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SA Rugby Selections

SA Schools

Congratulations to Nhlanhla Ndlovu and Clement Makelele for their selections to the SA Schools Rugby Team. Kearsney is incredibly proud of you both.

SA Under 18

Congratulations to Clement Makelele on his selection to the SA U18 team for the upcoming international series.

Sharks win the final of the Rugby Academy Week

Congratulations to Tunga Griffiths and Matthew Wilson on their successful Academy Week! The Sharks beat the Lions 16-12 in the final. What a great achievement for the boys and the team.



Nhlanhla Ndlovu



Clement Makelele

Choir earns more international awards

Our beloved choir returned victorious from the **World Choir Festival in Hong Kong**, where they won five Awards, including both of their category prizes (Youth Choirs and Show Choirs).

We are very proud of their prizes for Best Interpretation of the Music and Best Stage Presence, along with their category wins. After the final round Grand Prix competition, the Choir was also awarded the prestigious Jury Prize of HK$20,000 in recognition of the judges' ratings of their excellence as an ensemble and standard of performances throughout the festival. These awards add to the Choir's tally of 15 international Gold medals and 7 Silver medals.

By all accounts, the boys had a wonderful time on tour, which included many unforgettable experiences- from interesting local cuisine to more than a few adrenaline rushes, a shopping paradise, and many new friends from countries like Canada, New Zealand, Estonia, China and Hong Kong.



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Choir continued from page 1.

Upon our return, we had to showcase and celebrate the boys' achievements, and two delightful concerts took place: On Sunday 2 August we joined forces with our 'little brothers' down the road - Highbury Preparatory. This sold-out concert featured the Senior and Junior choirs from Highbury along with our choir and orchestra. On Monday 03 August we hosted the choir and band from St Anne's College. We have performed at their school twice before, and it was a treat to return the favour. Of course, the atmosphere in the hall turns electric when our boys are joined in concert by a girls' school, and the audiences at both concerts were delighted with the performances.



Finally, we showcased our individual musicians at the College with a studio concert on Thursday 27 August where boys had the opportunity to 'test' their examination repertoire in front of a live audience, and also to show their friends and family what they have worked on through the course of the year during their music lessons. Our Grade 9 Music Elective also made an appearance to earn their term marks.



Grade 9 History Expo

Our annual Grade 9 History Expo took place at the end of July. The History pupils worked hard creating their interactive displays around the theme of ***"Historical Events That Have Made A Significant Impact On The World."***

Well done to all the boys for the effort and enthusiasm they brought to their projects.



Winners

1st Place - The evolution of Electricity:
Finnley Broughton, Ben Pearman, Matthew Phillips (pictured top right)

2nd Place - 9/11:
Cai Terblanche (pictured middle right)

3rd Place - The History of Denim:
Mithra Seery, Musanda Nene, Kallen Ganesh, Dharshan Pillay



Honourable mentions

Evolution of AI:
Nahar Maharaj, Abongwe Madlala, Madimetsa Mokoatlo, Maka Nsibande

The Evolution of Music:
Bandile Buthelezi (pictured below right)

The Evolution of Communication:
Callan Botha, Akeel Singh, Sebastian Sansbury (pictured right)



The Chernobyl Disaster:
Ntsikelelo Hela, Ahmed Badat, William Cooper, Dharmik Singh (pictured below left)





Top Achievers Term 2





Olympiads

Congratulations to the following boys on their remarkable achievements in the various Olympiads.

Maths
Four Grade 8 and 9 Kearsney pupils qualified to participate in the Final Round of the National Maths Olympiad by placing in the top 100 in SA. These boys were four of the total 17 KZN pupils who achieved this level. Jack Ferreira (Grade 9), Blake Gaines (Grade 9),Norman Schroeder (Grade 9), Suhrit Pitchaimuthu (Grade 8).


Maths

Geography
Bronze (top 15% SA):
James Whatmore,Jack Sternberg, Ross Prinsloo, Sebastian Hunwick, Joshua Lobban, Yusuf Badat, Ethan King
Silver (top 10% SA):
Connor van Heerden, Sethembele Cindi
Gold (top 5% SA): Christiaan Venter


Geography

Afrikaans
Joshua Snyman placed in the top 20 in KwaZulu-Natal and the top 100 nationally.

History
Bronze (top 15% nationally):
Aaron Huson, Christopher Oellermann
Silver (top 10% nationally):
Misa Buthelezi
Gold (top 5% nationally):
Thomas Blomfield, Liam Botha


History

Economics
Asemahle Madlala achieved an impressive 87% in Round 1 and qualified for Round 2, which took place on 29 July.


Afrikaans


Economics

Honours and Colours *Awards*

Congratulations to the following boys for their awards of Honours and Colours in recognition of their outstanding achievements across a range of sporting and cultural disciplines. Your dedication and commitment have earned you this well-deserved recognition.

Drama
Honours: Zothando Mchunu, Zanda Mnqayi


Hockey Honours


Drama Honours

Hockey
Honours: Keegan de Jager (Re-Award)

Colours: Joshua Snyman, Thando Marafane, Thomas Du Plessis, Brock Miles, Dylan Forbes, Soyama Plaaitjie, Aaron Blackburn, Ata Mazibuko (Not pictured), Jonty Wiggett (Re-Award: Not pictured)


Hockey Colours

Rugby
Honours: Keanu Williamson (Re-Award), Lwazi Mbebe, Oliver Ludwig, Daniel Miskey, Tunga Griffiths, Matthew Wilson, Clement Makelele, Lwandle Mkhize (Re-Award: Not pictured), Nhlanhla Ndlovu (Re-Award: Not pictured)

Colours: Luke Faure (Re-Award), Robert Gelderman, Mcebisi Zulu, Fynn Verbaan, James Whatmore, Thomas Aylward (not pictured), Thomas Francke (not pictured)


Rugby Honours

Squash
Colours: Liam Botha, Adam Georgiadis


Rugby Colours



Squash Colours

Robotics

Congratulations to Kearsney's Senior RoboMission Robotics Team on qualifying for the National Division of the World Robot Olympiad (WRO).

This outstanding achievement marks a significant milestone for the school, as it is the first time a Kearsney team has progressed to the national stage of the competition.

Well done to Suhrit Pitchaimuthu (Grade 8), Shayan Jaikarun (Grade 9) and Akeel Singh (Grade 9), who will represent Kearsney at the national competition in Pretoria on 12 September. We wish them every success as they prepare to compete against the country's top young robotics teams.

Our Junior team achieved 3rd place in the Junior RoboMission division. The Junior Team comprised Aarav Kassanjee, Matthew Baker and Thandolubanzi Mthethwa.

The World Robot Olympiad is one of the world's leading robotics competitions, challenging students to apply coding, engineering and problem-solving skills in a highly competitive environment.

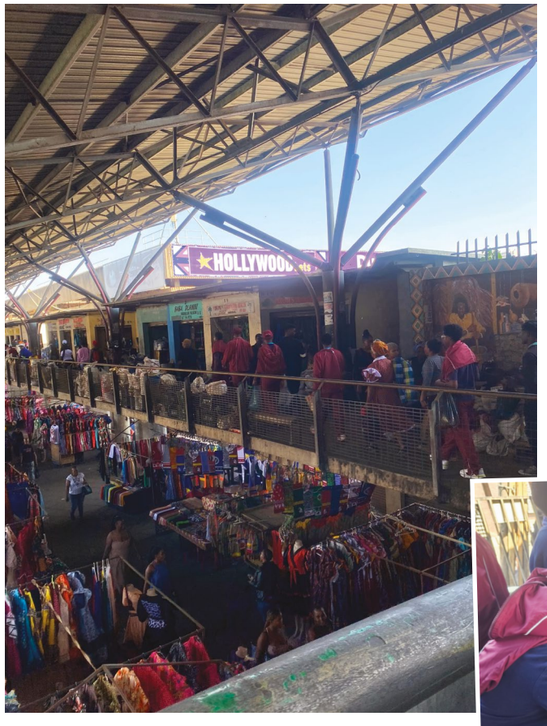
Well done to all the boys involved in this exciting venture.



Matthew Baker, Thandolubanzi Mthethwa and Aarav Kassanjee



Akeel Singh, Suhrit Pitchaimuthu and Shayan Jaikarun



Accounting outing

Report by Scott Hiron, Accounting Teacher.

On Wednesday 19 August, the Grade 10 Accounting and Business Studies students toured the Markets of Warwick in the Warwick Triangle of Durban city centre, guided by the staff of Asiye eTafuleni. The purpose of the trip was to expose the students to the commercial side of South Africa's largest informal public trading space. The tour began with a presentation by Richard Dobson, co-founder of Asiye eTafuleni, which provided a history of the markets and an outline of the struggles they face from government policy reforms and the private sector. Groups then went out into the different markets, with dedicated tour guides providing more detailed information on each market and entertaining questions from the boys. Markets included fresh fruit and vegetables, clothing, herbs and spices, traditional healing products, and for some braver groups, a sample of the products on offer at the Bovine Meat Market. The trip served as a valuable opportunity for the boys of Kearsney to see, first-hand, the different ways that livelihoods are earned in the diverse economy of South Africa, through the entrepreneurial spirit that exists in places such as the Markets of Warwick.



Life Science Outings

Report by Mr Dougan Macdonald: HOD Life Sciences.

This term Grade 11 and 12 pupils had the opportunity to learn outside the classroom.

The Grade 12s had a fantastic day out at Emanzini Private Reserve on the shores of Albert Falls Dam. After a walk through the bush, seeing many birds, zebra, wildebeest and impala, the boys had a talk on signs of the wild and the complexities and challenges of managing reserves.

A drive to the dam and a revision course on Environmental Studies, with a practical application of their classroom learning, was well received. All the boys found value in the outing and benefited from experiencing the practical application of the theory learnt in the classroom.

The Grade 11s (and all the exchange students) went to uShaka Marine World Aquarium. The visit began with a short classroom session to introduce the aquarium and its role in conserving threatened species. A fascinating guided tour of the aquarium followed. The diversity of organisms, marine ecology and the human influence on the environment were discussed at length, with examples in each tank used to illustrate topics.

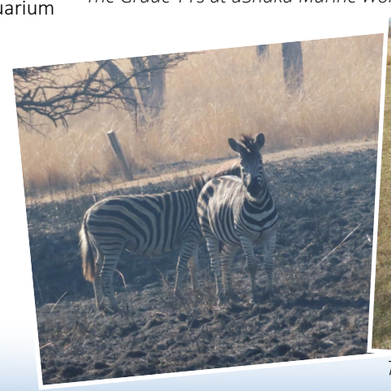
The boys watched the dolphin show where the agility and intelligence of these amazing creatures were demonstrated.

The last session was back in the classroom, where possible marine careers and basic population ecology were discussed.

On the way out of the complex, the boys faced their fears in the Dangerous Creatures exhibit and learned about snakes, spiders and lizards.

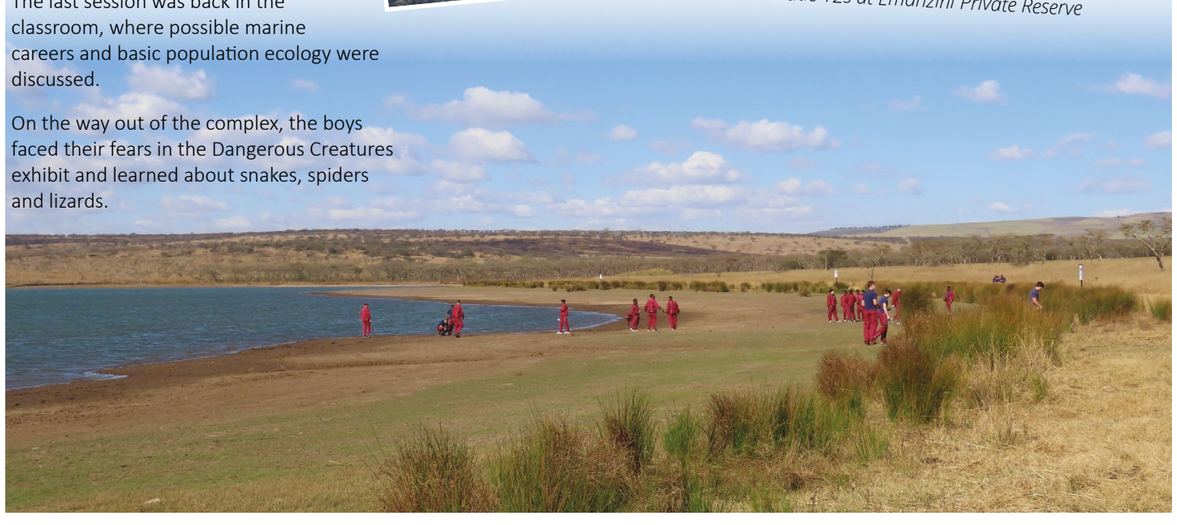


The Grade 11s at uShaka Marine World





The Grade 12s at Emanzini Private Reserve



Afrikaans

*Report by **Mrs Jackie Gaines**: HOD Afrikaans.*

Afrikaans Olympiad

In May 2026 the school participated in the ATKV (Afrikaans Taal en Kultuur Vereniging) senior Olympiad. Out of our 34 entrants we got 9 Cs, 3 Bs and 2 As. The boys did well. J Snyman, Gr 11 placed in the top 20 for KZN and in the top 100 nationally.

In September, our Junior boys will participate in the Olympiad, and we look forward to some favourable results.

Afrikaans Fliekfees

On 19 August, Kearsney hosted its first-ever Afrikaans Fliekfees. The Grade 10 and 11 boys were treated to an entertaining Afrikaans rom-com drama, ***Vir die Voëls***.

Based on a true story, the film explored a range of social and gender issues, cleverly wrapped in light-hearted humour. Beyond the laughs, the evening provided the boys with an opportunity to encounter Afrikaans in a relaxed and enjoyable setting, build their vocabulary and, hopefully, develop a greater appreciation for the language and its culture. We look forward to hosting the next one for the juniors in the near future.

Kearsney's outstanding 'Mob Feel' adjudged top production at FEDA

Kearsney College's Grade 10 and 11 Dramatic Arts students recently took part in the inaugural Festival of Excellence in Dramatic Arts (FEDA) at Durban's Milkwood Theatre, competing against 11 other school productions from across KwaZulu-Natal. What an inspiring evening and wonderful journey, with so many talented performers.



Grade 11 students Senzo Phiri and Mukona Marageni adapted and directed the late Kline Smith's award-winning play Mob Feel, expanding the original two-person production to a cast of 14 under the guidance of Dramatic Arts HOD Ms Ulaetha Singh.

The standard of the production earned the Kearsney pupils the most awards of the event: Best Ensemble, Best Choreography, Best Live Music, Best Actor (Zethembiso Fakude), Best Directors (Mukona Marageni and Senzo Phiri), The Brett Goldin Award (for the most inspirational performance), and Best Production.

Congratulations to our drama pupils and Ms Singh for winning this fantastic competition, and thanks to FEDA.



Mob Feel at the Hilton Arts Festival

Part of the prize for winning FEDA was an opportunity to perform Mob Feel at the Hilton Arts Festival in the same week. The show was performed on the Sunday afternoon of the festival to great acclaim!

International Exchange

Welcome to our Term 3 exchange students! We're delighted to welcome five Grade 10 boys from Australia:

Nathan Green and Preston Bernoth from Toowoomba Grammar School, and Atticus Pyefinch, Jackson Hill, and Marley Boston from Christ Church Grammar School.

We are also pleased to welcome Friedrich Otto Bruhl from Germany, who joins us in Grade 11 on a short-term enrolment through to the end of Term 1 next year.

We hope your time at Kearsney is filled with new friendships, memorable experiences, and opportunities to grow.





Inter-house Public Speaking

*Report by **Mrs Jane Curtiss**: HOD English*

The annual Inter-House Public Speaking competition took place on 5 August. Usually an evening of anecdotes and repartee glibly delivered by willing raconteurs, the 2026 competition over-delivered in every respect. Competitors delivered speeches thematically tied to Nancy Willard's idea of critical engagement, simplified into her declaration that 'sometimes questions are more important than answers.' Responses varied from gentle humour to outright silliness to incredible poignancy. Congratulations are extended to all participants.



The 2026 Interhouse Public Speaking Competition results are as follows:

Winning House: Pembroke

Best Toast: Blake Rencken (Gillingham)

Best Table Topic: Musande Nene and Arav Govender (Pembroke)

Best Icebreaker: Tom du Plessis (Pembroke)

Best Impromptu: Nevaal Arbee (Sheffield)

Best Introduction of Speaker: Sno Mthembu (Finningley)

Best Prepared Speech: Bjorn Kruger (Finningley)

Best Vote of Thanks: Luke Morgan (Finningley)

Gratitude and thanks are also extended to the guest adjudicators Mr Peter Kirsten and his wife, Mrs Tracey Kirsten, as well as Mrs Andrea Fripp, who assisted. Similarly, thanks are extended to Mrs Hayley Milne and Mrs Brittany Bishop for hosting a wonderful evening.

Baptism and Confirmation Service

*Report by **Reverend Kym Bishop**: Chaplain.*

Over the course of the year, several boys participated in the Kairos Course, which explores some of the foundations of the Christian faith and what it means to follow Jesus in the world today. This course also serves as preparation for Baptism for Methodist and Anglican Confirmation. Boys who completed the course had the opportunity to respond to God's grace. Several of our boys chose to be baptised in a special service at our school pool. Others were Confirmed into the Methodist Church in our annual Confirmation Service. The boys shared their testimonies in the presence of family and friends, and it was a wonderful afternoon together.





Mandela Day Initiative

In Term 2, Kearsney College collaborated with Hillcrest High School to collect clothes for the Robin Hood Foundation as part of a Mandela Day initiative.

Rhys Hughes (Community Service Prefect) and Mla Sibiya (member of the Community Service Committee) joined members of the Hillcrest High School RCL to hand over the clothes to the Robin Hood Foundation.



Thank you to everyone who supported this project.



Grade 10s Rise to the Challenge!

At the end of last term, all the Grade 10s worked together to pack 40,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger Africa. Through teamwork, energy, and a spirit of service, they helped to make a real difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity. This was an inspiring example of young men putting compassion into action.





KZN Soccer Selections



Congratulations to the four Kearsney players who were selected for KZN Soccer teams.

They will be going on tour during the September school holidays. We wish them all the best.

U16A: Kwezi Hlela
U16B: Ethan Moodley
U15A: Jordan Summerford
U15B: James Magor



Keaton Gaines to represent SA in World Triathlon Champs

Congratulations to Keaton Gaines, who was selected for South Africa in the Age Group Category at the Triathlon World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain on 24 September.

Having only taken up the sport 18 months ago, Keaton has already achieved incredible results. He placed second at the KZN Championships in February before qualifying to represent KZN at the SA Championships in Mossel Bay in March.

We wish Keaton all the best for the World Championships!

Dolphins Cricket Awards

The annual Dolphins Franchise Cricket Awards 2025/2026, held in June, celebrated excellence across KwaZulu-Natal cricket, recognising the outstanding achievements of players throughout the province.

Congratulations to Asher Hollister, who was named U15 Boys Blue Player of the Season, Ryan Staats, who received the U15 Boys Green Player of the Season award and Keegan de Jager, who was honoured as the U17 Boys Player of the Season.

These awards reflect their hard work, commitment and outstanding performances throughout the season. We congratulate these cricketers on their remarkable achievements.



KZN Amateur Stroke Play

Jesse Ruscoe (pictured above) and Asher Hollister recently competed in the prestigious KZN Amateur Stroke Play Championship at Mount Edgecombe Country Club, one of KwaZulu-Natal's premier amateur golf events. The tournament attracts many of the country's top amateur golfers.

Following a wet start to the week, playing conditions proved challenging. After opening rounds of 18 holes on The Lakes Course and 18 holes on The Woods Course, Jesse produced an outstanding performance to finish in 7th place overall, making him the highest-placed KwaZulu-Natal player in the field. Asher also performed exceptionally well, securing 21st place in a highly competitive tournament.

Congratulations to both players on their excellent achievements and for representing the school with distinction.



Surfing League achievements

Kearsney had a brilliant debut in the KZN Schools Surfing League in Term 2, finishing an impressive 4th out of 15 teams. Despite being the school furthest from the coast, the team (the "One-Fin") showed determination. After challenges from more seasoned opposition early on, the boys refused to give up and eventually found their rhythm in the tag-team format to compete into the finals.

Well done to captain Ben Schneemann and his team- Murray McHugh, Rourke Stacey, Christian Mendes de Oliveira, Cruz Reynolds, Asher du Hecquet de Rauville, Zach Shelver and Declan de Haas- on such a fantastic performance.

KZN Coastal Hockey won IPT in mind-blowing final

Congratulations to Keegan de Jager and the KZN Coastals team on this fantastic win.

KEARSNEY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Great 4th Year for Tournament

The fourth annual Kearsney Soccer Tournament took place over three days during the July school holidays, bringing together 36 teams from KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and the Eastern Cape across three divisions: 16 boys' high school teams, six girls' high school teams and 12 primary school teams.

The tournament continues to grow in stature, promoting the development of soccer at primary and high school level in an environment of healthy competition.

Urban Academy from Gqeberha won the senior boys' title, Danville Park Girls were crowned senior girls' champions, and Highbury Prep claimed the primary school trophy after strong performances throughout the tournament.

Kearsney won the Plate play-off against Queensburgh High School, 3- 0. Beyond the competition, the tournament provided players with opportunities to connect with peers from different schools and regions, building friendships and memories that extend beyond their school years.

Kearsney thanks headline sponsor Kaleido Westown and merchandise sponsor Eczemax for their valued support of this year's tournament.







Tennis

The annual Pretoria Schools U/15 Tennis Festival, hosted by Affies, took place from 6 to 8 August 2026, featuring 10 of the top tennis schools in the country. Representing Kearsney College were Liam van Bronckhorst, Ben Behr, Michael Laurence, Madimetsa Mokoatlo, Cameron Barker and Michael Perry.

Round Robin
- Kearsney lost to Paul Roos (0–9)
- Kearsney beat Garsfontein (7–2)
- Kearsney beat Menlo Park (5–4)
- Kearsney lost to Helpmekaar (4–5)

The team narrowly missed out on the semi-finals, finishing just one point short.

Cross-over Match
- Kearsney beat Hoërskool Waterkloof (5–3)

Playoff for 5th/6th Position
- Kearsney lost to Potchefstroom Gimnasium (0–5)

Despite the narrow margins, the Kearsney boys displayed determination and resilience throughout the festival, competing hard against some of the strongest tennis schools in the country.



Michael Perry, Liam van Bronckhorst, Michael Laurence, Ben Behr, Mr Alan Cairns, Madimetsa Mokoatlo (captain) Mr Naresh Mahabeer, Cameron Barker

KEARSNEY HOCKEY FIVES

Durban High School (DHS) retained the boys' high school title at the 2026 Kearsney Hockey Fives, overcoming Hilton College in the final to claim the trophy for the second successive year. This after suffering a defeat to Hilton in the pool stage.

The tournament featured 25 teams, seven boys' high school sides, six girls' teams and 12 primary schools, with ideal playing conditions adding to an action-packed weekend.

Kearsney took 3rd place with Westville Boys' High finishing fourth, followed by Glenwood High, Michaelhouse and Ashton College Ballito.

In the girls' section, Our Lady of Fatima claimed their first Kearsney Hockey Fives title after edging past St Mary's DSG in the final.

St Mary's had gone unbeaten in the pool stages, including a victory over Fatima, but could not repeat that result when it counted.

The primary school division provided several entertaining encounters, with Chelsea Primary producing a strong set of results.

Bonisanani Primary was recognised for its team spirit and marked improvement since first participating in the event in 2016.

The weekend showcased the growing talent and enthusiasm for the fast-paced five-a-side format.

Kearsney sincerely appreciates the support of Halfway Ford Waterfall as a sponsor of the Kearsney Hockey Fives.









Kearsney Finish as KZN U19 Indoor Hockey League Runners-up

*Report by **Mr Sean-Michael Ceronio**: Coach/Teacher in Charge.*

Kearsney College's 1st indoor hockey team produced an outstanding run to the KZN U19 Indoor League final, ultimately finishing as runners-up after a 5-2 defeat to Durban High School (DHS) in the championship match.

Their place in the final was secured with an impressive 3-1 semi-final victory over Clifton College. Kearsney controlled proceedings throughout, with Jonty Wiggett, Aaron Blackburn and Tom du Plessis finding the back of the net in a polished all-round performance.

The final against DHS started perfectly for Kearsney when Keegan de Jager opened the scoring to give his side an early 1-0 lead. DHS responded quickly with an equaliser, however, and the teams went on to produce a fast-paced and highly competitive encounter.

The decisive moment came in the third quarter when DHS scored three unanswered goals to open up a 4-1 advantage. Despite the setback, Kearsney continued to battle and created opportunities of their own. Du Plessis reduced the deficit with a late goal, but DHS added a fifth to secure the title.

While the final ended in disappointment, finishing second in one of the province's most competitive indoor hockey competitions represents a significant achievement for the Kearsney side. Their semi-final victory highlighted the team's attacking quality and ability to deliver under pressure, while their performance in the final demonstrated that they can compete with the best teams in KwaZulu-Natal.

Several players made important contributions throughout the campaign. Du Plessis scored in both the semi-final and final, while de Jager's early strike in the championship match underlined Kearsney's attacking threat on the biggest stage.

Reaching the provincial final provided valuable experience for the squad and capped an excellent season. The team can take pride in representing Kearsney with distinction and establishing a strong foundation for future success.

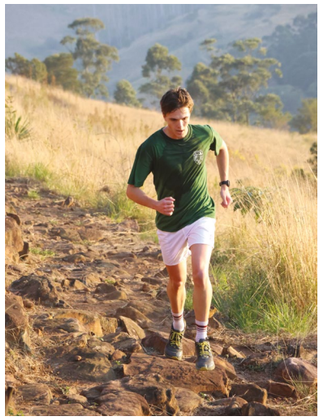


1st Team Indoor Hockey

Cross Country

Inter-house Cross Country took place at the end of Term 2, with the boys embracing the challenge and giving it their all. It was a fantastic afternoon of determination, House spirit and plenty of fun, as everyone enjoyed the opportunity to compete and support one another. Every runner scores points for their House.

Congratulations to Pembroke for taking first place, followed by Finningley in second, Gillingham third and Sheffield fourth. Well done to all the boys for their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and House pride, making it such an enjoyable event!



Senior event winner Pembroke's Keaton Gaines



Inter-house Athletics

We had a beautiful day of Inter-house Athletics! Congratulations to the following boys for winning the various field and track events:

Javelin- Carter Bosman (Pembroke)
Field Event- Daniel Miskey (Sheffield)
Best Jump- Msizi Ndawonde (Sheffield)
800 meters- Jackson Hill (Sheffield)
400 meters- Oliver Ludwig (Finningley)
100 meters- Nicolas Kohler (Pembroke)

Best Athlete Awards:
Best Athlete Runner-Up U14:
Nathan Bowden (Sheffield)
Best Athlete Under 14:
Nkanyezi Linda (Sheffield)
Best Athlete Runner-Up U15:
Ryan Staats (Pembroke)
Best Athlete Under 15 -
Callan Botha (Sheffield)
Best Athlete Runner-Up U16:
Keegan White (Sheffield)
Best Athlete U16:
Jackson Hill (Sheffield)
Best Athlete Runner-Up U17:
Thomas du Plessis (Pembroke)
Best Athlete U17:
Aaron Blackburn (Sheffield)
Best Athlete Runner-Up Open:
Keaton Gaines (Pembroke)
Best Athlete Open:
Conor McKeown (Finningley) and Oliver Ludwig (Finningley)
Best Record of the Day:
Mongezi Khowa (Gillingham)
Inter-house Tug of War:
Finningley (pictured below)
Runners up:
Pembroke
Staff vs Boys Tug of War:
KC Boys
Inter-house Winners (Oliver Pearce Trophy)
Sheffield
Inter-house Athletics Overall placings:
1st- Sheffield
2nd- Pembroke
3rd- Finningley
4th- Gillingham

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Sheffield boys celebrate being the overall winners



Best Athlete Open: L-R: Oliver Ludwig and Conor McKeown (Finningley) with Headmaster Mr Patrick Lees



Best Record of the Day: Mongezi Khowa (Gillingham) receiving his trophy from Headmaster Mr Patrick Lees



Canoeing

Kearsney paddlers rise to the challenge The canoeing team competed in freezing conditions in the KZN Schools River Championships on the Tugela River. Congratulations to the following boys on their notable achievements: Raine Scoular 8th U18, Jack Sternberg 5th U16, Thomas Bishop 6th U16. Well done to all the paddlers for undertaking this tough challenge.



Grandparents' Day

Celebrated on 19 August 2026.

One of the most poignant days on the Kearsney calendar is Grandparents' Day, filled with smiles, love and laughter. We truly enjoyed hosting so many of our boys' grandparents, who were treated to entertainment from the orchestra and choir. The drama boys also entertained everyone with a highly amusing skit they had recorded about "the best era", featuring a variety of fashions over decades.

A special video, 'Celebrating our Grandparents', featuring heartfelt messages from the boys about what their grandparents mean to them was played on the big screen:

They give love and support;

They do so much for us and care;

They provide inspiration and information;

They set an example;

We continue to make memories together.

After the entertainment, the Kearsney boys joined their grandparents to enjoy plenty of yummy treats and, most importantly, shared special moments together.













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Thought for the Moment

"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength"

Isaiah 30:15a

Methodist Minister and author Trevor Hudson has written a wonderful book called 'Questions God Asks Us'. In it, he says we assume the Bible is a book of answers to our questions when, in fact, the Bible is full of questions of its own. One of those is in John's gospel, where Jesus asks two of his disciples, 'What are you looking for?' If ever there was a great existential question of our time, this might be it. We live in a world that is constantly seeking and striving for more, but have we ever stopped to ask, more of what? 2 Corinthians 12:9 reminds us that Jesus says, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' What a wonderful, freeing thought that God's grace is all that we need. It is enough for the chaos of daily life as well as the hope for eternity. May God's grace offer you space to pause and remember that you are known and loved.

Reverend Kym Bishop,

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