



15 March 2019

## NEWSLETTER NO. 10

Dear Parents

### HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

A huge shout out to our Matric class and Mrs Southgate for a wonderful and dignified Matric Dance that we enjoyed over the past weekend. Thank you to all staff that attended as well.

Our stage production, 'Back to the 80s', has been a joy to watch and well-received by all who saw it this week. It has been no mean feat in terms of the scope of what our cast and crew have accomplished. Mr Storr Lister and his entire team can take a bow for an exceptional production.

Likewise, our rowing dinner was a classy affair made special for our boys by a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes. A big thank you to Mrs Erica Haworth and her team for a most enjoyable evening.

We have enjoyed a happy and most successful term at our school. I spoke last week about the frenetic pace and what we have managed to accomplish as a collective this term. I am proud and humbled to be part of this team. I wish all our SACS men and their coaches who are involved in tours and matches over the holiday period a most rewarding time.





Pictured left: Last week our First Team played against the Old Boys. In a very enjoyable match there was also a very special family occasion. Chris Smith (Pumas 2018 Player of the Year and now playing for the Bulls) and his brother, Daniel, captained their respective teams. SACS First Team won by seven wickets.

## STAFF FAREWELLS

We bid sad farewell to three valued staff members this week. Our Head of Science, Mr Kevin Thompson, will continue his career in Bermuda.

Mrs Tanya van Zyl is moving to Franschoek with her family and Miss Jacqui Skeat and her fiancé relocate to George where she will take up a post at Outeniqua High School.

We thank these three educators for their valued contributions to SACS and wish them well in their future endeavours.



## IBSC CONFERENCE

Mrs Waheeda Parker, Mr Warren Patientia, Mrs Dawn Siso and Mr Barry van Selm travelled to Pretoria Boys' High last week to attend the International Boys' Schools Coalition Regional Conference. Over the past few years we have regularly attended the conference as it allows our professionals to engage with each other, share best practice and learn from one another and from the experts.

This year's theme was 'The World Behind Our Boys' and keynote speakers addressed the issues surrounding technology, as well as transformation and courageous leadership. The talks discussed neuroscience research highlighting the risks associated with technology and suggested how we can encourage a 'healthy tech diet' amongst our learners.

Dylan Wray and Roy Hellenberg (A School Where I Belong) shared personal stories to help schools like ours reflect on inclusion and belonging, in addition to recognizing and celebrating differences within our diverse communities.

The conference closed with a presentation from Rachel Adams (Narachi Leadership) whose practice is aimed at developing benches of leaders across Africa. In her articulate address, she shared her model of developing a courageous leader which includes shifting mindsets, developing a common language that speaks towards changes in schools and encouraging a disciplined mind to develop resilience.

The key message from the conference was that the world is changing and we need to help our boys to change too. We will be sharing the learning with staff and boys over the next few months to continually work towards being the best school for South Africa.

## 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%. No average percentage is shown on the first term reports. 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 17 May 2019 for Matrics and Wednesday 22 May 2019 for Grades 8 to 11. Formal assessments will continue until Friday 14 June 2019. Please take time to reflect with your son on his academic results this term and use them to set some goals for his mid-year examinations.

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

### GRADE 8

First David Te Roller  
Second Danny Gebhard  
Third Luke Vos

### GRADE 9

First Emmanuel Rassou  
Second Gregory van Selm  
Third Christian Wolff

### GRADE 10

First Matthew Dean  
Second Oliver Hartley  
Third Matthew Clark

### GRADE 11

First Bradley Virgin  
Second Max Hall  
Third Thomas Russell

### GRADE 12

First Zach Baskir  
Second Benjamin Hartley  
Third Christopher Allpass-Jackson

## PARENT PORTAL AND EMAILING OF REPORTS

Reports will be emailed to all parents on Friday 15 March 2019. The results for the first term will also be available for viewing on the parent portal from 11:00am on Friday.

The link to access the portal is:  
<http://edadmin.sacollege.org.za/parentportal.cfm>

## NEW TERM COMMENCES

The second term commences on Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 7:55am (no staff development). Sports practices will take place from day one of the new term and school will close at the usual time i.e. 3:00pm.

## JOHN INCE MEMORIAL RUN

The annual SACS OBU John Ince Memorial Run will take place once again this year. The details are as follows:

**Date: Sunday 14 April 2019**  
**Start time: 8:30am**  
**Distances: 2km, 4km, 8km**  
**Cost: R50**  
**Venue: SACS High School Campus**

Refreshments will be on sale, as well as a jumping castle for the kids. All family and friends are welcome to take part. Please contact the SACS Old Boys' Union office for more information.

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**Entry form attached.**

## WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES

Alexander Thomas (Grade 10) and Devon Laurenson (Grade 12) have been selected to represent the Western Province U18A Water Polo Team, whilst Liam Dawson (Grade 11) has been selected for the U17A Team. They will represent Western Province at the upcoming Swim South Africa National Aquatics Championships for Water Polo in Johannesburg later this month.



## SOUTH AFRICAN MATHEMATICS REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Emmanuel Rassou (Grade 9) who has been selected to represent South Africa at the upcoming Pan African Mathematics Olympiad, which will take place in Cape Town in April.

Fifteen African countries will be participating in the competition and Emmanuel's team is made up of six team members – three boys (two Grade 11s and Emmanuel) and three girls. We wish Emmanuel well.



## UNDERWATER HOCKEY UPDATE

Adrian Strydom (Grade 9) played for the U19A Western Province Underwater Hockey Team where his team won Silver, losing to North Gauteng in the final A League match. They beat Boland A in the semi-finals. Adrian received a Gold medal in the 50m fin-swimming relay competition with three of his teammates. Michael Matthee (Grade 9) represented the 15A Team who won bronze in their competition. Congratulations.



## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

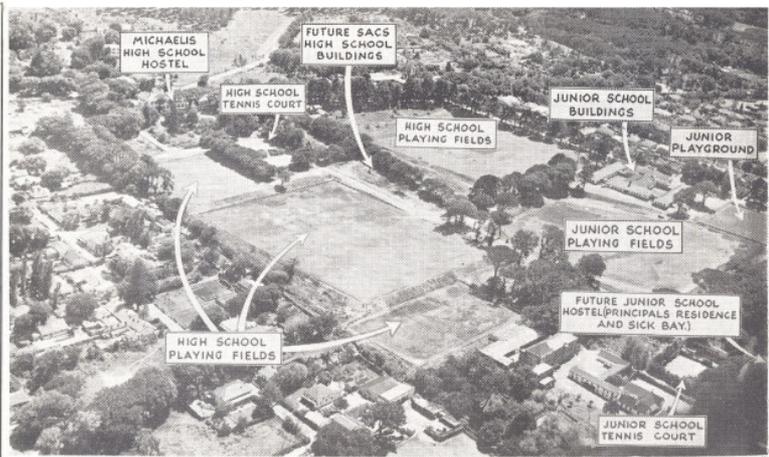
Friday 15 to Saturday 16 March  
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Friday 15 March to Tuesday 19 March  
Saturday 16 March to Tuesday 19 March  
Sunday 17 March to Tuesday 19 March  
Thursday 21 and Saturday 23 March  
Tuesday 26 March to Saturday 30 March  
Thursday 28 March to Sunday 31 March

First Rugby Team at Graeme College Festival (Graeme College)  
U14 Nomads Hockey Festival (Wynberg Boys' High School)  
U19B York High School Easter Hockey Festival (York High School)  
U15A Hockey Festival (Rondebosch Boys' High School)  
U16 Founders Hockey Festival (Dale College)  
First Rugby Team Camp  
U14, U15 and U16A Rugby Festival (Wynberg Boys' High School)  
First Rugby Team at World Schools Festival  
Interschools Mountain Bike Festival (Free State)  
U19 Founders Hockey (Northwood College)

Yours sincerely

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



(Note: In addition to the buildings mentioned above, there will also be a new "Boarding House", housing 30 boarders and situated below and to the left of "Michaelis House".) (By courtesy, "Cape Argus")



## FROM THE SACS ARCHIVES: ARTICLE EIGHT SACS TIMELINE - FOR THE RECORD

- 1829** The South African College is established
- 1829 to 1841** Situated at the Orphan House ('Weeshuis') in Long Street
- 1841 to 1873** Situated at the top of the Gardens in the Egyptian Building
- 1874** The South African College School (High and Junior) separates from the College (later to become the University of Cape Town)
- 1874 to 1890** Dr John Shaw first Headmaster
- 1891 to 1901** WA Russell second Headmaster
- 1902 to 1906** HB Stanwell third Headmaster
- 1903** Junior School separates from High School – GB Kipps the first Headmaster
- 1907 to 1926** William Baxter fourth Headmaster
- 1918** University of Cape Town established
- 1926 to 1949** 'Jock' Allan fifth Headmaster
- 1950 to 1972** Robin Whiteford (SACS Old Boy) sixth Headmaster
- 1960** High School moved to the Montebello Estate in Newlands
- 1973 to 1983** Neil Paterson seventh Headmaster
- 1984 to 2004** Gordon Law eighth Headmaster
- 1985** 1985 High School Staff initiate the 'OPEN SCHOOLS' movement
- 2005 to 2017** Ken Ball ninth Headmaster
- Sept 2017** Brendan Grant takes office as the tenth Headmaster of the High School

Pictured right: "The great trek starts...Tuesday 19 January 1960" and "Arrival at the 'promised land'...Tuesday 19 January 1960". Pictured above (bottom): "Gateway of the Lionesses – entrance to the Egyptian Block of Hiddingh Hall Complex at the top of Government Avenue, near the Old SACS. The lionesses were originally sculptured by Anton Anreith and these were subsequently recast in 1959 by Mr I.G. Mitford-Barberton for the main entrance to the new school at Newlands." Pictured above (middle): SACS from Orange Street. Pictured above (top): The class of 1885. Pictured above (top) right: "Monte Bello – our future home" courtesy of the Cape Argus.

