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NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Dear Parents

It was a great pleasure to meet many of our new parents at our Grade 8 Parents Cocktail Function on Tuesday. Most parents indicated that, despite inevitable initial uncertainty, the majority of our young men have settled in extremely well and are ready to 'fly' at SACS. Where there are still 'teething issues,' don't hesitate to contact us, the first port of call being your son's tutor teacher. The pages that follow speak of success and interaction at local, provincial, national and international level. Well done SACS men on your incredible achievements.



SAILING REGATTA

Our sailors took part in the Southern Charter Classic Regatta, held at Hermanus last weekend. They performed very well with Matt Ashwell (Grade 9) winning the Optimist Class and coming first in all seven races. Bryan Carstens (Grade 8) placed third in the same Class. Hamilton Slater (Grade 9) placed second in the Dabchick Class and Adam Knox (Grade 12) fourth. In the Laser Class, Cullen Keytel (Grade 11) placed Fourth. SACS also won the Inter-Schools Trophy for the third consecutive year.



SACS WATER MANAGEMENT

Thank you parents for your positive suggestions on the SACS Water Management communicate that went out to you earlier in the week.

KING'S COLLEGE EXCHANGE

We welcomed back Zach Baskir, Haytham Jeppie and Panashe Gundani (all Grade 11) this week. They returned from the King's College (Taunton) Exchange where they enjoyed a wonderful educational experience and were fantastic ambassadors for SACS. We look forward to welcoming the exchange students from King's College later this year.



SOUTH AFRICAN FENCING

The Fencing Federation of South Africa held their annual Junior National Championships last weekend. Caden Sampson (Grade 9) is the South African U15 Foil champion. He also received a silver medal in the U17 category. Luke Canning (Grade 9) received a bronze medal in the U15 Foil category. Congratulations to these young lads.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Luke Moir (Grade 9) raced to a very convincing win this past weekend in the first round of the National Mountain Bike Series, held in Stellenbosch. Luke raced in the U17 category, leading the race from start to finish. Congratulations.



WESTERN PROVINCE BASEBALL

Daniel Coetzee (Grade 9) has been selected to represent Western Province in the U15A Baseball team at the upcoming Junior National Championships. Congratulations and all the best for the upcoming championships in Durban.



WESTERN PROVINCE UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Adrian Strydom (Grade 8) has been selected to represent Western Province A at the South African Junior National Underwater Hockey Championships in March. I wish Adrian well for the upcoming Championships in Potchefstroom.



HARVEST ROWING REGATTA

The Harvest Regatta took place last weekend. What started out as a cold and blustery morning, and had most of us doubting whether the regatta would take place at all, soon turned into a scorcher of a day. The SACS Rowing Club had all crews with hands on deck, so-to-speak, from 6am to 5pm, and the boys raced with everything they had. With so many crews racing, our victories were plentiful and we came back bearing bronze, silver and, of course, the gold.

Our U14s won three first places and three second places in the Doubles and a Quad; U15 Kai von During (Grade 9) pulled off a commendable second place in the Single Scull; the U16A Four placed an impressive second place; and our Opens took home the crowning glory, with the First Eight winning the final race of the day!

A hearty congratulations to all of the oarsmen (and their coaches) this weekend for making us so proud. A big thank you to all the parents who gave up their day to support and help out, making everything run so smoothly.



Cameron Drummond-Hay, Amar Shah Khan, Heath Coutsee, Cameron Maynard, Louis Gliddon



Cade Evans, Amjad Khan, Brad Marais, Connor MacDougall, Matthew Haworth (Captain), Andrew Affleck, Daniel Human, Matthew Nordoff and Sam Pigeon



Daniel Human, Brad Marais, Andrew Affleck, Connor MacDougall, Samuel James, Matthew Nordoff, Amjad Khan, Matthew Haworth (Captain) and Cade Evans

SOUTH AFRICAN WATER POLO

Congratulations to Devon Laurenson (Grade 11) on his selection for the South African U17A Water Polo Team. He will represent South Africa at the EU Nations Junior Men's Cup (Prague, Czech Republic). Brent van Niekerk (Grade 11) was selected for the South African Men's U17B team to play in the CANA Water Polo Championships in March.



CRICKET DR MELLE CUPS

Ethan Burger (Grade 12) and Michael McGaw (Grade 8) were awarded the Dr Melle Cricket Cups this week. Ethan received the Senior Cup for producing a good all-round performance for the First Cricket team on the weekend and Michael (Captain of the U14A team) received the Junior Cup for scoring 51 and taking 4/29 against Rondebosch Boys' High School.



ATHLETICS DAY

School will start at 7:55am and will end at about 1:30pm (after the Prize Giving) on Tuesday 13 February. Normal sports practices take place thereafter. Parents are most welcome to come support their sons and join in the festivities of the day. All boys are to attend school in their house t-shirts (or SACS athletics vest if competing) with SACS quantec shorts and takkies. Boys should also wear a SACS peak cap.

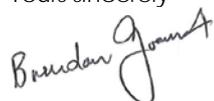
THIS WEEKEND

I wish our sportsmen well for their fixtures this weekend. Our water polo players compete against Paul Roos Gymnasium on Friday and Saturday (A), with our First Team playing at 12:40pm on Saturday. Our oarsmen (U16s and Open) (pictured above) departed for the Selborne and Buffalo Regattas on Wednesday morning, and will return on Sunday. Our cricketers compete in the Somerset College U19 T20 Cricket Festival on Sunday, starting at 9:00am (A).

The SACS Choir will be having a choir workshop on Sunday. Guest choral conductors, Peter Roux (Musical Director of the Cape Town Male Voice Choir) and Chad Hendricks (winner of the third Len Van Zyl Conducting Competition) will be working with the choir on various aspects of choral singing and performance practices. Guest choir, The Cape Town Male Voice Choir, who recently embarked on an international tour to Argentina, will also be collaborating with the SACS Choir at this event.



Yours sincerely



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