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SA and KZN Men's Water Polo

We are delighted to announce the selection of Kearsney water polo players to the SA U17 Water Polo squad: Thomas Aylward, Thomas Francke and Oliver Ludwig took part in the SA National Aquatic Championships 2025 (Currie Cup) in East London from 26 to 28 April.

Kearsney 1st Team Captain James Pohl was selected for the KZN Men's A side and played at the same Championships. Congratulations to James and the KZN Men's side on winning gold at the annual Currie Cup water polo tournament.



James Pohl



James Pohl



Oliver Ludwig



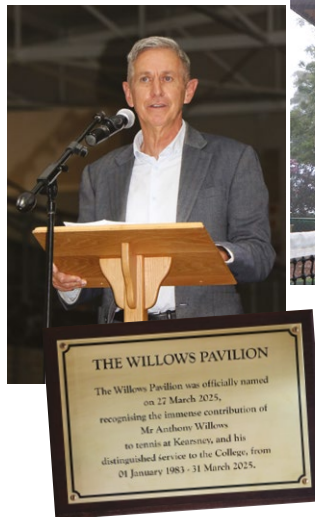
Thomas Francke



Thomas Aylward

Fitting tribute to Mr Willows

A special ceremony was held for the official naming of The Willows Pavilion and the unveiling of a plaque in honour of Kearsney legend Mr Ant Willows on 27 March. This is a fitting tribute to Mr Willows, whose impact on tennis at Kearsney has been nothing short of extraordinary. As a former provincial and SA Veterans tennis player, Ant brought a wealth of experience and passion to Kearsney, turning our tennis programme into one of the finest in the country. Through his vision, the Kearsney Tennis Festival was founded in 1996, international tours were established, and the school's tennis pavilion became a reality. In 2024, the Ant Willows Trophy, for exceptional tenacity, was introduced to honour his immense contribution to tennis at the College and beyond and to recognise his incredible legacy. Following the ceremony friends and special guests enjoyed a wonderful farewell function to thank Ant for his 32 years of dedicated and passionate service to the College, and to honour his incredible contribution to the College and the massive impact he has had on generations of Kearsney boys.



On Friday 13 June, The SportZone will be officially named The Skweyiya SportZone.

Congratulations!

To the 44 Kearsney boys who were selected to represent provincial teams this term.

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KZN Rugby	KZN Hockey	KZN Squash

Read about these teams on page 15

Kearsney Entrance and Founders Avenue

This project provides a beautiful new entrance to Kearsney's magnificent grounds. Read about it on page 2.

Kearsney Entrance and Founders Avenue

The acquisition of two properties adjacent to the main entrance on Old Main Road has allowed the school to design and build a spacious and impressive new entrance.

The entrance incorporates a graceful perimeter wall, picturesque views onto our magnificent grounds, double entry and exit lanes and a guardhouse with state-of-the-art security access control for enhanced security and efficient traffic flow in and out of our busy campus. The entrance project includes the much-needed resurfacing of Founders Avenue, from Old Main Road to the Greyhound Pavilion, incorporating pedestrian pathways for the safety of our boys.



Laptop Rollout

The three-year laptop rollout programme was an historic event, launched on 05 June 2025, with the Grade 10s receiving their school-owned laptops.



This exciting step follows years of planning and extensive investment in upgrading the College's IT infrastructure to ensure sufficient bandwidth and complete network coverage in every area of the academic block and boarding houses.

All academic staff have also been issued laptops to facilitate incorporating technology and digital teaching into the classroom and curriculum to enhance teaching and learning practices. Kearsney is committed to academic excellence and ensuring our education remains relevant in a world where digital literacy and technological proficiency are essential.

Our extensive programme ensures our pupils enjoy access to incredible educational resources, facilitates seamless collaboration among pupils and teachers, allows for easy submission of projects and assignments, and enables greater monitoring and control over online activities. By the end of 2027, each pupil in the College would have been issued with a laptop.



AI Hackathon

Kearsney College proudly participated in this year's IEB Techways competition with four innovative teams – three in the Senior category and one in the Junior category.

Tackling real-world issues in urbanisation, unemployment, water shortages, and education. They were required to identify a problem, code a prototype to solve the problem, and pitch their ideas to judges with a professional presentation showcasing their research and ideas.

Our boys displayed creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration as they developed thoughtful solutions to some of South Africa's biggest challenges. The winning team, called the Crack Trackers, tackled the problem of potholes on our roads in the urbanisation category. Their idea was to use AI image recognition to identify potholes on the roads, grade them in severity and report dangerous areas to Sanral that need their immediate attention. Their submission has been sent to the national entries.



Above: The United States Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial) is a national memorial located in Arlington Ridge Park in Arlington County, Virginia.

International Academic Tour

Forty-two boys and four staff members have spent an amazing two weeks on an academic tour to the East Coast of the United States. This tour included interacting with academics, including a few fascinating workshops, and enjoying guided tours, of Harvard University, The Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), Yale University and Princeton, where they learnt more about the incredible research and academic work underway and the opportunities available at these famous institutions.

The boys also enjoyed visits to, amongst other highlights, the Wang Theatre, the Shakespeare Theatre, The Neil Simon Theatre, the Broadway Museum, The Smithsonian National Technology Exhibit, and the Barclays Centre in NY and Capitol One Stadium in DC for a couple of basketball games. The group visited the famous spots in New York, including Times Square, Wall Street, Harlem SoHo, the Empire State Building, Wall Street, St John's Cathedral, Central Park and Grand Central Station.

After New York the group visited Princeton University, Gettysburg and Washington DC. An incredible, life-changing opportunity for these very fortunate boys.



Martin Luther King Memorial



National Cathedral Washington DC



Princeton University, New York

MATHEMATICS

SA Mathematics Olympiad

On Thursday 13 March all our Mathematics students wrote the first round of the SA Mathematics Olympiad. We are delighted with our results, with a total of 206 boys progressing to the Second Round, written on Thursday 15 May.

Congratulations to our top achievers on their spectacular results.

Notable Achievements per Grade

- Grade 8:** Jack Ferreira - 95%;
Blake Gaines - 90%
Dharshan Pillay - 90%
Norman Schroeder - 90%
Kallen Ganesh - 85%
Zach Hopf - 85%
Stieg Weaver - 85%
Mason Allan - 80%
Luke Crandon - 80%
Jordy Savides - 80%

- Grade 9:** Thomas Schulze - 95%
Dru Mills - 90%
Thomas Waldburger - 90%
Shavanth Chelladu - 85%

Senior Paper

- Grade 10:** Mukona Marageni - 90%
Grade 11: Liam Botha - 95%
Oliver Moore-Gordon - 85%
Conor McKeown - 80%
Jonty Wiggett - 80%
Grade 12: Hayden Dunsdon - 80%
Luca Mindry - 85%



Kearsney Shines in Second Round of St Mary's Maths Competition

Report by Mr Sean-Michael Ceronio, Mathematics Teacher.



On Wednesday 7 May, 29 Kearsney boys participated in the 2nd Round of the St Mary's Mathematics Competition, involving eight KZN schools. This event provided an excellent opportunity for the boys to tackle challenging problems, sharpen their problem-solving skills, and collaborate with pupils from other schools. The competition format required each Kearsney pair to team up with a partner from a girls' school, fostering teamwork and strategic thinking. We are incredibly proud of our students' outstanding achievements:

Junior Category:

- 1st Place – Thomas Schultze and Shavanth Chelladu
2nd Place – Mithra Seery and Norman Schroeder
3rd Place – Sebastian Sansbury and Darshan Pillay

Kearsney also achieved the prize for the school with the greatest number of participants over the two rounds.

Congratulations to all our participants for their dedication and success! Their impressive results highlight Kearsney's strong mathematical talent and commitment to excellence.

Maths Workshop for Interns and new teachers

Report by Mrs Charmaine Vermeulen, Intern Coordinator.

On 08 May, Kearsney College a Mathematics workshop for interns and newly-qualified teachers from Kearsney College, Hilton College, St Anne's Diocesan College, Grace College and Etham College joined us.

Mr Rakubu Sokana, the HOD of Mathematics at Kearsney College, facilitated the session, alongside Mr Orateng Motsoe, the HOD of Mathematics at Hilton College. The workshop focused on using technology to create customised Mathematics problems to enhance teaching and learning. It was a practical, hands-on session to equip early-career teachers with digital tools to support learner engagement and curriculum delivery. It was wonderful to engage with these young and enthusiastic teachers, and we wish them long and happy teaching careers.

Top Academic Achievers Term 1

The Top 5 academic achievers in Term 1 were recognised in assembly on 02 May. Congratulations to the following boys on their tremendous efforts:

GRADE 12

1. Willem Oets
2. Madimetja Kgomo
3. Nicholas Comrie
4. Hayden Dunsdon
5. Joel Steyn

GRADE 11

1. Nevaal Arbee
2. Nathan Hotchkiss
3. Bjorn Kruger
4. Yusuf Badat
5. Matthew Behrens

GRADE 10

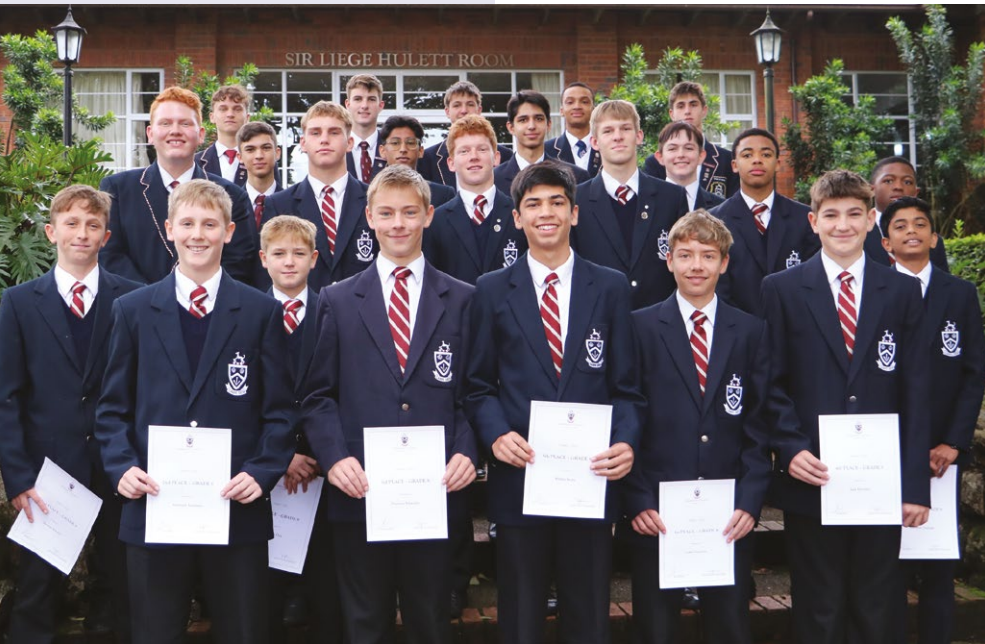
1. Thomas du Plessis
2. Craig McKenzie
3. Misamashenge Buthelezi
4. James Whatmore and Melokuhle Mthethwa

GRADE 9

1. Jacques Oets
2. Thomas Schulze
3. Lance Martegoutte
4. Zac Hickman
5. Shavanth Chelladu

GRADE 8

1. Luke Crandon
2. Sebastian Sansbury
3. Norman Schroeder
4. Jack Ferreira
5. Mithra Seery



LIFE SCIENCES EXCURSIONS

Report by Mr Dougan Macdonald, HOD Life Sciences.

Grade 10s

Grade 10s went to Tala Game Reserve, experiencing a bush walk and a game drive.

For many, walking in the bush was a new experience. Even those who had done so before loved the walk. Our guide was knowledgeable and held the boys' attention from the start. He imparted much knowledge to the boys and took

the time to explain concepts carefully and answer many questions. Walking within 30 metres of a family of giraffe will stick in the boys' memories.

The game drive also presented many fun learning opportunities, with the groups sharing the wonders of the natural environment. It was wonderful to see three rhinos basking in the sun, especially given their vulnerable conservation status.

Grade 10s at Tala Game Reserve





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There was an opportunity to ask about the challenges involved in running a reserve such as Tala, and most boys found the answers eye-opening.

Grade 12

Grade 12 Life Sciences students visited Emanzini Private Game Reserve with the main aim of revising the Environmental Studies portion of their syllabus. Everyone enjoyed a walk through the bush to reach the study site, and most found the worksheet and practical activities engaging!

The trip was an incredible opportunity filled with learning experiences and valuable moments of reflection.



Grade 10s at Tala Game Reserve



Grade 12s at Emanzini Private Game Reserve

AFRIKAANS

Report by Mrs Jackie Gaines, HOD Afrikaans

ATKV National Senior Olympiad

On 13 May 2025, a group of 33 learners from Grades 10 to 12 participated in the annual Afrikaans Olympiad hosted by the Afrikaans Taal- en Kultuurvereniging (ATKV). The pupils engaged in a rigorous three-hour examination, testing their proficiency and depth of understanding in the Afrikaans language and culture. We are pleased to report excellent results, with six boys achieving A symbols and five B symbols.

Our top performer, PJ Snyman (Grade 12), achieved an impressive mark of 86%, followed closely by Bjorn Kruger (Grade 11) with 83% and J Snyman (Grade 10) with 82%. The Junior Olympiad is scheduled for Term 3, and we look forward to another opportunity to challenge and extend our pupils academically.



PIT Production Enriches Afrikaans FAL Learning Experience

On the evening of Wednesday 21 May, Kearsney College had the privilege of hosting the PIT Production – a nationally touring theatre company renowned for presenting interactive workshops aligned with the IEB curriculum.

This dynamic and immersive production offered our pupils a unique opportunity to engage with their Afrikaans First Additional Language content through the performing arts. By dramatising key poems and setworks, and encouraging direct interaction with professional actors, the workshop brought the prescribed literature to life meaningfully and memorably.

This multi-sensory experience deepened pupils' understanding of the texts and fostered a greater appreciation for Afrikaans as a language of culture and expression. The evening left a lasting impression on all who attended.

Community Service

Report by Rev. Kym Bishop.

Students and staff engaged in several meaningful community service activities during this term. These included a beach clean-up in Durban, supporting Paw Prints Animal Rescue and Rehoming Centre, interacting with children at iKhethelo Children's Village and the Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, assisting at the Hillcrest Aids Centre, and providing academic support to students at various primary and high schools in KwaNyuswa.

It has been heartwarming to witness the growing relationships between our community and these organisations, as our boys have shown commitment, compassion, and empathy.

In addition to our weekly visits, the boys of the College collected clothing for the Dennis Hurley Centre's street store. Thank you to everyone who participated in this effort.

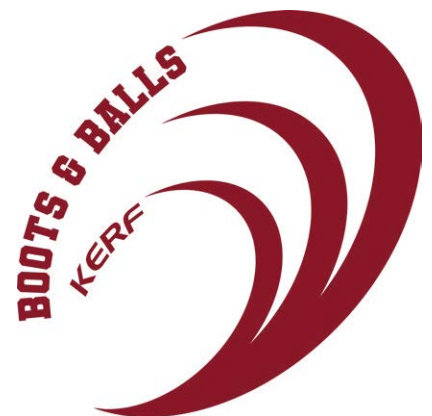
We also successfully held another blood donation drive.



KERF Outreach Initiative



The Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival's 'Boots & Balls' outreach initiative, introduced in 2015, once again collected new and good-condition second-hand sports kit and clothing to distribute to development teams throughout the province. All festival players and visitors were encouraged to donate kit and equipment, to supplement what has been donated by Kearsney families over the year. During the Festival's closing ceremony, the Headmaster, Mr Lees, handed over the donated kit to KZNRU Deputy President Mr Sabelo Nkosi. The KZNRU and Sharks have provided incredible support for the initiative, holding their own collection drives and facilitating the distribution of the goods to help grow the game at the grassroots level. Thank you to KZNRU and all who supported this initiative.



Portrait of a Kearsney Graduate

Cultivating Values-Driven Leadership

We launched the 2025/2026 Prefect and Shadow Leadership Process with a leadership presentation to the Grade 11s on 24 April. The session focused on cultivating courageous, values-driven leadership and introduced the Portrait of a Kearsney Graduate as a guiding framework.

We challenged our Grade 11s to lead with purpose, not fear, and to embody integrity, service, and resilience in every space they occupy. While our Grade 11 boys were busy with their leadership workshop, our Grade 10 boys engaged in a presentation titled "Growing Your Influence", aimed at helping them understand the true essence of leadership. The session explored what real influence looks like – built on character, trust and consistency – not just charisma. Through inspiring examples, from young changemakers to the moving stories, the boys were challenged to reflect on who they look up to and how they can lead by example. With practical strategies, our young men were encouraged to step up, speak out, and make their mark, both within and beyond the College community.



Deputy Headmaster, Mr Nkuli Gamede, who is leading this programme.



Freedom Day Reflections



Our boys led a powerful Freedom Day Assembly reflecting on South Africa's journey to democracy. The highlight was a moving panel discussion, chaired by Oliver Tubb (Gr 12) and Misa Buthelezi (Gr 10), featuring three Kearsney teachers, Mr Peacock, Mr Ndaba, and Ms Singh, who shared personal memories of 1994. Our boys asked thoughtful and relevant questions, showing a deep understanding of the times and what freedom means today. It concluded with our choir proudly leading the school in singing the national anthem.

Annual School Production

Opera-tunity Knocks

Report by Mr Bernard Krüger, Director of Music.

Opera-tunity came knocking

Our annual school production took a turn into a new direction this year, venturing away from the usual dramatic play or Broadway-style musical. This year, we wanted to showcase and celebrate the incredible growth in talent and numbers of our Kearsney College Orchestra, and so a unique musical production was borne out of a few brainstorming sessions between our various cultural departments.

The result was a high-octane, slick show which incorporated the best of Kearsney's singers, instrumentalists, actors and technical wizards, and of course we had to glue everything together with the skills of two stalwarts of the KZN theatre scene, the multi-talented, ever-hilarious comedic cabaret duo, Aaron McIlroy and Lisa Bobbert.

The *Opera-tunity Knocks* show was lauded for being entertaining from start to finish, with just the right mixture of comedy, classical- and pop music, as well as dramatic elements. The large LED wall at the back of the stage took on its own magical role, creating moving background imagery, providing further context and broadening the audience experience, created and executed by Kearsney's phenomenal audio-visual team of boys and staff.

Another highlight was the inclusion of a soprano soloist from UKZN, Zee Mndiyata, who mesmerised the audience and our boys with her heavenly voice. This was truly a high-note, high-jinks musical romp of epic proportions.



International Exchange

This term, Kearsney College had the pleasure of welcoming eight exchange students who quickly became part of the Kearsney family. Four boys joined us from the Catholic University School in Dublin, Ireland, and another four from Oswestry School in England.

These young men have been exceptional ambassadors for their home schools, embracing every aspect of life at Kearsney. From excelling on the sports fields- especially in rugby- to fully engaging in school life, they made a lasting impression. Highlights of their stay included the Founders Weekend celebrations, a memorable Life Sciences field trip to Tala Game Reserve, and a visit to Old Kearsney, where they explored the rich heritage of our College.

Our Kearsney boys have been gracious and welcoming hosts, and the bonds formed during this exchange have been heartwarming. The experience has deepened cross-cultural understanding and fostered friendships that we hope will last a lifetime. We look forward to welcoming these fine young men back to Kearsney in the future.



The Headmaster and Mrs Elliott, who heads up our International Exchange Programme, enjoyed a special tea with the international exchange students from Oswestry School (England) and Catholic University School (Dublin, Ireland). It was lovely to hear about their experiences at Kearsney and how they have embraced the adventure. The boys will leave us at the end of Term 2.

- Ireland**
Catholic University School (Dublin)
Incoming boys: Daniel O'Leary, David Ginnelly, Louis Murphy, Keegan Howes
Outgoing Kearsney boys: Alexander Nortje, Theeyash Govender, Shay Bagaria, Sam Cotter
- England**
Oswestry School (Oswestry)
Incoming boys: Liam Botha, Ethan King, Conor McKeown, Max Barker
Outgoing Kearsney boys: Reuben Tulloch, Charlie Warner, Henry Langford, Jesse de Jager

CCNF Prestige Concert Series at the Playhouse in Durban

Report by Mr Jonas Brolin, Head of Subject Music and Orchestra.

CCNF (Choral Celebration Network Foundation) is no stranger to the hardcore South African Choral fan. In 2025, they launched their newly formed Prestige Concert Series, and we were thrilled to be one of the few selected ensembles to represent KZN.

CCNF invited only five ensembles (three school ensembles and two provincial ensembles) to this prestigious event. I can gladly report that the Kearsney College Orchestra performed a 20-minute programme at the biggest stage in Durban, the Opera Theatre Stage at the Playhouse, leaving no one disappointed.

Artistically and musically, the Kearsney College Orchestra's repertoire held a high standard that seemed to appeal to the audience on that beautiful Sunday.



We want to thank CCNF for this fantastic event that allowed our young musicians to interact and hear other school ensembles perform their love for orchestral music. Finally, while many school orchestras in our province struggle to recruit new members, we can be exceptionally proud of our large orchestra at Kearsney College.

Long live the orchestral music in South Africa.

Congratulations!
PROVINCIAL SELECTIONS

KZN Hockey

KZN UI8A Keegan de Jager	KZN UI6C Cruz Reynolds Soyama Plaatjie	KZN UI4C Bjorn Wheeler Matthew Phillips
KZN UI8B Joel Steyn Jonty Wiggett	KZN UI4A Jordan Summerford Cai Terblanche	STAFF: UI8A Assistant Coach - Mr Adin Bennett UI6A Assistant coach - Mr Sean-Michael Ceronio UI6B Manager - Mr Ryan Liberty UI4A Strength & Conditioning - Miss Danielle Cairns
KZN UI8C Matt Terblanche Ata Mazibuko	KZN UI4B Rowan den Bakker Matthew van Wyk Taylor Ludlow Luke Crandon Travis Birt	
KZN UI6A Dylan Forbes		
KZN UI6B Aaron Blackburn Thomas du Plessis		

KZN Rugby

Congratulations to the players and staff members selected for various provincial teams.

Sharks UI8 Craven Week Team manager - Mr Divesh Sookdeo Physiotherapist - Mr Grant Daniels	Sharks UI6 Grant Khomo Week Clement Makelele Daniel Miskey Matthew Wilson Tunga Griffiths	Sharks UI5B Munashe Mwanjira Hudson Strydom
Sharks UI7 Academy Week Keanu Williamson Lwandle Mkhize Lwazi Mbebe Nhlanhla Ndlovu Mr Kwanele Ngema – Head Coach	Sharks UI6B James Whatmore Robert Gelderman	Sharks UI4 HP Squad Ntsika Ntshikilana Ayabonga Mtetwa Isenam Dayiman Marlvon Flemmer Nkitha Magwegwe Blessing Mndaba Vuyo Maya
Sharks UI7 AFGRI Week Luke Faure		

Provincial Role for Ms Fihlela

Congratulations to Kearsney teacher Ms Dineo Fihlela on her appointment as Team Manager for the KZN Girls UI8 rugby team. Good luck to Ms Fihlela and the team for Girls' National Week, which will take place in Johannesburg at the end of June.

KZN Squash

The following boys have been selected to play for KZN at the upcoming inter-provincial tournaments in July:

Reece Clark (UI9B)
Liam Botha (UI9C)
Adam Georgiadis (UI9C)
Callan Botha (UI4A)
Joshua Coventry (UI4A)



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Hockey Season at Kearsney

Report by Mr J-P Lubbe, Director of Sport.

The 2025 hockey season at Kearsney College has been a shining example of what intentional programme design, cutting-edge technology, and unwavering commitment can achieve. From the opening fixtures in March through to the closing matches in mid-June, every squad-from our U14 development sides right through to the 1st XI-has benefitted from a clear coaching vision, innovative performance tools and a collective spirit defined by hard work, dedication and tenacity.

Intentional Coaching Strategies

Our coaches structured the season around progressive skill-development modules. Each week's sessions built deliberately from core stick-work fundamentals to game-realistic simulations:

Technical Foundations: Focused drills to refine first touch, passing angles and defensive positioning.

Tactical Awareness: Small-sided games and video-review sessions encouraged players to read play, anticipate opponent movements and communicate effectively.

Mental Resilience: Regular 'pressure days' challenged teams with back-to-back fixtures or situational drills (e.g. playing a goal behind with limited time), instilling calm under fire.

This layered approach ensured that every player understood not only how to execute a skill, but when and why-building confident decision-makers on and off the ball.

GPS-Enabled Performance Monitoring
For our elite squads (1st XI and U16A), we integrated GPS tracking in training and matches to optimise player load and recovery:

Load Management: Real-time distance and speed data allowed coaches to tailor individual workloads, preventing fatigue and reducing injury risk.

Recovery Protocols: Post-session GPS reports guided targeted warm-downs, stretching routines and ice-bath schedules to accelerate recovery.

Performance Insights: Metrics on high-intensity runs and sprint efforts informed tactical tweaks-ensuring our athletes were always peaking at the right moments.

By pairing data with expert coaching, we struck the perfect balance between pushing boundaries and safeguarding long-term athlete welfare.

Lessons in Hard Work, Dedication & Tenacity

Across countless trainings, tournaments (including prestigious festival fixtures) and friendly matches, our players learned invaluable lessons:

Hard Work: Whether under the afternoon sun or on late-night turf sessions, consistency in effort became a non-negotiable standard.

Dedication: Balancing academics and sport, our student-athletes demonstrated remarkable time-management-turning every corner of campus into a learning opportunity.

Tenacity: In the face of challenging opposition or narrow margins, teams rallied together, never shying away from the fight to the final whistle.

These qualities-nurtured by our coaching staff and embraced by each player-have not only defined this season's successes but have forged character that will last far beyond the pitch.

Looking ahead, the foundations laid this season-through purposeful coaching, technological innovation and collective grit-set the stage for even greater heights in 2026.The entire Kearsney College hockey community can take immense pride in a campaign that celebrated growth, unity and the true spirit of the game.



50th caps for Matt and Joel

It was a significant tour to Johannesburg for our hockey team, with Matt Terblanche earning his 50th cap for the 1st XI in the match against KES, while Joel Steyn earned his 50th in the match against Selborne at the recent KES Easter Festival. Congratulations to these boys on reaching this impressive milestone.



Kit Sponsorship

Thank you to Kookaburra for sponsoring the 1st team hockey kit this season.

KEARSNEY HOCKEY FIVES

Launched in 2017 and proudly sponsored by Belgotex, the Kearsney Hockey Fives has rapidly become a highlight of the schools' hockey calendar.This exhilarating game format is popular among players and spectators, offering fast-paced action that keeps everyone on the edge of their seats.

The 2025 edition of the tournament, featuring 26 teams, will take place from 21 to 24 August.We are excited to include a girls' high school division again, alongside boys' high schools and primary school divisions.Join us on the Hill for an unforgettable experience filled with thrilling hockey and a warm, family-friendly atmosphere on campus.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Foundation Office at 031- 765 9600 or foundation@kearsney.com.



Belgotex Sport

KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL 2025



16th Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival 17 to 21 April 2025

We are grateful to our sponsors for their support of this popular annual event. This year, record crowds attended, especially on Saturday, April 19. The Durban autumn weather also played its part.

We thank our headline sponsor, Standard Bank, for their tremendous support for our Festival.

Halfway Ford is a Tier 1 sponsor who continues to support our Festival enthusiastically. Thank you to our founding partner, the Sharks Academy, for supporting this event.

Nashua again supported this year's event by providing all guests with seamless and fast Wi-Fi.

To all our product and service sponsors, thank you, and we look forward to an exciting 2026 Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival:

- THIRSTI
- Deep Heat
- Bluff Meat Supply
- Empact Group
- Westown Square
- SA Breweries
- Eatfresh Contract Caterers
- Blue Runnings Sport International
- ROC Media
- Land Survey Africa
- Krispy Treats
- Busamed Hillcrest Private Hospital (medical sponsors)



Rugby Season at Kearsney

The 2025 rugby season at Kearsney College got underway with high energy and determination, starting with warm-up matches against Glenwood High School. These early fixtures provided valuable preparation across all age groups, allowing players to find their rhythm and coaches to assess combinations ahead of a competitive season.

A highlight for our junior teams was the successful tour to Paarl by the U15 and U16 squads. Touring the Western Cape, known for its rugby pedigree, offered our boys the chance to test themselves against top-tier opposition. Both teams returned with excellent results, having shown exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination on and off the field. The experience not only helped the players grow in confidence but also strengthened team spirit and laid a solid foundation for the future.

The 1st XV had the privilege of participating in the prestigious Grey High Festival in Gqeberha. This national event featured some of the strongest schoolboy teams in the country, offering our players a challenging but rewarding platform to showcase their talent. The Kearsney side rose to the occasion, producing competitive performances and demonstrating the grit and passion that our rugby programme is known for.

We would like to extend our congratulations to the players and coaching staff who earned provincial selection this season. Representing KwaZulu-Natal at various age levels is a significant achievement, and we are immensely proud of those who reached this milestone. Their dedication, discipline, and commitment to excellence reflect the values we strive to uphold at Kearsney.



30th annual Kearsney Tennis Festival

Report by Mrs Sonia Cairns, Tournament Organiser.

A very successful 30th Kearsney Tennis Tournament was once again hosted on the weekend of 25 April 2025 at the Anthony Willows Tennis Pavilion at Kearsney. Although the weather did not co-operate at first, with Day 1 completely rained out, some adjustments were made to the schedule and the format, and once play got underway, the rivalry was fierce. It was a privilege to watch tennis of such high quality and to see some of the top juniors in our country in action. Tennis is a sport which shapes character, mental strength and physical fitness and although the matches were competitive, they were played in good spirit and with fairness and respect.

Well done to Coach Alan Cairns and the Kearsney 1st Team, which consisted of Jason Denekamp (Capt), Angus Fyvie, Max East, Luca Gia-Minetti, Connor van Heerden, Troy Jorgensen and Noah Haskell for claiming the fifth spot this year.

A massive thank you goes to all involved in the organising, running and completion of this prestigious event and a special thanks to our headmaster, Mr Patrick Lees for handing out the prizes and trophies this year.

Kearsney College would like to congratulate the winners Paul Roos Gymnasium, for winning the tournament once again and for taking the trophy home.



The final placings were as follows:

- Paul Roos Gymnasium
- Westville Boys' High School
- Grey College, Bloemfontein
- Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool
- Kearsney College
- SACS
- St David's Marist, Inanda
- Rondebosch Boys' High School

Basketball Provincial Selections

Two Kearsney pupils, Kwakuhle Sibiya and Itumeleng Khubeka, represented the victorious KZN U16 Basketball team at the inter-provincial tournament during the Easter holidays. Another pupil, Lubanzi Mseleku, was selected as a non-travelling reserve.

We congratulate these boys, and Kearsney coach Mr Mfanafuthi Ntombela, who was the head coach of the KZN team, on their fantastic achievement.



Kearsney Soccer Tournament

We are looking forward to the third annual Kearsney Soccer Tournament, which will take place from Friday, July 16, to Saturday, July 19. The Tournament will again include three divisions-boys' high schools, girls' high schools and boys' primary schools-and hundreds of players from 34 schools across the country will join us for a special weekend of competition, fun and friendship. There is a wonderful festive atmosphere on campus over this tournament - come on up and enjoy the action.

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Chad Bowes NZ Cricket



KCOB Chad Bowes (Sheffield, 2010) and his family visited us on 25 April as part of their recent trip to SA.

A world record holder, currently playing for Canterbury Christchurch, Chad started his illustrious cricket career on the Kearsney field, being selected for the 1st XI in Grade 9.

After addressing the school in assembly, Chad handed over one of his framed Black Cap cricket shirts to Headmaster Mr Lees for display in the Kearsney Cricket Pavilion. We are very proud of Chad and will continue to watch his career with interest.



Swimming Gala SA National Juniors, Cape Town

Luca Sandri continues to impress, achieving 5 podium places in 3 days in the recent SANJ (South African National Juniors) Gala in Cape Town.

- Luca competed in the Men 19 & Under category and placed:
- 1st 50m Freestyle
- 2nd 200m Breaststroke
- 2nd 100m Freestyle
- 2nd 200 Individual Medley
- 3rd 100m Breaststroke

Congratulations Luca.

Congratulations also go to James Benningfield, who placed 3rd in Men 16 & Under 50m Freestyle.



Golf National Competition

Congratulations to Matthew Gouws for finishing tied 25th at the recent GolfRSA National U19 Stroke Play Championship in Mossel Bay. This is the premier tournament for U19's in South Africa, where top players from Europe are also invited to play. The top 32 players then play the Match Play Championship, where Matthew finished tied 9th.

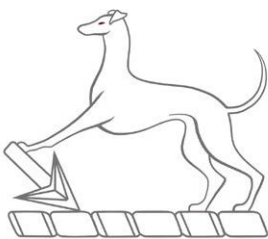


Cricket International Selection

We are delighted to report that Cade Carmichael (KCOB 2020) was selected to play for Ireland against the West Indies in an ODI Series from 21-25 May.

Congratulations to Cade on on this wonderful achievement. Cade played for the 1st XI from Grade 10 and captained the team in 2020.

Good luck, Cade. Carpe diem.



KEARSNEY COLLEGE PARENTS' SOCIETY



Kearsney supporters beautifully kitted out by the barrow.

Cover for the Hockey Stands

On the chilly evening of 11 June, the Mason Astro was the place to be. The 2nd XI took on a team of Kearsney staff, while the 1st XI played the Old Boys, as part of the Founders celebrations.

Before the 1st XI match, we unveiled a plaque on the hockey stands to acknowledge the Kearsney Parents' Society Committee for contributing to the newly installed roof over the stand. The Parents' Society supports the College and our boys in many ways, through fundraising and giving of their time. We are incredibly grateful to this remarkable group of parents.



Scan to book your Fourball!



The plaque for the new roofing over the Hockey Astro stands, paid in part by the KCPS.



The Kearsney College Parents' Society has thoroughly enjoyed hosting parents and staff at our new gazebo. It is a great space to meet, connect with and support alongside other Kearsney Parents - old and new.

Parents' Society Golf Day

The Parents' Society's next big fundraising venture is their 3rd annual Golf Day to be held at Cotswold Downs on Friday 01 August. They invite all Family and Friends to join in.

Don't delay, scan to book your Fourball today!! Limited to 30 Fourballs.

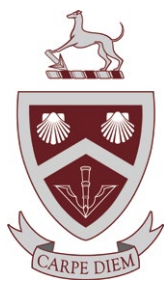
Should you wish to get involved in any sponsorship opportunities or to help on the day, please contact Emma Rae on 0832380567.

KEARSNEY COLLEGE PARENTS' SOCIETY GOLF DAY 2025

Join us for an unforgettable day on the greens at the Kearsney College Parents' Society 3rd Annual Golf Day.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST	COTSWOLD DOWNS GOLF CLUB	SHOTGUN START 9AM	R4400 PER FOURBALL
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*"Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world."*
– Nelson Mandela.



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Kearsney College views giving back as both a privilege and a duty, committed to uplifting underprivileged communities and building a better future for South Africa. In 2025, the Kearsney College Foundation will launch the Fundela iKusasa Academy—an academic enrichment programme aimed at empowering talented children from disadvantaged backgrounds by providing access to quality education and foundational academic support. Using Kearsney's facilities and teaching resources, the Academy will support promising youngsters from under-resourced schools, helping unlock their potential and improve their future prospects.



For more information, contact Shantell van Jaarsveld at foundation@kearsney.com or call 031 765 9600.

Watch a video about the Fundela iKusasa Academy programme.

CLASS FUNDS

The Power of Collective Giving

A heartfelt thank you to our monthly Class Fund donors - your continued support means the world to us.

Class Fund donations directly support the Kearsney Bursary & Scholarship Programme, helping us attract exceptional young talent and assist boys who need financial support to benefit from a Kearsney education. Through collective giving, each monthly contribution - starting from as little as R50 - adds up to make a meaningful impact.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, 27 active Class Funds currently provide more than R200,000 in support each year. Every gift truly counts. If your class year doesn't yet have a Class Fund, we'd be happy to help you start one.

Contact Shantell van Jaarsveld at SvanJaarsveld@kearsney.com or call 031 765 9627.



Scan to donate to the fund of your choice.



Anele Cele, Head of School 2024, talks about the life-changing opportunity he was given through the Kearsney Scholarship and Bursary Fund. Scan to watch the video.



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Thought for the Moment

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

I attended a workshop recently, where part of the training was around the idea of respecting other people enough to not interrupt them. Rather, to let their thinking process play out fully as they speak and shift the focus off my own response on to what the person is saying and thinking. I became aware of how interrupted our days are – from the ping on the phone and email to managing schedules, it is difficult to find space to draw aside and stop. And yet Jesus did, regularly. He may not have had WhatsApp, but he was in demand. And yet he prioritised time out, time alone, and time with God and was sustained for the work he was called to do. As the seasons change and mid-year holidays approach, what might uninterrupted time to rest and restore look like for you and your family? What might a daily rhythm look like, where we respect ourselves and each other enough to make sure we have some uninterrupted space? May you know that peace that comes with space to think.

Rev. Kym Bishop
Chaplain