

Academic Excellence for Kearsney's Matriculants

Academic excellence is the College's top priority and it is affirming to see our renowned balance so vividly demonstrated in a year that has delivered such wonderful sporting and cultural achievements.

Almost 30 percent of Kearsney's 2017 matriculants were recognised at our annual Speech Day for achieving an aggregate of over 75 percent. This reaffirms Kearsney's well-earned reputation for academic excellence.

Six boys were awarded Academic Honours Cum Laude (over 86%) – Dux David Comrie, Proxime Accessit to Dux Bradley D'Eramo, Calvin Engelen, twins Dom and Luca Ferri and Alex Veltman. (Continued on page 3)

Pictured from left to right: David Comrie (Dux of School), Calvin Engelen, Dom Ferri, Luca Ferri, Alex Veltman and Bradley D'Eramo (Runner-up to Dux)



Kearsney recognised for Maths and Science Excellence

The College was honoured to receive a Certificate of Excellence from the University of Pretoria for placing in the Top 16 of all schools in South Africa, independent and state, in Mathematics and Physical Sciences in the final 2016 examinations. Our Maths and Science Excellence Programme has consistently placed Kearsney among the top performers in the country and we are very proud of our academic excellence.

Kearsney Choir ranked 12th in the world

Congratulations to Marshall Lombard and the Kearsney College Choir who were ranked the 12th best choir in the world by the international organisation, INTERKULTUR. What an amazing achievement! Congratulations to the Stellenbosch University Choir, which topped the global list.

KZN Water Polo Selections



From left to right: Nic Baines, Wesley Marshall, Josh Muller, Taine Buys, Tyson Andrews, Luke Ambler-Smith and Oliver Kenny.

KZN Cricket Selections



From left to right: Robbie Koenig, Jean-Luc, Talbot, Matthew Murray, Cade Carmichael, Luke de Vlieg, Carl Heunis and Patrick McGrath.

FAREWELL



PAULA ISAAC

Tribute by Mr André van Zyl.

Paula joined the Kearsney staff in January 1995. In her time at the College, she transformed the library from a staid, dusty venue for largely unread material, into a dynamic centre of social interaction, where the modern technological world has merged with literature and the educational process.

The fact that the library is such a vibrant place, where boys love to work or relax, can be attributed to the way Paula and Mrs Victoria Maré ran the facility and the innovations put in place.

Paula has encouraged a love of reading in a climate where this is under continual threat from an 'instant gratification' society. Some of Paula's other achievements include the introduction of the intranet, the birth of the ever-popular satirical Greyhound Magazine and the establishment of the Video Editing Club. Coaches, parents and boys have all been beneficiaries of her talented video presentation skills and leadership in this area.

Various social events which have benefitted the boys tremendously were initiated or coordinated by Paula. These include the Matric Dance, The Leaver's Dinner, The Grade 11 Dance, the DJ Club, Ballroom Dancing, 1st team Cricket and Rugby Dinners and Grade 9 socials.

A whole generation of Kearsney Choir boys will also remember, with fondness, "Mam", Paula, accompanying them as their 'tour mom' on their overseas tours where they competed internationally - two European tours and one to China.

Paula will be especially remembered for her empathy, humanity and her caring personality. She was a champion for the 'underdog' and gave a great deal of herself.

Kearsney wishes Paula everything of the best as she retires to Cape Town to spend quality time with her husband Graham and her precious family.

After 22 years of having a positive impact on the lives of a generation of Kearsney boys, Paula will be greatly missed.



DAVE GRAVES

Tribute by Mrs Sonia Cairns.

The end of 2017 marks the retirement of one of our longest serving staff members, Mr Dave Graves, who joined the staff in January 1988. Old Boys and staff members who have worked at the College for some time will remember him as 'Naas'.

I first got to know Mr Graves when I was appointed to the Afrikaans Department in 2013. He struck me as a compassionate, humorous, yet serious person who loved teaching Afrikaans and coaching cricket and rugby.

Dave has a particular passion for reading and, as his classroom neighbour, I will remember with fondness the reading lessons where the boys would be quiet whilst he read to them in his booming voice, mimicking each character of the story as he read.

I understand that, over the years, Dave was also involved in the sailing club and SCA at the College, was a House duty master and Grade Head. For many years Dave accompanied the Grade 10s on their Leadership Week at Spirit of Adventure, where he was happy to be involved.

To give so many of one's working years to one institution is remarkable and we hope that Dave will enjoy his well-earned retirement together with his wife, Leanne, his two sons and his grandchildren, who he loves so much. He will be missed, not only by the current staff, but also by the boys who he taught and coached. We hope that he will continue to visit Kearsney in the future.



GLENDA PITCHER

Tribute by Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg.

Glenda Pitcher was appointed as Head of Department: Visual Arts from 1 January 2010. As a teacher, Glenda expected the highest standards of classroom conduct and work ethic from

her boys. On her part, she lived out those standards in her teaching.

As part of the annual Culture@Kearsney Arts Festival, Glenda was involved as the curator of four exhibitions over a period of four years. Artworks from a number of schools in the greater Durban area were exhibited. She also curated six photography exhibitions, in conjunction with a photographic competition for high school children in Kwa-Zulu Natal over the last six years.

In an extramural capacity, Glenda developed stage sets, backdrops, props, promotional materials and make-up for the annual school drama productions. She also assisted with the creation of décor for the annual Grade 11 and 12 dances and for the last two years undertook to organise the Grade 11 Dance. Glenda successfully organised and ran the College's annual Creativity Workshop Day, where all boys from Grade 8 to Grade 12 engage in an organised creative activity.

As a person, Glenda is a hard-working and sincere person. She related well to all colleagues and was a delight to have on the staff. Glenda made a significant difference in the lives of so many of her pupils and will be missed by boys and staff alike. We thank her for her wonderful contribution to the College and wish her and her family all the best for their new adventure in New Zealand.



VICTORIA MARÉ

Tribute by Mrs Paula Isaac.

Victoria was employed 22 years ago as assistant librarian at the College and has played an indispensable role in ensuring the smooth running of the resources centre. I have to admit that she has run this centre while my duties involved organising functions and events and being involved with clubs and societies.

Vicky is an avid reader and gives excellent advice to boys on choosing suitable reading material. Vicky has a kind heart and we have cried together and equally laughed together with never a cross word between us. I value Vicky's opinion and she has been a wonderful sounding board and played the role of grammar- and spell-checker for all my reports. For this I am extremely grateful.

The years have flown past in harmonious busyness. I don't think we ever took the prescribed tea or lunch time break, as there was never time. From the crush at teatime to the endless tidying up after boys every day.

Thank you, Vicky, for being the perfect working companion. You will be sorely missed by the boys and especially by me as we go our separate ways. God speed!

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Academic Honours (aggregate of 80-85%) were awarded to Head of School Wandile Linda, Emil Loubser, Robert McConnell, Ross Parsons, Kuhle Bophela, Sam Hudson, Kyle Koenig, Grant Sander, James Young, Nicholas Beningfield, Matthew Pitcher, Nicholas de Beer and Ntinga Tshabalala.

Fifteen boys were awarded Academic Colours (aggregate of 75-79%). They were Robert Lawrence, Nkosinathi Mazwai, Michael Hurley, Stuart Campbell, Jeremy Foord, Tyron Wood, James Sutherland, Samuel Stanton, Brendan Albertse, Blaise Carmichael, Daniel Taylor, James Kenny, Christopher Thomson, Thomas Hart and Aston Piché.

Businessman of the Year Dinner

Mr Mike Albers, HOD Accounting reports.

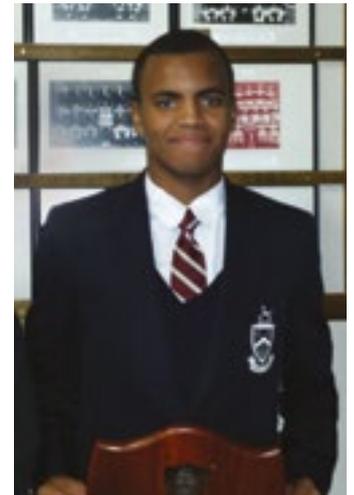
The annual Businessman of the Year dinner took place on Tuesday 24 October in the Greyhound Pavilion. This dinner was the culmination of a process that started in the first term and involved every pupil in Grade 9.

The pupils were divided into 'companies', and each company was tasked with producing a unique product of their choice, together with a business plan. The four best companies were then invited to the Businessman of the Year dinner, where the pupils made their final presentations before a group of adjudicators. The adjudicators this year were Mr Andrew Kenny, Managing Director of

Mr Price, and Mr Mike Potter, a director at FP Engineering. The group chosen as the winner was a company trading as 'Armadillo' with members Ulrich Botha, Chris Duncan, Reece Roberts and Blake Stuart.

The coveted Businessman of the Year award was presented to Samkelo Jiyane. The award was voted by the boys for the individual who showed the greatest entrepreneurial spirit and contributed the most to his group to ensure they came up with a good product and business plan.

We thank Finvision for sponsoring the dinner, where youthful innovation was evident.



Businessman of the Year, Samkelo Jiyane

We are proud of the ideas and standard of presentations.



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World Choir Games 2018 - Tshwane

We are pleased to announce that the Kearsney College Choir will take part in the largest choir competition in the world, the World Choir Games, to be held in Tshwane next year. Mr Marshall Lombard, Director, of Music reports.

Our tour will start on 26 June and end with the prize giving ceremony on 08 July. In preparation for the World Choir Games (WCG), the Choir will take part in the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown, where they will perform various concerts, honing and perfecting their repertoire for the competition the following week at the WCG.

The Kearsney College Choir won three Gold Medals and were crowned World Choir Champions at the 2014 World Choir Games in Latvia. The 2014 World Choir Games involved 27,000 participants from 73 countries. Kearsney is the second-most decorated choir in the history of the WCG, with 13 Gold Medals and 6 Silver Medals.

ILLOVO SUGAR

The first headline sponsor for the Choir.

Report by Mrs Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director.

We are delighted the Kearsney Choir has attracted its first headline sponsor for 2018. Illovo Sugar Africa is the continent's biggest sugar producer and has extensive agricultural and manufacturing operations in six African countries. Illovo's "Thriving African Community" strategy, which underscores the group's "shared value" approach to creating environments in which its businesses and communities thrive in a mutually beneficial relationship, fits with Kearsney's aspirations. In the same vein, we hope that this will be a long and fruitful partnership.

"The Kearsney Choir is a great expression of youthful excitement and talent in Africa, which fits our brand perfectly", says Chris Fitz-Gerald, Illovo Group Communications Manager.



INTER-HOUSE MUSIC

Report by Mr Marshall Lombard, Director of Music.

A highlight in Kearsney's calendar is the highly competitive annual inter-house music competition. This year's competition saw tremendous talent and skill on stage. The choice of songs, other than the set song, the musical arrangements, costumes and rehearsals are all controlled by the boys. The House choirs include boys who are not in the Kearsney Choir, but who are keen to compete and support their House. All four Houses had worked hard to perfect their pieces for the eager audience. The event was live-streamed to allow people who were not able to attend to be able to enjoy the entertainment.

For the first category, each House had to prepare the set song, Fill-a Me Up. Each House choir showed their uniqueness through their own arrangement of the

song. The traditional South African songs with dancing and energetic vibes in the Choir Own Choice category brought the house down.

The talent displayed in the Solo category was incredible! The pieces performed showed again why Kearsney's standard of instrumentalists are unparalleled in any other senior school. The duets gave vocalists a chance to shine and the night ended with a bang, or rather the band, once again proving the musicality and all-round talent of the boys with remarkable performances.

Stuart Campbell of the Gillingham band



The standard of the competition was exceptionally high and we look forward to seeing what the boys will bring to the stage in next year's event. This year the trophy for the overall winner of the competition went to Gillingham.

Speakers' and Inner Circles

Ms Natalie Arndt, Teacher in Charge - Public Speaking, reports.

This term saw the Inner and Speakers' Circle members hosting their parents and show-casing their speaking talents. The Inner Circle paid tribute to their mothers at a Moms and Sons dinner with their topic, Katie Pavlich's quote "Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother."

The Speakers' Circle hosted their parents and their speeches were based on the anonymous quote "You are your own limit." Two prize-givings were held per dinner: the best speakers of the evening and the best speakers of the year, for which the boys voted democratically. The end-of-year dinners also allowed for the clubs to say farewell and thank the "leavers" – the Grade 12s from the Inner Circle and the Grade 10s from the Speakers' Circle. Tribute was paid to the chairmen, Nkosinathi Mazwai and Oliver Carmody of the Inner and Speakers' Circle respectively, for their leadership this year.

The audiences were in awe of the speakers' ability to think on their feet and to be both entertaining and sincere in their prepared and unprepared speeches.

Thanks must go to the Grade 8s, who were recently invited to join the Speakers' Circle in 2018, for being attentive waiters at the Speakers' Circle dinner. We look forward to welcoming you as speakers next year.

INNER CIRCLE AWARDS

TROPHIES FOR THE YEAR:

Best Object Speech - William Patton
Best Ice Breaker - Ayush Singh and Andrew Harding
Best Impromptu Speech - Brandon Palmer
Best Prepared Speech - Yaaseen Mohamed
Best Evaluation - Wandile Linda
Trophy for Excellence in Public Speaking - Kyle Koenig

WINNERS OF THE EVENING:

Best Object Speech - William Patton
Best Ice Breaker - Kyle Koenig
Best Impromptu Speech - Luthando Mabika
Best Prepared Speech - Hlumela Mngomezulu
Best Evaluation - Wandile Linda



Speakers' Circle from left: Craig Phillips, Tim Patton, Ayanda Makhathini, Samkelo Jiyane, Sizwe Sigaza, Dale Young and Andrew Watt

SPEAKERS OF THE YEAR - SPEAKERS' CIRCLE

Best Prepared Reading: The Lockhart-Ross Family trophy- Craig Phillips
Best Impromptu Speech - Sizwe Sigaza
The What's It Trophy for the Best Object Speech - Tim Patton
The Sue O'Niell Trophy for the Best Icebreaker - Ayanda Makhathini
The Sutler-Gore Trophy for the Best Prepared Speech of the Year- Andrew Watt
Best evaluation - Dale Young
The Speakers' Circle Trophy for the Most Improved Speaker - Samkelo Jiyane
The Lamplough Trophy for Excellence in Public Speaking - Andrew Watt

SPEAKERS OF THE EVENING - SPEAKERS' CIRCLE

Best Object Speech - Ayanda Makhathini
Best Ice Breaker - Matthew Strauss
Best Impromptu Speech - Wilco Roets
Best Prepared Speech - Lael Savrimuthu
Best Evaluation - Jordan Baker



Inner Circle back row from left: Andrew Harding, Ayush Singh, William Patton, Brandon Palmer, Seated: Yaaseen Mohamed, Wandile Linda and Kyle Koenig

Grade 8 Drama Showcase

Ms Ulaetha Singh, HOD Dramatic Arts reports.

The Grade 8 Drama showcase provided an opportunity for every Grade 8 boy to perform in the formal space of the Henderson Hall to a supportive audience of family and peers.

Great excitement filled the Hall as the Grade 8s took to the stage. Each class performed a choral verse, a movement piece and selected scenes from their 'Detective' theme module. The audience was entertained by the evocative choral verse items, which were original works written and devised by the boys. The polished improvisation skits around the theme brought many familiar characters to life, following the well-known formula of a true detective show. Our young dramatists were keen to share their ideas and concepts by exploring the detective

theme through movement. The highlight of the evening was the boys showing off their dance moves and choreography to popular detective theme music.

It was encouraging to see our juniors give 100% in their endeavours in what might be, to some, a rather daunting experience. The boys experienced first-hand all that comes with a stage performance – the tension of an entrance, the shudder of missing a cue, the quick (not always) ad lib and the absolute euphoria of a job well done as applause fills the venue. On this platform passionate dramatists, team players and leaders are identified and will be nurtured. We look forward to seeing our budding stars in all spheres reach fruition over their years at the College.

Grade 10 History Tour to Gauteng

Mr Neil Peacock, HOD: History reports.

A group of 32 Grade 10 history pupils, accompanied by Mr Peacock and Mrs van den Aardweg departed Kearsney early on the morning of Sunday 24 September bound for a tour to Johannesburg. The tour was to further explore the theme the Grade 10 pupils are currently studying - "Segregation and Apartheid in South Africa".

The group visited Liliesleaf Farm in Rivonia, where the high command of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) was captured by security police in 1963. The arrest of the top structure of MK led to the infamous Rivonia Trial of 1964 which resulted in Nelson Mandela and other prominent members of the ANC and SACP being sentenced to life imprisonment on Robben Island.

The group spent most of the next day at the world class Apartheid museum and Freedom Park where they were exposed to significant aspects of South Africa's turbulent history. On Tuesday morning the group visited the Old Fort and Constitutional Court. We were privileged to sit in on a constitutional court deliberation and judgement. Justice Edward Cameron, addressed the boys about the workings of the constitutional court and spoke of the need to develop empathetic and active citizens in South Africa, who will question and challenge, in order to uphold and safeguard the constitution.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed the trip as it brought to life facets of our history only previously learnt in the classroom. This will contribute to making them better citizens and provides a better understanding of the syllabus.

Service to the community



A great variety of outreach was completed by many Kearsney boys this term. It continues to be an important aspect of what we do at the College. Report by Mr Manzini Zungu, MIC Community Service.

Garden and building maintenance and donations of clothing

A number of boys were involved in donating clothing, gardening and clearing and helping to clean, fix and paint buildings at the following:

- St Michael's in KwaNyuswa, which helps child-headed households in many respects;
- The homes of elderly folk in the KwaNyuswa area;
- Hillcrest Aid Centre, which does tremendous work to assist local communities.

Visiting the sick and elderly

Jack and Ross Savage read books and played card games with the elderly at Nazareth House on an almost weekly basis. These folk are so appreciative of their visits.

Growing Parks in Pietermaritzburg

Kearsney boys and St Mary's girls joined Nelson Mandela's grandson, Chief Mandla Mandela, and the royal Mandela family to plant fruit trees in the Peace Park. The fig, litchi and orange trees create a sustainable community food garden in the Park. The helpers also painted the colours of the South African flag onto the balustrades. The Park is home to the Peace Monument, which commemorates the loss of life under apartheid.





	Art Exhibition	13 to 21 March
	Music Festival	20 and 22 March
	Photo and Film	13 to 18 June
	Drama@Kearsney	25 to 26 July
	Dance@Kearsney	22 to 24 August
	Words@Kearsney	18 to 19 Sept



Outstanding Cultural Achievements Award

This award was given to Nhloso Zulu at our annual Presentation Assembly this term. We will miss seeing Nhloso sing, dance and act on stage as he matriculates this year. (Pictured above at Grade 12 Drama Showcase).

International Exchange

As 2017 draws to a close, we can look back on an International Exchange programme that has provided an opportunity for Kearsney boys to get a taste of life in another country. We have also been able to give the incoming exchange students, from Ireland and Australia, memories to take back.

Jordan Bamber, Josh Muller and Alex Swanepoel spent the third term at Canberra Grammar and returned with their exchange partners Tom Niisato, Nick Shaw and Harry Truman for the start of Term 4. The Kearsney boys welcomed these young men and showed them South African hospitality.

We saw six boys depart on exchanges this term, with Neels Volschenk and Zukile

Habile pioneering a new exchange with Mount St Mary's in Derbyshire and Dean Gibson, Kyriacos Panas and Reid Stuart spending time at the Catholic University School in Dublin. Brent Gibson has joined

Ted Rose, who was with us in Term 2, at Christchurch Grammar in Perth. We look forward to welcoming the Kearsney boys back in 2018!



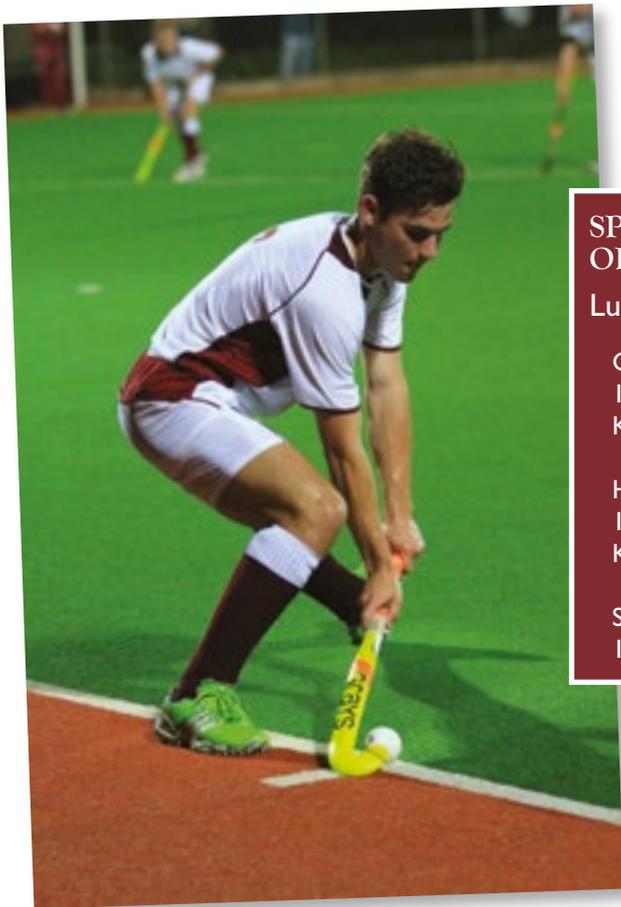
Harry Truman, Nick Shaw, Tom Niisato from Canberra Grammar

Carpe Diem





KEARSNEY COLLEGE



SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Luke de Vlieg

CRICKET
1st team captain
KZN U18A

HOCKEY
1st team vice-captain
KZN Coastal U18A

SOCCER
1st team

TENNIS

Report by Mr Anthony Willows, MIC Tennis.

Grey College Tennis Tournament

This annual stayers' tournament was held at the start of the 4th term. The Kearsney team consisted of Kade Mindry, Luc Koenig, Scott Bentley, Greg Cobbledick, Meerten van Wyk, Sahil Chetty and Connor Soulsby. The young team struggled somewhat, but gained valuable experience at this event, showing great promise for the future.

SA Tennis Junior Masters Championships

This prestigious tennis tournament took place in Potchestroom during the holidays. The top 8 U14 and U16 boys in the country compete in this annual event. Kearsney had two players participating - Kade Mindry in the U16 event and Luc Koenig in the U14 event. Kade finished 6th and Luc 4th. At the prize-giving, Luc was selected for the SA U14 Tennis squad. Congratulations to these players for being chosen to participate and on their achievements.

Water Polo

Mr Stafford Green, MIC Water Polo, reports.

The third term saw the polo players getting themselves fit and ready for various tours around the country. The 1st team took part in the winter league in preparation for the Clifton tournament and SACS tournament in Cape Town. The younger players in the team made a positive impact on the team's results in both tournaments. The team played well, which bodes well for next year's season. The U15s took part in the Sterrenberg Shield in East London, where they faced tough opposition. The tour proved successful and was enjoyed by all. The U14s went to Hilton to take part in their U14 festival. They gained valuable experience at this event.

Our teams performed well in the Top 10 tournament at the beginning of the 4th term. Our seniors were placed 7th and the U15s, showing their strength, were placed 3rd. Our U14s finished 5th. Well done to all teams. We wish to thank all the coaches for their dedication and hard work. We are extremely proud of seven of



Taine Buys

our boys for their selection to the KZN Water Polo teams and wish them luck in the upcoming SA Schools tournaments in December. (Pictured on page 1).

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2018.

WATER POLO PROVINCIAL SELECTIONS

- KZN U19B:** Nic Baines and Taine Buys
- KZN U16A (reserve):** Oliver Kenny and Josh Muller
- KZN U15A:** Tyson Andrews and Wesley Marshall
- KZN U14A:** Luke Ambler-Smith



Ayoola Morakinyo

Basketball

Terms 3 and 4 report by Mr Myles Delpert, MIC Basketball.

This season has been a very good one for Kearsney basketball teams. There continues to be an improvement in the overall skill level of all teams due to the commitment shown by the boys and their coaches. The current basketball culture at Kearsney is one of hard work and dedication. This is evident during games and has resulted in a greater win ratio than in recent years.

This year the UI4A and B teams took part in the St Andrew's College Festival in Grahamstown. The UI4A team won all seven of their matches convincingly and went into the final matches of the season undefeated.

The first team participated in the Independent Schools' Stayers Basketball Tournament (ISSBT), (in which the top basketball playing independent schools participate). Kearsney beat St Alban's College in the finals to be crowned the top independent basketball school in the country for the second year in a row.

We are privileged that the second court in the SportZone was extended, meaning that we now have two full sized indoor courts. With the continued enthusiasm and dedication of the players and the coaches, the future of Kearsney basketball looks bright.

Squash

Mr Andrew Morgan, MIC Squash, reports.

The College's 1st squash team took part in the Wynberg Stayers' Festival in Cape Town over the weekend of the 20th of October. The festival attracts top school squash sides from around the country and is open to all players except matrics. It is a great opportunity for players to gauge their competition before the season starts in earnest in January.

Our side was a relatively young team with a Grade 8, a Grade 9 and four Grade 10s. The boys faced tough competition but gave a good account of themselves, which bodes well for 2018.

OUR RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Beat SACS	5-1
Drew with Graeme College	3-3
Lost to Bishops	1-5
Lost to St Johns	0-6



Saffin van Straaten, Dale Young, Jordan Baker, Kamo Bikwane, Dylan Thompson and Jeremiah Chetty.

Indoor hockey

Report by Mr Wayne Marsden, MiC Hockey.

The SportZone was a hive of activity during the 3rd term with the 1st, UI6A and UI4A teams training and hosting matches in their respective indoor hockey

leagues. Indoor hockey is a fast-paced game which reinforces a number of the basic skills required from field hockey players. It also assists with the players' fitness.

A young and inexperienced 1st team, with only one Grade 12 boy, was entered into a

competitive league. The boys were keen to test themselves against tough teams. They finished 3rd in the UI8A league, which was a wonderful achievement. The UI4A team only lost one game during the season to be placed 2nd in their league.

Cricket

Mr Neil Peacock, MIC Cricket reports on Terms 3 and 4.

The latter half of the cricket season has seen a lot of activity with various festivals, the national T20 competition and traditional fixtures against local schools. Unfortunately the weather has been quite unstable which resulted in some delays and matches being cancelled or postponed.

Over the Michaelmas holidays, all our A teams were involved in festivals around the country. The 1st XI taking part in the traditional Michaelmas Festival in Pietermaritzburg; the I6A side were involved in the local Kookaburra Festival; the I5A side travelled to Affies while the I4A side participated in the annual Charl van Rooyen Festival at KES. Some pleasing results were obtained, with the I6A and I5A sides doing particularly well against noteworthy opposition. On the local front, our teams were extremely competitive against local opposition while the "stayers" 1st XI have progressed to the second round of the regional T20 competition.

We extend congratulations to the following boys on their selections for various KZN Coastal Teams. (Pictured on page 1).

We wish these players well at their various Inter-provincial Weeks in December.

Congratulations to Jordan Bamber on his selection to the Kingsmead Mynahs U17 Invitational Side that will be playing a number of matches in early December.

PROVINCIAL SELECTIONS

KZN U19 Coastals:

Luke de Vlieg and Patch McGrath

KZN U17 Coastals:

Carl Heunis and Robbie Koenig

KZN U15 Coastals: Jean-Luc Talbot, Cade Carmichael (also appointed as captain of the side) and Matthew Murray

Below, Michael Brokensha



Old Boys and Kearsney XI Cricket Team

Old Cricks Match

An occasion steeped in tradition.

The annual Old Cricks cricket match between the Old Boys and the 1st XI took place on Friday 15 September 2017. It was wonderful to welcome the gentlemen who represented the Old Cricks and to see them in action on the AH Smith Oval again. We thank them for taking part in this special traditional fixture, which the Kearsney 1st XI won for the second year in a row.



Plan to be on the Hill for Easter

The Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival is the place to be from 29 March - 02 April 2018.

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Kyle Abbott named 2017 Players' Player of the Year

At Hampshire's end of season Awards Dinner, Kyle Abbott, took home the Players' Player of the Year award, voted for by his fellow Hampshire teammates.

Since returning to the club at the start of the season, Kyle has been pivotal to this year's successes across all three formats, and his 60 wickets in the County Championship campaign was the third highest in the division. Kyle claimed 84 wickets in all competitions this season.

Kyle also won the Fans' Player of the Year Award and took home the Bowler of the Year Award, for his outstanding contributions this season.



Robert du Preez, second from left (Class of 2011) played fly half for Western Province, who won the Currie Cup Championship in 2017.



Christmas Appeal

A season of giving

Please choose Kearsney and the gift of education to make the dreams of a talented pupils attending this fine College a reality. Every gift, whether small or large, makes a difference. In the words of one of our boys blessed to be at Kearsney through our generous supporters: 'I wish to be constantly deserving of this bursary and look forward to work diligently'. To emphasise his determination he went on to quote William Arthur Ward who said 'The price of excellence is discipline, the cost of mediocrity is disappointment.'

With ever-increasing costs, we can assure you that the support from our Kearsney community is greatly appreciated and a source of encouragement. We appeal to you to join our annual Give a gift to education appeal by supporting our Bursary Programme either annually or monthly. Section 18a certification and full BEE scorecard points for both SED and SD spend is available.

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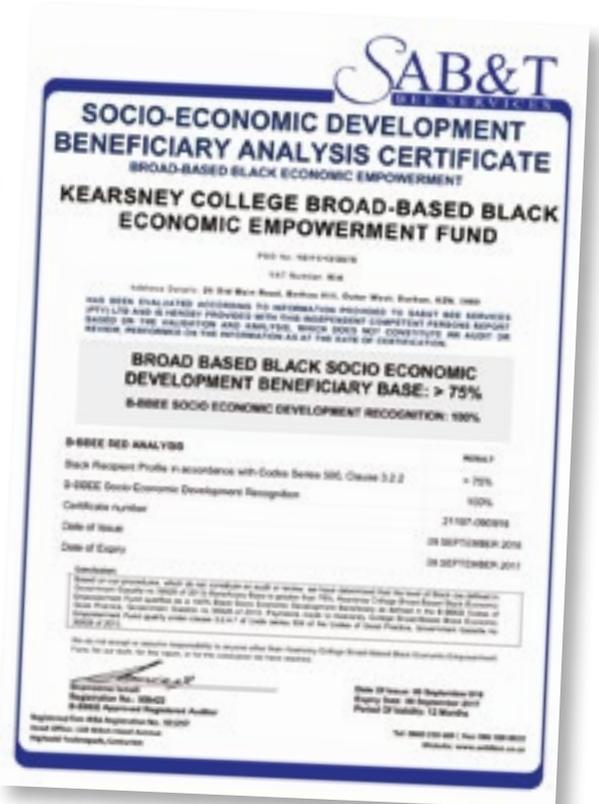
The Kearsney College Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Programme is independently audited and 100% of your Socio Economic Development (SED) gift counts on your scorecard.

Please contact the Kearsney Foundation to discuss this further: Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director or Athena Fisher, Foundation Coordinator

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Transnet making a dream come true

What a delight it has been to see our Transnet Foundation Bursary recipients grow from boys into proud young Kearsney gentlemen. We were thrilled that Phoka Mchunu has been selected as Head of School for 2018 and Sibusiso Sangweni as a prefect.

Pictured in 2015 from left to right: Phoka Mchunu (Sheffield 2018), Mbasa Kulu (Sheffield 2019), Sibusiso Sangweni (Finningley 2018), Ms Theresa Moila of the Transnet Foundation





Digby Benporath (Gillingham 1956), Colin Downie (Finningley 1957) and Ron Timm (Finningley 1956)

Old Boy's bring on the style in the Greyhound Pavilion

We thank the Class of 1956 and 1957 for their gift of a beautiful lounge area in The Greyhound Pavilion, which they donated to celebrate the occasion of their 60th reunion. Those who donated chose the following quote which will be included on a commemorative plaque. "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give", Winston Churchill.

The facility will be enjoyed by many in the years to come and adds great value to the Pavilion.

#lamLegacy #KearsneyFoundation #CarpeDiem

SA HOCKEY SUCCESS FOR BILI

Bili Ntuli (Sheffield 2014) played up front for the South African Men's Hockey side, which won the African Cup of Nations in Egypt for the 8th consecutive time. This means the team has booked their place for the 2018 Hockey World Cup. Congratulations Bili!



Parents' Society Function

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 03 March 2018

Parents' Society Formal Dinner-Dance function using the Matric Dance decor.

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Funds support Kearsney's outreach programme, including the Mathematics and Science Programme at Kwantabeni High School. Thank you for your support. Please link your existing card or order your MySchool card on www.myschool.co.za.
Every swipe counts!



MySchool supports Outreach

The success of Kearsney's Mathematics and Science Outreach Programme at Kwantabeni Secondary School was evident in the positive results stemming from their trial exams, with an above average pass rate. This programme is part funded by our MySchool programme in partnership with the Thekweni Rotary Club. Contact us on foundation@kearsney.com about funding opportunities or sign up to the MySchool programme and choose Kearsney as a beneficiary.



Farewell to the Class of 2017

Our Leavers' Chapel Service was once again a very special and dignified occasion. Wandile Linda, 2017 Head of School, delivered a superb and moving speech to thank his peers and wished the remaining boys all the best as they continue to hold the name of the College high.

Phoka Mchunu, Head of School for 2018, thanked the Class of 2017 for their leadership and contribution to the College. As the Grade 12s filed out of the Chapel, they were able to say farewell to all the academic staff members who lined both sides of the path leading from the Chapel. It was a very touching and emotional. We wish those young men all the best for their futures.

The handover from the 2017 to the 2018 prefects was symbolised, as is tradition, in the lowering and raising of the Kearsney flag, surrounded by the boys of the College. The respective headboys said a few words to the boys in this special private ceremony.



OPEN WEEKEND Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 March 2018

Open Weekend for all those who have applied for Grade 8 in 2019. Entrance exams are written on this weekend.

Invitations to apply for scholarships will be extended on 10 January. Offers of places are made on 19 April 2018 and scholarship offers are made on 17 April 2018. These dates have been agreed with the other independent boys schools in KZN (Hilton, Michaelhouse and Clifton) and scholarship or place offers cannot be made before those dates by any of these schools.



2019 Admission for Grade 8

Kearsney continues to enjoy incredible demand for our world-class balanced education and we encourage interested families to apply to the College as early as possible. Early in the New Year a number of Information Evenings will be held for the prospective Grade 8s of 2019.

INFORMATION EVENINGS 2018

Thursday 25 January Highway, South Coast, Pietermaritzburg and Midlands families

Monday 29 January

Durban, Durban North, Dolphin Coast and Zululand families

Thursday 01 February

Johannesburg families, at the Bryanston Country Club

Friday 02 February

Johannesburg families, at the Killarney Country Club

Monday 05 February Highbury families

Booking is essential on marketing@kearsney.com



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Thought for the moment

Luke 1:26-38 tells the story of the announcement of the birth of Jesus Christ to Mary. The angel Gabriel appeared to her and told her that she will bear a son, "Jesus the Son of the Most High". Mary's response is "... let it be with me according to your word."

I still remember the look of surprise (read shock) on my mom's face when I told her in my final year of LLB studies, that I no longer want to be an Advocate, but rather to become an Ordained Minister. Even though Mary knew before the birth of her child that he would be different, she still was a mom, with her own ambitions for her child, but right from the start, she surrendered these to God. She also trusted her adult son and His intentions for His life - even when she did not understand.

Back to the story of my mom - once she got over the initial shock, she became my strength and inspiration in ministry. Like Mary and my mom, we must discern God's will for our children and allow them to become what they wish to be, even when we don't understand, or if it frightens us.

Rev James Headbush
Chaplain



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