



## Champions of the World

The 64-strong group of boys, accompanied by 5 staff members, set off in July to represent Africa at The Rhythms of One World Music Festival in Geneva, Switzerland, before going on to successfully defend the World Championship title at the World Choir Games.

Mr Bernard Krüger, Director of Musical Performance, tells the story.

This festival is hosted every year by the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, a subsidiary of UNESCO. Our choir represented the African continent (as we did in New York in 2012) in a celebration of music which culminated in a performance in the General Assembly Hall in the European Headquarters of the United Nations. Whilst in Geneva the boys also performed in Victoria Hall, a magnificent concert hall which is the cultural hub of the city. (Below)



Our boys enjoyed walking around and taking in the breathtaking beauty and history of Geneva. A highlight of the stay was the lunch at the private home of the Ambassador Adbul Minty, the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations in Geneva.

From Switzerland the group flew to Riga, Latvia, to defend our World Champion title at the 8th World Choir Games. Riga is a marvellous city with pretty cobblestone streets, countless cathedrals and spires and a large number of public parks and green areas. The boys and staff appreciated the helpfulness and friendliness of the people, the interesting food on offer and the many daylight hours (the sun rose at around 03h30 and set after 23h00).

The Kearsney Choir has a long and distinguished history with the World Choir Games, the largest choral competition in the world. It is a truly immense event, with the 2014 Games attracting 27 000 participants in 460 choirs from 73 countries. Our boys again raised the bar and achieved the choir's best results to date. The choir entered three categories (Young Male Choir, Scenic Folklore and Scenic Pop) and brought home gold medals in all

three, bringing the Kearsney Choir gold medal tally to thirteen since 2000, making us the second most decorated choir in the history of the competition. The Choir received the highest score in the Scenic Pop category (96%), and they were declared World Champions. The Choir was clearly one of the festival favourites and the boys made many friends with singers from all over the world.

Seeing these schoolboys competing against the best choirs in the world makes one incredibly proud. These boys are all fully involved in the normal busy Kearsney routine with all the demands of top academic and sporting programmes. There are boys who play 1st and 2nd team rugby, cricket, hockey, basketball and water polo and one who has represented KZN U20 Basketball. One of the choir stalwarts was sadly unable to tour with the Choir due to his KZN rugby commitments. Most boys have cultural commitments outside of the choir, including drama and dancing. Five of the choir boys have achieved Honours for Drama this year. For these boys to beat the best in the world whilst balancing their other academic, sporting and cultural commitments is a truly remarkable achievement.



**Kearsney teacher Mr Moodley selected as Manager of SA Schools Rugby Team**



Kearsney was proud to learn of Mr Dean Moodley's well-deserved selection as the SA Schools Rugby Team manager for a two-year term. He will manage the team for the incoming U18 IRB Internationals vs England (Stellenbosch), Wales (George), France (Cape Town).

# Leadership Week

Our Leadership Week this year was a resounding success, thanks to the huge input of so many members of staff and the positive attitude of the boys.

Although the countryside desperately needed rain, the various groups dispersed around the province enjoyed the fine, warm weather throughout the week. I was once again very fortunate to be able to travel around, together with Messrs van den Aardweg, Kirsten and Carpenter, to the different venues to see the boys in action.

The Grade 8 group was divided into three smaller groups, with one group going to Hella Hella on the Umkomaas River, another to the Baynesfield Biosphere near Richmond and the third group to BergVenture in the Central Drakensberg. The general theme for the Grade 8s was "Learning to stand on your own two feet" with an environmental appreciation component added to the mix.

The Grade 9s were also divided into three groups, with one group going to the Khotso Horse Trails near Underberg, a second group going to the Tugela River Trails, near Winterton and the third and largest group going to Zingela Safaris near Weenen. This was the first time we have sent a group to Zingela and it was a great success. The

theme for the Grade 9s was "Being aware of the needs of others". On each of the Grade 9 courses the boys were taken out of their comfort zones - whether it was to climb a high mountain, cycle 32 km or hike a substantial distance from their camp and back.

The Grade 10s completed the physically demanding Spirit of Adventure course at the Shongweni Biosphere. The theme of their course was "Action-centred Leadership" and the boys certainly rose to the occasion. During the course they were taught to lead effectively through clear communication, empowerment and team work.

The Grade 11s completed an excellent course in "Ethical Leadership", conducted mainly on the Kearsney campus and surrounding areas. The theme for the course is very appropriate, as these boys are to lead the College next year. The boys explored the meaning and significance of the Kearsney Honour Code and committed to uphold it. The value of such programmes cannot easily be measured and must never be underestimated. The sentiment and approach of the boys and staff both during their courses and afterwards was very positive and rewarding.

A big thank you to all staff involved with the logistics of the week, especially the venue coordinators.

**Mr Rod de Villiers**  
Deputy Headmaster

## Grade 11 Ethical Leadership Week

Much will be demanded from everyone who has been given much, and from the one

Left: Grade 9s at Winterton

**This intensive course reiterated the values that Kearsney holds dear and examined servant leadership, ethical behaviour, rights and responsibilities and being men of honour.**

under their leadership. The Grade 11 Ethical Leadership course has at its core an exploration of ethics as well as a recognition of varied leadership styles.

Mr Brad Sadler, Mr Aaron McIlroy and Mr Craig Blewitt provided expert

perspectives from an outsider's view to demonstrate that any model of leadership adopted should be one that fits within a context broader than just Kearsney's. Many workshops were held covering topics from servant leadership, code of silence and social media to questions and debates on traditions, initiation, entitlement and consequences as well as policy and procedures. As the week progressed it became clear that, as a group, these boys are prepared to put in the work to ensure that the example they set the rest of the school will be carefully considered, appropriate and inspiring.

The team competition began on Tuesday night with "minute to win it" and the race and challenges through Giba Gorge pushed them physically to excel within an ethical context.

The final day started with a five hour "survivor" challenge which started at 05h30 in the morning and finished with two hours of community service.

The week was a huge success and the only challenge left for the Grade 11s is to make their commitment to ethical leadership a reality.

**Mr Anthony Willows**  
Deputy Headmaster

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Above: Grade 9s at Zingela



## Grade 10 Spirit of Adventure

The Grade 10 boys were hosted by Spirit of Adventure at Shongweni Dam for the duration of their Leadership Week. The boys worked through an intensive leadership programme which involved activities specifically designed to test and extend boys of this age. The tasks often involved testing physical activities, such as the now fabled 'night mission' challenges which were designed to get our boys to take calculated risks such as abseiling and rock climbing.

The course certainly tested every boy, whether he had to overcome a fear of heights, confined spaces or water to more mental challenges such as group problem solving puzzles. Despite the course being physically demanding and challenging, it was encouraging to see how positive our Grade 10s remained throughout the duration of the course.

**Mr Andy Morgan**  
Grade 10 Grade Head

## Grade 9

The theme for the week was 'Caring for others', with the emphasis on teamwork - sometimes in very challenging circumstances. The days and nights at the various camps involved a rotation of activities: mountain biking, horse riding, hiking, raft building, kayaking, abseiling and a number of other

(Many more photographs from Leadership Week are available on our Facebook page - KearsneyCollege)

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Above Left: Grade 9s at Khotso Horse Trails; Above: Grade 8s at Baynesfield; Left: Grade 10s at Shongweni.

demanding yet exciting activities. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained many valuable skills. This year the Grade 9s headed for three different venues:

## Zingela Safari & River Company

This beautiful camp is situated on the banks of the Tugela River. A highlight was a night under the stars with only their sleeping bags and a fire for warmth, followed by an early morning "polar bear swim" in the extremely cold Tugela River.

## Tugela River Trails

Winterton, in the foothills of the Drakensberg The group spent the week hiking and camping and cooking their own food. Apart from having to "bath" in farm dams, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the week and learnt a lot about themselves and working as a team. Highlights of the week were spotting several rhino while walking through the nature reserve and hearing tales of the Battle of Spioenkop.

## Khotso Horse Trails Farm

The activities included a seven hour hike to the summit of Bamboo Mountain. Some of the boys really struggled, but everyone made it with perseverance and encouragement from team mates. A valuable lesson learnt. Camping in tents in the crisp berg air was challenging and a new experience for some. A cold swim in the azure blue river pools was a highlight!

**Mr Mike Albers**  
Grade 9 Grade Head

## Grade 8

### Hella Hella

Quotes from boys who attended the camp:

"I loved all the team-building drills because I made new friends. The zipline was also loads of fun."

"Building the goalposts and playing soccer with the children at

the school for community

service was really enjoyable".

**Mr Wayne Marsden**  
Group Leader

## BergVenture

The fifty-four Grade 8 boys in this group were amazed by the beauty of this venue with the majestic Drakensberg forming a stunning backdrop. The activities included: zip-lining, tree climbing, obstacle course navigation, horse riding, abseiling, a 27,5km hike, soccer and lots of fun. The week ended with a very fulfilling community service session at the local school.

The boys bonded well and seeing other sides to their peers in a non-school environment helped many boys strengthen friendships and earn respect. It was rewarding to see some shy boys gain confidence. It was my pleasure to look after such a wonderful and respectful group of boys and they were great ambassadors for the College.

**Mr Manzini Zungu**  
Group Leader

## Baynesfield

A group of forty-four Grade 8 boys and three staff members were fortunate enough to experience Leadership Week in a lodge situated on a pristine bass dam at Baynesfield. The boys were taught new skills, including fire-making with sticks, shelter-building and tree-felling. Extremely competent leadership guides kept the boys busy throughout the day but there was still time to do some bass fishing and experience nature as it should be savoured. Highlights of the week included camping out overnight and an exhilarating zip-line experience. The wildlife and birdlife at Baynesfield is most impressive and provided an excellent theme for the week.

**Mr André van Zyl**



Above: Grade 11s at Giba Gorge.



## Excellent results for Kearsney boys in National English Olympiad

Congratulations to the following Kearsney boys on achieving Gold Medals in the 2014 De Beers English Olympiad by scoring over 80%: (pictured left to right) Grade 12s Dhirren Pillay, Ivan Crockart and Jeremy de Beer and Grade 11 Ross Cairns. Ross and Jeremy finished in the Top 50 overall. The Top 50 students in the Olympiad are each offered a scholarship to Rhodes University to cover the first year's fees.

More than 8 000 students entered from high schools around South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Mozambique. Thirty Kearsney boys achieved a silver or bronze certificate in the Olympiad.



## isiZulu Olympiad

Participation in the isiZulu Olympiad allows us to benchmark Kearsney pupils with other ISASA Schools. Wandile Linda and Clint Cele in Grade 9 did the Department very proud by achieving outstanding results in the second round of this national Olympiad, being placed first in South Africa, with 98% and fourth in SA with 91% respectively. Travus Louw in Grade 10 achieved 81% and made it through to the final round. The Grade 8 Olympiad was a pilot year and did not continue into a third round.

The Department of isiZulu would like to congratulate all the boys who participated and the fifteen boys who have made the third and final round. We are extremely proud of their achievements and wish them all the best.

**Mr Bongzi Ndaba**  
Head of isiZulu Department

## FROM WHENCE WE CAME

On Tuesday 5 August the Grade 8s, together with members of the History Department and Heritage Committee, spent the day at Kearsney Manor on the North Coast. Today an upmarket wedding venue, Kearsney Manor was built in the 1880s by Sir Liege Hulett and was home to the Hulett family until 1921, when Kearsney College opened its doors to the 13 founding pupils – most of whom were Sir Liege Hulett's grandsons. The present Grade 8s had the opportunity of exploring every corner of Kearsney Manor and the Hulett family chapel and graveyard – including trying to make contact with Lady Hulett's ghost – and in so doing came away with an appreciation of the history and traditions of their fine school.

**Mr Adam Rogers**  
HOD: History

*Evan Hulett in front of the grave of Sir James Liege Hulett. Evan is the great great great grandson of Sir Liege, the founder of Kearsney College.*

## Historyonix Exhibition

The annual Historyonix Exhibition focuses on WWII. History Teacher Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, reports.

The Grade 9 boys choose an aspect of WWII that interests them and build an exhibit individually or in groups. The brief of the project is to utilise the space provided to create an innovative, interactive and display, where appropriate, a model or poster that could inspire emotion. This year the Grade 9s produced projects of a high standard and their History teachers were suitably proud of their efforts.

The results were as follows:

- 1st Prize** Grant Manderson:  
For his electronically wired working U-Boat model and periscope.
- 2nd Prize** Juandr  de Beer, Connor Steedman and Ayron Kayser:  
For their neatly built, detailed and to-scale Anderson shelter.
- 3rd Prize** Lewis Traill, Scott Stewart and Kuhle Nkosi:  
For their World War II Propaganda Street – showing detail in the cobbled street and authentic looking street lamp.



## Culture@Kearsney

Culture@Kearsney is in full swing this term with the majority of the annual events either having taken place or coming up shortly.

The first event of the term was Drama@Kearsney, in which eight superb one-act plays were staged. One school has made taking part in the festival compulsory for pupils who wish to obtain drama colours at their school – a testament to the prestige in which this event is held.

Following shortly thereafter was Dance@Kearsney which again proved incredibly popular. Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, reports.

Schools from the Durban and Pietermaritzburg areas, as well as the odd dance studio, participated in the 2014 Dance@Kearsney programme. Performing in front of full houses on two consecutive nights, the dancers displayed a variety of dance styles ranging from classical ballet, Latin-American, free style



## Forthcoming events

There are two more events coming up this year, namely the photographic competition, which is partly sponsored by the Matthew Willman Visual Arts Foundation, and the two music festivals – one for primary school choirs and one for high school choirs. These events are always popular and showcase some amazing talent.

**Mrs Andrea Fripp**  
Director: Cultural Activities

## Ballroom Dancing

A group of our Grade 11s thoroughly enjoyed every dance class with St Mary's girls, learning dance steps such as the salsa, quickstep and cha cha. Several of them showed true star potential and may even go on to

win competitions!

Not only does the course count towards their Grade 12 Life Orientation practical component, but more importantly the boys and girls had lots of fun, learnt new dance moves and enjoyed the opportunity to exchange some phone numbers.

**Mrs Paula Isaac**  
Co-ordinator: Ballroom Dancing



hip-hop and modern to contemporary. Kearsney's entry explored the correlation between the political developments leading up to the successful transfer of power in South Africa using swing, kwaito, break-dancing and freestyle hip-hop. Leading the troupe were Grade 12s Morena Malakoana, Yanga Mazwai, Litha Sipunzi, Lorenzo Gama and Ntando Cele. The rest of the dancers were Craig van Zyl, Nathi Mazwai,

Nhloso Zulu, Jayden Proctor and Grade 8s Phoka Mchunu, Wandile Nyamela, Squalis Ngcobo, Thimna Mqedlana, Sibusiso Sangweni, David Scott and Baso Mazwai.

The future is bright for this event as a number of boys' schools have embraced the concept, joining girls and co-ed schools in a celebration of movement and expression.

## Dale Carnegie Generation Next Course 2014

The Dale Carnegie Generation Next Course was run over eight weeks with a three-hour session per week. Master in Charge, **Mr Adam Rogers**, reports.

This course is an adaption of the world-famous Dale Carnegie Course, designed for 17- to 20-year olds. Primarily it sets out to develop young people's EQ – a vital life skill for future success. The nature of the course also provides many opportunities for boys to do public speaking, allowing for development of these important skills.

At the end of the course the boys in each of the two groups had the opportunity of voting for the boy whom they believed best exemplified the standards, qualities and principles on which the famous Dale Carnegie Course is based. It is the most prestigious award in the programme. Luke Plotts was the worthy recipient of this award on the second term course. The third term course recipient has yet to be decided.

In completing the course these sixty-eight Kearsney boys have reached new levels of confidence, commitment and insight. The lessons learnt and habits formed will prove invaluable for the rest of these boys' personal and professional lives.

## Haley House Upgrades

We are very excited about the Haley House extensions and renovations which are well underway and on track to be completed before the start of next year. Haley Housemaster, **Mr Bruce Thompson**, tells the story.

A spacious new 28-bed dorm and modern bathrooms are currently being built which will allow the boys to be accommodated in comfort. Haley House is the home of our Grade 8s and it is wonderful to be able to cater for the strong demand for boarding at Kearsney. Boarding has many benefits for school boys, providing a structured and supportive environment conducive to their academic progress, whilst providing numerous social and personal development benefits. Boarding helps boys develop self-discipline, maturity, independence and social skills, skills vital for achieving their full potential in life. Kearsney's flexible boarding arrangements mean that families still enjoy quality time with their sons and maintain close relationships as their boys develop, something of tremendous importance to our families.



## Chess Club

Whilst the lack of a local chess association limits our opportunities for competitive play, our boys remained committed. James Hullet has continued to impress following his award of Best Player of 2013. He scooped the inter-house best senior player and won most of his matches as the number one ranked player. The arrival of Richard Paterson in Grade 8, a passionate and a committed player, has boosted the Kearsney team tremendously.

This year James and Richard had the opportunity to participate in a tournament under the Ilembe Districts Association. Following this event James was selected for the U20 KZN squad and Richard was placed 2nd in the U16 age group. They will both be part of the KZN squad to compete in Kimberley at the beginning of 2015. Congratulations to both of the boys. We wish them all the best.

**Mr Bongzi Ndaba**  
Master in Charge of Chess

## MINISTRY WEEK 2014

Our ministry week, an SCA initiative, took place from 28 July to 1 August 2014 and wow, what a week! The theme for the week was "Believe". Siya Kheswa (SCA Head) introduced the week by way of a professionally produced short video. The boys enjoyed listening to the various guest speakers during assemblies, Religious Education classes and Grade 8 and 9 Life Orientation.

The mid-week highlight was a combined SCA meeting and braai with Durban Girls College. We also had bands performing on the Monday and Friday evening. The week ended with a Youth Rally, attended by about 500 young people from surrounding schools. One of our boys who attended the rally said "I felt the warmth of the power of God". We thank the school for making the week possible.

**Rev James Headbush**  
Chaplain

## Outreach ACTIVITIES



### GOLDEN HOURS VISIT

Golden Hours is a local school that caters for children with special needs and we have, over many years, developed a wonderful friendship with their staff members and children. On our recent visit to Golden Hours the Kearsney boys were greeted with much excitement. A number of games were played with the children, including soccer, rugby, basketball and tennis. It was heart-warming to see the Kearsney boys helping the children to hold a cricket bat and showing them how to bowl. The excitement when the ball is successfully struck is wonderful to behold! It is very humbling to interact with the children.

Towards the end of the afternoon we had the traditional 100m race where every Kearsney boy runs with a Golden Hours' child on his back. The last event of our visits is always a tug-of-war, which is inevitably won by the Golden Hours team. We finished off our visit by congregating in the centre of the field, where we sang our Kearsney school song 'Come the Day' followed by Golden Hours singing their school song. Afterwards we all sang the national anthem together.

This is always a lovely, fulfilling and joyful day for both schools and we look forward to visiting Golden Hours again next term.

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### VISIT TO MAKAPHUTU

There is a conservancy area at Makaphutu which has been invaded by alien plants and a group of Kearsney boys rolled up their sleeves and got to work clearing these unwanted plants and trees in the area. Another group of boys played soccer with the children of Makaphutu Village, a local orphanage. Most of the children can only speak their mother tongue so soccer was great fun as the boys had to learn words like khahlela - kick, mfowethu - brother, liphakathi - a goal and gijima - run; to mention but a few. We were thoroughly beaten in our game, going down 1 - 4.

Our boys interacted beautifully with the children of Makaphutu, giving piggy-back rides, teaching them how to tie knots and shoe laces, reading books to the children and helping Grade 8 to 10 children with their Maths, Science and Accounting homework.



### CLOTHES DONATIONS

Two Grade 8 boys, Benjamin Proctor and Bryce Ras, were privileged to be able to hand over second-hand clothes, donated by Kearsney boys, to a very underprivileged community at KwaNyuswa. After enjoying a game of soccer with the local children, Benjamin and Bryce handed over the donated clothes. "We handed the clothes over to children who were incredibly

grateful for the gift. The smile on their faces when receiving these clothes was something special that we will remember forever", Ben said. The recipients were children from the ages of two to fifteen. The next day the

**The boys said that this experience helped them realise that they are privileged just to be able to wear a clean set of clothes every day and that money doesn't buy you happiness.**

children went to school wearing their new clothes. "When they saw us the following day they greeted us with a big smile and thanked us for what we have done for them" Bryce recalls.

**Mr Manzini Zungu**  
MiC Community Service

## PASTORAL CARE

### Successful Husbands and Fathers

During one of the tutorship meetings, the boys were asked to identify ten characteristics of a successful father and husband. These were collated and make for interesting reading. In no specific order:

**Caring and supportive:** You had children because you wanted them. You watch my games, are interested in what I do - always.

**Humorous:** Great sense of humour and not grumpy, unpredictable or morose.

**Understanding:** Know that I will make mistakes and you will forgive me for being a typical teenager.

**Available:** Not away from home for lengthy periods of time and available to listen to me at any time.

**Loving:** Genuinely love me and the rest of our family – and tell us!

**Respectful:** A man deserving of respect and one who gives respect to others where necessary. You respect our mother.

**Offer security:** Provides a home, food and a good education. Gives me a foundation for the future.

**Takes care of himself:** Fit, personal grooming, neatly presented.

**Trustworthy:** I know that my family unit will survive and maintain its core values and never be undermined by outside influences.

**A man of God:** Religious, morally strong, has core values and discipline is important - a role model.

**Mr André van Zyl**  
MiC Pastoral Care

*Carpe Diem*



KEARSNEY COLLEGE

## Three SA Hockey representatives for Kearsney



Left - Right: Blake Tyack, Bili Ntuli and Lyle Jarvel

**N**qobili (Bili) Ntuli (Grade 12) was chosen to represent the SA U18 Boys Hockey team after the U18 IPT. The team played in a three-test series against the Australian Schools team, which they lost 1-2. Two of the games were played at Kearsney.

Bili was also selected as captain of the SA U18 Fives Hockey team which attended the Youth Olympics in China. Bili enjoyed a successful competition, including the scoring of a hat-trick in their quarterfinal match against New Zealand. The team did very well to make the semi-finals and narrowly lost out in the play-off for the bronze medal against Australia.

In the U16 age group, Lyle Jarvel and Blake Tyack were selected for the SA U16 tournament team which was announced after the U16 IPT which was hosted by Kearsney. Congratulations to these boys on this fantastic achievement.

Mr Wayne Marsden  
MiC Hockey

## Tennis Tour to England and Spain

Sixteen boys enjoyed the trip of a lifetime; as they travelled to Europe to develop their game and gain international experience. Mr Anthony Willows, MiC Tennis, reports.

The Kearsney team spent two fantastic days at Wimbledon where they witnessed Nadal, Sharapova and Federer perform on Centre Court and saw Bouchard, Rainoic, Serena Williams, Cornet and Tsonga grace the grass courts. The team played three matches in the UK, losing to Millfield by 16 matches to 8, losing to The Sutton Tennis Academy by 14 matches to 10 and beating Dulwich College by 15 matches to 4.

The Spanish leg of the tour was the highlight of the journey, with the boys spending five days on the clay at the Andres Gimeno Tennis Centre in Barcelona. Each day started at 07h00 with breakfast followed by a two hour session on clay with the Spanish coaches. The boys then went sightseeing before returning for a further two hour session in the afternoon. By the end of the five days the boys had shown remarkable improvement.



The team played two matches in Barcelona, beating the Polo Club 15 – 6 and the Egara Club by 18 matches to 2. Some of the boys were so keen to make the most of this amazing opportunity that they had an additional session on the clay under lights from 22h00 until 23h30.

Sightseeing in Barcelona included trips to the beach, shopping in the centre of Barcelona, visiting Camp Nou, strolling down La Rambla, visiting the beautiful town of Sitges and admiring La Sagrada Familia, the famous



unfinished church of the architect Antoni Gaudi.

## Hockey going strong

Hockey enjoyed a very successful year overall and the players at all age groups showed great improvement throughout the season. Mr Wayne Marsden, MiC Hockey, reports.



**K**earsney Hockey set a high standard during 2014, with a number of teams producing excellent results. The talent and promise shown by the younger teams bode well for this success being maintained in 2015.

A very pleasant hockey awards evening was held at the end of the season with the 1st team plus all the provincial players, together with their parents, joining the Hockey staff for a relaxed and fun evening. Congratulations go to Matthew Last who was awarded both the Most Improved Player of the Year and the Players' Player of the Year awards. (Pictured).

Congratulations to the following boys who earned their 50th caps for the First XI during the course of the season: Bili Ntuli, Ruari Baker, Ruben van Aswegen and Dylan Griffiths.

Congratulations also go to the twenty-six Kearsney hockey players who represented the various KZN Coastals teams in 2014.

I would like to pay a special tribute to Mr Jon Robinson who is standing down after five very successful years as First XI coach. Mr Robinson has been a dedicated and passionate hockey coach and we thank him for his selfless service and immense contribution to Kearsney hockey. We congratulate Mr Sihle Ntuli on his appointment as 1st XI coach and wish him all the best for the future. Sihle coached the U16As this year and enjoyed great success with his team.

The undertaking of an overseas tour to Holland in 2015 will be a highlight in most players' careers. The players involved will soon start preparations for this tour. Players on the fringe have also been included in the High Performance training squad, which will benefit all involved.

## Soccer 2014

The season began with a record number of 30 teams (U14A-H; U15A-G; U16A-F; Open 1-9). MiC Soccer, Mr Wayne Amos, brings you the report.

The 'A' teams, were all very competitive and played some great soccer. The 1st XI had a very successful season, with notable wins against Northwood, Hillcrest High School, Michaelhouse, Thomas More, Hilton and Westville Boys' High.

It was also pleasing to see the boys in the lower teams enjoying themselves at practises and during matches and developing positive relationships with their teammates and the opposition alike.

During the season the following players were selected for the Highway Teams: U14: Gcina Gumede, Kandrin Naidoo and Mzuvumile Phike; U15: Ross Taylor, Kuhle Bophela, Daniel Cherry, Muki Memela, Keenan Naidoo and Tseko Mphakathi; U19: Connor Heycocks, Thomas Host and Trystan Tanner.



1st soccer team

The following players were then selected for the KZN teams, which will tour Gauteng in the October holidays: Kandrin Naidoo and Mzuvumile Phike (U14); Keenan Naidoo and Tseko Mphakathi (U15); and Thomas Host (U19 B).

Overall, a successful soccer season was had by all. Special thanks go to the players and coaches for the positive approach taken to soccer and the great commitment shown.

# Rugby 2014



Tristan Tedder earned his fiftieth cap for the 1st XV in the last match of the season. He was awarded the Players' Player of the Year.

It is with great satisfaction that we look back on the 2014 rugby season. Mr Barend Steyn, Director of Rugby, shares the highlights.

All the age group 'A' teams participated in highly competitive tournaments during the April holidays and represented the school with pride and passion. These tours are of vital importance as they help to prepare the players for their senior years, where the 1st XV host many high profile teams from across the country during our own Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival.

Congratulations to Tristan Tedder who earned his fiftieth cap for the One Stripe in the last match of the season. He distinguished himself further by becoming the highest point scorer for the first team, in the school's history, with a tally of 491 points accumulated over the past three seasons. Tristan also captained the KZN Craven Week team at the annual interprovincial tournament where he was a final trialist for the SA Schools team. He was joined in provincial selection by James Hall and Tristan Dixon, while Tijde Visser was selected for the Academy team.

Former England, British and Irish Lions player and Kearsney College Old Boy Matt Stevens delivered an inspiring message at the 1st XV Dinner during which Tristan Dixon and Tristan Tedder were honoured with the Most Improved Player and the Players' Player of the Year awards respectively. We thank our leaving players for their dedicated service and wish them all the best as the younger players start preparing for another exciting season.



Tristan Dixon was awarded the Most Improved Player of the Season

# Inter-house Cross country

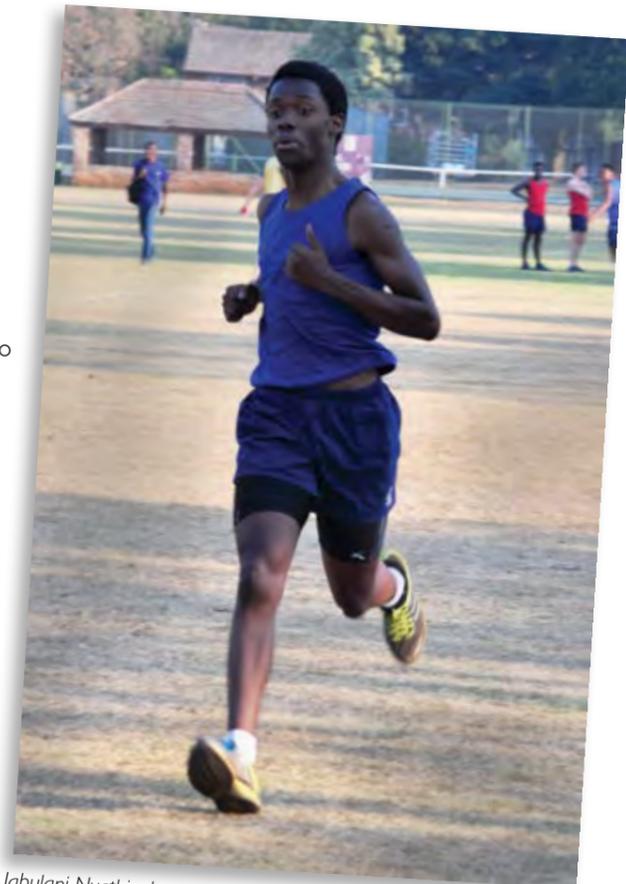
The Inter-house Cross country event was held on 26 June 2014. Mr Matt Conradie, MiC Cross country, reports on the event.

In the Junior race one of the marshalls unfortunately sent the first seven runners the wrong way. These boys were, however, given the opportunity to run again at a later date and Pembroke made a clean sweep of the medals with Jason Proctor coming in 3rd, Ross Holland 2nd and Daniel Taylor 1st.

The senior race was dominated by Finningley, with Daniel Blanckenberg being placed 3rd, Wade Ambrose 2nd and Jabulani Nyathi in 1st position, breaking his own record with a time of 23 minutes 16 seconds.

The top 40 boys from each house determine the outcome of the day and the overall results were:

- Gillingham 1st
- Finningley 2nd
- Pembroke 3rd
- Sheffield 4th



Jabulani Nyathi who won the race with a time of 23 min. 16 seconds

# Inter-house Athletics

The 2014 Inter-house Athletics was held on Wednesday 20 August, with the long-distance events having been run the previous week. Mr Gareth Moerdyk reports.

The event started in bright sunshine and, as has become tradition, finished in rather dreary weather which necessitated the cancellation of two events. Once again, Finningley ran out winners by a large margin, with the fight for second place being hotly contested by Gillingham and Sheffield. Although no records were broken on the day, there were some memorable performances from the athletes. The day culminated in the much-anticipated tug-of-war finals between Gillingham and Finningley, with the Finningley team dedicating their effort to outgoing Housemaster Mr Lubbe. This proved motivation enough and they won the tug-of-war rather comfortably in the end, capping a good day for Finningley house.

# Golf News

Congratulations to Greg McKay and James Kennedy who have been selected for the KZN A Golf Team to play at the IPT in the October holidays. They will be playing at Reading Country Club in Alberton and will be defending their 1st and 2nd places from the 2013 IPT.

Mr Bruce Thompson  
MiC Golf

# Rugby 7's Season

Kearsney's 7s rugby team made the school proud by winning two out of the three tournaments in which they participated this season, namely the Crawford and the Voortrekker 7s tournaments. Kearsney played 15 games over the three tournaments and lost only one game

The coach of the team, Mr Francois Lubbe, paid tribute to the boys, saying they "displayed true dedication and commitment and were fearless on the field".

Congratulations go to Tristan Dixon who was selected to the KZN 7s side.



The 7s team which won the Voortrekker Tournament

### Crawford La Lucia 7s Tournament

- Vs Grantleigh Won 38-5
- Vs Crawford La Lucia Won 33-5
- Vs Kingsway Won 62-0
- Cup Semi Final: Vs Clifton Won 15-12
- Cup Final: Vs Northwood Won 57-5

### Clifton 7s Tournament

- Pool Stages:
- vs Westville: won 21-5
- vs Kloof: won 28-12
- vs St Henrys Marist: won 48-0
- Quarter Finals: vs George Campbell: won 26-2
- Semi Final: vs Michaelhouse: Lost 17-19

### Voortrekker 7s Tournament

- Vs Port Natal won 26-0
- Vs DHS won 33-5
- Vs Voortrekker won 50-0
- Semi Final: Vs Hilton won 33-5
- Final: Vs Maritzburg College won 31-17





# GRADE 11 DANCE

The Grade 11s celebrated the end of their demanding Leadership Week with the annual Grade 11 Dance. Ms Jolene Ostendorf, Co-ordinator of the Grade 11 Dance shares the story.

The theme of "Last Night on the Titanic" lent itself superbly to an evening of elegant décor and socialising with the young ladies who had been invited.

The night kicked off with a selection of "mocktails" served by the Grade 10 assistants decked out in their nautical attire, whilst hors d'oeuvres were presented to the excited and somewhat nervous guests. After a delicious meal the guests were given the opportunity to dance the night away. By all accounts, a fantastic evening was had by all, with the majority believing the event to be far too short, much like the lifespan of the ill-fated Titanic itself.

As has become tradition, part of the ticket price for the evening is allocated to a charitable cause and, bearing in mind the theme for the evening, this year chosen recipient is the National Sea Rescue Institute. My sincerest thanks to the Parents' Society and the Grade 11 mothers who helped to put this function together. Special mention must be made of the Grade 10 Visual Art students who painted stunning pictures for the décor and the Photographic Club who provided their services for the evening.

Ms Jolene Ostendorf  
Co-ordinator: Grade 11 Dance



## Parents' Society Report

We have dovetailed our two major events this year to coincide with the Matric Dance and the Grade 11 Dance. This was done to contain costs and ticket prices for both the boys' and the parents' events. The third term dinner and dance themed "Titanic" was a real success in terms of providing an enjoyable evening as well as supporting the Grade 11 Dance.

The Kearsney Kit barrow, staffed by the Parents' Society, achieved its aim of raising the awareness of the Kearsney supporters kit. We look forward to carrying the new range next year.

Finally, we wish the Grade 12 boys all the best as they prepare for their final school exams.

Mark Conway  
Chairman: Parents' Society



## OLD BOYS' NEWS



## Road Naming Ceremony

Founders Weekend began on Friday the 13th of June with a special ceremony to unveil new road names on campus. The four roads and one lane were named after members of staff who had served the school at Kearsney, near Stanger, on the North Coast and were responsible, together with the Headmaster, Mr R.H. Matterson, for the successful relocation of the school to Botha's Hill in 1939. The members of staff thus honoured are Max and Pat Oram, Jack and Thea Reece, Ben and Alison Milner, Sister Jenny Atlee and Patrick Myandu. The boys of the College enjoyed the sense of history, tradition and pride as they listened to the special guests pay tribute to the honourees at each of the sites.

The two other staff members who came across with the move, Mr R.H. Matterson and Mr Cyril Medworth, have been previously acknowledged with the naming of Matterson Field and the Chapel Lych Gate and the naming of the Rugby Pavilion respectively.



(L-R) Bruce Thompson, Peter Hayman, Marten Corfe, André van Zyl

## CLASS OF 2007 LEADS THE WAY

The Class of 2007 Memorial Bursary Fund has hit the R600,000 mark, making it the largest Class Fund. Part of the interest on this investment is now providing a bursary to a Kearsney student. In the main these funds have been raised at the annual Stef Mark Rohwer Memorial Golf Day which, was held once again at the Kloof Country Club, on Friday 18 July. The 108 players enjoyed a colourful and heart-warming 'Island Style' experience. The event raised just over R85,000. This special fund was started by the Rohwer family in memory of their son Stef. The legacy will contribute toward making it possible for talented young men to attend one of the finest schools in the country. This is not only about Kearsney - it is about the importance of giving others a chance to gain an education and all-round experience of a lifetime. It is about giving back and giving young men hope in our country where so much is needed. Read more about the Class of 2007 Memorial Fund on the Kearsney Foundation page on [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com).



We are delighted to have received notification from the Transnet Foundation that they will be fully sponsoring another two boys to attend Kearsney from Grade 8 2015. This will bring the total number of pupils at Kearsney who are fully funded by the Transnet Foundation to five and the school is immeasurably enriched by their presence and contribution.

The Transnet Foundation's education programme aims to equip academically gifted orphans in underprivileged communities with a firm foundation in critical subjects such as Maths, Physical Science, Accounting and English and to provide comprehensive educational and psycho-social support. Students will also receive Transnet bursaries to enable them to further their studies at universities of their choice within South Africa.

The Transnet Foundation is responding in a very special way to the call for each one of us to find a role to play in the education of the child. They have an uncompromising commitment to ensure an excellence in education and bridge the gap towards true social cohesion. Theresa Moila, Transnet's CSI director, says "Education is the responsibility of all SA citizens living in and companies doing business in the country. It takes a village to raise a child. Each of us is part of that village and we invite you to be part of this important mission."

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."**

*Nelson Mandela*

Kearsney salutes Transnet and the Transnet Foundation for this incredibly important initiative and thanks them for their continued faith and support.

**Mrs Joy Mills-Hackmann**  
Foundation Director



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We invite all supporters of the Arts, the College or the Choir to make a monthly donation and be a "Friend of the Choir". Gifts may start from as little as R100 per month.

### Benefits for our valued individual supporters include:

- An annual tax certificate to claim your donation off your SARS tax submission;
- regular eNews about the Kearsney Choir;
- a free copy of the high-quality Choir tour magazines; AND
- box office discounts for Kearsney Choir performances.

The power of our collective giving will play an important role to ensure the sustainability of the incredible Kearsney Choir success story.

Please be generous and join this initiative!

### TO JOIN:

Please use our safe, quick and easy online Pledge Form on the Kearsney Foundation page on [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com) and complete the required steps. Alternatively, please contact us at [foundation@kearsney.com](mailto:foundation@kearsney.com).

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## THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

I continue with the theme on *worrying* which I discussed 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)

This also happened to be the discussion around the dinner-table at one of our extended family gatherings earlier this year. One of my uncles responded as follows: "You know James, I decided ages ago not to make worry part of my life anymore." My question was: "How?" He said: "I just take the thing that worries me out of my mind." I asked again: "How?" And his response was: "It comes with practise; you have to practise it, until you get it right. Furthermore, what I have learned is that the solution comes. And it comes easiest when you decide not to worry about the matter".

**Rev James Headbush:** Chaplain



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