

Kearsney on the World Stage

Kearsney boys have recently enjoyed success against international competition in very diverse areas.

In July the Kearsney Choir were announced as Champions of the Folklore section at an awards ceremony at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati, USA. Our Choir scored 90 points, putting them into first place with a gold medal. The boys were immensely proud as they sang the national anthem whilst the South African flag was raised for their in a packed hall. American audiences were spellbound by the precision, energy and skill of the choir and the boys were fantastic ambassadors for our school and the country.

The Choir took part in two Categories at the World Choir Games - Music of the Religions and Scenic Folklore - and won a gold medal in both.

On their return to Durban, the Kearsney Choir was honoured with an award as acknowledgement for their achievement from the Mayor of Durban, Cllr James Nxumalo. After the Head and Mr Bernard

Kruger received the award, the Choir performed their amazing show, allowing the people of Durban an opportunity to experience the passion and energy which had New York, Washington, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati on their feet and shouting for more.

“Three Kearsney boys earned their SA Schools' Rugby caps”

Back home, our sportsmen were flying the Kearsney flag high. Three Kearsney boys, Sandile Kubeka, Daniel du Preez (left) and Jean-Luc du Preez (right), were selected

for the SA Schools' Rugby squad of 28 and earned their caps during the Four Nation series in August. The SA Schools team were unbeaten in the series when they faced the U18 teams of England, Wales and France.

Congratulations to the boys and staff involved for making their dreams come true through their dedication, hard work and commitment.



Leadership Week 2012

Our annual Leadership Week took place from August 27 – 30 this year and once again proved to be a great success. A tremendous amount of organisation goes into each group outing and for this each of the staff co-ordinators must be thanked. Mr Rod de Villiers reports.

The Grade 8s were split up and travelled either to Baynesfield, Cumberland or Highover for Leadership week this year. Mrs Paula Isaac, Grade 8 Leadership co-ordinator say that the emphasis was on practical, fun activities, coupled with an appreciation of nature. Group activities highlighted the role of leadership and good team work. The groups were also involved in community service. The aim of taking the boys out of their comfort zones was to make them aware of their own strengths and weaknesses while developing group cohesiveness.

Half of the Grade 9 group went to the Khotso Horse Trails Centre near Underberg, and the other half to the Go-Green Educational centre near Winterton. The aim this year was to extend the boys both physically and mentally through a range of new and challenging activities. Mr Cocks reported that the Underberg group rode horses, camped out, prepared their own food over open fires and learnt something about the surrounding ecology. The boys also undertook community service in the area.

The Winterton group embarked on a journey around the Spionkop Dam. The first leg of the journey was on mountain bikes from Emseni camp to a rough campsite on the edge of the dam. The next day an expert guide took boys to the top of Spionkop mountain, following the route taken by the British soldiers in the Battle of Spionkop over 100 years ago. The final leg of the journey took the boys back down to Emseni camp along the Garden of Eden trail. The boys camped out at night and did their own cooking over open fires.

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The Grade 10s were involved in a 'Situational Leadership' course at Spirit of Adventure at Shongweni. Mr Moerdyk reported that the boys enjoyed the challenges presented save for the encounter with pythons in a dark tunnel. The night mission was also a success, with each team completing the required task in the time provided. The boys returned to Kearsney exhausted, yet satisfied.

One Grade 9 group had an adventure near Winterton



Grade 8s at Highover.



Grade 8 groups were involved in community service.



Mrs Glenda Pitcher helped the Grade 11 boys to create the mural of their handprints which is a pledge to ethical leadership.



Grade 11 boys each decorated a t-shirt along the 'ethics' theme.

Mr Anthony Willows co-ordinated the Grade 11 Ethical Leadership Week and notes that, as next year's matric group, the Grade 11 ethical leadership course had to have at its core an exploration of ethics as well as recognition of various leadership styles. The programme ensured that the boys thoroughly explored both concepts. The many workshops, from servant leadership to the mentor system, required that they move beyond their existing perspectives and develop unique systems for working within the school next year.

Mr Brad Sadler and Mr Douw Kruger were guest speakers and introduced many interesting perspectives and insights for the boys to absorb.

The Amazing Race through uShaka pushed the boys to physically excel within an ethical context.

As the week progressed it became clear that, as a group, these boys are prepared to put in the hours to ensure that they will set a fine example for the younger boys at the College. This was most evident when the groups presented their strategies on the final day. The week was an unqualified success and we look forward to the Grade 11s putting theory into practise.

The Sharks Anti-bullying Campaign

On Monday 10 September Kearsney welcomed five Sharks players - Keegan Daniel, Steven Sykes, Tim Whitehead, Kyle Cooper and Peet Marais - together with John Plumtree and Rudolf Straueli, to the school.



Keegan Daniel addressed the school.

The Sharks players and management addressed the boys and gave a presentation as part of their anti-bullying campaign. Dave Macleod, the stadium announcer at Sharks home games, was the MC for the presentation and facilitated a Q and A session. “Be remembered for the right reasons” and imploring boys to ‘Be remembered for the right reasons’. Kearsney has a zero tolerance approach to bullying and proudly supports The Sharks' campaign.

TERM 2 ACADEMIC AWARDS 2012

GRADE 12

Lutchman, Mandhir Holtes, Ryan Sparks, Nathan Mhlongo, Mpumelelo Kirsten, Craig

Progress Awards:

Bophela, Siboniso Conco, Litha Karnezos, Benjamin van der Riet, Mark de Bruin, Jamie Walker, Christopher

GRADE 11

Bunge, Edwin Royston, Gregory Mabaso, Wakithi Kolev, Daniel Clarke, David

Progress Awards:

Meaker, Jordan Cooper, Brendan Gardener, Benjamin Berrange, James Craze, Nicholas Driver, Rhys

GRADE 10

Lillelund, Neil Loader, Keagan Crockart, Ivan Tedder, Stephen van Heusden, Matthew

Progress Awards:

Ojo-Aromokudu, Joshua Harding, Rhett Cole, Haydn Pillay, Neolan Marais, Hilton

GRADE 9

Hughes, Brandon Hansen, James Lee, Cameron Sibbald, Geoffrey Lutchman, Dhanvir

Progress Awards:

van Niekerk, Matthew Johansen, Jonathan Peters, Buren Redman, James van Vuuren, Joshua

GRADE 8

Pilbrough, Jason Rencken, Cameron Meyer, Donovan McCleave, Stuart Crocker, Cuan

Progress Awards:

Tiegs, Cameron Kang, Steven Clark, Christopher Louw, Grant Leibbrandt, Dylan

W'rapped' in Afrikaans

Kearsney College boys achieved superb results in the National Level of the Afrikaans Ekspo vir Leerders and were overall winners of First Additional Language medium school section for the third consecutive year. Our boys achieved 13 wins, 43 Gold certificates, 102 silver certificates and 22 bronze certificates. Kearsney took part in the following categories and congratulations go to the following boys who achieved above 80 % in their categories:

Music and Lyrics: Raps Grades 8 - 9:

National Winners: Liam Rall, Callix Gray, Kean Rencken and Tristan Dixon.

Afrikaans Expo Music and Lyrics: Raps

Grades 10 – 12 National Winners: Gregory Keal, Joshua Bean, Jarrod Mardon, Mandhir Lutchman.

Gold certificate winners:

Jonathan Powell, Ryan Hawke, Johan Smit, Jason Morkel, Jacques de Villiers, Craig Kirsten, Julian Bowman, Jamie de Bruin, Jonathan Deighton, Cameron Parsons, Craig Mathews, Robert McGrath, Vaughn Pears, Gregory Royston, Brett Reinhart, Francois Conradie and Jayson Hirshovitz.

Afrikaans Narrative Essay

Grades 10 – 12 National Winners: Thomas Oates and Ruan Botha.

Gold certificate winners:

Jamie de Bruin, Joshua Piggott, Johan Smit, Richard Sobey, Joshua Attenborough, Joshua Bean, Edwin Bunge, Rhys Driver, Michael Eichstadt, Joshua Engelbrecht, Greg Keal, James Kirsten, Christopher Lines, Alexander Luyt and Thomas Oates (second essay).

Afrikaans shorter creative writing

Grades 8 – 9 Gold certificate winner: Keiran Smith.

Expo Music and Lyrics: Composing

Grades 10 – 12 National Winners: Tyron Swanepoel, Matthew Whitmore.



Visit to Old Kearsney

Our History Department staff took Grade 8 boys to Old Kearsney, near Stanger, on a sunny, wintry morning in August.

History notes and PowerPoint presentations were brought to life as the boys explored the grounds at Kearsney Manor and gained some sense of what it would have been like to have been one of the founder members of this great institution in 1921. The graveyard, the Chapel and the original house, which our founder, Sir Liege Hulett, built, are in pristine condition and the excursion was a memorable experience.

Celebrating Inclusion Kearsney College hosted a workshop to Celebrate Inclusion on 20 July. Ms Jolene Ostendorf, Head of Inclusion, reports.

We were proud to welcome international expert on inclusive education Professor Loretta Giorcelli back to the College for this special function. We took the opportunity to celebrate Kearsney's own very successful journey towards Inclusion, which began following Prof Giorcelli's visit to the College in 2006.

Kearsney's Inclusion Programme has established itself as the benchmark for inclusive education, with 83% of the

boys who went through the programme achieving Bachelor Degree passes in 2011. Prof Giorcelli's passion and energy inspired the audience of Kearsney teachers and primary school teachers from around KwaZulu-Natal. After an address by the Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, and the Head of Inclusion, Ms Jolene Ostendorf, Prof Giorcelli regaled the audience with a narrative of the global development of Inclusion and congratulated the College on the progress made thus far.

The message was that the road to Inclusion never reaches an end - as practitioners we are constantly evolving to meet the new challenges of the learners - and that it is possible to successfully implement Inclusion in the most unlikely of school environments. The participants left *Celebrate Inclusion* with a burning desire to continue the journey towards Inclusion in their schools. Inclusion has the potential to change the world - and we hold this potential within our schools!



Ryan Hawke and Ben Jones with a young man from Golden Hours

Reaching out

Mr Manzini Zungu, MiC Community Service, reports on various outreach activities during the last quarter.

A 'golden' afternoon with the children from Golden Hours

Our friendship with Golden Hours School for special needs children has grown over the years.

Thirty-five children from Golden Hours visited Kearsney on 5 August and spent time interacting and playing with the Kearsney boys. A number of joint activities were organised, culminating in a 100m track event, with each Kearsney boy carrying a child from Golden Hours on his back. This enabled the all the Golden Hours children to see themselves as the 'winners'!

The Kearsney boys sang 'Come the Day' and the children of Golden Hours responded by signing their school song. The groups united in singing the National Anthem. The ceremony was closed with a few words from a Golden Hours child and Kearsney's Tyron Swanepoel. We look forward to spending more time with Golden Hours children soon.



Habitat for humanity

Through the work of Habitat for Humanity, thousands of low-income families have found dignity and hope through the gift of housing.

During the last week of Term 2, twenty Grade 11 Kearsney boys had the opportunity to contribute to the success of this incredible international organisation.

Our boys, who have no previous experience in building, built two 4-roomed homes from the ground up, complete with tiled roofs, plumbing and electricity, for two families who had previously lived in a single-roomed rondavel. "It was a humbling experience for our boys, to see the conditions in which a seven-member family previously had to live."

Sharing Skills

Kearsney was delighted to be able to provide computer skills training to teachers from Hlahlindlela High School, of kwaNgcolosi, Hillcrest.

The course was designed to increase the teachers' computer literacy and empower them to pass on their new-found skills to their pupils. The course was conducted by Kearsney's Mr Manzini Zungu and modules included Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, internet and e-mail. Effective use of technology for school administration and teaching was also covered.

The principal of Hlahlindlela High School, Mr Masango, praised and thanked Kearsney for all they have done to help equip his teachers with vital skills. He said that due to the training undertaken, they have been donated a SmartBoard by Vodacom.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our talented Kearsney boys brought this sparky satire to life, ensuring that this classic made its KZN debut in style. Set in a theatre auditorium, Frayn cleverly observes what's humorous about audiences. Ms Ulaetha Singh, HOD Drama and Mr Vaughan Carlisle, HOD English, share some memories.



Even bemused and chronically attention-deficient theatre-goers stagger into comprehension as the play they are watching unfolds. They plague themselves with idle chatter, irrelevant personal concerns, contagious coughing and random distractions while observed by another character of vague composition - a detached yet exasperated man to whom the audience is oblivious. The play descends into chaos as the audience show a lack of theatre etiquette. The boys were engaging and committed as performers. To add to the mirth of this cleverly crafted, laugh-a-minute comedy, we included skits from the hilarious Monty Python and Rowan Atkinson. Roars of laughter filled the auditorium as the boys put a fresh spin on some classics.

The fun and light-hearted style of the show made for many laughs during what was a rigorous rehearsal period. In keeping with the trend of many contemporary one-hander performances, we chose to break all barriers of gender, age, race and class by maintaining an all boy cast which presented many challenges.

We would like to thank the boys and the team for working so hard in such a short rehearsal period for such a difficult play. In true Kearsney spirit the boys rose to the occasion.

Vaughn Pears in Rowan Atkinson's hilarious skit 'Pink Tights'



WE ARE UPBEAT

As they say in theatre, the curtain has fallen on the ninth Upbeat Festival - three days of culture and nostalgia, laughter and raw talent. Ms Sue Miles, Festival Organiser reports.

The Festival kicked off with the College's ecstatic and proud gold medallists performing their award-winning programme from the World Choir Games in the US during July.

The Battle of the Bands competition has developed into a lively event which improves each year, said judge Pedro Carlo, organiser of Splashy Fen. The band Knights of Insanity, comprising Julian van Rensburg on guitar and vocals and James Mellon on drums, with Kearsney's Josh Engelbrecht on bass guitar, walked off with a cash prize of R4000 from Kearsney, a stage slot at next year's Splashy Fen, as well as music equipment from Marshall Music and a recording session from AudioSuite Studios.

Kearsney boys who were category winners in our FotoFirst Schools' Photographic Competition were Gareth Brown (in two categories) and Devlin Frohlich, Without the support of sponsors, an event such as Upbeat would never get off the ground.

The Festival is indebted to sponsors Marshall Music, Illovo Sugar, Barrows Retail Marketing Specialists, SASAD, Splashy Fen and FotoFirst Musgrave.

As part of the Festival, on Friday 17 August, after school all our boys took part in creative workshops of various natures to expose them to artistic pursuits not necessarily experienced in their daily lives. Activities ranged from hip-hop dance, tie dying, collaborative mural and mosaicking work and broom beating (playing with rhythm) to drama workshops. Facilitators included outside experts and enthusiastic staff members. Mr Ndaba can be seen here (above) trying to learn the art of belly-dancing together with the Grade 8s.



The Grade 8s made colourful tie-dyed t-shirts with Mrs van den Aardweg

Rugby Dinner

The 2012 1st XV dinner took place in July to celebrate the successes of the 2012 season. All players who represented the first team on at least three occasions this year were invited along with their parents. Instead of the usual guest speaker format, this year a short but powerful recorded message from Brad Barritt was screened. The video was recorded while Brad was on tour with the visiting England team in June. Brad kindly offered his England jersey as an auction item for a fundraiser towards the 2013 1st XV tour.

At the dinner the following two awards were presented:

Most Improved Player of the Year: Ayron Schramm

Players' Player of the Year: Sandile Kubeka

(Pictured right)



HOCKEY on a high

Hockey players enjoyed a very successful year at Kearsney and showed great commitment throughout the season. Mr Wayne Marsden MiC Hockey reports.

The first team ended the season being unbeaten in Saturday fixtures and achieved a fantastic away win at Maritzburg College towards the end of the 2nd term.

Special mention must also be made of the U14A team which only lost 2 out of 18 matches. These players will surely make a big impact on the field in the coming years.

At a very pleasant hockey awards evening, where hockey staff, all provincial and 1st team hockey players and their parents were present, the following awards were made:

Most Improved Player of the Year: Ryan Hawke

Player's Player of the Year: Ryan Wallace

(Pictured below receiving his award from Mr Jon Robinson, 1st team coach)



SA Hockey representation

We congratulate Ryan Wallace (Grade 11) on his selection for the SA U18B Hockey team and Bili Ntuli (Grade 10) who was selected for the SA U16A Hockey team. Bili also had the honour of being awarded the following awards at the IPT: Top goal-scorer and Most Valuable Player (striker).



Bili Ntuli

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING

In August Andries Schoeman competed in the 1st FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships. The event was held in Welland, Canada and there were thirty-two countries competing in the event. It was a fantastic experience for Andries: "Lots of friendships were formed with fellow competitors. I competed in the 5km individual and 3km team event and it was an excellent introduction to international competition. It was a privilege swimming for my country." South Africa won one gold medal at the Championships.



South African skipper led the way

Kearsney is very proud of Chad Bowes (KCOB 2010), South Africa U19 Cricket team skipper who led the SA U19 side in the U19 World Cup held in Australia in July/Aug 2012.

Australia beat South Africa in the semi-finals in Townsville, Australia, and lost to New Zealand in the playoff for third and fourth place.

Chad's scores: 18 v Bangladesh; 115 v Namibia; 46 v Sri Lanka; 46 vs England, 46 vs Australia and 12 vs New Zealand.



KZN SCHOOLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS & KZN SELECTION

Congratulations to Greg Royston for achieving 1st place in the recent KZN Schools Championships. Greg had a quiet first round but bounced back with the best round of the tournament on the second day, shooting a 5 under par 67.

Greg (pictured in centre) was also selected for the KZN U18 A team for the second year in a row. James Kennedy (left) and Greg McKay (right) were selected for the KZN U18B team and the three players will play in the IPT at Koro Creek in the October holidays.

Inter-house athletics 2012

- Open Champion: Joshua Dixon Sheffield
- Open Runner-up: Craig Kirsten Finningley
- U17 Champion: James Kirsten Finningley
- U17 Runner-up: Bradley Walker Sheffield
- U16 Champion: Chris Lines Gillingham
- U16 Runner-up: Tristan Tedder Finningley
- U15 Champion: Justin Faber Sheffield
- U15 Runner-up: Wade Ambrose Finningley
- U14 Champion: Matthew Watts Finningley
- U14 Runner-up: Graham Hudson Finningley

OVERALL RESULTS	
1st	Finningley
2nd	Sheffield
3rd	Gillingham
4th	Pembroke

Records broken on the day:

Boetie Hadebe shares the U14 100m record of 12,0s
Cameron Ritchie broke the triple jump record with a jump of 12,21m.
He won the award for Best Record of the Day.

Open Champion: Josh Dixon



Kearsney High Performance Programme

The High Performance team has been actively involved in the HP testing for boys participating in the Wellness Programme and screening for boys on the High Performance Programme. Mr Francois Lubbe, High Performance Manager reports.

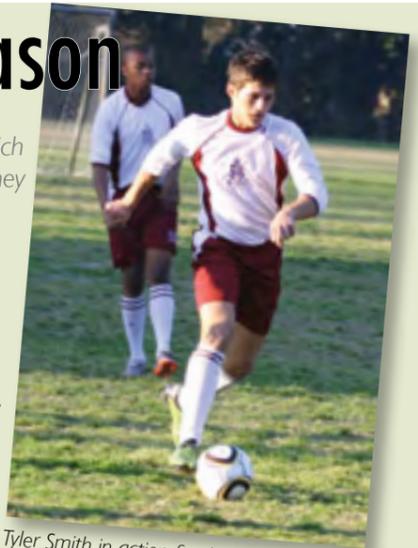
During the screening process our biokineticists assess the boy's strength, range of motion and flexibility. It is a process which detects any injuries (old or new) that the boys might have developed which would require rehabilitation. Boys are then advised on various stretches or exercises to help manage the current symptoms and are educated on how to care for the condition.

The HP programme dietician, Keri Strachan, presented a talk to boys on the programme on pre-season nutritional considerations.

We warmly welcome biokineticist Justin Hempel to the HP team, as well as his assistant Warren Crampton, who is still pursuing his degree in biokinetics.

SOCCER season

During the July holidays a number of teachers completed the Clive Barker coaching course which laid foundation for good coaching for the Kearsney soccer season. Mr Wayne Amos, MiC Soccer reports.



Tyler Smith in action for the 1st team

Enthusiasm for soccer continued with Kearsney fielding twenty-six teams. Games were played during the week and on Saturdays. Some of our teams were unbeaten this season and others had a great win ratio. Our 1st team lead the way only losing one game in the season.

A number of boys were selected for representative sides.

Highways: U14 Kyle Mertsch, Lindo Nkabinde
U15 James Tedder, U19 Greig Lockhart-Ross

KZN Invitational Team: U14 Boetie Hadebe and U19B Tyler Smith (Grade 11)

The canoeing boys have been fully active, preparing themselves for the upcoming river season this term, reports Mr Steve Main.

It has been extremely encouraging to see the interest shown by the Grade 8 boys with 5 of them successfully passing their river proficiency tests. These boys have great potential and have spent many hours on the water, regularly participating in Wednesday night time trials at Shongweni Dam.

Kearsney was represented in the SA K4 championships by Brendon Cooper and Stuart Patterson, who teamed up with two development paddlers. They finished in a credible 6th place in the U18 category. The boys also participated in the inter-schools canoe polo tournament, where they finished in 5th place.

Our canoeists have spent more time in rivers than in previous years, regularly competing in river races. Our objective has been to get boys racing in the major river races this year and so far, our boys have paddled in the Dusi, Drak and 50-Miler. A group of six boys will be heading down to Craddock in October to participate in the SA K1 Fish River Canoe marathon.

Canoeing



Brendon Cooper and Stuart Patterson teamed up with two development paddlers for the SA K4 championships



GRADE 11s & PARENTS EXPERIENCE

Wonderland

The latest cinematic version of "Alice in Wonderland" made for a wacky and fun theme for this year's Grade 11 dance. Mrs Paula Isaac reports.



From being greeted by the Grade 10s bearing miniature bottles labelled "Drink me" to neon iced cupcakes labelled "Eat me", it was a dance enjoyed by all. The enormous caterpillar perched above the dance floor was only surpassed in effect by the elegant outsized chair that had the guests clamouring to be photographed on it.

Luminous toadstools set in neon forests, gigantic cake stacks, a magical tree that lit up the whole marquee and more made for a night to remember. The boys must be commended for their manners and good behaviour during the evening.

The magic continued the following evening when the Parents' Society 250 Club hosted a dinner and dance for parents, past parents, Old Boys and staff in the same venue.

Special thanks must go to Karen Bodley who was the creative force behind the event. Ronel Smith, Desiree Maarschalk and Karen Easton-Berry, assisted by many of the Grade 11 mothers, helped to decorate the venue.



Ms Kerry-Jane Coleman joined the staff as School Counsellor in the 3rd term.



Emilia Jane Saville was born 14 August to proud parents Matt and Genevieve.



Branna Karis Green was born on 9 July to Stafford and Bryony Green. Proud dad said "Mom and baby are well and it is good to have them both home after a four month stint in hospital for Bryony".

Welcome



New arrivals on campus Mr Peacock's bulldog Pumba and Mr Kirsten's Clarence.



Grant Smith before receiving the "Sir Liege Hulett Award"



Leif Gjestland's delighted the audience as he greeted them in Afrikaans, English, isiZulu and isiSwazi on accepting his "Sir Liege Hulett Award"



The Washington DC dinner was hosted by Old Boy Sean Coetzee (2003) seen here with Iain Shuker (1976) (right).

Top Kearsney Old Boy donors honoured in the USA



Special receptions were held in the USA where the Headmaster presented the "Sir Liege Hulett Award" to two worthy Kearsney Old Boy recipients. Mrs Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director, reports.

Two special receptions were held prior to Kearsney Choir performances in the USA where the Headmaster presented Grant Smith (1964) and Leif Gjestland (1952) the "Sir Liege Hulett Award" to acknowledge their major contributions to Kearsney. Their generous donations have been invested to establish permanently endowed bursaries and to support other initiatives.

A special thank you to USA based Old Boys Grant Smith, Gary Astrup and Michael Hall who have contributed R540,000 towards the target of R3 million necessary to install top quality sound and lighting equipment in the Henderson Hall in support of Music, Choral, Art and Drama at Kearsney. This brings us closer to achieving our dream of providing a world-class stage on which not only Kearsney boys will perform but also the youth of Durban and Pietermaritzburg. Should you wish to assist with this or other projects please contact the Headmaster or Foundation Director on foundation@kearsney.com.



Gary Astrup contributed towards the Henderson Hall project and took the Headmaster and Foundation Director sight-seeing in his helicopter over New York City.



Old Boys dine in New York City at the Chelsea Piers (West Side)

Welcome to the new KCOB President

In June 2012 Lawrence Polkinghorne (1990) took over as KCOB President from Nick Keary (1998) who becomes Vice-President. Mrs Joy Mills-Hackmann, Foundation Director, reports.

Lawrence and Nick aim to work closely with the Kearsney Foundation to inspire old boys, parents and past parents to invest in Kearsney's future. "I would like to appeal to all Old Boys and Friends of Kearsney to give just R100 or more a month to help us build Kearsney's endowment to ensure that the College remains at the forefront of education in South Africa" says Lawrence. Donors can choose an area close to their hearts to support. One such area is investing in rugby excellence. Rival schools have been very aggressive in terms of offering rugby scholarships and luring talented players to their schools. Kearsney, with its commitment to balance and all-

round excellence, has significantly less funds set aside for rugby-specific scholarships. Kearsney is proud to be one of South Africa's top rugby schools and in order to remain competitive in this environment, Kearsney Old Boys are focusing on building a Rugby Fund managed by the Kearsney Foundation and driven by Old Boy Doug Carmody. A start has already been made with a call to Old Boys and current/past parents to grow this bursary fund.



Lawrence Polkinghorne (KCOB 1990) and Nick Keary (KCOB 1998)

A quick and easy-to-use pledge form is online at www.kearsney.com or contact us on foundation@kearsney.com

MySchool

Kearsney's MySchool supporters raised R6,850 in August which placed Kearsney 4th on the list of KZN schools.

Parents - current and past - and Old Boys, are encouraged to swipe their MySchool card in support of Kearsney's Outreach and IT programmes. The success of the programme depends on the number of times you swipe your card. To join up, simply visit www.myschool.co.za, complete the form online, select Kearsney College as your chosen beneficiary and your card will be delivered to you.



KEARSNEY COLLEGE PARENTS' SOCIETY

The Kearsney College Parents' Society meets monthly to help facilitate the wellbeing of the College, reports Mrs Veronica van der Riet, Parents' Society Member.

Each year we receive requests for financial assistance from a number of different entities within the school. Some of these include clubs and societies, sport departments and various events. We try to assist where possible as this enhances the Kearsney experience for all the boys, both current and future. From 2008 to date we have assisted with R731 756 towards these requests, a summary of which can be obtained by emailing kearsney@kearsney.com.



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THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT

If you were to be asked: "Why are you here, in this world", how would you respond? We spent the week of 10 to 14 September 2012 celebrating Kearsney Ministry Week under the theme: 'Purpose.' This was a time of worship filled with great speakers, community outreach, music and dance. We believe that each one of us was created with a specific purpose and the sooner we discover that, the better our lives will be. God says:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart" Jeremiah 1: 4 – 8.

Chaplain: Rev Sifiso Khuswayo

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