



## BREAKING NEW GROUND

Work has begun on the first phase of the exciting new classroom block, adding four large classrooms and a large multi-purpose exam venue to the school's facilities. Marketing Director **Mr Rob Carpenter** reports.

The new facilities will be operational by the beginning of 2016, allowing the school to comfortably accommodate the strong enrolment numbers and the fantastic demand for a Kearsney education.

Academics are Kearsney's number one priority and the motivation for the project arose primarily from this commitment to academic excellence. The new classrooms will be in-line with international

practice and allow for modern teaching methodologies, providing the space and configuration for the teachers to effectively facilitate group discussions and project-based work, while incorporating appropriate technology.

Kearsney is widely recognised as one of the country's most prestigious schools and constant improvement and innovation are important for the College to remain a world-class school.

The beautifully-designed building will ultimately provide Kearsney with eight new spacious classrooms of 72m<sup>2</sup> each, regarded as the optimal size for a modern classroom. The new classrooms will also allow for the walls separating some of the older classrooms to be removed, thereby making one large classroom instead of two small ones. Some of these classrooms were built in the 1950s and are less than half the size of the new classrooms!



PHASE 1: North Block

## Class of 2014 achieved outstanding results

This report by **Mr Adam Rogers**, Director of Academics.

Kearsney's well-established Maths and Science Excellence Programme again delivered outstanding results in the 2014 IEB NSC Examinations. With 47% of the Kearsney boys who wrote Mathematics achieving a distinction (almost double the IEB distinction rate of 26%), as well as achieving a group average of 74,6%, compared to the IEB average of 64,55%. In Physical Science, 37% of the Kearsney boys who



Courtyard View



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Kearsney is an incredibly busy school and the College hosts a large number of events. The new exam venue will provide an additional venue for the numerous exhibitions, expos, presentations and music and drama performances that the College produces.

The project will provide Kearsney with a beautiful and inspiring building, complete with an impressive quadrangle, typical of so many famous traditional schools around the world. The building is designed to ensure that the area retains its natural beauty and it is sure to become an iconic piece of Kearsney architecture for the generations to come.

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wrote this subject achieved a distinction (compared to the IEB national distinction rate of 12,9%). The boys who wrote Physical Science achieved an average of 71,09%, compared to the IEB average of 60,16%. These two subjects have been highlighted as they, more than any other subjects, open more doors to both local and international tertiary institutions and are sound indicators of academic potential for highly sought out tertiary courses such as Medicine and Engineering.

A school's NSC results are just one gauge of academic success. Other measures are the percentage of its school leavers who obtain admission into university courses; and the percentage of those who obtain admission into the university and faculties of choice.

The following analysis for the class of 2014 was done using data obtained prior to the writing of the final NSC Examinations. University entrance at that stage was based on the Trial Examination results:

### In summary

As can be seen in the graphs, 90% of the Class of 2014 has chosen to embark on tertiary study following the writing of their NSC examinations. Of these 81% secured a place in their first choice university course. Over half of the Class of 2014 (55,51%) have chosen to study at either UCT or Stellenbosch University, with UCT being the slightly more popular choice. It is interesting to note that seven of the Class of 2014 have indicated that they are entering universities overseas (Australia, Canada, USA and the UK). This is more than previous years and is a trend that seems to be growing.

Looking at the courses of study, by far the most popular course is the general B Com degree, followed by Engineering. It should be noted that 40,8% of the Class has chosen a Science-related career – either botanical, anatomical or engineering in nature.

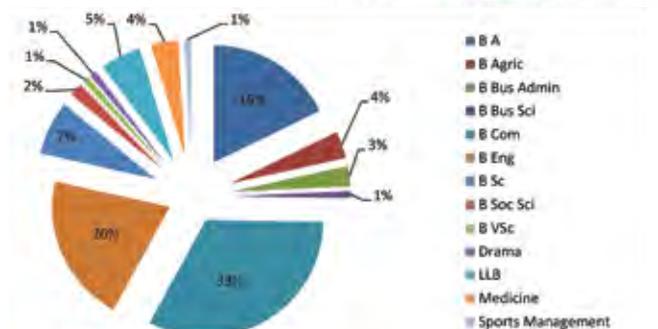
### KEARSNEY'S APPROACH TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The IEB examinations are academically rigorous but strategies are put in place by Kearsney teachers to ensure that our boys rise to the challenge. Academic excellence at Kearsney is a result of a well-developed plan with a number of strategic systems in place and initiatives including:

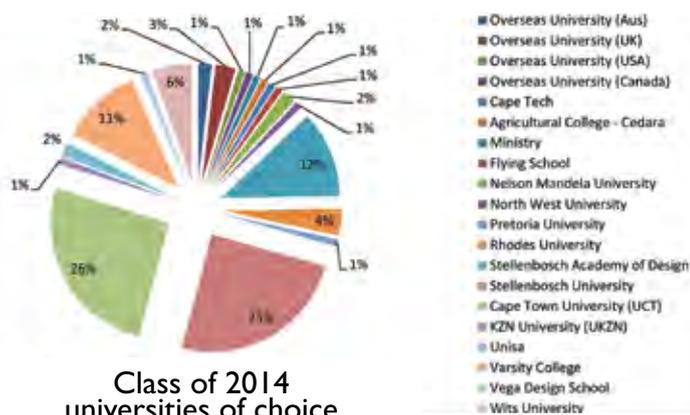
- fostering of good relationships between boys and teachers; teachers and parents and the co-operation of all academic members of staff to achieve the best possible results in all subjects;
- An experienced, qualified and motivated academic staff;
- Small class sizes;
- Challenging and inspiring boys;
- Structured learning environment;
- Continuous testing programme;
- Support teaching classes; and
- Academic Support.

This could reflect the enjoyment of the Sciences and the strong foundation that they received through Kearsney's Maths and Science Excellence Programme.

### Class of 2014 plans for 2015



Courses being followed



Class of 2014 universities of choice

## MODERN TALKING

To further internationalise Kearsney's academic offering, a number of modern foreign language options have been added to the Grade 8 and 9 Elective Programme. Mr Adam Rogers, Director of Academics, reports.

For the first time, boys in Grades 8 and 9 have the opportunity of learning conversational skills in German, Spanish, Hindi, Mandarin, French and Afrikaans or isiZulu (for those who have not opted for either of these subjects at First Additional Language level).

A one-hour lesson over a six month period aims to provide these boys with the requisite language skills to enable them to converse on a basic level if given the opportunity to travel locally or internationally.

There are twenty additional courses available to the boys on the Elective programme, from "Outdoor Survival Skills", "Love of Reading" to "3D Modelling".



Grade 8 German elective



Grade 9 Spanish elective



Grade 9 Hindi elective

## Termly Academic Awards 2014: Term 4

### GRADE 11 Top 5

1. Nyathi, Jabulani
2. Hansen, James
3. Butler, Matthew
4. Conway, Ross
5. Cairns, Ross

### Progress Awards

1. Loades, Derrick
2. Dixon, Samuel
3. Nilsen, Aiden
4. Boulle, Blake
5. Healy, Sean
6. Mckay, Gregory

### GRADE 10 Top 5

1. Rencken, Cameron
2. Oliver, Grant
3. Pilbrough, Jason
4. Essay, Taahir
5. Massa, Kelian

### Progress Awards

1. Clarke, Rigby
2. Tiegs, Cameron
3. Shaw, Paul
4. Contrera, Rodrigo
5. Watts, Matthew
6. Whitfield, Matthew

### GRADE 9 Top 5

1. D'Eramo, Bradley
2. Loubser, Emil
3. Comrie, David
4. Tshabalala, Ntinga
5. Jones, Cameron

### Progress Awards

1. Weyer, Andrew
2. Palmer, Bradley
3. Nkosi, Sibongumusa
4. Bashford, Jason
5. Mc Grath, Patrick

### GRADE 8 Top 5

1. Whitehouse, Robert
2. Strydom, Jethro
3. Combrinck, Carl
4. Sewbaran, Kyle
5. Lee, Michael

### Progress Awards

1. Mkhwanazi, Mnotho
2. Templar, Jaryd
3. Morgan, Guy
4. Scott, David
5. Muirhead, Taine
6. Crookes, Calvin

## Prefects lead from the front

The prefect body of 2015 is a very diverse group of boys, providing the school with many different forms of leadership and service. Being appointed a prefect at a school like Kearsney is a great honour and privilege and comes with great responsibility. Mr Anthony Willows, Deputy Headmaster reports.

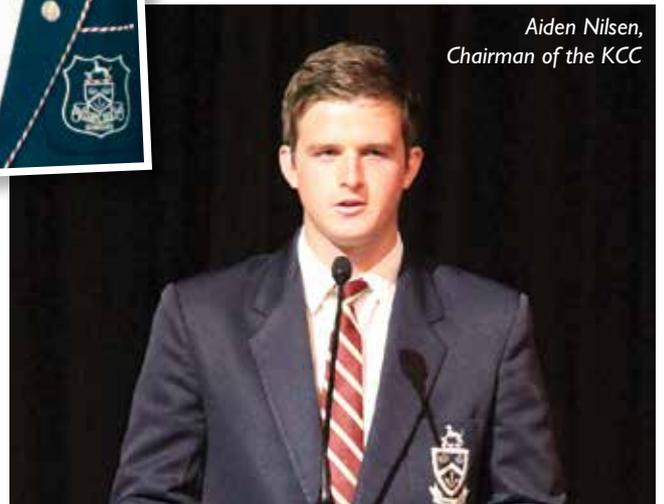
A very successful prefects' seminar was held at Giba Gorge over two days in February. It was an intense but very productive exercise as the prefects set out their goals for the year and discussed their roles and responsibilities.

A lot of time was spent on the Honour Code, which has now become an integral part of the College, and the prefects undertook to uphold the Code and lead by example. The goals presented included: to foster the pride and passion of the boys; to uphold and respect the basic values and traditions for which Kearsney is known; to maintain the high standards at Kearsney in all spheres, and to demonstrate a sense of gratitude. In order to achieve those goals the prefect body would have to lead from the front - setting an example for the school to follow by being involved, disciplined and standing up for what is right.

With the different personalities and strengths of the boys who make up the body, I believe that they can lead and serve the College with passion and pride.



Aiden Nilsen,  
Chairman of the KCC



An agreement is signed between the Grade 8s and their Grade 11 mentors whereby the mentor undertakes, amongst other things, to help the Grade 8 settle into Kearsney, provide advice and provide the Grade 8's parents with feedback. The Grade 8s receive their ties at a special ceremony, after the completion of Orientation Week, officially welcoming them as Kearsney boys. (See picture on Page 5).

## Grade 11/Grade 8 Mentorship

Mr André van Zyl, Head of Pastoral Care, reports.

Grade 8 parents had an opportunity to meet their son's Grade 11 mentor informally in the senior Houses on Friday 30 January. This is always a very reassuring exercise for the parents as they meet the senior boy who fulfils a "big brother" role over the next two years in their sons' life, offering advice and guidance to follow the traditions of this great institution and mature into solid Kearsney citizens.

## The new-look Kearsney College Council

The two Kearsney College Councils (Junior and Senior) have been amalgamated into one Council – the official Kearsney College Council (KCC). Mr André van Zyl, Head of Pastoral Care, has the story.

The basic foundation of the KCC remains the same - it is a body elected by the boys for the boys - to provide the boys with a voice in school matters. This streamlined body sees the introduction of specific portfolios and representatives will be responsible for all matters pertaining to these portfolios. When necessary they will share boys' queries and concerns with relevant staff members and report back to the Council. There is also a community service aspect, with the KCC involved in a project at an orphanage. The Council boys fulfil roles as ambassadors and role models in the Kearsney community and we wish these responsible and dynamic young leaders all the best for the year ahead.

## A Brave New World

*It is incredible how quickly time has flown since our intake of Grade 8s first arrived on campus in their new uniforms, nervous, proud and excited. Mr Bruce Thompson, Haley Housemaster and Mr Jason Rottcher, Grade 8 Grade Head, bring you the story.*

The wait was finally over and the boys now had the opportunity to be part of something they had dreamed about.

With a bumper intake of one hundred and thirty-nine young boys we were in for a busy first week to ensure that every boy settled in quickly and understood what it means to be a Kearsney boy. The incredible patience of the prefects of Haley House was once again a highlight for me as they helped these young boys acclimatise in a very short space of time.

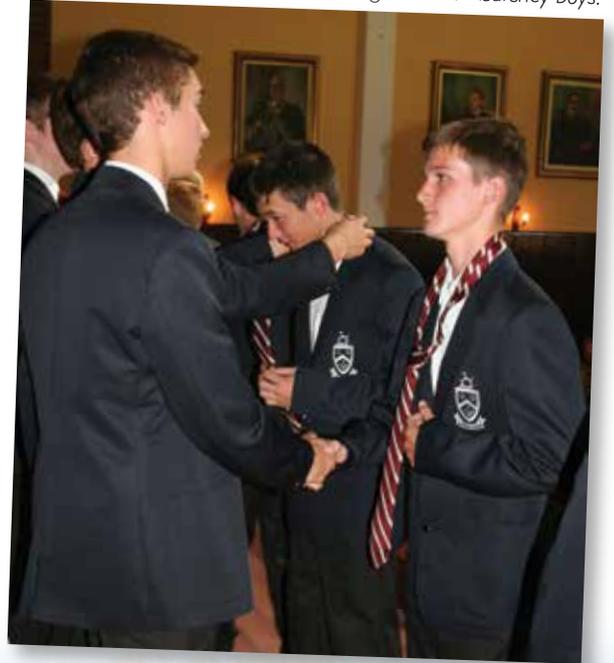
Mr Zungu's orientation day on the Friday of the first week once again proved to be a fitting event to unite the boys and allow them to have some fun together. In this informal setting the boys' personalities started to shine and it was soon evident that this group of Grade 8s would not be in short supply of character.

After representing Kearsney for the first time on the sports field on the first Saturday of term, the boys went to bed early in anticipation of a demanding hike the next day. We were greeted by a beautiful morning and stunning views. In very hot

conditions the boys completed their hike through Alverstone Valley before finally trudging back up the conservancy and collapsing in the shade. In the late afternoon the dayboys left campus and the boarders were treated to some touch rugby lessons from the prefects and a fun House braai next to the Head Prefect's cottage.

Some eight weeks later the start of the year seems a distant memory. Laundry, making beds, waiting at doors and greeting seniors all seems to be a part of life now. The sporting results of our Grade 8s have shown that this talented group have a bright future ahead and will prove to those who have gone before them that they understand what it means to be Kearsney gentlemen.

*The Grade 8s receive their ties at a special ceremony, after the completion of Orientation Week, officially welcoming them as Kearsney boys.*



*Grade 8 boys, staff and prefects hiked through the Alverstone Valley on the first Sunday of term.*





## Glamorous Affair for Matric Dance

The Great Gatsby themed décor created by Mr Vaughan Carlisle made for a stunning setting for this year's Matric Dance. Tasteful style and incredible attention to detail made the venue very special. Grade 12s were smartly turned out, accompanied by beautiful young ladies and treated to a lovely meal and music to dance the night away.

Thanks to everyone who played a part to make the evening one to remember for all of our Grade 12s.



2015 Cultural programme launched



One of the highlights of the music calendar is the termly **Studio Concert**, where our music students have an opportunity to display their talents on stage. This term each subject music class (Grade 9 Elective, Grades 10, 11 and 12) prepared a joint musical item, which formed the practical component of their term mark. Other items included some of our top music students performing solos, duets and other combinations. This was an incredibly uplifting and inspiring event.



Culture  
@ KEARSNEY  
2015

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

Culture@Kearsney is designed to encourage the celebration of arts and culture and expose the talents of the youth in KZN. This year's programme was launched on 11 March with a public exhibition of Visual Arts in the Henderson Hall.

Please visit [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com) for details of forthcoming events.

Kearsney College Careers Expo

On the 24 February 2015 Kearsney College hosted its third annual Careers Expo. The report is brought to you by Mrs Kerry-Jane Coleman, School Counselor.

This year's expo was a resounding success, with close to seventy exhibitors attending, including international organisations. The expo is designed to assist pupils from Kearsney as well as the surrounding schools with guidance as to career and study options after school. Grade 8 and 9 pupils were given the opportunity to attend the expo and were encouraged to start thinking seriously about what they would like to do after school. This ties in with the Grade 9 subject choice assessments which are offered at Kearsney, as well as the Grade 11 career assessments.

The expo attracted over eight hundred learners from not only Kearsney but the following schools: Hlahlindlela High School from KwaNgqolosi, KwaNtebeni Comprehensive High School from KwaNyuswa,

Hillcrest High school, St Marys DSG, Thomas More, St Benedict's and Waterfall College.

Three break-away venues were created this year where twenty minute presentations were given by eighteen different speakers, giving the learners the opportunity to engage on a one-to-one basis and ask as many questions as possible.



## Acting it out

*Congratulations to the pupils involved in the outstanding Inter-house One Act Play Competition held on Friday 20 February. Ms Ulaetha Singh, Head of Dramatic Arts reports on the outcome.*

The scripts, which were devised and written by the pupils, made for insightful and entertaining theatre. The audience, comprising of staff and pupils of Kearsney College and the supportive Kearsney community of friends and family, appreciated the effort that had gone into producing the plays. Gillingham's play revolved around peer pressure and the choices one makes in life. Pembroke explored the search for justice, while Finningley told the story of a young teenager who is cast onto the streets where he learns that every day is a struggle. Sheffield's play introduced the audience to a man framed for the murder of his wife. The adjudicator, Mrs Tanya Conradie of Thomas More College, commended the talented pupils on their professional and polished performances and was impressed by the balance of the serious and the comic in each play. Our masters of ceremony, Robert Polkinghorne and Jabulani Nyathi, conducted the evening's event with dignity.

The awards for the evening went to Gillingham for Best Original Script, Liam Mac Court for Best Supporting Actor, Kevin Sibande for Best Actor and the Winning House for 2015 was Finningley. The class of 2015 has set a fine example for their peers to follow.



Winning House: Finningley



Best Actor: Kevin Sibande



Best Supporting Actor: Liam Mac Court

The week started at the Hillcrest Aids Centre where the boys helped with weeding gardens and planting plants which the organisation sells for fundraising. Forty-eight boys also visited CROW to assist with clearing areas for new cages for the relocation of animals.

During the first week two busloads of boys went to Makaputhu Orphanage where they helped with gardening and played soccer with the children. In the second week Kearsney boys visited again to do homework with children and again had fun playing soccer. Two big busloads of boys went to Golden Hours School for special needs children where their visit was eagerly awaited. The boys also visited Hillcrest Hospital to spend some time reading and playing games with patients.

Some boys bought paint and painted an elderly lady's house in Mariannhill and others helped by digging trenches to provide suitable drainage around homes in kwaNyuswa. The second week was rounded off by a visit to Durban beach front to do a clean-up or "litter parade".

Thanks to Mr Zungu for coordinating these outreach activities and to all of the boys who gave generously of their time and energy.

## Reaching out

*Hundreds of our boys were involved in our Community Service Week this term, which extended over two weeks. Kearsney has been involved in each of these projects over many years. Mrs Heather Pearse, Communications Manager shares the story.*



# Kearsney's International Exchange Programme

The International Exchange programme offers Grade 10 boys the opportunity of spending a term in a high school overseas, gathering valuable international exposure and life experience. **Mr Matthew Saville, MiC:** International Exchange covers the event.

Exchange partner schools are found in Australia, England and Ireland.

The boys who participated in the programme visited the following schools last year:

**Christchurch Grammar School, Perth, Australia:** Blake Tyack

**The Rossall School, England:** David Weaver, Jared Meyer, Kieran Smith, Ryan Lewarne, Cam Baker

**Canberra Grammar School, Canberra, Australia:**

Christian Bamber, Warren Driver, Cameron Craze

**Catholic University School, Dublin, Ireland:** Craig Barth,

Cuan Crocker, Daniel van Zyl

**Boxhill, Surrey, England:** Stuart McCleave

**St Peters School, Adelaide, Australia:** Michael Whitehouse

The report-back of the 2014 International Exchange programme took place this term on a misty Kearsney evening in the Greyhound Pavilion. The feedback from the boys was fascinating and included:

**Memorable experiences:**

Watching the Proteas beat Australia at the WACA;

Playing rugby for the Rossall 1st XV;

Seeing Big Ben, riding the London Eye and visiting Buckingham Palace;

Watching Queens Park Rangers play Darby at Stamford Bridge;

Seeing the Springboks play England alongside 83 000 spectators at Twickenham;

Going on an Agricultural trip and staying in an abandoned town-Ganmain (Population: 8 persons);

Meeting Dale Steyn at the MCG;

Participating in the "40-hour famine".

**Notable Differences:**

School started at 08h30 or 09h00, finishing at 15h30;

Physical Education was a period every day;

School grounds were much smaller than Kearsney's;

No hierarchy, traditions or manners;

Half-term is one week long;

The "House Jolly" is an event where students go out to dinner at the end of term, dressed in black;

General school discipline is poor. Inappropriate language goes unpunished;

School sport was really weak.

**What I learned:**

I saw the world through another culture's eyes;

My parents have sacrificed a lot for me – the education I have is thanks to them;

I learned to appreciate the differences and enjoy the similarities.



David Weaver, Jared Meyer, Kieran Smith and Ryan Lewarne



Christian Bamber, Warren Driver, Cameron Craze and Cam Baker



Stuart McCleave



Craig Barth, Cuan Crocker and Daniel van Zyl



Michael Whitehouse



Blake Tyack



International squash touring party

## Squash Tour to Malaysia and Singapore 28 March - 9 April 2015

*Kearsney's two-week long overseas squash tour to Malaysia and Singapore departs on Saturday 28 March. Mr Andrew Morgan, MiC: Squash has the news.*

The tour group includes fourteen of the College's top players from across the age groups as well as two members of staff, Mr Andy Morgan and Mr Etienne Grundling.

The tour starts in Penang in the North of Malaysia where the boys will attend a training camp at the Nicol David International Squash Centre. They will then play fixtures, attend training sessions and sightsee down the length of Malaysia from Penang in the North, down through Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur to Malacca in the South. The tour then transfers to Singapore for two days, where the boys will play their final fixture before spending

a day at Universal Studios on Sentosa Island. The touring party will return home on Thursday 9 April.

The parents' fundraising committee, chaired by Mr Patrick Scott-Martin, has had a very successful

campaign which has comprised a food and wine pairing evening in Hillcrest and Kloof; a golf day at Kloof CC; a concert featuring musicians Matthew Mole and Gangs of Ballet and a very informative tour brochure. The committee has succeeded in raising all the funds required for the tour which is an exceptional achievement and we thank them for their remarkable commitment.

## Provincial captain

Our congratulations go to Greg McKay for his 3rd place at the KZN U23 Golf Championships yesterday at Selborne Country Club. He has also been selected as Captain of the KZN U23 golf team to play in the IPT later this year.



### Rugby tours during the Easter Holiday

#### 1st XV:

Pukke Skouspel, Potchefstroom from 28 to 30 March

Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival, Kearsney from 2 to 6 April (Matches 2, 4 and 6 April)

#### 2nd XV:

Monument, Krugersdorp from 8 to 11 April (Matches 7, 9 & 11 April)

#### U16A:

Jeppe Festival, Johannesburg from 2 to 6 April (Matches 2, 4 & 6 April)

#### U15A:

Paarl Boys' Festival, Paarl from 2 to 6 April (Matches 2, 4 & 6 April)

#### U14A:

Monument, Krugersdorp from 8 to 11 April (Matches 7, 9 & 11 April)

## Basketball's bright future



This basketball season was short and action-packed. The College fielded fourteen teams which demonstrates the growth of the sport at Kearsney. The juniors represented the College well, with the U14A and U15A teams winning the majority of their games. **Mr Myles Delport**, MiC: Basketball, reports.

The under 16A team did well to win the Michaelhouse U16 tournament for the first time in Kearsney's history. They also participated in the St John's U16 tournament and were placed fifth overall, losing by only two points in the quarter finals. The U16A team's coach, Mr Nhlanhla Dlamini, deserves a great deal of praise for the performance of the U16 team, who have been a great credit to the College.

Kuhle Bophela and Thomas Westermeyer were selected to represent KZN at the SA U16 trials held in Johannesburg in March. Both players made it through to the next round of trails as part of a squad of 20 players. *Carpe diem* boys!

The 1st team had a solid term, if unspectacular, winning nine games and losing seven. The team's captain, Albert Ojo-Aromokudu, will become the first player at Kearsney to reach 100 caps for the 1st team. He has been a great servant to basketball at Kearsney and is to be commended on this significant achievement.

*Left: 1st team captain, Albert Ojo-Aromokudu will earn his 100th cap for the 1st team*

## Crazy about canoeing

Canoeing has enjoyed another successful term at Kearsney. **Mr Stephen Main**, MiC: Canoeing reports.

We have a large number of active paddlers who have been extremely busy, racing on most weekends in our local rivers. At the Drak Challenge on the Umzinkhulu River in January, Rory McNeill came 18th, Gavin Keeley 21st and Timothy Marsh 22nd in the U18 section. It was encouraging to see the younger boys, Matthew Pitcher and Robert McConnell, both completing this challenging race successfully in K1s.

In the 2015 edition of the Dusi Canoe Marathon the Kearsney team performed extremely well. This was possibly the best overall result that a Kearsney team has ever achieved, with many of the boys finishing well up in the field. Timothy Marsh had a fantastic race, finishing 126th overall and 18th in the highly competitive U18 category. Both Rory McNeill and Evan Knight finished in the top 200 K1s and joined Timothy Marsh in winning Pierce Player Medals.

In the inter-schools league, the Kearsney team performed well, with Rory McNeill

being a regular top 10 finisher in the schools' races. At the two-day KZN Schools River Championships in Underberg, our "not so experienced" paddlers completed their first multi-day event. Rory McNeill was once again our top-placed finisher, followed closely by Timothy Marsh.

Our junior boys are showing great promise and it is pleasing to see the interest that has been shown by Grade 8 boys. The canoeing boys now look forward to the sprints and marathon season ahead.



## Howzat?

The College enjoyed a successful cricket season with a number of very good results being achieved across the various age groups. **Mr Neil Peacock, MIC: Cricket, has the report.**

A pleasing aspect of this season was the number of centuries scored. The 1st XI enjoyed an up-and-down season, with some very good victories intermingled with some frustrating losses. The team took part in the annual pre-season festival, this year held up at Michaelhouse, and performed well against Peterhouse and St John's (Harare). Unfortunately the match against Clifton was interrupted by inclement weather. The team advanced to the coastal final of the national 20/20 competition, having dispatched DHS in the semi-final. In the coastal final the team was defeated by Glenwood, but gained a measure of revenge on them by defeating them in the traditional fixture held later on in the term. A good victory over DHS was tempered by frustrating losses to Hilton and Westville. At the St Alban's Festival over the half-term break, the team played very strong opposition from Gauteng who already had a few weeks of their cricket season under their belts. The boys came away with a draw to St Benedict's and losses to St John's and St Stithians.

The U14 age group have been impressive this season, with both the U14A and U14B sides going unbeaten. The mighty 3rd XI also emerged unbeaten this season.

We continue to enjoy the services of ex-Proteas and Dolphins player, Mr Jon Kent, as our resident professional and I'd like to thank him for his dedication and commitment. My thanks and appreciation also goes to the grounds staff for the superb wickets and fields, as well as the caterers for the excellent refreshments that boys and parents have enjoyed. Special thanks are also extended to the coaches for the many hours of coaching and umpiring that they have undertaken with their teams. We look forward to the second half of the season in the fourth term.

## Game set & match for tennis players on the local circuit

Tennis continues to be a popular sport at Kearsney with forty-two registered tennis players this year. Mr Alan Cairns worked hard with all the boys this term. **Mr Anthony Willows, MIC: Tennis reports on events.**

The focus for the 1st team this term was the prestigious Paul Roos Tennis Festival which was held in February. In the build-up to the tournament the 1st team played Clifton twice, beating them on both occasions. Kearsney struggled at the Paul Roos festival finishing 11th out of the top 12 tennis-playing schools in the country. The team had opportunities but lacked the BMT when it really counted. We were pleased with two wins out of two against local competition, Clifton College, at the tournament. Other local results: Kearsney 1st team beat Hilton 1st by 7 matches to 2, and Kearsney 2nd team beat Hilton 2nd by 6 matches to 3.

The KZN Tennis trials were held at the beginning of March in Pietermaritzburg. Four Kearsney boys were selected to represent the Ethekwini Tennis teams at these trials - U19 Boys (Porteous, Bentley, Bosman and Singh) and U15 (Mindry). Congratulations to Bradley Porteous and Mihir Singh who were selected for the KZN U19B team and to Kade Mindry for his selection for the KZN U15A team.



James Tedder



Matthew Lees

## Water Polo's winning ways

The 2015 Water Polo season started off with a pre-season camp before the beginning of the first term. **Mr Stafford Green**, MiC: Water Polo, shares the highlights.

Many thanks to 1st team Coach Chris Reardon for running the camp as well as Kelvin Adam who was involved with the juniors' camp. It was fantastic to get such a positive response from the players who took time out from their holidays to get involved.

The training certainly paid off and the season started well. Our first team played well throughout the season securing victories over Hilton, Westville and Affies, while also enjoying a good festival held at Pretoria Boys High. Our second team also had a very good season and enjoyed a pleasing set of victories. The U14s experienced an excellent first season and have a bright future ahead of them.

We are proud that we were able to boast nine sides throughout the season, with three U14 sides. This year we also had an U16 team, along with our U15 A and B teams. We all experienced a whirlwind season of polo which gave us the opportunity to learn a great deal and we look forward to an exciting season in the fourth term.

## Going swimmingly

The 2015 swimming season has ended on a high with Kearsney coming third in the annual Top 8 Gala and then moving on to achieve second places at this year's Independent Schools and the D & D Galas. **Mrs Sonia Cairns**, MiC: Swimming brings you the details.



Guy du Toit with his haul of trophies at the inter-house gala

We are extremely proud of our swimmers who not only showed great commitment, attending practises so faithfully, but also showed fantastic team spirit and determination at the various inter-schools' events, showing what can be achieved with determination and heart.

Mention should be made of our U14A and U16A age groups who performed superbly at all the galas. These boys are not only great swimmers but are also good ambassadors outside of the pool. The future of swimming at Kearsney is bright and we salute these boys.

In the Open category, Guy du Toit, Luke Couzens and Justin Faber stood out throughout the season. These three boys produced excellent times in their different strokes and never gave up. Special congratulations also go to Guy for walking away with almost all the trophies at this year's Inter-house Gala and for being an outstanding swimming captain. Much of the success of the team this year can be credited to Guy and his leadership.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to our Sports Department and coaches. Their energy and motivation rubbed off on our swimmers and made 2015 a truly memorable swimming season.

### SWIMMING RESULTS

**Top 8 Gala:** Westville (196), Clifton (165), Kearsney (142), Glenwood (137), Hilton (107), Northwood (74), Maritzburg College (69), DHS (41)

**Independent Schools Gala:** Clifton (88), Kearsney (74), Hilton (71), St Charles (28)

**D&D Gala:** Westville A (200), Kearsney (161), Glenwood (158), Clifton (146), Westville B (89), Northwood (69), DHS (60), Glenwood B (47)

**Inter-house Gala:** Sheffield (572), Gillingham (456), Pembroke (447), Finningley (340)





Pictured at the 2015 Festival launch: Headmaster Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, Mr John Smit and KCOB Mr Etienne Fynn



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## Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival Fixtures

### DAY 1 THURSDAY 02 APRIL

- 08h30** KZN U13 Provincial Development vs Umhlali Prep
- 09h30** Kearsney vs Selborne College
- 10h45** SACS vs Dale College
- 12h00** Hoërskool Menlopark vs Westville
- 13h15** EG Jansen vs Affies
- 14h30** Glenwood vs Hoërskool Framesby
- 15h45** Grey College (Bloem) vs Middleburg

### DAY 2 SATURDAY 04 APRIL

- 08h30** KZN U13 Provincial Development vs Pelham
- 09h30** Selborne College vs Menlopark
- 10h45** Westville vs Dale College
- 12h00** Kearsney College vs Grey College
- 13h15** Affies vs SACS
- 14h30** Glenwood vs HTS Middleburg
- 15h45** Hoërskool Framesby vs EG Jansen

### DAY 3 MONDAY 06 APRIL

- 08h30** KZN U13 Provincial Development vs Highbury Prep
- 09h30** Westville vs SACS
- 10h45** Hoërskool Framesby vs Affies
- 12h00** HTS Middleburg vs Selborne
- 13h15** Glenwood vs Menlopark
- 14h30** Grey College vs EG Jansen
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## Kearsney Old Boy at the ICC Cricket World Cup

Congratulations to Kyle Abbott (Class of 2005) who is currently representing South Africa at the Cricket World Cup in Australia.



## Nashua expands excellence

Kearsney is proud to acknowledge Nashua as our 1st and 2nd XV team sponsor from 2014 to 2017. This wonderful support made it possible to improve facilities at Kearsney such as the recent state-of-the-art upgrade of the Medworth Stadium and change rooms. Mr Martin Pretorius, Managing Director of Nashua Durban visited the school recently to handover the 1st and 2nd team kit.

## Supporters drive innovation. Thank you!

In 2014, two hundred and thirty-five individuals, trusts, foundations and corporates contributed over R8-million in cash and in-kind support to Kearsney. This provided invaluable funds towards capital projects, bursaries, scholarships, tours and events such as the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival. A full report will be included in the 2014 Chronicle.

### Excellence can't be funded by school fees alone!

To continue to provide the all-round excellence and the world-class education for which Kearsney is renowned it is vital that we continue to receive the support of our community. The Kearsney Foundation can be contacted on [foundation@kearsney.com](mailto:foundation@kearsney.com). Should you wish to explore opportunities to:

- support a project or a talented student;
- achieve great corporate brand exposure through sponsoring an event, team or facility;
- earn corporate B-BBEE scorecard points.

### Sponsorship@Kearsney

Invitation to partner with Kearsney College by sponsoring:

#### FESTIVALS

- Culture@Kearsney (headline and/or sponsorship of one of the six events)
- Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival (2nd tier sponsorship available)

#### FACILITY/TEAM NAMING RIGHTS

- SportZone (indoor cricket, basketball and high performance centre)
- Medworth Stadium (rugby grandstand)
- Aquatics Centre
- Cricket AH Smith Oval
- Mason Astro
- Kearsney Choir

#### EVENTS

- Kearsney home sports fixtures
- Choir Choral Series (three supper theatre events in the Henderson Hall)
- Old Boys Founders Weekend Black-Tie Dinner (19 June)

#### KEARSNEY CSI AND B-BBEE INITIATIVES

- Kearsney is a registered charity [PBO: 80-11-13-2570 | NPO: 024-882-NPO]
- Gifts to Kearsney College are tax deductible
- The Kearsney Empowerment Programme is independently audited and B-BBEE Certified

Please contact Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director, to discuss the available options further: [e] [joy@kearsney.com](mailto:joy@kearsney.com) or [foundation@kearsney.com](mailto:foundation@kearsney.com) [t] 031 765 9600 /27/28 [m] 083 662 0838



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## Kearsney Old Boy awarded Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford

Congratulations to Alex von Klemperer (Class of 2006) who has been awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. The Rhodes Scholarship is a postgraduate award supporting exceptional students from around the world to study at the University of Oxford and is arguably the most prestigious international scholarship programme in the world. Alex is a qualified medical doctor and completed his two year internship at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto. He intends reading for his Masters and PhD in Neuroscience at Oxford.

Alex has been offered a place in his first choice of study programme. It is a one year masters course in

Neuroscience, followed by a three year D.Phil. The acceptance into the latter is what he is most thrilled about: only eight out of the 350 applicants are given this opportunity.

During his Grade 12 year at Kearsney, Alex was Dux of School and placed in the top 50 IEB pupils in South Africa with eight distinctions

Alex was placed third in South Africa in the Science Olympiad, in the top 100 nationally in the English Olympiad and in the top 100 provincially in the Maths Olympiad. He enjoyed canoeing, canoe polo and rugby and was involved in the debating society.



## Prof. MacGregor visits from the Smithsonian Institute

Kearsney was honoured to have Kearsney Old Boy, Prof. MacGregor, return to the College during January to address staff members and give a talk to the top academic students in Grades 11 and 12. Prof. MacGregor stressed the importance of Maths and Science to the boys' future educational and career aspirations and left the staff and boys with much inspiration and food for thought.

Prof. Ian MacGregor has a PhD in Geology and Geochemistry from Princeton University and is a trustee and lecturer at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC. He has been

an active consultant for the development of Science curricula and books for high school education and the professional development of teachers. He has also served on a number of advisory committees for NASA, DOE, DOD, the National Academy of Sciences, the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program and UNAVCO's Board. Other professional duties include service on editorial boards and committees of a number of professional societies and a term as Executive Director of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers, an American Geological Institute Member Society.

## PARENTS HAVE A 'BALL'

Against the most elegant and chic 'Great Gatsby' backdrop, created for the Matric Dance, the Parents' Society welcomed parents from all grades to the annual Kearsney Ball. Reported by **Mr Mark Conway**, Chairman of the Parents' Society.

They arrived dressed in true Gatsby-style and ready for an evening of dance, fine food and great company. It was fitting that the Ball was attended by so many matric parents, slightly nostalgic in the knowledge that it would be their last ball as current parents. The Parents' Society wishes to thank Vaughan Carlisle and his helpers for the beautiful décor in the Henderson Hall. Thank you to the mums and dads who put in many hours to ensure that the function was the success that it was - we salute them.

There are two functions still to come this year which are included in the 250 Club membership. All parents are welcome to attend the forthcoming events and we encourage you to participate – they are a great deal of fun and a great way to make friends and enjoy being part of the Kearsney family.

## Centenary Preparations

In 2021 Kearsney College will celebrate its centenary, marking one hundred years as a great South African independent boys' school. Preparations for the programme to commemorate this significant milestone are already underway and we look forward to a number of exciting events that will celebrate and honour the College, its people and its unique and special history.

One of the components of the Centenary Celebrations is the compilation of a coffee table book detailing the College's first one hundred years. Mr Dave Goldhawk, the much-respected English and History teacher, who retired at the end of 2013 after twenty-eight years' service to Kearsney College, has been commissioned to research and write this publication. Mr Goldhawk has returned to Kearsney to undertake this exciting project and is already busy unearthing hidden treasures in the vast archives.

One little cameo that has come out of the research is the background regarding our 1st rugby team mascot. It was made by Mrs Jenny Shire, mother of 1st team player, Mark 'Togs' Shire and presented in 1995 in honour of their team captain, Fergus Pringle, who was lock and played for Natal Schools. (Now you know why he wears the number 4)!

'Fergie' the greyhound was established as the team mascot from the beginning of the rugby season of 1996, the year of Kearsney's seventy-fifth anniversary. Mrs Shire kindly gave Fergus (pictured right) a bit of a makeover ahead of the 2015 rugby season.

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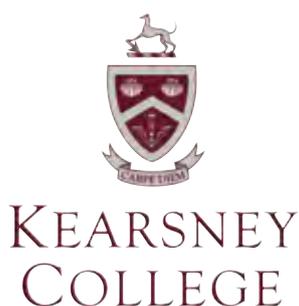


## 2015 Committee

Our Parents' Society 2015 Committee is in place and is a good mix of experience and new faces. We are well placed to continue with the focus on our key commitment areas in the year ahead.

The first term cricket season passed in a blur and now the winter sports season is upon us. Gary is preparing his supporters' kit barrow to once again make it easy and fun for us all to get our Kearsney supporters' kit near the main rugby field at home games.

For more information and news please visit the Parents' Society page on the Kearsney website.



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### THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

In John 11, when Jesus was asked by John whether he was the Messiah, Jesus responded: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them...". John expected a Messiah or Saviour that was judgemental, who would lord it over his subjects. Instead Jesus pointed out that he was about healing, restoration, hope, reconciliation and transformation, and not about the destruction of enemies and judgment of people.

Violence is not part of God's Kingdom. Even though we find many instances of war and violence in the Old Testament, we do not find approval of violence by Jesus. Retaliation and judgment of others is replaced, with the coming of Jesus, by a generous love that has the potential to change enemies into friends.

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