



A tradition of Academic Excellence

Kearsney College's exceptionally high academic standard has been maintained this year, with almost a third of the matric class having achieved an aggregate of over 75%. This report from Mr Robert Carpenter, Marketing Director.

The College's academic excellence was reinforced at the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving ceremony on 3rd October, with thirty percent of matric boys achieving Academic Colours (for an aggregate of over 75%) and Honours (for an aggregate of over 80%), seven of those being Honours Cum Laude (over 86%).

The College's Dux for 2014, Neil Lillelund, was awarded Academic Honours Cum Laude and received subject prizes for History, English literature and Engineering Graphics and Design (shared). A strong leader and sportsman, Neil played in the College's 1st tennis team and was Head of Gillingham House.

The Proxime Accessit to Dux, Keagan Loader, was awarded Academic Honours Cum Laude and received subject prizes for Biology and

Geography. Keagan played for the College's 1st soccer team.

Kearsney's coveted trophy for best all-rounder in the 6th Form, as well as Academic Honours Cum Laude and subject prizes for Afrikaans, Mathematic and Accounting, were awarded to Patrick Zietkiewicz. Patrick is a prefect and also played for the College's 1sts rugby and water polo teams.

Other Kearsney Matrics who received Academic Honours Cum Laude were Ivan Crockart, Daniel Campbell, Dale Sandy and Alex Harvey.

Academic Honours (80-85%) were awarded to Head of School Stephen Tedder, Daniel Blanckenberg, Justin Burgess, Matthew Butler, Jeremy de Beer, Bradley Dicks, Dylan Griffiths, Cameron Grinyer, Dylan Hart, Peter Hudson,

Myles Lundall, Matthew Maddock, Luca Missio, Dhirren Pillay, Daniel Pons, Nathan Shepherd, Reuben van Aswegen, Francois van der Merwe and Matthew van Heusden.

Richard Burford, Sipehelele Dondolo, Jonathan Heunis, Langa Hlongwane, Jeremy Maarschalk, Morena Malakoana, Cameron Naicker, Peter Priest, Shikhar Sewbaran and James Stromnes were awarded Academic Colours (75-79%).

Congratulations to the entire Class of 2014 on their fantastic achievements and their contribution to the College over the last five years. We look forward to the release of the IEB NSC results on 31 December and trust that this special group of boys will once again put Kearsney's academics on the top of the pile.



L-R: Keagan Loader, Captain Sloane (see story on page 19), Headmaster Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg and Niel Lillelund

Farewells

Mrs Heather Pearse Communications Manager, brings you the report on two long-serving members of staff who will be retiring at the end of the year.



Mrs Veronica Wallace and Mr Roberto Candotti who retire after fifty-one years of service to the College between them

Veronica Wallace, or Ronni as she is fondly known to us, (pictured above left) joined Kearsney as Teacher in Charge of English in January 1989 and served in this position until December 2009. She previously taught at Hillcrest High School. Ronni is married to Tim and they have two daughters: Julia and Diana.

Before the establishment of our Drama Department Ronni was involved in the direction of several school plays. In 1994 one of the schoolgirl actresses had to be hospitalised a few days before the opening of "Making a Mountain out of a Molehill". Ronni stepped into the breach and played a very convincing grandmother!

Over the years Ronni accompanied several groups of Kearsney boys to the

Grahamstown Festival Schools' Week. She was also involved with the Film Society, Public Speaking and Debating as well as spending many years preparing boys for the English Olympiad and editing the Chronicle.

For several years now she has co-ordinated Catholic Catechism, accompanying boys down to St Dominic's in Hillcrest every week.

Roberto Candotti (aka the Italian Stallion, pictured seated left) is married to Sandra and they have two sons Ricardo (Ricky) and Alessandro (Alex), who both attended and matriculated at Kearsney.

Rob was appointed to the English Department in January 1988 having previously been employed by an advertising agency as a writer.

During his time at the College Rob has coached tennis, co-ordinated the Grade 11 Leadership Week programme and been involved in public speaking. Rob prepared boys for the Alan Paton Literary Competition and also accompanied several groups of Kearsney boys to the Grahamstown Festival Schools' Week. In the 90s he ran the Audio-Visual Club and assisted with the editing of the Chronicle over a period of years. Before the Drama Department was established, Rob assisted with the direction of the school plays. Rob has also run the 12 Club for the top Grade 12 academic students since its inception.

Francois Lubbe

(Frank the Tank as he is known at Kearsney) is married to Sherese. He was employed in 2008 as a Mathematics and Life Sciences Teacher, having previously been employed by Maritzburg College from where he matriculated. Francois leaves Kearsney to return to his *alma mater*.

Francois has served the school ably in the classroom. He has made his mark on the rugby field and alongside the pool as MiC of Water Polo. In recent years he has taken care of Finningley boys as Housemaster.

It is on the rugby field that Francois has truly excelled. He coached the 4th Rugby Team on his arrival at Kearsney halfway through 2008 and was promoted to the 2nd XV the following year. He proved to be an astute and enthusiastic coach and become the 1st XV assistant coach in 2011, before taking over the reigns as 1st XV Head Coach in 2014. During this year he was also appointed as the KZN U16 Head Coach. Francois has a passion for sevens rugby as he believes in the skills developed from this code. He quickly established himself as one of the top sevens coaches in KZN and was appointed Assistant Coach for the provincial team in 2013. The 2015 season will see him as one of the assistant coaches for the KZN Craven Week team.

He is a great coach with a sharp eye for detail and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Francois always has the boys' best interests at heart. Vanessa Govender (HoD Mathematics) said "He takes the views of the pupil into consideration when any decisions

are being made. He made an invaluable contribution in the classroom. He strives for perfection at all times and demands a passion and enthusiasm from the boys that reflects his own. It is a sad loss to the Mathematics department to have Francois leave but we wish him every success in the future".

We thank all three of these teachers for their tremendous contribution to Kearsney and wish them well in their future endeavours.



Leadership Summit

Kearsney is excited to be participating in this Youth Leadership Summit which will be hosted by Kingswood College in Grahamstown in December.

Ten top SA schools have been invited to attend the event and to sponsor attendance for an under-privileged "twinning school".

Two of Kearsney's 2015 prefects, Jabulani Nyathi (Deputy Head of School) and Brandon Hughes (Head of Finningley House), will be attending the summit where they will be joined by

Nhlakanipho Mkhize and Banele Zondi from KwaNtebeni Comprehensive High School from Botha's Hill. Banele Zondi is a Deputy President of the Student Representative Council at the school and Nhlakanipho represents pupils in the School Governing Body structure. We are delighted to be supporting such promising youngsters.



Leadership Summit participants, L -R: Brandon, Nhlakanipho, Jabulani and Banele.

Haley House Developments

The additions and alterations to Haley House are continuing apace and the project is on track to be completed by mid-December. The project is adding an additional 30 beds in East Wing, new bathroom facilities, new reception area and additional space in the prep room.

Haley will be able to comfortably accommodate one hundred and twenty-nine boys once the project is complete, ensuring that the College can meet the strong demand for the Kearsney boarding experience and that there will always be space for Grade 8 day boys who wish to stay overnight.

Prefects for 2015

The 2015 prefects were announced at our Leavers' Assembly on Monday 20 October.

Head of School: Robert Polkinghorne and
Deputy Head of School: Jabulani Nyathi
FINNINGLEY

Head of House: Brandon Hughes
Deputies: Chase Dunnett, Kean Rencken, Jordan Ross-Elliott, James Tedder
GILLINGHAM

Head of House: Tristan Dixon
Deputies: Sibulelo Mbhele, James Redman, Geoffrey Sibbald, Justin Wilkes
HALEY

Head of House: Matthew Butler
Deputies: Matthew Bentley, Siya Kheswa, Nicholas Luyt, Gregory Mckay, Hylton Parsons
PEMBROKE

Head of House: Simon Nortje
Deputies: Ruari Baker, Tristan Ridl, Brenton Scott-Martin, Joshua van Vuuren
SHEFFIELD

Head of House: Tristan Muller
Deputies: Tyrone Beunk Burgess, Dylan de Lange, Albert Ojo-Aromokudu, Kevin Sibande

Excellent results for isiZulu Olympiad

A number of our isiZulu boys participated in the third and final round of isiZulu Olympiad. Mr Bongsi Ndaba, Head of isiZulu Department, reports.

Six of the ten Grade 8 boys who wrote finished in the top 10 in South Africa, with Mngomezulu Hlumela (95%) coming second overall. Two of our boys who progressed to the last round in Grade 9 made the top ten, with Clint Cele (88%) and Wandile Linda (90%) coming in at position five and six respectively. Only Travus Louw made the third round in Grade 10 and did the school proud by coming fourth, with an overall aggregate of 92%.

Congratulations must go to these boys for achieving such phenomenal results which are a testimony to how hard the boys have applied themselves across the Grades. With such excellent results the future of these Kearsney boys in the isiZulu Department certainly looks bright.

Annual Businessman of the Year Dinner

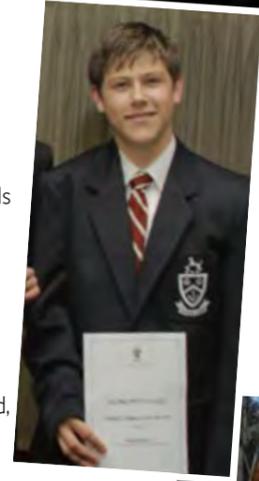
The Businessman of the Year dinner was the culmination of a process which started in the first term and involved every pupil in Grade 9. Mr Mike Albers, HoD Accounting, Grade Head Grade 9 has the story.

The pupils were divided into "companies", each of which was tasked with producing a unique product of their choice, together with a business plan. The four best companies were then invited to the Businessman of the Year dinner where the pupils made their final presentations before a group of adjudicators. The guest speaker at the event was Marc Schutte, a Director at Finvision. He gave an inspiring speech and then announced the winners.

The winning group was a company trading as 'Humanitarian Aid' with members James Aitkenhead, Nathan Long, Paul Saad and Dylan Smith. The coveted Businessman of the Year Award was presented to Liam Hobden (pictured right).



The winning business 'Humanitarian Aid': Paul Saad, Dylan Smith, Nathan Long and James Aitkenhead



Left: Liam Hobden was awarded the Businessman of the Year Award



Four Kearsney Grade 10 boys who are on international exchange at Canberra Grammar School, Australia, had the opportunity to meet up with the Proteas down under where they are playing an ODI vs Australia. Here they can be seen with Proteas player and Kearsney Old Boy, Kyle Abbott. L-R: Cameron Craze, Cameron Baker, Michaelhouse boy, Kyle Abbott, Christian Bamber and Warren Driver.

International Exchange

The International Exchange Programme has built on the success of previous years with no fewer than fourteen Grade 10 boys from Kearsney embarking on the adventure of a lifetime. Mr Matt Saville, MiC: Foreign Exchange, reports on this programme.

Although it has been a year of maintaining the fantastic and tireless work that Mr David Goldhawk had put into establishing the programme, it has also been a time to reassess international exchange in order to implement some changes. A decision has been made to send Kearsney boys out on exchange in the third term rather than the 4th, starting from 2015. We are also looking to expand the programme to other countries and hope to include the USA and India as exchange destinations.

We have continued our long association with the Catholic University School, with Cuan Crocker, Craig Barth and Daniel van Zyl travelling to Dublin and having the good fortune to visit Berlin as part of a school tour. Stuart McCleave is presently at Box Hill in Surrey, the area in which his father grew up. Four boys, Ryan Lewarne, David Weaver, Keiran Smith and Jared Meyer are making the most of their time at Rossall School in Lancashire where they have been called

upon to play for the school's rugby team among other things.

Another longstanding exchange relationship has seen Cameron Craze, Cameron Baker, Warren Driver and Christian Bamber travel to Canberra Grammar School where they have reported having a wonderful time.

Michael Whitehouse spent the third term at St Peter's in Adelaide and has been happy to show his exchange partner, Zachary Standish around Kearsney College this term.

Similarly, Australian, Thomas Oakley spent the third term at Kearsney, even participating in the leadership programme

at Shongweni Dam, and is currently playing host to Blake Tyack at Christ Church Grammar in Perth.

The year has proved to be one in which I have learnt the ropes, but the process has been made far easier by the professional and efficient manner in which the programme was run previously. The coming year promises to be an exciting one.

A Manner of Speaking

Roscoe Drummond once said: "the mind is a wonderful thing. It starts working the minute you are born and never stops until you get up to speak in public." Mr Adam Rogers, Master in Charge: Public Speaking, reports.

The large group of forty-five members who made up the Speakers' Circle in 2014 proved him wrong! Possessing fine, articulate brains, it was most rewarding to witness these boys growing in confidence and ability in their three end-of-term dinners. Although many of the talented Grade 10 members were away on international exchange, the final Speakers' Circle dinner was held in the Greyhound Pavilion on Wednesday 29 October with members, their parents, the Headmaster and members of staff in attendance. Cameron Rencken was the Chairman for the evening and, as he had done so capably throughout the year, kept a compassionate yet strict eye on the evening's proceedings. At the end of a most memorable evening the following best speaking awards were announced:

- Best Icebreaker:** Sam Hudson
- Best Impromptu:** Nkosinathi Mazwai
- Best Evaluation:** Dominic Ferri
- Best Object Speech:** Clint Cele
- Best Prepared Speech:** Boetie Hadebe
- Best Prepared Reading:** Daniel Wheeler
- Laplough Trophy For Excellence In Public Speaking:** Kyle Koenig
- Most Improved Speaker:** Calvin Engelen



Above: Back L-R: Dominic Ferri, Sam Hudson, Daniel Wheeler, Nkosinathi Mazwai, Calvin Engelen. Front L-R: Clint Cele, Kyle Koenig, Boetie Hadebe



Above: Back L-R: Neil Lillelund, Justin Wilkes, Mr Adam Rogers, Dhirren Pillay, Derrick Loades. Front L-R: Buren Peters, Tristan Ridl and Luke Couzens

Below: Dhirren Pillay, winner of the Excellence in Public Speaking Award.



A true highlight of the year was the annual Inner Circle Moms' and Sons' Formal Dinner which was held in the Greyhound Pavilion on Friday 24 October 2014. The evening's proceedings were chaired by the confident and capable Keegan Foss. The speakers who were judged to be the best in their respective categories were:

- Best Object Speech:** Tristan Ridl and Derrick Loades
- Best Icebreaker:** Luke Couzens
- Best Impromptu Speech:** Justin Wilkes
- Best Prepared Speech:** Neil Lillelund
- Excellence in Public Speaking Trophy:** Dhirren Pillay

Finally, the last word belongs to Patricia Fripp, the American professional public speaker, who said: "People will not remember what you say as much as they will remember what they see, when you say it!"

Grade 12 Art Exhibition

The Grade 12 Exhibition was opened by Mr van den Aardweg, who spoke about each Grade 12 Art pupil and their achievements at the College - especially in Visual Arts. The story is brought to you by Mrs Glenda Pitcher, HoD Art.

The evening was testimony to the boys' hard work and represented a culmination of their successes. This special evening was well-supported by friends, family members and interested Grade 12s and their parents. It was also an emotional evening for me, having journeyed with this group of boys for five years and even travelled to Russia with some!

As has become the trademark of Art at Kearsney, there was a wide variety of imagery in a range of media and a strong conceptual element. The boys were not afraid to take on sculpture, large scale works, toast (yes art made from toast!) or traditional pen and ink work. The boys did themselves and the Visual Arts Department proud this year. Congratulations to the 2014 group!

Artwork by Keanu Solomon



Artwork by Grant Meyer

Creativity Day Workshops

The Creativity Day is an extension to the academic curriculum that enhances the educational experiences of our boys at Kearsney. Mrs Glenda Pitcher,



This unique initiative sees the entire school take a break from normal routine to participate in a creative activity. This year the Grade 12s contributed to a mosaic for the SPCA. Their colourful creations can be viewed at the Kloof SPCA. Many thanks go Imagine Mosaics for their assistance.

For some of the Grade 11s, the afternoon was spent workshopping and planning for the 2015 Inter-house plays with Mrs Singh or Mr von Bardeleben. Grade 10s got Moving with Magesh in a movement workshop.

The Quilters Guild have invited Kearsney boys to submit graffiti designs for a quilt they plan to make for a quilting conference to be held in July next year. The Grade 9s eagerly undertook to do this task working in groups on large pieces of card. Watch this space...



The Grade 8s enjoyed a truly magical experience learning some magic tricks from Peter Wartnaby as well as learning a little about the art of Chinese paper cutting under the guidance of Kearsney's Mandarin teacher, Ms Jing Wang.

The day was a fantastic success and the boys benefitted greatly from the exercise.

School Choir Festivals



Vusukhanya Primary School Choir

At our annual Primary School Choir Festival as part of Culture@Kearsney, choirs from Gordon Road Girls, Westville Senior Primary, Thomas More, Vusukhanya Primary and Glenwood Prep thrilled a packed Henderson Hall. The Kearsney Choir put in a guest appearance.

In the High Schools Choir Festival, fantastic choirs from The Wykeham Collegiate, Thomas More College, Durban Girls' High, JG Zuma High and Kearsney entertained the audience with their wonderful choral performances.

MUSIC	
WORDS	
DANCE	
ART	
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Art Exhibition	11 to 17 March
One-Act Plays	20 to 23 July
Dance@Kearsney	3 to 6 August
Words@Kearsney	26 to 28 August
Photo Exhibition	13 to 18 Sept
Choir Festival	15 and 16 Sept

Carpe Diem



KEARSNEY COLLEGE

8TH IN THE WORLD

The Kearsney College Choir is ranked 8th in the world in the latest INTERKULTUR World Rankings as of November 2014. Reported by Mr Bernard Krüger, Director of Music.

The Kearsney College Choir continues to be recognised internationally for their outstanding performances. They are 3rd in the world for Scenic Pop and 7th for Scenic Folklore. The Choir have been performing at the World Choir Games every two years since 2000 and have earned international renown for

the energy, passion and precision of its dynamic performances. The Choir is a true South African asset, boasting a phenomenal record on the world stage.

We are extremely proud of the boys and staff members concerned for their fantastic achievements.

INTER-HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The annual Inter-house Music Competition is a hugely popular event in our calendar promising superb entertainment with the four Houses battling it out on the stage for musical superiority.

It seems that the level of performance and the standards of which our boys are capable are raised each year and the incorporation of our state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems create a worthy platform for our boys to perform at their best.

Highlights included the top House Choir, Finningley, (pictured here) performing a convincing medley of South African songs. Emil Loubser (Sheffield) performed a

piano solo – his own composition – to a spontaneous standing ovation from the rest of the College.

The solo category was won by Jabulani Nyathi (Finningley) (pictured below) for his stylistic and controlled rendition of *O del mio dolce Ardor* by Gluck.

The winners in the duet category were Nduduzo Mkhize and Jonathan Johansen (Sheffield) with a creative mashup of songs by Beyoncé, Ed Sheeran and London Grammar. Sheffield house also clinched the title in the band category with their rendition of *Dead or Alive* by Bon Jovi.

Our panel of seven jury members were very impressed with the performances by all boys taking part. The overall winning House was Sheffield, followed closely by Finningley. The Music Department is certainly proud of what our students are able to achieve all on their own.



Music@Kearsney Showcases

Once per term we open our stage in the Auditorium to boys who take music lessons or who are involved in our music department in some way.

We are justifiably very proud of the musical talent at Kearsney, which is nurtured and grown through the dedication of a team of inspiring music teachers. In two separate instalments, our audience of parents, music lovers and supporters were treated to innovative and artful performances ranging from groups and ensembles to solo items and other collaborations. The relaxed atmosphere in which boys can perform makes for an enjoyable experience for all. Performing for an audience is an essential skill that can only be learned 'in the act'. Kearsney boys are growing very accustomed to correct performance etiquette, stage presentation and communicating with an audience. Congratulations to everyone who took part. We look forward to hosting this annual event again next year.

Through the universal language of music, we teach boys valuable life skills and extend their creativity and ability to express themselves. Look out for dates in our term calendar and join us at the next Music@Kearsney concert – you will be entertained, surprised and inspired.



Right: Kevin Sibande



Sportsmen of the Year

The Sportsman of the Year Award is one of the major awards presented at our annual Presentation Assembly.

This year The Sportsman of the Year Award was shared between Keegan Foss and Tristan Tedder. They have served the College with distinction for five years and made massive contributions.

Keegan Foss

- 1st team tennis
- KZN U19B Tennis
- 1st team cricket
- KZN U19 Schools cricket team
- 3rd team rugby
- 3rd team soccer

Tristan Tedder

- 1st team rugby captain
- KZN Schools Craven Week rugby team captain
- 1st team 7s rugby
- 1st team cricket captain
- KZN U17 Cricket team captain 2013/2014 season
- KZN Cubs U19 cricket team 2013/2014
- 6th team soccer



Tristan Tedder and Keegan Foss

Water Polo Provincial Selections

We are extremely proud of Tyrone Beunk Burgess, Ryan Jackson and Luke Crshaw, who have been selected to represent the KZN U19B Water Polo team. Report by Mr Francois Lubbe, MiC: Water Polo

All three players have been outstanding players in the 1st team and fully deserve this recognition.

Julian Lewis (Kearsney Class of 2013) has had a phenomenally successful year and has been rewarded by being recognised as the Best First Year Sportsman at the University of Cape Town. Earlier in the year he had been chosen as goal keeper for the SA Senior Men's World Cup to play in the 25th FINA Men's Water Polo World Cup 2014, in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Congratulations to Julian. We wish him all the best.



Tyrone Beunk Burgess



Luke Crshaw



Ryan Jackson

Cricket Season Overview

A short but intensive cricket season has characterised the first part of the 2014/15 cricket season. Mr Neil Peacock, MiC: Cricket, has the report.



The College has performed admirably against their traditional opponents, with some excellent results against tough opposition. Highlights so far have been the outstanding performances against Maritzburg College and Westville with the College winning over 60% of their matches against these schools, including the 1st XI and the majority of the A team fixtures through the age groups.

We were delighted that James Tedder (pictured above) was chosen for the KZN Southern Coastals U17 side while Keegan Foss (pictured opposite) was selected for the KZN Southern Coastals U19 team. We wish both boys all the best at their respective Inter-Provincial tournaments in December.

The 1st XI "stayers" side has also been hard at work participating in the National 20/20 competition and have so far progressed through to the second round of the competition.

Cricket Festivals during the Michaelmas holidays

Over the Michaelmas holidays three of our A sides were involved in festivals around the country and flew the Kearsney flag high. Mr Neil Peacock, MiC: Cricket, reports.

Closer to home the 1st XI took part in the annual Michaelmas Cricket Festival held at Maritzburg College and acquitted themselves well. An exciting victory over St David's and a very narrow loss to KES were highlights. The foundation was laid for what has been a very successful local season so far.

Elsewhere the U15A side travelled to Grey High School in Port Elizabeth, accompanied by Messrs van Zyl (coach) and Els (manager)

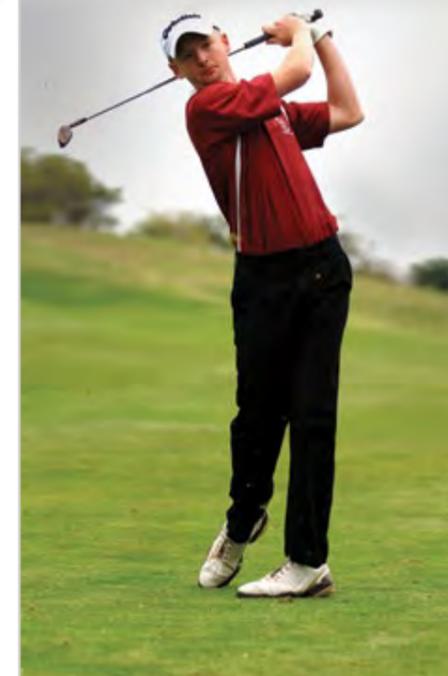
and achieved some excellent results along the way. The undoubted highlight of the festival was reserved for the last day when the team emerged victorious against a very strong Grey College side.

The U14A side, under the guidance of Messrs Robinson (Coach) and Kirsten (Manager), participated in the Charl van Rooyen Cricket Festival, which was hosted by Bishops in Cape Town. The team went

SA Schools Golf selection – a second time for Greg Mckay

By Mr Bruce Thompson, MiC: Golf.

In the recent holidays Greg Mckay looked to defend his title at the SA Schools Championships in Alberton. After some great golf on his part he finished in tie 2nd place which resulted in his selection for the SA Schools Golf Team for the second successive year. He followed that up three weeks later with an excellent tie for 3rd place at the South Coast Open held at Port Shepstone Country Club after calling a 2 shot penalty on himself which nobody else had witnessed. Greg's golf has gone from strength to strength and we congratulate him on all his achievements.



through the festival unbeaten, achieving excellent wins against very strong sides such as Wynberg Boys, St Andrews College Grahamstown, Jeppe Boys and Pretoria Boys High.

All the boys were a credit to the College and did themselves proud.

Squash tour Wynberg Stayers Festival

Our squash team enjoyed a successful tour to Cape Town, where they participated in the prestigious Wynberg Squash Festival. The results from Mr Andrew Morgan, MiC Squash

The results of the Wynberg Festival were as follows:

Beat St Stithians	6-0
Beat Wynberg Boys' High	4-2
Beat SACS	4-2
Lost to Pretoria Boys' High	5-1
Lost to Grey PE	4-2

Special mention should be made of Cameron Ritchie (pictured) who was undefeated through the festival in the Number 1 position against some of the best players in the country.



Squash Tour to Malaysia & Singapore Easter 2015

Kearsney will be sending a squash team to Singapore and Malaysia over Easter 2015. The sport of squash has grown in strength and popularity at Kearsney over the past few years and this overseas tour will not only serve to celebrate and showcase the talents of our players, but will also help to develop the game further as our boys are exposed to new coaching techniques and fresh competition.

Malaysian junior squash is very strong, having placed 4th in the U19 Squash World Team

Championships in Windhoek earlier this year. Our boys will certainly be tested in their fixtures but the tour is not all about pure competition. The boys will also attend training camps in Penang and Kuala Lumpur to develop their games and there will be plenty of time for sight-seeing in Malaysia and Singapore.

The team will consist of fourteen promising players ranging in age and playing strength, the tour promises to be a valuable learning

Overseas Squash Tour Food and Wine Pairing Dinner

The parents' fund raising committee for the upcoming overseas squash tour hosted a very successful Food and Wine Pairing evening on the 28th of October. The event was hosted at both Bellevue Cafe in Kloof and Lupa Osteria in Hillcrest and attracted over 200 people from the Kearsney and broader Durban community. The evening proved to be a great success and was attended by several local celebrities, including well-known former SA no 1 Squash Player Adrian Hansen, who welcomed guests and wished the boys well on their tour.



experience as the boys use their sport as a vehicle to explore new cultures and countries.



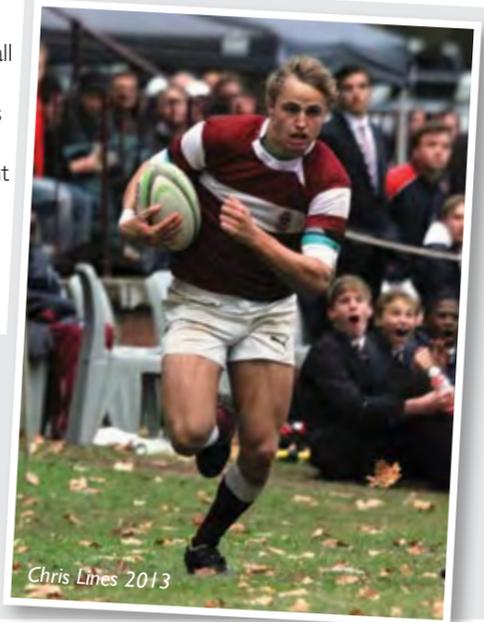
Basketball

By Mr Myles Delpont
MiC Basketball

Basketball is becoming very popular amongst the boys and the second season has been enthusiastically embraced by the College with us consistently fielding thirteen teams throughout the age groups.

The Under 14A and U15A teams have done particularly well this season winning most of their games. The College hosted a Stayers Tournament for the top basketball playing independent schools in the country. The tournament was very successful and is gaining momentum as more independent schools seek to participate. The Kearsney team did well to finish second to a very strong St Stithian's team.

The future looks bright for basketball at the College as the players' skills and understanding of the game has improved a great deal over the past couple of years and Kearsney is seen as a tough game by traditional rivals. This is largely due to the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of the coaching staff and boys.



Chris Lines 2013

Youth Signings for Rugby Franchises

The Sharks recently announced their contracted U19 players for the 2015 season. All the major rugby franchises contract young players, with some of them selecting as many as thirty players. The Sharks announced a squad of twelve players and Kearsney is well represented with

Chris Lines (2013) (pictured right) and Tristan Tedder (captain 2014) amongst these fortunate players. James Hall (2014) has been contracted by EP Kings for 2015/16. We wish them well in their pursuit of a professional career.

Canoeing

The annual trip to Craddock for the Fish River Canoe Marathon took place during the September holidays, with most of the boys returning for their second or third time. Eight Kearsney boys participated, racing in various categories including K1's (2), K2's (5) and K3's (1).

Following an eventful tripping day, the boys began the race fully prepared for this exciting and gruelling event. On a full river the boys' skills would be put to the test. The top Kearsney performer was Rory McNeill, while Matthew Pitcher and team finished 4th in mixed K3 category. We were pleased to see Timothy Marsh, Evan Knight and U14 paddlers Robert McConnell and Brandon Palmer all successfully completing their first Fish.

In the 2014 inter-schools competition, Kearsney finished 4th overall - a fantastic achievement. Kearsney canoeing is certainly on the up. Our U16 team, which included



Robert McConnell (U14) and Matthew Pitcher (U15), won the U16 section of the enduro at Camps Drift, indicating that 2015 could be the year that Kearsney becomes a serious contender for the overall competition.

Every Kearsney paddler has stood up to the challenges that he has faced this year.

For some of our paddlers just finishing the race is an achievement in itself.

An incredible amount of determination, effort, training and fun have been the secrets to the success of this team, and coupled with the invaluable support of the parents. These boys have represented Kearsney with distinction and should be justifiably proud.



Reaching Out

For decades Kearsney has been supporting the work of the Ethelbert Children's Home in Queensburgh, Durban. The home is our chosen charity for our year-end outreach drive. Ethelbert Children's Home is a home and place of safety for 65 children that have been removed from their parents because of sexual and/or physical abuse, neglect and abandonment, as well as HIV/ Aids orphans. This year the response to our appeal for donations has been remarkable. We are proud to have been able to hand over, in addition to all the food, toiletries and other donations, a cheque for R 33,500. This is a result of a year-long effort by the boys and our families and the Home is incredibly grateful for their generosity.

We thank all of the Kearsney families who made donations. Mrs Kathryn Buchanan, Chairperson of the Home, attended our Gift Service to receive the donations and to address our boys.

Carol Services

The annual Carol Services have become a popular tradition at Kearsney College. These events signal the end of the year on campus and provide the perfect setting for our "season of giving" during which we collect donations on behalf of the Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, one of the College's designated charities.

Our renowned choir, aided by some of the College's top instrumentalists as well as professional musicians, created a rich tapestry of sound, spanning multiple centuries and various styles of music (from classical to contemporary). The heavenly music was seamlessly interspersed by Bible readings and poetry and, as our audiences have come to expect, the music was performed with the choir's signature vibrant style, which has led to great critical acclaim.

Christmas 2014 comes early to Kearsney



In the true spirit of Christmas, the annual House Christmas Dinner was an opportunity for boys and staff to reflect on the year and to show appreciation for all the successes of 2014. Mrs Andrea Fripp, Director of Clubs and Cultural Activities shares the spirit.

As has become the norm at this event, a number of House prizes were handed out, including the coveted Best Junior and 'Good Oke' awards. It is a time for the outgoing Heads of Houses to address their peers in a formal setting for a final time and for the incoming Heads of Houses to formally take up the reins. Many a joke was enjoyed and anecdotes about their antics and experiences in the House over the year were shared.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11 November we held our annual Remembrance Day service in the Kearsney Chapel. Following the service the boys filed through the Memorial Cricket Pavilion to pay their respects to Kearsney Old Boys who have fallen in conflicts. 2015 Headboy, Robbie Polkinghorne, laid a wreath on behalf of the school.



Parents' Society

We have enjoyed a very busy and successful year in 2014. Mr Mark Conway, Chairman: Parents' Society has the report.

The "Titanic" function was a great success and ended the Parents' Society social calendar with a flourish. Our two major functions ran really smoothly and cost effectively this year and we enjoyed the opportunity to socialize with so many Kearsney families.

Our major financial project this year was to support the renovations to the medical centre in the refurbished rugby stadium. This has been a great success and our sportsmen are enjoying world-class medical support when they take to the field.

The barrow for the sale of supporters' kit on match days was a real hit this year, raising the profile of the Kearsney supporters gear. Gary Butler and the team are looking forward to continuing their tremendous efforts and showing off the new range next year.

The Parents' Society once again hosted a tea for the Grade 8 parents of 2015 on the Sunday of the "My Bright Future" weekend. It was great meeting so many new Kearsney parents and welcoming them to the Kearsney way of life. There

is a fantastic sense of excitement and anticipation as they get ready to start their boys' high school careers at Kearsney and we wish them all the best for the wonderful adventure that lies ahead.

We wish all the Kearsney family a blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2015.

We congratulate and thank the Class of 1974 for establishing the Class of 1974 Bursary Fund to mark their 40th reunion in 2014.

The Class 1974 is the fourth class to establish a Fund. The first class fund was established in 1994 by the Class of 1952. Fifteen years later, in 2009, the second fund was established. This being the Class of 2007 Memorial Bursary Fund which is currently the largest fund. This was started by parents of the Class of 2007 in memory of Stefan Röhwer. The third fund, the Class of 2010 Memorial Bursary was established in 2011 in memory of Devin Twigg and we look forward to this class celebrating their 5th reunion next year.

Any current or past parent or Old Boy who may wish to start building a class legacy and be commemorated in the history of the school is welcome to contact the Foundation.

THANK YOU TO OUR KEARSNEY EMPOWERMENT SUPPORTERS

Kearsney deeply values support received from corporates as part of their Social Investment programmes. This support allows corporates to 'give back' to society and ensure excellent leaders for the future, while also earning B-BBEE points.

- Kearsney's Empowerment Fund is B-BBEE compliant and the Fund has made it possible for:
- Talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend Kearsney
 - Numerous Choir pupils' once in a life time opportunity to tour to the World Choir Games
 - Grade 11 and 12 scholarship recipients to participate in our Tertiary Access Programme which prepares the boys and facilitates entry into tertiary education institutions
 - Numerous other small initiatives to ensure that pupils enjoy the full Kearsney experience.

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For more information contact the Headmaster or Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director joy@kearsney.com | foundation@kearsney.com or visit the Kearsney Foundation page on www.kearsney.com

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Welcome home **CAPTAIN Nick Sloane**

Kearsney was honoured and privileged to welcome Nick Sloane back to the College as guest speaker at our Speech Day on Friday 3 October, thirty-six years after he matriculated. Mr Robert Carpenter, Marketing Director reports.

Regarded as one of the best in the world in his field, Captain Nick Sloane was the chief salvage master of the Costa Concordia, the largest and most expensive maritime salvage operation in history.

The Costa Concordia ran aground off the Tuscan island of Isola del Giglio, a pristine marine environment and premier diving and tourism spot, on 13 January 2012. The ship's captain, Francesco Schettino, struck a reef in shallow waters after deviating from her planned route to perform a 'salute' in front of the island. Three thousand two hundred and twenty-nine passengers and one thousand and twenty-three crew members were aboard at the time of the accident. Thirty-two passengers lost their lives in the tragedy and the final victim recovered from the Costa Concordia, Russel Rebello, a thirty-two year old waiter from Mumbai, was found inside a cabin on Monday 3 November 2014.

"It is the most engineered salvage recovery operation ever undertaken," says Nick. The incredible size of the Costa Concordia – almost three football fields long and 114 000 tons in weight - led many engineering and salvage experts to declare that a salvage operation would not be possible. Nick said that he listened to the experts saying that it was impossible and then went ahead and did it anyway, an attitude he encouraged the Class of 2014 to embrace. The humble and self-deprecating Captain Nick Sloane inspired the boys with his fascinating talk and his call for the boys to be proud of their great school, to make the most of their opportunities and to "seize the day".



Pitch Perfect

Matt Stevens (Class of 2001) returned to Kearsney in October to be interviewed for the November issue of the Sharks magazine. Matt played forty-four tests for England and toured with the British and Irish Lions in 2005 and 2013. We enjoyed seeing Matt wear his Kearsney rugby socks while playing for the Barbarians against Australia on 1 November.

Recently Matt spent an afternoon in studio with twelve boys from the Kearsney Choir, including four boys who are in our First XV rugby training squad. Matt is well known for his singing talent and was Head of Choir when he was at Kearsney. They recorded the chorus of the new Sharks 'team anthem'. Five other players from the Sharks joined Matt Stevens for the session.



Matt Stevens playing for the Barbarians in his Kearsney socks

Final Chapel Service and Leavers' Dinner

Kearsney said farewell to the class of 2014 in a number of traditional ceremonies on Friday 17 October.

After the traditional shirt-signing in the Resource Centre the Leavers' Assembly took place in the Chapel. Part of the ceremony was to say farewell to three departing members of staff - Mr Francois Lubbe, and retirees Mrs Ronni Wallace and Mr Rob Candotti - who have given many years of incredible service to the College.

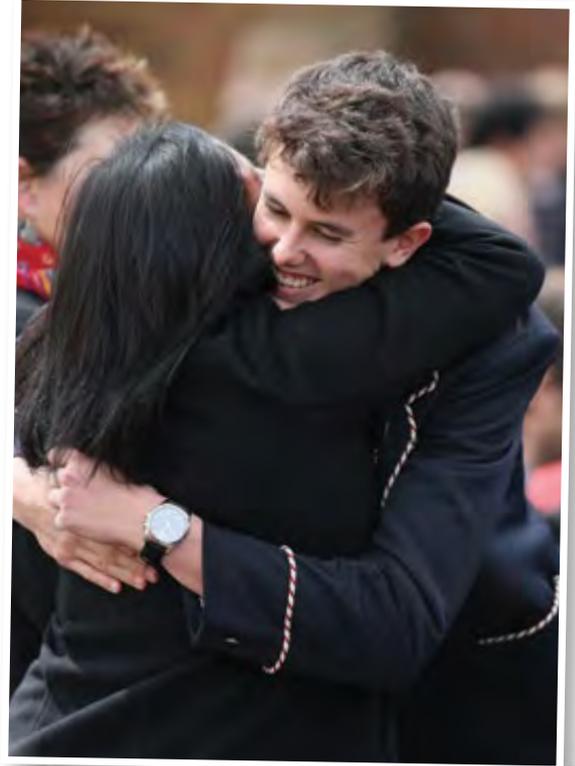
The 2015 prefects were announced and speeches delivered by the outgoing and incoming Headboys.

The Grade 12 boys left the Chapel to the singing of 500 Faces and said an emotional farewell to their teachers as they left the Chapel.

The Headboy and Deputy for 2014, Stephen Tedder and Tristan Tedder, officially handed over the leadership of the pupil body to the prefects of 2015 in a traditional flag-raising ceremony near the bell tower.

Later that afternoon Matric EGD and Visual Arts students showcased their talents at their respective exhibitions, after which Grade 12s, their parents and staff attended a final Chapel service and the Leavers' Dinner in the Henderson Hall. Good food and great company, combined with nostalgia and entertaining presentations, made for a memorable evening. Proceedings closed with a hearty and emotional rendition of Shosholoza from the Class of 2014 in the gallery.

We wish these young men all the best for their promising futures.



THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

Luke 1:26-38 tells the story of the announcement of the birth of Jesus Christ to Mary. The angel Gabriel appeared to her and told her that she will bear a son, "Jesus the Son of the Most High".

Mary's response is: "...let it be with me according to your word." Oh how we fear to tell God to let His will be done in our lives! We are afraid that God may not really have the same vision for our lives as we do and we may end up short-changed. One needs to be brave to utter such words. This is perhaps the reason why God approached Mary to give birth to Jesus Christ, the one who would be the Saviour of the world - she was a brave young girl. It is a frightening thing to surrender your affairs to God - but who better to surrender it to?

Rev James Headbush: Chaplain



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