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NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Dear Parents

HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

From Cape Town to Makhanda in the Eastern Cape, from Stellenbosch to Elgin, our Summer sports codes continue to excel in the most magnificent ways. I had the pleasure of supporting our water polo team at the St Andrew's College Tournament. Here our young team excelled in the pool and, as always, outside of it as well. Our boys were humble, courteous and great ambassadors for SACS.

In an ever-increasing competitive and congested world, niceties and genuine pleasantries are vanishing at a rapid rate. They are part of our tradition and must not vanish from our school. On the contrary, we must fight to keep them and I will never make an apology for this. They form part of our broader ethos in which a combination of empathy and respect underpins all we hope to achieve as representatives of our school, and that this, together with vital family input that a school can never give, equips us to lead balanced, caring and meaningful lives.

Last night our new Grade 8 parents and our staff enjoyed a function in the quad as part of our welcome to our new Grade 8 parents. Thank you parents for your presence and warm engagement. Our Grade 8s have settled in extremely well and are already starting to make their mark at SACS.

CONCUSSION TESTING With the winter season approaching, we would encourage parents to do a baseline concussion test for your son(s). Please refer to the letter attached.



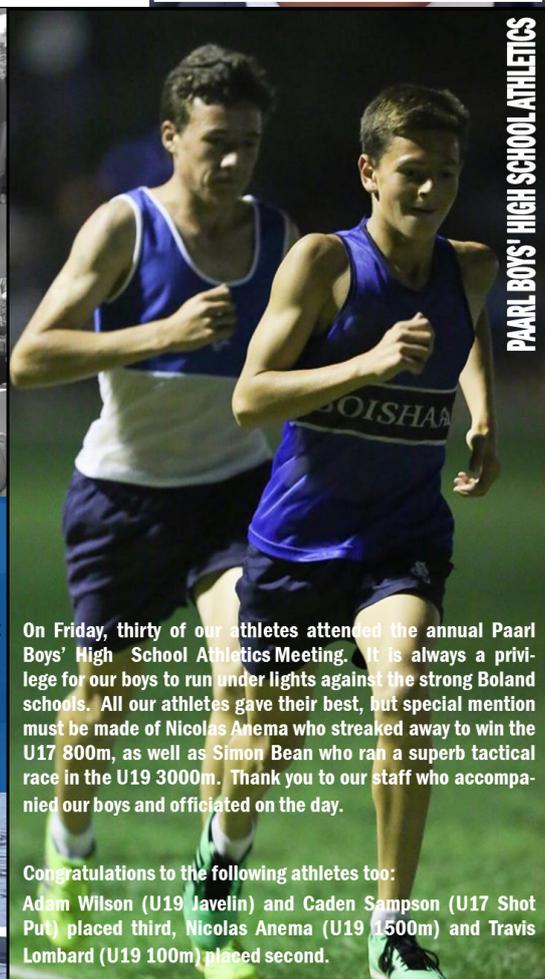
Congratulations to Taine de Bloe who has been selected for the U14 South African Water Polo Training Squad.



WESTERN CAPE ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our oarsmen performed very well at the Western Cape Championships over the weekend:

Our U14A Quad placed second, our B Quad third, our Oct third and our B Double first. Our U15A Scull placed fifth, our A Double sixth, our A Quad third and our Oct fourth. Our U16 A Pair placed second, B Pair first, A Quad third, B Quad second, A Four second and fourth, B Four second and Eights second. Our Second Quad placed second, Second Coxed Four second, First Pair third and fifth, First Coxless Four first and second and our Eights first, beating the University of Cape Town.



PAARL BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

On Friday, thirty of our athletes attended the annual Paarl Boys' High School Athletics Meeting. It is always a privilege for our boys to run under lights against the strong Boland schools. All our athletes gave their best, but special mention must be made of Nicolas Anema who streaked away to win the U17 800m, as well as Simon Bean who ran a superb tactical race in the U19 3000m. Thank you to our staff who accompanied our boys and officiated on the day.

Congratulations to the following athletes too:
Adam Wilson (U19 Javelin) and Caden Sampson (U17 Shot Put) placed third, Nicolas Anema (U19 1500m) and Travis Lombard (U19 100m) placed second.



Our First Water Polo Team travelled to Grahamstown last weekend to partake in the St Andrew's College Water Polo Tournament. They played their way to the final where they, unfortunately, lost to Bishops 12-9. Congratulations to our boys on their outstanding performance and display of sportsmanship.



SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Caden Sampson who has also been selected to represent South Africa at the 2020 Junior African Fencing Championships. We wish him well at the championships where I am sure he and Luke Canning will represent our country with pride.

COMING UP AT SACS

This weekend our cricketers compete against various schools, with our First Team playing on Friday against Milnerton High School at 3:30pm (H) and again on Sunday at the Somerset College T20 Tournament. Our water polo boys compete against Reddam and Westerford High School, with the First Team playing on Saturday at 11:40am against Reddam (A). Our tennis teams compete against a touring side (St Benedict's College) on Saturday morning, whilst our U19 hockey players spend the weekend at camp.

There will be no staff development on Tuesday due to our Interhouse Athletics Day. School will therefore commence at 8:00am on Tuesday. We host our Open Day on Wednesday. School will close at 2:20pm for our boys on the Wednesday. The weekly Wednesday evening water polo Nite Series sees SACS taking on Bishops at 7:00pm (H).

Yours sincerely

**B.J. GRANT
HEADMASTER**



DR MELLE SENIOR AND JUNIOR CRICKET CUPS

Judah Banwell (59 off 35 balls) was awarded the Dr Melle Senior Cup this week for his wonderful innings for the Second Cricket Team in a drawn game against Paul Roos Gymnasium.

Oliver Whitehead received the Junior Cup for his 6 for 13 off of 10 overs for the U15A Cricket Team in an 8 wicket win.



CAPE TOWN MINI SERIES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Thomas Tilney and Damien Rowe-Davies who won the Boys U16 Doubles Gold section of the Cape Town Mini Series Tennis Tournament over the weekend.

**HAZENDAL GARDEN
YOUTH JAZZ CONCERT**

This year the Jazz in the Garden concert takes place at the scenic Hazendal Wine Estate on Sunday 16 February, from 15:00 to 17:00.

Enjoy listening to the talented students of the SACS High School Big Band while enjoying Hazendal's iconic picnic baskets and award-winning wines on one of the designated picnic spots with beautiful views over the Botterley Hills and Simonsberg mountains.

The beautiful bespoke wicker baskets are filled to the brim with seasonal homemade delights and are available on a pre-booking basis only. The picnic baskets are R250pp and R125per child

For smaller appetites delectable cheese and charcuterie boards are available for R165 (for two people)

Bookings of picnic baskets and cheese platters are essential!
bookings@hazendal.co.za | 021 205 5200

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO FOOD OR DRINKS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE WINE ESTATE!

Additional culinary offerings at Hazendal include the Avant Garde Restaurant, the Phynushka Beer Garden, the Babushka Deli and a Food truck.

Hazendal will make blankets and cushions available for use on the lawn as well as chairs for the elderly, but you are welcome to bring your own blankets and picnic chairs.

Another attraction at Hazendal that should not be missed is the **Wonderdal** Interactive Education Centre for kids age 5-13.

Wonderdal is a place full of wonders, combining advanced technological elements with creatively designed spaces to teach children topics from their school curriculum, such as energy, nutrition and life skills. The interactive experiences stimulate children's imaginations, creativity and curiosity, and encourage them to explore, learn and experiment in a playful way. Wonderdal is fully supervised and safe, which allow parents to relax and enjoy any of the cultural and culinary offerings at Hazendal, while their children enjoy an experience of a lifetime.

Wonderdal offers a special to all SACS students on the 16th of February. Register your child on-line at www.wonderdal.co.za and use the voucher code **SAC18** to enjoy a 20% discount on the entrance fee.

For more information on Hazendal's offerings and for the booking details please visit www.hazendal.co.za



From left to right: Mr. J. P. DUMINY, The Hon. A. VAN DE SANDT CENTILVRES, MR. J. N. HENSHILLWOOD, REV. B. H. M. BROWN, MR. R. WHITEFORD (Speaking), ADV. H. SNITCHER, Q.C. (Thinking), MR. A. A. HONIKMAN.



FROM THE SACS ARCHIVES: ARTICLE NO. 42
THE HOFMEYR HALL AND ITS OPENING

From being a remote possibility at the commencement of 1959, the Hall became a reality and its opening was scheduled for Wednesday 26 April 1961. Thanks to the generosity of parents and Old Boys, the guiding hand of Mr Robin Whiteford and the financial assistance given by the Provincial Administration at the time, the school was to enjoy an exceptional facility named in honour of its most famous son, J. H. Hofmeyr. Admirable in size, with noble portico, elegant pillars and pediment, marbled entrance lobby with panelled alcoves and mosaic floor it is indeed something special. The rich panelling in African mahogany, heavily moulded, and reaching to a height of twelve feet makes provision for the inscription of the names of those boys who have distinguished themselves in the realms of scholarship and ability. SPECTEMUR AGENDO!

SOUTH AFRICAN COLLEGE SCHOOLS



THE J. H. HOFMEYR MEMORIAL HALL
OFFICIAL OPENING

by
MR. J. P. DUMINY
(Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, former S.A.C.S. Rhodes Scholar)

Chaired by
THE HON. MR. A. VAN DE SANDT CENTILVRES
(Chairman, S.A.C.S. Committee, Director, J. H. Hofmeyr Memorial Fund, former S.A.C.S. Rhodes Scholar)

Musical by
THE CAPE TOWN MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA
(Conductor: David Tennant)

WEDNESDAY, 26th APRIL, 1961

OFFICERS OF THE J. H. HOFMEYR MEMORIAL FUND

President:
The Hon. Mr. A. van de Sandt Centilvres
Ex-Chief Justice of the Union, Chancellor of the University of Cape Town

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Treasurer:
The late Rt. Hon. G. Brand van Zyl
The late Dr. T. B. Durrer
The late Hon. Mr. Justice J. E. de Villiers
Mr. E. E. Krogan
The Hon. Mr. Justice L. Gubbins
The Hon. Mr. O. D. Schreiner
The Hon. Mr. Justice A. E. Cullis
The Hon. Mr. Justice W. E. Thomas
Mr. J. D. Duminy
Adv. I. Gubbins, Q.C.
Mr. H. H. Fuller

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Executive Committee:
Chairman: Adv. H. Snitcher, Q.C.
Hon. Secretary: Mr. E. Spence-Smith
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. H. S. Hofmeyr

The late Mr. F. W. L. Louching	Mr. S. Bosh
The late Mr. J. C. R. Leubner	Secretary, Old Boys' Union
Mr. H. A. van Hoogenstraen	Mr. A. Mitchell
(First Chairman)	Mr. J. Hunter
Mr. M. E. Williams	Mr. R. Whiteford
(First Chairman)	Mr. H. M. Tucker
Mr. J. S. Rabinowitz	(Past Secretary, Old Boys' Union)
Mr. E. J. Loydell	

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Refreshments will be served in the quadrangle immediately adjoining the hall.

PROGRAMME

SPEAKERS AND MUSICAL ITEMS

1. The Rev. B. H. M. Brown will offer a Prayer of Dedication.
2. The School Song.
3. The consecration of the House - - - - - Beethoven
4. The Chairman.
5. Mr. J. P. Duminy.
6. The architect, Capt. L. A. Elsworth, F.A.I.C.A., will make a presentation to Mr. Duminy.
7. Mr. E. Spence-Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Hofmeyr Memorial Fund and Chairman of the S.A.C.S. Old Boys' Union.
8. The Royal Fireworks Music - - - - - Handel
9. Mr. R. Whiteford, Headmaster of the S.A.C. High School.
10. The Academic Festival Overture - - - - - Brahms

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JAN HENDRIK HOFMEYR,
M.A., D.Sc., D.C.L., F.R.C.

BORN 1894

1902: Enrolled as a pupil in Standard I at S.A.C.S.
1905: Won Victoria Scholarship.
1906: Matriculated (First Class) at age of 12, gaining third place in the country.
1907: Commenced his studies at the S.A.C. and acquired two B.A.'s and an M.A.
In his spare time he wrote the biography of his famous cousin, "Cous Jan".
1913: To Oxford (Balliol) as a S.A.C.S. Rhodes Scholar. Gained a First in Mods and a First in Greeks.
1916: Appointed Lecturer in Classics, S.A.C.
1917: Appointed Professor of Classics, School of Mines, Johannesburg.
1919: Appointed Principal of the School of Mines, which, in 1922, became the University of the Witwatersrand.
1924: Appointed Administrator of the Transvaal.
1929: Entered politics, having declined the offer of a further term as Administrator—on also that of the High Commissioner in London. He rapidly became an important figure in the political world. As a Cabinet Minister he held at one time or another the portfolios of The Interior, Public Health, Education, Mines, Labour and Social Welfare, Finance.
He became Deputy Prime Minister and acted several times as Prime Minister.

DIED 1948