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NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Dear Parents

A parent from a school in George took the time to write to us about their experience at last Friday's Athletics Meeting in Paarl. Out of the many schools and thousands of people in attendance, she singled out our SACS boys for their spirit, camaraderie, manners and "the way they carry themselves." Similarly, there were many such messages about our young men who conducted 'tours' at our successful Open Day this week. These are the letters that, as a Headmaster, I enjoy receiving, perhaps even more so than those reflecting outstanding results or achievements, which also bring joy. Thank you SACS men for flying the flag in such a proud and positive way this week.

OPEN DAY



WATER CRISIS

This week the school attended a meeting with Premier Zille on the water crisis. The overall message was that, with proper and drastic saving, Day Zero can be avoided. However, in the event of Day Zero being reached, all efforts will be made to keep schools open and functional. Schools were also asked to take whatever practical steps possible to reduce water consumption. Tomorrow I shall meet with the Headmasters of our traditional neighbouring schools and officials to discuss our collective way forward, in both the short and medium term, in response to the crisis we face. On Monday our School Governing Body (SGB) will convene to discuss all moral, legal and practical issues regarding the current water situation. The school will release a comprehensive statement on all issues relating to water at SACS and the way forward after this meeting. It's a time for cool heads and collective effort from all of us in response to the situation we face.

PAARL ATHLETICS MEETING



ACADEMIC AWARDS 2017 ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

In Grade 10, Half Colours are awarded to pupils who achieve between 80 and 84.9% in BOTH their June and end-of-year examinations

Connor Abrahams	Thomas Dougan
Ryan Ball	Liam Gildenhuys
Matthew Beck	Panashe Gundani
Oliver Borg	Matthew Pretorius
Jaeden Bühler	Joseph Clayton

In Grade 10, Full Colours are awarded to pupils who achieve 85% and above in BOTH their June and end-of-year examinations

Chris Allpass-Jackson	Kyle Baxter
Bevan Alperstein	Benjamin Hartley
Zach Baskir	Daniel Tukker

Our academic awards assembly was held last week on Friday 19 January 2018 during which awards were handed out in recognition of our top achievers for 2017. Awards were handed out by Adam Begg, Dux Scholar for 2017, who achieved an average of 92.6% in his final Matric examinations. Congratulations to the following boys:



In Grade 11, Half Colours are awarded to pupils who achieve between 75% and 79.9% in BOTH the June and end-of-year examinations

Sebastian Anema	Ibraheem Nordien
Tristan Davis	Andrew O'Brien
Eathan De Lance-Holmes	Jordan Peters
Gerainn Everson	Liam Schrickker
Imran Hoosain	Matthew Torr
Robert Hunter	Jack van Heerden
Matt Jooste	Matthew Voss
Zaid Najjaar	Sebastian Watson

In Grade 11, Full Blues are awarded to pupils who achieve 80% and above in BOTH the June and end-of-year examinations

Yaseen Adams	Matthew Phillips
Daniel Barrish	Daniel Rossouw
Matthew Carolesen	Dominic Stemp
Emile Ferreira	Robert Versfeld
Adeeb Gaibie	Keegan Weaver
Anees Hassan	Julian Weimann
Thomas Mitchell	

Academic badges are awarded to Grade 8 pupils who achieve 80% and above in BOTH their June and end-of-year examinations

Nicolas Anema	Matthew Dean	Ethan Lawrence
Matt Ashwell	Uzayr Emeran	Charles
Simon Bean	Cameron Garde	McCarthy
Daniel Begg	Roberto Gonzallex	Alexander McKay
Julian Bruyns	Joshua Grieveson	David Nicolay
Luke Button	Oliver Hartley	James Royden-Turner
Luke Canning	Muhammad Hassiem	Michael Tukker
Matthew Clark	Luca Héfer	Matthew Versfeld
Thomas Cowen	Damian Knott	Kai von During

Academic badges are awarded to Grade 9 pupils who achieve 80% and above in BOTH their June and end-of-year examinations

Reuben Allies	Kane Gibson	Judd Raichman
Nathan Ansell	Max Hall	Dominic Riley
Christopher Breetzke	Gregory Hall	Thomas Roomes
Liam Dawson	Ryan Johnson	Thomas Russell
Badr Dramat	Neal Lategan	Bradley Virgin
	Sebastian Long	Michael Willig



SACS ROWING ERGOTHON AT ZEEKOEVLEI YACHT CLUB

SACS Rowing held an internal Ergothon at the Zeekoevlei Yacht club this past weekend. There were four teams of boys (a mixture of U14 to U19) who faced off against a determined parents team. The teams raced over a marathon distance of 42 195m, with the winning boys team holding a 1:48.1 average. Well done to all involved.



CAPE TOWN SIXES

SACS participated in the Cape Town Cricket U19 Sixes Festival on Sunday. Our team beat Fish Hoek High School, Bergvliet High School and Westerford High School in the round-robin. They then won the Cape Town Sixes final against Wynberg Boys' High School with one over to spare. Notable performances on the day and awards went to Daniel Smith (best batsman), Tatenda Richardson-Shuttleworth (best bowler), Ethan Burger (best all-rounder) and Kai Curran (best catch).



CRICKET DR MELLE CUPS

Thomas Newby (Grade 9) received the Junior Dr Melle Cup and Keenan Dalwai (Grade 10) the Senior Cup this week. Thomas scored 54 and led the U15A side to an emphatic 8 wicket win against Paarl Gymnasium. Keenan was 157 not out in a remarkable winning run chase by the 3rd side.



WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE



Christopher du Plessis (Grade 12) has been selected to represent Western Province at the Highgate Oudtshoorn Interprovincial Biathlon Meeting. I wish Christopher well for the upcoming competition.

ARE YOU THINKING OF STUDYING AT A UK UNIVERSITY?

In February 2018, Study UK in collaboration with the British Council Services for International Education Marketing (SIEM) will be hosting representatives from universities in the United Kingdom (UK). This visit will include a roadshow, marketing opportunities for South African students to study in the UK, while also showcasing South African schools through school visits during their stay.

The Cape Town Exhibition takes place on Thursday 8 February 2018 (15h00 to 19h00) at the Belmont Square Conference Centre in Belmont Road, Rosebank

Registration and attendance is free. The following universities have confirmed their attendance at the exhibition: Bournemouth, Cranfield, Kaplan International Pathways, King's College (London), Middlesex, Oxford Brookes, Queen Mary, Northampton, Sheffield, College London, Exeter, Greenwich, Kent, Reading (Henley Business School) and Surrey. If you would like to attend, please register at <https://za.edukexhibition.org>.

ASSESSMENT TRACKER: GRADE 8 TO 12

To help your sons take responsibility and organise their workloads, subject areas have collated their assessment deadline dates into an 'assessment tracker' for this term. This has been emailed to all students at their sacollege.org.za account. If you wish to access the assessment tracker, please ask your son to check his emails. In addition, it should be noted that some subject areas may adjust their due date deadlines and, if this occurs, boys will be notified in advance.

PARENT GARDEN CLUB



The SACS Garden Club is looking for parent volunteers to help in the campus gardens. If you are interested and would like more information, please email jenkinsonl@sacollege.org.za.

NEW PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

All Grade 8 parents, as well as new parents of boys in other grades, are welcome to join us at our cheese and wine information evening on Tuesday 6 February 2018 at 6:00pm in the Memorial Quad. We look forward to welcoming you there.

THIS WEEKEND

I wish our sportsmen well for their fixtures this weekend. Our water polo players compete against Reddam/Westerford and our cricketers against Rondebosch Boys' High School. The First Cricket Team play on De Villiers Field (H) at 9:30am on Saturday and the First Water Polo Team at 12:30pm against Reddam (A). Our oarsmen compete in the Harvest Regatta in Elgin.

Yours sincerely

B.J. GRANT
HEADMASTER