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A Tribute to Mr Anthony Willows: A Legacy of Excellence and Dedication

Compiled by Headmaster, Mr Patrick Lees.

It is a privilege to honour a man whose name is woven into the very fabric of Kearsney College - a man of integrity, passion, and unwavering dedication. After 32 years of devoted service, Mr Anthony Willows bids us farewell. His remarkable journey has left an indelible mark on our school, shaping generations of boys and inspiring colleagues alike.

From the moment he arrived in 1993 as a Mathematics teacher and tennis coach, Mr Willows set about transforming not only the way we learn but also the way we compete. As a mathematician of the highest calibre, he instilled in his students a deep understanding of the subject and the logic, discipline, and problem-solving skills that extend far beyond numbers. Many Kearsney boys have walked out of his classroom with both improved marks and

a newfound appreciation for the beauty of mathematics.

But Mr Willows was never just a teacher - he was a mentor, a guide, and at times, a force to be reckoned with. As Housemaster of Finningley and later Pembroke, he created a home away from home, shaping young men into disciplined, respectful, and honourable individuals. As Deputy Headmaster in charge of discipline and boarding since 2007, he upheld the highest standards, ensuring that every boy left Kearsney with strong values and a deep sense of character, in addition to an education.

One of his most significant contributions to the school has been the introduction of the Honour Code - a guiding principle (Continued on page 4).



Mr Willows launched the Kearsney Tennis Tournament in 1996. 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.

SA Men's Hockey

Congratulations to Calvin Davis (Class of 2021) on his appointment as one of two SA Men's Hockey team vice-captains! We also salute Head Coach Sihle Ntuli, a previous Kearsney coach, for his appointment. Calvin is pictured here at the Paris Olympics with Coach Ntuli and experienced SA hockey campaigner Bili Ntuli (KCOB Class of 2014).



SA Water Polo Selections

Following another fantastic season for Kearsney water polo, we are excited to report that the following players have been selected for SA teams:

SA U17: Oliver Ludwig
Non-travelling reserve: Levi Thom

SA U15: Dru Mills

Both teams will participate in the Africa Aquatics Development Tournament in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 10-13 April 2025.

KZN Tennis success at IPT

Finn Coningham (left) and Angus Fyvie (right) were part of the six-man team that represented the KZN U18A Tennis team. The team was selected in November 2024 to play in the Inter-Provincial Tournament in January 2025. They had a wonderfully successful tournament and made the finals. Congratulations to these two young men.



Dru Mills



Oliver Ludwig



Levi Thom

Excellent Matric Results for Kearsney’s Class of 2024

The Class of 2024 achieved an excellent set of results. Kearsney once again achieved a 100% pass rate, with a 99,27% Bachelor Degree (University Exemption) pass rate (the rate for all IEB schools was 89,37%).

Sixty-five percent of the Kearsney pupils achieved an A or B aggregate, and 17% achieved an A aggregate.

The overall aggregate for the Class of 2024 was 73%.

New Teachers - welcome to the Kearsney community



L-R: Mr Nkuli Gamede (Deputy Head – Student Affairs), Mrs Ingrid Linde (Music), Ms Lalaina Mazibuko (CAT), Mr Nick Cooper (Deputy Head – Extra-Curricular)
Absent: Mr Rakubu Sokana: HOD Mathematics (Inset).

Welcome to our new Director of Sport

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Director of Sport, Mr John-Paul (J-P) Lübke, following an extensive and highly competitive selection process.



J-P brings a wealth of educational and leadership experience, having served as a Teacher, Housemaster, Deputy Headmaster, and Headmaster. In addition to his strong academic background, he is a passionate sportsman who has played and coached at a high level.

J-P's appointment marks an exciting new chapter for Kearsney College sport, and we are confident that his leadership, expertise, and passion will further enhance our sporting programme for the benefit of our boys and the school.

Outstanding IEB Results 2024		
Class of 2024 Highlights	Notable Subject Performances	Academic Inclusion
20% earned 4 or more distinctions 35% earned 3 or more distinctions 4 Subjects with over 50% distinction rates 3 Subjects with averages over 80%	- Accounting 42,9% distinction rate - Dramatic Arts 65% distinction rate; 82,3% average - EGD 65% distinction rate; 80% average - History 54% distinction rate; 80% ave.; 3 in Top 1% in SA - IT 46% distinction rate; 76,3% average	- Twenty-four pupils from the Class of 2024 were on our Academic Inclusion Programme. - Average aggregate of 67% for pupils on the programme 25 distinctions earned by these pupils



96 Distinctions between them! Top row, l-r: Julian Carbonel (7 As); Jack White (8As); Callum Steer (4As); Brandon Haley (6 As); Luca Borrageiro (5As); Siphosethu Magubane (4 As); Guy Carpenter (5 As); Liam Calenborne (3 As). Bottom row, l-r: Lwandile Nzala (5As); Luke Oriani-Ambrosini (3 As); Qhawe Balfour (3 As); Evan Powers (5 As); Woojae Lee (5 As); Matthew Lamplough (7As); Pranav Sewsunker (6 As); Matthew Shepherd (7 As); Luhlelo Sibisi (7 As); Finn Calenborne (6 As).

Welcome Interns 2025



L to R: Stefan van der Watt; Facieca Muse, Brendan Saayman, Collen Mbatha, Braden van Wyk, Rivashni Archary. Absent: Mr Vincent Molefe.

Start to the Year for Our Junior Group

Report by Mr Mouton Badenhorst, Haley Housemaster.

We proudly welcomed 127 new Grade 8 boys to the Kearsney family this year. As with any new beginning, a mix of nerves and excitement filled the air as the boys embarked on their high school journey. From the moment they arrived, they eagerly began navigating their way around the school, getting to know their peers, and immersing themselves in Kearsney's rich traditions.

The boys wasted no time settling in, kicking off the year with summer sports trials and an engaging orientation program. The programme focussed on familiarising them with important aspects of school life, including key locations such as the sanatorium, laundry, COIN Centre, classrooms, and sports fields. A significant emphasis was placed on the role of mentors, ensuring that each new student felt supported and guided throughout this transition.

The first week culminated in a fun-filled day featuring a friendly Grade 8 and I I House competition, exciting inflatable activities, and a memorable braai overlooking the valley.

Following the completion of Orientation Week, the Grade 8s were awarded their Kearsney ties by prefects in a special ceremony. The boys were reminded that the Kearsney tie represents membership of the Kearsney community and that they must always strive to live by the values of the College and make themselves and their school proud. After receiving their ties the Grade 8s were given a round of applause by the rest of the school, welcoming them to the Kearsney brotherhood. We wish the class of 2029 all the best for their future at the College!



Mr Anthony Willows (continued from pg. 1).

that continues to shape the character of Kearsney boys. Inspired by his experiences at the 'Boys of Honour' conference in Washington, DC, he saw the need for a code that would instil in our students the values of honesty, respect, and accountability. Today, this Honour Code is a living testament to his belief that a Kearsney boy should not only excel academically and on the sports field but should also be a man of integrity.

His impact on sport, particularly tennis, has been nothing short of extraordinary. As a former provincial and SA Veterans tennis player; he 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 National Schools Tennis Festival was founded in 1996, international tours were established, and the school's tennis pavilion became a reality. Mr Willows often reminded us that team tennis is more than just an individual pursuit - it is a game of camaraderie and collective spirit.

His passion for sport extended beyond the tennis court. An avid cyclist, he introduced mountain biking to the school, carving out a cross-country track through the Conservancy and encouraging boys to take up a sport that demands endurance, perseverance, and an adventurous spirit - qualities that define both his leadership and his life.

Beyond his professional roles, Mr Willows is a man of deep moral integrity, unwavering loyalty, and sharp wit. His famous phrases, including the legendary, "It's not going to happen," his absolute disdain for Crocs, and his firm stance against 'trapping', have become part of Kearsney folklore. His humour and wisdom have lightened even the most challenging meetings, and his professionalism has guided the school through many difficult decisions.

Through it all, his greatest support has come from his beloved wife, Belinda, whose courage and resilience in her battle against cancer have inspired us all. His two daughters, Hannah and Georgie, are his pride and joy, and as he steps into a well-earned retirement, we know he will cherish more time with them. Ant, we thank you for your loyalty, your wisdom, and the countless lives you have

shaped along the way. You leave behind not just a legacy but also a lasting example of what it means to lead with strength, purpose and heart.

Kearsney will always be your home. We wish you and your family all the best for the future, knowing that your impact here will never be forgotten.

Kearsney College Council



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- Grade 9 Reps:** Sean Mwanjira and Thomas Schultze
- Grade 8 Liaison:** Jason Denekamp (Grade 11)

Kearsney College Council (KCC) is a pivotal body within Kearsney College, committed to fostering the well-being and comprehensive development of its students. The council's primary duty is to promote the welfare of boys and ensure that their physical, emotional, and academic needs are met. By creating a supportive environment, KCC empowers students to thrive inside and outside the classroom.

A core function of the KCC is to serve as a vital liaison between the student body and the College's administration. This role allows for transparent communication and constructive dialogue, enabling students to voice their concerns and suggestions. The council actively collaborates with teachers and staff to address issues that impact student life, striving to cultivate a community where every pupil feels heard and valued.

IMBIZO 2025

Report by Mr Manzini Zungu, Teacher in Charge.

- Chairman:** Ayazingca Jikwana
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- Senzo Phiri
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The Imbizo is a dynamic and inclusive group of boys at Kearsney College who embody the spirit of respect, understanding, and collaboration within a richly diverse community. Recognising that the Kearsney community is composed of individuals from varied cultural backgrounds, Imbizo stands as a beacon of unity, championing the notion that each cultural group deserves the opportunity to express itself, articulate its unique perspectives and be heard.

At the heart of Imbizo's mission lies a commitment to nurturing respect and dignity for all, understanding that growth and connection emerge from a foundation of empathy and open dialogue. By empowering each member to share their voice and experiences, Imbizo cultivates a culture of inclusivity - a space where everyone feels valued and understood.

Imbizo's vision is to enable the Kearsney community to meaningfully engage with the complexities of an ever-evolving global landscape. It seeks to equip its members with the skills and awareness necessary to navigate and contribute to this dynamic environment. Imbizo encourages everyone to participate in shaping a brighter, more harmonious future for all.

The Portrait of a Graduate

Report by Mr Nkuli Gamede, Deputy Headmaster: Student Affairs.

Kearsney College was privileged to host Dr Phil Cummins, an esteemed international education researcher, as we continue refining and embedding the Portrait of a Kearsney Graduate into school life. Dr Cummins has had multiple opportunities to become familiar with Kearsney during one-on-one, in focus groups and grade workshops with pupils and staff.

His visit again facilitated meaningful conversations with staff and pupils, guiding us in ensuring that this framework remains relevant and authentic to what boys will experience in an ever-changing world.

A key focus of these discussions was integrating Kearsney's Honour Code and foundational principles into daily practices,

fostering a culture of integrity, respect, and responsibility. Dr Cummins helped refine strategies to strengthen our graduates' ability to navigate challenges with resilience, confidence, and purpose by drawing on national and international best practices.

As we move forward, these refined strategies will shape every aspect of school life—academics, leadership, boarding, sports, and cultural activities—ensuring that the Portrait of a Kearsney Graduate is not just a vision but a lived reality. Through this, each Kearsney boy will develop a strong sense of belonging, a clear voice, and the character to lead with honour and humility, both within the College and beyond.

Below: Dr Phil Cummins



Kearsney's Honour Code

Deputy Head of School Jamie van Wyk addressed all the boys of the College at an Honour Code Assembly at the beginning of the term. The Honour Code is a pupil-driven initiative. The boys are reminded of what it means to be a Kearsney boy, the expectations of their peers, and the boys' joint commitment to the principles of the Honour Code. After the assembly each boy signed the pledge, committing themselves to upholding the Honour Code.



Grade 8s' Life Orientation extension programme

The Grade 8s thoroughly enjoyed their Life Orientation extension programme, focused on building trust, fostering effective communication, and creating a sense of belonging. The programme required vulnerability and adaptability, and we are proud of how the boys were so willing to embrace new approaches and step out of their comfort zones. This process strengthened collaboration and teamwork amongst the boys and highlighted essential leadership qualities, part of our five-year character development programme, the Portrait of a Kearsney Graduate.





Kearsney Shines at St Mary's Maths Competition

Report by Mr Sean-Michael Ceronio, Mathematics Teacher.

On Wednesday 12 February, 25 Kearsney boys participated in the prestigious St Mary's Mathematics Competition. This event provided an excellent opportunity for them to tackle challenging problems, sharpen their problem-solving skills, and collaborate with students 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 & Shavanth Chelladu

Junior Category: 3rd Place - Mithra Seery & Aedan Dalton

Senior Category: 2nd Place - Ben Hancock & Nathan Hotchkiss

Senior Category: 3rd Place - George Sykes & Mukona Marageni

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

Voyages of Discovery

Grade 9s were tasked with designing board games in History based on Voyages of Discovery and the Age of Exploration. Some wonderfully creative games were developed which showcase creativity, academic research and collaborative learning.



Academic Achievements

The top-performing academics at the end of 2024 were recognised and acknowledged in the Academic Awards Assembly at the start of term. Congratulations to the boys on their wonderful achievements.

Grade 11 Honours and Honours Cum laude: Honours

Nicholas Comrie
Madimetja Kgomo
Austin Clewlow
Josh Robertson
Luca Sandri
Thayuren Pillay
Joshua Griffiths
Willem Oets
Jason De Gryse
Kaylin Moodley (5th in grade)
Oliver Tubb (4th in grade)
Connor van Heerden (3rd in grade)

Honours Cum Laude

Joel Steyn (2nd in grade)
Hayden Dunsdon (1st in grade)

History Quiz Achievements

Report by Mr Neil Peacock, HOD History.



Kearsney entered four teams in the annual History Inter Schools Quiz hosted by Clifton earlier this term. In a closely contested competition, the Kearsney boys were pitted against many schools in the Greater Durban and Highways area. The Grade 10 team consisting of Adam Georgiadis, Senzo Phiri and Misa Buthelezi achieved 4th place, while the other Grade 10 team consisting of Christopher Oellermann, Arav Govender and Thomas du Plessis achieved 3rd place overall. The Grade 11 team of Liam Botha, Thomas Blomfield and Connor McKeown finished 2nd overall, a mere 1 point behind the eventual winners of the quiz, St Henry's. Well done to all the boys who represented the College.

John van de Ruit visit

Report by Mrs Sharleen Bezuidenhout, Librarian.

On 07 February, Kearsney College hosted an inspiring event featuring author John van de Ruit, who introduced his latest novel, "Spud: The Reunion." This eagerly awaited addition to the beloved Spud series revisits the iconic characters a decade after their school days, as they navigate the complexities of adulthood.

During the event, John van de Ruit engaged with our boys, sharing the creative journey behind the Spud series and offering insights into his newest work. The boys were captivated by his storytelling, finding inspiration in his experiences and the relatable themes of friendship, growth, and resilience depicted in the novels.

This interaction not only deepened their appreciation for literature but also encouraged them to reflect on their own life journeys and value the enduring bonds formed during their school years.



'The Ways of Machiavelli' (Pembroke)



Best Actor Alex Nortje (Gillingham)

2025 Cultural activities

Kearsney College's Culture programme is a vibrant and dynamic part of school life, offering pupils at Kearsney and surrounding schools diverse opportunities to explore and showcase their talents. From music and drama to public speaking and visual arts, our programme fosters creativity, confidence, and collaboration. We have an exciting lineup of events that promise to inspire and entertain. Highlights include our Culture@Kearsney programme, the annual production (a musical show), inter-house competitions, choir performances, and art exhibitions, all of which enrich the cultural experience. Whether on stage, behind the scenes, or in the audience, there is something for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to a year of outstanding performances, artistic expression, and unforgettable moments!



Finningley's Ndabenhle Mkhize (seated), Best Supporting Actor (shared).



Best Script by Zanda Mnqayi (Sheffield)

Inter-house Play Competition

Report by Ms Ulaetha Singh, HOD Drama.

Our creative and talented students of the College have honed the process of conceptualising, scripting, casting and producing their Inter-house Plays to showcase polished and entertaining pieces of theatre.

The curtains opened on Gillingham's 'Fog and Shadows', a suspenseful noir drama exploring themes of guilt, identity, and redemption, written and directed by Kade Rencken. This play proved to be a winner, taking Best House Play and the Best Actor award, which went to Alex Nortje for his insightful, convincing and believable portrayal of the journalist, Ms Lane. The Best Supporting Actor was the enigmatic Zothando Mchunu who played Watson.

Sheffield did not disappoint with their offering of 'Khorosi', written and directed by Zanda Mnqayi. This engaging script won Best Original Script, which saw the Khorosi gang on the brink of collapse. We were taken into a world where loyalty is a weapon and survival is never promised.

Finningley's witty and poignant 'Not a Bad Guy', written by Oscar Milne and directed by Bjorn Kruger, introduced us to Jared Shaw, who wakes up in the afterlife only to learn he's on trial for his soul. This dark comedy allowed Ndabenhle Mkhize to share the Best Supporting Actor award for his quirky portrayal of the lawyer.

The curtains closed on Pembroke's thrilling tale of deceit and betrayal, 'The Ways of Machiavelli', cleverly written by Ezile Nodada and Oliver Tubb and well directed by Ezile Nodada and Anesu Moyo. A detective who seemingly has good intentions plays a game of manipulation in this entertaining piece.

The adjudicators, Mr Moniwa and Ms Smit, commended the students for their dedication to producing work of a noteworthy standard.

AWARDS

Winning House: Gillingham House

Directed by: Kade Rencken

Best Actor: Alex Nortje, Gillingham

Best Supporting Actor (shared):

Ndabenhle Mkhize, Finningley | Zothando Mchunu, Gillingham

Best Original Script: Zanda Mnqayi, Sheffield House

International Exchange

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

The International Exchange Report Back Evening was a highly anticipated event, offering an opportunity to hear from the students who participated in the 2024 exchange programme. These young ambassadors shared their experiences of studying abroad and the valuable insights they gained from immersing themselves in different cultures.

Nathan van Jaarsveld and Zach Emanuel reflected on their enriching time at Scots College in Sydney, while Jason Denekamp, Michael Groom, and Connor van Heerden shared their experiences at Christ Church Grammar School in Perth. Meanwhile, Liam Botha, Jesse de Jager, Conor McKeown, and Ethan King spoke fondly of their time at Oswestry School in England. Their heartfelt accounts highlighted the friendships they formed, the new perspectives they gained, and the personal growth they experienced during their time abroad.

The Kearsney students who attended Oswestry School are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their exchange partners at Kearsney College in Term 2, further strengthening the bonds formed through this exchange.

Applications for the 2025 International Exchange Programme are well underway, and we look forward to another successful year of global learning and cultural exchange.

As Saint Augustine once said, "The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page." This programme continues to broaden horizons, foster global connections, and enrich the lives of all who take part.



This term Joshua Rautenbach is at Kearsney on a short-term exchange from Ampleforth College, located in York, in the United Kingdom. He is in Grade 9 and is in Gillingham. As is tradition, the flag of his home was raised on his arrival and is raised every day until he leaves and takes down the flag himself.

Community Service

Report by *Mr Manzini Zungu*, Teacher in Charge: Community Service.

This term has seen the start of our Friday Community Service Outings, where boys can sign up for a Community Service Activity each week. So far, the boys have assisted at the Paw Prints Animal Rescue and Rehoming Centre and Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, along with the maths and sports workshops hosted at Kearsney for the students of Empilweni Primary School in KwaNyuswa. Along with this, a team of our Grade 11 boys have volunteered to be part of a peer tutoring programme organised by The Valley Trust Centre and assist with homework at the centre on Friday afternoons.

It is an honour to serve our community and those less fortunate.

As part of an ongoing programme, we enjoyed another visit from the Grade 7 boys from Empilweni Primary School. During their recent visit, the boys received an hour's Maths lesson from our teachers, before they ran off to enjoy some rugby coaching.



MATRIC DANCE FOR THE CLASS OF 2025



Kearsney College Parents' Society

The main focus for the KCPS was on the Matric Dance and Parents' Society Annual Ball. They also hosted the start-of-year parents' cocktail evening. Here, our Grade 8 and 9 parents had the chance to meet their sons' Grade 11 and 12 mentors, prefects, and teachers before the adults congregated in the SportZone for a wonderful evening connecting our school community.



The masterminds and chief planners behind KCPS events, Chairlady, Megan Howes, and Kirsty Brodowicz and Megan Rae.



KEARSNEY COLLEGE

Carpe Diem



17, 19 & 21 April

Come up to Kearsney to enjoy top schoolboy rugby.

With some of SA's top-ranked rugby schools, a KidZone, a refreshment tent and a wonderful festival atmosphere on our beautiful campus, the festival provides a great day out for the whole family.

This year will be our second year of a full primary schools section, and we are excited to introduce an U16 Girls' section.

Download the festival app for fixtures, team information, scores and more.



Tickets
Tickets R45p/p - may be purchased at Kearsney College Rd. Gate. The gate is cashless. SnapScan, bank cards or prepaid tickets will be accepted.



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KERF IS CASHLESS
A reminder that the Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival will be a cashless event. Players, coaches, and spectators are advised to prepare accordingly, as food, drinks, and merchandise purchases will only be possible via card or SnapScan.

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For any queries, please contact the Foundation Office at 031 765 9600 or foundation@kearsney.com

We look forward to an incredible festival!



FIXTURES	
STOTT FIELD (Boys High Schools / Girls U16)	
DAY 1	
08:00 Milnerton High	v Peterhouse Boys (Zim)
09:20 Hoërskool Durbanville	v Dale College Boys' High
10:40 Durban High School	v Hoërskool Rustenburg
12:00 Mowat Park	v Adams College
13:00 Kearsney College	v Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen
14:20 Hoërskool Monument	v Glenwood High
15:40 Westville Boys' High	v Hoërskool Framesby
DAY 2	
08:00 Hoërskool Durbanville	v Hoërskool Rustenburg
09:20 Hoërskool Framesby	v Peterhouse Boys (Zim)
10:40 Milnerton High	v Glenwood High
12:00 Adams College	v George Campbell
13:00 Westville Boys' High	v Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen
14:20 Kearsney College	v Dale College Boys' High
15:40 Hoërskool Monument	v Durban High School
DAY 3	
08:00 Hoërskool Monument	v Milnerton High
09:20 Glenwood High	v Dale College Boys' High
10:40 Hoërskool Framesby	v Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen
12:00 Adams College	v Richards Bay High
12:50 Closing Ceremony	
13:00 Durban High School	v Hoërskool Durbanville
14:20 Westville Boys' High	v Hoërskool Rustenburg
15:40 Kearsney College	v Peterhouse Boys (Zim)

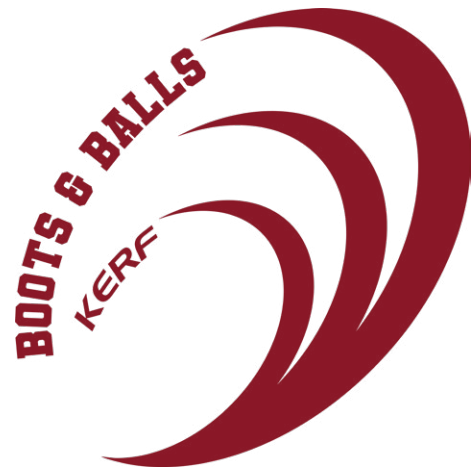
ROBERTS FIELD (Boys Primary Schools / Girls U16)	
Girls U16 games are shown in italics.	
08:00 Highbury Prep	v Kloof Senior Primary
09:00 Penzance Primary	v uThukela Rugby
10:00 Winston Park Primary	v Westville Senior Primary
11:00 Hillcrest Primary	v Chelsea Prep
12:00 George Campbell	v Richards Bay High
13:00 Umhlali Prep	v KZN Ibutho Development
14:00 Glenwood Prep	v Harare Lions
DAY 2	
08:00 Kloof Senior Primary	v Winston Park Primary
09:00 Chelsea Prep	v Harare Lions
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13:00 Highbury Prep	v Umhlali Prep
14:00 Penzance Primary	v Harare Lions

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The Outreach Initiative of the annual Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival. Together with The Sharks, KERF's successful Boots & Balls outreach initiative has collected new and used sports gear, with a focus on rugby gear. All donated kit is sorted, refurbished, and distributed to selected schools and clubs in various regions around KZN.

Once again, participating teams and the public are requested to leave donated kit in the designated collection bins at the main field at this year's Festival.

South African Men's Hockey



Congratulations to Kearsney's Director of Hockey, Keegan Pearce, who has been appointed Assistant Coach of the South African Men's Hockey team. Keegan will join the coaching staff as a Performance Analyst. Well done Keegan on this fantastic achievement.



New Kearsney Gym

The magnificent, upgraded gym facilities at Kearsney provide 672m² of state-of-the-art training equipment and rehab facilities. The gym, which was available to pupils in September 2024, will be officially opened during Founders Week 2025.

You can take a virtual tour of the facilities by scanning this QR code and clicking on 'Gym Weight Training.'



Squash

Report by *Mr Andrew Morgan, MIC Squash.*

Kearsney College's 1st squash team has returned from the 31st annual St Andrews Squash Festival in Bloemfontein, where 25 boys school teams from around the country participated.

The young Kearsney team, which only comprised one matric player, were competitive against tough competition over the four play-days. In the fixture against Queens College, of the six matches, five ended in five setters, with Kearsney coming out on top.



Gerrie Berner Tennis Festival

Report by *Mr Naresh Mahabeer, Coach.*

The Gerrie Berner Tennis Festival took place from 12 to 15 February in Stellenbosch. The top twelve tennis-playing schools in South Africa were invited to this prestigious tournament, which celebrated its 20th year. The teams were put through their paces from the round-robin phase to the final stage.

The following boys represented Kearsney: Finn Coningham (Captain), Angus Fyvie, Jason Denekamp, Luca Gai-Minietti, Max East, Connor van Heerden and Michael Hean.

The Kearsney boys fought hard in the round-robin phase, playing scintillating tennis. Unfortunately, they lost to Grey College, Hoërskool Waterkloof, St Stithians, and Paarl Boys. The boys dug deep and beat Hoër Landbouskool Oakdale in an important tie, which placed Kearsney above Hoërskool Waterkloof in the final standings of the Round-Robin phase. In the cross-over matches, Kearsney played against Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies) with Affies going through.

In the final positional playoffs, Kearsney played against St. Stithians again, eventually finishing in eighth place, improving from last year's result.

The Kearsney boys played with high intensity and determination despite the incredible heat on the court.



L-R: Connor van Heerden, Max East, Jason Denekamp, Michael Hean, Finn Coningham (Captain), Luca Gai-Minietti, Angus Fyvie

Canoeing

Report by *Mr Steve Main, MIC Canoeing.*

The Kearsney canoeing team has been fully committed this term, training at Inanda Dam and competing in river races and sprints. Numbers have remained steady, with hopes of more juniors joining later in the year. The additional staff support from Mr Molefe will go a long way in promoting the sport and ensuring safety.

A major highlight this term was the 2025 Dusi Canoe Marathon, where two boys (Jack Sternberg and Oliver Hind) raced alongside our coaches. The canoeing team continues to grow in skill and ambition, and we anticipate more boys tackling the Dusi in 2026.

The boys did well at the KZN Sprint championships, where they raced in both individual and team boats. Beyond racing, our team has partnered with a

KNCU development team at Inanda Dam, fostering both competition and community engagement. We now look forward to the marathon and surf ski season in winter.

(The two action photos from the Dusi are credited to Hannah van Deventer.)



Congratulations to our paddlers, as both Kearsney boats finished the Dusi. Oliver Hind and Steve Main (Coach) came 114th overall (26th K2); Jack Sternberg and Thembinkosi Ngcobo (Coach) came 123rd overall and 32nd K2.



Mr T Ngcobo (coach) Mr S Main (coach) Oliver Hind and Jack Sternberg.

Water Polo Season

Report by Mr Nick Rodda, MIC Aquatics.

The 2025 season was among the most successful in Kearsney College's water polo history. Under the leadership of captain James Pohl and vice-captain Robert Smith, the team extended their incredible unbeaten streak to **29 consecutive victories** since October last year.

A highlight of the season was the **KES Tournament**, where Kearsney delivered outstanding performances and finished 6th out of 16 of the top schools in the country. **James Pohl and Thomas Aylward** were named to the Team of the Tournament, meaning they were selected as one of the top 13 players in the country.

The **U14A squad** also enjoyed a fantastic season, winning **8 out of 10 games**, showcasing the strength of Kearsney's water polo development.

With disciplined defence, sharp attacking play, and strong team cohesion, the 2025 season will be remembered as one of excellence. Kearsney continues to set the standard, ensuring a bright future for the sport at the school.



Cricket

Report by Mr Keegan Pearce, MIC of Cricket.

Cricket in the first term is not traditionally associated with the rainy season, but this year's fixtures were significantly affected by persistent rain.

The season began with us hosting the 1st XI Ikhlobo Cricket Festival, followed by the Kearsney 100 Primary Schools Festival, which was a great success. Our U15A side delivered an outstanding performance, remaining undefeated at the Lance Klusener U15 Festival hosted by DHS.

The 1st XI competed in the Clifton T20 Tournament, reaching the semi-finals, and also participated in the Independent Schools Cricket Festival hosted by St Albans, where they produced several positive results.

Our A teams took part in the W100 competition this term, with a special mention to our U14A boys, who made it to the final but narrowly lost to Westville.

Despite the challenges posed by the weather, we successfully completed fixtures against Michaelhouse, Glenwood, DHS, Northwood, and St Charles.

Congratulations to all our staff and boys on a fantastic cricket term!



Basketball

Report by Mr Mfanafuthi Ntombela, MIC Basketball.

Kearsney basketball is in a positive era and continues to grow despite challenges. This term, 22 teams participated in the inter-school fixtures each weekend.

Our coaches have done a fantastic job, always preparing the boys to compete at the highest level. Coach Myles Delpont has set up a working programme for all the A teams to be successful. Coaches Khayani Nzama, Craig Gilchrist, and Mrs Charmaine Vermeulen have structured the 1st team core to be competitive every game, including a good performance at the JOI Tournament hosted by Maritzburg College. They finished top of their pool, winning all three of their games. They ended the tournament in 6th place out of 16 teams.

The U16 age group has been the heart and soul of our programme. It is always difficult to select teams at the start of the season. The 16A team and Coach Delpont have shown tremendous dedication to the game. This group of players always play to the last whistle. "Players and teams that work hard are rewarded with opportunities to work even harder". The 16A team finished in 4th place at the Michaelhouse Tournament. They participated in the St Stithians U16 tournament, which was a fallout for our boys, finishing in the group stages.

There are so many positives to be taken from this season, and these young men showed up in games that most people didn't think they would have been successful. The U15A group attended the St Johns tournament, where the players improved with every game. Coach Mfanafuthi Ntombela was motivated, stood on the sideline for every possession and pushed the boys to play hard to the last second. The team topped their group and finished the tournament in 6th place out of 24 teams, which was a massive success for the team.

Our U14 age group had tremendous fun every game day, blowing out some teams! Coach Andile Ntshingila has set a high standard for all the U14 coaches to coach at a high level. The team took part in the Jeppe U14 Basketball Invitational Festival in Johannesburg from 28 February to 02 March. Participating in such a festival was a fantastic experience for our boys. The U14A played the maximum of 14 games and did exceptionally well for such a young group, with many boys playing basketball for the first time at a competitive level.

Our interns and external coaches also deserve a lot of credit for our success. The programme has much room to develop, and we hope to come back stronger for the next season.



Inter-house Gala

On Friday 31 January we held our annual Inter-House Gala. It was a wonderful evening of swimming and house spirit amongst the boys!

Results:

1st - Sheffield
2nd - Finningley
3rd - Pembroke
4th - Gillingham

Congratulations to Luca Sandri on a stellar performance and breaking 10 school records! Luca won the senior Victor Ludorum.

Luca's Record-breaking Feat:

200m Freestyle - 1:54.82 (M Brown 2010)
100m Butterfly - 56:70 (M McDougall 2010)
100m Breaststroke - 1:03.62 (broke his own record from 2023)
100m Freestyle - 51:04 (B Walsh 2011)
100m Backstroke - 57:04 (M McDougall 2011)
200m Individual Medley - 2:05.46 (L Sandri 2024)
50m Butterfly - 25:25 (B Walsh 2011)
50m Backstroke - 26:18 (B Walsh 2011)
50m Breaststroke - 29:59 (B Penfold 2006)
50m Freestyle - 23:41 (B Walsh 2011)



Midmar Mile

U13 Achievement

Well done to Zach Hopf who finished 3rd in the 13 and under age group at the Midmar Mile over the weekend, with a time of 00:22,51.



KZN Closed Golf Champs

Congratulations to Matthew Gouws, who ended tied 3rd at the KZN Closed Golf Championships held at Selborne GC this past weekend. After a poor start, he fought back with a good final round of 1 under par in tricky conditions to finish tied for 3rd place.



It was great to welcome Old Boys back to campus when we held our annual Basketball and Water Polo matches between the KCOB and current 1st teams.

The Old Boys connected with old schoolmates and reminisced about their days on the Hill and enjoyed the sporting activities.

We look forward to hosting more of our KCOB events throughout the year!

RESULTS

Water Polo: The KCOB retained their winning streak, beating the 1st Team 13-9.

Basketball: This year, the current 1st team beat the KCOB 44-36.

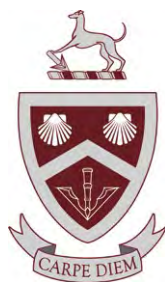


KEARSNEY COLLEGE PARENTS' SOCIETY



The Parents' Society enjoyed kitting out the Kearsney supporters in the latest merchandise at the Barrow on Saturday 15 March. Even the mist and rain couldn't dampen their spirits!

They will be available at home fixtures to assist supporters who would like to show their team loyalty.



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*"Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world."*
– Nelson Mandela.



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Academy

Kearsney College believes that giving back to society is a privilege and a responsibility. It is critical to create opportunities for those less fortunate and build a better future for all South Africans. To this end, Kearsney College, through the Kearsney College Foundation, is proud to launch the Fundela iKusasa Academy. The Fundela iKusasa Academy, which will be launched in 2025, is an academic enrichment programme designed to provide educational advancement opportunities for children from



Pupils from Empilweni Primary School in KwaNyuswa have been visiting Kearsney regularly for classes and sports coaching. Empilweni will be one of the four schools involved in the Fundisa iKhusasa Academy programme.

underprivileged backgrounds. The Academy aims to empower disadvantaged children whose innate ability and potential would otherwise not be realised due to their circumstances, lack of access to a solid academic foundation, and the opportunity to create brighter futures.

The Academy will utilise the world-class facilities and teacher resources of Kearsney College to reach and support academically promising youngsters from under-

resourced schools in our surrounding communities. This academic enrichment programme aims to provide academic support and build a solid foundation in these critical formative years.

Should you wish to find out more about the academy, please contact Shantell van Jaarsveld on foundation@kearsney.com or call us on 031 765 9600.



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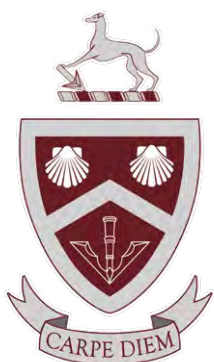
"Let us not become weary in doing good."
Galatians 6:9

Life can often feel like a long-distance race—some stretches feel effortless, while others leave us exhausted and tempted to stop. In these moments, Paul's words in Galatians encourage us: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Whether you are supporting a friend, caring for your family, or simply trying to stay faithful in your daily routines, your efforts matter—even when they feel unseen. As we journey through this term, may you find strength in knowing that God sees your efforts!

And when weariness creeps in, may you find rest in the One who never grows tired, trusting that every act of kindness and every moment of faithfulness is part of a bigger story—one held together by God's unending grace.

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