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Dear Parents

HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

Yesterday I had the pleasure of spending time with the class of 1968, a large number of whom had returned to SACS from all corners of the globe for their fifty year reunion celebration. Four men and one of their schoolmasters, Mr Louis Knoetze, shared their life experiences from that time, and to the present day. Each was entertaining, profound and fascinating in their own right, and highlighted for me the rich tapestry of history that runs through our school.

Every SACS man will have his own story to tell and every one will be different, good or bad. What was amazing for me to witness were the clear bonds of friendship still so evident after fifty years.

Last night Springbok Sevens Captain and SACS Old Boy, Kyle Brown, was guest speaker at our annual Old Boys Dinner. As a vital cog in our nation's most successful World Champion sports team, Kyle inspired all present with a humble and down-to-earth talk in which he emphasised unity through diversity as the key driving factor in their team's excellence and success. As a school and a nation, we can all learn from this fantastic team. Thank you and well done Kyle.



Our sailors took part in the Southern Charter Classic Sailing Regatta, held at Zeekoevlei this past weekend. They did very well in the Regatta with Hamilton Slater placing first, Max Hall second and Ross Mackinnon fourth in the Dabchick Class, while Cullen Keytel placed first in the Laser Radial Class. SACS won the trophy for the overall best school. This is the fourth year in a row that we have won this trophy. Well done to Matt Ashwell and Bryan Carstens who returned from a successful Optimist World Championships in Cyprus.



Estate Manager, Mr Rudi Barnard, very kindly gave up some of his time on Monday morning to drive Ms Noma Nkewana, Eathan De Lance-Holmes and Interact Head, Mr Stuart Barnard, to Sithembele Mathiso Secondary School. More than 12 000 sanitary pads were gathered from our sanitary drive thanks to the combined efforts of all at SACS during Women's Month in August. This donation will ensure that all the girls of Sithembele Mathiso sit their examinations this year. We hope to continue the relationship we have started with Sithembele in the future. – Stuart Barnard

It always seems impossible until it's done. -Nelson Mandela



Our U14A Cricket Team had a wonderful trip to Durban last week. They lost their first game against Maritzburg College by seven wickets, their second game against St Charles College was rained-out and they beat Northwood College by six wickets in their final game (Liyema Waqu 3-8, Michael McGaw 42 and Hishaam Samaai 30 not out).

The boys enjoyed their time away, taking some valuable lessons with them. All the host schools hosted our boys with genuine care and our boys were excellent ambassadors for SACS. Thank you to Mr Willows (Head of Cricket), Mr Ahmed (Coach) for his hard-work and to all the parents who travelled to join the tour. We look forward to next year's tour.

THIS WEEKEND

Our U15A and First Cricket Teams compete against the Northern Districts this afternoon (3:00pm) at Durbanville Cricket Club (T20), while our oarsmen commence their season with the Somerset College Indoor Ergo Regatta out in Somerset West on Saturday.

I wish our sportsmen well for the upcoming weekend and their various fixtures.



On Friday 7 September, the Grade 11s of our Second and Third Hockey Teams played their second-leg against our past Third Team Old Boys. The match was played in good spirits and saw some inspirational hockey.

Thank you to James Raisbeck (Grade 10) and Michael Willig (Grade 10) for refereeing the match, and to the Old Boys for giving back to their school. Our current students beat the Old Boys four goals to three.



Congratulations to Jared Rodrigues (Grade 9) who placed thirty-ninth in the World Youth Climbing Championships, which took place in Russia. No small feat and the best any South African has placed in these championships. Pictured left is Jared receiving his Protea Colours.



Left to right: Louis Knoetze (who taught Afrikaans to the Class of 1968, later Headmaster of Paarl Boys' High School), Mr Grant and 1968 Head Prefect, Rodney Ehrlich.

Yours sincerely

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