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Dear Parents

HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION



When I arrived at SACS in 2017, I travelled with our Water Polo Team to Johannesburg for the St Stithians' College Tournament. I learnt there, that in a team that contested the final, a number of very talented and committed players were only in Grade 10. It has been an absolute joy to watch these young athletes further develop to the point that, two years later, they are the undisputed number one team in South Africa. They have won the four major national tournaments that we attend, including our own tournament, and become the sixth SACS team to take top honours in our own tournament in the last 35 years.

More important even than this is the way they have carried themselves in taking the name of SACS to all corners of our land. They have been extremely humble and without the arrogance

often associated with high-performing teams. This has earned them fair play awards, as well as accolades from far and wide. They have been great ambassadors for SACS.

We often speak of the need for balance and perspective, in our sport especially. We need to guard against our obsession around winning and losing. At the same time, when the stars align, we need not be shy of celebrating success so richly gained.

Captain, Benjamin Hartley, and your team, coaches, Devon Card and Jessie Singer, manager, Dave Mackinnon, and MIC of Water Polo, Chris Jones – take a bow.

NEW MATRIC FULL BLUE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The following matrics received **NEW FULL BLUES** for academics as they achieved above 80% in the Trial Examinations:

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| Connor Abrahams | Oliver Liddle |
| Stephen Bird | Thomas Neff |
| Nicholas Boden | Gabriel Nichollas |
| Dylan Crous | Taahir Sulaiman |
| Luke D'Aguiar | Matthew Venier |
| Kyle Henry | Zachary Walters |
| Moegammad-Galeem Kader | Cameron Worthington |
| Amjad Khan | |

Well done. This is a fantastic achievement.

PROGRAMMING OLYMPIAD 2019

Our Computer Centre participated in the Programming Olympiad of 2019. The following boys received certificates for the first round: Oliver Borg, Bradley Virgin and Joshua Lewis received a bronze certificate, whilst Emmanuel Rassou received a silver certificate and Peter Thomas a gold certificate.

Emmanuel was one of only two Grade 9 students who was selected to participate in the National Computer Olympiad. He was ranked in the top 20 contestants for this year's South African Programming Olympiad and received an outstanding performance certificate.



TRIPLE BLUES AWARD RECIPIENTS

In addition to Matthew Pretorius who was awarded Triple Blues at the end of term one, two other matrics have now qualified for this award, the "highest attainable achievement" for a learner at SACS:

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| Zach Baskir |
| Academics, Squash and Chess |
| Luke D'Aguiar |
| Academics, Hockey and Music |

SACS WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

Our First Water Polo Team took part in the SACS Water Polo Tournament held over the first weekend of the holidays.

They beat St Andrew's College in the final. Liam Dawson, Jordan and Alexander Thomas were named in the tournament team and Alexander was selected as the best goalie of the tournament.

Our First Water Polo Team are now the holders of all the national tournament titles they have attended in the past year, namely St Stithian's College, St Andrew's College, KES and our SACS Tournament. Locally they won the Mazinter Cup.



SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL 420 SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our sailors took part in the South African National 420 Sailing Championships held at Hermanus Yacht Club. They did very well in the championships and their results are as follows:

Matt Ashwell placed first, Ross Mackinnon second and Hamilton Slater fourth in the U17 age group. Matt placed first, Ross second and Hamilton fifth in the overall open division.

NATIONAL GOJUKAI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ben Prinsloo represented Western Province in the 43rd National Gojukai Championships, participating in the Junior age group which consists of 16 and 17 year old boys. This made him the youngest in his age category. He participated in five divisions. In individual Kata he placed fifth, individual Kumite (points fighting) he placed fifth, and in Bunkai, Jiyu Kumite (full contact fighting) and Unison Kata he received the gold medal. In the most difficult division competition Ben was awarded the floating trophy.

CRICKET TOURNAMENTS AND RESULTS

Our cricket teams participated in a number of tournaments during the school holidays. Their results are as follows:

First Cricket Team at Cape Schools Cricket Week	
Union High School	Won outright in a 4 innings match by 68 runs
Selborne College	Drew game
Grey High School	Lost by 42 runs
Dale College	Game 1 won by 9 wickets Game 2 won by 98 runs
Second Cricket Team at Oakhill School (Knysna)	
Parklands College	Won by 10 runs
Grey High School	Won by 86 runs
Wynberg Boys' High School	No result due to rain
Bishops	Won by 3 runs
U15A Cricket Team at Grey High School (PE) Cricket Festival	
Maritzburg College	Lost by 3 wickets
Pearson High School	Match abandoned
Grey Bloemfontein	Lost by 3 wickets
Hilton College	Match abandoned
U14A Cricket Team at the Shaun Pollock Festival	
Clifton School	Won by 21 runs
St Charles College	Won by 8 wickets
Northwood School	Won by 126 runs
Hoërskool Centurion	Won by 9 wickets

Yours sincerely

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**FROM THE SACS ARCHIVES: ARTICLE 30
SACS IN THE 1990s**

A Ian Duncan (1) and Andrew Finlayson (2) in 'full flight' on the Hofmeyr Memorial Hall stage. Ian is now a successful actor on the world stage, while Andrew is the Chairman of the Old Boys' Union.



B Michaelis House restoration - in 1991 Michaelis House was empty. The building was restored and the peach and green facade with white trim saw the 'old lady' back to her splendid best.

**RECONSTRUCTION MICHAELIS HOUSE
SACS HIGH SCHOOL 1991**

C Vale! At the end of 1992 the school 'lost' four amazing stalwarts to retirement, leaving a massive gap. Pictured from left to right: DUNCAN MIDDLETON, DAVE de KOCK, DOUG BROWN AND RALPH KELLY. As Mark Antony said: "There's a great spirit gone!" At the start of 1993 those words rang very true in the SACS Staffroom.



D Our most recent 15 aside Springboks – Cecil Moss pictured with Percy Montgomery, after his selection for the South African Schools team, in 1992

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF RECONSTRUCTION

E 1997 and Wayne Parsons and Dave McKinnon are running. Now it is 2019 and they are both still running and keeping SACS Cross Country at the top.

The homestead was originally part of a farm known as Papeaboom with vineyards and a brewery. It burnt down and in 1754 Thibault built another home. In 1882 Mr Anders Olsson officially started a brewery here. He also was responsible for building the unique conservatory and dance hall. After his death in 1912, Maximilian Michaels bought Montebello and commissioned the renowned architect, J.M. Solomon, to effect additions and alterations to the home. It was this architect who gave the home its Georgian character. After Michaelis' death in 1953, his widow gave the splendid home to SACS.



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