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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the normal challenging and congested third term of the year. I am prefacing this newsletter with the following paragraphs, highlighting the basic expectations we have of our lads this term.

All schools espouse the highest set of moral value systems. SACS is no different. In fact, as the oldest school in our country, people are looking at us to take the lead. We are a traditional boys' school which nurtures the finest values and ethics – honesty, courtesy, integrity, pride, compassion, fairness and loyalty have been the hallmark of SACS men for 188 years.

The school is renowned for producing gentlemen of the highest calibre – men who have made their mark in society in all spheres of life. We are one of four schools, world-wide, whose Old Boys are offered Rhodes Scholarships, annually, to study at Oxford University. Our list of alumni is a veritable “who’s who” of South African society. But, it is not just these celebrities who have, and still will, bring fame to our school.

Rather, it is the GREATER MAJORITY who carry the flag because of THE TYPE OF VALUE SYSTEMS THAT THEY ESPOUSE – this has been ingrained, at home and in the school – the so-called “SACS MAN” – a gentleman of honour, who stands head-and-shoulders above the rest. These are the men that we are all so proud of.

The staff and I teach at this school because of these very values, amongst other things. We know that 99% of our men and our parents support the highest code of behaviour, appearance and pride in their uniform and their school. Unfortunately, however, a small minority of our boys were slipping up at the end of last term, with the so-called “smaller” things – punctuality, dress codes, littering, missing of deadlines for assignments etc. When they were punished, certain boys (fully supported by their parents) refused to subscribe to the punishment set.

When these “menial” misdemeanours are proliferating, the “bigger” concerns can also arise – downright defiance, insubordination, theft, offensive and crude behaviour etc. We need to avoid this and maintain the very positive atmosphere that pervades our school at the moment.

My reason for mentioning this is simple – as Headmaster of SACS, I intend “handing over” South Africa’s “oldest, proudest and best” school to my successor, Mr Brendan Grant, in six weeks’ time and I trust that the school will be on a “high” in all aspects.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TRANSKEI OUTREACH

This year saw the SACS Eastern Cape Outreach group tackle their own support project. The SACS gentlemen gained insightful perspective on the educational situation in South Africa through the interactions with students between classes taught at Zanewonga Secondary. Whilst the SACS men taught, the staff installed doors, windows and roofing. They also cleaned classrooms and helped organise the “staff room.” The team organised an afternoon of handing out all the donations which included various items of clothing, Kia motors cars, Mackie and Build It hardware, Appletiser furniture, knitted beanies, books, stationery, sanitary goods, Colgate toothpaste, sporting equipment, answer series resources and more. It is now up to those SACS men and families involved to spread the word of the influence we can have on those far less privileged. To those in need, the smallest contributions make the greatest difference, beyond our understanding at times. We cannot forget that it is not just ‘the right thing to do’ to help our fellow South Africans. It is our duty to do more for those who can do no more for themselves with the difficult situations they face daily. I would like to thank all the families involved, especially the parents of those SACS boys on tour. A special thank you must go to Clare Wepener, Nichole Harding and Colin Harding, as well as the boys and staff members (Messrs Wepener, Barnard and Wilson).

CONCERT BAND TOUR



The SACS Concert Band enjoyed an international tour to Austria and Germany in July where they performed in the Mid Europe Wind Band Festival in Schladmig. SACS was recognised as the first African band to participate, as the festival celebrated its twentieth anniversary.

Performances were held in the Congress Hall and the Vienna International Youth Festival and the band competed in the GSM Band Competition, achieving an outstanding 76.89%.

All-in-all, the band were great ambassadors for the school, city, province and country. Congratulations and thanks to the staff who accompanied them (Mrs Graham, Mrs Mdloyi, Mr Alexander and Mr MacMillan).



PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

We also extend congratulations to the large number of SACS men who represented Western Province at various national rugby, hockey and squash tournaments with distinction.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Luke Moir (Grade 8) secured the 2017 South African National Series Youth Boys (U16) title, winning all four of the National Series races. At the South African Championships held in Nelspruit this past weekend, Luke placed third. Congratulations.



MINTEK SCIENCE QUIZ

Congratulations to Adam Begg (Grade 12) who was selected for the Western Province team to participate in the Mintek Science Quiz. The Western Province team placed fourth and Adam was one of only two learners who achieved distinction in the individual competition, and he came second overall in the National Competition.

CAPE SCHOOLS WEEK

GOLF

The First Golf Team beat Outeniqua and Nico Malan High Schools, whilst suffering narrow defeats at the hands of Grey High School and Selborne College.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country Team excelled by being placed first in the 8km race, three of our athletes being placed in the top ten. The second race was a 6 x 2km relay and here we placed third, but were tied first in the overall places at the end of the week with Grey High School.

RUGBY

The First Rugby Team were outstanding in their two fixtures, playing without their three Western Province representatives (a ruling by Western Province Schools Rugby) against Selborne College (eleven Border players in the Craven Week Team) and Grey High School (eight EP players in the Craven Week Team) who were both at full strength. SACS beat Selborne College 17-13 and Grey High School 20-18.

Congratulations to the golfers, cross country athletes and the rugby players. Thank you to the staff members who accompanied them – Messrs Grobler, Kleynhans, Parsons, MacKinnon, Maurer and van Selm.



ENGLISH BEST SPEAKERS COMPETITION

The English Best Speakers Competition took place on Friday 30 June 2017. James Drummond (Grade 9) won the English Best Speaker Junior Competition, whilst Harrison Fowles (Grade 10) won the Senior Competition. Congratulations.



KING'S COLLEGE EXCHANGE

We welcome our two exchange students from King's College, Edward Cashmore and Harry Geddes. We trust that their three weeks at SACS will be fulfilling and memorable.



HISTORY SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the following boys on their election onto the 2017/2018 History Society Committee:



Back row: Jamie Baxter, Scott Warwick (Chairman), Tane Wahl and Liam Donnelly
Front row: Haytham Jeppie, Luke D'Aguiar, Ross Letcher, Andrew O'Brien (Vice-Chairman), Alexander Lomnitz and Thomas Mitchell
Absent: Eathan De Lance-Holmes

OLD BOYS' UNION JAZZ EVENING

The Infniti Insurance SACS OBU Big Band Jazz Evening, in celebration of Women's Day, will be taking place on Tuesday 8 August from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Hofmeyr Hall.

The line-up includes musicians of iconic South African groups such as Johnny Clegg, Springbok Nude Girls, Hog Hoggidy Hog, The Rudimentals, Good Luck, and many more.

Tickets cost R100 for general admission or R175 for a pre-drink and cheese board in the Brodie Room at 6:30pm. To purchase tickets, contact Sandy Edwards at 0216891829 or visit www.webtickets.co.za.

THIS WEEKEND

Our rugby and hockey teams compete against Paarl Boys' High School this weekend. The First Hockey team play on Saturday at 9:00am (H) and the First Rugby Team on Saturday at 12:30pm (Veld A, Paarl Boys' High School). I wish all teams well for their fixtures.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. R. Ball".

K. R. BALL
HEADMASTER