

KEARSNEY COLLEGE News & Views

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33 Kearsney Sportsmen selected for KZN in Basketball, Hockey and Rugby.

See page 2 for all the details.



SA U16 Water Polo

We proudly report that Thomas Aylward (right) and Thomas Francke (centre) have been selected to represent South Africa in the Men's U16 Water Polo World Championship in Malta from 18 to 24 June. Oliver Ludwig was selected as a non-travelling reserve.

Congratulations to these boys on this incredible achievement.



SA Basketball selections

Lubanzi Mseleku and Ayanda Khanye have been selected for the South African U15 Basketball team. Well done, on this excellent achievement.

Choir off to Germany and Spain

Our beloved choir is hard at work preparing for another concert tour and competition, this time in Germany and Spain. The tour will see the choir performing in magnificent theatres and concert halls in cities like Bremen, Hamburg, Hannover, Lüneburg, Hagen, Barcelona and Lloret-de-Mar.

The German tour has been organised by the Rainbow Agency, a non-profit organisation that endeavours to promote South African culture and artists in Germany. The tour's patron is Hon. Horst Köhler, former president of Germany. The South African Ambassador in Germany is supporting the tour, which will mark the 30th anniversary of democracy and freedom in our country.





Academic Tour to the UK and Italy

*Report by **Mr Andrew Morgan** and **Mr Bongi Ndaba**, Tour Leaders.*

Twenty-nine pupils and three teachers from the IsiZulu and English Departments were privileged to be part of a two-week academic tour to Italy and the UK. In Italy, the tourists visited Venice, Florence and Rome (St Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museums, The Roman Forum and The Colosseum, The Spanish Steps, The Trevi Fountain, The Pantheon and the Piazza Navona). Continued on page 3.

KZN Coastals Hockey Selections

Congratulations to the Kearsney boys who have been selected for provincial hockey teams, as well as the four coaches selected for KZN Hockey roles.

KZN U18A: Matthew Mendes de Oliveira, Thomas McKenzie
KZN U18B: Sandiswa Yeni
KZN U18C: Liam Johnson
KZN U16A: Dylan Forbes, Keegan de Jager, Bonga Maphanga
KZN U16B: Jonty Wiggett
KZN U16C: Aaron Blackburn, Luke Mendes de Oliveira, Tom du Plessis
KZN U14A: Cruz Reynolds, Christo Badenhorst
KZN U14B: Ross McHugh, Thomas Schulze
KZN U14C: Daniel McKeown

Kearsney staff selections:
KZN U14B Manager: Awande Sikhosana
KZN U16A Assistant Coach: Ashley Kemp
KZN U16A Video Analyst: Adin Bennett
KZN U16B Assistant Coach: Sean-Michael Ceronio



KZN Rugby Selections

Congratulations to the players and staff members selected for various provincial teams.

U18 Craven week: Cameron Veenstra
U17 Rhino Week: Aya Jikwana and Doan Nel
U16 Grant Khomo: Luke Faure, Nhlanhla Ndlovu, Lwazi Mbebe and Lwandle Mkhize
U16B: Sinothile Nkuku
U15 Rhino Week: Clement Mokulele, Cebisile Zulu, Tunga Griffiths, Robert Gelderman and Daniel Miskey
U15B: James Whatmore



Kearsney staff selections:
U18 Craven week:
Mr Divesh Sookdeo - Team Manager
Mr Grant Daniels - Team Physiotherapist
U17 Rhino Week:
Mr Terrence Boyce - Team manager
U16 Grant Khomo:
Mr Kwanele Ngema - Head Coach
Mr Cebo Mthembu - Team Physiotherapist



KZN Basketball selections

Congratulations to Itumeleng Kubheka (left), Lubanzi Mseleku (centre) and Ayanda Khanye, who were selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Basketball Association (KZNBSA) U15 team.

Lubanzi and Ayanda went on to be selected for the Basketball South Africa U15 team. Well done, boys, on this excellent achievement. SA Reps pictured on page 1.

Choir Tour

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Concerts in Germany
29 June – Lüneberg
30 June – Bremen
02 July – Hagen
05 July – Hamburg (sold out)
06 July – Hannover
Concerts in Spain
09 and 10 July

The choir will participate in the Golden Voices Choral Competition in Spain, where we will compete in two categories: Youth Choirs of Equal Voices and Folklore.

We wish the boys and staff a successful trip. Follow the tour on the tour blog, available on www.kearsney.com.

Academic Tour to the UK and Italy

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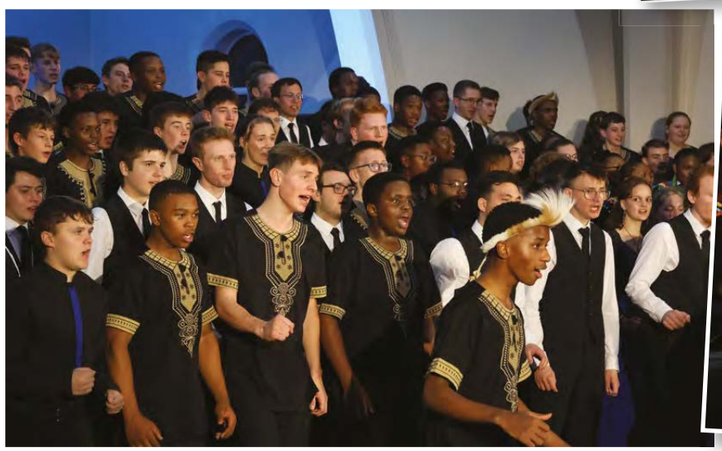
In the UK, the fortunate boys got to experience the Churchill War Rooms, Westminster Abbey, The British Museum, a show at the Duchess Theatre, Tower of London, The Globe Theatre, a performance of Othello at the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse, Madame Tussauds, Stonehenge, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick Castle and Windsor Castle.

A highlight of the visit to Oxford University was a tour around the university led by Kearsney Old Boy Dr Wakithi Mabaso (Class of 2013), who was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to attend Oxford in 2022 to read for an MSc in Global Health Science and Epidemiology, followed by an MSc in Clinical and Therapeutic Neuroscience. Dr Mabaso had graduated cum laude from the University of Cape Town with an MBChB degree. What an amazing opportunity and inspiration for our boys.





Choir activities in Term 2





Three Choirs in Concert

The Kearsney College Choir and Orchestra are honoured to receive invitations from international music ensembles to share the stage with our boys. Continuing an annual tradition at the College, this year we welcomed a Youth Choir from Germany, the Neue Kammerchor Heidenheim, for a joint concert with the Kearsney College Choir and the KZN Youth Choir. This memorable event took place in the Kearsney Chapel on 28 May.

The Chapel was filled to capacity, with a festive atmosphere created by the Kearsney Choir parents, who provided food and drinks for sale and enhanced the ambience with special lighting.

Our European visitors delivered a captivating programme of choral highlights that spanned various musical styles and periods. The KZN Youth Choir gave their first solo performance of the year, earning great acclaim and appreciation from the audience. The Kearsney boys showcased their signature high-energy, vibrant musical style, enthralling the audience and our new friends from Germany with their coordinated choreography and spirited singing.

This event was a true celebration of music and community and is certainly one not to be missed in the future.

Rustenburg Girls' High visits Kearsney

On 17 June, the music ensembles from Rustenburg Girls' High School in Cape Town visited Kearsney College to perform a concert for our boys and staff. This visit was a result of our Choir's tour to Cape Town in 2023, where they performed at Rustenburg Girls' High.

The girls entertained our College with captivating performances by their orchestra and choir. In appreciation, our Choir sang a song of thanks as everyone enjoyed lunch together, marking a memorable exchange of musical talent and friendship.

French Revolution-themed evening

*Report by **Mr Neil Peacock**, HOD History.*



The Kearsney College History Department hosted the Grade 10 girls of St Mary's and enjoyed a French Revolution-themed evening. The Grade 10 boys and girls (and staff) got into the spirit of the occasion by dressing up in period costumes. A splendidly decorated Greyhound Pavilion was reminiscent of the Court of Versailles, and the Kearsney caterers served a delicious three-course French menu.





Prizes were awarded to those boys and girls who stood out in their costumes, while a fun French Revolution Quiz was held, with prizes awarded to the winning team. Well done to everyone involved in making the evening such a great success!

High Schools History Quiz

Kearsney entered four teams in the annual KZN High Schools History Quiz hosted by Clifton on 17 April. In a tightly contested competition between approximately 20 schools from across KZN, only a handful of points separated the top four teams. Our Grade 9 team, comprised of Christopher Oellermann, Misa Buthelezi, and Alexander Nortje, achieved 3rd place overall, while our Grade 10 team, consisting of Ross Prinsloo, Connor McKeown and Thomas Blomfield, achieved 4th place overall.



Kearsney College Careers Expo

*Report by **Ms Kerry-Jane Coleman**, Organiser.*

Kearsney welcomed 76 exhibitors to the 10th annual Careers Expo. The Expo provides a wonderful on-campus opportunity for students and parents and is the biggest in South Africa. This year it attracted 3,150 students and parents from over 39 high schools.

As part of Kearsney's outreach programme, the school bused pupils from our outreach partner schools to attend the expo, and Kearsney provided them with a meal upon arrival. Kearsney also worked closely with the Department of Education, which identified eight schools from the Hammarsdale and Cato Ridge area to attend.

The expo assists with choosing tertiary institutions. It allows pupils to engage with people and companies directly involved in careers that may interest them, as well as overseas opportunities and bursaries.



Outreach:
Preparing Boys for the Outside World

*Report by **Mr Manzini Zungu**, Deputy Head: Pastoral Care, Community Relations and T&D.*



Engaging young boys in community service fosters responsibility, discipline and service. Interaction with diverse individuals enhances teamwork and leadership skills, preparing them for real-world challenges with empathy and adaptability.

Community Service Activities in Term 2:

Cleaning Beaches: Essential for preserving vital ecosystems and protecting biodiversity from pollution.
Blood Donations: Provided 77 pints, supporting accident victims, surgical patients, and those with life-threatening illnesses.
Maths Tutoring at KwaNtebeni: Every Friday Kearsney boys assist in developing learners' numerical skills, problem-solving abilities and critical thinking.
Donations: Contributed furniture, clothes, and toys to organisations such as LIV Village, Hillcrest AIDS Centre, Ingane Yami, SPCA and Siyabusiswa orphanage.

Through community service, boys cultivate empathy, compassion, and an understanding of humanity's interconnectedness.



Boys visit the largest floating book fair

*Report by **Mrs Hayley De Marigny**, Media Centre Manager.*

The world's largest floating book fair, the MV Logos Hope, docked in Durban at the Nelson Mandela Cruise Terminal on 07 May 2024. This incredible fair features over 5,000 titles and is staffed entirely by non-salaried volunteers, including professionals like seafarers, engineers, electricians, nurses, teachers, and cooks.

Our students had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a private tour of the ship, gaining insight into the vital volunteer work carried out globally by this dedicated team. The following boys attended the book fair, accompanied by Mrs De Marigny and Mrs Bezuidenhout: Caden Moodley, Mathieson McGlynn, Oscar Milne, Akim Nsingo, Ryan McHugh, Jonathan Ellison and Chace Abrahams.



Grade 10 Life Sciences Field Trip

*Report by **Mr Dougan Macdonald**, HOD Life Sciences.*

At the end of Term 1, the Grade 10 Life Sciences classes visited Tala Game Reserve for a re-cap on the ecology and environment section of the syllabus.

The game drive allowed unrestricted access to much of the reserve, and the information and discussions facilitated by the guides were invaluable for revising the classroom part of the topic.

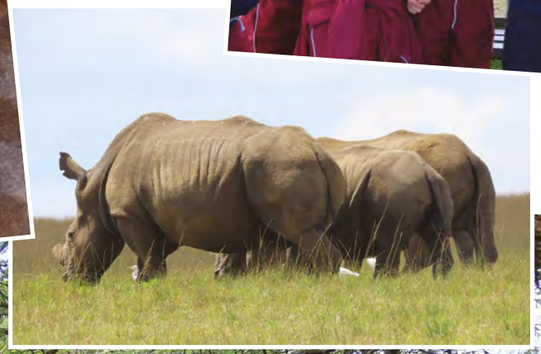
A bonus was the informative and relatable talk and demonstration of various snakes and why they should not be feared. The stars of the demonstration were a house snake or two, a ball-python, a puff adder and a rather large African Rock python.

It was a fantastic morning out and underlined the importance of the environment and our custodial responsibilities.











Shakespeare In Love

*Report by **Mrs Emily Stockil-Smith**, Assistant Director; Drama Teacher.*

This year, the Drama department had the incredible privilege of working with director Mr Peter Court on our school production '*Shakespeare In Love*'. With a cast of over 40 boys, this mammoth show was a massive success and was hailed as a visual masterpiece with standout performances from our exceptional cast.

The experience of working with a stalwart of South African theatre, like Mr Court, was an opportunity for our boys to learn, grow and understand the nature of theatre and playmaking in a real and practical way. Perhaps Mr Court says it best in his letter to our Headmaster: 'I think what was accomplished by the students, the team spirit and the ambition, was amazing. Having directed productions at many other boys' schools in the province, one of the major observations I have made about Drama and performance at Kearsney is how inclusive it is. Productions aren't done by a small group of boys who only do Drama and nothing else at the school - at Kearsney, everyone is included and is given a chance on stage and many of the boys watching the production celebrated their friends on stage afterwards.'







Joshua to Compete in Prestigious Music Final

Joshua Griffiths (Grade 11) advanced to the final round in the highly prestigious Yamaha Music Competition 2024. The final round will take place on 09 June at the World of Yamaha Theater in Johannesburg. Joshua advanced through two previous rounds and is now one of three brass competitors remaining in the 12-17 years category.

Joshua and his trumpet teacher, Mr Jonas Brolin (HoD Music), have worked together since 2019.

"This is an amazing achievement and a wonderful experience for Josh and the music department at Kearsney," says Mr Brolin.

Joshua is currently the principal trumpeter for both the KZN Youth Orchestra and the Kearsney College Orchestra. He will perform *Slaviche Fantasie*, written by the German composer Carl Höhne. We wish him all the best on this adventure and a cracking final performance.

Roshan Chakane Doctorate in Musical Arts

Congratulations to Roshan Chakane (Class of 2007) on completing his doctorate at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA. He is an organist, pianist, and musical director. Roshan's dissertation focused on the South African composer and key player Surendran Reddy, who termed the genre Clazz - an amalgamation of classical and jazz elements in music.

Rochan came to Kearsney from Drakensberg Boys' Choir School (DBCS). After matriculating, Roshan undertook a gap year at DBCS before starting his undergraduate studies at the University of Stellenbosch University, where he studied for a Bachelor of Music specialising in Organ Performance. After that, Roshan continued his studies in the USA, graduating with a Masters in Organ Performance from Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts.



International Exchange

On the morning of 19 April, the Grade 10s gathered to welcome international exchange visitors to the College. As is tradition, William Fitzhugh, Christian Hawkey and Gruff Hamer (from Oswestry School, England), and Daniel Clarke, Matthew Flynn, Alex Morley and Darragh Redmond (from Catholic University School, Ireland) raised their flags, which will fly over the College for the duration of their visit.

This was our first exchange with Oswestry, and their coordinator, Mr Oliver Leaver, joined us for the first week to ensure everything went smoothly. During Mr Leaver's visit, the boys enjoyed an exciting day at PheZulu, experiencing a safari drive to see local wildlife.

All seven boys have proven to be outstanding ambassadors for their schools. They have immersed themselves in our sports and academic programmes, even tackling some of our examinations! Our Kearsney students have been fantastic hosts, and their hospitality has been deeply appreciated. This exchange has been a wonderful experience, fostering friendships and cultural appreciation. We hope to see the boys again soon.





Above: Three incoming exchange students from Oswestry School, England, with Mrs Charlene Elliott (Teacher-in-Charge of Exchange), their Kearsney exchange partners and Mr Oliver Leaver of Oswestry.

Left: Headmaster, Mr Lees, at the flag-raising ceremony with the pupils from Catholic University School, Ireland.

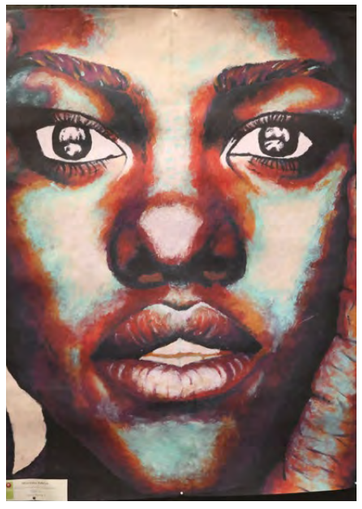
Culture@Kearsney Art Exhibition

*Report by **Mrs Joanne Hicks**, HOD Visual Art.*

The annual Culture@Kearsney art exhibition presented a vibrant collection of student artworks from Kearsney and many surrounding schools demonstrating creativity and technical skill. This exhibition provides a platform for all KZN learners to exhibit and participate and this year the artworks did not disappoint. The exhibition featured a diverse array of mediums, including painting, sculpture, and digital art. Each piece was thoughtfully displayed, allowing the audience to fully appreciate the intricate details and unique perspectives of the young artists.

One of the standout sections of the showcase was the painting collection, where students from all participating schools explored a wide range of themes with the notable presence of highly sophisticated portraiture. The work was mature and thought-provoking. Seeing so many students at the opening to socialise and see each other's work was wonderful.

At the opening, an informal artwork was created, which was a fun and interactive way for attending students to collaborate. Overall, the exhibition was a testament to the incredible talent and creativity of the students, leaving attendees inspired and eager for next year's event.







Dale Carnegie Term 1

*Report by **Mrs Maryke Venter**, Teacher in Charge: Dale Carnegie.*

The Dale Carnegie *Generation.Next* training focusses on skills for future success, showing young people how to tap into the best parts of themselves to create positive change. Dale Carnegie wisely said that people rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing. This was no understatement with our group of 31 Grade 11 pupils, as they thoroughly enjoyed this course and learned valuable lessons about themselves and their peers.

The Dale Carnegie *Generation.Next* youth leadership course was facilitated by Mrs Prevani Goodwin. Dedication and perseverance were necessary to complete the eight modules over the term. Caden Moodley was awarded the Highest Achievement Award. Caden not only portrayed exemplary leadership skills, but also walked the talk of the Dale Carnegie principles. He also completed this journey with the five drivers of success, which include leadership principles, effective communication, self-confidence, and how to reduce stress and improve attitude. Caden is a well-deserved recipient of this award.

We congratulate all our Grade 11s who completed this course last term. As the leaders of tomorrow who will make a real difference, you have made us proud!





Swedish Exchange Programme Visit

Report by Mr Jonas Brolin, HOD Music.

It was with joy and excitement we hosted seven music students from the Academy of Music, Gothenburg. From a personal point of view, seeing a Volvo or Thule backpack makes me happy, but the true pleasure of hearing dialects in my mother tongue always put a big smile on my face. The seven students observed a workshop with the choir and orchestra where they taught our Kearsney boys a Swedish drinking song - and for the record, I have never sung it! They finished the day with a fruitful Q&A session with our Grade 11 music students before heading to Hluhluwe to spend time in a rural school area. Hopefully this can be the beginning of an exchange programme for our boys to visit Gothenburg and teach the Swedes about South African culture.

We thank Mr Kevin Gordon from The Studio for organising this wonderful exchange.



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Rugby season

*Report by **Mr Keegan Daniels**, Director of Rugby.*

Preparation for the 2024 rugby season saw our 1st and 2nd teams travel to Bethlehem for two fixtures, against Witteberg Hoërskool and Hentie Cilliers.

In our first seasonal fixture, we hosted Maritzburg College. All our teams played well, and there were some excellent results. The highlight of the day was a last-minute penalty from Daniel Eager, securing the One-Stripe victory and a two-point victory.

Our U14A and U16A teams participated in the Skonk Nicholson Festival hosted by Maritzburg College. The U14s were unbeaten, and the U16s won two of their three games. The U15A team participated in the Michaelhouse Festival and was unbeaten.

The annual Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival hosted 14 teams from around the country, which created exciting matchups, and the supporters were not disappointed. Fortunately, we were blessed with incredible weather, which made playing conditions ideal and gave players the opportunity to express themselves. The festival was well supported by locals and guests visiting from out of province.

Our fixture against Glenwood provided a much-needed victory for our 1st and 2nd teams. Both games were tightly contested in wet conditions, but the boys held on for narrow wins.







Sandiswa was honoured with a CSA invitation

Congratulations to Kearsney 1st XI cricketer Sandiswa Yeni, one of six KZN players invited to an exciting CSA (Cricket South Africa) fast bowlers' camp.

Hockey season

*Report by **Mr Keegan Pearce**, Director of Hockey.*

This hockey season has been marked by continued participation and success for Kearsney College across various levels and festivals. We've continued our tradition of attending the Founders Hockey Festivals at the U14, U16, and 1st Team levels, where our players showcased their skills and dedication to the sport.

At the highly competitive KES Easter Festival, our 1st Team demonstrated its strength by winning three out of five games against some of the best schoolboy teams in the country. Moreover, our 1st Team has maintained an impressive record throughout the season, losing only one local KZN match so far.

Special mention must go to Matthew Mendes De Oliveira, Thomas McKenzie, and Lithabe Shweni, who have achieved an incredible milestone of 50 caps for the 1st Team. This accomplishment highlights their dedication and contribution to Kearsney.

Additionally, our 2nd XI and U16C teams have been standout performers this season, showcasing talent and determination.

We are immensely proud of the 16 boys chosen to represent KZN this year, particularly Matthew Mendes De Oliveira and Thomas McKenzie, who earned spots in the KZN U18A team. Their selection is a testament to their skill and hard work.

All our players have displayed exemplary sportsmanship and commitment this season. We commend the efforts of our 12 hockey teams, which have competed weekly across the province, and thank the committed coaches, who have shown great care and challenged the boys each week.



SA Junior Swimming Champs

Congratulations to Luca Sandri and James Beningfield on their fantastic performances at the SA National Junior (SANJ) Age Group Championships held at Kings Park towards the end of Term 1.

Luca Sandri (below left) won Gold in the Men's U19 200m Breaststroke, and James Beningfield (below right) made five finals and earned a bronze medal in the U16 50m freestyle.







KZN Players' Golf Championship

Congratulations to Reece Brown on coming second at the KZN Players' Championship at Maritzburg Golf Club. His rounds of minus 1, minus seven and minus 1 earned him a spot in a playoff, which he lost on the second playoff hole.

Congratulations also go to Matthew Gouws, who tied for tenth place.

Kearsney Golf Team

Congratulations to the 1st Golf Team for coming 2nd at the Affies Golf Festival. They lost to Paarl Boys High in the final at Serengeti Golf Estate. Players pictured above.

Annual Kearsney Tennis Tournament



The 28th annual Kearsney Tennis Tournament was a resounding success, with excellent tennis played in sublime conditions. The fierce competition on the courts was matched with fantastic sportsmanship and friendship off the courts, and all thoroughly enjoyed the event. Congratulations to Westville Boys, who retained the trophy and beat Paul Roos in a repeat of last year's final.

Mr Willows launched the Kearsney Tennis Tournament in 1996, and 2024 is his swansong, as he will be retiring at the end of the year. We thank and honour Mr Willows for his immense contribution to tennis at the College and beyond and recognise his incredible legacy. The Ant Willows Trophy, for Exceptional Tenacity, was introduced this year in his honour. Congratulations to Pretoria Boys on being the first recipients of this award.



Tournament/ Kearsney results
Kearsney beat St Davids 20- 5
Kearsney drew Affies 13-13
Paul Roos beat Kearsney 24-0
Kearsney beat Pretoria Boys 16-3
5th / 6th
Kearsney beat Rondebosch 18-0

Local League Tennis Results:
Kearsney beat Westville 1st team by 10/8
Beat Northwood 1st 18/0
Beat Reddam 1st 18/0

Cross Country

*Report by **Mrs Sue Hotz**, MIC Cross Country.*

The inter-schools cross country league took place during Term 2. Five events were participated in during the term and hosted across the greater Durban area. Our boys ran with enthusiasm, and some were rewarded with excellent results.

Congratulations to the following boys who consistently placed in the top 10 in their age groups:

U17: Nathan Foster, Rory Treleaven, Lwandile Njapha, Aaron Huson, Andrew James, Jason Denekamp
U15: Keagan White

Overall the boys showed great spirit during the season, and it was particularly encouraging to witness their support of one another.



KEARSNEY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

We are looking forward to the Kearsney Soccer Tournament, which will take place from Friday, July 12, to Sunday, July 14. The inaugural tournament in 2023 was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by the players. The 2024 edition will again include three divisions—boys' high schools, girls' high schools and boys' primary schools—and hundreds of players from 34 schools across the country will be joining us for a special weekend of competition, fun and friendship.

There is a wonderful festive atmosphere on campus over this tournament - come on up and enjoy the action.





KEARSNEY HOCKEY FIVES

The Kearsney Hockey Fives, powered by Belgotex, was launched in 2017 and has grown into a hugely popular event. This fast and exciting game format is a hit with players and spectators, and the tournament has established itself as a highlight in the schools' hockey calendar. The 2024 edition will take place from 15 to 19 August and include 26 teams. We will once again have a girls' high schools division, following the huge success of this initiative in 2023, together with boys' high schools and primary schools divisions. Join us on the Hill for some exciting hockey and to enjoy the wonderful, family-friendly atmosphere on campus.

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Gold medal for Mpumi Mhlongo in 100m

Mpumelelo Mhlongo (Class of 2012) won a gold medal in the Men's T44 100m final at the World Para Athletics Champs with an astounding time of 11.36 seconds! His dedication and hard work have truly paid off. We are proud of his incredible achievement. #Kobe2024 #ParaAthletics

Scan the QR code to watch the exciting video from 20 May on Team South Africa on Facebook.



100 caps for Bili for SA Men's Hockey

Congratulations to Bili Ntuli (Class of 2014) on earning his 100th cap for the South African Men's Hockey Team in the FIH Nations Cup match against Poland on 04 June 2024. Bili scored the opening goal in SA's 2-1 victory. Bili's brother Sihle Ntuli (former Kearsney College 1st XI coach), the SA Men's Team Assistant Coach. (Pictured right.)



Cricket: English County and KZN

Kyle Abbott makes Hampshire history

Kyle Abbott punished Vitality County Championship leaders Surrey, taking five for 25 to make Hampshire history on the opening day of their match at Utilita Bowl, the home of Hampshire County Cricket Club, on 24 May.

Surrey, who are going for their third successive Championship crown, were bowled out for 127 in large part due to the efforts of Abbott, who reached 188 first-class wickets on his home ground, eclipsing the previous ground record of 186.

This was Kyle's 38th five-wicket haul of his career.



Kyle Abbott

Wayne Madsen

Wayne Madsen remains Derbyshire's leading batter with 359 runs in nine innings of the County Championship.

Brad Porteous KZN Dolphins Cricket

Congratulations to Brad Porteous (Class of 2016) on being awarded his first full contract with KZN Dolphins Cricket for the 2024/'25 season. Brad captained the Kearsney 1st XI. We wish him all the best.



Brad Porteous - KZN Dolphns

KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL 2023

Brought to you by Standard Bank

We thank our headline sponsor, Standard Bank for their support of our 15th Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival held over the weekend of 28 March 2024 – 01 April 2024

Thank you to our founding partner, The Sharks Academy, for their continued support of this event.

2024 saw the return of Halfway Ford as a Tier 1 sponsor. Halfway Ford continues to enthusiastically support Kearsney rugby, for which we are grateful.

Nashua supported this year's event by providing all guests with seamless and fast Wi-Fi.

To all our product and service sponsors, thank you, and we look forward to an exciting 2025 Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival:

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Parents' Society

What a term it has been!

A few short weeks into Term 2, Emma Rae and her worker bees assembled at Cotswold Downs to host the second KCPS Golf Day. Blessed with glorious weather on a magnificent course, approximately 30 four-balls signed up and teed off in high spirits. And so the day continued…fun and games, some masterful golf and fabulous prizes for everyone. As one of the players put it, "the most fabulous day".

A massive thank you to Mr Marc Ancillotti, who did an exceptional job as our Master of Ceremonies at the prizegiving, Emma Rae, our Golf Day guru and every parent and staff member who helped make the day such a success. Thank you to our sponsors and donors - your generosity will truly make a difference in the lives of our Kearsney boys.
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Fundela iKusasa Academy

Kearsney College, through the Kearsney College Foundation, is thrilled to be opening the Fundela iKusasa Academy in January 2025. This academic enrichment programme aims to assist children in achieving a strong primary school education, which will serve as a solid foundation for success in high school and beyond. The academy will benefit from utilising the facilities and teacher expertise from Kearsney College and will be entirely self-funded.

This community partnership initiative is committed to creating opportunities that uplift others and allow our academic programmes to have a wider reach.

Should you wish to find out more about the academy, please contact the Foundation office on foundation@kearsney.com or call us on 031 765 9600.







Parents' Society

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It has also been a busy term for the KCPS at the barrow, where we sell supporters' gear. Fantastic weather for the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival meant a bumper spectator turnout. This, together with the addition of the Friday Night Lights hockey events, has kept the barrow team busy, as parents, siblings and friends donned the Kearsney supporters' kit with pride. Thanks to Adele Mills and her charismatic sales team for their ongoing hard work!

If you would like to be part of the team of KCPS helpers, please sign up via the Kearsney College app (under the Parents' Society link). We would love to have you on board to share the workload and the fun!

Support our school by supporting MySchool and School-Days

The Foundation would like to thank our loyal MySchool and School-Days supporters who have actively used these loyalty programmes this year and have raised R52,500 towards the Kearsney College Bursary and Scholarship Fund.

As we head into the Winter holidays, a plea to all our Kearsney families and friends to remember to "swipe" your MySchool and School-Days "card" at all participating stores. Funds from loyalty programmes like MySchool and School-Days are allocated to the Kearsney College Bursary and Scholarship Fund.

To register for MySchool follow this link https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register or contact the Foundation office with any queries on foundation@kearsney.com.

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







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Thought for the Moment

1 Corinthians 16:14 says *"Do everything in love."*
What a beautiful principle to guide our lives and our actions.

We all know how busy life can get, and that people and circumstances often mean life feels complicated. It is easy to get caught up in the things that need to be done and overlook how we are to interact with one another amid the busy chaos. These words remind us to make love the foundation for all of it. Elsewhere in the same book of Corinthians, we are reminded that without love, we have nothing, and we gain nothing. It is tempting to think that love is weak or ineffective, but you only have to consider the fierce love a parent has for a child or the power of God's love revealed in Jesus – the love that raised Jesus from death – to know that love is a force to be reckoned with. And when love for God and others guides our words and actions, we can change the world. May you know the love of God in your life and may that love overflow through your words and actions into the world around you.

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