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## NEWSLETTER NO. 20

Dear Parents

### HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION



I was fortunate to be able to join our First Rugby Team for part of their tour to Zimbabwe. We were exceptionally well hosted and our young SACS men and coaches certainly flew the flag in carrying the name of our school on high in a most positive manner, both on and off the field. It was uplifting to witness the renewed hope and energy in a country with such wonderful, warm and friendly people.

To be present at the performance of our Big Band at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown was another highlight. They thrilled the large crowd in attendance and were duly rewarded with six SACS men making the National Band, a record number and a fantastic achievement. Many of our SACS men have achieved astonishing feats over the holiday period. Their accomplishments appear in the body of this newsletter.

Congratulations to all concerned.

This week has seen our country celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of our leader and former President, Nelson Mandela. Today's assembly focussed on the Zanewonga outreach initiative, under the leadership of Mr Graeme

Wepener, and how this venture ties in with Nelson Mandela's vision of a shared and common humanity, free from any form of prejudice and equal opportunity for all. We know we still have a mountain to climb in our country in this regard. The Zanewonga initiative is significant and will hopefully continue to grow. Samuel James and Zaid Najjaar gave heartfelt feedback to the school on their experience.

Mr and Mrs Coen and Val Wesserlink, former staff members at SACS, were special guests at assembly today. They presented to the school, on behalf of their late friend and colleague and former Deputy Principal of SACS, the late Mr Chester Style, an iconic photograph of former President Mandela. The framed photograph was given to Mr Style by the photographer himself. Mr Style was present at the Grand Parade when Nelson Mandela gave his address to the people of South Africa on the day of his release from prison. Mr Style asked Mr and Mrs Wesserlink to present the photograph to SACS. It was a moving and fitting way to conclude our assembly and this historic week.

### ZIMBABWE RUGBY TOUR

The First Rugby Team toured to Zimbabwe during the school holidays. They beat Prince Edward 37-22, Zimbabwe U18 (Craven Week Team) 38-21, St John's (Harare) 62-26 and Peterhouse 48-21.



### GRAHAMSTOWN FESTIVAL



Our musicians toured to the annual Grahamstown National Youth Jazz Festival during the school holidays. Six of our musicians were selected for the National Schools' Band: Bradley

Culligan, Zubair Abader and Iliya Meyer (Trumpeters); Andreas Coxson (Tenor Sax); Gregory Hoyle (Trombonist); and Robert Versfeld (Vocalist). This is a record number and a fantastic achievement. Thank you to Mr MacMillan and Mr Shout for accompanying the musicians on this tour.

### NEW STAFF



We welcome Mr Steven Edwards to our Economics Department. He has previously taught at St Benedict's College and Rondebosch Boys' High School. Mr Edwards matriculated from Kearsney College where he was a School Prefect and achieved seven distinctions. He holds degrees from the Universities of Kwazulu-Natal and South Africa.

We welcome him to SACS and trust that that his stay will be a long and happy one.

### CAPE SCHOOLS GOLF

Our golfers played in the Cape Schools' Golf Tournament during the school holidays. They lost to Framesby, but convincingly beat Selborne College and Outeniqua.





## TRANSKEI OUTREACH

"The tour to Zanewonga High School was a great success, with the most common piece of feedback a resounding statement: "life changing". This year SACS partnered with Springfield Convent in an effort to be able to teach the students of Zanewonga at a more personal level. The group had a very positive mindset from the start and the girls and boys worked together maturely to ensure their lessons were planned well. Familiar Zanewonga faces returned which was very encouraging. Added to this was the return of a past pupil who came and told us how we inspired him to try and enter into tertiary education, which has been successful for him! Each year we hope to understand ways in which we can help Zanewonga and with the sustained interest of all at SACS this can be achieved. A big thank you to all the teachers who gave of their time these holidays, as well as those families who go the extra distance to help." – Mr Stuart Barnard



## SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Should you wish to advertise your business in this year's end-of-year school magazine, please contact Graeme Wepener at [wepenerg@saccollege.org.za](mailto:wepenerg@saccollege.org.za). Mr Wepener will provide you with the relevant details relating to advertisement placement, such as size options and costing.

## SACS OBU BIG BAND BLAST

The Infiniti SACS OBU Big Band Blast takes place on Thursday 16 August 2018. Enjoy an evening with the biggest names in South African Jazz. For more information, please see attachment.

## THIS WEEKEND

This weekend our rugby players compete against Boland Landbou and our hockey players against Bellville, Westerford and Edgemoed High Schools. Our First Rugby Team play on Saturday at 12:00pm on Boland Landbou's Paardeberg Field. The First Hockey Team is currently participating in the Cape Town International Hockey Tournament, which commenced on Wednesday and will conclude on Sunday. I wish all our teams well for the weekend ahead and look forward to watching from the sidelines.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING and TRAIL RUNNING



Congratulations to Luke Moir who won the Nissan Trail Seeker Mountain Bike race in Grabouw this past weekend and has been crowned Junior South African Marathon Champion.

Ryan Ball won the 15km trail run at the Bastille Day Trail Festival in Franschhoek during the holidays. Well done, Ryan.



## HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVE

Luke D'Aguiar has been selected for the South African U17 Hockey Team, following the IPT in Pietermaritzburg where Western Province place third. Congratulations.



## KING'S COLLEGE EXCHANGE



We welcome our three exchange students from King's College (Joseph Messenger, Oliver Biggs and George Simons), as well as Mr Steve Shaw. We trust that their few weeks at SACS will be fulfilling and memorable.

## 3RD IN THE WORLD IN MATHS

Emmanuel Rassou's achievement in winning a bronze medal, while representing South Africa at the International Mathematics Competition in Bulgaria, has been lauded far and wide with a number of articles appearing in the national press. Tribute was also given to his Mathematics teacher, Miss Katharina Brock. He is only the second South African in history to win a medal at this event. It is traditionally dominated by Asian countries and Emmanuel was competing against scholars two years older than himself. This exceptionally talented young man continues to make all of us at SACS so very proud. Well done Emmanuel.



Yours sincerely

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