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SA Maths Olympiad

Kearsney the Top Performing School in KZN for fourth consecutive year



Kearsney's reputation for Maths excellence was maintained as the College was recognised by the SA Mathematics Federation as the Top Performing School in KZN for the fourth consecutive year. Just short of 1,100 schools entered the High School national olympiad, with over 100,000 individual competitors. Congratulations to the Mathematics Department and the boys who performed so magnificently in the SA Mathematics Olympiad.

At the awards ceremony Kearsney HOD Maths, Mr Ancillotti, received a long service award for being a panel member of the SA Mathematics Foundation for the past 10 years.

SA Representation

SA Rugby and Hockey management

Congratulations to Kearsney teachers Mr Dean Moodley, who has been elected to the South African Schools Rugby Association Executive, and Mr Wayne Marsden, who has been elected Vice-Chairman of the SA Schools Hockey Executive Committee. This is a wonderful honour and Kearsney is proud of you both.

Matthew de Oliveira to represent SA U17 in Malaysia



Luca Sandri won two golds for SA at the BRICS U20 Games



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Mr Wayne Marsden (left) and Mr Dean Moodley (right).

Kearsney's message for the Springboks ahead of the RWC Final

Check out the awesome video of the boys sending the Boks their own special AmaGwijo ahead of the World Cup final. The video got over 900,000 views in the first 12 days.



Title: Bokke, my Dali!

(A new AmaGwijo for the Springboks)

The song was written by:

Nduduzo Mkhize (KC Class of 2015)
and Bernard Krüger (Kearsney Director of Music).

Speaker: Sethu Magubane
(KC Class of 2024).

Academic Excellence

Kearsney celebrated its Grade 12 Academic achievers at a special prize-giving and speech night at the end of Term 3. The College's exceptional academic standard was again highlighted, with almost a third of the matric class achieving an aggregate over 75 percent.

Anesu Chimusoro earned the coveted Dux of the School for 2023. Anesu was awarded Academic Honours Cum Laude (over 86%), as well as subject trophies for English literature, Accounting, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences.

His runner-up, Nthato Sifumba, was also awarded Academic Honours Cum Laude, and subject prizes for business studies, information technology and further studies mathematics.

The school's coveted trophy for Best All-Rounder in the 6th Form was awarded to Dylan Wiggett, who achieved Academic Honours and played 1st team hockey (captain), indoor hockey (vice-captain), cricket and soccer. Dylan was also a prefect and Head of Gillingham House.

In addition to Anesu Chimusoro and Nthato Sifumba, Liam Jansen van Rensburg and Fritz Rheeder also achieved over 85% to earn Academic Honours Cum Laude.

Academic Honours (80-85%) were awarded to Dylan Wiggett, Caleb Saks, Lwandile Khoza, Jarred Christie, Sachin Bhagwan, Nala Madlala, LiPuma Mthethwa, Nicholas Butler, Ethan Groom, Oliver Brazier, Sean Diseko, Thomas Hurley, Hayden Bishop, Dominic Hislop, Jacques Nel, Seth Abrahams, Sange Mdunyelwa and Hayden Davel.

James Engelbrecht, Ryan Denekamp, Gabriel Delport, Otsile Ntsele, Reuel Jagarnath, Kieran Pearton, Kyle Pottinger, Devahn van der Walt, Jordan Boyd, Ruschay Govender, Kamva Khamaba, Ethan Marnitz and Aidan Albrecht achieved Academic Colours (75-79%).

Well done to all the boys and we look forward to a wonderful set of results in the IEB matric examinations.



Above: Grade 12 prize-winners



Left: Guest of honour Dr Cardo, Dux Anesu Chimusoro, runner-up Nthato Sifumba and Headmaster, Mr Patrick Lees

South African Mathematics Challenge (SAMC) Facilitation and Training at Kearsney

The final round of the Primary Schools' SAMC, the prestigious Olympiad run by the South African Mathematics Foundation, was written on 07 September at Kearsney College.

On that morning, Kearsney hosted a facilitation and training session for the KZN primary school pupils who made the final round, and their teachers, to help develop their problem-solving skills and effective strategies and techniques. The teachers' programme also looked at ways to create a culture of critical thinking within their Maths departments.

Schools that did not have pupils in the final round were also invited to send Maths teachers and two talented Grade 6 Maths students from their schools to join the training.



Prefects 2024

Congratulations to the boys appointed as prefects for 2024. We wish them great success in their leadership roles.

HEAD OF SCHOOL: Anele Cele
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL: Matthew Lamplough

FINNINGLEY Head of House: Matthew de Oliveira
Deputies: Ryan Browning, Matthew Huson, Blake Kruger, Mfundo Mthethwa, Joe Verbaan

GILLINGHAM Head of House: Luca Borrageiro
Deputies: Gregor Campbell, Elihle Hadebe, Kyle Mackay, Cameron Veenstra, Murray Weyer

HALEY Head of House: Jack O'Donovan
Deputies: Qhawwe Balfour, Kyle Berry, Bryce Blomquist, Jasper Bruno, Keagan Coetzee, Sethu Magubane, James Peirson

PEMBROKE Head of House: Connor McIntyre
Deputies: Guy Carpenter, Jackson Horn, Lithabe Shweni, Luhlelo Sibisi, Ryan Smith

So we beat on...

Mrs Jane Curtiss: HoD English, reports.

The Roaring Twenties were revisited by 64 Grade 11 boys when they attended a themed dance evening at St Mary's on 14 September. To pay homage to F Scott Fitzgerald's novel 'The Great Gatsby', the St Mary's and Kearsney English departments facilitated a ballroom get-together for the young ladies and gentlemen. St Mary's generously provided professional ballroom instructors, and the 'guys' and 'dolls' set forth onto the parquet floor of the St Mary's hall to learn a few ballroom steps.

The dancing began with some trepidation but soon contributed to a tremendously enjoyable evening. Just as partners became familiar, the dance instructors rotated partnerships, creating a relaxed and unpressured atmosphere. Our boys made me proud as they were the perfect gentlemen, ensuring that none of the young ladies felt awkward or were left out of the dancing.



The evening was rounded off with hot chocolate, provided by the girls, delivered from Dale Sandy's (KCOB 2014) coffee cart.

We thank Mrs Sarah Henderson and the English department at St Mary's for a wonderfully fun evening.

SHEFFIELD Head of House: Jarred van Staaden
Deputies: Yuvaan Arbee, Keegan Gevers, Alwande Mbonambi, Ntsika Shiba

Afrikaans Olympiad

The ATKV Afrikaans Olympiad is the most prestigious in Namibia and South Africa. The top Afrikaans students in the country test their mettle and compare themselves with the rigorous standards set by the ATKV examiners. It has been a decade since Kearsney last participated in the Olympiad. We decided to participate this year to allow our best Afrikaans students the opportunity to measure themselves against the best of the best.

Our boys approached the Olympiad with enthusiasm and excitement and used past papers to prepare. The boys achieved well, with Jua van Wyk (Grade 12) achieving 31st place in KZN with 81% in the Senior division. Björn Kruger (Grade 9) did us incredibly proud, obtaining an 82% aggregate and coming 2nd in KZN and 15th overall in South Africa in the Junior division.



Afrikaans teacher, Mr Pietersen, with Jua van Wyk (left) and Björn Kruger

KCOLE Week 2023

Report by Mr Dougan Macdonald, KCOLE Week coordinator.

Kearsney College's Leadership Week was revamped for 2023, with the name being changed to Kearsney College Outdoor Learning and Experience Week, or KCOLE Week. This name change more closely reflects the purpose and what we hope the boys will gain from the week. Each Grade has a theme, focusing on developing the individual while building a strong group through shared experiences.

The Grade 8s followed the theme of "Know your brothers", with the focus of this week being to develop and bond the groups. Two venues were used – Bergventure and Nyala Pans. Both venues offered similar activities, where the boys could swim in dams and rivers, camp in shelters they built themselves, complete obstacle courses as a team, prepare and cook some of their own meals, and spend free time just being boys. The groups arrived back at Kearsney tired but with new friendships formed and old friendships renewed.

The Grade 9s had the theme "The value of others". The whole Grade went to Zingela, an environmentally focused camp on the banks of the Tugela River. They worked as teams, earning points for a mystery prize at the end of the week. Activities included kayaking on the river, guided game walks, fish tagging, bird ringing, abseiling, and contributing to an anti-erosion and land rehabilitation project. The final team challenge was an early morning dip in the Tugela River – definitely the coldest start to the day many had experienced! Working

as a team the entire week meant the boys had to rely on each other to complete each task and, without a doubt, learnt the value of others.

The Grade 10 group worked on "Knowing and extending your limits and the consequences of decisions". Possibly the most different week to previous years, the Grade 10s spent five days hiking in the Cobham area of the Drakensberg. Being self-sufficient, carrying all their kit and having to make decisions on navigation, meals, and the team's daily routine made for a week of individual independence, with a lot of time to consider the theme. It was a physically, mentally and emotionally demanding experience, and most of the boys found it rather challenging but came away with a massive sense of accomplishment. The week ended with a few hours of community service at Pevensy Place, a home for adults with Cerebral Palsy.

The Grade 11s theme was "Harnessing the Inner Leader". A week quite different from the rest, the Grade 11s were based at Kearsney College and surrounds, where they spent time attending seminars and discussed the challenges they may face as leaders of the College in 2024. It was not



Grade 8s at Nyala Pans



Grade 9s at Zingela

all sitting and talking though, with, among others, a 'braai-master challenge', a walk from the College to the Shongweni Polo Club and a 'chain reaction' team task.

The venue coordinators and their teams are thanked for their tremendous efforts in making the KCOLE Week memorable for all the boys who participated.

Grade 10s in the Cobham area



Supporting Literacy

The Hammarsdale Cato Ridge Development Association (HCRDA) embarked on a book drive, with the aim of collecting 5,000 children's and young adults' books and distributing them to homes with no or few books. It is estimated that 42% of SA's households do not have a single book in the home. The HCRDA is a group of 70 businesses working to make the area a better place to invest, work and live, thereby supporting growth, employment and transformation.

Prize for Outstanding Cultural Achievements - Lwandile Khoza

Congratulations to Lwandile Khoza on being awarded this prize. He has shown dedication to Drama both on the stages of Kearsney College and KZN. In 2022 he played a supporting role in the school production of 'In Their Shoes' and in 2023, he formed part of the authentic and effective prologue to the acclaimed school production 'Kat and the Kings'.

In the 2023 Inter-house Play competition, Lwandile scooped the Best Actor award, performing in the Sheffield House play. He also wrote the play, thus showcasing his abilities both as an actor and scriptwriter. He participated in *Culture@Kearsney* events including *Drama@Kearsney* and *Words@Kearsney* and in the Grandparent's Day Drama offering this year.

Lwandile played the role of Zebulun in the professional production of 'Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' performed at the Playhouse Theatre, where he was praised by the directors and choreographers who worked with him. He was awarded KZN Colours for achievement at the highest level in the Performing Arts.



John White, CEO of the HCRDA, accepted the donation from 2024 Head of School Anele Cele and Deputy Matthew Lamplough, together with Mrs Hayley de Marigny, Media Centre Manager and Mrs Sandra Thorpe from the Kearsney Knowledge Centre.

International Exchange

Mrs Charlene Elliot, Teacher in charge: International Exchange, reports.

Our international exchange programme was back with a bang in 2023, after the lean Covid years. Kearsney is committed to fostering global connections and providing our students with a well-rounded, culturally rich education, and this international exposure and experience is of tremendous value to all the boys.

Nine Kearsney students travelled abroad this year, while we welcomed six incoming exchange students, plus two short-term enrolments from Washington, USA, and Germany.

This year our boys were fortunate to go on exchange to Catholic University School (Dublin, Ireland), Mount St Mary's College (Sheffield, England), The Scots College (Sydney, Australia), and the latest addition to this global network, Oswestry School (England).

Mr Peter Middleton, the Headmaster of Oswestry School, started his teaching career at Highbury, where his passion for teaching, and running, began. He ran the Comrades Marathon in his Kearsney Striders' kit and recalls the emotion of receiving a cheer from the Kearsney pupils as he ran past our gate. We look forward to the arrival of the first boys from Oswestry in 2024.

It was our pleasure to host boys from Catholic University School, Mount St Mary's College and The Scots College during the year and our boys have enjoyed making new friends from around the world and benefitting from that experience.



Top: Luca Mindry, PJ Synman and Jayden Jonsson travelled to the Catholic University School in Dublin, Ireland. We are due to host their boys next year.

Middle: Mason Hielckert went to Mount St Mary's College in Sheffield, England. He was hosted by Noah Glossop who was at Kearsney in Term 2. Here Mason was playing rugby for their 1st team.

Bottom: Kunashe Kamwendo played drums at their school's Founders weekend.

Choir and Orchestra

It was a pleasure to perform for the grandparents who attended our popular Grandparents' Day in September, where the entertainment was warmly received.

Another highlight of the term was performing with the girls from St Anne's College in Hilton, where our choir and orchestra performed independently and with their female counterparts. The boys enjoyed the collaboration, which provided a different dynamic from their normal stage performances.

Our annual programme of events will soon come to an end with our Carol Services. These are marvellous occasions with beautiful music, spreading the Christmas message to our broader community.



Drama event with the Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre

Report by *Ms Ulaetha Singh*, HOD Dramatic Arts.

Our Grade 10 Dramatic Arts students and their peers from the Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, accompanied by the director Mrs Vanessa Theophilus and PRO Ms Nazley Giquel, enjoyed a special afternoon of drama! The event, conceptualised and organised by HOD Dramatic Arts, Ms Ulaetha Singh, saw the power of theatre work its magic in bringing these young people together, forging friendships, in a fun-filled experience of ice breakers, theatre sport and improvisation. The students were treated to an exciting workshop facilitated by Kearsney Drama teacher Mrs Emily Stockil-Smith. These incredible young people went on a journey - from the silence of trepidation to peals of laughter; from strangers to friends in a matter of two hours. Their shared

experience manifested in them walking taller; donning beautiful smiles, and radiating glowing energy, sad to part but hearts filled with joy. This is the first of many encounters to build and nurture using Drama as a means of transformation – the transformation of stories, of spaces, of breaking down screens, and sharing a powerful experience.

"It reminded me of the importance of appreciating the small moments

that bring us joy and the strength that can be found in a simple smile." Athandiwe Qunya Gr 10 Dramatic Arts student Kearsney College.



Inter-house Music

The annual Inter-house Music competition is a highlight in the Kearsney calendar. The talent on display was phenomenal. Involving dozens of boys from each House, the performance level was exceptional, and their peers' support was inspirational. This year, the results were so close that the gap between first place and third place was a mere 0,84%. Well done to Finningley on taking the win this year.



Dale Carnegie

The Dale Carnegie Generation.Next training focuses on skills for future success, showing people how to "tap into the best parts of themselves to create positive change".

Between 2003 and 2023 there have been 42 Dale Carnegie Generation.Next courses held at Kearsney College, and over 1000 of our boys have earned the coveted Dale Carnegie certificate. This year more than half of the Kearsney Grade 11s participated in the course.

The recipients of the highest award, as voted on by their peers, were Bryce Blomquist (Term 1) and Callum Steer (Term 3).



Bryce Blomquist – Term 1 Award Recipient



Callum Steer – Term 3 Award Recipient

Speakers' Societies end-of-year dinners

Report by *Ms Natalie Arndt*, Teacher in Charge.

The Speakers' Circle and the Inner Circle end-of-year dinners in Term 4 were an opportunity to say farewell to two very special groups of boys: the Grade 10s, who are moving into the Inner Circle, and the Grade 12s, who are moving on to new experiences next year. It was wonderful to be able to host the Grade 10 and Grade 12 parents, who could witness first-hand the exceptional speaking ability of their sons.

A highlight of the dinners was the tribute the members paid to each other, which is a testament to the culture of acceptance and safety these societies practise as they

grapple with the daunting skill of public speaking; I applaud each speaker for adopting and valuing this attitude.

The trophies awarded at the end-of-year dinners are as follows:

INNER CIRCLE (Grades 11 and 12):
Best Object Speech – In the News Today Pair: Zweli Sibanyoni and Kyle Berry
Best Icebreaker: Elihle Hadebe
Best Impromptu Speech: shared by Matthew Lamplough and Sim Mkhize
Best Introduction of a Speaker: Sethu Magubane



Best Prepared Speech: shared by Hayden Davel and Devahn van der Walt

Best Vote of Thanks: Luhlelo Sibisi
Trophy for Excellence in Public Speaking: Liam Jansen van Rensburg

SPEAKERS' CIRCLE (Grades 9 and 10):
Best Object Speech, The What's It Trophy: Wandile Sibisi and Jason Denekamp
Best Icebreaker, The Sue O' Neill Trophy: Ben Menges
Best Impromptu Speech: Joel Steyn
Best Introduction of a Speaker: Liam Botha
Prepared Speech: The Sutler-Gore Trophy for the **Best Prepared Speech of the Year:** Joshua Griffiths
Best Vote of Thanks: Austin Clewlow
The Speakers' Circle Trophy for the Most Improved Speaker: shared by Ndabenhle Mkhize and Cullan Abrahams
The Lamplough Trophy for Excellence in Public Speaking: Connor Grenfell

Congratulations to all the participants and winners.

Offshore Sailing excitement

A group of Kearsney dads and lads took advantage of an introductory course on offshore sailing arranged by the College over the first weekend of the Michaelmas holiday.

The boys spent three days learning the fundamentals of yacht sailing while following humpback whales around Durban Bay. They all successfully completed their yacht hand training and received a certificate from the Offshore Sailing Academy.



Directors of Rugby and Hockey appointed

We are pleased to announce two exciting new appointments at the College, as Keegan Daniel takes up the Director of Rugby position, and Keegan Pearce assumes the role of Director of Hockey.

A Sharks legend, Keegan Daniel earned an incredible 273 caps for the Sharks between 2006 and 2018, captaining the team from 2011 to 2013. Keegan also played 23 games for the Kubota Spears in Japan, from 2014-2016. Keegan earned five Springbok caps between 2010 and 2012.

A highly respected hockey man, Keegan Pearce has eight years' experience in the South African Hockey Association coaching and South African Schools structures. Keegan is currently the Head Coach of the SA Schools Boys Hockey Team and the Assistant Coach of the SA U21 Men's Team. He has been involved in two SA Men's hockey team events as a video analyst and junior trainer. He was previously the Head Coach of the KZN Schools U14A, U16A and U18A. Keegan serves on the KZN High Schools Committee as the Head of High Performance and is the Convenor of Selectors for the KZN U18 Schools Team.

We wish both men the best of luck in their new roles and look forward to our boys and staff benefitting from the wealth of experience and expertise they will bring to the College.

Kearsney Cricket Academy

Kearsney is pleased to be partnering with Mthokozisi Shezi to launch an exciting new cricket academy, hosted at Kearsney College. Shezi represented SAU19 in the 2006 Under-19 Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka and earned a Proteas cap in 2014. He has represented SA Emerging, SA A, the National Academy, the Dolphins and the Cape Cobras. The Kearsney Cricket Academy will be open to all age groups from beginners to top-level cricketers. The academy will focus on skills development for all ages and skill levels, as well as coaching on the mental component, to assist with performance under pressure. Fun and enjoyment of the game will be emphasised.



For any further details please contact Mr Shezi directly on 064 588 9285 / cricketacademy@kearsney.com.

SA Representation

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Matthew de Oliveira – SA U17 Hockey selection

Congratulations to Matt de Oliveira on his selection for the South African Schools Hockey Association U17 Boys Team to participate in the 2nd Mirnawan Cup Under 17 Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 18-26 November 2023. Malaysia, South Africa, England, Japan, India and Australia have been invited to take part. Matt was selected for SA Schools U18 hockey team earlier in the year.

Luca represents SA at BRICS U20 Games

Kearsney's Grade 10 pupil Luca Sandri, represented South Africa at the BRICS U20 Games in Durban in October. Luca was part of the men's 100m freestyle and 50m freestyle relay team, which won gold in the two events.

Sportsman of the Year 2023: Dylan Wiggett

The 2023 Kearsney College Sportsman of the Year was presented to Dylan Wiggett. Dylan had a phenomenal year on the sports field. He conveyed strong leadership skills that complimented his immense sporting ability.

Dylan represented Kearsney College in four 1st team sports: cricket, hockey, soccer, and indoor hockey. In all the sports Dylan played, he held leadership roles which was vital in helping his various teams achieve consistent success.



Dylan was a part of the highly successful KZN Coastals U18B hockey team in the interprovincial tournament.

We thank Dylan for his significant contribution and service to sport at Kearsney College for the last five years and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavours.

Provincial representation

KZN Water Polo selections

We are delighted to announce that the following boys were selected to represent KZN in the Inter-Provincial Tournament to be held in Gqeberha from 09 to 13 December 2023.

KZN U14: Max Mills, James Whatmore, Reece York

Non-travelling reserves: Clement Makelele, Mcebisi Zulu

KZN U15: Levi Tom, Oliver Ludwig, Tom Aylward, Thomas Franke

KZN U16: Luca Sandri, James Pohl

Non-travelling reserves: Robert Smith

KZN U19B: Blake Kruger, Elihle Hadebe

Non-travelling reserves: Ryan Sim, Callum Clark



KZN Cricket selections

Congatulations to the following boys on their KZN selections:

KZN U19: Hayden Bishop, Ross Coetzee

Non-Travelling reserve: Sandiswa Yeni

KZN U17: Cameron Veenstra, Sandiswa Yeni, Murray Weyer, Ryan Browning

KZN U15: Blue team: Litha Gonya

KZN U15: Green team: Aaron Blackburn, Keegan de Jager, Daniel Miskey, Cade Francis

Non-travelling reserve: Hayden Swart

Management: Mr Mthokozisi Shezi – Head Coach



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Carpe Diem

U17 Stayers' Cricket Festival

Kearsney College participated once again in this popular and well-organised festival held during the Michaelmas holidays at Michaelhouse. The team (mainly consisting of 2nd XI, 3rd XI and 16A players) was ably led by Matthew Lamplough, and they were impressive against some strong opposition. Matches were played in an exceptionally good spirit and the camaraderie among the players was outstanding. The team recorded 3 wins in the 4 games - against St David's, St Charles and Uplands College while recording a loss against a strong St Alban's outfit.

Coach: Mr Cameron Gordon
Manager: Mr Neil Peacock

Cricket team unbeaten on Zimbabwean tour

Report by *Mr André van Zyl, Manager.*

Kearsney College embarked on an international sports tour for the first time in many years when our 1st XI took part in the St John's (Harare) Ram Slam T20 competition. Two other South African schools, Clifton College and Westville Boys, were present too. Our team played an outstanding brand of explosive cricket, beating Wise Owl School, Prince Edward, Lomagundi and the hosts St John's Harare in tough uncompromising pool games. We met St John's again in the semi-final. Cameron Veenstra top scored in a tense match with 46 not out and we posted 169/7. The game went down to the wire. Jack O'Donovan took 2 wickets for 11 runs, and Murray Weyer was superb at the death, defending our score by a mere 5 runs to reach the final.

We played Westville Boys in the final, where we played our best cricket of the tournament. Hayden Bishop (38) and Michael de Beer (43) got us to a competitive 170/5. We restricted Westville to 135/9 with Ross Coetzee being the standout bowler, with 4 for 26.

Winning the tournament for the first time in asking was an incredible achievement. Congratulations to the 1st XI. The boys were superb ambassadors for the College both on and off the field and left Zimbabwe with memories that will last a lifetime.

1st Team Cricket

The Kearsney College 1st XI have had a hectic and highly successful Term 3/4 season. At the time of writing, the 1st XI had played a total of 17 matches, winning 14 and losing 3.

The season started with an eight-wicket victory over a star-studded Dolphins Academy team in Term 3. Following a 33-run victory over a strong Old Cric's team (KCOB), the 1st XI travelled to Maritzburg College to participate in the Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week. The team won their

Grey High U15 Cricket Festival

The Kearsney U15 cricket team participated in the Grey High U15 Cricket Festival in Gqeberha in the Michaelmas holidays. The boys enjoyed challenging fixtures against some of SA's best cricketing schools and were competitive throughout. A highlight was a two-wicket victory over Free State powerhouse Grey College, in a 50-over fixture played at Victoria Park. The festival allowed the boys to test themselves against quality opposition and will hold them in good stead for the rest of the season.

Coach: Mr Jono Beaumont



U15 team



St John's (Harare) Ram Slam T20 - Champions!

matches against KES, Waterkloof and St John's College. On the final day the boys played against Affies in a T20. Affies won a favourable toss, where the overnight rain played its part, and sent us in to bat. Affies won comprehensively, by 7 wickets.

Michaelmas Week Highlights:

Hayden Bishop 67 against KES, 72 not out against Waterkloof
Sandiswa Yeni ended with career-best figures of 6 for 40 against Waterkloof

Michael de Beer 52 not out against Waterkloof
Murray Weyer 4 for 46 vs St John's College
Ross Coetzee 95 not out against St John's
Adam Zeiler 57 not out against St John's

The opening day of Term 4 saw a triangular hosted by Hilton. Hilton batted first and we restricted them to 118/9. Bishop and Veenstra then knocked off the runs with ease to complete a resounding 9-wicket victory. Having to play directly after that match in sweltering conditions played its part against St Charles where we didn't bowl or field well enough. We lost to the better team by 29 runs.

A disappointing home defeat to Michaelhouse followed before a solid 4-wicket win over DHS where Dylan Wiggett took 2 wickets and made 53 runs. A 9-wicket win over Northwood followed.

Water Polo

Water polo this season began with some big tournaments around the country and players put in some impressive displays of talent, teamwork and commitment.

1st team Clifton Tournament 6th place
1st team SACS Tournament (did not make the quarter-finals)
1st team Northwood Stayers' Tournament 1st place
U15 Wynberg tournament 12th place
U14 Rondebosch Tournament 4th place
U14 Hilton Tournament 9th place

Top 10 Tournament

Kearsney's U14A, U15A and 1st teams competed in the annual Top 10 schools water polo tournament. Kearsney has been investing time into their respective age groups over the past two years and has seen significant improvement.

1st team - 3rd place
U15A - 3rd place
U14A - 4th place

Kearsney finished in 3rd place overall behind Clifton 2nd and Hilton 1st, which is the highest overall placing for Kearsney since 2016.

Northwood Knights Tournament

Kearsney 1st water polo team won the Northwood Knights Stayers' Tournament over the half-term weekend.

Results: vs Maritzburg College won 17-1;
vs Glenwood won 18-3;

Overall, this has been a remarkable season of which everyone involved in the 1st XI can be immensely proud.

Kearsney Batting Record

Congratulations to Hayden Bishop who broke the school's batting record for the most runs in a calendar year. He passed the previous highest of 1237 runs against Waterkloof on 01 October at Michaelmas week with a knock of 72 not out. With one game to play in the season, Hayden has accumulated 1,414 runs in the calendar year, at an incredible average of 54.5. Congratulations on making history Hayden!



James Francke has earned 147 1st team caps

vs Northwood won 13-6;
Quarter-final: Kearsney beat Reddam House Helderfontein (7-1)
Semi-final: Kearsney beat Clifton 8-7 (on penalties)
Final: Kearsney beat Westville Boys' High 8-6

Congratulations to our U14A water polo team for finishing 2nd in the Northwood U14 Tournament.

Results: vs Westville Boys' High won 7-3;
vs Michaelhouse won 6-1;
vs Hilton College lost 1-4;
vs Maritzburg College won 8-2;
vs Clifton College won 7-4;
vs Northwood won 5-1;
vs DHS won 11-0;
vs Glenwood won 7-1;
vs Hilton (final) lost 2-8.

100+ caps

The following water polo players have represented the Kearsney 1st team over the last few years, and we would like to recognise them for their dedication and commitment to their sport. These players have played over 100 fixtures for their school.

James Francke - 147 Caps
Blake Kruger - 132 Caps
David Pohl - 127 Caps
Ryan Sim - 126 Caps
James Pohl - 105 Caps
Luca Sandri - 101 caps
Robert Smith - 101 caps
Guy Roberts - 100 Caps
Thomas Gowin - 100 Caps

Basketball

Independent Schools Stayers' Tournament

Kearsney hosted the 10th Edition of the Independent Schools Stayers' Tournament over the Heritage Day long weekend. The tournament kicks off the 2023/2024 basketball season. Forty-eight teams participated in three divisions, with schools from Gauteng, the Eastern Cape, KZN, Swaziland, and Mozambique taking place. It was evident from the standard of play that some of the best schools' basketball programmes were in action. The action was fast and furious, with the standard of this year's tournament being very high, with many close and competitive games. There were arguably six teams which could have won the tournament but that distinction fell to St Benedict's from Johannesburg, who were deserving winners of the A division final, claiming the championship for the first time in their ten years of participation. St Sithians College ran out winners in the B division in a closely fought final with Michaelhouse. St Peter's Prep School won the primary school division, which Highbury Prep School co-hosted. Kearsney had two teams participating. The 1st Team finished a credible eighth out of twenty an improvement over the last two years. The Kearsney invitation team

Exceptional Triathlon Successes

Nathan Foster took part in two World Cup Triathlon events in Mauritius in September. The first was the African Triathlon Sprint Championships, in the U19 category where Nathan finished 3rd behind two Frenchmen.

The second event was the Mauritius International Triathlon in the elite men's category, which is open to professional athletes. Nathan is to be congratulated on his 7th-place finish. Nathan is ranked #2 U19 triathlete in Africa.



finished fourth out of 16 schools in the B division, losing out on the bronze medal in a pulsating overtime game.

Kearsney Invitation Tournament

Kearsney hosted a second Tournament - the Kearsney Invitation Basketball Tournament, over the second weekend of the holidays. This basketball tournament has begun gaining traction and ten of the country's top basketball-playing government schools from around the country participated. The basketball was of a high standard, with competitive games being played over the three days. After fighting their way out of the pool rounds, four KZN high schools - Northwood, DHS, Maritzburg College, and Kearsney - made it to the semi-finals. Maritzburg College and Northwood eventually contested the final. The dominant Northwood team overcame a valiant effort by Maritzburg College to win an enthralling tournament final.

Term 4 Basketball Season

Kearsney fielded up to 23 teams on weekends, which is the biggest number of teams fielded since the inception of basketball as a sport at the College. The games have been of a high standard, and the boys competed fiercely.

Two additional courts have been constructed on Hopkins Field which has eased the congestion at practices and allowed more teams to have access to practice venues, which will benefit the sport in the long term.

Glencairn Trail Run

A group of Kearsney cross country runners took on the Glencairn Trail Run. Day one was eight kilometres, and day two 10km. Luke Treleaven finished first, Nathan Foster second, Andrew James third and Keaton Gaines fifth.

The future of basketball is looking bright as the U14As placed second at the Michaelhouse U14 Tournament, losing by one point to Hilton College in the finals. The U14Bs finished in 5th place above several schools' A teams and did the College proud. The U15As participated in the Home Turf Hoops U15 Invitational hosted by Northwood and beat the hosts to emerge as the tournament champions going unbeaten throughout the tournament. Kearsney is fortunate to have dedicated and enthusiastic staff members to coach and manage the boys at these events.



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KZN Clay Target Shooting

Harry Hughes (Grade 8) has been awarded KZN colours for Clay Target Shooting and will participate at the Chairman's Cup in the NSSA Skeet discipline in Polokwane.



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Canoeing

Report by Mr Steve Main, MIC Canoeing.

Canoeing has continued to develop, and regular training has taken place at our new home venue - Inanda Dam. Upgraded boat racks erected at the dam, significantly improved access and storage of boats.

The team members receive regular motivation and input from Old Boys, Callam Davis (SA K1 1000m champion) and Andrew Sebire. Such opportunities have allowed beginner paddlers to develop the correct techniques from the start and to match themselves against the best paddlers in the country.

This term, the 2023 Inter-school season was concluded with the final enduro event on the upper Umgeni River. The team of Rory Treleaven and Raine Scoular finished in 5th place overall and they were placed first in the U16 category.

In the individual U16 age-group competition, Raine Scoular finished in 5th place and Rory Treleaven in 6th. These excellent results, and some promising U14 paddlers, who are making rapid progress, are key indicators that Kearsney will continue to be extremely competitive next year.

Kearsney finished 4th overall in the 2023 Inter-schools' League, just missing out on a podium finish by 9 points.

Fish River Canoe Marathon

Outside of the school races, another significant highlight must be Rory Treleaven completing his second Fish River Canoe Marathon in Cradock. Rory (driving) teamed up with his father Ross in a K2 for the 2023 edition, having completed the 2023 race in a K3. Rory and Ross finished in 87th place overall and 76th in the K2 category.

Mountain Biking

Congratulations to Kearsney's Liam Oets for his sixth place in the Youth Men's Category of the 2023 SA Mountain Bike Enduro Championships held at the Cascades, Pietermaritzburg in October. The competition was held over five stages, involving uphill pedaling and racing for the fastest downhill time.

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Fish River Canoe Marathon - Rory Treleaven and his father, Ross



Squash tour to Pretoria

The 1st Squash Team travelled to the Menlo Park Stayers' Festival in Pretoria in October.

The boys enjoyed some challenging fixtures against up-country competition. Keagan Coetzee is commended on being unbeaten through the festival.

We achieved the following results:

Beat the Egoli Gold Development Academy 5-1
Beat St Sithians 5-1
Lost to Menlo Park 4-2
Lost to Pretoria Boys High 4-2

SA Schools Golf Tournament

Reece Brown (left) and Matthew Gouws competed in the SA Schools Golf Tournament at Irene Country Club during the October holidays. Reece was part of the KZN A-Team, which finished 2nd, and in the individual standings, Reece finished a creditable tie 14th. Matthew Gouws was a member of the KZN B Team, which finished 4th, with Matthew finishing tied 28th. Congratulations to both players.





Cross Country

The 2023 Inter-house Cross-Country event was run at the end of Term 3. There was great excitement on the afternoon as the outcome would decide the overall inter-house champion for the year. The boys gave their all.

Luke Treleaven won the 4km junior race for Gillingham in a time of 17min 20s.

House placings for the juniors were 1st Finningley, 2nd Pembroke, 3rd Gillingham and 4th Sheffield.

Rory Treleaven won the 6km senior race for Gillingham in a time of 26min 15s. House placings in the senior category were 1st Pembroke, 2nd Finningley, 3rd Gillingham and 4th Sheffield.



Finningley took 1st place, narrowly beating Pembroke, followed by Gillingham, and Sheffield in last position.



Grandparents' Day

The College enjoyed a wonderful Grandparents' Day on 15 September, as hundreds of proud Kearsney grandparents joined us on the Hill. The guests enjoyed the entertainment and the speeches in the Chapel, where they were reminded how special and important they are to their grandsons.

Our guests then enjoyed a delicious tea in Henderson Hall, beautifully decorated in a Peter Pan theme, and the opportunity to take their grandsons off campus for lunch.

Thank you to all the grandparents for joining us and making the day so special for the boys.



KEARSNEY COLLEGE Foundation

Kearsney College Annual Bursary and Scholarship Ambassador Lunch

Phoka Mchunu (Sheffield, 2018, Head of School) was the guest speaker at the Kearsney College Bursary and Scholarship Ambassador lunch on Thursday, 14 September. His message encompassed working hard and never giving up, to the essential principle of being a good person. Phoka connected with his fellow Kearsney gentlemen, conveying what it means to be part of this exceptional group of men, having started his journey as a recipient of a Transnet Foundation Bursary. Phoka has recently graduated from the University of Cape Town with honours in



Economic Analysis of Financial Markets. He previously completed his undergrad in Information Systems with Finance at UCT. Whilst completing his honours last year he started working as an analyst for a Cape Town Venture Capital Fund. He has joined Goldman Sachs in Sandton Johannesburg as an Investment Banking Analyst.

His awards include being selected as an Allan Gray candidate fellow, Golden Key Member, one of News24's 100 Young Mandela's and the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

We look forward to welcoming many of our 2023 matric scholarship and bursary boys back to the College in future years as mentors.

Giving and benefaction at Kearsney College

The primary goal of the Kearsney Foundation is to actively seek and secure external funding for the College to support and advance the endowment fund. This is achieved by loyal Kearsney supporters contributing through collective giving initiatives; namely Class Funds and Monthly Donors; support of the MySchool and School-Days programmes; corporate donations to our ring-fenced B-BBEE Fund, once-off financial donations into the Endowment and signing up to be a Kearsney Legacy Society member.

In this, our last News & Views for 2023, the Kearsney College Foundation would like to thank our benefactors, donors, sponsors and parents for their continued invaluable support of the College through the Foundation in 2023.

Section 18(A) Tax Certificates

The Kearsney College Foundation would like to advise that the laws governing the issuing of tax certificates changed with

effect from 01 March 2023. To ensure that S18A certificates are issued at the end of the current tax year (2023/ 2024), we will contact our donors to update details to meet the revised laws.

The Kearsney College Trust is a registered Public Benefit Organization (PBO: 130002570) and Non-Profit Organisation (NPO: 024-882-NPO), and therefore, all donations made within South Africa will receive a S18A tax certificate.

Please contact the Foundation office on foundation@kearsney.com if you wish to learn more about our various areas of giving.

MySchool and School-Days

As we head into the festive season, we remind our Kearsney families and friends to swipe your MySchool and School-Days cards at all participating stores.

Funds raised from loyalty programmes like MySchool and School-Days are allocated to the Kearsney College Bursary and Scholarship Fund.

To register for MySchool
follow this link <https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register> and register for School-Days using the QR code (follow the prompts).

Contact the Foundation office
with any queries you may have on foundation@kearsney.com



- Scan the QR code
- Follow the prompts
- Nominate Kearsney a beneficiary

KCOB News

The fourth term of 2023 was busy for the alumni of the College as many branch events and functions were held.

South Coast Branch Function

On 06 October the South Coast Branch of the KCOB gathered at the picturesque Southbroom Golf Club to welcome Mr and Mrs Lees to the local community. Joined by Senior Deputy Headmaster, Mr Kirsten, the venue was humming with conversation as Old Boys, past teachers and parents celebrated our great school.

Gauteng Business Networking Breakfast

On 12 October Gauteng-based KCOB entrepreneurs, businessmen and company owners gathered at Olive & Plates Embassy Towers for a business networking breakfast with "a twist". The event followed a "speed dating" format, with everyone having 60 seconds to introduce themselves and / or their business in a one-on-one format before a bell was rung to signal to switch seats. The format was well received.

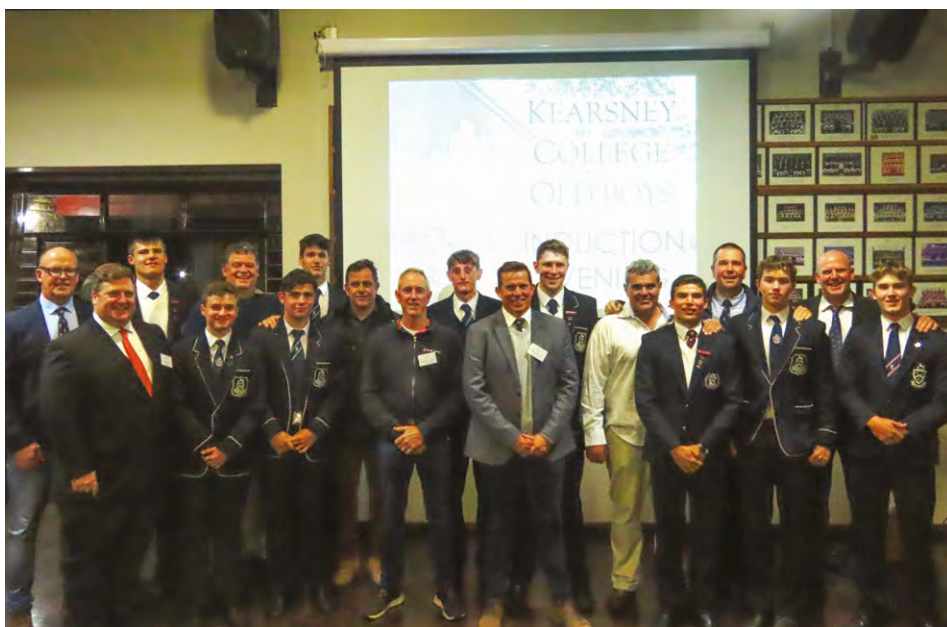
The next Business Networking Breakfast will be held locally on 28 February 2024.

Zululand Branch Function

The Zululand Branch of the KCOB gathered at the new "Vista Boma" at Vista Lagoa Portuguese Restaurant, to welcome Mr and Mrs Lees to the community on 20 October.

Chaired by Daniel Verbaan (Finningley, 1993), this branch of the Old Boys boasts an array of members ranging from prospective parents, past parents, current parents to alumni.

Lize Mathew, Oliver Mathew (Finningley, 2009), Richard Mathew (Finningley, 2004), Kelmaré Mathew (and baby Penelope) with Jo and Bradley Mallett (Gillingham, 2007) at the Zululand Event.



Members of the Class of 2023 with KCOB fathers.

KCOB Induction for the Class of 2023

On 09 October the Class of 2023 gathered in the Greyhound Pavilion on campus for their Kearsney College Old Boys' induction.

KCOB President, Mhlangenkululeko Siwisa (Finningley, 2001), officially presented the Kearsney Old Boys to the Matrics.

Joined by alumni from various decades, many with sons in Grade 12, the boys got to hear first-hand what it means to be a KCOB and the benefits of maintaining school ties beyond their time at the College.



L-R: Deputy Head of School Devahn van der Walt, KCOB President Mhlangenkululeko Siwisa, and Head of School Simthembele Mkhize

The boys will formally join the guild of Old Boys, receiving their KCOB ties, after their final examination on Thursday, 23 November 2023.



Grade 11 Dance

The Grade 11 Dance was held in the Henderson Hall. The venue was beautifully decorated along the theme of "La Dolce Vita". One of the highlights was having a shiny black Vespa as part of the display in the foyer, which was used as a prop in countless photographs of couples enjoying the evening.

Thanks go to those who helped with decorating the venue and for the lovely meal provided.



Parents' Society Quiz Night

The Parents' Society held their inaugural Quiz Night on 09 September. The Henderson Hall was beautifully decorated from the Grade 11 dance held the night before.

Thirteen teams signed up for a fun, competitive evening. When they arrived, the teams discovered a collection of dress-up items on their tables, each with a different theme. This led to a lot of laughter and lively banter.

Thanks must go to the Quiz Master, Mr Mark Ogilby, for the considerable effort that went into setting up a challenging quiz with lots of interesting questions on a wide range of topics. The competition was close, with Team Bokke Bokke and Team Back to School both finishing with 50 points. The tie was settled with a dance-off, which Team Back to School won.

The format for the evening proved a great success and similar will be included in the Parents' Society fund-raising calendar in the future.

Grade 12 Art Exhibition

Report by Mrs Joanne Hicks, HOD Visual Arts.

The theme that was presented to the 2023 Matric art class was 'Resonance'. This theme is set as a national paper and underpinned all the work produced this year. The tasks included the creation of a body of work and a 24-hour final examination drawing. The boys have shown skill, determination, and an innate sense of creativity in the development of these assessments. They produced mature and highly polished artworks that culminated in an excellent exhibition, which they should be very proud of.



Riku Boshoff



Lihle Maqhugula



Matthew Langeland-Hansen

Farewell to the Grade 12s: Leavers' Dinner

The Kearsney College 2023 Matric Leaver's dinner, on 13 October, was the last formal occasion for quality time together as a Kearsney community. It was an opportunity to celebrate half a decade of endeavour. The almost 400 guests enjoyed an evening of good food, excellent company and wise words from the various speakers, in a tastefully decorated venue. The Grade Head of

Grade 12, Mr André van Zyl, thanked the boys for a good year where they contributed in the cultural sphere, on the sports field, in the classroom, and every other aspect of College life. He reiterated that it had been a pleasure and a privilege to journey with them in their final year. He acknowledged that it had not been an easy five years, particularly with the intervention of the Covid pandemic and the unrest in KZN. However, he commended the boys on their resilience. He urged the young men of the College

to maintain their standards and be role models. He added that they should respect and care for the women in their lives. Lastly, he advised the boys to choose their friends wisely and always do what is morally right. Mrs Robyn Wiggett eloquently and kindly thanked the College on behalf of the parents, and the headmaster encouraged the boys to fly and ignite their passion – wise words indeed. The dinner concluded with the traditional singing of the Shosholoz, a fitting end to an emotional and meaningful evening.





Farewell to the Class of 2023

It was a special morning at the College as we bade farewell to the Matrics at their final assembly on Friday 13 October. We congratulate this group for your exemplary leadership this year and for your contribution to the College over the last five years. The prefects of 2024 were announced, and the leadership of the College was symbolically handed over at the traditional flag ceremony.

We wish the Class of 2023 all the best for the future. Carpe diem.



Scan the QR code to see the video of the Grade 12 last day 2023.



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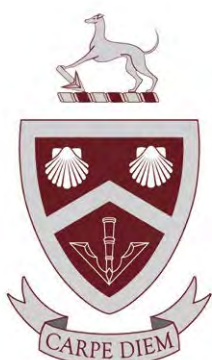
Thought for the Moment

During the final school chapel service for the Matric class of 2023, our Head of Chapel had an opportunity to share a word of encouragement with this school. The verse he chose came from Romans 8:18, which says, "The pain you feel now does not compare to the joy that is coming".

The message he shared with the school is one that can speak to each of us:

"Whether it be challenges in the classroom block - not meeting your academic goals - or challenges on the sports field - not making the team you hoped for - or even challenges in your personal life, always remember that the pain you feel today will not and does not compare to the joy that is about to come. Embrace every challenge and always seize every day knowing that the Lord is with you. Challenges and tribulations are inevitable and there will be many moments where conquering them will feel impossible but always remember: "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God." (Mark 10:27)". May these words inspire us, too, as we face the challenges of each day with courage and with hope.

Rev. Kym Bishop
Chaplain



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