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Excellent Matric Results for Kearsney's Class of 2023



L-R: Liam Jansen van Rensburg (7 distinctions), Nthato Sifumba (8 Distinctions) and Fritz Rheeder (7 distinctions). Not pictured, Anesu Chimusoro (7 distinctions).

Kearsney once again achieved a 100% pass rate, with a 99,2% Bachelor's Degree (University Exemption) pass rate. This compares to the IEB's overall Bachelor's Degree pass rate of 88,59%. Amongst the top achievers, one pupil achieved 8 distinctions, three pupils achieved seven distinctions, and seven pupils achieved five distinctions. Seven pupils achieved in the Top 1% of all IEB pupils in a subject.

Kearsney's reputation for Mathematics and Science excellence was reinforced, with the average mark of 73% for Mathematics and 70% for Physical Sciences, significantly above the IEB averages. Half of our IT candidates achieved distinctions, with an average of 73%. The average for Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD) was 80%, and 43% of candidates achieved an A. The average for Music was also 80%, while Drama achieved an average of 78% and a distinction rate of 44%.

Nineteen pupils from the Class of 2023 were on our Academic Inclusion Programme, for pupils with diagnosed barriers to learning, and the average aggregate for these boys was an impressive 66%, with two boys achieving an aggregate of over 80%.

Kearsney's number one priority is academic excellence. From day one, the boys are immersed in an academically rigorous and inspiring environment and quickly develop academic ambition and a positive work ethic. This culture of academic striving in a disciplined environment, supported by our highly qualified, professional, and dedicated teachers, empowers the boys to reach their true potential. As we reflect on the superb results, we acknowledge the important role that so many people have played in making this possible.

SA Men's Hockey Selection for Calvin Davis

Calvin Davis (Class of 2021) made his debut for the SA Men's Hockey team against India in Cape Town in January. He will represent the SA team at the African Games in Ghana in March. Former Kearsney 1st XI coach Mr Sihle Ntuli is the team's assistant coach.

In 2023 Calvin played in the Junior World Cup in Malaysia. He is pictured here in Malaysia with Kearsney's Director of Hockey, Mr Keegan Pearce.

We congratulate Calvin and wish him all the best for the African Games.

Action photo courtesy of ES Media



Luca Veronesi for Italy U19 Rugby

We congratulate Luca Veronesi (Class of 2023) on his selection to the Italian U19 Rugby squad. The team will face Japan in Italy. Since Luca went to Italy earlier this year, he has been a member of the Parma Rugby Club's first team. This is a wonderful opportunity for our former 1st XV player and we wish him all the best.



Welcome to new staff members



New staff members,
L-R: Mr Keegan Pearce,
Mr Cameron Gordon, Mr Nick Rodda,
Mrs Donny van Zyl, Mrs Haley Milne,
Mrs Sharleen Bezuidenhout,
Mrs Haley de Marigny,
Mr Keegan Daniel,
Mr Sebastien Naidoo

Welcome to new interns



Interns for 2024: Mr Yanga Sotshangane, Ms Rivashni Archary, Ms Kizzy Khuzwayo, Ms Colleen Mbatha, Mr Brendan Saayman, Mr Jody Saayman and Mr Jordan du Preez.

Prefect Seminar

Report by **Matt Lamplough**, Deputy Head of School.

As the start of the new year drew closer, the 2024 prefects met at the prefect seminar to begin planning for the year ahead.

The seminar was to focus on and learn about leadership through speakers and discussions, and to set out the goals and vision to be implemented by the prefects in 2024.

We were extremely lucky to have Warren Whitely, from the Sharks coaching staff, join us and lead a discussion on the aspects of leadership, including connection and vulnerability. His experience and insight gave the boys much motivation.

From there, the prefects set out our collective goals for 2024, which include ensuring exceptional dress and appearance from the boys, encouraging mass

- Topics of discussion included:
- Honour Code
 - Our fears and challenges for the year
 - Our personal goals
 - House goals
 - How to be a good prefect
 - Practical ideas on working with boys
 - Traditions
 - Dress code



Warren Whitely

participation, and looking to cultivate Kearsney Passion within the school. The seminar was underlined by the year's key theme set out by the headmaster, Mr Lees, which is IMPACT - for Inspire, Motivate, Progress, Achieve, Contribute, and Transform.

The seminar was a great success, and the prefect body and school are looking forward to a fantastic 2024.

IEB Matric Examination markers

Thirty-one Kearsney teachers were involved in marking the IEB Matric examinations at the end of 2023. Kearsney's remarkable level of involvement includes four moderators, nine senior markers, and 18 markers. Our teachers gain invaluable IEB experience, which they bring back to Kearsney, benefiting all our staff and, ultimately, our pupils. Thank you to these dedicated teachers for their time and commitment.



The IEB Matric examination markers

Imbizo 2024

The following pupils will serve on the Kearsney Imbizo this year. We congratulate them and wish them all the best for 2024.

- Jesse Ramsamy
Solwazi Ngwane
Finn Calenborne
Liam Calenborne
Qhawe Mdluli
Onalenna Nameng
Matthew Gourlay
Arthur Nsingo
Dylan Xiang
Rayyan Ahmad
Tyrique Fynn
Ayazingca Jikwana
Joshua Griffiths
Sisanda Makhathini
Nevaal Arbee
Arav Govender



Members of the Imbizo for 2024

KCC 2024

We are pleased to announce the Kearsney College Council for 2024.

Chairman	Joe Clarkson
Deputy Chairman	Andisi Ndlovu and Jack White
Head of School	Anele Cele
Deputy head of school	Matthew Lamplough
Chairman of Imbizo	Jesse Ramsamy
Deputy Chairman	Solwazi Ngwane
Head of Chapel	Evan Powers
Academic Rep	Pranav Sewsunker
Sports Rep	Sandiswa Yeni
Environmental Rep	Julian Carbonel
Boarders' Rep	Reabetswe Sithole
Day Scholars' Rep	Woojae Lee
Cultural Rep	Mohau Tladi
Grade 11 Reps	Ndabenhle Mkhize and Joshua Painting
Grade 10 Reps	Keanu Williamson, Luke Faure, and Jason Denekamp
Grade 9 Reps	Misa Buthelezi and Craig Mckenzie

Haley House Welcomes the Grade 8s

Report by *Mr Mouton Badenhorst*, Haley Housemaster.

We welcome the new Grade 8 boys and their parents to Haley House for the 2024 academic year with great pleasure and enthusiasm. This year's intake represents a tapestry of cultures and backgrounds from across South and Southern Africa. Joining Kearsney marks a significant transition for these young men, presenting both a formidable adjustment and an extraordinary opportunity.

The essence of Haley House is not just about academic excellence but also about fostering a community where tolerance, consideration, and mutual respect are paramount. We believe there is no better setting for these young minds to learn, grow, and evolve into the best versions of themselves than in an environment that challenges and supports them equally. The Class of 2028 kicked off their journey at the College with an action-packed Orientation Week designed to blend fun with learning. Through a series of carefully planned activities, the boys embarked on a journey of self-discovery, bonding with new friends, and familiarising themselves with their new surroundings. The focus on teamwork and exploration of the school grounds and its wider environment was aimed at ensuring the boys feel knowledgeable and comfortable as they transition into the school's academic programme.

A pivotal moment during the orientation was the mentor workshop led by Mr Morgan, culminating in introducing Grade 11 mentors to their Grade 8 juniors. This mentorship initiative has already shown immense promise, laying the groundwork for relationships that we believe will be incredibly beneficial for those who fully embrace this opportunity.

The Haley House prefects deserve special recognition for their exceptional leadership during these initial weeks. Their vigilance, involvement, and exemplary behaviour have set a high standard for our new pupils, and they embody the qualities of true role models.

Furthermore, our gratitude extends to the Haley duty staff, whose dedication and willingness to go above and beyond have been invaluable during this transition period.



Grade 8s meeting Grade 11 mentors

As we look forward to the journey ahead, it is evident that the Grade 8 class of 2024 brings a diverse array of talents to Kearsney College. Their unique abilities and characteristics promise to enrich our community and foster a generation of leaders who will no doubt leave a lasting impact on the school and beyond.

We are filled with anticipation and excitement for what the future holds for these young men. The journey has just begun, and we are privileged to be a part of it.



After their orientation week and Alverstone hike, the Grade 8 boys are awarded their ties by the prefects in a special ceremony in front of the entire school.

Culture@Kearsney is a well-established and exciting Annual programme celebrating the arts and promoting cultural appreciation among KwaZulu-Natal's youth. We are excited to launch the 2024 programme with our annual Art Exhibition this term, multiple schools will participate.



Art Exhibition 14 March



Choir Festival 01 May



Drama@Kearsney 11 and 12 June



Dance@Kearsney 30 and 31 July



Photography Competition Closes 01 Aug



Words@Kearsney 06 August

“All together now” Kearsney College with St Mary’s DSG

For the first time, Kearsney’s orchestra overcame logistical hurdles to form a combined ensemble with the talented instrumentalists from St Mary’s DSG. For its inaugural performance, the combined orchestra with more than 55 members performed in a collaborative concert on Friday 15 March, sharing the stage with the choirs from both schools.

The 90 girls in the choir from Saints and the 60 boys from Kearsney means that this was truly a large production, and we are proud that our two schools can boast so many musically talented students.

Some highlights on the programme included the combined orchestra’s memorable music from *The Lion King* and the theme from *Mission Impossible* and the Kearsney Choir’s renditions of two songs by Johnnny Clegg - *Asimbonanga* and *O Siyeza*.

The Kearsney Choir is preparing for an international tour to Europe in June/July, and it was a pleasure to see them in action during this development phase.

2024 Choir Tour to Europe

Report by **Mr Bernard Krüger**, *Director of Music*.

Our beloved Choir is gearing up to fly to Germany and Spain during the winter holidays. Through the assistance and support of *THE RAINBOW AGENCY*, a German organisation that regularly brings artists to their country, the Choir will embark on a spectacular concert tour. Concerts will be held in professional theatres and concert halls in Bremen, Lüneburg, Hannover, Hagen and Hamburg. The smallest hall seats 800 people, and we are thrilled that the concert in the iconic Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg (with its 2100 seats) is already sold out, along with three other concerts.

From Germany, the Choir will fly to Spain to take part in the *Golden Voices of Barcelona* competition. The choir will take part in two categories - Folklore Music and Youth Choirs of Equal Voices. A highlight of our time in Spain will be a performance in the famous Sagrada Familia cathedral, which was designed by the influential architect Antoni Gaudi and which has been under construction since 1882. It is currently the largest unfinished Catholic Church in the world.

We wish the boys all the best in their preparations.



Boys and girls from both schools rehearsing for the inaugural combined orchestra concert



Sailing Club

The newly formed Kearsney Sailing Club enjoyed their first outing on Friday 01 March. The club enjoyed an outing on Durban Harbour with Old Boy and skipper, Ashley Ranier:



International Exchange

Report by **Mrs Charlene Elliott**, *Teacher in Charge: International Exchange*.

The International Exchange report back function was an exciting evening where we heard from the exchange boys who went “across the seas” in 2023. PJ Synman, Jayden Jonsson and Luca Mindry spoke of their time at the Catholic University School in Dublin, Ireland. Kaylin Moodley and Callum McGill attended the Scots College in Sydney and Hayden Dunsdon, Oliver Tubb and Kunashe Kamwendo reported on their time at Oswestry School. The evening was a wonderful view into life at our partner schools. The boys who attended Oswestry and the Catholic University School eagerly await their host boys to arrive at Kearsney College in Term 2. Applications for the International Exchange Programme in 2024 are well underway, and we look forward to another successful year of exchange.

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.”
Marcel Proust

Inter-House Plays

Report by **Ms Ulaetha Singh**, *HOD Dramatic Arts*.

Kearsney’s Inter-house Play Competition is a highly contested competition that sees the students undertake weeks of scripting, auditioning, directing and rehearsing. Their valiant efforts culminated in a highly entertaining evening. All students are sincerely commended for their commitment to producing work they can be proud of. The standard of the scripts and the performances were notable. All four House plays maintained the high standard set and treated the audience to exciting and intriguing plots and twists. The evening set off on an engaging note with Sheffield’s cleverly titled *‘Echoes of Sapphire and Steel: A Tapestry of Honour and Ambition’*, written by Lisu Khuzwayo and Joel Steyn. This play engaged the audience with a thrilling tale of a battle between power and justice. Pembroke’s *‘Woza Bheki!’*, written and directed by Pranav Sewsunker, followed. It was a captivating theatrical experience, delving into the heart of contemporary South Africa’s social and political landscape. This cleverly written performance won best original script.

Best Actor, *Siphosethu Magubane* (Gillingham)



Gillingham’s *‘The Last Hour’* written by Vuyo Mcanyana, Brandon Haley and Mpande Luhlongwane, told Tshepo’s tale, where we journeyed with a seasoned inmate as he recounted his tumultuous past within prison walls, blending tragedy and intrigue. This well-staged play with a talented cast won the Best House Play for 2024. Sethu Magubane walked away with the best actor award and the best supporting actors were Mogau Tladi and Aya Chikwawa for their hilarious comic duo.

Finningley’s *‘Stand by Me’* brought the evening to a close. This play, written by Mandu Ntinga and Ndabz Mkhize, entertained the audience with their interesting idea of a dystopian South Africa standing up to a corrupt government. Menzi Mkhwane and Debbie Morgan were professional and supportive adjudicators for the evening. They were impressed by our students’ efforts and praised their work.

Bottom right: Winning house, Gillingham: Left to right: Brandon Haley (Scriptwriter), Ayazingca Jikwana and Mogau Tladi (Best Supporting Actors), Mpande Luhlongwane (Scriptwriter). Back: Vuyisile Mcanyana (Scriptwriter and director)



Last Cow Standing

Report by **Ms Ulaetha Singh**, *HOD Dramatic Arts*.

The Grade 8s and 9s, and the Grade 10 and 11 Dramatic Arts students were treated to a superb physical theatre performance by Menzi Mkhwane, playwright, actor and director of the play *‘Last Cow Standing’*. For many, this was their first experience of live theatre, theatre in the round and, more especially, a one-man physical theatre performance.

Mkhwane gave a brilliant performance, transforming from character to character with ease and creating many believable characters through clever vocal and physical work. Students were in awe and said they forgot they were watching one actor as Mkhwane painted the landscape through excellent narration as he took us on an incredible journey. The journey of the character Samira, who set out to save the cattle and, hence, the kingdom. A rousing standing ovation expressed the students’ appreciation of this brilliant production.



Community Outreach

KwaNtebeni Comprehensive High School

Community service is an important aspect of education at Kearsney College, and the boys are actively involved in various initiatives to give back to the community. One such project involved the boys assisting KwaNtebeni Comprehensive High School pupils with Mathematics and Science work.

KONKA Conservancy

The boys dedicated their time and effort to removing alien vegetation and clearing the bike trail in the conservancy. Their hard work and dedication have not only helped to preserve the region's biodiversity but have also inspired others to join in the conservation efforts.

Blood Donation

Blood donation is a critical and lifesaving act that helps individuals needing transfusions due to medical conditions, surgeries, and accidents. At Kearsney College, boys are involved in this good cause by participating in blood drives and raising awareness about the importance of donating blood.
Mr Manzini Zungu
Deputy Head

Boots & Balls

The Outreach Initiative of the annual Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival Together with The Sharks, KERF's successful Boots & Balls outreach initiative has collected new and used sports gear, with a focus on rugby gear. All donated kit is sorted, refurbished, and distributed to selected schools and clubs in various regions around KZN.

Once again, participating teams and the public are requested to leave kit in designated collection bins at the main field at this year's Festival.

eThembeni School

Kearsney boys recently took the initiative to assist eThembeni School for disabled children in a heartwarming display of community service. The boys spent a day at the school, rolled up their sleeves, and got stuck in, removing alien plants and weeds, thereby helping to restore the natural beauty of the school grounds.



Equipment and kit was handed over to representatives of beneficiary clubs and schools at the Shark Fest on 17 February at Hollywoodbets Kings Park.



Matric Dance
The Greatest Showman

A beautiful setting was created in the Henderson Hall for a special evening in the life of the Kearsney Matric boys and their partners. The attention to detail was remarkable, fun and tongue-in-cheek.

We thank the parents and staff members who worked tirelessly to create the atmosphere. Grade 11 boys volunteered to be waiters on the evening and we thank them for their participation in the happy event.

The Matric boys were grateful for all that was set up and the wonderful meal served on the night.

The Parents' Society held its annual ball the following evening. Please read the report from the committee.





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Carpe Diem



2024 RUGBY SPONSORSHIP

A big thank you to Halfway Ford Waterfall, Standard Bank and TyreMart Hillcrest for their generous sponsorship of the One-Stripe jersey for the 2024 rugby season.

Chilton Penery, Halfway Ford Waterfall Dealer Principal, handed the jerseys over to the 1st XV Rugby team on Monday, 04 March 2024 ahead of their first fixture against Maritzburg College on 09 March 2024.

#KearsneyCollege #carpediem #OneStripe #halfwayfordwaterfall #fordwaterfall #dealeroftheyear

Pictured: Mr Chilton Penery – Halfway Ford Waterfall Dealer Principal and Anele Cele – Head of School and One Stripe Captain



As the excitement for KERF 2024 grows, the Kearsney College Foundation would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of the festival.

Headline Sponsor – Standard Bank
Founding Partner – The Sharks and The Sharks Academy
Tier 1 Sponsor – Halfway Ford Waterfall
Tier 2 Sponsor – Nashua, who will be providing Wi-Fi for the event.

Our gratitude extends to SAB | THRISTI | Empact Group | Busamed Hillcrest Hospital | EatFresh | TyreMart and Barrows.

Without the support of our valued sponsors, we would not be able to host the festival.

KERF vendors paid with SnapScan

The Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival is cashless. Teams, officials and spectators are advised that SnapScan or cards must be used to purchase food, drinks and merchandise. Please download the app before the festival.

What is SnapScan?

SnapScan is a free app that lets you pay with your phone quickly and safely. The app uses the phone camera to scan a SnapCode. Each of the vendors at the festival will have a unique SnapCode to allow you to pay. SnapScan works with any South African bank and most international credit cards.

Should you have any queries please contact the Foundation office on 031 765 9600 or foundation@kearsney.com.

2024 Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival Pre-Paid Tickets

In another first for the festival, spectators can purchase tickets ahead of time on quicket.co.za and "beat the queue" <https://qkt.io/v6k70X>

Gate entry for pre-purchased tickets will be through the Hopkins Field gate on the South side of the campus, at the end of Botha Road. No cash tickets can be purchased at this gate.



Our festival app "Kearsney Events" is live and available in the iStore and Google Play store. The app provides festival news, including team information, fixtures, results, match reports, etc.

KZN Water Polo

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected to represent KZN Water Polo at the upcoming Currie Cup Competitions:

U18 Currie Cup:
14-17 March in East London
Luca Sandri (absent)
James Pohl (Vice-captain)
Non-Travelling reserve - Blake Kruger

U16 Currie Cup:
27 - 31 March in East London
Levi Thom
Oliver Ludwig (captain)
Thomas Francke
Thomas Aylward
Non-Travelling reserve - Max Mills



L-R: Thomas Aylward, Thomas Francke, James Pohl, Blake Kruger, Oliver Ludwig, Levi Thom and Max Mills

James Pohl, Vice-captain of KZN U18 Currie Cup team



Oliver Ludwig - Captain KZN U16 Currie Cup team



Water Polo season

The water polo season at Kearsney has been one of triumph and success, with the 1st team leading the charge with an unbeaten record. Their dominance in the pool was undeniable, as they showcased their skill and teamwork in every match.

A highlight of the season was the 1st team's victory in the prestigious Reef Cup Tournament, solidifying their status as a force to be reckoned with in schoolboy water polo. Their determination and resilience were on full display as they battled fiercely against formidable opponents, emerging victorious with an impressive display of talent and strategy.

Individual awards

The following boys were selected in the 'All Stars Team':
Thomas Aylward
Elihle Hadebe
Blake Kruger
James Pohl
Elihle Hadebe was awarded Goalkeeper of the Tournament.

The U15A side added to the College's accolades by clinching the title at the Indigo Tournament, further cementing Kearsney's reputation as a powerhouse in water polo at all levels. Clement Makelele was named as defender of the tournament.

All teams in Kearsney's water polo programme enjoyed a successful season, with each squad demonstrating significant improvement and competitive spirit. Whether it was the 1st team's unbeaten run, the U15A side's tournament triumph, or the collective achievements of the programme, Kearsney's water polo season was a testament to the dedication, hard work, and passion of its athletes and coaches alike.



Swimming

The swimming season at Kearsney was marked by consistent group participation in every gala and notable performances in age group events. The team's dedication and hard work were evident as they took to the pool with determination and focus.

Throughout the season, Kearsney's swimmers demonstrated their skills and abilities, showcasing their talent in various events. Their commitment to training and improvement was evident in their performances, reflecting their passion for the sport.

As the season comes to a close, the swimming team can look back on their accomplishments with pride. Their efforts have contributed to their individual growth and strengthened the team, setting a solid foundation for future success.

Photos are from the closely contended inter-house gala in February.

- Results:**
Sheffield 1st (426)
Finningley 2nd (424)
Pembroke 3rd (376) and
Gillingham 4th (361)



Senior Victor Ludorum, Luca Sandri (Sheffield)



Cricket

Report by Mr Dean Moodley, MIC - Cricket.

Ihlobo Cricket Festival

Kearsney hosted the Ihlobo Cricket Festival this year from 08 to 11 January. The Kearsney 1st XI beat St John's by three wickets [Veenstra 46, Weyer 3/36], beat Uplands by 147 runs [O'Donovan 81, Veenstra 44], beat St Alban's by seven wickets [Veenstra 55*], beat Clifton by 50 runs [De Jager 76, Veenstra 35] and beat Falcon College (Zim) by 11 runs [Coetzee 71, O'Donovan 52 and 3/15]. This was a great start to the season and a good run for the team.

Local season

Kearsney played Glenwood in the first game of the regular season, and we won four out of the four games, with the 1st XI, 2nd XI, U14A and U14B all recording impressive wins.

Ross Coetzee scored a fine 107, in the loss against DHS in week 2, and the 1st XI, U15A and U14A games were abandoned due to lightning in week 3 against Hilton. The 1st XI and U14A teams recorded excellent wins against Westville Boys' High in week 4.

In week 5, Kearsney, Hilton, and Michaelhouse played a triangular 100-ball fixture, and the teams, especially the lower ones, enjoyed playing this format with pink cricket balls.

St Alban's Festival

The 1st XI participated in the St Alban's Festival from 22 to 25 February. The team beat St Benedict's by eight wickets [Veenstra 50*, Coetzee 38*, Khambule 3/11, Browning 3/16], beat St Andrew's by two wickets [Coetzee 73*, Khambule 4/40, O'Donovan 3/8] and lost to Helpmekaar by 35 runs. The highlight has to be the 56-run victory over St Sithians, rated the number 1 team in the country [Coetzee 87 and 5/17, de Oliveira 38].

W100

Kearsney participated in the KZN High Schools Cricket Association W100 competition, where our 1st XI, U16A, U15A and U14A teams played in the 100-ball format on Wednesdays. The 1st XI recorded wins against Westville Boys' High, DHS, Westville (second time), Northwood and Clifton College, and qualified for the final by finishing top of the log table.

The U14A team lost only one game (to Westville Boys' High) and finished second on their log table, qualifying for the final. The U15A team narrowly missed out on the final on net run-rate and the U16A team performed admirably despite finishing 4th on their log table.



Sandiswa Yeni



U15As Mpilwenhle Mthethwa



W100 final



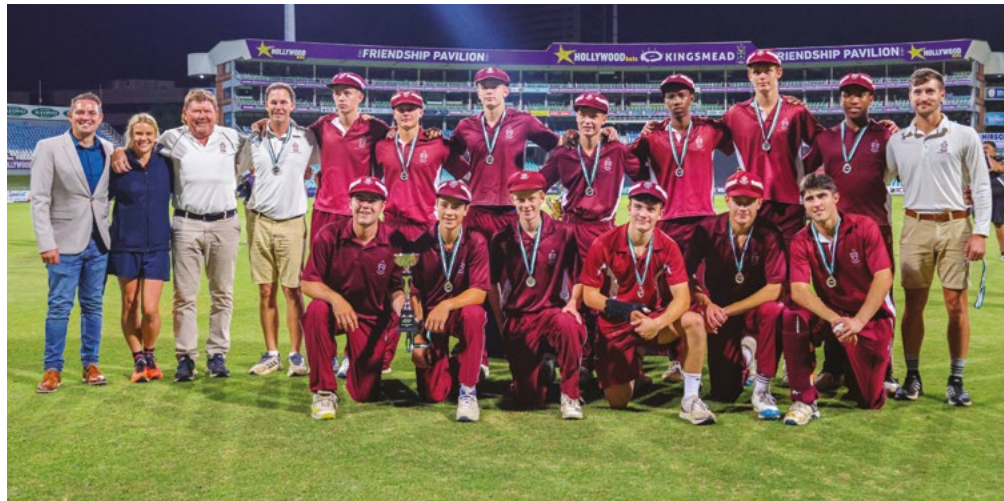
Cameron Veenstra

Ryan Browning





Above: Jack O'Donovan, 1st team captain, and Mr Dean Moodley
Left: U14 Matthew Rice was awarded MVP



Above left: Victorious U14 A team at W100 final at Kingsmead
Left: 1st team at W100 final at Kingsmead

W100 Cricket Finals

The KZN finals were played at Kingsmead on Wednesday 28 February, and both the 1st XI and U14A played against Westville Boys' High. The U14A team only posted 106 runs in their innings but fielded brilliantly and bowled Westville out for 101 to be crowned champions of the U14 age group. Matthew Rice was named the Most Valuable Player of that final for his excellent fielding and bowling figures of 2/18.

The 1st XI batted first in their final and posted the highest score in the competition, 148, with Jack O'Donovan top scoring with a brilliant 92* of just 49 balls. The boys gave it their all in the field, and Sandiswa Yeni bowled exceptionally well, posting 2/18, but they came up short in the last over of the match, enabling Westville to win by five wickets. Jack O'Donovan was named the batsman of the final at the awards ceremony.

Season summary

This has been a great season thus far. The 1st XI won 14, lost 3 and drew 2 of the 19 games they played, with Ross Coetzee scoring 698 runs at an average of 77. Cameron Veenstra has scored 591 runs at an average of 50. Ryan Browning, Jack O'Donovan and Asavela Khambule have taken 21 wickets each this term. The U14A team won 10, lost 1 and drew 1 game of the 12 games they played and continue to grow as a team. All teams, players and coaches must be congratulated on a fine season, where the boys never gave up due to the hard work of their coaches.



Squash tour to Bloemfontein

The 1st Squash Team travelled to the 30th annual St Andrew's Squash Festival in Bloemfontein over the weekend of the 11th of February. The event, played in hot, dry conditions at altitude, draws over 25 boys' squash teams from around the country. Our boys achieved the following results:

- Beat St Stithians 5-1
- Lost to Grey College 4-2
- Beat St John's on a game count (3 matches each)
- Lost to Pretoria Boys High 5-1
- Lost to Zwartkops 6-0



Top: U16 Pabatso Sithole
Above: Sinqobile Buthelezi.

Basketball

Basketball this term was intense and there has been so much activity throughout. We consistently had 21 teams participating in inter-schools fixtures each weekend. The games are played in good spirit and are always competitive.

Kearsney is blessed to have an incredible group of coaches who are enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the game, which has helped us remain one of the top basketball programmes in the country. It has been pleasing to see how much more competitive our 'B' and 'C' teams are, demonstrating the depth in playing personnel that has been created.



Motheo Ramoriting



Luca Borrageiro

KZN Tennis Selection

Congratulations to the boys selected for KZN tennis teams.

- U19B Jason Denekamp
- U15B Noah Haskell and Max East



L-R: Noah Haskell, Max East, Jason Denekamp

We were privileged to have Mr Craig Gilchrist help with specialised big-man training - his impact has been immense.

This term, we participated in several tournaments: The 1st team in the J Orchard Tournament (Pmb) and St John's Tournament (Jhb); the U16As in the St Stithians Tournament; U15As in the St John's Tournament; and, for the first time, the U14A will be participating in the Jeppe Tournament. While the results from the tournaments have not been as good as they could have been, the teams gave a good account of themselves and represented the College with dignity and passion.

The various teams' growth has been good, and if the players continue working hard in the off-season, it will set them up nicely for the second half of the year.

Gerrie Berner Tennis Festival at Paul Roos, Stellenbosch

Report by Mr Naresh Mahabeer, Coach.

The Gerrie Berner Tennis Festival took place from 15-17 February 2024. The top 12 tennis-playing schools in South Africa were invited to this prestigious tournament and the teams were put through their paces from the round robin to the final stage.

The following boys represented Kearsney College 1st Team: Finn Coningham, Keegan Gevers (Captain), Jason Denekamp, Connor van Heerden, Angus Fyvie, Luke Treleven and Max East.

In the round robin phase Kearsney lost to Hoërskool Outeniqua, St Stithians College, Grey College and Paul Roos Gimnasium. However, Kearsney showed resilience by beating King Edward School in a tough tie. In the final positional playoffs, Kearsney played against Oakdale College to ultimately finish in 9th position.

Exposure to the high standard of tennis was a highlight of the tournament, enabling the team to gain valuable experience.



2024 Sons of Old Boys

At the start of term, we welcomed 18 sons of Old Boys to Kearsney College, many of whom have extensive family ties.

L-R: Avuyile Vilakazi, Thomas Waldburger, Ryan McHugh, Ross McHugh, Zac Hickman, Alexander Cathcart Kay, Tayne Collingwood, Zac Verbaan, William Lamb, Daniel McKeown, Luka Vidas, Connor Gaines, Asher de Rauville, Drew Verbaan, Nathan Ivey, Dingaun Buthelezi & Cole Clark.
Absent: Bevan Cole and Gary Verbaan



Johannesburg Branch Function

The Annual Johannesburg Branch Function was held at Higher Ground at St Sthians on 23 February.

Familiar and new faces gathered to hear an update from the Hill from Headmaster, Mr Patrick Lees. It's always great to kick the year off with an evening of camaraderie amongst the Gauteng-based Old Boys and parents.



Johannesburg branch function

KZN Business Networking Breakfast

The KCOB Durban Branch hosted its KZN Business Networking Breakfast on 28 February. Members of the Kearsney Community gathered to share their company information and career paths to build future collaborations.

Thank you to Brett Gentles (Pembroke, 2000) for having us at his restaurant; 3603 in Gillitts.

KCOB Basketball

On Saturday, 20 January the KCOB Basketball teams returned to the Hill to battle against the boys of the College.

The KCOB 'Seconds' took to the courts first, facing the Kearsney College U16A Squad. Despite a valiant effort from the Old Boys, the energy of the younger players secured them a 40 – 21 victory.



KCOB 2nd team

A special shout-out to KCOB Napo 'Eddy' Ramodibedi (Pembroke, 1999), who took to the court and played against his son, Kabo Ramodibedi in Grade 9!

The KCOB first team included a few new faces as they faced Kearsney's first team. And what a game! The scores ran evenly until the last two rounds, when the

Old Boys' experience gave them a slight advantage, securing a 40 – 33 win. Thank you to Mr Myles Delpont (MIC of Basketball), Coach Nhlanhla Dlamini, the referees and all the staff involved in making this event a success.



KCOB 1st team with Kearsney players

Kearsney College Parents' Society

Annual Ball - Saturday 02 March

"The noblest art is that of making others happy." PT Barnum

When "The Greatest Showman" is the theme for an event, the stage has been set for a memorable evening. The KCPS annual Ball is always the highlight of the parents' social calendar, making use of the hall decorated for the Matric Dance to help share costs and raise funds for society projects. This year the décor team pulled out all the stops to create a venue that was quite simply the stuff of 'a million dreams'.

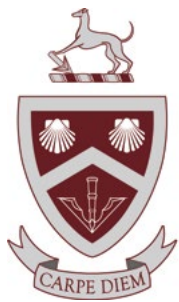


Tukkies Whippets Night

On 22 February, the inaugural 'Tukkies Whippets Night' was held. It is a social gathering for KCOB from 2015 – 2023, aimed at keeping KCOB connected through their varsity years. Over 40 young men were present to celebrate the start of the academic year and reminisce about their time on the Hill.

Thank you to the Headmaster, Mr Patrick Lees, Deputy Headmaster, Mr Peter Kirsten, and Mr André van Zyl for sharing the evening with the Old Boys.





KEARSNEY COLLEGE Foundation

The Foundation's primary goal is to actively seek and secure external funding for the College to support and advance the endowment fund. This is achieved by loyal Kearsney supporters contributing through collective giving initiatives, namely Class Funds and Monthly Donors; support for the MySchool and School-Days programmes; corporates donating to our ring-fenced B-BBEE Fund; once-off financial donations to the Endowment; and signing up to be a Kearsney Legacy Society member.

In this, our first News & Views for 2024, the Kearsney College Foundation would like to encourage you to become involved in one or more of the following initiatives.

Class Funds – I am because we are

A special thank you to our generous monthly Class Fund donors; many of whom have been donating for many years. Class Fund donations benefit the Kearsney Bursary & Scholarship programme and allows the College to attract boys with exceptional talent and support boys that require financial assistance.

Collective giving through class funds is a way many people can make a difference by giving back; gifts can start at R50 per month via debit order. As the Kearsney College Trust is a registered PBO, donations are eligible for a Section 18a tax certificate.

Should you wish to start a Class Fund for your sons' year or enquire as to whether you sons' class has an active fund to which you could contribute, please contact the Foundation office on foundation@kearsney.com or call us on 031 765 9600.

We also encourage all Kearsney College Old Boys who are celebrating an anniversary reunion year in the run-up to the 2024 Founders Week to challenge each other and see how many new sign-ups each year can get. If a class year does not have a Class Fund, we can help you set one up.



Support the College by supporting MySchool and School-Days

As we head into the Easter holidays, we remind Kearsney families and friends to "swipe" your MySchool and School-Days "card" at all participating stores. Funds raised from these loyalty programmes are allocated to the Kearsney College Bursary and Scholarship Fund.

We would love to see the number of supporters for the School-Days programme grow. Please register for School-Days using the QR code attached (follow the prompts).

To register for MySchool, follow this link: <https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register> or contact the Foundation office with any queries.



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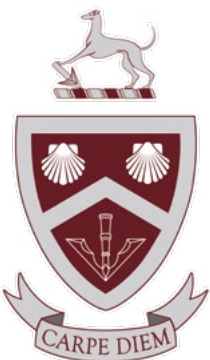
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Thought for the Moment

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

While writing my matric final exams (many years ago), I taught myself to juggle. Perhaps it was a simple distraction, but maybe it was a practical expression of what life often feels like – a serious juggle! We all know the feeling in our own lives of having to manage a range of different things all at once, and we all see it in our children, who also have to learn these skills. When life feels overwhelming, scripture reminds us of some truths that do not change. Psalm 46 says, 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble' and the invitation at the end of the Psalm is to 'Come and see what God has done' and then 'Be still and know that I am God'. As we head into the Easter holidays, may you find space at the foot of the cross to put down the juggling balls and see what God has done in the death and life of Jesus - the hope that is offered to each of us. And then may you be still, finding peace and strength in the gift of Jesus – who, through his death and resurrection, has won for us abundant life.

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