



Provincial Honours for Kearsney Boys



HOCKEY SELECTIONS

An incredible twenty-six boys from Kearsney were selected for the KZN Coastal Hockey teams across three age groups, as well as four non-travelling reserves.

In the U18 group Ruari Baker, Matthew Butler, Lyle Jarvel and Cameron Rencken were selected for the A side, while Jayme Crouch, Alex di Marco, Matthew Lees, Simon Nortje and Blake Tyack were selected for the B team and Grant Oliver for the U18 Impis side. Gareth Phillips has been selected as a non-travelling reserve. Cameron Baker, Luke de Vlieg and Jeremy Foord made the KZN Coastals U16As while Nicholas de Beer, Kyle Koenig, Kandrinn Naidoo and Keanan Naidoo were selected for the U16B team. Steven Conway, Liam Maguire and Conner Ronquest were selected for the U16 Warriors.

In the U14 age group, Hayden de Kok, David Hudson, Jordan Meikle and Cameron Nel made the A side, with Joshua Barrett and Chase Kelly being selected for the B team. Kyle Beley, Luyanda Chiliza and Ronan Farquharson are non-travelling reserves.

Pictured top left are the twenty-six Kearsney boys who were chosen to represent KZN Coastal teams across three age groups

RUGBY SELECTIONS

Congratulations to Tristan Dixon and James Tedder who were selected for the KZN U18 Craven Week team that will be competing at the annual tournament hosted in Stellenbosch during the July holidays. Cameron Ritchie will represent the U18 KZN Academy team at the Academy Week hosted in Vanderbijlpark.

In the U16 age group, flanker Dylan Richardson earned a deserved selection for the KZN U16 Grant Khomo team. Matthew Heard and Wandile Linda were selected for an U16 KZN Invitational team to play a once-off match against a Pumas XV during June.

*Top Left: L-R: U18 representatives Tristan Dixon (Craven Week), Cameron Ritchie (Academy) and James Tedder (Craven Week)
Left: L-R: Matthew Heard and Wandile Linda (KZN Invitational team) and Dylan Richardson (KZN U16 Grant Khomo team)*



Community Service

Support for victims of Xenophobia

Disturbed by the recent xenophobic attacks in KwaZulu-Natal, the Headboy and Deputy Headboy approached the school management on behalf of the boys to organise a drive to assist the victims. With winter approaching, it was decided to focus on the collection of blankets to distribute to those who have lost their homes and possessions.

We thank all the Kearsney parents for their tremendous support of the 'Blanket Appeal', which has brought in close to 700 blankets to assist the victims. The blankets were distributed by the Methodist Church to help those sheltered in refugee camps.



Rev. Mike Vorster, the Bishop of the Natal Coastal District of the Methodist Church, addressed the College during Chapel and received the donated blankets. Seen here with Headboy, Robbie Polkinghorne; Head of Chapel, James Tedder; Chaplain, Rev James Headbush; Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg and Deputy Headboy, Jabulani Nyathi

Numerous outreach initiatives have been undertaken over the last few months and we are proud of the commitment and compassion shown by our staff and boys. Mr Manzini Zungu, MiC: Community Service, reports.

COMRADES MARATHON

Seventy-six boys performed their duties at the refreshment station at the half-way mark at Drummond on Comrades day. After preparing the seconding tables, the boys lined up along the road to provide runners with refreshments and support. Once the cut-off time had passed, the boys helped to clean up the area. The manners and behaviour of our boys impressed the large crowd gathered there and they did themselves and Kearsney proud.



Members of the Kearsney Choir were also honoured to be a part of a group of high profile South African musicians who recorded *Dig a Little Deeper* – a song written to raise awareness and unite the community against xenophobia. The video can be seen on YouTube.



SCA boys visited Makaphutu Children's Village on several occasions

TIME FOR CARING AND GIVING

Community service is an integral part of our education programme. This year many families, child-headed households and orphanages have benefited from our outreach efforts, receiving clothing, blankets, toys and labour from Kearsney boys.

The SCA boys have visited Makaphutu Children's Village on several occasions, interacting with the children and helping them with their Maths and English homework.

More than two hundred books were donated to two local libraries in the valley thanks to Kearsney families and our own school library. This contribution provides an invaluable source of reading material and resources to the community, empowering them and enriching their lives.

Philanomakhelwane orphanage in KwaNyuswa.



Sleeping in a kennel to help the SPCA

Grade 8 pupil, Steven Kriel and his dog, Sunshine, helped raise funds for the SPCA by spending a night in an SPCA kennel. Through his efforts over R 5 000 was raised for the charity.



KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL OUTREACH

As part of our Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival Outreach initiative, Boots and Balls, Kearsney, together with the KZNRU Development Programme, collected new and good condition second-hand rugby gear to donate to players from less privileged backgrounds, making it easier for these youngsters to get involved in this wonderful game.

The quantity of goods collected was overwhelming and we were delighted to make such a significant contribution. The goods were handed over during the closing ceremony of the Festival.



Our thanks go to Standard Bank, The Sharks and Illovo Sugar for contributing to the start-up of this initiative.

#RHINOSHOUTCHALLENGE

KEARSNEY SHOWS SUPPORT AGAINST RHINO POACHING

The statistics for rhino poaching are horrific, with one rhino being killed in South Africa every eight hours so far this year. Kearsney boys added their voices to the #RHINOSHOUTCHALLENGE, an initiative of Project Rhino KZN. Between the 2nd and 1st team rugby matches vs Maritzburg College at Kearsney on Saturday 16 May, the two schools made a joint statement against rhino poaching (see below). The Headboy of Kearsney, Robbie Polkinghorne, issued a challenge to Hilton College, Michaelhouse and St Stithians College to join the challenge. The video can be seen on YouTube: #rhinoshoutchallenge.



The legendary Kingsley Holgate and Project Rhino KZN spokesperson, Sheelagh Antrobus, were guests on the day and they stressed the important role which the youth can play by getting involved to save these creatures and other endangered wildlife.

Above left: Headboy, Robbie Polkinghorne, and Deputy Headboy, Jabulani Nyathi, signed the special book which is being sent around the world to gather support against rhino poaching.

Science Expo 2015

Mrs Sue Murray, HoD Science reports.

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 Best in Category and 1st in Grade:

Best Biology Project and 1st in 9A:

Nicholas Beere and Kyle Sewbaran

Best Physics Project:

Juan Pretorius and David McCleave

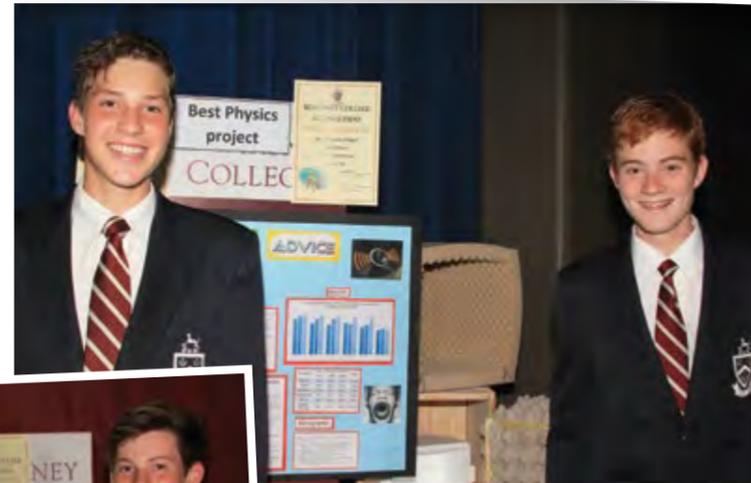
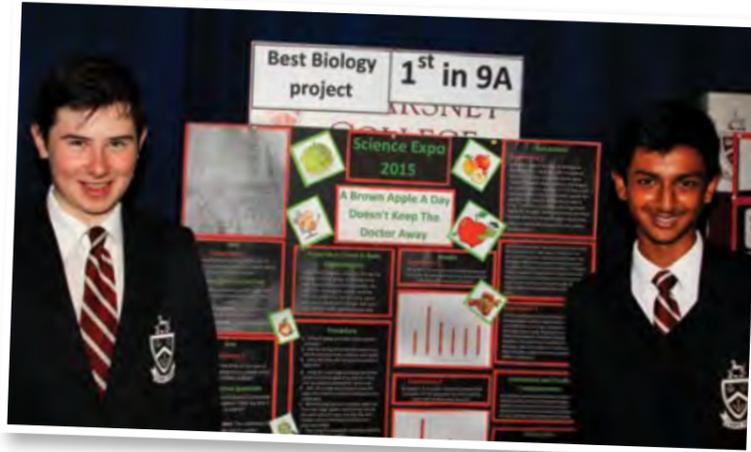
1st in 9G: Carl Combrinck and Callam Davis

1st in 9M: Scott Couzens and Lloyd Gowdy

1st in 9W: Preston Barr and Cuan Loader

1st in 9R: Calvin Crookes and Stanley Friedrich

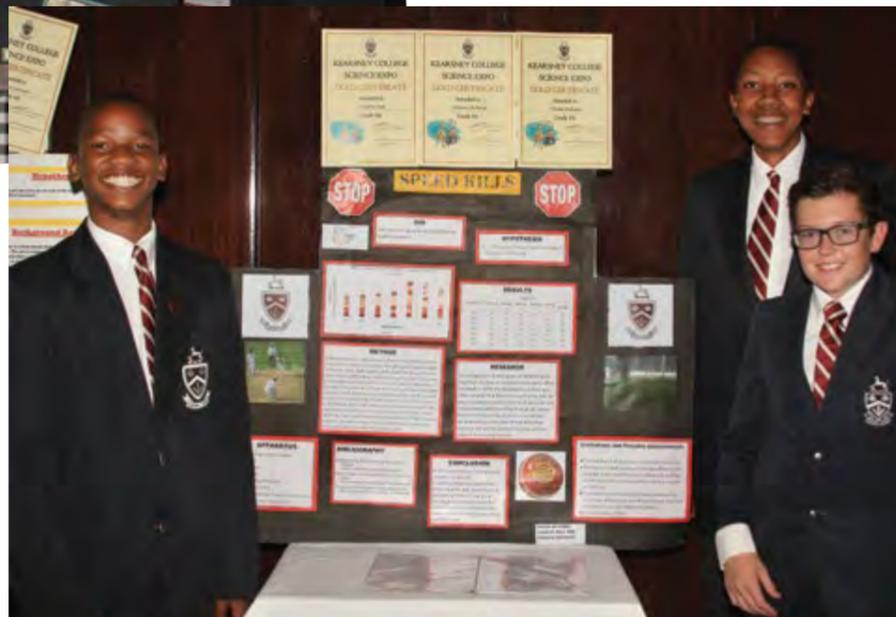
1st in 9U: Dylan Maynard and Joshua Reid



Pictured top: Nicholas Beere and Kyle Sewbaran
Pictured above: Juan Pretorius and David McCleave



Pictured above: Andrew Harding and Patrick Duncan
Pictured right: Phoka Mchunu, Thobani Xhakaza and Charlie Dell



Inspiring Scientists and Engineers at Kearsney

The UK-based Bloodhound SSC Project is currently developing a jet- and rocket- powered car which will attempt to break the world land speed record later this year. Mrs Sue Murray, HoD: Science shares the story.

The super-sonic car is designed to reach a speed of 1,690 km/h. The attempt will be made on the Hakstee Pan in the Northern Cape. On 23 and 24 April boys at Kearsney were privileged to be the first school in South Africa to hear about the project first hand and to build their own mini rocket vehicles. The visit links in with Kearsney's Maths and Science Excellence programme and our efforts to inspire our boys and expose them to various Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics applications. After a presentation on the project, eight mini cars built by the boys were timed on the tennis courts to find the fastest car.

Read all about this incredible project and how inspiring the next generation of Scientists, Mathematicians and Engineers on the official website www.bloodhoundssc.com.



Above: Winners of the "Speed Challenge" - Cuan Crocker, Daniel van Zyl, Brendan Stead and Gianluca Pauselli

A Walk on the Wild-side

This term the Grade 10 Life Sciences students visited the beautiful Tala Private Game Reserve. Mr Dougan McDonald, HoD: Life Sciences, reports on the trip.

The main goal of the visit was to investigate how the boys could tackle their long-term project, which involves a visit to a game reserve to gather information about the reserve and the role it plays in the environment.

A bush walk provided the opportunity for hands-on learning as they studied the animals and plants in the reserve and how they interact with each other. The way that Acacias communicate with each other to prevent excessive damage by herbivores and how butterflies make themselves toxic were among the many fascinating topics discussed. A game drive gave the boys a chance to also observe large animals from very close quarters.

The final session of the morning was a question-and-answer session with the head ranger on the reserve. One of more sobering topics discussed in this session was that of rhino poaching and what can and is being done to combat this massive threat.



The boys thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the opportunity to spend a morning outside in the natural environment.

USA Tour Drama and Engineering Graphics & Design (EGD)

During the April holidays, twenty-nine Kearsney EGD and Drama boys and three staff members embarked on an academic tour to the USA, visiting Washington DC, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Boston. Ms Ulaetha Singh, HoD: Dramatic Arts and Mr Dean Moodley, HoD: EGD, share the highlights of the tour.

The touring party visited some of the most popular tourist attractions in Washington DC including the many world-famous museums and memorials. The boys participated in workshops at the Spy Museum, Newseum and Madame Tussaud's, which served to broaden their horizons and inspire them in their respective fields of interest. The boys proved to be intelligent and enthusiastic participants and benefitted greatly from the experience.

In Pennsylvania the boys were fascinated by the historical Gettysburg battlefield tour and at the next leg of the journey were all suitably amazed at the incredible New York City. Visits to Harlem, Ground Zero, Chinatown, Central Park, Chelsea Market, Empire State Building, the Museum Mile and a ferry ride to Staten Island gave the boys a wonderful experience. At The Big Apple the boys enjoyed the interactive Sony Wonderland of Technology and the Museum of the Moving Image.

The Dramatic Arts boys took part in workshops designed for professional artists in the field at the Shakespeare Theatre Complex, Washington, and the Shubert Theatre Organisation in New York. The exciting tour of the Radio City Music Hall in New York City gave the boys insight into what goes on behind the scenes and into other career opportunities in theatre. Their visit to the Paley Centre Film Library gave them a look into documentation of television and film media. The group also attended various exciting theatre productions and were taken on backstage tours.

Highlights for the EGD boys included visits to the New York University School of Engineering, where they attended lectures on the latest civil engineering developments. At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) the boys participated in a robotics workshop. While the group was in Boston, they visited the Harvard School of Engineering where they were happy to meet up with Kearsney College Old Boy Greg Royston. Greg Royston was runner up to Dux of School in 2013 and is currently studying Applied Mathematics and Economics at Harvard. He accompanied the party on a campus and laboratory tour and regaled the boys with stories about his life as a Harvard student.

Two sports events were included in the trip - an NHL Ice-Hockey match at the Verizon Centre in Washington DC and a MLB Baseball match at Metlife Stadium in New Jersey.

We boarded our plane back to South Africa with heavy hearts and bags, yet with enriched minds and many wonderful memories.

Top right: The touring party visiting the Arlington Memorial in Washington DC
Centre: The boys met up with Greg Royston (Class of 2013), who is currently studying at Harvard.
L-R: Kane Zagar, James Hansen, Greg Royston, Rodrick Samdaan and Aiden Nilsen.



Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood

The pantomime Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood was well-suited to the humorous, energetic nature of Kearsney boys, and proved to be a treat for our community. Mr Bernard Krüger, Director of Music and Ms Ulaetha Singh, HoD: Dramatic Arts report.

Feel-good and family-friendly at its heart, the production combined clever wit, popular music and colourful costumes and was the perfect opportunity for our talented stars to shine on stage. The cast was complimented on their talent and the slick and professional manner in which they conducted themselves.

Auditions for our large cast productions are open to all Kearsney boys giving everyone an opportunity to perform on stage or behind the scenes. We continued our tradition of casting female roles by inviting girls from surrounding schools to audition. We are very pleased with the incredible work ethic and talent of the two young ladies who were involved in this production – Cassidy Phillips and Rylee Wilford.

The process of staging this massive production, although challenging, was filled with magical moments and much laughter. Our ability to play and have fun together brought a special energy to our work, allowing us to embrace and experiment with the elements of this genre.



"My husband and I had a wonderful evening. Not only were we treated to a delicious dinner, but we were totally enthralled by the play. Superb acting, together with stunning scenery and costumes, combined to make a truly spectacular play. What a talented cast!"

Dulcie Brauteseth:
HoD Hillcrest Primary School

Well done on your fantastic, slick, witty production of Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood! It was such a treat for us to enjoy Friday evening's production with you! Thank you for all your effort, your time (and thank you to your families too!), and for all that you gave of yourselves to enrich and grow our boys and make the show such a success. This is a memory they will treasure forever.

Brendan and Sandy Carroll:
Headmaster of Highbury and his wife

Please accept my congratulations on Kearsney's recent staging of Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood. The staging this year was particularly professional with the entire show having mass appeal and serving to bring to the fore the musical, dramatic, comedic and staging talents of our boys and staff. You can all be justifiably proud of a slick and most entertaining production. Keep up the brilliant work and please realise that your admirable efforts do not go unnoticed.

Adam Rogers: Director of Academics



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Culture @ KEARSNEY 2015

-  **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

Photographic Competition

This incredibly popular event promises to once again inspire, entertain and challenge in 2015. The photographic competition this year takes on an interesting new format as we seek to engage many more artistic pupils who may not have the correct photographic equipment. Only images photographed using a cell phone, disposable plastic camera, tablet or GoPro may be submitted.

The categories this year, under the banner theme 'Documenting Our Lives', are: School Life, My Favourite Place, My Awesome Pet, Journalistic Shot and The Best Selfie Shot.

For more information please visit www.kearsney.com. Details for each event will also be communicated through Kearsney's weekly email. We hope to see you there.

Culture @ KEARSNEY

Market Wizards

In April Kearsney's Market Wizards team won the monthly competition in the JSE Investment Challenge. **Mr Jason Rottcher**, Convenor of Market Wizards reports.

Kearsney College, through the Market Wizards Society, convened by Mr Jason Rottcher, annually enters a number of teams into the JSE Investment Challenge, a national competition in which teams of four are each allocated R1-million of imaginary cash to see who can grow their capital the most on the JSE Securities Exchange over a six month period. Prizes are awarded for the best performing team each month, and a grand prize awaits the overall winners.

'CMTraders' team (pictured left) comprising of Calvin Engelen, Matthew du Toit, Brendan Albertse and Ntinga Tshabalala were declared the monthly winners in April. The team saw an overall rise in their capital of 18% over six weeks. We congratulate them on their excellent performance so far and wish them all the best for the remainder of the competition.



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Rugby

The 2015 season has been very satisfying in many respects. The results have been favourable all round and a number of our players will be representing KZN in various inter-provincial tournaments. (See story on page 1).

The 1st XV enjoyed a very good season and probably somewhat surprised schoolboy rugby followers in the province. There were many highlights, but the Glenwood victory at the beginning of the season must rank among the best. The team also produced positive results against Maritzburg College, Hilton and DHS. Kearsney was very unfortunate in the match against Michaelhouse, played at Balgowan, but certainly played its part in this memorable match. The only other local losses were narrow ones against Hilton in the return fixture and against a strong Westville team, who played exceptionally well. Further highlights were the 'PUKKE Skouspel' festival hosted by the North West University and the Kearsney Easter Festival. Unfortunately, injuries to key players, combined with the strength of the opposition, produced only one win in five matches. Kearsney did, however, give a good account of themselves, especially against the highly rated Grey College from Bloemfontein.

The 2015 1st XV will certainly be remembered for the attractive brand of rugby they played, producing some spectacular tries. They have always shown great team spirit and sportsmanship and we are proud of their performances this season.

All of the junior age group A teams, as well as the Second XV, gained valuable experiences during the March/April holidays on their respective tours.

2nd XV tour to Hoërskool Monument

A very young and inexperienced 2nd XV travelled up to Krugersdorp to play at the Monument Festival. The team showed amazing spirit and character. They went down 0-30 to the hosts, having held them to 0-13 for the majority of the game. In the second game against Waterkloof, the boys were physically sore from the previous game and battled to gain momentum, ultimately losing 3-24. In the final fixture the team ran into a strong KES team and

a slow start cost them the game. We went down 0-19 early in the game and eventually lost 17-33. All in all it was a fantastic tour for the boys, who gained invaluable experience playing



Tristan Dixon with Matthew Watts in support

at a high level. The boys were in good spirits and remained positive throughout the tour.

U16 XV tour to Jeppe Festival: Easter Weekend

This was a great opportunity for the team to pit themselves against some of the traditional powerhouses of South African schoolboy rugby. The first match against Hoërskool Nelpruit was a very physical encounter which our team managed to win 39-19. In the absorbing second game, the team came up against a very athletic King Edward VII (KES) team. After conceding and regaining the lead numerous times, Kearsney managed to come away with a well-deserved 21-20 victory. The prospect of completing a rare festival treble against a highly-rated Pretoria Boys' High School team was exhilarating and the team rose to the occasion, emerging 18-11 winners in a textbook display of festival rugby.

U15 rugby tour to Paarl Boys' Festival: Easter Weekend

With a lot of big names in schoolboy rugby in attendance, the festival was set to be a tough one. The first game was a very physical encounter against Oakdale Landbou. The boys did well to go into the break 6-12 down but eventually went down 9-34 against much bigger opponents. The second game was against an even more physical side, Boland Landbou. The boys held them to a 0-12 lead at half-time, but eventually lost 7-44. The final fixture against Hoërskool Garsfontein was a much more even contest and the team stepped up their performance, but unfortunately went down 7-14. Our boys were well-behaved and had a good time, gelling together well as a team.

U14 tour to Hoërskool Monument

The Under 14A rugby side played three of the top sides in Gauteng over five days. Even though the team lost all their matches, the players learnt valuable rugby lessons at this early stage of the season, which benefitted them in the domestic season. We would like to thank all the players for their positive and die-hard attitude during the tour and the Kearsney parents who supported the team in Krugersdorp.

PROVINCIAL RUGBY POSTS



Congratulations to Messrs Steyn, Moodley, Prinsloo and Mofokeng (pictured left) who were appointed as an U18 Provincial Selector, the KZN Craven Week Manager, Coach of the KZN U18 Country Districts and Assistant Coach of the KZN U16 team respectively.

HOCKEY ON A ROLL!

The first team, an U16 squad and three staff members embarked on an exciting overseas tour to Belgium and Holland. Mr Wayne Marsden, MiC: Hockey

The group gained invaluable experience and built a solid platform for our local season by playing against strong teams from all over the world. In between match commitments the players visited various tourist attractions, benefitting from this wonderful educational opportunity.

THE DOMESTIC SEASON

A number of our teams have done exceptionally well in the domestic season this year, enhancing our reputation as a strong hockey-playing school. In the final of the Night League, the first team suffered a narrow 7-8 loss to Glenwood after a one-on-one shoot out.

The details of the twenty-six boys selected in various KZN Coastal teams are in the story on page 1.

Thank you to all our coaches, players and supporters for all your efforts over the course of this most enjoyable season. We wish to congratulate the following boys who earned their 100th cap for the 1st XV for their dedication and commitment:- Matthew Butler, Alex di Marco, Lyle Hewitson and Lyle Jarvel.



National U16 Coach

We are proud to announce that our 1st XI Coach, Mr Sihle Ntuli, pictured above, has been appointed as the SA U16 High Performance Squad Coach. Sihle is also the Assistant Coach for the U18A provincial team.

TOUR RESULTS

FIRST TEAM Played 8, won 5, drew 1, lost 2
JUNIOR TEAM Played 7, won 5, lost 2

H.C. Rotterdam



Inside Nicol David's International Training Facility after a morning training session



SQUASH on a high

The Kearsney Squash Tour to Malaysia and Singapore over the Easter Holidays was an incredible experience for all involved. Mr Andrew Morgan, MiC: Squash reports.

On the squash front, the boys played seven matches over ten days. Most of these matches were against 'state' or provincial teams that are made up of players from academies of up to four hundred and fifty junior players. These boys start playing at the age of five and train two hours a day, five days a week. Our boys were competitive and most players managed to win at least one match against strong opposition. An added obstacle for our players was the heat, which was over 40 degrees on most days, while the courts were typically not air conditioned.

In addition to the matches, the boys attended three training sessions with professional coaches who gave them valuable tips and insights into the game.

Off the squash courts, the boys (and staff!) had great fun exploring the sights, history, food and culture of two countries which are very different from our own.

Kearsney squash team the new KZN champs

The 1st and 2nd teams competed strongly in the annual KZN Inter-Schools Tournament in Pietermaritzburg recently.

The 1st team won the event for the first time, beating Glenwood, Michaelhouse and Maritzburg College on their way to a very tight 3-2 victory over Westville Boys' High. By winning this event, Kearsney qualified to compete at the SA Top Schools tournament in the 3rd term.



KZN Boys Schools Squash Champs – Kearsney 1st team: L-R: Brandon Nel; Callix Gray (Captain), Brenton Scott-Martin, Geoff Sibbald and Graham Hudson. Absent: Cameron Ritchie.

PROVINCIAL SELECTIONS

Kearsney is well represented in the KZN Schools Squash teams, with the following Provincial selections:
U19: Callix Gray, Brenton Scott-Martin and Graham Hudson
U16: David Comrie and Matt du Toit
U14: Reid Stuart
 Congratulations boys on these fantastic achievements.

TENNIS FESTIVAL'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Kearsney was proud to host the country's top tennis schools at our annual tennis festival. The three-day festival provided superb quality tennis from some of the country's top youth tennis players. Mr Anthony Willows, MiC: Tennis, reports.

The tournament was played on a round-robin format in perfect weather conditions, with the teams from Paul Roos, Grey College and Pretoria Boys dominating the event. Grey College (Bloemfontein) won the festival, beating Paul Roos (Stellenbosch) by five matches to four to secure the top spot after 3 days of intense tennis. The competitive team from Pretoria Boys High placed third, ahead of Affies. Kearsney edged out Clifton College to take fifth and sixth places respectively.

Sportsmans Warehouse and Wilson were generous with their sponsorship again. We thank Illovo Sugar, who provided t-shirts, while Oxford and the Total Garage at Botha's Hill provided product goodie bags for all the players.



Back (L-R): Mihir Singh, Kyle Koenig, Matthew Bentley, Cuan Crocker
 Front: Kade Mindry, Mr Alan Cairns and Brad Porteous

NATIONAL BASKETBALL



Thomas Westermeyer (Grade 10) has been selected for the Under 16 National Basketball Team. Congratulations to Thomas on this remarkable achievement.



A highly successful eighth Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival wrapped up with the announcement of five players who received bursaries to the Sharks Academy for 2016. Mr Robert Carpenter, Marketing Director, reports on the festival.

The award includes a contract with the Sharks Academy, accommodation and a tuition bursary with one of its education partners.

The festival was well supported on all three days, with capacity crowds enjoying a high standard of fast-flowing rugby. It was another incredibly successful event for organisers, with top rugby schools attending, amazing rugby being played and fantastic crowds in attendance. Kearsney would like to thank sponsors Standard Bank, Illovo Sugar South Africa, Nashua Durban and the Sharks Academy for making this world class event possible.



The captains at the 2015 Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival: From left - Andre Lategan (Hoerskool Framesby), Jordan Chait (SACS), Erik Basson (HTS Middelburg), Hendre Stassen (Dr EG Jansen), Shane Ball (Westville Boys), Eduan Lubbe (Affies), Werner Roberts (Grey College), Tristan Dixon (Kearsney College), David Brits (Selborne College), Nama Xaba (Glenwood), Wayne van der Bank (Menlo Park) and Siyamthanda Mgbubo (Dale College). [Photo Credit: Geoff Brink, Independent on Saturday]

Jean de Villiers entertains at Kearsney

The talk was organised by Jean's sponsor, Citadel.

Kearsney was privileged to host Springbok captain Jean de Villiers as guest speaker at a special talk presented to our boys, parents and guests. Mr de Villiers entertained the audience with amusing anecdotes and insights. Mr de Villiers has presented at a number of top rugby schools around the country and noted that Kearsney was the first school that he has visited that insists that boys should play a number of different sports throughout the year, a philosophy he strongly endorses. Jean lamented the trend towards specialisation at schoolboy level. He partly attributed his own success in rugby and love of sport to his having played cricket, swimming, tennis and any other sport that he could as a school boy.

SPONSORSHIP Opportunity

The Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival 2016 is set to be an exciting spectacle of rugby with eight schools already having confirmed their place including SACS, Noord Kaap, Selborne, Dale, Kearsney College, EG Jansen, HTS and Glenwood. The event attracts over 13,000 spectators and more than R10m in PR exposure. Should your company be interested in being associated with this premium event on the SA Schools calendar, and in supporting rugby development in KZN and nationally, please contact Joy Mills-Hackmann on foundation@kearsney.com



Congratulations



National Bass Fishing
Chase Kelly (Grade 8) was selected for the Protea Junior Bass Fishing team to compete in the Junior International test against Zimbabwe in South Africa in December this year.



SA Baseball
Cameron Lee (Grade 12) was selected to represent the South African U18 baseball team to play at the U18 World Cup in Japan in August and September.



SA Badminton
Brandon Nel (Grade 10) was selected for the South African U17A Badminton team to play in the SA Challengers' Cup tournament in Pretoria in May.



Horse racing
RIDING TO VICTORY. Lyle Hewitson (Grade 12) was crowned winner of the prestigious trainee jockeys' Workrider's Challenge series. Lyle rode eight winners in the three race meetings of the Challenge at a strike rate of nearly 45%.



Sailing
Calum Gaughran (Grade 8) was selected to compete in the 2015 South African Optimist World Championships to be held in Dziwnow, Poland from the 25th August to the 5th September 2015.



National Judo
Liam Breytenbach (Grade 8) represented KZN at the South African National Ranking Tournament which was held in Johannesburg. Liam fought well and took the Silver Medal. Liam was invited to represent SA at the Sportif International Tournament which was held in Edinburgh, Scotland.



National Lifesaving
Taine Buys (Grade 9) represented Suncoast Pirates at the National Lifesaving Championships. He won bronze in the U15 Ironman Event.

You can make the Kearsney dream a reality!

We invite you to make the Kearsney dream a reality for talented young boys who will be joining Kearsney in 2016 for a life-changing journey. We have bursary candidates who have overcome numerous challenges to be awarded a place at Kearsney. These boys have the character and talent to seize all the opportunities on offer at Kearsney and benefit greatly from a Kearsney education. We look forward to them contributing tremendously to the College and the country in the years ahead. Please consider bursary and scholarship support which will see these young men develop to their full potential under the mentorship and guidance of the caring staff at Kearsney. Individuals, corporates, trusts and foundations are all welcome to join our circle of valued supporters and can do so from R100 per month, through to a fully-funded, named award.

Does your company have a CSI or BBBEE initiative? Kearsney's externally audited B-BBEE SED certified Empowerment Fund is fully B-BBEE compliant. As such, any donation to the Fund will enable your enterprise to earn Socio-Economic Development (SED) points. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how your CSI/B-BBEE funds to make it possible for talented boys to join Kearsney whilst earning your organisation B-BEE points. **Be Remembered:** Please talk to us about Kearsney's Chapel appeal, how to sponsor or remembering a loved one in the Remembrance Garden. Kearsney College Trust is a registered PBO and NPO and your gifts to Kearsney are tax deductible. Please support us. You can pledge online on www.kearsney.com or contact foundation@kearsney.com.

We would like to thank our current and past parent donors whose contribution has enabled the College to support as many deserving young men.

Capital Developments

Estates Manager, Mr Andrew Bretherton reports.

NEW CLASSROOM BLOCK

Good progress is being made on the building of the first phase of the new classroom block, pictured below. This phase will consist of four new classrooms and a

large multi-purpose venue and the addition of the world-class facilities will contribute to maintaining Kearsney's position as a leading independent school.



FOUNDERS WEEKEND

Old Boys return to the Hill Founders Weekend (19 -20 June) is a particularly special time each year for Kearsney Old Boys and the broader Kearsney community. It is a time to celebrate reunions, reconnect with classmates, and reflect on generations of Old Boys, supporters and staff who have and continue to contribute to Kearsney's legacy and traditions. The full story and photographs will feature on www.kearsney.com > Old Boys>Founders>2015 News



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RESERVOIR

Following the numerous problems experienced last year with the supply of municipal water, the building of an underground reservoir was commissioned to ensure an adequate supply of water to the campus. Development of the underground standby water supply reservoir, located near the tennis courts, has now been completed. The reservoir is 19m x 13m and 3m deep and was cast entirely out of concrete. Approximately 200m³ of concrete was used, reinforced with 30 tons of rebar steel. The reservoir can hold approximately 300 000 litres of water, three times the College's daily water consumption level. Three pumps, which are on the generator so as not to be affected by load-shedding, work to keep the pressure static. Water from the reservoir will feed our mainline constantly and mitigate against the risk of water outages in the area.



Myles Brown in record-breaking form



Myles Brown (Class of 2010) caused an upset by beating Olympic gold medallist Chad le Clos in the men's 200m freestyle at the South African National Aquatic Championships in Durban on 15 April. Myles' time was 1:47.44 pipping Chad's 1:47.89. Myles continued with his sizzling form by taking a second off the national 800m freestyle record set in 2009 by fellow Kearsney Old Boy, Troy Prinsloo, posting a time of 7:53.97.

Earlier in the week Myles broke SA's longest standing swimming record when he won the 400m freestyle in a time of 3 minutes 46.08 seconds, breaking the 16-year national record of 3:46.31 set by Ryk Neethling in 1999.

With these results Myles has qualified for the 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle events at the FINA World Long Course Championships to be held in Kazan, Russia, later this year.

Junior Springboks

Congratulations to Daniel and Jean-Luc du Preez (Class of 2013) on their selection to the Junior Springboks for the World Rugby U20 Championship in June in Italy.

Scholarship to University in the USA



Congratulations to Dale Sandy (Class of 2014) who was awarded a full scholarship for academics and sport to Wagner College in New York City. Dale will be the only South African at the College. This special award is reserved for a limited number of applicants who demonstrate high potential to succeed.

Dale has worked very hard to achieve all-round success. Amongst his other achievements, Dale was a KZN tennis player and was awarded Honours Cum Laude for academics. He achieved six distinctions in his final Matric examinations.

We wish Dale everything of the best.

Parents' Society

Mr Mark Conway, Parents' Society Chairman reports.

The Parents' Society barrow continues to be a feature at home rugby fixtures and raises the profile of the Kearsney supporters gear.

Our inaugural Trail Run is being planned as a fun family day and it will make use of the excellent cross country facilities at the school. We will announce that date as soon as it is confirmed.

We continue to support special projects at the school and are currently involved with the funding of a communal house braai area. This project will have to be scheduled into the school's existing building and maintenance programme but we are hopeful that it may be completed before the 4th term.

Comrades 2015

Mr Rod de Villiers, Head of Houses, reports on the event.

Comrades Day is a big day for Kearsney and very much part of our annual calendar. The 2015 Comrades Marathon was an up-run this year and once again the Kearsney boys were in great spirits as they supported the runners outside the Kearsney gates, despite returning, the night before, from the St Stithians fixture in Johannesburg. It could not have been an easy task for the seventy-six boys manning the halfway station at Drummond, under the care of Mr Manzini Zungu, as they were required to report at 4am on Sunday morning. The rest of our boarders, neatly dressed in their number 1s, supported the runners at the College entrance.

Kearsney - associated runners were given a maroon balloon before they ran past the school earning them extra loud cheers from the boys. We were very proud to see the many Kearsney Striders athletes making their way past Kearsney and in particular Mr Steve Main and Mrs Karen Seals, who both finished within the required time.



THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

In Luke 10 v 25-37, Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan in response to the question, "Who is my neighbour?", posed by a lawyer (one of the religious leaders).

The man expected Jesus to give him a list of people who deserved his kindness – a friend, or someone from the same geographic area or of Jewish origin as himself. But Jesus responds with the story of the Good Samaritan, who helped a half dead, unnamed man, from an unnamed geographic area. He risked his life for this man and tended to his wounds as if he was his very own. At the end of the story Jesus asks the lawyer, "Who was a neighbour to the man?"

When it comes to extending goodwill to others, our question should not be, "Who is my neighbour?", because it can tempt us to limit our prayers and acts of benevolence only to those in our geographic, social or national circle. We should rather ask, "How can I be a good neighbour?" This question will always challenge us to remove any limits that we are tempted to place on to whom we should extend our goodwill.

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