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NEWSLETTER NO. 9

Dear Parents

As we race toward the end of term one, I trust that this week's test series has gone well for our boys. Test week or examination time brings a different 'vibe' to the school. Upon enquiry with our boys, I have mostly been greeted by smiles and thumbs up signs, with only the occasional shake of the head and "paper was harsh, sir" scenario. At the same time, we are busy with the transition from Summer to Winter seasons from an extramural perspective. It is a very busy time and I want to thank our staff and boys for handling it so well.

The internal scholarship examinations prizes were awarded in assembly on Monday. Congratulations to the following recipients:

WORLD WAR II SCHOLARSHIPS

These Scholarships were set up in 1949 by the SACS Old Boys' Union as a memorial to Old Boys who fell in the Second World War and are awarded to boys who came first in their Grade.

Yaseen Adams	First in Grade 11 2017
Benjamin Hartley	First in Grade 10 2017
Christopher Breetzke	First in Grade 9 2017
Oliver Hartley	First in Grade 8 2017

VICTORIA SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship competed for.

Julian Weimann	First Place
Emile Ferreira	Second Place

WORLD WAR I SCHOLARSHIPS

These Scholarships were set up in 1919 by the Council of the University of Cape Town as a memorial to SACS Old Boys who fell during World War I.

Zach Baskir	Third in Senior Examinations
Andrew O'Brien	Fourth in Senior Examinations
Anees Hassan	Fourth in Senior Examinations
Max Hall	First in Junior Examinations
Christopher Breetzke	Second in Junior Examinations
Thomas Russell	Third in Junior Examinations

MURRAY WHITEFORD ENGLISH PRIZE

Julian Weimann	Senior Prize
Christopher Breetzke	Junior Prize

SYDNEY GELBART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship was established in memory of the late Sydney Gelbart, a SACS Old Boy who was, to his family, an outstanding son, husband, father and a good friend to all at the school.

Nicholas Williams

GOTTSCHALK AWARD

This is awarded each year to a boy leading a full life at SACS – for consistent involvement and effort in the sporting, cultural and academic life of the school, taking into account improvement, diligence, enthusiasm and keenness, rather than excellence.

Christopher Simayi

BOTHNER SCHOLARSHIPS

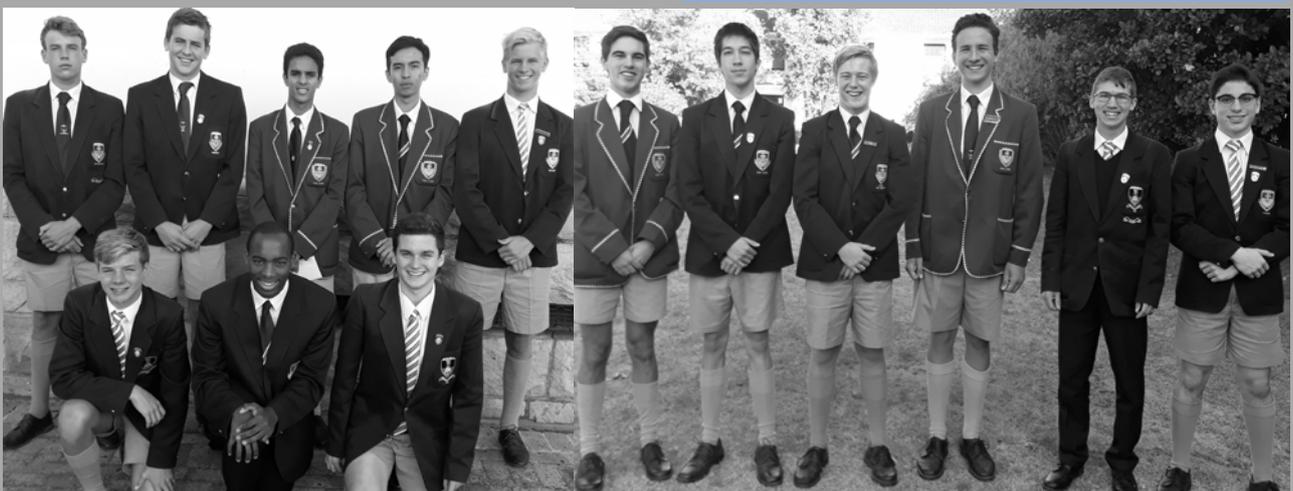
These were established in 1959 by the Bothner family as a memorial to the late Maurice "Bobby" Bothner and are awarded to all-rounders in Grade 11 and 12 taking into consideration character, distinction in academic work, achievement and interest in school games and societies.

Julian Weimann
Robert Versfeld

WILLIAM BAXTER SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship was established by the Old Boys Union in 1926 as a memorial to Billy Baxter, Headmaster of the High School from 1907 to 1926. It is awarded to an all-rounder in Grade 12.

Craig Bylin





CONSTANTIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Constantia Primary School has over 300 learners. SACS has collaborated with Sporting Chance, Perfect Turf, Umzali Transport and the Ackerman Foundation to improve the play areas at the school. The learners have had very little in the way of usable facilities, and SACS was very happy to donate large amounts of our lifted astroturf to help the school. Much of our turf will go towards the pre-primary play facility, as well as parts of the main new football and netball play areas. Mr Peverley must be thanked for driving this initiative. He and I, together with Messrs Marshall and Evans from our Junior School, attended the opening function for the new facility on Friday 9 March. It was a happy occasion and it was amazing to see the difference it is going to make in the lives of these school children.



CAPE TOWN CYCLE TOUR

Congratulations to the following boys for completing the largest timed race in the world (109km):

Emile Strydom	Grade 11	2:49:11	Daniel Rossouw	Grade 12	4:19:20
James Paul	Grade 11	2:50:29	Daniel Tukker	Grade 11	4:26:20
Sameer Gangraker	Grade 11	2:51:03	Matthew Pretorius	Grade 11	4:26:32
Kieran Horsford	Grade 11	3:24:26	Christopher Maynard	Grade 8	5:50:12
Stephen Bird	Grade 11	3:33:36	Thomas Cowen	Grade 9	6:04:01
Ayyoob Khan	Grade 9	3:55:45			

GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS

A sincere word of appreciation to the parents who attended the School Governing Body (SGB) nomination and election meeting earlier this week. We could not proceed with the meeting because we did not have the 143 parents required for a quorum.

A second nomination and election meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 5:30pm in the Hofmeyr Hall. We encourage parents to attend this meeting.

IBSC CONFERENCE



Mr Graeme Wepener, Mrs Dawn Siso, Mr Stuart Barnard, Mrs Sally James (Junior School Deputy Head) and Mr Barry van Selm attended the International Boys' School Coalition Conference at Michaelhouse last week. All indications are that it was a wonderfully insightful conference. Our staff members are looking forward to sharing these insights with the rest of our school.

ROWING REPRESENTATIVES

Matthew Nordoff (Grade 12), Andrew Affleck (Grade 11) and Daniel Human (Grade 12) have been selected for the Western Province Coxless Four and will trial for South Africa later this year. Bradford (Grade 11) Marais has been selected for the Western Province Double and will also trial for South Africa later this year.

Oliver Bubb (Grade 10), Demetrios Philippou (Grade 10), Neal Lategan (Grade 10), Ethan Kampers (Grade 10), Daniel Schorr-Seymour (Grade 9), Jordan MacDougall (Grade 10), Zachariah Lewis (Grade 10), Luca Bienz (Grade 10) and Daniel Haworth (Grade 9) have been invited to trials to represent the Western Cape Rowing Association at the South African National Rowing Championships later this year.

Congratulations to our oarsmen and I wish them well for the upcoming trials.



FLOREAT EASTER EGG DRIVE

SACS is currently running an Easter egg drive for the students of Floreat Primary School. Our heartfelt appreciation to all parents and SACS men and staff who have already supported this project. The chocolate eggs will be delivered to Floreat on Tuesday 27 March.

We are encouraging every SACS man to donate at least one medium to large hollow chocolate Easter egg or bunny. Our target is to collect an egg/bunny for every child at Floreat (867 in total). Collections take place on a daily basis during tutor or can be handed directly to Mrs Twine in reception. If parents would prefer to donate financially towards this cause, please contact Mrs Parker. Our thanks go to Mrs Parker for driving this initiative.

DR MELLE CRICKET CUPS

Kai Greig (Grade 11) received the Dr Melle Senior Cup this week for his match-winning innings for the Second Cricket Team - an innings of eighty-four in the teams victory over Paul Roos Gymnasium.

Michael Levitt (Grade 9) received the Junior Cup this week for his all-round contribution of sixty not-out and 2-25 in the U15As win on Saturday. Congratulations to Kai and Michael.



LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Anees Hassan (Grade 12) wrote an essay which was featured in the SA People online magazine. His essay was titled, "Life is Beautiful." Congratulations and well done Anees.

Please find a link to Anees' essay below:

<https://www.sapeople.com/2018/03/14/cape-town-learners-essay-life-is-beautiful/>

JAZZ IN THE GARDEN

On Sunday afternoon (18 March 2018), bring along a picnic blanket and friends, and join us for this term's Jazz in the Garden Concert, starting at 3:00pm. Our Big Band, Concert Band, Junior Jazz Band, Choir, Marimba Band and various other ensembles will provide a relaxed afternoon's entertainment. Entry is free.

THIS WEEKEND

Our cricketers compete against Wynberg Boys' High School this weekend, whilst our First and Second Rugby Teams participate in the Boland Landbou Rugby Festival. Our First Cricket Team play on Saturday at 9:30am on the Jacques Kallis Oval at Wynberg Boys' High School (A). Our First Rugby Team play on Saturday at 10:10am (versus Strand) and at 12:10pm (versus Hugnote), and the Second Team play at 11:30am (versus Boland) and at 12:50pm (versus HTS Bellville).

Yours sincerely

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HEADMASTER