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## NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Dear Parents and our SACS Students



## HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

It has been an incredible action-packed week at our School, with a wonderful weekend that lies ahead. Tuesday's Interhouse Athletics had a relaxed, but competitive feel, with great spirit and some exceptional performances from our boys. If you break a record at SACS, it means you have run, jumped or thrown further than anyone else at our School in 196 years, and it was incredible to see some new markers set. The strong first place by Rosedale House and their amazing spirit, points to the exceptionally healthy place that our hostels find themselves in. Our boarding numbers have increased from 110 to 170 over the past few years and Mrs Siso and her team run a great ship. Our aim of 200 boarders for 200 years will easily be met. This has been made possible by the generosity and alignment of vision by Mr Skeeles and SACS Junior, with our 40 Grade 8 boarders happily ensconced in De Villiers House under the capable leadership of Mr Owusu-Sekyere. The initiative is a most welcome and successful addition.

Later that evening we hosted the WCED Metro Central Awards evening. Due to space constraints, our Concert Band, which now consists of 85 members, was unable to perform. Our Marimba and Big Bands stood in and wowed the varied audience with their fantastic performances. Our Music Department is just superb and gives our School such balance.

And then we come to the vital cogs that turn behind the scenes. They are heard, but often not seen, our Light and Sound Crew who do such sterling work around the School. From setting up early on Tuesday for Athletics, flying drones, ensuring our sound is always crystal clear to playing a big role in the success of the awards ceremony later that night, they are the unsung heroes and there are so many in our School who put service above self and make us the place that we are.

On this same day, Mr Stuart Barnard and his wife, Shannon, welcomed their beautiful twins, Felix and Sophie, into the world. Our entire community extends our congratulations and love on this wonderful occasion.

The above is part of one day in a week at our School. The pages that follow showcase some of our other events and happenings that have and will transpire. It remains a great privilege for me to be part of such a happy, bustling and vibrant place.



Interhouse Athletics  
 Tuesday 11 February 2025



**NSC 2024 Awards Dinner: Tuesday 11 February 2025**





Nite Series  
Photographs by Andrew Pieterse (Grade 10)



Pictured left: Luke Schalkwyk, Tadiwanashe Mutungesa and Aden Steenveld



Pictured above: Solomon Nyashanu, Lyle Boonzaaier and Ethan Curtis



Pictured below: Luca Liebenberg

Our athletes competed in the second Western Province League Meeting held at the Parow athletics track on Saturday 8 February. The boys were divided into heats, and their results were as follows:

- In the U20 age category, Luke Schalkwyk (Grade 12) placed first in the 100m and Aden Steenveld (Grade 12) third in the 100m.
- In the U18 age category, Luca Liebenberg (Grade 10) placed first in shotput and Josh Gorgens third in long jump.
- In the U16 age category, Ethan Curtis (Grade 8) placed first in the 100m, Lyle Boonzaaier (Grade 9) second in the 100m, Solomon Nyashanu (Grade 8) third in the 100m and Tadiwanashe Mutungesa (Grade 8) second in Javelin.



First Basketball Team

Mr Barnard was surprised with a "nappy ride" to celebrate the birth of his twins. The SACS mountain biking parents and boys dressed the dad-to-be for his last ride with the Mountain Bike Club this term.



Mr Barnard

The Dr Melle Cup winners for the weekend of 31 January 2025 are: U14A Cricket Captain, Justin Higham (Grade 8), who received the Junior Cup from First Team Captain Ulrich Röth (Grade 11), for his excellent performances over the past two weeks. And, our exchange student, Leo Davis (Grade 12) from Haileybury College in the United Kingdom, was awarded the Senior Cup.



Leo Davis

Ulrich Röth and Justin Higham

## THE BUFFALO REGATTA RESULTS

### Under 19:

#### **First Eight - Placed 7<sup>th</sup>**

Firfirey, Zameer (Coxswain); Smith, James (Bow); Zhang, Junxin (Jackson) (2); Mohamed, Thafir (3); De Klerk, Reuben (4); Fletcher, Charles (5); Carstens, Dean (6); Wood, Zac (7); Schelhase, Thomas (Stroke)

#### **First Coxless Four - Placed 6<sup>th</sup>**

Fletcher, Charles (Bow); De Klerk, Reuben (2); Wood, Zac (3); Carstens, Dean (Stroke)

### Under 16:

#### **First Pair - Placed 6<sup>th</sup>**

Bell, Josh (Bow); Friedericksen, Christian (Stroke)

#### **First Double - Placed 1<sup>st</sup>**

Lategan, Sven (Bow); Bell, Josh (Stroke)

#### **Second Double - Placed 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Audagnotti, Sebastian (Bow); Friedericksen, Christian (Stroke)

#### **First Coxless - Placed 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Lategan, Sven (Bow); Bell, Josh (2); Gobe, Kwakanya (3); Audagnotti, Sebastian (Stroke)

### Under 15:

#### **First Scull - Placed 4<sup>th</sup>**

Kerr, James

#### **First Quad - Placed 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Low, Joshua (Coxswain); Haarhoff, Huxley (Bow); Higgins Thurman, Harry (2); Kerr, James (3); Higgins Thurman, Jamie (Stroke)

**Our Doubles made the final, but the race was cancelled because of the weather.**

## THE SELBORNE SPRINT RESULTS: (RACED OVER 500M)

### Under 19:

#### **First Eight - Placed 6<sup>th</sup>**

Firfirey, Zameer (Coxswain); Smith, James (Bow); Zhang, Junxin (Jackson) (2); Mohamed, Thafir (3); De Klerk, Reuben (4); Fletcher, Charles (5); Carstens, Dean (6); Wood, Zac (7); Schelhase, Thomas (Stroke)

#### **Second Coxless - Placed 7<sup>th</sup>**

Smith, James (Bow); Zhang, Junxin (Jackson) (2); Fletcher, Charles (3); Schelhase, Thomas (Stroke)

### Under 16:

#### **First Double - Placed 1<sup>st</sup>**

Lategan, Sven (Bow); Bell, Josh (Stroke)

#### **First Coxless - Placed 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Lategan, Sven (Bow); Bell, Josh (2); Friedericksen, Christian (3); Gobe, Kwakanya (Stroke)

### Under 15:

#### **First Quad - Placed 7<sup>th</sup>**

Low, Joshua (Coxswain); Haarhoff, Huxley (Bow); Higgins Thurman, Harry (2); Kerr, James (3); Higgins Thurman, Jamie (Stroke)

#### **First Double - Placed 7<sup>th</sup>**

Haarhoff, Huxley (Bow); Higgins Thurman, Harry (Stroke)

#### **First Scull - Placed 8<sup>th</sup>**

Kerr, James







**Grade 11s Carving Sculptures and Grade 9s Building Masks in their Visual Art Classes.**



Anna and Ashley from Plymouth University discussing tertiary studies with our Grade 11 Marine Science pupils.



Our Accounting Department welcomed KPMG, one of the world's leading accounting firms. They delivered an insightful presentation on the accounting profession, vacation work opportunities, and exciting career prospects within the firm, and the broader industry. Our boys actively participated, asking questions and engaging with the KPMG team.



The South African indoor hockey men made history by clinching their first-ever medal with a thrilling 6-5 victory over Belgium in the bronze medal match of the FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup in Porec, Croatia. We are incredibly proud that our very own Litha Kraai (Grade 11) and SACS Old Boy, Anton van Loggerenberg (OB '13), were part of this historic achievement!

Ethan Curtis and Marcel November (both Grade 8s) have been selected to represent the Western Cape at the Inter-Provincial Lifesaving Surf Championships.

Matthew Shapiro (Grade 8) and Matthew Chadwick (Grade 12) participated at the Metro Central District Chess Trials. Both have successfully qualified for the Metro Trials due to take place in March.

Thomas Boutall (Grade 12) competed in the Western Province Junior Spring Squash Open and the Western Province Youth Squash Invitational Closed. He won the boys U19 section of both tournaments. He will next compete in the Western Province Youth Squash Open and the Bloemfontein Junior Open.

Geoffrey Dickson (Grade 12) competed in the Western Province Road Cycling Championships, where he finished fourth in the U19 30km time-trial and eighth in the U19 136km road race. He will next be competing in the South African Road Cycling Championships.

Damian Buser (Grade 10) has been selected to participate at the Karate World Championships .

Ross Jeffery (Grade 12) won a gold medal in the U21 Male Kumite Heavyweight Division, as well as gold in the Seniors Heavyweight Division, at the Unicity Karate Championships. Ross also won a gold medal in the Junior Male Heavyweight Division on at the KAWC Elite and Open Children/Cadet and Junior Championship. He has been selected to represent the Western Cape Provincial team at the National Championship in March.





Our U19B Basketball Team after their three point win against Westerford High School (with only three seconds left on the clock).



Eli Africa

The Dr Melle Cup winners for the weekend of 7 February 2025 are Abhay Kalan (Grade 10) and Eli Africa (Grade 8). Abhay was awarded the Senior Cup for being the leading wicket-taker for the First Cricket Team. Eli was awarded the Junior Cup for his match-winning innings of 51 not-out for the U14B Cricket Team.



Abhay Kalan

Our Stringbreakers, formed in 2022, carved out another first, performing at the V&A Waterfront Amphitheatre in support of the Habitat for Humanity Cyclathon, organised by Rustenburg Girls' High School. A well-rehearsed set list lead to a smooth and steady performance, including a feature of Connor Russell (Grade 11) on bass for two of the five songs. Well done to these members who have been a committed unit rehearsing at 7am in the mornings and notching up ten performances to date, most recently at Cafe Roux, Noordhoek as part of the GetonCo Band Night.



Connor Russell, Tristan Aylward, Liam Cawood, Daniel du Toit, Justin Gibson and Milos Pohorsky.



Stringbreaker supporters on the SACS bike.

The next blood donation clinic will take place in the Brodie Room on Wednesday 19 February 2025 from 09:30am to 3:00pm. If your son is keen to participate, please chat to him about it.



First time blood donors will need to complete a privacy form in order to donate blood and are reminded to bring the signed form with them on the day. If you have any concerns, you are welcome to contact Mr Parsons at [parsonsw@sacollege.org.za](mailto:parsonsw@sacollege.org.za).

Yours sincerely

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