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## NEWSLETTER NO. 31

Dear Parents

### HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

Sometimes everything just falls into place. This past weekend saw the most outstanding results from our SACS men and teams. This is testament to their hard work, dedication and commitment. We speak often of the need for balance and perspective, especially when it comes to sport. At the same time no SACS team ever goes on the field with the intention of losing. A competitive edge is also part of our ethos. We deserve to celebrate these results with pride. Upon return from the largest National Water Polo Tournament, hosted by St Stithian's College this past weekend in Johannesburg, I received a letter from their Headmaster, Dave du Toit, in which he said the following, "Your boys were superb throughout the festival, and great ambassadors for SACS and their families. Congratulations on an excellent win. What I enjoyed was the manner in which your boys played, and how your staff worked with your team – in a sport where there is often comment about coaches' behaviour. I was very impressed by your coaching team who were calm, supportive, inclusive and really enjoyed themselves and their boys' performances."

In sharing this story with our staff and the school, I mentioned that for me this was the real win! This team dispels the notion that nice guys come second or that arrogance helps give a competitive edge. We all need to constantly ensure that this is the case in all we do for SACS. Well done to our team. You have made us all extremely proud!

Emile Ferreira's achievements, which appear below, are something to sit up and take note of. It seems we may have another Shuttleworth or Musk in our midst here at SACS. Fittingly, an award for creativity was added to our Prize Giving list this year. It was donated by the Ferreira family and the school has decided that it will carry his name going forward. Well done on your incredible achievements, Emile.

Pitching his virtual assistant app, *Bestee*, against a number of established companies in the industry's major annual competition, Emile Ferreira (Grade 12) has won two 2018 MTN Business App of the Year Awards.

The judges recognised him as Best Breakthrough Developer and for the Most Innovative Solution. The prestigious competition honours innovative and disruptive contributions to the industry. Finalists included banks (First National and Absa), as well as well-known consumer services (Mr D, Nandos, Aerobatics, etc.). Emile received his awards during an event held at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, on 11 October.

Emile's app, *Bestee*, is touted as the world's fastest virtual assistant and also the only assistant that is capable of working offline, leaving Apple's *Siri* in the dust. Congratulations Emile on this fine achievement.





# SURFING LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Roxy Surf Emporium has kindly taken on the sponsorship and organisation of the Western Province Schools Surfing League. After a series of contests on alternate Friday afternoons in terms one and two, our Junior Surfing Team emerged as the ultimate victors. This is an excellent achievement for such a young team competing in a strong league of around ten schools including Paul Roos Gymnasium and our Senior Surfing Team. Well done to all participants.



# ST STITHIAN'S COLLEGE WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

Our First Water Polo Team competed in the St Stithian's College Water Polo Invitational Tournament last weekend, beating St John's College 7-5 in the final to win the tournament. Jordan Thomas, Devon Laurenson and Liam Dawson were chosen for the tournament team, whilst Devon Laurenson was named best attacker and Jordan Thomas best defender. Congratulations to the team, their coaches and manager, Mr Dave MacKinnon.



Our oarsman took part in the Spring regatta this past weekend which included the 500m sprints on Saturday and the 4000m Heads race on Sunday.

They travelled up to Misverstand for the weekend and achieved the following results:

**500m Sprints on Saturday:**

MA 8+ Second (Schorr-Seymour), JM U15B 4x+ First (Jordan), JM U19 4- First (Lategan), M4+ Third (MacDougall), M4- Second (Lategan), JM U15A 8x+ Third (Coetsee) , JM U19 2nd 1x First (Khan), JM U16A 2- Second (Lewis), JM U19 1st 4+ First (MacDougall), JM U16B Second (White) and JM U19 1st 8+ Second (Schorr-Seymour)

**Misverstand Heads Race on Sunday:**

JM U15 8x+ Third (Coetsee), JM U15 4x+ First (Khan), JM U19 8+ Second (Schorr-Seymour) and JM U16 4+ First (White)

Thank you to our coaches and Miss Skeat for their hard work and dedication, as well as to all the parents who drove up to Misverstand to support our boys.



Next Tuesday morning (30 October 2018), the Prefects and Interact Committee will be asking for donations at the entrance to the campus. This is in aid of the fire victims of Khayelitsha and to purchase calculators for our Zanewonga 2019 trip.

Congratulations to the two new Heads of Interact - Ibrahim Mahmood (Chairman) and Jaeden Bühler (Deputy Chairman).



The Senior Dr Melle Cup was awarded to Oscar Welsh who scored 93 in a partnership of 150 with Hlumani Msutu, for the Second Cricket Team in their match against Bishops. Judah Banwell (6-15 and 28 not out off 8 balls) was the Junior Cup winner in a 120 run win for the U15A side.

SACS enjoyed a good weekend of cricket results against Bishops winning 8 out of 10 matches.

## SQUASH

Our First Squash Team participated in the twelfth annual Stayers Squash Festival this past weekend. Teams from around the country descended on Cape town and matches took place at a number of venues around Cape Town. SACS hosted five of the matches. Our Squash Team did very well, producing some of our best overall results. Congratulations to Mr Kevin Thompson and our squash boys on a highly successful weekend of squash.

Congratulations to our Marimba Band boys on being awarded 97% at the eistedfodd last weekend and for being the top-scoring band. They were also awarded spot prizes for most enthusiasm (Daniel Tukker), best leadership (Jaeden Bühler), dedication and commitment (Jordan Coetzee) and most growth (Joel Allies). The group was called on stage by the adjudicator to commend them on their energy, teamwork and dedication to each other. She indicated that she had not yet seen such an energetic group with such great team spirit in her adjudications. Congratulations boys for making us proud.



### ADVANCED NOTICE: COMPULSORY ASSESSMENTS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM TWO (2019)

In order to maximise contact time for teaching and learning, the school will conduct formal assessment activities for ALL grades up to and including the last day of term 2 (i.e. the week ending 14 June 2019). As these assessments form part of CASS, a medical certificate is required should a learner be absent. The details for these assessments will be published in the June 2019 examination timetable and issued to the learners a few weeks before the commencement of this examination. We kindly request that you take cognisance of this when planning holidays as your sons are required to be at school until the last day of each term. This is both an expectation and a legal requirement.



## ATHLETICS

Our athletes competed in the Bishops One Hour Athletics Meeting last week. Our boys performed very well. The following boys placed first in their events:

U17 Long Jump (Jamie Baxter), U15 Shot Put (Caden Sampson), U16 Javelin (Adam Wilson), U15 1500m (Simon Bean), U17 400m (Matthew Pretorius) and U15 100m (Reece Burger).

Congratulations to all our athletes and thank you to the Head of Athletics, Mr André van Wyk, and his team of dedicated staff members.



## BASKETBALL

SACS Basketball is very healthy and achieving some excellent results. The popularity of this sport is growing in numbers and SACS has never had so many boys playing basketball. Pictured above are the First Basketball team who have beaten both Rondebosch Boys' High School (41-22) and Bishops (45-21) this past week.

## HOSTEL PREFECTS 2019

The following boys were announced as Hostel Prefects for 2019 at the end-of-year Rosedale House Hostel dinner last week. They are: Tane Wahl (Head), Oliver Borg (Deputy), Tristan Fagg, Cameron Abgeggen, Joel Naudé, Chris Hattingh, Unam Mdzinwa and Luke McMeeking.



## CRICKET

Our First Cricket Team beat Bishops this past weekend by seven wickets.

Pictured left are the First Cricket Team after their win against Bishops.

Well done lads on a fantastic season thus far.

# BUDGET PRESENTATION AND REPORT BACK TO PARENTS

A reminder to parents that presentation of the budget and report to parents meeting takes place on Thursday next week (1 November 2018) at 6:30pm in the Lecture Theatre.

Our Water Polo Teams play against Wynberg Boys' High School at home this weekend, whilst our cricketers play against Rondebosch Boys' High School and our oarsmen participate in the Western Province Championships at Zeekoevlei. Our First Cricket Team play at 9:30am on Saturday on Rondebosch's Field (50 Overs) and our First Water Polo team on Saturday at 11:20am (H).

I wish our sportsmen well for the weekend ahead and I look forward to supporting them from the sidelines.



Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of B.J. Grant in black ink.

**B.J. GRANT**  
**HEADMASTER**