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NEWSLETTER NO. 30

Dear Parents

HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION



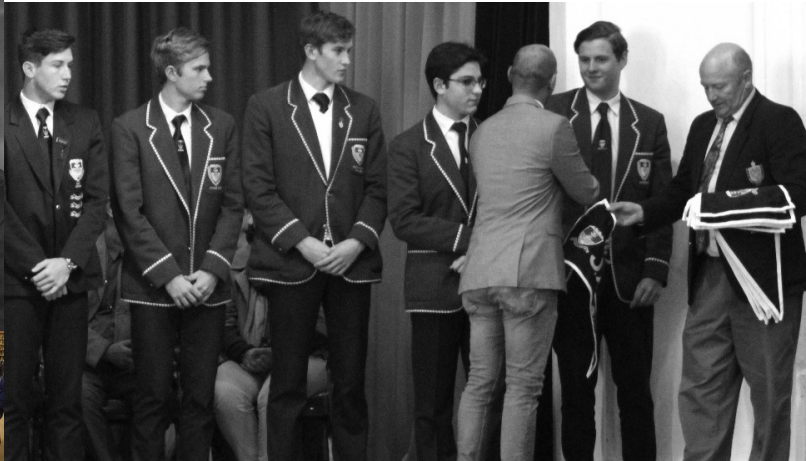
The past two weeks have gone by in a blur. In amongst the change from Summer to Winter sport season, Matric trial examinations, Old Boy Reunions, sport and cultural award assemblies, Commemoration Day and others, there have been some truly exceptional achievements by our SACS men. Emmanuel Rassou's first place in South Africa in the Mathematics Olympiad, Dylan Crous becoming the first SACS schoolboy to achieve a professional Music qualification, this with distinction, and Uli Hart placing first Junior in the World, representing South Africa in France. He was sixteenth in the men's race. Reflecting on these and many other recent achievements, our staff agreed that we are incredibly fortunate to work with the calibre of young men that we have here at SACS. By the same token, I salute our incredible staff and parents that facilitate, guide and mentor much of this expression of talent.



Pictured below: Duran Koevort who has been selected for the U17 Western Province Sevens Rugby Team.



Yesterday our Commemoration Day Service witnessed another masterly display by our Marching Band. Such an exhibition cannot simply just happen. For weeks now, including weekends, our fields have resonated with the sound of music as Mr Alexander and his charges put in hour after hour of practice to get it to the incredible standard we had the pleasure of witnessing. Nothing of quality comes easily and I thank them for their tremendous efforts, along with Mr Cromhout, Mr Storr Lister and everyone else involved in this occasion.



Congratulations to our top achievers in each grade this term:

GRADE 8	First Second Third	Nicolas La Grange David Te Roller Bheka Mabika
GRADE 9	First Second Third	Emmanuel Rassou Gregory Van Selm Christian Wolff
GRADE 10	First Second Third	Matthew Clark Matthew Dean Oliver Hartley
GRADE 11	First Second Third	Max Hall Thomas Russell Bradley Virgin
GRADE 12	First Second Third	Zach Baskir Benjamin Hartley Kyle Baxter

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Our First Cricket Team participate in the Cape Schools Cricket Week in Graaff-Reinet, our U15A Cricket Team at the Grey High School (Port Elizabeth) Cricket Festival, our U14A Cricket Team at the Shaun Pollock Festival at Northwood School and our Second Cricket Team in the Oakhill School Festival in Knysna.

Our First Eight Rowing Team attend a camp at Misverstand, whilst our annual SACS Water Polo Tournament takes place on the weekend. Our cyclists will participate in the Western Province Spur Schools Mountain Bike Nationals. I wish all our teams well for the respective tournaments.

FOURTH TERM

The fourth term commences on Tuesday 1 October 2019. Normal school and sports practice times apply from day one of the new term.

BUDGET MEETING

The budget presentation meeting takes place on Thursday 7 November 2019. Correspondence in this regard was sent to all parents.



ACADEMICS

For the Grade 12s, these preliminary academic results are a very good indicator of where they find themselves with their preparation for their finals. Congratulations to the 31 students who have attained an 'A' average. To those who narrowly missed 80%, we encourage them to set their sights on attaining this sought-after goal in their finals. We wish all our matrics the very best for their final examinations and may you achieve your potential.

What happens in these next few weeks, as far as organized academic planning, preparation and revision is concerned, will have a marked impact on the Grade 12 final results. Please work closely with your sons and encourage them to have a well-worked-out study programme, consult with their teachers and be organized.

The reports for Grades 8 to 11 are also very meaningful, as, although they are based on a small section of work, they are grade-specific standardized tests. Please sit down with your sons and together set goals as to where they would like to be after their end of year examination.

TERM THREE RESULTS

Reports will be emailed on Friday 20 September 2019. The results for the third term can also be viewed on the parent portal on Friday from lunch time onwards.

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

UPCOMING FUNCTIONS

I remind you of the following important upcoming events which take place in the second week of the fourth term:

**THURSDAY 10
OCTOBER 2019**
Prize Giving at 7:00pm in the Hofmeyr Hall

This is a compulsory function for Grades 8, 10, 11 and 12 to attend.

Grade 9s are exempt from attending Prize Giving due to spatial constraints in the Hall, unless they are receiving an award (in which case, their attendance is compulsory).

**FRIDAY 11
OCTOBER 2019**

The Valedictory Service commences at 10:15am in the Hofmeyr Hall, followed by a garden tea for Grade 12 boys and their parents in the Memorial Quad

This is a compulsory function for Grades 10, 11 and 12 to attend. Grade 8s and 9s are exempt from attending Valedictory due to spatial constraints in the Hall and will be dismissed from school at about 10:00am.

All other grades attending the Valedictory Service will be dismissed at 11:30am.

PREFECTS 2020

The new Prefects for 2020 were announced at the Sports Assembly held on Wednesday 17 September 2019. They are (in alphabetical order):

Nathan Ansell
Trent Boden
Christopher Breetzke
Sechelanji Chibale
Liam Dawson
Phillip De Nobrega
Anda Dilima
Badr Dramat

Max Hall
Steffan James
Duran Koevort
Sakhisizwe Mponda
Enos Ndiao
Gift Nkulu
Hlumelo Ntweni
Bradley Virgin

We wish these young men every success in their roles as leaders in our school going forward.



Yours sincerely

B.J. GRANT
HEADMASTER

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FROM THE SACS ARCHIVES - ARTICLE 29

SACS IN THE 1970s

- A** Vale to 'The Boss'
- B** Classmates at SACS Junior in 1912. Ewald Borchers, George Ruger and Jack Midgley.
- C** Obituaries to four famous SACS 'legends.'
- D** Staff Housing behind the Memorial 'A' - sadly sold to developers when State offered teachers housing subsidies.
- E** Water Polo pool - before and after.
- F** David Silbowitz Trophy - Old Boy, Clem Druker, was President of Western Province Cricket.
- G** Two world famous Old Boys at the 1975 dinner.
- H** Dave 'Doodles' de Kock with the 1979 Prefects in our 150th year - biology teacher of note who inspired many to study medicine - a man well ahead of his time with his thinking and teaching methods!
- I** SACS provided a coach, Chris Lund, and four members of the team to Berlin in 1975.
- J** The late John Ince, SACS legend, with his U13s and Springbok legend, Morne du Plessis.
- K** Basil D'Oliveria addresses the school in the early 1970s.



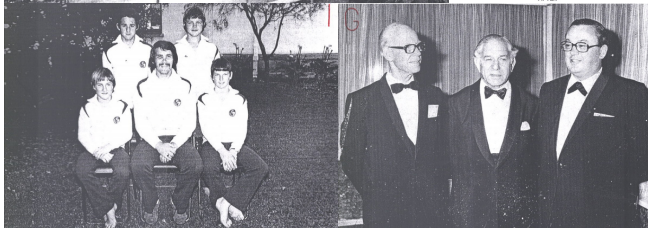
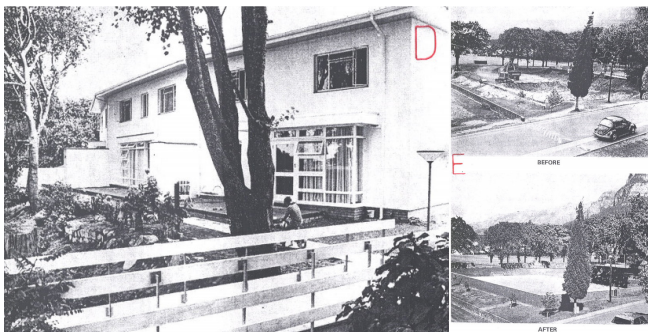
C We record with regret the death of the following and extend our sympathy to their bereaved families.

J. Norman Henshiwood was at the head of the family business before his retirement and a member of the Executive Committee of the Cape Provincial Council. He was an Old Boy of the school and most interested in its welfare. His position in the Provincial Council enabled him to render invaluable assistance in the protracted negotiations that took place before the authorities finally agreed to transfer S.A.C.S. from Cape Town to Newlands. Without his help, in fact, the whole scheme might have collapsed or, at best, produced results less favourable than those we finally obtained. He is commemorated at the High School by the plaque he unveiled when he officially opened the new building and at the Junior School by the name of the Headmaster's residence.

E. H. ('Impi') Stierlin was on the staff for over twenty years and became famous as coach of the rugby 1st XV. He had himself been an outstanding player and represented the combined universities against the All Blacks of 1928. He was also a vigorous and conscientious teacher. He was president of the W.P. Schools Rugby Union for most of the period he spent at S.A.C.S.

Neville Lewis was one of South Africa's most famous artists. Among portraits he painted were those of General Smuts and Sir Winston Churchill. His work appears in a number of the world's most famous galleries.

Lawrence Green was an extremely successful writer whose books on various aspects of South Africa's life and history achieved immense popularity. He was for many years a journalist, and he had the journalist's eye and curiosity and tenacity.



Mr. D. Silbowitz, Rabbi D. Sherman, Mrs. D. Silbowitz and Mr. Clem Druker photographed in the Headmaster's Study at the private ceremony when the David Silbowitz Trophy, presented by the Cape Town Jewish Reform Congregation in memory of the late David Silbowitz, was presented to the School. The Trophy, held by Mr. Silbowitz, in the photograph, will be presented annually for Cricket.

Earlier in the year the School became the proud possessor of two new Cricket Score Boards serving the Spencer Smith and Memorial Fields donated in memory of the late David Silbowitz by Mr. and Mrs. W. Liebeck.

David Silbowitz was killed in action in Israel in 1973.