

## SA Schools Rugby

Report by *Mr Barend Steyn, Director of Rugby.*

Soon after the annual Craven Week, hosted at Kearsney, we received the fantastic news that Dylan Richardson had been selected for the South African Schools A team, in the hooker position. This is a remarkable achievement considering that Dylan played most of his high school rugby as a loose forward and made the switch to hooker only a few weeks prior to the provincial selections. Both the SA Schools and the SA Schools A teams represented our country in a series against France, Wales and Italy. Dylan enjoyed a starting opportunity against Italy and as substitute against Wales and England. This valuable experience will serve Dylan well as he aims to represent the SA Schools team in the 2017 series during his Grade 12 year.

Congratulations to Mr Dean Moodley who was appointed as the Manager of the South African Schools Rugby team for a third consecutive year. Our own coaching structures benefit from his experience.



*Dylan Richardson Sharks U18*

## SA Schools Hockey

Congratulations to Lyle Jarvel (left), who was named captain of the U18B SA Schools hockey team, and Guy Morgan captain of the SA Schools U16A team. Our 1st XI coach, Mr Sihle Ntuli, was chosen to coach the SA U16 hockey team.

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## Old Boy achieves his Master's Degree with distinction at Oxford

Alex von Klemperer (Class of 2006, Dux of the College) has been awarded his Master's Degree in Neuroscience with distinction at Oxford University, one of only five in the class of twenty-two to achieve this remarkable feat.



Alex attends Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship, which covers his Master's in Neuroscience and two years of his D.Phil. Alex has subsequently been awarded the prestigious Clarendon Scholarship for the final year of his D.Phil. Oxford University states that "Clarendon scholars are selected by experts in their fields based on outstanding academic merit and potential - they are intelligent, motivated and show enormous potential".

Congratulations Alex on these incredible achievements.

Read about  
our three Old  
Boy Olympians  
at Rio  
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# Leadership Week

Mr Rod de Villiers, MiC: Leadership Programme, reports.

Most of our staff and boys were fully involved in another successful Leadership Week. The morning of 29 August saw a flurry of activity on campus as everyone prepared for the exciting adventures ahead. Although the activities at each camp are grade specific, there is a leadership component common to all courses. Every boy is exposed to activities designed to develop leadership skills and learns to be part of a team. The Grade 8 courses were conducted at the Baynesfield Biosphere, Hella Hella and

BergVenture venues. The Grade 9 courses were at the Khotso Trails Centre, the Tugela River Ventures and at Zingela River Lodge. The Grade 10s embarked on their physically challenging "Action-Leadership" course at the Spirit of Adventure Centre at Shongweni Dam and the Grade 11s completed their "Ethics Leadership" course, mainly on campus. Messrs Kirsten, van den Aardweg, Carpenter and I were able to visit each of the venues to see the boys in action.

In addition to the boys having a great time, the week helps to develop important skills and an appreciation of their own and others' capabilities, the environment and the complexities of leadership. It is our aim to develop effective leaders of the future by building boys' confidence and skills during their Kearsney careers.

## Grade 11 Ethical Leadership week Theme: Geared for Greatness

Mr Hubert van Ellewee, Grade Head: Grade 11, reports.

The Grade 11s "geared-up" for their very important matric year when they become the pupil leaders in the school. The emphasis was

on the importance of the role every matric boy plays in leading the school with integrity and honour. Discussions on how they all can be "great", their potential and the ethical manner in which they should lead the school in 2017 were held.

Prominent guest speakers contributed hugely to the programme. Brad Stadler spoke on the consequences of your decisions, while Rob Opie's talk, "The game changers: Good to great - to greater" was very well received. The week was concluded by Ian Thomas, world-renowned expert on lions, who spoke on leadership through teamwork.

The boys finished their week with the much-anticipated Grade 11 Dance.

## Grade 10: Spirit of Adventure

Mr André van Zyl, Head: Pastoral Care; Grade 10 Leadership Week co-ordinator.

One hundred and forty-six intrepid adventurers, including 14 staff members, set off on a quest to discover their inner selves and test their varying degrees of fitness. They descended into the hot and wild environment that is Shongweni Dam, armed with enthusiasm, bravado and a dash of trepidation.

In rocky, snake-infested terrain, the undaunted group of Kearsney's finest pitted themselves, both physically and mentally, against the harsh, challenging environment. Various tasks and challenges were completed, including climbing a mountain through a forest; traversing a deep ravine; abseiling down a 30-metre cliff face; navigating through a dark 800m tunnel filled with running water; cooking their own suppers in interesting potjies and hiking 9km through the Shongweni conservancy at night. And that was just day one!

Skilled and experienced instructors from the Spirit of Adventure group put the boys (and at times unwilling staff members) through their paces over the next three days, from the 12m-high Oliver's Travels, to the claustrophobic Snake Pit. Rock climbing up sheer cliff faces, tentative, adrenaline-

charged leaps off the 5m high dam wall and navigating across the dam on homemade barrel rafts, tenuously held together by rope, all added to the testosterone-pumping nature of the course. On the final night all of these activities were repeated in the dark! Needless to say, the Kearsney warriors came through with flying colours albeit with the odd war wound and captivating "war story".

The obstacle course was the final highlight of the week, and an eight-man Kearsney team broke the course record, which had stood for five years, by an impressive eight seconds.

Thanks to the staff at Spirit of Adventure who ran an excellent course with focus on safety and imparting new skills to the boys. Thanks too to the Kearsney staff who bravely tried to keep up with their younger, fitter charges.

This group of exceptional young men took on all challenges with a positive attitude and an inherent desire to give of their best, regardless of the challenges confronting them and the cloying heat that dominated the week. They were excellent ambassadors for our College and impressed all with their tenacity, indomitable spirit and focus on teamwork and personal growth. Kearsney can look forward to a fine crop of young men who assume the mantle of seniors over the next two years.

## Grade 9: Zingela

Report from Mrs Kerry-Jane Coleman.

Fifty Grade 9 boys had the privilege of spending time at Zingela River Lodge on the Tugela River; together with five teachers. The week started with the boys doing a full day of hard manual labour at a community school - Ferdinand Primary School. The boys did themselves and Kearsney proud. The productive day saw our boys build flower gardens, dig a vegetable garden and prepare and cement three stands for Jojo tanks. This was all done in sweltering 35-degree heat. At the end of the day the boys sang Shosholozza and Come the Day

to the cheering staff of the school, before heading off on a 8km hike to their camp. I don't think I have ever heard a camp site so quiet as all the exhausted boys quickly fell into a deep slumber.

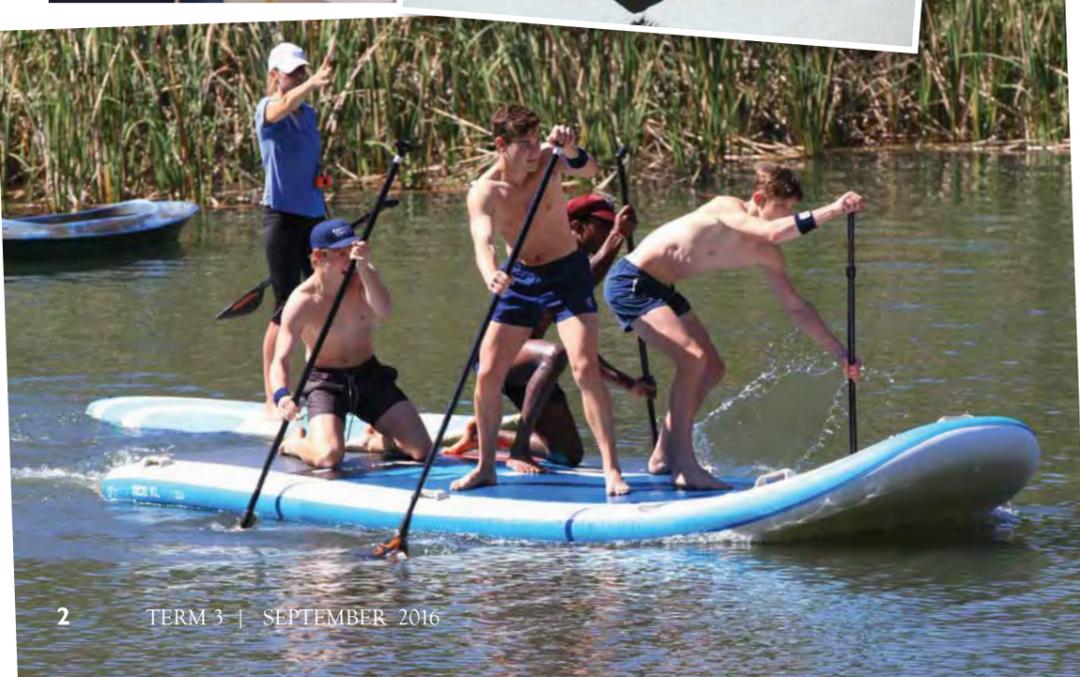
The boys awoke to an amazing breakfast the next day before beginning their rotation of activities. The activities included a 20m abseil; rafting down a river in a two-man raft; playing volleyball at a "beach party"; cliff jumping and SUPs. The boys also played paintball, which for some was the highlight of the week.

On one of the nights the boys had to collect firewood, build a fire and cook their own food before camping out. When they returned the next day we heard fanciful stories of how they had to protect each other from the "wild animals" that were lurking around every corner - such as buck! On the final day, the boys had an incredibly tough hike out of camp through the valley. This trip was a huge success and great fun and the boys grew from the experience.

## Grade 9: Khotso Horse Trails Farm

Mr David Graves reports.

This group of Grade 9 boys enjoyed a challenging and rewarding week. The



activities included a 7-hour hike to the summit of Bamboo Mountain and a long horse ride. Although some of the boys and staff members struggled with the hike, everyone made it thanks to some perseverance and encouragement from teammates. Camping in tents in the crisp berg air was a new experience for some, as was cooking in the outdoors. The boys learnt about dongas and erosion rehabilitation and got their hands dirty doing some farm labour. They seemed to enjoy the tranquillity of the Drakensberg on this working farm and a swim in the icy river pools, after jumping off a waterfall, was a highlight for many.



**Grade 9: Winterton**  
*Mr Matthew Conradie reports.*

The Winterton camp provides a tough physical and mental challenge along with all the fun. This camp provided some of the best opportunities to observe, teach and encourage leadership in our Grade 9 boys.

The boys are required to carry their tents and all their provisions for the four days. They hiked long distances, carrying heavy packs, on three of the days and on the other day, cycled 35kms on some of the most uncomfortable saddles ever manufactured.

This year's group were absolutely fantastic and I was impressed with the potential of these young men. They never complained but instead pulled together – the strongest supporting those who had more difficulty.

On the last night the boys got together and built their own fire pit around which we had a "Confessions Evening" where the boys had the opportunity to confess to any mischief they had gotten up to during the week. Needless to say, "what happens on tour stays on tour" and the confessions were hilarious.

**Grade 9: Roselands Outdoor Activity Centre**

*Report from Mr Dougan Macdonald.*

A small team of Grade 9s had the opportunity to experience four days in the Umkomaas Valley. There were challenges (and rewards) through all the phases of the trip, which the boys took in their stride. Although it was a very tough few days, where every boy was pushed out of his comfort zone, each member of the team arrived back at school having learnt a lot about himself and the rest of the team.



**Grade 8: BergVenture**  
*Mr Manzini Zungu reports.*

Fifty-three boys spent the week in this beautiful section of the Drakensberg. The activities in which the boys engaged included zip-lining, tree climbing, negotiating an obstacle course, horse riding, abseiling, a 27.5km hike, soccer and a lot of fun and laughs.

The week ended with fulfilling community service at a local school, where we painted the school building, fixed the fence and played soccer with pupils. The staff and children were grateful for the soccer balls and clothing we donated and our boys enjoyed this valuable experience. Group activities and exercises helped the boys make new friends and many boys earned their peers' respect through their contributions during the critical thinking exercises and quizzes.

**Grade 8: Hella Hella**

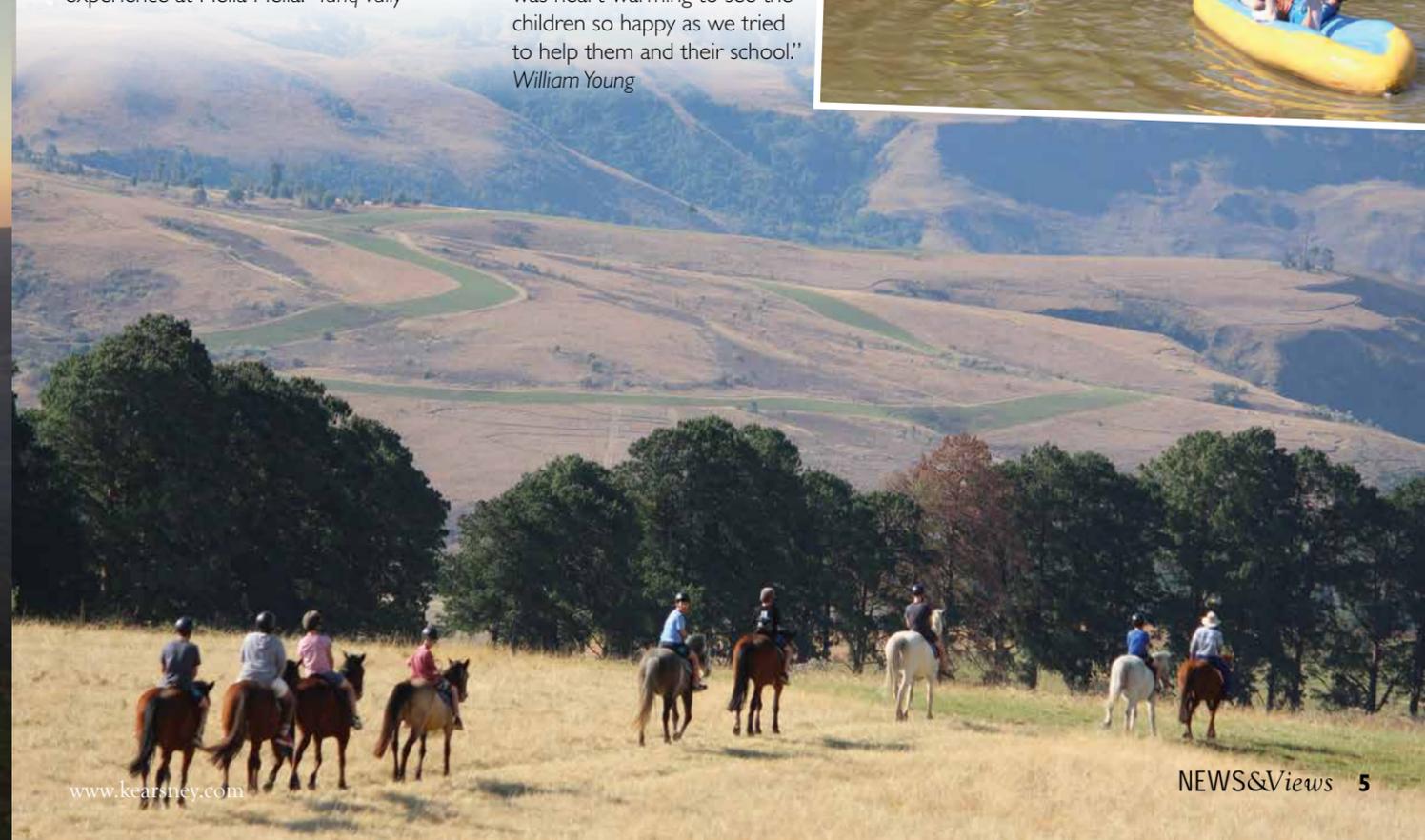
*Mr Wayne Marsden reports with quotes from boys who attended the camp.*

"The most valuable thing that I learnt about myself is that once I have done something I'm no longer afraid of doing it as it no longer scares me. My scariest moment was jumping off the cliff next to the zip-line, but it also turned out to be my most enjoyable experience at Hella Hella." *Tariq Vally*

It was great to look after this group of wonderful and respectful boys. They represented the College with pride and it was a marvel to see shy boys coming out of their shells. I am certain that these boys will talk about this experience for a long time.

**Grade 8: Baynesfield Estate Lodge**  
*Mr John Drew reports.*

We have used this majestic venue for a few years now and once again our group enjoyed a very successful week. It is difficult to say which of the varied activities was the boys' favourite, but the dam, zip line and the environment provided wonderful opportunities for challenges and fun. The boys had to build their own shelter to sleep under in the forest on the one night and this adventure generated many memorable stories and was most appropriate to our theme: "Learning to stand on your own two feet".



## Creative Day

Mrs Glenda Pitcher, HoD: Visual Art, reports.

On our annual Creative Day every boy in the College left the confines of the classroom to pursue some creative activity.

The Grade 8s got 'wordy' with slam poetry, then tried (or tied) their hands at knotting macramé pot holders. Grade 9s moved to the beat of a djembe drumming workshop by Talking Drums and a hip-hop workshop by Motion Dance Company.

The Grade 10s were challenged making birds during an origami workshop and found the movement workshop liberating and a change from their usual exercise regimes. The Grade 11s had a taste of film production and DJ mixing by Liam Magner from Verandah Panda.

The Grade 12s, beginning to feel the mounting pressure of the impending Trials examinations, were given the opportunity to mosaic a collaborative artwork to commemorate Kearsney's 95th anniversary. It was interesting to see how they became mesmerised by the process and found the experience relaxing. It offered the boys time to unwind and achieve something that would contribute to a greater collective work. The completed mosaic will be installed in the school.

We are extremely grateful to the many outside facilitators who ran the workshops with such enthusiasm and experience.



Grade 8 macramé



Grade 12 working on their collaborative mosaic

## Kearsney Enviro Day

Mr Rod de Villiers, MiC: eKCo Kearsney.

The theme for this year's annual Enviro Day was "Respecting the Environment". Members of the Wildlands Trust addressed the school and showed the powerful documentary 'Blood Lions'. We were fortunate to have the producer of the documentary, Ms Pippa Hankinson, present. She gave us some background about the making of the film. At the conclusion of their presentation Chris Moore, the Environment representative on the Kearsney Council, thanked our guests and donated the money saved at that day's 'hunger lunch'.



Enviro Day formal House Dinner: Sheffield House

## History in the making

Mr Adam Rogers, HoD: History, reports.

The Grade 9 Historyonix Expo, focusing on aspects of the Second World War, took place in the new Long Room of the Centenary Centre North Wing from Monday 22 August, culminating in the prize giving ceremony on Thursday 25 August. Boys could choose a topic and had a 1,5 by 1,5m space in which to exhibit their project in as visually appealing a manner as possible, with interactive methods to grab viewers' attention.

This assignment is in keeping with the College's academic initiative of introducing Maker Movement methodology into the curriculum. The Maker Movement is a reference to the continually growing community of inventors, designers, and thinkers who come together and form localised groups to discuss and display what they have created. The range of makers' inventions are broad, however, projects usually fall within the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, or Mathematics (STEAM) spectrum. As was evident in the Historyonix Expo, the Maker Movement methodology can also find expression in the History curriculum.

Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg had the unenviable task of deciding on the top three exhibitions and congratulations are extended to the following boys:

**3rd place:** Kyle Potter and Cameron Ferguson for their hauntingly graphic depiction of the events that transpired after the Second World War ended, with their exhibit on *The Nuremburg Trials*.

**2nd place:** Dale Young, Kade Tyack and Mpendulo Dlamini for their interactive exhibition involving the building of a replica of the cockpit of a Second World War Spitfire.

Grade 10s at UKZN Microscope Unit



Grade 11s at uShaka's 'Dangerous Creatures' display

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Above: Connor Nilsen, Bongani Dindi and Donovan Hurt who achieved first place

### 1st place:

Connor Nilsen, Bongani Dindi and Donovan Hurt for their realistic depiction of life in a German bomb shelter, complete with furniture and sound effects.

On the evening of the Historyonix Expo prize giving, the Grade 9 parents were also treated to the Grade 9 Art Exhibition and the Drama showcase. This occasion offered a valuable opportunity for parents to get a taste of what their boys produced this year in Visual Art and Dramatic Art. There was competition amongst the boys to see whose artwork would be exhibited.

In the drama showcase the boys delivered hilarious British comedy skits and budding film directors showed their two-minute movies exploring various themes. Boys who will be taking Drama as a subject next year opened the evening with entertaining skits highlighting the benefits the subject offers.

## Life Sciences Trips

The Grade 10 and 11 Life Sciences classes had an opportunity to get out and experience the subject in the field this term. Mr Dougan Macdonald, HoD: Life Sciences reports.

The Grade 10s visited the UKZN Pietermaritzburg campus where they had a fascinating tour around the University's botanical gardens. They learned about some of the myths and facts of the medicinal plants that grow in KZN. In the Electron Microscope Unit the boys were shown different types of microscopes and learnt more about their application to many aspects of scientific research. A highlight for some

was the chance to operate the microscopes.

The Grade 11s travelled down to uShaka Marine World for an in-depth look at the diversity of animals in the aquarium. It was a great opportunity to consolidate several sections of work covered in the syllabus, as well as to gain first-hand knowledge of some of the creatures still to be studied. The tour finished off at the Dangerous Creatures display where overcoming one's fears was part of the experience.



## Going back to our roots

Mr Adam Rogers, HoD: History.

On 02 August, a date as close to Kearsney's foundation date of 04 August as possible, the Grade 8s, together with members of the History Department and Heritage Committee, spent the day at Kearsney Manor on the KZN North Coast. Today an upmarket venue, Kearsney Manor was built approximately 150 years ago by Sir Liege Hulett and was home to the Hulett family until 1921, when Kearsney College opened its doors to the 13 founding pupils – many of whom were Sir Liege Hulett's grandsons.

The present Grade 8s had the opportunity of exploring every corner of Kearsney Manor, including the Hulett family chapel and graveyard, with some making a vain attempt to contact Lady Hulett's ghost! The fieldtrip provided an opportunity for the Grade 8 boys to explore the origins of their fine school and to appreciate their place in its deep-rooted history.

## Wild Coast Hike

Mr Dougan Macdonald, HoD: Life Sciences.

In the first week of the July holidays a group of 10 boys, accompanied by several staff members, completed a Life Sciences hike down the Wild Coast. Despite the heavy backpacks and long distances covered each day, the boys had a wonderful time, gaining valuable outdoor and practical experience in a spectacular setting.

Dr Shuker addresses the Grade 8s at Kearsney Manor



Ms Andrea Fripp, Director of Clubs and Culture, reports.

### Words@Kearsney

The *Words@Kearsney* event was an uplifting occasion which would have given even the most hardened sceptic hope for the future of our country. Through poetry and prose which they had discovered or written themselves, school children representing all racial groups, ages, religions and genders celebrated the joy of living. At the close of the evening delighted pupils had the opportunity to select a book from an assortment donated by Exclusive Books.

### Drama@Kearsney

This year's *Drama@Kearsney* was a delightful celebration of both the performance and directorial talents in our schools. The One Act Play Festival took place over three evenings and several schools participated. We were privileged to be joined by acclaimed judges from the Durban theatre scene – Clare Mortimer, Liam Magner and Professor Gramanie. They were able to share valuable feedback and insight with each cast at the end of each evening. The Best Actor Award went to Kearsney's Thando Skwatsha for his production *State of Emergency*, which he wrote, directed and performed in.

### Dance@Kearsney

It seems not even a water outage will stop people from dancing! After we had to cancel our three-night *Dance@Kearsney* festival as a result of the regional water outage, we decided to give it one more go and organised a Friday evening performance for all schools who still wanted to dance on stage. We were delighted when most of the schools quickly polished up their performances for what could arguably be one of the highlights of our cultural calendar. The dancers performed to a packed hall and the performance scope and talent revealed left the audience exhilarated and ready to dance themselves. Our Kearsney boys shone. Their two routines, gumboot and hip-hop, were met with tremendous applause.

## CREATIVITY SPARKS AT Culture@Kearsney

We thank the supporters of our recent *Culture@Kearsney* events: Exclusive Books, for the beautiful book prizes; Inscape, for offering a tertiary bursary prize; Nashua, Durban, for discounted printing; Chartwells, for sponsored catering; and LikeGiants, for two internship opportunities.

The *Culture@Kearsney* programme provides a stage on which pupils drawn from schools around the province can perform. The events provide opportunities for boys and girls to exhibit their talents in art, dance, drama, music, poetry and prose. To date over 30 schools have participated in the various *Culture@Kearsney* programmes. We would be delighted to talk to potential additional partners to grow this annual Kearsney event in 2017.

Please contact Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director on [foundation@kearsney.com](mailto:foundation@kearsney.com) or 083 662 0838



Thando Skwatsha won The Best Actor Award for "State of Emergency"

Kearsney's dance group performing at Dance@Kearsney



# Gift of the Gab

Mr Adam Rogers, MiC: Public Speaking reports.

The Speakers' and Inner Circle public speaking clubs came together for the first time this year to compete in the annual Inter-house Public Speaking competition that took place in the Greyhound Pavilion

on Thursday 18 August. The theme of the evening was *Within these Walls are Brothers Bound* and all speakers acquitted themselves well.



Finningley emerged as the winning House with Sheffield in 2nd place and Pembroke and Gillingham in 3rd and 4th places respectively. The following boys were judged the best speakers in the various categories:

- Best Toast:**  
Jethro Strydom (Sheffield)
- Best Object Speech Pair:**  
Cameron Craze and Sizwe Sigasa (Finningley)
- Best Icebreaker:**  
Jared Meyer (Pembroke)
- Best Impromptu Speech:**  
Nkosinathi Mazwai (Finningley)
- Best Prepared Speech:**  
Nicholas Carroll (Pembroke)
- Best Evaluation:**  
Bradley D'Eramo (Sheffield)
- Best Impromptu:**  
Bryce Crockart (Sheffield) and Scott Couzens (Gillingham)

L-R Back: Nkosinathi Mazwai (Finningley), Cameron Craze (Finningley), Jared Meyer (Pembroke), Nicholas Carroll (Pembroke), Bradley D'Eramo (Sheffield), Jethro Strydom (Sheffield). L-R Front: Sizwe Sigasa (Finningley), Scott Couzens (Gillingham), Phoka Mchunu (Chairman), Bryce Crockart (Sheffield).

# CHOIR TOUR

Mr Marshall Lombard, Director of Music.

The choir had a successful and fun tour to Gauteng during the June/July holidays, cramming in many performances to appreciative audiences. The public performance at Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton, was received with enthusiasm and generated much interest including exposure

in the local community newspaper. The choir enjoyed the opportunity to inspire so many youngsters at Johannesburg primary schools and hopefully we will see a few of these boys joining us in the years ahead.



In their free time the boys' enjoyed a stop at the Pilanesberg National Park, and visits to Sun City, Montecasino for the *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat* musical and Gold Reef City.

## Other performances and studio concerts

The choir recently performed at Vera Dubin's 91st birthday celebration at the Jewish Club, Durban. The choir rendered a fantastic performance that rocked the crowd, leaving them wanting more. Mrs Dubin was very grateful for the choir's performance. The choir also sang at Chris Ward's birthday party in The Gardens, thanking him for his contribution and celebrating his life.

The studio concerts in the third term gave the Grade 8 singers a platform to show their talent. They delivered a fantastic performance, giving the audience a glimpse of what to expect in the future.

# Kearsney hosts Craven Week & Academy Week

Mr Robert Carpenter, Marketing Director, reports.

Kearsney was proud to host the 2016 Coca-Cola Rugby Youth Weeks from 11 - 16 July, the first time that these prestigious Weeks have been held simultaneously at the same venue. It is believed to be the biggest schoolboy rugby festival ever held in the world, with 44 teams, 1 012 players and 264 support staff (managers, coaches, physios, etc.) descending on Kearsney. Our beautiful campus and world-class facilities provided a fitting venue for this historic event and it was a pleasure to welcome rugby players and supporters from all over the country.

The challenges of hosting an event of this scale were huge. In terms of catering alone, over the course of the week the Kearsney kitchen served 12 500 meals and handled

- 16 450 bread rolls
- 19 350 eggs
- 900 litres of milk
- 350 litres of yoghurt
- 2 050 litres of fruit juice
- 1 65 kg of pasta
- 680 kg of potatoes
- 155 kg of tomatoes
- 200 kg of beef burgers

Kearsney had five players in the KZN U18 team, which started the tournament well with a 36-22 victory over a strong Eastern Province team, before coming undone against a rampant Western Province team, suffering a 5-60 loss.



Congratulations to our five 1st XV players who were selected for the KZN Craven Week team! 2 Dylan Richardson; 5 Jared Meyer; 6 Luke Croshaw; 8 James Miller; 22 Cameron Ritchie

Also to our staff members appointed as manager and coaches for various KZN teams:  
U18 KZN Craven Week Manager: Mr Dean Moodley  
U18 KZN Country Districts Week Coach: Mr Antonie Prinsloo  
U16 KZN Grant Khomo Week Coach – Mr Sam Mofokeng

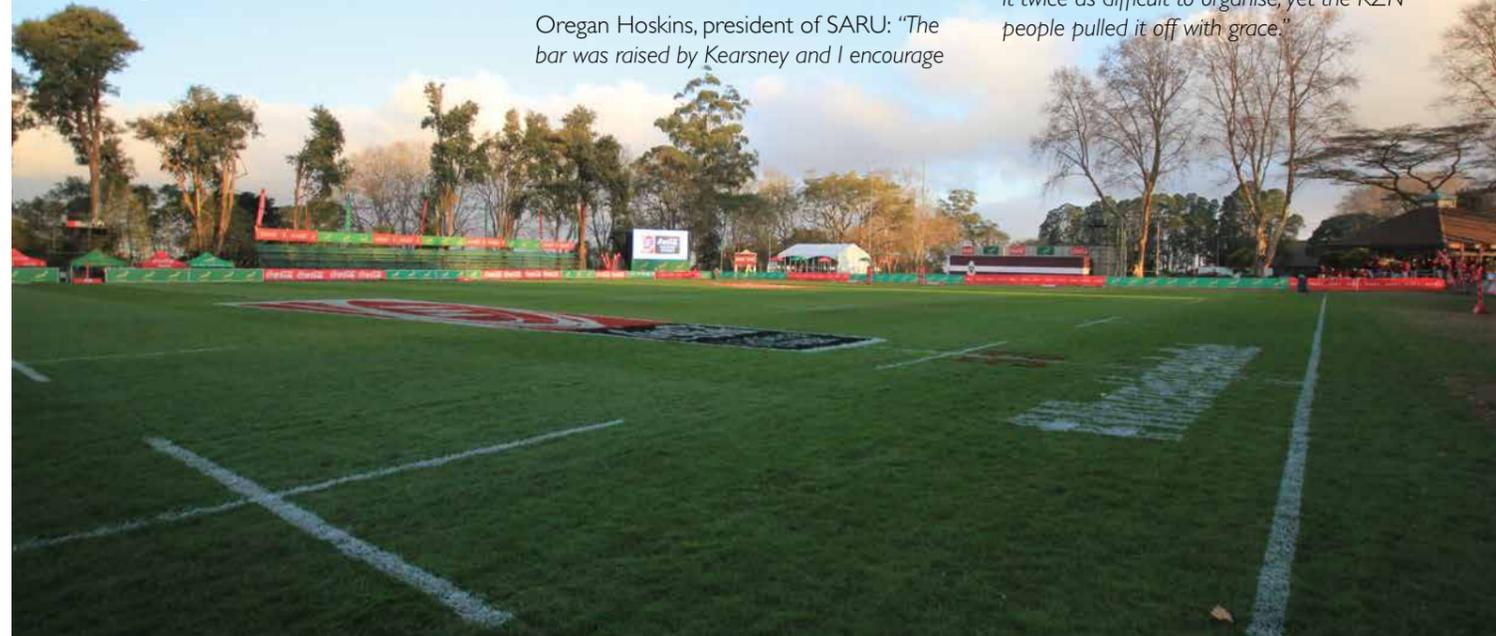
On the final day KZN narrowly lost 23-26 to the Pumas, a match they'll be disappointed to have lost. Western Province ran out as the unofficial winners of both the Craven Week and the Academy Week

future hosts to maintain the standards." Peter Smith, CEO KZNRU: "(KZNRU Members) ... were full of praise for the outstanding manner in which Kearsney College hosted this prestigious event."

The week was a tremendous success and the organisers and Estates staff did Kearsney proud, as thousands of visitors enjoyed our campus and images of our beautifully prepared fields were broadcast around Africa on SuperSport.

Theo Garrun, doyen of schools rugby, writing in the Saturday Star: "Coca-Cola Craven Week was one of the best I've attended ... superbly organised. It was two weeks in one – the Coca-Cola U18 Academy Week took place at the same time – making it twice as difficult to organise; yet the KZN people pulled it off with grace."

Oregan Hoskins, president of SARU: "The bar was raised by Kearsney and I encourage



**Sevens Rugby season**

Sevens rugby is growing in stature and we are now offering the sport to the U18 and U15 age groups. This year also provided opportunities for the "B" teams and we had to limit each of the groups to 26 players. My sincerest thanks go to Mssrs Breedt, Prinsloo and Chiocchetti for their dedication in coaching our teams. All boys played at a high competency level with good success throughout the season.

**U15 Sevens Rugby**

*Mr Antonie Prinsloo, Coach reports.*

The U15 players went from strength to strength this year. For the first time they participated in a number of Sevens tournaments. The A team performed exceptionally well, winning both the Maritzburg College and Pionier tournaments and achieving third place in the Voortrekker Tournament. In total the A team won 13 of their 17 matches, scoring 452 points (73 tries) and only conceding 171 points. Although this was a massive team effort, the following players contributed hugely to the success of the team, scoring tries created by their teammates: Vernon Nel: 60 points (12 tries), Connor de Bruyn: 56 points (10 tries, 3 conversions), Caleb Steinschaden: 45 points (9 tries) and Neels Volschenk: 45 points (5 tries, 10 conversions).

The B team played in two tournaments - the Maritzburg College and Voortrekker tournaments. They won two, lost three and drew one match.

Congratulations to the U 15 Sevens players on outstanding performances this year.

**U18 Sevens Rugby**

*Mr Nico Breedt, Coach, reports.*

Kearsney U18 Sevens team entered seven tournaments this year. At the Crawford La Lucia Tournament we were able to field our most experienced side, with four Grade 12s participating. We were unfortunate not to win the plate final vs Michaelhouse due to a technical interpretation. More Grade 11s and 10s were introduced to the squad the following weekend for the Clifton Tournament. At times their inexperience showed and our results were varied. We lost in the cup semi-final.

After the half-term break we were hosted by Maritzburg College, where we entered two teams. Our B side reached the semi-final of their division and the A side, the cup quarter finals. We also entered two teams at the Voortrekker Tournament. The B side reached the cup quarter finals and our A side, the final, where we lost to Pionier.

Vryheid was our next destination with Pionier hosting teams from all over the country at their annual tournament. It has become customary for Kearsney to select a stayers' team for this tournament. This is a very competitive tournament and the youngsters had to dig deep over the

two days. Although we only reached the bowl semi-final, the experience gained was invaluable.

The annual Sharks Tournament was next. Our team was very competitive and reached the plate final where we lost to Glenwood. At the time of writing there was still one tournament remaining for the season, to be hosted by DHS. We believe the experienced gained this season has further developed players for the 2017 fifteen-man season.

**Inter-house Athletics**

*Mr Garth Moerdyk, MiC: Athletics, reports.*

Breaking from tradition, the 2016 edition of the Inter-house Athletics was held on a Friday 08 August, starting bright and early and finishing off just after noon, when half-term began. This year's event was possibly the most closely contested affair in recent memory with Sheffield beating perennial winners, Finningley, into second place by a mere 26 points. They were closely followed by Pembroke in third and Gillingham in fourth. Although no records were broken on the day, there were some memorable performances, particularly the high jump events, which drew large crowds of

spectators. The day culminated in the tug-of-war final between Pembroke and Gillingham with Pembroke winning comfortably by a margin of 2-0.



**Cross Country**

*For the love of running, Mr Matthew Conradie, MiC: Cross Country, reports.*

In the first term we participated in the Thomas More College 80km Long Walk. The event, which has been running for over 50 years, is an incredible test of mind over body. Ross Holland, Nicholas Beningfield, Ethan Howes, Aston Piché, Stephan Joubert, Qiniso Xulu and Jonathan Christie completed the full distance. Despite the pain endured, many of these boys can't wait for next year's event.

In the second term, we competed against about 20 schools every Tuesday in the Inter-Schools Cross Country League. Our top runners included Daniel Taylor, Ross Holland and Nicholas Beningfield and we were able to field a formidable U17 team.

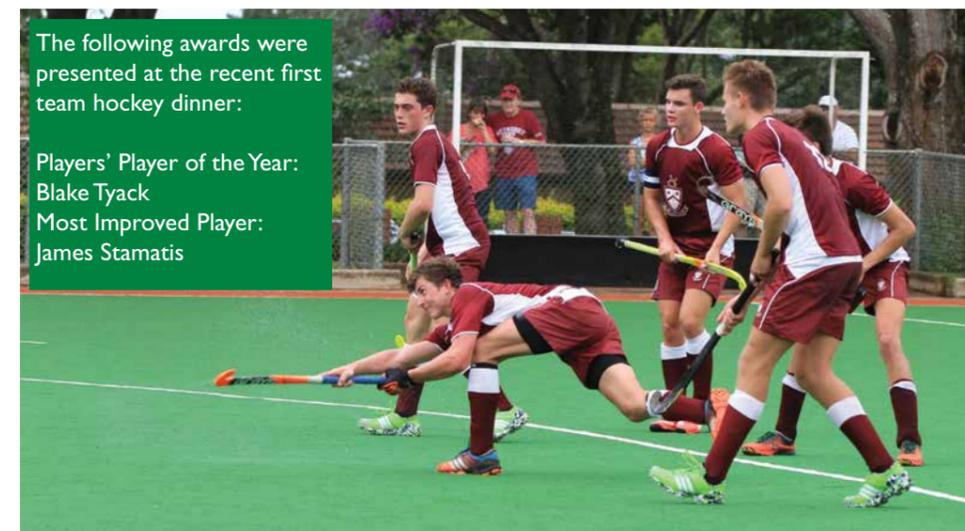
In the Inter-house event, Daniel Taylor (Pembroke) comfortably won the 6km seniors' race. In the juniors' race, Dylan Thompson (Sheffield) ran an intelligent race - coming from tenth position at the half way mark to win the race.

Towards the end of the second term, we took a well-deserved break and headed to the South Coast for a weekend away. On the first day we ran at the Burry Stander Bike Park and enjoyed dinner at Munchner Haus - a German restaurant in Port Shepstone. On the second day we ran at Beaver Creek, Clearwater Gorge. On the final day we took a drive to Lank Eland and ran in the game reserve. I'd like to thank Mr Howes for his invaluable help with organising the weekend.

**Inter-house Tennis**

Pembroke Housemaster and MiC Tennis, Mr Anthony Willows, must have provided a little extra coaching to his House tennis team! Pembroke won the competition by beating a competitive Finningley team into second place. Sheffield finished third and then Gillingham.

*Greg Cobbleddick and Jordan Bamber toss*



The following awards were presented at the recent first team hockey dinner:  
**Players' Player of the Year:** Blake Tyack  
**Most Improved Player:** James Stamatis

**Hockey season**

*Mr Wayne Marsden, MiC: Hockey, reports.*

A remarkable number of 23 boys plus two non-travelling reserves were selected for the provincial age group teams who attended the various tournaments in the July holidays. Lyle Jarvel was selected as the captain of the SA U18B team and Guy Morgan as captain of the SA U16A team. Both of these teams participated in an international tournament in Pretoria at the end of the holidays. Our first team coach, Mr Sihle Ntuli, is the coach for the U18A provincial team, as well as the SA U16A boys' team and the KZN Raider Men's team. A number of our teams performed very well during the hockey season with the second team winning the Crawford La Lucia Tournament for the second time in the last three years. After narrowly losing to Westville Boys' High (the ultimate winners of the tournament), the 1st XI beat Michaelhouse 5-4 to end up in third place at the inaugural KZN Boys' tournament hosted at Kearsney.

**Soccer**

*Mr Wayne Amos, MiC: Soccer, reports.*

The season began in the July holidays when the 1st team participated in the Kloof tournament. With many 1st team players away, a squad made up of some U19, U16 and a few U15 boys represented Kearsney, giving these boys valuable exposure at a higher level. The U15 and U14 teams participated in one-day tournaments at Westville Boys' High.

The third term season was a very successful for the 1st team, which only lost two games, with the players demonstrating exciting play and Keenan Naidoo, Graham Hudson and Kyle Koenig scoring some outstanding goals.

Kearsney had 30 soccer sides this season, with most teams getting games on Saturdays.

The Inter-house competition was a hard fought event, with a rule of NO offside being applied, adding much excitement and drama to the occasion. Finningley won the competition, Pembroke came second, Gillingham third and Sheffield fourth.

**Congratulations to the following boys:** Jethro Strydom (U16) selected for the KZN Invitational High Schools U19B team; Kandrin Naidoo the U16 team and Ayoola Morakinyo for the U15 team. Mzu Pihke (U15) selected for the SAFA U17 KZN team which participated in the Inter-provincial tournament held in Durban in the July holidays. This was an outstanding achievement.



## Three Kearsney College Old Boys represented Team SA at the Rio Olympics

The Rio Olympics came to life for the Kearsney community as we followed with pride the three Old Boys participating.

**Myles Brown** (2010) represented South Africa in the pool. He set a new South African record in the in the 400m freestyle, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to get him through to the semis in that event. He missed out on a place in the final by 0.49 seconds.

**James Reid** (2010) was ranked 47th in the grueling men's Cross Country Mountain Biking race.

**Mpumelelo Mhlongo** (2012) represented South Africa in athletics at the Paralympics. Finishing seventh in his heat of the men's 100m meant he did not proceed to the final. Mpumi's other event at the Paralympic Games was long jump, where he finished sixth in the final.

*Pictured: Mpumelelo Mhlongo (Finningley 2012) with some of his Kearsney teachers.*

*L-R: Mr Bongzi Ndaba, Mrs Glenda Pitcher, Mr Matt Saville, Mrs Sue Murray, Mr Jason Rottcher, Mrs Andrea Fripp, Mr Bruce Thompson, Mr Mpume Mhlongo, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, Mr Andrew Morgan, Mr Anthony Willows and Mr Manzini Zungu.*



## KCOB Executive lead the way

We are humbled and grateful that 100% of the KCOB Executive are supporters of a Kearsney cause and challenged Old Boys to **Seize the Day** and do the same. In Kearsney's 95th birthday month of August, thirty-nine Old Boys joined our donor circle to make it possible for a boy to realise his dream of attending Kearsney a reality.



**KCOB Executive: Mike Potter** (Finningley 1989), **Jeremy Nel** (Pembroke 1987), **Kyle Connolly** (Gillingham 2004), **Lawrence Polkinghorne** (Gillingham 1990), **Sahil Sewpersad** (Finningley 2000), **Iain Meaker** (Gillingham 1987), **Wray Radford** (Finningley 1989), **Richard Tolken** (Gillingham 1954), **Justin Hughes** (Finningley 1992), **Kevin Phillips** (Finningley 1986) and **Bea Croudace** (Ambassador, Treasurer).



## Help make it a 10 out of 10 experience

Next year will be our 10th Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival. Please contact us on [foundation@kearsney.com](mailto:foundation@kearsney.com), to discuss sponsorship opportunities to make this momentous year the best yet.



## Amazing MySchool

Last month 591 unique Kearsney supporters swiped their cards an average 7,21 times raising R9,564 for the month towards Kearsney's Mathematics and Science Outreach Programme at KwaNtabeni High School. Thank you for this incredible effort!



Relink an existing card or order your MySchool card on [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za).

## CSI & B-BBEE Initiatives

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The *Kearsney College Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Programme* is independently audited and 100% of your Socio Economic Development (SED) gift counts on your scorecard.

## 2017 Sponsorship Opportunities

Bring your brand to life while bringing extraordinary education a reality! Please contact the Kearsney Foundation to discuss this further:

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## Old Boys celebrate Kearsney's 95th anniversary

Old Boys around the world are celebrating Kearsney's 95th Birthday. The events started in Zululand on the actual founding day of 04 August. The Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, and his wife, Tracey, attended and the Old Boys, parents and guests enjoyed hearing the Head report on the College's news.

On 19 August two events were held in different parts of the world - Cape Town and London. The Headmaster was at the Cape Town event and Lorne Maclaine (1963), a member of our Legacy Society, reported on behalf of the College to the group gathered in London.

Branch Chairman, Walter Robinson (1973), hosted Old Boys, parents and representatives of the College at the South Coast dinner in Port Shepstone on 08 August.

The Durban branch dinner was held in Mt Edgecombe at Marco Paulo, the restaurant of Old Boy Paul Sheppard (1999). The Headmaster was in attendance together with many supportive Old Boys and members of the Old Boys' Executive.

## London Branch Dinner

Back row (L-R): **Ryan Atkinson** (Finningley 1996), **Wayne Parker** (Pembroke 1998), **Andrew Mullins** (Pembroke 1996), **Damian Hourquebie** (Pembroke 1996), **Angus Martyn** (Gillingham 1997), **Angus Maclaine** (Gillingham 1992), **Lorne Maclaine** (Gillingham 1963), **Marc Burnton** (Sheffield 1999), **James (Daz) Lindon** (Gillingham 1984), **Calvin Bowen** (Finningley 2007). Front row (L-R): **Mark Keal** (Pembroke 2009), **Declan Ahern** (Sheffield 2011), **Brendan Massey** (Pembroke 2007), **Greg Hagen** (Gillingham 2001), **John Roussot** (Finningley 1995), **Tim Philippou** (Finningley 2001). Not photographed: **William Tsolo** (Pembroke 1999)





95th anniversary Blood Drive

Thank you to all of the Kearsney boys, staff and parents who donated blood in our Blood Drive this term. The drive was part of our 95th anniversary celebrations where our target was 95 units. Together we donated 121 units. A great community effort.

## The Grade 11 Dance

Organiser Mrs Glenda Pitcher reports.

The theme this year, *Fire and Ice*, set many hearts a-flame! The Grade 11 Dance was held in the Henderson Hall for the first time and the space, enhanced by the first-class lighting system, provided a great ambience. After a hearty supper of roast beef with chilli-chocolate and baked Alaska pudding, the boys and their partners hit the dance floor or spilled out onto the lawns to socialise around fire braziers. Sadly, it was soon time for the boys to bid their glamorous dates good night and return to their boarding houses. Sincere thanks to all the mums who helped to put this splendid affair together.



"Fire and Ice" in the Henderson Hall

## Parents' Society

Reported by Mr Alan Wykerd, Chairman of Kearsney Parents' Society.

The Parents' Society continues to meet monthly and has been hard at work planning functions and social gatherings for 2016. The 250 Club Dance themed "Fire & Ice", which was held on Saturday 03 September 2016 was a huge success. Club members were treated to a great dinner and danced the night away.

Earlier in the year, the 250 Club members had a wonderful afternoon enjoying *Mango Groove* perform at Makaranga Lodge.

The annual Trail Run was held in August when runners from the area tackled the challenging course in the Kearsney conservancy. We thank all of those involved in organising the event.

We are pleased that the 250 Club membership has grown in numbers this year as we continue to fund raise for bursaries at the College.

### THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

There is a well-known saying in Afrikaans: "*Spyt kom altyd te laat*" (regret always comes too late). I can't count the number of times this has been true for me in my life! This was also the case for David in Psalm 51 just after he had committed adultery and later murder in an attempt to cover up his wrongdoing. In expressing his regret he writes in Psalm 51:4: "*Against you O God, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.*"

Like David, we often feel an all-consuming guilt after we have done wrong. It can feel as if all the regret in the world and all the water in the ocean is unable to wash the guilty conscience away. We wish we had not done wrong in the first place...

There is hope. In 1 John 1:9 it is written: "*If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*" Even though regret always comes too late and can threaten to consume our lives, God is forgiving and the forgiveness he gives washes away the all-consuming guilt.

Rev James Headbush: Chaplain



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