

Leading the way

Our annual Leadership Week, 31 August to 03 September, which has been fine-tuned over twenty-five years, was a resounding success. Report by Mr Rod de Villiers, Deputy Headmaster.

Whilst the matrics concentrated on their trial examinations, the Grade 11 group embarked on a course in 'Ethics and Leadership', coordinated by their Grade Head, Mr Hubert van Ellewee. Their programme involved a very good mix of guest speakers, group discussions and outdoor activities. With this group of boys being the future leaders of Kearsney our aim was to instil in them an understanding of their responsibility to their juniors, their peers and their school and an intent to lead Kearsney ethically and appropriately next year, with each matric boy being a leader in his own right.

The Grade 10s, coordinated by their Grade Head, Mr Andy Morgan, spent their four days at the Shongweni Spirit of Adventure Centre tackling their challenging course on

Grade 11 Boot Camp



'Action Centred Leadership', which is most appropriate for this age group.

The Grade 9s were divided up into three groups; one group, coordinated by Mr Dave Graves, went to the Khotso Trails Centre near Underberg; another, coordinated by Mr Dougan Macdonald, went to Thukela River Trails, near Winterton, and the last group, coordinated by Mr Jason Rottcher, visiting the Zingela Centre on the Thukela River near Weenen. The focus on their courses was 'Being aware of the needs of others'.

The Grade 8s' theme was 'Standing on your own two feet'. The boys were also divided into three groups, with one group, coordinated by Mr Wayne Marsden, going to Hella Hella on the Umkomaas River another, coordinated by Mr John Drew, going to

Grade 10 at Spirit of Adventure



Baynesfield Biosphere, between Richmond and Pietermaritzburg, and the final group, coordinated by Mr Manzini Zungu, going to the BergVenture Centre in the Central Drakensberg.

BergVenture



Zingela

Grade 11s Ethics and Leadership Course

Mr Hubert van Ellewee, Grade 11 Grade Head, reports.

The Grade 11s had a very enriching week where they were exposed to the exciting and challenging world of leadership and leadership strategies. The Headmaster, Mr van den Aardweg, set the tone with his presentation of 'The Ethically Driven School'.

During the week the boys were exposed to John Maxwell's 'Five Levels of Leadership' and were equipped with some leadership skills taken from Maxwell's '360 Degree Leader' to assist them in their challenges of being the leaders of the College in 2016.

The boys were fortunate to hear various guest speakers present on the topic of leadership – one of the highlights being the world renowned Ian Thomas, who presented 'The Power of the Pride'. The dynamic Greg Sadler spoke about the consequences of our decisions, while the talented Aaron McLroy entertained the boys and staff over dinner, presenting a very different perspective to leadership.

In addition to all the thought-provoking presentations, the boys had fun designing their own t-shirts to show their ethical colours and played the popular game 'Minute-to-Win it' accompanied by much laughter. The boys also spent a day in Giba Gorge, which included undertaking the gruelling Boot Camp.

The week was concluded with a formal breakfast, where a guest speaker motivated the boys to take up the challenges that lie ahead.

Grade 10s at Spirit of Adventure

Mr Andrew Morgan, Grade 10 Grade Head, reports.

The entire Grade 10 group was hosted by the Spirit of Adventure Leadership School at Shongweni Dam where they were put through a rigorous but hugely beneficial programme.

Having been divided into teams, the boys worked through a variety of activities and challenges that tested them mentally, physically and emotionally, while providing opportunities to analyse different leadership styles and identifying qualities in different team members. It is always inspiring to see how our boys 'buy in' to this particular programme and how positively they respond to the challenges put to them. The course is designed to remove boys from their comfort zones and to get them to come alongside each other and to support one another in order for their group to be able to advance through the programme.

This year's group did very well and the boys came away not only with a few blisters and grazes, but with lifelong memories and, for many of the boys, a tremendous growth experience.



Grade 9s improving their awareness of the needs of others

Mr Mike Albers, Grade 9 Grade Head, reports.

The theme of the week was 'Being aware of the needs of others'. A lot of emphasis was placed on teamwork - sometimes in very difficult circumstances. The days and nights at the various camps involved a rotation of activities: mountain biking, horse riding, hiking, raft building, kayaking, abseiling and a number of other challenging, yet exciting, activities. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained many valuable skills. This year the Grade 9s visited three different venues:



Zingela Safari and River Company

This beautiful camp is situated on the banks of the Thukela River. The group's challenges included a night under the stars, with only sleeping bags and a fire for warmth, followed by a "polar bear swim" in extremely cold water.

Tugela River Trails, Winterton, in the foothills of the Drakensberg

This group spent the week biking, hiking, camping and completing a series of mental challenges. The boys cooked their own meals and were only able to bath in farm dams. The challenges helped the boys to learn a lot about themselves and about working as a team. Highlights of the week included re-living the Battle of Spioenkop and a challenging cycle through the bush.

Khotso Horse Trails Farm

The activities included a seven-hour hike to the summit of Bamboo Mountain and a three-hour horse ride. Some of the boys (and staff) really struggled with this but, with perseverance and encouragement from team mates, everyone made it. Camping in tents in the crisp 'berg air' was challenging and a new experience for some. The boys also learnt about donga and erosion rehabilitation as well as enjoying the tranquillity and peace of the Drakensberg on this working farm. A cold swim in the icy river pools was a highlight!

Grade 8s learning to stand on their own two feet

Mr Manzini Zungu, Leader of BergVenture Group, reports.

The Grade 8 boys were also divided into three groups which headed to Hella Hella on the Umkomaas River; Baynesfield Biosphere and the BergVenture Centre in the Drakensberg. At each venue, similar activities were carried out to enable boys to increase their independence. We describe the one camp as an example.

BergVenture Group

On the first day the boys were asked to choose a partner who, at school, they would not ordinarily partner with. A number of activities helped the boys to bond. A challenging hike to a nearby waterfall, took many boys out of their comfort zones and helped the process.

The following day started with the rotations: an obstacle course; 18m high tree climbing; zip-lining; abseiling, horse riding and raft building. The boys had so much fun during their challenges and it was encouraging to see boys pushing and encouraging each other and to see the camaraderie and sense of accomplishment when they completed the tasks.

On the third day all of the boys managed to complete a steep, rocky 26 km hike, which required a lot of tenacity. The boys ended off a hugely satisfying day by cooking their own "poitjie" supper.

One of the highlights of the week was the opportunity to help a nearby school, where we planted flowers, did some gardening and painted classrooms. The boys had so much fun that they didn't want to leave the school!



SCA Ministry Week

The annual Ministry Week took place from 08 to 12 June. The school Chaplain, Rev James Headbush, reports.

The comment made by many a boy on the week was that "last year was good, but this year was even better!" We thank God for this and pray that this will always be the case.

The theme this year was 'Relationships'. The SCA Head, Lwazi Zulu, introduced the week with a video clip produced for the occasion. The guest speakers at the school assemblies were: Chris Mokone, Simon Webster and Colin Edmunds. The mid-week highlight was a combined SCA gathering and braai with St John's DSG. Various guest speakers addressed the boys in our Religious Education Grade 8-12 and Life Orientation Grade 8 to 11 classes. This included a Theology student from Duke Seminary (USA), Joy Kitanga. The week ended with a Youth Rally, attended by about 700 young people from Kearsney and surrounding schools and the band Arise led the worship. We thank the school for affording us this opportunity.

Community Service



International Exchange



The International Exchange Programme will soon be undergoing a number of changes as we seek to fully realise the enormous potential of the programme and to maximise the impact on the boys who participate. Mr Matthew Saville, MiC International Exchange, brings you the report.

A list of minimum criteria for Application will be implemented and the boys selected will need to adhere to a stricter set of terms. We believe that this will facilitate a richer experience and will be of tremendous value to the boys concerned and the College as a whole.

Some of the changes will not be immediate, but the desire is to move away from sending a number of boys to a single school. Self-reliance is something that needs to be stressed. As such, the team of staff who attended the recent International Boys' School Coalition Conference in Cape Town over the July holidays were also busy making contacts with potential exchange partner schools to widen our pool of destinations. The exchanges with schools in England,

Ireland and Australia will remain, but we will hopefully soon be able to add schools from the US, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, India and Spain.

At present we have only one exchange student with us at Kearsney, Brendan Smith-Lock, from Christchurch Grammar in Perth. Brendan accompanied the rest of the Grade 10 boys on the Spirit of Adventure leadership week and has involved himself fully in the life of the College. It has been a pleasure hosting Brendan and we wish him all the best.

We currently have three Kearsney boys away at Canberra Grammar: Nicholas de Beer, Kyle Koenig and Matthew Blair. They will be returning for the start of our fourth term, accompanied by their exchange partners who have hosted them during their stay in Australia. We will bid farewell to a further nine boys who will go out on exchange to the Catholic University School in Dublin and Rossall School in Lancashire. Exciting times lie ahead for these boys!

Pictured above: Brendan Smith-Lock from Christchurch Grammar in Perth with the Grade 10 Leadership Week group.

Top left: Khabazela Science lessons at Kearsney: Matric students visit weekly to do prac work in the labs, animated computer work and more recently have been doing revision for examinations.

Left: Makaphutu Children's Village: For a few years, groups of Kearsney boys have been visiting three times per term to help older children with homework and to play soccer.



Creative School

The annual Creative School workshops have become a highlight on the Kearsney calendar. Mrs Glenda Pitcher, HoD Visual Arts, reports.

This is a day when all normal day-to-day activities on campus pause for the day to allow every boy in the school to participate in some kind of organised creative activity. The facilitators are mostly outsiders and are experts in their fields.

the Mosaic Association of South Africa in support of Little Fighters Cancer Trust. The butterflies that were created will be used to enhance the walls of a number of local paediatric oncology units.

This year the Grade 8s were introduced to photography by Matthew Willman and explored slam poetry in a workshop run by Mrs Jane Curtiss. The Grade 9s drummed with Tracey Chanine from Talking Drums and enjoyed hip hop with Pro from Motion Dance. The Grade 10s created a collaborative artwork and participated in a movement workshop with Magesh Ngcobo. The Grade 11s enjoyed a physical theatre workshop with Liam Magma and a film production workshop with Kobus van Heerden. The Grade 12s created mosaicking for a community project run by

This is a wonderful opportunity for our boys to enjoy something creative in an unpressured forum and, for some boys, to venture out of their comfort zones. At the very least, the Creativity Workshops extend our boys beyond the academic or sporting curriculum, exposing them to new people and ideas, and ultimately promoting the balanced education of which we at Kearsney are so proud.

Kearsney boys visit China

Marketing Director Mr Robert Carpenter reports.

Three Kearsney boys enjoyed the experience of a lifetime as they spent more than two weeks in China during the July holidays. Lloyd Gowdy, Josh Kalil (both of whom are studying Mandarin at Kearsney) and Stuart Campbell enjoyed discovering more about the incredibly rich culture and history of China and visited a number of famous landmarks in Beijing and Fuzhou, including the Temple of Heaven, Beijing Museum, the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square, Wuyi Mountain and the Forbidden City. The programme was organised by the Confucius Institute at the Durban University of Technology.



Kearsney boys experience Vietnam

Kyle Howard, Grade 11, reports.

Vietnam - a country most people associate with the war that raged from 1955 to 1975. During the July holidays four Kearsney boys, together with nine girls from The Wykeham Collegiate, were afforded the opportunity to visit this amazing country, allowing us to immerse ourselves in its' culture, history and people.

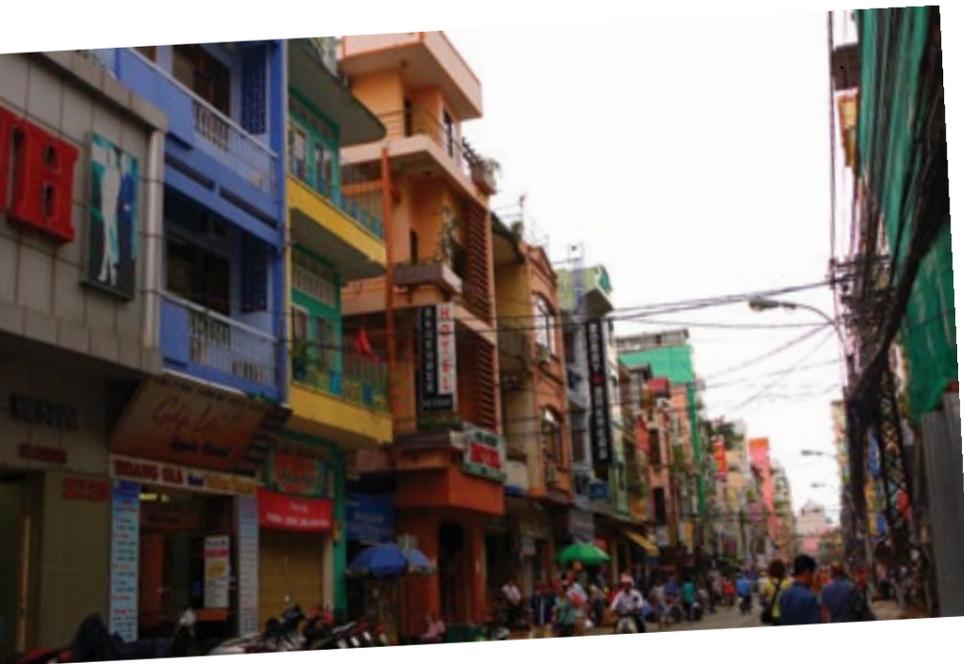
Our trip started off in Ho Chi Minh City, a city of ten-million people, in the south of Vietnam. We spent a few days acclimatising to the country and organising transport and accommodation for the next phase of our expedition. Ho Chi Minh is a city of contradiction - huge Buddhist monasteries sit beside big cathedrals; small street food stalls do business just outside modern sushi restaurants; and thousands of scooters dodge between the luxury cars of politicians and businessmen. The Vietnamese people are very friendly and, despite the language barrier, we found ourselves speaking to many of the locals and discovering more about the culture of the country.

After a few days in Ho Chi Minh, we took a seven hour bus trip north to the small town of Dalat. Here we prepared for the next phase of our trip - the trek. This consisted of four days hiking through forests, jungles and farmland in the Vietnamese

countryside, carrying everything we needed including tents and food. Despite the rain (it was monsoon season) it was an incredible experience and the views were unforgettable. Our guides were really friendly and explained a lot about the culture of the country.

A four-day community service project, at an orphanage in Bien Hoa, near Ho Chi Minh City, followed our hike. The orphanage had about two hundred children, ranging from new born babies to university students. Here we made friends with the children, played soccer, cleared huge areas of weeds to make space for vegetable patches and looked after some of the babies. Our contact at the orphanage, Tai Lee, had given up all his possessions and wealth to spend the rest of his life helping the orphans. He was an inspiration. Due to careful budget-control we saved a lot of money earlier in the trip and were able to donate over \$1,500 USD to the orphanage.

The trip was an incredible experience and the memories and friendships we made will surely last a lifetime. Thank you and goodbye - or as they say in Vietnam, Cảm ơn bạn tạm biệt.



EXPLORING OUR ROOTS

On Friday 07 August the Grade 8s, together with members of the History Department and Heritage Committee, spent the day at Kearsney Manor on the North Coast. Mr Adam Rogers, HoD: History, reports.

Today an upmarket wedding venue, Kearsney Manor was built approximately one hundred and fifty years ago by Sir Liege Hulett and was home to the Hulett family until 1921, when Kearsney College opened its doors to the 13 founding pupils - many of whom were Sir Liege Hulett's grandsons. The present Grade 8s had the opportunity of exploring every corner of Kearsney Manor, including the Hulett family chapel and graveyard and attempting to make contact with Lady Hulett's ghost. The boys came away with an appreciation of the origins of their fine school.



uShaka Marine World

Early in Term 3, the Grade 11 Life Sciences class enjoyed a trip to uShaka Marine World in Durban. Mr Dougan Macdonald, HoD: Life Sciences, reports.

The class used the opportunity to explore the huge variety of fish and other marine animals that South African waters support and to refresh their knowledge of animal diversity in general. Another aspect of the day was gaining a greater understanding of the human impact on the environment, particularly on our oceans. Highlights for the boys were participating in the dolphin show and walking through the Dangerous Creatures exhibit where a variety of very beautiful but very deadly creatures were on display. Some of the boys were even brave enough to hold a rather large Burmese python, definitely a highlight of the day!

Making History

Mr Adam Rogers, HoD: History, reports.

As part of the Grade 9 History curriculum the Grade 9s spent the better part of the second and third term studying Hitler's Nazi Germany and the outbreak of World War II. Boys were then given the opportunity of choosing an aspect of the Second World War and were tasked with constructing a display to be exhibited in the Henderson Hall. The challenge was to make the display visually appealing, interactive and informative. A prize-giving ceremony was held in the Henderson Hall on Tuesday 18 August at which the winners of the best displays were announced. The standard of displays was incredibly high.

1st Place:

Patrick Duncan: History of my Great Grandfather; Hector Falconer, in WWII (pictured bottom right)

2nd Place:

Aidan Bossert: Jews in Hiding (pictured right)

3rd Place:

Ayush Singh: Anne Frank's House (pictured above right)

Highly Commended:

Cameron Trichardt: Dam Busters

Cuan Loader and Tyler Roake: Hiroshima

Timothy Bean: Children in WWII

Jared Rochat and David McCleave: Monument Men

Carl Combrinck and Robert Whitehouse: U Boats

Kyle Sewbaran and Juan Pretorius:

Auschwitz Concentration Camp

Marc Butler: Concentration Camp



RICH EXPERIENCES in Kearsney's Music Department

Report by Elke Grollitsch (Magister Phil.Ed), a visiting music teacher from Austria who spent three weeks at Kearsney College during Term 3.

Music. *n. singular.* A department at Kearsney College where the staff is more than welcoming, the students are always busy and where there is never a dull moment.

The vibrance and talent of everyone who teaches and studies here can be felt in the air – it is an electrifying experience to see the boys on stage and even more thrilling to see their development and the progress to get ready for performances.

I not only spent some time teaching in the classroom, but also went along on some excursions.

Kearsney College returned the favour to the Eastern Areas Youth Chorale from Pittsburgh, who hosted them in the USA in 2012. The Americans thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the Kearsney boys, and the shared concert was a resounding success. During the visit we took them to the LIV Village to experience some heart-warming good work done to help abandoned children, we visited PheZulu Safari Park to learn about the Zulu Kingdom, and for some good old fun, the two choirs went to Ushaka (Wet-n-Wild), where I realised Durban actually does not have a winter season – you are very fortunate. The music department also undertook trips to see a musical production at the Sneddon Theatre, and supported the stage production of *My Fair Lady* at Michaelhouse.

Rehearsals, rehearsals and more rehearsals: I have mentioned before how busy this place is. It is staggering to see how much time is spent preparing for the many performances I enjoyed during my stay. Choir rehearsals are so energetic, I don't think I would last through a practice without passing out from exhaustion. The Orchestra has a strange collection of instruments (by

my European standards), but the boys are able to deliver a very good performance in very limited time. The music students also have to practice for their solo practical exams, memorising all the repertoire and looking confident in front of their examiners. With no end in sight, I attended the *Dance@Kearsney* Event, *Music@Kearsney* Studio Concert, two SupperTheatres, some music prac exams, a drama prac exam and went to a special performance of the choir at the 90th birthday of Mrs Dubin, who is a big supporter of the choir. It is unbelievable to understand how much work goes into it all.

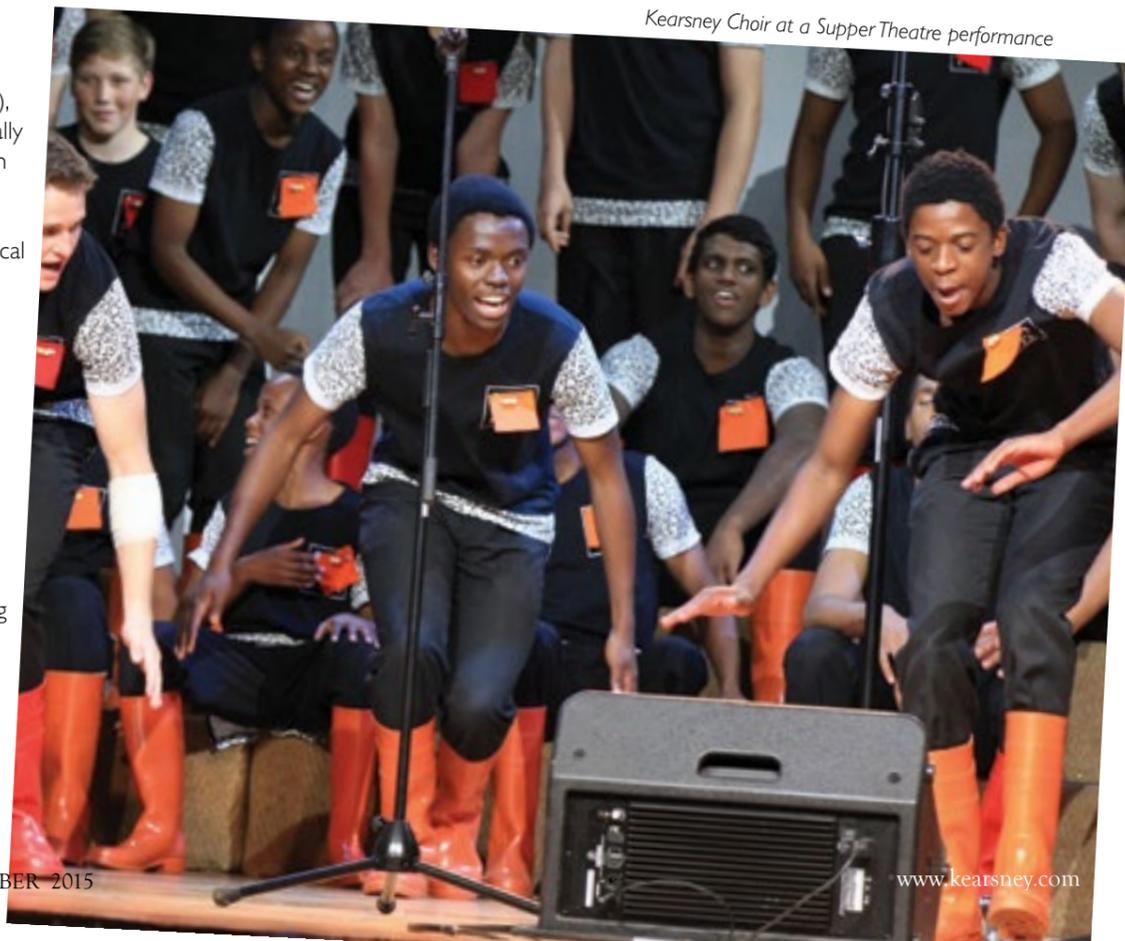
Show Time: The moments when I could sit back and enjoy the talents these boys are developing and nurturing at Kearsney College were plenty. The audience, whenever Kearsney boys are on stage, needs no encouragement. They stand up, scream and shout for more, and I joined in (not at all part of my culture).

I have rarely seen such entertainment, precision and such enjoyment on the faces

of the performers. There are definitely a few lessons to take home to my own students in Klagenfurt.

For an Austrian girl who came to Kearsney to gain some more teaching experience and learn more about South African music, the opportunity of an internship amongst the amazing, friendly Kearsney people was the best thing to ever happen in my life. I have not only been given the chance to teach different age groups, but was included in all the activities of the department and have made so many new friends. I would love to return to Kearsney in the future. A huge thank you to each and everyone who made my visit such a wonderful experience.

Kearsney Choir at a Supper Theatre performance



GETTING IN ON THE ACT

The One-Act Play Festival is, at its core, about youth development in the arts. Mrs Andrea Fripp, Director of Clubs and Culture, reports.

This year we were delighted to welcome six other schools to our stage to showcase their dramatic talents. The enthusiasm and tremendous performances displayed by all left audiences overwhelmed at the depth of talent we have among our youth. From pieces based around the themes of values, nature and nurture, to a tragi-comedy that explored the interconnectedness of lives and events, to the lure of the Northern Lights, the audiences were entertained with passion and commitment.

Words@Kearsney was introduced this year and proved to be a thought-provoking and powerful event. The young men and women from Hillcrest High School and St Mary's, together with our own boys, presented an array of pieces from readings to monologues and slam poetry to rap. The majority of the pieces presented had been written by the pupils themselves and were based on the theme of 'I Dream of Africa'.

The 2015 Photographic Competition took a different turn this year with the rules changing to allow only photographs which had been taken on cell phone cameras, tablets, disposable and GoPro cameras to be entered. The change in rules proved incredibly popular as it afforded many more pupils the opportunity to be involved. Pictured above is Timothy Bean's entry.

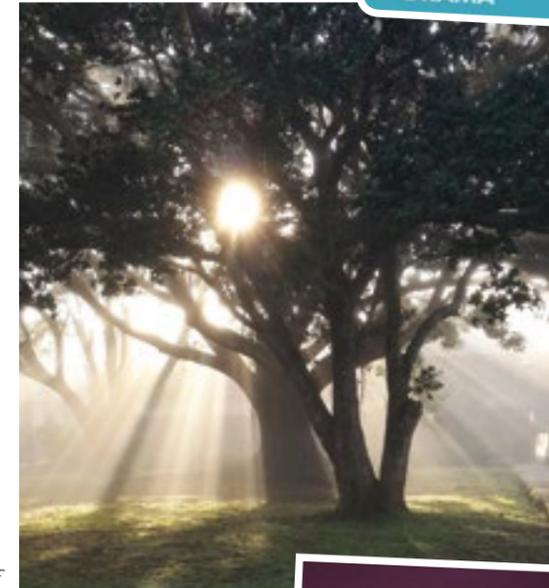
Dance@KEARSNEY

Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, Teacher in Charge of *Dance@Kearsney*, reports.

Dance@Kearsney has grown since the inception of the event in 2013. Now in its third year, *Dances@Kearsney* was held over three successive nights, allowing schools the choice of one, two or three nights of performance. Many schools also chose to submit two dances this year. The dance styles showcased this year were freestyle and choreographed hip-hop, contemporary, ballet and character. The dances ranged from duets to larger groups of up to twelve pupils. Each dance had to have a motivation or story to reveal in a six-minute dance sequence.

Participating schools were: Kearsney College, Glenwood High School, Crawford La Lucia, Epworth, Howick High School, Maritzburg College, Thomas More College, KwaNtebeni, Grantleigh and the dance company Dance Movement. All the pupils involved supported each other with cheers and applause. Attendance at this event is voluntary for Kearsney boys and the fact that many attended all three nights is testament to their appreciation for "cool moves" and real talent.

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Above L-R: Luke de Vlieg, Lyle Jarvel and Jeremy Foord.

National Hockey Selections

Congratulations to Lyle Jarvel who was selected for the SA U17 Hockey squad and Luke de Vlieg and Jeremy Foord who were selected for the SA U16 High Performance Hockey squad.

Alive & kicking

Soccer was a popular choice amongst the Kearsney boys in 2015, with thirty-one teams participating in the inter-schools fixtures. Mr Wayne Amos, MiC Soccer, reports.

It was most pleasing to see the boys in the lower teams enjoying themselves and building positive relationships with their team mates and the opposition alike.

At 1st and A-team levels the competition was fierce, but our boys remained competitive and always put on a good show, playing direct football. The 1st XI started the season off very well when they competed in the Kloof Tournament in the July holidays and won their group. The boys defeated Clifton 2-0 in the last sixteen, but were outplayed in the quarter final by Bloemfontein Celtic Academy team (3 - 0).

A number of Kearsney boys were selected for the Highways Soccer teams in the various age groups and finally the following were chosen for the KZN Invitational Teams which will be going on various tours in the forthcoming school holiday:

- KZN Invitational Teams**
- U19** Sihle Skhosana (pictured above)
- U16** Tseko Mphakathi
- U15** Kandrin Naidoo
- U14** Warren Sadha and Mzu Phike



Greg does it again

Mr Bruce Thompson, MiC: Golf, reports.

Congratulations to Greg McKay who finished in 10th place at the recent KZN Closed Golf Championships held at Kloof Country Club, giving him enough points to finish 3rd on the KZN Order of Merit. This earned him selection for the Mens' KZN IPT to be held in September. Whilst Greg has been at Kearsney he has been selected for KZN Foundation U19 four times, KZN Schools U18 four times, KZN U23 twice, SA Schools twice and SA U19 once. We wish Greg all the best in the future as he works on achieving his goal and making it in the world of golf.



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The 1st Sevens Rugby team after winning the inaugural Sharks 7s Field of Dreams Tournament with Mr Barend Steyn and Mr Rob Scott

Sevens Rugby

Mr Barend Steyn, Director of Rugby, reports.

With Sevens now offered as an official sport at Kearsney it has been very exciting to watch the progress made by the players. The acquired skills obviously contribute to the fifteen-man code as well and bodes well for the 2016 season. I include a brief synopsis from each of the coaches.

1st Team Sevens

Mr Rob Scott reports.

The season started with the boys having a week to prepare for their first tournament at Crawford La Lucia. A mixture of youth and experience took to the park and ended up winning the plate final, having lost only one game. The boys grew week by week and squad rotations were made to accommodate the growing number of boys choosing to play the game. We continued our season at the Clifton Tournament, again winning the Plate Final. Three weeks later we hosted a very strong and capable Pioneer side at Kearsney.

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The season culminated in superb fashion, with the team winning the inaugural Sharks 7s Field of Dreams Tournament - beating DHS, Voortrekker and Ladysmith in the group stages, and College in the semi's, and sealing a victory against Pioneer in the final with a last gasp try.

Credit must be given to all the boys involved for their commitment and dedication to the game. A special thank you to Josh van Vuuren who led the side superbly, always willing to sacrifice time to be a part of the game. All in all, the season will go down as a very successful one, having played 23 games and losing only 3.

Junior Sevens

Mr Antonie Prinsloo reports.

This year the Junior 7s squad participated in a number of fixtures and have shown tremendous improvement. Besides the practise matches, where both A and

B teams were unbeaten, the A team have played a total 11 matches to date, losing 2 and drawing 1. Highlights of the season included achieving second place at the Clifton Tournament and beating St Charles on two occasions.

The B team had a more challenging path as they played the majority of their fixtures against A teams. Nonetheless, they performed very well and have been very competitive. Some exciting moments included the narrow losses to both St Charles and Voortrekker's A teams. The B team played 5 formal fixtures, winning 3. The squad has come a long way in their development of the understanding of the 7s rugby format, which bodes well for the future.

Inter-house Athletics

The 2015 Inter-house Athletics was held on Wednesday 19 August, with the long-distance events having been run on the previous two days. The report is brought to you by Mr Gareth Moerdyk, MiC: Athletics.

This year's event was a closely contested affair, with Finningley running out eventual winners, followed by Gillingham, Pembroke and Sheffield. Although only one record was broken, in a long distance pre-event, there were some memorable performances on the day, particularly in the exciting 4x100m relays. The day culminated in Finningley claiming the tug-of-war trophy with a 2-0 win against Gillingham.



Left:
 Runner-up Best Athlete Open: James Tedder
 Best Athlete Open: Jabulani Nyathi

Below: Winning House Finningley



Carried away with canoeing

Term 3 has been a busy term for the Kearsney canoeists. Mr Steve Main, MiC: Canoeing, reports.

The school team completed a successful marathon season in Term 2 and carried the success forward to Term 3. The boys performed extremely well in the South African K4 Championships at Shongweni Dam, with a number of boys winning medals.

A large number of boys tackled the two-day Thukela 20s Race in Winterton. This was a fantastic opportunity for our younger paddlers to be introduced to multi-day river racing. Rory McNeill and Tim Marsh finished 6th in the U18 K2 category.

Rory McNeill and Timothy Mash have been our top paddlers in the inter-schools events, regularly finishing in the top 10 positions overall. We were encouraged to see a number of our younger paddlers in the U14 age-group paddling K1's in the rivers.

The boys also competed in a canoe polo tournament at Shongweni Dam, where the most successful age-group was the U16 team.

Evan Knight (front) and Stuart McCleave



South African K4 Championships U23 Silver Medal winners: Evan Knight, Tim Marsh, Stuart McCleave, Brendan Cooper (KCOB 2013)

- South African K4 Championships
- U23: Silver Medal
Evan Knight, Tim Marsh, Stuart McCleave, Brendan Cooper (KCOB 2013)
- U21: Gold Medal
Rory McNeill and partners
- U16: Bronze Medal
Callam Davis, Robert McConnell and partners
- U14: Silver Medal
David Jackson, Gregory McConnell, Nathan Albrecht, Ryan Finlay





Brad Barritt to play in Rugby World Cup

Congratulations to Brad Barritt (Class of 2004) on his selection to the England Rugby World Cup squad. Brad has earned 22 test caps since 2012 and is a powerful centre whose defence is feared. Brad, who plays for Saracens in the UK, played 1st team rugby at Kearsney for two years, captaining the team in his Grade 12 year. A hooker until U15 level, he was selected for KZN Craven week, SA Schools and Sharks U19. Kearsney coaches describe him as "a most intelligent rugby player. His commitment and discipline were exemplary and he always put in extra time and effort". Brad was a true all-rounder at Kearsney, playing 1st team cricket, being Head of Pembroke House and achieving five distinctions in Matric. *Carpe Diem Brad!*

There is one '1st tier' sponsorship opportunity available, alongside valued founding sponsor, The Sharks, as well as Nashua, Durban. Standard Bank remain the headline sponsor of this exciting event, which in 2015 enjoyed a 5% increase in attendance and achieved more than R12m worth of coverage on television, radio, online and printed media. Please contact Joy Mills-Hackmann to discuss opportunities on: foundation@kearsney.com

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Class of 2011 Memorial Fund

A memorial gathering by the Class of 2011 was held in Cape Town to celebrate the life of their peer, Luke Norris, who passed away on 04 August 2011, during his matric year. The Class of 2011 gather annually to share their memories about Luke and their friendships. The group have decided to start a class fund in his memory.

Left: Luke Norris at his prefect induction in January 2011



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Branch events focus on the upcoming Centenary

The first of the annual branch dinners was held after the Dolphin Coast branch Golf Day on 6 August at Simbithi Club on the North Coast. The event served to kickstart the branches' fundraising efforts to contribute towards the beautiful stone arch which is planned for the new Centenary Academic block.

Receiving their prizes presented by Joy Mills-Hackmann (Kearsney Foundation): Nick Lincoln (Pembroke 1986), Glenn McCall and Andrew McKenzie (Gillingham 1988)



Incredible athletic achievement



Mpumelelo (Mpumi) Mhlongo (KCOB 2012) was born with a handicap which affects the function of one of his legs. Through his courage and perseverance Mpumi has overcome his physical challenges to excel on the national stage.

The UCT student, who is studying Chemical Engineering, has been breaking All African Athletics records. At the *National Championships for the Physically Disabled*, Mpumi became the *South African T44* champion in the 100m, 200m, long jump and high jump - breaking the

African records for the latter two. This feat qualified Mpumi for the *IPC World Championships* in all four events. Our congratulations go to Mpumi for these amazing achievements.

Mpumi was a true Kearsney boy and tackled every possible opportunity at school, achieving great success in many fields. His achievements resulted in him being awarded the Edwin Henwood Trophy in Grade 12. The trophy is for scholastic achievement (Mpumi achieved 7 distinctions), success in sport, setting a good example to his peers with his leadership style (he was Head of Finningley and Head of Choir), upholding Christian principles and displaying courage in overcoming difficulties.

Parents' Society

Mr Mark Conway, Parents' Society Chairman, reports.

Third term is almost at an end and there has been a distinct air of academic seriousness amongst the Grade 12 boys at Kearsney. I am always impressed with the sense of responsibility with which our boys approach their examinations, which is also a credit to the College.

On Saturday 29 August the Parents' Society organised and hosted the inaugural Kearsney Trail Run. Runners and walkers of all ages took on the challenging 3,8km or 5,7km courses and we were pleased to see everyone finishing with a smile. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success.

We thank Mr Gary Butler and his enthusiastic team, who had an excellent rugby and hockey season with the supporters' kit barrow sales - helping to raise the profile of the College.

At the time of submission, parents were eagerly awaiting the last Parents' Society 250 Club function of the year. The fabulous '50s-themed dinner and dance is bound to be great fun.

I wish to thank all those involved with Kearsney Parents' Society for their enthusiasm over the past year. In preparation for 2016 we encourage all parents, particularly Grade 8 and 9 parents, to get involved and join our dynamic Parents' Society Committee, where a little hard work is always rewarded with a lot of fun.



R.I.P. CRAIG

On Saturday 12 September Kearsney was saddened by the news of the passing of Grade 11 pupil Craig van Zyl, one of Kearsney College's icons and a true Kearsney boy.

Craig arrived here in Grade 8 in 2012 and was determined, despite his physical challenges, to participate in every way he could in the life of the College.

His love of dance and song saw him involved in many dramatic, musical and dance performances, often to standing ovations. Despite being unable to participate in sport, he was a committed and willing cricket and hockey scorer. This was acknowledged when he received an award for service to hockey at the annual hockey dinner last term.

Craig was the embodiment of the Headmaster's adage to 'never ever give up'. He was an example to all with his positive and cheerful outlook and his determination to live life to the fullest.

Craig, you will be sorely missed and you have made an indelible mark on Kearsney and all in the Kearsney community.

Rest in peace Craig.

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 it is written: "Pray without ceasing". Our days should be filled with prayer, but it is often so difficult to pray! I learned a prayer recently at a monastery in Grahamstown that can help. It goes like this: "Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." It is a simple prayer, but understanding the meanings locked up in it, makes it a very significant one.

Jesus Christ is a healer and miracle-worker and transforms us into a new creation. When we say: "Jesus Christ Son of God" we pray all these things for our lives. When we say: "have mercy on me", we recognise that we do not always know what to pray for and ask God, who knows everything, to include all these in our prayer. When we say: "a sinner", we confess our sinfulness and at the same time ask God to help us overcome temptation. You can repeat this prayer over and over again for as long as you choose. We can add variations to the prayer by replacing "me" with another person who want to pray for example: "Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on James, a sinner."

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