



## Kearsney well represented in provincial teams

*Congratulations to the Kearsney sportsmen and staff members who have been selected for KZN provincial teams. The details are carried on page 2.*



*Tjide Visser (left) and James Hall (right)*



*Tristan Tedder*



*Tristan Dixon*

## MANDARIN CHINESE AT KEARSNEY

AN EXCITING INITIATIVE FROM 2014

*Ms Jing Wang (pronounced "Wong") arrived at Kearsney from China to a warm reception on a chilly Autumn day. Communications Manager, Ms Heather Pearse, shares the story.*

The HanBan Confucius Institute in Beijing, China, is sponsoring Jing to teach Mandarin Chinese at the College. The programme has started with the Grade 8 boys who chose to study this foreign language. Mandarin will be offered as an official curriculum subject through to Matric.

Jing, who is from Fuyang, Anhui province, is a qualified teacher who studied in the coastal city of Dalian. After qualifying, Jing studied a further two years at Anhui University, Wuhu in Anhui province. At Anhui she focused on English and American literature. (Continued on page 3)

**KZN RUGBY SELECTIONS**

*Congratulations to the following Kearsney boys who have been selected for provincial rugby representation:*

**U18 Craven Week team:**  
Tristan Tedder (Captain)  
James Hall  
Tristan Dixon

**U18 KZN Academy:**  
Tijde Visser

Jared Meyer is a non-travelling reserve for the KZN U16 Grant Khomo Week team.

We would also like to congratulate our staff members whose professionalism and expertise has seen them appointed to the KZN schools provincial rugby setup. Mr Dean Moodley is the U18 Craven Week Manager, Mr Barend Steyn U18 Craven Week Coach and Mr Francois Lubbe U16 Grant Khomo Week Head Coach.

This year's Craven Week will be held at HTS Middelburg from 13 to 19 July 2014 and the Academy Week will be in Wellington from 6 to 10 July. The U16 Grant Khomo Week will be in Pretoria from 6 to 10 July.

*Twenty-six Hockey players have been selected to represent KZN Coastals hockey across three age groups.*

We wish our boys and staff members all the best for the respective inter-provincial weeks.

**PROVINCIAL HOCKEY SELECTIONS**

*An incredible 26 Kearsney hockey players have been chosen to represent KZN Coastals hockey across the three age groups.*

Bili Ntuli has been selected for the U18A team, with Ru Baker, Matt Butler and Matthew Last selected for the U18B team and Alex Di Marco for the U18 Impis. Simon Nortje is an U18 non-travelling reserve.

In the KZN U16A team, Kearsney is represented by Lyle Jarvel, Matthew Lees, Cameron Rencken and Blake Tyack. Jeremy Foord and Brad Wood made the U16B team and Cameron Baker, Nicholas de Beer, Kyle Koenig, Keanan Naidoo and Grant Oliver the U16 Warriors.

Ross Gibbings, Guy Morgan, Fin McLean, Liam Maguire, Kandrin Naidoo and Steven Conway have been selected for the KZN Coastals U14A team; together with Scott

Bentley, Calym Lishman and Kyle Sewbaran in the U14B team.

Kearsney staff member, Mr Jon Robinson is the KZN Coastals U18B coach and Mr Wayne Marsden is the convenor of selectors for U16s. Sihle Ntuli (who coaches Kearsney U16As and is assistant coach for the 1st XI) has been appointed the KZN Coastals U16A assistant coach.

National and provincial basketball and provincial squash selections are detailed on pages 10 and 11.

**HOCKEY INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS**

The boys will participate in various inter-provincial tournaments in the July holidays.

- 29 June to 5 July**  
U18 IPT (Pietermaritzburg);
- 6 to 12 July**  
U16 IPT (at Kearsney);
- 13 to 17 July**  
U14 North Tournament (Johannesburg);
- 13 to 17 July**  
U16 North Tournament (Pietersburg);
- 13 to 17 July**  
U18 North Tournament (Pietersburg).



**GREG ROYSTON OFF TO HARVARD**

*Kearsney Old Boy Greg Royston, runner-up to Dux of School in 2013, is off to Harvard University in September. Ms Heather Pearse, Communications Manager, shares the story.*

One of 40 000 applicants, Greg's brilliant academic and sporting achievements saw him being offered one of only 2000 undergraduate places at this most prestigious university. Greg plans to major in Applied Mathematics and Economics.

Greg achieved 9 distinctions in his final Matric exams in 2013. He also enjoyed phenomenal success on the golf course and played golf for KZN Men's in 2013, having been the KZN Schools Golf Champion and making the SA Schools golf team in 2012.

Greg's personal philosophy since his early teens has been to "aim as high as possible". He has self-belief and works hard to maintain a high standard in all that he does. He recalls the Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, telling the boys when entering Kearsney in Grade 8 that they "write their own testimonial" and encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunities they are afforded and be proud of their achievements.

Greg is convinced that his experiences at Kearsney College prepared him well to face any challenges. He praised the teaching staff for being dedicated and passionate and inspiring pupils by going "way beyond what is expected". He said: "They challenge boys by discussing topics in depth and encourage boys to question and form their own opinions. Kearsney also has so much to offer boys to explore their passions."

Greg is excited and confident that he will succeed at Harvard. Whilst he does not have any family in the United States, he has made contact with another Kearsney Old Boy who attended Harvard – Will Scott (Class of 2005). Will is an associate at Morgan Stanley in New York City and is sure to provide some valuable advice.

Congratulations Greg and good luck. We have no doubt that you will continue to 'seize the day'.



*Greg Royston, Speech Day 2013, where he was runner-up to Dux*



**MANDARIN CHINESE AT KEARSNEY**

*(continued from page 1)*

After qualifying, Ms Wang taught boys and girls aged 12 to 15 at the Tanmiao Middle School in her home town. Jing adds that it is incredibly difficult to gain access to tertiary education in China and consequently the high school pupils in China work extremely hard to earn the opportunity.

Of her expectations about South Africa, Jing said that she is very excited about experiencing the lifestyle, foods (especially "barbeques"), wildlife and different sports.

Her interests include drama, movies, books and travel. She plays basketball and badminton, enjoys jogging and has also started to learn shadow boxing.

Jing has thrown herself into the adventure with admirable enthusiasm and it is fantastic to see her wildly cheering on our boys on the sports fields, undaunted by a lack of knowledge of the rules.

With the Chinese economy and influence growing, Jing feels that foreign students can benefit from learning Chinese language and culture in order to assist with building bridges, forging friendships and developing business relationships.

# CHOIR

to defend world title in Europe

The Kearsney Choir has established itself as one of the premier youth choirs in Africa and the world today, earning international renown for the energy, passion and precision of its dynamic performances. Our Choir is privileged to have the opportunity to perform on the world stage in Switzerland and Latvia in the forthcoming holidays.

In Geneva, the choir will represent the continent of Africa at the United Nations sponsored *Rhythms of One World Festival*, involving seven choirs from around the world. This prestigious event will include performances at the United Nations in Geneva as well as other event concerts. The Kearsney Choir has also been invited to present workshops and master classes to other participating choirs at the festival.

Thereafter, the Choir travels to Riga, the capital city of Latvia, to participate in the eighth World Choir Games. The Choir has also been selected to represent Africa in a spectacular showcase performance at the Games, where one choir from each continent will highlight the music representative of that continent. The Choir has been invited to present a workshop on indigenous music from South Africa during the Games.

The Choir's participation in the 2014 World Choir Games in Latvia comes on the back of its success at the Choir Olympics in Linz (2000), Bremen (2004) and the World Choir Games in Xiamen (2006), Graz (2008), Shaoxing (2010) and Cincinnati (2012). With 10 gold and 6 silver medals, the choir is the second most decorated choir in the history of the World Choir Games.

The strength of the Choir is found in its balance. Its repertoire is a rich blend of contemporary and traditional, European and African, joyful and reflective. The boys have a delicate balancing act to manage their time and schedules since they are involved across academic, sporting and cultural spheres.

The Director of Music, Bernard Krüger, and the boys have made huge sacrifices, dedicating much time and energy to rehearsals and performances in preparation for this tour, and we trust that they will



reap the rewards of all their efforts. Whilst on tour, the Choir will be supported by Kearsney staff:

- Mr Gareth Moerdyk (Tour Manager),
- Ms Bonita Ziegelmeier (Accompanist),
- Mrs Junine Krüger (Front of House),
- Ms Kerry-Jane Coleman (Assistant) and
- from the City of London School,
- Mr Ivo Almond (General Assistant).

**The boys have made huge sacrifices, dedicating much time and energy to rehearsals and performances in preparation for this tour.**

Mr Krüger said "It is a rare privilege for any conductor to be given an opportunity to work with a group of young men who are as energetic, as motivated and as passionate as the Kearsney College Choir. As a director one needs to constantly find ways to inspire an ensemble to greater heights, but in my case, the boys themselves serve as inspiration to design and conceptualise the direction our performances will take each year".

Our thanks go to donors and organisers and sponsors of events that supported the Choir's fund-raising efforts. Mr Gary Knight and his committee of parents and the Kearsney Foundation Office staff have done an incredible job to raise the necessary funds, and we thank them sincerely.

## WORLD CHOIR GAMES

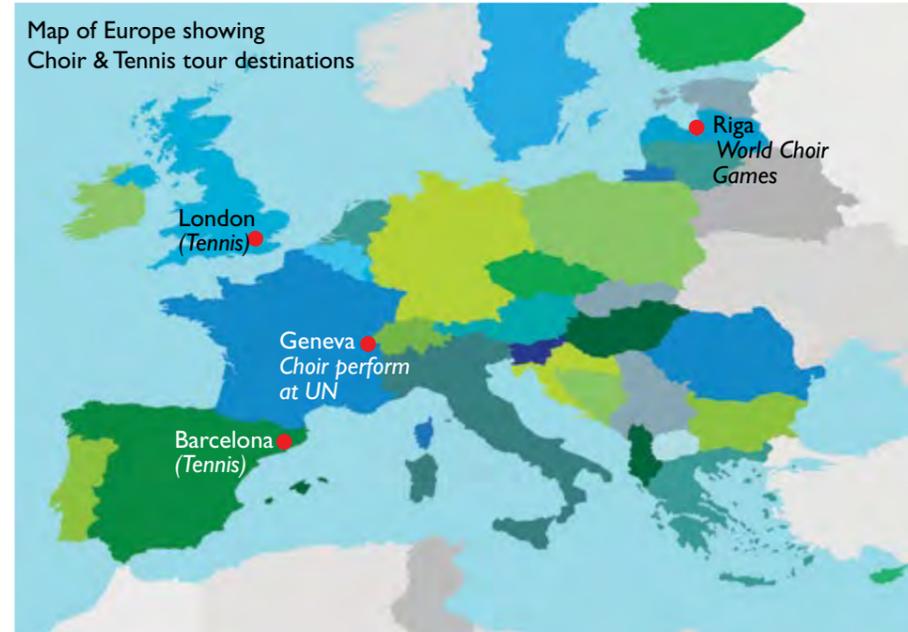
Having won gold in both categories in which they competed at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati in 2012 and declared World Champions in the Scenic Folklore category, the Kearsney College Choir will compete in the following categories in Riga in 2014:

- Young Male Choir (14-24 years)
- Scenic Pop (Open ages)
- Scenic Folklore (Open ages)

Follow the Choir on tour via our blog- <http://kearsneychoirtour2014.blogspot.com>

### CHOIR TOUR ITINERARY

- 4 - 8 July:**  
*Rhythms of One World Music Festival* in Geneva
- 9 - 15 July:**  
*8th World Choir Games* in Riga, Latvia



## TENNIS to UK & Spain

Kearsney tennis players look forward to playing in UK and Spain.

During the mid-year holidays, sixteen of Kearsney's top tennis players (pictured below) will embark on a tour to England and Spain for an incredible life and learning experience. The boys will play schools in the South of England as well as receive training at the world famous Andrés Gimeno Tennis Centre in Barcelona, which will provide many boys with their first experience of playing on clay.

The touring team is made up of Keegan Foss, Neil Lillelund, Benjamin Patton, Dale Sandy, James Stromnes, Matthew Bentley, Brendon Bosman, Nicholas de Beer, Luke Hawyes, Thomas Hart, Kyle Koenig, Grant

Manderson, Patrick McGrath, Bradley Porteous, Mihir Singh and Samuel Stanton. Members of staff accompanying the boys are Mr Anthony Willows and Mr Alan Cairns.

We are most grateful to the sponsors and donors who have made the tour possible. Special mention should be made of Mrs Robyn Sandy and her fund-raising committee for all their hard work.

We wish the boys and staff members a memorable and rewarding tour. We trust they will return greatly enriched, both in their personal and sporting lives.



## TENNIS TOUR ITINERARY

- Thursday 26 June:**  
Arrive in London and spend the afternoon in Wimbledon before traveling to Millfield.
- Friday 27 June:**  
Match 1 vs Millfield in Street, Somerset, co-educational independent school founded in 1935.
- Saturday 28 June:**  
Day at Wimbledon
- Sunday 29 June:**  
Match 2 vs Cheam High School, Cheam, Surrey – a co-educational comprehensive school
- Monday 30 June:**  
Match 3 vs Dulwich College, Dulwich, South London - a public school for boys in Dulwich, southeast London, England. The college was founded in 1619.
- Tuesday 1 July:**  
Depart for Barcelona
- 2 July to 5 July:**  
Training sessions with local coaches
- Thursday 3 July:**  
Sightseeing to Camp Nou, FC Barcelona's famous home ground since 1957.
- Saturday 5 July:**  
Sightseeing to Sagrada Familia, the church which is in the centre of Barcelona and over the years has become one of the most iconic images of the city and the country. Visit to Parc Guell - one of the most impressive public parks in the world which was designed by famous architect Antonio Gaudi. It includes the Gaudi House Museum and exhibits extraordinary mosaic work.
- Saturday 5 July:**  
Match 4: Evening match vs local team
- Sunday 6 July:**  
Depart for home



## Raffle Winner

Mrs Carolyn Rochat was the winner of the car-raffle to raise funds for the upcoming tennis tour.

# Senior History Tour to Russia & Turkey

A tenacious group of 19 senior History pupils together with History teachers Messrs Rogers and Peacock, and 3 Visual Art boys and their teacher Mrs Pitcher, undertook a History and Art Tour to Russia and Turkey during the April holidays. Mr Adam Rogers, Tour Organiser, has the story.

We touched down in Moscow, Russia, on Monday 31 March. Moscow is in many respects still the Communist totalitarian city of imposing skyscrapers and strong military presence. Here we had the opportunity of visiting the Kremlin, Red Square and the Cathedral of Christ the Redeemer, among many other places of historical significance.

A highlight of our time in Moscow was undoubtedly meeting Lenin in his mausoleum - rather a sombre and perplexing feeling coming face to face with a historical figure from nearly 90 years ago! On a lighter note, Gorky Park became the scene of a dramatic snow fight involving the boys versus Mr Peacock.

On the morning of Friday 4 April we went souvenir-hunting in the gigantic Izmaylovo Market before boarding our high-speed train to St Petersburg. Here we had the opportunity to visit many places of historical interest, including Lenin's Train - from where he delivered his famous *April Thesis* promising the peasants 'Land, Peace and Bread'.

We visited the Winter Palace (now referred to as The Hermitage), which is one of the biggest art galleries in the world. It is estimated that if one were to stop to look at each art work for a minute it would take one 10 years to find one's way to the end!

On Monday 7 April we departed for Turkey - the only country to span two continents: Europe and Asia. Although we only spent two nights in this fascinating city, we were able to visit the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia, the Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar.



The tour was undoubtedly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. A tired but enriched group of History and Art students and teachers returned filled with fantastic memories to share with family and friends.



# Grade 9 Science Expo

Mrs Sue Murray, HoD: Science.

During the first term all Grade 9 boys conducted science expo investigations through which they learnt valuable scientific problem-solving skills. The research conducted was of a high standard and the presentation of their projects was particularly commendable.

The following boys are to be congratulated on achieving top honours in their respective classes.

- 9A Bradley D'Eramo and Emil Loubser
- 9G Ross Holland
- 9M Malik Muiruri, Jack Potter & Scott Stewart
- 9R Johnathan Christie and Oliver Wykerd
- 9U James Aitkenhead and Nathan Long
- 9W Ayron Kayser and Matthew Smith



# Grade 10 Life Sciences trip to Tala Private Game Reserve

Mr Dougan McDonald, HoD: Life Sciences.

At the end of last term the Grade 10 Life Sciences students visited Tala Private Game Reserve. This outing provided some guidance for the boys' long term project involving a visit to any game reserve to research and report on the role it plays in the environment.

In a wetland area the boys learned about the structure, flora and invertebrates of wetlands. This helped to gain an understanding of how biological indicators can be used to determine the health of a body of water. On the bush walk which followed, the boys learned about the fauna and flora of the reserve and how their characteristics have influenced each other.

The final session of the morning was a very interesting talk by the head ranger about the reserve itself - how it operates and the threats that are being faced.

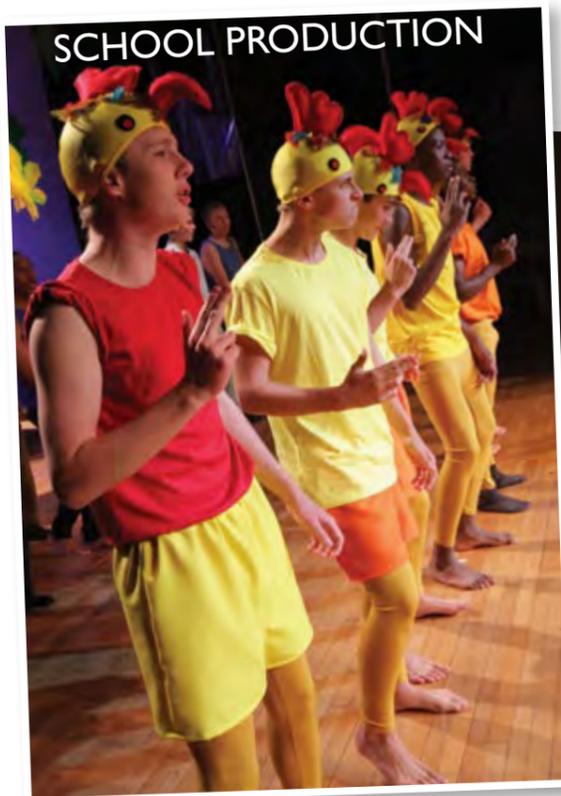
The boys learnt a great deal from spending the day in this beautiful natural environment.



## Going to the Polls

Geography and History Teacher, Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, has the story.

Whilst the rest of the country had a day off to participate in the 5th general election, the History and Geography pupils went to the polls at Kearsney. Armed with authentic identity documents, each boy entered the booths, with a ballot paper, to vote for the party of their choice. It was a secret ballot and the boys, through this experience, gained some understanding of the voting process which they hopefully will take part in, for real, in the next general election in 2019.



## Andrew Buckland's The Ugly Noonoo

Kearsney was kindly granted permission by Andrew Buckland to adapt this hilarious one-man physical theatre show, *The Ugly Noonoo*, into a large cast production. Ms Ulaetha Singh, HoD: Dramatic Arts, reports.

The play was written in 1988 and it has since received 17 national and international awards for the script, direction and the performance.

The production explores the concept of fear and how fear is used to manipulate, dominate and exploit the most lucrative natural resource of the country - its people. Underneath the surface the message is clear: miscommunication, irrational fear of little

understood cultures and intolerance, breeds hatred and destruction.

Mr Michael von Bardeleben and Ms Ulaetha Singh facilitated work-shopping the adaption with the talented cast members. We shared many hours exploring physical theatre which provided the pupils with an opportunity to broaden their dramatic skills.

Rehearsals took on the form of workshops with high energy and great enthusiasm. The

euphoria of having devised and created their own work permeated each session. It was a pleasure to work with such a committed and motivated cast.

Our adaptation gave the audience food for thought and offered a fresh, engaging production which employed a dynamic and exciting combination of visual comedy, dance, sound, mime and an explosive performance style.

Kearsney is proud to continue with our vibrant *Culture@Kearsney* programme for schools in KwaZulu-Natal. Ms Andrea Fripp, Director of Cultural Activities, reports.

A number of exciting events in our annual programme will be held in the next quarter. These events are always inspiring and impressive and we encourage you to support our youth as they showcase their artistic talents. Please visit [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com) for more details. Enquiries can be addressed to [Culture@kearsney.com](mailto:Culture@kearsney.com).

### Drama@Kearsney - I Act Play Festival

Wednesday 23 to Friday 24 July at 19h00.  
Tickets: R20 (R10 for scholars), available at the door.

### Dance@Kearsney Festival

Tuesday 5 August – Thursday 7 August at 19h00.  
Tickets: R20 (R10 for scholars), available at the door  
The inaugural event in 2013 proved to be a huge success, and we are expecting the talented dancers to be supported by enthusiastic audiences once again this year.



### Art@Kearsney - Photographic Competition

The exhibition of entries will be open from Monday 22 September to Friday 26 September between 10h00 and 18h00. Entrance is free.

### Music@Kearsney

**Primary Schools Choir Festival:** Tuesday 23 September  
**High School Choir Festival:** Wednesday 24 September  
Time: 19h00  
Entrance: R20 (R10 for scholars).  
Tickets will be available at the door.

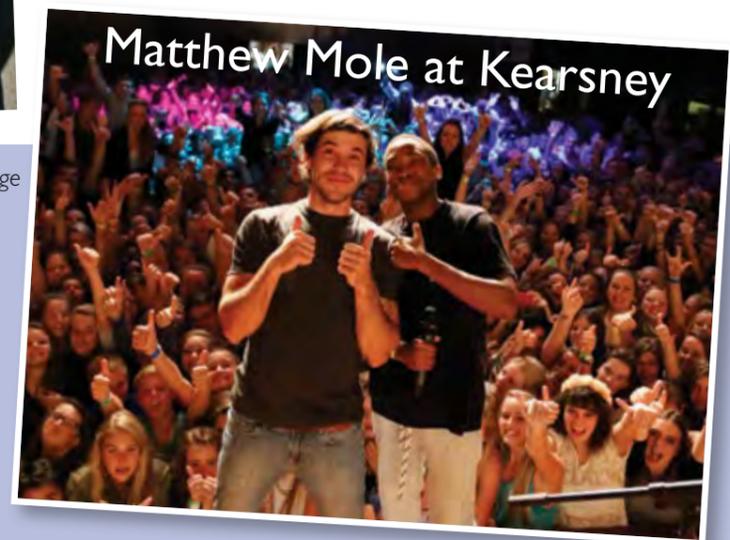
## Speaking up

Kearsney's Speakers' Circle Club trains boys in the art of public speaking including the construction and delivery of toasts; impromptu speeches; icebreakers; prepared speeches; object and evaluation speeches. Boys are also guided in table etiquette and how to be gentlemen. Mr Adam Rogers, MiC Public Speaking, has the story.



Each term we hold a formal dinner where boys have the opportunity to show off their newly acquired public speaking skills. The boys' parents are invited to the last formal dinner of the year at which trophies are presented to the best speakers in a variety of categories.

This term the category winners were: (pictured left to right) Kyle Koenig (Best Prepared Speech); Christopher Thomson (Best Impromptu Speech); Juandré de Beer (Best Prepared Reading); Calvin Engelen (Best Object Speech); Stuart McCleave (Best Evaluation) and Panashe Mwamuka (Best Icebreaker).



On 20 May 2014 the Henderson Hall erupted when Kearsney College hosted Matthew Mole in a performance of his highly popular music. Mr Bernard Krüger, Director Musical Performance, reports.

The event was organized by the Kearsney College Music Department as part of their fundraising efforts to support the choir in their upcoming tour to Europe in July 2014.

The evening's line-up included live DJ's, supplied by the Kearsney College DJ Club, as well as the talents of our regular Stage Manager, DJ Dave, who kept the crowd moving in anticipation of the main attraction. As an additional treat, the audience was mesmerized by the guitar-wizardry of Kearsney Old Boy and guitar teacher, Sebastian Goldswain. We are fortunate to have a musician of such expertise and skill on our music staff.

When Matthew took to the stage, the crowds burst into applause and cheers. The humble performer took the audience on a journey of his songs, which included his greatest hits, as well as some lesser known gems.

The audience were well-behaved throughout, and showed great respect for the performers on stage, as well as to the facilities and staff on duty. We thank the Kearsney College Estates Department and the Kearsney Choir parents who all worked together to ensure that the event was a tremendous success.

# Tennis

The 2014 Kearsney Tennis Festival Report is brought to you by Mr Anthony Willows, MiC: Tennis and the Festival Organiser.

This year the top 8 tennis schools in the country attended the festival to fight for honours of being number 1. Grey College caused a big upset in the semi-finals by beating the highly rated Paul Roos team by 5 matches to 4. Affies beat Pretoria boys in the other semi-finals by 5 matches to 1. Affies who played with high energy levels, commitment and passion throughout the weekend beat a very competitive Grey College in the finals to win the 18th Kearsney Tennis Festival.

The tennis played throughout the weekend was extremely competitive and there were some really tough matches. The 3 KZN Tennis schools have realized that hard work and dedication is needed to compete at this level. St Stithians beat Glenwood by 6 matches to 3 to finish 5th, while Clifton narrowly edged out Kearsney to finish 7th.

We thank Wilson and Sportsman's Warehouse for all their support and sponsorship.

Below: Dale Sandy at the Kearsney Tennis Festival

Right: Cameron Ritchie at the St Andrew's Festival



## Squash

Mr Andrew Morgan, MiC: Squash, reports.

Our congratulations go to the following boys who have been selected for KZN Schools squash:

U19B: Brenton Scott-Martin and Callix Gray  
 U16A: Cameron Ritchie  
 U16B: Graham Hudson.

KEARSNEY  
EASTER RUGBY  
FESTIVAL  
2014

in association with  
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Mr Robert Carpenter, Marketing Director, reports on this year's successful festival.

The 2014 edition of the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival was once again a great success both on and off the field. It was wonderful to welcome some of the country's top schoolboy rugby players to our campus and to introduce our great school to so many visitors from around the country.

This year we were fortunate to enjoy three days of perfect weather and thousands of families flooded through the gates to enjoy

the rugby and the fantastic atmosphere on campus.

The Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival has earned an enviable reputation for the quality of the participating schools and the standard of rugby on display and this year was no different. The large audiences were treated to some thrilling rugby from South Africa's traditional rugby powerhouses and a display of some amazing skills from these talented youngsters, many of whom are destined to be future Springboks.

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Kearsney would like to thank the many sponsors who make such a world-class event possible, especially headline sponsors Standard Bank and first-tier sponsors Illovo Sugar South Africa, Nashua Durban and the Sharks Academy. Extensive coverage of the Festival was received in the media and it has been wonderful to hear from so many Old Boys and others in the Kearsney community who contacted us to express their pride in the Festival and the school.

## National Basketball SELECTION

Report from Mr Myles Delpert, MiC: Basketball.

Congratulations to our four basketball players who were selected for KZN U20 to play in national trials at the end of May. They are (L to R) Ntando Cele, Morena Malakoana, Langa Mhlongo and Jeremy Maarschalk.

Following the trials, Jeremy Maarschalk (pictured right) was selected to the SA U20 Squad for African Union Region 5 Youth Games 2014. Congratulations to Jeremy!

Well done to all these boys on this great achievement.

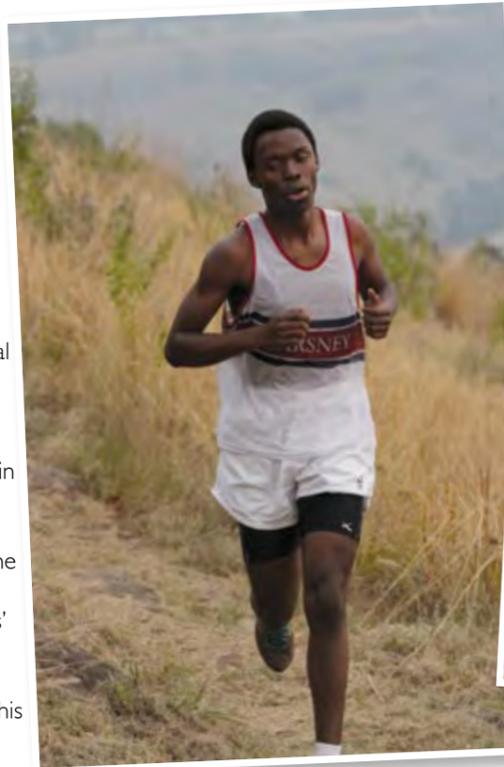


# Going the Distance

Cross Country has grown in popularity over the last few years and boys now have the option of taking the sport all year round. Mr Matt Conradie, MiC Cross Country, reports.

This year we have focused on technique (forefoot running, posture, using the arms, breathing, etc.) along with mental strength and hard work to achieve good results.

This term we have participated in a number of school league runs and have achieved some great results. Our U17A team has done particularly well, coming first on a number of occasions. The boys' strong performances can attest to the number of speed and hill training sessions they have run this year!



Above left: Jabulani Nyathi  
Above: Ross Holland  
Below: Greg McKay with the School Golf Champion trophy which he won for 2014

On the 21st May we hosted an inter-schools league run for more than 350 runners. The David Hall conservancy at Kearsney provides us with the best cross country course in the league. The Kearsney boys did extremely well with Jabulani Nyathi achieving 3rd place in the U17 age group and Ross Holland finishing in 7th place in the U15 age group.

Every Tuesday we also participate in the Kearsney Striders time trial run which starts at the Greyhound on Tuesday evenings. Parents and friends are welcome to join us for a 4km or 8km run and stay for a drink afterwards.

At the end of the term we will be making our way to the Drakensberg for some high altitude training and lots of fun.

# Greg is Golf Ace

By Mr Bruce Thompson, MiC Golf.

2014 has been an eventful year for Greg McKay on the fairways. He represented the KZN U23 team at the IPT in March where he was undefeated in his singles matchplay. In the same holidays Greg came 10th at the SA U19 Championships at Umhlali. This earned him selection for the SAGA U19 team that played in the Challenge Cup. His results this term have included a 3rd place in the KZN U23 championships, where he was defending champion, and tie 20th at the Men's KZN Amateur which is attended by the top amateurs in the country. To top it all off, Greg won the Kearsney School Championships, shooting 68 in the final round, including a hole-in-one at the 7th hole at Cotswold Downs.



# Annapurna Base Camp Trek

April 2014

A diverse group of 13 trekkers, ranging from Peter Wedge, aged 73, to James Storm, aged 17, had a common desire to visit the Annapurna Sanctuary in Nepal's Himalaya mountains. Mr Rod de Villiers reports.

For Liz Tait, John Storm, Claire Gallagher, Carmen Aring, Guy Golan, Donald-Dwayne de Cramer, Gian Singh, Derrick Loades, Peter and James, this was a first visit to this mountainous kingdom, but for Neil and Glenda Patterson and myself it was a return after a two-year break.

We flew to Kathmandu via Dubai and spent our first night at the Holy Himalaya Hotel in Thamel, before flying to the picturesque lakeside town of Phokora. A very nerve-racking, six-hour minibus ride the next morning took us deep into the Himalayas alongside the Kali Gandaki River - which forms the deepest gorge on Earth - to a little settlement known as Tatopani. Here our trek began.

Nothing is flat in Nepal. We over-nighted at Ghorepani, Chuire, Sinuwa and Deurali, each providing us with warm hospitality, meals, showers and a welcome bed. From Deurali we ascended the precipitous Modi Khola gorge via 'avalanche' territory to the Machhapuchchhre Base Camp (MBC), at 3700m, for lunch and then walked upwards and onwards to the Annapurna Base Camp (ABC), at 4130m, in thick mist. The sound of a distant avalanche was quite surreal.

ABC overlooks the Annapurna Sanctuary, which consists of a half circle of seven giant, awe-inspiring peaks each over 7000m and each with its own mini glacier 'flowing' centrally down into the enormous, primary South Annapurna Glacier. I will never forget my first view down into this colossal maze of frozen ice, rocks and dust - alive and moving - creaking and groaning! When you turn around through 180 degrees you look straight onto the famous Machhapuchchhre, at 6997m - one of Nepal's sacred mountains, which has never been climbed before.

If anyone asked me to list the three most important 'things' to take on a



Steps, steps and more steps! Up and over the most amazing ridges and down into deep ravines, across suspension bridges and then up and up again, past little villages and tea houses.



Himalayan trek, I would answer as follows;

"A good pair of walking boots, a warm sleeping bag and Mr Padam Rainer, our Nepalese guide." Padam is the most pleasant, professional and knowledgeable person you could ever wish to meet and he knows everyone along the way. I have no doubt that the success of our trip can be attributed to Padam and his wonderful team of assistants who carried our heavy packs, bantered with us along the trails and kept us well-fed with delicious, spicy meals at all times. For anyone who loves hiking, especially in beautiful places, Annapurna is a must!

# Comrades 2014

If there is one day during South Africa's calendar year when all South Africans stand together as one nation it must be Comrades Day. Mr Rod de Villiers, Deputy Headmaster, runs with the story.



Mr Paddy Collins, Highbury teacher gets a huge cheer

This year the Comrades Marathon was run on Sunday 1st June. The atmosphere on the road in front of the Kearsney gates was wonderful! Music, chirping, encouragement and laughter. A group of about 60 boys accompanied Mr Manzini Zungu at 04h30 to man a seconding table at the half-way point at Drummond. They were great ambassadors for Kearsney.

Other boys assisted with the handing out of maroon balloons to Kearsney-associated runners before they ran past the Kearsney gates. Mr Mark Bester, an Old Boy who was involved in cross country running whilst at Kearsney, addressed the boys in the Chapel on the Wednesday before the Comrades, sharing with them his first Comrades experience. He also emphasised the tremendous value of having the Kearsney support out on the road on the day.

Kearsney and the Comrades have a very special association going back many years. This year we had two members of staff who successfully completed the Comrades, namely Mrs Karen Seals, completing her first run, and Mr Matt Conradie, completing his second run. One of our current parents, Mr Barry Holland, succeeded in his 42nd consecutive Comrades run!



Many of the inspiring sights on the day



Kearsney teacher, Mr Matt Conradie, running his second Comrades in Kearsney Striders colours



## Transnet Foundation gives wings to the Kearsney Choir

The Transnet Foundation has very generously provided support for six boys to tour to Latvia to participate in the World Choir Games in Riga. We thank them for this tremendous support which has such far-reaching effects for the boys concerned.

## The City of Durban and Old Boys of the Choir look to the future

It is a massive undertaking to raise the funds required for the Kearsney Choir of 64 boys to participate on an international stage every two years. The Choir not only represents Kearsney, but the country and continent. The Old Boys of the Choir are mobilising to raise funds to ensure the Kearsney Choir continues to provide boys of the future opportunities and experiences that enrich their lives. Read more about the KCOB Choir Fund and join this effort from as little as R100 per month: [www.kearsney.com>Kearsney Foundation>Specific Funds](http://www.kearsney.com>Kearsney Foundation>Specific Funds).

Kearsney is also encouraged by the positive endorsement from The City of Durban and province who have undertaken to work on a bid to host the 2018 World Choir Games in Durban. We invite corporates interested in aligning with the Kearsney Choir and Culture@Kearsney to contact us about corporate sponsorship, social investment and B-BBEE opportunities.

## Kearsney's B-BBEE can earn your enterprise SED points

We have been able to attract company support through our Kearsney College Empowerment Fund which is fully B-BBEE compliant. As such, any donation to the Fund will enable your enterprise to earn Socio-Economic Development (SED) points.

Through this fund we have successfully raised funds to assist many boys who would otherwise not have been able to attend the choir tour to Geneva and World Choir Games in Riga.

## Sponsorship Opportunities for 2015

Please consider supporting Kearsney. Contact the Kearsney Foundation on [foundation@kearsney.com](mailto:foundation@kearsney.com) to explore:

- Supporting a talented student's bursary/scholarship
- Corporate brand exposure: sponsor an event, team or facility (e.g. naming rights to the SportZone, Medworth Stadium, Cricket, Hockey, Aquatics are available)
- Corporate B-BBEE scorecard points

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## KCOB NEWS

### Old Boys return to the Hill (13 and 14 June 2014)

We enjoyed welcoming hundreds of Old Boys to the Hill for Founders Weekend. It is a particularly special time each year when Old Boys return to celebrate reunions and reconnect with classmates and the College. It is an opportunity to reflect on the generations of Old Boys, supporters and staff who have contributed to Kearsney's proud legacy.

The full story and photographs will feature on [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com) > Old Boys > Founders > 2014 News

### Help find Old Boys in the USA & Canada

We currently have over one hundred Old Boys listed as living in the USA and Canada. If you know an Old Boy living in North America, please contact us with their details. We would love to make contact with them and invite them to a dinner with Headmaster Elwyn van den Aardweg, and his wife Tracey, who will be visiting cities in the USA and Canada after attending the annual conference of the International Boys Schools Coalition in Nashville.

### Three Foundation/Old Boy dinners have been arranged:

- New York City, NY: Thursday, 26 June 2014 - Soho, Avenue of the Americas;
- Santa Rosa, CA: Saturday, 5 July 2014 - Varena, Santa Rosa;
- Toronto, Canada: Wednesday, 16 July 2014 - Thornhill, Ontario.

## Parents' Society Report

*It's hard to believe that we are almost half way through the year. Our boys are writing exams and rugby season is drawing to an end. Mr Mark Conway, Chairman, Parents' Society, brings you up to date.*

The Parents' Society barrow has been in full swing at the Kearsney rugby home games and we have achieved our aim of raising the profile of the supporters gear whilst having a lot of fun. It has been great to see Kearsney supporters wearing their "colours".

We look forward to the Barnyard function on the 20th June. It looks set to be a most enjoyable evening and we will report back in the next edition of this publication.

The society was very pleased to be able to contribute R100 000 towards the new world-class medical facility in the revamped rugby stadium. This is an excellent facility and we thank the medical parents who have donated so generously of their time in manning it on match days.

Wishing you and your families a pleasant half-year break.

### Gary Butler drumming up business at the Parents' Society 'barrow' where supporters kit is sold



## THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

I continue with the theme on worrying started in the last edition: "...do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear." (Matthew 6:25)

Why do we worry? We worry, because we want to be in control of situations and fear losing control. We also think that by worrying we can be a step ahead. But the problem with worrying is that in most cases we worry about things that do not exist or that will never happen.

Jesus highlights the fact that worrying is a futile exercise when he says in Matthew 6:25 "...can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life." Let's stop wasting time on worrying and rather do things that can add to the quality and quantity of our lives!

Amen.

Rev James Headbush: Chaplain



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