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# Academic Excellence Celebrated

*Report by Mr Robert Carpenter, Marketing Director.*

Kearsney celebrated its matric achievers at a special Speech Night and Prize-giving ceremony at the end of Term 3. The College's exceptional academic standard was again highlighted, with a remarkable third of the Class of 2024 achieving an aggregate of over 75%.

Jack White earned the coveted title of Dux of the School, achieving Academic Honours Cum Laude, as well as subject prizes for Mathematics, Further Studies Mathematics, History essay and Geography. The Proxime Accessit to Dux, Ryan Browning, was also awarded Academic Honours Cum Laude, and subject prizes for Physical Sciences and Biology. (Continued on page 2.)

*Mr Zukulu, Jack White, Ryan Browning and Headmaster, Mr Lees.*

*Jack White, Mukona Marageni and Thomas Schulze, who were amongst the top 100 students in South Africa, hold the collection of awards.Mukona Marageni achieved the remarkable distinction of being the "Best Performing South African Junior Black Learner" in the country.*

## Kearsney the Top Performing School in KZN in the South African Mathematics Olympiad for the 5th 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 fifth consecutive year for the results in the national olympiad. Congratulations to the Mathematics Department and the Kearsney pupils who performed exceptionally well in the SA Mathematics Olympiad.

## SA Schools Golf

Three of the five golfers selected for KZN last term have been chosen to represent the SA Schools Golf team. Congratulations to Matthew Gouws (right), Tyron Keylock (left) and Reece Brown on their selections. This is a remarkable achievement!

## 33 KZN selections in Term 4 - Summer sports

Excellent news regarding Kearsney sportsmen selected for provincial teams this term.

**Water Polo:** 16 players in various age groups.

**Cricket:** Nine cricketers in various age groups and three staff members in official roles.

**Tennis:** Five players in various age groups.

**Basketball** was announced last term, with three players representing KZN, two of whom went on to be selected for SA. See details in sports section.

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In addition to Jack and Ryan, Julian Carbonel, Woojae Lee, Finn Calenborne, Pranav Sewsunker, Matthew Shepherd and Deputy Head of School Matthew Lamplough also achieved aggregates over 86%.

Academic Honours (80-85%) were awarded to Luca Borrageiro (who also received the trophy for best all-rounder in the 6th Form), Brandon Haley, Evan Powers, Siphosethu Magubane, Liam Calenborne, Qhawe Balfour, Luke Oriani-Ambrosini, Lwandile Nzala, Guy Carpenter and Callum Steer.

Former Kearsney teacher and environmental activist Mr Sinegugu Zukulu was the guest speaker for the occasion. He told the boys about his work protecting the Wild Coast from destructive seismic testing for oil and gas. He was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize earlier this year for his efforts.

We congratulate the Class of 2024 on their excellent efforts and look forward to them shining in the final IEB NSC examinations.

## SA Inter-provincial Mathematics Team Competition

*Kearsney's Junior team, anchored by five Kearsney boys, came second in SA.*

On Saturday 14 September, 12 Kearsney boys from Grade 8 – 12 competed in the SA Inter-provincial Mathematics Team Competition. Each province chooses teams, based on students' progress in Round 2 of the SA Mathematics Olympiad, to compete for National Team Honours. We formed six 'Siyanqoba Kearsney' teams involving the best mathematicians in the greater Highway region.

We were proud of the 12 Kearsney College Boys who participated (from the 17 selected).

JUNIOR (Grades 8 and 9)
Mukona Marageni, Thomas Schulze, Thomas du Plessis, Shavanth Chelladu, Shay Bagaria, Craig McKenzie, George Sykes.

SENIOR (Grades 10 – 12)
Woojae Lee, Hayden Dunsdon, Matt Olivier, James Sim, Matthew Behrens.
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## Leaders to serve the College

*Congratulations to the boys appointed as prefects for 2025.*

**Head of School**- Luca Sandri
**Deputy Head of School**- Jamie van Wyk

FINNINGLEY
**Head of House**- Bukho Hlwatika
**Deputies:** Cullan Abrahams, Oliver Gray, Jason De Gryse, Ndabenhle Mkhize, Liam Oets, Luke Patterson

GILLINGHAM
**Head of House**- Joshua Painting
**Deputies:** Connor Grenfell, Mthobisi Mngomezulu, Thabang Ramokgopa, Calum Skewis, Rory Treleaven

HALEY
**Head of House**- Nic Comrie
**Deputies:**Nathan Foster, Kgosana Hekandjo, Kunashe Kamwendo, Kaylin Moodley, Pj Snyman, Matthew Terblanche

PEMBROKE
**Head of House**- James Pohl
**Deputies:** Hayden Dunsdon, Luca Mindry, Simanye Mlakalaka, Doan Nel, Oliver Tubb

SHEFFIELD
**Head of House**- Joel Steyn
**Deputies:** Joshua Griffiths, James Hastings-Brown, Oliver Hind, Mnikelo Madlala, Connor van Heerden

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Five junior Kearsney pupils were selected for the Siyanqoba Kearsney A team based on the individual paper results. They were ranked in KZN as follows:

1st Shavanth Chelladu
4th Mukona Marageni
5th Shay Bagaria
6th Thomas Schulze
8th George Sykes

Four senior Kearsney pupils were selected for the Siyanqoba Kearsney A team, ranked as follows:

2nd James Sim
3rd Woojae Lee
5th Matt Olivier
9th Matthew Behrens

**We were extremely happy with the National results:**

**Seniors:** The Senior A team was placed 7th overall in SA, out of 42 provincial teams taking part.

**Juniors:** Our Junior A team was placed 2nd overall, narrowly losing out the Western Province A team, which is an incredible achievement.

These boys are congratulated for their hard work, which included attending evening online training lessons over five weeks and their incredible achievements.

## Kearsney the top performing school in KZN in the National Junior Online History Olympiad

*Report by Mr Neil Peacock, HOD History.*

Congratulations to the pupils who achieved tremendous results in the national History Olympiad.

**Gold Certificates (top 5% nationally):**
Misa Buthelezi (Gr 9)
Thomas du Plessis (Gr 9)
Adam Georgiadis (Gr 9)
Adam Kennedy (Gr 9)
Christopher Oellermann (Grade 9)

**Silver Certificate (top 10% nationally):**
Arav Govender (Gr 9)

**Bronze Certificate (top 15% nationally):**
Ian Gourlay (Gr 9)
Akim Nsingo (Gr 8)
Lance Martegautle (Gr 8)

Kearsney College was once again the top-performing school in KZN.

## SAMC Round 3 Training by Kersney Teachers

*Report by Mr Marc Ancillotti, HOD Mathematics.*

The final round of the South African Mathematics Challenge, the primary schools' version of the Maths Olympiad, run by the SA Mathematics Foundation, was written at Kearsney on Thursday 12 September 2024. The top 100 students nationally, in each of the two categories, are invited to write the paper.

In the morning, two Kearsney teachers, Mr Ceronio and Mrs du Plessis, and three SA Mathematics Foundation facilitators conducted **training sessions for 80 students**. During this time, Mr Ancillotti and Mrs Hotz conducted **training for the 40 teachers** who had been invited.

The training aimed at helping the pupils and teachers develop their problem-solving skills, strategies and techniques. Some of the mathematically talented pupils from our KZN primary schools took the opportunity to join the Challenge finalists at the training sessions. Their day ended with a fun but challenging inter-school maths quiz.

We trust that a great deal of learning took place, but more importantly, that all had fun.

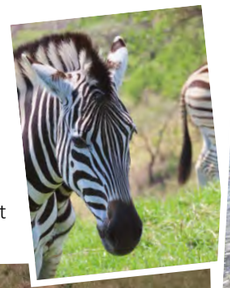
# Biology Field Trips

*Report by Mr Dougan Macdonald, HOD Life Sciences.*

The Grade 9s went to Phezulu Safari Park, where they took a tour through the reptile park and learned about crocodiles, snakes and tortoises. They also went on a game drive, learning about the animals, ecosystems and park management.

The Grade 8s went to Treasure Beach, where they learned about the rocky shore, the ecosystems found there, sampling techniques and the impact that humans have on the environment.

*Grade 9s at PheZulu*



*Grade 8s at Treasure Beach*

Wild Kearsney

Some exciting wildlife sightings on campus have been reported this term.

An exhausted and somewhat disorientated little free-tailed bat was rescued outside the Henderson Hall in September. After some rest and water, the bat recovered enough to fly and returned to its roost.

The Egyptian Goose population has been expanding. Both parents are attentive, carefully guiding the goslings around the campus as they teach them to swim and forage.

## The Hanle Trophy for Outstanding Cultural Achievements

*Report by Ms Andrea Fripp, Director of Clubs and Culture.*

We congratulate Mpande Luhlongwane

Mpande is a remarkably talented and versatile performer who has consistently impressed audiences with his range and dedication to the dramatic arts. Known for his ability to bring a wide variety of characters to life—from a streetwise hustler to a schoolboy and even a regal queen—Mpande has showcased his exceptional skills on multiple stages and productions. His first major appearance was as a shady gangster in ***In Their Shoes***, a role that highlighted his knack for portraying complex, gritty characters. This was followed by his endearing performance as the young and optimistic Magoo in David Kramer's ***Kat and the Kings***, where he charmed audiences with his youthful energy and expressive stage presence.

Most recently, he stole the spotlight with his lively and convincing portrayal of Queen Elizabeth in ***Shakespeare In Love***, demonstrating his ability to embody poise and humour with finesse.

Beyond acting, Mpande's talents extend to singing, making him an all-around performer who excels in multiple facets of the arts. His musical accomplishments are equally impressive; he performed as a soloist on the school's international choir tours to Germany and Spain and previous tours within South Africa to Cape Town and Gauteng.

Throughout his years at the College, Mpande has fully embraced every opportunity in the performing arts, proving himself to be an engaging, dynamic, and promising young artist. His commitment to his craft and his outstanding contributions to our productions leave no doubt that he has a bright future ahead in the world of performance.

# Musicians in action

*Report by Mr Bernard Krüger, Director of Music.*

Since returning from our successful tour to Europe during the winter holidays, our choir has been busy showcasing the boys' talents in several concerts and collaborating with other young musicians, both local and from abroad.

**Our local interactions** came in the form of the University of Pretoria Youth Choir (UPYC), which spent an afternoon in August with the boys, sharing lunch together, followed by a workshop. Later in the term, the choir and orchestra joined Durban Girls' College for a collaborative concert. Our ensembles performed their hearts out, and our boys thrilled the audience. The applause was deafening. The music staff from DGC sat in the front row and could not hide their excitement at the jaw-dropping performance of our boys. "It was phenomenal."

**Five international groups were hosted at the College**

To keep our music department at the forefront of music performance in schools, we hosted five international groups this year: a group of music education students from Stockholm (Sweden) who came to observe some of our music lessons and rehearsals, followed by the Neue Kammerchor Heidenheim from Germany, who shared a lovely concert with us in our beloved chapel in May.

In August, we hosted the Octophonics, an a cappella ensemble from the Borromäum Private High School in Salzburg, Austria. This group of young men charmed our audience with their varied programme of close harmony numbers, and the Kearsney boys did not disappoint either.

In October, we were treated to a unique musical experience: A premier accordion orchestra from North Rhine Westphalia in Germany. We decided to entertain our audience with tea and snacks from our marvellous catering company on a Sunday afternoon. This format was well received and allowed people who are unable to attend our evening concerts.
In November, one of the greatest highlights of our musical calendar took place: A combined concert with the Kearsney Choir, the KZN Youth Choir and the Barnsley Youth Choir from the United Kingdom. The two KZN choirs performed brilliantly in their final concert performances of the year before the magnificent BYC took to the stage. In a musical tour-de-force, the 75-strong choir from the north of England had our audience on their feet after each number. The harmonies, balanced choral sound and spectacular soloists, accompanied by a formidable 5-piece band, ensured a concert that nobody will ever forget.

*KZN Youth Choir who performed in concert with the Kearsney Choir and the Barnsley Youth Choir (UK)*

**Three Kearsney pupils performed as soloists with the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra**

Three of our Kearsney boys (out of 40 applicants) were selected to perform as soloists with the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra. The annual "Young Performers Concert" is a platform where the best of KZN's young musicians can showcase their talents on the professional stage, at the Playhouse Theatre, Durban. We are proud of Joshua Griffiths (Trumpet), Rhys Hughes (Saxophone) and Bjorn Krüger (Voice) for representing our school with aplomb and joining the ranks of some highly accomplished young performers from all over KZN.

## Grade 12 Drama Showcase

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

This year's Grade 12 Drama Showcase was a celebration of the performance work of the Grade 12 Dramatic Arts students, selected from their IEB Dramatic Arts Final Practical Examination. The students transformed into entertaining and engaging performers who revealed everything they learned in their five years in our Drama Department.

From compelling monologues to delightfully comedic scenes, our young men shone on stage, often surprising their family members with the depth and maturity of their performances. After endless hours of rehearsal and preparation, it was a wonderful evening where our students could share a lesser-known side of themselves with their loved ones. The supportive audience was in awe of the outstanding work showcased.

# Public Speaking

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

## Inner Circle Dinner

Our final Inner Circle Dinner for 2024 was held early in Term 4. It was a great evening where exceptional public speaking skills were shown.

Well done to the prize winners in each category.

**Best object speech:** Liam and Finn Calenborne
**Best Icebreaker:** Hayden Dunsdon and Joshua Griffiths
**Best Impromptu Speech:** Lathitha Mhlongo
**Best introduction of a speaker:** Connor Grenfell
**Best prepared speech:** Matthew Lamplough
**Best vote of thanks:** Cullan Abrahams
**Trophy for excellence in Public Speaking:** Evan Powers

## Speakers' Circle Dinner

Our year-end Speakers' Circle Dinner was a wonderful occasion, where we congratulated those who were awarded prizes in different categories.

**Best Object Speech:** Wandile Sibisi and Alex Nortje
**Best Ice Breaker:** Raghav Bhoola
**Best Impromptu Speech:** Misa Buthelezi
**Best introduction of a speaker:** Joshua-Peter Clark
**Best Prepared Speech:** Christopher Oellermann
**Best Vote of Thanks:** Itumeleng Kubheka
**Most improved speaker:** Ethan Badish
**Excellence in Public Speaking:** Bjorn Kruger

As I leave the College at the end of the year, I thank the members of our public speaking societies for their incredible efforts, sincerity, support for each other and sense of fun. These groups include exceptionally talented pupils who have grown in confidence over the years. It has been a joy heading up these fine societies, which I will miss dearly.

## Inter-House Music 2024

A wonderful evening was enjoyed at the inter-house music competition. The depth of talent on display was remarkable, and the boys performed incredibly well. It was a truly inspiring evening, and we congratulate all the performers on their hard work and dedication.

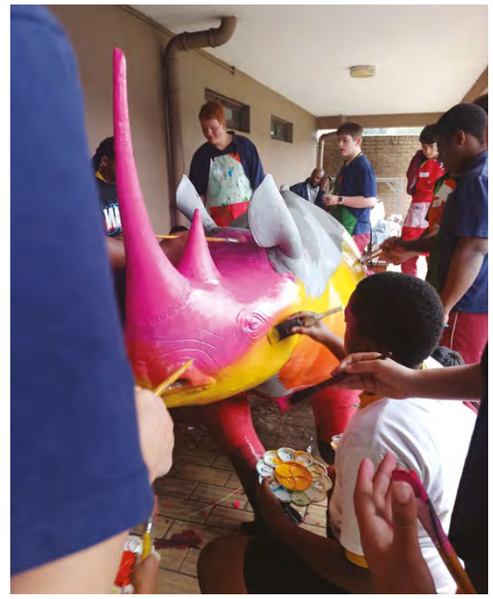
Congratulations to the winners on the night.

**Best Set Song:** Finningley
**Best Own Choice:** Gillingham (Nearer My God to Thee)
**Best Solo:** Mpande Luhlongwane (Gillingham, pictured)
**Best Duet:** Kristian Bunyan and Joshua Griffiths, Sheffield
**Best House Band:** Finningley, with lead singer Joe Verbaan

# Seafarers' Mission Community Service

*Report by Mrs Joanne Hicks, HOD Visual Arts.*

The Grade 10 Art boys were part of a community service initiative connected to the Rhino project. The boys were asked to produce a painting of a rhino, which was donated to the Seafarers Mission in Durban. This event culminated with Rhino Day and was attended by board members of the Mission and a representative from the Rhino Project. A group of boys and girls from Penzance Primary School also contributed to the design and completion of the painting on the day. Thank you to Andre Fitt for including us in this initiative and to the Grade 10 Art pupils for the creative energy and talent that went into this project.



# International Exchange

*Report by Mrs Charlene Elliott, Teacher in Charge.*

## Outgoing Exchange

This year, our school has again sent a remarkable group of Grade 10 students to schools worldwide as part of our longstanding exchange programme. These exchanges offer Kearsney boys the chance to experience different educational settings, immerse themselves in new cultures, and develop lifelong friendships.

Liam Botha, Jesse de Jager, Conor McKeown and Ethan King started their exchange after Leadership Week in Term 3 and returned to Kearsney in Term 4. They embarked on an enriching experience at Oswestry School, one of England's historic boarding schools, in the picturesque countryside of Shropshire.

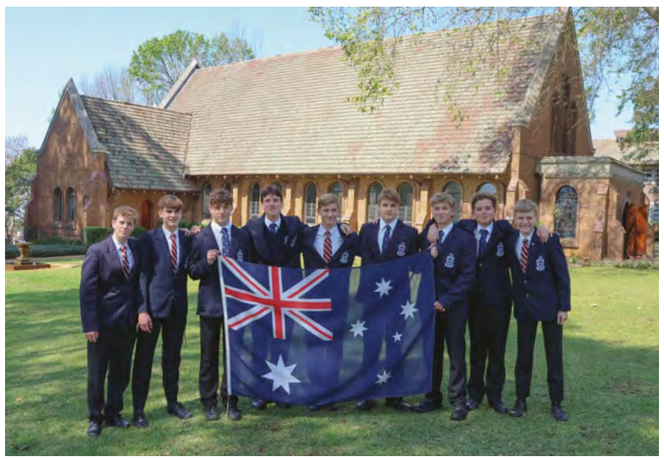
The boys travelling to Australia left Kearsney at the start of Term 4 and will stay at the respective schools for the entire term.

Nathan van Jaarsveld and Zach Emanuel travelled to The Scots College in Syndey, where they will experience a unique blend of academics and outdoor education against the beautiful backdrop of Sydney's coastline.

Jason Denekamp, Michael Groom and Connor van Heerden headed to Christ Church Grammar School in Perth, Western Australia. Located along the Swan River, Christ Church Grammar offers an inspiring learning environment focused on holistic education and environmental awareness.

We look forward to the boys' return and to reflect on how this year's experiences inspire these young men in their future endeavours.

*Conor McKeown, Liam Botha, Ethan King and Headmaster Mr Patrick Lees, taken before the boys headed off to Oswestry School, England.*



*L-R: Jason Denekamp, Zach Emanuel, Fin Ellis (Scots College), Toby Hall (CCGS), Jason Denekamp, Angus Johnston (Scots College), Max Tsokos (CCGS), Zac Martinick (CCGS), Connor van Heerden. Missing Michael Groom.*

# Sportsman of the Year

Celebrating Kearsney's Sportsman of the Year, Matthew Mendes De Oliveira.

**Hockey:** Captain of the 1st Team Hockey. Selected for the South African U18 Schools Team and the South African U21 Team.
**Indoor Hockey:** 1st Team Indoor Hockey.
**Cricket:** 1st Team Cricket
**Long-Distance Athlete:** brilliant long-distance runner. His athleticism extends beyond team sports, excelling individually and contributing to Kearsney's track and field achievements. Matthew earned the Best U19 Athlete at the inter-house athletics this year.

Matthew exemplified what it means to be a true sportsman at Kearsney College. His humility and respect for opponents and teammates have made him an admired figure at the College.

Matthew's achievements, leadership, and character have left an indelible mark on Kearsney College and have made him a deserving recipient of the Sportsman of the Year award.

# KZN Soccer

Congratulations to Poloko Lethola was selected for the KZN High Schools U15A team that won the inter-district tournament held in Gauteng during the October holidays. Four other Kearsney players represented KZN.

# Provincial & National Sport selections

## Provincial Cricket Selections

Congratulations to the following boys and staff selected to represent KZN cricket this December.

**U18 Boys:**
Ross Coetzee (Captain)
Sandiswa Yeni

**U17 Boys:**
Mr Mthokozisi Shezi (Asst Coach)

**U16 Boys:**
Bonga Maphanga
Keegan De Jager
Litha Gonya

**U15 Boys: (Green)**
Gary Verbaan
Asher Hollister
Mr Jody Saayman (Head Coach)

**U15 Boys: (Blue)**
Aaron Blackburn
Matthew Gorrie
Mr Cameron Gordon (Head Coach)

*Kearsney's KZN cricketers: Mr Saayman, Aaron Blackburn, Matthew Gorrie, Sandiswa Yeni, Bonga Maphanga, Ross Coetzee (Captain), Gary Verbaan, Asher Hollister, Keegan De Jager, Litha Gonya and Mr Gordon. Absent: Mr Shezi.*





# KZN Tennis

The following Kearsney boys have been selected for KZN teams to play in the 2025 IPT in January:

**KZN U18A:** Finn Coningham, Angus Fyvie
**KZN U18B:** Max East, Jason Denekamp
**KZN U15B:** Noah Haskell

*Jason Denekamp*

*Noah Haskell*

*Max East, Finn Coninghsm and Angus Fyvie*

## SA Selection
## Skeet Shooting

Kearsney grade 9 pupil Harry Hughes also represented South Africa as a Junior Protea at the recent World Skeet Shooting Championships held in San Antonio, Texas. He won three class gold medals and one class bronze medal.

Harry made the KZN senior team for the second consecutive year and will shoot at the national Chairman's Cup at the end of November.

# KZN Water Polo

Kearsney's outstanding water polo season has been capped with the following players selected to KZN teams:

**U19A:** James Pohl, Luca Sandri

**U19B:** Robert Smith

**U16:** Thomas Aylward, Oliver Ludwig, Levi Thom

**Non-travelling reserves:** Thomas Francke, Rourke Stacey

**U15:** James Whatmore, Max Mills, Reece York

**Non-travelling reserves:** Clement Makelele, Mcebisi Zulu

**U14:** Cristiano Sandri, Dru Mills

**U14B:** Cruz Reynolds

**Non-travelling Reserve:** Sean Mwanjira

# Kearsney College

Carpe Diem

# Water Polo riding a wave

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

This season has seen some exceptional results from our water polo teams, culminating in four tournaments won, numerous players being selected for their respective provincial sides, and a change of Top 10 Winners after 30 years. Below are the results from our respective A teams' various tournaments.

## 1st Team

### Northwood Knights 1st Team Stayers Tournament

Three players reached notable milestones during the tournament:
Levi Thom – 100 caps
Oliver Ludwig – 120 caps
James Pohl – 150 caps

### 1st St Stithians National Stayers' Tournament

The team won six games on the way to the final, where they beat Bishops 17-14 to clinch the boys' title at the Tournament.

Thomas Aylward, James Pohl and Thomas Francke were selected into the all-star team and Thomas Aylward was selected as defender of the tournament. During the Saints Tournament, Luca Sandri and Robert Smith earned their 150th caps for the 1st water polo team.

### Top 10 KZN Tournament 1st team

The Kearsney team finished 1st in this tournament. Please read more details about the three age groups in the Top 10 tournaments.

This was a heartfelt farewell for our two outgoing matriculants, culminating in a thrilling victory against Hilton in the final. Blake Kruger, captain of the first team, finished the season as the most capped first-team player in the school's history, with 176 caps.

### U16s

1st at Nick Rey U16 Tournament

### U15s

3rd at Top 10 KZN Tournament U15
6th at Wynberg U15 Tournament

### U14s

2nd, Top 10 KZN Tournament U14
6th Hilton U14 Tournament
13th Rondebosch U14 Tournament
2nd at the Northwood Tournament

Overall, it was a highly successful season for all our teams. They placed in the top 8 in every age group across national and provincial tournaments. We are exceptionally proud of our teams, including those who train week in and week out to compete over many weekends of fixtures and tournaments.

*MIC Mr Nick Rodda, with players who represented the first team during a fantastic season in which they won the Reef Cup, Top 10 in KZN, Saints Invitational and the Northwood Stayers' Tournaments.*

## Water Polo Provincial Selections

We congratulate the 17 players who were selected for various KZN teams. Please see details on page 9.

## Water Polo Top 10 tournaments

The annual top 10 Tournament across three age groups, run at three different venues from 11 to 13 October around KZN, is always a tournament that the boys and parents look forward to. The U14 age group was held at Clifton, the U15 age group at Northwood, and the first team was held at Westville. Kearsney had a historic weekend claiming the overall trophy in the Top 10 tournament for the first time in 30 years and finishing in the top three of their respective age categories.

1st, Top 10 KZN Tournament 1st team
3rd, Top 10 KZN Tournament U15
2nd, Top 10 KZN Tournament U14
Overall 1st in KZN.

What a great season for the Kearsney water polo fraternity.





# *Cricket Season highlights*

Kearsney's 1st XI participated in the St John's T20 competition in Zimbabwe as defending champions. They beat St George's College [Weyer 31*] by six wickets, Wise Owls [Coetzee 82, O'Donovan 55] by 26 runs, Hellenic [O'Donovan 118, Coetzee 79, Veenstra 46] by 143 runs, Peterhouse [O'Donovan 32, Khambule 3/12] by one wicket and Maritzburg College [O'Donovan 38, Browning 3/21] by eight wickets, in the round robin stages. Kearsney qualified for the final but lost to the hosts St John's [Coetzee 37, Yeni 4/22] by six runs. A brave effort in defence of their title!

A huge milestone was reached at the College on 12 October, as Ross Coetzee (Captain) received his 100th cap for the 1st team in our match against Hilton, becoming the most-capped player in the history of the College. During his innings at the crease, Ross scored an impressive 111 and secured a partnership of 210 runs with Cameron Veenstra, who made 104 not out. It was the first time in Kearsney's cricket history that two players scored centuries in the same innings. This significantly contributed to Kearsney scoring 273 for 4 and beating Hilton by six wickets.

*Ross Coetzee (right) and Cameron Veentra (left) secured a remarkable partnership of 210 runs. It was the first time in Kearsney's history that two players scored centuries in the same innings.*

**Some remarkable 1st XI statistics for 2024:**
Ross Coetzee scored 1460 runs at an average of 66,8, breaking the record Hayden Bishop set last year and scoring three centuries in the process.

Cameron Veenstra scored 1044 runs at an average of 40,2.

Three boys took over 30 wickets this year (Asavela Khambule 34, Ryan Browning 32, Sandiswa Yeni 32). The 1st XI won 26 out of the 38 games (68%) this season.

We congratulate the nine cricketers selected for KZN teams and the three staff members who have been appointed as coaches. Please see the details on page 8.

*Ross Coetzee broke Kearsney's record scoring 1460 at an average of 66,8.*

# Basketball

*Report by Mr Myles Delport, MIC Basketball.*

A great deal of work has been done to keep the basketball programme relevant and competitive, and our coaching staff must be commended for their efforts, knowledge and expertise. We have consistently fielded twenty teams throughout the age groups, despite most of the Matrics choosing not to participate. The stayers-first team showed a lot of improvement and fight. The new first team coach Mr Khaya Nzama has done some exemplary work in making this group into a cohesive unit.

The U15A team participated in the Northwood Home Turf Hoops U15 Tournament, finishing in the middle of the pack of participating schools. The Stayers' team played in the ISSBT and finished 11th out of twenty schools. The U14A team participated in the Michaelhouse Basketball Festival and derived a great deal of enjoyment from the experience.

## ISSBT 2024

Kearsney hosted the annual Independent Schools Stayers' Basketball Tournament over the weekend of 27 – 29 September. This tournament has been established as one of the Independent Schools' premier events and gives the sport a great deal of status.

Teams from all over South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe made up two divisions. The A Division consisted of sixteen schools, and the B Division had twelve schools participating. Over the three days, 104 games were played using the indoor and outdoor courts. Teams participated in round-robin pool games, followed by play-offs. Each team played at least seven games.

Several closely contested games were played in the B Division, with LIV Village winning the division after beating a highly competitive St Peter's College team.
In the A Division, the large crowd was treated to some excellent schoolboy basketball, with Michael Mount Waldorf winning the game against a competitive and talented St Benedict's College. Both teams will be teams to watch in next year's school competition as they have yet to reach their full potential. It was clear that the Gauteng schools have pulled away from the KZN schools, a change from past tournaments.

# Grey College Tennis Tournament

*Report by Mr Naresh Mahabeer, Assistant Coach.*

Our first tennis team participated in the annual Grey College Tennis Tournament, which took place from 4 to 6 October. The top tennis schools in South Africa were invited to compete. The Kearsney boys played with high intensity in tightly contested matches.

Round Robin:
Kearsney narrowly lost 3-4 to Hoërskool Waterkloof
Kearsney lost to Paarl Boys 1-6
Kearsney lost to Grey 0-7

Crossovers:
Kearsney lost to Affies 0-4

Positional playoffs:
Grey beat Outeniqua 4-1, ending 7th
The tournament offered our young team invaluable experience going into our next tennis season.

**Provincial Tennis Selections**
We congratulate the tennis players included in the KZN teams for 2025.

KZN U18A: Finn Coningham, Angus Fyvie
KZN U18B: Max East, Jason Denekamp
KZN U15B: Noah Haskell





# Cape Town Stayers' Squash Festival

*Report by Mr Andrew Morgan, MIC Squash.*

The 1st Squash team travelled to the Cape Town Stayers' Squash Festival hosted by Wynberg Boys' High School over the weekend of 12 October. The boys competed well against intense competition from around the country, notching up wins against Wynberg Boys' High and Kingswood College but losing to Menlo Park, St John's College and Grey High School.

# Cross Country

*Report by Mrs Sue Hotz, Teacher in Charge.*

The Cross Country boys have had an enjoyable term exploring many of the beautiful trails right on our doorstep.

We sent a team of five of our top runners, consisting of Natan Foster, Rory Treleaven, Lwandile Njapha, Luke Treleaven and Thomas Bishop to represent the College at the inaugural Interschools Quarters Relay hosted at Michaelhouse. The competition was fierce, and our boys ran their hearts out and finished in fifth position overall.

Well done!

# Canoeing

*Report by Mr Steve Main, MIC Canoeing.*

The inter-school competition once again allowed less-experienced paddlers to develop their skills in a safe and competitive environment.

Over the last few months, the team has participated in flat water races at Camps Drift and Karkloof and was exposed to K3 team racing. The boys have also enjoyed mixed doubles racing on the Lions River, where our boys teamed up with Epworth paddlers.

At the end of the inter-school season, the Kearsney team finished in 4th place overall, which is impressive, especially considering the team consisted primarily of boys in Grades 9, 10, and 11. We look forward to this group of boys progressing to take on major river races in 2025.

Individual results within the respective age groups for the 2024 season were as follows:

U16
Benjamin Wessels 4th overall
Jack Sternberg 5th overall

U18
Raine Scoular 7th overall
Rory Treleaven 10th overall

## Richardson recalled for Scotland Squad

Sharks regular, Dylan Richardson (Class of 2017) has been included in the Scotland Rugby squad for the 2024 Autumn Nations where Scotland will face Fiji, South Africa, Portugal and Australia.

## Kyle Abbott has an outstanding season for Hampshire

Hampshire fast bowler Kyle Abbott (Class of 2005) was pleased to take his 26th five-for and 400th First-Class wicket in his 100th match for Hampshire against Kent on Day Three at Canterbury on 11 September 2024.

Between 2014 and 2024, Kyle has taken 422 wickets at an average of 19,9.

## KCOB smashes record for fastest List A double-century

Chad Bowes (Sheffield, 2010) smashed the record for fastest List A Cricket double-century. He got there in 103 balls, with 27 fours and seven sixes, in his 100th A-list game, for Canterbury against Otago in New Zealand.

## *Grandparents' Day*

The College enjoyed a special Grandparents' Day this term as hundreds of proud Kearsney grandparents joined us on the Hill. The guests enjoyed the entertainment and the speeches in the Chapel and then enjoyed a delicious tea.

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

"Grandparents are the storytellers of our families, preserving history, traditions, and values. You are the keepers of wisdom, always ready with a kind word of advice or an encouraging story from days gone by. Your stories, full of lessons and laughter, connect us to our past and illuminate the path to our future."- Mr Patrick Lees, Headmaster

"My heart was full but bittersweet. My last Grandparents' Day! I have been super blessed to attend these 'highlights of my calendar' since 2016 (2 years stolen away from us by Covid, 2020 and 2021). Thank you, Kearsney, for the sheer delight and thank you to the choir. What a treat to be sung to by the Kearsney Choir. Thank you to all the boys for making the Grandparents feel so special today.

A few tears wiped off my cheeks as this tradition has sadly now come to an end for me." - Kearsney Grandmother.

## 2nd Annual KCOB Old Socks vs Kearsney College Soccer Challenge

On Friday 06 September the Kearsney College Old Boys "Old Socks" (Soccer) Team returned to the Hill for their second annual challenge, facing the formidable Kearsney team.

The boys of the College started strong, but once warmed up, the Old Socks team pulled ahead, securing a 3-2 win. It is safe to say there were some aching muscles afterwards!

The weather, being true to Kearsney, made the game challenging, but despite this, both the Old Socks and Kearsney players put on an impressive display that was almost "Premier League-worthy".

## 16th Annual Old Cricks vs Kearsney 1st XI T20 Challenge

After bad weather forced a date change, this historical and firm favourite event went ahead on Wednesday, 10 October. Better weather couldn't have prevailed, with the A H Smith Oval baking in glorious sunshine with a slight cool breeze all afternoon- perfect for a "friendly" T20!

Kearsney College's exceptional 1st XI, with Ross Coetzee at the helm, was too strong for the Old Cricks, despite legends Benji Hector (Gillingham, 1997 / Kearsney 1st XI 1995 – 1997; KZN U13, KZN Schools U15, U19 (C); Boland; Griqualand West; Free State; Eagles; Cape Cobras) and Graham Hudson (Finningley, 2016 / Kearsney 1st XI 1995 – 1997; KZN U13, KZN Schools U15, U19 (C); Boland; Griqualand West; Free State; Eagles; Cape Cobras).

The Stuart Brown Memorial Trophy stays in the hands of Kearsney College for another year. The Kearsney College Old Boys look forward to welcoming some of the gents from this year's 1st XI to the Old Cricks in 2025... And hopefully, winning the trophy back!

# *Kearsney bids the Class of 2024 farewell*

It was a special morning at the College as we bade farewell to the Matrics at their final assembly on Friday 11 October. We thank this group for their exemplary leadership and contribution to the College over the last five years.

We wish the Class of 2024 all the best for the future. Carpe diem.

## Matric Leavers' Dinner

Matric boys and parents gathered for a wonderful evening of reminiscing. They got a chance to share one final meal at the school with teachers and parents. They were treated to a show of some special photos and video footage from their time at the College. The dinner concluded with the traditional singing of Shosholoza, a fitting end to an emotional event. We wish our Class of 2024 all the very best for their IEB examinations and their futures.

Scan the QR code for a video of the Matrics' Final Assembly.

## Important dates for 2026 enrolment at Kearsney

**Friday 24 January 2025:** Closing date for scholarship applications

**January and February:** KZN Information Evenings held at Kearsney for Grade 7 boys and their parents. Dates: Thursday 30 January, Tuesday 04 February or Thursday 13 February. Booking is essential. Email marketing@kearsney.com.

**Saturday 15 to Sunday 16 February:** Sports Scholarship Assessments. Strictly be by invitation only.

**February and March:** Scholarship interviews for shortlisted candidates. Shortlisted Music scholarship candidates will be interviewed and auditioned at our Open Weekend.

**Saturday 15 to Sunday 16 March:** Open Weekend (for 2026 applicants only). Booking is essential.

**From Tuesday 08 April:** Scholarships awarded.
The independent boys' schools in KZN have an agreement that scholarships may only be offered from a specific date. For 2026 entry, this is 08 April 2025. Kearsney honours this agreement and will not make scholarships offers before this date.

**Thursday 10 April 2025:** Offer of places. The independent boys' schools in KZN may offer places to successful candidates on or after 10 April 2025.

Be part of the 2025 KEARSNEY EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL

The prestigious Kearsney Easter Rugby Festival is one of the premium events on the South African schoolboy rugby calendar. The 2025 Festival will be bigger than ever before, with 12 top boys' high school teams, 14 boys' primary schools, playing on an adjacent field, and, in a historic first, four high school ladies' teams participating. This expanded event presents fantastic new sponsorship and branding opportunities for organisations.

In addition to the thousands of spectators at the event and on our social media channels, your brand could achieve extensive exposure through our partnership with SuperSport Schools. All matches will be streamed on the SuperSport Schools app and website, with some matches also flighted on the dedicated SuperSport channel each day.

Please contact the Foundation office on 031 765 9628, or foundation@kearsney.com, to find out more about the wonderful opportunities available.

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## *Kearsney College B-BBEE Fund*

The Kearsney B-BBEE fund provides a valuable vehicle for corporations to support the College and the important work that the B-BEE Fund finances. The Kearsney Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment programme is independently audited annually, and 100% of your Socio-Economic Development (SED) funds gifted to Kearsney will be counted on your scorecard.

The Kearsney College Foundation appreciates the generous support from Corporates who contribute their annual business-allowable tax deduction to the Kearsney College B-BBEE Fund. Corporates can benefit under two areas of the BEE Codes of Good Practice:

### Skills Development

Spending on bursaries for Grade 10, 11, and 12 Black* students counts towards an organisation's target of spending 3.5% of its gross annual payroll on training.

### Socio-Economic Development

Spend on bursaries for Black students in any grade count towards organisations' annual target of 1% of their Net-Profit-After-Tax spend on Socio-Economic Initiatives.

** Black defined as 'African, Indian or Coloured South African citizens'*

### Kearsney College Foundation

The Kearsney Foundation honours our supporters, donors, sponsors, Old Boys and parents who have generously contributed to the advancement of the College over the past year. We gratefully acknowledge and thank you for every gift, knowing an institution such as Kearsney flourishes when the entire community contributes to its success.
The Foundation wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Should you wish to know more about the Kearsney College Foundation or the B-BBEE Fund, please contact Shantell van Jaarsveld on either 031 – 765 9627 or foundation@kearsney.com. Alternatively follow this link https://www.kearsney.com/foundation/bbbee/ for more details or to make a donation

## Support our school by supporting MySchool and School-Days

As the year draws to a close, please remember to "swipe" your MySchool and School-Days "card" when shopping.
To register for MySchool follow this link https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register

Supporters can also register for School-Days using the QR code below and follow the prompts.

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## *Thought for the Moment*

In the fourth term in Chaplain's Class, we discuss the liturgical calendar in what we call the Circle of the Church Year. School life can get so busy that we don't always notice the bigger story of God at work in the world and in our lives. Noticing these liturgical seasons can help us notice how God continues to be at work even today. They remind us to tell the stories of what God has done, so that we can be open to what God is doing. These last few weeks of our year hold days like All Souls Day, Remembrance Day, Christ the King Sunday and the season of Advent. The invitation to us is to be part of the story – through our worship, our remembering, our celebration and our participation to join our story to that of God's activity in the world. As you move through the chaos that normally comes with the end of the year, may you find gaps to notice and tell the stories of God at work and may this season hold peace and love for you and your families.

Reverend Kim Bishop
Chaplain

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