



31 March 2017

NEWSLETTER NO. 12

Dear Parents

MRS JESSICA ABRAMSON

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Jessica Abramson, our second-hand clothing convener since 1995. Mrs Abramson was an extremely loyal servant of SACS, continuing her voluntary role for fifteen years after her youngest son, Gareth, matriculated in 2002. We extend sincere condolences to Julien, her two sons, Michael and Gareth, and her family, whilst thanking them for Jessica's unprecedented love and service to our school.

PILOT EVALUATION AND NEEDU VISITS

During the last three weeks of term, assessment teams from the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) and the Department of Basic Education (DBE) (National Department) have visited the school, engaged with staff, parents and boys whilst completing an evaluation of school "practices." The WCED's visit was a "whole school" pilot, whilst the DBE's (Needu) visit concerned academic practices only. We are still awaiting written reports, but the verbal feedback was exceptionally positive, particularly that from the DBE concerning academics. The WCED will, no doubt, give us feedback that will enable us to "tighten up" in areas that require this.

ACADEMICS

Reports will reflect your son's achievement in a small section of work covered since the start of the year. Grade 8s, new boys to SACS and Matrics will have a full set of subject and tutor comments, while the rest of the school will have comments only for subjects where boys have failed to attain 50%.

Failed subjects will be underlined in red and need your intervention immediately in order to prevent a problem in the mid-year examinations. Please be aware that the mid-year examinations start on Friday 2 June 2017 for Matrics and Wednesday 7 June 2017 for Grades 8 to 11.

Congratulations to the following boys who placed in the top three positions in their Grade:

GRADE 8	First	Oliver Hartley
	Second	Nicolas Anema
	Third	Matt Ashwell
GRADE 9	First	Bradley Virgin
	Second	Thomas Russell
	Third	Christopher Breetzke
GRADE 10	First	Zach Baskir
	Second	Daniel Tukker
	Third	Kyle Baxter
GRADE 11	First	Anees Hassan
	Second	Yaseen Adams
	Third	Julian Weimann
GRADE 12	First	Ziyaad Gaibie
	Second	Adam Begg
	Third	Nicholas McKechnie

TERM ONE RESULTS

Reports will be emailed to all parents on Friday 31 March 2017. The results for the first term can also be viewed on the parent portal from Friday 10:00am onwards.

The link to access the portal is:

<http://edadmin.saccollege.org.za/parentportal.cfm>

Should you require your username and password to access the parent portal, please contact Miss Jenkinson at jenkinsonl@saccollege.org.za.

INTER-SCHOOLS SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP



The sailors participated in the Inter-Schools Sailing Championships this past weekend. Their results are as follows:

OPTIMIST		LASER RADIAL	
Matt Ashwell	First Place	Cullen Keytel	Second Place
Hamilton Slater	Fourth Place	Ryan Hayward	Fifth Place
DABCHICK		TEAM POSITIONS	
Michael Hoyle	First Place	Optimist	SACS First
Greg Hoyle	Third Place	Dabchick	SACS First and Second
Adam Knox	Fifth Place	Laser Radial	SACS Second
Andrew van Niekerk	Seventh Place		
OVERALL			
Wynberg Boys' High School		First Place	
SACS		Second Place	
Bishops		Third Place	

Congratulations to Mr MacKinnon, Head of Sailing, as well as the sailors.

SWIMMING

Joel Naude participated in the provincial Level 3 swimming competition over the weekend. There were 47 clubs participating from WP, Eden, Eastern Cape, some KZN clubs and teams from Kenya and Mozambique. Joel did particularly well and achieved a bronze medal in the boys U15 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke.

BIG BAND AND BAND SLAM

The Big Band have made it through to the final round of the Band Slam at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. They perform at 6.30pm on Friday night. We wish the Big Band and Mr Alexander the very best of luck.

LIBRARY BOOKS

To encourage reading during the holidays, boys have been allowed to take out books during the holiday period. Please remind your sons to return their borrowed library books on the first day of the new term.



TWELVE ANGRY MEN

Congratulations to Mr Lister and the cast of "Twelve Angry Men." The production was a thoroughly entertaining and enjoyable experience.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We have a number of tours taking place these school holidays. We wish the following teams well:

ST STITHIAN'S COLLEGE RUGBY FESTIVAL

Team: First Rugby Team
Venue: St Stithian's College (Johannesburg)
Dates: Wednesday 12 April to Monday 17 April
Fixtures: **Thursday 13 April**
 2:45pm versus Michael House
Saturday 15 April
 12:15pm versus Durban High School
Monday 17 April
 1:45pm versus St Andrew's College

PAARL GYMNASIUM RUGBY FESTIVAL

Teams: U14A and U16A Rugby Teams
Venue: Paarl Gymnasium, Paarl
Dates: Saturday 1 April to Wednesday 5 April
Fixtures: **Saturday 1 April**
 4:10pm U14A versus Westville Boys' High School
 1:10pm U16A versus Klerksdorp High School
Monday 3 April
 3:10pm U14A versus Grey College
 2:20pm U16A versus Waterkloof High School
Wednesday 5 April
 10:30am U14A versus Nelspruit High School
 10:50am U16A versus Michaelhouse

PAARL BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY FESTIVAL

Team: U15A Rugby Team
Venue: Paarl Boys' High School, Paarl
Dates: Saturday 1 April to Wednesday 5 April
Fixtures: **Saturday 1 April**
 1:00pm versus Westville Boys' High School
Monday 3 April
 9:00am versus HTS Middelburg
Wednesday 5 April
 9:00am versus Secunda High School

U19 FOUNDERS HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Venue: Potchefstroom High School for Boys, North West Province
Team: First Hockey Team

Saturday 1 April 15h40 Versus Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool
Sunday 2 April 09h50 Versus Kearsney College
 15h40 Versus Dale College
Monday 3 April 09h50 Versus Queens College
 16h50 Versus Parktown Boys' High School
Tuesday 4 April 09h50 Versus Potchefstroom High School for Boys

U16 FOUNDERS HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Venue: Kearsney College, Kwazulu-Natal
Team: U16A Hockey Team

Saturday 1 April 3:25pm Versus Dale College Mason Astro
Sunday 2 April 7:30am Versus Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool Mason Astro
Monday 3 April 12:55pm Versus St David's Marist Mason Astro
 7:30am Versus Parktown Boys' High School Mason Astro
 4:10pm Versus Potchefstroom High School for Boys Mason Astro
Tuesday 4 April 9:40am Versus Kearsney College Mason Astro

YORK HIGH SCHOOL EASTER HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Venue: York High School, George
Team: Second Hockey Team

Saturday 1 April 7:30am Quarry 3 Versus Middelburg High School
 9:35am Quarry 1 Versus Milnerton High School
 1:45pm Astro Versus Port Rex
Sunday 2 April 7:30am Quarry 1 Versus St Dominic's High School
 1:45pm Astro Versus Strand High School
 3:50pm Quarry 2 Versus Durbanville High School
Monday 3 April 4:10pm Quarry 1 Versus York High School Invite

RONDEBOSCH BOYS' HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Venue: Rondebosch Boys' High School, Cape Town
Team: U16B Hockey Team

Saturday 8 April 3:10pm B Astro Versus Outeniqua High School
Sunday 9 April 10:50am B Astro Versus Langa High School
 3:10pm B Astro Versus Clifton High School
Monday 10 April 8:30am A Astro Versus Rondebosch Boys' High School
 12:00pm B Astro Versus Garsfontein High School
Tuesday 11 April 9:50am A Astro Versus Glenwood High School

U14 SOMERSET COLLEGE HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Venue: Somerset College, Somerset West
Team: U14A Hockey Team

Friday 31 March 5:00pm Astro Versus Parel Vallei
Saturday 1 April 12:30pm Astro Versus Bishops
Sunday 2 April 12:30pm Astro Versus Paul Roos Gymnasium
 5:50pm Astro Versus Rondebosch Boys' High School
Monday 3 April 1:20pm Astro Versus Paarl Gymnasium
 3:50pm Astro Versus Somerset College

Yours sincerely



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HEADMASTER