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NEWSLETTER NO. 12

Dear Parents

HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

Our History Society hosted SACS Old Boy, Gareth Rutherford, who addressed us on Wednesday night in the Library. The audience sat spellbound as Gareth gave a humble and honest account of aspects of his life, including circumstances which saw him receive the country's highest award for bravery and his 10 year incarceration in a foreign prison. He spoke with extreme gratitude for the time he spent at our school and how people from the SACS community supported him in his darkest hour.

He spoke of how even in the most desperate and brutal of circumstances the human heart is still predisposed to kindness. His message resonates with the power of the human spirit and is ultimately one of hope and triumph. It was a privilege to host Gareth Rutherford at his Alma Mater and we wish him well going forward.

Today's archive article shows some amazing scenes from the life history of our school. What a joy it must have been to have President Mandela visit our campus 21 years ago. The photograph of the President with future Rhodes/Mandela Scholar, Vinesh Rajpaul, is particularly poignant. Thank you Mr Perkin for compiling these for us to enjoy.

MATHEMATICS

Emmanuel Rassou (Grade 9) formed part of the South African Mathematics Team who were placed second overall at the Pan African Mathematics Olympiad, behind Morocco. Emmanuel won an individual Bronze medal with the team finishing with two Gold medals, one Silver and two Bronze medals. Congratulations.



WESTERN PROVINCE BODYBOARDING

Congratulations to Jesse Voigt (Grade 9) who has been selected for the Western Province Bodyboarding Team who will participate in the South African Bodyboarding Associations' National Championships later this month. His consistent surfing ability, sportsmanship qualities and positive attitude have all contributed to his selection.



JOHN INCE MEMORIAL RUN POSTPONED

Regrettably, due to unforeseen clashes in the diary, the Old Boys' Union has had to postpone the 'John Ince Memorial Run', which was due to take place on Sunday 14 April 2019.

The race will be run later in the year, date to be confirmed. If you have already paid for the run, the OBU office is very happy to reimburse you or your payment will be honoured for when the race is run later in the year. For more information contact Sandy on 0216891829 or sacs_obu@saccollege.org.za.

FLOREAT EASTER EGG DRIVE

If you notice some strangely dressed individuals at the school's entrance on Monday morning, do not be alarmed.

It is our Prefect Body requesting donations in terms of the Floreat Easter Egg Drive. Please support them in this worthwhile and charitable initiative.

THIS WEEK AT SACS

This weekend both our hockey and rugby teams play various teams. Whilst our First Rugby Team have no fixture this weekend, our First Hockey Team play Pinelands High School on Friday at 2:30pm at Pinelands High School. I wish our teams well for the weekend ahead.

CRICKET EXCHANGE



Michael Levitt (Grade 10) and Thomas Newby (Grade 10) are travelling on a cricket exchange to Haileybury School in the United Kingdom. We wish them well and are sure they will make SACS proud with this wonderful opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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HEADMASTER



Albert van de Sandt Centlivres was a SACS Rhodes Scholar who read Law at Oxford University, practised in various parts of South Africa, became a judge and finished his career as Chief Justice of the Union of South Africa. As Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, he was an opponent of the Nationalist Government's racist legislation and his immense prestige helped preserve the South African judiciary's dignity and standing in the 1950s. Pictured right and left.



Freddie Mills. World Light Heavy Weight Boxing Champion, pictured below.



Prime Minister Jan Smuts visits SACS (1947). Pictured above and right.

FROM THE SACS ARCHIVES: ARTICLE TEN FAMOUS VISITORS TO THE SACS CAMPUS



Two SACS teaching legends: ANJ Rowland (Science) and Robin Whiteford (Headmaster and classical scholar) pictured with the Governor-General and Mrs van Zyl (left).

VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) celebrated at SACS in 1945. Pictured right.



Douglas Bader at SACS - compulsory reading: REACH FOR THE SKY in 1965. Pictured left.

Rocky Marciano. World Heavy Weight Boxing Champion in 1967. Pictured right.



Alan Paton was the Guest Speaker at the High School Prize Giving in 1984. He wrote Hofmeyr's biography and the famous novel 'Cry the Beloved Country'. Referring to the SACS campus he said: 'On it, by 1960, had arisen the grandest school buildings in South Africa.'



1998 Nelson Mandela visits SACS. Pictured with future SACS Rhodes Scholar (2012), Vinesh Rajpaul.

