

A MESSAGE FROM MR TAYLOR



“ALUMNI ARE ASKED TO VISIT THE INFORMATION TABLE TO RECEIVE A SMALL TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE AT THE EASTER FESTIVAL.”

Reflecting on the term, I am very grateful for the wide variety of opportunities that we have been able to provide for our students. Music evenings, talent shows, a host of sporting festivals, tours and camps have been the order of the day. Our new Grade 8 students have settled in well and our Matrics are making steady progress.

We have enjoyed some significant sporting achievements this term and I am particularly pleased about the revival of water polo after a number of years of not competing. Rowing has produced some top results. Athletics and most of our other sports have shown huge improvement in results, but more importantly the levels of participation have increased significantly. What is most pleasing is that numerous individuals across many sports are succeeding at provincial level. Over the first weekend in April, by way of example, Chelsea van Dyk won some significant events at the SA Athletics Championships, running fantastic times. It would be remiss of me not to mention that our Netball 1st Team came second at the St Andrew's Festival. Their wins against St Stithians Girls', Herschel, Durban Girls', St Mary's Girls, Eunice and Kingswood College places them in a strong position to do well at our own Easter Festival this year.

In my closing assembly this term, I encouraged the College students to maintain a healthy, balanced perspective in light of the term reports that were published and the many sporting achievements of the term. We live in a society where success is measured in a very material way. We often value wealth, position and power above qualities like humility, service and meekness. It is easy to fall into the trap of comparing ourselves with others and measuring our human worth against achievement. Our value as humans, however, does not lie in what we achieve. Our worth should lie in our service to others and in our relationships. It was Mahatma Gandhi who said, *“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the*

service of others." That said, purpose in life and our human worth should ultimately be measured in how God sees us and our obedience to his call upon our lives.

The plans for the new academic STEM build and the multipurpose hall which will be called 'The Memorial Hall' are making good progress. We will hopefully be breaking ground at the end of April this year. The Memorial Hall is the name of the early school hall on the campus downtown and reflects the reason for our wonderful school's existence. The school was started as a 'living memorial' in honour of those who had given their lives in the First World War. The desire of the early founders was to establish St Dunstan's College to serve the Benoni community.

At the end of the term we said goodbye to Mrs Wurts and Mr Ellse, who both retired after serving the school for 19 and 20 years respectively. They have led lives in service to others and exemplify our motto, "I Serve". We congratulate them and thank them for their commitment, dedication and service to our school. Their passion for teaching and support of the school goes beyond merely a place of work. The positive impact that a teacher can make on the life of a student is very special. It is true that teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning. We pray that God would continue to bless both of them as they move into the next phase of their lives. As both Mrs Wurts and Mr Ellse were in a Locum position this past term, we now look forward to the return of Mrs Roux, and the start of Mrs Terri Coulter who will be teaching Mathematics. Mrs Mdhuli will also be returning from maternity leave, and we thank Mrs Ruthven for her contribution to our school this term.

Mr McIlrath resigned in February to take up a position of Executive Headmaster at St Paul's College in Namibia. He has managed the Preparatory School for over a decade with aplomb - particularly through the difficult Covid period. Through his leadership, St Dunstan's Preparatory has upheld its premier position in Benoni and has grown in reputation within the broader Independent School Association of South Africa (ISASA). Mr McIlrath is to be congratulated on serving St Dunstan's faithfully for 12 years as Head of the Preparatory. We can be proud that we are sending out a leader who has grown in stature and who will carry the St Dunstan's flag with pride.

Mr Matthew Moolman has been appointed as the new Head of the Preparatory School. He brings with him 20 years of experience in education and a proven record of leadership in the pre-primary and primary school phase. He is currently serving as Principal of the Preparatory School at CBC Boksburg. Mr Moolman holds a BCom Degree and a PGCE, and he began his teaching career at Benoni High School, where he taught Business Economics and Mathematics. He also taught Business Studies at St Dunstan's College for six years. During this time, he was involved in strength and conditioning coaching for the rowers and rugby players. His vision for St Dunstan's Preparatory is to collaborate with staff to enhance our standing as the leading primary school in Benoni, across all aspects of our holistic offering. His experience at college level brings valuable insight into the holistic development of a student and their progression through our College, and we look forward to his contribution to who we are.

As we rapidly move towards Easter, I trust that it would be a time of rest and a time to build in some good family time. Please join us for the Easter Sports Festival if you are in Benoni, which, weather permitting, is going to turn out to be a grand event. Alumni are asked to visit the information table to receive a small token of our appreciation for your support and attendance at the festival. Easter is a very special time in the life of our community. I am reminded of the following scripture, *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*
 Mark 10:45 NIV

FAREWELL TO GARY ELLSE & SANDRA WURTS

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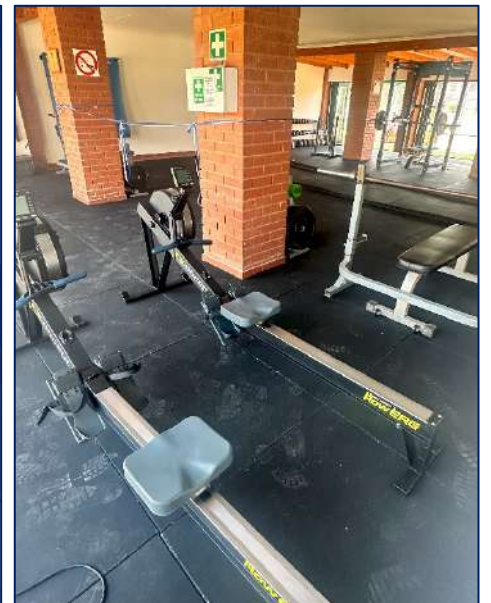
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PROPOSED NEW BUILD ... MULTI-PURPOSE HALL AND 'STEM' CENTRE

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Dr Kelsey Naidoo
Class of 2015



Alice Kennon
Class of 2019



Bradley Bruggen
Class of 2019



Lara De Beer
Class of 2024



Liam Bergh and Marié Naude
Class of 2024

Dr Kelsey Naidoo (2015)

Kelsey was the guest speaker at the Matric 'Connect Breakfast' held in February.

Alice Kennon (2019)

Alice coaches U14 netball at the College. She was also the guest speaker at the Easter Festival kit handover assembly. Her words of inspiration feature later in the publication.

Bradley Bruggen (2019)

Bradley, who is studying a Bachelor of Education degree through UNISA, is doing his teaching practical at the College.

Lara De Beer (2024)

Lara has joined the College staff as an Intern.

Liam Bergh and Marié Naude (2024)

Liam and Marié were caught on camera at the 4th annual Preparatory School '3-IN-1' Winter Sports Festival.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS FESTIVAL



A NEW TRADITION EASTER FESTIVAL KIT HANDOVER

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KIT HANDOVER ASSEMBLY ***ADDRESS BY ALICE KENNON***

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It is such an incredible honour to stand here today, back at the school where it all began for me. This place holds a special part of my heart because the foundation of my netball career was built right here. Without the lessons I learned, the teammates I played alongside, and the coaches who believed in me, I would not be where I am today.

One of my favourite memories from my time here was beating Hoërskool Menlopark after they had just won SA Schools. That moment proved to everyone, and to ourselves, that we were the best. It showed me that it doesn't matter who you are up against – with hard work and belief, you can achieve anything.

Since leaving these corridors, my netball journey has taken me to places I never imagined. I played for TUKS 1 for five years, captaining the team for three of those years. I had the privilege of representing the Gauteng Jaguars for five years, where we won three championships. I was also fortunate enough to be part of the U21 and Protea training camps – an experience that pushed me to become the athlete and person I am today.



But let me be real with you: it wasn't always easy. I can guarantee you that the road ahead will be tough. There will be moments when you question whether it is all worth it. I know this because I've been there. I struggled with whether netball was the path I truly wanted to follow, or if I should simply move on with my life. What kept me going was the feeling I got every time I stepped onto the court – that spark, that joy. And even more importantly, I knew my "why" was strong. When things get hard – and they will – remember this: you can do hard things. Discipline is key. Trust in the work you put in because what you give to this game is what you will get out. The bumps along the road? They aren't there to stop you. They are there to teach you, to make you stronger. And here's something else – you can't let the noise, the opinions, or the setbacks get to you. "Roll with the punches". Not everything will be easy, and not everyone will be in your corner, but you are stronger than you realise.

If I could give you one piece of advice, it would be this: don't sweat the small stuff. Focus on your "why". Your reason for playing must be stronger than any excuse. Balancing academics, training, and life is not easy – it requires sacrifice. You need to decide where your priorities lie and what you are willing to give up to achieve your dreams. But I promise you, if you stay committed and focused, it will be worth it.

And when you feel like giving up, I want you to remember this: you are capable of more than you know. You are stronger than your toughest day, and you have everything inside you to push through. The only limits that matter are the ones you refuse to break. Keep showing up, even when it's hard – especially when it's hard. That is how you turn dreams into reality.

I stand before you today as proof that no matter where you come from, whether it is a small school or a big city, your dreams are valid. You have everything you need to succeed. Work hard, trust the process, and never stop believing in yourself.

Congratulations to the first teams on your new kit. Wear it with pride. It represents more than just a uniform – it symbolises the hard work, dedication and legacy you are building. I cannot wait to see what you will achieve.



Easter Sports Festival

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WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL ■ THURSDAY 17TH APRIL ■ SATURDAY 19TH APRIL ■ MONDAY 21ST APRIL



Hope to see you there!

Pop past the 'Information Table' and receive a token of our appreciation.

TO VIEW ALL FIXTURES SCAN HERE

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CASHLESS EVENT

FOOD COURT, CHILL ZONE AND KIDS ZONE

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Entrance fee per day (scholars in uniform FREE)

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Apologies in advance for the quality of the photographs. These would be so much better if people sent us high resolution originals rather than having to rely on Facebook and LinkedIn for these. Please consider sending us originals, as everyone likes to hear good news from classmates.

A special thank you to Fr Joe for sourcing information and photographs for this publication, even though he is in Guernsey.

Births

Congratulations to the following parents on the safe arrival of their precious bundles of joy:

DECEMBER

Tammy (nee Croxford) (2004) and Andrew Hey
A second child, a son – Charlie Oliver

Justine (nee Newman) (2013) and Ryan Tocher
A daughter – Ella Iris

Tyla (nee van Til) (2011) and Dillon Jones
A son, Oliver

JANUARY

Tammy and Garth Foxon (2004)
A daughter – Madison Isla

Terri (nee Greenslade) (2010) and Glen Coulter (2012)
A second child, a daughter – Emily

Kathleen (nee Bernhardt) (2014) and Igor Grobbelaar
A second child, a daughter – Olivia

Alison (nee King) (2006) and Carl Shriever
A daughter – Julia May

FEBRUARY

Adrienne (nee Hendry) (2012) and Stefan Smuts (2012)
A daughter – Olivia Ann

Micaela (nee Reid) (2012) and Jeremiah Matendo
A second child, a son – Elijah James

MARCH

Sarah (nee Barclay) (2009) and Dayne Boyd
A second child, a son – Grayson Ian

Stephanie (nee Couch) (2008) and Brandon Jardine (2008)
A second child, a son – Luca James

Kylie (nee Traube) (2010) and Tristan Renaud
A son – Oscar

Tazmin (nee Hansen) (2011) and Billy Norris-Halani
A daughter – Ariella Lily

Claire (nee Grimbeek) (2011) and Myles Kay (2008)
A daughter – Brooklyn Mary





Sunshine and Moonbeams

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A BABY IS SUNSHINE AND
MOONBEAMS AND MORE.
BRIGHTENING YOUR WORLD
AS NEVER BEFORE.

~ ANON.

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Engagements

NOVEMBER

Stephanie Geldhardt (2015) and Marchael van der Nest

DECEMBER

Larame Van Zyl and Kyle Engelbeen (2009)

Kiara Rodriguez Pereira (2019) and Marco Pedro

Keagan-Lee Smith (2019) and James Pollock

Kaylee Bradbury and Matthew Law (2014)

Victoria McNally and Duncan Lonsdale (2014)

Carina Pretorius and Luke Worrall (2016)

Bianca Wrighton (2015) and Nicholas Zipp (2015)

Tiffany Dale (2017) and Keanu Gil (2017)

Daniela Dos Reis and Fabio Da Silva (2017)

Celestina Villani and Cameron Stewart (2008)

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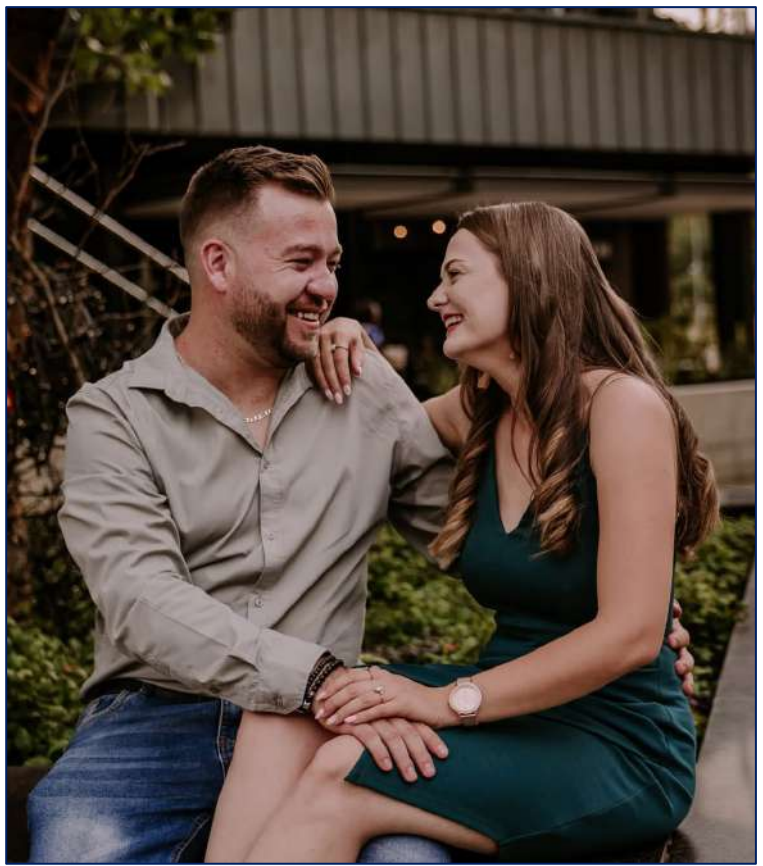
Nataschia Holland (2008) and Ben Bellinger

Alison McLaughlin (2019) and Bradley Barnard

Roxanne Palmela (2006) and Samuel Innes

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Kaylin Dodd and Jarryd Sheehan (2015)





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Weddings

NOVEMBER

Chloe van der Westhuizen and Richard Emslie (2013)

DECEMBER

Vanessa Thompsett (2013) and Reece Townsley

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Robyn Heard (2012) and Kelvin Da Silva

Nicolette Huggett (2013) and Sean Morrow

FEBRUARY

Michelle Hutcheson (2013) and Ryan Jardine (2013)

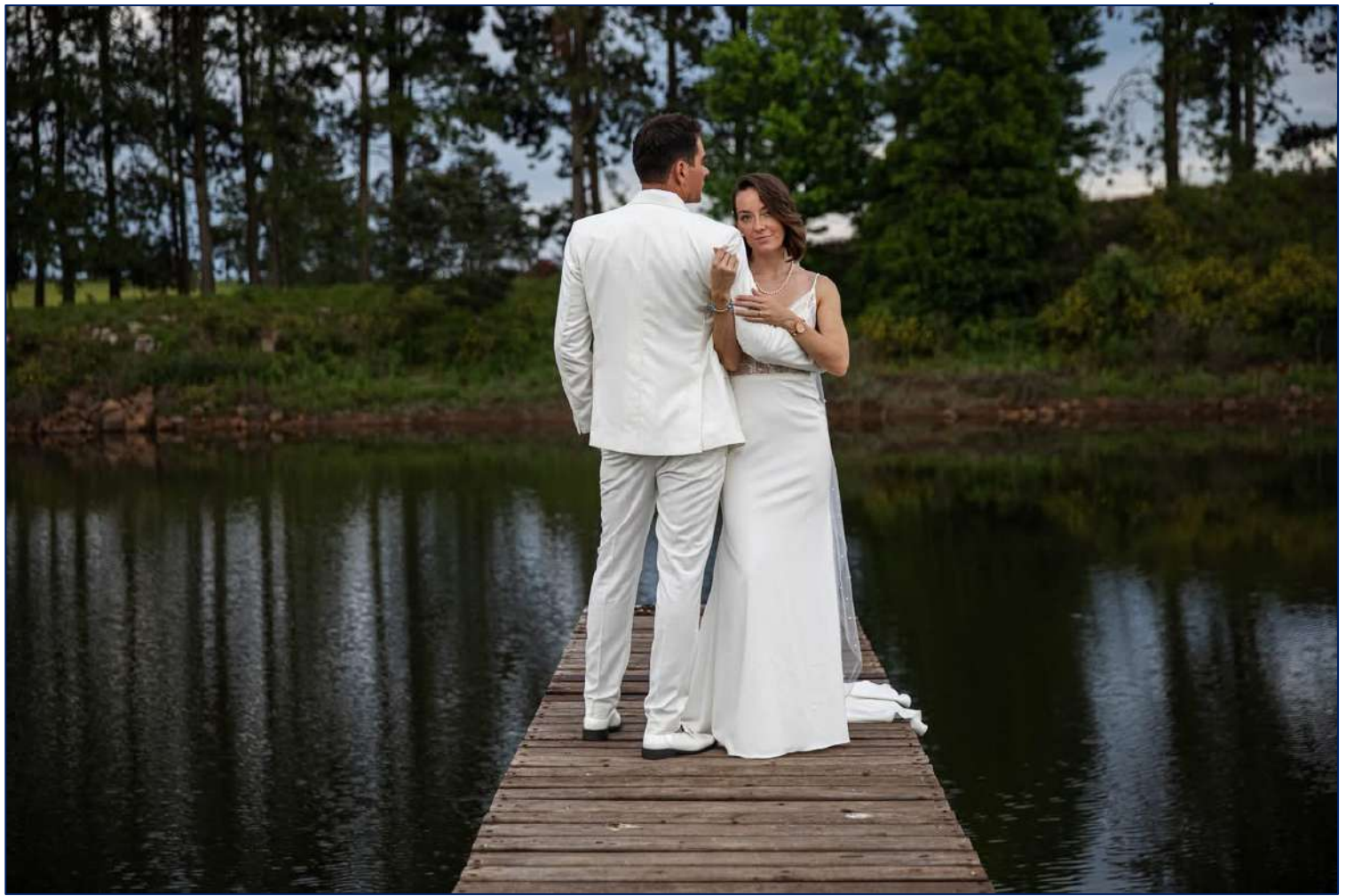
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Els van de Sande and Sean Bruggeman (2010)

Ashton Meyer and Taygen Ormondy (2011)



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The Gift

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“IN YOU ARE FLOWERS AND FIRELIGHT,
STARS AND SONGBIRDS,
THE SCENT OF SUMMER,
THE STILLNESS JUST BEFORE DAWN.

I LOVE YOU TODAY,
DRESSED IN GLORY.

I WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS-
DANCING, SINGING, READING, MAKING, PLANNING,
ARGUING.

I WILL LOVE YOU CANTANKEROUS, AND TIRED,
COURAGEOUS AND IN TERROR,
JOYFUL, FEARFUL AND TRIUMPHANT.
I WILL LOVE YOU THROUGH ALL WEATHERS AND ALL
CHANGE.

FOR ALL YOU ARE IS PRECIOUS TO ME.
AND EVERY DAY I LIVE WITH YOU
AND SHARE YOUR LOVE
IS A GIFT TO ME.”

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- PAM BROWN

GRADUATIONS

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December

Franchesca de Moura (2018): Honours in Interior Architecture from the University of Pretoria (Cum Laude)

Ingrid Tredoux (2019): Bachelor of Science in Bio-Medical Mathematics from the University of Stellenbosch

Madison Verheem (2019): Bachelor of Accounting from the University of Stellenbosch

Aidan Boyle (2020): Honours in Biotechnology from the University of Pretoria

Mpumi Vilikazi (2019): Honours in City Planning from the University of Cape Town

Zoë-Lee Scott (2021): Bachelor of Arts from the University of Stellenbosch

Kaylee Nixon (2021): Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery from the University of the Witwatersrand



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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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SAICA Board Examination

Camryn Clark (2018) and Brandon Charge (2018) both passed the final SAICA Board Examination. Congratulations!

Standard Bank Top Women Young Achiever

Ashley Wainstein (2007) received an award in the 'Young Achiever' category.

Special Award

Kirby Downey (2008) won the Michelle Pillars Community Award. This award is for someone who has made a long-term impact on the SOLIDWORKS community.



Dean's List

Anele Ndziba (2023) is on the Faculty of Commerce Dean's List for his excellent 1st year results.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Basketball

Ingrid Tredoux (2019) captained the Maties Basketball team that were silver medalists at USSA. She was named one of five 'All Star' players at the event. Further to this, she was included in the SA University Basketball squad

Golf

Casandra (nee Hall) Alexander (2017)

Casandra won the Jabra Ladies Classic at Westlake in March. Another stellar performance was in the Joburg Open, held over the weekend of the 4th – 7th April, where she finished 2nd.



Netball

Jamie Van Wyk (2018)

Jamie was selected to represent the Proteas in the Margaret Beckford Sunshine Series held in Jamaica.

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

VTM 'Lift You Up' Talent Competition

Cindy Louise Leighton (nee Smuts) (2014) performed in the VTM 'Lift You Up' Talent Competition in Belgium.

ABOUT THE PRE-SCHOOL LEE MILNER

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“OUR PRE-SCHOOL FOSTERS A LEARNING ATMOSPHERE WHERE CHILDREN THRIVE THROUGH LOVE, INDIVIDUALISED ATTENTION AND INQUIRY-BASED ACTIVITIES.”



Early Childhood Education lays the foundation for a child's development and we are honoured to play a part in this vital journey. Our warm and caring environment is designed to inspire every child to flourish while serving society with integrity.

At St Dunstan's Pre-School, children are learning to discover their unique and best selves by making age-appropriate decisions and understanding their value as individuals.

Our mission is to shape character through a holistic, co-educational and personalised learning experience, rooted in our Anglican tradition and values.

Our Pre-School fosters a learning atmosphere where children thrive through love, individualised attention and inquiry-based activities. Guided by a team of dedicated staff, we are proud to uphold the school's vision as a leading independent, co-educational Christian school. We align our daily teaching programme to nurture the 21st century child.

We believe learning is most effective when it is joyful. Through our play-based approach, every child is encouraged, supported and nurtured to reach their full potential in a happy and considerate setting.

We delight in being part of a child's learning journey and celebrate as we witness them flourish in every aspect of their young lives.

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.” Margaret Mead



OPEN DAY: FRIDAY, 11TH JULY (09:00 – 12:00)

Don't miss out on seeing a typical day at the Pre-School in action!

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ST ANDREW'S NETBALL FESTIVAL

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Congratulations to the girls on finishing second.



SOMETHING NEW **THE BELGOTEX EASTER HOCKEY FESTIVAL**

A new addition to the College sports calendar



Mission Statement

“FORGING CHARACTER THROUGH A HOLISTIC, CO-EDUCATIONAL AND PERSONALISED LEARNING EXPERIENCE GROUNDED IN OUR ANGLICAN TRADITION; INSPIRING ALL TO FLOURISH AND FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL AS THEY SERVE SOCIETY WITH INTEGRITY.”

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LONG SERVICE GARY ELLSE

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An Old Celtic Blessing

MAY THE BLESSING OF LIGHT BE ON YOU—LIGHT WITHOUT AND LIGHT WITHIN.
MAY THE BLESSED SUNLIGHT SHINE ON YOU AND WARM YOUR HEART TILL IT GLOWS LIKE A GREAT PEAT FIRE.

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FROM THE FOUNDATION



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ST DUNSTAN'S FOUNDATION

The College Foundation was started 20 years ago as a means of developing the new campus in Rynfield and assisting families within the St Dunstan's community. To date the Foundation has worked closely with business and our community to make a difference in the lives of more than 70 students who have come through the system. Currently, 26 students are being sponsored. One of the many benefits for donors is that the Foundation is a Section 18A Company and so any money donated can be claimed from tax. The Foundation is audited annually and is committed to utilising any funding raised to assist a student who would otherwise not be able to afford the cost of fees for St Dunstan's.

Should you or your company wish to assist financially, please feel free to contact either Mr Don Jones on +27 83 772 2080 or Mrs Mandy Lachenicht on +27 78 4221018.

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

– 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7

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ST DUNSTAN'S DAY

Cricket, hockey and netball 'Under Lights'

DATE: Monday, 19th May

TIME: 18:00

**RSVP: Mandy Lachenicht on
mlachenicht@stdunstans.co.za**

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CLASSES OF 2005 2015

REUNION

DATE: Saturday, 11th October

TIME: 18:00

DRESS: Smart Casual

**RSVP: Mandy Lachenicht on
0784221018**

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Please let me know if you can assist
by setting up a WhatsApp group for your year
for any future communication.

Grow, Flourish and Thrive.
(Ps 92:12, Prov 11:28b)

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Remember that we really enjoy hearing about your experiences and your careers. PLEASE send me this information – the next edition of The Chronicle will be published at **the beginning of AUGUST.**

If you happen to meet with any Dunstonians whilst on your travels, please take a picture and send it to me. Also include details about when, where, who, etc.

Please follow the school's LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and TikTok pages, as well as the Dunstonian Association Facebook. There is also a Facebook group for your Matric year.

INSTAGRAM: @stdunstansbenoni

LINKEDIN: Currently 1 150 followers

DUNSTONIAN FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/Dunstonian/>

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/StDunstansCollege>

TIKTOK: @stdunstanscollegebenoni

Should you ever visit Benoni, I would love to show you all of the facility upgrades on our beautiful campus.

Kind regards,

Mandy Lachenicht

THE EDITOR

PLEASE NOTE: Some photographs are missing – either because we could not source one or due to poor quality/resolution!

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