



You seized the day

The significant achievements of the Kearsney College Class of 2012 were acknowledged recently at our annual Speech Day, writes Marketing Director **Robert Carpenter**.

Whilst Kearsney's remarkable successes on the sports field and on the stage have been much celebrated in 2012, it is the time of the year when the spotlight focuses on academic matters. We are pleased to report that Kearsney's reputation for academic excellence has been enhanced by the Class of 2012, with one third of the class achieving an average of over 75%.

Nine boys received Academic Honours Cum Laude (over 85%) – joint Dux of the School Ryan Holtes and Mandhir Lutchman, Zain Bana, Daniel Blygnaut, Walter Jordaan,

Craig Kirsten, Mpumelelo Mhlongo, Travis Pears and Nathan Sparks.

Academic Honours (average of 80-85%) were awarded to fourteen boys: Nicholas Bates, Ross Butler, Paul Gregory, Jayson Hirshovitz, Brandt Human, Josh Piggott, Tim Pons, Matthew Ries, Richard Sobey, Richard Southey, James Stokes, Devlin Tyack, Matthew Whitelaw and Sean Woodgate. A further fifteen boys received Academic Colours on the day for achieving an average of 75-79%.

Guests were entertained by author and columnist Max du Preez, who spoke about

“We congratulate all our boys for their tremendous contribution to the College”

“Leadership” and urged the boys to build their lives in South Africa and contribute to our country's

future. Mr du Preez stressed that the boys have received a world-class education and that their leadership, skills and knowledge are needed in South Africa.

In the Headmaster's Address, Mr van den Aardweg noted that “2012 has been a significant year not only in the history of Kearsney College, but also in the life of our country South Africa. Before us today is the Class of 2012, who were the babies born in 1994 (the year South Africa enjoyed its first democratic elections).”

The Headmaster highlighted the diversity and unity of the Class of 2012 and regaled the audience with his inspiring account of the Kearsney Choir's triumphant journey in the States. The Kearsney Choir were the embodiment of the potential and ideals of the South Africa that was born in 1994. They made a huge impression in the United States with their multi-culturalism, harmony, energy and youthful exuberance, effectively portraying the hopes of a multi-cultural democracy. The Headmaster concluded by saying that “the babies of 1994 and the Class of 2012 have given us all hope for the future of our country”.

We congratulate all our boys for their tremendous contribution to the College. We bid them farewell and wish them and their families all the best for the future. Go out there and Seize the Day!





FAREWELL GRADE 12s

The last official function of the current Grade 12 group, the legendary 'Leavers' Dinner, took place on Wednesday 17 October in the Henderson Hall. Mr Jason Rottcher, Grade Head for Grade 12, reports on the evening.

Mrs Paula Isaac, who co-ordinated the evening, had her hands full finding enough space to accommodate the 360 guests. The Headmaster and his wife, staff, parents and of course 117 Grade 12s gathered to celebrate and bring down the curtain on their Kearsney adventure.

The evening was a roaring success. Simon Hudson created montages of photographs and videos from the year on behalf of the Video Editing Club and the guests thoroughly enjoyed watching the highlights of the five preceding years. Mr Dave Goldhawk gave his traditionally punny speech using acronyms of the boys' names to delight and amuse guests. The headboy, Sean Kelly, gave a wonderful speech thanking those present for their contribution to making the class of 2012 one of the most successful in Kearsney's history - in the classroom, on the sports fields and in their cultural endeavours. Mr Rob Lockhart-Ross spoke on behalf of the Grade 12 parents echoed these sentiments.

The highlight of the evening was saved for last: the final rendition of *Shosholozza* by the matric class of 2012. Tears, laughter and goose bumps abounded as the boys sang together in style for one last time. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and provided a fitting end to the 2012 story: a story of hard work, hard play, friendship, brotherhood and another 117 young men who arrived five years ago as boys and who now leave as Kearsney gentlemen. *Carpe Diem!*

ZASTRA CONWAY-NUNN

Zastra Conway-Nunn leaves Kearsney College at the end of this year after seven years' service. Mr André van Zyl, Grade Head: Grade 8, shares the story.



This vivacious HoD raised the bar with her energy, passion for Afrikaans and genuine interest in her charges. Industrious and organised, Zastra ran the department with great efficiency. Zastra's hard work and dogged determination inspired her department and she succeeded in raising the subject's profile and generating excellent results. Her enthusiasm, leadership, commitment and zest for life will be sorely missed. We wish her well as she embarks on a new chapter in her life at Hilton College.



TRISH PIKE

Trish Pike embodies the words "Passion for Mathematics". Since her arrival in 2007, Trish has led the development of the Kearsney Mathematics department into one of the best in the country, notes Mr Peter Kirsten, Senior Deputy Headmaster.

During her time at Kearsney the national Mathematics curriculum has been in a constant state of flux. The Core Maths syllabus underwent and is still undergoing major changes and Mathematical Literacy and Maths Paper 3 were introduced. In these uncertain times Trish was not prepared to compromise the Maths standards at Kearsney. Even when certain topics, like Geometry, were temporarily phased out of the curriculum, Trish ensured that these were taught at Kearsney to prepare our boys for the rigours of university mathematics.

Trish has overseen numerous innovations in the Maths Department, in line with the College's commitment to Maths excellence. Over the last 6 years, with the help of funding obtained from the Epoch and Optima Trusts, each Maths classroom has been fitted out with an interactive whiteboard and the latest Maths software. A Maths secretary was appointed to take care of all the admin, allowing academic staff to focus on their teaching. Resources were saved on the intranet, enabling boys and teachers to access them anywhere on the school property. A regular testing programme was also implemented and the test results were emailed to parents within a few days of the test being written.

Trish introduced cumulative testing and in the days leading up to these tests, boys were provided with daily revision worksheets. Certain sections were given to boys as a "self-study", where independent learning was encouraged. The combination of all these innovations resulted in a much improved work ethic amongst the boys and the natural outcome was improved NSC Maths results. In 2011 50% of boys who took Core Mathematics achieved a distinction.

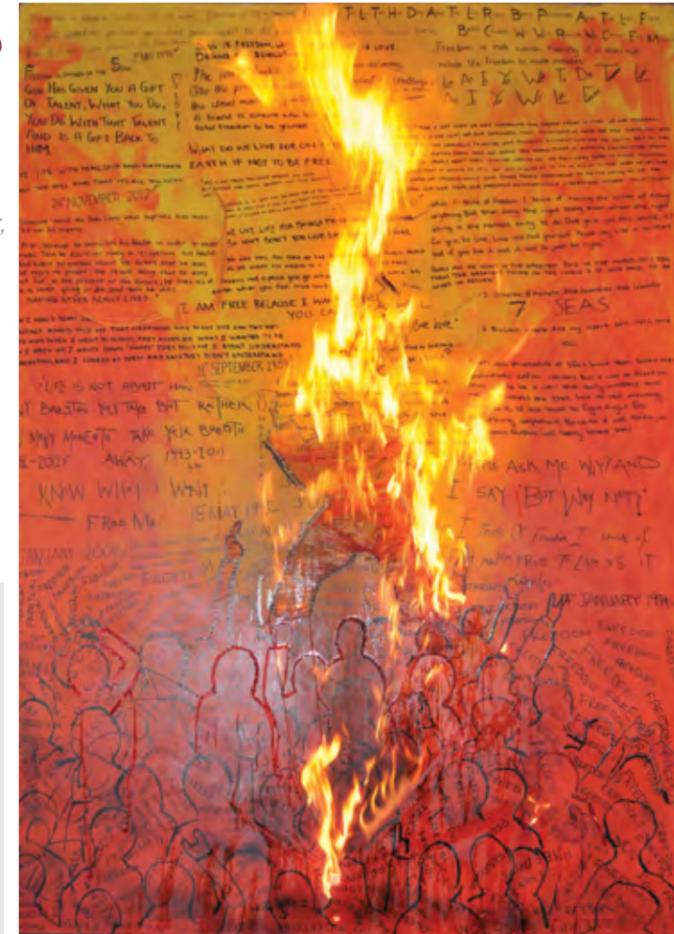
Trish leaves Kearsney at the end of this year to start a private business venture. Her legacy to the boys of the College will be her passion, high standards and love of Maths. Trish leaves knowing that the department she has nurtured is in the hands of very capable, qualified, motivated and enthusiastic teachers, ready to move on the next level of excellence. We will all miss the sight of Trish running at great pace between the photocopier and her classroom between periods, but we are happy knowing that we have had the privilege of working with a passionate, dedicated teacher of the highest quality.

Grade 12 Art students exhibit their work

The Grade 12 Art boys of 2012 will be remembered for their tenacity, easy-going manner and bravery, reports Mrs Glenda Pitcher, HoD Art.

The photograph shows a work of mixed media (paint, Koki marker, thread and nails on board) by Ben Karnezos. The work represents the difficulties, challenges and significant moments in Ben's life. Ben worked laboriously on the piece, then set fire to it - symbolising the overcoming of obstacles and the freedom that results.

Well done to a fantastic group of Grade 12s for putting together an awesome exhibition!



by Ben Karnezos



L-R: Cameron Lee, Ross Cairns, Brandon Hughes, Ross Conway. Absent: Johnathan Terblanche

Setting the benchmark

Every year Kearsney Grade 9 boys participate in the International (SIAT) benchmarking tests and we are pleased to report the boys who took part this year achieved excellent results, reports Mr Rod de Villiers, Deputy Headmaster, Head of Middle School.

The tests were set by the University of New South Wales, Australia, and were written by students from around the world. Three subjects were examined and the average for Kearsney was significantly higher than that of the regional average.

Science: 21 Kearsney boys wrote, Ross Conway, Ross Cairns, Brandon Hughes and Jonathan Terblanche achieved a distinction (top 11%), 9 boys credits (top 27%) and the rest passed.

Mathematics: 21 Kearsney boys wrote, Ross Conway achieved a distinction (top 11%), 11 boys credits (top 33%) and the rest passed.

English: 19 boys wrote, Cameron Lee achieved a high distinction (top 1%), Jonathan Terblanche, Brandon Hughes and Ross Cairns achieved distinctions (top 11%), 3 boys credits (top 24%) and the rest passed.



L-R: Gregory Royston, Daniel Kolev, Samuel Hansen and Brits van Zyl

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Kearsney's reputation for Mathematics excellence was enhanced in the recent IEB Grade 11 Benchmark Test (leBT) in Mathematics. Kearsney College was the only school in South Africa to get 4 candidates in the top 1%. A total of 3 229 candidates from around the country wrote the leBT in Mathematics and it is a remarkable achievement for Kearsney to have 4 boys in the top 32.



Dedicated boys achieve the Pilgrim Award

Kearsney offers Grade 9 boys the opportunity to participate in the Pilgrim Award, a unique, challenging programme designed to cultivate spiritual, leadership, cultural and civic skills. *Mr Rod de Villiers reports.*

The boys who took on the challenge of the Pilgrim Award in 2012 excelled. Thirty boys started the programme and 16 dedicated boys completed the tasks required.

The leadership hikes undertaken included trips into various regions of the Drakensberg mountains, sleeping in caves and camping out in freezing conditions. The cross-cultural experiences included relationships with young folk from Tanzania, India, Lesotho, China, Thailand and the Philippines. The community service carried out by each boy was most impressive, exceeding the 24 hour requirement in most cases. All candidates passed the spiritual test.

Congratulations to the following boys who will be receiving their Pilgrim Awards at the start of next year:

Justin Wilkes, Garrett Stevens and Hayden Butler, Luke Couzens, Geoffrey Sibbald, Nicholas Camp, Simon Nortje, Nicholas Leathern. Distinctions were achieved by Christian Calliontzis, Ross Cairns, Matthew Bentley, James Hansen, Ross Conway, Brandon Hughes, James Redman and Matthew Butler.

quizzical

The Kearsney College Invitational Team History Quiz took place in the Greyhound Pavilion on Thursday 25 October reports *Mr Adam Rogers, the Quiz Organiser.*

The event was attended by over 20 schools from Durban and Pietermaritzburg. Questions were asked on a number of themes ranging from American Presidents to Infamous Disasters of the 20th Century. Using the College's newly acquired clicker technology, the teams enjoyed battling it out to answer the most questions correctly in the quickest time. Clifton College emerged the victors and walked away as the 2012 Kearsney College Invitational Team History Quiz Champions.

Serious Business

The annual Businessman of the Year dinner took place on Thursday 13 September in the Greyhound Pavilion writes *Mr Mike Albers, HoD Accounting.*

This dinner was the culmination of a process that started in the first term of the school year, and involved every pupil in Grade 9. The pupils were divided into companies, and each company was tasked with producing a unique product of their choice together with a business plan. The four best companies were then invited to the Businessman of the Year dinner where the pupils made their final presentations before a group of adjudicators. Guest adjudicator, Robin Lockhart-Ross, spoke fondly of this event and was impressed with the standard of the boys' presentations and their knowledge of current trends. The winning group was a company trading as 'Multisleeve' with members Matthew Carlson, Ross Conway, Luke Couzens and Lyle Hewitson. The coveted Businessman of the Year award was presented to Brandon Hughes.

OUTREACH

Boys join the 'DO'NATION

Kearsney College hosted four blood donation clinics this year. We are proud to have had more than 300 boys donating blood this year. The fourth term saw 95 boys donating blood, a remarkable total considering the Grade 12 examinations and Grade 10 exchange programme occur in the same term.

The response by the Kearsney boys, and all on campus, to help meet the SANBS goal of collecting one million units of safe blood a year is encouraging. The SANBS has thanked the College for the boys' selfless gestures.

DIVERTING THE STORM WATERS

David Weaver and Thando Mbete (Grade 8) report.

We are proud to have been able to help some of our neighbours in the 1000 Hills community. Many back-breaking hours were spent digging trenches to prevent flooding of vulnerable houses. These trenches are dug to direct water away from homes to prevent erosion and significant storm damage to property. The service we provided was especially appreciated by the many elderly women home owners in the community. By giving our voluntary service we were able to assist those in need. Although we received community service hours for our efforts, our main motivation was to help the community. I am happy to say that we succeeded.



Prefects Camp

The Prefects Camp, which took place from the 22 to 24 October at Baynesfield, was tremendously successful, reports *Josh Attenborough, Headboy 2013.*

As the prefects of 2013 we were given the opportunity to set our goals for next year and enhance our relationships with one another by participating in many mental as well as physical activities. The activities included a race between the prefects from the 5 houses, rolling a tyre along and around the dam wall, tough problem solving questions, a few role plays and exploration of the film "Lord of the Flies". The significance of the film was massive, as it taught us the qualities of a good leader, to stop and think about our actions as there are always consequences and to have mutual respect for each other. We also explored our roles as prefects at Kearsney with the possibility of introducing prefect portfolios within each House. All in all, the weekend was extremely successful and brought about high expectations for the school and the leaders for the year to come.

Middle Schoolers Cut the Rug

On Wednesday 17 October the Grade 8 and 9 boys enjoyed the 'return' social with St. Mary's on the evening before half term. Our DJs, Maisha Luvhani, Jason Sibanda, Tshepo Lekitlane, Mdu Mthembu and Josh Arde, set up all their equipment during the afternoon and had the music thumping and pumping by the time the girls arrived. Torrential rain resulted in the late arrival of the St. Mary's buses and a drenching of the Kearsney boys, which all added to the vibe of the evening. The music was great (apparently) and everyone seemed to make use of the wet floor to exhibit their dancing skills. The ever-present Gareth Brown, our very own photographer, seemed to pop up everywhere to capture the moment. Fortunately the weather cleared up, allowing the boys and girls to venture outside (keeping in close proximity of course) to enjoy some fresh air. At 9.15pm the DJs played their last number and by 9.30pm all the girls and boys had departed.





Various events will be held throughout the year focusing on art, music, dance, drama and writing.

- Event 1: Art Exhibition (4-15 March 2013)
- Event 2: Photographic Competition
- Event 3: One-Act Play Festival (10-14 June 2013)
- Event 4: Battle of the Bands (June 2013)
- Event 5: Primary School Choral Festival (10 September 2013)
- Event 6: High School Choral Festival (12 September 2013)
- Event 7: Slam Poetry (2 October 2012)
- Event 8: Dance & Movement (31 July – 2 August 2013)

In 2013 Kearsney College will introduce Culture@Kearsney, an annual celebration of the vibrant and dynamic arts scene in KZN schools. Culture@Kearsney aims to uplift the development of the arts, in all its forms, through a variety of competitions and festivals, showcasing the talent and creativity of our youth. The initiative is aimed at providing a platform for pupils from schools in our region and has been enthusiastically received.

Kearsney College will host all of the events and sponsorship to assist us in making this initiative a success would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joy Mills-Hackmann to explore relationship opportunities. foundation@kearsney.com 031 765 9600.

“The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing, and arithmetic... music, dance, painting, and theatre are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment.”

William Bennett, Former US Secretary of Education



Grade 12s enjoyed their final Inner Circle event

SPEAKING UP!

The Chairman of the Speakers' Circle for 2012 was Stephen Tedder who was ably assisted by Keagan Foss. The Chairman of the Inner Circle was Travis Pears who comfortably brought his own style to chairing the end of term dinners. Mr Adam Rogers, MiC for Public Speaking, reports back.

The Inner Circle hosted a formal dinner with an international culture theme in the first term. The first Speakers' Circle dinner served as an induction for the newest members who most ably rose to the challenge. In the second term the Inner Circle played host to the girls of the St Marys' Gavel Club. The third term saw a combined gathering of the Inner and Speakers' Circles competing against each other in the annual Inter-house Public Speaking competition. Fanningly emerged as the winners, followed by Pembroke and Gillingham, with Sheffield bringing up the rear.

The final Inner Circle Dinner of the year was held in the Greyhound Pavilion on Friday 12 October. It was a moving experience as the boys got to partner their mothers on this formal occasion. The chosen theme was 'reflections' and the boys took time to reminisce on their time spent at Kearsney over four and five years. The evening concluded with the announcement of the best speeches of the year:

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| Best Object Speech: | Greig Lockhart-Ross |
| Best Evaluation: | Wakithi Mabaso |
| Best Impromptu Speech: | Joshua Brown |
| Best Icebreaker: | Tuthu Ndlovu |
| Best Prepared Speech: | Ryan Holtes |
| Trophy For Excellence In Public Speaking: | Zain Bana |

The End of Year Speakers' Circle Dinner took place in the Greyhound Pavilion on Friday 2 November 2012. The boys courageously took to the lectern to speak to an audience of over 120 people. The following boys were judged to be the best speakers of the year in their respective categories:

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| Best Object Speech: | Justin Wilkes | Best Evaluation: | Luke van Vuuren |
| Best Prepared Reading: | Rauri Baker | Lamplough Trophy For Excellence In Public Speaking: | Dylan Griffiths |
| Best Impromptu Speech: | Matthew Last | Most Improved Speaker | Myles Lundall |
| Best Icebreaker: | Siya Kheswa | | |
| Best Prepared Speech: | Dhirren Pillay | | |

WINNING FRIENDS AND INFLUENCING PEOPLE

A total of 80 Kearsney College Grade 11 boys had completed the internationally-recognised Dale Carnegie Generation Next course by the end of the third term of 2012. Adam Rogers, MiC, Dale Carnegie Generation Next Course, reports.

The Generation Next programme involves three courses, each taking eight weeks and is an adaption of the world-famous Dale Carnegie Course.

The Generation Next Course has been specifically designed for 17 to 20 year olds. It primarily sets out to develop young people's EQ and to a large extent is based on Dale Carnegie's international best-seller How to Win Friends and Influence People - a copy of which every boy received. The nature of the course also provides many opportunities for boys to stand up and speak and so public speaking skills are also covered.

At the end of the course the boys in each of the two groups had the opportunity to vote for the one boy whom they believed best exemplified the standards, qualities and principles on which the famous Dale Carnegie Course is based. It is the most prestigious award in the programme. Zaid Vawda and Stuart Patterson, pictured right, were the two worthy recipients of this award.

In completing the course these 80 Kearsney boys have reached new levels of confidence, commitment and insight. The lessons learnt and habits formed will prove invaluable for the rest of these boys' personal and professional lives.



BUDDING MUSICIAN ACHIEVES HIGH HONOURS

Bernard Krüger, Director of Music has the story.

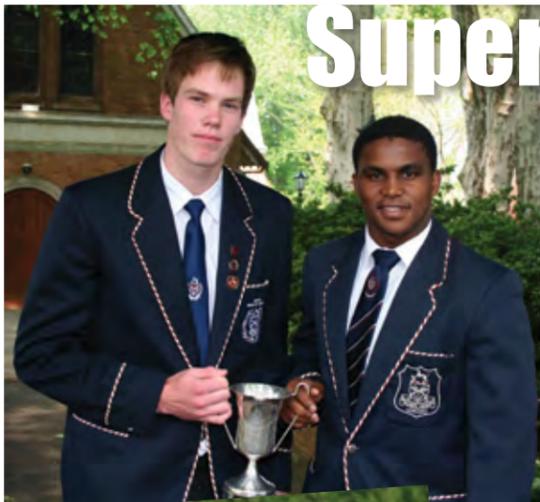
In his recent Grade 8 Bass Guitar exam, Joshua Engelbrecht achieved the highest mark nationally in his instrument at Level 3 (Grades 6, 7 & 8).

Josh received Honours for Music this year and performs regularly for the Kearsney Choir, Orchestra, and other ensembles. His band also won Battle of the Bands this year and he performs at gigs in and around Durban almost every weekend.



The award winners at end of year Speakers' Circle Dinner

Super Sports!



Kearsney's award for Sportsman of the Year for 2012 was shared by two talented sportsmen, Craig Kirsten and Sandile Kubeka, who contributed enormously to Kearsney's successes on the sportsfield. Mr Keith Thompson, Director of Sport, reports.



Sandile Kubeka represented the School 1st XV on 46 occasions earning his first cap in 2010, and fulfilled a leading role as vice-captain of the side in 2012. He is a committed and talented player who is dedicated to the game. Sandile represented KZN U18 in 2011 and 2012 and was selected for SA Schools in 2012. Sandile also played soccer for the 1st team from 2009 to 2012 and 2nd team basketball for two years.

Sandile will pursue his rugby career at the Sharks Academy from 2013.

Craig Kirsten, who also received the coveted All Round Sportsman of the Year Award, had an outstanding year in 2012. Craig captained a triumphant 1st XI hockey team, which ended the season unbeaten in Saturday fixtures and recorded a notable away win against Maritzburg College. Craig has played first team hockey since 2010 and was selected for KZN Coastals in 2008 (U14), 2010 (U16) and 2011 (U18B).

Craig also led the successful 1st XI cricket team locally and on tour to the UK in 2012, having played in the 1st team since the 4th term of his Grade 9 year. Unfortunately the rain robbed Craig of the opportunity to reach 100 caps leaving him stranded on 98 caps for the 1st XI. He was selected for KZN Coastals Cricket team in 2009 (U15), 2010 (U17) and KZN

Coastals U19 in 2011 and 2012. Craig has been part of the KZN Dolphins U19 Cricket team since 2010 and was selected for both the SA Schools Cricket team and SA U19 World Cup squad.

Craig has been contracted to the KZN Dolphins from 2013.

We congratulate Sandile and Craig on their fantastic achievements and wish them well for the future.

KEARSNEY'S KZN CRICKETERS

Congratulations to all these cricketers. We wish you all the best with forthcoming matches.



L-R: Ross Koekemoer; James Tedder, Ryan Wallace, Tristan Dixon, Tyler Smith, Jordan Gregory

KZN U19:

Craig Kirsten (pictured bottom right)
James Lambert (pictured bottom left)
Tyler Smith

KZN U17:

Ryan Wallace (Captain)
Tristan Tedder
Jordan Gregory

KZN U15:

Ross Koekemoer
Tristan Dixon
James Tedder



Canoeing

During the September holidays, the canoeing team travelled to Cradock to participate in the 2012 Fish River Canoe Marathon. Mr Steve Main, MiC Canoeing reports back.



James Gray

A healthy group of seven paddlers from Grade 8 to 11 made the trip, with some of them participating in their first major canoe race. The main race was dominated by Stuart Patterson who had a flawless race over the two days. Brendan Cooper, Thomas Oates and James Gray all completed the race in K1's and the duo of Keagan Loader and Peter Hudson had a successful race in a K2.

The schools' league this term included river races on the Bushman's and Umgeni Rivers, slalom in Pietermaritzburg and an enduro event at Shongweni Dam. Our young team held their own in their respective age groups, especially in the U18 category, with Brendon Cooper and Stuart Patterson fighting it out to be the top Kearsney paddler. These two boys finished regularly in the top 20 overall in the schools' races. Rory McNeill and Gavin Keeley (U14) have shown some real promise and are going to be likely candidates to win this age-group in the near future. Our sessions with Atilla Adrovicz (Olympic Silver medalist) have given our boys some extra "turbo" and things are looking extremely promising.

The final event of the season was the enduro at Shongweni Dam. The Kearsney U18 team finished in 5th place in the U18 category, whilst the U14 team were narrowly beaten into second place in a final sprint, signalling a bright future for Kearsney canoeing. Kearsney were placed third overall in the schools' league for 2012. This is an amazing achievement by a young team.

We look forward to 2013!

Water Polo Provincial Selections

Mr Francois Lubbe MiC Water Polo reports.

Congratulations to the Kearsney water polo boys who have been selected for the KZN water polo teams:

- U19A Ryan van der Waal & Julian Lewis
- U19B Joshua Attenborough
- U16A Anthony Quenet



Above: Julian Lewis
Left: Ryan van der Waal

Congratulations to Julian Lewis, who has been selected for the Swimming SA Mens Youth Team to participate in the 1st FINA Youth Water Polo Men World Championships, in December 2012, Perth Australia. Unfortunately the timing of this event precludes him from taking part in the inter-provincial tournament. Ryan van der Waal was selected as a non-travelling reserve for this team.

CRICKET DINNER

The following Awards were presented at the event: held on 17 November:

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| Player of the Season | Craig Kirsten |
| Most Improved Player | Ryan Wallace |
| Best Batsman | James Lambert |
| Best Bowler | Jordan Gregory |
| Best Fielder | Tyler Smith |
| Most Dedicated Player | Sean Kelly |
| Two 5 wicket hauls | Craig Kirsten |
| Three centuries | Ryan Wallace |



Sean Kelly receives his award from guest of honour, Kyle Abbott



TOP NOTCH COACHES

Kearsney has sports coaches of a high calibre. This year ten of our coaches were involved in provincial and national sports teams as selectors, managers or coaches.

Pictured (L-R)

- Francois Lubbe:** KZN Schools' 7s Rugby Assistant Coach;
- Bruce Thompson:** KZN Schools' U18 Boys Golf Team Manager and SA Schools' Golf IPT Committee Member;
- Cameron Buys:** KZN U15 Water Polo team Assistant Coach;
- Jon Robinson:** KZN Schools' U15 Cricket Selector;
- Dean Moodley:** Convenor of selectors for KZN High Schools' Cricket, Secretary of KZN Schools' Rugby and Manager of KZN Schools' U18 Craven Week Team;
- Andrew Bretherton:** Sunfoil KZN U15 Cricket Selector & Team Manager;
- Barend Steyn:** KZN Schools' U18 Craven Week Rugby Coach;
- Wayne Marsden:** KZN Schools Hockey Vice-Chair, SA Schools' Boys Hockey Chair, SA Schools' U16 Boys Hockey Convenor of Selectors;
- André van Zyl:** Sunfoil KZN U19 Cricket Team Manager;
- Kevin Smith:** KZN Schools Rugby Executive Member, SA Schools' Rugby Selector;

Thank you MySchool supporter

Remember to use your MySchool Card in the run up to Christmas.

Thank you to those who responded recently and joined Kearsney's MySchool campaign. We now have over 667 active users. To join visit the Kearsney Foundation page on www.kearsney.com or go directly to www.myschool.co.za, select Kearsney College as your beneficiary and your card will be delivered to you.



Star Partner

Inspecting the new Water Polo scoreboard is Martin Pretorius, Nashua Durban's Managing Director and 2012 new parent who says "Our social responsibility to schools is to assist business efficiencies in their printing while also supporting events which have created an effective brand."

“The difference between a good and a great school is the strength of the involvement by Old Boys, parents and partners”

Elwyn van den Aardweg

In 2012 we were delighted to welcome Nashua as a new Kearsney supporter. Partners who bring world class opportunities and facilities greatly enhance the educational offering and are a great source of encouragement.

Nashua, as a sponsor of the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival, has sponsored 50% of the Rugby scoreboard and the entire cost of the new Water Polo scoreboard.

SPONSOR INVITATION

There are exciting opportunities to add value and to achieve brand exposure at Kearsney. Event opportunities include the new Culture@Kearsney Festival, Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival, Tennis Festival, sponsoring one of the home rugby fixtures and more. For information contact Joy on joy@kearsney.com

CHOOSE KEARSNEY

The 2012 tax year-end is soon upon us and Kearsney is able to respond to your private and corporate CSI and B-BBEE requirements.

TAX Efficient! Kearsney is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO 80-11-13-2570) and Non-Profit Organisation (024-882-NPO). You may deduct donations to Kearsney College from your taxable income in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act. The current South African tax guidelines entitle individuals and corporates to annually deduct up to 10% of taxable income. This gives you the opportunity of personally channelling an amount you would have paid in tax to your preferred cause!

For more information contact the Headmaster or Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director on joy@kearsney.com or visit the Kearsney Foundation page on www.kearsney.com

Honours for Kearsney Old Boy

Blaise Dobson (KCOB 2006), has successfully graduated as an Allan Gray Fellow, receiving his Economic Honours, from Rhodes University. The Allan Gray Fellowship consists of an Entrepreneurial, Leadership and a Personal Development Programme, as part of a full undergraduate university scholarship. To be selected as an Allan Gray Fellow was a fantastic achievement and we congratulate Blaise on successfully going through the programme and obtaining his degree.

The Allan Gray Orbis Foundation aims to "harness the power of pioneering, bright young sparks with enough entrepreneurial potential to positively impact our collective future".

Blaise's message to those Allan Gray Fellows who follow in his footsteps:

To have a healthy disregard for the impossible is crucial to succeed in a world where our systems need to be rethought and innovation celebrated. If you remember the mantra "love always" in whatever you undertake in your life then, I believe, you will not be far from finding fulfilment.

During his time at Kearsney College Blaise was awarded Academic Half-Colours, the Art Prize and the Edwin Henwood Trophy for scholastic achievement, success in sport, and setting a good example to his peers in his leadership style. Blaise received distinctions in English, History, Art in his finals and was a prefect in Sheffield House.



KCOB honour Kearsney Staff

On Thursday 8 October, the KCOB executive hosted a cocktail party to thank the Headmaster and his staff for the excellent year and to acknowledge the positive working relationship that exists between the College and Old Boys.



Cameron Buys (KCOB 2006) and Lauron Buys (KCOB 1970)

Dr Shuker addressed gathering, applauding the excellence and enthusiasm in again achieving outstanding results academically, culturally and in sport. "You are all truly remarkable! Of course you are not infallible as you do not seem to have control of the weather, particularly during the cricket season. Again from the Old Boys: Thank you for your wonderful achievements during this last year and God bless you all".

Greyhound News

The KCOB Executive is delighted to provide each current Kearsney family with a copy of the 2012 edition of the GreyhoundNEWS and the Survivor Times.

To celebrate the 10th edition of the GreyhoundNEWS, which was first published in 2006, we have an eBook and ePub version on the Old Boys' landing page on the Kearsney website www.kearsney.com.

Please spread the news that past parents may join the KCOB network as Kearsney Ambassadors. Simply register online on the Old Boys' landing page on the Kearsney website.

We trust you will enjoy the read.



Elwyn van den Aardweg with Chris Cleator headboy 1979

Kearsney Ministry Week

The first of its kind for Kearsney College, this week proved to be a life-changing experience for many boys. Rev Sifiso Khuswayo reports.

Themed around 'Purpose,' the central question was: What is the reason for your existence? We are grateful for the vision of our SCA committee under the leadership of Greg Keal (Grade 11) and the superb manner in which the boys executed this event.

The programme included a number of speakers from different walks of life who gave testimonies to the boys about how God gave them a new purpose in life when they gave their lives to him.

The Scripture Union Independent Schools team also led a delegation who met with boys in certain classes during the week. Many boys found this engaging and felt encouraged in their faith journey.

The SCA committee ensured that there was something for everyone on the campus. They also arranged a lunch for ground staff on the Friday to acknowledge that their huge contribution to the College.

A bus full of eager missionaries travelled to Durban Girls College. We were well received at the joint SCA meeting. Friday concluded with a Youth Rally on campus which included students from neighbouring schools.

It was refreshing to see that young people can really have such a passion for God and would give not only of material goods but also of themselves to witness for God. We hope that this event will be an annual event in the life of the College.



Simon Nortje was awarded "Junior of the Year" for Pembroke by Mr Peacock.

Celebrating Christmas in the Houses

On Wednesday 14 November our boys enjoyed a special Christmas dinner with their housemates and tutors. Each House ran their own programme whereby they celebrated 2012 and acknowledged notable contributions to their House. We thank Mrs Andrea Fripp for organising this event.

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

There are three magic phrases we teach our children and unfortunately we don't use them enough: "please", "thank you" and "I'm sorry". As we come to this Christmas season, I pray that we take the time to use these phrases first to our neighbours and then to God for the gift of the Christ-child. Remember, the greatest commandment is two-fold: Love God and your neighbour. Christ also teaches us that you can't love God when you fail to love your neighbour. Use these three magic phrases as you express love to those around you. May we all have a blessed Christmas and festive season.

Chaplain: Rev Sifiso Khuswayo



KEARSNEY COLLEGE PARENTS' SOCIETY

We come to the end of another productive year as a society. We have managed to add value to the college by assisting on various projects and requests from many different spheres of the school life.

Mrs Veronica van der Riet, Committee Member, reports.

We would like to encourage members of the parent body to consider joining the committee in 2013 to contribute to the role we play in assisting the many College activities that take place.

The AGM will be held on the 29 January 2013 at 18h00 in the Sir Liege Hulett Room and all are welcome to attend. Nomination forms for proposed members are available on request and can be filled out before the meeting.

The committee would like to thank Haydn Kelly for leading us so ably in 2012 and wish him well as he leaves to head up the Ambassador Programme.

The Parents' Society Committee wish all the Kearsney College body a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

