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Dear Parents

INTRODUCTION

The latter part of the second term can be a tricky time with mid-year exams being written and traditional derby fixtures taking place at the same time. Long-awaited substantial rainfall has brought with it further challenges but they are challenges we have been more than happy to work around and we look forward to more good rainfall this weekend as we take on Wynberg Boys High.

This morning in assembly I spoke about the Comrades Marathon and the remarkable feat of SACS Old Boy Phil Masterton Smith who in 1932, on not being able to afford the train or boat fare to KZN, rode from Cape Town to Pietermaritzburg, a distance of 1600km, on a bicycle, over a period of ten days and then ran the Comrades. Masterton Smith was given the nickname Unogwaja (hare) in Zulu for his running feats and prowess.

Today the Unogwaja Challenge sees a small group of elite athletes from around the world honour this feat by attempting to replicate his achievement in what has become known as the Unogwaja Challenge. Phil Masterton Smith also holds the distinction of being the youngest man ever to win the Comrades Marathon, that at the age of nineteen.

Tragically he lost his life at the battle of Tobruk in 1942 after volunteering for service in WWII. He is an Old Boy of whom SACS can be extremely proud and draw inspiration from.

In addition to our usual busy winter schedule, the following notable achievements have been recorded by our SACS men:

SAILING

Cullen Keytel (far left) (Grade 11) has been awarded his Junior Protea Colours for sailing and will be competing in the Laser Radial class in the World Youth Championships in Corpus Christi, Texas, from 14 – 21 July. There will be 400 sailors from 65 countries taking part in this prestigious and challenging regatta.



Cullen is one of only two South Africans selected, along with Sarah Deary of Wynberg Girls High School (second from right).

Cullen, who is coached by two Olympic sailors, Stefan Marcia and Asenathi Jim, will also sail in the US Nationals in order to get a feel for local conditions.

We are very proud of Cullen and wish him and Sarah the best of luck as they represent our country.

ROWING

Last week Western Province Rowing held a function here at SACS to award Western Province colours to a wide range of recipients.



Among the recipients were a number of SACS oarsmen:

U19 Andrew Affleck, Daniel Human, Brad Marais and Matthew Nordoff.

U16 Luca Bienz, Oliver Bubb, Daniel Haworth, Ethan Kampers, Neal Lategan, Zac Lewis, Jordan Macdougall, Demetri Philippou and Daniel Schorr-Seymour.

WESTERN CAPE MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPS



These Championships were held over the weekend of 2 and 3 June in the Bloemendal Wine Estate, Durbanville.

SACS was well represented with Kieran Horsford coming 10th in the Junior Boys' event and Emile Strydom being placed 14th in the same race.

Luke Moir (see photo) won the Youth Boys category, with Kai von During achieving 10th place.

LIFE_SAVING



James Davis (Grade 8) had the honour of leading the WP U14 Life-Saving team in the interprovincial competition in Durban last month. The Western Province team won almost all the events and returned with the trophy. Heartiest congratulations to James on this achievement.

Yours sincerely

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