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Provincial honours for Kearsney sportsmen: 18 Rugby Players and 19 Hockey Players to represent KZN!



Kearsney Polo players' prowess on the world stage

SA Schools U18 Water Polo



Max Mills, Tom Aylward and Tom Francke (pictured above) won gold with the SA Schools U18 team in the Gold Section at the Australian Youth Water Polo Championships in Brisbane! The team beat Sydney's SNB Breakers 15-14 in the final of the Gold Section, after the match went to penalties.

Congratulations to our Kearsney boys and to the SA team.

SA Schools U16 Water Polo



Cristiano Sandri and Dru Mills (above) did phenomenally well with the SA Schools U16 Water Polo boys in the U16 Gold Section of the Australian Youth Championships in Brisbane, held from 14 to 18 April.

The team went through the group stages unbeaten, before winning their quarter- and semi-final matches. They faced a formidable Sydney University side in the final, losing a hard-fought match 12-14.

Dru Mills was the SA team's top goal scorer and, with 22 goals, was the 5th highest goal scorer in the entire tournament.

SA Maths Olympiad Achievements

On Wednesday, 11 March, all Kearsney Mathematics students wrote Round 1 of the South African Mathematics Olympiad, together with just under 130 000 learners across South Africa and selected African countries.

This is the first time in Kearsney's history, and in the history of the competition itself (as this is the first year a separate Grade 10 paper has been introduced), that a boy has written the Grade 8, 9, 10, and Grade 12 Olympiad papers.

Even more impressive are his results: Suhrit Pitchaimuthu achieved 100% for the Grade 8 paper and would have placed joint 1st for the Grade 12 paper with an outstanding 80%.

Congratulations, Suhrit!

We are proud to recognise the top achievers in each grade.

Please see page 2.



SA Men's U16 Water Polo

A huge congratulations to Cristiano Sandri, who has made the SA Men's U16 Water Polo team that will compete at the World Aquatics Water Polo championships in Croatia from 03-09 August 2026.

KZN selections in other sports

Basketball, Squash & Swimming

More about the fantastic achievements of the Kearsney sportsmen selected for KZN in various sports on pages 15 to 17.

KEARSNEY COLLEGE ANNUAL CAREERS EXPO

Report by Mrs Donny van Zyl, Organiser.



On Wednesday, 18 March, Kearsney College proudly hosted our annual Careers Expo at the Skweyiya SportZone. The event provided a valuable platform for pupils and parents to engage directly with a wide range of tertiary institutions and industry representatives. The quality of exhibitors was exceptionally high, providing crucial guidance for pupils making subject and career choices.

Representatives included leading universities such as UKZN, Rhodes University, North-West University and the University of the Free State, as well as a diverse group of specialised colleges, training institutions and businesses across sectors such as finance, sport, law, creative industries, hospitality and international education.

Exhibitors offered insightful guidance on study pathways, career opportunities, internships and global study options.

The expo was well attended, with a steady stream of Kearsney pupils and their families, as well as visitors from neighbouring schools. It was particularly encouraging to welcome pupils and parents from across the region.

One of the highlights of the event was the opportunity to invite a number of schools within our broader community, enabling their pupils to benefit from direct interaction with exhibitors and exposure to a variety of post-school pathways.

Kearsney College remains committed to equipping our pupils with the knowledge and connections they need to make informed decisions about their futures, and the 2026 Careers Expo was a fitting reflection of this commitment.

SA Maths Olympiad Achievements

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Grade 12: Jesse de Jager (1), Benjamin Hancock (1), Jonty Wiggett (1)

Grade 11: Mukona Marageni (1), Thomas du Plessis (2), George Sykes (2), Christopher Oellermann

Grade 10: Thomas Schulze (1), Shavanth Chelladu (2), Daniel McKeown (2)

Grade 9: Blake Gaines (1), Jack Ferreira (2), Norman Schroeder (3)

Grade 8: Francis Waldburger (2), Troy Botha (3), Finn Wren (3), Rory Woodroffe (3) and to make special mention of Suhrit Pitchaimuthu (1).

Right: Vimy Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, Northern France

Academic Tour to the Netherlands, Belgium and France

Report by Mr Neil Peacock, HOD History.

From the classroom to the continent

On 29 March, an excited group of 16 Kearsney boys from Grades 10 to 12 boarded their KLM flight to Amsterdam to begin an amazing two-week trip to the Netherlands, Belgium and France. The tour party was accompanied by Mr Marsden and Mr Peacock.

Upon arrival in Amsterdam, the boys were soon immersed in Dutch culture and history as they undertook a canal cruise, visited a Dutch cheese-making farm and wooden clog factory, enjoyed an authentic Dutch village experience at Zaanse Schans, and explored the sights and sounds of Amsterdam. A visit to Delft University of Technology was an eye-opener for many of the boys, as they were taken on a guided tour of an experimental village utilising energy-saving and efficient products to create a "greener" environment. They also visited a unique greenhouse facility outside Amsterdam, where they saw the role that AI technology plays in cultivating crops for export. A trip to Rotterdam followed, and the boys enjoyed a harbour cruise in the second-busiest port in the world.

Thereafter, the tour party travelled by coach to Belgium and undertook a bike tour of Antwerp, as well as visiting a local diamond cutting museum. Bruges was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the

tour, with a visit to the world's oldest brewery and a messy, but thoroughly enjoyable, chocolate-making workshop. The boys learnt how to make their own unique Belgian chocolates!

From Bruges, the tour party travelled to Ypres and witnessed the very moving "Last Post" ceremony at the Menin Gate, held every evening at 8 pm since 1928! A visit to the imposing memorials at Vimy Ridge and Thiepval reminded the boys of the sheer scale of the First World War and the enormous number of casualties sustained on the Western Front. The South African War Memorial at Dellville Wood and the Somme 1916 Underground Museum were also undeniable highlights.

The tour party travelled into France, and in Normandy, the boys got to relive the D-Day Invasion landings of 06 June 1944, with a visit to the 360 degree cinema at Arromanches as well as a moving visit to Omaha Beach and the American Military Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer (made famous in the movie "Saving Private Ryan").



Members of the touring party gathered in front of the Rijks Meusem in Amsterdam.

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The tour ended with a few days in Paris, during which the boys visited famous landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower and Notre-Dame Cathedral, strolled down the Champs-Élysées and saw the Arc de Triomphe.

Another standout highlight for the boys was the opportunity to spend a day at Euro Disney and to watch the Champions League Quarterfinal match between Liverpool and Paris Saint-Germain.

The last day was spent exploring the city and doing some last-minute shopping before boarding our Air France flight back to South Africa that evening. A tired but enriched group of young men arrived home having experienced a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Mob Feel

All Drama reports by Ms Ulaetha Singh, HOD Dramatic Arts.

The Grade 10 and 11 Drama students brought our Grade 9 play set work, ‘*Mob Feel*’, to life this term. Taking what was initially a two-man production and adapting it for a large cast, our boys’ skills were astounding.

The play was directed by our Grade 11 Drama students, under the guidance of Ms Ulaetha Singh, Head of the Dramatic Arts department. The play, written by Kline Smith and based on Can Themba’s short story ‘*Mob Passion*’, tells the story of star-crossed lovers caught in the brutal conflict of gang warfare in Westbury township, Johannesburg, during the 1950s.

The level of creativity, professionalism, maturity and sheer energy belied the fact that the cast are only 16- and 17-year-olds. Drama teacher Mrs Emily Stockil-Smith, who was not involved in the project and who saw the original version of the play several years ago, said, “I would hazard to say that the version our boys created was equal to its original. The use of colour, tableau and physical theatre to tell a deeply painful story in a manner that was both engaging and poignant reflects the calibre of Drama students we hope to nurture at Kearsney”.



Drama evening with St Mary’s

Our students were the perfect hosts at our Grade 10 and 11 Drama evening with St Mary’s students on Thursday, 23 April. It was a wonderfully creative evening, kicking off with our Gr 11 students facilitating the warm-up, icebreakers and drama games. Once the ice was broken and students laughed and had fun together in the first session, they socialised and got to know each other over refreshments. They then worked in groups on improvisation scenes, with topics provided by Mrs Morgan of St Mary’s. The creative juices flowed as they brainstormed ideas, rehearsed their scenes, and then shared their work.

The performances proved to be fun and entertaining and were well received by their peers. Before they knew it, two hours had flown by, and strangers were now friends. May this be the start of many similar collaborations between Kearsney and St Mary’s.



Workshop with Flatfoot Dance Company

A huge thank you to Flatfoot Dance Company for an incredible performance of *History is a Home Address*.

Every movement carried meaning, and the Grade 10 boys felt each emotion deeply. The piece was powerful and thought-provoking, bringing key moments of history to life and offering a meaningful insight into what it felt like to live through apartheid.

After the performance, the team led an engaging, fun workshop where the boys explored how to tell a story through movement while learning exciting new techniques - including lifts.

An unforgettable and educational experience for all!



Afrikaans Activities

Report by Mrs Jackie Gaines, HOD Afrikaans.

PIT Production Enhances Afrikaans FAL Learning

On Tuesday, 19 May 2026, Kearsney College hosted the nationally acclaimed PIT Production, an interactive theatre initiative designed to support learners within the IEB curriculum framework. The evening provided Afrikaans First Additional Language pupils with an engaging and innovative revision opportunity ahead of their examinations.

Through the dramatic interpretation of prescribed poems and literature, pupils were able to experience their networks in a vibrant and accessible manner. The interactive nature of the production encouraged active participation and meaningful engagement with the language, while also strengthening pupils’ understanding and appreciation of Afrikaans literature and culture.

The event proved to be both educational and enjoyable, leaving a positive impact on pupils from both Kearsney College and Waterfall College, who joined us for the evening.

ATKV National Senior Olympiad Participation

On 12 May 2026, 38 pupils from Grades 10 to 12 represented the Afrikaans FAL Department in the annual senior Olympiad organised by the Afrikaanse Taal-en Kultuurvereniging (ATKV).

The Olympiad challenged pupils through a demanding three-hour assessment aimed at evaluating their language proficiency, comprehension skills, and broader understanding of Afrikaans language and culture. The department is encouraged by the increased number of participants compared to the previous year, reflecting growing learner confidence and enthusiasm for the subject.

We eagerly await the release of the results and look forward to the Junior Olympiad in Term 3, which will provide a further opportunity to extend and enrich learners academically.

AI Hackathon

Report by Mrs Charlene Elliott, HOD IT.

Twenty of our boys participated in the *IEB Techways AI Hackathon* this term. Working in teams of two to four, they were challenged to design innovative apps addressing real-world problems in areas such as:

- Well-being, safety and responsible technology use
- Transport and mobility
- Agriculture and food systems
- Cross-border trade and the informal economy

In preparation, they completed a comprehensive course covering artificial intelligence fundamentals, ethics, prototype development and essential soft skills, such as effective pitching. They gained hands-on experience prototyping with leading AI tools, including *Claude* and *Gemini*. For their final submission, each team produced a video presentation outlining the problem they chose, their proposed solution, and a demonstration of their working prototype.

The project demanded a wide array of skills, including teamwork, communication, computational thinking and technical proficiency. Participants recorded and edited their presentations, producing professional-quality videos that met all requirements.

We are delighted to share that Kearsney achieved outstanding results:

- Two teams placed in the Top 10 nationally
- One team earned a place in the Top 3

Special recognition goes to Bandzile Maseko and Siseko Phungula, who drew inspiration from their mothers' farming to create an AI app that helps farmers achieve higher crop yields.

Congratulations as well to George Sykes, Samir Reddy and Jonathan Ellison, who finished in the Top 3 nationally with PlateSmart SA - a solution that generates affordable, healthy meal plans tailored to location and household size.



Music Department hosts sold-out concerts

Report by Mr Bernard Krüger, Director of Music.

Kearsney College hosted two sold-out choral evenings ahead of their international tour.

On Thursday 30 April, we hosted two choirs from St Mary's DSG (Kloof) and St Mary's DSG (Pretoria). Both ensembles have a connection to the *Golden Voices of Barcelona* Choir competition which Kearsney College won in 2024. Our visitors from Gauteng and from 'down the road' in Kloof both brought a unique all-girls flavour to the evening and the entire school was treated to a short performance by the Pretoria girls during our special Workers' Day assembly the following day.

On 21 May, we had the privilege of hosting two internationally acclaimed choirs - the KZN Youth Choir (which also contains 8 Kearsney Boys), along with the Young Men from the Basel Knabenkantorei in Switzerland. This was a musical highlight on our calendar. All of the ensembles performing received standing ovations from the audience and each other. The Swiss choir brought a particularly moving choral experience to Kearsney, which included a fully staged, unified and continuous choral journey which had the audience in tears at times and exhilarated and overjoyed at times. The KZN Youth Choir brought its signature blend of traditional Western and South African Folk music, with new and interesting renditions of familiar music.

The Kearsney Choir and Orchestra have established themselves as two of the top school ensembles in the country, and we are increasingly approached by visiting ensembles, both local and international, to collaborate in performance.

Kearsney Choir to compete in Hong Kong

The choir is preparing for an international tour- this time to Hong Kong- to take part and compete in the *World Choral Festival* hosted by the World Youth and Children's Choral Artists Association (WYCCAA). We wish our boys and staff all the best and hope they return to Kearsney with stellar results.



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DEAD POETS SOCIETY

School Production – Term 2

Report by Mrs Emily Stockil-Smith, Director.



Few stories encapsulate the journey of male adolescence more than *'Dead Poets Society'*. So much of this story aligns with the Kearsney experience – honour codes, identity, falling in love, finding one's voice in the crowd... seizing the day. This play challenges many of our preconceived ideas about schooling – conformity, fitting in, following the career path preordained by parents. My challenge to audience members was to find their own voice in this much-loved story because, when we find agency in our own experience, we can truly start to carpe diem.

Leading cast members:

Neil: Liam Botha

Mr Keating: Zanda Mnqayi

Todd: Alex Nortje

Director: Mrs Emily Stockil-Smith

Assistant Directors: Ms Ulaetha Singh, Samkele Mahanjana and Anesu Moyo

International Exchange

Eight visitors from England, Ireland and Scotland

Report by Mrs Charlene Elliott, Teacher in Charge: International Exchange.

This term, Kearsney College welcomed eight exchange students who quickly became part of the Kearsney family. The group included three boys from the Catholic University School in Dublin, three from Oswestry School in England, and two from Loretto School in Scotland—marking our first exchange with Loretto.

From the UK and Ireland to Kearsney- Welcome to your new home away from home.

Oswestry School in England: Dax Trigg, Oliver Morris and Henry Wilson, all in Grade 10.

Loretto School in Scotland: Callum Carter and Archie Miller, both in Grade 11.

CUS in Ireland: Robin Elliott, Simon Stokes and Tom Fallon, all in Grade 11.

The boys proved to be excellent ambassadors for their schools, embracing all aspects of Kearsney life. Highlights included participating in the vibrant Founders Weekend, competing on the sports fields – especially in rugby and hockey – and immersing themselves in school traditions such as the spirited war cries. Along the way, they experienced everything from sunburn to occasional injuries, adding to the authenticity of their South African experience.

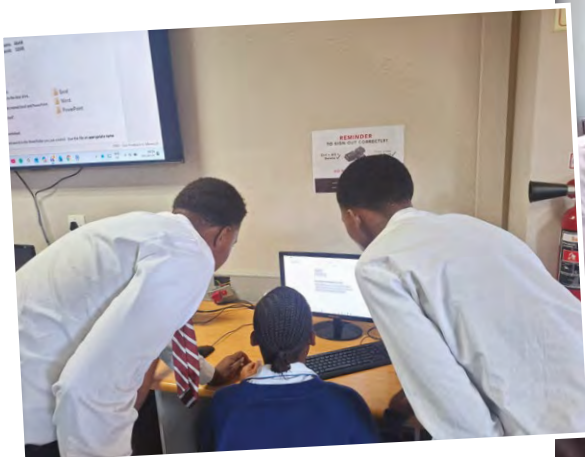
The farewell ceremony was a fitting end to a memorable term, celebrating the strong friendships that had been formed. Our Kearsney boys were exceptional hosts, and the exchange fostered meaningful connections and cultural understanding that we hope will last a lifetime.

We now look forward to our boys embarking on their own exchange journeys soon.



Community Service

Report by Mr Manzini Zungu,
Teacher in Charge.



Every Friday afternoon, grade 11 students from Siyababula High School come to Kearsney, where they are assisted by a team of Kearsney students with basic computer skills. Together, the students practice applications such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint, as well as how to navigate the internet. Similarly, at The Valley Trust on Friday afternoons, grade 11 Kearsney students participate in a maths peer tutoring programme with students from high schools in the Valley. Both these tutoring programmes have a significant impact on all students involved, and it has been wonderful to see our boys developing compassion and growing friendships through these interactions.

Also, this term, our Grade 12 boys recently undertook a community service outing to KwaNyuswa, where they visited senior citizens in need of assistance. Demonstrating compassion and respect, the boys worked diligently, cleaning up litter, removing invasive vegetation and creating a safer, more pleasant living space. This experience not only benefited the senior citizens but also taught the boys valuable lessons about kindness, humility, and the importance of serving others in their community.

At the end of the first term, the grade 10 students visited Thabela High School and spent time with their grade 10 students discussing the challenges of substance use for teenagers at school. We received a wonderful welcome from Thabela and look forward to their visit to Kearsney in the second term.

Grade 12s visited senior citizens in KwaNyuswa and cleared an area to grow a vegetable garden.



KZN Basketball

We congratulate the following three boys on their selection for the provincial basketball team.

Pabatso Sithole for his selection to the U18A side, and Daniel Prinsloo and Lubanzi Mseleku for their selection to the U18B side.



KZN Squash

Congratulations to squash players Liam Botha (Grade 12) and Adam Georgiadis (Grade 11) who were selected for the KZN U19B Squash team.



KZN U14 Swimming

The SA Schools Swimming Champs are the pinnacle of school swimming, and we are incredibly proud of our two U14 boys for their outstanding performances at the recent Champs. Both boys qualified for the finals, ahead of dozens of other talented swimmers.

Azande Ndlovu finished an incredible 3rd in the finals of the 50m Freestyle event, and 8th in the finals of the 50m Butterfly.

Hayden Irving finished 7th in the 50m Backstroke, 6th in the 50m Butterfly, and 5th in the 50m Freestyle.

Well done to Hayden and Azande on these fantastic achievements.





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KZN Rugby

We would like to congratulate the following Kearsney players and staff members on their selection into various provincial rugby teams:

U18 Craven Week Team

- Nhlanhla Ndlovu
- Daniel Miskey
- Clement Makelele
- Lwazi Mbebe
- Assistant Coach – Mr Kwanele Ngema
- Manager – Mr Divesh Sookdeo
- Physiotherapist – Mr Cebo Mthembu

U18 XV Team

- Keanu Williamson
- Oliver Ludwig
- Lwandle Mkhize

U17 Academy Week Team

- Tunga Griffiths
- Matthew Wilson

U17 AFGRI Week Team

- Mcebisi Zulu
- Robert Gelderman
- James Whatmore
- Hluma Mnqokoyi

U16 XV Team

- Aliphe Madikizela

U15 AFGRI Week Team

- Isenam Dayiman
- Marvlon Flemmer
- Blessing Mndaba

U15 B XV Team

- Kwazi Mbona
- Assistant Coach – Mr Stefan van der Watt



The KZN U18XV team players.
(Team was announced after the bigger group photo was taken).



Members of the U18 Craven Week team, U17 Academy Week team, U17 AFGRI Week team, U16XV, U15 AFGRI Week team and U15B XV team.
The U18XV team was announced after this photo was taken. Those three boys are pictured further above.

KZN Hockey

We congratulate the Kearsney players selected for provincial hockey teams.

KZN U18A

- Keegan de Jager

KZN U18B

- Dylan Forbes

KZN U18C

- Jonty Wiggett; Soyama Plaatjie; Thando Marafane;
- Joshua Snyman; Brock Miles

KZN U16B

- Christo Badenhorst

KZN U16C

- Thomas Schulze; Jordan Summerford;
- Cai Terblanche

KZN U14A

- Rory Woodroffe; Joel Keary

KZN U14B

- Will Linnington; Khwezi Zuma; Nathan Bowden

KZN U14C

- Nkanyiso Ngidi; Oliver Hooper;
- Matthew Hope



Hockey players selected for various Provincial teams for forthcoming ITPs.



Kearsney's Annual Independent Schools Stayers' Basketball Tournament (ISSBT)

Top basketball-playing independent schools from across South Africa come together to compete in this highly anticipated annual tournament. Teams are made up of "stayers" - players who will remain at school the following year - making this a showcase of rising talent and a glimpse into the future of the game.

Expect fast-paced, high-intensity action as teams battle it out for the champions' title in what promises to be a fiercely competitive contest. Games will be broadcast live on the SuperSport Schools app and website, so you won't miss a moment.

Watch our social media and download the Kearsney Events app, from app stores, for more details.



SAVE THE DATE
18, 19 and 20 September
Skweyiya SportZone
Kearsney College

Participating Schools

- Clifton College
- Hilton College
- Kearsney College
- Kings School, Linbro Park
- Kingswood College
- Marist Brothers Linmeyer
- Michaelhouse
- Sahethi School
- St Alban's College
- St Benedict's College
- St Charles College
- St David's, Marist Inanda
- St John's College
- St Stithians College

Sponsorship Opportunities

Potential sponsors who choose to associate with healthy activities and top schools are invited to explore sponsorship opportunities that align with their strategic and marketing goals. Please contact Monica Davidson to assist in this endeavour. Contact her on 031-765 9600 or foundation@kearsney.com.

Rugby Season at Kearsney

Report by Mr Keegan Daniel, Director of Rugby.

The 2026 rugby season has been one of significant progress and encouragement for Kearsney College Rugby. Across all age groups, there has been a noticeable improvement in both performance and results, reflecting the commitment, hard work, and resilience shown by our players and coaching staff throughout the year.

What has stood out most has been the grit and determination displayed by our boys. Time and again, teams found themselves in challenging situations, yet consistently demonstrated a never-give-up attitude. This fighting spirit became a defining characteristic of Kearsney rugby in 2026 and was evident from the youngest age groups through to the senior teams.

The season also saw an encouraging improvement in overall results compared to previous years. While wins and losses will always form part of the sporting landscape, the trajectory of the programme continues to move in a positive direction. Many matches were decided by the finest of margins, with several contests that could easily have gone Kearsney's way. Such is the nature of rugby, where small moments and key decisions often determine the outcome.

Despite these close calls, the lessons learned and growth experienced will serve the players well moving forward. The competitiveness displayed against strong opposition has reinforced the belief that Kearsney rugby is building towards sustained success.

Most importantly, the season has strengthened the culture within the programme. The commitment to one another, pride in the jersey, and willingness to compete for every minute of every match have laid a strong foundation for the future of Kearsney College Rugby.



We congratulate the rugby players and staff members who were selected for various provincial teams.

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Kearsney Hockey Season

Report by Mr Keegan Pearce, Director of Hockey.

Term 2 has been another significant period of growth and achievement for hockey at Kearsney College, highlighted by strong performances across all age groups, continued expansion of the programme, and the ongoing commitment of our players and coaches.

Our top teams enjoyed valuable tournament experiences throughout the term. The 1st XI, U16A and U14A sides all competed at their respective Founders and Nomads Festivals, testing themselves against some of the strongest hockey schools in the country. The 1st XI then attended our annual Easter Festival, hosted by KES, before both the 1st XI and the U16A side competed in the prestigious Michaelhouse Cup.

The Michaelhouse Cup proved to be a memorable event for both teams. The U16A side produced an outstanding campaign, reaching the semi-finals before finishing in an impressive fourth place. The 1st XI also enjoyed a strong tournament, advancing all the way to the final and ultimately finishing as runners-up after an excellent week of hockey.

One of the standout achievements of the term came from our U16B side, who were crowned champions of the inaugural Curro Hillcrest U16 Tournament. This was an exceptional accomplishment and a testament to the depth and quality that continues to develop throughout the programme.

The growth of hockey at Kearsney remains particularly encouraging. This season, we fielded 16 teams across the school: 1st–6th XI, U16A–F and U14A–D. In just three years, the programme has expanded by three additional teams, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for the sport and the opportunities it is creating for boys to participate and develop.

Behind this growth is a dedicated coaching structure. Our teams continue to benefit from the commitment of staff coaches who invest countless hours into the programme, while our High-Performance coaching team continues to expand in both size and expertise. It is encouraging to see not only our top teams progressing, but also the depth of coaching and player development throughout the age groups.

While we compete against schools with significantly larger hockey-playing populations, the progress of our programme is evident. Although results do not always tell the full story, the margins in many of these contests continue to narrow, and there is a growing belief that the gap between Kearsney and the traditionally larger hockey schools is steadily closing.

Representative honours remain an important measure of player development, and we are proud to have 19 KZN representatives across the U14, U16 and U18 age groups this year. These boys will compete at the highest provincial level during the June and July holidays, and we wish them every success.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge the positive relationship between our winter sporting codes. Hockey complements the broader winter programme at Kearsney, and the success and growth of rugby have likewise contributed to the College's sporting culture. Together, these programmes continue to create an environment where boys can challenge themselves, pursue excellence and represent Kearsney with pride.

As we end the season, there is much to be encouraged by. The foundations of the programme continue to strengthen, and participation continues to grow. The future of Kearsney hockey remains bright.

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KEARSNEY HOCKEY FIVES

Kearsney Hockey Fives Tournament

First introduced in 2017, the Kearsney Hockey Fives Tournament has grown into one of the highlights of the Kearsney sporting calendar. This fast-paced, high-energy format showcases skill, speed, and tactical awareness in an exciting short-format version of the game.

Hockey Fives is an invasion-style game played between two teams of four field players and one goalkeeper. The compact nature of the game demands quick decision-making, close ball control, and relentless intensity, creating an entertaining spectacle for players and spectators alike.

The tournament provides a dynamic platform for young athletes to develop their skills, compete at a high level, and experience the excitement of a modern, fast-growing hockey format. The KH5s includes three sections: Boys High schools, Girls High Schools and Boys Primary Schools.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Kearsney College invites businesses to partner with us through a range of sponsorship and branding opportunities. The tournament offers valuable exposure to a highly engaged school and sporting audience while aligning your brand with one of South Africa’s leading independent schools.

To discuss customised sponsorship packages tailored to your organisation’s objectives, please contact- Shantell van Jaarsveld or Monica Davidson in the Foundation Office on 031 – 765 9600 or email foundation@kearsney.com.

We would be delighted to design a partnership package tailored to your company’s specific marketing and engagement goals.



31st Annual Tennis Tournament

Report by Mr Naresh Mahabeer, Tournament Director.

The 31st annual Kearsney Tennis Tournament saw an exceptional standard of play and intense competitiveness. The country’s top tennis-playing schools participated in the three-day event, with Paul Roos (Stellenbosch) coming out top, 2nd Affies (Pretoria), 3rd Paarl Boys, 4th Grey College (Bloemfontein), 5th Westville Boys’ High, 6th Kearsney College, 7th Trinityhouse Randpark Ridge and 8th St David’s Marist Inanda (Johannesburg).

The Willows Trophy for Exceptional Tenacity was awarded to Lourens Swanepoel from Affies. The prestigious tournament was started in 1996 by Kearsney’s then MIC of tennis, Mr Ant Willows, to showcase the strength of tennis amongst aspiring young South African players.

Kearsney’s 1st team comprised captain Jason Denekamp, Liam van Bronckhorst, Keagan Woodroffe, Troy Jorgensen, Noah Haskell, Michael Laurence and Max East.

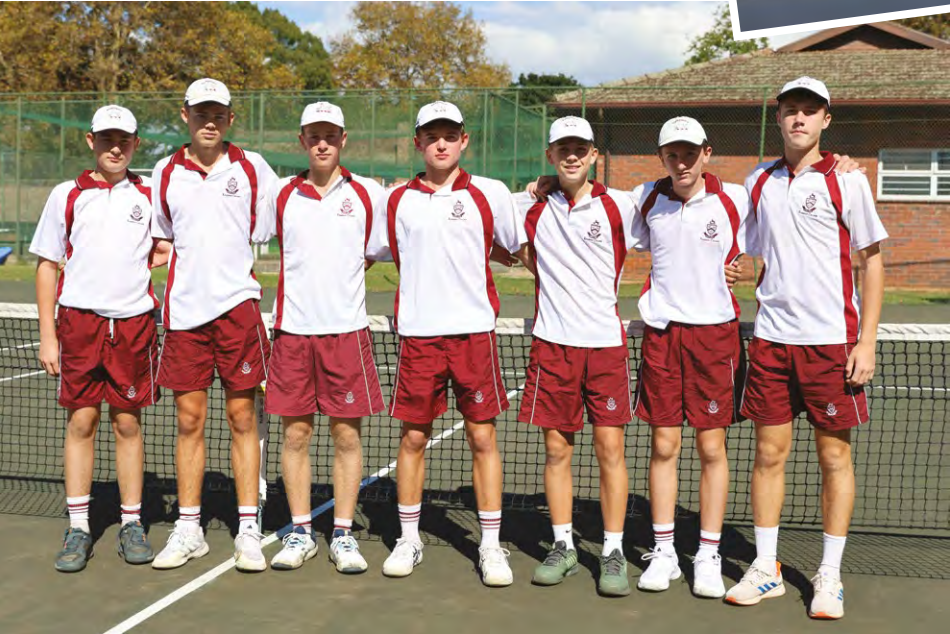
The tournament showcased an exceptional standard of tennis, with schoolboy players competing at the highest level throughout the weekend. Spectators were treated to a series of highly competitive and entertaining matches that reflected the strength and depth of school tennis in South Africa.

Thank you to the participating schools; you all performed exceptionally well!

Thank you to our sponsors:

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- The Harvest Table
- Re-vive
- tailwind
- The Good Stuff skincare company

We appreciate your support.





PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Boys’ High Schools:

Alexander Road High School
Ashton College Ballito
Clifton School
Durban High School
Glenwood High School
Kearsney College
Khabazela High School
Kwadinabakubo Secondary School
Maritzburg College
Northwood School
Queensburgh High School
Steyn City School
Sutherland High School
Trinity House Randpark
Urban Academy
Westville Boys’ High School



Boys’ Primary Schools:

Ashton College Ballito
Atholl Heights Primary School
Clifton Preparatory School
Curro Heronbridge
Highbury Preparatory School
Hillcrest Primary School
Merchiston Preparatory School
Pelham Senior Primary School
Reddam House Ballito
Curro Salt Rock
Westville Senior Primary School
Winston Park Primary School



Girls’ High Schools:

Alexander Road High School
Ashton College Ballito
Danville Park Girls High School
Durban Girls’ High School
St Henry’s Marist College
St Mary’s DSG, Kloof
Trinity House Randpark
Urban Academy



We are pleased to announce that a fantastic line-up of schools will be joining us at Kearsney for this exciting Kearsney Soccer Tournament. We look forward to top-quality soccer from all the participating schools and a lot of fun and friendship.

Please come along to enjoy the action.

SAVE THE DATES:
Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July
Matches start at 07:30
Saturday 18th July
Matches continue ending in finals

A range of sponsorship opportunities exist to suit your organisation’s needs and budget. Partner with us to support the development of this event and benefit from wide exposure to the Kearsney and wider community.

To explore potential opportunities, please contact Monica Davidson on 031-765 9650 or foundation@kearsney.com.

One of 12 of Rugby World’s greatest European Champions Cup Legends



Brad Barritt (Class of 2004), Saracens

The Top 12 players and coaches who’ve helped define Europe’s premier club competition since it kicked off in 1995 were announced ahead of the Champions Cup final on 23 May.

Maro Itoje, Owen Farrell and Alex Goode might have won *European Player of the Year* in the seasons Saracens won the Champions Cup, but **Brad Barritt** was captain in all of them – 2016, 2017 and 2019. And, in 2018, the centre showed his mettle when he played in a quarter-final just days after surgery on a broken cheekbone.

Nicknamed ‘The Terminator’, he lost on that occasion. But he was back to reclaim the title in 2019, winning Man of the Match against Leinster.

Wayne Madsen steered his side to a famous Lord’s win



Derbyshire wrap up long-awaited win at Lord’s

Derbyshire Skipper, Wayne Madsen (Class of 2001) and Matthew Montgomery put together an unbroken partnership of 53 to seal Derbyshire’s first Rothesay County Championship win over Middlesex at Lord’s since 2002.

Top 2 of the greatest signings in English County Championship History



Simon Harmer and Kyle Abbott (Class of 2005) have cemented their status as two of the greatest overseas signings in English County Championship history, occupying the top two spots on the most wickets list from 2020 to 2026.

Abbott sits second with 274 wickets at an average of 20.68 and 17 five-wicket hauls. The Hampshire seamer’s average is the best of any bowler in the top ten, underlining the consistency and control that have made him such a valued presence at the Ageas Bowl across multiple seasons.

The two South Africans sit clear of England’s James Porter in third with 255 wickets, while Mohammad Abbas is the only other overseas bowler in the top ten with 219 wickets at an average of 25.07.

Karate



At the South African Karate National Tournament in May, Aarav Kassanjee took Bronze and received his National Colours for karate. Aarav has been officially selected for the South African Team and will represent South Africa at the Indo-Pacific Cup in Mauritius in September.

World Powerlifting



Congratulations to Sean Rowan, who has been selected to represent South Africa at both the AWPC (Amateur World Powerlifting Congress) African Championship and the AWPC World Championships for 2026.

USSA National Basketball Team Squad



Sifiso Msomi (Class of 2022) was recently the only KZN player selected for the USSA National Team Squad, which will compete at the upcoming CUCSA Games in Botswana under Coach Masi from Stellenbosch University. We wish him all the best.

Sifiso said, “I would like to acknowledge Coach Ntombela, Coach Nzama and Coach Ntshingila for their continued support and contribution to my basketball journey.”



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Capital Projects

Learning Commons

This vital project sees the existing library, opened in 1976, transformed into a modern, state-of-the-art multi-functional centre that supports Kearsney's commitment to academic excellence.



Old Boys' Sports Pavilion

This exciting addition to our world-class facilities, overlooking the Stott to the north and the AH Smith Oval to the south, provides an ideal space for the passionate Kearsney community to gather, connect and enjoy the special Kearsney bonds of friendship and camaraderie. The elegant venue will include a bar area, a lounge and a spacious viewing deck upstairs, allowing guests to cheer on the action on the Stott and the AH Smith fields below while enjoying the company of our Kearsney family and friends in a welcoming, comfortable environment.

The venue will include a modern conference centre, kitchen facilities and change rooms, providing a valuable facility for the College community to be enjoyed for generations to come.

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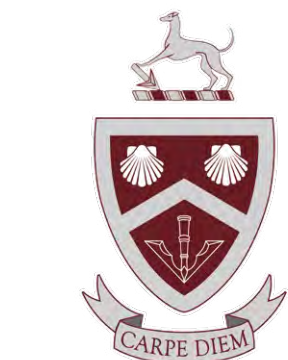
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Thought for the Moment

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

I have some pot plants in my office that are alive in spite of me, rather than because of me. Despite my best intentions, I only ever seem to tend to them when they are wilted and drooping from lack of care. I promise them I will do better, but the busyness of school life always takes over. I wonder if our strategies for soul care aren't like my strategy for plant care – we only intervene when we are obviously not coping. What we really need is a rhythm of life that includes tending to our souls. Jesus' invitation to abundant life is about more than coping with chaos; it is about living well in God's Kingdom, even when there is chaos. What might it look like for us to have a regular rhythm of tending our souls rather than fixing the symptoms of burnout? May you know the invitation of Jesus into abundant life in ways that might surprise you.

Rev. Kym Bishop, Chaplain.



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