



KEARSNEY COLLEGE NEWS & Views

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Five Kearsney Boys in SA Schools Water Polo Team



Congratulations to Thomas Aylward, Max Mills and Thomas Francke on their SA U18 Schools selections, and to Cristiano Sandri and Dru Mills on their SA U16 selections. Pictured left.

SA Indoor Hockey Selections

Congratulations to Joel Steyn on his inclusion in the SA U18B Indoor hockey team, after winning gold with the KZN U18A Coastals team.



Dylan Forbes was selected for the SA U16A Indoor Hockey team. Congratulations to Dylan on this fantastic achievement!



Excellent 2025 IEB NSC Results

The Class of 2025 achieved outstanding results in the IEB NSC Examinations that reflect great credit on themselves, their families and the school.

Key highlights include:

- A 100% pass rate, with a 99% Bachelor Degree pass rate, well above the IEB national average of 89%.
- Eight boys earned eight distinctions; two earned seven; five earned six.
- 28% achieved an A aggregate; over 70% an A or B; and 95% a C or higher.
- Over 30% earned four or more distinctions, and 45% earned three or more.
- Four boys achieved an overall aggregate of 90% or higher.
- 278 distinctions were achieved, averaging 2.6 per boy.
- The class average was 74%, with six subjects above a 50% distinction rate.
- Ten pupils placed in the top 1% nationally in various subjects.

Congratulations to our boys on these achievements. We thank the Kearsney teachers and parents for their support and wish the Class of 2025 every success as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. The future is bright. *Carpe diem.* (Continued on page 2.)

Eleven distinctions in IEB NSC Further Studies Mathematics

Seventeen of our Matrics opted to write Further Studies Mathematics, and a remarkable 11 of them, or 65%, achieved distinctions.

The Kearsney boys who achieved As: Hayden Dunsdon (92%), Joshua Griffiths and Raine Scoular (both 91%), Kantse Masilo, Kaylin Moodley, wLiam Oets, Josh Robertson, Jason de Gryse, Oliver Tubb, Nicholas Comrie and Kade Rencken.

Notable Subject Performances

6 Subjects with over 50% distinction rates.

2 Subjects with averages over 80%.



Accounting: 53% Distinction rate; Ave 77%. (IEB Distinction rate 28%; IEB ave 64%)



Dramatic Arts: 56% Distinction rate; Ave 81%. (IEB Distinction rate 47%). One pupil in top 1% in SA.



Engineering Graphics & Design: 73% Distinction rate; Ave 84%. (IEB Distinction rate 38%; Ave 71%); Two pupils in Top 22 in SA.



IT 52% Distinction rate; Ave 76%. (IEB Distinction rate 37%; Ave 70%).



32% of Physical Sciences pupils achieved distinctions (IEB rate 17%).



Further Studies Mathematics: 65% Distinction rate; Ave 77%.

IEB NSC Results (continued)



A full house of distinctions. Thayuren Pillay earned 7 distinctions in his 7 subjects, while Kaylin Moodley, Nic Comrie, Josh Robertson, Hayden Dunsdon, Liam Oets and Jason de Gryse earned 8 distinctions each. Oliver Tubb and Josh Griffiths also earned 8 distinctions, and Joel Steyn earned 7 distinctions.

Academic Achievements 2025

Congratulations to all the boys who received subject prizes, progress awards, Half-Colours, Colours, Honours and Honours Cum Laude.

Grade 10 2025 - Academic Colours:
Thomas du Plessis, Craig McKenzie, Blake Rencken, Melokhule Mthethwa, James Whatmore, Shay Bagaria, Misa Buthelezi

Grade 11 2025 - Academic Colours:
Wandile Sibisi, Kai McCormick, Michael Hean, Jonty Wiggett, Bandzile Maseko, Nicolas Kohler, Mpumelelo Mkhize, Thomas Buchan, Shekar Soni, Sethembele Cindi, Jesse de Jager, Msinelelo Mgwili, Riordan Govender, Cameron Nel, Samkele Mahanjana.

Academic Honours:
Connor van Heerden, Liam Botha, Siseko Phungula, Oliver Moore-Gordon, Rhys Hughes, Jack Stroh, Conor McKeown, Matthew Asbury, Christiaan Venter, Tristan Louw.

Honours Cum Laude:
Matthew Behrens, Benjamin Hancock, Nathan Hotchkiss, Bjorn Kruger, Nevaal Arbee, Jason Denekamp, Yusuf Badat.

2025 positions in Grade



Kearsney boys excelled in prestigious Wits Maths Challenge

At the end of 2025, we received news of excellent results in the Wits Maths Challenge. Our senior team placed a remarkable 8th in Africa. Over 400 schools and 19,000 entrants from across South Africa and other African nations participated.

Congratulations to our boys who qualified as finalists in their respective divisions:

Junior Category (Grades 8–9):
Aedan Dalton
Dru Mills
Khaya Gxoyiya
Thomas Schulze

Senior Category (Grades 10–12):
Benjamin Hancock
George Sykes
Matthew Behrens
Mukona Marageni
Shay Bagaria



L-R: Matthew Behrens, Aedan Dalton, George Sykes, Ben Hancock, Mukona Marageni, Shay Bagaria, Thomas Schulze, Dru Mills and Khaya Gxoyiya.

IEB Examiners

A remarkable thirty-five Kearsney teachers headed off to Johannesburg at the end of Term 4 for the marking of the IEB matric examinations, reflecting the incredible quality and experience of the teachers at the College. This extensive IEB experience directly benefits our teachers and pupils, and is an important component of Kearsney's academic excellence programme. We thank our teachers for their tremendous dedication.



New Staff Members

It is our pleasure to welcome the new teachers, admin staff and interns to Kearsney College. We are privileged to attract such high calibre staff, and we are excited about the positive impact that everyone will have on our school and the boys.

Welcome to those who joined us at the start of the year; or during the course of last year:

Pictured right [L-R]:
Ronelle Raath (Afrikaans); Sipho Mpisane (Deputy Head: Operations and Transformation); Ineke Stumke (Afrikaans); Ntando Mngomezulu (Alumni Relations and Digital Media Coordinator); Anne Bailey (Kit & Clothing Manager); Rhonal Kuppusami (Payroll and HR Officer); Aphelele Mfeka (Intern); Caitlyn Ancillotti (Intern); Scott Hiron (Accounting); Sne Makhathini (Counselling Psychologist); Jeremy Naidoo (HOD: Physical Sciences); Ruth Cooper (IT and Digital Learning); Kyle-Michael de Beer (Intern); Thulani Mabona (Intern); Brendan Saayman (Afrikaans).

In March Tamlyn Gabin joined our staff on a permanent basis as Content Creator, and Sne Thungo as an intern.



New staff members. See the names in the paragraph left.

Welcome new pupils and families

Report by Mr Mouton Badenhorst, Head of Boarding.

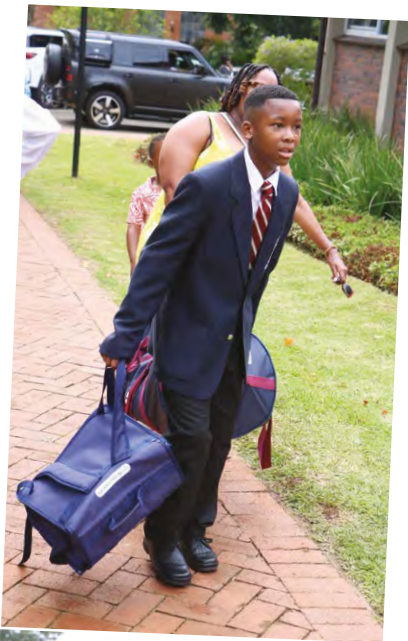
The year started with a warm welcome to new boys and parents to the Kearsney community.

For many, it was a moment of mixed excitement and nervous anticipation as the boys began this important new chapter of their lives. The first term has certainly been a busy one, and it has been wonderful to see the boys throw themselves into the many opportunities the College offers. From the classroom to the sports fields and cultural activities, the Grade 8 boys have approached each experience with enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved. The support from parents at fixtures throughout the term has been excellent, and we sincerely appreciate the strong sense of community and the buy-in from families. Your encouragement from the sidelines makes a meaningful difference to the boys.

Academically, the boys have worked hard and achieved pleasing results. It is encouraging

to see them developing strong study habits as they adjust to the demands of high school. I am particularly proud of the way these young boys are navigating this new phase of their lives. Each day, they are growing in confidence and becoming more independent. The first winter sports fixtures were a great success, and it was fantastic to see the boys representing the school with pride. They have quickly learnt the ways and traditions of Kearsney and have settled in very well.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead as the boys continue to grow, learn and make the most of all that Kearsney College offers.



KEARSNEY COLLEGE COUNCIL



Jason Denekamp
CHAIRMAN

At the start of the term, the KCC was inducted in a special assembly. The KCC represents the boys of the College, and its function is to foster the ideals of the College, to promote pupil welfare and act as a liaison with the College's Management. We congratulate these boys on their appointments for 2026 and wish them well in these important leadership positions.

Grade 9



Ayabonga Mtetwa



Callen Botha

Grade 10



Thomas Schulze



Munashe Mwanjira

Grade 11



Misa Buthelezi



Thomas du Plessis

Grade 12



Msimetelo Mgwili



Troy Frederic

Kearsney team wins History Quiz

Kearsney's two Grade 11 teams made us proud at the inter-schools history quiz hosted by Clifton, finishing 1st and 8th out of 35 competing schools.

Congratulations to the winning team of Misa Buthelezi, Adam Georgiadis and Senzo Phiri; and the 8th place team of Thomas du Plessis, Asemahle Madlala and Christopher Oellermann.



IMBIZO



The Imbizo recognises that the Kearsney community comprises diverse groups and that it is vital that every group be afforded the respect and dignity it deserves. We thank all the pupils who will serve on the Imbizo in 2026.



Grade 12 Visual Arts workshop

Report by Mrs Joanne Hicks, HOD Visual Arts.

**Theme: Working Beyond Comfort Zones:
Experimentation Through Collaboration**

The full-day Visual Arts workshop, co-hosted by Kearsney College and St Mary's DSG, encouraged bold experimentation and collaborative creativity.

Working in mixed groups, students tackled challenges that pushed them beyond their comfort zones, producing innovative artworks that combined individuality with a strong collective voice.

The partnership between the schools proved highly effective, inspiring fresh approaches to media, scale and concept, and leaving students energised for their future art practice.

International Exchange

Report by Mrs Charlene Elliott, Teacher in Charge.

The International Exchange Report Back Evening offered a lively snapshot of the 2025 programme, with boys sharing stories of adventure, learning, and personal growth abroad.

Shay Bagaria, Theeyash Govender, Keegan Howes and Alexander Nortje reflected warmly on their time at the **Catholic University School** in Dublin, while Luke Munro, Luke Morgan and Oscar Milne shared insights from their stay at **Oswestry School** in Shropshire, where they connected deeply with the school's traditions and community.

Our exchange network also grew into Australia: Craig McKenzie and Thomas du Plessis described their experience at **Christ Church Grammar School** in Perth; Blake Rencken enjoyed Sydney and Cranbrook School; and Ngwazi Sithole spoke about life at **Brisbane Grammar School**. We have not exchanged with either of these schools before.

Applications for the 2026 International Exchange Programme are progressing well, and we anticipate another exciting year of international learning and engagement.

"Wherever you go becomes a part of you somehow."
— Anita Desai

Dale Carnegie Graduates

Dale Carnegie Generation.Next has once again delivered an unforgettable journey of growth, confidence and leadership! This term, 23 incredible Grade 11s took on the challenge — and absolutely shone — culminating in a standout Graduation on 10 March 2026.

This term marks the 47th Generation.Next course at Kearsney College, and we're



proud that over 1 000 Kearsney boys have now earned the prestigious Dale Carnegie certificate.

For 111 years, Dale Carnegie programmes have set the global standard for personal development, and we're honoured to continue this powerful legacy through our long-standing partnership.

Designed specifically for teenagers, the Generation.Next course equips young



Community Service

Report by Rev. Kym Bishop, Chaplain.

We have had a wonderful term of Community Service. Our weekly Friday outings and Community Service week included trips to Paw Prints Animal Rescue Centre, Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, Konka Conservancy, eThembeni, the Hillcrest Aids Centre and a Durban Beach clean-up. Our boys also helped at both the Hillcrest Marathon and at the Highbury Triathlon. Assisting and serving at these places has provided our boys with incredible opportunities to grow in empathy, compassion and character. Along with our weekly outings, we have ongoing peer tutoring programmes, teaching computer literacy at Kearsney and tutoring maths at the Valley Trust Centre to students from local high schools in the Valley of a Thousand Hills. The tutoring programmes are particularly meaningful, and it is a privilege to be involved in this way. Community Service is an important part of life at Kearsney, and despite their busy schedules, the boys take time to be involved and give back.



Kearsney Matric Dance – Celestial Experience

Thank you to the events team of the Parents' Society for their remarkable planning and magical execution of the themed décor for the Matic Dance in the marquee at the Greyhound Pavilion.

Our caterers are also sincerely thanked for the wonderful meal provided to the guests.

The contributions of all involved made for a beautiful and memorable evening at the Dance and the Parents' Society Ball the following night.





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KZN Tennis Representation

Congratulations to the three Kearsney boys who represented KZN in the Inter-provincial Tennis Tournament in Pretoria in early January:
Under 19A: Angus Fyvie
Under 19B: Max East, Luca Giai-Minietti and Troy Jorgensen



L-R: Max East, Troy Jorgensen, Luca Giai-Minietti and Angus Fyvie

KZN Swimming and Nippers

We congratulate Grade 8 Nippers Azande Ndlovu and Hayden Irving, who were selected for the KZN Nipper Team to compete at the Inter-provincial Championships in Durban. These boys were ALSO selected for the KZN Swimming team!



Azande Ndlovu Hayden Irving

KZN High School Golf Champ

Congratulations to Harry Clayton on winning the individual competition at the KZN High Schools Championships, held at Umhlali Country Club. Harry has been selected for the KZN Men's Inter-provincial team to play in the Men's Inter-provincial competition in April. This is an incredible achievement for a schoolboy.



Water Polo

SA Schools Selections
See the news of the five selections on page 1.



Water Polo 1st Team – Win Inaugural Night Series

The inaugural Kearsney Water Polo Night Series Tournament, held over several evenings in Term 1, came to a thrilling end as Kearsney beat Hilton 11-6 to win the inaugural tournament. Thank you to all the teams for joining us for a fun and exciting tournament, and to the coaches for their commitment and sacrifices to make it possible.

Night Series photos by Ndaramo Sithole, Yu Shu Ye and Anthony Wallis.



U15A - winners of the Dallas Hutton Tournament

Water Polo 1st team - KES Tournament

Report by *Mr Nicholas Rodda, MIC Water Polo.*

The 1st Team competed in the annual KES Invitational Tournament. Remarkably, they went the entire tournament without losing a match in regular time, recording three draws and three penalty shoot-out losses.

After topping their pool, Kearsney defeated Westville in the quarter-finals. They were edged out on penalties by St David's in the pool semi-final and again by SACS in the 3rd/4th playoff, finishing 4th out of 16 of the country's top schools.

Player recognitions:
Players selected for the Tournament Team - **Thomas Aylward** and **Dru Mills**.

The 1st Team is currently ranked 3rd in South Africa.

2nd Team tournament achievements
The team took 4th place at the Northwood 2nd Team Tournament and finished 2nd in the St Charles 2nd Team Tournament after narrowly losing 6 - 5 to Michaelhouse in the final. **Mcebisi Zulu** was awarded Attacker of the Tournament.

Under 15s success at the Indigo Tournament
The U15A team were undefeated in the pool stages of the annual Indigo Tournament hosted by Parktown Boys. They continued their strong form in the knockout rounds, beating SACS in the quarter-final, Michaelhouse in the semi-final and Hilton in the final.

This marked their third medal in four tournament appearances.

Cai Terblanche was named Player of the Tournament.

U14 Ken Short Festival
The U14A team won 6 out of their 8 matches in the Ken Short Festival at Jeppe Boys High School, showing strong promise and depth for the future of Kearsney water polo.

Swimming

The Kearsney swimming team competed in four galas this term – the Nestor Pierides Memorial Gala, Alan Burt Gala, DND Gala and Top 10 Gala.

Swimming is a demanding commitment for the boys, especially as many balance their winter sporting codes alongside summer programmes, including several basketball



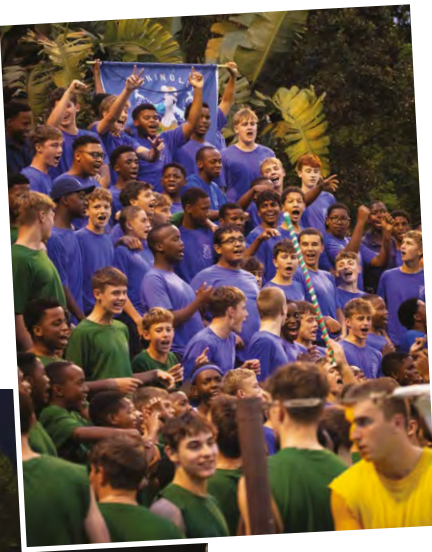
St Andrew's Squash Festival

The College's 1st Squash Team travelled to the annual St Andrew's Squash Festival in Bloemfontein over the weekend of the 06 to 08 February.

The festival is the premier boys' schools squash festival in the country, drawing 22 teams from across South Africa.

Our boys acquitted themselves well against tough competition, while learning a lot about how the game is played at altitude.

We lost to the strong Eastern Cape sides of Kingswood College, Graeme College and Queens College, but scored victories over St Stithians and St Andrew's 'B'.



and cricket players who form part of the squad. Despite this, the boys represented Kearsney with pride and determination.

Inter House Gala
Congratulations to Finningley for winning the inter-house swimming gala, followed by Gillingham, Pembroke and Sheffield. James Beningfield was crowned Senior Victor Ludorum, while Blake Gaines was crowned Junior Victor Ludorum.

Well done on these fantastic achievements.

Special thanks to Samir Reddy, Anthony Wallis, Cole Clarke, Shu Yu and Shavanth Chelladu for the brilliant photos.

James Beningfield

Blake Gaines



Cricket News

It has been a term of high-octane cricket. Our cricket programme gathered momentum this year, with our boys participating in a wide range of festivals, tours and local derbies that tested their temperament and skill.

The 1st XI's journey took them to new horizons with an inaugural tour to Grey PE. Facing top-tier opposition in the Eastern Cape provided the perfect catalyst for the mid-season form that followed. The boys found their rhythm back home, dispatching St Charles, Glenwood, and Clifton in the 50-over format. The T20 season was equally thrilling; our 1st XI's path to the Clifton T20 final included dominant displays against Hilton and St John's, eventually taking home the silver after a tough battle with Waterkloof.

The U15A side mirrored this success in the W100 competition. Their brand of attacking cricket saw them breeze through the earlier rounds to reach the final against Westville Boys' High. Though the result was a narrow loss, the character shown by this group was a highlight of the term.

Individual brilliance also lit up the season. We celebrate our centurions - De Jager, Hollister, and Verbaan - alongside Gorrie, whose five-wicket haul against Westville was a masterclass in bowling. We look forward to carrying this energy into the next season.

Special thanks go to the coaches and boys for the hard work and to the parents for their continued support.

U15A Photos by Grade 8 pupil Matthew Baker.

Basketball

Report by Mr Myles Delpont, MIC Basketball.

Basketball is in a healthy state at the college, with the first team leading the charge. There were several tournaments. The 1st team participated in the **Jenny Orchard Invitational Tournament** held at Maritzburg College, won all their pool games, and lost in the semifinals to the hosts. They narrowly lost to the Westville boys in the 3rd- and 4th-place playoff.

The Under 16s participated in the **St Stithians Tournament** and came 10th out of 20 teams, while the Under 15s participated in the **St John's Tournament** and finished 7th out of 24 teams, competing against some of the country's top school sides. Well done to the teams for their intensity and composure in these tournaments.

This year, there was also a **KZN TOP 10 tournament** in which all our A teams participated, and Kearsney did particularly well, finishing 4th, which was a good effort from all of our teams.



We congratulate six dedicated basketball players on reaching the significant 1st team milestone of earning 50 Caps: Pabatso Sithole, Jack McReynolds, Kabo Ramodibedi, Troy Vermeulen and Lwandile Njapha, seen here with coach Nzama. Absent: Daniel Prinsloo.



U15A in final of W100 at Kingsmead



Daniel Prinsloo

Kabo Ramodibedi notched up the notable feat of 50 caps for the 1st team in the match vs the Kearsney College Old Boys. To add to the special occasion, Kabo played against his dad, Napo (Class of 1999).

Double Gold for Karate

Aarav Kassanjee earned double gold at an event in Durban in March. Aarav will represent KZN in the nationals in May. Congratulations on these achievements!



KZN Life Saving

Congratulations to Keagan White on earning his KZN Colours for Lifesaving once again.

Keagan competed in the KZN Lifesaving Champs in February, earning 7 medals and being awarded Runner-up to the Competitor of the Competition.



Tom Bishop and Jack Sternberg in the Dusi Canoe Marathon

Sailing achievements - Congratulations

Matthew Macpherson, won the ILCA 4 division at the Grand Slam event at the Henley Midmar Yacht Club.

Ethan Kruger took part in two regattas in the Optimist Division at the Henley Midmar Yacht Club and finished 3rd in both.

Well done to these on these wonderful achievements of perseverance.



Ethan Kruger

Matthew Macpherson

Canoeing

Well done to Tom Bishop and Jack Sternberg on completing the Dusi Canoe Marathon. Both boys, and Kearsney coaches Kim Peek and Themba Ngcobo, finished in the top 100. These are tremendous achievements!

In a recent inter-school marathon event, hosted at Curry's Post, the Kearsney team performed remarkably well. A team of 16 canoeists representing the College, with standout performances.

U14s recorded two podium positions - 1st Jude Carr, 3rd Ethan Kruger.

In the U16 Thomas Bishop achieved 2nd place and Jack Sternberg took 2nd place in the U18 age group.





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KERF '26 to be as exciting as ever

The Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival, brought to you by Standard Bank - South Africa, promises to be another thrilling affair this year. We can't wait for the action to begin.

Twelve highly ranked rugby schools will entertain the crowds with scintillating running rugby, with a primary schools' and a girls' division adding to the action, fun and excitement.

The Festival provides a wonderful day out for the whole family, with delicious food outlets, a refreshment tent and an expansive KidZone along with the incredible schoolboy rugby.

- Ample parking is available on campus.
- Online tickets are available at R50 per day. Children under six years of age get in for free. **Get your tickets on Quicket now.**
- Fixtures are available at www.kearsney.com/kerf

Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival 2026 Is Cashless!

A reminder that the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival will be a cashless event. All visitors to this amazing event are advised to prepare accordingly, as entry tickets as well as purchases for food, drinks, and merchandise will only be possible via card or SnapScan. This is to ensure a safe and efficient event.



What is SnapScan?

SnapScan is a fast, secure, and convenient mobile payment app. Simply use your phone's camera to scan a vendor's unique SnapCode (QR code) to complete your purchase. SnapScan is free to use, compatible with all South African banks, and accepts most international credit cards.

We encourage you to download the SnapScan app before arriving at the festival to ensure seamless transactions.

For any queries, please contact the Foundation Office on 031 765 9650 or foundation@kearsney.com.

We are looking forward to an incredible festival and hope to see you all there!



Boots & Balls outreach initiative

Our community is encouraged to donate new or used sporting equipment to this important initiative.

At the end of the Easter Rugby Festival, the KZN RU will receive all donations and distribute them to development teams to help underprivileged youngsters access rugby.

Sports gear may be dropped off at reception for the attention of the Sports Department or at the demarcated collection point at the Festival.

Thank you for your support.

Report by Ms Ntando Mngomezulu, Alumni Coordinator.

Kearsney proudly congratulates Siso France (Class of 2023) for being identified as one of the Players to Watch in the 2026 FNB Varsity Shield competition.

After a standout debut season for FNB UKZN, including a Rookie of the Year nomination and an impressive all points performance in a major fixture, Siso continues to build on the strong rugby foundations.

We look forward to following Siso's progress throughout the season.

KCOB Face Kearsney 1st Teams: Water Polo and Basketball



During Term 1, the Kearsney College Old Boys (KCOB) took on the Kearsney College 1st teams in two spirited fixtures - water polo and basketball - highlighting strong competition and enduring school pride.

The water polo match on 21 January was tightly contested, with both sides showing strong skill and discipline. KCOB opened confidently, applying early pressure and taking key opportunities, but the Kearsney 1st team matched them goal for goal. The high intensity and quality attacking play continued throughout, ending in a thrilling 13-13 draw.

KCOB returned to action on 07 February, facing the Kearsney 1st basketball team. Despite a determined effort from the Old Boys, Kearsney controlled the pace of the game and secured a 37-14 victory.

The Kearsney boys enjoyed connecting with the Old Boys and savour the Kearsney brotherhood across the generations.

Looking ahead, the KCOB community is preparing for Founders Week from 2-6 June 2026. This week-long celebration will honour Kearsney College's heritage and traditions through sports fixtures, reunions, and social events. The highlight will be the Founders Day Rugby Game, bringing past and present Kearsney community members together.

At the end of 2025 the Parents' Society bade farewell to several long-serving committee members who served our school community generously. With much gratitude, we welcome a new Treasurer, Secretary, Golf Day lead planner and a fearless leader for the Barrow Team. We have two new portfolios - a parent liaison for Community Service and another for Special Events. Deputy Headmaster, Nick Cooper, represents the College on the Parents' Society committee. We are so thrilled to have all of you on board!

Term 1 featured the annual Parents' Cocktail Party and preparations for both the Matric Dance and the Parents' Society Ball. To accommodate our biggest Matric group, the Matric Dance was moved from the Henderson Hall into a magnificent marquee, adjacent to the Greyhound Pavilion. The events team created a striking celestial-themed setting for the Class of 2026 and the parents who attended the Ball the following evening.

We sincerely thank the parents who gave of their time and resources to bring our events team's vision to life. To Guy and his team from Settings Function Hire, Martin and team from Limelight and DJ, Matthew Bernard, thank you so much. You played a huge role in the success of these two events.



Our fabulous DJ, Matthew Bernard, under the Kearsney moon.



Families are encouraged to attend winter sports fixtures, refresh their Kearsney supporters' gear at the Barrow and make use of the Parents' Society hospitality gazebos. We would love to meet and get to know you!

Several special projects are planned for Term 2, with updates to follow.

Those parents wishing to learn more about the Parents' Society or get involved are invited to contact Chairlady Megan Howes via the Parents' Society link the Kearsney College app or by email: megan@meganjane.com.

Moms of the Class of 2026 at the Ball

#KERF #kearsneyeasterrugbyfestival #SBLove #halfwayfordwaterfall



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Woolies loyalty programme change - MyDifference

Help Us Get Back to 753 Supporters

Many in our Kearsney community generously supported the College through Woolworths' MySchool programme, providing meaningful funding for our Bursary and Scholarship initiatives.

With Woolworths' change to its MyDifference programme, this support has fallen away because the supported "cause" was not transferred.

Currently, 156 supporters have selected Kearsney College as their Cause, compared with 753 previously. This drop has a real impact, but it is also something we can collectively easily change.

We warmly encourage our parents, Old Boys, staff, and friends of the College to rejoin us on MyDifference and help close this gap. It costs you nothing too.



It takes less than a minute to select Kearsney as your "Cause" - and every single supporter truly makes a difference.

How to Select Kearsney College on MyDifference

A quick step-by-step guide

- Download the Woolworths app from your app store.
- Open the MyDifference section within the app.
- Search for "Kearsney College".
- Select Kearsney College as one of your Causes (you may choose up to three).
- **You're done! Every shop now contributes directly to our bursary and scholarship initiatives.**

For help with MyDifference, Woolworths customer service is available on 0861 502 050 or at rewards@woolworths.co.za.

Please reach out to Monica Davidson at the Kearsney Foundation office on mdavidson@kearsney.com if you experience any difficulties.

**Together, we can restore our supporter base -
and continue changing lives, one scan at a time.**



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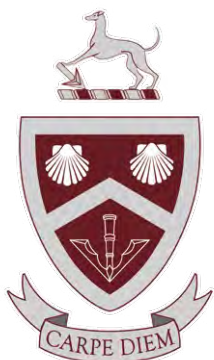
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Thought for the Moment

Recently I have been wrestling with the question: what are we to do with the resurrection story? The world acknowledges Easter with chocolate eggs and long weekends, but life carries on as usual. The world doesn't stop for Easter. In the middle of life's chaos and complexity, where does this strange message that Jesus died and came alive again fit into our lives today? The truth is, it doesn't fit comfortably. So, we often do one of two things: we leave it in the past, as the happy ending to a good story and move on with life. Or we send it off into the future: we're glad Jesus rose because one day it will matter for eternity. Yet if the resurrection matters at all, it must matter today. So why does it matter? What difference does the risen Christ make now? The resurrection matters today because it is not an ending but a beginning, not a conclusion to Jesus' story but an invitation into something new that God is doing not one day in the future, but within our present reality right now. May the mystery of the Risen Christ bring hope to your daily life this Easter season.

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Azande Ndlovu Hayden Irving

KZN High School Golf Champ

Congratulations to Harry Clayton on winning the individual competition at the KZN High Schools Championships, held at Umhlali Country Club. Harry has been selected for the KZN Men's Inter-provincial team to play in the Men's Inter-provincial competition in April. This is an incredible achievement for a schoolboy.



Water Polo

SA Schools Selections
See the news of the five selections on page 1.



Water Polo 1st Team – Win Inaugural Night Series

The inaugural Kearsney Water Polo Night Series Tournament, held over several evenings in Term 1, came to a thrilling end as Kearsney beat Hilton 11-6 to win the inaugural tournament. Thank you to all the teams for joining us for a fun and exciting tournament, and to the coaches for their commitment and sacrifices to make it possible.

Night Series photos by Ndaramo Sithole, Yu Shu Ye and Anthony Wallis.



U15A - winners of the Dallas Hutton Tournament

Water Polo 1st team - KES Tournament

Report by *Mr Nicholas Rodda, MIC Water Polo.*

The 1st Team competed in the annual KES Invitational Tournament. Remarkably, they went the entire tournament without losing a match in regular time, recording three draws and three penalty shoot-out losses.

After topping their pool, Kearsney defeated Westville in the quarter-finals. They were edged out on penalties by St David's in the pool semi-final and again by SACS in the 3rd/4th playoff, finishing 4th out of 16 of the country's top schools.

Player recognitions:
Players selected for the Tournament Team - **Thomas Aylward** and **Dru Mills**.

The 1st Team is currently ranked 3rd in South Africa.

2nd Team tournament achievements
The team took 4th place at the Northwood 2nd Team Tournament and finished 2nd in the St Charles 2nd Team Tournament after narrowly losing 6 - 5 to Michaelhouse in the final. **Mcebisi Zulu** was awarded Attacker of the Tournament.

Under 15s success at the Indigo Tournament
The U15A team were undefeated in the pool stages of the annual Indigo Tournament hosted by Parktown Boys. They continued their strong form in the knockout rounds, beating SACS in the quarter-final, Michaelhouse in the semi-final and Hilton in the final.

This marked their third medal in four tournament appearances.

Cai Terblanche was named Player of the Tournament.

U14 Ken Short Festival
The U14A team won 6 out of their 8 matches in the Ken Short Festival at Jeppe Boys High School, showing strong promise and depth for the future of Kearsney water polo.

Swimming

The Kearsney swimming team competed in four galas this term – the Nestor Pierides Memorial Gala, Alan Burt Gala, DND Gala and Top 10 Gala.

Swimming is a demanding commitment for the boys, especially as many balance their winter sporting codes alongside summer programmes, including several basketball



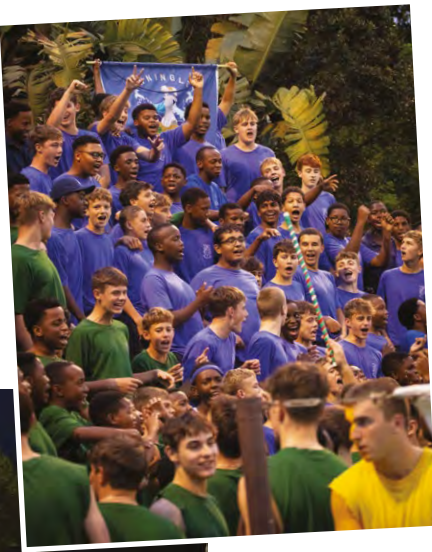
St Andrew's Squash Festival

The College's 1st Squash Team travelled to the annual St Andrew's Squash Festival in Bloemfontein over the weekend of the 06 to 08 February.

The festival is the premier boys' schools squash festival in the country, drawing 22 teams from across South Africa.

Our boys acquitted themselves well against tough competition, while learning a lot about how the game is played at altitude.

We lost to the strong Eastern Cape sides of Kingswood College, Graeme College and Queens College, but scored victories over St Stithians and St Andrew's 'B'.



and cricket players who form part of the squad. Despite this, the boys represented Kearsney with pride and determination.

Inter House Gala
Congratulations to Finningley for winning the inter-house swimming gala, followed by Gillingham, Pembroke and Sheffield. James Beningfield was crowned Senior Victor Ludorum, while Blake Gaines was crowned Junior Victor Ludorum.

Well done on these fantastic achievements.

Special thanks to Samir Reddy, Anthony Wallis, Cole Clarke, Shu Yu and Shavanth Chelladu for the brilliant photos.

James Beningfield

Blake Gaines



Cricket News

It has been a term of high-octane cricket. Our cricket programme gathered momentum this year, with our boys participating in a wide range of festivals, tours and local derbies that tested their temperament and skill.

The 1st XI's journey took them to new horizons with an inaugural tour to Grey PE. Facing top-tier opposition in the Eastern Cape provided the perfect catalyst for the mid-season form that followed. The boys found their rhythm back home, dispatching St Charles, Glenwood, and Clifton in the 50-over format. The T20 season was equally thrilling; our 1st XI's path to the Clifton T20 final included dominant displays against Hilton and St John's, eventually taking home the silver after a tough battle with Waterkloof.

The U15A side mirrored this success in the W100 competition. Their brand of attacking cricket saw them breeze through the earlier rounds to reach the final against Westville Boys' High. Though the result was a narrow loss, the character shown by this group was a highlight of the term.

Individual brilliance also lit up the season. We celebrate our centurions - De Jager, Hollister, and Verbaan - alongside Gorrie, whose five-wicket haul against Westville was a masterclass in bowling. We look forward to carrying this energy into the next season.

Special thanks go to the coaches and boys for the hard work and to the parents for their continued support.

U15A Photos by Grade 8 pupil Matthew Baker.

Basketball

Report by Mr Myles Delpont, MIC Basketball.

Basketball is in a healthy state at the college, with the first team leading the charge. There were several tournaments. The 1st team participated in the **Jenny Orchard Invitational Tournament** held at Maritzburg College, won all their pool games, and lost in the semifinals to the hosts. They narrowly lost to the Westville boys in the 3rd- and 4th-place playoff.

The Under 16s participated in the **St Stithians Tournament** and came 10th out of 20 teams, while the Under 15s participated in the **St John's Tournament** and finished 7th out of 24 teams, competing against some of the country's top school sides. Well done to the teams for their intensity and composure in these tournaments.

This year, there was also a **KZN TOP 10 tournament** in which all our A teams participated, and Kearsney did particularly well, finishing 4th, which was a good effort from all of our teams.



We congratulate six dedicated basketball players on reaching the significant 1st team milestone of earning 50 Caps: Pabatsio Sithole, Jack McReynolds, Kabo Ramodibedi, Troy Vermeulen and Lwandile Njapha, seen here with coach Nzama. Absent: Daniel Prinsloo.



U15A in final of W100 at Kingsmead



Daniel Prinsloo

Kabo Ramodibedi notched up the notable feat of 50 caps for the 1st team in the match vs the Kearsney College Old Boys. To add to the special occasion, Kabo played against his dad, Napo (Class of 1999).

Double Gold for Karate

Aarav Kassanjee earned double gold at an event in Durban in March. Aarav will represent KZN in the nationals in May. Congratulations on these achievements!



KZN Life Saving

Congratulations to Keagan White on earning his KZN Colours for Lifesaving once again.

Keagan competed in the KZN Lifesaving Champs in February, earning 7 medals and being awarded Runner-up to the Competitor of the Competition.



Tom Bishop and Jack Sternberg in the Dusi Canoe Marathon

Sailing achievements - Congratulations

Matthew Macpherson, won the ILCA 4 division at the Grand Slam event at the Henley Midmar Yacht Club.

Ethan Kruger took part in two regattas in the Optimist Division at the Henley Midmar Yacht Club and finished 3rd in both.

Well done to these on these wonderful achievements of perseverance.



Ethan Kruger

Matthew Macpherson



Canoeing

Well done to Tom Bishop and Jack Sternberg on completing the Dusi Canoe Marathon. Both boys, and Kearsney coaches Kim Peek and Themba Ngcobo, finished in the top 100. These are tremendous achievements!

In a recent inter-school marathon event, hosted at Curry's Post, the Kearsney team performed remarkably well. A team of 16 canoeists representing the College, with standout performances.

U14s recorded two podium positions - 1st Jude Carr, 3rd Ethan Kruger.

In the U16 Thomas Bishop achieved 2nd place and Jack Sternberg took 2nd place in the U18 age group.





KERF '26 to be as exciting as ever

The Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival, brought to you by Standard Bank - South Africa, promises to be another thrilling affair this year. We can't wait for the action to begin.

Twelve highly ranked rugby schools will entertain the crowds with scintillating running rugby, with a primary schools' and a girls' division adding to the action, fun and excitement.

The Festival provides a wonderful day out for the whole family, with delicious food outlets, a refreshment tent and an expansive KidZone along with the incredible schoolboy rugby.

- Ample parking is available on campus.
- Online tickets are available at R50 per day. Children under six years of age get in for free. **Get your tickets on Quicket now.**
- Fixtures are available at www.kearsney.com/kerf



Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival 2026 Is Cashless!

A reminder that the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival will be a cashless event. All visitors to this amazing event are advised to prepare accordingly, as entry tickets as well as purchases for food, drinks, and merchandise will only be possible via card or SnapScan. This is to ensure a safe and efficient event.



What is SnapScan?

SnapScan is a fast, secure, and convenient mobile payment app. Simply use your phone's camera to scan a vendor's unique SnapCode (QR code) to complete your purchase. SnapScan is free to use, compatible with all South African banks, and accepts most international credit cards.

We encourage you to download the SnapScan app before arriving at the festival to ensure seamless transactions.

For any queries, please contact the Foundation Office on 031 765 9650 or foundation@kearsney.com.

We are looking forward to an incredible festival and hope to see you all there!



Boots & Balls outreach initiative

Our community is encouraged to donate new or used sporting equipment to this important initiative.

At the end of the Easter Rugby Festival, the KZN RU will receive all donations and distribute them to development teams to help underprivileged youngsters access rugby.

Sports gear may be dropped off at reception for the attention of the Sports Department or at the demarcated collection point at the Festival.

Thank you for your support.

#KERF #kearsneyeasterrugbyfestival #SBLove #halfwayfordwaterfall



Report by Ms Ntando Mngomezulu, Alumni Coordinator.

Kearsney proudly congratulates Siso France (Class of 2023) for being identified as one of the Players to Watch in the 2026 FNB Varsity Shield competition.

After a standout debut season for FNB UKZN, including a Rookie of the Year nomination and an impressive all points performance in a major fixture, Siso continues to build on the strong rugby foundations.

We look forward to following Siso's progress throughout the season.

KCOB Face Kearsney 1st Teams: Water Polo and Basketball



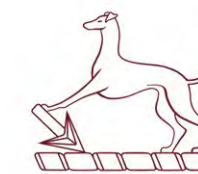
During Term 1, the Kearsney College Old Boys (KCOB) took on the Kearsney College 1st teams in two spirited fixtures - water polo and basketball - highlighting strong competition and enduring school pride.

The water polo match on 21 January was tightly contested, with both sides showing strong skill and discipline. KCOB opened confidently, applying early pressure and taking key opportunities, but the Kearsney 1st team matched them goal for goal. The high intensity and quality attacking play continued throughout, ending in a thrilling 13-13 draw.

KCOB returned to action on 07 February, facing the Kearsney 1st basketball team. Despite a determined effort from the Old Boys, Kearsney controlled the pace of the game and secured a 37-14 victory.

The Kearsney boys enjoyed connecting with the Old Boys and savour the Kearsney brotherhood across the generations.

Looking ahead, the KCOB community is preparing for Founders Week from 2-6 June 2026. This week-long celebration will honour Kearsney College's heritage and traditions through sports fixtures, reunions, and social events. The highlight will be the Founders Day Rugby Game, bringing past and present Kearsney community members together.



KEARSNEY COLLEGE PARENTS' SOCIETY

At the end of 2025 the Parents' Society bade farewell to several long-serving committee members who served our school community generously. With much gratitude, we welcome a new Treasurer, Secretary, Golf Day lead planner and a fearless leader for the Barrow Team. We have two new portfolios - a parent liaison for Community Service and another for Special Events. Deputy Headmaster, Nick Cooper, represents the College on the Parents' Society committee. We are so thrilled to have all of you on board!

Term 1 featured the annual Parents' Cocktail Party and preparations for both the Matric Dance and the Parents' Society Ball. To accommodate our biggest Matric group, the Matric Dance was moved from the Henderson Hall into a magnificent marquee, adjacent to the Greyhound Pavilion. The events team created a striking celestial-themed setting for the Class of 2026 and the parents who attended the Ball the following evening.

We sincerely thank the parents who gave of their time and resources to bring our events team's vision to life. To Guy and his team from Settings Function Hire, Martin and team from Limelight and DJ, Matthew Bernard, thank you so much. You played a huge role in the success of these two events.



Our fabulous DJ, Matthew Bernard, under the Kearsney moon.



Families are encouraged to attend winter sports fixtures, refresh their Kearsney supporters' gear at the Barrow and make use of the Parents' Society hospitality gazebos. We would love to meet and get to know you!

Several special projects are planned for Term 2, with updates to follow.

Those parents wishing to learn more about the Parents' Society or get involved are invited to contact Chairlady Megan Howes via the Parents' Society link the Kearsney College app or by email: megan@meganjane.com.

Moms of the Class of 2026 at the Ball



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Woolies loyalty programme change - MyDifference

Help Us Get Back to 753 Supporters

Many in our Kearsney community generously supported the College through Woolworths' MySchool programme, providing meaningful funding for our Bursary and Scholarship initiatives.

With Woolworths' change to its MyDifference programme, this support has fallen away because the supported "cause" was not transferred.

Currently, 156 supporters have selected Kearsney College as their Cause, compared with 753 previously. This drop has a real impact, but it is also something we can collectively easily change.

We warmly encourage our parents, Old Boys, staff, and friends of the College to rejoin us on MyDifference and help close this gap. It costs you nothing too.



It takes less than a minute to select Kearsney as your "Cause" - and every single supporter truly makes a difference.

How to Select Kearsney College on MyDifference

A quick step-by-step guide

- Download the Woolworths app from your app store.
- Open the MyDifference section within the app.
- Search for "Kearsney College".
- Select Kearsney College as one of your Causes (you may choose up to three).
- **You're done! Every shop now contributes directly to our bursary and scholarship initiatives.**

For help with MyDifference, Woolworths customer service is available on 0861 502 050 or at rewards@woolworths.co.za.

Please reach out to Monica Davidson at the Kearsney Foundation office on mdavidson@kearsney.com if you experience any difficulties.

Together, we can restore our supporter base - and continue changing lives, one scan at a time.



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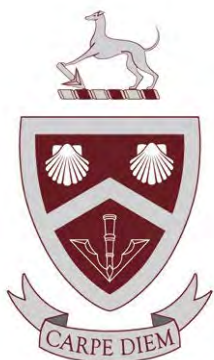
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Thought for the Moment

Recently I have been wrestling with the question: what are we to do with the resurrection story? The world acknowledges Easter with chocolate eggs and long weekends, but life carries on as usual. The world doesn't stop for Easter. In the middle of life's chaos and complexity, where does this strange message that Jesus died and came alive again fit into our lives today? The truth is, it doesn't fit comfortably. So, we often do one of two things: we leave it in the past, as the happy ending to a good story and move on with life. Or we send it off into the future: we're glad Jesus rose because one day it will matter for eternity. Yet if the resurrection matters at all, it must matter today. So why does it matter? What difference does the risen Christ make now? The resurrection matters today because it is not an ending but a beginning, not a conclusion to Jesus' story but an invitation into something new that God is doing not one day in the future, but within our present reality right now. May the mystery of the Risen Christ bring hope to your daily life this Easter season.

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