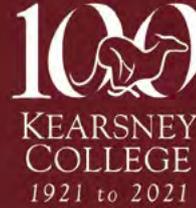




KEARSNEY COLLEGE

News & Views



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2022 off to a great start

What a difference a year makes! While a year ago our campus was eerily quiet as the College had to delay the start of in-person tuition, as per the government regulations, now the campus is buzzing with energy and excitement. As I write this there is enthusiastic singing coming from the SCA meeting in the Chapel and music drifting from the Hall as boys prepare for their concert taking place later this evening. Boarders are laughing and chatting as they make their way back to the Houses after sports practices, and a large group of staff are meeting to tie up the preparations for the Standard Bank Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival.

Our assemblies and Chapel services are back to the original formats, with boys and staff gathering in the same venue, and full induction ceremonies were once again held for the prefects, Kearsney College Council and Imbizo inductions. The top academics of 2021 were also celebrated by the whole school at a special academic assembly. The boys and staff are thrilled to be able to play competitive sports again, with 12 sports tours taking place in the first term. Our swimmers competed in 5 galas, including the Alan Burt Gala, which Kearsney hosted this year.

It was a privilege to recently witness the realisation of two major community service initiatives that were envisaged six years ago as part of our Centenary celebrations.

The project aimed at donating 100 uniforms to underprivileged youngsters from nearby schools ended up raising enough for 150 sets of uniform. These were handed over at a special assembly on 06 March. The donation of more than R100,000, raised by the boys over a five-year period, contributed to the Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre for their Early Childhood Development facility.

We were delighted to be able to hold our Matric Dance and Parents' Society Ball in the more traditional style, and it was a wonderful to socialise with the Kearsney community once again.

Wishing all in our Kearsney community a fantastic 2022. *Carpe Diem.*

South African Mathematics Olympiad- KZN Champions

We are delighted to report that Kearsney was awarded the Top Performing School in KZN in the Old Mutual South African Mathematics Olympiad in 2021 for the second consecutive year, retaining the title won in 2020. Congratulations to the Mathematics Department and the boys on this fantastic achievement.



Mr Marc Ancillotti, HOD Mathematics.

PROVINCIAL SELECTIONS

Basketball

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected to the LMSBA KZN U16 Basketball team: (L-R): Ayanda Jackson, Luca Borrageiro, Gregor Campbell and Reabetswe Sithole (Reserve) and Iviwe Shongwe and Njabulo Ngcobo who has been selected to the KZN U18 team.



Tennis

Congratulations to the Kearsney boys who have been selected for KZN tennis teams. Caleb Fyvie and Keegan Gevers (U19A), John Bothma (U15A), Finn Coningham and Angus Fyvie (U15B).

(L-R): Finn Coningham, Keegan Gevers, Angus Fyvie, Caleb Fyvie and John Bothma



Tribute to Mr Colin Silcock

Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg

It is with great sadness that we received the news of the death of Kearsney College's fifth Headmaster, Mr ECW Silcock, who passed away peacefully on Friday 18 February 2022. Mr Silcock served at the helm of Kearsney College for 15 years; from 1976 to 1990.

We have extended our deepest sympathies on behalf of the Kearsney Trustees, Board, Staff, pupils, Old Boys and the entire Kearsney community to Mr Silcock's wife Charmian, his sons Peter and Simon and the extended Silcock family and friends.

In the College's recorded history, Kearsney Chronicled, Mr Silcock is described as, "Every inch a Headmaster". The author, Mr Robin Lamplough describes him as, "physically imposing, always instinctively in command, efficient, decisive, even imperious, with a quick grasp of the essentials of a situation... He had a strong sense of duty and a very clear conception of the extent of his responsibilities, as well as a remarkably high degree of self-discipline. He ran his school with amazing energy, was always highly visible, setting himself a daily programme which would have burned out a lesser man." Mr Silcock was a leader for his time.

As Headmaster, Mr Silcock led the College admirably through a period of significant change and introduced and managed innovations in many facets of the College. Through all these challenges he was the proverbial Rock of Gibraltar that Kearsney needed in turbulent times. It was a great honour for the College,



in the early 2000s, to name a sports field in honour of the College's fifth Headmaster – Silcock Field.

Mr Silcock is fondly remembered by staff of the 1980s as witty, genial, urbane and a great raconteur. To be a guest in their home was to witness their care for others in a way that brought joy to many. Mr Colin Silcock's legacy will live on in the many lives he touched and in the history of the College and in the very fabric of Kearsney.

We salute a Kearsney icon and remember a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, friend and a cornerstone of the Kearsney College of today. Farewell, Edward Colin Waddington Silcock. Well done good and faithful servant.

Excellent academic results for the Class of 2021

Through their hard work, dedication, discipline and resilience through two incredibly disruptive years, the Centenary Class of 2021 has achieved a remarkable set of results and made themselves, their families and their school proud.

Some Kearsney highlights:

- 97 % Bachelor Degree (Matric exemption) pass rate (Bachelor Degree pass rate for all IEB schools of 89,2%);
- 20% of the Class achieved an A average
- 42% of Mathematics candidates achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 23,9%); Three boys placed in the top 1% in the country; Average Maths mark for Kearsney boys was 74%.
- 42% of Physical Sciences boys achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 18,4%). Five boys in the top 1% (top 52 candidates) in SA. 42% of the Kearsney boys wrote Physical Sciences and the average mark was 72%, 10 % higher than the IEB average;
- Eleventh consecutive year that Kearsney's Maths and Science distinction rates have been approx. double those of all IEB schools;
- 59% of Accounting candidates achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 26,6%). Kearsney average mark: 78%;
- 56% of Drama candidates achieved distinctions (IEB distinction rate: 48%). Ave. Kearsney mark of 80,7%. Two boys in the top 1% (top 15) candidates in the country;
- 42% of History candidates achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 25,3%);
- 63% of Engineering Graphics and Design boys achieved distinctions (IEB schools' distinction rate: 29,3%). Three boys placed in the top 1% (top 15 candidates) in SA. Average mark for Kearsney boys of 79,6%;
- 21% of Kearsney pupils achieved 4 or more distinctions.



Inter-schools History Quiz

Three Kearsney teams comprising Grade 10 and 11 History pupils took part in the annual inter-schools Quiz which was held at Clifton College on Wednesday 02 March. The teams acquitted themselves extremely well and all the teams were placed in the top ten. A Grade 10 team comprising of Matthew Lamplough, Evan powers and Matthew Shepherd were placed 2nd and the Grade 11 team consisting of Kieran Pearton, Hayden Davel and Ryan Denekamp were placed 3rd.

New teaching staff



Mr Pierre le Roux (Mathematics); Mrs Maryke Venter (started 2021, Inclusion Specialist); Mr Naresh Mahabeer (English and LO); Mr Divesh Sookdeo (Life Sciences); Mr Ashley Kemp (intern History and LO); Mr Makhatini (started 2021, English).

Teacher Interns 2022



L-R: Mr Jordan du Preez, Mr Robert McConnell, Mr Cade McEwen, Ms Dineo Fihlela, Mr Yanga Sotshangane, Mr Reece Cairns, Mr Luke van As.

New coaching staff



Messers 'Tera' Mtembu, Barend Steyn and Mike de Kock.

ACADEMIC AWARDS BASED ON FINAL MARKS 2021

Congratulations to the following boys for their academic achievements in 2021:

HONOURS CUM LAUDE (Grade 11 only)

John Eastes
Javhar Naidoo
Fynn Pollock

HONOURS (Grade 11 only)

Benjamin Burton
Owen Payne
Javashkaar Naidoo
Andrew Roden
Ethan Glenn
Aryan Sewsunker
Kayden Robinson
Matthew Smith
Joshua Owen
Kavachin Jogi

GRADE 10

Top of Grade
Ethan Groom
Liam Jansen van Rensburg
Nthato Sifumba
Liam Theunissen
Sean Diseko
Fritz Rheeder

GRADE 9

Top of Grade
Ryan Browning
Pranav Sewsunker
Rehan Khan
Woojae Lee
Jack White

GRADE 8

Top of Grade
Hayden Dunsdon
Joel Steyn
Connor van Heerden
Luca Sandri
Oliver Tubb

We are pleased to welcome former Sharks captain 'Tera' Mtembu as 2nd XV coach and consultant to our rugby programme and Mike de Kock as an Assistant to 1st XV Coach Barend Steyn.

Prefects for 2022

Prefects Training Seminar

In January, before the rest of the school arrived for Term 1, the prefects of 2022 took part in a two-day Prefects' Seminar at the College. The theme of the seminar was Ethical Leadership. Several workshops were held to prepare the boys for their roles as leaders of the school and to reinforce the College's expectations and values, and their roles and responsibilities. The Headmaster, Mr van den Aardweg, and Deputy, Mr Willows, spoke to the boys about the characteristics of being a good leader, the importance and significance of the Kearsney Honour Code and the values and standards that they are expected to uphold and promote. The group reflected on different leadership styles and the great responsibilities which accompany their positions.

The boys discussed the legacy that they wish for their grade to leave behind and their goals and objectives for the year.

We wish the prefects well as they serve the school in 2022.

Head of School: Jason Brien
Deputy Head of School: John Eastes

Finningley
 Head of House: Josh Owen
 Deputies: Matthew Campbell, Enzo Coccianti, Matthew Gray and Kayden Robinson

Gillingham
 Head of House: Luc Painting
 Deputies: Ethan Glenny, James Kewley, Bryce Wigggett and Connor McKenzie

Haley
 Head of House: Kai Hielckert
 Deputies: Jamol Langeni, Kyle McGladdery, Kavi Kavichin, MJ Mcengwa, Andrew Roden and Aryan Sewsunker

Pembroke
 Head of House: Matthew Smith
 Deputies: Avuzwa Gazi, Callum McKeown, Gary Wood and Bongumenzi Zungu

Sheffield
 Head of House: Rhys Calenborne
 Deputies: Joshua Maskell, Javhar Naidoo, Tanna Pullock and Adriaan Smit



Prefects for 2022.



Kearsney Imbizo

Pictured above with Mr Manzini Zungu, from left to right:
 Sange Mdunyelwa,
 Ayabonga Mngaza,
 Ryan Denekamp,
 Giovan Linton (Chairman),
 Lehumo Mahlabana,
 Wandile Ngwane (Vice Chairman),
 Kgomo Toka,
 Sachin Bhagwan,
 Woojae Lee,
 Devahn van der Walt,
 Lisu Khuzwayo,
 Jadon Moodley,
 Ethan Groom,
 Evan Williams.
 Absent: Jacques Nel.



KCC Chairman, Fynn Pollock. (Council list on page 5)

Kearsney College Council for 2022

Chairman	Fynn Pollock (Pictured on page 4)
Vice-chairman	Hloni Penane
Imbizo Chairman	Giovan Linton
Imbizo Vice-chairman	Wandile Ngwane
Academic Rep	Javashkaar Naidoo
Environmental Rep	Dylan Jewitt
Cultural Rep	Neo Ramalitse
Sport Rep	Nhlakanipho Ngubane
Boarders Rep	Sithe Fumanisa
Dayboy Rep	Lorenzo Stevens
Grade 11 Reps	Simthembele Mkhize and Lathitha Sali
Grade 10 Reps	Anele Cele and Joe Clarkson
Grade 9 Reps	Ndabenhle Mkhize and Joshua Griffiths

Welcome to the Kearsney Class of 2026

Report by Mr Mouton Badenhorst, Housemaster, Haley House.

The year of 2022 will prove to be a completely new adventure for our Grade 8 boys who have enjoyed a far more "normal" start than the previous two years. This year will challenge, develop, and enable the class of 2026 to successfully reach their goals.

Preparing laundry, making beds, waiting at doors and greeting staff and seniors seem to be a part of everyday life now. Although only the one term has passed, the phrase "new boys" already seems a thing of the past. These boys are now considered a part of the "Kearsney brotherhood".

There are many successes to celebrate over this short period of time - from the cricket field to the swimming pool, the basketball courts, to the stage and most definitely in the classroom. The boys can build on these achievements as they navigate their way through high school.

We wish each Grade 8 boy all the best as they officially join the Kearsney family. May this be the place where all of them experience personal growth, happiness and excellence.

Pictured right from top: The Grade 8s were handed their ties by the prefects at the traditional tie ceremony, welcoming them as Kearsney boys following the completion of their orientation week and the Haley Hike. Below left, Prefects on the Haley Hike.



Inter-house Plays

Ms Ulaetha Singh.

Congratulations to all the students who were involved in the inter-house plays that took place on Thursday 17 February 2022. We are so proud of all four Houses. The boys deserve high praise for their sterling effort. Extracts from the letter from one of the adjudicators, Mr Sipho Moniwa, sums up the evening's success:

"I must say I was pleasantly surprised at the high standard of these House plays. I truly take my hat off to Ulaetha [Ms Singh] and her department for the hard work they have done to cultivate drama to such an esteemed standard.

I was blown away at the standard of writing and very effective directing. All the performers were well prepared and internalised their characters effectively."

"Even though all the plays were so good, I need to single out 'Killing Strangers' [Gillingham House]. This is probably the best House play I have ever seen. It felt like I was watching a professional production, performed by seasoned artists. I was truly moved by the performance." Sipho Moniwa (Hilton College), Adjudicator Kearsney College Inter-house Play Competition.

Results:

- Best House Play - Gillingham
- Best Original Script - Gillingham
- Best Actor - Ben Burton, Gillingham
- Best Supporting Actor - Leo Reim, Gillingham

Pembroke finished second, Sheffield third and Finningley fourth.



Best Actor, Ben Burton and Best Supporting Actor, Leo Reim (Gillingham) in "Killing Strangers".



Aryan Sewsunker and Kade Muller in Pembroke's play, "Hope in a Matchbox".



Hall of Mirrors Matric Dance

Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, Teacher-in-charge of Matric Dance.

The matric dance entitled the "Hall of Mirrors" was a very happy affair which was not dampened by the rain at the start of the arrivals on Friday 04 March. The dashing young men, accompanied by their beautiful, stylish partners took it all in their stride and spent an evening involved in animated conversation and energetic dancing.

Decorating the hall was a fine example of teamwork. The Kearsney estates department built, hammered and drilled their contribution in the hall and foyer. The Impact catering staff provided 270 meals, including catering for a variety of special dietary requirements, with great care. Mothers were a tremendous help with all of the décor requirements. A massive vote of thanks goes to Mrs Carol Kelly, who has ably assisted me with organising and setting up the matric dances over the last four years.



Kearsney supports the principles of One Planet Living



Following Kearsney's adoption of the Bio Regional One Planet framework in 2021 (www.oneplanet.com) the teams, made up of Kearsney employees, for each of the ten principles have been working to improve the sustainability of Kearsney and its community.

One of the principles is health and happiness and the focus group initiated a highly successful event this term.

Health and Happiness

Staff wellness is a key part of the success of a healthy and happy school. The staff, led by Mr Ant Willows, have challenged themselves and embarked on an under 45s vs 45 and overs competition, which includes family members. The first event was a tough 5km run through Kearsney's conservancy and green belt. This is a tough 5km course challenged the staff and

brought them together with much laughter and camaraderie. Other such events are planned throughout the year. (Continued on page 8)



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Materials and Products

Kearsney's Kit & Clothing is extremely conscious of sustainability and has made great progress in supporting local and driving suppliers to become more aware of wasteful packaging. In a notable partnership, Kit & Clothing and the Hillcrest Aids Centre have joined forces to re-purpose second-hand, unsaleable uniforms. The Aids Centre manufactured our Kearsney "bunnycats" and scatter cushions (pictured above). These have been enormously popular. All proceeds accrue to the Hillcrest Aids Centre and so far the initiative has raised over R10,000.



Zero Waste

In 2021, the Kearsney recycling centre (located at the end of Kearsney College Road, opposite Hopkins Field) was upgraded and Kearsney entered into a partnership with Don't Waste, a specialised recycling company, to assist Kearsney with waste sorting and reduction. Since the implementation of the project an equivalent of 88 trees have been saved through the recycling efforts.

There are many more exciting One Planet Living initiatives on the go in the school and the teams are excited to get the boys involved in these important projects.

The 10 principles of One Planet Living

- Health and happiness
- Equity and local economy
- Culture and community
- Land and nature
- Sustainable water
- Local and sustainable food
- Travel and transport
- Materials and products
- Zero waste
- Zero carbon energy

Transformation and Diversity

Mr Manzini Zungu, Deputy Headmaster.

At the beginning of the year, as part of Kearsney's transformation journey, Mr Bonginkosi Ndaba, HOD Zulu, presented to all staff the correct pronunciation of African names. He discussed how African people are given their names and the significance thereof. The lesson on pronunciation included perfecting the 3 "clicks" used in the Zulu language: C, Q and X.

An HODs' workshop was held to discuss expanding diversity in the curriculum. Some tremendous ideas have come forward and resulted in the following goals being agreed:

- Ongoing training for staff and boys to deal with issues of social justice, diversity and transformation;
- To be more deliberate in transforming the curriculum;
- Design syllabi in each subject to include transformation and diversity concepts;
- Explore African relevance in all subjects and introduce historical narratives from different viewpoints;
- Examine the diverse perspectives on gender inequality, racism, sexual orientation, religion, etc. and encourage open discussion in a safe space for teachers and pupils.

At the start of Term 2 we will be holding a workshop to focus on practical examples of how to deal with racial issues.



Staff and boys from Inkazimulo Primary and Empilweni Primary Schools are pictured with Kearsney Deputy Headmaster, Mr Zungu, Headmaster, Mr van den Aardweg and prefects at the handover of uniforms were bought with funds raised in a centenary drive.

Centenary Uniform Drive

During Kearsney's centenary year last year, we had various community projects. Our uniform drive aimed to buy 100 sets of school uniform for orphaned boys at local primary schools. Enough was raised for 150 sets of uniform. Staff from Inkazimulo Primary and Empilweni Primary Schools visited the College together with pupils from their schools who are orphaned or have parents who are unemployed. Kearsney prefects handed

over uniforms to the boys. The teachers explained how having a full set, especially of new uniform, is so good for the pupils' self esteem and can result in improvement in performance at school.

We thank all the boys, parents and staff members who kindly donated to the fund to help our neighbours in need.



Kearsney Deputy Headmaster, Mr Manzini Zungu talking at the handover.

Centenary Blood Drive

The blood drive held in our centenary year aimed to have boys, staff and the broader community donate at least 100 units of blood during the year. In order to donate, people must be over 16 and weigh over 50kg.

We are happy to announce that 168 units of blood, which could be attributed to our drive, were collected.

We continue to be involved by hosting the South African National Blood Service (SANBS) at a termly blood donation clinic which is held at the College.



Beach Clean Up Term 1

Athandiwe Qunya (left) and Ayazingca Jikwana were among the boys involved in a beach clean up earlier in the term.



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Carpe Diem

Kearsney Centenary Charity Fund

In 2017 the Kearsney Centenary Charity Fund was launched, with the objective being for the pupils of Kearsney to raise R100,000 for the Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, to be donated in 2021 as part of our Centenary celebrations. The boys of the Classes of 2021 and 2022 made a donation to the Centenary Charity Fund when they arrived as Grade 8s and this fund was supplemented by a generous donation from Standard Bank, for which we are most grateful.

The fund raised R105,000 for the Youth Care Centre, which went towards the infrastructure and equipment for the development of an Early Childhood Development Centre at Ethelbert, the Victor Daitz Foundation Recourse Centre. The centre was officially opened on 04 March 2022.

Kearsney College has had a 67-year association with The Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre and we applaud them for the wonderful work that they do.



The Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg, and Kearsney Chaplain, Rev. Kym Bishop, were honoured to attend the opening.

Grade 8 visit to Old Kearsney Mr Neil Peacock, HOD: History.

On 01 March, the entire Grade 8 group got the opportunity to visit the site of the origins of Kearsney College, inland from KwaDukuza (Stanger) on the KZN North Coast. After a hiatus of two years, due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, it was possible for the College to re-visit the "home" of Kearsney College.

Accompanied by Mr Peacock, Mr Waldburger, Mr Du Preez and Ms Chantal Callaghan from the KCOB, the Grade 8 group thoroughly enjoyed exploring the old chapel (now a national monument), cemetery and manor house. An undoubted highlight for the boys was the visit to the top of the old bell tower from where they were treated to a panoramic 360-degree view of the entire district.

Mr Peacock presented Kearsney Manor with an inscribed copy of the Centenary History of Kearsney College, to further



cement the historic ties that exist between the original site of the school and its present location on Botha's Hill. On 16 June (Youth Day) it is planned for the current Grade 9 and 10 groups will visit Old Kearsney, as they were unable to visit in their Grade 8 years.



Sports News

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Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival
14, 16 and 18 April 2022

The 13th Standard Bank Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival is back after being kicked into touch by COVID for two years.

At the launch held in the President's Suite at Hollywoodbets Kings Park, the 12 participating team were announced. Glenwood, Westville, DHS and Kearsney College will represent KZN, together with four powerhouse teams from Gauteng - Monument, Pretoria Boys, Waterkloof and Dr EG Jansen. Hoërskool Noord-Kaap returns to the festival, with three strong Eastern Cape teams, Selborne College, Framesby and newcomers Marlow.

The festival will also provide young primary school players with the excitement and challenges of playing on a full-size field in front of large crowds. This year Umhlali Preparatory, Hillcrest Primary and Highbury Preparatory will each face the KZN Rugby Union's Ibutho-Mark Godefroy U13 development team to open each day's play.

A high level of competitive rugby is anticipated on the three play days: Thursday 14, Saturday 16 and Monday 18 April.

Kearsney acknowledges the festival sponsors whose support has assisted the event to grow each year - headline sponsor Standard Bank, and first-tier sponsors the Sharks Academy, Halfway Ford and MTN.

Numerous outlets for food and refreshments, a fun KidZone and ample parking promise entertainment for the



Mr Kuben Chetty (Standard Bank); Headmaster, Mr Elwyn van den Aardweg; Mr JP Pieterse and Mr Etienne Fynn of the Sharks at the KERF launch on 01 March 2022.

whole family. Entrance is R30 per person. Fixtures and festival information are available on www.kearsney.com. During the festival, there will be a link from the Kearsney website to a Festival website for team information, scores and more.



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Basketball

Mr Myles Delpont, MIC Basketball.

Basketball has had a very short but impactful season. It began early in January with the pre-season camp which was well attended. Teams attended a number of tournament. The U14A and First Team participated in the Maritzburg College Tournament, where both teams made it through to the semi-finals. The U14's finished 3rd and the 1st team finished 4th.

St John's Festival - 1st and U15A teams

The first team and U15A team participated in the St John's basketball tournament and both teams made it through to the quarter finals but were knocked out at this stage. Their performances were a great credit to their fighting spirit.

Extraordinary achievement for U16A team

The U16A team participated and won the Michaelhouse U16 Tournament and then went on to win the St Sithians U16 tournament the following weekend this is the first time that a Kearsney team has won this prestigious event. This places the Kearsney U16 A team as the best under 16 team in the country.



Triumphant U16A team which won both the Michaelhouse and St Sithians Basketball Tournaments
Back row: Connor Grenfell, Ntsika Mfayela, Iviwe Shongwe, Gregor Campbell, Ayanda Jackson, Gareth Fly and Mr Andile Ntshingila (Coach)
Front Row: Kemani Mabaso, Tshepiso Mokoena, Luca Borrageiro, Motheo Ramoriting, Reabetswe Sithole.

Provincial selections

Our congratulations go to the following boys on their provincial selections:
U18 - Njabulo Ngcobo (Grade 11)
U16 - Luca Borrageiro; Iviwe Shongwe; Gregor Campbell; Ayanda Jackson and Reabetswe Sithole as a reserve.

Overall, it has been another successful season and a great deal of credit must go to the committed and enthusiastic staff who sacrifice so much to make the sport run smoothly.



Njabulo Ngcobo, recently selected for KZN U18.



1st team captain Matt Campbell at St John's Festival.



Jack Achieves a Gold Medal

Jack Rankin (Grade 11, Gillingham) placed first in U18 javelin event at the recent KZN Championships. This is quite an achievement, especially for an U17 athlete.

Dylan donates his Scotland jersey to the College



Dylan Richardson (Class of 2017) presented his Scotland rugby jersey to the 1st XV Coach Mr Barend Steyn.

Dylan, a Sharks player, represented SA Schools in 2017, SA U20 at 2019 Rugby World Cup. In November 2021 he earned his first Scotland cap against Japan.

Golf

At the recent KZN Southern Coastal golf trials at Kloof CC our Kearsney boys had a good day. Julian Daws (1st Team captain) came first with a score of 71 and Matthew Crookes was in 2nd place with a 74. The conditions were not easy, and Kearsney had 4 players (with Reece Brown and Troy Taylor) in the top 10.

At the time of going to print, the teams had not been announced.

Water Polo

Mr Pierre Le Roux, MIC Aquatics.



James Kewley - 1st team.

Kearsney College Water Polo continues to grow to new heights across the board, as the newly implemented programme is starting to bear fruit. The U14 age group saw a large intake of talented athletes, which has boosted our junior teams and allowed both the U14 and U15 age group to compete strongly.

The senior teams continued to work hard, led by the 1st team, that grew from strength to strength. The season culminated with all three age groups' A Teams competing in national tournaments in Johannesburg in the first weekend of March 2022. This is the first time that Kearsney has sent three teams at the same time to compete against teams from across South Africa. This was a significant highlight of the season past.

TENNIS

Congratulations to the Kearsney boys who have been selected for KZN tennis teams. Caleb Fyvie and Keegan Gevers (U19A); John Bothma (U15A); Finn Coningham and Angus Fyvie (U15B). (Pictured on Page 1).

Paul Roos Tennis Festival

A young but determined 1st tennis arrived in Stellenbosch to compete in a top schools event featuring 12 of the leading tennis-playing schools in the country. Unfortunately, our number 1 player,

Caleb Fyvie, was injured in his first match, which put the team on the back foot. The Kearsney boys, however, acquitted themselves well and, although they only managed to win two matches, they were extremely competitive. The team is extremely young (except for one Grade 11, all the boys are Grades 8, 9 and 10). Special mention must be made of John Bothma (Grade 8), Finn Coningham (Grade 9) and Keegan Gevers (Grade 10) who punched above their weight and have a positive future ahead of them.

The competition was tough. Kearney lost Affies, Paul Roos, Waterkloof and KES, but beat Oakdale and Stellenbosch High School.

Pietermaritzburg and District Tennis Doubles League

At the time of going to print, our 1st and 2nd teams were participating in a doubles league with both teams in the A Division. The 1st team is currently unbeaten, with a great will against the Westville Boys' High 1st team.

CRICKET

Mr Dean Moodley, MIC Cricket.

Kearsney hosted the Independent Schools Festival this year from 10 to 13 January. The Kearsney 1st XI drew their first game against Michaelhouse, lost against the Dolphins Academy and Maritzburg College but won on the last day against Clifton College.

The KZN High Schools Cricket Association launched its inaugural W100 competition this year, which is a 100-ball event played by the Tier 1 Coastal Boys' Schools. Kearsney performed very well in this competition and recorded wins against DHS, Clifton and Glenwood, finishing in third place on the log.

The start to the season featured fixtures against Hilton College. Kearsney enjoyed success in winning 5 of the 12 games and losing 4. The highlight must be the fighting spirit shown by the U14 boys, who won 3 and drew 1 of the four games played in that age-group.

Glenwood High School loomed in round 2 and once again Kearsney rose to the occasion, winning 5 of the 9 games played and losing only 2. The U16A, U15A and U14A teams all won in dominant displays at home.

The DHS fixture brought more success as Kearsney won 8 of the 11 matches, including a clean sweep in the U14 age-group, which is turning out to be a very promising group of young players.

The clash with Westville is always an entertaining encounter and it was great to see the courage and character shown by all teams on the day. Most games were hard-fought affairs, with many going 'down to the wire'. When the dust had settled, Kearsney won 5 of the 13 games, with the highlight being the 2nd XI win on the AH Smith Oval.

Fixtures against Clifton were played during the last week of the summer sports programme. Kearsney won 4 of the 6 matches played.

The start of the year is always a difficult time to be competitive on the sports field, but credit must go to the coaches for their enthusiasm, hard work and dedication in



Shaun Pollock and Bryce Wiggett.

preparing, coaching and mentoring their cricket sides, and in ensuring that the Kearsney teams competed well during their fixtures. A win rate of 52% speaks volumes about the spirit in the cricket fraternity at Kearsney.

Our cricketers were honoured to have Proteas' legend Shaun Pollock conduct a coaching session with them earlier in the term. The boys enjoyed the interaction and learning from the former Proteas' captain's incredible expertise and experience.



Shaun Pollock and Nhlakanipho Ngubane.



Ethan McCormick, 2nd XI.

Swimming

Mr Pierre Le Roux, MIC Aquatics.

The Kearsney College swimming team started off the season with a real "splash" by winning the season opening gala, hosted by Hilton College. This set the tone for what was going to be one of the more memorable swimming seasons in the College's recent history. The team remained competitive throughout but found some of the galas challenging with the demands of the season and COVID still being a factor.

The season culminated in some fantastic performances in the Top 10, with a third-place finish and the D and D Gala with a 4th place finish at the end of the season. In both these galas the senior and junior swimmers were hot on the heels of bigger schools, such as DHS and Westville Boys' High.

Squash tour to Johannesburg

The College's 1st squash team travelled to the annual St Andrews FNB Festival in Bloemfontein in February. The boys did well against strong opposition from around the country, achieving the following results:

Beat Pretoria Boys' High	6-0
Lost to St Johns College	2-4
Drew with St Stithians	3-3
Beat Kingswood	5-1
Lost to Grey College	2-4



Back: Michael Kiggen; Middle: Ross Coetzee and Matthew Gray; Front: Bryce Blomquist; Keagan Coetzee and Jason de Gryse.



Inter-house Swimming Gala

Congratulations to Gillingham for winning the inter-house Gala. There were some tremendous performances on the night.



Luca Sandri (Sheffield, U15) won the following trophies: Junior Victor Ludorum, Best Performance of the Day, Best U15, 50m freestyle sprint, 100m individual Medley U19, 100m Freestyle U19, 100m Backstroke U19, 100m Breaststroke U19, 100m Butterfly U19 and 200m Freestyle U19.
James Kewley (Gillingham, Opens) won the 400m Freestyle Open, Best U19 and the Senior Victor Ludorum.
James Benningfield (Finningley) won Best U14 and runner up to Best Performance of the day.

Canoeing

Dusi Canoe Marathon

All our Kearsney canoeists and staff, Old Boys and friends who took part in the Dusi Canoe Marathon completed the 3-day event. Congratulations to all involved and to Mr Steve Main as MIC Canoeing, who also took part.

Drak Challenge results

3rd K2 and 31st overall Ben van Herzele
53rd K2. Rory Treleaven
143rd K1 Andrew Sebire

Ben van Herzele and his father, Wim, in the Drak Challenge.





With the easing of COVID restrictions the 2022 calendar looks to be a great one for the Old Boys. We hosted two events during Term 1 - Basketball games against the schools' first and second teams, and a social evening in Johannesburg.

It great to have KCOB back home on the Hill, and the afternoon of Saturday, 29 January 2022 was no exception as a group of Basketball players from various years came to "shoot a few hoops" with the schoolboys. The SportZone was packed full of eager spectators, war-cries were chanted as two games were played. Thank you to MIC of Basketball, Mr Myles Delpert, and Ntando Cele (Gillingham, 2014), for coordinating this event. We look forward to hosting this fixture annually.



Sons of Old Boys

The 2022 intake of Grade 8 boys is one of the largest to date and the KCOB is very proud to announce that as part of the 149 boys in this Class, there are 18 sons and six grandsons of Old Boys.

From the included image:

- Conor and Markus' fathers (Finningley boys) were both the Head of Haley in their respective Matric years – Darroll McKeown (1993) and Gary Wise (1982)
- Joshua Behr is the first Sheffield Old Boy's son; his father, Wayne Behr, matriculated in 2004.

- In addition to Kyle Sives being the son of an Old Boy (George 1992). His great, great, great uncle is Mr Clement Stott, who donated the land at Botha's Hill to Kearsney College. Kyle's maternal grandmother was born a Stott. The family came to South Africa as Methodist missionaries.

Carpe Diem to the Class of 2026. The KCOB look forward to celebrating your successes along your Kearsney journey.



Report by Mrs Shantell van Jaarsveld, Foundation Director.

Centenary Arch Appeal

For over a century our philosophy, mantra and calling at Kearsney College is *Carpe Diem* – our culture is to seize the day and make every life extraordinary. At Kearsney we have helped shape the lives and futures of young men who have become a part of our legacy; young men who partake in the wide range of curricular and extra-curricular programmes we have on offer to facilitate the personal, social, emotional and spiritual development of every boy.

Whether you are a proud Kearsney College Old Boy or parent of a current Kearsney boy, we appeal to you to play a part in our future by joining other Old Boys and current parents and boys whose names have already been added to our Centenary Arch Donor boards. Please make your pledge to our Centenary Arch Appeal and be a founder of our second century.

<https://www.kearsney.com/foundation/centenaryarch/>

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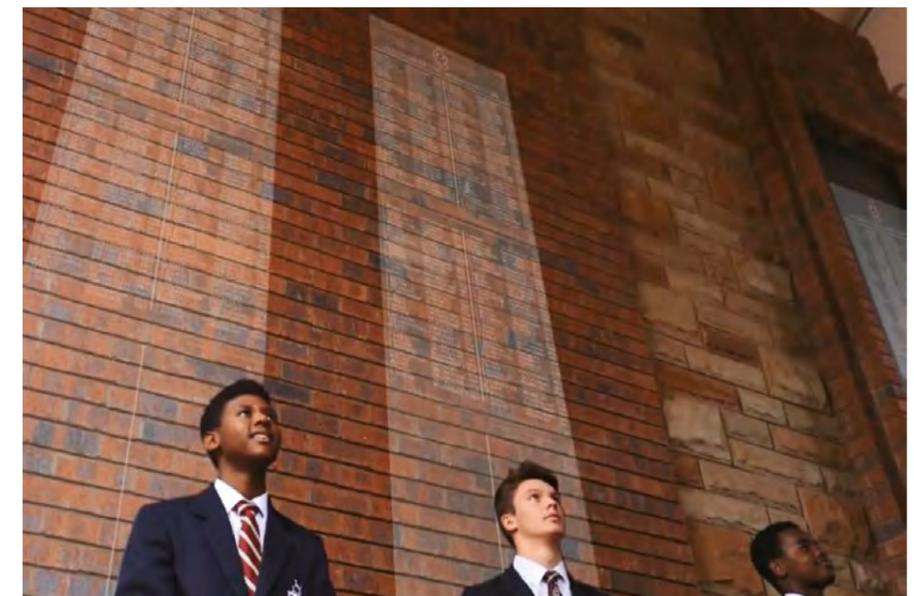
There are wonderful opportunities to leave a legacy and make a difference in the life of deserving young men by donating to the Kearsney Foundation. Please contact the Foundation office at foundation@kearsney.com for further information.

Thank You

The Kearsney Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank our donors and sponsors for their invaluable support towards bursaries, scholarships and events, such as the upcoming Standard Bank Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival.



Foundation Office team (L - R): Monica Davidson - Foundation Coordinator; Shantell van Jaarsveld - Foundation Director; Chantal Callaghan - Alumni Relations Coordinator.



L-R: Sifiso Maphanga, Elwyn van den Aardweg, Minehle Bhengu, Mzuvukile Sirenya, and Wandile Linda.



L-R: Markus Wise, Kyle Sives, Conor McKeown and Joshua Behr.

Parents' Society

The Kearsney College Parents' Society AGM was held at the beginning of February and a new enthusiastic Committee was elected. (See below). The first event on their calendar was the Parent's Society Ball held on Saturday 05 March. After waiting for so long to socialise again properly after a lengthy lockdown period, there was so much excitement over the Ball. The theme was set for the Palace of Versailles' Hall of Mirrors. Tickets sold out rapidly and a record number were sold. We thank all the parents who supported this happy occasion.

Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg and her team set up a spectacular hall for the Matric Dance on the previous night, which we

were grateful to use again for our party on the Saturday night. Mrs Sigrid Ceronio, who did the catering, provided an excellent meal.

We sincerely thank Mrs Jane Gillespie, who did a wonderful job of organising all the logistics. The evening was an outstanding success.

2022 Parents' Society Committee

Chair: Lauren Calenborne
 Secretary: Susan McGill
 Finance: David Asbury
 Communication: David Pugh
 Parents' Society Ball: Jane Gillespie
 Supporters' Barrow: Adele Mills, Tanya Hielckert, Jean Mujati, Evan Sim, Riaan van Jaarsveld and Robyn Wiggett



Mrs Tanya Hielckert presented a bouquet to Mrs Tracey van den Aardweg, to thank her for her role in organising the spectacular décor for the dance.

TERM	2023 TERM DATES	2023 HALF TERM DATES
1	Tuesday 17 January – Friday 24 March at 09h00	Thursday 16 February at 12 noon – Monday 20 February (incl)
2	Monday 17 April – Friday 23 June at 09h00	Thursday 18 May at 12 noon – Monday 22 May (incl)
3	Tuesday 18 July – Friday 22 September at 12h00	Friday 04 August at 12 noon – Wednesday 09 August (incl)
4	Tuesday 3 October – Friday 01 December	Thursday 26 October at 12 noon – Monday 30 October (incl)



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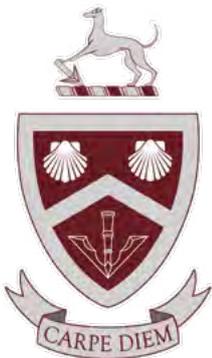
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Thought for the Moment

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

Sometimes we get so caught up in the lists of things we should do, ought to do, must do and must not do, that we forget the beautiful simplicity of Jesus' teachings, which says that all of the law hangs on the invitation to love – to love God and to love one another. The first letter of John says that God, who is love, showed us his love by sending Jesus and the reason we love others is because God has loved us first. When asked to summarize his theology in a single sentence, academic and theologian Karl Barth is said to have responded with the words of a song he learned at Sunday School, 'Jesus loves me this this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'

We have complicated what is quite simple. If we want to follow Jesus in the world today, it all comes down to love: loving God and loving others because God loves us.

Rev. Kym Bishop
Chaplain

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