



## Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival

### The best of schoolboy rugby on show at Kearsney

*The successful fifth Easter Rugby Festival wrapped up to claims from participants, supporters, rugby pundits and the media as having produced some magnificent high-scoring rugby on all three play days. In the 18 games, 793 points were scored – averaging 44 points per game, writes publicist Sue Miles.*

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Selectors from the Sharks Academy were impressed with the standard of rugby displayed in front of the weekend's estimated 18 000 spectators.

After the final game on Monday, the three players to be offered contracts with the Sharks Academy and tuition bursaries with Varsity College were announced. They were Glenwood captain Siyabonga Tom, Westville Boys' High prop forward Nqoba Mxoli and Paarl Gymnasium winger Wion Robertse. Handre Pollard, Paarl Gym's captain and flyhalf, and Affies lock RG Snyman were voted the festival's best backline and forward players respectively.

Affies from Pretoria was the only school to remain unbeaten at this year's festival – having scored wins over EG Jansen, Paarl Gym and Kearsney. The upset of the festival was Grey College's loss to Paarl Gym on the first day, after an incredible 950-day unbeaten record. Grey went on to beat Westville and Monument. Together with Kearsney, Glenwood, Paarl Gym and Paul Roos, they each won two of their three fixtures.

Kearsney won its scrappy opening game of the festival against Selborne College from East London. It was a game of missed passes and kickers not taking advantage of points available, but both teams were strong at the break down. Kearsney won 10-5.

In a relatively quiet finish to the second day, Kearsney and Queen's Colleges both

showed strong defence, which resulted in a low scoring game. Kearsney made the most of their opportunities, scoring two tries from broken play, to win 18-3.

Kearsney's final festival game played in extremely misty, cold conditions against Affies was dominated by forward play with handling errors due to the wet ball. Kearsney was slow on defence and took

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too long to get into position for most of the match, as Affies out-muscled them in the rucks and mauls. Unbeaten at the festival, Affies showed true Blue Bull style of rugby with strong mauling from line-outs to win 22-10.

The success of a festival of this ilk is largely determined by the support of sponsors. Kearsney is indebted to the input, both financially and in kind, of all festival sponsors – particularly Illovo Sugar and Mr Price, The Sharks and Sharks Academy, Varsity College and Nashua.

Organisation for next year's festival is underway. A top line-up of schools has already been secured, with several others expressing interest in participating. We are

delighted to have sponsors and top rugby schools already expressing interest for 2013. For those interested in sponsoring the 2013 Festival please contact Joy Mills-Hackmann on [joy@kearsney.com](mailto:joy@kearsney.com).



# AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Three tours representative of the balance at the College

In the forthcoming school holidays, three official tours will be undertaken by Kearsney boys. These are Choir, Cricket and History. In this edition we bring you a summary of the plans for the tours. In our end of term edition, we will feature photos of the tourists together with more detail about how to follow the news of these tours. Our website will carry updates and detail in the interim. Please visit [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com).

## The Kearsney Choir represent Africa in the USA

The boys of the Kearsney College Choir are dusting off their 'Stars and Stripes' for the upcoming tour to the United States of America. It is with great pride and with humble confidence that the boys will kick off their first performances in New York City as the official African representatives at the inaugural *Rhythms of One World Music Festival* which includes a concert inside the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations. They will take part in various cultural exchanges, as well as formal concerts in Lincoln Center (at the Metropolitan Opera) and the Kaufman Center, both of which are rated as some of the best venues in the world for music performances.

In Washington DC they will perform at an Independence Day concert is hosted by the SA Embassy. The boys then embark on a road trip through Pittsburgh, Charleston and Cedar Point, before arriving in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the 7th World Choir Games. The choir has a long history with this competition and will be trying their utmost to reach the highest achievement possible: being crowned Olympic Champions.

Please also see page 5 regarding the USA visit.



Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Centre

### CONFIRMED PERFORMANCES AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRINT

- 26 June Kaufman Center (Merkin Hall, NY),
- 28 June Lincoln Center (Avery Fischer Hall, NY)
- 30 June UN Headquarters (General Assembly Hall, NY) – invited guests only
- 2 July Kennedy Center for Performing Arts (Washington DC)
- 4 July Arena Stage (Hosted by the SA Embassy) – invited guests only

Details of the remaining concerts as well as the World Choir Games will follow in the final News & Views of this term and on our website at [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com).

## MAKING HISTORY!

Messrs Rogers and Peacock together with 30 senior history students will depart for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the sites that until now have lain static on the cold pages of their history notes. The theme of this fourth international history tour is 'War in Europe' and the tour party's aim will be to visit the iconic sites of historical events in Europe during WWI, WWII and the Cold War.

The first stop will be Berlin, Germany. As part of the Berlin experience the party will visit the famous Checkpoint Charlie and Jewish Museums as well as the notorious Topography of Terror – a shocking depiction of the atrocities committed by the Nazi Gestapo. A day will also be spent at Dachau concentration camp. Thereafter the tour party will move on to Paris where one of the highlights will undoubtedly be the visit to the Palace of Versailles. Day trips will be taken to visit the site of the Normandy invasion during WWII as well as battle sites that characterized the trench warfare of WWI.

The tourists who will be back in South Africa on 7 July, will no doubt have many stories to tell.

**Adam Rogers**  
HOD: History

## Kearsney 1st XI Cricket tour to England 2012

The Kearsney 1st XI will be touring in England from 22 June to 8 August. 14 boys and 2 coaches will be testing the mettle of the English rose in a series of matches against top English schools. They will be playing top sport's school Millfield amongst others, and will also participate in the prestigious Felsted Festival. They conclude their tour in London where they will be visiting famous landmarks including Lords, Chelsea Football Club and the London Dungeon.

It is an ideal opportunity to blood new players, make new friends, experience foreign playing conditions and savor the English experience in its entirety.

**André van Zyl**  
1st XI Cricket Coach

[www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com)



Palace of Versailles



Lords Cricket Ground, London

# REACHING EXTREME HEIGHTS

## Everest

A party of 30 Kearsney-related boys and families embarked on a trek into the Himalayas in the Easter holidays, with the ultimate goal of reaching Everest Base Camp.



After two days of sightseeing in and around Kathmandu we were divided into two smaller groups for the infamous flight to Lukla airport nestled in the Himalayas before starting the 14-day trek. The quaint village of Namche Bazaar, at an altitude of 3400m, was reached on the 2nd day of the trek and we had our first sighting of Mount Everest. Each day we climbed higher and higher in altitude. The paucity of oxygen together with below zero temperatures made for challenging times, but we persevered. Our guides were outstanding, knowing just how fast to walk, when to rest and for how long. On the 10th day we woke up to a beautiful day at Lobuje for our 9-hour walk to Base Camp and back to Gorak Shep alongside the Kumbu Glacier. The whole region leading to Base Camp is spectacularly beautiful, with 7000m plus mountain peaks surrounding the trail. We all made it to Base Camp (5300m), which was quite an achievement! After an hour or so of celebrations and photo shoots we turned around and began our 4-day journey back to Lukla.

Members of the group were:- Elwyn van den Aardweg (Headmaster); Rod de Villiers (Deputy Headmaster); Ian, Wendy, Alistair and Francis White; Neil, Glenda, Stuart and Dawn Patterson; George and Nathan Elphic; André and Ruan Grobler; Dave and Greg Keal; Sue Kirton; Briggett Farell; Sean Miller; Jamie Gibbons; Alex Harvey; Andrew and Jordan Clark; Matt Fyvie and Ingrid and Hedley Baker; Leigh and Teagan Hendrie and Liz and Chris Cartwright

A trek in the Himalayas is a unique experience for many reasons. Nowhere else in the world will you see so many 6000m+ snow clad peaks with hanging glaciers and frozen waterfalls. Three of the four highest mountains in the world are in the Kumbu region and Mount Everest is ever-present. The local people are so kind, gentle, helpful and trusting. The yaks are another unique aspect of the trek with their enormous loads and jingling bells. The overnight hostels were also more than adequate and the camaraderie of the group members was special. All in all the expedition created memories which will last forever.

## EASIER THAN EVER TO CONTRIBUTE TO FUTURE EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

The new Kearsney website now provides an on-line presence for the Foundation, announces Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director.

The online giving campaign of the Kearsney foundation aims to make it an easy and convenient to support Kearsney. This move does not replace our face-to-face efforts and we will continue to meet interested partners.



100% of gifts contribute to Kearsney's educational excellence programmes critical to growing leadership for South Africa's future. Our online pledge form is quick and easy to use and suggests project options you might support.

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25 June – 15 July 2012

“Doing nothing for others, is the undoing of ourselves”  
*Horace Mann*

The current priority for the Foundation is to raise support for talented 2013 candidates who require bursary and scholarship support. Please assist Kearsney as we continue to produce leaders of the future in business, academics, sport and the arts.

Old Boys. Friends. Family. Supporters. Grow our USA contacts database. This is a first and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! The large Kearsney Choir party of 60 boys and 5 staff hope aim to reconnect with Kearsney old boys, past parents and staff, friends and supporters whilst on tour in the USA. For the Kearsney Foundation, the tour is a wonderful platform to introduce our College to prospective USA supporters. Opportunities and ways to support Kearsney's efforts in the arts will be presented at receptions at Choir

performances and other events. You can view details on our new Foundation page on [kearsneychoirUSA@kearsney.com](mailto:kearsneychoirUSA@kearsney.com)

USA tax benefits have been arranged and will be available to our supporters through the Global Board of Methodist Churches in the USA. We would welcome contact or suggestions that will assist us make the most of the Kearsney Foundation's efforts to build connections and raise funds in the USA.

**SUPPORT THE ARTS AT KEARSNEY THROUGH OUR FOUNDATION**

To be invited to represent Africa and perform at the 75th anniversary of the signing of the United National charter at the United Nations in New York is a major endorsement for Kearsney's multi-cultural boys' choir. The endorsement by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the unique and beautiful *Dreams for Africa* chair will further demonstrate Kearsney's relevance and commitment to develop talent in South Africa.



## KZN U15 PLAYER OF THE SEASON

The KZN Cricket Union has announced that Tristan Tedder (Grade 10) has been chosen as the KZN U15 Player of the Season. He will attend the awards ceremony to be held on Friday 8 June in Durban.



*Congratulations*

to Tristan for this great honour.

## Kearsney Tennis Festival

The annual top schools national invitational tennis tournament takes place at Kearsney on the 25 - 27 May 2012.

The tennis will be played at Kearsney College, Highbury and St Mary's. Some of the top SA junior players from eight participating schools will be playing. Grey College (Bloemfontein), Paul Roos (Stellenbosch), Affies and St Stithians (Gauteng), Selborne College (East London) and Glenwood, Clifton and Kearsney from KZN.

The tournament will once again be sponsored by Sportsmans Warehouse. Wilson have come on board as sponsors for the Kearsney team and tournament.

The finals of the tournament will be held at Kearsney College on Sunday 27 May starting at 08:00.



## KZN HOCKEY TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Kearsney boys selected, L-R: Graham Hudson, Matthew Lees, Lyle Jarvel, Blake Tyack, Bradley Porteous, Ryan Wallace, Cameron Baker, Alex Di Marco, Matthew Last, Cameron Rencken, James Stamatis, Lewis Priest, Ru Baker and Bradley Wood.

The KZN Coastal Boys Hockey teams were announced on 12 May.

Kearsney had 19 boys selected in the three age groups, as well as two Old Boys who will coach these teams.

Ryan Wallace was selected for the U18A team and Dylan Middleton as reserve in the U18B team.

Nqobile Ntuli and Nkanyiso Booi made the U16As and Jayme Crouch, Alex Di Marco, Matthew Last, Ru Baker, Dylan Griffiths and

reserve Alex Whitelaw in U16B team. Old Boy Keagan Eccles has been named as assistant coach of the A team.

In the U14 age group, Cameron Rencken, Matthew Lees, Lyle Jarvel, Graham Hudson, Blake Tyack and James Stamatis have made the A side, with Cameron Baker, Brad Wood, Brad Porteous and Lewis Priest the U14B team. Old Boy and former Kearsney 1st XI captain Greg Last will coach the A team.



L-R: Bradley Porteous, Richard Southey, Ben Patton, Josh Divine, Mathew Bentley, Dale Sandy and Keagan Foss

## GOLF

Greg McKay (Grade 9) captained KZN U15 Foundation golf team to the SA U15 Boys' Strokeplay event held in Cape Town recently. The team came 3rd out of 15 teams and Greg achieved 15th place overall.

Craig Low (Grade 8) will represent SA Kids Golf for the U13 age group in Scotland in June. He will be on tour for two weeks with the team as they prepare for the Scottish conditions.

## Swimming

Josh Dixon (Grade 12) recently took part in the Senior National Swimming Championships. This is the top swimming gala that one can qualify for in South Africa and serves for Olympic qualifiers. Josh swam in the 50m and 100m Free, the 50m and 100m Butterfly and the 50m Backstroke events.

Andries Schoeman swam in the Senior Nationals Open Water 5km event and came 6th overall. He was the 1st U16 swimmer home which qualified him to compete in the 2012 World Junior Open Water Championships. His selection is to be confirmed.

Luke Couzens competed in the CANA Zone 3 and Zone 4 Swimming Championship held in Maputo from 24 to 29 April. Swimmers from 20 different African countries and from India competed in this gala. Luke achieved medals in the following events: Silver in the 100m Breaststroke and 4x50m Medley Relay, Bronze in the 50m Breaststroke, 200m Breaststroke and 400m Freestyle.

Congratulations to all these swimmers.



## SPORT SNIPPETS

### SCHOOL KZN TRIATHLON AND DUATHLON

After completing in various Triathlon events and achieving notable success, Josh Brown (Grade 11), has been awarded his KZN Colours for Triathlon. He will be representing the KZN Triathlon Team at the SA Triathlon

### FISHING CHAMP

Stuart Jones (Grade 11) finished first overall in the two-day national bass fishing trials at the Groenvlei Dam in the Western Cape. Stuart will represent SA in December at a team event in Zimbabwe and individually in the USA next year at Southern Division World Champs. Congratulations to Stuart.

### SAILING

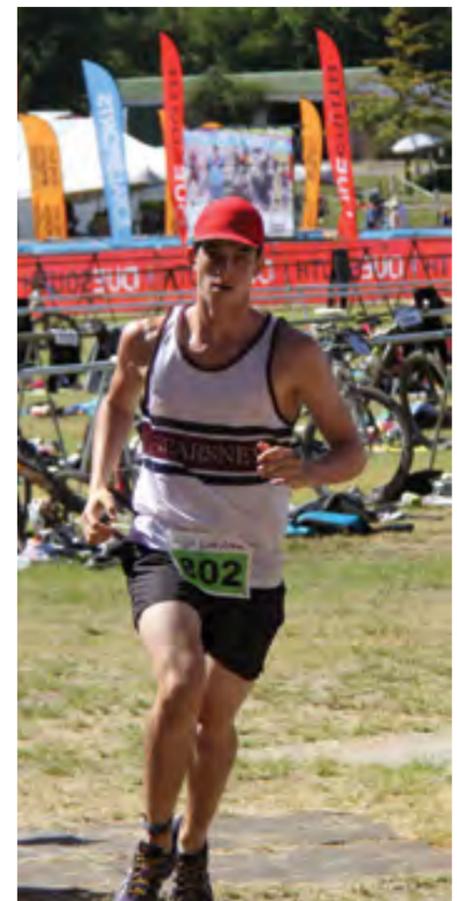
Matthew Gaughran participated in the Laser Class National Sailing Championship in May 2012.



Above: Greg McKay in action in Cape Town.

Below: Josh Brown

Below left: Matthew Gaughran



## Good'Old'Sports



Lloyd Madsen (KCOB 2004) celebrates with Justin Reid-Ross and Tim Drummond



Brad Barritt (KCOB 2004)



Chad Bowes presented his SA U19 jersey to Headmaster, Elwyn van den Aardweg on Monday 19th March

### OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS SA MEN'S HOCKEY

Lloyd Madsen (KCOB 2004) was part of the SA Men's Hockey team who sealed their spot at the London Olympics courtesy of a 2-1 win over the host nation Japan at the final Olympic qualifying tournament in Kakamigahara, Japan on 6th May.

Whilst Lloyd is hitting the headlines, brother, Wayne Madsen (KCOB 2001) continues his professional cricket career as captain of Derbyshire, the English county side for which he has played since 2009.

### SWIMMING CHAMP OLYMPIC HOPES

The men's 10 K swim in the 2012 South African South Open Water Swim Champs was a neck to neck affair with Troy Prinsloo (KCOB 2004) and the 2010 World 10 K champion Chad Ho matching each other stroke for stroke all the way. In the end, Troy edged ahead and pulled off a victory by one second, to win the title he shared with Ho last year in Jeffreys Bay. Troy will now focus on the last Olympic 10 K qualifier in Portugal in June.

## FOUNDERS WEEKEND 8 & 9 JUNE

A special welcome on 8-9 June to old boys from around the country and world who return to celebrate their friendships and connection with Kearsney.

The programme has been adapted to make it possible to watch the rugby international and 1st XV on Saturday against Westville. The 1st XV kick off at 1pm giving time to get to the 17h10 Springbok vs England game at Mr Price Kings Park. For those not going to the game, join us to watch the international game on the big screen in the Greyhound. The Greyhound Garden will extend its service to offer dinners.

The parents of the Class of 2007 celebrating their 5th reunion are hosting, for the first time, Kearsney Ambassadors who are invited to the Saturday programme. Help us grow our database of past parents by sending their name and details to [oldboys@kearsney.com](mailto:oldboys@kearsney.com).

The programme makes it possible to watch the rugby international AND 1st XV on Saturday against Westville.



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## THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

### The Promised Gift

*"...but wait for the gift my father promised, which you have heard me speak about." Acts 1:4*

I am acutely aware that many of our boys and families are facing some spiritually trying times. My prayer is that as the Holy Spirit descends upon us, we may feel the presence of God in our lives; comforting us, gently guiding us and challenging us deeper still into a relationship with God.

Rev Sifiso Khuzwayo

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