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A Gold, Bronze and two world records for Mpumi at the Paralympics

Mpumelelo Mhlongo (Class of 2012) walked away with Gold in the Men's 100m T44 and Bronze in the Men's 200m T64 at the Paralympics in Paris. His time of 22.62 in the T44 Men's 200m on 07 September was a new world record for the T44 class, breaking his existing mark of 22.81 set at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics three years ago. Mpumi also broke the world record in the Men's Long Jump T44 with a 7,12m jump.

Right: Mpumi has a PhD Chem Eng. At Kearsney, he was Head of Finningley, Head of the gold medal winning Choir in 2012, and captained 2nd XI Soccer.

Kearsney represented at Olympic Games

Two Kearsney Old Boys, Bili Ntuli and Calvin Davis, competed at the Paris Olympics 2024, in the SA Men's hockey team. Sihle Ntuli, who served as Kearsney's 1st XI coach from 2015 to 2018, was the assistant coach of the SA Men's team at the Games. Congratulations to these gentlemen.

Choir still on top of the World

Our choir returned with their heads held high yet again, after a successful tour to Germany and Spain during our winter holidays. The ensemble left audiences in a frenzy and in awe of their slick choreography, powerful singing and seemingly infinite energy on stage. (Continued on page 2).

SA U16 Player Development

Exciting news for Nhlanhla Ndlovu, who was selected for the U16 South African Rugby Union Early Player Development Programme, for the top U16 players from around the country. He will attend a training camp in Paarl in September. Congratulations Nhlanhla and good luck. Carpe diem.

SA U21 Hockey

Matt de Oliveira (Grade 12). See page 2.

SA U21 Hockey
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Matt de Oliveira (Grade 12) is one of four SA U19 hockey players to be selected for the SA U21 team to play in the **SA Men's Hockey IPT** in September.

The SA Hockey IPT is South Africa's flagship provincial tournament and will take place at St Stithians in Johannesburg. We wish Matt a wonderful experience and the best of luck.

Choir still on top of the World
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As an aside, the tour organiser in Germany entered the boys into a provincial dancing competition in the province of Westphalia, where the choir competed against 19 other dance troupes from schools across the region. They managed to clinch the first prize at this event and, before travelling to Spain to take part in the Golden Voices of Barcelona International Choral Competition. At this competition, the boys did not disappoint either, and brought two trophies home - one for the the 1st prize in the Youth Choirs category, and the other as the overall winners of the competition for their high score in the Folklore category. We are proud of the boys and their team of excellent mentors who led them to victory and success.

National Senior Online History Olympiad

Twenty-seven Kearsney pupils from Grades 10 to 12 entered the South African National Online History Olympiad. We were delighted with some of our pupils' achievements.

Oliver Tubb (Grade 11) was placed in the top 5% in the country and received a gold certificate, while Evan Powers (Grade 12) and Thomas Blomfield (Grade 10) were placed in the top 10% in SA and received silver certificates. Jack White (Grade 12) and Matthew Shepherd (Grade 12) were placed in the top 15% in the country and received bronze certificates. Kearsney College was also the top-performing school in KZN. Congratulations to all our boys!

L-R: Evan Powers, Matthew Shepherd, Oliver Tubb, Jack White and Thomas Blomfield.

Kearsney leads the way once again in Mathematics Olympiad

We have received the official results for Round 2 of the South African Mathematics Olympiad, which are outstanding! We are incredibly proud of our achievements and congratulate the staff for their training and the boys for their participation and great achievements.

We had 17 Kearsney boys gain representation on the Provincial Honours list (top 100 students in KZN):

JUNIOR (Grade 8 and 9)
Provincial List - Nine Pupils

Mukona Marageni	Grade 9*
Thomas Schulze	Grade 8
Thomas du Plessis	Grade 9
Shavanth Chelladu	Grade 8
Shay Bagaria	Grade 9
Craig McKenzie	Grade 9
Luke Treleaven	Grade 9
Dru Mills	Grade 8
Keegan Simpson	Grade 9

* The overall top student in KZN, Mukona Marageni, scored an incredible 96% for this paper.

Only the top 6 Junior students in KZN scored in the 80s, for a very challenging paper.

SENIOR (Grades 10 to 12)
Provincial List - Eight pupils

Jack White	Grade 12
Woojae Lee	Grade 12
Hayden Dunsdon	Grade 11
Ryan Browning	Grade 12
Matt Olivier	Grade 12
James Sim	Grade 11
Matthew Behrens	Grade 10
Daniel Bothma	Grade 12

Jack White was placed 4th in KZN in the senior category, with Woojae Lee and Hayden Dunsdon also placing in the top 15.

Mukona Marageni, Thomas Schulze and Jack White were selected to write the 3rd Round of the Olympiad, placing them in the top 100 in South Africa in their respective categories.

Geography Olympiad

*Report by **Mr Matt Savage**, HOD Geography.*

On 21 May 1851, pupils from 123 schools around the country wrote the Geography Olympiad. The Olympiad tests critical thinking, geographical reasoning, and knowledge of current world events. Unfortunately, the Olympiad fell within the examination period, but some of our Grade 11 pupils did very well despite that.

There were some great results, and the top achievers were:
Gold (top 5%) – Mvelo Mkhize
Silver (top 10%) – Josh Robertson
Bronze (top 15%) – Othandwayo Mvelase, Kgosana Hekandjo, Nicholas Munro.

L-R: Josh Robertson, Nicholas Munro, Kgosana Hekandjo, Mvelo Mkhize and Othandwayo Mvelase

Grade 11 Life Sciences Field Trip to UShaka Marine World

The Grade 11 Life Sciences pupils, and five exchange students, visited UShaka Marine World this term.

The purpose of the trip was threefold, with the topics of human influence on the environment, animal diversity, data collection and the scientific method being examined. We also explored career opportunities in the marine field and the behind the scenes working of the aquarium.

The aquarium tour was, as usual, very interesting, with its vast variety of marine life. The back-of-house tour was also fascinating. The group was told about the specific requirements for the well-being of the animals in the exhibits and how the team achieves them.

The pupils dissected sardines to determine what they had been eating and to see if there was a size difference between males and females. These results were graphed and recorded as part of a larger project on the health of sardine populations.
A highlight for many of the boys was the visit to the Dangerous Creatures exhibit to explore the variety of reptiles there.

The outing was a wonderful learning opportunity for the Grade 11s. They asked many questions and came home with a greater appreciation of the world around us.

Literacy and Creative Expression

Kearsney College has experienced an impressive 65.3% increase in reading among students! This can be primarily attributed to a renewed focus on literacy and creative expression. To support this momentum, the school will hold a "Drop Everything and Read" (DEAR) session on 12 September, encouraging the Grade 10 and 11 students to pause their activities and engage in dedicated reading time.

The Grade 8 boys are participating in the "Empower Your Voice" reading and creative writing programme, run by Mrs Bezuidenhout. This initiative aims to develop reading skills and creative writing, allowing students to explore their stories and ideas while honing their language abilities. By fostering a culture of literacy and creative expression, these efforts aim to maintain and further the remarkable growth in reading engagement at Kearsney College, helping students discover the joy and power of reading.

KCOLE (Kearsney College Outdoor Learning and Experience) Week

Previously known as Leadership Week, this week was a busy, enjoyable week away from usual school activities.

The Grade 8s were split between three venues in the Richmond area. Activities like rafting, 'kleilat', cooking over fires, orienteering and sleeping out were enjoyed.

The Grade 9s went to Zingela, near Estcourt, where they did a lot of walking, but also learnt about fish tagging, kayaking, fire making, tracking, navigating and cooking their own 'potjies'.

The Grade 10 group had a tough but very rewarding seven days hiking in the Cobham area of the Drakensberg. The frosty weather made it necessary to adapt the plans for the week, with all the groups being brought off the mountain mid-week due to the threat of snow. The opportunity to work as a team, be self-sufficient and reflect on the consequences of choices was exceptionally valuable.

The Grade 11s were based at Kearsney, with a fantastic series of lectures, workshops and activities focussed on developing leadership skills. The variety in the programme made it possible for each person to get something significant out of the week.

Thank you to the staff for participating in the week at the various venues and ensuring that each boy got the most out of KCOLE Week.

Above: Grade 9s. *Below: Grade 11s*

Above: Grade 10s. *Right: Grade 11s*

Outreach activities were included in KCOLE Week. Here a Grade 8 group spent time with young primary school pupils.

Isizulu Cultural Day

*Report by **Mr Bongi Ndaba**, HOD IsiZulu.*

This year's IsiZulu Cultural Day for private schools in KZN was held at Curro Salt Rock on 23 August. The Cultural Day was a vibrant celebration of diversity, with the isiZulu culture taking centre stage. Students and staff dressed in traditional IsiZulu attire, showcasing beautifully beaded garments, headpieces, and some animal skins that reflected the heritage of one of South Africa's largest ethnic groups.

The rhythmic beat of drums filled the air as the school grounds came alive with traditional IsiZulu songs and gumboots dances, traditional dances, such as the energetic 'Indlamu', and traditional renditions of some of the choir songs performed by Kearsney boys with precision and pride. The atmosphere was electric, with the dancers moving in unison, their high kicks, gumboots dance and stomps perfectly synchronised to the deep, resonating sounds of the drums.

The event also featured a culinary feast, with tables laden with authentic IsiZulu dishes like 'umphokoqo' (crumbled maize porridge), 'inyama yenhloko' (head meat), and 'amadumbe' (taro root) and many more. The variety gave everyone a taste of the rich flavours integral to IsiZulu cuisine.

The Cultural Day also fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation of the IsiZulu culture, as students learned about its historical significance and its continued influence on South African society, reinforcing the culture of 'ubuntu'.

Community Outreach

Blood donation is a critical and lifesaving act that helps individuals needing transfusions due to medical conditions, surgeries, and accidents. Kearsney College boys were actively involved in this good cause by participating in blood drives and raising awareness about the importance of donating blood. They encouraged their peers and members of the community to give blood. Their involvement in blood donation fosters a sense of compassion and community spirit among the pupils. This term, 63 boys and 15 staff members donated blood at the College.

The Grade 9 boys of the College displayed their commitment to environmental conservation by assisting the Konka and David Hall Conservancies. The boys dedicated time to removing alien vegetation and clearing the bike trail in the conservancy. By actively participating in this project, they helped restore the natural ecosystem.

Thirty-two Grade 8 and 9 boys participated in a "Good Old Church Fete" hosted by St Agnes Church in Kloof, to raise funds for their Auditorium and Junction buildings. The duties were varied – from helping with parking, to running stalls and cleaning up at the end of the function. These boys were praised for their attitude and care.

Grade 9 History Expo

Report by Mr Neil Peacock, HOD: History.

The Grade 9 History pupils once again had the opportunity to showcase their creative and innovative talents and produced some excellent interactive history expo displays around the theme of "Historical Events that have shaped our world".

Parents could view their sons' efforts in the Greyhound Pavilion on 22 September and a number of pupils received prizes for their displays. Congratulations to Raghav Bhoola (9L), pictured right, who achieved 1st prize for his outstanding display on the development of the Atom Bomb.

Second placed exhibit: Shay Bagaria, Mhleli Khumalo and Melokuhle Mthethwa

Choir and orchestra at home on stage

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

Our choir and orchestra are no strangers to public performances, and this term was particularly eventful.

We started the term with three nights of supper theatres, during which the choir and orchestra presented their full repertoire. It is safe to say that everyone enjoyed the performances immensely, from the boys on stage, who got to display their craft to friends and family, to the audiences, who gave a well-deserved standing ovation each night.

At Kearsney, we are fortunate that many touring ensembles seek to share the stage with us when they travel to our province. We had a marvellous evening together with the young men from the Borromäum Gimnasium High School in Salzburg, Austria, who visited us and performed a diverse repertoire of vocal a capella music, from Mozart to the Beatles and even a few South African folk songs. (Pictured right).

Another highlight was the UDUMO Massed Choir festival, where our boys formed part of a massive choir of over 700 singers. This was a magical event where our choir joined forces with many other choirs and schools, spreading love, diversity and peace through choral music.

At the end of the term, Kearsney College will collaborate with Durban Girls' College for a concert, where both schools will showcase their orchestras and choirs. Seeing how much effort goes into preparing our ensembles for high-calibre concerts is encouraging.

International Exchange

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

"Travel makes you realise that no matter how much you know, there's always more to learn." Anthony Bourdain.

At the start of Term 3, Kearsney College welcomed five exchange students from Australia, enriching the school's cultural and academic diversity. Finn Ellis and Angus Johnston arrived from The Scots College in Sydney, while Max Tsokos, Zach Martinick, and Toby Hall joined from Christ Church Grammar School in Perth.

The boys settled quickly into Kearsney's vibrant community and were involved in various academic and extracurricular activities during their stay, including the Grade 10 Kearney College Outdoor Leadership Experience. While the Australians were deeply enriched by their experience at Kearsney, their presence enriched our community. Their fresh perspectives, enthusiasm, and willingness to engage in all aspects of school life left a lasting impact, fostering a spirit of mutual growth.

Drama@Kearsney

Several schools from across KZN participated in our two-day workshop hosted by Peter Court. The workshop focused on developing storytelling skills through puppetry and was filled with incredible creativity and playmaking. It culminated in the performance of innovative and engaging theatre pieces.

Dance@Kearsney

Dance@Kearsney experimented with a new format, and in just eight hours, over 120 students from across KZN learnt choreography, rehearsed and filmed an incredible music video. Choreographers Kearsney Old Boy Azania Manonyane and local duo Bonwa and Nadja Mbontsi provided invaluable input into the dance creation, while Krystal Temlett filmed and edited the amazing video. Scan the QR code to watch the video.

Words@Kearsney

Words@Kearsney also underwent a refresh with a new and exciting format. Participants took part in a writing workshop led by Iain 'EWOK' Robinson, a Spoken Word Hip Hop activist and educator. The *Writing Trifecta* is a unique workshop approach that uses language to enhance the craft of communication and reinforce a sense of our innate human connection. The workshop stimulated debate and critical thinking, culminating in an open mic session where participants presented the work they had prepared during the session.

Photographic Competition

Once again, we received an outstanding response, with over 500 images submitted. The judges were genuinely impressed by how young minds interpreted the world through their lenses. The variety and depth of the photographs and the unique interpretations of the categories sparked thoughtful deliberation. Five Kearsney boys were awarded prizes across the four high school categories.

Category 1: Up Close and Personal
3rd: Matthew Behrens (Pincushion) [4]
Highly Commended: Kade Rencken (Lines of Mystique) [3]
Category 2: My Inspiration: 1st: Matt Smith (Lost in the Tides) [2]
Category 3: Architecture: 3rd: Caden Moodley (Giallo) [1]
Category 4: Reflections:
3rd: Ben Hempson (Reflection River) [5]

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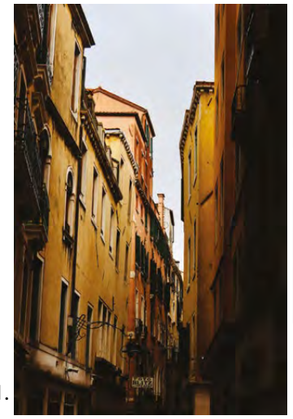

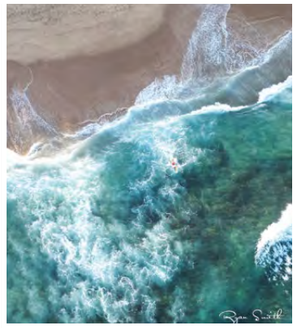

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Carpe Diem

Inter-house Public Speaking

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

Chris Anderson once said about public speaking: "Your number one task as a speaker is to transfer into your listeners' minds an extraordinary gift – a strange and beautiful object that we call an idea." This perfectly describes the annual Inter-house Public Speaking formal dinner, held on 7 August. The evening's theme addressed the concept of respect, inspired by Paulo Coelho's words: "Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it." The speakers offered many thought-provoking ideas around this concept to reflect upon.

Officials from each house oversaw the evening's proceedings, with Sethu Magubane and Liam Botha as the Chairmen, Pranav Sewsunker as the Topics Master, and Nathan Foster as the Sgt-at-Arms.

Our adjudicators, Mrs Sarah Henderson and Mrs Michelle Whitfield, both from St Mary's DSG, were highly impressed by each speaker's confidence and skill. They appreciated the balance of wit, seriousness, research, and personal insight that characterised the speeches. We extend our thanks to them for their invaluable feedback and fair scoring and for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us.

Once again, it was wonderful to see our Heads of Houses and other speakers, who are not part of the Inner and Speakers' Circles, contributing to the evening. Their participation exemplified the willingness of Kearsney boys to step out of their comfort zones and try new things.

The winning Gillingham team with Housemaster, Mr Prinsloo, and Duty Master, Mr Sookdeo.

Gillingham was again victorious this year, (pictured above), followed by Sheffield, Finningley, and Pembroke.

The winners of each category are listed below:

Toast – Jason Denekamp (Finningley)
Random Noun Generator – Kenton Saunders and Misa Buthelezi (Finningley)
Ice Breaker – Connor Grenfell (Gillingham) and Evan Powers (Sheffield)
Impromptu Speech – Zac Hickman (Gillingham)
Prepared Speech – Matthew Lamplough (Gillingham)
Introduction of a Speaker – Ethan King (Sheffield)
Vote of Thanks – Connor van Heerden (Sheffield)
Official – Sethu Magubane (Gillingham)

Congratulations to all who participated, and special thanks to Sigrid Ceronio, Justin de Beer, and Fiona Prinsloo for the delicious food, refreshments, and the beautiful setup of the Greyhound Pavilion.

Chess

*Report by **Mr André van Zyl**, MIC Chess.*

Thomas Blomfield captained a very young chess side in this year's chess league comprising mainly Grade 8, 9 and 10 boys. They acquitted themselves well against seasoned opposition and finished a credible fourth out of the eleven schools participating in the league. They gained invaluable experience in their challenging encounters and were excellent ambassadors for the College. Chess is alive and well at the College, and the club has a membership of 25 boys who pit their skills against one another on Monday afternoons after lunch.

KZN Schools Golf Champs

Kearsney was victorious at the recent KZN Schools Golf Championships held at Victoria Country Club. The team was trailing Westville by two shots after day one and then played well as a team on day 2 to win by 19 shots.

Special mention must be made of Troy Taylor, who finished tied 3rd, and Reece Brown tied 4th with Matthew Gouws. These three players laid the foundation with great support from the rest of the team. (Tyron Keylock tie 10th, Asher Hollister tie 17th and Adam Gray).

KZN Soccer selections

We congratulate the following players for their selection to KZN Soccer teams:

U16 - Simnene Kubheka (2nd from left)
U15 - PK Lethola (left)
U14 - Hlelo Mboma (4th from left), Nhlamulo Khosa (centre), Khwezi Hlela (far right).

L-R: Troy Taylor, Matthew Gouws, Reece Brown, Tyron Keylock, Asher Hollister

L-R: PK Lethola, Simnene Khubheka, Nhlamula Khosa, Hlelo Mboma, Khwezi Hlela

KZN Golf

Congratulations to the boys who were selected for KZN Schools Golf teams. Kearsney has five players out of the 16 boys selected for the U18A and U18B teams. Troy Taylor, Matthew Gouws and Reece Brown made the A-Team, and Asher Hollister and Tyron Keylock made the B-Team. They will represent the province at the SA Schools tournament, to be held at Mt Edgecombe during the September holidays.

Provincial Squash

Congratulations to the players who were selected for KZN Squash teams:
KZN U19A: Bryce Blomquist
KZN U19B: Keagan Coetzee
KZN U16B: Liam Botha and Adam Georgiadis
Mr Andrew Morgan was also appointed the KZN U19A Manager

The boys competed in the SA Schools Inter-provincial tournaments in the July holidays. The KZN Boys' U19s teams did exceptionally well, with the A and B teams winning bronze and silver medals, respectively.

L-R: Mr Andrew Morgan, Keagan Coetzee, Bryce Blomquist, Liam Botha, Adam Geordiadis

Soccer season

*Report by **Mr Wayne Amos**, MIC Soccer.*

The season began with a real buzz as players turned out in large numbers. This resulted in Kearsney fielding 32 soccer sides (1st -12th; 16A-G; 15A-F; 14A-G) - the most since soccer began at the College. This limited the number of games some of these lower teams played, but some fillers were found for them.

Kearsney's U14A, U15A and U15B teams did particularly well, winning most of their games which looks promising for the future as these players move into the senior age groups.

Several Kearsney boys made the Highway teams, with some going on to be selected for KZN teams (See article above). These teams will be playing in a tournament in Gauteng in the September holidays.

The 1st team started the season exceptionally well, making the semi-final of the **Kearsney Soccer Tournament,** and being knocked out by the eventual winners, Pinetown Boys' High. We then had a dip in results as the local inter-school season began but ended with some notable wins. Overall, soccer was a huge success in 2024 and remains the most popular sport played by the boys at the College.

KEARSNEY HOCKEY FIVES

Kearsney Hockey 5s Festival, powered by Belgotex Sport

*Report by **Mr Keegan Pearce**, Director of Hockey.*

The annual Kearsney Hockey 5s Festival, held from 15 to 18 August, proved another fantastic event on the Kearsney calendar. The event showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship, with participating schools delivering some of the most thrilling and high-quality hockey. The festival also highlighted the promising young talent coming through the ranks, particularly with the primary school boys making a strong impression.

It was a remarkable few days, reaffirming the festival's status as a premier Hockey 5s event in the country. Hilton College came out tops in the High School Boys' section, which was their maiden title, and a fantastic win in the final for Danville Park Girls also meant we had a new winner in the High School Girls' section. Cowan House ensured back-to-back awards, as they were awarded the Team Spirit award with their impeccable manners and exemplary sportsmanship both on and off the turf.

Thank you to **the Courier Guy** and our headline sponsor, **Belgotex Sport**, for their continued support of this fantastic tournament.

Above: Highbury vs Hillcrest Primary

Kearsney vs St Alban's

St Mary's vs Danville Park

Indoor Hockey

*Report by **Mr Keegan Pearce**, Director of Hockey.*

As Indoor Hockey in Term 3 at Kearsney nears its end, the term has seen some hard-fought wins and some narrow losses throughout. All our teams are still in contention for semi-final spots in the league, making every match critical. Our U14, U16, and Open teams have delivered solid performances and played excellent hockey. Their hard work and skills have kept them in the running and generated a lot of team spirit during matches. The determination and talent shown by our players have been impressive, and the final stretch of the season promises to be intense and exciting.

KEARSNEY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Merchiston (pictured below), won the Primary Schools' Tournament at the annual Kearsney Soccer Tournament.

The Boys' section was won by Pinetown Boys' High and the Girls' section by St Mary's DSG.

Inter-house Athletics Competition

*Report by **Mr Divesh Sookdeo**, Organiser.*

The inter-house athletics competition began with pre-events, including long-distance track races and the semi-finals of the tug-of-war. The build-up to this event creates a huge sense of excitement among staff and students at the College, generating a lively buzz both for the pre-events and the main competition day. Many students compete in various track and field events for house glory or pride. An event of this scale cannot be organised and run without the invaluable support of the Kearsney College staff, making it a truly community-wide effort.

Gillingham entered the main day in the lead, thanks to their success in the pre-events, but Finningley soon overtook them. After the track and field events concluded, the much-anticipated staff versus students tug-of-war took place, with the boys emerging victorious. This contest will now become an annual event, with the winners receiving the "Ant Willows Friendship Trophy," a new award introduced in honour of Mr Willows, celebrating his legacy of uniting staff and students at the College.

Following this, the main tug-of-war event took centre stage. Pembroke's long-standing winning streak ended at the semi-final stage, where Sheffield defeated them. The final match was then contested between Sheffield and Gillingham, with Sheffield emerging as the victors.

The following students achieved Best Athlete in their respective age groups:

U14 – Aliphe Madikizela (Sheffield)
U15 – Luke Treleaven (Gillingham)
U16 – James Bishop (Pembroke)
U17 – Luca Sandri (Sheffield)
U19 – Matthew Mendes de Oliveira (Finningley)

New Record

It is not common to announce new records for the inter-house athletics competition, but this year, a new 100m record was added, the U14 100m (existing record 11,97s):

Aliphe Madikizela (Sheffield) achieved a time of 11,94s.

Overall results:
1st – Finningley 677
2nd – Pembroke 612
3rd – Sheffield 546
4th – Gillingham 536

Best U14 Athlete, Aliphe Madikizela (Sheffield), also won a prize for breaking a record (100m)

Best Athlete, U19, Matt Mendes de Oliveira

Cross Country

*Report by **Mrs Sue Hotz**, MIC Cross-Country.*

There was great excitement for the 2024 Inter-house Cross-Country event held this term on a warm winter's afternoon, as the winners would decide the overall inter-house champion for the year. The boys gave their all.

Poloko Lethola from Pembroke won the 4km junior race in 18 min 49s. The juniors' house placings were 1st Finningley, 2nd Gillingham, 3rd Pembroke and 4th Sheffield.

Rory Treleaven from Gillingham won the 6km senior race in 25 min 32s. House placings in the senior category were 1st Pembroke, 2nd Finningley, 3rd Gillingham and 4th Sheffield.

Overall, Pembroke took 1st place, followed by Gillingham, Finningley and Sheffield.

Sevens Rugby

*Report by **Mr Keegan Daniel**, Director of Rugby.*

Our U15 and U17 teams entered three festivals - St Charles, Glenwood and DHS.
Before our three confirmed festivals, both age groups participated in a preseason round-robin. Hilton College hosted the U15s, and Michaelhouse the U17s. Both teams enjoyed the much-needed game time and adaptation to the sevens game.

The U15 team were competitive in each tournament, making it into the cup semi-finals each time. Unfortunately, they were eliminated at this stage which put them in the plate competition. In both the Glenwood and DHS festivals, they advanced to the plate finals and were victorious on both occasions. The group's success is a testament to their mindset and resilience. Also considering the team consisted of four tight forwards, which is normally unheard of.

The U17 team showed tremendous growth over a short period. They were in some tough pool matches but managed to make it through to the quarterfinals at Glenwood and DHS. At the Glenwood festival, the U17 team lost to Glenwood by 40 points. In the following festival at DHS, they faced Glenwood for a second time, narrowly losing 12-19 in the cup quarter-final. This was evidence of the team's growth and improvement. Although there were no trophies during the season, the new coaching staff gained valuable insights into the players.

Pretoria Schools U15 Tennis Festival

*Report by **Mr Naresh Mahabeer**, Tennis Coach and Team Manager.*

The annual Pretoria Schools U15 Tennis Festival took place from 09 to 11 August, and the top tennis schools in South Africa were invited to participate. The boys representing Kearsney College were Luke Treleaven (Captain), Max East, Noah Haskell, Troy Jorgensen, Keagan Woodroffe, Christo Badenhorst and Thomas Walburger.

The Kearsney boys demonstrated exceptional tennis skills, displaying grit and resilience on the court. They showed great spirit and made the school proud by ending 4th in this prestigious tournament.

Results:
Round Robin
Kearsney beat Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool B 70-38
Kearsney lost to Paul Roos 21-76
Kearsney beat Menlo Park 83-43
Kearsney beat Potchefstroom Gimnasium 62-37
Semi - Final
Kearsney lost to Afrikaanse Hoër Seunsskool A 41-71
Playoffs for 3rd and 4th position
Kearsney lost to Paul Roos (0-5) to end 4th in the tournament.

SA Polo

Congratulations to Alex van Eeden (Grade 12), who was selected for the SA Junior Boys Polo Team after the SAPA Junior Coaching Clinic.

The SA Junior team beat the Zambian Schools Team by 5 goals to 4 in the last chukka on Sunday 08 September.

KEARSNEY COLLEGE Foundation

*Report by **Shantell van Jaarsveld** and **Monica Davidson**.*

The Foundation's primary goal 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; supporting the MySchool and School-Days programmes; Corporates donating to our ring-fenced B-BBEE Fund; once-off financial donations to the Endowment; and signing up to be a Kearsney Legacy Society member.

Please contact Shantell van Jaarsveld or Monica Davidson at foundation@kearsney.com to discuss opportunities to contribute.

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In this edition of the News & Views, we thank our headline sponsor, Belgotex Sport and our shirt sponsor, The Courier Guy, for their generous support of the **Kearsney Hockey Fives Tournament**.

There are wonderful opportunities to sponsor events at Kearsney. For further information, please contact Shantell van Jaarsveld or Monica Davidson at foundation@kearsney.com.

The FUNDELA I KUSASA Academy

Kearsney College, through the Kearsney College Foundation, is thrilled to be opening the Fundela iKusasa Academy in January 2025. This academic enrichment programme aims to assist children to achieve a good primary school education, to serve as a solid foundation for success in high school and beyond. The academy will benefit from utilising the facilities and teacher expertise from Kearsney College and will be entirely self-funded.

This community partnership initiative is committed to uplifting others and allowing our academic programmes to give youngsters in our surrounding communities opportunities.

If you would like to find out more about the academy or donate, please contact the Foundation office at: foundation@kearsney.com or call 031 765 9600.

Support our school by supporting MySchool and School-Days

As we excitedly head off on holiday, we remind all our Kearsney families and friends to "swipe" their MySchool and School-Days cards at all participating stores. Funds from these loyalty programmes are allocated to the Kearsney College Bursary and Scholarship Fund.

To register for MySchool follow this link https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register or contact the Foundation office with any queries you may have on foundation@kearsney.com

We would urge our supporters to register for School-Days using the QR code (follow the prompts).

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Parents' Society

Start spreading the news…that was the tune on our minds at the meeting of the Parents' Society when we started planning for this year's Quiz Night & Dinner Dance, with a bonus showing of the Springbok rugby game on the big screen beforehand. The hall was stunningly decorated to transport guests into the heart of the Big Apple. When they walked in, many clad in green and gold to support their beloved Bokke, it certainly was, "Goodbye reality, hello New York!".

A win against the New Zealand All Blacks set the festive mood, and quizmaster Brynn Roberts did a fine job of channelling the enthusiasm of 16 teams into a nail-biting trivia contest. With the "business" of the evening concluded, thinking caps were exchanged for dancing shoes as the Kearsney College parents and teachers once again lived up to their reputation for seizing the opportunity to make the most of a good social occasion.

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Thought for the Moment

If you have spent any time on social media, you may have come across some transformation videos. Whether it is a piece of furniture being restored or a garden that gets a new look, we can witness a fantastic transformation in 90 seconds or less. And while this might suit our attention span, the result is that we often forget that good things take time. And the REALLY good things take a long time.

Instant streaming and food delivery services have convinced us that everything must be fast, now, because no one has enough time. But the Bible says something special about time: It says that God has a plan and purpose within time, that God's time is not our timing, and that God will make everything beautiful in His time. With time, a seed becomes a tree; a baby becomes an adult, and ingredients become a loaf of bread.

God's invitation to each of us is to be part of the journey, remembering that God's story is an epic novel, not a tweet or a post of 168 Characters. There are chapters, and seasons, and beginnings and endings and beginnings again. But always, our perspective is the long view. I encourage each of us to not fall into the world's way of thinking about time - that everything has to happen now because we do not have enough of it. Instead, remember that it is God's gift to us because time itself is in God's hands.

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