leads us to put up walls rather than break them down, trying to be seen as being right rather than as doing right. This vulnerable context in which our St David's of 2017 finds itself operating makes it easy to retreat into the past, to operate out of the Jurassic Park we already know rather

than to strike out bravely in new directions, in that new beginning I spoke of earlier.

Many schools are indeed struggling with being able to define even their core identity at this time. Mary Metcalfe, past Education MEC and notable education writer, recently said that “we are all swimming in issues of race and power every day in our society”. She reminds us all to question why we get defensive ... are we really conscious of what makes us react in certain ways? Whether young or old, I also ask what it is that allows us, or indeed stops us, from celebrating the diversity that our society should be enjoying, not fearing it. Ultimately, the question is how we as individuals, and also all of us as a collective, allow our personal identities to manifest in emerging group identities.

In 2015 we renewed our commitment to fostering a transformation mindset in our school community, to learn how to engage respectfully, how to debate issues, but also how to listen to those around us. Here we follow the examples the Marist Brothers have set for us in challenging the status quo to make changes in the world. In this strategic driver for our beloved school, we were looking for the courage to begin the “critical conversations” that every school needs to have if they are to avoid the dinosaur option, and find ongoing relevance.



This process has been exciting and daunting at the same time, including exploratory workshops with many of the boys and a challenge to all to find our vulnerability, to be aware of our “otherness”. But, most importantly, we are starting to learn how to embrace the richness of our difference and move forward together. This is not a quick process, and not an easy one as we each carry our own backpack of fear and negative experiences, but it is in the consideration of what is right, and the discernment of what might be wrong, that we will be able to avoid getting stuck in a past of hatred and negativity rather than a future of love and possibility.

We (and here I include both boys and adults) learn best from modelling, and Gandhi reminds us that we need to be the change we wish to see in our world. This is a real challenge in a broken world, but servant leadership, character growth and social justice continue to underpin our planning for our College boys in both the formal and informal curriculum. Like the broader society, we are also vulnerable, and in a spirit of humility we cannot claim to get all our relationships right. However, we teach for a tomorrow where our boys will know how to listen to difference, how to celebrate diversity and how to simply “be” together, both in this shared setting of St David’s and beyond our gates, where they will lead our society.

Likewise, our ongoing work with the Wits Diversity Unit (work that started in 2016) moves up a gear this term with formal training of around 25 staff on the issues of difference and diversity, these staff in turn to be used to encourage ongoing conversations from a point of wanting to understand not only our different stories, but how our own story might preclude me from really understanding the story of another. Recent diversity workshops with the Grade 10 and 11 classes will be followed with an inclusive Grade 8 orientation programme, and ultimately a formal Diversity module, taught in a space where learning and discussions can be real and meaningful.

There are many nasty sides to a dinosaur, but as the Bible tells us in John 1:5: “The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not understand it.” So the more we talk, the more we share, the less scary those crusty sides to a dinosaur will seem, and the more we will have begun a journey of transforming that dinosaur into something we can all live with.

The 2017 school year has yielded more than its fair share of triumphs and many high points, but a share of failures and challenges, too.

In physical terms, the upmarket developments along Rivonia Road will change the pattern of traffic in the area, but in turn will give us opportunity for growth. To ensure we are ahead of the curve in our planning, we slowed our boarding house development to get further permission from the Marist brothers to put a second storey onto it. When our

first boarders enter this superb facility, we will be well on the road to repositioning ourselves for the future.

Likewise, the magnificent Multi-Sport Development is nearing an end, and when you see the end product you will understand why it was worth the wait. Both these major projects and the rebuilding of the AstroTurf (which work starts next week) are part of our commitment to providing for the passions of our boys across different areas of school life. Needless to say, we continue to work towards a future campus where our boys and their teachers have the correct facilities, and considerable planning has already been done towards a Science Centre upgrade.

Beyond our gates, the myriad service opportunities that exist for our boys and the projects that they focus on are meaningful and Marist. Many of our younger old boys tell us their stories about how they learned through service to become young men of empathy and understanding; here, Gilbert Pooley’s address at the Hands of Champagnat Sleep-out rings true. Setting forth out of the bubble that quality education can create to work in the fractured reality of today’s South Africa positions our boys as future leaders, as tomorrow’s mentors in the business world, who will truly understand the value of giving of yourself before taking for yourself.

Projects are diverse and the Hands of Champagnat campaign has for the first time raised the money needed to build a Habitat for Humanity house, which our Grade 11 boys will tackle after their exams. How meaningful to gift a family the dignity of a home. Watching the faces of the children engaging with our boys who tutor them on the Smile programme is a delight, and it is in ensuring that they contribute to real change that our boys understand and are well positioned to work to heal the broken relationships of our wider society for a more integrated tomorrow – demonstrating Marist Family Spirit.

In the midst of reaching out, we continue to challenge our boys to travel their personal faith journeys, preparing them for Confirmation and celebrating Mass weekly in our beautiful Chapel of Mary. The chapel is 10 years old next month, and we are blessed to have this sacred space in the middle of our campus.

In the academic sphere, the matrices of 2016 delivered an exceptional set of results, with 83 of the 111 candidates achieving at least one distinction (and all but three of the remaining getting at least one B symbol), proving again the importance of allowing our boys to work to their strengths as they deliver on their own passions. Of course, top achiever Shane Weisz’s phenomenal achievements of 100% for both Mathematics and Science will be legend in these corridors for years to come, especially as his lowest mark was 94%! The current matric class has also shown promise to deliver on their personal possibilities, and during the year reached many

noteworthy achievements, an example being Daniel Lee's recent top 30 placing in the English Olympiad.

On the sports fields we continue to punch well above our weight, and highlights can be found in every sport we play. There is no sport where we are not competitive, and our range of opportunities is large. Notable for 2017 was another exceptional swimming season, winning the inter-high championships again, while in athletics our boys achieved St David's first-ever victory in the Independent Schools' Athletics Championships, this in a meet that has its roots in the early 1960s.

Our cultural programme grew swiftly out of its own personal spot on the timetable, with many new experiences on offer. I find myself telling prospective parents that boys go to graffiti club each week, assuring them that this is now an art form! Along with the incredible growth of drama, the crowning of our junior debaters as Gauteng champions, the musical performances tonight are but a reminder of the quality supper theatre and other performances we have enjoyed this year.

What remains striking, whether in sport or cultural, and especially in the academic learning space, is the importance at St David's of the process and not just the result. This is a place of learning, not a place of perfection.

I recently shared with you the Gauteng Boys' Schools Sport memorandum. You will understand that this took some considerable effort to agree on because many of our competitor boys' schools may be perceived as having a slightly different take on why we play sport ... However, it clearly reminds that sport is but one aspect of the development of the whole man, an important one, but no more so than cultural and academic endeavour, or spiritual and character growth.

Whether on their journey in Grade 9, their service camps in Grade 10 or the Grade 11 leadership camp, or on one of our growing number of international exchange experiences, this search for balance continues so that our boys build all aspects of life into their five short, yet five incredibly formative, years in the College.

The vibrant experiences of the year are captured in rich colour and wonderful descriptions in our newsletters and the many different social media platforms we operate on, individually and as a school community. The relative

novelty of these social media platforms, most new in the past 10 or so years, reminds us how quickly our context has changed. It also reminds us that while we live vibrantly in the moment, everything we do positions us for the future.

Perhaps this is where our biggest dinosaur lurks – within an academic curriculum that focuses on a high-stakes exit examination. Our results would indicate that we have learned to dance rather well with this tough and crusty beast called the matric exam – and I would say that it is in teaching to be flexible and adaptable within the formal preparation for these exams that our boys have the edge, and is the reason for their considerable tertiary success at university.

The introduction of Robotech this year has certainly changed much of our thinking around our curriculum, as has our cross-curricular programme to teach IQ and EQ at the same time. With IT coding now an important strand in what we teach, almost a new language, some will say, we are slowly but forcefully changing our teaching to be future friendly. This not only in terms of results where we already succeed, but also by flattening the boundaries of what we teach our boys for them to be able to communicate, to collaborate, to make connections as they think critically, and to embrace their creativity – the important four Cs of 21st century education. We will continue to look for new ways to do things and to embrace the innovation that will be required from all of us to be relevant in what we teach.

I would like to pause here to thank the staff behind all of these programmes, the thinkers and doers who, day in and day out, sometimes under provocation but always with a love for what they do and for the boys they work with ... to thank them for another splendid year in the life of possibility they offer our boys at St David's. There is no question that these men and women go well beyond what would be called normal in most other schools, and we are all the richer for this. Please join me in thanking all the staff of St David's for their commitment and vigour during 2017.

So, where do we go to next? How do we keep the thousand and one strands of a complex school like St David's together, dancing in that All-saur All-stars chorus line while still allowing each of their toes to twinkle individually? The answer to this complex question is actually incredibly easy and also comes from Pope Francis' letter, where he reminds us that St Marcellin Champagnat was an innovator in the fields of education and formation ...

We must increasingly allow another of our key strategic drivers – that of innovation – to become a keystone for all we do. To this end we are going to encourage innovative practice, whether small ideas that will make for greater efficiencies or far bigger changes that will revolutionise our operations. How do we do this? Staff and boys will

be encouraged to bring innovative practice into a hub of new thinking, to submit ideas for pilot projects (some with funding or other logistical support), to perhaps fail at them, but also to work towards success. If we do that our practice will continue to offer the example our boys need, and the mindset not to fear failure as they grow into an ever more complex world where the answers will require them to be mentally agile, and responsive to the changes that Darwin indicated are the key to survival.

However, among all the excitement of innovation and change, we will continually be called on to ground ourselves in the values and spirituality that have been gifted to us by our Marist roots. During the Marist Pilgrimage earlier this year, I was deeply struck by the strength that St Marcellin Champagnat's foundation of humility, simplicity and modesty gives us. These are not false values, they are not quick values either, and they are values that we understand differently at different stages of our lives.

Matrics of 2017, they are your gift from the privilege of Marist education to take with you and to reflect on regularly in your lives – you will be called on to be significant men and I have no doubt that you will be successful in whatever you tackle ... as long as these values are your keystone. Be innovative, be courageous,

be strong, but be vulnerable and gentle enough to know that your greatest role in life is to lift up those around you to be themselves, the best version that they can be, the version where you can shine and also allow others to shine in their own times. Thank you for the legacy you leave your school with – you can be proud of what you have achieved here, and as you go into the world, write with your lives and actions what others will only talk about.

Ladies and gentlemen – we are in a positive space of opportunity at St David's, and should embrace Pope Francis' challenge to "be open to the future with hope, journeying with a renewed spirit". As we continue our dance into the next 200 years of Marist foundation, let us embrace the changes necessary as we deal with past dinosaurs, and focus on the possibilities of the future, the rhythm and the beauty of a new dance.

Thank you for your attention, and congratulations to all of tonight's prizewinners.

Mr M Thiel
Executive Headmaster

10 OCTOBER 2017





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MIC

- Mr S Fry
- Mrs V Ellis

HALF-COLOURS

- Itumeleng Carey
- Alastair Dunn
- Sihle Eyles
- Themba Gumede
- Mandla Koyabe
- Nicholas Minnie
- Kondwani Mwanza
- Niccolo Nahman
- Michael Russell
- Molemo Theys
- Luke Tollman

FULL COLOURS

- Jonathan Benfield
- Brandon Gallichan
- Ryan Thomas

SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE AWARDS

HALF-COLOURS

- Ryan Thomas

FULL COLOURS

- Vrajesh Patel

Community service continues to enjoy high priority at St David's. Many innovations have been implemented, in terms of service activities, and a different method of recording hours has been established.

The weekly activities at Alexandra Soup Kitchen, S.M.I.L.E and Mother Teresa's Home have continued this year. These activities are particularly valuable because boys are forced to engage with those less fortunate than themselves, rather than being removed from this

engagement. This has assisted our boys to build up a healthy awareness of the needs of their community.

This year boys began to register online with Community Hours SA. This facility not only helps our boys with the recording of their hours, but also provides opportunities for service for which they may sign up online. Because of other commitments and a full school programme, many boys are unable to attend the weekly activities of the school. Community Hours SA is therefore a convenient way of finding opportunities for boys after school hours.

Our head boy, Merrick Hughes, and his deputy, Matthew Benning, again had the wonderful opportunity of attending a Marist schools' "camp" in the Eastern Cape. This experience allows them to see the work done by the Marist Brothers, and to participate in a small way in that work. Maristcare, in Addo, works in conjunction with the Sisters of Mercy and our boys were welcomed as members of the Marist community.

The annual Shavathon was once again well supported this year. Support for this initiative is very close to the heart of many in our Marist community who have experienced the hardships of cancer. The blood drive is also being supported by an ever-increasing number of boys. The pancake race on Shrove Tuesday is becoming an institution at St David's, and funds were raised for the Marist mission in Addo.

The Grades 10 and 11 Outreach days were once again a huge success, and an opportunity for our boys to experience the working, learning and living conditions of fellow South Africans who are not as privileged as themselves. The boys went to four different primary schools in Alexandra township, where they taught and interacted with the children. We have always been warmly welcomed and made to feel appreciated.

It was humbling to experience the extreme gratitude of Ms Silindile Mthembu, of Hospital Hills in Lenasia, when we handed her the keys to her new home in December last year. For years she and her mother had lived in a shack, and had had very little hope of ever owning a home. The Hands of Champagnat, a Grade 11 initiative, raised the money by organising a camp-out in March last year. After the final examination an excited group of 11 boys travelled to Hospital Hills to physically build the home for the Mthembu family. While we only sponsored one house, the St David's boys worked on and completed six homes. Upon reflection the boys counted their blessings, appreciated what they had and were delighted to have been able to change the future for at least one family. May this project continue to bless the most vulnerable people in this country.

Mr S Fry
Outreach Co-ordinator

Mrs V Ellis
Hands of Champagnat Co-ordinator



HANDS OF CHAMPAGNAT

Back row: Oliver Hinton, Brandon Baloyi, Westley van der Spuy, Yuvaan Naidoo, Nicolas Czakan, Connor Hudson
2nd row: Luke Rheeder, Dhievsh Thambiran, Rhodes Pritchard, Spencer Terry, Max Matheussen, Adam Goetsch, Ryan Davies, Thomas Clegg, Joshua McLean
Front row: Dylan de Nobrega, Anthony Mutzuris, Mohamed Fayaz Cassim, Kyle da Costa, Mrs V Ellis, Kyle Ford, Faadhil Mohamed, Ritvik Sojen, Ronan Thompson



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

MATRICS





2017 MATRIC GROUP

Back row: Jarred Breen, Riley Kamstra, Braydon Wooley, James Hancock, Alexander Standfest, Cameron Stephenson, Max Parkin, Luke Cryer, Garrick Pagel, Luke Tollman, Andrew Mason, Jason Farr, Ross Nayler, Adrian Edwards, Tumisang Moipolai, Adam Potterton, James Hayward, Matthew Truscott, Damien Wantenaar
 5th row: Benjamin Dunn, Alastair Dunn, Michael-John Brewer, David McMaster, Girik-Ashok Rajwani, Nicholas Minnie, Jared Land, Jonathan Benfield, Michael Scott, Jordan Parker, Rupert Hartmann, Richard Lehane, Thomas O'Donoghue, Blake Forssman, Campbell Tiley, Wesley Traill, Jarryd Boden, Cameron Broomfield, Simphiwe Hlatshwayo, Andrew Sampson, Mandla Koyabe
 4th row: Samuel Rayner, Alessio Ferreri, Daniel Wong, Calvin Abel, Manqoba Lumphondo, Michel de Laroche, Kyle Motani, Matteo Osato, Kingsley Rowe, Tomi Longwe, Richard Turner, Connor Jones, Brandon Pinto, Brynn Hunink, Adano Adele, Valentino Moavero, Luke Rathbone, Tshepang Mlambo, Gareth Bridges, Callum Kuhn
 3rd row: Matthew Slack, Alex McKay, Daniel Scriven, Tshogofatso Scott, Molemo Theys, Itumeleng Carey, Richard Kinsey, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Nicholas Davies, Matthew Kalil, Jaime Zenha, Trent Patterson, Robert Lavelle, Brett Hardie, Dino Eleftheriadis, Niccolo Nahman, Luca Rossi, Wavela Hlubi, Roberto Borrageiro
 2nd row: Thomas Nott, Siyabonga Mashiane, Sihle Eyles, Matthew Younger, Kiernan Scott, Diogo Barradas, Matthew Jarvis, Michael Russell, Cameron Gray, Ryan Thomas, Luca Govetto, Joshua Mvunga, Thomas Walsh, Roberto Adinolfi, Ziyaad Lundell, Lehlagare Maserumule, Benjamin Gerson, Daniel van Staden, Brady Matthews
 Front row: Nkateko Mukhari, Kanyisa Mhlungu, Himeshan Naidoo, Kutlwano Ndlovu, Kondwani Mwanza, Ryan Costa, Vrajesh Patel, Phola Bavuma, Mr M Thiel, Merrick Hughes, Matthew Benning, Mr D Smith, Gareth Aspinall, Damien Potts, Connor Davies, Brandon Gallichan, Themba Gumede, Nicholas Christie, Daniel Tyrer, March Strauss
 Absent: Declan Banks, Daniel Lee



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Back row: Thomas O'Donoghue, Nicholas Minnie, Jordan Parker, Braydon Wooley, Jarred Breen, Luke Tollman, Alastair Dunn, Jonathan Benfield, Rupert Hartmann
 Front row: Brynn Hunink, Brady Matthews, Thomas Nott, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Matthew Benning, Mr M Thiel, Merrick Hughes, Mr D Smith, Ryan Costa, Nicholas Christie, Themba Gumede



HONOURS BLAZERS

Back row: Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Gareth Bridges, Andrew Mason, Jarred Breen, Matthew Benning, Braydon Wooley, Alastair Dunn, Brynn Hunink
 2nd row: Thomas O'Donoghue, Benjamin Gerson, Nicholas Minnie, Merrick Hughes, Luke Tollman, Garrick Pagel, Jason Farr, Jordan Parker, Tomi Longwe
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LEADERSHIP FULL COLOURS

Back row: Garrick Pagel, Jason Farr, Andrew Mason, Braydon Wooley, Jarred Breen, James Hancock, Alastair Dunn, Luke Tollman
 3rd row: Wesley Traill, Daniel Wong, Brandon Pinto, Gareth Bridges, Brynn Hunink, Richard Lehane, David McMaster, Jordan Parker, Nicholas Minnie, Jonathan Benfield, Thomas O' Donoghue, Rupert Hartmann, Damien Wantenaar
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CHAMPAGNAT MEDAL

Back row: Jonathan Benfield, Alastair Dunn, Merrick Hughes, Braydon Wooley, Jarred Breen, Matthew Benning, Luke Tollman, Jordan Parker, Nicholas Minnie, Tomi Longwe
 Front row: Brynn Hunink, Thomas O'Donoghue, Thomas Nott, Kondwani Mwanza, Mr M Thiel, Sihle Eyles, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Brandon Pinto, Gareth Bridges



GRADE 0-12

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 Front row: Michael Scott, Cameron Gray, Luca Govetto, Trent Patterson, Kingsley Rowe, Himeshan Naidoo, Sihle Eyles, Damien Potts, Daniel van Staden, Themba Gumede, Diogo Barradas, Matthew Kalil, Roberto Borrageiro, Mandla Koyabe, Callum Kuhn



MERRICK HUGHES HEAD PREFECT

We will never again find a sense of belonging that makes saying goodbye this hard.

Good evening to Mr and Mrs Thiel, the school executive, Father Teboho,

our members of the Board, special guests, our staff, parents and the men of St David's.

The moment has come to say goodbye. It is time for the matrics of 2017 to part ways. Tonight is the last time that we as a grade will be together at a school event. The accumulation of these thoughts certainly brings an overwhelming sense of loss and sorrow to our hearts as I can confidently say that each one of the matric boys sitting here values St David's in at least one way.

WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR US TO SAY GOODBYE?

Between these walls, we have found values worth holding onto for the rest of our lives.

Between these walls, we have made friends who have turned into brothers.

And between these walls, we have grown from boys into men.

This is why leaving is so hard – because between these walls, we have found our home.

When we look back on our schooling career in years to come, it is almost certain that memories of exams and projects will not immediately spring to mind – but something else will: taking the sports field with pride in our veins, performing in front of hundreds of people, or sitting in events such as these. and trying our absolute best to discreetly steal the chair of the person sitting in front of us while we're all standing, which leads to utter panic when it's time to sit down and he's the only one without a chair.

As we look back now, it becomes evident that “we didn't realise we were making memories. We just knew we were having fun”.

I believe the matric class of 2017 encapsulates this concept perfectly. In typical boyish fashion, we had a

lot of fun. A grade with a bond such as ours is hard to find, and this bond stretches to include our parents and family too. From the overwhelming support on the side of absolutely all sporting codes to Trevor van Staden's positive involvement in almost everything, we as a grade were never short of enthusiastic parents who were willing to aid in any way possible if it would enhance our schooling experience. Matric parents, you can be proud of the impeccable men who are sitting here for the last time. We have come to the end of our schooling journey under your guidance – and for this we thank you. Although we often don't show it, we are sincerely grateful for your dedication and involvement in our lives.

The unity of so many strong boys has been rooted in many events throughout our time at St David's. The tragic loss of our brother Steven Siebert back in 2005 broke those of us who were already here, yet undeniably brought us closer and made us stronger. We have always been a grade with a true belief and acknowledgement of the deep connection between us. Especially in high school, the thought, “If any grade can do it, we can,” crossed our minds on at least one occasion. This is what makes our separation particularly difficult.

But it is not just the parting of the class of 2017 that will bring tears to our eyes, but also everything that we will be leaving behind:

To the daily heroes whose goal is to inspire, we thank our incredible teachers. You have our utmost respect and admiration. To teach a class of 18-year-old boys is a challenge enough, but to do it with enthusiasm on a Friday afternoon, when we would rather be anywhere but a classroom, is a different mountain to climb. Your close and personal relationships with the boys are truly valued.

To Messrs Thiel, Smith, Clogg and Ireland – thank you for waking up every day with the intention to make St David's a better place. And to our Housemasters, Mr Bauer, Mrs Greensill, Mr Albertyn and Mrs Nagy, who never stop until the boys in their House are the epitome of a Marist man, we thank you for your drive and dedication.

No St David's speech would be complete without mention of the Trojan of the Prep School and Old Boys, Mr Castle. Sir, your tough love and discipline were the building blocks for the men we are today. Only as we get older, do we realise how lucky we were to have had you influence our childhood.

THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL – THE BOYS:

To the Grade 8s, the matric class of 2021: thank you for approaching every challenge with a co-operative attitude. Although you were just embarking on your journey in the College and we were in our final stretch, we recognised the same passion within both grades. Your tearful war cries on Grade 8 camp certainly looked familiar to the

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prefects who witnessed it – we had been there four years before. In your remaining high school years, we urge you to absorb as much as you possibly can and have fun while your responsibilities are still few. Life tends to get more serious, so don't be in such a rush to grow up.

To the Grade 9s, the matric class of 2020: although we were constantly telling you this year that “you think you've arrived”, your contribution to the College has proven that you are probably worthy of this arrival. Grade 9 is a special year for most high school boys and a lot of growing up happens here – start laying the foundations for the man you want to be one day.

To the Grade 10s, the matric class of 2019: we can see that your shoulders are getting a bit broader and most of you are starting to shave at least once a week. This year would've seen you be promoted to a senior in the high school, and you have certainly stepped up to this role. Start planning where you want to be by your matric year – it goes extremely quickly from where you are now!

To the Grade 11s, the matric class of 2018: take St David's even higher. We've handed you the jersey, now it's your turn to leave it in a better place. Bear in mind that your matric year effectively runs from tonight until this Final Speech Evening next year, so make sure you're ready for your final stretch, which starts tomorrow morning. The school is in your hands.

And lastly, to my close brothers, the matric class of 2017, thank you for your service to the St David's badge. Twelve years for some, five years for others, but memorable years for all. Brothers, we're finally leaving home. But “don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened”. Just remember that we are not really leaving this place

we love: we're taking parts of it with us, and leaving parts of us behind.

As a grade, this is the end of our legacy – a legacy that we have all been honoured to be a part of. As we sing *Come the Day and Come the Hour*, we realise that the day which we have been singing about for five years, has eventually come. We've done our job – we've answered our brothers' call. For the first time since we've been alive, it's time to go on our own journey. It's time to say goodbye.

Many of us will be parting ways with friends who have been by our side for as long as we can remember. But friendship knows no distance, and when our lives cross paths again, we can pick up where we left off. To Ross Nayler and Andrew Mason, thank you for always understanding the meaning of effortless friendship. Nobody could ever ask for two, more genuine life-long brothers in a grade filled with many more special friends.

Lastly, to a man who could've easily been standing in this position. Matthew, your passion for St David's is evident in everything you do. Work ethic is a term that encapsulates your character perfectly – the ability you have to keep on going through the late nights without complaining, and still deliver of the highest quality, is hugely admirable. St David's was lucky to have such a respectable figure as their deputy head boy for 2017.

St David's, thank you for producing another fine group of Marist men. We promise to do your name justice as we leave these hallowed walls. Your teachings will not be forgotten.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve your name for 13 years. Thank you.





MATTHEW BENNING DEPUTY HEAD PREFECT

On Monday, 7 January 2013, I along with one 116 other timid boys – most of whom were strangers to me – sat down in the amphitheatre to be addressed by arguably

the most terrifying man I've come across in my life: Luke Artemides. As I look out at you 116 men this morning, things could not be more different and men, I am proud of how far we have come, to say the least.

Good morning to Messrs Thiel, Smith, Clogg, Ireland, Castle, staff, parents and the young men of St David's Marist Inanda.

I faced an immense challenge when I first sat down to write this speech, as finding words that were adequate to describe this school was not an easy task. To try and encapsulate all that has happened over the past year in one speech would be terribly difficult, let alone the past five years of my time at this wonderful institution.

One year ago, on 10 October, I stepped forward as deputy head of school for the 2017 year. Initially I was overjoyed and eager to take on this position, one that most dream of, but soon the excitement faded and I became nervous and fearful that I would not deliver or live up to the high expectations set by my predecessors. Fearful that the role I was taking on was far bigger than I imagined, far bigger than just one year as a leader in a school etched with 76 years of rich history. But soon this fear faded as I realised all it took was a little bit of courage – courage that St David's chisels into who we are on a daily basis, without us even realising.

St David's is a truly magnificent school, one that allows each boy to achieve to his full potential – if he makes use of the opportunities at hand – and allows him to develop and flourish into a man with values and morals, which he can use to thrive in the chaos that is our world. This can be seen by just looking at the St David's men who have gone before us – now people of significance in many spheres of life. The quote, "Try not to become a man of success but rather a man of significance," by Albert Einstein, perfectly sums up for me the goal of this institution.

The past five years have been a journey filled with highs, lows, smiles, tears and many laughs, mainly thanks to Blake Forssman. The memories that we have made at this school, I'm certain, will not be forgotten. The fact that Luke Rathbone has had six birthdays this year, each celebrated with a "I heard a rumour" in Ms Le Roux's Afrikaans class, is not something that one could easily forget. Nor the fact that Cameron Stephenson retained a spot in the U14A cricket team after bowling a 17-ball over.

There have also been some frightening moments in my time at St David's, but nothing beats the fear that I had in my heart the day Greg Harvey ran up the 1st team rugby stairs in front of Luke Dyson and the entire school – it's safe to say that we were as scared for Greg's life as he was for his own. Some of my more ridiculous memories of my time at St David's would not be complete without Matt Slack, a paintball and a Pringle can.

I was lucky enough to first don the Marist badge at age five, and while I struggle to remember most of my earliest days at Inanda, there are definitely two things that I can recall: one, Girik has always been naughty, and two, when I first met Ryan Costa in Grade 1, he was definitely not as grumpy back then as he is today.

As we move on with our lives and leave our time at St David's behind, there will be many things that the matric class of 2017 and I will dearly miss. Nothing can match the feeling of running out onto the sports field playing for your school, be it for the 1st XV or U14Cs, watching March Strauss rattle his lines away upon stage with such eloquent ease, or even jamming away to the sounds of Inanda Boys alongside the 1st team rugby field in the pouring rain.

Some things, however, will not be missed, such as Mrs Deetlefs' deadly Accounting tests or Gareth Bridges telling us on the regular how many 1st team sports he plays. The picture that Gareth drew in Grade 0, captioned "I won the race", just shows that no matter how much time passes, some things remain the same.

I stand up here on stage this morning and deliver this speech by myself, but I would not be where I am today without the influence and support of so many. To mention every one who has had an influence in my life up to this point would be near impossible, but I would like to use this as an opportunity to thank my friends who have guided and supported me along the way.

To Dan, Ben, Gazza, Youngs, Scott, Pinto and especially Abel, I thank you for the endless laughs and terrible advice you guys have supplied. No matter where we end up in the years to come, the friendship that we share is special and I know that my days at St David's would not be the same without you; I am glad to call you lads my brothers – I love you boys.

To Jon Jon Benfield, there was no doubt that we were destined to be good friends, with a lunchbox as splendid as yours. You've been the only person whom I've shared a class with every year since Grade 8 and although at times I think that both our averages could have been about 3 or 4% higher than what they were had we been separated, I am extremely thankful for it. Alastair, thank you for always being there to tell us just how "chips" every test was, and for giving us a good laugh when you attempt to play touch rugby.

To Mr Vicente, the life lessons you have taught me alongside the cricket field I will cherish – our small and seemingly meaningless conversations about all sorts of things, ranging from the weather to Ben Stokes and his devastating right hook, really do bring a smile to my face and I will miss them

DEPUTY HEAD PREFECT'S ADDRESS

in the years to come. To Mr Smith, thank you for the endless hours you give to the school, for being someone whom I could turn to when I needed a push in the right direction, and for all your brilliant quotes at our Monday morning prefect meetings. To Mr Bauer, sir, I speak on behalf of all the prefects when I say thank you for guidance in leadership throughout this year. Sir, I must say that I am sorry I never did Geography; colouring in was just never my thing.

To the staff under the sound leadership of Mr Thiel – you are the foundation upon which this great school operates and it is ultimately you who make St David's the place it is. I thank you for your dedication in producing such brilliant young gentlemen.

To my family, especially my mom, sister and dad – I don't know where I would be without you. If there is nothing else in the world that you are sure of, be sure of the fact that I love you. Thank you for allowing me to have the opportunity to be a Marist boy; for that, I will never be able to repay you.

No St David's speech would be complete without a mention of the St David's Legend: Mr Castle. I speak on behalf of many of the St David's matrics when I say thank you, Mr Castle, for the role that he has played in our development as young men, and for instilling in us the will to never give up even when the odds were stacked high against us. A man with a bigger heart and more passion for St David's, there has not been.

The past few years has seen St David's in a state of transition, and not only because some gent from Beaulieu College has evolved our language to "sho's", "eh-ehs" and "we live", but because the schooling environment is not the same one it was 10 or 15 years ago. It is also fair to say that much change continues to happen, but it is important that we do not dwell on what has come before, but rather what is to come – because I guarantee you that St David's is in a great place at the moment, and the future of this school is looking auspicious.

To the matric class of 2017 – my brothers – it has not been an easy journey but here we are: final assembly. I guess you could say that we have made it. In a group of young men with such strong personalities and differences, there were bound to be a few clashes; these clashes have, however, only brought us closer as a group. I think one of the defining characteristics of the Class of 2017 is the faith we have shown in each other, and the bond we have developed over the past five years. And while we may not have had the academic strength of years before us or the winter sports season we would have ideally liked, we have achieved at extremely high levels, higher than most could desire, in most if not all aspects of school life. I think that it is safe to say we have accomplished the goal set out for us by Tristan Fayard: to see mediocrity as a sin.

I can say with confidence that there is no other group of men that I would have wanted alongside me for this journey. At the first assembly of this year I posed the question, "What will you do in 2017 that is going to leave the Inanda blazer in a better position than you found it?",

I can say with assurance that we as a grade have added to the greatness of the St David's blazer.

I look forward to the days when we can return as old boys, to crack open a cold one and reminisce over the legacy we have left behind.

To the man who has been beside me through it all, Merrick, I'm not really sure where to begin. You are the true epitome of what it means to be a Marist man and when people speak of the qualities and values of Marist, I'm sure you are the first person who comes to mind, not only for me but for many of the people sitting in this hall. It has been a remarkable journey, and I know that I will walk away from 2017 a better person because of our friendship. Your willingness to always help out and put others before yourself is astonishing. On behalf of the school, I would like to say thank you for not only being the leader we wanted, but for being the leader we needed – St David's is lucky to have had you.

Finally, to the young men of St David's who will continue to move through the school, it is now up to you to maintain the standard set by the generations of Marist men who have come before you, and to keep St David's the place so that so many wish to be at. To the matric class of 2018, remember that leadership is not a position, and each of you has a responsibility to be a leader in the school in one way or another.

Throughout high school we are reminded to make the best of every situation and to really appreciate even the smallest of moments, as time flies and before you realise it, you will be getting ready to bid St David's farewell. I never quite grasped what this meant until I reached this point in my high school career; so just remember that one day you'll be lining up against the blue rails of the tuck shop to buy a chicken prego for the last time. One day you'll be taking your last school test. One day you'll have that daunting feeling of logging onto Adam for the very last time. One day you'll be attending your last inter-house gala and one day you'll be standing in line shortest to tallest, ready to take your last school photo with people who have watched you grow up, so don't be ready to leave too soon and make the most of all the time you have at St David's.

St David's offers you so much: a wonderful campus, excellent staff, numerous opportunities on the sports field, on the stage and in the classroom, but most importantly, here at St David's you have each other; you have a family.

Having started at St David's in Grade 0, I have no idea of what it means to not be a St David's boy, and for this I am grateful. No matter where life takes me, above all things, I will be a Marist man.

My heart beats Marist and my blood bleeds gold.

St David's, thank you for everything. It has been an absolute honour and a privilege to have served you.

Thank you!



Calvin Abel



Adano Adele



Roberto Adinolfi



Gareth Aspinall



Declan Banks



Diogo Barradas



Phola Bavuma



Jonathan Benfield



Matthew Benning



Jarryd Boden



Roberto Borrageiro



Jarred Breen



Michael-John Brewer



Gareth Bridges



Cameron
Broomfield



Itumeleng Carey



Nicholas Christie



Ryan Costa



Luke Cryer



Connor Davies



Nicholas Davies



Michel de Laroche



Alastair Dunn



Benjamin Dunn



Adrian Edwards



Dino Eleftheriadis



Sihle Eyles



Jason Farr



Alessio Ferreri



Blake Forssman



Brandon Gallichan



Benjamin Gerson



Luca Govetto



Cameron Gray



Themba Gumede



James Hancock



Brett Hardie



Rupert Hartmann



James Hayward



Simphiwe
Hlatshwayo



Wavela Hlubi



Merrick Hughes



Brynn Hunink



Matthew Jarvis



Connor Jones



Matthew Kalil



Riley Kamstra



Richard Kinsey



Mandla Koyabe



Callum Kuhn



Jared Land



Robert Lavelle



Daniel Lee



Richard Lehane



Tomi Longwe



Ziyaad Lundell



Manqoba Luphondo



Lehlagare
Maserumule



Siyabonga Mashiane



Andrew Mason



Brady Matthews



Alex McKay



David McMaster



Kanyisa Mhlungu



Nicholas Minnie



Tshelang Mlambo



Valentino Moavero



Tumisang Moipolai



Kyle Motani



Nkateko Mukhari



Joshua Mvunga



Kondwani Mwanza



Niccolo Nahman



Himeshan Naidoo



Ross Naylor



Kutlwano Ndlovu



Nkosinathi Ngcobo



Thomas Gregory
Nott



Thomas
O'Donoghue



Matteo Osato



Garrick Pagel



Jordan Parker



Max Parkin



Vrajesh Patel



Trent Patterson



Brandon Pinto



Adam Potterton



Damien Potts



Girik-Ashok
Rajwani



Luke Rathbone



Samuel Rayner



Luca Rossi



Kingsley Rowe



Michael Russell



Andrew Sampson



Kiernan Scott



Michael Scott



Tshegofatso Scott



Daniel Scriven



Matthew Slack

CLASS OF 2017



Alexander Standfest



Cameron Stephenson



March Strauss



Molemo Theys



Ryan Thomas



Campbell Tiley



Luke Tollman



Wesley Traill



Matthew Truscott



Richard Turner



Daniel Tyrer



Daniel van Staden



Thomas Walsh



Damien Wantenaar



Daniel Wong



Braydon Wooley



Matthew Younger



Jaime Zenha



PORTFOLIO OF POSITIONS

Portfolio	Benedict	College	Osmond	The Bishops
Academic	M de Laroche	C Broomfield	D Huang	L Rathbone
Mentor	C Kuhn	B Pinto	D Tyrer	W Trail
Counselling	M Kalil	K Scott	K Rowe	M Lumphondo
Sport	C Abel R Kamstra	G Bridges M Younger	B Gerson D van Staden	R Lehane B Dunn
Cultural	J Mvunga	D McMaster	T Mlambo	L Govetto
Service	B Gallichan	M Theys	K Mhlungu	T Carey
Spirit	M Koyabe	G Pagel	A Standfest	M Scott
PR	L Cryer	D Wantenaar	S Hlatshwayo	S Eyles
Environment	M Truscott	J Hancock	J Boden	C Tiley
House administration	J Hayward	V Patel	M Strauss	S Rayner
Religious	M Jarvis	K Mwanza	M Brewer	L Rossi
Parliament	A Potterton	R Kinsey	D Lee	J Zenha
President's Award	R Lavelle	A Mason	D Scriven	T O'Donoghue
Grade co-ordinators	GRADE 8 • J Farr • R Borrageiro • J Hayward	GRADE 8 • J Land • R Naylor • C Stephenson	GRADE 8 • 8 N Nahman • T Paterson • Z Lundell	GRADE 8 • A Ferreri • M Slack • T Scott
	GRADE 9 • S Mashiane • D Barradas • K Ndlovu	GRADE 9 • A Adele • D Banks • N Mukhari	GRADE 9 • M Strauss • C Gray • M Parkin	GRADE 9 • A McKay • W Hlubi • A Sampson
	GRADE 10 • T Longwe • C Jones	GRADE 10 • T Walsh • L Maserumule	GRADE 10 • M Russell • T Moipolai	GRADE 10 • A Edwards • M Osato
	GRADE 11 • B Forssman • D Potts	GRADE 11 • V Moavero • D Eleftheriadis	GRADE 11 • R Adinolfi • G Rajwani	GRADE 11 • B Hardie • H Naidoo
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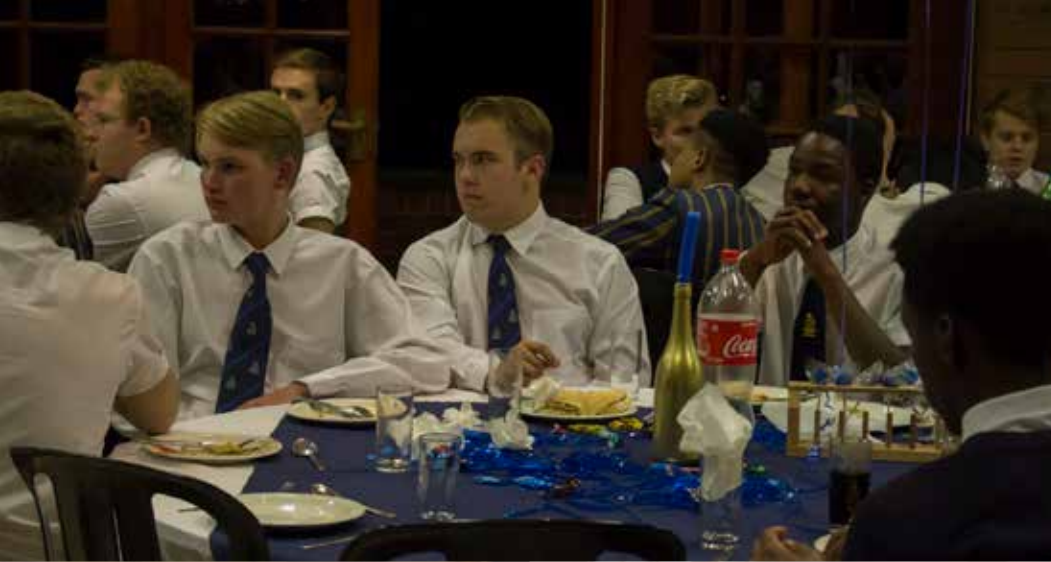
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HEAD OF HOUSE

Brynn Hunink

DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE

Nicholas Christie

Benedict continue to strive to better ourselves in every aspect of our lives. Twenty-seventeen has presented its challenges, but these have been resoundingly outweighed by our successes.

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.” – Pele

The house has once again shown the strength of the boys, under the leadership and guidance of Brynn Hunink and Nicholas Christie, who led from the front and are true role models of servant leadership. Brady Matthews must be mentioned, as he ably supported the head and deputy wherever they needed him. Merrick Hughes, who represented the whole school as head boy, showed the true character of what it means to be a Benedict boy.

I believe that the secret to our continued success as a house lies in the full participation of every member of Benedict, led from the front by our matric group.

To you, the matric group of 2017, I thank you for the memories you have given me and the legacy you have

built as a group of young Marist men over the past five years. I have a proud place in my heart when I think of the role that I have played in shaping the men who stand before me. I hope you realise that you have also had an immense impact on my life, in terms of the lessons that I have learnt from you.

To the matric group of 2018, I trust that you will lead as you have been led, and that you will continue the honour of what it means to be a Benedict member.

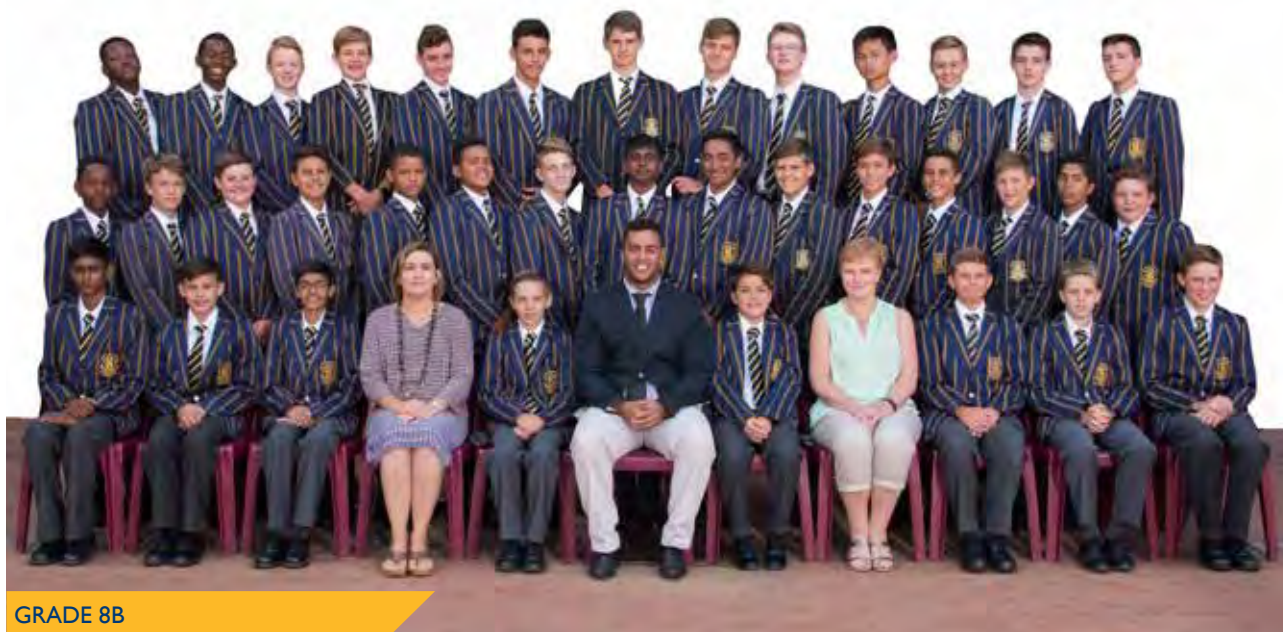
To the staff of our amazing house, without you the boys would not be able to flourish into the gentlemen they are. Never forget the people who have played a role in making you the young men you are today. Please don't forget, in all the stress and joy over the next few weeks, that a simple “thank you” to your teachers, from matric to Grade 00, will make what they do on a daily basis more rewarding.

Twenty-seventeen is a year of change for Benedict. I move into a new role within St David's and Mr Venter takes the reins of, in my humble opinion, the best house in the school. I leave knowing that each boy who has gone through Benedict is a true Marist man in Marcellin Champagnat's vision.

“A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.” – Colin Powell

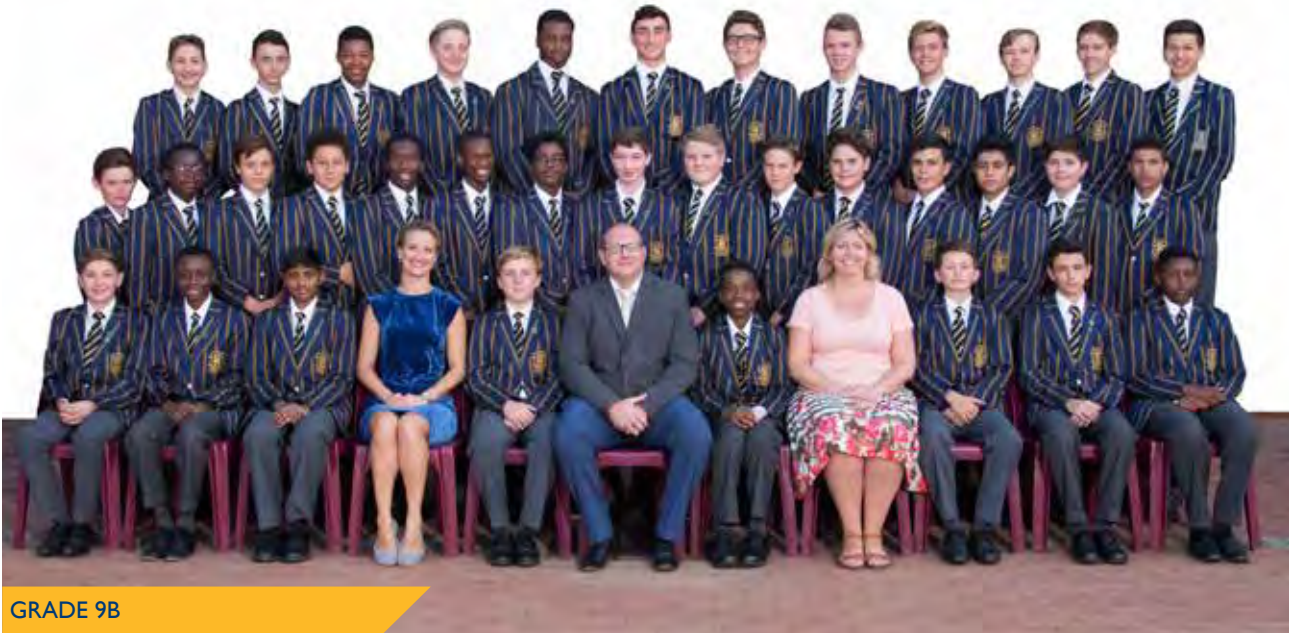
Mr S Bauer

Benedict housemaster



GRADE 8B

Back row: Sibusiso Ndlovu, Tsungai Murahwi, Luke King, Paul Petersen, Conor Tonetti, Stephen Christie, Alban Renaudin, Neal Geldenhuys, Christopher Leisewitz, Jon Khoo, Ross Jackson, Luke Custers, Pablo Viudez
2nd row: Mbilu Mabilu, Joseph Cuyler, Connor Erwee, Christopher Chapman, Warona Musenwa, Christopher Wymers, Jarod Ment, Saigan Moodley, Taran Rajcoomar, Jordan Cloete, Luca Nicholas, Biagio-Luca Boscia, Matthew Hutton, Yaseen Mayet, Ronan Ferreira
Front row: Gerard Reddy, Matteo Nordmann, Mohamed Zidan Cassim, Mrs S Richard, Matthew Sweeney, Mr D Rigney, Gareth Potts, Mrs G Dell, Logan le Roux, James Jacklin, Thomas Eckoldt



GRADE 9B

Back row: Damien Sandham, Kyle West, Oratile Lekota, Jaydin Marais, John-Kelly Okonkwo, Liam Tonetti, Rhys Hunink, Jack Juds, Adam McLean, Dantè Paravano, Matthew Hammon, Adrian Coutinho
 2nd row: Robert Laithwaite, Tavarwisa Wekwete, Liam Nichele, Daniel Sabbagh, Nzuzoyetfu Magagula, Sibusiso Baloyi, Deyan Munsamy, Luc Bouic, Nicholas Klaasen, Joshua Lyon, Francisco Garcia, Vasilli Mutzuris, Muhammad Ismail, Maxwell Maia, Niven Arendse
 Front row: Dominic Sandham, Tiger Koyabe, Amiel Srikrishan, Ms H le Roux, Duncan Harvey, Mr JD Toerien, Vuyolwethu Polson, Ms T Jones, Ethan Hardy, Mihali Avraamides, Legae Moeng



GRADE 10B

Back row: Andrew Abernethy, Jamie Hutton, Sithabiso Madonsela, Anthony Stride, Nicholas Poole, Brayden Gould, Michael Farr, Faustino Amoes, Lebo Mathe
 2nd row: James Daly, Anele Mzoneli, Omolemo Nkabinde, Adam Custers, Michael Todd, Graeme van Niekerk, Ammaar Mahomed, Stuart Groves, Ben Lombaard, Keenan Dröge, Joshua Davies, Matthew Beaver, Diyashan Moodliar, Cade Edwards
 Front row: Enrico Nordmann, Stephen Buck, Musa Mangena, Mrs K George, Reilly Preece, Mr H Mudzingwa, Ricardo Adoor, Mrs C Stanger, Steven Procommenos, Joseph Camara, Tushar Poonsamy

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GRADE 11B

Back row: Connor Pearson, Matthew Tolliss, Thomas King, Brody Verseput, Dylan Kamstra, Yuvaan Naidoo, Dario Paravano, Wandile Bhembe, Valerio Verneti
 2nd row: Ross Askew, Robert Pfister, Julian Wingate-Pearse, Michael Lowings, Justin du Toit, Bhavik Moodley, Oliver Hinton, Julien Damians-Nieman, Chad Oertel, Nabeel Hassan, Motheo Moeng, Gregory Kourie, Anthony Mutzuris
 Front row: Ronan Thompson, Odirile Mokgoro, James Breytenbach, Mr S Sutherland, Aidan Jordaan, Mrs R Stewart, Daniel Swann, Mr E Ukpogong, Joshua Lopez, Daniel Harvey, Mokgosi Mothibi



GRADE 12B

Back row: Blake Forssman, Jason Farr, Matthew Truscott, Riley Kamstra, Luke Cryer, Adam Potterton, Merrick Hughes
 2nd row: Tomi Longwe, Matthew Kalil, Brady Matthews, Calvin Abel, Callum Kuhn, Brynn Hunink, Michel de Laroche, Connor Jones, Robert Lavelle, Roberto Borrageiro, Matthew Jarvis
 Front row: Diogo Barradas, Siyabonga Mashiane, Joshua Mvunga, Brandon Gallichan, Kutlwano Ndlovu, Mrs B Stewart, Phola Bavuma, Damien Potts, Connor Davies, Nicholas Christie, Mandla Koyabe
 Absent: Mrs L Deetlefs

HEAD OF HOUSE

Luke Tollman

DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE

Jordan Parker

Twenty-seventeen was the year when the spirit that traditionally pervades College House was truly evident.

It was a very special year under the leadership of Luke and Jordan, assisted by Nic, Jarred and Tom, and supported by all the matrics who did a superb job at inter-house events, so that College finished as the top house – winning six of the inter-house events.

Many, including our new deputy housemaster, Mr L Vicente, were excited to inform me that at every inter-house swimming event a red cap was evident in the water (very often in front!), and later in the year the same observation was made at inter-house athletics, when there was always a red T-shirt evident on the field and track. The College gents certainly proved to be sportsmen: they participated enthusiastically in all sports and many captained teams, while others received colours awards, and to top it all, the Sportsman of the Year is in College.

In the cultural arena the gents also did us proud by providing good entertainment and many laughs, with DJ Shai-Spektor at the inter-house Music evening and good food for thought at the Best Speakers evening, and their outstanding, professional performance at the inter-house play evening will be remembered for many years to

come. Some gents also participated in debating, and a fair number are band and choir members and participated in memorable performances. There are also a number of budding artists, and they produced some outstanding work to win the first inter-house graffiti event.

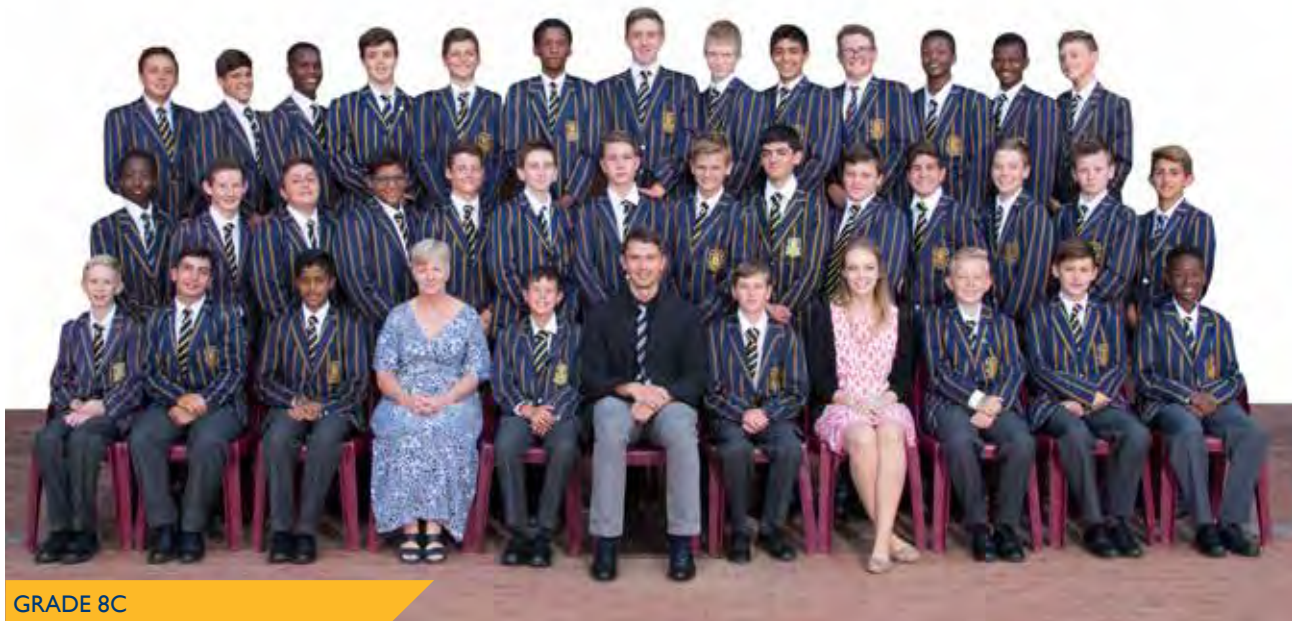
The College gents are also scholars of note. Many placed in the top 10, some were awarded colours, others received academic subject awards and two Grade 10s fared very well in the Tour de Maths.

These successes would not have been possible without the efforts of the young men, who showed passion, commitment and drive, and led from the front. Seventeen were awarded Leadership colours and nine received General Honours blazers. These same young men are also committed to serving others, both in and outside the College: some are peer counsellors and others altar servers, and they were recognised when they were awarded colours for Service. One of the proudest moments this year was when eight true Marist gentlemen from College received Champagnat Medals – well deserved, gents!

I can state with conviction that the young gentlemen in College House made me extremely proud this year, and I thank them for this. I must also express my sincere thanks to Mr Vicente, who has done a superb job, and to all the tutors. You continue to care for and guide the young men in your care, and support both them and myself. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those in College House.

Mrs J Greensill

College housemaster



GRADE 8C

Back row: Josh Jacobs, Christopher Michael, Alupheli Mqqa, Christopher Turner, Marko Veselinovic, Lukwazi Twala, Ryan Huiskamp, Matthew Maccelari, Rohan Bhatt, Luc Terry, Sandile Tyabazeka, Sanele Parirenyatwa, Matthew Stephenson
 2nd row: Kamva Tyamazshe, Ryan Fermoyle, Troy Karam, Caleb Grimett, Matthew Cooper, Giuliano Maraschin, Alexander Stewart-Selvan, Nicholas Wahl, Mateen Ismail, Adam Simpson, Alexander Michael, Paolo Antezana, Matthew Bester, Bradley Becker
 Front row: Nicholas Allemann, Matthew Shahim, Kaelin Poovalingam, Mrs F Holpert, James Purchase, Mr C Page, Matthew Grealy, Ms J Burne, Mika Lindemann, Jacob Walbeck, Leruo Molise



GRADE 9C

Back row: Leeam van der Walt, Daniel Tollman, Yusuf Buksh, Stehan Fourie, Alistair Ross, Sebastiano Truda, Ronan Arp, Nicholas Carr, Andreas Sarmis, Remo Strappazzon, Oratile Mhinga, Massimo Strappazzon
 2nd row: Randon Reddy, Theodoros Kousiakis, Duncan Scott, Samuel Abdula, Michael Kibiego, Stuart Twine, Joshua Black, Alexander Taylor, Descent Ngqola, Mikele Venditti, Brendan Cross, Luthando Velleman, Konrad Nägele
 Front row: Gianpaolo Baisch, Mutamba Kumbi, Tiago Moreira, Mr N Mthembu, Ethan Goetsch, Mr L James, Refilwe Kgalegi, Mrs S Kolkenbeck-Ruh, Fana Dubazana, Michael Younger, Liam Talbot



GRADE 10C

Back row: Dalyn Solomon, Nicholas Curry, Sebastián Buxman, Ricardo Antezana, Sean Clarke, Michael Geere, Ethan Breen, Peter Tumiel, Kyle Keegan, Shawn Nayler, Jedd Jacobs, Yusuf Laher, Phalo Klaas
 2nd row: Daniel Khoury, Tiago dos Santos, Joseph Walbeck, Pericles Daras, Matthew Sim, Munachiso Ewuzie, Jason Raman, Isacko Adele, Christopher Rains, Egan King, Peter Hancock, Thamsanqa Fuyane, Aman Singhala, Franco Ferro, Gerhard Human
 Front row: Luca Martini, Miguel Torres, Micah Pirikisi, Mrs T Higgo, Wandile Mtambo, Mr P Lenye, Keanu Geemooi, Ms K Carlisle, Katlego Motepe, Yashay Reddy, Joshua Bester



GRADE 11C

Back row: Kyle Bove, Nicolas Czakan, Gordon Gace, Thomas Weeden, Simbainashe Kanyangarara, Brandon Baloyi, Marcell Scheepers, Euan Talbot
 2nd row: Cade Barnes, Luca Venditti, Dhievsh Thambiran, Kieran Wrightson, Nicolas Baigrie, Connor Ivins, Adam Goetsch, Thomas Clegg, Spencer Terry, Ethan Simpson, Mathieu Packham
 Front row: Luca de Felice, Jordan van der Merwe, Reyhan Ismail, John-Michael Backos, Mr G Brown, Ross Martin, Mrs L Vernell, Julian de Wet, Bradley Morris, Kyle da Costa, Dylan de Nobrega



GRADE 12C

Back row: Jordan Parker, Garrick Pagel, Andrew Mason, James Hancock, Jarred Breen, Cameron Stephenson, Ross Naylor, Luke Tollman, Nicholas Minnie
 2nd row: Kiernan Scott, Thomas Nott, Valentino Moavero, Cameron Broomfield, David McMaster, Gareth Bridges, Jared Land, Brandon Pinto, Damien Wantenaar, Adano Adele, Dino Eleftheriadis
 Front row: Declan Banks, Molemo Theys, Nkateko Mukhari, Lehlagare Maserumule, Mrs Z Dube, Vrajesh Patel, Mr M Smith, Kondwani Mwanza, Thomas Walsh, Richard Kinsey, Matthew Younger

HEAD OF HOUSE

Ryan Costa

DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE

Alistair Dunn

Every year is busy in the College space at St David's Marist Inanda, and 2017 was no different.

Under the leadership of Ryan Costa and Alistair Dunn, the matric group rose to the occasion to achieve one success after another. The matrices of 2017 led by example and worked well with the rest of Osmond House to inspire the house to new heights. It was an honour and privilege to work with this leadership group, and I wish them well for the future.

The year started positively, with the Grade 8 camp at Entabeni in the Drakensberg. The camp is a very important milestone in a young man's life at St David's. The objectives of the camp are: the Grade 8 boys getting to know one another, learning what St David's is about; and bonding as a group that will last until matric and thereafter.

Osmond has had a very good year, with successes in all the different activities the College has to offer. A large number of our boys participated academically, culturally and on the sports front. In their participation, they

contributed to the successes of both Osmond and the school. In the past, Osmond was often in last place. That, however, changed this year and we are moving up the ladder of success. I am of the impression that 2018 will even be better and if everybody plays their part, Osmond is going to surprise the other houses next year.

It is with sadness that Osmond House bids farewell to two staff members, Mrs D Webb and Mrs X Ntshangase, at the end of 2017. Mrs Ntshangase was only with us for one year, but in that time she made a mark on Osmond. Mrs Webb has been in our house for many years, working with so many young men. She worked hard at getting to know every boy who had the privilege of being in her tutor group, and always had their best interests at heart. We will truly miss these two staff members, and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

Osmond House has another privilege in having a new, vibrant house leadership in the form of Mr J Black, Mrs T Higgo, Khwezi Luthuli, James Macindoe, Leo Michael and the 2018 matric group. I know the house is in very good hands, with Mr Black and Mrs Higgo at the reins. I know they have many innovative ideas to bring Osmond to the place where it competes well with the other houses; it will be an honour and privilege for everyone in Osmond to serve under them. I am looking forward to Osmond's successes in 2018 and beyond.

Mr J Albertyn

Osmond housemaster



GRADE 80

Back row: William Fyffe, Sihle Jwara, Gehan Neuhoff, Reagan Fisher, Manqoba Bungane, Matthew Rundle, Ntandoyenkosi Dhlwayo, Sibahle Phangela, Warwick Brown, Lyndon Skei, Mohammed Cassim, Ethan Kruger
2nd row: Matthew Bebb, Muhammed Joosub, Dale van der Merwe, Adrian de Bonis, Mohammed Haffeje, Joshua Botha, Joshua Maroun, Michael Kenealy, Zack Pavlou, Andrew Kruger, Keegan Willson, Kutlwano Malema, Bolu Orimoloye, Abilio Demetrio, Aidan Stuart
Front row: Malo Riché, Twayyib Turpin, Calum Melling, Mr C Luke, Gregory Shave, Mrs A Dyer, Tyrese Naidoo, Mr C White, Matthew Doubell, Vuyo Mpofo, Lukas van der Merwe



GRADE 90

Back row: Owethu Mthombeni, Andrew Kruger, Thomas Goddard, Justin Richard, Luka Vieira, Joshua Qoqonga, Jeffrey Kimani, Jago Reed, Alexander Blackie, Max Perdikies, Thomas Taylor, Sebastian Botha, Declan van Rensburg
 2nd row: Raees Mohamed, Tristan Donaldson, Lindokuhle Nkosi, Rohin Rajwani, Ntokoza Shabalala, Josepha Sizani, Andrew Rustin, Alastair Roberts, Ntando Kawula, Tshedza Madzonga, David Bergesen, Mateen Mullah
 Front row: Samuel Stuart, Luca Beddington, Kade Kalell, Mrs D Webb, Declan Pegg, Mr K McCarthy, Luke Krog, Mrs C Erasmus, Mark Foo, Aidan van Renen, Gabriel Standfest



GRADE 100

Back row: Levi Morais, Jordan Raal, Gregory Ber, Jordan Swart, Malaika Gantsho, Daniel Reed, Alexander du Preez, James Adelaine, Noah Pavlou, Keagan Perdikies
 2nd row: Bevan Wortley, Takunda Danha, Tsebo Motsohi, Devon Rouessart, Bradley Griffin, Shaun Fitzgerald, Tameez Kana, Pelaelo Mahloko, Matthew Menday, Moago Maruatona, Max Coleman, Justin Wood, Cameron Green, Zipho Xundu, Sebastian Riva
 Front row: Ross Gauld, Foucauld Riché, Ihsaan Cassim, Ms X Ntshangase, Siphon Molo, Mrs K Moipolai, Travis Johnson, Mr J van Dyk, Alexandros Koutromanos, Cayde McLintock, Christopher Stocken



GRADE 11O

Back row: Luke Kruger, Makaziwe Mavuso, Keenan Heinzelmann, James Macindoe, Christopher Skinner, Jarred Goncalves-Jardine, Leo Michael, Matthew Wood

2nd row: Shingayi Hardy, Joshua McLean, Jack Warren, Christos Konidararis, Tetelo Maphaka, Khwezi Luthuli, Liam van Rensburg, Sasha Muller, Kamil Saloojee, Alexander Bergesen, Andrew Ernstzen

Front row: Rhodes Pritchard, Daanyaal Mullah, Daniel Simpson, Mohamed Cassim, Mrs L Mazibuko, Themba Biyela, Mr A Bhinder, Kyle Ford, Daniel Marin, Faadhil Mohamed, Sean Ellis



GRADE 12O

Back row: Jonathan Benfield, Simphiwe Hlatshwayo, Max Parkin, Alastair Dunn, Tumisang Moipolai, Matthew Benning, Girik-Ashok Rajwani, Michael-John Brewer, Jarryd Boden, Daniel Huang

2nd row: Ziyaad Lundell, Cameron Gray, Daniel van Staden, Benjamin Gerson, Trent Patterson, Niccolo Nahman, Kyle Motani, Nicholas Davies, Daniel Scriven, Michael Russell, Daniel Lee

Front row: Ryan Thomas, Daniel Tyrer, Kanyisa Mhlungu, Mrs T Barbeli, Ryan Costa, Mr D Whyte, Roberto Adinolfi, Mrs L Mazibuko, March Strauss, Kingsley Rowe, Tshapang Mlambo

HEAD OF HOUSE

Themba Gumede

DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE

Rupert Hartmann

Twenty-seventeen – What an exceptionally busy and successful year this has been!

The Bishops House started the year, not only with a few new boys and all the new Grade 8s, but also with a new housemaster and deputy housemaster: myself and Mrs Black respectively. New tutors this year were Ms Francis, Mr Hansell and Mrs Bechus.

It must be mentioned that it has been a privilege to work with and get to know the young men of The Bishops House on a different level: they do not hesitate to get involved in all areas of high school life, and many individuals are exceptionally talented!

The inter-house events were exciting to watch and although we did not win anything, the team spirit and camaraderie shone through and made for wonderful memories. Our best events this year were hockey, music and basketball, when we were placed 2nd overall.

Despite not being at the top of the list with house points, The Bishops men have excelled in almost every other area of the school, especially in sport, culturals, leadership and service. I would like to point this out by looking at a few numbers: out of a Grade 12 class of 30 boys: 10 received full colours for Leadership, and 12 achieved full colours in other areas, namely Sport, Cultural and Service. Special mention must be made of Nathan Berlin (rock climbing),

Kobe Ndebele (swimming), Alessio Ferreri (swimming) and Jacob Miltz (cricket), who were awarded their national colours this year. In addition, five boys were awarded General Honours and four received Champagnat Medals at the annual prizegiving; they are Sihle Eyles, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Thomas O'Donoghue and Braydon Wooley. Well done, gents! We are immensely proud of all of you.

In the April holidays Mr Ferreira's wife gave birth to a beautiful daughter, and Mr Rose-Reddiar was married during the August holidays. Sadly, we had to bid farewell to a very dedicated and caring tutor, Mrs Richter, who moved with her family to Australia in October this year.

The Bishops head of house, Themba Gumede, and deputy head of house, Rupert Hartmann, along with our prefects, Thomas O'Donoghue, Nkosinathi Ngcobo and Braydon Wooley, led the house very well – they are outstanding and positive leaders who were reliable, dedicated and committed to their leadership roles within the house. We appreciate the time and effort you put into The Bishops, gentlemen. Staff and boys alike will always treasure their memories of you!

In addition, I would also like to express my gratitude to Mrs Black, all the tutors and heads of portfolios for their support, as well as their immense role in making 2017 a successful year. I end this report with a quote from Henry Ford:

*COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING
STAYING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS*

Mrs L Nagy

The Bishops housemaster



GRADE 8T

Back row: Chris Slack, Joshua Dacre, Oliver Leenstra, Amani Bukanga, Connor Human, Massimo Araujo, Daniel Ferriman, Unathi Shongwe, Sanskar Sharma, Kian Kinnear, James Sheridan, Tatenda Kandengwa, Jay Lee Shih, Nathan Berlin
2nd row: Nicholas Lutz, Robbie Schaafsma, Martin Nkosi, Campbell Scott, Daanyaal Thokan, Dylan Asman, Craig Padayachee, Neil Heyneke, Kabir Misri, Jordan Nunes, Matthew Cawood, Thashael Naidoo, Myles Bennett, Jonathan van Reenen, Matthew Rathbone
Front row: Tyler van Niekerk, Timothy Coetzee, Nkoliseko Nyubuse, Mr J Ferreira, Connor Greyling, Mr F Gilardi, Keshav Haripaul, Mr C Hansell, Neo Phihlela, Brian Hudson, Inaam Moosa



GRADE 9T

Back row: Abhay Haripaul, Nqubeko Mthabela, Tyron Midlane, Kevin Asman, Joshua Millar, Ryan Gebhardt, Aiden du Toit, Cayden Edwards, Luke Lawson, Baraka Bukanga, Blake Friedman, Kobe Ndebele, Dante Bedworth
 2nd row: Max Melvill, John Michael, Connor Jack, Bokang Seaka, Michael Vosloo, Samuel Becker, Luca von Poncet, Mohammed Thokan, Thabo Ncube, Harry Nicolaou, Kai Archer, Awethu Mkhwanazi
 Front row: Richard de Coster, Brendan Craven, Araav Sojen, Mrs N Goemans, Owen Govender, Mr K Biller, Tiago Alvares, Ms S Sirakis, Joshua Close, Matthew Anderson, William Dempers



GRADE 10T

Back row: Diego Bertasso, James Edwards, Cameron Hyslop, Munza Kamukwamba, Bryce Till, Harrison le Clezio, Joseph Groebelinghoff, Cameron Rebelo, Daniel Bullock, Tashinga Chibaya, James Graham, Ethan Bartlett
 2nd row: Khushdeep Nanra, Chinedu Nzeocha, Michael Tselentis, Matthew van der Westhuizen, Itumeleng Moyaha, Matthew Cronson, Alan Mthembu, Matthew du Chenne, Loatile Lebala, Adam Gamsy, Matthew Fitzgerald, Josh Stewart, Hamza Dar, Robert Rewolinski
 Front row: Alexander Sequeira, Marc Leicher, Adam de Agrela, Matthew Thomas, Mr S Fry, Lebogang Carey, Mrs V Ellis, Kagiso Bogopane, Misho Mangena, Imaad Moosa, Adam Speed-Andrews



GRADE 11T

Back row: Connor Hudson, Murray Bester, Ewan Thorpe, Saien Benjamin, Westley van der Spuy, Alex Lategan, Christopher van Vuren, Jordan Harding, Ricky Goedhart

2nd row: Karabo Maepa, Luke Rheeder, Justin Duarte, Daniel Smit, Andrew Cawood, Max Matheussen, Rorisang Shongwe, Ryan Davies, Gianluca Rizzo, Taureal Solomon, Matthew Dacre

Front row: Ritvik Sojen, Yu-Shane Liou, Keaton MacFarlane, Mrs B Marais, Mirza Hassan, Mr M Chonco, Leo Melvill, Ms M Francis, Loyiso Zinzombe, Kamil Batohi, Fletcher Gebhardt



GRADE 12T

Back row: Samuel Rayner, Wesley Traill, Richard Turner, Andrew Sampson, Braydon Wooley, Adrian Edwards, Benjamin Dunn, Richard Lehane, Thomas O'Donoghue, Michael Scott

2nd row: Matteo Osato, Matthew Slack, Manqoba Lumphondo, Luca Govetto, Alessio Ferreri, Campbell Tiley, Wavela Hlubi, Luca Rossi, Brett Hardie, Luke Rathbone, Alex McKay

Front row: Jaime Zenha, Sihle Eyles, Himeshan Naidoo, Rupert Hartmann, Mrs C Kennedy, Themba Gumede, Mrs C Richter, Tshegofatso Scott, Gareth Aspinall, Itumeleng Carey, Nkosinathi Ngcobo

ACADEMIC



We are delighted with the continued development of our academic footprint in 2017.

In particular, the introduction of Robotics in Grades 8 and 9 has allowed the College to explore different skill sets, particularly around coding, critical thinking and problem solving. We will develop these opportunities further as we venture into 2018 and beyond.

In all our subjects we continue to strive for excellence, thereby ensuring that all our boys are stretched to their full academic potential. Disruptive technologies have gained much traction within the College and, as we explore these and other necessary 21st century skill sets, we are confident that our academic footprint will continue to grow.

Some highlights of the year follow.

We enjoyed an outstanding set of Mathematics results at the end of 2016. A total of 49 distinctions were achieved, and we were delighted with the 100% Shane Weisz achieved for Mathematics. Based on the results of the Grade 12 final examinations of 2016, our school ranks among the top-performing schools in South Africa in this subject. The University of Pretoria has acknowledged this excellent achievement.

In addition, two boys, Thomas Clegg and Abhay Haripaul, qualified for the third round of the Maths Olympiad this year, as we maintained our significant presence in this Olympiad over the past 20 years.

GRADE 11

HALF-COLOURS

- James Breytenbach
- Ryan Davies
- Nabeel Hassan
- Dylan Kamstra

FULL COLOURS

- Murray Bester
- Mohamed Fayaaz Cassim
- Thomas Clegg
- Luca de Felice
- Justin Duarte
- Max Matheussen
- Luke Rheeder
- Gianluca Rizzo
- Ethan Simpson
- Ritvik Sojen

GRADE 12

HALF-COLOURS

- Jarryd Boden
- Connor Jones
- Robert Lavelle
- David McMaster

Thomas Clegg, Miguel Torres, Abhay Haripaul and Mohamed Cassim all took part in the ASSA South African Maths Team Competition, organised by the South African Mathematics Foundation. The Wits' Siyanqoba Junior A team, which included two of our boys, Abhay and Mohamed, won the Junior competition.

The 2016 English results were also outstanding, and we are convinced that the skills learnt in English will continue to enrich and enable the boys as they embark on their tertiary education.

The English department continues to encourage reading and one of the ways in which we do this is through the novel of the term. Each term a new book is chosen and all boys are encouraged to read it. The benefits of reading have been widely publicised, and it is important that we continue to foster a love of stories in our boys.

The English Olympiad provides a wonderful opportunity for boys to read and engage creatively with different texts. The results this year were excellent and we were particularly proud of Daniel Lee, who finished 30th in the country.

Academic achievement in Music was successfully maintained in 2017: 11 boys wrote the external international ABRSM Theory examinations, seven of whom achieved over 80%. Special mention must go to Kamil Batohi (saxophone) and Marc Leitcher (drums), who attained merits in their Grade 8 external practical examination.

Mr N Clogg

Deputy Head: Academics

- Gareth Bridges
- Nkosinathi Ngcobo
- Thomas Gregory Nott

FULL COLOURS

- Cameron Broomfield
- Michel de Laroche
- Alastair Dunn
- Brandon Gallichan
- Matthew Kalil
- Daniel Lee
- Nicholas Minnie
- Jordan Parker
- Max Parkin
- Brandon Pinto
- Adam Potterton
- Luke Rathbone
- Kiernan Scott
- Cameron Stephenson
- March Strauss
- Luke Tollman
- Damien Wantenaar
- Daniel Wong
- Jamie Zenha

SPECIFIC HONOURS

- Matthew Benning
- Merrick Hughes

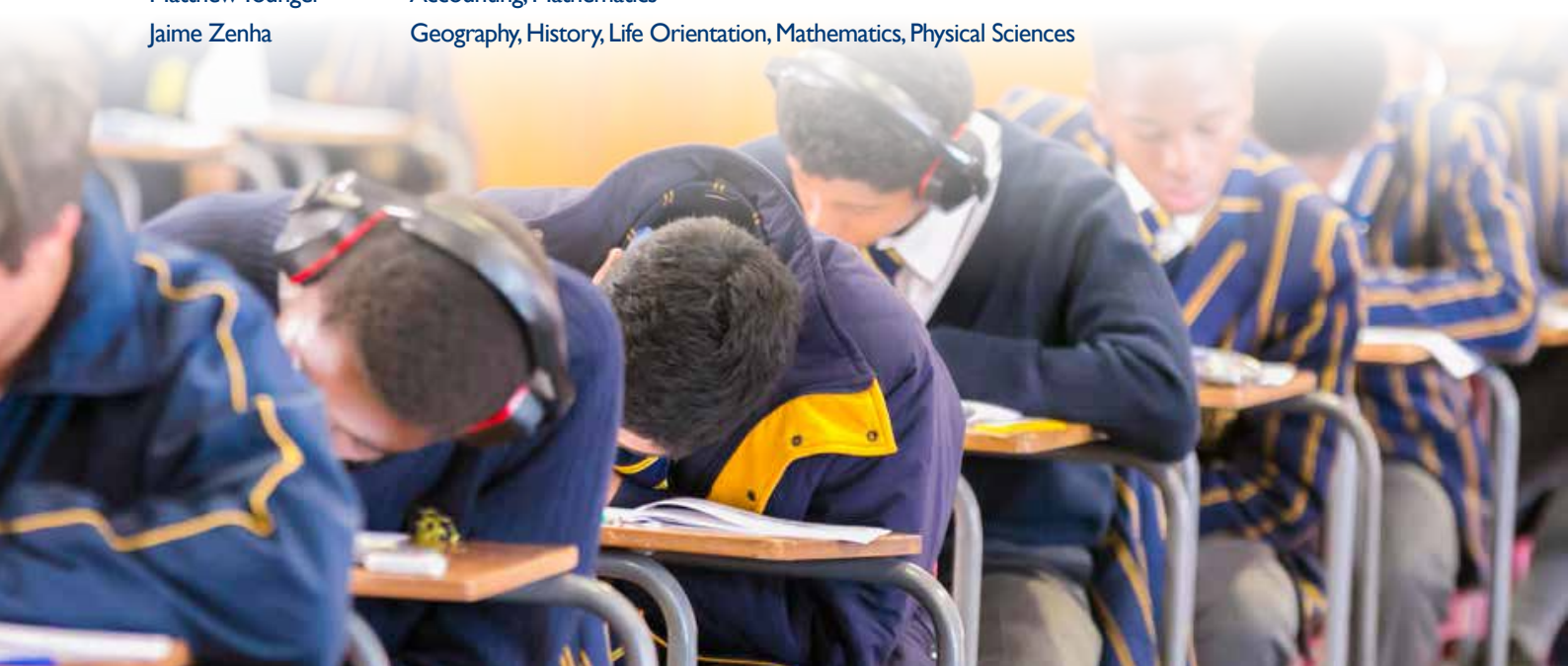
NAME

SUBJECT DISTINCTIONS

Calvin Abel	
Adano Adele	
Roberto Adinolfi	Geography
Gareth Aspinall	
Declan Banks	Mathematical Literacy
Diogo Barradas	
Phola Bavuma	Mathematics
Jonathan Benfield	Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Matthew Benning	Accounting, Afrikaans 1 st Additional Language, English Home Language, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Advanced Programme Mathematics
Jarryd Boden	Geography, Mathematics
Roberto Borrageiro	Mathematics
Jarred Breen	Afrikaans 1 st Additional Language
Michael-John Brewer	Information Technology, Mathematics
Gareth Bridges	Life Sciences, Mathematics
Cameron Broomfield	Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Itumeleng Carey	Mathematical Literacy
Nicholas Christie	Business Studies, Mathematical Literacy
Ryan Costa	
Luke Cryer	Afrikaans 1 st Additional Language, English Home Language, Geography, Life Orientation, Life Sciences
Connor Davies	Mathematics
Nicholas Davies	Accounting, Business Studies, Life Sciences, Mathematics
Michel de Laroche	Accounting, English Home Language, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Advanced Programme Mathematics
Alastair Dunn	Accounting, French 2 nd Additional Language, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Advanced Programme Mathematics
Benjamin Dunn	
Adrian Edwards	Mathematical Literacy
Dino Eleftheriadis	
Sihle Eyles	
Jason Farr	Mathematics
Alessio Ferreri	Life Orientation
Blake Forssman	
Brandon Gallichan	Accounting, Geography, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Advanced Programme Mathematics
Benjamin Gerson	
Luca Govetto	
Cameron Gray	
Themba Gumede	
James Hancock	
Brett Hardie	Mathematical Literacy
Rupert Hartmann	
James Hayward	
Simphiwe Hlatshwayo	isiZulu 1 st Additional Language, Mathematics
Wavela Hlubi	

Merrick Hughes	Accounting,Afrikaans I st Additional Language, English Home Language, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences,Advanced Programme Mathematics
Brynn Hunink	Geography
Matthew Jarvis	
Connor Jones	Geography, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Matthew Kalil	Accounting, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Riley Kamstra	Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Richard Kinsey	History
Mandla Koyabe	Mathematical Literacy
Callum Kuhn	Mathematical Literacy
Jared Land	
Robert Lavelle	Geography, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Daniel Lee	English Home Language, History, Information Technology, Mathematics,Advanced Programme English
Richard Lehane	Mathematical Literacy
Tomi Longwe	
Ziyaad Lundell	
Manqoba Lumphondo	
Lehlagare Maserumule	Mathematical Literacy
Siyabonga Mashiane	History, isiZulu I st Additional Language
Andrew Mason	Geography
Brady Matthews	Accounting,Afrikaans I st Additional Language, Geography, Mathematics
Alex McKay	Mathematical Literacy
David McMaster	Dramatic Arts, Geography
Kanyisa Mhlungu	Mathematics
Nicholas Minnie	Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Tshepang Mlambo	
Valentino Moavero	
Tumisang Moipolai	
Kyle Motani	Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Nkateko Mukhari	isiZulu I st Additional Language
Joshua Mvunga	Visual Arts
Kondwani Mwanza	
Niccolo Nahman	
Himeshan Naidoo	
Ross Nayler	Geography, Mathematics
Kutlwano Ndlovu	
Nkosinathi Ngcobo	Business Studies, isiZulu I st Additional Language
Thomas Gregory Nott	Dramatic Arts, History
Thomas O'Donoghue	Mathematics
Matteo Osato	
Garrick Pagel	Dramatic Arts, Mathematical Literacy
Jordan Parker	Accounting, Geography, Life Orientation
Max Parkin	Afrikaans I st Additional Language, Business Studies, English Home Language, Geography, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Vrajesh Patel	
Trent Patterson	

Brandon Pinto	Accounting, Afrikaans 1 st Additional Language, English Home Language, Geography, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Adam Potterton	English Home Language, History, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Damien Potts	
Girik-Ashok Rajwani	
Luke Rathbone	Accounting, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics
Samuel Rayner	
Luca Rossi	Geography, History
Kingsley Rowe	Mathematical Literacy
Michael Russell	Mathematics
Andrew Sampson	Business Studies, Geography
Kiernan Scott	English Home Language, Geography, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Michael Scott	
Tshegofatso Scott	
Daniel Scriven	
Matthew Slack	
Alexander Standfest	Mathematical Literacy
Cameron Stephenson	Afrikaans 1 st Additional Language, Geography, Life Orientation, Mathematics
March Strauss	English Home Language, Information Technology, Mathematics, Music, Physical Sciences
Molemo Theys	Life Orientation
Ryan Thomas	
Campbell Tiley	Geography, Mathematical Literacy
Luke Tollman	Afrikaans 1 st Additional Language, Geography, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences
Wesley Traill	Mathematical Literacy
Matthew Truscott	Geography
Richard Turner	Geography
Daniel Tyrer	
Daniel van Staden	
Thomas Walsh	Geography
Damien Wantenaar	Afrikaans 1 st Additional Language, Business Studies, Dramatic Arts, English Home Language, Geography, Life Orientation
Daniel Wong	
Braydon Wooley	Mathematics
Matthew Younger	Accounting, Mathematics
Jaime Zenha	Geography, History, Life Orientation, Mathematics, Physical Sciences



ST DAVID'S MARIST INANDA

THE MATRIC CLASS OF 2017

CONTINUES THE PROUD TRADITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE IEB EXAMINATIONS WITH A 100% PASS AND 97% BACHELOR DEGREE PASS



8 Distinctions
MERRICK HUGHES
 IEB COMMENDABLE ACHIEVER
 Top 1% of candidates:
 Mathematics, Physical Sciences



8 Distinctions
MATTHEW BENNING



7 Distinctions
MICHEL DE LAROCHE
 Top 1% of candidates:
 Mathematics



7 Distinctions
ALASTAIR DUNN



7 Distinctions
**JONATHAN MAXWELL
 PARKIN**



6 Distinctions
BRANDON PINTO



6 Distinctions
ADAM POTTERTON



6 Distinctions
KIERNAN SCOTT



6 Distinctions
LUKE TOLLMAN
 Top 1% of candidates:
 Life Orientation



6 Distinctions
DAMIEN WANTENAAR



5 Distinctions
LUKE CRYER



5 Distinctions
BRANDON GALLICHAN
 Top 1% of candidates:
 Mathematics



5 Distinctions
CONNOR JONES



5 Distinctions
DANIEL LEE
 Top 1% of candidates: English



5 Distinctions
MARCH STRAUSS



5 Distinctions
JAIME ZENHA
 Top 1% of candidates:
 Life Orientation



4 Distinctions
NICHOLAS DAVIES



4 Distinctions
BRADY MATTHEWS



4 Distinctions
NICHOLAS MINNIE



4 Distinctions
LUKE RATHBONE



4 Distinctions
**CAMERON
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A Marist, Catholic, Independent School for Boys of all Faiths, from Grade 00 to Grade 12.

WEEKLY BOARDING NOW OPEN

Prizes

For participation in Round 3 of the Maths Olympiad and therefore awarded the Steve Bailey Memorial Award, donated by the Bailey Family. This trophy is awarded each year to the best St David's participant in the National Foundation Mathematics Olympiad.	Thomas Clegg Abhay Haripaul
Malcolm Williams Trophy for English Creative Writing, Senior Section	Daniel Lee
Malcolm Williams Trophy for English Creative Writing, Junior Section	Kade Kalell
Certificate for Junior Best Speaker	Kade Kalell
Trophy for Senior Best Speaker	Jordan Parker
Certificate for First Place in the St David's Marist Inanda Best Speakers' Evening	Luke Rheeder
Certificate for Overall Excellence in Debating	Daniel Lee
Trophy for Excellence in Dramatics	Damien Wantenaar Garrick Pagel
Dry/Human Trophy for Excellence in Music	Joshua Mvunga
Certificate of Achievement for Advancing Excellence in Music and Drama at St David's	March Strauss
RJ Girdwood Shield for Cultural Involvement	David McMaster
Pooley Family Trophy for Chess	Daniel Harvey
Altar Server Certificates	Alistair Ross Thomas Taylor Alexander Sequeira Steven Procommenos Michael Todd Adrian Coutinho Daniel Sabbagh Adam Goetsch John-Kelly Okonkwo Sebastian Botha Kade Kalell

Sport awards

Golf Player of the Year	Adam Gamsy
Canoeist of the Year	Peter Tumiel
Deakin Trophy for Rock Climber of the Year	Alexander Bergesen
Orienteer of the Year	James Hancock
Basketball Player of the Year	Braydon Wooley
Fabio Valente Athletics Trophy: Athlete of the Year	Westley van der Spuy
Certificate: Most Improved Cross-country Runner	Cameron Gray
Cross-country Runner of the Year	Nkosinathi Ngcobo
Most Improved Tennis Player	Sebastian Buxman
Tennis Player of the Year	Niccolo Nahman
Sherratt Trophy for Junior Cricketer of the Year	Andrew Kruger
Steve Murray Trophy for Most Improved Cricketer	Matthew Benning
Brother Edwin Award for Cricketer of the Year	Jacob Miltz
Trophy for Most Improved Hockey Player	Euan Talbot
Hockey Player of the Year	Brynn Hunink
Estment Family Trophy for Junior Rugby Player of the Year	Liam Tonetti
Brewer/Finlayson Trophy for Most Improved Rugby Player	Blake Forssman
Michael Boic Trophy for Rugby Player of the Year	Brett Hardie
St David's Marist Old Boys' Trophy for Soccer Player of the Year	Nkosinathi Ngcobo
Kelly Trophy for Junior Swimmer of the Year	Kobe Ndebele
Andrew Castle Trophy for the Most Improved B Team Swimmer of the Year	Jason Farr
E Harper Trophy for Senior Most Improved Swimmer	Andrew Mason
Reeves Trophy for the Senior Swimmer of the Year	Alessio Ferreri
Skirving Trophy for Best Junior Water Polo Player	Liam Tonetti

Most Improved Water Polo Player	Jack Juds Justin Wood
Alex Halley-Wright Trophy for Sportsmanship in Water Polo Grade 12	Riley Kamstra
Clark Atwell Trophy for Water Polo Player of the Year	Jarryd Boden

Academic awards

Siyathokoza Zulu isiZulu Trophy	Nkosinathi Ngcobo
Funda Njalo Trophy (top achiever whose mother tongue is not isiZulu)	Gareth Bridges
Subject Prize for Mathematical Literacy	Wesley Trail
Watkins Family Trophy for Academic Endeavour in Accounting	Matthew Younger
Subject Prize for Drama	Damien Wantenaar
Dion Saks Trophy for Geography	Sebastián Buxman Kiernan Scott Luke Tollman
Trophy for Life Orientation	Luke Tollman
Matric 1991 Trophy for Business Studies	Max Parkin
Walter Cronje Trophy for Advanced Programme Mathematics	Brandon Gallichan
Seedat Family Trophy for Academic Endeavour in Mathematics	Richard Kinsey Max Parkin Euan Talbot
Germco Trophy for Art	Daniel Lee
Subject Prize for Advanced Programme English	Daniel Lee
Trudy Elliott Award for English Literature	Nkosinathi Ngcobo
This trophy is awarded in recognition of a pupil's personal and critical engagement with a diversity of literary texts that far exceed the curriculum.	March Strauss
Subject Prize for Music	March Strauss
Mayat Trophy for Information Technology	March Strauss
Matric 1991 Trophy for Life Sciences	Matthew Benning
Gian-Paolo Pera Accounting Trophy	Matthew Benning Merrick Hughes Riley Kamstra
Phillimore Trophy for English	Merrick Hughes
Thomas McFadden Trophy for History	Merrick Hughes
Buckley-Jones Trophy for Afrikaans	Merrick Hughes
Ryder Bowl for Mathematical Achievement	Merrick Hughes
Michael Science Trophy for Physical Science	Merrick Hughes

Top 10 In Grade 12

Tenth	Cameron Stephenson
Ninth	Brandon Gallichan Brandon Pinto Jaime Zenha
Eighth	Kiernan Scott
Seventh	Luke Tollman
Sixth	Damien Wantenaar
Fifth	Michel de Roche
Fourth	Alastair Dunn
Third: Naylor Family Trophy	Matthew Benning
Second: Lynn Stuart Memorial Trophy for Academic Achievement	Max Parkin
BR Hunt Trophy for Dux of the School	Merrick Hughes

Champagnat Medals

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

Jonathan Benfield	Matthew Benning	Jarred Breen
Gareth Bridges	Alastair Dunn	Sihle Eyles
Merrick Hughes	Brynn Hunink	Tomi Longwe
Nicholas Minnie	Kondwani Mwanza	Nkosinathi Ngcobo
Thomas Gregory Nott	Thomas O'Donoghue	Jordan Parker
Brandon Pinto	Luke Tollman	Braydon Wooley

Additional awards

President's Award – Gold	Thomas O'Donoghue
Awarded national colours in swimming (Presentation of blazer)	Alessio Ferreri

Special awards

Rotary Award for Service Above Self	Sihle Eyles
A Chemaly Trophy for Academic Endeavour	James Hayward
Desmond Schatz Trophy for Sportsman of the Year	Andrew Mason
Old Boys' Trophy for Leadership and Promotion of the Marist Spirit	Matthew Benning
Osmond Cup for Study, Sport and Leadership	Merrick Hughes



COLLEGE: ACADEMIC
SPEECH EVENING



GRADE 8 SUBJECT PRIZES

SUBJECT		NAME
Geography		Aidan Stuart
isiZulu		Nkoliseko Nyubuse
Life Orientation		Giuliano Maraschin
Music		Warwick Brown
Visual Arts		James Sheridan
Afrikaans		Lukas van der Merwe
Dramatic Arts		Lukas van der Merwe
EMS		Mohamed Zidan Cassim
English		Mohamed Zidan Cassim
History		Mohamed Zidan Cassim
Life Sciences		Mohamed Zidan Cassim
Mathematics		Mohamed Zidan Cassim
Physical Science		Mohamed Zidan Cassim
YTD positions 4-10	10	Nkoliseko Nyubuse
	9	Christopher Leisewitz
	8	Jordan Nunes
	7	Rohan Bhatt
	6	Giuliano Maraschin
	5	Daniel Ferriman
	4	Matthew Shahim
Third prize		Lukas van der Merwe
Second prize		Joshua Maroun
Br Edwin Cup for Dux of Grade 8		Mohamed Zidan Cassim



MOHAMED ZIDAN CASSIM

GRADE 9 SUBJECT PRIZES

SUBJECT	NAME
Afrikaans	Leeam van der Walt
Dramatic Arts	Rhys Hunink
English	Vasilli Mutzuris
isiZulu	Sibusiso Baloyi
Life Sciences	Jaydin Marais
Music	Abhay Haripaul, Mihali Avraamides, Mohammed Thokan
Visual Arts	Dantè Paravano
EMS	Nicholas Carr
Geography	Nicholas Carr
History	Nicholas Carr
Life Orientation	Nicholas Carr
Mathematics	Nicholas Carr



NICHOLAS CARR

GRADE 8-11 PRIZEGIVING

Physical Science		Nicholas Carr
Most improved 2016 to 2017		Nqubeko Mthabela
YTD positions 4-10	10	Rhys Hunink
	9	Deyan Munsamy
	8	Brendan Craven
	7	Leeam van der Walt
	6	Abhay Haripaul
	5	Jaydin Marais
	4	Declan Pegg
Third prize		Luke Lawson
Second prize		Vasilli Mutzuris
Davis Cup for Dux of Grade 9		Nicholas Carr

GRADE 10 SUBJECT PRIZES

SUBJECT		NAME
Accounting		Reilly Preece
Geography		Bradley Griffin
Music		Kyle Keegan
Mathematical Literacy		Cameron Green
Afrikaans		Gerhard Human
Dramatic Arts		Gerhard Human
Information Technology		Miguel Torres
Advanced Programme Mathematics		Miguel Torres
Mathematics		Miguel Torres
Business Studies		Ihsaan Cassim
Life Orientation		Ihsaan Cassim
Life Sciences		Ihsaan Cassim
Visual Arts		Ihsaan Cassim
English		Moago Maruatona
History		Moago Maruatona
isiZulu		Moago Maruatona
Physical Science		Moago Maruatona
Most improved 2016 to 2017		Daniel Khoury
YTD positions 4-10	10	Ricardo Antezana
	9	Marc Leicher
	8	Gerhard Human
	7	Christopher Stocken
	6	Reilly Preece
	5	Ihsaan Cassim
	4	Bradley Griffin
Third prize		Miguel Torres
Second prize		Luca Martini
O'Connor Cup for Dux of Grade 10		Moago Maruatona



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MOAGO MARUATONA

GRADE 11 SUBJECT PRIZES

SUBJECT	NAME
Geography	Thomas Clegg
Seed Trophy for Afrikaans	Murray Bester
Mathematical Literacy	Andrew Cambitzis Ernstzen
History	Ethan Simpson
Dramatic Arts	Keenan Heinzelmann
Business Studies	Luca de Felice
Music	Kamil Batohi
Advanced Programme English	Kamil Batohi
Life Sciences	Mohamed Fayaaz Cassim
Visual Arts	Mohamed Fayaaz Cassim
Accounting	Max Matheussen
Mathematics	Max Matheussen
English	Luke Rheeder
isiZulu	Luke Rheeder
Advanced Programme Mathematics	Gianluca Rizzo
Information Technology	Gianluca Rizzo
Life Orientation	Gianluca Rizzo
Keith Schafer Trophy for Science	Gianluca Rizzo
Most improved 2016 to 2017	Bhavik Moodley
YTD positions 4-10	10 Justin Duarte
	9 Murray Bester
	8 Luke Rheeder
	7 Ritvik Sojen
	6 Luca de Felice
	5 Max Matheussen
	4 Ethan Simpson
Third prize	Thomas Clegg
Second prize	Mohamed Fayaaz Cassim
O'Connor Cup for Dux of Grade 11	Gianluca Rizzo



LUCA DE FELICE & KEENAN HEINZELMANN



GIANLUCA RIZZO

WAFELS BY DIE SEE

MERRICK HUGHES, GRAAD 12

Dan sien ek dit. Reg voor op die strand met die blou, sagte see daaragter. Ek hoor hoe die wollerige branders teen die goudbruin sand bots. Die souterige reuk oorweldig my sensitiewe neus. Die sand voel grof tussen my tone. Ek loop daarnatoe – die klein gebou word al groter soos ek naderstaan. Ek is hier. Die wêreldberoemde Port Edward Wafelhuis.

Die oomblik wat ek deur die bruin deure loop, weet ek dis die regte plek. Die lug in die restaurant is dik, dit is asof ek deur warm water moet loop. My gesig voel die hitte. Die reuk van vars wafels en ander stroopsoet kos oorheers die kamer. My maag grom asof dit 'n wolf is wat vir weke nie geëet het nie. Ek soek 'n stoel by die eerste tafel wat voor my oë is – ek sal nie tyd mors nie!

Die spyskaart lyk soos iets wat jy in die hemel vind. Die keuse is ongelooflik: ek kan nie tussen “Hot Fudge” en “Death by Chocolate” besluit nie. Nadat ek vir vyf minute lank die keuses lees en hulle versigtig bestudeer, maak ek my besluit. 'n Gewone, tradisionele wafel met stroop en heuning.

My genot kom uiteindelik op 'n spierwit bord aan. Stoom styg stadig van die oppervlak van my bord af. My oë word so groot soos pierings. Ek voel hoe speeksel in my mond vir die kos voorberei. Die vuurwarm lug oor die wafel vloei deur my neusgate en maak seker dat my maag wakker is. Hierdie gaan 'n ware eetervaring wees.

Wanneer ek my eerste hap neem, ontplof die geure in my mond. Dit is krakerig, maar sag binne. Ek kan so maklik die stroop en suiker proe as dit op my tong dans. Ek sluk en voel hoe die goudbruin-wafel deur my keel gly. Hoe vinniger ek eet, hoe beter proe dit. Ek eet die hele goudbruin, krakerige, geurige wafel in net twee minute.

Ek eet die laaste hap met baie lang tande. Alhoewel dit die beste twee minute van my lewe is, aan die einde voel ek asof ek 'n rugbybal ingesluk het. Ek leer my les: eet stadig sodat jy nie jou middagete weer sien nie!

'N LAASTE DAG

LUKE TOLLMAN, GRAAD 12

Twaalf jaar lank, 'n leeftyd van goeie herinneringe en eindelose vriendskappe. Dit is wat dit moeilik maak om skool te verlaat. St David's het my ontwikkel tot die man wat ek vandag is. Die lesse en ervarings is oneindigend. Ek sal vir ewig en altyd daar wees om op my broer se geroep te antwoord.

Dit is 3 September 2017 en ek sit in ons skoolsaal. Die ou houtverhoog kraak as mnr. Thiel na die podium begin loop. Die kinders skuifel in hulle stoele, die wrywing eggo

in ewigheid as die toespraak uitrol. Mense begin om diep asem te haal en ons sien hoe die stywe baadjies vasdruk. Die prinsipaal se woorde eggo terwyl die koue briesie help om die seuns wakker te hou. Mnr. Thiel sê: “Julle tyd hier is nou klaar en dit is nou tyd vir julle om te sien wat die toekoms vir julle inhou.”

Ek kyk links en sien die verdrinkende gesigte wat vol van verdriet is. Mense snuif, want hulle sukkel om die emosie te beheer. Ek voel die sweet tussen my vingers opbou. Wanneer mense in hulle stoele begin rondgly, raas die stoele soos die opgewonde kinders wat ons was toe ons vir die eerste keer by die skool gearriveer het. 'n Magdom stemme wat vir net 'n bietjie meer tyd uitroep.

Die kok stap verby die skoolsaal en ons ruik onmiddellik die souterige reuk van die beroemde St David's slaptjips. Die lug is gespanne terwyl ons die munte uittel. Die munte klingel wanneer die mense se mae begin draai. Ons staan vir die laaste keer op.

Die temperatuur het gestyg; voorheen het ons baadjies lig gevoel, maar nou voel hulle loodswaar. Die gestrepte materiaal hou aan die swaar harte van die matrieks vas. Ons haak in en ek hoor die inspireerende woorde van *Come the Day* vir die laaste keer. Twaalf jaar se emosie bars uit soos die hele groep manne begin sing.

Die gesnik van party word gelyktydig gehoor. Ek kyk links van my en sien die hoop in my broer se oë. Ek laat 'n diep, harde asem uit en weet dat ons toekoms vir ewig en altyd hoop sal hê, so lank as wat ons saam bly staan.

DIE BUITELEWE

MAX PARKIN, GRAAD 12

Ek staan namiddag op die spits van die berg en sit my sak teen 'n rots. Dit is warm en stil. Ek is verhef bokant die wêreld.

Die uitsig is buitengewoon. 'n Kristalhelder rivier vloei tussen twee berge in die agtergrond. Die voëls se getjirp is swak in die stil lug. 'n Klein bootjie bons ritmies op die kus en die seil word vinnig deur die wind gewaai. Wit en geel lelies staan in 'n bos in die voorgrond en 'n klein dassie klim op 'n groot rots. Daar is 'n trop beeste wat op sappige gras wei en twee perde wat op 'n vlakke galop. Alles is in harmonie.

'n Tros grasgroen bome omhels 'n dam aan die einde van die laagte. Kranse staan met 'n ontploffing van rooi en bruin rotse in die lug. 'n Arend gly in 'n windvlaag en sy silhoeët staan teen die golwende koppies. Die wolklose lug is 'n diep, elegante blou en die kranse se rotse is 'n kronkelende kontoer daarteen.

In die afstand is die berge 'n wasigheid van blou en pers, en die skril geluid van die Kersfeesbesies breek die stilte.

'n Boothuis staan soos 'n eensame brandwag in 'n klein baaitjie. 'n Klein dorpie is bedek in 'n wasigheid en hitte bons van die dakke af. Dit is 'n ander wêreld. Die toneel is asembenemend. Dit is pragtig en tydloos. Die wêreld se moeilikhede smelt weg.

HIER KUIER, SPEEL, LEEF EN LAG ONS

LUKE CRYER, GRAAD 12

Die trillende lig skyn en dans op die plafon. Die lig is so helder en kontrasteer met die donker, weggesteekte kamer. My oë voel soos brandende kole. Droog en seer. Maar dit is die beste nag van my lewe.

Hierdie plek is 'n oase vir gespanne tieners in Johannesburg. 'n Plek om hulself te wees.

Die grond vibreer. Die musiek beweeg elke baksteen in die gebou. Die trillings gaan deur my voete en klop in my hart. Ek voel die natgeswete liggame wat soos glibberige visse om my rondans. Ek verdrink in hierdie see van mense. Maar dit is die beste nag van my lewe.

Die reuk van sigarette hang swaar in die lug. Ek stik as ek die giftige rook sluk. Die rook vul my longe en ek kan nie uitasem nie. In die hierdie plek is al wat 'n mens kan sien, groot wit wolke.

My voete is taai en plak aan die vloer vas. Elke beweging is moeilik.

My bene is pap. Al my ledemate voel kilometers weg, asof ek nie my eie liggaam kan kontroleer nie.

Daar is 'n walglike smaak in my mond. Die alkohol in my maag slaan terug en my asem voel soos vuur wat my keel verbrand.

Vir 'n oomblik is hierdie plek nie so geheimsinnig nie. Die lig skyn en die donker is weg. Dis 'n ou, pikswart kamer. Die verf begin afskilfer en die elektriese drade seil soos slange teen die muur.

Ek besef hierdie plek is nie 'n oase nie. Dis nie 'n plek vir my nie. Dit is nie die beste nag nie. Dis 'n plek sonder menswees.

MÝ LAASTE, MAAR NIE DIÉ LAASTE NIE

BRANDON PINTO, GRAAD 12

My laaste krieketwedstryd was 'n emosionele een. Ek sal nooit vergeet hoe dit gevoel het nie. My laaste veertigboulbeurt-wedstryd met my vreemde, beminde span.

Die hemel was vol liggrys en donserige wolke, en die lug was muf en vogtig. Ek was so onbelangrik. Daar op die veld, 'n klein kolletjie in die geskiedenis van my skool. Ek was nie die laaste nie, maar dit was my laaste wedstryd. Ek het daar gestaan met 'n druppel sweet op 'n lok van my hare. Die geboue van Sandton het bo die bome soos ontsaglike reuse gestaan: my gehoor; my beoordelaars. My hemp het na graspolle van die vorige, opwindende beurte geruik. Dit was die agtiende boulbeurt en ek het na die helder tellingbord gekyk. Die glansende bouler staan voor my met die bloedrooi kleur van die bal aan sy broek en die seepgladde bal in die hand. Ek was doodstil. My skoene het in die sagte grond vasgesit. Ek en die ander kolwer het na mekaar gestaar. Dit was net ek en hy, ons laaste hoofstuk van die vyfjaarboek.

Hy het die bal losgelaat en ek het 'n blitsvinnige, maar reusagtige stap geneem. Met my oë toegemaak, het ek na die bal geswaai. Kwah! Ses lopies! Die dreun van my span het rondom die veld weerklink. Ek kon nie vir meer van my eindwedstryd of my span vra nie.

Dalk was ek 'n bietjie emosioneel, maar toe ek 'n sekonde geneem het, was ek dankbaar.

GOUE OOMBLIKKE

JORDAN PARKER, GRAAD 12

In jou lewe moet jy vir die goue oomblikke leef. Wanneer ek morbied of hartseer voel en die dag word sleg, onthou ek hierdie goue oomblikke in my lewe.

“Ongelukkig ...” My hart sink. Ek kan dit nie glo nie. “Jy het jou bestuurderstoets geslaag,” sê die moeë instrukteur. My hart is opgewek! Nie alleen het ek my lisensie geslaag nie, maar ook het ek my vryheid gekry. Die hele wêreld is nou vol kleur, die instrukteur se donkergroen hemp en goudgeel tande lyk skielik pragtig. Ek kan my breë glimlag in die man se seepgladde bleskop sien.

Die reuk van boereworsrolle vul die lug. Die St David's Marist Inanda-seuns skreeu: “Hoera!” Die hele wêreld kan dit hoor. Ek skop die bal uit. Ons hoor die lied van die skeidsregter se fluitjie. My hele rugbyspan spring en huil van die vreugde. Die telbord lees 12-24. Ons het teen St Stithians – die beste span in Johannesburg – gewen!

Die deur gaan oop. Sy staan daar in 'n middernagblou rok. Die rok skyn soos die sterre. Sy is die pragtigste meisie wat ek in my lewe gesien het. Sy ruik na rose, maar ek dink dit is net haar binneste wat aan die buitekant reflekteer. Mense praat, maar hulle stemme is soos klanke in die verte. Ek sal die beste afspraak ná die matriekdans hê. Ek is die gelukkigste man in die heelaal.

Hierdie goue oomblikke is hoekom ek wakker word wanneer ek sleg voel. Ek word ook wakker omdat ek opgewonde is om nuwe goue oomblikke te skep.



Jack Juds, Gr 9



Daniel Lee, Gr 12



Yu-Shane Liou, Gr 11



Jack Juds, Gr 9



Shingayi Hardy, Gr 11



Aidan Jordan, Gr 11

A SYRIAN DAY KADE KALELL, GRADE 9

While walking back to their windowless, clay room, the sun-painted children of the superpowers' playground are reminded of the fear they face ... when they hear the whine of a winged beast. The handler of death selects a single button that will cause the demise of many. The release of a barrel-shaped container falls upon the returning children of Aleppo. They first feel the wave of heat, as hot as the sun itself. The innocent children feel the swell of yellow, feeling like skin and lungs alike are too painful to bear. And they feel their life leave through their now inflamed passage of air while trying to call for their mustard-filled mothers. And the mothers know that they should have made the treacherous journey across the blue because they know that now their death will be caused by the touch of a button on an ordinary day.

SOME REAL THINGS HAVE HAPPENED LATELY MATTHEW TRUSCOTT, GRADE 12

Logan was looking at a man he didn't recognise. The stranger's face was dirty. It was covered in a thin layer of black grime that blended with the freckles sprawled across his cheeks. His hair was dark, cut short in an attempt to try and hide his rapidly receding hairline. Lines meandered across this man's face, like the creases in a dollar bill. A long gash arched across the right side of his forehead, from which blood had streaked downward past his eye and stopped on his jawline, where it had turned a dark shade of brown against his olive skin. The newcomer was clean-shaven, although the grit gathered in the pores of his face gave the impression of someone with much more impressive facial hair. On his sharp, angular nose perched a pair of thick, framed glasses, with a crack in one of the heavy lenses. His golden brown eyes were unhindered by the structural flaw in the already smudged glass through which they observed the passing world. Logan glanced down at the breast pocket of the man's denim overalls and saw a lopsided red nametag. "Hello, my name is LOGAN."

With a start, Logan realised that he was looking at the liquid surface of a two-way mirror in a police interrogation room. The walls of the room were bare concrete, with no windows to speak of other than the one Logan suspected was behind the mirror. A metal door was the only entrance to the room. The room was starkly lit, with harsh white light radiating from a pair of tubular fluorescent lights hanging from the ceiling. One of the bulbs was buzzing and flickering erratically, casting pale shadows on the stainless steel table and chair at which Logan was seated. His hands were cuffed to the surface in front of him. The room smelled of sweat and

iron, although Logan was sure that that the latter was coming from the blood caked on the side of his face. He could hear the muffled sound of conversation outside seeping under the door. It opened suddenly.

The roar coming through the doorway was almost deafening. Telephones screeching. People shouting. The tactile click of keys on a typewriter, like the cracks of a hundred tiny whips. The drone of heavy traffic. The loud scuffle of many shoes on polished floors. Then silence as the door slammed shut. Logan took a moment to realise that during the few jarring seconds the door was open, a man had entered. Tall and narrow-shouldered, his back turned, his face obscured by the high collar of his flowing trenchcoat and the dark shadow cast by his wide-brimmed Stetson hat. He turned to reveal his slender face, and began to organise his files on the table in front of him in a single fluid movement. His skin was pockmarked. His piercing eyes seemed to condemn Logan in a single look. An impossibly thin moustache graced his top lip and it quivered excitedly as he began to speak. "Good afternoon, my name's tehtective Bahns," he said. The thick New York accent took Logan a moment to decipher, and in realising that the man's name was Detective Barnes, Logan shuddered. Memories of the previous night came bursting back to him in flashes. The glint of a blade. The shank of knife edge entering flesh. Blood pooling at his feet.

"Sir, can you please describe the events that transpired last night that led directly to the murder of your wife?" Logan's vision blurred, the detective became a hazy outline of his former self. Logan snarled, "Some real things have happened lately."

INSPIRED BY ZOO CITY, BY LAUREN BEUKES SIMBAINASHE KANYANGARARA, GRADE 11

Zinzi December: 5'6. Sloth shavi, ex-journalist and current Zoo City inhabitant. Works with finding lost things. Ex is Giovanni. Killed her brother. Ex-druggie. Lives with boyfriend: a part-time security guard called Benoit with a mongoose shavi. Family lost. Location recently discovered, found alive.

As you can tell, I've been keeping tabs on Ms December.

Ms December made the mistake of sending a false advertisement to the wrong inbox. I'm here as a result of that. The Universe family hired me to collect what's been stolen from them.

I've been stalking Zinzi for the past year. Wolf allows me to go undetected. It's like an intense version of being a wallflower. He's been with me since I turned 10, and

we've grown close to each other. He enjoys the hunt just as much as I do. Especially once we complete a job, and I leave him the lifeless corpse. The undertow truly blessed me with a compatible subordinate.

I gather as much information as I can on my hunt. I like to truly understand my prey before I hound them. Every morning I wait for Zinzi to leave her shabby cardboard box. In fact, we've passed each other on many occasions on the bottom floor of her building. She's just never noticed my presence. Her sloth may have warned her about me but she's too stubborn to listen.

The Universe family said time is no issue. In the untimely event Ms December does not have the 500 000, she will have to owe my clients. Well, all I can say is that her fate depends on the hunger of Wolf and the methods I decide to use that day. I haven't made my move yet, as I've been quite enjoying the Ms December show.

From her run-in with the druggies in the sewers to her "break-up" with Benoit and that tasteless magazine posted by her wicked ex, I've seen it all. The latest episode was particularly juicy and that run-in she had with another one of her creditors was even more interesting. My excitement almost made me lose control of my shavi. It has been a fascinating case, as Zinzi's movements are inconsistent and unpredictable. This difficulty merely inspires me and makes me yearn for the day I slice apart her jugular.

I could have kidnapped her in that moment of confusion with "Vuyo" and the police searching for her, but I decided to sit back and watch it play out. There is no fun or honour found in an easy hunt. Sacrificing the stimulation I get from my prey for a quick buck is not worth it. The hunt is what I lust after, not the millions of rands stored under my den. The thrill of stalking my prey, memorising their every movement, every facet of their life, is what motivates me. And the sweetest part comes once I corner them. Left helpless and godless, some really believe they can survive, but none have escaped the cold flames of The Phantom of Night. Astral Flare.

SINCE IT'S SUNDAY AND IT'S STOPPED RAINING

DANIEL LEE, GRADE 12

Since it's Sunday and it's stopped raining, I think I'll take a bouquet of roses to my grave. Plot number 32174, to be exact. I'll pick them up on the way back from the morgue, careful to stay in the shadows, away from the sunlight, so that my temperature stays low. When I pick each individual rose, I'll be careful not to prick my fingers on their barbs – not for fear of bleeding over the otherwise unblemished flowers, but for fear of not bleeding at all. There would be no crimson blood spilling over the bright

greens and browns of the stem, bleeding into the petals, staining them black after having time to dry. Instead, the thorn would simply lodge itself in my finger – an index, most likely – and then dislodge, leaving a small crevice, never to heal. My spongy, cold flesh would simply stay that way, unchanging, un-living.

I should bring a ribbon – red, crimson – to tie the bouquet together. I'll tie it around my wrist in the meantime, extra-tight so that my skin bulges around its edges. I don't have circulation to worry about, so really it's up to however I feel. I do this often – it reminds me of my childhood, when I would constrict the flow of blood to limbs, and slowly watch as my complexion went from my own to my mother's, father's, grandmother's and finally, to my grandfather-who-died-three-years-ago's. I stifle a grim laugh. I keep walking.

As I walk from the morgue to the graveyard, roses in hand – ribbon masterfully binding them into a neat, tight arrangement, crimson ends trailing behind – careful not to prick my index finger, avoiding the sun darting between trees and storefronts, I'll make sure to avoid any children I see. They'll know I'm an impostor, a corpse in the land of the living. The adults have already been conditioned to the "real world"; they walk with their heads down, looking at their phones or the floor, or at nothing in particular – anything but someone else. Besides, even if they looked at me, at my cold, pale skin, my sunken eyes and stiff joints and thinning-to-non-existent hair, they'd only see themselves, conditioned to think that living is death and death is living and there's nothing at all in between. The children – they notice. They can see the difference between a man in pain and a man who can't feel pain any more. Avoiding them is probably irrational. They never do anything but look at me, but their eyes pierce me, riddling me with non-bleeding, non-healing wounds – shining light on my cold, dark body. So, I'll stick to the shadows, I'll avoid the children, and I'll walk to my grave – now that the rain is gone.

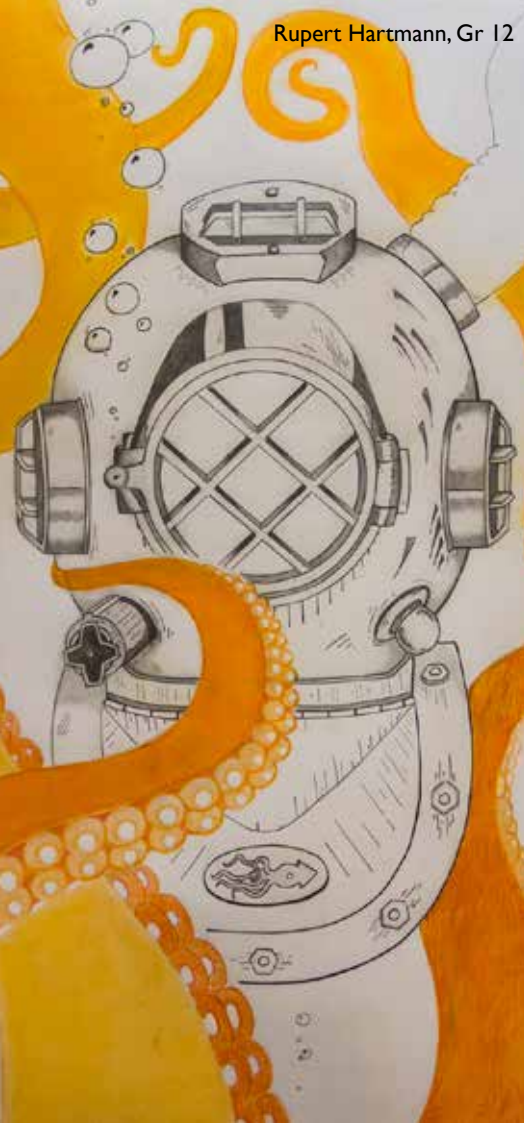
The soil is wet from the rain. I imagine it's cold, too. The sun hides behind the clouds. The dead hide in their graves. I drop the roses by my grave – they fall on the fresh, restless soil; vivid greens and reds against dirty, dark browns. Fog floats from my mouth into the cold autumn air, crisp from the fresh rain. They fall at an angle; one has come out from the ribbon, lying slightly to the side. Suddenly, a drop of crimson amongst the dirt – liquid. My index finger is sore – blood streams down it. I grab my finger, to slow the bleeding, put it in my mouth, taste the blood. I turn to leave, to head back home. Behind me, my family arrives at the grave, come to mourn their darling daughter, gone too soon from the world. Why she took her own life, they refuse to understand. Sometimes I wonder if they think about the man who leaves flowers on her grave. Surely they have questions. The answers to which I'm unsure they want.

When I get home, I hover outside the front door, the key in the lock, turned just a fraction – in limbo between locked and unlocked. The metal of the key is cold in my fingers. Warm, orange light spills out of the windows, the gaps between the wall and the door – in stark contrast to the wintry, cool tones flooding the sky. Turning the key the whole way seems to take an age; my movements feel more stiff and laborious with every passing second. After some time, I open the door and the soft orange lights, suddenly harsh and violent, assault my eyes and stain my skin.

Upstairs. I walk over a broken mirror as if it were sand, unfeeling, uncaring. I subconsciously trace the scars on my knuckles. From the corner of my eye, I see movement. Instinctively, I look down, cursing myself as I do so, knowing I won't like what I see. Amongst the dark crimson bloodstains, I see it. In the smallest of mirror shards, the face. The face of someone I've never known, despite the twenty-something years I've spent with it. The face of the girl my family mourns, staring back at me, wild-eyed and fearful. The face of that which I am not.



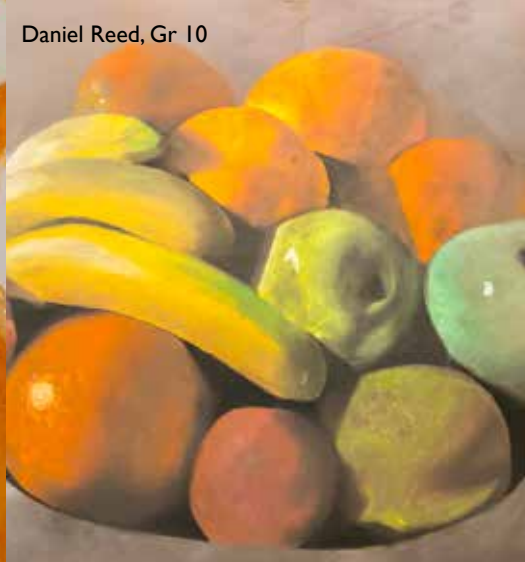
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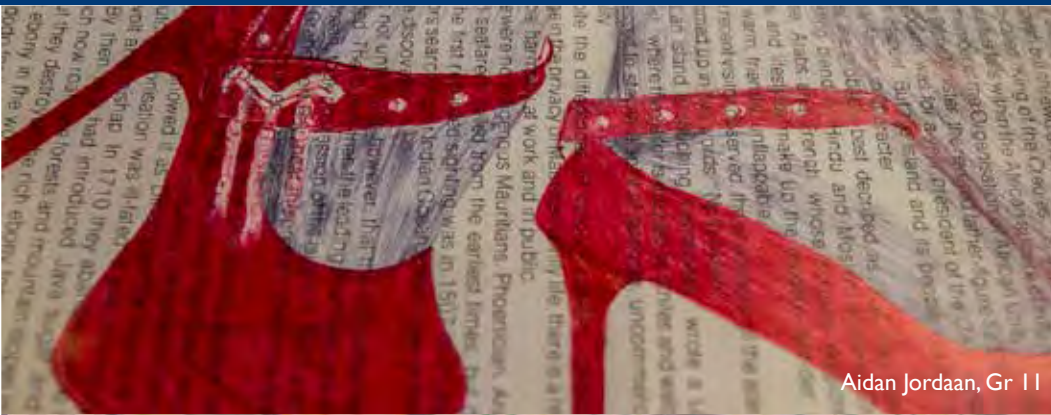
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Daniel Reed, Gr 10



Themba Biyela, Gr 11



Aidan Jordan, Gr 11



Twayyib Turpin, Gr 8



Jonathan van Reenen, Gr 8



Daniel Wong, Gr 12



Reyhan Ismail, Gr 11



Jared Land, Gr 12



Daniel Sabbagh, Gr 9

CULTURAL



MUSIC AWARDS

MIC

- Mr C Luke

CAPTAIN

- Band captain: Alastair Dunn
- Choir captain: Joshua Mvunga

TEAM AWARD

- Brandon Baloyi
- Phola Bavuma
- Jonathan Benfield
- Alexander Bergesen
- Roberto Borrageiro
- Justin du Toit
- Kyle Ford
- Adam Goetsch
- Matthew Kalil
- Tomi Longwe
- Joshua Lopez
- Ziyaad Lundell
- Max Matheussen
- Joshua McLean
- Kanyisa Mhlungu
- Nkateko Mukhari
- Kondwani Mwanza
- Kutlwano Ndlovu

- Nkosinathi Ngcobo
- Luca Rossi
- Kamil Saloojee
- Tshagofatso Scott
- Daniel Scriven
- Christopher Skinner

HALF-COLOURS

- Thomas Clegg
- Luca de Felice
- Luca Govetto
- James Hancock
- Yu-Shane Liou
- David McMaster
- Kiernan Scott
- Christopher van Vuren

FULL COLOURS

- Kamil Batohi
- Ryan Davies
- Alastair Dunn
- Keenan Heinzelmann
- Simphiwe Hlatshwayo
- Tshelang Mlambo
- Joshua Mvunga
- Nkosinathi Ngcobo
- Luke Rheeder
- March Strauss
- Matthew Wood



COLLEGE AND CHAMBER CHOIRS

The St David's choirs had an active year, which included a variety of entertaining fixtures and exciting repertoire.

Performance pieces by the choirs incorporated a wide range of repertoire: from classical favourites such as Karl Jenkins' *Adiemus* to the very contemporary hip-hop piece *Yorktown World Turned Upside Down*, by Lin-Manuel Miranda. One of the highlights in this regard was the arrangement of the well-known *He Lives in Me* from *The Lion King* by one of our old boys, Ciaran de Chaud.

The combined events with Roedean School and Kingsmead College attracted packed houses, while the annual Valentine's Mini-Tour (this year to St Teresa's, Kingsmead, St Mary's Waverley and Brescia House) secured wonderfully over-the-top responses that sent our boys' hearts soaring. There were also memorable performances at the biannual Supper Show, the UPYC Choir Festival, Nite Fever and our very own CHOIR IS ALIVE Choir Festival, at the Linder Auditorium.

THE 2017 CHOIR LEADERSHIP

- Joshua Mvunga – choir leader
- Tshepang Mlambo – deputy
- Nkosinathi Ngcobo – deputy

Mr J Ferreira

Director of Cultural Affairs

INTER-HOUSE MUSIC

Inter-house music was its usual boisterous assault on the senses! The solo item was up first, a reminder of the incredible talent that prevails here at St David's: Matthew Wood on guitar, Joshua Mvunga on vocals, Sebastian Truda on guitar and, last but not least, Mirza Hassan sliding across the stage without pants in a version of *Old Time Rock 'n Roll*, reminiscent of Tom Cruise's mimicry in the film *Risky Business*. This year there was a new category: a five-minute DJ performance, where Richard Kinsey from College stole the show. Other highlights included the a cappella group put together by Andrew Abernethy and Musa Mangena for Benedict, which showcased some superb voices in a rendition of Adele's *When We were Young*. An entertaining night all round that saw Benedict win, with The Bishops in second place, followed by College and then Osmond.

MASS BAND

The idea behind the Mass band is to create a contemporary sound in Mass, as well as encourage the pupils to sing. The organ is still used in Mass at least once

a month, but this year the band extended its duties to three Thursday Masses a month. It continued to serve combined Masses as well, and many of the boys helped out at family Mass once a month. Mass band teaches the pupils to assimilate melodies and chord progressions of familiar material quickly and under pressure, with little or no practice. Three superb singers lead the band: Egan King, Matthew Fitzgerald and Andrew Abernethy. Mr M Smith, a superb guitarist and head of the Art department, frequently joins the Mass band.

SAXOPHONE QUARTET

In 2014 a small ensemble was created to play the soundtrack of the annual production, *Macbeth*. This ensemble continues to exist as the saxophone quartet. The members of the quartet in 2017 were Kamil Batohi, Luke Rheeder, Matthew Fitzgerald and me. The three pupils are superb saxophonists, and the showpiece for this year was a five-minute *Star Wars* medley. While many of the performances this year were flawless, this was the most challenging piece the quartet had handled. Two of its performances were accompanied by a *Star Wars* video clip for effect. The medley was thoroughly enjoyed by the quartet's audiences.

ST DAVID'S BAND

The St David's band, once again, exceeded all expectations. The band consists of 19 talented members, and many members play two instruments as well as front the band as vocalists from time to time. The band's major achievement this year was the biannual Supper Show, *Feeling Good*. An enormous amount of repertoire was learnt in only one term, and performed at an exceptionally high level. Special mention goes to Joshua Mvunga, a guest vocalist whose natural talent lifted the band's showpiece, *Feeling Good*, to new heights. Repertoire also included: *Nobody But Me*, *Canal Street Blues*, a *Star Wars* medley, *Love Yourself*, *Chasing Cars*, *Smoke on the Water* and *Don't Stop Believing*. Some highlights of the year were performing at Saheti School, St Teresa's Mothers' and Daughters' Lunch, and a combined concert with Kingsmead. Overall band leader in 2017 was Alastair Dunn, head of brass was Tshepang Mlambo and head of the rhythm section, Luke Rheeder.

SUPPER SHOW

The Supper Show is a St David's biannual musical show that mainly showcases the musical life of the College. However, it also features performances by the Junior and Senior Preparatory School choirs and soloists. It is also MCed by College pupils who have a flair for drama. This year it was titled *Feeling Good* and went out to make its audiences feel just that! The St David's band drove the

show with hard-hitting rock and funk numbers that were peppered with hard-driving guitar and brass solos. Special mention should be given to guitarists Matthew Wood and Sebastian Truda, who pulled out all the stops. Vocalists included Joshua Mvunga, Matthew Fitzgerald, Egan King and Andrew Abernethy. MCs and drama acts were driven by Keenan Heinzelmann, Luke Rheeder, Damien Wantenaar, Connor Hudson and Enrico Nordmann. Ben Fourie and Daniel Dyer, two young Prep School piano soloists, bravely took to the stage and wowed our audience. The show was complete with College choir, chamber choir and marimba performances. The show was directed and co-ordinated by me. Special mention goes to Marina Appelbaum, for co-ordinating aspects of the show, which doubled its profit in 2017.

COLLEGE MARIMBA BANDS

There are two marimba bands in the College space: The Junior band, which consists of Grades 8 and 9 boys, and the Senior band, which consists of Grades 10 to 12

pupils. These two marimba teams drew their inspiration from a varied but successful mix of songs. Marimba performances have been dynamic and animated as usual. The bands added their enthusiasm to assemblies and to many events, where they played much-needed background or welcome music for guests. A highlight of the year was performing at the International Marimba and Steelpan Festival, at St Dominic's in Boksburg. MIC of Marimbas in the College space is Mr C de Chaud, who has had an exceptional impact on the pupils. He has inspired the pupils to collectively write their own compositions, an ambitious but successful endeavour: the marimba teams wrote compositions that surprisingly changed genre and time-signature midstream, but were still highly enjoyable for audiences to listen to. The marimba bands played many functions this year, among them an open day for the Randpark Golf Club, the French-themed Donor Dinner and an open workshop on Open Day.

Mr C Luke
 Head of Music





CHAMBER CHOIR

Back row: Thomas Clegg, David McMaster, Christopher van Vuren, Kyle Keegan, Simphiwe Hlatshwayo
 2nd row: Yu-Shane Liou, Luca de Felice, Zipho Xundu, Michael Todd, Thomas Goddard, Ryan Davies, Matthew Fitzgerald, Egan King, Andrew Abernethy
 Front row: Musa Mangena, Nzuzoyetfu Magagula, Adam Speed-Andrews, Mrs C Erasmus, Joshua Mvunga, Mr J Ferreira, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Reilly Preece, Joshua Lopez



CHOIR

Back row: Simphiwe Hlatshwayo, Luca Rossi, Kamil Saloojee, Max Matheussen, Adam Goetsch, Thomas Goddard, Zipho Xundu, Matthew Rundle, Sebastian Botha, Unathi Shongwe, Keenan Heinzelmann, Christopher van Vuren, James Hancock, Christopher Skinner, Manqoba Bungane, Luke Lawson, Omolemo Nkabinde, Ryan Davies, Thomas Clegg, Stehan Fourie, Justin du Toit, Munza Kamukwamba
 4th row: Nicholas Curry, Kyle Keegan, Christopher Leisewitz, Matthew Hammon, Oratile Lekota, Leeam van der Walt, Josepha Sizani, Luca de Felice, Andrew Abernethy, Abhay Haripaul, Diyashan Moodliar, Gerhard Human, Musa Mangena, Matthew Fitzgerald, Yu-Shane Liou, Owethu Mthombeni, Sibusiso Baloyi, Descent Ngqola, Michael Todd, Jason Raman, Sanele Parirenyatwa, Ricardo Antezana
 3rd row: David McMaster, Alexander Sequeira, Joshua Dacre, Saigan Moodley, William Fyffe, Alexander Stewart-Selvan, Alupheli Mqaqa, Bokang Seaka, Nzuzoyetfu Magagula, Paolo Antezana, Misho Mangena, Joseph Camara, Neil Heyneke, Massimo Araujo, Sihle Jwara, Josh Jacobs, Pablo Viudez, Luke Custers, March Strauss, Egan King
 2nd row: Jordan Cloete, Steven Procommenos, Bradley Becker, Joshua Maroun, Martin Nkosi, Keegan Willson, Caleb Grimett, Adam Speed-Andrews, Reilly Preece, Amiel Srikrishan, Mohammed Thokan, Alexander Michael, Kamva Tyamazshe, Luca Boscia, Andrew Kruger, Craig Padayachee, Joshua Lopez, Kyle Ford, Jordan Nunes
 Front row: Ethan Goetsch, Leruo Molise, Nkoliseko Nyubuse, Matthew Grealy, Matteo Nordmann, Declan Pegg, Tshepang Mlambo, Ms J Burne, Joshua Mvunga, Mr J Ferreira, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Gregory Shave, Connor Greyling, Lukas van der Merwe, Keshav Haripaul, Neo Phihlela, Nicholas Allemann, Tiago Moreira, Micah Pirikisi



MASS BAND

Back row: Tshepang Mlambo, Alexander Sequeira, Alastair Dunn, Stehan Fourie, Sebastiano Truda, Nicholas Poole, Marc Leicher
Front row: Andrew Abernethy, Egan King, Matthew Fitzgerald, Mr C Luke, Kamil Batohi, Mr M Smith, Luke Rheeder, Matthew Wood, Keenan Heinzelmann



JAZZ BAND

Back row: Alexander Sequeira, Egan King, Matthew Fitzgerald, Stehan Fourie, Sebastiano Truda, Nicholas Poole, Matthew Wood, Marc Leicher
Front row: Kamil Batohi, Luca Govetto, Simphiwe Hlatshwayo, Tshepang Mlambo, Mr C Luke, Alastair Dunn, Mr C de Chaud, Luke Rheeder, Alexander Bergesen, Christopher Leisewitz, Keenan Heinzelmann



MARIMBA – SENIORS

Back row: Bryce Till, Keenan Heinzelmann, Cameron Rebelo

2nd row: Kondwani Mwanza, Matthew Fitzgerald, Joshua McLean, David McMaster, Brandon Baloyi, Kyle Keegan, Nicholas Curry, Roberto Borrageiro, Ryan Davies

Front row: Egan King, Alexander Sequeira, Adam Speed-Andrews, Tshepang Mlambo, Mr C de Chaud, March Strauss, Ricardo Adoor, Steven Procommenos, Diyashan Moodliar



MARIMBA – JUNIORS

Back row: Christopher Leisewitz, Rohan Bhatt, Thomas Goddard, Warwick Brown, Matthew Grealy

Front row: Sibusiso Baloyi, Thashael Naidoo, Matthew Rathbone, Neo Pihlela, Mr C de Chaud, Connor Greyling, Logan le Roux, Amiel Srikrishan, Matthew Stephenson



SAXOPHONE

Matthew Fitzgerald, Mr C Luke, Luke Rheeder, Kamil Batohi



DRAMA AWARDS

MIC

- Dr T Higgs

TEAM AWARD

- Adam Goetsch
- James Hancock
- Wavela Hlubi
- Thomas Gregory Nott
- Ewan Thorpe
- Jack Warren
- Braydon Wooley

HALF-COLOURS

- Mirza Hassan
- Connor Hudson
- Kondwani Mwanza
- Luke Rheeder

FULL COLOURS

- Keenan Heinzemann
- David McMaster
- Garrick Pagel
- March Strauss
- Damien Wantenaar

SCHOOLS SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

St David's hosted the first Schools Short Film Festival in Gauteng, at the NuMetro cinemas in Hyde Park during Term 2.

With so many schools having film clubs and filmmaking projects that run in a variety of academic and extramural guises, the festival aimed to tap into the incredible potential of young filmmakers and to showcase not only the power of film, but also the incredible ingenuity of the students and teachers who work and explore in this exciting medium.

The inaugural festival attracted submissions from schools mostly around Johannesburg. Almost three hours' worth of original material was generated, and arranged into two showcase films. Cine 1 at NuMetro Hyde Park was fully booked on the night, with people scrambling for tickets to the shows until the last minute. The audience was incredibly responsive to the student films, and eagerly acknowledged the creativity and effort of all the participants. It was truly an evening of collaboration and appreciation.

Special congratulations to Ewan Thorpe and Kondwani Mwanza, who directed the two films submitted by St David's, are in order. We are proud of the quality and the ingenuity of the films they and their teams created.

The following schools collaborated with St David's to make this festival possible:

- Crawford Sandton
- Dainfern College
- King David High School Victory Park
- Kingsmead College
- St Andrew's School for Girls
- St Benedict's Catholic School for Boys
- St Dunstan's College
- St Peter's College
- St Stithians College
- Reddam House Atlantic Seaboard (in Cape Town)
- Roedean School

Mr J Ferreira

Director of Cultural Affairs



MR J FERREIRA



A year in the Drama department at St David's is never a quiet one – and 2017 was no different, with some exciting and vibrant work being produced throughout the year.

PHYZZ FEST

We started the year with the Drama matrices taking their physical theatre piece, which they had performed at the St David's Physical Theatre Showcase, and presenting it at Phyzz Fest, hosted by St Stithians Girls' College, in February. Owing to an injury, the piece had to be changed slightly, but the boys did an amazing job at quickly modifying the piece that they had. Their physical theatre piece was designed to poke fun at the concept of physical theatre and the meaning behind this style, and resulted in an eclectic and bizarre piece of performance that exhibited fantastic post-modern elements and great physical theatre technique, wowing everyone in the crowd and solidifying our reputation as a cutting-edge Drama department. The Grade 12 drama class can be incredibly proud of their fantastic performance, and illustration of professionalism and adept skill!

THE ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

After Phyzz Fest, rehearsals started for the St David's and St Teresa's One Act Play Festival at the Theatre on the Square, with Garrick Pagel and David McMaster being selected as the two St David's directors. David selected the realist text *Glengarry Glen Ross* by David Mamet, while Garrick decided to tackle absurdism, directing *The Bald Prima Donna* by Eugene Ionesco. The Grade 12 girls of St Teresa's developed a post-modern original work called *Feminists Anonymous*.

The three plays tackled some challenging content, and pushed the boundaries in relation to style and subject matter. The learners presented work that disrupted, challenged and provoked thought – elements of what theatre aims to be. The St David's learners involved both on- and off-stage did a fantastic job at bring two challenging texts to life, and we are very proud of all of that they achieved.

FEDA

The St David's plays from the One Act Play Festival went on to perform at the Festival of Excellence in Dramatic Arts (FEDA), staged at the Joburg Theatre complex. This festival is an annual one-act play competition, with schools from around Gauteng participating. The two plays did brilliantly, with audience and adjudicators alike being incredibly impressed with the directorial sophistication and acting prowess exhibited by all involved. Countless nominations and awards were given, and the learners proved that the St David's Drama department is one to watch!

INTER-HOUSE PLAYS

The St David's inter-house plays were of an exceptional standard this year, with the College house play, directed by David McMaster, winning the overall competition. Mandla Qoyabe directed the Benedict house play, March Strauss directed the Osmond play, and Ewan Thorpe directed the Bishops play. All four plays were stylistically diverse and challenging in their own right, allowing the actors to demonstrate their skills. Our adjudicator, Ms Shaye Garmany, Head of Drama at Reddam House Waterfall, was immensely impressed by the standard of the plays and excited to see so many boys on stage. The house play competition appears to be strengthening each year, and we look forward to another exciting event in 2018.



SOUND AND LIGHTING

The sound and lighting team is a small and dedicated group of boys who take care of all the behind-the-scenes aspects of most of the events presented and hosted by St David's.

Long before an event commences, and often long after the guests have departed, the boys on this team set up, strike, sort out problems and manage an impressive inventory of lighting and sound equipment – without which none of our shows, performances and presentations would be possible.

Some of this year's memorable events include the Supper Show, the one-act play festival Take a Closer Look at the Theatre on the Square, the school's participation in the FEDA One Act Play Festival at the Johannesburg Theatre, and the Junior Preparatory School Play.

2017 LEADERSHIP

Ryan Thomas – team captain

Mr J Ferreira

Director of Cultural Affairs





FILM CLUB

Back row: Jack Warren, Matthew Truscott, Keenan Heinzelmann, Garrick Pagel, Ewan Thorpe, Wavela Hlubi
 Front row: Connor Hudson, Luke Rheeder, Kondwani Mwanza, Dr T Higgs, Mirza Hassan, Ronan Thompson, Matthew Jarvis



ONE-ACT PLAYS

Back row: Gerhard Human, David McMaster, Keenan Heinzelmann, James Hancock, Garrick Pagel, Damien Wantenaar, Connor Hudson
 Front row: Tetelo Maphaka, Luke Rheeder, Mirza Hassan, Ms M Francis, Ross Martin, Dr T Higgs, Travis Johnson, March Strauss, Andrew Abernethy

DRAMA



SOUND AND LIGHTING CREW

Back row: Reyhan Ismail, Ryan Davies, Nicholas Curry, Jason Raman, Matthew Fitzgerald
Front row: Andrew Kruger, Connor Greyling, Mr C de Chaud, Ryan Thomas, Mr J Ferreira, Declan Pegg, Diyashan Moodliar



PHYZZ FEST

Back row: Garrick Pagel, Adrian Edwards
Front row: David McMaster, Thomas Nott, Dr T Higgo, Mirza Hassan, Damien Wantenaar

DEBATING AWARDS

MIC

- Ms K Carlisle

CAPTAIN

- Daniel Lee

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- Daniel Lee
- Ritvik Sojen

HALF-COLOURS

- Adam Goetsch

FULL COLOURS

- Daniel Lee
- Ritvik Sojen

Twenty-seventeen has been another extremely successful year for the St David's Debating Society, and I would like to acknowledge the enthusiasm and dedication of each of our members. I would also like to congratulate the boys on their fantastic achievements this year.

The Gauteng Schools' SACEE Debating League took place from February to July, and both the Junior and Senior teams fared extremely well, progressing through to the final break rounds. The Juniors lost in the semi-finals to Roede School, while the Seniors lost in the quarterfinals to Brescia House School. At the end of the championships,

Daniel Lee was named as the best senior speaker, while Ritvik Sojen was the sixth-best senior speaker. Among the juniors, Kade Kalell was named as the second-best speaker and Brendan Craven the third-best speaker.

The Gauteng Schools' Provincial Debating Championships took place in September. These championships set out to establish the best team in the province. The Junior team benefited from the experience gained in 2016 and performed outstandingly. They reached the finals, where they won convincingly against Fourways High School, and it gives me great pleasure to congratulate these talented young men on becoming the provincial champions for 2017. Kade was named as best junior speaker, which is another worthy achievement.

The Senior team also did very well at the provincial championships, and lost narrowly in the semi-finals to St John's. Daniel was named as the second-best speaker, and Ritvik the seventh-best speaker.

We are extremely proud of two of our boys who were members of national teams: Daniel was a member of the South African team that attended the World Schools Debating Championships, while Ritvik represented the South African A senior debating team. We also congratulate the following boys who will be representing Gauteng at the national championships in December: Daniel, Ritvik, Kade, Brendan, Nzuzoyetfu Magagula and Mohamed Cassim.

Special thanks must go to our coach, Mr P Salukazana, who has played such a meaningful role in the success of debating at St David's.

Ms K Carlisle

MIC: Debating



DEBATING

Back row: Brendan Craven, Taran Rajcoomar, Adam Goetsch, Ritvik Sojen, Nzuzoyetfu Magagula, Bolu Orimoloye
Front row: Kade Kalell, Yaseen Mayet, Kaelin Poovalingam, Ms K Carlisle, Daniel Lee, Mr P Salukazana, Mohamed Zidan Cassim, Dale van der Merwe, Adrian de Bonis

PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARDS

MIC

- Mrs T Barbeli

CAPTAIN

- Jordan Parker

TEAM AWARD

- Matthew Benning
- Adam Goetsch
- Merrick Hughes
- Ronan Thompson

HALF-COLOURS

- Brandon Gallichan
- Kondwani Mwanza
- Thomas Gregory Nott
- Trent Patterson
- Luke Rheeder
- Luke Tollman

FULL COLOURS

- Jordan Parker

St David's has enjoyed some superb performances in public speaking this year. The introduction of a timetabled cultural slot provided them with much-needed time and input from their teacher-mentors.

Our Grade 12 speakers competed at the highest levels, in the Guild and Trophy legs of the Gauteng regional competition. They represented St David's with flair and

in the face of some serious competition, both teams were awarded A symbols. It was such a pleasure to see these seasoned speakers end their school careers on such a high note. Jordan Parker competed as St David's Best Individual Speaker, with an illuminating take on big data. He spoke with maturity and confidence, and we were delighted to see him achieve an impressive A+. Jordan was awarded the St David's Best Speaker Trophy at our annual College prizegiving for his long-standing commitment to, and consistent achievement in, public speaking.

We have some very promising speakers in Grades 11, 10, 9 and 8, and we look forward to seeing them hone their craft. Over and above the regional Guild Public Speaking evenings, Ethan Simpson and Anthony Mutzuris competed in the St Stithians Talk Shop. Despite being newcomers to public speaking, their performances were very strong and they both walked away with Silver Awards. Brendan Craven and Kade Kalell both achieved Gold Awards in the junior sections, and Kade was named Junior winner of the event.

The annual St David's Best Speakers' Evening was the most competitive yet. Luke Rheeder has certainly raised the bar, as he has won his section of this event every year he has entered. He was named the evening's Best Senior Speaker with his speech, titled *All Lies*. Kade won the Junior section with his speech, *If Cartoon Characters Ruled the World*.

Public speaking requires a delicate balance of charm, searing intelligence, confidence and humility. Speakers need to seem perfectly in control, without making the audience feel under assault. Each of our speakers has brought his unique personality and perspective into the mix, and this has made for some fascinating, moving, entertaining and thought-provoking speeches.

Mrs T Barbeli

MIC: Public Speaking



Gerhard Human, Brendan Craven, Kade Kalell, Mr M Smith, Mrs S Human, Keenan Heinzelmann, Luke Rheeder, Jordan Parker



PUBLIC SPEAKING – SENIORS

Back row: Joshua McLean, Oliver Hinton, Merrick Hughes, Keenan Heinzelmann, Matthew Benning, Luke Tollman, Nicolas Czakan, Adam Goetsch
 2nd row: Kondwani Mwanza, Moago Maruatona, Brandon Gallichan, Anthony Mutzuris, Trent Patterson, Thomas Nott, Luke Rheeder, Ronan Thompson, Max Coleman
 Front row: Gerhard Human, Misho Mangena, Yashay Reddy, Mrs B Stewart, Jordan Parker, Mr M Smith, Adam Speed-Andrews, Joseph Camara, Tameez Kana



PUBLIC SPEAKING – JUNIORS

Back row: Kamva Tyamzashe, Mohammed Thokan, Kabir Misri, Vasilli Mutzuris, Rhys Hunink, Manqoba Bungane, Daniel Sabbagh, Giuliano Maraschin, Brendan Craven, John Michael
 Front row: Joshua Maroun, Kutlwano Malema, Nicholas Allemann, Ms M Francis, Kade Kalell, Mr C Page, Lukas van der Merwe, Luke Krog, Bradley Becker

SPORT





ATHLETICS REPORT

MIC

- Mr G Brown

CAPTAINS

- Mandla Koyabe
- Nicholas Minnie

TEAM AWARDS

- Nicholas Christie
- Brady Matthews
- Kyle Motani
- Joshua Mvunga
- Ross Nayler
- Christopher Skinner
- Richard Turner
- Brody Verseput

HALF-COLOURS

- Connor Davies
- Connor Ivins
- Tomi Longwe
- Tetelo Maphaka
- Andrew Mason
- Niccolo Nahman
- Brandon Pinto
- Ewan Thorpe
- Damien Wantenaar

FULL COLOURS

- Simbainashe Kanyangarara
- Mandla Koyabe
- Nicholas Minnie
- Tshepang Mlambo
- Marcell Scheepers
- Westley van der Spuy
- Kieran Wrightson

Our athletics season started earlier than last year's, but luckily we were able to get through inter-house before the holidays started. We dedicated a full day to the inter-house championship after the exams, and the boys responded well. The day started with a frenetic pace, but once the boys and officials got into the swing of things, the day ran smoothly, with College House emerging as victors.

Our season is quite disjointed, with a month-long holiday before we come back to five competitions in three weeks. In 2017, with the Grades 9 and 10 camps taking place at the same time as inter-schools, we had to focus on the Independent Schools Championship. St David's had never won this competition in the 52 years of its existence. The team performed admirably, with boys supporting each other and stepping in to participate in events where there were boys missing owing to injury or matrics writing exams. The day ended with St David's on 250.5 points – 51 points clear of St John's College and the school's first-ever victory.

There were many remarkable performances from various individuals this year, and it has been encouraging to see how the sport has grown in such a small time. A big thank-you to the staff who helped at various events as officials and coaches. Also, this season could not have been as successful as it was without the input and support of Mr Ireland. I look forward to watching how the club moves forward in the years to come.

Mr G Brown

MIC: Athletics



ATHLETICS TEAM

Back row: Descent Ngqola, Luka Vieira, Ryan Huiskamp, Alistair Ross, Simbainashe Kanyangarara, Westley van der Spuy, Christopher Skinner, Harrison le Clezio, John-Kelly Okonkwo, Nicholas Carr, James Adelaine
 3rd row: Ross Jackson, Conor Tonetti, Shawn Nayler, Jamie Hutton, Ronan Arp, Jedd Jacobs, Bryce Till, Stehan Fourie, Jack Juds, Luke Lawson, Justin Richard, Lyndon Skei, Konrad Nägele
 2nd row: Joshua Black, Luca Venditti, Phalo Klaas, Karabo Maepa, Connor Davies, James Daly, Kieran Wrightson, Lebo Mathe, Connor Human, Tetelo Maphaka, Odirile Mokgoro, Luke King, Sandile Tyabazeka
 Front row: Adam Speed-Andrews, Ryan Fermoyle, Aidan Stuart, Niccolo Nahman, Mandla Koyabe, Mr B Ireland, Nicholas Minnie, Mr G Brown, Brandon Pinto, Joshua Dacre, Giuliano Maraschin, Caleb Grimett, Ntokoza Shabalala

BASKETBALL REPORT

MIC

- Mr E Ukpong

CAPTAIN

- Braydon Wooley

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

- Braydon Wooley

TEAM AWARD

- Wandile Bhembe
- Karabo Maepa
- Ross Martin
- Leo Michael
- Ewan Thorpe

HALF-COLOURS

- Simbainashe Kanyangarara
- Rorisang Shongwe
- Molemo Theyis

FULL COLOURS

- Declan Banks
- Garrick Pagel
- Luke Tollman
- Braydon Wooley

Twenty-seventeen was terrific for St David's basketball, with the club witnessing an increase in basketball activities, and reaching new heights. The selection of Braydon Wooley into the Gauteng U18 Schools provincial squad, a first for St David's, and the triumphant U14A squad that won gold at the ISSA Basketball Tournament were but a few of the highlights of the season. Many more milestones were reached, which bears testimony to the hard work and dedication of our boys and coaches. The demanding and enriching basketball programme at St David's allows our boys to grow as individuals as well as athletes. All through the season, we've competed with vigour, passion, enthusiasm and a strong spirit of *ubuntu*.

Our freshmen came in better prepared than their predecessors, having attended pre-season training; this translated into the outstanding performance and success

enjoyed by this group. The A team in particular won 19 of 27 matches, a whopping 70.4% win rate. The team continued its superb form by beating St John's College in a Basketball National League curtain-raiser played at Wembley Stadium, and filmed by SuperSport TV. This success story continued with great results against our league rivals, which speaks to the bright future we envision for our club.

The U15s maintained their competitiveness in their sophomore season. Despite the challenges they faced during the season, the grit, determination and dedication with which this group approached the game was phenomenal. It goes without saying that the future of our programme is in good hands.

Our seniors showed great spirit all year long; our boys always brought their best and led by example. We learned about balancing schoolwork and practice, how to be accountable to one another and what it takes to win. I was impressed by their attendance record and their strong feeling of team spirit. I know that our boys are poised for great success, and I know that they understand the challenges ahead of them. Above all else, our boys have demonstrated that they know they have to do the right thing, win or lose.

This sense of togetherness was visible when we hosted the inaugural edition of our very own top-level basketball tournament – the Inanda Hoops Classic Challenge, which was rated as the best-organised basketball tournament in Gauteng by all attendees. It was a true St David's effort, with the support of the greater school community.

We are closing the gap technically and tactically, and our infrastructure upgrade does not only showcase the depth of our basketball programme, but also positions our school as a key player in schools sport. Many thanks to all the players, coaches, staff, parents and all who contributed to the success that we enjoyed this year.

Mr E Ukpong
MIC: Basketball



BASKETBALL 1ST TEAM

Back row: Rorisang Shongwe, Malaika Gantsho, Luke Tollman, Simbainashe Kanyangarara, Ewan Thorpe, Leo Michael
 Front row: Molemo Theys, Declan Banks, Garrick Pagel, Mr E Ukpong, Braydon Wooley, Ross Martin, Karabo Maepa



BASKETBALL 2ND TEAM

Back row: Liam van Rensburg, Makaziwe Mavuso, Thomas Clegg
 Front row: Justin Duarte, Julian Wingate-Pearse, Kyle Ford, Mr D Mitchell, Ricky Goedhart, Dylan de Nobrega, Ross Askew



BASKETBALL 3RD TEAM

Back row: Luke Rheeder, Oliver Hinton, Kyle Bove, Ethan Simpson, Brandon Baloyi, Tomi Longwe
Front row: Daniel Smit, Kanyisa Mhlungu, Siphon Moloi, Mr B Kembo, Phola Bavuma, Luca de Felice, Keenan Dröge



BASKETBALL UI6A

Back row: Faustino Amoes, Harrison le Clezio, Sebastiano Truda, Andreas Sarmis
Front row: Alan Mthembu, Takunda Danha, Malaika Gantsho, Mr D Mitchell, Bevan Wortley, Tiago dos Santos, Lebo Mathe



BASKETBALL UI6B

Back row: Joseph Groeblichhoff, Ricardo Antezana, Jordan Swart
Front row: Max Coleman, Adam Custers, Joseph Camara, Mr O Onyejeike, Ricardo Adoor, Phalo Klaas, Omolemo Nkabinde



BASKETBALL U16C

Back row: Katlego Motepe, Matthew du Chenne, Stuart Groves, Munza Kamukwamba, Peter Tumiel, Itumeleng Moyaha, Zipho Xundu
 Front row: Ntokozo Shabalala, Misho Mangena, Micah Pirikisi, Mr B Kembo, Lebogang Carey, Adam de Agrela, Tushar Poonsamy



BASKETBALL U15A

Back row: Nqubeko Mthabela, Rhys Hunink, Nzuzoyetfu Magagula
 Front row: Awethu Mkhwanazi, Tshedza Madzonga, Gianpaolo Baisch, Mr O Onyejieke, Legae Moeng, Samuel Becker, Thabo Ncube



BASKETBALL U15B

Back row: Daniel Sabbagh, Daniel Tollman, Joshua Millar, Stehan Fourie, Blake Friedman, Sebastian Botha
 Front row: Tiger Koyabe, Nqubeko Mthabela, Mark Foo, Mr O Onyejieke, Owen Govender, Francisco Garcia, Samuel Abdula



BASKETBALL U15C

Back row: Max Perdikies, Declan van Rensburg, Kyle West, John-Kelly Okonkwo, Baraka Bukanga, Oratile Mhinga, Tavarwisa Wekwete
 Front row: Sibusiso Baloyi, Harry Nicolaou, Liam Talbot, Mr B Kembo, Matthew Anderson, Declan Pegg, Michael Kibiego



BASKETBALL U15D

Back row: Mateen Ismail, Randon Reddy, Josepha Sizani, Oratile Lekota, Kai Archer, Max Melvill
 Front row: Niven Arendse, Nathan Berlin, Vuyolwethu Polson, Mr E Ukpog, Joshua Close, Mihali Avraamides, Duncan Scott



BASKETBALL U14A

Back row: Alexander Stewart-Selvan, Sanele Parirenyatwa, Jon Khoo, Alban Renaudin, Sibahle Phangela, Marko Veselinovic, Sihle Jwara, William Fyffe
 Front row: Paolo Antezana, Mbilu Mabilu, Nkoliseko Nyubuse, Mr E Ukpog, Unathi Shongwe, Mika Lindemann, Joshua Botha

BASKETBALL



BASKETBALL UI4B

Back row: Saigan Moodley, Pablo Viudez, Sibusiso Ndlovu, Lukwazi Twala, Tsungai Murahwi, Luke King
Front row: Tatenda Kandengwa, Jay Lee Shih, Kamva Tyamzashe, Mr B Kembo, Martin Nkosi, Biagio-Luca Boscia, Alupheli Mqaqa



BASKETBALL UI4C

Back row: Matthew Bester, Luke Custers, Ntandoyenkosi Dhlwayo, Sandile Tyabazeka, Jordan Nunes, Robbie Schaafsma
Front row: Twayib Turpin, Vuyo Mpofo, Mohamed Zidan Cassim, Mr E Ukpong, Timothy Coetzee, Matthew Shahim, Nicholas Allemann



BASKETBALL UI4D

Back row: Matthew Macceleri, Kian Kinnear
Front row: Matthew Greal, Bolu Orimoloye, Mr E Ukpong, Jordan Cloete, Tyler van Niekerk



CANOEING

Back row: Joshua Davies, Matthew Maccelari, Campbell Tiley, Peter Tumiel, Luca Govetto, Kevin Asman, Cameron Gray
 Front row: Kutlwano Malema, Connor Erwee, Connor Davies, Mrs F Holpert, March Strauss, Adrian de Bonis, Bolu Orimoloye

CANOEING REPORT

MIC

- Mrs F Holpert

CAPTAIN

- March Strauss

HALF-COLOURS

- Cameron Gray

FULL COLOURS

- Connor Davies
- Luca Govetto
- March Strauss

The South African Champs took place during the April holidays in Swellendam, a small town between Cape Town and George. The water conditions in which the boys found themselves was far from pleasant, as the strong, hot berg winds arrived at the same time. Cameron Gray and Connor Davies showed true sportsmanship and

leadership by travelling down to support the boys, even though they were not allowed to participate in the event.

All the boys participated in the K1 events with enthusiasm, canoeing as much as 6km in a day. This distance was due to heats, semi-finals and an A or B final event in distances of 1 000m, 400m and 200m over the three days. On Day, 2 all the boys participated in the 5 000m race. In the short-course K1 events, March Strauss, Joshua Davies, Peter Tumiel, Kevin Asman and Connor Erwee all made B finals. March and Joshua Davies participated in the U18 K2 event and made the A final.

The last event in the Gauteng Canoeing School League occurred on 6 November. St David's placed second in the High School category. Peter was the top league paddler in the U16 boys age group.

During the winter months Peter competed in a K2 with an experienced canoeist, to acquire river proficiency. He competed in the Klip River, Dam to Dam, Tugela and Liebensbergylei River races, which are classified as B-graded rivers. This allowed him to compete in the Fish River Race, an A-grade river, where they placed 121st out of approximately 520 canoes.

Mrs F Holpert
 MIC: Canoeing

CRICKET REPORT

DIRECTOR OF CRICKET

- Mr D Nosworthy

CRICKET PROFESSIONAL

- Mr A Bhinder

CAPTAIN

- Daniel van Staden

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- Matthew Cronson (South African Maccabi XI)
- Jacob Miltz (South African U19)

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

- Jacob Miltz (Lions U23, Gauteng U19A, U17A)
- Jarred Goncalves-Jardine (Gauteng U19A)
- Khwezi Luthuli (Gauteng U17B)
- Tetelo Maphaka (Gauteng U17A)
- Westley van der Spuy (Gauteng U17B)

HALF-COLOURS

- Gareth Bridges
- Khwezi Luthuli
- Tetelo Maphaka

FULL COLOURS

- Matthew Benning
- Benjamin Gerson
- Jarred Goncalves-Jardine
- Rupert Hartmann
- Alex Lategan
- Brady Matthews
- Jacob Miltz
- Marcell Scheepers
- Westley van der Spuy
- Daniel van Staden
- Matthew Younger

Cricket, as one of the school's premier sports, has had an excellent year in terms of certain results and also in terms of boys who have managed to gain provincial and national recognition.

During the 1st term the U15s and the 1st XI attended their Independent Schools Cricket Festivals, where most of the 1st XI's matches were rain-affected – while the U15s played some really challenging matches in Grahamstown, but came away that much tougher and wiser. The annual St David's Cricket Festival, during the September half-term break, this year for the first time became a "time cricket" festival, which was extremely well received and gave the boys the real opportunity to express themselves in a very different way, with a very different mindset.

Teams-wise, the 1st XI played some really good cricket and had some excellent individual performances along the way – but perhaps didn't always get all of the results going its way. The 2nd XI did very well in the Johnny Waite competition, and played an exciting brand of cricket that often led to some very close finishes. The 3rd and 4th XIs, which often comprise the real lovers of cricket, played (and won) some really tough matches – and also learnt many really valuable lessons along the way. The U16 and U15 group of boys was, to be fair, a very small group of players – yet in saying this, they fought extremely hard to compete and to ensure that they at all times carried the flag. Lastly, this year's group of U14s has been an excellent group of players in terms of camaraderie, and desire to learn and to improve. Their never-say-die attitude stood them all in good stead, and they grew both as players and as people.

As a sport, cricket is trying to "reinvent" itself in some ways, and is slowly but surely regrouping itself, while teaching value-added aspects of life to both the boys and their parents. We have played way more matches than in previous seasons, and the school has invested in improved facilities that are starting to produce positive results. Overall, there is excitement in the cricketing space; there are now some measures in place to grow the game and ensure improved levels of performance – so that, in time, the teams will hopefully be able to compete with the very best.

In closing, special thanks need to be proffered to all of the dedicated cricket staff and student staff who have given up their valuable time over the year for a game that, as we know, has extended hours – but one that also offers so many life lessons, and so much satisfaction and enjoyment.

Mr D Nosworthy
Director of Cricket



CRICKET 1ST TEAM

Back row: Brady Matthews, Gareth Bridges, Khwezi Luthuli, Jarred Goncalves-Jardine, Westley van der Spuy, Marcell Scheepers, Alex Lategan, Rupert Hartmann
Front row: Benjamin Gerson, Tetelo Maphaka, Matthew Younger, Mr A Bhinder, Daniel van Staden, Mr L Vicente, Matthew Benning, Nicolas Baigrie, Jacob Miltz





CRICKET 2ND TEAM

Back row: Connor Ivins, Blake Forssman, Jordan Parker, Khwezi Luthuli, Brynn Hunink, Calvin Abel
 Front row: Nicolas Czakan, Andrew Cawood, Alastair Dunn, Mr C Venter, Nicholas Minnie, Nicolas Baigrie, Richard Turner



CRICKET 3RD TEAM

Back row: Luke Kruger, Luke Cryer, Cameron Stephenson, Ross Nayler, Max Parkin
 Front row: Samuel Rayner, Daniel Tyrer, Brandon Pinto, Mr M Fawcett, Michael Scott, Andrew Cambitzis Ernstzen, Nicholas Davies



CRICKET U16A

Back row: Graeme van Niekerk, Noah Pavlou, Matthew Munday, Ethan Breen, James Adelaine, Shawn Nayler, Stephen Buck
 Front row: Peter Hancock, Matthew Cronson, Adam Gamsy, Mr J van Dyk, Bradley Griffin, Imaad Moosa, Thamsanqa Fuyane



CRICKET U16B

Back row: Yusuf Laher, Yusuf Buksh, Cameron Rebelo, Jordan Raal, Tameez Kana
Front row: Daniel Houry, Mohammed Thokan, Aman Singhala, Mr R Girao, Christopher Rains, Ihsaan Cassim, Richard de Coster



CRICKET U15A

Back row: Joshua Lyon, Alastair Roberts, Leeam van der Walt, Justin Richard, Descent Ngqola, Thomas Taylor
Front row: Samuel Stuart, Tiago Alvares, Andrew Kruger, Mr C Page, Deyan Munsamy, Ethan Hardy, Connor Jack



CRICKET U15B

Back row: Connor Jack, Thomas Taylor, Joshua Lyon, Descent Ngqola
Front row: Dante Bedworth, Thomas Eckoldt, Ethan Hardy, Mr C Hansell, Robert Laithwaite, Michael Younger, Nicholas Wahl



CRICKET U14A

Back row: Ross Jackson, Sanskar Sharma, Ryan Huiskamp, Neal Geldenhuys, Lyndon Skei, Kabir Misri
Front row: Adam Simpson, Myles Bennett, Mr D Rigney, Matthew Bebb, Mr S Laphu, Brian Hudson, Campbell Scott



CRICKET U14B

Back row: Craig Padayachee, Neil Heyneke, James Sheridan, Christopher Wymers, Zack Pavlou
Front row: Inaam Moosa, Leruo Molise, Tyrese Naidoo, Mr C Hansell, Jacob Walbeck, Connor Greyling, Aidan Stuart



CRICKET U14C

Back row: Matthew Doubell, Nicholas Lutz, Daanyaal Thokan, Connor Human, Warwick Brown, Taran Rajcoomar, Gerard Reddy, Yaseen Mayet
Front row: Kutlwano Malema, Gregory Shave, Joshua Dacre, Mr M Mabapa, Luc Terry, James Purchase, Muhammed Joosub

CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

MIC

- Ms T Voorendyk

COACHES

- Mr M Chonco
- Ms T Voorendyk

CAPTAIN

- Nkosinathi Ngcobo

TEAM AWARD

- Cameron Gray
- Luke Rathbone
- Kingsley Rowe

HALF-COLOURS

- James Breytenbach

FULL COLOURS

- Connor Davies
- Nkosinathi Ngcobo

Over the years, our runners have achieved inter-school and inter-district selection. Nkosinathi Ngcobo, our captain, Thomas Taylor and Alistair Ross participated in the final, held at Rietvlei Farm on 29 May. Only the top 20 runners in each district are eligible to compete in the finals, and the competition is extremely tough.

All runners also participated in a winter sport, some even at A team level. This required considerable dedication and some creative time management. They often had to attend two consecutive training sessions on the same day, dashing from a cross-country time trial, straight into a strenuous hockey or rugby workout.

With a never-say-die approach, Connor Davies and Cameron Gray have already run half-marathons and are consistently improving on their times. It is encouraging that many of our runners continue with the sport after matric. There are currently old boys who compete in the Two Oceans, Comrades and other marathons. This is an indication of their love of running and, hopefully, a solid foundation acquired at school level.

We bid farewell to a number of stalwarts who have been part of the squad since Grade 8, but we are fortunate to have a very strong group of juniors moving up through the ranks.

A very special thank-you to the parents who supported us every step of the way, Mr Chonco, whose love of running inspired those around them, and to every member of the squad who contributed to a happy, fun-filled season.

Ms T Voorendyk

MIC: Cross-country

The St David's cross-country squad continues to perform well in an ever-increasing Northern Districts League. The league has grown from only a handful of schools competing when St David's joined in 2002, to over 20 schools, some fielding up to eight teams at events.



CROSS-COUNTRY

Back row: Kingsley Rowe, Michel de Laroche, Luke Lawson, Bryce Till, Alistair Ross, Stehan Fourie, Jedd Jacobs, Nicholas Carr, Justin Richard
 2nd row: Thomas Taylor, Foucauld Riché, Joshua Davies, Connor Davies, Cameron Gray, Michael Todd, Spencer Terry, Peter Hancock, James Breytenbach, Konrad Nägele
 Front row: Luca Boscia, Tiago dos Santos, Luke Rathbone, Mr M Chonco, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Ms T Voorendyk, Aidan Stuart, Matthew Rathbone, Adam Speed-Andrews

FOOTBALL REPORT

MIC

- Mr F Gilardi

CAPTAIN

- Gareth Bridges

TEAM AWARD

- Murray Bester

HALF-COLOURS

- Kyle Bove
- Odirile Mokgoro

FULL COLOURS

- Gareth Bridges
- Benjamin Gerson
- Oliver Hinton
- Brynn Hunink
- Tomi Longwe
- Nkosinathi Ngcobo
- Matteo Osato
- Luca Venditti

Twenty-seventeen was a successful year for all our football teams. Our reputation as a competitive football school, as well as our ability to offer a well-structured league and tournaments, resulted in two more schools requesting to join our league and tournaments. We now have 11 schools in our league.

Football is certainly on the rise in boys' high schools, as we have noticed the non-traditional football schools now offering the game as one of their sporting codes.

I was pleased to see how the boys embraced the FIFA concept of fair play during the season by playing by the rules, using commonsense and respecting fellow players, referees, opponents and supporters. This ensured a rewarding season, and I would like to commend the boys on their commitment and dedication; this was seen in their attendance at all practices and matches.

My sincere gratitude to Mr Ireland, Mrs Bastenie and the support staff for organising the St David's Challenge Cup tournament, and the U14 and U17 football tournaments, which are highlights for all participating schools. I would also like to acknowledge the following staff: Mr White, Mr Venditti, Mr Mgobozi (U14A), Mr Mthembu and Mr Mahlangu (U14B), Mr McCarthy (U15A), Mr Laphu (U15B),

Mr Page (U15C), Mr Girao and Mr Malope (3rd and 4th) Mr Melk (2nd), Mr Vicente and Mr Page (1st) for all their time, hard work, expertise and passion for the game.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our parents who supported the teams throughout the season.

Mr F Gilardi

MIC: Football

UNDER-14

Interest in football grows every year at the College. It was very impressive to see the number of boys who turned up for trials at the beginning of the season, giving us the opportunity to make up four teams in this age group. The boys were all extremely committed to their teams during training and games, which reflected in all their positive results.

The A team participated in two tournaments (St David's and Parktown Boys' tournaments), emerging victorious in the St David's tournament and remaining champions. The boys showed immense amounts of passion and determination throughout the St David's tournament. The B and C teams also had an impressive season: the B team played 15 games, losing only three, and the C team ended its season with a 50% win/draw ratio.

I would like to congratulate all our boys on the professional manner in which they approached every practice and game. It was a privilege to work with these fine young footballers, who were all so willing to learn and improve, and I wish them many successful seasons in the future.

Mr C White

MIC: U14 Football

UNDER-15

This age group enjoyed a very busy and successful 2017 football season. It was clear from the first practice that the boys were very enthusiastic, as over four teams could easily be created. With so many passionate footballers to choose from, the age group was able to create three very competitive teams, with the third team restricted to only four matches due to the lack of depth of our competitors.

The depth of the age group was matched by the boys' quality and commitment, and this is reflected in a very good set of results for the season. This age group played against many of the top football schools in Johannesburg and through the 28 matches, they were able to win 20 games, draw one and lose seven. The teams played an attractive and expansive style of football, and the 72 goals scored by the three teams is a reflection of this attacking mentality.

The highlight of the U15 season was when the boys had the privilege of playing in the St David's Challenge Cup. This tournament gave the boys an opportunity to play against some of the finest football schools in the country, as well as playing in front of their entire school. Despite placing 5th in the tournament, the A team had an excellent season, reflected in an 81% win record, while scoring an average of three goals a game.

The wealth of talent and the incredible commitment seen throughout the season bodes well for the future of St David's football.

Mr K McCarthy
MIC: U15 Football

OPENS

The 1st XI's success has always been characterised by how many trophies are won. It is this striving for excellence that sets us apart from many other football teams around the country.

Unfortunately, this year's campaign was particularly challenging. We were knocked out of two semi-finals, the first being against Norkem Park in the St David's Challenge Cup, and the second against St John's College in the St Peter's tournament. The Grey College tournament is always a difficult one, and the team managed a fifth-place finish out of 20 schools from around the country.

This does not mean that the season is without positives, however. The team is young and will learn from the

experiences of playing against top schools from around the country. The greatest lesson this season is humility in defeat and the realisation that there is a surplus of talented footballers in the country, just as eager to be the best. Losing is inevitable in every sport; the hope is that this ignites an even greater fire next year, and a desire to right the wrongs of the previous season. The season's statistics are as follows: played 27, won 16, lost six, drew five.

This age group as a whole was very successful. We decided to trial a new system of organising teams. In our planning we saw that a number of our Grade 10 boys could possibly be selected for the 1st XI, consequently depleting our numbers in the U16 age group. We therefore made the decision to enter four open sides, consisting of U16s, U17s and U18s. This is a system we have used in the past, but unfortunately there was not sufficient commitment from our competing schools.

Despite this, the U16 age group was still able to participate in this format. Across the open age group, we won or drew 70% of our games, which was really very good, considering that the majority of the teams were made up of U16 boys. Our hope is that over the next three years the boys will play for the love of the game, and we will be able to field really strong 3rd and 4th XIs.

A sincere thank-you to the coaching staff for their commitment throughout a demanding season.

Mr L Vicente and Mr C Page
MICs: Open Football



OPEN FOOTBALL 1ST TEAM

Back row: Oliver Hinton, Sithabiso Madonsela, Murray Bester, Brynn Hunink, Kyle Bove
2nd row: Pelaelo Mahloko, Munachiso Ewuzie, Phalo Klaas, Benjamin Gerson, Bevan Wortley, Lebo Mathe, Tomi Longwe
Front row: Odirile Mokgoro, Luca Martini, Matteo Osato, Mr L Vicente, Gareth Bridges, Mr C Page, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Luca Venditti, Tsebo Motsosi



Back row: Phalo Klaas, Odirile Mokgoro, Julian Wingate-Pearse, Tetelo Maphaka, Jedd Jacobs, Tsebo Motsohi
 Front row: Leo Michael, Matthew Beaver, Daniel Marin, Levi Morais, Mr A Melk, Anthony Mutzuris, Max Coleman, Andreas Sarmis, Sebastián Buxman



Back row: Theodoros Kousiakis, Max Coleman, Jamie Hutton, Yusuf Laher, Julien Damians-Nieman, Sebastián Buxman, Andreas Sarmis, Bradley Griffin, Isacko Adele, Daniel Marin
 Front row: Misho Mangena, Franco Ferro, Themba Biyela, Mr K Malope, Siphon Molo, Mr R Girao, Thamsanqa Fuyane, Anele Mzoneli, Christopher Rains



Back row: Peter Hancock, Cade Edwards, Bradley Griffin, Alan Mthembu, Graeme van Niekerk, Yusuf Laher, Daniel Khoury
 Front row: Misho Mangena, Thamsanqa Fuyane, Keanu Geemooi, Mr K Malope, Christopher Rains, Mr R Girao, Joseph Camara, Imaad Moosa, Robert Rewolinski



FOOTBALL U15A

Back row: Tyron Midlane, Dante Bedworth, Rhys Hunink, Jack Juds, Leeam van der Walt, Thomas Taylor, Descent Ngqola
 Front row: Vasilli Mutzuris, Michael Kibiego, Harry Nicolaou, Samuel Stuart, Mr K McCarthy, Luca Beddington, Mikele Venditti, Nqubeko Mthabela, Joshua Black



FOOTBALL U15B

Back row: Legae Moeng, Bokang Seaka, Nicholas Wahl, Alastair Roberts, Rhys Hunink, Liam Tonetti, John-Kelly Okonkwo, Blake Friedman, Remo Strappazon, Luca von Poncet, Nzuzoyetfu Magagula
 Front row: Abhay Haripaul, Ethan Hardy, Mihali Avraamides, Luke Krog, Mr K McCarthy, Owen Govender, Gianpaolo Baisch, Jordan Nunes, Tristan Donaldson



FOOTBALL U14A

Back row: Luca Nicholas, Josh Jacobs, Giuliano Maraschin, Sihle Jwara, Sibahle Phangela, Matthew Rundle, Marko Veselinovic, Lyndon Skei, Sanele Pairenyatwa, Jarod Ment, Reagan Fisher
 Front row: Awethu Mkhwanazi, Troy Karam, Gareth Potts, Mr C White, Daniel Ferriman, Mr S Mgobozi, Nkoliseko Nyubuse, Joshua Botha, Matthew Cooper



FOOTBALL U14B

Back row: Warona Musenwa, Ntando Kawula, Neil Heyneke, Christopher Wymers, Manqoba Bungane, Sibusiso Ndlovu, Jordan Cloete, Adam Simpson, Mbilu Mabilu
 Front row: Luca Boscia, Matthew Hutton, Leruo Molise, Mr S Mahlangu, Alupheli Mqaqa, Mr N Mthembu, Matthew Bebb, Kamva Tyamazshe, Matthew Cawood



FOOTBALL U14C

Back row: Amani Bukanga, Kabir Misri, Massimo Araujo, Lukwazi Twala, Kian Kinnear, William Fyffe, Matthew Stephenson, Joshua Maroun
 Front row: Jacob Walbeck, Abilio Demetrio, Brian Hudson, Gehan Neuhoff, Mr C Hansell, Nicholas Allemann, Aidan Stuart, Tyler van Niekerk, Craig Padayachee



FOOTBALL U14D

Back row: Daanyaal Thokan, Robbie Schaafsma, Kutlwano Malema, Paolo Antezana, Bolu Orimoloye, Keegan Willson
 Front row: Tyler van Niekerk, Brian Hudson, Matthew Grealy, Matthew Shahim, Mr F Gilardi, Vuyo Mpofu, Adrian de Bonis, Logan le Roux, Nicholas Lutz

GOLF REPORT

MIC

- Mrs R Stewart

CAPTAIN

- Callum Kuhn

The 2016/2017 inter-schools golf season ran from 10 October 2016 to 6 March 2017. The young St David's teams were captained by Callum Kuhn, who was in Grade 11 in 2016. Callum was the only senior in the inter-schools' line-up: the other players were all Grade 9s in 2016, with the exception of Awethu Mkhwanazi, who started the season in Grade 8.

Gary Player's words are a great comfort: "Golf is a puzzle without an answer. I've played the game for 40 years and I still haven't the slightest idea how to play." Our lads have lots of time to catch up!

Age proved to be absolutely no problem to our teams, however, as St David's had one of its best seasons in years, finishing second in the B2 pool and qualifying for the play-offs for a position in the inter-schools' A league. Unfortunately, on the day, luck was not on our side and we remain a proud and very competitive forerunner in the B league. Our major competition comprises our own St David's major sports teams, with which we continue to compete for players (it's tough being talented!)

Apart from Monday afternoon league games on Joburg's immaculate, world-class courses, the highlights of the season remain the two major tournaments in which we compete: the National College Golf Championship, hosted by Dainfern in mid-March, and the Woodlands Junior Masters Golf Championship, towards the end of the season in early May.

Both fabulous tournaments attract top junior golfers from around the country, and each has its own distinct character: Dainfern is such a distinctive, immaculate, tough course, while we remember Serengeti for our dawn drives to the East Rand, where we were met by the mist rising over the early-winter fairways. Our young players were pitted against competitors with +1 and even +2 handicaps, and acquitted themselves with pride.

The bookends of the golf season were the Catholic Schools' Golf Day, hosted in September 2016 at Benoni Country Club by St Dominic's, and our own St David's inter-house competition, on home territory at the Wanderers on 22 May 2017. Both events are always well attended by St David's boys, the latter being a real leveller when all golfers play to their official handicaps (or thereabouts!) Inter-house is a day of great camaraderie and fun, which was won in 2017 by the Men in Yellow; Yuvaan Naidoo won best net score, and Andrew Mason came in with the best gross score.

Special mention must be made of Adam Gamsy, who won the Player of the Year award for 2016/17, and of Marc Leicher, who has taken over the captaincy for the 2017/18 season.

Gary Player is, once again, quoted as saying, "We create success or failure on the course primarily by our thoughts. Enjoy the game. Happy golf is good golf" – and, happily, this applies to all who contribute to golf at St David's.

Mrs R Stewart
 MIC: Golf



GOLF TEAM

Back row: Dalyn Solomon, Matthew Cronson, Ethan Breen, Awethu Mkhwanazi
 Front row: Adam Gamsy, Mrs R Stewart, Callum Kuhn, Mr D Smith, Marc Leicher

HOCKEY REPORT

MIC

- Mrs P Coetzee-Turner

CAPTAIN

- Brady Matthews

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

- Rupert Hartmann (Southern U18A)
- Brynn Hunink (Southern U18A)
- Tomi Longwe (Southern U18A)
- Brady Matthews (Southern U18A)
- Aidan Jordaan (Southern U18B)
- Tetelo Maphaka (Southern U17A)
- Euan Talbot (Southern U17A)
- Rhys Hunink (Southern U16C)
- Kabir Misri (Southern U14C)
- Leruo Molise (Southern U14C)
- Sanskar Sharma (Southern U14D)
- Aidan Stewart (Southern U14D)

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- Tomi Longwe (SA U18B)
- Brady Matthews (SA U18B)

HALF-COLOURS

- Benjamin Gerson
- Tetelo Maphaka
- Ross Naylor
- Brandon Pinto
- Samuel Rayner
- Kiernan Scott
- Brody Verseput
- Damien Wantenaar

FULL COLOURS

- Nicholas Davies
- Rupert Hartmann
- Brynn Hunink
- Aidan Jordaan
- Jared Land
- Tomi Longwe
- Andrew Mason
- Brady Matthews
- Euan Talbot

Hockey at St David's experienced a very strong year. The focus this year was on strong coaching staff, and giving boys maximum exposure through good training and fixtures. Through discipline and hard work, results will show. We saw the last season of our old turf and were very excited about the facility upgrade towards the end of 2017.

Hockey went on a very special tour this year, to Namibia and Cape Town. This tour was unique as it was jam-packed with the amazing sights of our beautiful continent and country, as well as very strong opponents. The boys enjoyed this experience and benefited from it throughout the season. The staff who accompanied the two teams on tour were Ms T Jones, Mr L James, Mr B Cressy and Mr D Till.

The senior hockey group, guided by Mr C Venter, showed great consistency throughout the season. The 1st XI participated at Aitken, ISHF and the St Stithians Easter Festival. The 2nd team (coached by Mr T Modise) also experienced a strong season, making the final of Aitken C section and standing in for the 1st team at various fixtures, completely holding its own.

The U16 age group, under the leadership of Mr Cressy, participated in the Founders Hockey Festival at Kearsney College. This group showed tremendous improvement; we are excited about the future of hockey at St David's.

The U15 age group continues to be the age group that makes the most progress throughout the season. Mr S Bauer was in charge of this group, which participated at Boden.

This season Mr S Sutherland took the U14 age group under his wing, and the boys participated at the Parktown Boys' festival.

Congratulations to all the boys who contributed to this year's hockey season. We are thankful for every player and staff member who invest in the hockey programme at St David's, and we look forward to going from strength to strength.

Mrs P Coetzee-Turner
Director of Hockey



HOCKEY 1ST TEAM

Back row: Benjamin Gerson, Brandon Pinto, Damien Wantenaar, Rupert Hartmann, Brody Verseput, Andrew Mason, Ross Naylor, Jared Land, Euan Talbot, Samuel Rayner, Tomi Longwe
Front row: Nicholas Davies, Kiernan Scott, Brynn Hunink, Mrs P Coetzee-Turner, Brady Matthews, Mr C Venter, Aidan Jordaan, Daniel Tyrer, Tetelo Maphaka



HOCKEY 2ND TEAM

Back row: Luca Venditti, Matthew Dacre, Luke Kruger, Gordon Gace, Adam Potterton, Julien Damians-Nieman, Kyle Motani
Front row: Dhievsh Thambiran, Jordan van der Merwe, Brandon Gallichan, Tetelo Maphaka, Mrs P Coetzee-Turner, Daniel Tyrer, Adam Speed-Andrews, Siphon Molo, Damien Potts



HOCKEY 3RD TEAM

Back row: Connor Davies, Molemo Theys, Joshua Davies, Connor Hudson, Jarred Goncalves-Jardine, Chad Oertel, Michel de Laroche, Nabeel Hassan, Nicholas Houze
Front row: Faadhil Mohamed, Kamil Batohi, Mohamed Fayaz Cassim, Alastair Dunn, Ms S Sirakis, Kondwani Mwanza, Yashay Reddy, Joshua Lopez, Miguel Torres



HOCKEY 4TH TEAM

Back row: Joshua Mvunga, Luke Rathbone, Max Matheussen, Brandon Baloyi, Justin du Toit, Michael Lowings, Michael Russell
 Front row: Connor Davies, Reyhan Ismail, Kyle Ford, Themba Biyela, Mrs P Coetzee-Turner, Daniel Swann, Keaton Mac Farlane, Joshua Davies, Roberto Borrageiro



HOCKEY U16A

Back row: Joseph Walbeck, Matthew Fitzgerald, Matthew Beaver, Bradley Griffin, James Adelaine, Matthew Cronson, Ben Lombaard, Pericles Daras, Bevan Wortley, James Daly
 Front row: Egan King, Michael Tselentis, Reilly Preece, Mr B Cressy, Bryce Till, Ms T Jones, Joshua Bester, Stephen Buck, Ross Gauld



HOCKEY U16B

Back row: Joseph Groeblichhoff, Michael Geere, Peter Tumiel, Alexander du Preez
 Front row: Devon Rouessart, Loatile Lebala, Ihsaan Cassim, Enrico Nordmann, Mr T Nkabinde, Daniel Bullock, Tameez Kana, Matthew du Chenne, Adam Custers



HOCKEY U16C

Back row: Itumeleng Moyaha, Ricardo Antezana, Cameron Rebelo
Front row: Zipho Xundu, Diyashan Moodliar, Matthew van der Westhuizen, Ms T Richter, Jordan Raal, Mr K Malope, Richard de Coster, David Bergesen, Aman Singhala



HOCKEY U15A

Back row: Joshua Lyon, Luc Bouic, Justin Richard, Blake Friedman, Alistair Ross, Rhys Hunink, Dante Bedworth, Duncan Scott
Front row: Abhay Haripaul, Robert Laithwaite, Luke Krog, Mr S Bauer, Adam McLean, Mrs C Richter, Andrew Kruger, Liam Talbot, Gianpaolo Baisch



HOCKEY U15B

Back row: Max Melvill, Michael Kibiego, Damien Sandham, Jaydin Marais, Nicholas Wahl, Deyan Munsamy, Samuel Abdula, Awethu Mkhwanazi
Front row: Dominic Sandham, Tiger Koyabe, Joshua Close, Tiago Alvares, Mr M Roos, Declan Pegg, Refilwe Kgalegi, Jordan Nunes, Samuel Becker



HOCKEY U15C

Back row: Tavarwisa Wekwete, Sibusiso Baloyi, Thomas Goddard, Kyle West, Randon Reddy, Gerard Reddy
 Front row: Legae Moeng, Tshedza Madzonga, Mark Foo, Bokang Seaka, Mr J Stephenson, Tristan Donaldson, Vuyolwethu Polson, Owen Govender, Thomas Eckoldt



HOCKEY U15D

Back row: Brendan Craven, Oratile Mhinga, Mateen Ismail
 Front row: Tiago Moreira, Ethan Goetsch, Araav Sojen, Ms T Richter, Thomas Goddard, Tshedza Madzonga, Kai Archer



HOCKEY U14A

Back row: Joshua Maroun, Craig Padayachee, Jarod Ment, Sanskar Sharma, Ross Jackson, Kabir Misri, Connor Greyling
 Front row: Joshua Dacre, Ryan Fermoye, Leruo Molise, Nicholas Allemann, Mr S Sutherland, Aidan Stuart, James Jacklin, Matthew Bebb, Bradley Becker



HOCKEY U14B

Back row: Jay Lee Shih, Christopher Wymers, James Sheridan, Pablo Viudez, Massimo Araujo, Luca Boscia
Front row: Keegan Willson, Kamva Tyamzashe, Jacob Walbeck, Adrian de Bonis, Mr D Till, Matthew Stephenson, Matteo Nordmann, Nkoliseko Nyubuse, Brian Hudson



HOCKEY U14C

Back row: Yaseen Mayet, Martin Nkosi, Andrew Kruger, Luke Custers, Paolo Antezana, Daanyaal Thokan, Robbie Schaafsma
Front row: Mohammed Haffejie, Kaelin Poovalingam, Neo Phihlela, Matthew Sweeney, Mr M Roos, Connor Human, James Purchase, Matthew Grealy, Keshav Haripaul



HOCKEY U14D

Back row: Bolu Orimoloye, Thashael Naidoo, Taran Rajcoomar, Unathi Shongwe, Ntandoyenkosi Dhlwayo, Matthew Maccelari, Tsungai Murahwi, Saigan Moodley, Kutlwano Malema, Twayyib Turpin
Front row: Muhammed Joosub, Jonathan van Reenen, Mohamed Zidan Cassim, Rohan Bhatt, Mr J Stephenson, Connor Erwee, Gregory Shave, Matthew Doubell, Tyrese Naidoo

ORIENTEERING REPORT

MIC

- Ms T Voorendyk

CAPTAIN

- James Hancock

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- James Hancock

TEAM AWARD

- Ryan Costa

HALF-COLOURS

- Nkosinathi Ngcobo
- Campbell Tiley

FULL COLOURS

- James Breytenbach
- Connor Davies
- Brandon Gallichan
- James Hancock

The Orienteering Schools League (OSL) is organised and run by the four Gauteng-based orienteering clubs, RACO, Adventure Racing Club, ROC and WITSOC. The league is aimed at learners from Grade 7 to Grade 12.

The OSL runs annually in February and March. Pupils are also encouraged to join orienteering at a club level, which runs throughout the year on Sunday mornings. This improves their orienteering skills and makes them eligible for selection for the national squad; they may be chosen to represent South Africa at the Junior World Orienteering Champs. James Hancock participated in a number of club events, in addition to his St David's team contributions.

Nine St David's orienteers were invited to compete in the Gauteng finals at the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden in March. As always, there were moments of laughter (wet shoes), confusion (wrong map), concern (lost runner) and missed controls (disqualification). One small detail on the map could result in a victory, or a disqualification.

We will miss our strong group of matrics who have kept St David's orienteering "on the map", but look forward to following the progress of the up-and-coming orienteers in the 2018 season.

Thank you to our captain, James, who led by example, Mr M Malete and the parents who supported their sons at the various fixtures throughout the season.

Ms T Voorendyk

MIC: Orienteering



ORIENTEERING

Back row: Kevin Asman, Spencer Terry, Alistair Ross, Campbell Tiley, Michel de Laroche
 2nd row: Foucauld Riché, Themba Gumede, Brandon Gallichan, Thomas Taylor, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Connor Davies, Joshua Davies, Manqoba Lumphondo
 Front row: Peter Hancock, Ryan Costa, Mr M Chonco, James Hancock, Ms T Voorendyk, Malo Riché, James Breytenbach

ROCK CLIMBING REPORT

MIC

- Mr R Brown

CAPTAIN

- Alexander Bergesen

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- Alexander Bergesen
- Nathan Berlin

TEAM AWARD

- Ryan Costa

FULL COLOURS

- Alexander Bergesen
- James Breytenbach

The most predominant change seen in 2017 was the renovation of the indoor climbing cave; with the help of the boys, the cave was completely repainted and renovated in an effort to bring renewed enthusiasm to the climbing team, and make climbing a more enticing sport for newcomers. The renovation took place over the August school holiday, and the walls were repainted, grips removed from the walls and cleaned, and the safety mat replaced.

During the course of the year a climbing expedition to Strubens Valley was co-ordinated in an effort to get the boys climbing on real rock, and gain experience with the difficulties and attributes associated with outdoor climbing.

Special congratulations must be extended to Nathan Berlin for the commendable achievement of making the South African sport climbing team, and competing at the IFSC Youth World Championships. Climbing captain Alex Bergesen is also commended on his impressive climbing at Gauteng and national level, as well as being the school's Climber of the Year. Special mentions are extended to Michael Todd, David Bergesen and Dantè Paravano for their commitment and enthusiasm to climbing throughout the year.

Twenty-seventeen has been a year of growth and development for the St David's rock climbing team. Boys have gone from strength to strength in their climbing abilities, both in the bouldering and lead climbing facets, under the watchful eye of the climbing captain for the year, Alex Bergesen, and myself.

All in all, it has been a fantastic year for the rock climbing team, and we are excited to see what the new year has to offer us.

Mr R Brown

MIC: Climbing



CLIMBING CLUB

Back row: Richard de Coster, Spencer Terry, Matthew Hammon
Front row: Matthew Sweeney, David Bergesen, Michael Todd, Mr K Biller, Alexander Bergesen, Dantè Paravano, Nathan Berlin

RUGBY REPORT

MIC

- Mr JD Toerien

1ST XV COACH

- Mr J Black

ASSISTANT COACH

- Mr JD Toerien

CAPTAIN

- Merrick Hughes

TEAM AWARD

- Benjamin Dunn
- Simbainashe Kanyangarara
- Gregory Kourie
- Liam van Rensburg

HALF-COLOURS

- Themba Gumede
- James Macindoe
- Westley van der Spuy
- Kieran Wrightson

FULL COLOURS

- Jarred Breen
- Gareth Bridges
- Nicholas Christie
- Ryan Costa
- Jason Farr
- Blake Forssman
- Brett Hardie
- Merrick Hughes
- Siyabonga Mashiane
- Nicholas Minnie
- Thomas Nott
- Thomas O'Donoghue
- Marcell Scheepers
- Braydon Wooley

The 1st XV had a very successful season, with some really fine results and a number of narrow defeats. The season wasn't only successful due to the number of games we won, but also for the brand of running rugby that's been developing at St David's over the past few seasons.

The season started with two closely contested games, against St Alban's and St Stithians respectively. These were two tough games to start the season off with and unfortunately we lost both these games; one try separated us from both these teams. The boys quickly put these two losses behind them, however, and had a magnificent win over St Benedict's – the first time in 13 years that we managed to beat them at 1st team level. This was a true exhibition of the brand of running rugby that we want at St David's.

During the April holidays we were fortunate enough to be invited to the St Stithians Easter Festival and Grey Port Elizabeth Rugby Festival, to showcase our brand of rugby to the rest of South Africa. Unfortunately, we sustained a number of injuries during our first game, against St Andrew's College, and couldn't manage to win a game at the St Stithians festival. Nonetheless, the boys played their hearts out and showed that it will take more than a few injuries to keep us down. During the last match of the Grey Port Elizabeth festival, the boys got their season back on track with a very good victory over Muir College.

Our first fixture of the second term was against a very strong Parktown Boys' High School. We led for most of the game, but unfortunately we eventually lost narrowly. These narrow losses seemed to follow us wherever we went, with our next one being against St John's; for me, this was most probably the hardest game of the season. The heavens opened and the field was a mud bath, but this didn't stop us from playing our adventurous style of rugby. Once we forgot about the disappointment of the two narrow losses, we ended our regular season with four wins in a row, highlighted by a brilliant win over St Charles College and a closely fought game against Clifton College.

Our final tour of the year was to the Uplands Rugby Festival, where we lost to a strong Hilton College side but secured two impressive victories, over Uplands College and Penryn College.

I would like to thank everyone who was part of the 1st XV squad in 2017. Thank you for all the hard work, commitment and putting the necessary time in to make it such a successful season. I would like to thank Mr JD Toerien for all the effort and hard work he has put into the forwards, and sharing his valuable experience with the boys. I couldn't ask for a better assistant coach. In addition,

I would like to thank Mr D Shanley and Mr C Small for their help in conditioning the boys and giving medical expertise respectively; their work did not go unnoticed.

I would like to thank Merrick Hughes, who captained the team. Merrick was an excellent captain and led from the front, both on and off the field. Merrick and his vice-captain, Gareth Bridges, can be very proud of their season and the way they led the team.

Lastly, I believe the 1st XV of 2017 has put the black-and-gold jersey in a better place; they played a great brand of rugby hard and, most importantly, they had fun.

Mr J Black
1st XV coach

“Determined”, “courageous” and “tenacious” were the best adjectives to describe the 2nd XV at the conclusion of its 2017 season. The team, lovingly known as The Dogs, played 11 matches in which they were transformed from puppies into a powerful pack of wolves. The season brought about a spectrum of emotions, with many highs and many lows; however, camaraderie was the most consistent element throughout.

The game that most epitomises the perseverance and unity of The Dogs this season was the 13-12 victory over Parktown, which had the men digging within themselves to find strength they never knew they had in order to win that titanic encounter. Standing shoulder to shoulder, this group of young men stood to face the trial with bravery, bound together out of mutual respect and passion for the game. That harmony allowed them to walk away as victors.

Although we weren't able to celebrate that numerical success at all our fixtures, the individual growth on both an ability and character basis for all involved was a success in its own right. The majority of The Dogs found their efforts and skills did not go unnoticed, as they were called up to play at the 1st team level on multiple occasions. This group of boys was a fantastic bunch to be involved with, and I do not doubt that the memories and stories of 2017 will be told and heard for a great many years to come.

Mr JD Toerien
MIC: Rugby

The U16 season started with pre-season training at the end of January, with our main aim to get the boys fit enough to play the game while making sure that they were strong enough to withstand its rigours.

Starting the season against Benoni allowed us the opportunity to settle some combinations and ensure that the team knew the general style of play. After a comfortable yet scrappy display against Benoni, we took on Krugersdorp in a midweek fixture at Krugersdorp, where we were able to win another game relatively comfortably.

One of the main themes behind this season has been to learn as much as we can at every game and ensure that we don't repeat past mistakes. I felt that this team exhibited some issues with their self-belief from the beginning of the season; it was one of the aspects of their play that we had to work on continuously, and was also the reason that we let so many teams dominate us for long periods in some of our games.

St Stithians was our first real test of the season and we let them take a 17-point lead into half-time; thankfully, however, that was the last time in the game that we let them play any rugby. Our boys rallied and showed what they were really made of in the second half, scoring 10 unanswered points and coming very close to scoring 17. If any game highlighted the improvement shown by the boys since last year, when they lost 41-7 against Saints, the 17-10 match this year was one of them.

Another pleasing turnaround from the boys was the Northcliff game, where they managed to win the game 26-14 after dominating play for large periods, before fading a bit in the last five minutes due to the fatigue of playing three games in five days; still, it was a dominant display from a side that had lost 12-13 the year before, highlighting the improvement in self-belief and mental toughness that this side had already shown.

For me, the highlight of the season was our final game against Clifton College in Durban. After losing 20-0 to Clifton at home last year, there was a lot at stake for the team, especially as we had beaten Clifton already in a shortened version of the game at the ISRF at Hilton College earlier in the year. The boys played one of their best games of the season, going into the second half 15-10 up and looking like they were only getting warmed up. After half-time they really showed some team cohesion and started playing some fantastic rugby, running out eventual winners 25-10 in one of the best games of rugby that I had seen them play – and securing a 35-point turnaround on the previous year.

I would like to thank Mr James for coaching with me this year, for all the support and friendship through difficult times, and for sharing the amazing times with our team. Rugby brings you people you can rely on and friends you can count on, be it through playing or even coaching. I want to thank

the boys for giving us their time and always being willing to learn and improve, and for showing such character and courage to make the changes that they needed to to make them more successful. Our team motto became, "When do we lose? When we give up," and I want to thank each and every one of them for never giving up.

I wish each and every one of you a successful 2018 rugby season. Play the way I know you can and, above all, have fun.

Mr G Brown
UI6A coach

The St David's UI5A rugby team could best be described as an enthusiastic and athletic group of players, well led by the brilliant #8, Liam Tonetti, and a tight five composed of power and size, epitomised by Massimo Strapazzon and John Kelly Okonkwo at prop. The backs were pretty exciting, with Sam Stuart and Josh Black always dangerous. Defensively, this side was courageous and never seemed to back down. Jack Juds was a special cover defender, Stehan Fourie was able to hold up ball carriers at will, and the 10, 12, 13 defensive axis of Leeam van der Walt, Remo Strapazzon and Vasilli Muzuris were dependable in this regard.

Moving forward, the challenge to these lads is to develop the appropriate skill sets so that they can score more tries and finish off all their hard work, as well as develop their game awareness so as to be "smarter" in certain situations. A notable victory was the scalp of Pretoria Boys' with a score of 12-7.

The UI4 age group consisted of four teams. This is very good for the strength of St David's rugby in years to come. We were lucky enough to have a very talented age group, which meant that there was always competition for places in the respective teams.

The highlights of the season had to be the C team winning 88% of its games, and the B team winning 80% of its games. The A team showed good character throughout the season and this showed in the last game of the season, against Clifton, where we came from 17 points behind to win 19-17. I look forward to seeing what more this age group has to offer in the years to come. If they keep working hard and stay humble, they can do great things.

Mr JD Toerien
MIC: Rugby



RUGBY 1ST TEAM

Back row: Jason Farr, Westley van der Spuy, Braydon Wooley, Jarred Breen, James Macindoe, Simbainashe Kanyangarara, Nicholas Minnie
2nd row: Kieran Wrightson, Brett Hardie, Thomas O'Donoghue, Liam van Rensburg, Blake Forssman, Benjamin Dunn, Marcell Scheepers, Andrew Cawood, Motheo Moeng
Front row: Siyabonga Mashiane, Thomas Nott, Themba Gumede, Mr JD Toerien, Merrick Hughes, Mr J Black, Gareth Bridges, Ryan Costa, Nicholas Christie



RUGBY 2ND TEAM

Back row: Westley van der Spuy, Matthew Benning, James Macindoe, Connor Ivins
 2nd row: Motheo Moeng, Liam van Rensburg, Jordan Parker, Simbainashe Kanyangarara, Leo Michael, Murray Bester, Jonathan Benfield, Andrew Cawood
 Front row: Jordan Harding, Calvin Abel, Joshua McLean, Garrick Pagel, Mr C Page, Cameron Stephenson, Daniel van Staden, Andrew Cambitzis Ernstzen, Karabo Maepa



RUGBY 3RD TEAM

Back row: Matthew Tolliss, Ricky Goedhart, Jordan Parker, Adrian Edwards, Ewan Thorpe, Luke Tollman, Benjamin Dunn, Murray Bester, Connor Pearson
 2nd row: Karabo Maepa, Joshua McLean, Niccolo Nahman, Wesley Traill, Michael Scott, Oliver Hinton, Daniel Smit, Daniel Scriven, Trent Patterson, Kyle Bove
 Front row: Luke Rheeder, Andrew Cambitzis Ernstzen, Jaime Zenha, Sihle Eyles, Mr K McCarthy, Alexander Standfest, Declan Banks, Matthew Younger, Robert Lavelle



RUGBY 4TH TEAM

Back row: Ewan Thorpe, Alexander Standfest, Christopher Skinner, Luke Tollman, Adrian Edwards
 2nd row: Daniel Smit, Richard Lehane, Nicolas Czakan, Connor Pearson, Christos Konidaris, Thomas King, Ricky Goedhart, Kyle Bove, Kamil Saloojee
 Front row: Michael Scott, Sean Ellis, Robert Lavelle, Trent Patterson, Mr K McCarthy, Daniel Scriven, Matthew Younger, Declan Banks, Anthony Mutzuris



RUGBY U16A

Back row: James Graham, Ethan Bartlett, Keagan Perdikies, Michael Farr, Daniel Reed, Cameron Hyslop, Noah Pavlou, James Edwards, Jamie Hutton, Lebo Mathe
 Front row: Cameron Green, Sebastian Riva, Luca Martini, Mr L James, Khwezi Luthuli, Mr G Brown, Shawn Naylor, Andrew Rustin, Phalo Klaas



RUGBY U16B

Back row: Diego Bertasso, James Edwards, James Graham, Tashinga Chibaya, Nicholas Carr
 2nd row: Hamza Dar, Peter Hancock, Omolemo Nkabinde, Alan Mthembu, Andreas Sarmis, Levi Morais, Jason Raman, Daniel Khoury, Justin Wood
 Front row: Christopher Rains, Andrew Abernethy, Misho Mangena, Mr G Brown, Ethan Breen, Mr L James, Nicholas Curry, Alexandros Koutromanos, Imaad Moosa



RUGBY U16C

Back row: Ntokozo Shabalala, Imaad Moosa, Robert Rewolinski, Adam Gamsy, Munza Kamukwamba, Kyle Keegan, Daniel Khoury, Foucauld Riché, Kevin Asman, Theodoros Kousiakis
Front row: Christopher Rains, Diego Bertasso, Cayde McLintock, Mr L James, Misho Mangena, Mr G Brown, Alan Mthembu, Micah Pirikisi, Musa Mangena



RUGBY U15A

Back row: Cayden Edwards, John-Kelly Okonkwo, Luka Vieira, Ronan Arp
2nd row: Massimo Strappazon, Alastair Roberts, Leeam van der Walt, Luke Lawson, Stehan Fourie, Jack Juds, Tyron Midlane, Remo Strappazon, Joshua Black
Front row: Vasilli Mutzuris, Descent Ngqola, Connor Jack, Samuel Stuart, Mr C Ghoos, Liam Tonetti, Ethan Hardy, John Michael, Mikele Venditti



RUGBY U15B

Back row: Ryan Gebhardt, Aiden du Toit, Luka Vieira
2nd row: Francisco Garcia, Thomas Taylor, Max Perdikies, Baraka Bukanga, Alexander Blackie, Luke Lawson, Stephen Christie, Sebastian Botha, Alastair Roberts
Front row: Nzuzoyetfu Magagula, Oliver Leenstra, Connor Jack, Ethan Hardy, Mr C Ghoos, Tyron Midlane, Luca Beddington, Mohammed Azhar Cassim, Mikele Venditti



RUGBY U15C

Back row: Mohammed Azhar Cassim, Oliver Leenstra, Connor Jack, Luke Lawson, Alexander Blackie, Stephen Christie, Sebastian Botha, Nicholas Klaasen, Josepha Sizani, Nzuzoyetfu Magagula
 Front row: Mihali Avraamides, Nathan Berlin, Ntando Kawula, Aidan van Renen, Mr C Ghoos, Luca Beddington, Fana Dubazana, Amiel Srikrishan, Gabriel Standfest



RUGBY U14A

Back row: Michael Kenealy, Sihle Jwara, Jon Khoo, Paul Petersen, Neal Geldenhuys, Matthew Rundle, Manqoba Bungane, Conon Tonetti, Sibahle Phangela, Lyndon Skei, Giuliano Maraschin
 Front row: Caleb Grimett, Matthew Cawood, Troy Karam, Matthew Cooper, Mr C Hansell, Daniel Ferriman, Matthew Hutton, Joshua Botha, Alexander Michael



RUGBY U14B

Back row: Alexander Stewart-Selvan, Neal Geldenhuys, Ryan Huiskamp, Manqoba Bungane
 2nd row: Jordan Cloete, Warona Musenwa, Alupheli Mqaqa, Sanele Parirenyatwa, Reagan Fisher, Luc Terry, Sibusiso Ndlovu, Tatenda Kandengwa, Neil Heyneke
 Front row: Adam Simpson, Matthew Hutton, Luca Nicholas, Mr L Wrightson, Christopher Michael, Ryan Thomas, Ronan Ferreira, Mbilu Mabilu, Myles Bennett



RUGBY U14C

Back row: Sanele Parirenyatwa, Alban Renaudin, Christopher Turner, Marko Veselinovic
 2nd row: Nicholas Lutz, Warona Musenwa, Alexander Stewart-Selvan, Josh Jacobs, William Fyffe, Sandile Tyabazeka, Gehan Neuhoff, Neil Heyneke, Tyler van Niekerk
 Front row: Abilio Demetrio, Lukas van der Merwe, Malo Riché, Mr F Gilardi, Matthew Shahim, Mr S Mahlangu, Myles Bennett, Joseph Cuyler, Jordan Cloete



RUGBY U14D

Back row: Mutamba Kumbi, Ethan Kruger, Kian Kinnear, Warwick Brown, Lukwazi Twala, Josh Jacobs, Sandile Tyabazeka, Luke King, Amani Bukanga
 Front row: Joseph Cuyler, Matthew Rathbone, Inaam Moosa, Vuyo Mpofu, Mr K Biller, Zack Pavlou, Dale van der Merwe, Logan le Roux, Dylan Asman



SWIMMING REPORT

MIC

- Mrs S Kolkenbeck-Ruh

CAPTAIN

- Jarred Breen

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

- Trey Breytenbach
- Alessio Ferreri
- Kobe Ndebele
- Ewan Thorpe

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- Alessio Ferreri
- Kobe Ndebele

HALF-COLOURS

- Dylan Kamstra
- Robert Lavelle
- Richard Lehane
- Gianluca Rizzo
- Daniel Scriven
- Christopher van Vuren

FULL COLOURS

- Murray Bester
- Jarred Breen
- Trey Breytenbach
- Jason Farr
- Alessio Ferreri
- Richard Lehane
- Riley Kamstra
- Andrew Mason
- Ewan Thorpe
- Daniel Wong

This season the St David's swimming teams once again proved that dedication and training can deliver results. The team was coached and managed by a passionate staff team, including Mr Biller, Mrs Greensill, Mr Kennedy, Mr Skirving, Miss Burne, Mr Sutherland, Mr Gilardi and me.

The swimming team toured to KwaZulu-Natal from 9-12 February. The A and B teams participated in the Westville Boys' High School gala and the St Henry's Marist College gala respectively. The tour was a success, highlighted by the B team's victory at the St Henry's gala and the A team placing 3rd overall at the Westville Boys' High gala behind Westville High School and Grey College Bloemfontein.

The St Henry's gala is a special event as it brings Marist schools together. The Westville Boys' High gala is attended by most of the country's top swimming schools, and makes for a very competitive and exciting event. Many of our swimmers swam excellent times and improved on their personal bests, which contributed to a superb performance from the team. The tours served as an opportunity for the boys to partake in different aquatic activities. This came in the form of a fun lifesaving introduction course at Addington Beach.

At the Alan Burt Top Ten Invitational gala, the A team finished in 2nd place behind Westville High School and then went on to take 2nd place at the Inter-High Relay gala, while the B team won its section. The season then culminated with the Inter-High Individual galas, where both teams delivered superb performances and did their school proud when they finished as the champions.

Alessio Ferreri was included in the South African Junior swimming team and participated in the 6th FINA Junior World Swimming Championships, held in the US in August. The team was made up of 10 boys and 10 girls. Michael Geere qualified to participate in SA Junior Swimming Nationals, held in KwaZulu-Natal in March. He performed very well, which is testament to all his hours of training. Kobe Ndebele participated in the 12th African Junior Championships, which were held in Cairo. He won a total of six medals, five gold and one silver. Kobe was awarded the trophy for the best performance male swimmer in his age group at the championships, and awarded Junior national colours.

The 2018 season will be captained by Trey Breytenbach, with support of vice-captain Murray Bester. The swimming teams of St David's continue to attract extremely talented swimmers, with great potential to excel on provincial and national platforms. The boys' unfaltering discipline and positive spirit towards success makes working with them an absolute privilege. My hope is that this is a strength that will continue to keep St David's at the forefront of school swimming in the years to come.

Mrs S Kolkenbeck-Ruh

MIC: Swimming





SWIMMING A TEAM

Back row: Dale van der Merwe, Adam McLean, Keagan Perdikies, Cayden Edwards, Michael Geere, Nicholas Poole, Ewan Thorpe, Michael Farr, Liam Tonetti, Jedd Jacobs, Daniel Ferriman, Gianluca Rizzo
 2nd row: Luca Nicholas, Michael Vosloo, Gehan Neuhoff, Konrad Nägele, Kobe Ndebele, Jordan van der Merwe, Conor Tonetti, Joshua Black, Leeam van der Walt, Josh Jacobs, Steven Procommenos, Matthew Cooper, Ryan Fermoyle, Matthew Sweeney
 Front row: Dylan Kamstra, Christopher van Vuren, Riley Kamstra, Richard Lehane, Mrs J Greensill, Mr K Biller, Jarred Breen, Andrew Mason, Mrs S Kolkenbeck-Ruh, Mr F Gilardi, Jason Farr, Robert Lavelle, Murray Bester, Daniel Wong
 Absent: Trey Breytenbach, Alessio Ferreri



SWIMMING B TEAM

Back row: Marc Leicher, Levi Morais, Nicholas Curry, Brayden Gould, Alexander Standfest, Christopher Skinner, Cameron Hyslop, James Edwards, Aiden du Toit, James Breytenbach
 3rd row: Tyron Midlane, Motheo Moeng, Nicholas Carr, Alexander Blackie, Ronan Arp, Merrick Hughes, Alistair Ross, Matthew Wood, Jonathan Benfield, Jack Juds, Luke Lawson, Manqoba Bungane, Gregory Kourie, Giuliano Maraschin
 2nd row: Matthew Stephenson, Alexander Sequeira, Joshua Mvunga, Kiernan Scott, Christopher Turner, Rohan Bhatt, Thomas Goddard, Devon Rouessart, Matthew Sim, Reagan Fisher, Jaime Zenha, Josh Stewart, Luca Martini, Abhay Haripaul
 Front row: Jonathan van Reenen, Andrew Kruger, Joshua Maroun, Tristan Donaldson, Ms J Burne, Mr S Sutherland, Daniel Scriven, Thomas O'Donoghue, Mr F Gilardi, Mrs J Greensill, Massimo Araujo, Matthew Cawood, Bradley Becker, Connor Erwee



TENNIS REPORT

MIC

- Mr C Watkinson

CAPTAIN

- Niccolo Nahman

FULL COLOURS

- Gareth Aspinall
- Michael Lowings
- Sasha Muller
- Niccolo Nahman

The St David's College Tennis Club has had a busy and successful 2017.

On the first weekend back at school in January, Niccolo Nahman, Sebastián Buxman, Michael Lowings and Gareth Aspinall competed in the annual St Benedict's Invitational Tennis Festival. We achieved a very hard-fought 2nd place in this weekend event. Six schools had played for honours in this event, and our own Michael Lowings was voted sportsman of the tournament. Well done, Michael!

The inter-school league went well in the first and third terms, with our 1st team remaining in the premier league for yet another year and all our teams staying in the same sections as before.

The St David's 1st team was invited to play in the St Stithians Sports Festival, in April, for the first time. It proved to be a very strong tournament but our boys played excellent tennis and finished 4th – a great effort!

The College Tennis Championship was played at Ellis Park. A hard-fought contest, it brought out the best in our top 16 players. Congratulations to Sebastián, the 2017 singles champion, and to the runner-up, Michael. Very well played! Sebastián also won the Gauteng North Mini Masters Tournament and has done very well in a number of ITF tournaments, which makes him one of the best players in the country in his age group.

St David's competed in the Inter-Catholic Schools Tennis event for the third time in 2017. Well done to Michael, Fletcher Gebhardt, Matthew Fitzgerald and Ryan Gebhardt, who played well to win the competition by 11 games.

The Gerrie Berner Tennis Tournament, hosted by Paul Roos Gymnasium in Stellenbosch, which normally takes place in February each year, had to be postponed due to an outbreak of measles at Paul Roos. Luckily we were able to change all the arrangements and we had a full-strength team for the new date in April. In arguably the toughest tournament on the calendar (three matches a day), our team finished in a respectable 8th place.

In June we played in Durban against Clifton, and lost narrowly to a good Clifton team on home turf; it was a very enjoyable trip nevertheless. August saw our two best teams travel to Sun City to do battle in the Private Schools Tennis Tournament. After winning the event in 2014 and 2015, we went easier on the other teams in 2016, winning the event again in 2017. Our boys played with great spirit and an eagerness to win, delivering a brilliant effort against stiff opposition! Our number 1 player, Sebastián, received a special award as player of the tournament, having won all his matches at number 1.

History was made this year when Niccolo, in Grade 12, and his brother Alessandro, in Grade 7, were both appointed captains of tennis for 2017.

Thanks go to Mr Ireland for his support and to Mrs Stanger, Ms Le Roux and Ms Moipolai for managing the teams. Thanks also to Mrs Bastenie, for results and admin, and to our drivers, Mr Moyo and Mr Maletje.

Mr C Watkinson

MIC: Tennis



TENNIS 1ST TEAM

Back row: Sasha Muller, Sebastián Buxman
Front row: Brendan Cross, Niccolo Nahman, Mr C Watkinson, Gareth Aspinall, Michael Lowings



TENNIS 2ND TEAM

Back row: Benjamin Dunn, Ryan Huiskamp
Front row: Fletcher Gebhardt, Christopher Stocken, Mrs C Stanger, Nicholas Wahl, Thomas Taylor



TENNIS 3RD TEAM

Back row: Michael Russell, Ryan Gebhardt
 Front row: Munachiso Ewuzie, Luke Rathbone, Ms H le Roux, Thomas Taylor, Manqoba Luphondo



TENNIS 4TH TEAM

Back row: Ritvik Sojen, Robert Pfister, Matthew Hammon
 Front row: Kondwani Mwanza, Araav Sojen, Mrs D Webb, Lukas van der Merwe, Luke Krog



TENNIS 5TH TEAM

Back row: Robert Pfister, Ryan Gebhardt
Front row: Ritvik Sojen, Robert Rewolinski, Ms K Moipolai, Araav Sojen, Luke Krog



TENNIS 6TH TEAM

Back row: Matthew van der Westhuizen, Richard Kinsey
Front row: Cade Edwards, Logan le Roux, Mrs L Vernell, Lukas van der Merwe, Musa Mangena

WATER POLO REPORT

MIC

- Mr D Whyte

CAPTAIN

- Richard Lehane

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

UI9B:

- Murray Bester

UI6A:

- Nicholas Poole

UI6B:

- Pericles Daras
- Brayden Gould
- Cameron Hyslop
- Jedd Jacobs

UI6 squad reserves:

- Levi Morais
- Justin Wood

UI5A:

- Aiden du Toit
- Cayden Edwards
- Liam Tonetti

UI5B:

- Ronan Arp
- Jack Juds
- Massimo Strappazzon
- Remo Strappazzon

UI4A:

- Manqoba Bungane
- Matthew Cooper
- Daniel Ferriman
- Caleb Grimmet
- Luca Nicholas
- Matthew Rundle
- Matthew Stephenson
- Conor Tonetti
- Christopher Turner

UI4B:

- Reagan Fisher
- Josh Jacobs
- Michael Kenealy

- Joshua Maroun
- Gehan Neuhoff

TEAM AWARD

- Gordon Gace
- Rhodes Pritchard
- Christopher van Vuren

HALF-COLOURS

- Thomas Gregory Nott
- Gregory Kourie

FULL COLOURS

- Murray Bester
- Jarryd Boden
- Jarred Breen
- Jason Farr
- Dylan Kamstra
- Riley Kamstra
- Richard Lehane
- Andrew Mason
- Thomas O'Donoghue

Another action-packed season has flown by in the blink of an eye. St David's set out to stamp its mark on the water polo pools this year – which it did, with great success.

This year's main focus was to instil four very important goals within our players: 1. Practice is important; 2. Sportsmanship; 3. Passion and love for the sport; and 4. Pride and commitment for what we do in the pool. These goals will carry over into the New Year, with some additional, personalised goals for each of our teams.

The College had very pleasing results this year, with a 65.6% win rate. The Junior contingent spearheaded these positive results.

Our UI4 age group made many top placings at each of their respective tournaments, and only lost five games this year. The UI4s often met the tournament's eventual winners in the earlier stages of the competition; nevertheless, their pride in the game always shone through.

The UI5 age group had to adjust to the changing nature of the game earlier in the year; however, they made some phenomenal advances. This was proven by their results, as seen in the Cup of Honour Water Polo Tournament.

The UI6 group is one of the most challenging age groups, as many players start making their way up the ranks to contend for positions in the 1st team. The competition for team space is testament to the depth and talent rising through the College space. The UI6s proved their worth with pleasing results in the DHS tournament.

The Open teams saw many new experiences: the revival of St David's invitation into the Reef Cup tournament, which the 1st team won convincingly. The 2nd team also took part in the Reef Cup and was fiercely competitive, nearly usurping the 1st team in the earlier rounds. Our place in the pool was further reinforced by the introduction of the Pearson 2nd Team Tournament, held in Port Elizabeth. Our 2nd team proved its worth in this tournament.

The 1st team finished the season with eight matric players, leaving noticeable holes in the team; we have little doubt, however, that the younger players will rise to the challenge. It will be a tough task but through perseverance and dedication to the above goals, I have no doubt we be able to take the school to even greater heights.

A fast-paced, frenetic year doesn't happen without its share of challenges, and these could not be overcome without the dedication and enthusiasm of the staff involved in water polo. On behalf of myself and the players, I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to: the administration staff and drivers, who make it possible for us to go on tour; our managers, who do the momentous task of administration on top of their busy teaching schedules,

looking after the boys and making sure they are in line; our coaches, who instill their knowledge and passion for water polo, and push the boys each day to be their best; and our parents, who give their unwavering support, "gees" and advice. THANK YOU.

Mr D Whyte
MIC:Water Polo



WATER POLO 1ST TEAM

Back row: Nicholas Poole, Jarred Breen, Riley Kamstra
2nd row: Jarryd Boden, Michael Farr, Jason Farr, Dylan Kamstra, Andrew Mason, Christopher van Vuren, Murray Bester
Front row: Thomas O'Donoghue, Rhodes Pritchard, Mrs B Stewart, Richard Lehane, Mr D Whyte, Thomas Nott, Gregory Kourie
Absent: Gordon Gace



WATER POLO 2ND & 3RD TEAM

Back row: Merrick Hughes, Brayden Gould, Alexander Standfest, Christopher Skinner, Cameron Hyslop
2nd row: Daniel Scriven, Matthew Sim, Wesley Traill, Matthew Wood, James Edwards, Motheo Moeng, Trent Patterson
Front row: Josh Stewart, Jordan van der Merwe, Mr C White, Jonathan Benfield, Mr K McCarthy, Anthony Mutzuris, Jaime Zenha



WATER POLO U16A

Back row: Keagan Perdikies, Brayden Gould, Cameron Hyslop, Jedd Jacobs
 Front row: Levi Morais, Luca Martini, Nicholas Poole, Mr J Mclean, Michael Farr, James Edwards, Devon Rouessart



WATER POLO U16B

Back row: Michael Todd, Nicholas Carr, Anthony Stride, Nicholas Curry, Ethan Bartlett
 Front row: Jason Raman, Cameron Green, Cayde McLintock, Mr A Spanidis, Diego Bertasso, Marc Leicher, Jamie Hutton



WATER POLO U15A

Back row: Adam McLean, Jack Juds, Cayden Edwards, Aiden du Toit, Alistair Ross, Ronan Arp, Tyron Midlane, Remo Strappazon
 Front row: Joshua Black, Luca Beddington, Mr J Sibiya, Liam Tonetti, Mr L James, Massimo Strappazon, Konrad Nägele



WATER POLO U15B

Back row: Damien Sandham, Konrad Nägele, Luka Vieira, Luke Lawson, Alistair Ross, Alexander Blackie, Tyron Midlane, Vasilli Mutzuris, Mikele Venditti, Luca von Poncet
 Front row: Gabriel Standfest, Luca Beddington, Tristan Donaldson, Mr C White, Aidan van Renen, Amiel Srikrishan, Dominic Sandham



WATER POLO U14A

Back row: Reagan Fisher, Conor Tonetti, Matthew Rundle, Manqoba Bungane, Christopher Turner
 Front row: Gehan Neuhoff, Caleb Grimett, Daniel Ferriman, Matthew Cooper, Luca Nicholas, Matthew Stephenson, Joshua Maroun



WATER POLO U14B & C

Back row: Amani Bukanga, Massimo Araujo, Paul Petersen, Jarod Ment, Warona Musenwa
 2nd row: Keegan Willson, Matthew Cawood, Christopher Michael, Connor Erwee, Alexander Michael, Matthew Rathbone, Matthew Hutton
 Front row: Ronan Ferreira, Adrian de Bonis, Matteo Nordmann, Mr A Spanidis, Andrew Kruger, Abilio Demetrio, Logan le Roux

ACTIVITIES



CHESS REPORT

MIC

- Mrs J Skeen

CAPTAIN

- Daniel Harvey

TEAM AWARD

- Adam Goetsch
- Anthony Mutzuris
- Valerio Verneti

HALF-COLOURS

- Yu-Shane Liou

FULL COLOURS

- Daniel Harvey

Once again, I am proud to be able to boast about a great chess season.

The A and B teams participated in the Northern League Four-a-side Tournament played in the first term, and both performed admirably, winning 75% of the matches played.

In the second term the St David's team had mixed results: we won against Sagewood School, drew with Beaulieu College and lost by only one game to Dainfern College.

The team was capably led by our captain, Daniel Harvey, and our Senior players acquitted themselves with distinction. We also have many promising Junior players, who will no doubt contribute to further successful chess seasons for the St David's team.

Well done on a great chess season, boys. I have thoroughly enjoyed being MIC for Chess this year, and I anticipate a splendid performance in 2018.

Mrs J Skeen

MIC: Chess



CHESS CLUB

Back row: Yu-Shane Liou, Thomas Goddard, Valerio Verneti, Adam Goetsch, Owethu Mthombeni, Anthony Mutzuris
Front row: Joshua Davies, Araav Sojen, Daniel Harvey, Ricardo Adoor, Kaelin Poovalingam

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



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Back row: Michael Younger, Alexander Sequeira, Kevin Asman, Daniel Bullock, Randon Reddy, Stephen Buck, Jordan Cloete
 Front row: Connor Erwee, Thashael Naidoo, Logan le Roux, James Purchase, Mr S Rose-Reddiar, Vrajesh Patel, Ihsaan Cassim, Yaseen Mayet, Craig Padayachee

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Jonathan Benfield	Nicolas Czakan	Kyle da Costa
Brandon Gallichan	Molema Theys	Luca Martini
Thomas O' Donoghue	Luke Tollman	Matthew Sim

GOLD LEVEL AWARDS



Jonathan Benfield



Brandon Gallichan



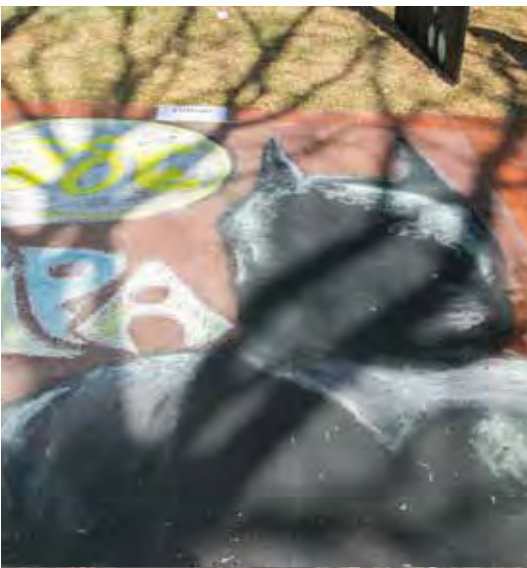
Thomas O'Donoghue





GRAFFITI CLUB

Back row: Michael Todd, Julien Damians-Nieman, Daniel Reed, Valerio Verneti, Adam Goetsch, Rohan Bhatt
Front row: Nicholas Wahl, James Sheridan, Thomas Eckoldt, Mr M Smith, Thashael Naidoo, Jay Lee Shih, Connor Human



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Back row: Daniel Scriven, Kiernan Scott, Thomas Nott, Michael-John Brewer, James Hayward, Luke Cryer, Connor Jones, Brett Hardie, Manqoba Luphondo
Front row: Matthew Slack, Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Kingsley Rowe, Themba Gumede, Nicholas Christie, Mr L Ripley-Evans, Ryan Costa, Kanyisa Mhlungu, Mandla Koyabe, Richard Kinsey, Daniel Tyrer

CAMPS: UMFOLOZI WIDERNESS TRAIL

During the first week of the August holidays 12 Grade 11s and four staff members headed for the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park, the oldest proclaimed game reserve in Africa, for a five-day, four-night primitive wilderness trail.

This is the third year that groups of Grade 11s have undertaken the Imfolozi trail, and the experience once again proved to be unforgettable. In a world where it is so easy to become disconnected from our natural surroundings, the trail provided the ideal opportunity to disengage from the insular and passive world of cellphones, screen games, TV and social media.

The trail is aptly called “the primitive wilderness trail”, as participants experience basic living, with a minimum of sophistication in equipment, shelter and food. The boys and staff carry all their food and equipment, with all four nights spent sleeping out in the bush, under the stars, at a site chosen by the rangers. The boys were required to prepare meals, set up camp, collect water, bathe in the rivers and spend time alone on watch at the fire nightly.

I cannot compliment the boys enough for their positivity, sense of humour, and the spirit and manner in which they approached the adventure. They were a credit to themselves, their school and their parents – they were an absolute pleasure to be with.

Imfolozi is Big Five country, and the trail group certainly had many encounters with a wide variety of the flora, fauna and birds of the African bush. Highlights were encounters with wild dog chasing an impala through a campsite, which the dogs subsequently caught and devoured; having a very close encounter with a white rhino and its calf; frequently watching elephants and buffalo drinking and socialising just metres from camp; lion roaring throughout the night; a full moon in the African sky; and the incredible cacophony that frogs and toads make in the African night – the boys naming them “the Imfolozi Boys’ Choir”.

I’ve little doubt that all the Grade 11s and the staff who experienced the Imfolozi trail all now see our world from a new perspective. The harshness, beauty and fragility of our natural world is something you will never forget; the importance of meaningful and genuine friendships is highlighted; and the realisation that you can survive with very little, including cellphones, is brought home!

The trail was a fantastic week of meaningful activities that led to a sense of satisfaction and connectedness in so many ways. A big thank-you to the staff who accompanied the boys – Mrs L Deetlefs, Mrs S Richard and Mr K Biller – and to our wonderful driver, Mr M Maleté. You are all great company, and wonderful role models to the young men you teach.

Mr D Smith



Back row: Alex Lategan, James Macindoe, Westley van der Spuy, Leo Michael, Chad Oertel, Faadhil Mohamed
2nd row: Mr D Smith, Mrs L Deetlefs, Mr K Biller, Mrs S Richard
Front row: Robert Pfister, Michael Lowings, Ethan Simpson, Kyle da Costa, Bradley Morris, Reyhan Ismail



GRADE 8 ORIENTATION CAMP

The foundation theme for all Grade 8s who attend St David's is "To Belong" – to become orientated to the expectations of College life, to understand the traditions of St David's, to build structure and responsibility and most importantly, strengthen existing friendships and make new friends.

The Entabeni Education Centre, nestled in the foothills of the Little Berg of the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg World Heritage Park, provided the perfect setting for the boys' introduction to expectations in the College. During the five days on camp the boys were exposed to hiking, camping out, playing under waterfalls, mountain biking, canoeing, preparing meals, abseiling, archery, camp craft, and the odd war cry and team-building session. Huge credit for the success of the camp must go to the 2017 prefects, who certainly set high standards for themselves and the Grade 8s.

What impressed the other St David's staff on camp was the aplomb with which the new boys handled the many challenging activities presented to them, which points to a wonderful sense of grit, camaraderie and spirit among the group. Thank you to the housemasters and their deputies for accompanying the boys on this significant milestone in their school lives.

Mrs L Nagy
The Bishops Head of House

GRADE 9 JOURNEY

What an incredible journey the Grade 9s experienced at the end of September. This journey of self-discovery, growth, bonding and personal development took place in the beautiful Giants Castle area of the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg World Heritage Park. In groups of 15, the boys covered around 100km in 11 days, carrying their tents, sleeping equipment and food. At different stages on the journey the boys climbed into the High Berg, mountain-biked, orienteered, canoed and did service at local villages.

The effects of this journey are profound on all the Grade 9s, with the boys showing remarkable grit, resilience and humour: something that will stand them in good stead for their senior years at the College. Big thanks to Mrs Black for co-ordination of this wonderful journey.

Mr D Smith
Senior Deputy Headmaster



CAMPS: GRADE 8 / 9 / 10 / 11

GRADE 10 SERVICE CAMP

After two years of introspection, the challenge presented to our Grade 10s is one of looking outwards and starting to serve less fortunate members of society. The group was based at the Bosco Centre, to the south of Johannesburg, and four groups rotated during the course of the week to serve institutions such as Rainbow Nation Animals, Meals on Wheels, Randvaal Old Age Home, Areyeng (a home for the mentally ill), Lerato School, TLC Children's Home, Ebenezer Hannah Home (a home for the homeless and destitute), and Walking with Winners (a drug rehabilitation centre for men).

The boys were certainly exposed to the difficulties of township life and, through participation in various activities, they will hopefully realise how privileged they are and internalise the need to carry on doing service in their senior years at the College. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the camp, and much credit and thanks must go to the service team for facilitating the camp.

Mrs V Ellis
Outreach co-ordinator



GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP

For the 17th year, the venue for the Grade 11 camp was Spirit of Adventure, in the Magaliesberg. The venue and the facilitators are ideal for providing the boys a setting and programme that help focus the 2018 leadership group on the responsibilities and duties of leading a boys' school.

The camp is the culmination and consolidation of a series of leadership workshops the boys attend during the course of their Grade 11 year. Activities include go-karting, abseiling, hiking, raft building and a challenging day's adventure journey, which is the highlight of the camp.

Once again, this year's Grade 11s thoroughly enjoyed the camp and returned inspired to lead from the front. The St David's culture of leadership is in good hands, and much is expected of the 2018 leadership group. Thanks to the heads of houses for organising the camp.

Mr S Bauer
Benedict Head of House





INDIA

On 16 October 2017, three Grade 10s, Matthew du Chenne, Loatile Lebala and I began a seven-week journey to Welham Boys' School in Dehra Dun, nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas. Not knowing fully what to expect from the exchange, they departed anxious and excited young men.

On arrival in India, all three of us engulfed in numerous cultural challenges. The moment we stepped out of the airport we were shocked, as on the hour-long trip to the school our bags would be strapped onto the car roof with a not-so-secure-looking piece of rope. This was certainly not the end of the changes, as the food switched from pizza and burgers to curry and more curry.

The Diwali part of the trip was especially wonderful (and noisy). We got to know the different traditions and religions of India from our hosts in the boarding houses at Welham School. India as a whole is an extremely beautiful place (the Himalayas being my personal favourite). The people of India were definitely the best part of the trip, as everywhere we went, we encountered kind and welcoming people, who always greeted us and went out of their way to make us feel at home.

I feel that this trip has grown us as people, and we have certainly returned as more independent young men.

Reilly Preece

AUSTRALIA

The Australian exchange was an amazing experience for me, and a once-in-a-lifetime event that created so many memories that will stay with me forever. What made the experience even better is meeting new people at Trinity Grammar School, and doing activities with my host family. My host family took me paragliding, as well as on a tour around Melbourne and of the Melbourne cricket ground; I also got to play in the local touch rugby league, which my team won. The students and the teachers made us feel welcome at the school, and I intend on going back to Melbourne soon.

Daniel Bullock





JAPAN

From 4 to 19 November 2017 I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to visit Japan on a school exchange.

I attended school six days a week at Rikkyo High School. I enjoyed all the exciting club activities that the school had to offer, such as judo, kendo and fencing. On my spare days I had the privilege of going into the main city centre in Tokyo, to sightsee and shop for souvenirs. On one of the days my host mother took me to *kabuki*, a form of Japanese theatre, which was a memorable experience.

Overall, I had a magnificent time in Japan and I encourage students to attend the Japanese exchange. Many thanks to both St David's and Rikkyo High School for offering me such an amazing opportunity to explore the rich culture that Japan has to offer.

Alexandros Koutromanos

SPAIN

Madrid is a city that works ...
that invites ...
that welcomes ...

This captivating city was my home for three weeks – a place where you have a little more freedom and independence than you would have had at home.

The reality of what it truly means to fully immerse oneself in a culture that has very different values, communication styles and world views, as well as the language barrier, can be very challenging. Solving problems and overcoming all of these challenges was actually a rewarding part of the exchange, as it allowed me to reflect on my life in South Africa with a new-found perspective, as well as test my ability to adapt to diverse situations.

This exchange to Collegio Retamar, has broadened my horizons and rewarded me with an incredible cultural and life-changing experience.

Thank you, St David's, for the opportunity.

Kade Kalell

