



DEVELOPING RESPONSIBLE PUPILS with caring hearts

We refer to community service as service performed for the benefit of others without intention of personal gain. Each boy at Kearsney is required to do a minimum of 15 hours of service per annum. Our target this year is to do at least 15 000 hours of community service, reports **Mr Manzini Zungu, MIC: Community Service**

Community service this year started with 42 boys donating blood in response to the shortage in South Africa.

On Monday 27 February a team of our boys visited the Hillcrest Aids Centre and Hillcrest Police Station. The Kearsney boys weeded, cleared alien plants and watered plants being grown for sale to raise funds. They cleaned the roof, cleared the blocked drainage system and cleaned offices.

Many boys have an interest in animals and enjoy visiting **CROW** (Centre for Rehabilitation of Wildlife). CROW is a wildlife hospital that cares for injured and orphaned wild animals and birds in KwaZulu-Natal. During our Community Service Week groups of boys visited the Centre on two occasions. Our boys were told about the Educational aspects of Wildlife Conservation, before interacting with the animals, cleaning their cages and clearing invasive alien plants in preparation for the relocation of some of the animals.

More than 50 boys visited Focus on iThemba (Hope) on Thursday, 1st March. The centre provides foster care homes for vulnerable children and a school of excellence for their children and the greater community. Those involved attempt to restore hope to people's lives and ensure that orphans are integrated into society. Their Facilities Manager was delighted about by our visit and remarked about the positive impact this would have on the children as the Kearsney boys cleared alien vegetation in preparation for developing their soccer and rugby field on their campus.

On Friday 2 March 52 boys went to St Mary's Hospital in Mariannhill, where they got involved with varnishing, cleaning the windows and gardening, as well as playing with children in the hospital. Boys were told more about HIV and AIDS, the functioning of the hospital and the care of patients, including those who do not have visitors and children who have been abandoned by their parents. Some boys made arrangements to be teamed up with doctors and visit wards during the Easter holidays. Some Kearsney boys bought orphans from the area school uniforms, allowing them to attend school dressed smartly and with pride. A handover of uniforms will take place on Monday 12 March.

Other organisations which have benefited from our outreach programme this term are:

- Siyabusiwa Orphanage Centre at KwaNyuswa. (39 beds and clothes)
- Phila noMakhelwane NGO (clothes and sport kit)
- KwaBazothini High School (bags of cement to build a kitchen and clothes)
- KwaNtebeni Comprehensive School (Maths and Science lessons twice weekly at Kearsney)
- Intongela Primary (clothes)
- Phumula Primary (books to start a library)
- Khulakahle Crèche (toys and clothes)
- Skhelekehleni Community (clothes)

“The boys were humbled and touched by the happiness on the faces of the children”

The visit to Golden Hours on Friday 9 March was memorable for our boys. After being welcomed by children, staff and parents, we danced, sang and played with the children. The 52 Kearsney boys present were humbled and touched by the happiness on the faces of the children. To end the day, the Golden Hours children sang their school song, Kearsney boys sang ours and then all sang the national anthem together.

We will finish our community service week on Sunday 11 March by helping the Municipality to “Keep Durban Clean” by collecting litter in the Addington Beach and Hospital areas.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved with any form of community service for their commitment and involvement.



Matrics 'Avatar'm of their lives

Tropical Cyclone Irina threatened the coast of KwaZulu-Natal on the much-anticipated weekend of the Matric Dance. However, the weather was kind as the rain only started falling at 11pm and by that time the matric boys and their partners were immersed in the sights and sounds of Avatar and nothing could dampen their enthusiasm. Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, Organiser: Matric Dance, shares the story.

The success of the dance must be attributed to the work of the Matric Dance Committee. These young men put in hours of enthusiastic work despite academic and sporting demands and commitments.

Thank you to the Moms who were a wonderful, cheerful and tireless workforce all through the week preceding the dance and the Dads who erected the facade on Saturday complete with precautionary weather proofing! Veronica van der Riet kindly loaned the plants for the Pandora Wonderland in the foyer of the hall and Cheryl Antonizzi landscaped the area beautifully.

I also thank Jolene Ostendorf for her moral support and practical help every night in the month leading up to the Dance. On a personal level, I want to thank my parents, who spent two weeks with me at Kearsney and painted the hanging mountains in the hall as well as the facade.



Music @ Kearsney 'Ensemble' Concert

There is always great excitement in the Music Department when it is time for our four music classes (Grades 9 – 12) to collaborate and create a group musical item as part of the assessed curriculum. Mr Bernard Krüger, Director of Musical Performance, reports.

In recent years the standards of these items have grown significantly to the point where the Ensemble Concert is becoming an annual highlight for all who attend.

This year did not disappoint and the renditions of well-known songs were slick and tasteful. The Grade 9s performed Paradise by Coldplay – quite well executed considering most of these boys have never performed in a group like this

before. The Grade 10 class stole the show with their rendition of Pumped up Kicks by Foster the People. The Grade 11s drew attention to detail with their acoustic version of Good Life by Coldplay. The Grade 12s decided on a golden oldie and performed Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline with great aplomb.

Interspersed with the class ensembles were some interesting solo and other combined items

which showcased Kearsney's most talented musicians. The line-up included Daniel Bedi (Piano), Jonathan Johansen (Voice), Daniel Kolev (Violin), Tanner Wareham (Guitar), Wesley Lazenby (Voice), Josh Engelbrecht (Bass Guitar). A new development was a Finningley House a capella ensemble, led by Mandi Cebanto and including Ndalo Dumalisile, David Drew and Sambulo Mpulo. The audience was appreciative and left full of joy after an entertaining evening.

A 'Real'ly Good Concert

The Swedes have a significant footprint in the world of Music. Roxette, Michael Learns to Rock and ABBA are probably the biggest artists, but many original songs by artists like Lee-Ann Rhymes, Westlife, Britney Spears and a host of other big international names were penned by Swedish songwriters. Mr Bernard Krüger, Director of Musical Performance, tells us more about their performance on 9 February.

Their vocal traditions are second to none, with choral singing being the number one pastime in the country, outweighing all sport or other hobbies. In this vein, it is no surprise that one of the greatest a capella ensembles in the world also come from the Scandinavian peninsula. The Real Group have a career spanning 28 years, with more than 20 albums behind their name. Three of the current members were part of the original quintet who started singing together as students at the Stockholm Conservatory.

Together' to set the tone for an evening of brilliant musicianship, flowing vocal lines, fast-paced virtuosity, close harmony and arguably the deepest sounding bass known to man. Highlights of the concert included a medley of songs by Michael Jackson, vocal Jazz in the music of Count Basie, and a number of original songs by the group which left the audience astounded, especially the haunting Göta, a powerful piece without words.

The main objective of this concert was two-fold: Exposing Durban audiences to the magic of this international

act, as well as to promote the Kearsney Choir's upcoming tour to the United States and creates awareness of the choir's objectives. A marvellous evening was enjoyed by all.



Publicist Ms Sue Miles adds:

Following tradition, the Kearsney College matric boys and their partners arrived in various modes of transport for this year's Dance – from stretch limousines, a Cinderella carriage with attendant butlers and Fairy Godmother, to a taxi complete with booming music and a Blue Light Brigade of cars suitably escorted by sunglass-clad body guards. A crowd of more than 800 family members and onlookers watched the glamorous couples walk the red carpet into the Henderson Hall, which had been transformed into an amazing Avatar set, complete with Home Tree, Tree of Souls with silver seeds, Floating Mountains and blue-bodied waiters.



CLUB CHAIRMEN

We congratulate the following boys on being elected to a position of Chairman or Vice-Chairman for current clubs at the College. Ms Andrea Fripp, Director of Cultural Activities, announces.

Club	Chairman
Afrikaans Film Club	Thomas Oates
Catechism	Marco Ferreira
Chess Club	Alex Adams & Siseko Mgunculu
DJ Club	Joshua Dixon
Dance Club	Boyo Shazi
First Aid	Alex Adams Vice: Ben Nield & Ashley Smith
Inner Circle	Travis Pears Vice: Joshua Attenborough
Marimba Band	Mandi Cebanto
Market Wizards	Greg Royston
Mountain Bike Club	Josh Brown
Photographic Club	Nic Coppin
Speakers' Circle	Stephen Tedder Vice: Keegan Foss & Robbie Polkinghorne
Surf Club	Julian Lewis
Theatre Crew	Simon Hudson Vice: Alex Adams
I2 Club	Ryan Holtes
Video Editing & Filming Club	Simon Hudson



Big Boys is a feel-good, energetic and refreshing piece where Ash and Brad invite the audience into their world of boyish banter as they tackle pre-wedding obstacles and prove that REALMEN. DANCE. This was our enjoyable visiting production for the first term staged on 5 March starring Ash and Brad Searle (they use their real names in the show). Ms Andrea Fripp, Director of Cultural Activities, writes.

The show opened at Ash's bachelor party where the brothers were plunged into one disaster after another. The focus of the story is the hilarious journey they travel as they try to redeem themselves. Under this kind of pressure, will they succeed in their endeavours or will life dance circles around them?

Various life issues that many people experience were addressed through music, dance, and drama. The end result proved that judging people negatively by first impressions and by what they delight in often leads to situations that could have been avoided, and that stereotyping can have long-lasting damaging effects.



U14D Cricket Team enjoy their 'finger-licking good' prize

Hillcrest KFC is now, once again, owned by Old Boy Michael Pampallis (1967) who is kindly sponsoring this weekly initiative. Kearsney sport teams can again motivate to the Director of Sport why they are the Team of the Week. A new addition is that Clubs can also motivate their Club of the Term to Ms Fripp.

Science Expo 2012

The Grade 9 Natural Science pupils are to be commended on the high standard of their investigations this year. There were many interesting new projects as well as novel approaches to more familiar ones, writes Mrs Sue Murray, HOD Science.

PRIZE WINNERS

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| Brandon Hughes | Best Physics & 1st in 9A |
| Garrett Stevens | Best Physics & 1st in 9A |
| Luke Couzens | Best Biology |
| Lyle Hewitson | Best Biology |
| James Hansen | Best Chemistry |
| Dhanvir Lutchman | Best Chemistry |
| Brenton Scott-Martin | 1st in 9C |
| Clifford Tenga | 1st in 9C |
| Gregory McKay | 1st in 9S |
| Joshua Morse | 1st in 9S |
| Nicholas Camp | 1st in 9GS |
| Blake Litster | 1st in 9GS |
| Blake Boule | 1st in 9GE |
| Blaise Meaker | 1st in 9GE |



Brenton Scott-Martin & Clifford Tenga: First in 9C



Brandon Hughes & Garrett Stevens: Best Physics project & First in 9A

DIARISE THESE DATES

2013 TERM DATES

Term	Start of term	Close of Term	Half term (starts 12 noon)
1	Tues 15 January	Wed 20 Mar (09h00)	Thur 14 Feb – Mon 18 Feb (incl)
2	Tues 16 April	Fri 21 June (09h00)	Thur 23 May – Mon 27 May (incl)
3	Tues 16 July	Fri 20 Sept (12h30)	Thur 8 Aug – Mon 12 Aug (incl)
4	Tues 1 Oct	Fri 29 Nov (09h00)	Thur 17 Oct – Mon 21 Oct (incl)

Etiquette Dinner

The annual Grade 8 Etiquette Dinner forms part of the Life Skills programme at Kearsney College, introducing the young men to the intricacies of 'being a gentleman'. Ms Andrea Fripp Director of Cultural Activities reports.

Guest speaker Neil Peacock expounded on the importance of good manners, focusing on dining situations, as well as giving the boys some insight into how etiquette can vary between different cultures. The Grade 8 boys were also given the chance to practise their oratory abilities for the first time at the College, with Cameron Rencken doing a great job as Master of Ceremonies and Ryan Johnson presenting the speech.



It was always going to be very difficult for the swimming team of 2012 to emulate the performances of the team of the last couple of years with the loss of "the dream team" who matriculated last year. Mr Marco Botha, MIC: Swimming, tells us more.

The Kearsney team swam well and managed to place 4th overall at the Alan Burt 10 Schools Gala in Johannesburg. Kearsney achieved a 3rd place in all three of the following galas - the Independent School's Gala, D&D and the Top 8 Gala. Special mention must be made of the Open and U17 age group swimmers who, on regular occasions, pushed the unbeaten Westville age groups in almost all the events in which they competed.

Kearsney definitely has the talent to be optimistic about the future but it will be up to the swimmers to put in the effort to produce the results of which they are capable. This talent was clearly evident in the annual Inter-house Gala where, although only one record was broken, plenty of good times were recorded. Many of the boys showed an improvement in their times as the season progressed.

The main category winners in the Inter-house Gala were:

- U14 Champion:** Lyle Jarvel
- U15 Champion and Junior Victor Ladorum:** Luke Couzens
- U16 Champion and Senior Victor Ladorum:** Andries Schoeman
- U17 Champion:** Brandon Murray
- Open Champion:** Joshua Dixon
- Inter-house Winners:** Sheffield

Growing interest in Basketball

Basketball at Kearsney has experienced a gigantic growth spurt this year, the College has been able to field 15 teams on a Saturday which is almost a third of the College participating in this fast paced action-filled sport. Mr Myles Delport, MIC Basketball, reports

The term started with a pre-season basketball camp where Mr Craig Gilchrist, assistant coach to the senior men's team, came to run some of the sessions and share his expertise with the participants. The camp stood the players in good stead for the season. All teams across the board performed well and there has been an improvement in general play and the skill level of the A teams is on the rise. All the age group teams gave a good account of themselves during the course of the season. The first team played hard but were often on the losing end of the away matches. They were undefeated at home.

The first team participated in the St Johns basketball tournament which saw them finish strongly and being placed 16th out of 24 schools. They will also participate in the DHS tournament which is being held from the 4 – 9 April; we wish them all the best for their participation.

'SMASHING' SEASON

The cricket season, despite being very short, was filled with action and excitement. The "weather gods" were kind to the cricketers, with only the Hilton fixture having to be called off because of rain. Mr Neil Peacock, MIC: Cricket reports.

The various age groups acquitted themselves incredibly well with excellent results against our traditional opponents. The win-loss ratio was very encouraging with most teams sweeping the boards against Michaelhouse and St Charles, with honours fairly evenly divided in our clashes with some of the big state schools such as Westville and Maritzburg College. Of particular note was the fact that our A teams generally had excellent wins against their highly fancied opponents. Special mention should be made of the U15A team who, last year struggled in their fixtures at U14 level, but who produced an incredible turn around to record 3 wins out of 4! The U14A and U16A sides both came through the season unbeaten, while it was very satisfying to see some of the lower sides record good wins over teams from schools that have double the number of boys as we have!

The 1st XI had a satisfactory start to the season and was involved in a number of tight and exciting matches. Good victories over Michaelhouse and St Charles were tempered somewhat by a frustrating loss to Westville and somewhat mixed fortunes at the St Alban's Festival. Kearsney hosted preliminary trials for the Highways region for U15, U17 and U19 KZN teams. We congratulate Mr Jon Robinson on his appointment as an U15 selector for KZN Coasts.

Jon Kent continues to assist our cricketers in the more technical aspects of the game, while we were fortunate to have Harry Shapiro spend some time with us, putting the aspirant spin bowlers through their paces. The 1st XI are busy gearing up for their important tour to the UK in June/July of this year and a number of fund raising activities have drawn encouraging support from the Kearsney community.



REPORT



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INVICTA BURSARY LAUNCHED

KEARSNEY WELCOMES NEW BENEFACTOR
INVICTA HOLDINGS LIMITED

Foundation Director, Joy Mills-Hackmann, recently met with Marlice Fourie (CEG Divisional HR Manager) and Nikita Strydom (Corporate Social Investment Administrator) (pictured left to right) at the Invicta Holding offices in Johannesburg to hear more about their new CSI department. The Kearsney Invicta Bursary is one of their first initiatives.



Invicta Holdings have pledged a full five-year boarding and tuition bursary for a student to attend Kearsney College. Kearsney are thrilled and most encouraged to have Invicta on board as a benefactor. Their swiftly approved support made it possible to enrol a talented grade 8 student in January this year.

“The Invicta vision was inspired by personal experience”

A past parent with two successful sons and Kearsney Old Boys intends to offer a talented

young South African the same opportunity his sons had. This vital introduction and endorsement opened the door for Kearsney to submit a proposal for consideration.

The forward-thinking Invicta team plan to track their recipient's progress and, where possible, finance recipients through tertiary studies and assist with future employment opportunities. When Kearsney introduced the first student to Invicta and their business he was understandably amazed by the incredible opportunity and their complex business. His parting question with me was that he wanted to know "Do you think they'll visit Kearsney and watch me on the sports-field some time?" – knowing the heart of these people (I am tempted to say "angels"), I have no doubt they will be among us on a regular basis.

Is your business seeking CSI points for your B-BBEE score-card? Kearsney has a range of projects and initiatives that comply and embrace the spirit of empowerment and social investment.

Seeking tax deductible giving? Kearsney is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO 80-11-13-2570) and Non-Profit Organisation (024-882-NPO). Gifts to Kearsney may be deducted from your taxable income in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act. This gives you the opportunity to personally channel an amount you would have paid in tax to Kearsney as your choice of cause.

Please contact Joy Mills-Hackmann to discuss further 031 7659600 or joy@kearsney.com.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

at the moment are an electronic rugby scoreboard and retractable flag poles kindly donated by the Booyens and Rossouw families respectively. **THANK YOU!!**

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Thank you! We're on the road...

- 41 monthly-givers have signed up
- 7 Kearsney staff
- 24 Kearsney old boys
- 10 current and past Kearsney parents.
- R150 – the average monthly giving
- 80% chose to give to academic bursaries & scholarships
- 5% chose sport bursary and scholarships.

Various project options and affinity circles are available, or you can elect to give at the discretion of the Trustees.

You too can be a 'Founder of Kearsney's 2nd Century'

Contact the Foundation for our easy to use pledge form on 031 765 9627 /28 or foundation@kearsney.com

Congratulations!

To the Kearsney Family for raising nearly R10 000 for our school in the first two months this year. Well done and keep on SWIPING those cards.



The MySchool fundraising programme is a community support programme which raises funds for schools, charities and environmental organisations. More than R2.2 million is raised per month and paid out to schools, charities, animal welfare and environmental organisations.

The success of the programme depends on the number of times you swipe your card. To join up, simply visit www.myschool.co.za, complete the form on-line, select Kearsney College as your chosen beneficiary and your card will be delivered to you.

Don't delay, get your card today!





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The Stott rugby field has been finely manicured, fridges are packed to capacity for over 300 hungry players and coaches - and the organising committee is predicting a magnificent fifth Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival. Publicist, Ms Sue Miles has the story.

On Wednesday 4 April the Opening Evening includes a panel discussion with Sharks players, before kick-off the following morning. A top line-up of 12 rugby-playing schools is set for what is expected to be the country's most exciting schoolboy rugby festival this holiday.

Participating are powerhouse teams from Grey College in Bloemfontein, Affies from Pretoria, Monument from Krugersdorp and EG Jansen from Boksburg; as well as the Eastern Cape triumvirate of Selborne, Dale and Queen's Colleges. Paarl Gymnasium and Stellenbosch's Paul Roos represent the Western Cape; with Glenwood, festival newcomers Westville Boys' High and Kearsney's classy 1st XV representing KZN.

Festival organiser Taff Green said the line-up was the strongest since the festival's inception four years ago - and has again elicited great interest from Sharks and Sharks Academy talent scouts. "We have an incredible wealth of talent in the participating schools, with all teams being placed in Rugby 365's top 20 rankings at some stage last season.

"Rugby has become a realistic career opportunity and this festival is an ideal springboard for players to show their skill and flair for the game. It also provides obvious benefits to rugby in the province."

Play days are Thursday 5, Saturday 7 and Monday 9 April, with kick-off at 8.30am each day. Gate entrance is R50 per vehicle, which includes a 36-page glossy souvenir brochure.

KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL



To find full details about the Festival please go to [www.kearsney.com/News/Easter Rugby Festival](http://www.kearsney.com/News/EasterRugbyFestival) or like us on Facebook (Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival) or follow us on Twitter (@KearsneyERF)



Founder's Weekend 8 - 9 June 2012



A gathering of 1981 Old Boys at their 30th reunion in 2011

Do you know any Kearsney Old Boys?

Please mention that the 2012 Founders Weekend booking form is on the web and encourage them to attend on 8-9 June 2012. Visit www.kearsney.com | Old Boys | Founders Weekend for an online booking form. Enquiries can be directed to oldboys@kearsney.com

We wish all our families a joyful and safe Easter holiday.



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