



## Focus on Academic Excellence pays dividends

*Kearsney College has again achieved outstanding IEB Matric results in the 2017 examinations, for the seventh consecutive year almost doubling the national IEB distinction rate in Mathematics and more than doubling it in Physical Science. Mr Rob Carpenter Marketing Director, reports.*

Highlighting its consistent excellence in these subjects, 49% of Kearsney boys who wrote Mathematics attained distinctions (compared with the IEB national average of 26.5%) and 37% in Physical Science (compared to 17% in IEB schools). Two thirds of boys who wrote Mathematics and Physical Sciences at Kearsney achieved an A or B and the average mark was 75% for Mathematics. These results follow other recent accolades received for our Mathematics and Science Excellence Programme: three pupils placing in the top 1% of Grade 11 candidates in

the country in the leBT benchmarking test for Mathematics (Kearsney was the only independent boys' school in the country to have three boys in the top 1%); and the Certificate of Excellence awarded to Kearsney by the University of Pretoria, for placing in the Top 16 of all schools in South Africa in Mathematics and Physical Sciences results in the final 2016 NSC examinations.

The school achieved a 100% pass rate, with an outstanding 98% Bachelor's Degree Pass (university exemption). David Comrie,

Kearsney's dux and 1st team squash captain, achieved eight distinctions, including 100% for Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD). Four boys from Kearsney received seven distinctions each - Calvin Engelen, Dom Ferri, Bradley D'Eramo and Alexander Veltman. Six Kearsney boys each received six distinctions - Luca Ferri, Ntinga Tshabalala, provincial hockey player Nic de Beer; Head of Orchestra Emil Loubser; Robert McConnell and 1st team canoeing captain Matthew Pitcher - reinforcing the school's emphasis on balance. See graph on page 3.

## Easter Feast of Rugby Promised

*Publicist, Ms Sue Miles, reports.*



The renowned festival runs from 29 March to 02 April and promises exciting running rugby in our beautiful family-friendly environment.

The festival attracts top rugby-playing schools from around the country and is regarded as one of the premier festivals in South Africa.

Many gifted players have been discovered by talent scouts at the previous ten Kearsney Easter Rugby Festivals and many have progressed to playing for the Springboks, SA Sevens, Sharks and other provincial teams. Continued on page 6.



### KERF Outreach Initiative

Donate new or your second hand rugby kit to our outreach initiative Boots & Balls. All donated goods will be distributed by the KZN Rugby Union to development teams.

# New Beginnings

The transition from senior primary to high school is always daunting with many uncertainties and challenges along the way. **Mr Mouton Badenhorst**, *Haley Housemaster*, reports.

Our 'My Bright Future' weekend held in November goes some way towards making boys familiar and comfortable in the new environment.

This group of Grade 8s have integrated well into the College, especially considering everything they had to learn. The Haley House prefects have shown wonderful leadership when dealing with the Grade 8s and helping them settle in.

Orientation Day on the Friday of the first week of term provided the boys with a chance to have some fun and become better acquainted.

Our traditional Haley Hike was an enjoyable morning with perfect weather conditions. It was encouraging to see the positive attitudes of the boys during this challenging 14km hike. The roads were packed as we dodged runners taking part in the annual Kearsney Striders Half Marathon. It was a wonderful to see the boys supporting the runners as they tackled the hills in the area.

Back on campus, the boys were introduced to Kearsney's many war cries. With tired voices and aching muscles the boys were happy to have an early night.

The following day the boys experienced one of Kearsney's special traditions at assembly, where they were individually awarded their own school ties by the prefects on stage, to symbolise officially becoming a part of the Kearsney family.



Prefects leading a group on the hike



Grade 8s receiving their ties from prefects at assembly



## Prefects' Seminar 2018

*Mr Anthony Willows, Deputy Headmaster, reports.*

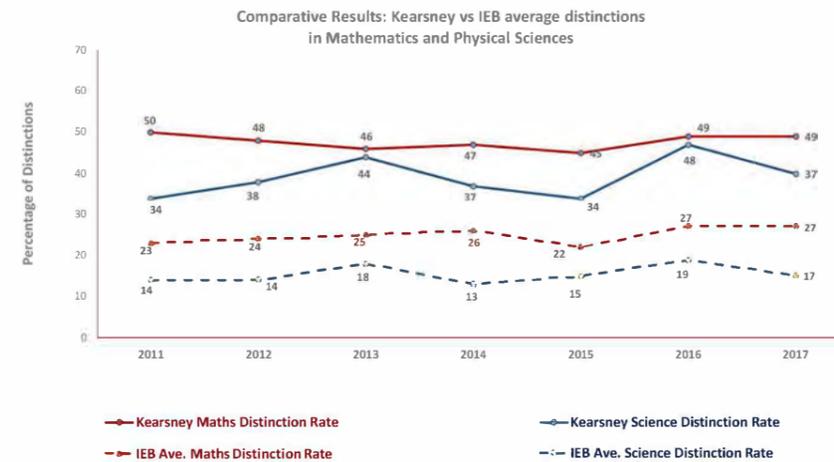
Our annual prefects' seminar was held over three days before the start of Term 1. The prefects were joined by the Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, Deputy Headmaster, Mr Anthony Willows and the five Housemasters.

The main objective of the seminar is for the new group of prefects to discuss their roles as leaders of the College and for them to spend some time identifying their collective goals for the coming year.

The Headmaster discussed the prefects' responsibilities as role models to the boys of the College and the characteristics of authentic leaders. Mr Willows covered the prefects' roles and responsibilities and the importance of teamwork, as well as the Honour Code, which is an integral part of what we do at the College.

The prefects of 2018 are a superb group who we trust will serve the College well and, together with the rest of their peers in Grade 12, will leave a proud legacy.

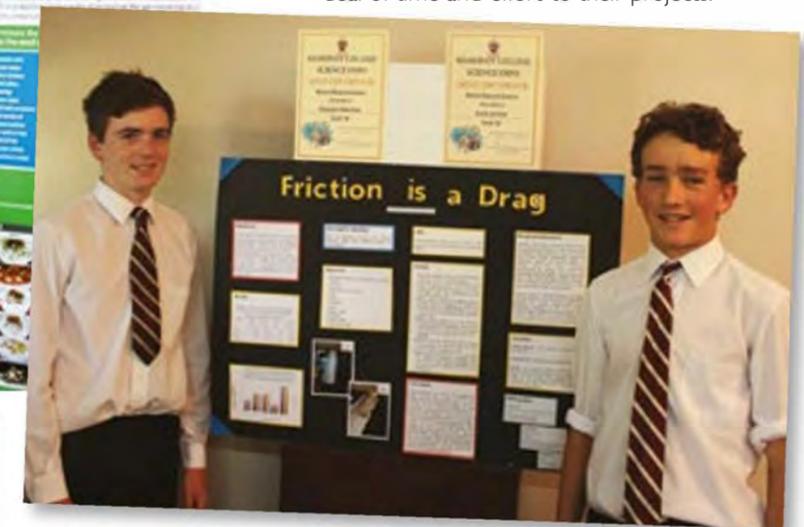
### Matric Results (continued from page 1):



### NEW ACADEMIC STAFF



L-R: Mr Marc Ancillotti, HOD Mathematics; Mrs Joanne Hicks, HOD Visual Arts; Mr Neil van Heerden, Afrikaans and Mr Kyle Eysele, Life Sciences



### INTERNS FOR 2018



L-R: Mr Dylan Perrett, Arts and Culture and English; Mr Senzo Mtshali, isiZulu; Mr Michael Simpson, English and History; Ms Lethu Langa, Art and EGD; Mr Jono Deighton, English and Geography and Mr Sibusiso Mbhele, EGD/Tech and Mathematics

## Science Expo - Grade 9s

*Mrs Sue Murray, HOD Science, reports.*

Tyler Gray and Matthew McMurray (pictured left) won best Biological Sciences project. They investigated the effect of different soaking solutions on the germination of black-eyed bean seeds.

Benjamin Robertson and Daniel de Kock (pictured below) won best Physical Sciences project. Their investigation involved the effect of solutions with different viscosities on the friction exerted by an object sliding along a ramp.

In both cases the investigations were carried out with strict adherence to the principles of the scientific method, ensuring that variables were carefully controlled and sufficient repeat readings were conducted to minimise the effects of any outlying results. Congratulations to these boys and to all who dedicated a great deal of time and effort to their projects.

# International Exchange

Mrs Charlene Elliott, Teacher in Charge: International Exchange, reports.

We welcomed back our 2017 international exchange students from their various schools at the beginning of this year. At the report-back evening in February, each boy had the opportunity to share their experiences and special memories and show photographs of their exchange school. It was evident that each boy now had a greater cultural appreciation and certainly had an adventure of a lifetime.

We are excited to send a new set of Kearsney Grade 10 boys on the 2018 exchange programme. Many boys have applied and the selection process is underway. We look forward to welcoming Finn McClean from Waverley College in Sydney in the second term. Finn is the grandson of Michael Hall, a Kearsney Old Boy (Gillingham 1953) and the holder of the Sir Liege Hulett Award. Two boys from our new partner school, Mount St Mary's College in Sheffield, UK, are also due to arrive during the second term. It promises to be an eventful and exciting year for the programme.



The boys who went to the Catholic University School in Dublin: Kyriacos Panas; Reid Stuart and Dean Gibson



Boys who went on exchange in 2017: Jordan Bamber, Josh Muller, Alex Swanepoel, Brent Gibson, Neels Volschenk, Mr Matthew Saville, Zukile Habile, Kyriacos Panas, Dean Gibson and Reid Stuart.

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## Culture @ KEARSNEY

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

## Inter-house One-Act Play Competition

Ms Ulaetha Singh, HOD Drama, reports.

There was a hush of expectation in the Henderson Hall as the adjudicator, Ms Jess Harrison read out the results of the Inter-house One-Act Play Competition. Thunderous applause was a befitting accolade to the winning house, Gillingham, for their slick, entertaining ensemble piece, 'Shell Garage'. Well cast, superbly directed and staged by Sisa Mkhize and Brandon Palmer were amongst the many reasons this play deservedly received first place. Gillingham also walked away with the award for Best Supporting Actor in the comic duo of Sisa Mkhize and Pernel Ngubo (pictured right).

This highly competitive event sees the scriptwriters, directors, cast and crew of each House, work together as a creative team to produce a high standard of performance. This mammoth effort

results in an evening of professional, engaging and provocative theatre produced by talented and committed boys. The work of the adjudicator was made difficult as she had to place four plays of a remarkable standard in rank order.

Sheffield's 'Forgotten Guilt', directed by David Scott and Solomzi Zungu, took second place. The coveted awards of Best Original Script went to Pembroke's 'Peace of Mind' written by Yaaseen Mahomed and Daniel Phillips. The Best Actor accolade was awarded to Anele Ndlovu, the lead in Finningley's 'I Am Who We Are.'

Congratulations to all the boys whose superb effort ensured the success of the competition and wonderful entertainment for the audience.



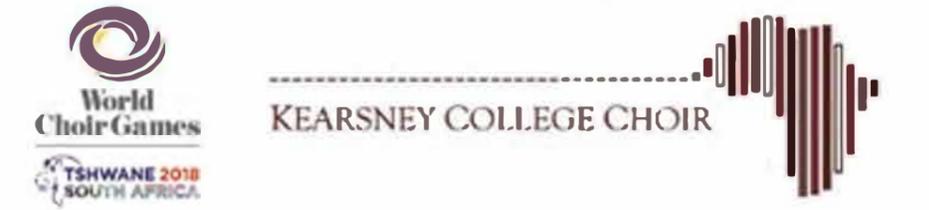
Sisa Mkhize and Pernel Ngubo

## 10th World Choir Games, Tshwane 2018

The Kearsney College Choir is eagerly preparing for the 10th World Choir Games, to be held in Tshwane in June/July this year. A lot of hard work has to go into perfecting the repertoire for the competition, but it is especially exciting to be competing on home soil.

Before the Games the Choir will take part in the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown. Their performances in various concerts will help to hone and perfect their repertoire for the competition at the World Choir Games which will take place the following week. We know the Choir will tackle the preparation and the competition in true Kearsney fashion - with determination, passion and a sense of fun.

At the 2014 World Choir Games in Latvia, the Kearsney College Choir won three Gold Medals and were crowned World Champions. Kearsney is the second-most decorated choir in the history of the World Choir Games, with 13 Gold Medals and



6 Silver Medals. At the end of 2017, the Choir was ranked by the international organisation, INTERKULTUR, as the 12th best choir in the world.

(Standard Bank Easter Rugby Festival continued from page 1)

Mr Etienne Fynn, Head of the Sharks Academy, said "The length of our involvement in this Festival is testament to its on-going high standards and continued focus on the camaraderie and ethos of the game".

Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg said he was delighted to again announce Standard Bank as the headline sponsor. "Standard Bank's involvement adds tremendous value to the festival and, together with continued support from the Sharks Academy, Halfway Ford and

Hendok, will ensure that the Standard Bank Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival continues to grow from strength to strength."

We have another incredible line-up of schools participating at this year's festival. This is schoolboy rugby at its best.

The KwaZulu-Natal teams are Glenwood, DHS and Kearsney. They will join HTS Middelburg, Welkom Gimnasium, Pretoria Boys High and Hoërskool Noord-Kaap (Kimberley); the Eastern Cape's Dale College, Queen's College, Selborne College and Hoërskool Framesby from Port Elizabeth together with HTS Drostyd from Worcester.

Kicking off play each day will be a match between primary school teams. Participating sides are Highbury Preparatory, Hillcrest Primary School, Umhlali Prep and the U13 KZN Ibutho/Mark Godefroy development team.

Numerous food outlets, a refreshment tent and KidZone will ensure spectators can enjoy a fun-filled family-orientated Easter weekend. Entry is R25 per person with ample parking available.

Fixtures and festival information are available on [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com). #KERF



## Basketball

Mr Myles Delpert, MIC Basketball, reports.

This basketball season has been a memorable one and has shown how much Kearsney's basketball programme has grown over recent years.

The College has fielded 18 teams every Saturday and run a successful social league during the week, with four senior teams participating.

The quality of the teams has improved, with a number of teams going unbeaten in the season - namely 1st, U14A, U15A, U15B, U15C and the 4th team. The 1st team has remained unbeaten for 18 games and is in all likelihood the top basketball team in the country, having beaten all KZN schools at least once and also some of the strongest teams from outside the province.



L-R: KZN U18s team members are Liam Turner, Levi Donjeany, Ruben Darby, Preston Barr and Max Hastings-Brown will represent KZN U16.

### PROVINCIAL BASKETBALL SELECTIONS

The 1st team was rewarded with four boys being selected to represent the KZN U18 Basketball team - Preston Barr, Ruben Darby, Levi Donjeany and Liam Turner. Three boys were selected as part of the KZN Coastal team Rabasotho Lenkoe, Dillon Wimbush and Ayoola Morakinyo. Max Hastings-Brown will represent the KZN U16 Team. We wish them all the best for the upcoming tournament being hosted at Kearsney from 23 to 24 March and featuring U18 and U16 teams.

## Cricket

Kearsney has come to the end of a busy and successful cricket season with some satisfying results being achieved. Mr Neil Peacock, MIC: Cricket, reports.

Under new coaches, Mr Jordan Gregory and Mr André van Zyl, the 1st team excelled and displayed a tremendous team spirit. The 1st XI played Bishops in a pre-festival friendly at the start of the year and had the better of a drawn match. They excelled at the Independent Schools Festival, which was hosted by Hilton this year. The team won all of their matches - against St David's (Johannesburg), Anglican Church Grammar (Brisbane, Australia) and St John's Harare (Zimbabwe).

In the traditional Saturday inter-schools fixtures, the team emerged unbeaten during this season, achieving impressive wins against Hilton, Clifton, DHS and St Charles. Matches against Westville were unfortunately called off due to rain.

The 1st XI lost the Coastal semi-final of the National T20 competition to Clifton, but gained sweet revenge when they defeated Clifton in the semi-final of the inaugural T20 "Big Bash" competition for KZN Coastal schools, setting up a final against Westville Boys High. This will take place towards the end of the third term.

Kearsney was privileged and honoured to host the KZN leg of the Momentum Friendship series with our 1st XI and U15A sides playing against Chatsworth RPC.

A number of dignitaries were in attendance, including the CEO of the Dolphins franchise as well as the acting CEO of Cricket South Africa. This was a wonderful day of cricket which showcased Kearsney's commitment to building ties and friendships with other cricketing hubs in the province.

The U16 and U15 sides enjoyed extremely good seasons, while the other Open sides flew the Kearsney flag proudly. The U14 age group struggled somewhat but showed tremendous improvement as the season progressed, thanks largely to the dedication and hard work put in by the coaches and boys.

Robbie Koenig, below.



Dylan Hulett (U15A) above, was in prodigious form with the bat and scored centuries against Clifton, DHS and St Charles. He has a bright future ahead of him in this wonderful game.

Archive photo from Kearsney tennis Festival 2012



## Tennis

The young and inexperienced Kearsney tennis team competed against top school teams at the annual Top 12 National Schools Tennis Tournament. The team generally struggled and came away without a win, but with some valuable match experience. Kearsney's Number 1 player, Kade Mindry, played exceptionally well and won 5 out of his 7 singles matches.

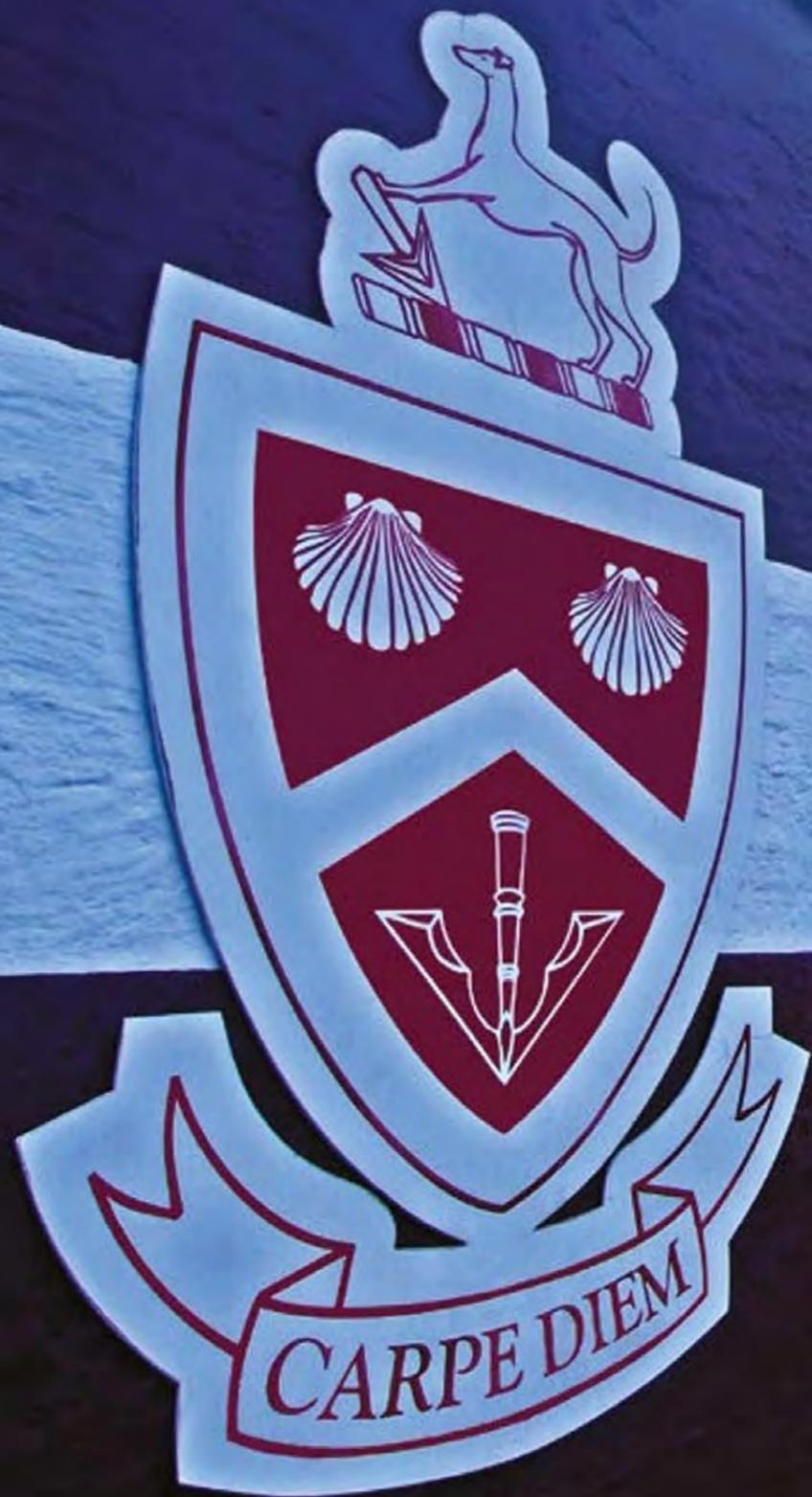
### KZN SELECTION

Congratulations to Kade Mindry (Grade 11) who has been selected for the KZN U19A boys tennis team.

## PROVINCIAL GOLF



Charlie Dell, left, was selected for the KZN Southern Coastal B team and Hayden de Kock for the KZN Southern Coastal A team. Congratulations!



KEARSNEY COLLEGE

# Water Polo

First term polo always feels very rushed with only five weeks of polo before the focus changes to winter sports. Outgoing MIC Water Polo, Mr Stafford Green, reports.

We were fortunate to start the year with a pre-season training camp which got many boys back in the pool and training for the first time since last year.

Although the pool is dominated by swimming in the first term, the boys remained committed and used their pool-time wisely. We were fortunate to convert the 'top pool' into another polo pool with the purchase of new floating goals and the extra training space certainly benefited the players. During the term the junior teams became more united rather than playing as individuals.

Our 1st team toured to Pretoria over half term where they enjoyed a successful festival hosted by Pretoria Boys High School. They played five games, winning 2 and losing 3 to a very strong line-up.

The teams are confident and eagerly awaiting the start of pre-season polo in the third term to prepare for the annual Top 10 Tournament.

## SA U16 SQUAD

Tyson Andrews and Wesley Marshall (both Grade 10) were selected for the SA U16 polo squad. This 44 man squad will attend a training camp in Johannesburg towards the end of March, where an A and a B team of 15 boys each will be selected to represent SA in a tournament in New Zealand.

## KZN U18 SQUAD

Congratulations to Tyson Andrews who has also been selected for the U18 KZN Currie Cup water polo team to play in Johannesburg from 04 to 08 April.



Wesley Marshall



Tyson Andrews



Squash team in Bloemfontein. Back L-R: Dylan Thompson, Saffin van Straaten, Reid Stuart. Centre: Jordan Baker and Dale Young. Front: Kamo Bikwane

# Squash

Mr Andrew Morgan, MIC Squash, reports.

The College's 1st squash team had an eventful 1st term. After a successful training camp run by Johannesburg-based professional Gary Naidoo, over the last weekend of the holidays, the boys kicked off their local fixtures with some tough matches against our traditional boys' schools rivals Maritzburg College and Westville Boys' High. Despite tight games, we lost both fixtures 6-2.

Over the weekend of 10 February, the team took part in the annual St Andrews FNB Squash Festival in Bloemfontein. The boys played exceptionally well, especially considering it was at altitude, and won all their fixtures against some strong national competition.

### Our results were as follows:

Beat St Andrews College (Grahamstown)	6-0
Beat Grey College (Bloemfontein)	5-1
Beat Kingswood (Grahamstown)	4-2
Beat St Stithians (Johannesburg)	4-2
Beat Parktown Boys High (Johannesburg)	5-1

Following their return from Bloemfontein, the boys have performed well in the local league, achieving wins over Glenwood and St Charles.

# Swimming

The swimming season kicked off with a four-day swimming camp conducted by Carl Storm, a top triathlon athlete. Mrs Sonia Cairns, MIC, Swimming, reports.

A dedicated group of twenty boys attended the camp and were taught training and goal-setting skills.

It was quite fitting for the boys to put into practise what they learnt from the camp at the annual Alan Burt Gala, hosted by KES in Gauteng on 03 February.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the annual co-ed Dimont Gala held at Alex Baths in Pietermaritzburg, where Kearsney teamed up with the ladies of St John's College and won the gala for the third successive year.

Another highlight was the inter-house gala which was held in the evening for the first time. The competition was fierce and the atmosphere and camaraderie was amazing. The gala was won by Gillingham House. Well done to Matt Haslam and Tyson Andrews for receiving the junior and senior Victor Ludorum trophies respectively.

During the last week of February we ended the season in true Kearsney fashion when the boys gave their all at the D&D Gala and narrowly finished fourth, behind Westville, Clifton and Glenwood.

Ruben Fourie



## DISTANCE SWIMMING

Taine Buys took part in the Midmar 8-mile swim which was over two days on the weekend of 10/11 February. He trained extremely hard for this gruelling event in which he raised funds for his chosen charity, Save the Rhino. Congratulations to Taine.



Jack Lund and Kevyn Meyer at the Fish River Canoe Marathon

# Canoeing

Kearsney paddlers have been extremely busy, racing in a number of school and club races during the term. Mr Steve Main, MIC Canoeing, reports.

As a young team, many paddlers have been exposed to the sport, especially river racing, for the first time. Considering the water challenges presently faced in South Africa, the KZN rivers have been surprisingly full and we have been able to paddle on the Dusi, Mooi and Umzinkhulu rivers. We are excited to see the interest shown by the Grade 8 boys who have progressed significantly under the guidance and assistance of our support team, which includes parents and Old Boys.

Kearsney remains competitive in the inter-schools league, with Jack Lund, Kevyn Meyer and Luka Koumantarakis being regular contributors to the team scores. Callam Davis won the first interschools race convincingly before shifting his focus to sprinting, where he hopes to qualify for the World Sprint Championships later in the year.

In the U14 category, Ben van Herzeele won the KZN Schools river champs, which is a first for Kearsney in terms of U14 performances.

The Drak Challenge in Underberg was raced on an unusually low river which made for tough racing conditions. The boys however performed extremely well.

### Results were as follows:

Jack Lund 8th U16, Kevyn Meyer 23rd U18 Matthew Goldie and partner 65th K2 overall.

Over the half term break Kearsney was represented in the Dusi Canoe Marathon by Kevyn Meyer and Jack Lund. Both boys were novices for the 2018 race, with Kevyn Meyer driving his K2 in his first Dusi.

### Results were as follows:

Jack Lund and Andy Lund (father) 157th K2, Kevyn Meyer and Luke Plotts (Old Boy) 255th K2

Term 2 will see the specialist canoeing boys paddling through winter and participating in surf ski and marathon events.



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Ghislaine Riceman as Kearsney's new Foundation Director and Kerry McMaster has returned as the Kearsney College Old Boys Secretary.

# Thank You

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The Kearsney community has responded tremendously to this initiative. Last year Kearsney's MySchool supporters raised R120 000 for the College. We thank you for your continued support of this fundraising activity.

Parents who are not already registered are urged to register as Kearsney MySchool supporters. If you are an existing MySchool cardholder you can select Kearsney as one of three beneficiaries you wish to support, or you can apply for a new or additional card.



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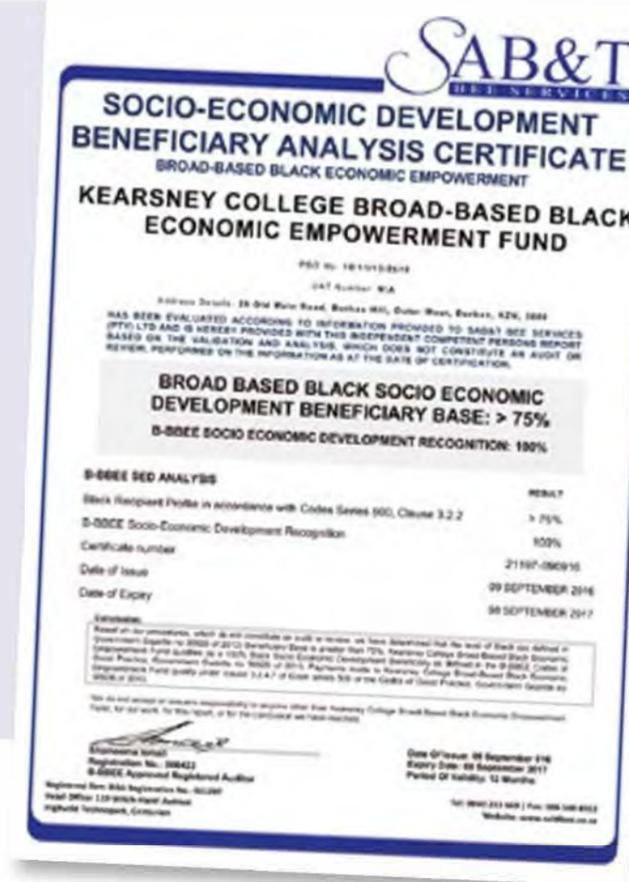
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## PHOTONOTE INVESTS IN EXCELLENCE

Kearsney is proud to acknowledge PhotoNote as our 1st and 2nd XV team sponsor for 2018. Mr Kevin Phillips and Mr Andrew Murray, of PhotoNote, visited the school recently to hand over the 1st and 2nd team kit.



L-R: Andrew Murray, Andrew Harding (1st XV Captain) and Kevin Phillips of PhotoNote

Standard Bank  
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Rugby Festival  
29 March-02 April 2018

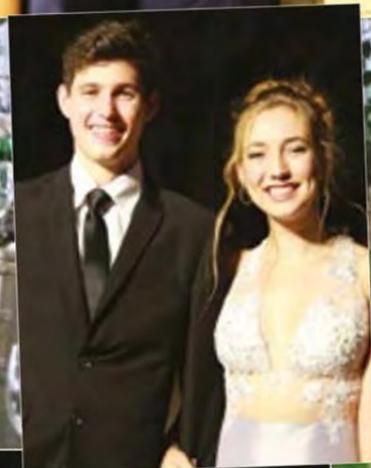
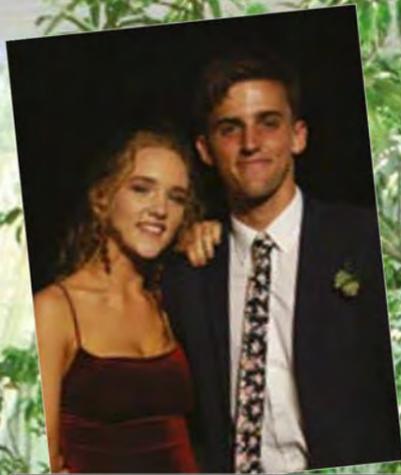
Founders Weekend  
31 May-02 June 2018

A patient within a patient  
Dr Michael Belfort

## GreyhoundNews

Read all about our amazing alumni in this year's Greyhound magazine.

Visit the Kearsney Old Boys webpage on [www.kearsney.com/OldBoys/News/Greyhound](http://www.kearsney.com/OldBoys/News/Greyhound).



## MATRIC DANCE

*"Into the Woods" was the theme of the 2018 Matric Dance held in the Henderson Hall on Friday 02 March. Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, Teacher in Charge of the Matric Dance, reports.*

The green and white décor of natural vegetation, exhibiting simplicity and clean, masculine lines set the scene for an enchanted evening under the canopy of fifty indigenous trees which had been carefully transported from a local nursery for the occasion. The foyer of the Hall was transformed into a clearing in the woods, complete with a backdrop of cascading greenery adding to the tranquil atmosphere.

The mums helping with the decor, including Mesdames Carol Kelly, Mandy Hughes and Leanne Pringle, did a truly remarkable job in the planning and preparation, as well as on the days leading up to the dance. I thank them sincerely. I also thank the Kearsney staff who assisted on the night, namely Mrs Cairns, Ms Langa and Mr Zwane and the marvellous catering staff under the superb leadership of Mrs Signid Ceronio. The Estates Department were magnificent in their support too. Thank you all.

The boys will remember the spectacular atmosphere of arriving couples in precious

vintage cars, stretch limos, local taxis, top-of-the-range sedans, expertly crafted chariots and even an ambulance. Another ambulance was called out to an accident whilst in the procession and had to disgorge its elegant passengers to look for an alternative vehicle in the queue whilst the ambulance rushed off on more serious business.

There were plenty of opportunities for photographs, socialising, networking and of course dancing! The music varied from "Techno" to "Rap", hip-hop and R&B, with never enough of one type or the other.

At midnight, the dance wrapped up with only memories and photographs to cherish and raise a smile. The Grade 11 waiters swooped in to clear the decks in preparation for the Parents' Society Ball the following night. The night was one where young people could be transported into a forest and enjoy an unforgettable enchanted experience.



## Old Boys making a difference



*Managers.* This book serves as a reference for researchers and experts on marine conservation. In addition to development and stewardship of innovative science and management strategies for tropical marine ecosystems and species,

Rod has played a strong role in training and mentoring conservation scientists and leading teams of scientists to assess coral reef resilience. Rod is based in Kailua, Hawaii.

### Rodney Salm (Pembroke, 1964)

Rod has a Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University and 50 years' experience working principally in international marine conservation and ecotourism. Although now retired, Rod's principal focus remains conserving coral reefs in the face of global change. He achieves this through his position as Senior Adviser Emeritus for TNC's Pacific Division Marine Program and as a contributing member of the TNC Reef Resilience Network.

Rod is the author of *Marine and Coastal Protected Areas: A Guide for Planners and*

### Hilton Scott (Pembroke, 2006)

At the age of 29, Dr Hilton Scott will be one of the youngest students to be conferred the PhD degree in Practical Theology at his April 2018 graduation ceremony. In his doctoral thesis, entitled *'Praying, believing and being church: a ritual-liturgical exploration'*, Dr Scott investigates how the form and content of prayer impacts the ways in which people connect with God and other people.

# Kearsney College Parents' Society

Dr Doug Beere, Chairman, delivers this report.

The Parents' Society has undergone a minor transformation in 2018 with Mr Alan Wykerd (2016 and 2017 Chairman) stepping down after his son matriculated. We also lost the services of Mrs Philipa Hurley and Mr and Mrs Dave and Lisa Perryman. Fortunately we have retained the services of a number of diverse and dynamic people on the committee.

At the AGM we welcomed Mrs Diana Jacobs, who has taken over the portfolio of Communications from Dave and Lisa Perryman, and also Mr Chris Smith and Mr Brad Hunt onto the committee.

In the last year, the Parents' Society has contributed to a number of value-added projects around the school. The relocation of the Centenary Bell was facilitated by a huge contribution from the Parents' Society. The Society also makes annual contributions to each of the boarding houses and hosts the Senior and Haley Cocktail parties.

The Parents' Society is exploring a few interesting projects at the moment which will hopefully be rolled out over the next few months. One of these projects involves the possibility of additional seating at the Mason Astro. This will most likely be a long-term project taking us into our Centenary year. We are also planning to support the medical suite in the Medworth Stand, which provides important medical assistance to hockey and rugby players.

The Parents' Society hosted a wonderful ball on 03 March. This function enables us to share the costs of the Matric Dance over two events. This would not have been possible without the huge contributions from Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, Mrs Mandy Hughes, Mrs Carol Kelly and Mrs Leanne Pringle. However, a huge thank-you must go to all the moms who participated in preparing the beautiful setting. To all the moms who contributed foliage and plants, so that this theme could be undertaken, a huge thanks to you too.

The year started with a fantastic turnout of parents at the cocktail parties and at the Parents' Society Ball. The Parents' Society deeply appreciates the voluntary contributions each parent makes towards the Parents' Society and we look forward to seeing you at sports fixtures in the upcoming season!



Parents enjoyed the Parents' Society Ball. It was wonderful to have great support from Grade 8 and 9 parents too.

## FOUNDERS WEEKEND

Friday and Saturday 1 and 2 June 2018

All Old Boys and their families are welcome. The Black-Tie dinner on Friday 01 June, however, is for Old Boys and current/past staff only.

We formally invite Kearsney Ambassadors (Kearsney past parents and supporters) to the Saturday Founders programme. Please register with us if you have not already done so.

Enquires: Kerry McMaster (KCOB Secretary) on [oldboys@kearnsey.com](mailto:oldboys@kearnsey.com) or 031 765 9628.

The online booking form is on the Old Boys page on [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com)

Please note: The Golf Day on Thursday 31 May is sold out.



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## Thought for the moment

In Exodus 4, when God sent Moses to speak to the King of Egypt to set the Israelites free from slavery, Moses' response was: "Pardon your servant, Lord, I have never been a good speaker." God then said to Moses: "Can I, who has created the mouth, not speak? I will tell you what to say." Like Moses, we often forget that God can speak. We sometimes think of God as a big ear; we speak and He listens. And yes, of course God listens to us when we speak to Him. But we must also remember that God speaks. And because He speaks, we must start listening for His voice. In James 1:19 scripture says "...be quick to listen, but slow to speak...". I used to think of this scripture as meaning we must try to listen more to others and speak less. Another interpretation is that we must focus more on listening to the voice of God, than telling God about our needs. A good conversation, after all, consists of speaking and listening by those involved. Amen.

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