



The start of an amazing adventure

Our new Grade 8s joined us on Sunday the 12th January and immediately impressed with their enthusiasm and positive attitudes. Mr Bruce Thompson, Haley Housemaster and Mr Jason Rottcher, Grade 8 Grade Head, share the story.

The new boys seemed well prepared for the year when they arrived in January and the "My Bright Future" weekend, which was held at the end of November 2013, certainly contributed to this.

With a bumper intake of 134 young boys the early weeks raced by in a blur of activity. Our determined prefects of Haley House did well in guiding the boys through this challenging period.

Mr Zungu's orientation day on the first Friday of term proved to be a fitting end to the week. The personalities and character of the Grade 8s came shining through when they had a chance to have some fun and not worry about following the daily routine to which they were still becoming accustomed. It soon became evident that this group of Grade 8s will have much to offer the College in the years ahead.

After our first sports fixture on the first Saturday of term, the boys went to bed early in expectation of a very demanding hike the next day. Little did the boys know but those who followed Mr Rottcher were

It is heart-warming to see the smiles, laughter and camaraderie amongst the Grade 8 Kearsney boys. These young gentlemen now seem very much at home.

in for a little extra mileage! (That's why he teaches Life Orientation and not Geography).

In the end most boys had completed the 15 kms and returned to the dining hall ravenous for the substantial breakfast on offer.

From the boys' perspective, now some eight weeks later, they can barely remember what the start of the year was like. Doing laundry, making beds, waiting at doors and greeting seniors and staff members now simply seem to be part of life.

The sporting results of our new boys, and the feedback from academic and cultural staff, have shown that this talented group have a very "Bright Future".



KEARSNEY ACADEMICS TOPS AGAIN

2013 IEB NSC Results

Kearsney's 2013 IEB NSC results were the envy of not only boys' schools in KZN and South Africa but indeed of all IEB schools – girls', boys' and co-ed alike. Academic Head, Mr Adam Rogers, reports.

To have six students on the IEB's Outstanding and Commendable Achievements List (the top 1.3% of pupils in the country) is once again a fantastic achievement (in 2012 Kearsney had seven on the Outstanding list).

Based on the number of our candidates on this list Kearsney College was again the best performing boys' school both in KZN and nationally.

Added to this was the 94,5% exemption rate and most pleasing was the fact that we retained our 100% pass rate. 32 boys (25%) achieved 4 or more distinctions with a total of 305 subject distinctions overall which equates to 2,36 distinctions per candidate.

The defining feature of Kearsney's 2013 IEB results was the exceptional achievement of our top academics. In the past six years no Kearsney boy had achieved ten distinctions until 2013 with Daniel Kolev's impressive full house. The exceptional performances in AP Maths ensured that three boys achieved nine distinctions (unprecedented) and seven boys achieved eight distinctions. Kearsney was undoubtedly blessed with a number of exceptional academics at the top end.

The admirable exemption rate is once again testimony to the three year plan involving subject teachers, HODs and Grade Heads who interrogate the subject marks in the three end of term marks meetings of all boys from the first term of Grade 10 to ensure that they are on course for a Matric Exemption (Bachelor's degree Pass) and make suitable recommendations if they are not. In addition the work done by Jolene Ostendorf in her capacity as Academic Support Specialist must also be acknowledged. Evidence of the support given to the boys with various barriers to learning and through her efficient processing of examination accommodations can be found in the fact that these boys not only passed Matric but achieved Bachelor Degree passes. These achievements alone are worthy of considerable celebration.

Academic excellence is achieved through the combined fostering of good relationships between boys and teachers; teachers and parents and the co-operation of all academic members of staff to achieve the best possible results in all subjects. Experienced and motivated academic staff is key. In addition creative initiatives and boy-focused teaching strategies are necessary to attract and sustain boys' interest but sound structures (testing programme; quick feedback and support teaching) are vital for exam success. Kearsney is proud of the academic results achieved by the Class of 2013 and we look forward to the Class of 2014 rising to the challenge of maintaining these exceptional results.



Daniel Kolev celebrates his 10 distinctions with his proud family.



Some of the Class of 2013 came to campus to find out their results and celebrate with their friends. This group of boys alone achieved 48 distinctions between them: Samuel Hansen (9), Josh Engelbrecht (4), Wesley Green (9), Daniel Kolev (10), Zaid Vawda (7) and Greg Royston (9)



The Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival is almost upon us! Publicist, Ms Sue Miles, has all the information.

At the launch of this year's Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival, The Sharks CEO John Smit praised the event, saying since its inception it had been "a phenomenal success" and The Sharks were proud to be associated. He said the festival continued to attract top rugby-playing schools from around the country, and provided youngsters with an ideal platform to display their talent and ability. "And who knows, they could be scouted to play at a higher level," he said.

This year's strong line-up is expected to attract capacity crowds over the Easter weekend's three play days: Thursday 17, Saturday 19 and Monday 21 April. There will be six fixtures daily, as well as a match between primary school teams and the KZN U13 Provincial Development team to kick off each day.

All 12 participating schools are renowned for their rugby pedigree and were widely regarded as being amongst the top teams in the country at the end of last season and are sure to provide exciting, highly entertaining running rugby.

At the launch headmaster Elwyn van den Aardweg acknowledged the festival sponsors, whose valued support has enabled the festival to grow remarkably since 2008. Standard Bank, who last year became headline sponsor in a four-year agreement, was thanked for their incredible support, as were The Sharks and Sharks Academy who have supported the Kearsney Festival since its inception, Illovo Sugar South Africa Limited, who together with Nashua Durban returned as a valued sponsors, and several other partners and companies.

Etienne Fynn, CEO of the Sharks Academy, said the partnership between the Academy and Kearsney continued to be one of mutual growth and success. Mr Fynn stressed that well over one hundred players identified at Kearsney festivals since 2008 had joined the Sharks Academy; and



the calibre of both individual and team play throughout the years had brought great pleasure to all observers. The Sharks Academy will offer full bursaries for 2015 to three selected players.

Darrell de Wet, Marketing and Communications Manager at Illovo Sugar, said the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival had proved not only to be a forum for rugby, but also to be an environment for learners to explore possible future career paths. "Illovo Sugar's support and involvement in the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival is testament to our belief that investing in the youth of South Africa, to develop leadership, discipline and talent, is fundamental to building a better future for the country," he said.

Nashua Durban Managing Director Martin Pretorius said an event of this magnitude enabled youngsters from across South Africa to showcase their skills and allow them to play in front of large crowds and experience a wonderful festival atmosphere. "We are proud to be part of the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival culture and will strive to keep supporting this prestigious sporting event," he said.

The entrance fee is just R50 per car or R20 per pedestrian and Kearsney would love to see our community on our campus to enjoy this wonderful event.

See www.kearsney.com for news and fixtures. Follow the action on Twitter and Facebook..

PLAY DAYS OVER EASTER WEEKEND

- Day 1: Thursday, 17 April
- Day 2: Saturday, 19 April
- Day 3: Monday, 21 April

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- Grey College (Bloemfontein), Affies (Pretoria), Monument (Krugersdorp), EG Jansen (Boksburg), HTS Middelburg (Middelburg), Framesby High (Port Elizabeth), Nico Malan (Humansdorp), Selborne College (East London), Dale College (King William's Town), Glenwood (KZN), Westville (KZN), Kearsney College (KZN)

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New Staff 2014

The College welcomed four new staff members at the beginning of the year and the staffroom is enjoying their enthusiasm (and youthfulness), reports Mr Vaughan Carlisle, Teacher in Charge of New Staff Orientation.

Mrs Jane Curtis joined us from Uplands College and she is most ably filling Mr Goldhawk's shoes in the English Department. Jane can also be seen – when she isn't frantically marking – on the hockey fields, enthusiastically chivvying the junior boys. Jane is very interested in show-jumping and dressage, running, hockey and sailing. She has played hockey at provincial level and completed the Comrades Marathon. Jane is married to David and has an 11-year old daughter, Jessica.

Kearsney Old Boy, **Mr Jonathan Waldburger** joined the College from the Cape and is making a valuable contribution to the English and History departments - in addition to doing duties in Pembroke as a resident Duty Master. Jonathan is married to Kate and has two young sons, Thomas and Francis.

Mr Tinus Els made a welcome entrance to the Afrikaans department from the Free State and his deep subject knowledge is being eagerly absorbed by the boys. Thinus is passionate about education and coaching sport. He is married to Cindy and has a daughter.

Rev James Headbush has taken over as Chaplain and has spruced up our chapel services in a most delightful manner. His thoughtful and apt prayers are the talk

of the College. James studied a BS Law and Education at UCT. He came from Grahamstown and has done a great deal of work with the youth over the years.

James is married to Virginia and has two daughters, Justine and Valencia. We welcome our new staff and wish them much success in their new positions.

STUDENT INTERNS

Siyabonga Shelembe is a Michaelhouse Old Boy who, after matriculating, spent a year at the Sharks Rugby Academy before embarking on his studies in Education. Prior to coming to Kearsney Siyabonga had spent a year at The Ridge School in Johannesburg. Siyabonga is serving out his internship in the Business Studies and Computer Literacy

departments and is coaching basketball, rugby and soccer.

Lyle McCabe is a Kearsney College Old Boy (2006) and former prefect in Sheffield House. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours in Geographic Information Systems at Stellenbosch University before embarking on international travel that saw him working and living in Canada for some time. Lyle has been allocated to the History and Geography departments and will be coaching cricket, rugby and soccer this year.

Below: The Methodist Bishop for the KwaZulu-Natal Coastal District, Bishop Mike Vorster, with James Headbush and Headmaster, Elwyn van den Aardweg.



L-R: Mr Tinus Els, Mr Lyle McCabe, Mr Siyabonga Shelembe, Mrs Jane Curtis, Mr Jonathan Waldburger and Mr Robin Scott, who is the new Sports Administrator.

Congratulations to the Prefects of 2014



Head of School: Stephen Tedder, Deputy Head of School: Tristan Tedder



FINNINGLEY: Head of House: Langa Hlongwane, Daniel Pons, Matthew van Heusden, Andries Schoeman



HALEY: Dale Sandy, Tijde Visser, Head of House: Keegan Foss, Morena Malakoana, Cameron Grinyer

On the 19 February Kearsney College hosted its annual Careers Expo. School Counsellor, Mrs Kerry-Jane Coleman, has the story.

This year the event attracted over 60 exhibitors and more than 500 pupils and their parents from Kearsney, St Marys, Thomas More, Hillcrest and Waterfall College, as well as pupils from schools where Kearsney is involved in outreach. This expo is organised to assist students with their choice of tertiary education and careers. It is an opportunity to have a positive impact on our local community and to inspire young people to greatness. A large variety of study opportunities and career options were on display, with opportunities for one-on-one discussions and follow-ups with exhibitors.

The Grade 11 Kearsney boys all have one-on-one narrative career assessments done with the school counsellor after the event in order to cement what was learnt and provide a platform for further studying opportunities.

It was wonderful to see so many parents join their boys to explore the options together.

Feedback from exhibitors was resoundingly positive:

"Thank you for affording us the opportunity to exhibit with you. This is without a doubt the best expo we have in South Africa - well done Kearsney!"



PEMBROKE: Nathan Shepherd, Jesse Rich, Head of House: Ruben van Aswegen, Dylan Griffiths



GILLINGHAM: Grant Meyer, Head of House: Neil Lillelund, Jeremy Maarschalk, Francois van der Merwe



SHEFFIELD: Ivan Crockart, Benjamin Baleta, Head of House: Luke van Vuuren, Absent: Patrick Zietkiewicz

Kearsney College Careers Expo

"Thank you so much for organising a great day, I am glad that our company could assist in making the day unforgettable. The career expo is a wonderful idea and I wish I had had that amount of information when I was in Form 6".

Feedback from parents was equally as positive:

"Thank you so much for organising such a fantastic event. My daughter is in Gr 11 at Kloof High School and was undecided whether to study medicine or accounting. She attended your Careers Expo and now has loads of information and contact details for work experience at Westville Hospital and various accounting firms. Much appreciated."



Matric Dance 2014

The atmosphere outside the Henderson hall was electric on 7 March. Teacher-in-charge, Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, shares the evening.



There was great excitement on the evening of the dance as the 800-strong crowd eagerly anticipated the arrival of the Kearsney matric boys and their dates to the Matric Dance of 2014, themed 'Africa'.

A beautiful scene awaited them; the interior of the hall was decorated with twinkling stars, zebra panels, strelitzia and willow arrangements. The life-sized, life-like glass-fibre rhinos and beautifully painted zebra backdrop kept watch over it all. The foyer was decked out as a safari lodge, complete with a scenic waterhole with rhino grazing. The façade of the hall was a silhouette of animals dwarfed by the magnificence of the African sunset.

The various grand entrances kept the crowd spellbound for an hour and a half with some weird and wonderful arrivals, including an African rickshaw, sedan chair, horse and carriage, a variety of vintage cars, sports cars, Mr Amos' car (now a regular feature) and a Rolls-Royce Phantom, along with some ingenious and cheeky arrivals.

The night was clear and bright and the attitude of the boys was cheerful, complimentary and formal. The dance floor was a busy and lively place the whole evening. The themed menu of biltong

Thank you to all the moms and dads, including my own, who dedicated hours of their time to help with the set-up of the dance decor.

pâte and pot bread starter, followed by the main course of fillet, moulded phutu with chakalaka gravy and a dessert of an individually moulded chocolate potjie pot filled with milk tart was enjoyed by all.

A big thank you goes to the grade 11 Matric Dance Committee who worked up to sixty hours helping with the beading and painting which needed to be done. Their co-operation and friendly manner made the job so much easier.

Ms Jolene Ostendorf, who designed and created the invitations, bottle labels and menus and who organised the Grade 11 workforce with military precision on the evening of the dance, is thanked for these invaluable efforts.

Dhirren Pillay, a matric pupil, single-handedly drew and painted the magnificent stage backdrop of the zebra.

Sister Sally van der Merwe created the beautiful strelitzia and willow arrangements on each table.

Parent Mr Willie de Lange loaned Kearsney the four rhinos for the dance, each delivered individually. En route to Kearsney, these life-like rhino were responsible for many a near-accident.

After eight wonderfully creative years of Matric Dances, each of which had their own personality, "Africa" is to be my last. Thank you to all the parents who, over the years, helped transform the concept into reality.

Culture@Kearsney 2014 was officially launched on Monday 10 March. Director of Clubs and Culture, Ms Andrea Fripp, reports.

At the opening of the first event of the year-long programme, the Art Exhibition. Shelley McLean, musician, actress, teacher and mother, was guest of honour for the evening and she officially launched the 2014 programme with a passionate speech to the assembled guests, staff members, parents and pupils from Kearsney and other local schools.

The appreciation and expression of the traditional arts is slowly dissolving into small pockets of activities amongst our youth. In 2013 Kearsney embarked on the journey of reversing the trend by providing schools with a platform to showcase the talents of our pupils. Our aim is to promote communication and collaboration in a non-threatening, safe environment. We advocate healthy participation in festivals, where the artists of tomorrow can learn from each other, benchmark their talents and unlock their potential for creativity. This is something we are going to grow. It is something that, in one year, we have already seen generate excitement in the community. We want to draw our communities together through arts and culture. Dates for the year's events are on www.kearsney.com.

"Studies show that knowledge of dance develops attributes of creative thought, including originality, fluidity and an ability of abstraction. Theatre teaches us to understand complex situations and incites us to reflect on the motivations of others as well as honing our interpersonal skills. Learning music increases the capacity of reasoning and makes use of the abstract thinking needed in mathematics." Steven Brault, Canadian Council for the Arts.



L-R: Best Supporting Actors: the comic duo, Ndunduzo Mkhize and Kevin Sibande and Best Actor, Joshua Prinn who also wrote the Best House Play.



Sheffield House walked away from what was a very tight inter-house competition this year, with Best Actor, Joshua Prinn; Best Supporting Actors; the comic duo, Ndunduzo Mkhize and Kevin Sibande and Best House Play, written by Joshua Prinn and directed by Nqobile Ntuli.

Sheffield's *Let's Make It Happen*, presented a meaningful and high energy play that delved into a relationship between two brothers. The play had all the elements to make it a crowd-pleaser: dance, song, humour and pathos.

This valuable process brought a range of interesting themes and topics that lead to the final work produced. Scriptwriters began writing after this process and Houses had their drafts ready before the close of 2013. January 2014 ushered in the audition and rehearsal phase and after five busy weeks the audience was treated to some fine work from the College on the night of 14 February 2014.

Finishing a close second was Fingleton, winning best original script for *Playing Cards* written by Daniel Pons. Theirs was a tale of betrayal, plotting and drama, sprinkled with humour. Three business executives

Some incredibly professional and polished productions were once again put on by the boys. Ms Ulaetha Singh, Head of Dramatic Art, reports.

The process of brainstorming ideas for the plays began at the Creative School in 2013. The Grade 11s of each House had the opportunity to meet and explore ideas for their

are brought together by someone known only as The Mastermind, a character that orchestrates their downfall and seems to deteriorate into what might be an apparition of his darker side.

Deep and thought-provoking, Pembroke's offering *Deal With It*, written by Jesse Rich, struck a chord with many. The audience appreciated this play for its creative staging, the overarching motif of death and the message to mankind to live virtuously.

The light hearted, well scripted *The Hungry Games*, written by Jeremy de Beer and Connor Heycocks was Gillingham's contribution to the evening. The audience was introduced to a competition between two rebel clans that becomes a cesspool of determination, betrayal and survival, where the weak are meat and the strong do eat.

The adjudicator for the evening, Mrs Debra Morgan of St Mary's Drama Department, heaped praise on the Kearsney boys for the high standard of their productions, which kept the audience engaged and entertained.

Community Service

Kearsney College aims to develop well-rounded boys of character who care for their community and environment. Mr ManziniZungu,, MiC Community Service, reports on some outreach work undertaken this term.

I am proud to report that in over just three weeks in Term 1, the Kearsney boys had already completed over 3,000 hours of outreach work.

Some of the organisations we have assisted include:

CROW (The Centre for Rehabilitation of Wildlife)

"Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, meet new friends and learn new skills".

Three- to four hundred animals are housed at their Centre at any given time and volunteers at CROW have the opportunity to learn about local wildlife rehabilitation and conservation, with all its challenges and complexities.

Volunteering involves mainly physical activities, so they need strong, energetic people who are willing to physically lend a helping hand! Our Grade 10, 11 and 12 boys have been to CROW three times this year, providing just that.

The current assistance requested is to clean and clear up the cages as they prepare for the new intake of baboons and other wild animals that need rehabilitation.

Hillcrest AIDS Centre

Thirty-two boys were involved in preparing pot plants and weeding at the AIDS centre. Getting involved with the Centre develops in our boys an understanding of the scourge of HIV/AIDS in our country. The College has a number of boys who wish to enter the medical field. Through our community service programme the boys enjoy the opportunity to be involved in organisations such as the AIDS Centre, clinics and hospitals.

Makaphuthu Children's Village

Makaphuthu is both a children's village that serves as home to vulnerable children and orphans and a community outreach hub that seeks to empower and support members of the community affected by HIV/Aids. Over the last two years Kearsney boys have built a relationship with the

people at the Centre and it helps to make the children feel part of the greater community. During our visits we play with the young children, read books with and to them, do garden work with them and play soccer with the children.

Dylan Leibbrandt (Grade 10) has donated a set of drums to the centre as they have their own SCA choir but a lack of musical instruments. Our Kearsney Choir will be fundraising for this centre when they are overseas for the World Choir Games. Last year Kearsney raised more than R60 000 for this worthy charity.

Sponsor an Orphan's Uniform Project

Thirty-two orphans from Mpilweni Primary School have been the recipients of full school uniform due to the generosity of our boys. Accompanied by their principal, Mrs Chiliza, and



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teacher, Mrs Mkhize, these orphans were bussed to Kearsney to receive their new sets of uniforms. The principal thanked the College on behalf of the children.

Golden Hours

On Friday 7 March we took forty eight boys to Golden Hours, which is a school for intellectually-challenged children. The visits are wonderful and spiritually fulfilling for any visitor. You learn to appreciate what you have and thank God for it.

It was lovely to be so warmly welcomed by the staff and children. We soon integrated and started playing games together, including soccer, netball, tennis and basketball. One of

the highlights was a fun relay race where our boys carried children on their backs. After the tug of war we ended the day with the Golden Hours children singing their school hymn and Kearsney boys responding before everyone sang the national anthem together.

Beach Clean Up

We had a very successful day where 68 boys cleaned Durban beach from uShaka Marine all the way up to Wild Coast Casino. We collected twenty two full bags of litter before the boys were given a chance to swim. I would like to thank the parents who brought their sons to this important duty of our young citizens and supported us on such a scorcher of a day. It is the aim of the

College to build well-rounded and balance Kearsney boy who cares for his environment and we strive to be number one in this area as well.

Teaching Maths at KwaNtebeni Comprehensive High school

Four of our Grade 11 boys have been involved with teaching Mathematics to the Grade 8s of KwaNtebeni High School. This takes place every second Friday from 14h00 to 15h30. The school principal and their Maths teacher have applauded this initiative from our boys who have patience and enthusiasm and have been privileged to have been beneficiaries of the highest standard of teaching at Kearsney.

Good old-fashioned fun

Our annual informal excursion to the Drakensberg in early December is a great opportunity for staff and boys to interact and enjoy the natural environment on our doorstep. Deputy Headmaster, Mr Rod de Villiers, reports.

At the end of last year a group of ten Kearsney boys and two staff members, Mr Wayne Amos and I, set off for a few days in the Central Drakensberg, via a scenic climb up White Mountain near Estcourt. We made our way to our first overnight stop at Serendipity Cottage across the way from Monks Cowl.

Threats of rain the next day led us to choose the safer of two destination options - to Makhulumani Cave. After dividing all the food and cooking equipment equally

amongst the group we set off for the two-hour trek up through the Makhulumani forest to the cave above, which would be our accommodation for the night. After we arrived we had the opportunity to explore the surroundings. Within an hour's walk from the cave is a ridge from which one has the most amazing view of the Drakensberg Range, from the Sentinel in the North to Giants Castle in the South - a distance of about 80km.

The following morning we packed up and hiked back to Serendipity where they boys played games and swam in the nearby dam.

Our final day was set aside for the Drakensberg Canopy Tree Tour where the boys were undoubtedly more adventurous than the two cautious "old toppies".

I thoroughly enjoyed the trip, thanks in no small part to the fantastic group of boys who came along. A big thank you to Mr Amos for his assistance.



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The 12 Club takes a dip into the deep waters of global business



The top twelve academics in the matric grade, known as the '12 Club', are a group that stretch their intellectual boundaries by being exposed to unusual subjects that are not covered in the normal syllabus, such as philosophy, theology and business strategy – to name a few. *Neil Lillelund, a member of this prestigious club, shares the experience.*

We attended the East Coast Radio Business Breakfast on Thursday 6th March 2014. The event started off on an excited but nervous note, with a group interview with East Coast Radio's Darren Maule.

The first speaker of the morning was Mr Zamo Gwala, CEO of Trade & Investment KZN, a government agency that promotes business in KZN. His knowledge of business opportunities in our home city was inspiring to us all.

The next speaker was, to many of the Kearsney Boys, the main attraction of the event – Sharks Coach Jake White.

He used all that he had learned in coaching as advice for the business world. He said that with experience comes responsibility, to learn from the past, innovate and never give up on the people you choose.

His key points were to do something because you love it and to know what you are good at.

Nicola Tyler, CEO of BRG, then enthralled us with her interactive visual display and speech. She enlightened us about the three important triangles of business. 1) Results 2) Recognition 3) Integrity. For many of us her public speaking technique was the most creative lesson that she taught us.

Professor Nick Binedell, founding director of the Gordon Institute of Business Science Pretoria University, then shared his knowledge in an inspirational and motivational manner. He taught us to learn from others, to never copy them but rather seek to inspire them. He said our strategy is very simple – to be insatiably curious.

Bernice Samuels, Chief Marketing Officer of FNB, and Anwar Jappie, Brand Marketing Director of Nike South Africa, both shared their expertise about the marketing and social

media world. They stressed the importance of using social media to communicate with the masses, particularly the youth in Africa.

The 12 Club members agree that the many business lessons they have learned are massively beneficial, but we also believe that interacting with high profile businessmen, businesswomen and intellectuals is crucial to intellectual development. We have now seen the importance of networking and meeting the right people. We now see the truth in the saying: "It is not ONLY what you know, but WHO you know that matters".

Thank you to Mr Candotti for taking us to the event and to Kearsney College for affording us the opportunity. It certainly stretched our minds and expanded our horizons!

Brilliant Basketball at Kearsney

Mr Myles Delpert, MiC Basketball, reports.



The 2014 basketball season started in a positive fashion with the annual pre-season basketball camp. Most of the games during the term were played at home with fantastic crowd support during first team matches. The hard work and effort of the players paid off, with the U14A, U15A and U15C teams remaining unbeaten during the season.

The 1st team was able to repay the support given by the College by playing some really good basketball and winning

14 of 16 matches played. Jeremy Maarschalk and Langa Mhlongo provided good

leadership for the team this term and have been excellent ambassadors for the sport at the College.

The 1st team participated in the St John's basketball tournament in Johannesburg and did fantastically to finish third out of thirty two schools, Kearsney's highest ever finish in this event.

Morena Malakoana (pictured left) was selected for the All-Stars team afterwards.

Thanks to all of the coaches, players and supporters for their contributions to a very enjoyable and successful season.

Squash in Term 1

The 1st squash side enjoyed a very successful start to the year with a fantastic tour to the St Andrew's FNB Festival in Bloemfontein, winning 5 out of their 6 fixtures. *MiC Squash, Mr Andrew Morgan, reports.*

The tour produced the best result that Kearsney has achieved at this festival in several years and bodes very well for this young side. A notable performer in the team is Cameron Ritchie, who recently won the U16 section of the KZN Pre-Season Ladder Tournament and placed 11th at the Free State Open in Bloemfontein.

The tour produced the following results against strong local competition:

Beat Maritzburg College	6-2
Lost to Westville	3-5
Lost to Glenwood	4-4 (points count)
Beat ST Charles/Epworth	8-0
Lost to Michaelhouse	3-5
Lost to Hilton	3-5



Great support for the Kearsney Tennis Fraternity

A most enjoyable fundraising event was held on Friday 7 February in the Greyhound Pavilion to benefit the tennis tour to the UK and Spain in June / July 2014. *Mr Anthony Willows, Deputy Headmaster and MiC Tennis, has the story.*

The theme for the evening was "What makes a Champion". The MC for the evening was well known personality Darren Scott and the panel included sports celebrities Shaun Pollock, Stefan Terblanche and Robbie Koenig.

Auction items included a signed Sharks rugby jersey (Currie Cup champions 2013); four framed, signed tennis racquets from Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Rafa Nadal with camera lens photos and signatures, and a framed Wimbledon shirt with the "Big 4" signatures. The event was incredibly successful and raised a substantial amount for the tour.



Making a splash

Kearsney experienced another extremely busy season, Mr Marco Botha, MiC Swimming shares the details.

In the space of six weeks the A-team took part in eight galas and the B-team in six. This was demanding on the boys who fit in swimming with other sports and cultural commitments.

The Kearsney swimmers, especially those who take their swimming seriously, did their school proud by producing their best efforts in the last two galas of the season - The Top 8 and D and D Galas. Although Kearsney only achieved a 4th place in both galas, they were only a few points behind 3rd place on both occasions.

The D and D Gala was the highlight of the season where every age group put in their best effort. The U15 group caused upsets in winning the butterfly and the backstroke events.

INTER-HOUSE GALA

The Inter-house Gala was once again a very successful and closely contested event this year. Finningley started the day with quite an advantage due to the success of Andries Schoeman (Open age group) in the pre-gala events. This lead was slowly whittled away but Finningley managed to hang on and win the gala from Sheffield,

with Gillingham and Pembroke taking up the minor placings. Top performers on the day were Guy du Toit and Matthew Smith who won almost every race in which they participated on the day.

The Sprint Challenge was again one of the highlights with Guy du Toit just out-touching Justin Faber and Matthew Smith who caused an upset by coming 3rd ahead of Andries Schoeman. Andries walked away with the Senior Victor Ludorum and Matthew Smith won the Junior Victor Ludorum, both for the 2nd year in succession. Matthew scored more individual points than any other swimmer on the day.

Life is but a dream

Term 1 has once again been a fun-filled one for the Kearsney paddlers. MiC Canoeing, Mr Steve Main, has the news.

The boys have been fully involved in river racing and it has been extremely pleasing to see a number of U14 boys paddling successfully in the rivers.

The Drak Challenge saw a group of seven boys head up to Underberg. All of the Kearsney boys performed well in low conditions with Peter Hudson being the first Kearsney boat home.

This was followed up by the Dusi Canoe Marathon in which Kearsney had a record number of entrants (10), all of whom

completed the race, many of them finishing in the top half of the field. We congratulate Rory McNeill and Stuart McCleave who finished second in the U16 category. Finishers included (Peter Hudson, Keagan Loader, Evan Knight, Timothy Marsh, Luke Plotts, Gavin Keeley, Rory McNeill, Stuart McCleave, Joss Cahi and Ruan Grobber.

In the inter-schools races our depth has begun to show and Kearsney has become a real threat and challenger in the age group competition. Our under 14s are looking to dominate the competition in the next few

years. Robert McConnell finished 2nd in the U14 age group in the KZN Schools River Championships and Rory McNeill finished in an incredible 3rd in the U16 age group (12th overall).

Kearsney paddling has never been stronger and credit must go to all the boys who compete in and complete the races. A massive amount of determination, effort and training are the secrets to the success of this team.



Cricket Update

Mr Neil Peacock, MiC Cricket, reports.

Before the start of the first term the 1st XI travelled to Bishops in Cape Town to play in the annual pre-season Independent Schools Festival. A young and relatively inexperienced side took part and in very uncharacteristic Cape summer weather (rainy and overcast conditions on most days). The boys acquitted themselves excellently. Good victories were achieved over Bishops, Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) from Brisbane, Australia and Hale College from Perth, Australia.

The side lost only one match, against a very strong Rondebosch side. One of the highlights was a night T20 match against Churchie on the Frank Reid Oval with the mountains providing a picturesque backdrop. An address by Gary Kirsten to all the teams was most memorable. He gave good insight into what makes a winning side and spoke a lot of common sense to the boys.

The cricket season got underway with fixtures against our local traditional rivals and, as always, the matches were all keenly contested. The U14 age group acquitted themselves very well with the 14A and 14B sides unbeaten against local opposition,

while the U15A side had an excellent start to the season with impressive victories against our traditional rivals.

Over the half term break the 1st XI travelled to St Albans for the annual Independent Schools Festival. The team drew their two-day game against St David's, defeated Cornwall Hill College, but unfortunately lost their last fixture against Kingswood in a very high scoring match, which saw Tristan Tedder make an undefeated 109 runs.

The Memorial Cricket Pavilion has received an "extreme makeover" and our thanks go to the College for providing such an excellent facility.

We also congratulate old boy, Kyle Abbott on his call up to the national side for the recent test series against Australia – just reward for an outstanding domestic season with the ball. Well done Kyle!

All in all this has been a very busy cricketing term and we look forward to the latter half of the year.



Kearsney boys shine at Midmar Mile

The Midmar Mile is the most popular open water swimming event in the world. MiC Swimming, Mr Marco Botha reports.

Kearsney Old Boys Troy Prinsloo and Myles Brown were among the favourites to win the main event this year. Troy was literally pipped at the post by the winner Chad Ho and Myles achieved an excellent 3rd place. Well done gentlemen.

An unusually small number of Kearsney swimmers competed this year. The top Kearsney swimmer was Guy du Toit, who came in 32nd overall in a time of 21 minutes and 11 seconds.

Water Polo

Mr Francois Lubbe, MiC Water Polo.

It has been a tough and disappointing term for the water polo fraternity. Despite not enjoying much success on the scoreboard, the young 1st team has gained wonderful experience in competing against the best water polo teams in the country. Lessons have been learned and I am excited for the fourth term's water polo as these boys are highly committed and determined to improve on their efforts.

1st team results:
 Played 13 Won 3 Lost 9 Drew 1

SUPPORTERS DRIVE INNOVATION

Thank You!

In 2013, 253 individuals, trusts, foundations and corporates contributed over R5 million in cash and in-kind support to Kearsney. This provided invaluable funds towards bursaries, scholarships, capital projects and events such as Culture@Kearsney and the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival. A full report will be included in the 2013 Chronicle.

To continue to provide the all-round excellence and the world-class education for which Kearsney is famous it is important that we continue to receive the support of our community. Please consider supporting Kearsney. Contact the Kearsney Foundation on foundation@kearsney.com to explore:

- Supporting a project or talented student
- Corporate brand exposure: sponsor an event, team or facility
- Corporate B-BBEE scorecard points

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Socio-Economic Development (SED), or Corporate Social Investment (CSI), is one of the most established routes used by enterprises to 'give back' to society, whilst building brand loyalty and earning B-BBEE points. Kearsney College is highly dependent on donor funding to provide opportunities for educational excellence and is an accredited non-profit, public benefit (Section 18a) organisation.

The Kearsney College Empowerment Fund is fully B-BBEE compliant and as such any donation to the Fund will enable your enterprise to earn Socio-Economic Development (SED) points.



If you would like to make a donation please contact Joy Mills-Hackmann on foundation@kearsney.com 031 7659600.

NASHUA DURBAN EXPANDS EXCELLENCE

Kearsney is proud to announce Nashua, Durban as the new 1st and 2nd XV team supporter for 2014-2017. This wonderful support makes it possible to improve facilities at Kearsney such as the recent state-of-the-art upgrade of the Medworth Stand.

Nashua understand and embrace the Kearsney mantra of balance and excellence and they continue to provide generous support of the arts and sport at Kearsney, as well as providing excellent business value and support as Kearsney's print supplier. In 2013 Nashua supported the inaugural Culture@Kearsney event and in 2014 move from being 2nd to 1st tier sponsor at the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival.



MEDWORTH STAND EXPANDS

The upgraded Medworth Stand was used for the first time at the start of the 2014 season and Kearsney thanks the many generous Old Boys, donors and sponsors who made this upgrade possible. In addition to the increased seating and roof coverage, all four players' change rooms have been renovated and a new Ladies toilet facility provided on the southern side of the stand. A Media Room has also been created, with fibre optic services to connect to Kearsney's network.

Thanks to the generous financial support of Life Healthcare and the Kearsney Parents' Society, the medical room within the Stand has been upgraded to a state-of-the-art medical facility catering for all possible injuries and emergencies. Now significantly bigger and equipped with sophisticated medical equipment, the facility is manned on match days by two doctors and nursing staff, ably supported by ER24 paramedics and Kearsney pupils trained as first aiders. Two automatic external defibrillators are strategically placed at different venues at the school to assist in resuscitating collapsed patients. Life Healthcare has also sponsored an "ambulance" golf cart fitted with a

stretcher for the transport of injured players from any field on campus to the first aid room.

A number of Kearsney parents provided their medical expertise in establishing of the facility and continue to give generously of their time, providing medical assistance on match days:

- Dr Mike Marshall (past president of the South African Sports Medicine Association)
- Dr John Blanckenberg
- Dr John Zietkewicz
- Dr Doug Beere
- Dr Glen Hagemann (past president of the South African Sports Medicine Association)

Kearsney is proud of this world-class facility, and the excellent medical attention available to our boys and guests and we thank all our donors and sponsors for their support.

We invite contributions towards the exciting expansion to the Medworth Stadium. After Founders Weekend in June an honours board will be installed to thank all donors.



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The World Choir Games in Riga, Latvia

The world famous Kearsney College Choir is on its way to Riga, Latvia, to defend its World-Champion title. Exciting possibilities for corporate sponsorship, social investment and B-BBEE as well as individual support are available. We invite you to champion our champions as we have the extraordinary opportunity to represent not just Kearsney and South Africa but the continent of Africa.

We thank new first tier sponsor Remo's Fratelli Group, owned by old boy Renzo Scribante (1998), for providing valued monetary and apparel support.

Please contact the chairman of the fundraising committee, Mr Gary Knight, if you are able to assist with sponsorship email gary.knight@stcsolutions.co.za or phone +27(0)82 496 2674.

Parents' Society Report

This year the Kearsney Parents' Society is focusing its efforts on a few key areas. The 2014 Committee is a dedicated team of volunteers who will strive hard during the year to ensure that all funds are utilised to the maximum benefit of our boys. During the year, the Society will be involved in various projects at the school. Please see our web pages on the Kearsney website for updates on these projects.

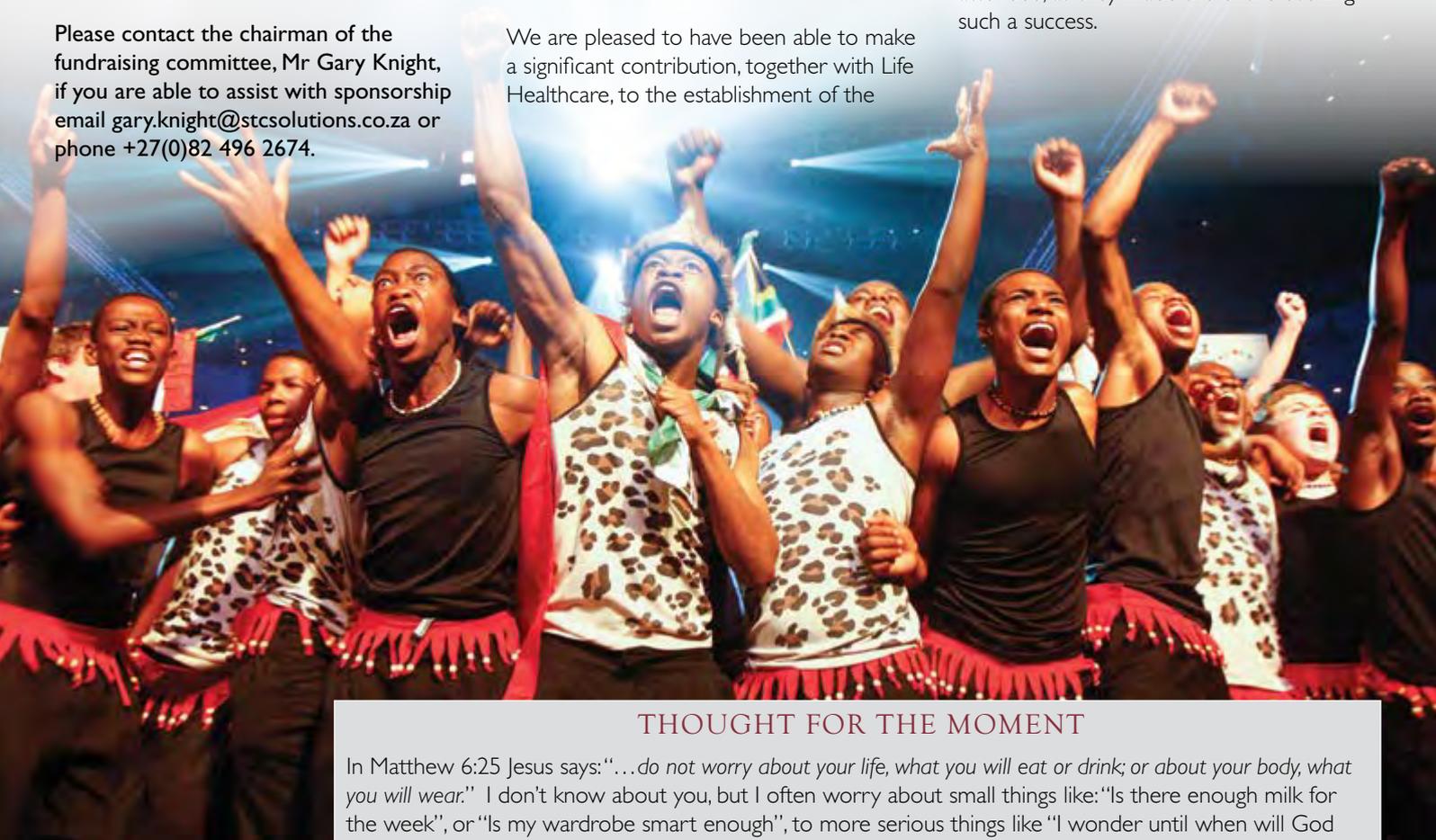
Look out for our new "caravan" which will be selling Kearsney Supporters gear on the side of the main rugby field. Various items will be available from supporters' gear, to Botha's Hill weather-specific items like scarves and jackets.

We are pleased to have been able to make a significant contribution, together with Life Healthcare, to the establishment of the

new medical room within the upgraded Medworth Stand and are happy that our boys and visitors have top-class medical facilities available to them.

The events hosted by the Parents' Society are always well supported. The Ball, the Barnyard and 250-Club functions are all very successful. The website carries details for forthcoming events.

The Parents' Society hosted their annual ball on Saturday 8 March. The "Sultry African Skies" themed event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. A very talented Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg and the Parents' Society team must be congratulated on the splendour and magnificence of the decorated hall. Thanks to the parents who attended, as they made the entire evening such a success.



THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

In Matthew 6:25 Jesus says: "...do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear." I don't know about you, but I often worry about small things like: "Is there enough milk for the week", or "Is my wardrobe smart enough", to more serious things like "I wonder until when will God bless me with important people in my life such as my wife, my sisters, my children and my mom, before He calls them to heaven."

In Matthew 6:32 Jesus says: "...your heavenly Father knows that you need these things..." And by this He means that God is solely behind us and chooses to take first responsibility for our life's needs. Whereas we think and foresee that we will not have enough to cover our living and unforeseen expenses, come the time, God will rise to the occasion and ensure that we have enough - just as He has done in the past. Come the time when it's time to say goodbye to loved ones, God will rise to the occasion and give us the capacity to cope, as He has done with many others. Stop worrying. God has you covered. Amen.

Rev James Headbush: Chaplain



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