

Kearsney Old Boy Professor Markram heads up flagship EU brain project

Kearsney was privileged to have internationally renowned neuroscientist Professor Henry Markram (Kearsney College Class of 1980) address the school at a special assembly on Friday 2 August. Mr Robert Carpenter, Marketing Director, brings you the story.

Addressing a packed Henderson Hall, Professor Markram kept boys, staff, visiting academics and journalists enthralled as he spoke passionately about the fascinating work in which he and his team are engaged.

Professor Markram heads up the billion euro Human Brain Project (HBP) at Switzerland's École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL). The project, a landmark endeavour in modern neuroscience, is attempting to reverse engineer an entire brain, one neuron at a time, on supercomputers. This will ultimately allow for crucial simulation-based research. Professor Markram states that "understanding the human brain is one of the greatest challenges facing 21st-Century science." The project will help scientists better understand, treat and even prevent mental illness, neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's and epilepsy, traumatic brain injuries and behavioural problems.

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Professor Markram gave generously of his time and the members of the 12 Club (top Grade 12 academic achievers) were fortunate to be able to spend a couple of hours with Professor Markram during the morning discussing his incredible work and its implications. It was wonderful to see the boys so visibly moved and inspired by their time with Professor Markram, one of the highest cited neuroscientists in the world and author of one of the highest cited original research papers in neuroscience (>1,500).

Professor Markram stressed to the boys that with dedication, application and practice they could achieve anything. He also urged the boys to appreciate their educational environment and to seize the day: "I have travelled all over the world and I haven't seen a school better than Kearsney".

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Professor Markram, wearing his old Colours tie, meets members of the 12 Club.

Second SA Schools rugby selection for Daniel and Jean-Luc du Preez

Two of Kearsney's eight KZN rugby representatives were selected for the SA Schools Rugby team. Daniel du Preez and Jean Luc du Preez were capped for the second year in succession. The SA Schools team played in an international under-18 series with England, France and Wales and were unbeaten in the series.

Well done to Daniel and Jean-Luc for all of their achievements on the rugby field.



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Professor Markram enjoyed his visit back to the school and the opportunity to interact with youngsters. Gazing nostalgically across the fields, he also fondly remembered his exertions on the athletics track. In addition to being a prefect in Gillingham and a good academic, Henry was an incredible athlete at school. He received colours for athletics and captained the school's Athletics and Cross-country teams.

Henry is remembered by his peers as having an enquiring mind and always asking questions. He has also been described as being very determined and strong-willed. This strength of character was also remarked upon by his teachers, who remember Henry as a pleasant and respectful pupil.

Guy Mungle, a classmate of Professor Markram's, recalls: "I remember Henry as always being a very focused and driven individual. He loved the challenge of academics and in particular the sciences – he spent hours absorbed in his studies and often worked late into the night.



1980 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Back L-R: T Laupsa, B Clark; Seated L-R: F Goosen, H Markham (C), Mr M E Myhill, F Champion (VC), C Blamey

His desk was always in a mess – papers everywhere. He had an incredible work ethic and as he set himself some very high standards to achieve."

Kearsney is incredibly proud of Professor Markram and we thank him for taking the time to inspire a new generation of Kearsney boys.

GRADE 9s MAKE HISTORY!

The Kearsney College History Department's annual Historyonix Expo, on Aspects of World War II, took place in the Henderson Hall in the week of 12 to 15 August. Mr Adam Rogers, HoD History, has the details.

Boys in Grade 9 were given the opportunity of selecting an appropriate topic and then designing a visually appealing display which made effective use of space and audience interactivity. The display needed to demonstrate interpretation and translation of historical fact, thought, planning and creativity.



Awards were presented to the following boys:

Joint Third Place: Kelian Massa, Gavin Keeley and Stuart McCleave for their *Sherman Tank*

and Ryan Pretorius, Brayden Buchner and Daryn Shepherd for their *D-Day Presentation*.

Second Place: Cameron Craze, William Farrant and Cameron Rencken for their *Treblinka Concentration Camp*

First Place: Timothy Marsh and Riley von Falkenhausen for their *Gas Chamber Experience*.

To The Manor Born

As has now become tradition, the Grade 8s embarked on the annual Kearsney pilgrimage to Kearsney Manor near Stanger where the College first opened its doors in 1921. Mr Adam Rogers, HoD History, shares the experience.

Travelling back into the past, the Grade 8s had the opportunity of walking down the hallowed corridors of Old Kearsney with Messrs Rogers, von Bardeleben, Brown and Mrs Isaac in their attempts to explore the rooms that once housed Kearsney boys. Despite a few gallant attempts, no one came face to face with Lady Hulett's ghost although all boys paid homage to her memory at her impressive marble gravestone in the Kearsney family graveyard. Before being transported back to the Kearsney of the present, the boys enjoyed a picnic lunch in the shade of the fruit trees that had been planted by Sir Liege Hulett in the 1880s.



Connor Burgess and Connor Steedman



Mandla Sosibo and Kuhle Bophela

Creative Day at Kearsney

A Creative Day is held annually at the College. Mrs Glenda Pitcher, HoD Visual Arts, paints the picture for you.

The primary aim of the creativity workshops on this day is to grow the boys' appreciation of the Arts by exposing them to aspect of the Arts which they may not have previously experienced.

This year the workshops were integrated into the school day, enabling every boy to pause from the academic rigors of the day to pursue a creative activity. The Grade 12s, under the guidance of Inky's Studio, collectively mosaicked their respective House crests. The mosaics will be displayed in the four senior Houses as a memento from the 2013 group of matrics.

Another exciting group project enabled all the Grade 10s to contribute to this year's *ArtSpeak Campaign* to create awareness about human trafficking. Each boy made butterfly wings using coloured inks and blotting paper. The butterflies were combined on a board to create a dazzling, colour-filled spectacle, reminiscent of a stained glass window. The butterfly wings were added to by the Grade 8 boys who worked during their art lessons. The work from Kearsney College was exhibited at the KZNSA Gallery as a homage to the children in our country that are lost to human trafficking.

Other exciting workshops included Hip-Hop with Motion Dance Company, Working-With-Words by Mr Goldhawk and a movement workshop with Choreographer Magesh Ncobo.

An energetic and fulfilling day was had by all!



Above: Cuen Reddy (Gr 10) creating butterflies

Right: Matt Reece-Edwards and Ryan van der Waal working on the Finningley mosaic



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Kearsney Enviro Day was held last term to commemorate World Environment Day. A Formal Dinner was followed by a performance by Jason Hartman (left), of SA Idols fame, who performed for the boys and spoke about the plight of rhinos.

Leadership Week

GRADE 11

Mr Anthony Willows: Deputy Headmaster

The Grade 11s embraced their Ethical Leadership Course wholeheartedly. Under the guidance of Mr van den Aardweg and Mr Willows, it tested their commitment to the future of Kearsney under their leadership. During the course the boys explored ethics and varied leadership styles.

The week commenced with discussions on 'the ethical school', covering topics including ethical leadership, rights and responsibilities, code of silence, servant leadership and the mentor system. These discussions enable the Grade 11s to move beyond their existing perspectives and develop unique systems for working with the school next year to the benefit of all. As the week progressed, it became clear that these boys are prepared to put in the time to carefully consider the example they provide to the school.

Invited guests Brad Sadler and renowned comedian Aaron McIlroy entertained the boys with their powerful message on consequences and leading by example. Bryn Roberts from Ad-Venture Inc., who has worked with the Sharks and the Springboks,



extended the boys mentally and physically to excel within an ethical context. Wayne Fyvie chatted to them about ethical dilemmas that they may face as school boys.

'The Game', which started on Tuesday evening with 'Minute to Win It' ended off in Giba Gorge on Wednesday. The boys competed in groups to earn the privilege of being named the winning team of the week.

On the last day of their Leadership Week the boys went on a 'street scene' tour of Durban and surrounding areas to experience 'life on the other side'. This successful initiative was spearheaded by Mr Adam Rogers.

The week was an unqualified success and the Grade 11s look set to make ethical leadership a reality.

GRADE 9

Mr Dougan Macdonald: HoD Life Sciences and Group Co-ordinator

Fifty four Grade 9s spent their Leadership Week at Winterton in the foothills of the Drakensberg. The week was spent camping, cooking food and participating in a rotation of activities that included mountain biking,

hiking, raft building, kayaking and a low ropes course. Apart from not having ready access to hot showers, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the week and gained many valuable skills, learning about themselves and about

working as teams. Some of the highlights of the week were spotting several rhino while walking through a nature reserve and hearing tales of the Battle of Spionkop.



Mr Fred Cocks: Grade 9 Form Teacher and Group Co-ordinator

The remainder of the Grade 9s enjoyed the hospitality of Steve and Lulu Black's Khosto Horse Trails Farm in Underberg. The boys were divided into three groups and participated in activities that included a two and a half hour horse ride on sure-footed Basuto ponies, a seven hour hike to the summit of Bamboo Mountain, collecting fire wood, lighting fires and preparing and cooking food with supervision. The groups learnt about erosion rehabilitation and enjoyed the tranquillity and peace of the Drakensberg on this working farm. A cold swim in the azure blue river pools was a highlight!



GRADE 10

Mr Gareth Moerdyk: Grade Head - Grade 10

The Grade 10s, accompanied by twelve staff members, spent their Leadership Week at Spirit of Adventure in the Shongweni Valley. For three action-packed days the boys participated in physically demanding and exhausting activities such



as hiking, abseiling, rafting, rock-climbing, kayaking, orienteering and other leadership- and teamwork-oriented exercises. They were able to test their mettle once removed from their comfort zones and most of them came through strongly and will benefit

from this experience. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and all learnt something valuable about themselves and their peers.

GRADE 8

Mrs Paula Isaac: Librarian and Group Co-ordinator

The Grade 8s dispersed to BergVenture in the central Drakensberg, to Baynesfield near Richmond and to Hella Hella Outdoor Centre in the lower Drakensberg. Four days of action-packed outdoor activities followed, with the boys developing physical and mental skills, learning to work together, developing leadership skills and, of course, having fun and appreciating South Africa's magnificent natural beauty.



What the boys had to say:

Reece Daniel - 'I learnt that every team needs to have skills like teamwork, communication and determination to overcome things that might be hard to do as a single person.'

Owen Brown - 'I was afraid when I did the 'leap of faith' because I'm scared of heights.'

Nkosinathi Mazwai - 'Helping at the under-privileged school was the single most worthwhile activity.'



KEARSNEY CHOIR IN FINE VOICE

The Kearsney Choir enjoys being involved in many community projects during the year, lending their support to worthy causes and gaining new fans in the process. **Mr Bernard Kruger**, Director of Musical Performance, shares the events with you.

The Kearsney Choir were once again honoured to be performing at the annual *Makaranga Music in the Hills* event, where they headlined together with the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra. This event was attended by over 2 500 people and helped to raise money for various local charity organisations.

The next event was the annual Gala Concert at the Jewish Club. The performance delighted guests and helped raise funds for the Beth Shalom Home for the Elderly.

The Kearsney Chamber Choir was honoured to perform at an important cultural ceremony where His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulus crowned our local Chief, Domnic Zwelithini Mkhize, Inkosi of the Amambo clan. The event was also attended by Her Majesty Queen MaNdllovu; Durban Mayor; His Excellency Mr James Nxumalo and the Minister of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs, Ms Nomusa Dube.

The inaugural Culture@Kearsney Choir Festival took place on 10 and 12 September. Primary Schools and High Schools from the surrounding areas were invited to perform alongside the Kearsney Choir in an evening of friendship and musical enjoyment, without the pressures of competition. The festival will become an annual event, bringing schools from different areas and backgrounds together to learn from each other and promote co-operation. For this year's event we were proud to host Vusukukhanya Primary (Umlazi), Highbury, Hillcrest High, Ethembeni School for the physically and visually impaired (Inchanga), HCA, Westville Senior Primary, Sithengile School (Claremont), Kwathintwa School for the Deaf (Inchanga), and St Mary's DSG.

In July the Kearsney Choir won a Cum Laude award and the title of Best Advanced Boys' Choir in the *ATKV Applous Choir Competition* finals held in Bloemfontein. This is the first time our choir has taken part in this



prestigious competition.

The Kearsney Choir faced the challenge of performing Afrikaans items for the first time. The boys utilised their Afrikaans repertoire again to open the *ABSA Kollig Festival* in Durban in August.

The Choir performed together with the renowned University of Johannesburg Choir in a matinee concert in the Kearsney Chapel on 1 September and we look forward to hosting the talented Tukkies (Pretoria University) Choir for a joint public performance in the Henderson Hall on 18 September.

At the *World Choir Games* held in Cincinnati, USA, in 2012, the Kearsney Choir won two gold medals and were crowned Champions in the Folklore category. This made the Choir the second most decorated choir in the history of the Games with a total of 10 Golds and 6 Silver medals from the 7 Choir Games held to date. The Choir is planning to defend its world title at the *World Choir Games* in Latvia in 2014.



The Chamber Choir perform for the King

While the Choir hones its skills and develops its new repertoire, the tour fund-raising committee is busy raising the funds required to make their tour a reality. The Kearsney College Choir is an incredible ambassador for the school, the province and the country and we believe that it is important that they continue to represent us so proudly on the world stage. This is only possible with the generous support of our community. It is worth noting that donations to the Choir do qualify for BBB-EE points. Anyone willing to help with this drive should contact Mr Gary Knight at gary.knight@sctsolutions.co.za or via foundation@kearsney.com.

Dance at Kearsney

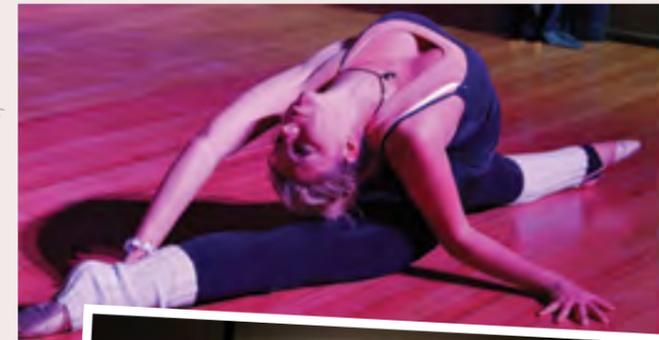
We hosted the first of our annual Dance@Kearsney events as part of the Culture@Kearsney Festival. *Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg* reports.

Dynamic dances in a variety of different dance styles was presented by the dancers from Howick High School, St Nicholas Diocesan School, Maritzburg Christian School, Jingles and Jazz Dance Studio, Glenwood High School, KwaNtebeni Comprehensive School, Thomas More College and Kearsney College. The audience were also treated to a performance by Kearsney intern, Mr Michael von Bardeleben who danced with Ms Nicole Theunissen, who has a Masters in Choreography.

At the end of the programme the audience gave a spontaneous standing ovation to acknowledge the wonderful talent and vibrant dancing.

Our thanks to all of those who participated. We look forward to growing this event in future years.

Above: A dancer from Thomas More College
Right: Kearsney dance group



Kearsney boys making a difference

Community Service is an integral part of the holistic education that Kearsney provides. We salute the incredible efforts of two Kearsney Grade 12 boys, Greg Keal and Edwin Bunge, who recently won R50 000 for Makaphutu Children's Village in the national *Rage for Good* charity campaign launched by G&G Productions. *Mr Robert Carpenter*, Marketing Director, reports.

Schools from across the country entered this competition and we congratulate the boys on their wonderful achievement. The competition entries were judged according to the viability and sustainability of the project, the number of people it supported and the additional revenue raised by the scholars. Makaphutu will be the beneficiary of the prize money, together with R18 000 raised independently by Greg and Edwin.

Greg and Edwin have worked tirelessly, together with an outreach committee of Kearsney boys, to raise significant donations for Makaphutu and have collected clothing and food for the project over the course of a year. Kearsney boys have formed a strong relationship with Makaphutu Children's Village, located in the Valley of 1000 Hills, which provides a nurturing home to forty eight vulnerable children and orphans and also acts as a community outreach hub that supports the surrounding HIV/Aids-affected community. A team of about thirty

Kearsney boys visit Makaphutu monthly to help with homework, read to the children and play soccer and other games with them.

Edwin Bunge - "The little boy stretched out his arms and demanded to be picked up. I couldn't refuse. As I lifted him up, he wrapped his arms around me and wouldn't let go. He buried his face in my neck and just held onto me for what seemed like ages. It felt as if something had caught in my throat and my heart ached. I then knew how much these short visits meant to the precious children of Makaphutu."

Greg Keal - "Edwin and I have been touched by the work that is done in Makaphutu, and the home environment they create for the children. We were desperate to help them get

funding so that they could have a chance to grow up and have normal lives of their own one day. We are overwhelmed that we have won this prize and that we are able to contribute to the incredible work that Makaphutu do."

M/C: Community Service, Mr Manzini Zungu said "It is amazing to see young people involved in a worthy cause and dedicating their time and effort to make a better life for a child. Kearsney boys are instilled with the values of Ubuntu and it becomes second nature to them to help others and get involved in good initiatives such as this".



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Mr Manzini Zungu:
MIC Community Service

Boys helped with cleaning cages and tidying the environment to prepare for incoming injured animals needing care. This experience brings out hidden qualities in each boy as they love and care for animals with compassion and empathy.

Three boys make SA Hockey Teams

The Kearsney hockey players enjoyed another successful season in a year in which they also celebrated their 50th anniversary. Mr Wayne Marsden, MiC Hockey, reports.

Congratulations go to Ryan Wallace and Nqobile Ntuli who were selected for the SA U18 A team and Ruari Baker who was selected for the SA U16 team at the culmination of the national age group tournaments in July.

Hockey staff, parents, all provincial players and the 1st XI side enjoyed the annual hockey dinner where the following awards were made:

Most Improved Player of the Year: James Kirsten
Player's Player of the Year: Ryan Wallace

We acknowledge the U14A team which only lost 3 out of 16 matches during the season and will surely play a major role towards the success of Kearsney hockey in the coming years.



SA Hockey players Nqobile Ntuli, Ryan Wallace and Ruari Baker

2013 RUGBY SEASON WRAP UP

The 1st XV recorded one of the most successful seasons in the history of Kearsney College. Mr Barend Steyn, Director of Rugby, reports.

Following a fantastic season in which the One-stripes played 14 and lost only one, to Paarl Gym, six players were selected for the KZN U18 Craven Week team. The players were: Daniel du Preez, Jean-Luc du Preez, Ayron Schramm, Matthew Reece-Edwards, Jordan Meaker and Tristan Tedder. Unfortunately, Reece-Edwards had to withdraw due to injury. Subsequently a further two players, Chris Lines and Tijde Visser, received call ups and played in the Craven Week team due to other player injuries. This meant that a total of eight Kearsney players were called up for KZN.

The second consecutive selection of the du Preez twins for the South African Schools team was another highlight of the year.

The season was drawn to a fitting close with a most enjoyable 1st XV dinner. Former Sharks coach and Kearsney dad John Plumtree entertained the audience with amusing anecdotes on various topical rugby issues as well as his teenage years growing up in New Zealand as a farmer's son. He also encouraged the players and others to seek and practice healthy and essential habits to ensure success.

The deserving recipients of the customary two awards for the season were presented:
Most Improved Player: Jordan Meaker
Players' Player of the Year: Ayron Schramm



At the end of the season Kearsney were recognised as the top KZN school at the annual Traditional Rugby Schools Awards ceremony. The award was presented by well-known sports journalist, Dan Retief.

SEASON STATISTICS

Played: 14	Won 13	Lost: 1
Points for: 498	Points against: 108	

SA Water polo

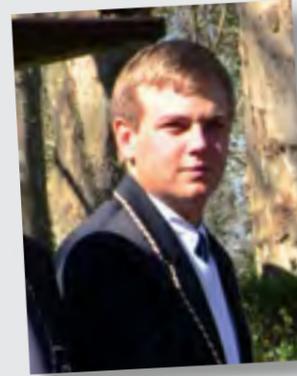
Kearsney's talented and experienced 1st Water polo team goalie, Julian Lewis (Grade 12), has been selected for the SA U18 Water polo team travelling to Sydney for the Tri-Nations Tournament in December.

We congratulate Julian and wish him all the best.



Golfing Greats

Mr Bruce Thompson, MiC Golf, reports.



Congratulations to our consistently high achieving golfer Greg Royston, who also displays great sportsmanship and humility.

Greg Royston (Grade 12) was selected for the KZN Men's Provincial team to play in the premier South African Interprovincial tournament in Rustenburg in September. Greg won the silver medal for runner up in the KZN Closed Championship, where he scored 66 on the third round - the lowest score in the tournament. He finished on 1 over par for the 72-hole tournament, 5 shots ahead of third place. Greg is now ranked 6th in the KZN men's amateur rankings. Greg is also a member of the 12 Club, comprising Kearsney's top academics.

KZN Schools Championship and provincial selections
 In the KZN Schools Championship recently, Kearsney came 2nd behind Westville beating Hilton into 3rd place. James Kennedy equalled the Durban Country Club Amateur record shooting 7 under par in the final round resulting in him being named KZN Schools Champion. Congratulations to James Kennedy and Greg McKay who were selected for the KZN A side and Keaton Slatter for making the KZN B side.

In the KZN qualifying game at Gowrie Farm, James Kennedy made his first ever hole-in-one. At the end of the four rounds he had the lowest score total and is now ranked No 1 in KZN Schools.

Inter-house cross country records broken

Participation by over 70% of all boys and ideal weather conditions ensured that the Inter-house Cross Country event was a great success. Mr Rod de Villiers, MiC Cross Country reports.

This was a fantastic competition and the enthusiasm was fuelled by the energy and encouragement from the Housemasters and House Captains and a positive spirit amongst the boys.

Congratulations to Finningley House and their captain James Kirsten for winning both the junior and senior events. In the junior event Daniel Taylor (Pembroke) ran a brilliant race, taking an early lead and

tenaciously staying in front of the pack, finishing in a record time. Close on his heels were Lyle Jarvel, Jeremy Foord, Bradley Erlich and Rory McNeill.

The senior event was going to be a competitive contest. Jabulani Nyathi and Wade Ambrose, both Finningley Grade 10 boys trained hard for this

race and were hungry for success. Jabulani took an early lead, with Wade and the gutsy Brits van Zyl close on his heels followed by Daniel Blanckenberg, Brandon Hughes, Ryan Wallace and Brett Reinhardt. The very determined Jabulani kept his nose in front and ran a magnificent race to break the senior record time. He was followed in by Daniel, Wade, Brett, Ryan and Brandon.

We thank all the boys for the spirit in which they participated on the day, the House Captains for motivating their troops and the marshalls for their invaluable assistance.

Far Left: Daniel Blanckenberg, Jabulani Nyathi and Wade Ambrose. Left: Junior Inter-house cross country winner Daniel Taylor



Term 3 has been an active term for the canoeing boys. Mr Steve Main, MiC Canoeing, has the story.

The canoeists participated in numerous disciplines of the sport, ranging from flat water marathons to river racing and slalom. We are pleased to see the enthusiasm of our junior paddlers who have actively participated in numerous club races over and above the Inter-schools events. Our boys tackled the KZN and SA K2 Marathon Championships, gaining valuable experience in the process.

Our U14 boys won gold medals at the SA K4 Marathon Championships and our U18 boys finished a close second in their age group, winning silver medals.

We are excited to have 11 boys heading down to tackle the Fish River Canoe Marathon in September.

It is great to have the support of many parents who will be in Craddock to cheer on the boys in their adventure. A number of these boys have paddled extensively in river races all around the province in preparation for this big event.

Canoeing as a sport is growing in popularity at Kearsney and we are extremely proud of our boys' achievements.



Canoeing

Kearsney's SA Sailor

Ross Gaughran (Grade 8) represented South Africa in the African Optimist Sailing Championships in Langebaan, Cape Town. Twelve African countries participated in the Regatta. Conditions were extremely tough with heavy winds and huge swells and Ross finished 20th out of 78 boats. Ross is the sailor in the centre, with the SA cap, in the airborne boat.



Kearsney 100m & 200m Champion

Chris Lines of Gillingham broke two records at the Inter-house Athletics event.

For the U17 100m, he set a new record of 11.12s and his time of 23s in the U17 200m is also a new Kearsney record.

His time in the 100m was the fastest of the day.



World Mountain Biking Championship

Carlo Marzoppi (Grade 10) represented the SA U18 Mountain Bike Team on 29 August in the World Mountain Bike Championship held in Pietermaritzburg at the Cascades. He was the 2nd South African rider home and came 31st out of 85 riders in the U18 age group.

Congratulations Carlo!

Barritt adds to Kearsney's Wall of Fame

Kearsney Old Boy, Brad Barritt, one of KZN's favourite sporting sons, presented a signed British and Irish Lions rugby jersey to Kearsney College. Publicist Ms Sue Miles reports.

When Brad Barritt and Matt Stevens toured Australia with the Lions this year, it was believed to be the first time ever that two players from the same school outside the United Kingdom formed part of a British and Irish Lions squad at the same time. Barritt (25) and Stevens (29), both Durban-born, went to school at Kearsney College. Barritt presented the historic jersey, signed by every member of the Lions team, on his and Stevens' behalf. It was a particularly sentimental occasion for Mr Barend Steyn, the current 1st XV coach, who coached Barritt and Stevens during their Kearsney 1st team careers. The framed jersey will be hung in the Greyhound Pavilion together with jerseys from Kearsney's other international rugby representatives.



Two African and South African swimming records for Kearsney Old Boy Myles Brown

In August, Kearsney Old Boy, Myles Brown (2010), broke two African and South African records at the FINA Swimming World Cup in Eindhoven, Netherlands. Mrs Heather Pearse, Communications Manager, brings you the story.

In the 1500m freestyle, Myles finished second to Italian, Gregorio Paltrinieri, in a time of 14:30.54, 8.5 seconds faster than the previous African record set by Ryk Neethling in 2000. Paltrinieri only managed to edge past Myles with 200m to go and won in 14:27.65.

Earlier in the week, in the Men's 400m Freestyle event, Myles (swimming in lane 8) was beaten into second place by just 0.16 seconds by the world record holder and 200m World and Olympic champion, Frenchman Yannick Agnel (in lane 4). The winning time was 3:37.75. Myles's time of 3:37.91 broke the African and South African records set in 2004 by Ryk Neethling by a clear 2 seconds.

Congratulations Myles on these incredible achievements.

Join Old Boys' Annual Dinner Season



In August more than 150 people met to celebrate their Kearsney ties. Dave Goldhawk was hosted by the Gauteng Old Boys at their dinner and spoke about 'The Lighter Side of Teaching'. On 8 August, the Headmaster met with Survivors over lunch where Tony Leon was the guest speaker. Later close on 80 people braved a chilly evening for the Cape Town dinner at Bishops. There are 535 people linked to the Cape Town (Western Cape) KCOB branch chaired by Angelo van Dyk (KCOB 2006 - Head of School).

Past and current parents are invited to local KCOB Branch dinners and breakfasts as it is the Old Boys vision to promote the strong Kearsney community.

Contact oldboys@kearsney.com for details or view the Old Boy Calendar on www.kearsney.com.

L-R: Tony Leon, guest speaker at the Cape Town dinner with Headmaster, Elwyn van den Aardweg and Branch Chairman, Angelo van Dyk (KCOB 2006)

Parents' Society Wrap up for 2013

This year the Kearsney Parents' Society has looked at focusing its efforts on a few key areas. Chairman, Mark Conway, reports.

Communication is a large focus area of the Society and we are working to be more visible and available to the Kearsney community as an effective communication bridge.

The 250 Club, which was inherited by the Society from the Kearsney College Old Boys, currently partially supports two pupils via bursaries, as well as actively supports the social activities at the school. The 250 Club will be incorporated as a Sub-Committee of the Parents' Society with effect from next year. With your support, we wish to extend our crucial bursary programme to five bursaries, one per grade.

We will continue our efforts to create enjoyable and meaningful social events at the school. We encourage parents who are not yet members of the 250 Club to join and assist us in our endeavours.

During the year, the Society has been involved in various projects at the school including the solar-powered cell chargers in the Library to support the school's Green drive, the eKCo initiative. The Society also purchased the "Go Pro Hero Two" video camera for the school. This will facilitate the recording of sports and a wide range of extra-mural action, thereby providing coaching and other benefits. The Society is

working with the school on more projects to enhance the welfare of our boys.

The events hosted by the Parents' Society this year have been well supported. The Ball, the Barnyard and the Big Top Rock functions were all very successful. We thank the parents and staff for their assistance and support and look forward to next year's events.

I have a wonderful committee and must give them the credit and thanks for the progress we have made so far this year.

Please support Kearsney and become a *Founder of Kearsney's Second Century*

Would you consider a monthly gift of R100 or more to the Kearsney Foundation?

Your support would contribute to bursaries and scholarships, capital projects, the Green Fund and much more. Since Kearsney is a registered PBO and NPO, all individual and corporate gifts are tax deductible.

We have a quick, easy and safe online pledge form. You can also make an annual gift via an EFT or credit card payment and join the ranks as a "Founder of Kearsney's Second Century". For more information please contact the Headmaster, Mr van den Aardweg or Foundation Director, Joy Mills-Hackmann, on 031 765 9600.

Is your company seeking to support a B-BBEE verified cause?

Please consider the *Kearsney Empowerment Programme* initiative which is both tax deductible and B-BBEE compliant and funds bursaries, scholarships and other programmes at Kearsney. For more information please contact the Headmaster, Mr van den Aardweg or Foundation Director, Joy Mills-Hackmann at joy@kearsney.com or 031 765 9600.



Special Project

Expansion to the Medworth Grandstand will increase seating and the roof coverage



Special thanks to Kearsney Old Boys who have led the way. To date a total income of R550 000 has been raised towards the cost of expanding the C O Medworth Grandstand.

Few sports can stir the passions like rugby, with its display of skill, pace and strength. Kearsney's C O Medworth rugby grandstand, which opened on 4 September 1970, is the prime seating location on The Stott field where many experience the best of schoolboy rugby passion, sportsmanship, traditional rivalries, war cries and the thrill of the game. It is the proud venue of arguably the top national schoolboy rugby festival over Easter. We aim to impress with our improved grandstand at the 2014 Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival. Work on the project is scheduled to start by November 2013.

We invite all members of the Kearsney community to support this initiative and to please read our online proposal on the Kearsney website www.kearsney.com under Kearsney Foundation/Projects where we will keep you updated on progress.

Kearsney is also considering advertising naming rights to the stadium and invite enquiries via the Kearsney Foundation. For more information, please contact the Campaign Chairman Dr Graeme Shuker on foundation@kearsney.com or Foundation Director, Joy Mills-Hackmann on joy@kearsney.com.



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"For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."

2 Corinthians 2:15

It is my prayer that we be a wonderful, pleasing and life-giving fragrance to all with whom we come into contact.

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