



## THE KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL SHOWCASES SA'S FINEST

The 2013 Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival lived up to the high expectations, producing three days of outstanding rugby and providing a wonderful family event over the Easter holidays.

Publicist, Ms Sue Miles shares the weekend's highlights.

The Festival was once again distinguished by the quality of teams on display and the 2013 Festival reinforced its status as the premier and most significant schoolboy rugby festival in South Africa.

Wonderful weather was enjoyed on all three days and fantastic crowds poured through the gates to enjoy the spectacle of top running rugby. The tremendous success of the 2013 Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival was gratifying for the organising committee and for sponsors, including new headline sponsor Standard Bank, in the first of its four-years as headline sponsor, as well as Illovo Sugar South Africa, The Sharks Academy and other sponsors.

The quality of players inspired The Sharks Academy to offer an additional scholarship,

so that four recipients will now have a contract and their tertiary studies fully sponsored next year. Those awarded were Kearsney captain and scrumhalf Matt Reece-Edwards, Glenwood flank Mzwandile Mazibuko, Paarl Gimnasium captain and eighth man Rikus Botha and Boland Landbou lock Sarel Roux.

Announcing the awards, Sharks Academy director Hans Scriba said there had been a significant number of outstanding players at this year's festival, which had led to the presentation of an additional scholarship, each valued at R100 000.

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"The broader quality of players this year was exceptionally impressive. A large number of boys could be playing professional rugby in three years' time," Scriba said.

Selectors and talent scouts from The Sharks, Sharks Academy and KZN Rugby Union watched every match at the festival. They were particularly impressed

by play from the festival's two unbeaten teams: Paarl Gimnasium and Hoërskool Outeniqua, while Kearsney, Glenwood, Grey College (Bloemfontein) and Dr EG Jansen (Boksburg) also impressed.

Kearsney opened play on the first day of the festival with an impressive 25-8 win against Hoërskool Framesby from Port Elizabeth. On day two, the hosts lost 6-33 to the unbeaten Paarl Gim powerhouse, having held the visitors to a 6-12 lead at half time. On the third and final day Kearsney convincingly beat festival newcomers Boland Landbou 33-13 in the last game of the festival.

Adding to the festival's status and the delight of players, World Cup referee Craig Joubert and Super Rugby ref Stuart Berry blew some of the games.

"These schoolboy rugby tournaments are wonderful advertisements for our game; it is truly astounding to see the talented rugby players we have coming through our schools. It is always a thrill to ref these games which showcase the future of SA rugby," Joubert said afterwards.



# EGD/DRAMA TOUR TO USA

A two week adventure exploring North American culture on the East Coast of the United States began on Friday 22 March for thirty-six excited Drama and Engineering Graphics & Design (EGD) boys, escorted by three enthusiastic teachers. Ms Ulaetha Singh, HoD Drama and Mr Dean Moodley, HoD Engineering Graphics & Design. bring you the details.

Our large group of excited and enthusiastic boys got noticed wherever they went and they were often complimented on their impeccable behaviour and the respectful, dignified manner in which they conducted themselves.

Washington greeted us with snow - a first for many in the group. It was heart-warming to see the boys braving the icy conditions whilst remaining interested in the tour guide's informative presentations at Arlington cemetery and the Gettysburg battlefields. Wholesome food drove the chill away at the Amish experience in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

The EGD boys were treated to design workshops at the Smithsonian Institution's Hirshhorn Museum in Washington and at the Guggenheim in New York City. A highlight for these budding engineers was visiting the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston and the New York University Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn. At MIT the boys participated in a Robotics lecture and workshop as well as a tour of the Mechanical Engineering Ph.D. (doctorate) mechanisms. At the NYC Polytechnic Institute the boys attended Engineering lectures, toured the campus, observed a Ph.D. student conducting soil engineering

The touring party in Central Park, New York City



Drama boys attended a workshop designed for professional artists.



EGD boys attended a robotics workshop at MIT, Boston



experiments and spoke to post-graduate Engineering students as well as Engineering professors.

EGD is an increasingly popular subject at Kearsney and the department has been achieving incredible results. In 2012 more than two thirds of the EGD candidates received distinctions and Kearsney produced four of the top five candidates in the country for the subject. With that level of passion for the subject the boys soaked up this incredible experience.

Facilitated by professional actors, directors and stage choreographers, the Drama boys enjoyed the fantastic experience of participating in workshops designed for professional artists in the field. The boys expanded their practical base by engaging in the two Acting Class workshops offered at the Shakespeare Theatre Complex in Washington. This was followed by three workshops at the Shubert Theatre Organisation in New York, exploring Tools of Actions, Quick Wits and Stage Combat.

Another enjoyable experience was a workshop on making political campaign advertisements and a tour around the Museum of the Moving Image. The backstage tour of the Shakespeare Theatre Complex in Washington, the NBC Television Studios (sitting in the Saturday Night Live studio being the highlight) and Radio City Music Hall (posing with a real live Rockette) was inspiring and enlightening. The boys were given insight into what goes on behind the scenes and into other career opportunities in the field of theatre. What can only be described as a thespian delight was the Drama group watching Alec Baldwin, Ben Foster and Tom Sturridge in the play *Orphans*; and Keegan Barker having a close encounter with Steven Baldwin.

Reeling from the awesome rides at the Six Flags Theme Park, watching shows like *Sheer Madness*, *American Utopia*, *Mamma Mia*, *Fuerza Bruta* and *Stomp*, the surprise of being hosted in executive suites to watch ice hockey at Madison Square Garden and being part of the spectacle of the NBA basketball at the Verizon centre, we boarded our plane back to South Africa with heavy hearts and bags, yet with enriched minds and souls. This superb academic tour certainly achieved its objective of expanding the boys' knowledge and their horizons.

# Grade 9 Science Expo



Mrs Sue Murray opens the Grade 9 Science Expo.

The first term saw all Grade 9 boys conducting science expo investigations, through which they learnt valuable research and scientific problem-solving skills. Mrs Sue Murray, HoD Science brings you the story.

The following boys are to be congratulated on achieving top honours in their respective classes.

- 9A: Jason Pilborough & Kieran Smith
- 9C: Boetie Hadebe & Cameron Rencken  
Cameron Baker & Grant Coolbear
- 9K: Daniel Bedi & Warren Driver
- 9G: Brady Erlich, Kyle Mertsch and Kade Streak
- 9S: Rory Hanger & Stuart Lacon-Allin  
Evan Williams & Dane van Heerde

In addition to investigative skills they also learnt important life skills, such as teamwork, time management and how to deal with setbacks and challenges. The assignment was valuable in teaching the boys that a negative result is not a failure – something new has been learnt even if it was not what was expected. They learned how to re-evaluate and come up with a new plan whilst working to a time deadline.



Bradley Erlich, Kade Streak and Kyle Mertsch (Grade 9G)

What impressed most was the standard of presentation of the projects and the presentation skills of the boys, who were required to communicate their methodology and findings to interested adults. Once again it was heartening to see a large number of parents attend the expo to share the moment and celebrate the achievements with their sons.

## GRADE 8 PUPIL EMIL LOUBSER TO PLAY FOR KZN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Mr Bernard Krüger: Director of Music elaborates.



Congratulations to Emil Louber who has been selected to perform as a soloist with the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic orchestra in their *Young Performers' Concert*. This prestigious honour was the culmination of months of preparation and music practice. Emil is an advanced musician who plays saxophone, clarinet and piano. Kearsney is proud of Emil and we anticipate great things from this budding talent.



# SCHOOL PRODUCTION Aladdin

Following on the success of our last multi-disciplined theatrical show at Kearsney (*Scrap Metal*, 2011), and to add something new to our theatrical repertoire after musicals like *Return to the Forbidden Planet* (2009) and *Umoja* (2007), our team decided on a new route – the vibrant, playful world of Pantomime. Ms Ulaetha Singh, HoD Drama and Mr Bernard Krüger, Director of Music share the process with us.

This unique style of theatre is well-suited to the humorous, energetic nature of our Kearsney boys. Feel-good and family-friendly, *Aladdin* combined clever wit, popular music and colourful costumes – an opportunity for our talented stars to shine on stage.

Our large cast productions offer a platform for more of our boys to experience the Performing Arts. Auditions are open to all Kearsney boys, and any boy who expresses a desire to take part is afforded an opportunity. We continued our tradition of casting female roles by inviting girls from surrounding schools to audition. We were very pleased with the incredible work ethic and talent of the girls involved in this production.

The process of staging this production, although challenging, was filled with magical moments, much laughter and mirth. Our ability to play and have fun together brought a special energy to our work, allowing us to embrace and experiment with the elements of this genre.

A sincere thank you is extended to our talented cast and efficient crew for their commitment, passion and tremendous energy throughout this experience. We appreciate the time and effort put in by all involved. The success of this production is fully attributed to the positive spirit and unity of the entire team.



## ACCOLADES FOR THE ALADDIN TEAM

Congratulations on a truly superb production of *Aladdin*. It was clear that the cast and the audience appreciated all of your creative efforts. The production was slick and entertaining and was the perfect platform to showcase our boys' (and staff members') talents.

*Adam Rogers, Head of Academics, Kearsney.*

Our parents and learners thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I congratulate your boys and staff on a wonderful show. We look forward with keen anticipation to your next performance.

*Mrs A Collett, Music Teacher, Forest View Primary School*

My class was astounded at the theatrical talent in your school and found the play to be fun, enjoyable and creative. The girls were really impressed by the talented cast who were "excellent at singing, dancing and acting". I add my personal congratulations to the entire cast and crew, directors and producers who obviously gave so much of their time to this production. It most certainly has paid off and the show is amazing!

*Karen Bodley and Grade 7s of Maris Stella*



## Culture @ KEARSNEY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Ms Andrea Fripp: Director Cultural Activities*

We are proud to be hosting the sixth annual *Battle of the Bands Competition* on 1 June 2013. This event has grown in both stature and numbers since its inception and promises to be as popular as ever. The competition is open to all school bands across the province and is an important date on the muso calendar.

Another first for our programme is the *One-Act Play Festival* to be held during the week of 10-14 June. Schools have been invited to enter a play of 25 to 30 minutes, showcasing the talent of pupil scriptwriters, producers and actors.

With the success of the Culture@Kearsney events to date we are expecting sold out performances for both events so be sure to book your tickets early.

For more information visit [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com) and click on the Culture@Kearsney logo.

## Battle of the Bands Competition 2013

## Culture @ KEARSNEY

## eKCo News

"I am pleased to report that, complete with a new and vibrant logo, the eKCo Committee are progressing steadily with the initiatives to 'green' our operations and behaviour," says **Mr Rod De Villiers: Deputy Headmaster, MiC eKCo Initiative.**

Kearsney's Junior Students' Council (JSC), under the guidance of their Chairman, Brandon Hughes, has come up with a workable blueprint for the recycling of our waste paper. Once the paper-recycling operation is running smoothly, recycling will be extended to tins, glass and plastic. Colour-coded recycling bins will be appearing around campus in the near future.

An important aspect of the programme is to educate the boys and positively impact the attitude of the boys towards the sustainable use of resources. Creating awareness of the tremendous carbon footprint that is created in producing and transporting food, we will award the House which does the most to eliminate wastage of food. We are also looking into the installation of electricity and water meters to monitor consumption in the Houses

Many of the indigenous trees around the campus have been labelled.

to determine which House is the most environmentally friendly.

Tuesday 18 June is *Kearsney Enviro Day*. Various environmental issues will be presented and Jason Hartman of SA Idols fame will perform for the boys and focus on the plight of rhinos.

New bird feeders have been hung up around campus to encourage a vibrant and diverse bird population. Many of the indigenous trees around the campus have been labelled and Mr Kevin Smith continues to remove unwanted exotic invader plants from the David Hall Conservancy. The walking/cycling track through the conservancy is well maintained and seeing much use from the numerous walkers, runners, cyclists and nature enthusiasts. The inter-house and inter-schools cross country events will be

run through the conservancy later this term.

The College is also looking into various applications of renewable energy utilisation, including wind and solar energy. By the end of this year we should be able to reflect on some meaningful progress.



## First XV tour to Namibia

The first fifteen enjoyed a very busy April holiday, participating in the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival over the Easter weekend before departing on a twelve day tour of Namibia. writes *Mr Barend Steyn, Director of Rugby.*

The Namibian tour was a huge success in all respects. It provided the touring group with an excellent balance of rugby, sightseeing, education, team-building activities and community service. The team's first port of call was Walvis Bay where we enjoyed the first night in the luxurious Pelican Bay Hotel, situated on the harbour and with the most spectacular setting. The next day Walvis Bay Private School hosted the first match of the tour on a very sandy and slow pitch. Kearsney proved too strong for this young team and a total of six tries and four conversions accounted for the final score of 38 – 0. The group got their first experience of the famous Namibian hospitality at an enjoyable post-match function.

The next stop in the historic and picturesque Swakopmund proved tremendous fun as the group enjoyed a full day of tourist activities, including an interesting desert tour on quad bikes followed by dune boarding in the afternoon. The next morning was very hot and we arrived after a four hour bus trip to play Windhoek Gymnasium that afternoon. The team should be commended for their performance under those conditions against one of the top teams in Namibia. A total of six tries were scored, of which four were converted, for a final score of 40 – 12. Ayrton Schramm and Tristan Tedder were outstanding on the day, with Schramm scoring three tries and Tedder scoring a personal tally of 18 points from two tries and four conversions.

The final match of the tour followed two days later when Windhoek High, traditionally the number one school in Namibia, hosted Kearsney on another sweltering afternoon. This proved to be an extremely physical battle which produced a favourable 15 – 3 final score. Kearsney managed two tries, a conversion and one penalty.

The final leg of the tour was planned around group activities and community service. The group spent two days at the Sophienhof Game Lodge near Outjo, 100 km south of Etosha. We were accommodated in a comfortable dormitory with kitchen facilities and a rare patch of green grass, which inevitably became the pitch for inter-house touch rugby and other ball games.

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to assist in a community service project whilst we were here. The boys were happy to provide their substantial labour to make a playground for the two nursery schools operating at the Lodge. It was very touching to experience the gratitude of the organising committee and the children of these schools.



The professional hunters at the Lodge arranged a target shooting exercise to determine the top two shottists, who were given the opportunity to go on a game hunt. Biaggio Pelliccia and Alex Albertse emerged as victors and have great photographs of their memorable experience.

The touring team will look back on this tour with many fond memories and stories to tell and they returned much better prepared for the remainder of the domestic season.



## LOCAL RUGBY TOURS IN EASTER HOLIDAYS

### 2ND XV TOUR TO MONUMENT, KRUGERSDORP

Reports Coach Mr Gareth Moerdyk

The Kearsney 2nd XV travelled up to Hoërskool Monument in Krugersdorp for their annual 2nd team festival. The first fixture was against a powerful Monument side in the pouring rain. Kearsney took an early 5-0 lead thanks to an opportunistic try by man-of-the-match James Hall. Unfortunately, poor discipline allowed Monument back into the contest and they ended up eventual winners at 9-5.

The next game was against Hoërskool Florida, a scrappy game which Kearsney won 11-10 thanks to a try by Kern Laing and two penalties from James Hall.

After a day off which was spent at Gold Reef City, the final fixture was against Kempton Park. The boys battled to lift themselves for this game and made some crucial errors. There were some good passages of play, notably the three minutes that saw Stefan Harris score two tries which were both converted by James Hall (who also converted a penalty). An intercept try and a try from a charge-down (both converted) meant that the game was lost 25-17. The boys played some tough rugby and have most certainly grown as players from this experience.

### UNDER 15 RUGBY FESTIVAL Coach, Mr Mike Albers

The U15 rugby squad attended the Independent Schools Rugby Festival held at Hilton College over the Easter holidays. The team played some outstanding rugby against very good opposition, winning all six of their thirty-minute games.

The results were as follows:  
vs St Andrew's College (Grahamstown) 12 - 3;  
vs St Andrew's (Bloemfontein) 14 - 5;  
vs St David's 19 - 0;  
vs Penryn 10 - 0;  
vs Uplands 54 - 0;  
vs Woodridge 7 - 0.

### PARKTOWN BOYS' U14 RUGBY FESTIVAL Coaches, Mr Hubert van Ellewee and Mr Wayne Sudding

During the April holidays the Kearsney U14A rugby team participated in the Parktown Boys' U14 Rugby Festival. The Kearsney team played some attractive running rugby, beating KES, Jeppe, St. David's and St. Stithians while losing to Helpmekaar. It was an enjoyable festival and helped provide the team with a firm foundation for the season ahead.

### U16 RUGBY TOUR TO MARITZBURG COLLEGE SKONK NICHOLSON FESTIVAL 4-6 APRIL 2013

Report by Coaches Mr Dean Moodley and Mr Rob Scott

A squad of 23 players travelled to the festival for the games against Trinity House and Marais Viljoen. Our first game was played on Friday 5 April against Trinity House. The team was made up of a combination of A- and B-side players and they played superbly as a team, running out 31-7 victors. The outstanding performances of the game were by flanker Justin Faber and captain Tristan Dixon.

The next day, the boys came up against a much fancied Marais Viljoen outfit. The format for the tournament was taxing on the boys, playing two physical games in two days.

The side that took the field against Marais Viljoen matched the physicality of the opposition and recovered from being 12-0 down after half time to winning 14-12. Man of the Match went to Tristan Dixon, who was immense on both attack and defence. Special mention must be made of Sebastian Pau and James Tedder, who both displayed phenomenal backline play.

The boys displayed excellent behaviour and manners throughout the tournament and were a credit to their school in their conduct and in the way in which they played the game.



Pictures: U15 Rugby Festival



## KEARSNEY HOCKEY TEAMS ACHIEVE IMPRESSIVE RESULTS IN HOLIDAY FESTIVALS

Mr Wayne Marsen: MiC Hockey, reports.

**O**ur 1st team was the first of our hockey teams to go on tour in the March/April holidays and they set the tone. Of their six games at the Founders' Festival,

which was hosted by Rondebosch Boys' High School this year, they won four games, lost one and drew one.

**The U16 Hockey team** also went to Cape Town to participate in the Rondebosch Boys' Festival. Their superb results included five wins, in which they kept clean sheets, and a narrow loss to the hosts, Rondebosch Boys' High.

**The U14 Hockey team**, recorded six wins out of six at the Ken Florens Festival held at Northwood. Playing against top opposition, this talented group of youngsters managed to score twenty five goals whilst only conceding two.

This tremendous form bodes well for the rest of our hockey season.



# Representative Sport

### WATER POLO

**K**earsney's 1st Water Polo team goalie, Julian Lewis (Grade 12), has been selected for the SAU20 Men's Water Polo squad. He is one of five KZN players selected and will be taking part in a training camp from 17 to 19 May at St Johns College, Johannesburg.

We congratulate Julian and wish him well for the rest of his season.

### KEARSNEY HOCKEY PLAYERS' TALENTS ARE RECOGNISED

**R**yan Wallace, pictured below (Kearsney Grade 12) represented the KwaZulu Natal Hockey Association U21 Men's Outdoor Hockey team in the South African Hockey Inter-Provincial Tournament which was held in Pretoria from 28 April to 4 May 2013. Congratulations Ryan.

We congratulate our 1st hockey team goalie, Dylan Middleton, on his selection to the KZN U18 Indoor Team.

Kearsney Old Boy Greg Last, has been selected as a reserve for the SA Men's Hockey team.



Ryan Wallace

### BASEBALL

We congratulate Cameron Lee (Grade 10) on his selection to the KZN U16 Baseball team.

### STUART JONES INTERNATIONAL FISHING COMPETITION

**S**tuart Jones (Kearsney Grade 12) represented South Africa in the USA in the Southern Division Bassmasters Tournament hosted at Lake Douglas, Dandridge, Tennessee. Stuart was the top U18 South African Junior Bass Angler in 2012, which gave him this opportunity to fish against anglers from the USA and Japan. This tournament is one of the qualifiers for the World Championships.

The juniors had a tough draw with "sudden death" in freezing conditions on Friday 26 April. "We could see the big fish on the finder but just could not get them to eat". Stuart met some of his fishing heroes and current world champions. As a proud South African and Kearsney boy, Stuart should be proud that many of the skippers and anglers commented on his impeccable manners and conduct.



### THE BRITISH AND IRISH LIONS RUGBY INCLUDES ONE OF KEARSNEY'S OWN

**K**earsney Class of 2001 Old Boy, Matt Stevens (England and Saracens), has been selected for the Lions squad for the ten-match, three-Test series, tour to Australia which only comes around once every twelve years.

Tour manager, Andy Irvine, said: "Selection for The Lions is the ultimate accolade and it is a great honour for all of the players".

A tight head prop, Matt Stevens remains the most capped Kearsney player in the history of the school and played in the 1st XV for four seasons, captaining in 2000 and 2001. At school he was selected for KZN Craven Week, SA Academy U18 (captain) and SA U19, and was Head of Sheffield as well as Head of Choir.

Coaching staff remember him as a very committed and strong scrummager, with extraordinary ball and running skills for a forward.

We wish Matt great success with this tour.



# Final Whistle Blows For Old Crocs

After 81 unbroken years, the final whistle has blown on the historic annual Old Crocs rugby match, played between former Springbok and provincial players and the Kearsney College 1st XV.

New SA Rugby Board legislation prohibits matches between players of different age groups, in an effort to reduce injuries in the game.

The annual event played at Kearsney College has become an institution, always providing good entertainment and hard, but fun rugby; with many ageing players showing the tactics and style for which they were once revered.

Over the years, Old Crocs teams have included 35 ex-Springboks, five of whom were SA captains, 24 former Natal captains, and three English, Irish and Australian internationals. They have included the likes of Tommy Bedford, Henry Honiball, Craig Jamieson, Andre Joubert, Gary Teichman, Wayne Fyvie, Mark Andrews, John Allen, Dave Pearse, Hugh Reece-Edwards, Errol Stewart, John Plumtree, Deon Kayser and Pieter Muller.

Kearsney marked the end of the popular tradition on Saturday 4 May with a special luncheon before the 1st team's clash against Michaelhouse.

Old Crocs are encouraged to contact the school on 031-765 9600 or oldcrocs@kearsney.com to ensure that Kearsney has their correct details and that they are formally invited to the event.

The first Old Crocs game was played in 1931 when Cyril Medworth, together with former Springboks Alf Walker, Wally Clarkson, Bill Zeller and Bill Payn, gathered together a team comprised of six former Internationals and nine ex-Natal rugby players, to play against the Kearsney 1st XV.

The tradition continued, unbroken even through wartime, for 81 years.

To qualify for the Old Crocs team, players had to have been former provincial or international rugby players and must have already stopped playing competitively.

Only 346 Old Crocs players and 10 referees participated over the eight decades - the oldest being Mike Moon who played his final game at the age of 51.

The original Bill Payn Trophy, pictured right, was manufactured from two 2lb Illovo Syrup tins attached to a wooden plinth. This trophy is displayed in the museum at the College.



Above: Trix Truter, Wayne Fyvie, Des Collopy and Brian Schabram



The Kearsney College 1st XV and Old Crocs who played the final fixture in 2011, bringing to an end this remarkable tradition.

## FOUNDATION News

Kearsney has received R500,000 through its association with MySchool, thanks to you, our supporters, who have loyally swiped their cards between 2002 and 2012.

Funds generated support Kearsney's community service and outreach efforts and our cutting edge IT initiatives. This South African-based cause-related marketing initiative costs you nothing. Companies partnering the initiative give a percentage of your payment to Kearsney when you present and swipe your card. We encourage you acquire and use your MySchool card.

Visit [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za) or contact us on [foundation@kearsney.com](mailto:foundation@kearsney.com)



Headmaster, Elwyn van den Aardweg, received a certificate from Michelle Matthews acknowledging Kearsney as the third leading MySchool school in KwaZulu-Natal

## Join and become a "Founder of Kearsney's Second Century"

For just R100 per month you can join our campaign to build and strengthen Kearsney's future. You can choose to support a cause of your choice, ranging from bursaries and scholarships, the KCOB Rugby Fund, the Class of 2007 or 2010 Memorial Bursary Funds to the Capital Fund.

Kearsney is a registered PBO and NPO and all gifts are thus tax-deductible. Individual and corporate pledges currently range from R100 to R2000 per month. Your contribution will help us keep Kearsney at the forefront of independent education in South Africa.

We have a quick, easy and safe online pledge form. You can also make an annual or regular EFT or credit card payment and become a "Founder of Kearsney's Second Century".



For more information contact the Headmaster or the Foundation Director, Joy Mills-Hackmann, at [joy@kearsney.com](mailto:joy@kearsney.com) or visit the Kearsney Foundation page on [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com)

## Tony Leon the accidental Ambassador

Mr Tony Leon (KCOB 1974) visited Kearsney on 25 April to address the boys at their academic assembly. Mr Robert Carpenter: Marketing Director reports.



L - R: Sons of Old Boys, Brett du Toit, Rigby Clark, Guy du Toit, Josh Attenborough, Daniel Pons and Neil Lillelund with Tony Leon

In his fascinating talk he described to the boys how his time at the College prepared him for his role as South Africa's ambassador to Argentina. After the assembly he signed copies of his new book, *The Accidental Ambassador, From Parliament to Patagonia*, for the enthusiastic boys.

Tony Leon was a member of the South African parliament for nearly twenty years. For thirteen of those he led the Democratic Alliance, making him the longest serving leader of the opposition in parliament since the advent of democracy in 1994.

Mr Leon thanked the Headmaster and the school for the warmth of the reception he received and said that of the many events around the launch of his book, the Kearsney visit was a highlight. After interacting with the boys Mr Leon commented that he was struck by the perfect balance created at Kearsney, with young men who display both good manners and self-confidence.

"I am very proud of being a Kearsney Old Boy and much impressed at the strides the school has taken", said Mr Leon.

## HOCKEY'S



Hockey officially started at Kearsney in 1963. To celebrate our 50th anniversary, two mixed Old Boys and 1st XI sides will play on Friday 14 June before the Formal Founders KCOB Dinner. The main match will start at 16h30. Old Boys who wish to take part on 14 June are invited to contact Mr Kirsten on [pkirsten@kearsney.com](mailto:pkirsten@kearsney.com). Our thanks to Nashua, Durban for sponsoring the match T-shirts.



L-R: Back row: Unknown, Barry Paul, Frank Kennedy, Michael Knott, Manuel Cardiga, Ian Hesketh, unknown, Rogerio de sa Pessoa.  
Front row: Trevor Rawlings, Richard Turner, Mr Justin Hall, Brian Rawlings, Mr Mossom, William Payne, Colin van der Westhuizen.

## KCOB News

**Founders Weekend: 14-15 June 2013**

We look forward to welcoming hundreds of Old Boys from around the world to Kearsney as they celebrate their reunions. All Old Boys are welcome. Family and Kearsney Ambassadors (past parents and supporters) are invited to the Saturday programme.

Book online: [www.kearsney.com](http://www.kearsney.com) | Old Boys | 2013 Founders  
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## PARENTS' SOCIETY News

The main objective of the Parents' Society is to promote the welfare of Kearsney College, reports **Mark Conway**, Chairman: Kearsney College Parents' Society

The Parents' Society is actively involved in contributing towards two Kearsney bursaries, allocating funds to assist the boarding houses with projects that will directly benefit the boys, supporting special procurement projects focused on enhancing the school and organising several parents' social events during the course of the year.

The AGM was held on 29 January and a new committee was elected, headed by Mark Conway.

The "New York" themed Kearsney Ball in March proved to be a great hit. Over 260 parents joined us in the Henderson Hall for a night of glitz and glamour in the fabulous setting.

In June we will host parents at the Barnyard Theatre for the popular Thank you for the Music show and we look forward to another successful evening of celebration and support.

We would like to thank all parents and staff involved in assisting with our events. We encourage parents to contribute however they can and help the Parents' Society fulfil their important role at Kearsney College.

We wish you a safe and peaceful holiday and look forward to welcoming you to exciting events later this year.



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### THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

*"Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels." Luke 9:26*

Our Kearsney Ministry Week has come and gone and it is always amazing to witness young people experience God in their lives. We enjoyed a fantastic week of visiting speakers, events, worship and celebration. Well done to all the staff and boys for a superbly organised event. We look forward to continuing the conversation and nurturing those who have committed their lives to God.

Chaplain: Rev Sifiso Khuzwayo

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