



Kearsney's SA Sportsmen

Report by Marketing Director, Mr Robert Carpenter.

SA Schools' Rugby

Kearsney's 1st XV captain and loose forward Sibusiso Sangweni was selected for the SA Schools Rugby team. Sbu was one of four players from KZN to be selected. The SA Schools team played in a quadrangular against Wales, England and France in August.

Sbu will be joining the Golden Lions next year and we wish him all the best for his rugby career.



Sibusiso Sangweni



Connor De Bruyn

SA Schools' Hockey

At the conclusion of the U18 Boys Hockey IPT, Steven Conway was selected for the SA U18A team to play in a three match test series against Australia in Pietermaritzburg. Guy Morgan and Ben Proctor were selected for the SA U18B tournament team. Guy captained the KZN Coastals team which won the inter-provincial tournament held in Pietermaritzburg. Congratulations boys.

SA U18 Hockey 5s

Guy Morgan was also selected to captain the SA U18 Hockey 5s team which played in Algiers the African qualifier for the Youth Olympic Games. The team, coached by our 1st XI coach, Mr Sihle Ntuli, beat Zambia in the final and qualified for the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires.

SA Under 16 Elite Rugby

Connor De Bruyn has been chosen to attend the SARU Elite Player Development U16 Rugby Camp which will be held in Paarl in October. Connor played for the KZN team in the inter-provincial Grant Khomo Week in July.

These boys have worked incredibly hard to reach these heights and we congratulate them on their fantastic achievements.

In addition to these hockey and rugby national selections, Kearsney has SA Schools representation in water polo and tennis, and as many as 33 provincial sportsmen thus far in 2018. The benefit of balance.



SA Hockey and Hockey 5s representatives Guy Morgan, Ben Proctor and Steven Conway

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC TOURS

Read about the international tours undertaken to China and Nepal on page 2.

Chinese Trip

Michael Lee: Grade 12 student, reports.

During the holidays eight Kearsney Mandarin students from Grades 8 to 12 were accompanied by the College's Mandarin teacher Ms Xu Dai on a summer camp in China. The trip was facilitated by the Confucius Institute, based locally at DUT. The Institute is the coordinator for the foreign study of Mandarin. Our Mandarin students were encouraged to attend to gain more understanding of the Chinese language and culture and to extend their vocabulary and make their speaking Mandarin more natural.

During the eight days spent in Fuzhou, the students alternated between lessons on Chinese language and culture and tourist activities. The language classes were delivered at a relatively rudimentary level to accommodate the younger and less fluent students, but overall every participant improved linguistically. The cultural activities such as a tea ceremony and calligraphy were educational and enriching.

It was interesting to note that most cultural pursuits contain symbolic meanings relating to Buddhist and Daoist philosophy, consequently we became aware of how Chinese systems of thought differ considerably from our own.

Despite the benefit from these courses, every student agreed that the best part of the camp and entire trip was interacting with regular Chinese people and absorbing normal life. As they are most fluent in Mandarin, our two Matric students in particular interacted with the

volunteers, who are master's students at the university. The jokes and conversations about the two respective countries with the local citizens was a major benefit to both our Mandarin speaking-ability and understanding of the Chinese people. In spite of the unrelenting heat and humidity, and the sudden, torrential downpours, Fuzhou is a place every participant in the tour will remember fondly.

Thereafter we travelled to Beijing for the final three days of the camp. This time the focus was purely on tourism. We saw various internationally famous Chinese symbols such as Tiananmen Square (pictured), the Forbidden Palace and The Great Wall of China. The Wall was especially impressive due to its age and historical and cultural significance. There is a Chinese saying that, "You are not a man unless you have climbed The Great Wall" and four of the Kearsney boys can now happily claim to be men.

Every participant was enriched in their Mandarin proficiency, cultural awareness and awareness of themselves and their own culture. We gained renewed appreciation for our country. As South Africans, we enjoy a degree of personal liberty that is luxurious compared with much of the world's people. We are grateful to have had this experience.



Students with Ms Xu Dai on the Great Wall



Nepal Trip

Tour Leader Mr Marco Botha, reports.

A group of Kearsney boys and two Northwood boys, accompanied by Mr Botha and Mr Eysele, left on Thursday 28 June for a trip to Nepal to hike and do community service. We arrived in Kathmandu the following evening and spent two days preparing for the hike.

On Saturday morning we enjoyed a white water rafting trip on the Trisuli River, about halfway between Kathmandu and Phokara. We arrived safely in Phokara on Saturday night and spent the Sunday sight-seeing and doing some last minute preparations for our hike.

The first part of the hike was a 4km stretch to Hile, which took the party from early on the Monday morning until about 4pm. The rest of the hike consisted of distances between 10 and 16km per day and was demanding. The boys found it challenging, but completed every section of the hike successfully.

We then went by bus to a rural secondary school, which was on holiday due to the monsoon season, to do community service. On the way our bus had to stop due to the poor road conditions and we walked the remainder of the way. The boys began to dig trenches to build retaining walls to prevent landslides from destroying the school due to the heavy rain. They were



pleased with their progress until the second day, when they saw a huge landslide had destroyed all their hard work and they had to start over. The boys also paved an area to serve as a multi-purpose quad and painted murals in a classroom. Although the conditions were tough, the boys did well and the principal and teachers were highly complimentary of their efforts.

We then returned to Kathmandu where we were able to do some more sight-seeing before flying home on Friday 13 July. The boys really grew from this amazing experience.



Generation We

Publicist Ms Sue Miles, reports.

Taking to heart this philosophy, *Generation We* is a small but dynamic group of KwaZulu-Natal high school pupils striving to inspire one another as they attract others from different and diverse backgrounds to meet and share their individual stories - which will resonate in "OUR STORY".

The group comprises students from Kloof High, Hillcrest High, St Mary's, Kearsney College, St Anne's, Hilton and Michaelhouse. They are partnering with Sbusiswe Myeni and her Imbeleko Foundation, which assists talented and underprivileged children in the Valley of a Thousand Hills with academic support, social interaction and a healthy lifestyle.

On Sunday 29 July 140 students from the *Generation We* group together with 140 young people from the Foundation

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow" - Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

completed a 5km hike through the Valley as part of an engagement programme. The event culminated in music, dance, discussion and a symbolic tree planting ceremony. The theme was 'My story. Your story. Our story.'

Spear-heading the group is Kearsney's Headboy, Phoka Mchunu, who says they believe in empowering one another through telling of their stories. "We, the youth of South Africa, need to find a common thread that binds us together - which will assist us in identifying our role in building a united and prosperous country," he said. Phoka believes that this can be achieved through engaging in discussion and enjoying music and dance together.

Further projects will be led by future Matric groups each year.



Generation We Facebook page



The Change Maker Day Preparing 21st Century Leaders

Mrs Vanessa Govender, Head of Academics, reports.

Kearsney believes an entrepreneurial mind-set is vital to our boys' futures. This programme supports that objective. The boys in Grades 9 to 11 were involved in the event on 07 September. We wanted each boy to gain a clear message and feel inspired to pursue their dreams of being a Change Maker in their country, adding value to society, promoting justice for all and addressing social and environmental issues.

Our aim was to demonstrate the concept of responsible business and impact entrepreneurship. Our guest speakers and exhibitors have merged ethics, faith and their value systems into their life's work and in doing so have created their own legacy. We planned to give the boys an opportunity to gain insight and have hands on experience with entrepreneurship and its challenges and rewards while encompassing social and environmental responsibility as a central theme.

Activities were structured around interactive activities demonstrating the maker movement, advances in the built environment, innovation in manufacturing and production, food security and sustainability and becoming more aware of software development and design to improve the world or solve a social or environmental need.



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Leadership Week

Our annual Leadership Week for Grades 8 to 11 took place from 27 to 30 August and was once again a great success. Deputy Headmaster, Mr Rod de Villiers, reports.

The Grade 8s visited three different venues and focussed on an appreciation of the outdoor environment while carrying out their respective team building exercises. The theme of their courses was "Learning to stand on your own two feet".

The Grade 9s visited four different venues. The theme for these courses was "Being aware of the needs of others". Each course challenged the boys both physically and mentally.

The Grade 10s experienced the well-known Spirit of Adventure Programme at the Shongweni Biosphere, which is perfectly suited to this age group. They were taught what true leadership is about through a host of competitive team work exercises. Each boy was, at some stage, taken out of his comfort zone, hence enabling his growing as an individual.

The Grade 11s completed their Ethical Leadership Course, titled "The best is still to come". These future leaders of the College were exposed to excellent guest speakers on various relevant and thought-provoking topics. The boys were mentally challenged and bonded as a group.

I thank all the venue and grade coordinators for their contributions to the success of this programme.

Grade 11s
Mr Andrew Morgan, Grade Head Grade 11, reports.

The Grade 11 boys spent their week at Kearsney, experiencing a conference-styled course where they engaged with a wide range of speakers over the first two days. The boys were encouraged to critically evaluate Kearsney's traditions and values with a view to how these might be challenged or change over the next ten years. Highlights for the boys included popular comedian Aaron McIlroy and futurist Barrie Bramley who challenged the boys' thinking in many ways.

Later in the week, the boys competed in an 'amazing race' styled challenge along the Durban beachfront, involving rickshaw races, giant sand castle building and team SUP (stand up paddle-board) racing on the bay.

For many of the boys, it was the first time that they had been asked to interrogate the aspects of the College that they are so passionate about.

This was a worthwhile exercise, as our Grade 11 boys move into their leadership roles next term.

Grade 11s 'Amazing race'



Grade 10s Spirit of Adventure

Mr André van Zyl, Grade Head Grade 10, reports.

The poet Tennyson wrote a poem in which one of the most famous lines is, "Into the Valley of Death rode the 600". He was commenting on bravery and endurance and on 27 September 2018, 116 brave Kearsney Grade 10 boys descended into the Shongweni Reserve to face the challenges of a very hostile environment. There, for the next four days, they were challenged physically, overcame their worst fears and gained some life lessons and a dash of fitness on the way. The boys were exposed both physically and mentally in climatic conditions which varied from pleasantly warm to semi-Arctic.

A very professional Spirit of Adventure team put them through their paces and the boys quickly learnt the value of teamwork, discipline and a positive attitude. I was impressed by the boys' stoic fortitude and it was particularly pleasing to see boys who generally are introverted and reticent coming to the fore.

It was a tough course and the boys who completed all the activities certainly felt a tremendous sense of achievement. The lessons and skills learnt will stand them in good stead as they enter the realm of the senior next year. Kearsney can be very proud of this intrepid band of warriors who conquered all that Shongweni Reserve could throw at them. My thanks go to the

staff who accompanied the boys and a wonderful Spirit of Adventure team.

Grade 9s Spion Kop near Winterton

Mr Jonathan Waldburger, Teacher in Charge of Spion Kop Group, reports.

The Grade 9 Leadership Week held at Spion Kop and the surrounding farmlands near Winterton was undoubtedly a challenging test of endurance for many of the boys involved. Despite being less than four days in duration, the intensity of the 80km race between two groups was unrelenting, especially as the boys had to carry all of their food, clothing and camping gear. Each team did exceptionally well in accomplishing all the tasks, whether in a canoe, on a mountain bike or by foot. Self-sufficiency in the outdoors did not come naturally to many, but valuable lessons were learnt quickly and each day's activity was concluded with a real sense of achievement. Other highlights of the week included a tour of the battle site where the fate of South Africa, and arguably the world, was determined (Winston Churchill, Mahatma Gandhi and Louis Botha were all present on that fateful day in January 1900).

Khotso Horse Trails in Underberg

Mr Matt Saville, Teacher in Charge of Group, reports.

Once again this proved to be a transformative experience for a group of Grade 9 boys. Not only did they conquer the challenging Bamboo Mountain,

but they also had the opportunity to explore a working farm, camp in the frost, go on a two-hour outride and interact with pupils from the local orphanage. While some boys took to outdoor life as if born for it, others were a little more circumspect, but all came away with a sense of achievement and positive memories of lessons learnt. The Underberg landscape proved a magnificent stage on which to explore and test oneself. Boys were involved in meal preparation, discovered a love for making fires and breathed in the fresh air of the big sky country. There was also a great deal of singing and joking round the fire every evening as the boys conversed without the distraction of cell phones. Hours were spent playing one-bounce until Boris, the local hound, demolished the soccer ball. Sincere thanks go to our hosts who generously shared their knowledge and hospitality.

Roselands

Mr Dougan Macdonald, Teacher in Charge of Group, reports.

Three teams of Grade 9 boys were selected to join the Roselands Leadership Week camp. The four days were spent hiking from camp to camp in the Umkomaas valley and surrounds. Other activities, such as a team orienteering course; canoeing; racing to collect points to buy ingredients for a potjie dinner and community service at a school, ensured that each of the boys was taken out of his comfort zone. While the course was designed to extend the boys' physical and



emotional limits, there was always time to relax and recover. The boys learnt a lot about team work and about themselves and overcame some of their personal challenges.

Zingela

Mrs Kerry-Jane Coleman, Teacher in Charge of Group, reports.

A group of 42 Grade 9 boys left in high spirits for Zingela in the Tugela Valley. On arrival they were greeted by a very spirited guide who is renowned for taking adventure challenges around the world. This set the tone for the week. The boys were divided up into four groups for the challenges. The first challenge was a gruelling hike of 13km into camp followed by a few hours of community service the boys dug up a water wheel which had been buried under rocks during a flood. Although the boys were now exhausted, they were spurred on by knowing that the winner of the first challenge would have the best sleep out venue the following night.

The boys also took part in many demanding pursuits including abseiling, kayaking, paintballing, obstacle course and riddle solving among other fun activities. The boys laughed until their sides hurt, played until they fell asleep standing, behaved like true gentlemen and overall showed great potential.

Grade 8s Baynesfield Estate

Mr John Drew, Teacher in Charge of Group, reports.

Once again a very successful week was held on the Baynesfield Estate. Various activities included survival activities such as learning to make and shoot a bow and arrow; Bushman-style fire making; stalk the lantern; building shelters and survival fishing. The boys also negotiated an obstacle course and undertook a night walk. The estate has a fantastic zipline, which generated many laughs and lots of fun. The boys also spent valuable time doing community service at Nel's Rus on the estate.

Great facilitators ensured the smooth running of the course. I thank Donovan Halsted and his team and the Kearsney staff members who assisted with the week.

Grade 8 Nyala Pans Camp

Mr Jon Robinson, Teacher in Charge of Group, reports.

Nestled away on the banks of the Umkomaas River one can find the Nyala Bush Camp which was used by a Grade 8 group for their leadership camp. Most of the activities followed the theme of "Action and consequences".

The activities were well thought out and supervised by three well qualified young men and challenged the boys, both physically and mentally. There were many firsts for most of the boys, from making their own bamboo fishing rods, shooting a bow-and-arrow or just jumping off a platform into the river.

Some comments from the boys:

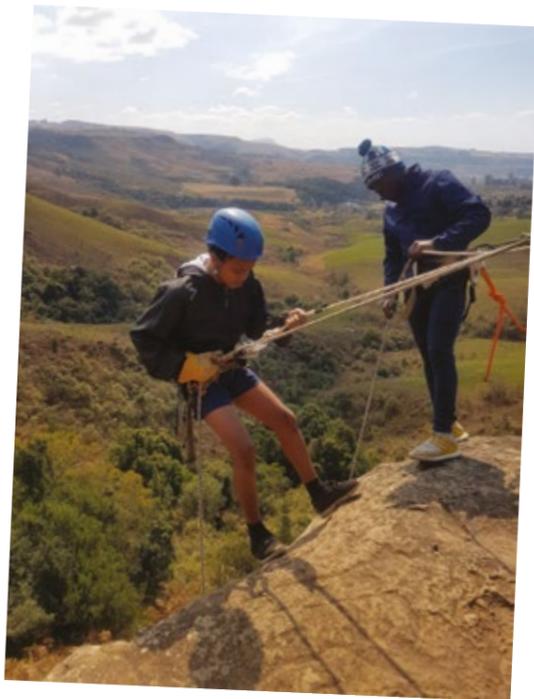
"I feel I have changed a bit from my old ways and I have learnt a lot of new skills." "Thank you so much for an awesome four days. It was lots of fun and even though it was about 4 degrees at night, I enjoyed it so much."

The boys certainly ate well and seemed to enjoy the camp in the bush. We thank the boys for their good spirits and the guides who looked after the boys at the camp.

BergVenture

Mr Manzini Zungu, Teacher in Charge of Group, reports.

We took 42 Grade 8 boys to experience nature and to be empowered to discover their potential and their fears, to explore social issues and create positive social change by impacting on local communities.



They explored nature at its best by hiking to Sterkspruit Falls where they experienced unpolluted air and clear water and were surrounded by wild animals such as baboons, monkeys, giraffes and zebra. Their outdoor activities included tree-climbing, zip liner, abseiling, raft building, horse riding and negotiating a muddy obstacle course. Nhlakanipho Ngubane broke a 3 year old record when he climbed a 6m high tree in 22 seconds!

The 24km hike to the top of Cathkin Peak required endurance, peer support and encouragement and sharing of resources like water and food.

The entire programme was an enriching experience for all of us.



Life Sciences Outings



Grade 10 visit to UKZN Pietermaritzburg

Report by Mr Bruce McClure, Teacher: Life Sciences.

The Grade 10 Life Sciences students were privileged to visit the UKZN Pietermaritzburg campus where the boys were able to see how a scanning and transmission electron microscope functions and undertake a tour of the botanical gardens.

It is a unique experience to see the different applications of the high powered microscopes and to view everyday objects magnified to such an extent that they become unrecognisable.

The tour of the botanical gardens was approached from an academic and evolutionary perspective and covered indigenous knowledge. These approaches were integrated in a fascinating manner in order to solve conservation challenges in South Africa. The boys learnt that

conservationists, academics and indigenous healers need to work together in order to conserve South Africa's natural biodiversity.

Grade 11 visit to uShaka Marine World

Report by Mr Kyle Eysele, Teacher: Life Sciences.

The Grade 11s visited uShaka Marine World where, at aquarium the boys learnt many interesting facts about the deep blue abyss and were fascinated by the presentation from the knowledgeable uShaka staff addressing topics on biodiversity and conservation. The boys were highly entertained by the dolphin show, which saw some acrobatic manoeuvres by these amazing mammals. A highlight of the day was the visit to the Dangerous Creatures' exhibit. A variety of creatures were on display - snakes, scorpions, spiders and other creepy crawlies. A few of the boys were able to handle a large albino Burmese Python - the cherry on top of an already fantastic day.

Grade 9 Historyonix Expo

Report by Mr Neil Peacock, HOD: History.



German exchange student Noah Hohwiller and Tyler Gray (top) won 3rd prize in the expo.

As part of their syllabus all the Grade 9 History classes were tasked with producing an interactive display detailing an aspect of World War II. The History department has been hosting this expo for a number of years and every year we are astounded at the range, variety and quality of the work produced by our boys. A notable feature of this year's display was the originality of the topics on display, ranging from *Conscientious Objectors* to *Radio as a Medium of Propaganda*.

On Thursday evening 16 August, parents were invited to view their son's efforts in the Long Room of the Centenary Centre and the early evening resonated to the sounds of Air Raid sirens from the "Blitz" as well as songs performed by Vera Lynn and Glen Miller. The Head of Academics, Mrs Vanessa Govender, graciously presented prizes to a number of boys who excelled.

Thanks go to the staff of the History department as well as the Estates, IT and our Catering departments for all their input into making this year's expo a resounding success.

Carpe Diem



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Kearsney boys placed in the top 100 in KZN in second round of SA Maths Olympiad

Report by Mr Marc Ancillotti, HOD Mathematics.



We were incredibly pleased with our results in the first round of the annual Liberty SA Mathematics Olympiad, with a total of 257 boys progressing to the second round. We congratulate the following boys who were placed in the top 99 (Juniors) and top 93 (Seniors) in KZN in the second round of the Olympiad.

Special congratulations to Edward Yeo for being placed in the top 100 students in South Africa. He wrote the final round paper on 26 July.

- JUNIORS**
(Grades 8 and 9 write the same paper)
- Grade 8s**
John Eastes
Javashkaar Naidoo
- Grade 9s**
Marnus du Toit
Ben Field
Ben Robertson
- SENIORS**
(Grades 10, 11 and 12 write the same paper)
- Grade 11s**
Hayden de Kock
Ryan Healy
Jack Savage
- Grade 12s**
Carl Combrinck
Robert Whitehouse
Edward Yeo

Kearsney Enviro Day

Report by Mr Rod de Villiers, Deputy Headmaster.



Tree planting ceremony

"He who plants a tree, plants a hope."
Abraham Lincoln

In keeping with Kearsney's Green Policy, 21 indigenous Cape Chestnut trees (Calodendrum Capensis) were planted on the eastern side of The Oval early on the misty morning of Friday 24 August. The exotic jacaranda and blue gum trees will, in time, be removed from that area and the cricket field extended towards Chapel Road. The attractive Cape Chestnut tree will grow to a height of about 12 to 15 metres and will produce a show of beautiful pale pink flowers in summer.

We thank the Estates Department for facilitating the ceremony and the many Kearsney staff and boys who assisted with digging, planting and witnessing the event.

Mother Nature's Iceberg Potential for Future Water Supply

We invited Captain Nick Sloane (KCOB 1978) to address staff and boys on our Enviro Day. Captain Sloane is the managing director of Sloane Marine Ltd, a marine consultancy service to the offshore oil and gas industries, salvage operations and wreck removal around the world. He also lectures students at Stellenbosch University on salvaging and is best known for his role as the senior salvage master in the successful raising of the *Costa Concordia* which ran aground off a Tuscan island in 2012.

Captain Sloane presented "Mother Nature's Iceberg Potential for Future Water Supply". It is seemingly a far-fetched idea, but by the end of his talk we could see his vision for a possible solution to Cape Town's water problem.

The planning is done: the icebergs are available; much of their journey will be facilitated by ocean currents; towing methods and a 'parking place' for the icebergs off the Cape coastline have been identified; melting rates have been

calculated; methods for mining the water and feeding it into the Cape Town grid have been debated and the finances estimated. All that is required is the go-ahead.

The address enlightened the boys about how the different disciplines of Geography, Biology, Science, Engineering and Economics have all been integral in the planning of such an enormous project. The presentation has led to much discussion in the classroom.

The Kearsney Choir shines bright

Report by Mr Marshall Lombard, Director of Music.

World Choir Games, Tshwane

In July the Kearsney College Choir took part in the 2018 World Choir Games in Tshwane. The Choir competed in the *Champions Competition*, the highest level of competition at the World Choir Games. The categories that the Choir entered in were the Scenic Pop, Scenic Folklore and Music of Spirit and Faith, each requiring various styles of music. The boys rendered energetic performances that left audience members spellbound. Videos of the Choir's performances went viral; a favourite was *We Didn't Start the Fire*, which showed the charisma and stylistic excellence of fusing choreography and pop music. We are proud of the boys of our Choir which won two golds and a silver medal at the Games.



Watch the video that went viral

Starlight Pops

The Kearsney Choir were invited to perform at the *Starlight Pops* as this year's guest artists alongside celebrities such as Spho "Hotstix" Mabuse, PJ Powers and Elvis Blue. The event also gave our boys the opportunity to sing with the Durban Philharmonic Orchestra, one of the best orchestras in the country. The two evening performances were a tremendous success with our gumboot dance troupe being a smash hit with the audience.

Studio Concert

Report by Mrs Heather Pearse, Communications Manager.

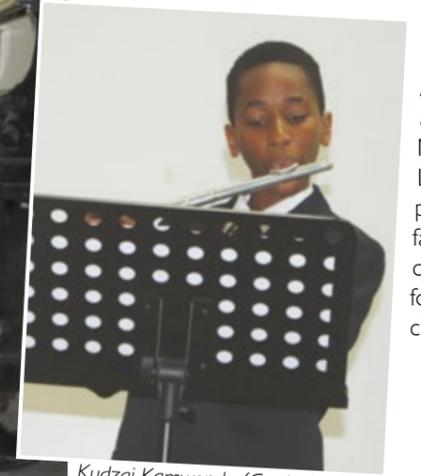
The third term Studio Concert presented by the Music Department was outstanding and highly entertaining. The programme included boys from Grades 8 to 12 who do music lessons or study Music as a subject. The genres ranged

from Coldplay and Pearl Jam to Edvard Grieg and Claude Debussy and instruments from voice to flute and guitar to piano. The talent on show was remarkable. It is quite amazing to contemplate how much work must go into practising alongside schoolwork, sport and daily life commitments. I was in awe!

The boys and audience were further inspired by performances from the teachers - Mr Marshall Lombard, who played piano and sang a self-composed jazz number and Mr Brett Alborough and Mr Wesley Lewis played a fabulous concerto for two clarinets.



Matthew Strauss (Grade 10)



Kudzai Kamwendo (Grade 8)



Culture@KEARSNEY

Music@Kearsney

Report by Mr Marshall Lombard, Director of Music.

Great talent was showcased at this year's Culture@Kearsney's Music Festival. Choirs and instrumental ensembles from Durban Girls High, Northwood College, Pietermaritzburg Girls High, St John's DSG, Kloof High School, Edamini Primary School and Cordwalles Preparatory participated in the festival, creating two magical music-filled evenings.

Performances ranged from traditional African music to famous Broadway musical numbers and classical pieces from the great composers. Our own Marimba band raised the roof with their amazing improvisation and colourful energy. The Kearsney College Choir closed both evenings with their Traditional and Pop repertoires. The participants learnt from each other through absorbing different styles, interpretations and methods of performing.

Photo Competition

Mrs Joanne Hicks, HOD Visual Art reports.

In a world of endless photographs, affected selfies and instant picture-making it is impressive to see students from Kearsney and other participating schools taking the time to master the art of photography. Whether at the beginning of their photography journey or having learned a multitude of techniques in photography clubs, it is clear that the passion for documenting life is strong with this generation. This competition is a wonderful opportunity for students from around Kwa-Zulu Natal to exhibit their work.

Poignant lighting, elevated compositional structures and intriguing subjects set the winners apart this year. Entrants embraced the diverse themes and explored these categories in many different ways.



Exuberant singer from Edamini School

PHOTO COMPETITION Kearsney Prize-Winners

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Highly commended Matteo Buccimazza -
Image: Crystal Constellations



Daniel Ballance and Mr Kim Thunder

Kearsney Dancers



Dance@Kearsney

Report by Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg,
Teacher in Charge.

Once again, Dance@Kearsney proved to be a popular event in the Culture@Kearsney programme. Supported by sixteen schools and three dance academies, we had over 200 participants dance with up to 20 performances on each of the three nights. The quality and competency of the dancers ensured the appreciative audience was entertained by a variety of dance styles exhibiting impressive athletic and lyrical dance skills while telling a story or exhibiting a stance on a particular cause.

Kearsney's Sbgakonke Maphumulo (Grade 8), the South African U12 Irish Dancing Champion, opened the show with an exhibition of his dancing skills impressing the audience with his ability and admirable elevation. Eden College exploded onto the stage and entertained with their all-male dance routine which emphasised their flexibility and ability to move through space, both horizontal and vertical. St Mary's DSG, Durban Girls High School and Reddam College's dances imparted impactful messages through expressive and agile routines. Curro Hillcrest delighted the audience with their three well-rehearsed mass routines which were colourful and entertaining. Most rewarding was to see the delight and energy of the Slangspuit performers and the thought-provoking number presented by Martizburg College. Our Kearsney boys presented three routines show-casing their hip-hop, freestyle and "Michael Jackson" skills.

During the dance practices leading up to the event, it was rewarding to see our boys' display a love of dance, performance and entertaining. This was evident in the energy and enthusiasm shown on stage.

Thanks to all the schools that participated from as far afield as Howick and Umhlanga. The manner in which the participants supported one another with cheers of admiration and encouragement and the positive comments from audience will ensure that Dance@Kearsney will continue to inspire and entertain.

Drama@Kearsney

Report by Mrs Emily Stockil-Smith,
Teacher: Drama.

This year the Drama@Kearsney component of the Culture@Kearsney festival took on a fresh approach in the form of a two-day workshop designed by award-winning playwright, Neil Coppen and myself. Kearsney boys along with 130 participants from other schools participated, all offering their exceptional and diverse talent to the event. The schools which took part were Grace College, Maritzburg College, Clifton College, Hillcrest High School, Danville Girls, Westville Girls, The Open Air School, Maris Stella, St Henry's, St Mary's, Port Shepstone High School and the Durban Actors Studio.



The friendships forged on stage will ensure that this part of the Culture@Kearsney programme fosters intercultural exchange, friendship and hope of a brighter, inclusive future for our youth.

Inter-house Public Speaking

Report by Ms Natalie Arndt, Teacher in Charge: Public Speaking.

The annual Inter-house Public Speaking competition was held on Monday 13 August in the Greyhound Pavilion. The quirky anonymous quote "If you're a fish swimming against the current, you will soon be electrocuted" was the theme for the evening. The speakers are commended on integrating the theme into all categories of the dinner, and for using the quote as an interesting metaphor. They spoke with conviction and are thanked for handling their respective speeches so maturely.

The dinner was highly successful: a combination of intelligent speeches and great support from the Houses resulted in an atmosphere of formidable competition. Pembroke won the coveted winners' cup, knocking Finningley off its winning streak. Sheffield was placed second and Gillingham and Finningley took third and fourth places respectively.

Two tables of staff members were present to judge the speeches and, with Mrs Fripp's assistance, the scores were tallied electronically, leaving no margin of error.



The following best speakers were awarded in each category:

THE WINNERS

- Best Toast** - William Young (Finningley)
- Best "My Fake Holiday" speech pair** - Preston Barr and Malusi Ngomane (Pembroke)
- Best Ice Breaker** - Matthew Strauss (Sheffield)
- Best Impromptu Speech** - Loyiso Mabude (Pembroke)
- Best Prepared Speech** - Yaaseen Mahomed (Pembroke)
- Best Introduction of a Speaker** - Kwazi Moyo (Sheffield)
- Best Vote of Thanks** - Jethro Strydom (Sheffield)
- Best Official** - Luke Wilson (Finningley)

International Exchange



Fin McLean of Waverley College with Grant Craze

While our first outgoing exchange boy, Grant Craze, was enjoying his new school, Waverley College, in Sydney, Kearsney College had the privilege of hosting four exchange boys this term.

Noah Hohwiller, from Germany, has integrated well into the school life and he and his host partner, Tyler Gray, found themselves claiming the third prize in the History Expo. (See photo on page 9)

Malcom Nicholas from Christ Church Grammar School in Perth adjusted well to boarding school life. He went to Cape Town over half term and then later in the term visited Idwala Game Farm with

his host family. He also accompanied the Grade 10 History Tour to Johannesburg. We recently partnered with Scots College, in Sydney and Kearsney was first to host. We welcomed Hamish Lavender and Will Wright to the school this term. Their highlight was to watch the Springboks versus Argentina rugby match at Kings Park Stadium with Kearsney boys from their House.

All our exchange boys took part in the Leadership Week and had the benefit of many African experiences while on our shores. This was an experience of a lifetime that none of these boys will forget.

Visit to Golden Hours on International Mandela Day

Report by Mr Manzini Zungu, MIC Community Service.

Our visit to Golden Hours was a special day for both Kearsney College boys and the children of Golden Hours. We received a remarkable welcome and were told that even day scholars refused to go home with their parents when they heard that Kearsney boys were coming.

We played various ball games including soccer, rugby, netball and cricket. It was wonderful to see Kearsney boys teaching - holding children's hands to guide their cricket bats and showing children how to bowl. Some Kearsney boys put children on their shoulders to make it easier to throw the basketball into the hoop. The delighted children were proud to share their achievements with their teacher - that they had hit the tennis ball, scored a basket, made a run or connected well with the ball. The excitement shown by the host children was a sight to behold.

It was such a lovely and joyful occasion for both schools. We look forward to hosting Golden Hours children and teachers next term.



Ballroom and Latin American Dancing

Report by Mr Sibusiso Mbehle, Teacher in Charge.

The Ballroom and Latin American dance sessions were held on two evenings. A group of Kearsney Grade 11 boys were paired with St Mary's girls and taught various dance styles. These included, the Cha Cha, Waltz, Salsa and the American Swing. The sessions were run by Claudia Moir, a professional dance instructor, who is to be applauded for creating an enjoyable, social environment for the boys and girls while ensuring they learned to dance. Through this cultural initiative, the school is assisting to groom gentlemen who know their way around the dance floor and can eventually use these dance skills as a positive tool to socialise.



Soccer

Report by Mr Wayne Amos, MIC Soccer.

Soccer began in the July holidays with pre-season tournaments for the 1st team (Kloof Tournament); the U15A (Westville) and the U14A (Westville). These fixtures gave the A-team coaches opportunities to experiment with formations and player positions and thus prepare for the 3rd term schools' league. Once again soccer was very popular with Kearsney fielding 30 sides and it often proved difficult to find fixtures for all the teams.

A number of Kearsney players were chosen for the various KZN Invitational teams (U16 Chris Kiggen; U15 Menzi Mhlungu, Nkateko Khoza; U14 Nhlakanipho Ngubane). These boys will be touring to Johannesburg late in the 3rd term where they will play against a variety of PSL Clubs and academy teams.



Fin McLean (Grade 12)

Indoor hockey

Report by Mr Wayne Marsden, MIC Hockey.

Once again the SportsZone was a hive of activity during the 3rd term with the U16A and U14A teams training and hosting matches in their respective indoor hockey leagues.

An inexperienced U16A team was entered into a competitive league where they managed to perform well to end 4th, despite missing a number of regular players from the outdoor season. The boys were keen to test themselves against the more experienced opposition. In their last game they beat Northwood, who were placed 2nd in the league.

The U14A team went unbeaten, winning seven games and drawing two. They won their league on goal difference and Jacques Minnaar was named as joint top goal scorer in the league.

This is the first time that Kearsney has won any indoor league, so credit must go to the boys and their coach, Mr Greg Thomson, on this fantastic achievement. We look forward to seeing these boys progress over the next few of years at the College.



Scott Couzens (Grade 12)

Sevens Rugby

Report by Mr Barend Steyn, Director of Rugby.

At the time of writing the senior Kearsney team has participated in four KZN sevens tournaments during the third term. The first tournament was hosted by Crawford College La Lucia in support of the Ryan Walker Foundation Trust. We managed to compete in the Cup final and narrowly lost 12-15 to Michaelhouse in an exciting final.

The second tournament was hosted by Clifton College. The Kearsney team went unbeaten until the final, which was an epic battle against Hilton College. This time our team won 27-24.

Glenwood hosted the next tournament. This time we did not have it all our way, ending seventh overall.

The fourth tournament of our season was hosted by Maritzburg College. The highlight of our day's effort was a strong performance against DHS in the Cup quarter final, scoring 5 tries to 3 and walking away 29-21 victors. In the semi-final against Westville we ran out of fuel and players and went down 17-36 but ended in the top 4 overall.

For the junior sevens, our objectives were not to chase results, but rather develop key skills which will be of great benefit in the rugby seasons to come. The results proved to be satisfactory with 8 wins out of the 13 matches played. We were encouraged by the commitment shown and were pleased to see improvement in skills and growth in the character of the boys.





L-R: Jaden Hearmon (Gr 8), Daniel de Kock (Gr 9), Jared Uys (Gr 10), Luke Weare (Gr 10), Brayden Dahl (Gr 10), Julian Daws (Gr 8)



Luke Weare on 18th hole at Humewood on the final day

Golf

Kearsney attended the Grey PE Junior Links Festival over half term. The boys played one round at St Francis Links and two rounds at Humewood Links. The boys fared well on the new courses and finished in 3rd place.

Kearsney Hockey 5s

Report by Mr Robert Carpenter, Marketing Director.

The second annual Kearsney Hockey Fives festival, sponsored by Belgotex, took place over the long weekend of 10 to 12 August. Although only in its second year, the tournament has grown tremendously in size and stature and some of the country's top-ranked hockey schools travelled to Botha's Hill to take part in this exciting event. Incredible skills were on display in this fast-paced version of the game and a

wonderful weekend of fun, sportsmanship and brilliant 5s hockey was enjoyed.

Congratulations to Jeppe Boys', who won the high schools tournament, and to St Peter's Boys Prep who took the Team Spirit Award in the primary schools' festival. We look forward to another action-packed event in 2019.

Cross Country

Mr Neil van Heerden, MIC Cross Country

The Cross Country team enjoyed a highly successful year. In the first term athletes practiced four times a week in order to prepare for the season ahead. Regular runs on the Conservancy as well as speed training ensured that the boys were at the peak of their performance. Their dedication paid dividends as our athletes were consistently placed among the top 10 in their races. Other runners improved with every race. Special mention must be made of Cameron Nel, (Grade 11) who won two of his races and placed in the top 3 in the others. Later in the year the when the inter-school season was over, our focus switched to maintaining fitness and bonding as a group. The boys enjoyed regular excursions to run on the Durban Beachfront, Shongweni Nature Reserve, Holla Trails and others. This year was characterised by new friendships built around a love of running.



Corporate Supper Theatre

The Kearsney College Choir performed superbly after returning from the World Choir Games with two golds and a silver medal. Thank you to our Old Boys, corporates and parents for supporting this event. It was a most enjoyable evening and we thank Mythos and Sanlam our sponsors for the evening.



George (Gillingham 1967) and Carol Baikie with Headmaster Elwyn van den Aardweg at the Corporate Supper Theatre

Our Bursary and Scholarship Ambassadors Lunch was held the Gillingham Dining Hall on Tuesday 07 August. The event is held annually to impress upon the boys that with privilege comes responsibility and that, as recipients of awards, their conduct should be exemplary at all times and should reflect gratitude and humility. The importance of giving back is also stressed to the boys. The boys were addressed by Old Boy Isolethu Ngidi (Pembroke 2012). They were inspired by him and his anecdotes.

Lyle Hewitson - National Champion Jockey

"I have a passion to succeed, which is probably the driving force behind everything".

Three years ago Lyle Hewitson (Gillingham, 2015) was studying Matric at Kearsney. Now at 20 years of age he has broken the record for the number of wins as an apprentice and has become the National Champion Jockey. He is the first since Michael Roberts in 1972-73 to win the South African jockeys' championship whilst still an apprentice. He is renowned for his work ethic and his commitment. We congratulate Lyle for this fantastic achievement and his gentlemanly conduct.



Eye clinic dream comes true

Dr Jonathan Pons (Finingley, 1980) set up an eye clinic at the Good Shepherd Hospital in Siteki, Swaziland in 2001. As one of only two Ophthalmologists working in the country, the demand for their services is tremendous, but due to lack of funding, the clinic they have been working from consisted of one small ward. The overcrowding made the risk of the spread of disease high and operating conditions difficult.

International, a Canadian organisation. This has enabled the development of a new clinic with new advanced equipment, an eye outpatients, place for teaching doctors and nurses about ophthalmology and offices. The opening of this clinic, in August, saw a huge dream of Jonathan's come true, where people of all means from around the region could be offered improved care.

Jonathan is a strong Christian and describes serving the poor and rural people as his "lifelong calling".

The eye clinic secured foreign funding with the help of Christian Blind Mission

The Parents' Society

Report by Dr Doug Beere, Chairman.

The Parents' Society has been busy with a number of fundraising exercises to improve the boys' boarding experiences. A total of R40 000 was donated to all five Houses to buy essential items including toasters, welcoming mats, fridges and microwaves and new House banners and two couches. This is all thanks to the donations made towards the Parents' Society by our parents.

Under the able leadership of Brenda Moon we had an extremely successful season selling supporters' gear resulting in a sizeable contribution being made towards bursaries. A total of R100 000 in bursaries is donated on behalf of the 250 Club (part of the Parents' Society) towards five bursaries, which allows five boys to attend the College.

The Parents' Society hosted the 250 Club dinner and dance which took place on 01 September - the night after the Grade 11 dance. This was an extremely successful event and we thank Mrs Karen Seals for being the facilitator on behalf of the College, and Mrs Vuyo Motsoahae, Mrs Carol Kelly and Mrs Mandy Hughes for their invaluable contribution in the organisation of this event. All who attended had a wonderful evening and we hope to continue this next year.

Looking ahead, we are busy with preparations for building a grandstand for the Mason Astro. Plans have been drawn up and we are busy getting quotes and hope to start building when we have raised sufficient funds.



Boys of the Class of 2021 inspecting the building site



Mock-up of the statue and plaque in the North Courtyard

Thank you for supporting the Centenary Appeal

Naming rights have already been bought for six classrooms. Our sincere thanks go to the following donors: Peter Francois, John Bester, Michael and the late David Hall's wife, Peta, Kearsney Striders Running Club, the Class of 1977 and a further commitment from the KCOB.

USA and Canadian Old Boys Support the Courtyard Appeal

Twenty-eight Old Boys living in USA and Canada have committed to support the Centenary Centre development after an appeal was sent a month ago. As a donor to a courtyard, the KCOB USA and Canada branch have the right to choose a sculpture and a plaque with a quotation to be placed in the courtyard.

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Illustration of the front of the completed Centenary Centre

To explore the opportunities available, including naming rights or require further information, please contact
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Thought for the moment

In John 6, Jesus is followed by a crowd of 6 000 to a mountainside, because they are drawn by his teachings and the miracles He performed. The disciples must have been hugely impressed by the popularity of their leader. The people were so fascinated by Jesus that they had forgotten to make proper provision for food for themselves. Later that day Jesus asked one of His disciples "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" Jesus did not have to ask this question. He asked it, because He had the gift of putting Himself in the shoes of others. He then provided food for the people. The lesson He taught His disciples was that it is not always about how good you are at your job, but about how happy and comfortable you make the people around you. When Jesus teaches us to love others as we love ourselves he desires of us to not to be so totally taken up by our own needs that we are unaware of the happiness and comfort of others.

Rev James Headbush
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