



It's all academic

Report by *Mr Robert Carpenter*,
Marketing Director.

Kearsney's proud record of academic excellence was upheld at the recent Speech Day and Prize-giving.

Hayden de Kock, who was awarded academic honours cum laude, walked away with subject prizes for seven subjects and was named Dux of the College. Demonstrating the balance for which Kearsney is renowned, Hayden represented the KZN Southern Coastal Golf B Team this year and played in the 1st team for golf and hockey. (Continued on page 2)



This special day in our calendar was an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of the Class of 2019. L-R: Mr Monde Nkosi, Bryce Crockart, Hayden de Kock and Headmaster, Elwyn van den Aardweg

Murray Polkinghorne top MPhil graduate at Cambridge University; off to Oxford for doctorate

Congratulations to Murray Polkinghorne (Head of Haley, Class of 2011) who received his MPhil degree from Cambridge University on 26 October, graduating with distinction and finishing first in class. Following his outstanding results, Murray was awarded the Radcliffe Department of Medicine Scholarship to undertake a DPhil in Medical Sciences at Oxford University.

After finishing at Kearsney with eight distinctions, Murray studied medicine at the University of Cape Town and completed a research fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in the USA. Murray was subsequently awarded the Cecil Renaud Scholarship, which enabled him to undertake an MPhil in Translational Biomedical Research at Cambridge University.



SA U19 RUGBY SELECTION for Sangweni

Sibusiso Sangweni (Class of 2018) has been selected to the SA U19 rugby squad to tour Georgia, from 27 November to 05 December. Sbu played SA Schools Rugby last year and earlier in the year represented the Junior Springboks at the World Rugby U20 Championship in Argentina. We wish Sbu all the best.



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Proxime Accessit to Dux was awarded to Bryce Crockart. Bryce was one of ten Kearsney boys to achieve academic honours, along with Ryan Healy, Neels Volschenk, Jack Savage, Dillon Wimbush, Joseph McKenzie, Liyema Jacobs, Michael Smith, Joshua Barrett and Nkanyiso Mkhize. A further 16 boys earned academic colours.

The school's coveted trophy for Best All-Rounder in the Sixth Form was awarded to Jordan Bamber, who achieved academic

colours (75-79%), was KZN U18 Coastals Cricket captain, played 1st team cricket, rugby and rugby 7s for Kearsney, and was also Deputy Head of House.

The guest speaker was former head prefect Monde Nkosi, who delivered an inspirational and heartfelt address to the boys, emphasising the importance of finding one's moral compass – "do what's right, even when no-one is watching".

A true all-rounder, Monde matriculated from Kearsney in 2007 with academic honours

cum laude with six distinctions and played 1st team rugby, basketball and soccer. After completing Bachelor of Business Science and Honours in Finance degrees at UCT, Monde studied further at the prestigious Stanford University in California, where he earned an MA in Education and graduated as Stanford's top MBA student, becoming the first black South African to be designated an Arjay Miller Scholar. Nkosi is currently based in Johannesburg as an investment manager at Value Capital Partners.

History Matters

News from the History Department HOD, Mr Neil Peacock.

Grade 10 History Excursion to Gauteng

On 22 September 2019 the Grade 10 History boys, accompanied by Mr Jonathan Waldburger and Mr John Wessels, embarked on their tour to Gauteng.

The idea behind this tour is to expose the boys to aspects of South African history that form part of their Grade 10 syllabus.

The boys visited Liliesleaf Farm in Rivonia; the site of the incident which resulted in the capture of prominent members of the High Command of the ANC, SACP and Umkhonto we Sizwe, by the state and which led to the famous Rivonia Treason Trial of 1964. The group also visited the world-class Apartheid Museum as well as the Voortrekker Monument.

On the last morning of the tour, which happened to coincide with Heritage Day, the tour group visited Constitution Hill, site of the Constitutional Court as well as the Old Fort, where many famous political leaders were incarcerated.

Enriched from the experience the boys returned to Kearsney on the evening of 24 September, having achieved a better understanding of our turbulent and momentous past.

Grade 9 History Expo

The annual Grade 9 History Expo this year was themed "Historical Events That Changed The World". The boys enthusiastically embraced the theme and produced some wonderfully creative and interactive exhibits.

The displays were assembled in the Greyhound Pavilion and parents were invited to view the work.

The range and scope of topics was impressive and credit goes to the boys who put these exhibits together.

Matthew Gray achieved 1st place with his thought-provoking display on the "Historical and Social Impact of Social Media" while Aryan Sewsunker, Javhar Naidoo and Javashkar Naidoo achieved 2nd place with their impressive display about the "Impact of Vaccinations throughout History".

Well done to all the boys for their efforts.



Matthew Gray - 1st place



Aryan Sewsunker, Javhar Naidoo and Javashkar Naidoo - 2nd place



Dimitri Diakogiannis, Lance de Kock and Troy Dryer - 3rd place



Businessman of the Year together with the Company of the Year and other finalists

Ethan Glenn and Benjamin Burton shared the coveted Businessman of the Year Award

Businessman of the Year Dinner

Report by Mr Mike Albers, HOD Accounting.

The annual Businessman of the Year dinner took place on Tuesday 22 October in the Greyhound Pavilion. This dinner was the culmination of a process that started in the first term of the school year and which involved every pupil in Grade 9. The boys were divided into companies where 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

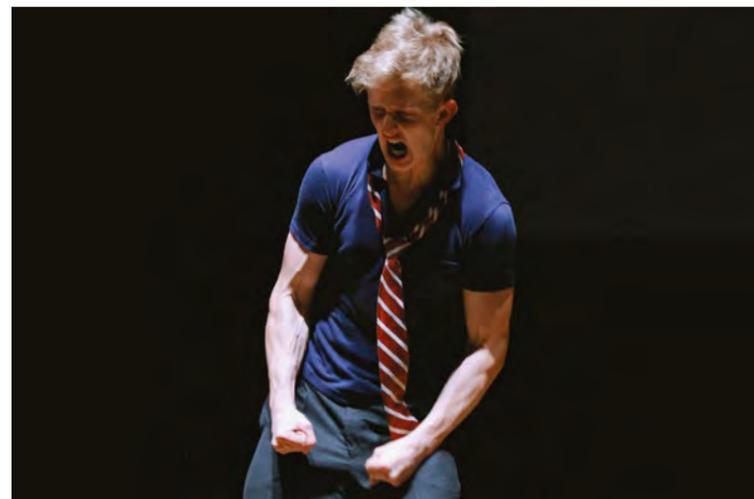
presentations before adjudicators Mr Mike Riceman, Marketing Director at Wakefields, and Mrs Ghislaine Riceman, the Foundation Director at Kearsney. The winning company was trading as 'Electric Feet', with members John Eastes, Javashkar Naidoo, Javhar Naidoo, Luc Painting and Bongumenzi Zungu.

The coveted Businessman of the Year Award was shared this year between Benjamin Burton and Ethan Glenn.



DRAMA SHOWCASE EVENING

The families of Grade 8 to 11 Dramatic Arts boys were invited to an evening of fun, creativity and some 'out of the box' action on Thursday 17 October. The event was a showcase of both Grades 8 and 9 film work as well as an Open Stage evening of Grade 10 and 11 work. The performances were student-driven work and devised, directed and performed by Grade 10 and 11 Dramatic Arts pupils.



Luc dos Santos Niz



Matthew Benporath and Diko Mancini

Marimba Band champs!

Mr Brett Alborough, HOD Music, reports.

The Kearsney Marimba Band finished their programme for the year by competing at the South African National Band Championships where they won the High School Marimba Band category. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement boys!

The band has performed at various events throughout the year, including the launch of the Culture@Kearsney programme, the Culture@Kearsney Music Festival and the many supper theatres in the Henderson Hall. The audiences at these events are always wowed by the boys' energy on stage as they played their own original compositions and arrangements with brilliance.



The Kearsney Marimba Band, with the trophy

Choir

Report by Mr Marshall Lombard, Director of Music.

Support for the Springboks

On Friday 20 September the Choir joined East Coast Radio's Drive show to sing the South African national anthem dedicated to the squad representing South Africa in Japan at the World Cup.

The Choir are no strangers to East Coast Radio having been in studio with Thandolwethu to perform a tribute to the late Johnny Clegg. Their video has received over 1,4-million views to date.

SACSC Conference in Cape Town

The Kearsney Choir had the honour of performing their famous Johnny Clegg tribute to open the SA Council of Shopping Centres conference, held at the CTICC in Cape Town. The boys had an early start from the College to arrive at the airport by 05h00 to catch a flight to

Cape Town. On arrival at the venue, the Choir completed their soundcheck, with the professionals directing the production. In the short break that followed, the boys spent a while at the V & A Waterfront. The performance delivered by the Choir was appreciated by the large number of delegates in the audience. The organisers felt it was a fantastic and inspiring start to their conference.

Carol Services

Towards the end of each year, the Choir prepares for our annual Carol services. Classical and more contemporary pieces are carefully selected to help tell the story of the nativity. In between each reading at the Carol services, the Choir and musicians perform pieces to help carry the message. This year the boys sang in

new robes and incorporated moves into their performance. Guest artists on violin and cello, Ralitzia Cherneva and Marguerite Spies, joined us for the services.

World Choir Games

The year is fast approaching where our Choir will be putting their best forward to compete for the championship at the World Choir Games in either one of our categories; Scenic Pop or Folklore (or even both). The Choir is hard at work preparing for these two competitions having selected repertoires that suit our singers and which complements their skills. Before the World Choir Games in Belgium, we will undertake a pre-tour to Italy, where the Choir will perform at least three concerts. The team is excited at the prospects and enthusiastic to give their best.



Public Speaking Societies

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

INNER CIRCLE

On Tuesday 08 October the Inner Circle held its end-of-year dinner and prize-giving with their parents in the Greyhound Pavilion. Speakers prepared their speeches around Maya Angelou's powerful words: *I can be changed by what happens to me but I refuse to be reduced by it.*

The speeches delivered were insightful and reflective, offering some profound messages. The impromptu speeches were particularly impressive as they were meaningfully and most confidently delivered. Usually this is a weaker category but the speakers excelled and have made a noticeable improvement.

The dinner presented us with the opportunity to bid farewell to our Grade 12s and pay tribute to them for their invaluable contribution to the society over the years.

Each category included winners over the year who competed for the trophy for the Best Speaker in each category on the evening.

Congratulations to:

Best In the News Today speech pair:

Sizwe Sigasa and Ezra Tsela

Best Ice Breaker: William Young

Best Impromptu Speech: Lael Savrimuthu

Best Introduction of a Speaker:

Lael Savrimuthu

Best Prepared Speech: Reid Stuart

Best Vote of Thanks: Wilco Roets

Excellence in Public Speaking:

Zukile Habile

We thank each member for his contributions towards making this society one of such prestige.

SPEAKERS' CIRCLE

The Speakers' Circle held its end-of-year formal dinner and prize-giving on 23 October, where speakers tackled the theme: *The grass is greener where you water it* by Neil Barringham. The Grade 10 parents accompanied their sons to their last dinner as junior speakers and were proud to see their sons excel.

It was so pleasing to see speakers willingly stepping into unfamiliar roles and



Inner Circle. Back: Lael Savrimuthu, Sizwe Sigasa, Ezra Tsela, Reid Stuart and Wilco Roets. Front: William Young and Zukile Habile

holding their own. The enthusiasm and commitment of the boys is commendable. The speakers focussed on interpreting the quote and the metaphorical ideas around this were both thought-provoking and insightful. Speakers are commended on their original interpretations.

Thanks to Tyler Gray for chairing the event with aplomb and maturity. Mention is also made of the Grade 8 waiters; these are the boys who have been selected to join the society in 2020 and it was wonderful to have them at their first Speakers' Circle dinner.

Congratulations to the trophy winners in each of the categories:

Best In the News Today speech pair:

Kwazi Moyo and Matthew Jacobs

Best Ice Breaker: John Eastes

Best Impromptu Speech: Benjamin Burton

Best Introduction of a Speaker:

John Eastes

Best Prepared Speech: Nicholas Kidd

Best Vote of Thanks: James Jordan

Special Awards to:

Most Improved Speaker: Lex Rencken

Excellence in Public Speaking:

Nicholas Kidd



Members of the Speakers' Circle at the end-of-year dinner

Inter-house Music

Report by **Mr Marshall Lombard**, Director of Music.

The Inter-house Music competition continues to be a landmark event in the Kearsney calendar. The boys rehearse for the competition with enthusiasm and a competitive attitude. For this reason, the standard of the event seems to improve each year.

There are five categories; chosen set piece for choir, choir own choice, solo, duets and band. Each House prepares items for these categories which are led by the director (overall manager), the band director (instrumental aspects) and the choir director.

The boys have less than four weeks to prepare for the competition and receive no assistance from staff members. Each House brought a fresh and different approach which allowed for much variety during the evening.

Winners:

Choir Set Piece: Sheffield

Choir Own Choice: Sheffield

Solo: Pembroke

Duet: Gillingham

Band: Sheffield

First place: Sheffield

Second place: Gillingham

Third place: Pembroke

Fourth Place: Finningley



Scan this QR code to watch inter-house music competition online



Sheffield House band



Dale Carnegie



Luke dos Santos Niz and Matthew Murray each earned a trophy and certificate for achievements in the Dale Carnegie Generation. Next course. The course is offered to Grade 11 boys.



Art Exhibition 10 March



Photography 02 June



Words@Kearsney 03 and 04 June



Drama@Kearsney 09 and 10 June



Music Festival 28 and 29 July



Dance@Kearsney 03 to 05 August



KEARSNEY COLLEGE

1921 to 2021

Centenary Update

Following the completion of the South Wing of the Centenary Centre, the stone façade at the top of the stairs leading down to the Centenary Arch has been extended and the eagles returned to their perches, creating a suitably majestic entrance to the Centenary Centre.

To complement the beautiful new vista, the area in front of Pembroke has been redesigned and the gardens landscaped.

The College is looking beautiful ahead of the Centenary and we look forward to welcoming Old Boys back to the College for the special celebrations in 2021.

Kearsney prefects for 2020

The matric leadership group for 2020 was announced at the final assembly for the Class of 2019.

The boys who will serve the College in the role of prefects are as follows:

Headboy: Aaron Smith and

Deputy Headboy: Qiniso Xulu (pictured)

Finningley: Head of House: Noah Laurēnz

Deputies: Grant Craze; Matthew Murray;

William Young; Mandiza Zama

Gillingham: Head of House: Samkelo Jiyane

Deputies: Tyson Andrews; Luke Dudley;

Jared Uys; Wesley Uys

Haley: Head of House: Wilco Roets

Deputies: Shem Adjies; Derick Marshall;

Lefa Motshela; Amnene Mthiyane;

Craig Phillips; Brett van Noordwyk

Pembroke: Head of House: Matt Hind

Deputies: Cade Brooks; Janko Roets;

Luke Shiller; Greg Whitehouse

Sheffield: Head of House: Dominik Stawicki

Deputies: Ulrich Botha; Thomas Constable;

Christopher Duncan; Matthew Strauss



New walkway between Pembroke and the Centenary Centre

Please visit the Centenary page on our website to see the dates for these special events as they are finalised.



2020 Headboy Aaron Smith and Deputy Headboy Qiniso Xulu

Service Awards Lunch

Report by Mrs Andrea Fripp, Director of Clubs and Culture.



The SCA committee and band received awards of thanks from Mrs Sue Murray at the Service Awards luncheon

"Manner maketh man"
Harry Hart, Kingsman

Good manners are a code of conduct based on common sense, courtesy and usage, and an expression of gratitude. The Kearsney way of showing gratitude to the boys of the College who have given of themselves in service in various aspects of College life is at the Service Awards Lunch. We honour these boys in the good deeds that are not expected and acknowledge and appreciate the value they add. We are very proud of these young men.

From KZN to the New York Fashion Week!



Siyabonga Mpontshane modelling at the New York Fashion Week

Grade 11 pupil, Siyabonga Mpontshane, started his modelling career in primary school. After standing out at the recent International Arts Talent Showcase, he was selected to walk the runway at New York Fashion Week in September, modelling clothing ranges from famous designers including the likes of DK Designs and Dolce Gabana. He said: "The overall experience was mind-blowing and I am grateful for the opportunity and experience".



The five Australian international exchange students who left the College at the end of September: Milo Atkinson (the Scots College), Noah Brown (Christ Church Grammar School), Murray Shearer (Waverley College), Benjamin Zlattner (Waverley College) and Bentley Thorn (the Scots College).

Australian Exchange students

The photo above was taken at the traditional farewell ceremony which takes place when international exchange students have finished their stay at Kearsney. The boys made many friends while at the College and a large number of Kearsney boys gathered to say farewell. Deputy Headmaster Mr Zungu and Deputy Headboy Ezra Tsela said a few words and the exchange students responded. The Australian boys then lowered and removed their flag, which had been flying every day whilst they were at Kearsney.



Grandparents' Day

The College enjoyed a wonderful Grandparents' Day on 20 September, as hundreds of proud Kearsney grandparents joined us on the hill. The guests enjoyed the entertainment and the speeches in the Chapel, where they were reminded how special and important they are to their grandsons. Our guests then enjoyed a delicious tea in Henderson Hall and the opportunity to take their grandsons off campus for lunch.

Thank you to all the grandparents for joining us and making the day so special for the boys.

Carpe Diem



KEARSNEY COLLEGE

Provincial cricket selections

After formal provincial cricket trials were held the following Kearsney players were selected for representative teams:

KZN U18 Coastals: Jordan Bamber (Captain) and Cade Carmichael

KZN U17 Coastals: Joshua Stocks

Congratulations to these boys on their selection.

Congratulations are also extended to U14A coach Mr Greg Thomson on his selection as manager of the KZN U18 Coastals Team to take part in the Coca Cola Khaya Majola Cricket week in the December holidays.



L-R: Joshua Stocks, Jordan Bamber and Cade Carmichael

Provincial water polo selections

We would like to congratulate the following boys on their KZN Water polo selections:

U14A: James Francke and Siyen Gounden (non-travelling reserve)

U15A: Dimitri Diakogiannis and Tom Carmody

U16A: Oscar Burgess Barker (non-travelling reserve)

U19A: Tyson Andrews and Wesley Marshall (non-travelling reserve)



L-R: Dimitri Diakogiannis, James Francke, Wesley Marshall, Siyen Gounden, Tyson Andrews, Tom Carmody and Oscar Burgess Barker



Tyson Andrews

Superb season for Kearsney cricket teams

Mr Neil Peacock, MIC Cricket, reports.

The cricket year is rapidly drawing to a close with only one round of fixtures remaining. The College cricket teams have experienced a successful latter half of the year. The traditional "Old Cricks" match was enjoyed by all and the 1st XI retained the Stuart Brown Memorial Trophy. All our A teams and an U17 Stayers side were involved in festivals before the start of the Michaelmas holidays and acquitted themselves well. Special mention to the U14A side which emerged undefeated at the Charl van Rooyen Cricket Festival hosted by DHS.

A number of traditional Saturday fixtures took place. Highlights include good 1st XI victories over Michaelhouse, Glenwood and DHS. The fixtures against Glenwood and DHS were particularly noteworthy as Kearsney emerged victorious in 21 of the 23 matches played against these two schools.

The T20 1st XI squad has been impressive in the Coca Cola T20 Competition and look set to advance to the quarter final round of the Coastals region to be held early in 2020.



Joshua Stocks

Water polo thriving at the College

Mr Dylan Perrett, MIC Water polo, reports.

This water polo season has been remarkably successful for Kearsney teams. The end of term 3 saw teams participating in a number of tournaments and festivals. Please read the separate article on the KZN Top 10 Tournament.

The 1st team had a fantastic run at the eagerly awaited Clifton Tournament finishing in 6th place overall, which was the best result achieved in a number of years. It was great to see the 1st side challenging major rivals, as well as the consistent improvement being achieved.

The U15A team participated in the highly competitive Sterrenberg Tournament at Selborne College. They achieved 4th place, narrowly going down 2 – 4 to Grey College. The U14A squad held their own in the Hilton College Festival, which provided valuable game time against some of the top water polo schools in the country.

The foundation has been laid for next year with a promising squad of boys coming through in all age groups. Most recently, we had a glimpse of the potential of next year's 1st side when they participated in the Northwood Knights Stayers Tournament. Their 2nd place finish, a narrow defeat to Reddam House Johannesburg, bodes well for the sport at Kearsney.



Oliver Carmody at the Top Ten Tournament

Water polo Top 10 Tournament

One of the highlights of third term water polo is the KZN Top 10 Tournament, which sees the top 10 water polo schools in the province competing. The rivalries are intense and incredible to watch. This year saw Kearsney achieving some of their best results ever, an accomplishment for the coaches and teams.

Both the U14A and U15A sides finished in 3rd position with convincing performances in the playoffs. The highlight, was the dramatic performances seen in the 1st team tournament. Pitted against Hilton in

the semi-finals, the team executed in amazing fashion to secure a 7 – 6 win. This put Kearsney into the Top 10 final against Clifton College. The match was a nail-biter right to the end of playing time, when Clifton drew level. The shoot-out went into sudden-death after the teams could still not be separated once again. Unfortunately the Kearsney team went down 11 – 10 to Clifton, but it cannot be denied, that the result was remarkably noteworthy. Congratulations to Oliver Carmody who earned his 100th cap during the tournament. Luc Le Clézio and Oliver Kenny also earned 100 caps this season - a remarkable achievement.

The Independent Schools Stayers Basketball Tournament

Report by Mr Myles Delpont, tournament organiser.

Kearsney College hosted the Independent Schools Stayers Basketball Tournament (ISSBT) during the past holiday. This year saw the introduction of a B division to allow more teams access to the tournament. All of the country's top basketball-playing independent schools took part.

The games were exciting and highly competitive. Teams competed in two pools in a round robin format with the top four in each pool advancing to quarter finals. A total of 101 games were played over the four days of competition. Michaelhouse narrowly beat the Kearsney team 48 – 46 in a fantastic final of the A division. The match had the crowd on the edge of their seats until the final second when Kearsney missed two shots at the basket and Michaelhouse managed to score a breakaway layup to claim victory in the dying seconds of the match. St Charles beat St Sthitians 47 – 24 in the play off for third and fourth place respectively.

The B division final was also an exciting affair with St Nicholas making a strong run at the end of the game but the St Sthitians 2nd team were able to hang on to their slender lead and emerged victorious 64 – 60.

The tournament has benefitted from the tremendous growth of basketball in independent schools over the past few years. It is fast becoming one of the country's premier tournaments.

Term 3 and 4 Basketball Activities

Mr Myles Delpont, MIC Basketball, reports.

The basketball season is fast drawing to a close. It has been a busy and action-packed few months with the Kearsney teams acquitting themselves extremely well. The College fielded nineteen teams for Saturday fixtures, becoming more competitive across the board as the coaching and commitment from the boys improves. The 1st team had two notable away wins against Michaelhouse, in the season opener, and St Charles in the second weekend fixture.

The U14s participated in the St Andrew's Basketball Festival and gave a good account of themselves while having a great deal of fun. This is a beneficial festival as the boys get to play a whole season's worth of games in two days against opposition they are not usually exposed to in the traditional season. Kearsney had two teams participate in the ISSBT and both of the teams developed at this level of competition.

My thanks to the coaches and players for their commitment, dedication and enthusiasm, resulting in astonishing growth in this sport.



Dolapo Morakinyo



Ryan Wimbush

Squash

MIC of Squash, Mr Andrew Morgan, reports on the Stayers Tour to the Western Cape.



Tim Dladla, Chris Howard-Browne, Dylan Thompson, Luke van Eeden, Kamo Bikwane, and Michael Kiggen

The Kearsney 1st Squash team won all of their matches at the annual Wynberg Stayers Festival in Cape Town over the weekend of 11 to 13 October. The festival draws some of the top school boys' teams from around the country and allows a great pre-season experience for the boys to prepare for the busy 2020 season.

The team beat Kingswood College 6-0; SACS 4-2; St John's College 3-3 (won on games count); York High School 6-0; and St Sthitians 5-1.

All the boys played well, however, special mention to Grade 10s, Kamo Bikwane and Luke van Eeden, who went undefeated throughout the festival.



SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR - KADE MINDRY

Tennis 2018

KZN U19 number 1 player - undefeated at inter-provincial tournament
 SA U17 High Schools - ranked number 1
 Finished 4th at South African Nationals
 Finished the year 5th in South Africa
 Top 750 in the world juniors
 5 wins over top 250 junior players in the world

Tennis 2019

Finished 3rd at SA Nationals
 Selected for the junior South African squad
 Ranking - reached 3rd in South Africa
 Signed with Division 1 American college

Fish River Canoe Marathon

Mr Steve Main, MIC Canoeing, reports.

The canoeing team enjoyed an extremely successful Fish River Canoe Marathon, which doubled as the SA K2 River Championships. This was our youngest team to participate in the event with the team having three novices of which two were Grade 8s. Jack Lund was Kearsney's best performer, finishing in 90th place overall and an impressive 8th in the U18 K2 category. Matthew Goldie and Luke Roseveare secured a commendable 18th position in the U18 K2 category.

In the K3 race, where our Grade 8 paddlers were teamed up with staff and Old Boys, the team boat of Luke Plotts

(2015), Nicholas Borkum and Brendan Cooper (2013) finished 47th in the K3 category and narrowly edged out the team of Andrew Sebire, Ruschay Govender and Mr Main (staff), who finished in 49th in the K3 category.

The father and son combination Kosta and Luka Koumantarakis (pictured), successfully finished the race in 304th place overall.

Old Boys, Callam Davis (2018) and Evan Knight (2015), finished in 14th and 16th places respectively, with Evan finishing 2nd in the U23 category.





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Support for Class of 2007 Fund

The highly successful 10th annual Stef Röhwer Memorial Golf Day was held at the Kloof Country Club on 21 October, honouring his memory and raising funds for the Class of 2007.

This class fund was established by Manfred and Sue Röhwer in memory of their son Stef, who matriculated from Kearsney in 2007 and tragically passed away in 2009. The family continues to drive the fund with dedication and passion and is always well supported by the community. Currently, with 24 monthly donors' contributions, it is the largest of the 22 class funds that have been established to date.

Old Boy making medical history

Dr Michael Belfort (Pembroke 1975) and his wife Jo, enjoyed a dinner with Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg and Foundation Director, Mrs Ghislaine Riceman, while visiting South Africa from the United States for a medical conference. The world-renowned Dr Belfort is Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and Obstetrician and Gynaecologist-in-Chief of Texas Children's Hospital. He made history in 2017, when he performed pioneering surgery on a 24-week old foetus, to reverse the effects of spina bifida, while still in his mother's womb.

Dr Belfort says Kearsney College was his home for six years and laid a foundation for the remainder of his life. He said, "It's been a long road from beakers, pipettes and schoolboy science experiments to being hailed a world pioneer in foetal surgery!"

The Kearsney Foundation and donors bid farewell to Grade 12s

Kearsney College, together with the Transnet Foundation, ISASA, Halfway Toyota and other donors, stand together proudly to bid farewell to the Grade 12 boys who have been recipients of bursaries or scholarships made possible through donor funding.

With the support of these foundations, corporate sponsors and the wider Kearsney community, these boys depart as proud Kearsney boys and we wish them all the best for their journey ahead.



Mr Manfred Röhwer with fellow players, Mr Stu Ferrie, Mr Mike Potgieter and Mr Patrick O'Sullivan



Staff from Kearsney College: Mr Keith Thompson, Mr André van Zyl, Mr Bruce Thompson and Mr Jordan Gregory



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Mpumi Mhlongo sets a new world record

Two weeks after presenting his PhD proposal on converting recycled plastic to diesel, Mpumelelo Mhlongo (Finningley 2012) is setting world records on the athletic field. He leapt a massive 7,03m to set a new world record in the men's long jump T44 class (athletes with a single below-the-knee amputation or who have moderately reduced function in one or both legs). Mpumi is the first in his class to go beyond seven metres this year.

Mpumelelo is a well-established international athlete. He broke the world 200m record by being the first T44 athlete to go under 24 seconds in the event and having finished fourth in the long jump at the London 2017 World Championships.

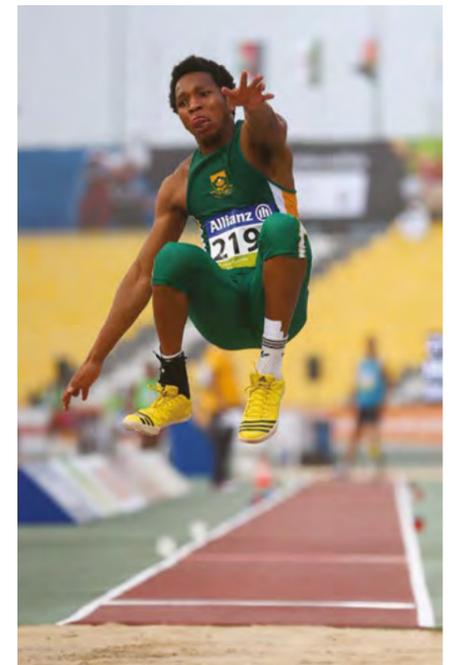
STOP PRESS: At the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai in November, Mpumi broke his own world record in the 100m (T44 category) with a time of 11.09s.

Mpumi is a five time Sportsperson of the Year at the University of Cape Town and has earned a place on the Dean's list at the university. At Kearsney, Mpumelelo was Head of Finningley and Head of Choir and matriculated in 2012 with 7 distinctions.

Mpumi2020 campaign

Mpumi has launched his Mpumi2020 campaign ahead of the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo. His objective is to shine a light on those suffering in silence due to a disability. <https://www.mpumi2020.com/>

Scan this QR code to watch Mpumi's TED talk from September 2019.



Mpumi in action in the T44 class men's long jump

Kyle Abbott writes his name into the record books

Congratulations to Kyle Abbott (Sheffield 2005) for his extraordinary achievement for Hampshire in English County Cricket. His match figures, which helped his team to a 136-run win, were the best by any Hampshire bowler and the fourth-best in County Cricket Championship history, going back to 1907.

Kyle finished with figures of 17/86 against Somerset in a County Championship match at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton, on Wednesday 18 September.



Kyle Abbott after his historic achievement

Old Cricks annual cricket match

The traditional Old Cricks game was played on 13 September in typical variable Kearsney weather, but a great afternoon was had by the cricketers and spectators. The match was well supported by the boys. The Kearsney 1st XI won by 6 wickets as the Old Cricks reached 163 for 3 in reply to Kearsney's 166 for 4. It was a wonderful social occasion and an opportunity for old friends to catch up.

Old Cricks: Andrew Hudson (Finningley 1982) with his son, Graham (Finningley 2016)



Parents' Society supports the College

Report by *Dr Doug Beere*, Chairman: Kearsney College Parents' Society.

The Parents' Society is working on exciting plans for the Parents' Society Ball for Kearsney's Centenary in 2021 and should be able to confirm the date early next year.

Donation to the Parents' Society from parents is voluntary and contributes to various projects around the school; all for improving the welfare of all our boys at Kearsney College.

The Society has been pleased to be involved in the Kearsney hockey astro seating, as well as the new Centenary Bell housing. This was driven by the Parents' Society and could not have been done without parents' generous donations.

The five boys who received partial bursaries from the Kearsney College Parents' Society have excelled both in the classroom and on the sports fields. These boys would not be able to attend Kearsney without the significant donation from the Parents' Society. Parents' donations and membership subscriptions make this possible and are much appreciated. Bursary funding remains our top priority.

The Society also donates R8 000 to each House annually for improvements; this could be for replacing furnishings or appliances and the like. The improvements benefit every boy in the boarding houses and are an integral part of our fund allocations and planning.

We thank the members of the parent body for their support and look forward to welcoming the new parents of 2020.

Tony Leon Award for Community Service

Deputy Headmaster Mr Manzini Zungu, presented the Tony Leon (Pembroke 1974) Award for Community Service to Ethan Boshi (Gillingham 2019) for 688 hours of service stretching over his five years at Kearsney College. Ethan was committed to building and painting classrooms for under-privileged schools in the area; participation in environmental clean-ups; and is an active participant of a community patrol system.

Ethan Boshi receiving his award from Deputy Headmaster Mr Manzini Zungu



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Important dates:
Information Evenings 2020
 Mon 27 January at Kearsney
 Thurs 30 January in Johannesburg at the Houghton Golf Club
 Friday 31 January in Johannesburg at the Bryanston Country Club
 Thursday 06 February at Kearsney
 Monday 10 February in East London at the Blue Lagoon Hotel

Open Weekend 2020 - Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March
 for all applicants for Grade 8 in 2021.
 Booking is required for all events.
 Please contact marketing@kearsney.com for further information.

Answer Kearsney's Call



Celebratory events for Kearsney College's Centenary 2020/2021

- Wednesday 28 October 2020 – Centenary launch event
- Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 February 2021 – 24-hour inter-house challenge
- Thursday 03 to Saturday 05 June 2021 – Founders Weekend celebrations
- Wednesday 04 August 2021 – Epic Run- Relay from Kearsney Chapel to the Old Kearsney Chapel in Stanger culminating in a Garden party

Some other planned events

- Marathon Bible reading; outreach activities;
- The Light Upon The Mountain* - school production; Old Boys' concert; and Centenary Ball

Please visit our centenary page on kearsney.com where further dates will be added once finalised.



Farewell to the Class of 2019

It was a special morning at the College as we bade farewell to the Matrics at their final assembly on Friday 11 October. We congratulate this group of young gentlemen on a wonderful year and for providing such positive leadership. The prefects of 2020 were announced, and the leadership of the College was symbolically handed over at the traditional flag ceremony.

We wish the Class of 2019 all the best for the future.



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Thought for the Moment

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." (Matthew 13:44-46)

Usually when we read this story, we hear the invitation for us to be like the person who found the treasure; but what if we read it the other way around? What if God is the one who does the finding and we are the treasure that God has given everything up for? As we round off the year with activities, and begin to look ahead to Christmas, perhaps we can hold on to the truth, that in coming to us as Jesus, God names each of us as treasure worth finding. And perhaps we can look around and see that same treasure in each other.

Rev. Kym Bishop



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