



Academic Excellence at Kearsney

The Class of 2018 achieved exceptional results in the IEB NSC final examinations, reinforcing Kearsney's long-standing reputation for academic excellence.

Academics are Kearsney's top priority and the consistently outstanding results are testimony to the rigorous Academic programme that is in place to develop and inspire the boys from day one.

The Class of 2018 achieved an incredible 100% Bachelor Degree (University Exemption) pass rate. Whilst the academic high-flyers grab all the headlines, it is the average boy achieving so much more than he ever thought possible that is so rewarding and inspiring. Kearsney also has an extensive Academic Inclusion programme, making these results even more remarkable.

Kearsney has a well-earned reputation for Maths and Science excellence and this reputation was once again enhanced in 2018.

The accompanying stats illustrate the level of excellence consistently achieved by this programme.

Kearsney prides itself on being innovative and in 2018 the College was one of the few schools to have pupils writing the first ever IEB Matric Mandarin examinations. Only 16 boys around



Kearsney boys of distinction: Jethro Strydom, Daniel Phillips, Phoka Mchunu, Yaaseen Mahomed and Carl Combrinck

the country wrote Mandarin for Matric and three of those boys were from Kearsney. All three passed, two with distinctions.

Congratulations to Carl Combrinck and Kyle Sewbaran who achieved eight distinctions each. Michael Lee, Tim Bean, Matteo Buccimazza and Kabelo Makhanya achieved seven distinctions each, while 13 boys achieved six distinctions. Over a quarter of our boys achieved four or more distinctions and thirty-nine percent of the boys achieved three or more distinctions.

The programme of this year's Easter festival promises rugby enthusiasts exciting running rugby from some of the country's top rugby-playing schools.

Preparatory, Hillcrest Primary, Umhlali Preparatory and the KZNRU Ibutho/Mark Godefroy U13 development team.

This year's festival will again feature the popular KidZone, offering a number of exciting rides and jumping castles for the little ones to enjoy. There is a lovely family-atmosphere on the campus, with fun and entertainment for everyone.

Participating players and the public are invited to donate new or good condition second-hand rugby kit and clothing in designated collection

SOME KEARSNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% Bachelor Degree (Matric exemption) pass rate (Bachelor Degree pass rate for all IEB schools of 90,65%);
- 49,1 % of **Mathematics** candidates achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 26,1%); Three boys placed in the top 1% in the country; Average Maths mark for the Class was 78,3%.
- 38,3% of **Physical Sciences** boys achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 19,9%); Six boys in the top 1% (top 49 candidates) in SA. Testimony to the success of this programme, 70% of the Kearsney boys wrote Physical Sciences. The average Science mark for the Class was 73,8%.
- **Eighth consecutive year** that Kearsney's Maths and Science distinction rates have been approx. double those of the IEB;
- 100% Pass rate and 67% distinction rate for Kearsney's first **Mandarin** candidates.
- 62,5% of **Engineering Graphics and Design** boys achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 28,4%). Six boys in the top 1% (top 11 candidates) in SA. Average mark of 82%;
- More than a quarter of the boys achieved **4 or more distinctions**;
- 319 Distinctions at an average of 2,4 distinctions per boy.

bins at the main field for the *Boots & Balls* outreach initiative, which was started in 2015. All donated kit is distributed to under-privileged players to assist with rugby development.



For Festival news, fixture, results and match reports please visit our website: www.kearsney.com.

Follow us on social media for results, news and fantastic action shots.



This year Hoërskool Transvalia, a top-ranked team in SA in 2018, will participate for the first time, joining Gauteng's Pretoria Boys' High, Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen, HTS Middelburg and Welkom-Gimnasium from Gauteng, Selborne College and Hoërskool Framesby from the Eastern Cape return, along with HTS Drostyd from Worcester and Hoërskool Noord-Kaap from Kimberley. KZN will be represented by Glenwood High School, Durban High School and Kearsney College.

Kicking off each day's rugby will be a match between primary school teams Highbury



2019 Prefects' Seminar



Deputy Headboy, Ezra Tsela and Headboy Kade Mindry with Headmaster Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg

The prefects' seminar was held over three days before the start of Term 1. All the prefects, the Headmaster, the Deputy Headmaster in charge of boarding and Housemasters were in attendance. The group reflected on leadership and different styles of leadership; teamwork and the responsibilities which come with the role of prefect.

The Headboy and Deputy spent time with the prefect team discussing their goals and initiatives for the year.

We believe the prefects, together with their peers in Grade 12, will leave a proud legacy and be good role models for the rest of the boys in the College.

Housemasters' Think Tank

The Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster in charge of boarding and five Housemasters held a two-day workshop off campus before the first term began. It was an opportunity for them to review recent years in the respective Houses and to discuss goals and initiatives for 2019.

New Chaplain inducted



At the beginning of the term Rev. Johan Breytenbach was inducted as the new Kearsney Chaplain by Bishop Linda Mandindi. The College is delighted to welcome Rev. Breytenbach, his wife Nikki and his children Hannah and Caleb to the Kearsney family.

We welcome new staff members



L-R: Chaplain Rev. Johan Breytenbach; Ms Lethu Langa (Art, Drama and EGD); Mr Keagan Deponselle (Life Sciences); Mrs Arielle Perrett (part time English, Mandarin and Life Orientation) and Mr Dylan Perrett (HOD Life Orientation)

The College is pleased to welcome a number of new staff members with excellent credentials. We look forward to their contributions to our school.

We also welcome three new interns: Mr Cade McEwen (English and Drama); Mr John Wessels (History and Geography) and Mr Matthew Boote (Mathematics and Science).

The start of the Grade 8s' Kearsney journey

It is a pleasure to welcome the 2019 Grade 8 boys to Haley House. Mr Mouton Badenhorst, Haley Housemaster, reports.

With boys from different cultures and backgrounds from all over Southern Africa this new environment is a great adjustment for these youngsters and yet a privilege. Where better to learn how to be considerate and tolerant of others than in a space in which you constantly get pushed to be the best version of yourself.

They have been vigilant, involved and role models to the boys in their care.

I would also like to thank the Duty Staff for their willingness to go the extra mile when required.

It is clear that amongst them there are many talents that will complement each other. We are excited to see this group of boys develop as proud Kearsney boys.

During Orientation Week the Class of 2023 had some fun learning more about themselves, their new friends and their new school surroundings. Activities focusing on teamwork were carefully planned in order for the boys to bond as a grade before the school programme commenced in all seriousness.

At the mentorship programme workshop, facilitated by Head of Grade 11, Mr Andrew Morgan, the Grade 8s met a boy from the Grade 11 group who is to be their mentor. This mentor relationship has proven extremely valuable in helping boys adjust and settle in.

The Haley prefects play a beneficial role in the lives of these new boys and must be congratulated on the way they have conducted themselves during the early days.



The Kearsney College Centenary 2021

Mr Robert Carpenter, Marketing Director, reports.

"Answer Kearsney's Call"

The Kearsney Centenary is fast approaching and preparations are well underway to ensure a special year. The Centenary Committee has been meeting regularly since 2014 to plan a year-long programme to commemorate this significant milestone in style in 2021.



An exciting range of memorabilia will be available to commemorate the event. A beautiful coffee table book, rich in anecdotes and historical photographs, is in the final stages of being put together. This wonderful publication will provide an informative, interesting and entertaining record of the College's first 100 years.

The special events being planned for the Centenary include a Centenary Ball; a 24-hour inter-house sports challenge; a musical production which will chronicle the story of Kearsney through the eyes and ears of generations of Kearsney boys; a 70-hour marathon reading of the Bible in the Kearsney Chapel, involving the boys, staff, Old Boys, parents, churches and the wider community; an outdoor musical proms event

Engaging with our community

Mr Manzini Zungu, Deputy Headmaster of Student Affairs, reports.

At the beginning of March the College embarked on the annual Community Service Week. Engaging in community service allows the boys the opportunity to engage with our community, increases the boys' social awareness and sense of social responsibility, equips the boys to acquire life skills and knowledge, as well as provide a service to those who need it most.

Community service is an essential part of preparing boys to take responsibility

as open-minded, principled citizens in a global community. It gives our boys an opportunity to explore academic interests through a real world lens. They end up connecting what they're learning in school to real-life issues and they consequently throw themselves into learning with new enthusiasm. A track record of community involvement also gives the boys an edge in the very competitive market when applying for universities and employment.

The boys have undertaken numerous activities this term, including visiting the Hillcrest AIDS Centre, where they cleaned gutters and prepared pot plants for sale, and the Hillcrest Government Hospital, where they read to the elderly, played card games and



The South Wing nearing completion

featuring Old Boy musicians/performers in the line-up; the hosting of major sporting events on the SA schools' sporting calendar; and much more.

The Centenary celebrations will culminate fittingly in a 140km Kearsney Epic Run- a relay run from the Chapel at Kearsney College to the chapel at Old Kearsney, near Stanger, where the College started in 1921.

In other Centenary news, the South Wing of the Centenary Centre is progressing rapidly and we look forward to moving into the new classrooms later in the year.

The South Wing will provide the College with an additional eleven modern and spacious classrooms and a beautiful courtyard, supplementing the four modern classrooms, the Centenary Arch and a multi-purpose Long Room of the North wing of the Centenary Centre, which was completed in 2016. Kearsney's Centenary Centre is designed to provide world-class, state-of-the-art facilities suitable for collaborative 21st Century teaching and learning, in line with international best-practice. Academics are Kearsney's number one priority and the development supports the College's drive for academic excellence.

cleaned the surroundings; a beach clean-up from uShaka Marine World up to Sun Coast Casino; donating food and clothes to Siyabusiwa Orphanage and books to KwaNyuswa Library; and hosting the pupils from Golden Hours, a school for pupils with special needs.

The visit by Golden Hours pupils to Kearsney College is always a very special one for the boys of both schools. The friendship we have formed with them is remarkable and the boys loved playing soccer, rugby and tennis with the visitors. The day ended with the traditional 100m piggy-back race, where every Kearsney boy carried a Golden Hours' pupil on his back. This race causes great excitement and hilarity and is truly heart-warming.

It has been a busy and rewarding term and we can be proud of the Kearsney boys.

Great talent and creativity evident at Inter-house Plays

Ms Ulaetha Singh, HOD Dramatic Arts, reports.

'I wanted to express my gratitude for being invited to be one of the adjudicators at the Kearsney House Plays. The school has an incredible energy and spirit. There is a tremendous amount of support towards the Arts. I am honored to have witnessed such talent and creativity. The diversity in productions is a true reflection in how the learners have been guided to expand in their imaginations and think outside of the box.'

Mr Tevin Kunene external adjudicator: Inter-house Plays 2019

These succinct sentiments were also expressed by the audience on the evening of the inter-house plays on Wednesday 13 February 2019. The plays produced were of an admirable standard, reflecting the creativity, originality, and maturity of the pupils involved in the scripting and directing of the plays.

The plays drew on a range of theatrical influences including Poor Theatre, Physical Theatre and Musical Theatre, some rooted in Realism, others quite postmodern in style. Dance, song, choral work, percussion and multi-media peppered the plays to add to the entertainment.

Each play's synopsis gives us insight into the depth of the work produced. The winning house, Sheffield set their play, 'Lost and Found', written by Nicholas Kidd, in post-apartheid South Africa where Sam Jacobs, played by Thando Myeza who won

the Best Actor award, takes on the task of providing for his poverty-stricken family. Luke Robertson, who played his brother was awarded Best Supporting actor: 'Uthando lugumanqoba' - Love conquers, saw Pembroke claim winner of Best Original Script, written by, Malusi Ngomane and Loyiso Mabude unfolded how a family endures tumultuous events that force them to confront the hate they all feel and forces them to stop running from hate but to confront it. Gillingham's 'View from Purgatory' took an in-depth look into a fast paced world, where facades warrant more than who one really is and injustice prevails in the name of 'good causes'.

John Adams is a pilot, in Finningley's 'Black Box', who allows his ego and prejudice to endanger the lives of the passengers and everyone else on-board flight JE337. Issues arise on the plane forcing the passengers to contemplate their final thoughts.

Congratulations to the script writers, directors, cast and crew for an enjoyable evening of entertaining theatre. Thank you to the panel of adjudicators, Mr Tevin Kunene, Mr Anthony Downing and Mr Jonathan Orton for their time, effort and expertise.



Best Actor: Thando Myeza, Sheffield House



Pembroke won Best Original Script. Cade Brooks and Luke Bartlett featured in the production

International Exchange Programme provides an educational adventure

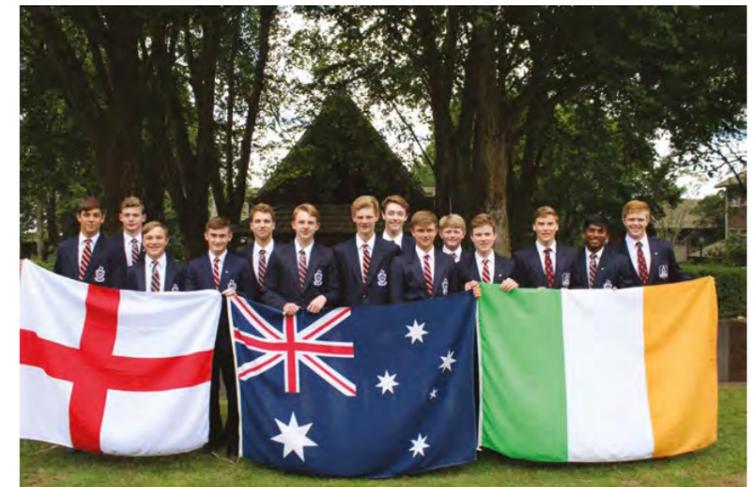
Mrs Charlene Elliott, Teacher in Charge: International Exchange Programme, reports.

At the International Exchange Programme report back evening, the 2018 outgoing exchange boys (now in Grade 11) shared their experiences with us. Having had different experiences each boy had the same deep sense of appreciation for the places they visited and for their homes. The videos, images, presentations and speeches gave the audience a window into other schools and cultures beyond our shores. It was evident that the boys had an educational adventure of a lifetime!

Eric Jerkland and Eoghan Keohane joined us this term from the Catholic University School in Dublin, Ireland and were hosted by Christopher Duncan. Eoghan enjoyed playing cricket for Kearsney, while Eric represented the school in basketball. We also welcomed Rory McCarthy from Boulder High in Boulder, Colorado, USA. Rory will spend two terms with us and has represented the school in cricket.

In Term 2, we look forward to welcoming Kevin Gill, Ben Lockhart and Niall O'Neal from the Catholic University School; Joshua Briggs, Harvey Hibberd and Jacob Odams from Mount St Mary's College in Sheffield, England and Byron Garcia from Waverley College in Sydney, Australia.

We are excited to send a new group of Kearsney Grade 10 boys on the 2019 International Exchange Programme. The selection process is underway and we look forward to what the year has in store for our boys.



The Kearsney College 2018 outgoing exchange boys and the flags representing the different countries that participated in the exchange.



The Term 1, 2019 incoming exchange boys pictured with the Kearsney outgoing exchange students that went to the Catholic University School. Lael Savrimuthu, Eoghan Keohane (Catholic University School), Wilco Roets, Eric Jerkland (Catholic University School), William Young, Rory McCarthy (Boulder's High), Christopher Duncan

IMPRESSIVE SPEECHES DELIVERED

Mrs Natalie Arndt, Teacher in Charge, reports.



The Speakers' Circle held its first dinner of the year on 26 February and we welcomed many new Grade 9 members into the Society. The evening's theme was Benjamin Franklin's words "You may delay but time will not". Prepared and Impromptu speeches were all based on this theme.

In a new Impromptu category, *In the News Today*, speakers paired up and were given a sensational Kearsney-based newspaper headline and were tasked with reporting the news report as news anchors or correspondents on the scene. The Grade 9s impressed all by willingly delivering speeches in a variety of categories and I am extremely impressed with the standard they have set.

Congratulations to the winners in each category, who are listed below:

- In the News Today pairing:** Joshua van der Merwe and Lex Rencken
- Ice Breaker:** John Eastes
- Impromptu speech:** Katlego Phetla
- Introduction of speaker:** Javashkaar Naidoo
- Prepared speech:** Nicholas Kidd
- Vote of thanks:** Joshua Maskell



Art Exhibition 12 March



Photo and Film 04 June



Words@Kearsney 05 and 06 June



Drama@Kearsney 17 and 18 July



Music Festival 30 and 31 July



Dance@Kearsney 14 to 16 August

Cricket Term 1

Mr Neil Peacock, MIC Cricket, reports.

This term we had a busy start to the cricket season, although the unpredictability of the weather did scupper a number of matches. The 1st XI enjoyed a very successful pre-season tour down to Cape Town where they participated in the annual Pre-Season Independent Schools Festival. The team defeated hosts, Bishops, by two runs in an exciting 50 over match and recorded good wins against Falcon College (Zimbabwe) and Scotch College (Australia).

On the domestic front the 1st XI had a challenging season overall and lost matches against DHS (T20 Coastal Quarter Finals), Westville and Hilton. The team enjoyed a morale boosting win against touring Wellington College (United Kingdom) on the Friday of half term and then participated in the St Alban's Cricket Festival in Pretoria. Against tough opposition the boys were desperately unlucky to come away with a winning draw against St Benedict's before losing to St Stithians (one of the top teams in the country) by an agonizing one run! The final match of the festival saw the team unable to finish off the St Johns College tail end eventually going down by one wicket in a very exciting match. The last round of fixtures were T20 matches with the 1sts defeating KZN Development before their match against St Charles was called off due to bad light.

The U14A side did exceptionally well this term winning all of their matches bar one which ended in a draw. They show tremendous promise for the future.

The inter-house competition was an intense and closely contested affair with three of the four houses tying for 1st place, first ever in Kearsney History!

Once again the support staff have been outstanding and a big thank you to the Sports Department, catering, estates and grounds staff and Mr Ayanda Peters. Thanks are also extended to all the parents for their support during matches and the coaches who give up a lot of their time to ensure that the teams are always well prepared.



Chase Kelly, 1st team Cricket

TENNIS

Mr Anthony Willows, MIC Tennis, reports.

The 1st Tennis team travelled to Cape Town before half term to the Paul Roos Tennis Tournament for what has been an annual pilgrimage for the past ten years. The team far exceeded expectations in their performance, finishing in 8th position out of 12 teams from top schools from around the country. Over the years of participating in this prestigious event this was our best result.

Kade Mindry (Grade 12) beat all the best in the country, winning all seven of his matches, with Shail Chetty (Grade 10), playing at number 4 in the team, winning 4 out of his 7 matches. Both boys displayed sportsmanship and the grit of a true Kearsney boy.

RESULTS

Pool matches

- Lost to Hoërskool Waterkloof 1/8
- Beat Stellenbosch High School 5/4
- Lost to St Stithians College 3/6
- Lost to Paarl Boys High School 4/5
- Beat St David's Marist Inanda 6/3

Play offs

- Lost to Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies) 3/6
- Lost to St Stithians College 2/5

The finals saw Paul Roos beat Grey College and Waterkloof beat Paarl Boys to finish 3rd.



Greg Cobbledick

Water Polo

Mr Dylan Perrett, MIC Water Polo, reports

In the first term the start to the water polo season is always frenetic, particularly after a long restful holiday where the boys have returned unfit. Fortunately there was some pre-season training in the elective with Mr Chris Reardon and Mr Greg Higgs, as well as pre-season swimming training with Mr Marco Botha. Thank you to the coaches for taking the time to prepare the boys for the start of the season. Their commitment to both sports and the results they attained during the season is commendable.

The addition of goals in the top pool last year has proved invaluable providing more teams to practice in the limited time each day. This also allowed for swimming and polo training to occur simultaneously, with all involved benefitting.

The start of the year brought a new group of Under 14 boys with lots of promise as well as the largest group of polo players in a single age group seen in quite some time. They are quick learners and both the A and B teams have shown some good potential.



Tyson Andrews

Our 1st team toured to Pretoria over half term and attended a festival hosted by Pretoria Boys High School. They held their own against some of the best polo schools in the country and should be proud of their achievements.

The teams are confident and working well together. It will be interesting to see their results come the highly anticipated annual Top Ten Tournament.

We are proud of a number of players who have been selected to represent the province and national teams and they must be commended for these exceptional achievements.

Provincial and National Water Polo selections

KZN U18 Water Polo team:
Oliver Kenny (Grade 12), Wesley Marshall (Grade 11), Tyson Andrews (Grade 11) and Luc Le Clézio (Grade 12) selected as a non-travelling reserve.

Tyson Andrews was also selected for the U17 South Africa Men's Team as a non-travelling reserve.



L-R: Oliver Kenny, Tyson Andrews and Wesley Marshall

SQUASH

Mr Andrew Morgan, MIC Squash, reports.

Kearsney's first squash team competed in the annual St Andrew's Invitational Squash Festival in Bloemfontein in February. Our boys played some great squash over the weekend against some of the top teams in the country.

Results:

- Beat Kingswood 6-0
- Beat Grey College 5-1
- Lost to Pretoria Boys High 5-1
- Beat St Stithians 5-1
- Lost to Grey High 6-0



The boys with Old Boy Mr Mike Bester, a well-known Johannesburg squash personality and coach of the St Stithians team.



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GOLF

Hayden de Kock was selected for the KZN Southern Coastal B Team. Congratulations!

KZN U16 Shore Angling Colours for Luke Roseveare

Earlier in the year Luke Roseveare (right) fished for KZN U16 in the Junior Shore angling Nationals held at Kids Beach, East London, where he came 3rd in the age division and won the trophy for the heaviest edible caught in the tournament. He was also selected to represent the Proteas U16 Shore Angling Team to fish against Namibia in Struisbaai in the first week of December 2019.



LIFE SAVING

Blaize Mauvis will take part in the SA Life Saving Champs 24-27 March and will represent the KZN Nipper Team at inter-provincials in Cape Town on 13 April 2019.

Extremely successful basketball season

Mr Myles Delpert, MIC Basketball, reports.

Basketball has continued to grow at Kearsney with a record number of teams playing on a Saturday. In our regular fixture against Maritzburg College we had 26 teams. As we are unable to find filler fixtures with opposition for the lower sides we run our own internal league which the boys have bought into and thoroughly enjoy. Six teams participated in the league and the A and B sides have become extremely competitive and have gained respect in the basketball realm. Opposition know that our boys display the passion and pride that has become synonymous with the Kearsney basketball programme.

The Under 14A team participated in the Westville U14 Tournament and the Under 15A team won the Grace College U15 Tournament, both teams displaying tremendous growth and potential.

The Under 16A team toured to St Stithians U16 National Tournament and successfully reached the finals, but narrowly lost to St George's College from Zimbabwe. This was the best finish since Kearsney began participating in this tournament. Congratulations to Max Hastings-Brown for being selected the All-Star at the tournament.

The 1st team participated in the St John's Basketball Tournament in Johannesburg and worked their way to the semi-finals, where they narrowly lost to St Alban's College. Outstanding efforts from the team and great individual performances from many of the players allowed for Max Hastings-Brown to shine and be selected as an All-Star.

I sincerely thank the coaches and players who have worked hard throughout the season. Our appreciation also goes to Mr Keith Thompson, Director of Sport, who has supported the growth of the sport, and the College's management team who have allowed the freedom for basketball to grow and thrive.

Provincial and National Basketball selections

Congratulations to the following boys for their provincial basketball selections:

- Under 18A:** Liam Breytenbach, Dillon Wimbush and Pieter Steenkamp
- Under 18B:** Loyiso Mabude
- Under 16A:** Max Hastings-Brown, Ryan Wimbush, Michael Ngwenya and Singele Mkhize



Dillon Wimbush



Liam Breytenbach



Pieter Steenkamp

Canoeing

Mr Steve Main, MIC Canoeing, reports.

The term has been a busy and successful one for the canoeing team. After three inter-school events, Dusi River Race, K1 Marathon and K1 Sprints, Kearsney placed well in team competition and are currently tied 4th overall. This particularly young team has raced with determination and the small wins and gains have seen the boys develop further confidence and motivation. Further to this, the boys have been competitive in the Surf Ski series, a fresh addition to the canoeing calendar. It has been encouraging to see the interest shown by a healthy group of Grade 8 boys who have been mentored and supported by the senior boys. We hope that this will translate into greater numbers in the sport which affords boys of all abilities to participate and achieve success.

Jack Lund (Grade 11) has been the top performer. In the inter-schools competition he is currently placed 8th in the Under 18 age group. In the Drak Challenge and Dusi Canoe Marathon, he finished 17th and 18th respectively.

Also in the Under 18 age group Matthew Goldie (Grade 11) and Kevyn Meyer (Grade 12) are placed 13th and 14th place respectively, with the top 10 in sight. In the Under 16 category, Luka Koumantarakis (Grade 10) and Andrew Sebire (Grade 9) are 10th and 18th respectively; both have shown great progress, contributing directly to the team's success.

It has been pleasing to see the number of father/son combinations participating in the major races. Wim and Ben van Herzele (Grade 9) competed in the Drak Challenge; Nicholas and Luke Sacco (Grade 10) competed in the Drak Challenge, Dusi Canoe Marathon and 50 Miler; and Kosta and Luka Koumantarakis competed in the Dusi Canoe Marathon and 50 Miler. These experiences create priceless memories.

Joshua Steytler: KZN Triathlete

Grade 11 pupil Joshua Steytler has been selected to represent KZN in the 16 to 18 year age category at the SA Triathlon Championships to be held on 24 March 2019. During February Joshua won the 16 to 18 year age category at the Tinman Triathlon. He finished 2nd overall.



Lance de Kock: KZN Open Water Swimming

Congratulations to Grade 9 pupil Lance de Kock who represented KZN at the South African Open Water Championships in Jeffrey's Bay in March. The event attracts competitors from around the world. Lance finished 11th in SA in his age group in the 3km event.

Matthew Goldie running with Luka Koumantarakis



2019 MATRIC DANCE

"Winter's Night" was the theme for the 2019 Matric Dance. In an enchanted setting that reflected attention to detail within an exquisite alpine winter wonderland, the young men of Kearsney hosted their beautiful partners to their Matric Dance held in the Henderson Hall. A snow machine churned out gossamer feathers of artificial snow which were caught up in the light breeze as the couples walked down the white carpet. The elegant white draping of the interior of the Henderson Hall was enhanced by 600 cut out snowflakes hung from the ceiling and another 300 on the glass-like Tiffany chairs.

Months of planning and preparation by Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg and parent, Mrs Carol Kelly, galvanised a huge team comprising teachers, boys, Estates and Catering staff and parents into producing an evening to remember. The Grade 12 boys played their part too with a positive spirit and a determination to seize the day. With plenty of fine fare and music that encouraged a full dance floor, the boys' and their partners' enjoyment was tangible.

A feature was also the gratitude expressed by the young people who attended. The Grade 12 class was waited on by willing volunteers in the form of Grade 11s who complemented the happy occasion.



Brad Barritt TIKI TONGA COFFEE ROASTERS

Kearsney Old Boy and Saracens rugby captain Brad Barritt (Pembroke 2004) has brought his London-based Tiki Tonga Coffee Roasters to South Africa, with the first outlet having opened in Umhlanga in February.

Inspired by Brad's mutual love of coffee and sport, Tiki Tonga aims to use the benefits of caffeine to sportsmen. Available as whole beans, ground or in capsules and in a range of blends, the coffee is completely natural, with no

additives, preservatives or sugars used in sports drinks.

"At Tiki Tonga Coffee we aim to produce the best coffee for active people," says Brad. "We have been working hard in the roasters producing specialist blends to be the fuel for all athletes' superpowers."

A true Kearsney all-rounder, Brad was Head of Pembroke, played 1st team rugby and cricket, and achieved five distinctions in Matric.



Brad Barritt (Pembroke 2004)

Parents' Society

Mr Doug Beere, Chairman, reports.

Due to the fact that their boys had finished at Kearsney, quite a few members of the Parents' Society Committee resigned last year. We had an overwhelming response to replace these members on the committee. We wish the new members well with their contributions to the Parents' Society and the College.

We were sad to say goodbye to Mandy Hughes, Brenda Moon, Carol Kelly and Richard Stevens. All of whom have made a valuable contribution to the Parents' Society over the years of their involvement.

We wish all the parents a happy year with their boys at Kearsney.

Hockey Grandstand Project

We are pleased to have the grandstand completed before the start of the hockey season. We hope it will enhance the experience of watching hockey at the Mason Astro.

Supporters' Gear

The rugby and hockey season is upon us. We encourage all Kearsney College parents and supporters to visibly support your teams. Look out for the Parents' Society gazebo, where supporters' kit will be on sale. We will be very active during the Kearsney College Easter Rugby Festival and urge you all to support this worthy endeavour.

THE 2019 COMMITTEE:

- Chairman:** Doug Beere
- Secretary:** Rose Borkum
- Treasurer/Finance:** Michelle Shiller
- Communications:** Diana Jacobs and Karen Sebire
- Parents' Society Dances/Matric Dance:** Vuyo Motsoahae, Jane Gillespie, Thrisha Bhagwan, Adele Mills and Karen Sebire
- Old Boys' Liaison:** Craig Davis
- Supporters' Gear Sales and House Projects:** Chris Smith and Adele Mills

Carpe Diem, Class of 2018

After their final exam each boy received his Old Boy's tie and then went on to ring the Hulett Bell, marking the end of their journey at Kearsney as a scholar and officially becoming an Old Boy.



Taine Buys, Jacques Odendaal and Andrew Harding all of Gillingham 2018

FOUNDERS WEEKEND 16 to 18 MAY 2019

All Old Boys and their families are welcome.

The Black Tie dinner on Friday 17 May, 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.

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The online booking form is on the Old Boy's page, Founders on www.kearsney.com



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**BE A FOUNDER OF
Kearsney's Second Century**

Kearsney College's Centenary in 2021 is an opportunity to reflect on 100 glorious years of history and celebrate the launch of Kearsney's Second Century.

**KEARSNEY CENTENARY
CENTRE**

Part of our celebrations includes the development of our Centenary Centre to support academic excellence. Naming rights are available for the Centenary Centre, two attractive courtyards, a large multi-purpose exhibition and examination venue and fourteen modern classrooms.

To explore further please contact the Foundation Director Mrs Ghislaine Riceman on 031 7659600 or griceman@kearsney.com

Centenary Fundraising
Be a Founder of Kearsney's Second Century

Report by Mrs Ghislaine Riceman, Foundation Director.

The Centenary in 2021 provides a unique opportunity to be a Founder of the Second Century and to help position Kearsney for the challenges and opportunities of the future. This can be done either by contributing towards human investment - ensuring boys with character and of quality attend Kearsney for generations to come - or by investing in the funding of the Centenary Centre.

Naming rights have already been bought or committed to for six of the 14 Centenary Classrooms as well as for one of the two Centenary Courtyards, and a number of Old Boys have invested in the Centenary Endowment Fund for the benefit of future generations.

The naming rights for Centenary Classrooms have been committed to by Peter Francois; John Bester; Michael Hall and Peta Hall, the wife of Michael's late brother, David; the Kearsney Striders Running Club; the Class of 1977; as well as a commitment from the KCOB.

There has also been an encouraging response to the USA and Canadian Old Boys appeal to secure naming rights for a Centenary Courtyard, which is being driven by the indomitable Michael Hall. As the donor of a courtyard, the branch will be entitled to choose a sculpture and plaque with a quotation, which will be placed in the courtyard in their name.

A big thank you to Photonote

Kearsney is proud to acknowledge Photonote as our 1st Rugby Team sponsor for the second year. Mr Kevin Phillips (Finningley, 1986) and Sales Manager of Photonote said "Photonote is a business that is passionate about education and sport in South Africa and we are proud of our association with Kearsney rugby. We wish the boys and the coaches all the best for the 2019 season and we know that you will do us proud."



Left to right: Mpendulo Dlamini, Barend Steyn (Director of Rugby), Oliver Carmody (Captain) and Derick Marshall



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Thought for the moment

We are in the season of Lent on the Church calendar. It is the time that we prepare ourselves for the event of Easter.

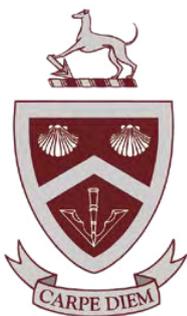
Lent always reminds me of the trials that Jesus faced in the desert. Matthew 4:1-11 tells us that "for forty days Jesus fasted in the desert and then He was tempted by the Devil". This is a fascinating reminder that during these forty days that Jesus spent in the desert was part of His preparation for what would be the greatest influential ministry.

With this in mind, I feel that Lent is that season where we are reminded that temptation and hard times are part of our preparation for life and we can learn from our past mistakes. There is also an end to the season of temptation and light that shines thereafter. This light shines brightest in the dark; all we need to do, is look and follow it to lead the way towards success.

The key, like Jesus keeping His eyes on God, is to keep our eyes focussed on the One who gives us strength to achieve our goals and our dreams.

I wish our community a happy Easter.

Rev. Johan Breytenbach
Chaplain



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