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National Representation

SA Schools' Hockey

We congratulate Matthew de Oliveira on his selection to the SA Schools' U18A boys' hockey team. The team attended a training camp in Bloemfontein and played against the SA U21 Men's team.

SA Basketball

We are proud to announce that Grade 11 pupil Reabetswe Sithole has been selected for the SA U18 Basketball squad. Well done on this fantastic achievement Rea.



Above: Reabetswe Sithole selected for the SA U18 Basketball squad.
Above right: Matthew de Oliveira selected for the SA Schools' U18 Hockey team.

Academic excellence

Kearsney College prides itself on its academic excellence and regularly challenges its students to participate in various national Olympiads. The results are consistently outstanding.

SA Mathematics Olympiad

This year 18 Kearsney boys were selected to represent KZN in the SA Mathematics Team Competition. Kearsney enjoyed incredible representation in the SA Interprovincial team competition, which was held at Kearsney on Saturday 9 September. Pictured right. (Continued on page 2).

SA Geography Olympiad

Eight Kearsney boys stood out with outstanding performances, ranking in the top 5% (top 150 students) and earning Gold. (Continued on page 2).

National History Olympiad

Congratulations to the Grade 11 pupils who excelled in the recent SA National Senior History Olympiad. (Continued on page 2).



Geography Olympiad.



History Olympiad.

Culture@Kearsney A feast of cultural events

Ms A Fripp, Director: Clubs and Culture.

Term 3 was a remarkably busy term on the cultural calendar. The much-anticipated events were widely popular and did not disappoint participants and audiences. Participants, parents and families, staff and supporters, thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to the arts. See Pages 5 and 6 for the stories.



SA Mathematics Olympiad

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The following Kearsney boys represented KZN (top 50 Senior and Juniors in KZN) in the competition.

The KZN Junior (Gr 8 and 9)

representatives: Matthew Behrens, Liam Botha, Jason Denekamp, Conor McKeown, Christiaan Venter, Thomas du Plessis, Mukona Marageni, Craig McKenzie, George Sykes.

The KZN Senior (Gr10 - 12)

representatives were: James Engelbrecht, Jua van Wyk, Kyle Berry, Daniel Bothma, Woojae Lee, Jack White, Patrick Rocher. Two additional pupils, Ethan Groom and Hayden Dunsdon, were selected to the KZN team but were not available to write on 09 September. Based on these results, four Kearsney boys were selected for the **KZN Senior A team**. They were ranked in KZN as follows: 3rd Patrick Rocher, 4th Jack White, 8th James Engelbrecht, 9th Woojae Lee.

Mukona Marageni and Conor McKeown were selected for the **KZN Junior A team**, while Matthew Behrens and Liam Botha were selected for the **KZN Junior B team**.

SA Geography Olympiad

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The SA Geography Olympiad was a challenging competition that tested the knowledge and skills of 2,965 students from 151 schools nationwide.

We are proud of the following boys for achieving Gold: Jasper Bruno, Ross Coetzee, Tyrique Fynn, Sheyn le Roux, Kaylin Moodley, Josh Robertson, Maano Setimela and Jack White.

We also applaud the four boys who achieved Silver, finishing in the top 10% in South Africa: Gregor Campbell, Luke Emanuel, Carl Jansen van Vuuren and Adam Gray.

National History Olympiad

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A total of 63 schools participated nationwide in this Olympiad, and 866 pupils took part. Congratulations to the following:

Gold Certificate (top 5% nationally): Matthew Lamplough

Silver Certificate (top 10% nationally): Daniel Bothma and Jack White

Bronze Certificate (top 15% nationally): Matthew Huson and Matthew Shepherd.

Grade 9s visit the Durban Holocaust Museum

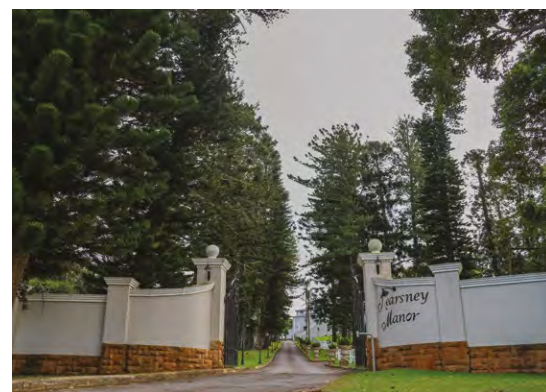
The Curriculum Enrichment Programme for the Grade 9s included a visit to the Durban Holocaust and Genocide Centre, where they saw the 'Seeing Auschwitz' exhibition that was on a worldwide tour. The exhibition showed them the horrors of the Nazi concentration camp and the impact of genocide. The boys learned a lot from this powerful and memorable excursion.



History: Grade 8s outing to Old Kearsney

Report by Mr Neil Peacock, HOD History.

The history of Kearsney College goes back to 1921, when the school started with eleven pupils at Kearsney Manor, near KwaDukuza. The original building and Chapel are still standing, and the Grade 8s and other new boys visited this term. They learned about the College's origins and the people involved in its founding. In 1939, the school moved to its current location in Botha's Hill.



First Place: L-R: Liam Botha, Ethan King, Bryce Seidler.

History Expo

Report by Mr Neil Peacock, HOD History.

Our Grade 9 History boys proudly unveiled their projects on Wednesday 16 August at the Grade 9 History Expo. The boys produced some incredible work, exploring the theme 'Historic events and their impact on the world.'

1st Place:

Topic - History of the Wheel

Liam Botha
Ethan King
Bryce Seidler

2nd Place: Topic - Chernobyl

Yusuf Badat
Thomas Blomfield
Michael Hean
Oliver Moore-Gordon



2nd Place: L-R: Yusuf Badat, Thomas Blomfield, Michael Hean, Oliver Moore-Gordon.



3rd Place: L-R: Rayyan Ahmad, Riordan Govender, Riley Fungurani, Ethan McCluskey, Rourke Stacey

3rd Place:

Topic - The Bubonic Plague

Rayyan Ahmad
Riordan Govender
Riley Fungurani
Ethan McCluskey
Rourke Stacey

Grade 8 Biology and Geography field trip – Umgeni Valley

Report by Mr Dougan Macdonald, HOD Life Sciences.

This term the Grade 8 pupils had the chance to explore the Umgeni Valley Nature Reserve and learn more about the impact of humans on the environment.

They enjoyed an outside revision lesson focusing on ecology, food webs and energy flow. A mini-SASS water quality test was conducted to evaluate the stream water quality, and the factors influencing it.

We also explored a nearby waterfall and the physical nature of the stream and its surroundings, highlighting the geomorphological impact on the environment. It was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to get outside and experience the concepts firsthand, and the Grade 8 group fully embraced this opportunity.



Magical entertainment!

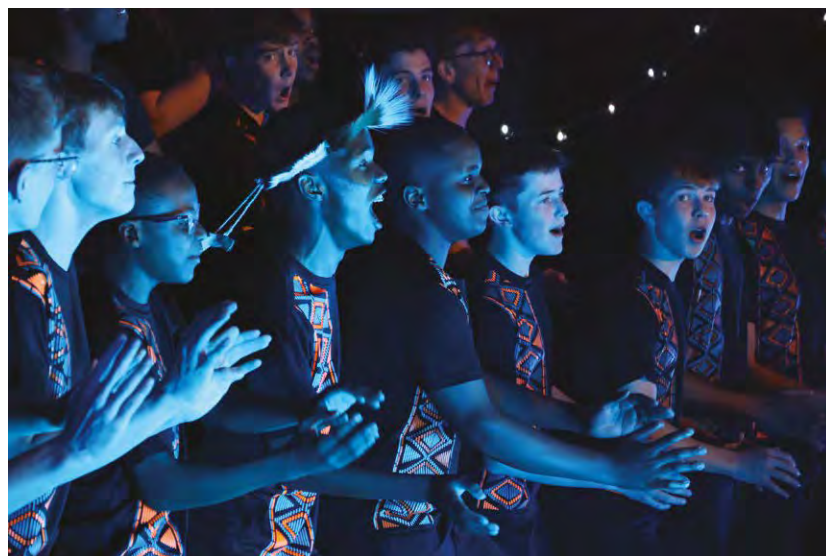
Kearsney College's acclaimed choir and orchestra put on three nights of magical entertainment at the beginning of August. The supper theatre offering focused on the world of swing and the great American songbook, with the repertoire including classics such as *My Way*, *Cry Me a River*, *Mack the Knife*, *Mr Bojangles* and *New York, New York*. The College's top vocalists and the newly formed jazz band thrilled audiences with their world-class performances.

Kearsney is already preparing for next year's World Choir Games in New Zealand. The choir and orchestra are synonymous with energetic performances and slick, professional productions. With its signature blend of classical, pop and indigenous music, the choir has built up a large international following of appreciative supporters.

Choir tour to Cape Town

The Kearsney Choir enjoyed a wonderful tour to Cape Town over the half term break. They performed at the fabulous Two Oceans Meet concert, in the Hugo Lamprechts Music Centre, featuring top-performing choirs from across two oceans, Kwa-Zulu Natal and Western Cape - Tygerberg Children's Choir, the KZN Youth Choir and the Cape Town Youth Choir, with our own Kearsney College Choir.

The Kearsney Choir also put on a special performance at the V&A Waterfront.



Above: The Choir entertained huge crowds at the ECR Big Walk on the Durban beachfront.



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Culture@Kearsney

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Photo@Kearsney

A photograph takes you on a journey to a place that inspires and intrigues you. It transports viewers to faraway locations and gives them insight into special memories and experiences.

As usual, the young photographers used their creative eyes to picture exotic destinations, momentary interactions, and candid views of everyday sights. Our exhibition, on 11 August, in the Greyhound Pavilion, showcased the talents of pupils from around KZN. Some incredibly well-timed images of animals, which demonstrated patience, perseverance, and precision in their effort to achieve the perfect shot, were among the mix.

The top 3 photos in each category were named. Congratulations to Caden Moodley and Connor Radley for achieving Highly Commended prizes and to Kade Rencken and Thomas Reay, who earned third and first place, respectively.



Top left: Thomas Reay
Top right: Kade Rencken
Left: Caden Moodley
Above: Connor Radley



Drama@Kearsney

develops soft skills and promotes creativity, empathy and teamwork in a diverse and inclusive environment. Acclaimed physical theatre practitioner Tim Redpath conducted an intensive and fun two-day workshoping exercise with Drama students from several KZN schools. He introduced the pupils to the basic tenets of physical theatre, helping to equip them with the tools to tell stories through physical performance skills. Being put into groups with pupils they had never met before was quite daunting for some, but within a short time, friendships were forged as the like-minded teens sought to create compelling theatre time together.





Dance@Kearsney allows dancers to celebrate their love for dance and is a hugely popular event for performers and

audiences alike. This year, the event took place on 27 and 28 July and included high schools and dance schools from around the province.

Our Kearsney boys performed the audience favourite 'Dangerous', incorporating the moves of Michael Jackson and the new and ever-popular 'Amapiano' dance style, showing their skill in merging the old with the new.

The joy and passion from our audiences and dancers are testimony to the great celebration that **Dance@Kearsney** is and speak to the pleasure we have all found in this art form. It is a privilege for us to allow the youth to express themselves in a way that shows their creativity and craft in a spirit that celebrates and includes everyone.



Words@Kearsney

Words 2023 took place on a cool, rather breezy evening in August. However, the warm and friendly atmosphere inside the Greyhound Pavilion proved something of a contrast. Fourteen Kearsney boys performed their work, alongside several pupils from other KZN schools, to celebrate the trials, challenges, insights, and celebrations experienced by the youth based on the theme 'Great Expectations'.

As an audience, the poets and others showed a keen appreciation for the bravery it takes to perform spoken word poetry.

Kearsney's Talented Music Staff

Kearsney College is proud of recent achievements of the staff in our world-class music department. What an amazing opportunity for the boys to be taught and mentored by incredibly talented and experienced staff.

Bernard Krüger – Music Director MMus, LRSM, URLS, PGCE

Congratulations to Bernard Kruger, for his appointment as the Artistic Programme Director: Group Projects for the Choral Celebration Network Foundation (CCNF). Bernard was inducted into the CCNF's League of Elite Conductors on 24 June at the UDUMO Festival.

Bernard is a musician, conductor, composer, arranger and educator extraordinaire. Bernard's incredible talent, his love of teaching and his rapport with the pupils ensures that the Kearsney Choir maintains its status as one of the top choirs in the world and continues to attract talented boys from around the country.

Jonas Brolin – HOD: Music MMus

Jonas is the Head of Department for Subject Music and heads up the Kearsney Orchestra. His passion, enthusiasm and sense of fun have resonated with the boys, and the orchestra has grown to 34 members. This year, Jonas launched the Kearsney Jazz Band, which performed in the recent supper theatres and which currently has 12 members.

Jonas is the principal trumpeter of the Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra and has just returned from a national tour with the orchestra. This orchestra is comprised of some of the best players from across Gauteng, KZN and Western Cape.

Jonas arrived in South Africa in 2012 and joined the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra in 2013. From 2014-2016 he served as co-principal trumpet and from 2015-2022, he served as the principal trumpet with KZNPO.

Before arriving in SA, Jonas was a freelance musician in major orchestras in Europe and worked as a tutor and conductor in Scandinavia. He studied at the Ingesund School of Music in Sweden, the Royal Academy of Music in Denmark, and the London College of Music. Jonas spent extended periods in New York and Berlin, having lessons with members from the New York Philharmonic and Berlin Philharmonic. (continued on page 8).



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David Langley - Accompanist

A hugely talented musician, David obtained his Grade 8 ABRSM classical piano certificate at just 16. He has a diploma in Jazz and Popular Music, BPracMus (Hons) and a PGCE. He has enrolled for his Master's degree in Performance/Music Therapy, exploring sound frequency and learning growth in children with ADHD.

David is a seasoned performer in all genres and an accomplished jazz pianist. David is the author of the book *Pianotailor Book One*, which teaches learners to learn the piano in a self-understanding way and which has recently been developed as an Udemty Course. He has released five studio recordings and runs his own jazz band, The Modern Jazz Trio.

We congratulate these gentlemen on their achievements and thank them for their massive contribution to Kearsney and for ensuring that *Music@Kearsney* remains world-class. The celebrated Kearsney College Choir has won 15 Gold medals and 7 Silver medals at the World Choir Games (the Olympics for Choirs) and has been crowned World Champions four times. The choir was awarded the "Prize of the City of Vienna" at the 33rd International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna and 1st prize in various international choral competitions in Hong Kong, Germany, Singapore and Austria. We look forward to competing at the World Choir Games in New Zealand next year.

In addition to the Choir, the dynamic Kearsney Music Department boasts an incredible Orchestra, Jazz Band, Marimba Band and Gumboot Dancing Troupe.



Speakers' Circle

A most entertaining and inspiring Speakers' Circle formal dinner was held last night, where the Grade 9 and 10 boys in this society could show off their public speaking skills. Congratulations to the winners in the various categories:



Best Impromptu Speech – "In the news today":

Keegan Peters and Liam Botha

Best Ice Breaker: Connor Grenfell

Best Impromptu Speech: Joshua Griffiths

Best Impromptu Impromptu: Connor van Heerden

Best Introduction: Jason Denekamp

Best Prepared Speech: Kunashe Kamwendo (pictured)

Best Vote of Thanks: Ethan King and Austin Clewlow



Joseph at the Playhouse

Lwandile Khoza, a Grade 12 drama student, had a wonderful experience performing in the famous musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Playhouse Theatre in Durban from 08 to 16 July. (Lwandile is in the second row from the front, on the left.)

International Exchange

Mrs Charlene Elliott, Teacher in Charge.

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page." - Saint Augustine

In Term 3 we had the pleasure of hosting three international exchange students, bringing an exciting new dimension to our school community. Maximilian Wölfl, from Germany's Werner-Heisenberg Gymnasium Bad Dürkheim, joined us for a short-term stay. Nico Hodnett and Hugo Vanstone arrived from the Scots College in Sydney, Australia, and were warmly welcomed by our Kearsney boys, Kaylin Moodley and Callum McGill. Maximilian and Nico became part of the Pembroke boarding community, while Hugo joined his exchange partner, Callum, in the Gillingham boarding house.

Despite their diverse backgrounds, the boys quickly discovered a shared passion on the soccer field, becoming enthusiastic participants during their time at our College. Their mutual love for soccer formed a strong bond, aiding their seamless integration into their new surroundings. The exchange experience allowed these young gentlemen to immerse themselves in a different educational system, culture, and way of life. They wholeheartedly embraced the challenges and diverse experiences both inside and outside the classroom, undoubtedly serving as exceptional ambassadors for their respective countries, families, and schools.

We wish the following Kearsney Boys well as they embark on their exchange experience at the end of Term 3:

Outgoing exchange students:

Petrus (PJ) Snyman (Catholic University School)

Jayden Jonsson (Catholic University School)

Luca Mindry (Catholic University School)

Kunashe Kamwendo (Oswestry School)

Hayden Dunsdon (Oswestry School)

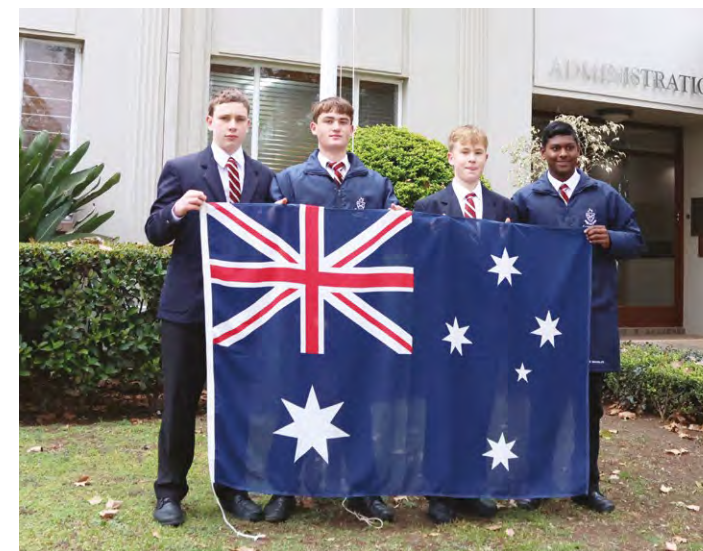
Oliver Tubb (Oswestry School)

Mason Hielckert (Mount St Mary's College)

Kaylin Moodley (The Scots College)

Callum McGill (The Scots College)

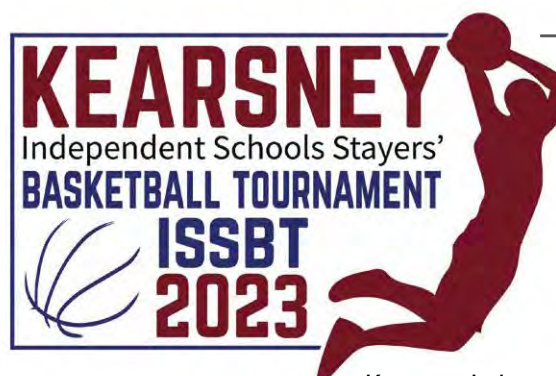
This is the first year we have exchanged with Oswestry School in England, and we are thrilled to have established this partnership.



Hiking Outing

During the half-term, two staff members and six boys from the Hiking Club spent two nights in the Monk's Cowl region of the Drakensberg. The trip included a challenging 26km hike and a night in a cave – a great way to spend the holidays.





Two annual tournaments are coming up in September/October, and we welcome spectators to attend. Come along and enjoy the entertainment!

KEARSNEY INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT KIBT 2023

Kearsney Independent Schools Stayers' Basketball Tournament: 22 to 25 September. This annual event has two high schools' and a primary schools' division, with a total of 48 teams taking part. Watch SuperSport Schools for live streaming.

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

Kearsney Invitational Basketball Tournament: 29 September to 01 October. Twelve top schools from around South Africa will participate.

Community service

Kearsney College has an extensive community service programme, and this term the boys were once again very involved with a variety of organisations and causes.

This term's projects have included: Doing maintenance work and interacting with the children at the KwaThintwa School for the Deaf, Ethembeni School for Disabled Children, iKhethelo Children's Village, a place of safety for orphaned and vulnerable children; the Hillcrest Aids Centre; cleaning and preparing facilities at CROW (Centre for Rehabilitation of Wild animals), and spending time with patients at the Hillcrest Government Hospital.

The boys have also donated 198 units of blood this term, removed alien vegetation in the Kloof Conservancy, done a

couple of beach clean ups and seconded and marshalled at the Comrades Marathon and Hillcrest Villagers Marathon.

Many of our boys have also been involved in projects outside the official school programme and we are proud of their efforts.

The Outdoor Learning and Experience Week also incorporated community service for the Grade 8s, 9s and 10s in the surrounding communities where the boys were based.



Mountain Biking

Luke Treleaven (Grade 8) participated in a KZN Schools MTB race hosted at Maritzburg College and achieved 4th place in the U14 age group.



KZN Enduro

Liam Oets (Grade 10) competed at the KZN Enduro Champs on 03 September, placing first in the KZN Enduro Men's Youth category. He has been selected to compete at the SA Enduro Champs at Cascades, Pietermaritzburg, on 15 October.

KZN Sport

KZN Basketball

We congratulate Reabetswe Sithole and Luca Borrageiro who represented KZN U18 at the recent SA Basketball U18 IPT in Bloemfontein. Rea went on to be selected for the SA U18 team.



KZN Soccer

Congratulations to the following players for their selections to representative teams:

KZN teams

U14 Poloko Lethola
U15 Simnene Kubheka
U19 Lethu Ngidi

Highway teams

U16 Awande Hadebe
U19 Asande Nyawose
Ethan Groom



L-R: Lethu Ngidi, Simnene Kubheka and Poloko Lethola



KZN Golf

We congratulate Reece Brown (left), who was selected for the KZN schools U19A golf team and Matthew Gouws for the U19B side following final trials held at Victoria Country Club in Pietermaritzburg. During the October holidays, they will participate in the SA Schools' inter-provincials at Irene Country Club in Centurion, Gauteng.

Squash

On 01 september we hosted a touring team from Pretoria Boys High. The visitors won 8-4.





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Inaugural Kearsney Soccer Tournament immensely popular

The three-day event, in which nearly 500 aspiring soccer players from around the country participated, was “a brilliant success”. Penalty shootouts decided the winners in all three divisions: Durban High School (senior boys), Edendale Technical High from Pietermaritzburg (senior girls) and Hillcrest Primary School (junior boys).

“It’s been three fantastic days of fun, friendship and competition and we thank all the participating boys and girls for joining us for this wonderful event. We can’t wait for next year’s Kearsney Soccer Tournament,” Headmaster, Mr Patrick Lees said.

Twenty-eight school soccer teams participated, with 12 teams from boys’ high schools, nine from girls’ high schools and eight primary schools’ teams demonstrating their skills.

The teams from girls’ high schools were Durban Girls High, Danville Park Girls and SAFA eThekweni (all Durban), Ashton Ballito, Curro Hilcrest, St Mary’s DSG (Kloof), Edendale Tech, St Anne’s Diocesan College (Hilton) and Lebone II College (Rustenburg).

They were joined by eight local primary school teams from Hillcrest Primary, Kloof Senior Primary, Atholl Heights, John Wesley, Ashton Ballito, Merchiston and two teams from Highbury.

Boys’ High Schools Results

- 1 Durban High School (DHS)
- 2 Tuks High
- 3 Urban Academy
- 4 Paul Roos Gym
- 5 Maqhutshane
- 6 Kearsney College
- 7 Port Shepstone
- 8 Siyajabula
- 9 Clifton College
- 10 Lebone II
- 11 Curro Grantleigh
- 12 Ashton College Ballito

This event was very positive and uplifting and we look forward to an even bigger event in 2024.



Asande Nyawose, Kearsney captain.



Girls' section winners, Edendale Technical High.



Primary Boys' section winners, Hillcrest Primary School.

Kearsney Hockey Fives

Report by Mr Jethro Eustice, Event Coordinator.

The Kearsney Hockey Fives event, powered by Belgotex Sport, took place from 05 to 07 August. This annual event brought together some of the most talented teams from boys’ and girls’ high schools and boys’ primary schools from around South Africa, showcasing their hockey skills and competitive spirit. Intense matches, exceptional teamwork, and an impressive display of individual talent and sportsmanship were hallmarks of the event.

The Boys’ High School category was a highlight of the Kearsney Hockey Fives 2023 event, with teams displaying outstanding athletic abilities and a strong passion for the sport.

Although they finished runners-up, Kearsney demonstrated their skill and determination throughout the tournament. Their journey to the final match highlighted their commitment to the sport and their ability to compete at a high level.

We appreciate the players, coaching staff, and supporters who contributed to the success of the inaugural Kearsney Hockey Fives Girls High Schools event and the Kearsney Hockey Fives Boys High Schools and Primary Schools event for 2023.

The commitment, hard work, and passion everyone exhibited made this event a memorable and exciting experience.

We are grateful to Belgotex Sport for their generous support, which played a significant role in making the event possible.

Boys’ High School Results

- 1st Westville Boys’ High School
- 2nd Kearsney College
- 3rd Clifton College
- 4th Hilton College
- 5th St Albans College
- 6th Hoërskool Garsfontein
- 7th Ashton College
- 8th Michaelhouse

KEARSNEY HOCKEY FIVES



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Inter-house Athletics

The inter-house athletics competition started with pre-events such as long-distance track events and the semi-finals for the tug-of-war. The atmosphere leading up to this event is massive among staff and students at the College, resulting in an exciting buzz for the pre-events and the actual day itself. Many students compete in various track and field events for House glory or pride. An event like this cannot be organised and administered without the assistance of the staff of Kearsney College, so this event successfully brings together the entire Kearsney College community.

Gillingham went into the day with the lead from their success during the pre-events but could not sustain their lead, with Finningley soon taking over the lead and creating a gap between first and second position. Upon the conclusion of the track and field events, the reintroduced staff versus students race took place, with the staff team taking the victory. After that, the tug-of-war took centre stage. For the 7th consecutive year, Pembroke retained their tug-of-war title with an impressive 2-0 win over Gillingham.

The following students achieved the best athlete in their respective age groups:

Under 14: Luke Treleaven (Gillingham)
Under 15: James Bishop (Pembroke)
Under 16: Jamie van Wyk (Gillingham)
Under 17: Matthew de Oliveira (Finningley)
Under 19: Dylan Wiggett (Gillingham)

Announcing new records for the inter-house athletics competition is uncommon, but two new records were added this year.

Under 14 3000m (existing record 10m 40,7s) – Luke Treleaven (Gillingham) achieved a time of 10m 27,9s.
Under 14 100m (existing record 12,0s) – Thabiso Khanyile (Pembroke) achieved a time of 11,97s.

Congratulations to these boys on their achievements.

Overall results:

1st – Finningley 642
 2nd – Gillingham 605
 3rd – Pembroke 578
 4th – Sheffield 529

Canoeing

Congratulations to the canoeing team that raced in the KNCU Inter-schools River Championships on the Tugela River.

After 36 km of racing over two days the results were as follows:

Under 16: 11th Rory Treleaven
 14th Raine Scoular
 17th Benjamin Vessels
 19th Oliver Mowat
Under 14: 10th Daniel Durant



Pembroke, winners of Tug-of-War.



Record-breakers, Luke Treleaven and Thabiso Khanyile.



U19 best athlete, Dylan Wiggett (Gillingham). Pembroke's David Pohl is pictured behind.



Golf Tour to Grey High School

Kearsney's junior golf team played in the Grey High PE Links Festival this term. We congratulate Matthew Gouws for placing 2nd in the individual competition. Thirteen teams participated in the event, and Kearsney finished in 7th position.



KZN Golf Championships

Congratulations to the Kearsney 1st Golf Team for coming 2nd in the KZN Schools Championships at Kloof Country Club. Captain Reece Brown finished 5th in the individual championship, with five team members making the final round of KZN Schools Trials.

Final placings:

1st Westville Boys' High
 2nd Kearsney
 3rd Maritzburg College
 4th Hilton

Annual Rugby Dinner

The Kearsney rugby fraternity was honoured to have former Springbok captain Warren Whiteley as the guest speaker at their end-of-season rugby dinner. Warren gave an inspirational and insightful speech about rugby and life lessons, including three key messages: Don't be scared to be vulnerable - speak out in a team environment; never have a sense of entitlement – it's all about service; and take personal responsibility for attitude, performance and results.

Congratulations to the award winners on the night:

Player's Player of the Year: Siso France

Most Improved Player of the Year: Anele Cele (pictured right with Warren Whiteley)

Hockey season-end dinner

Report by Mr Jethro Eustice, Head of Hockey.

The Kearsney Hockey Dinner, held on Saturday, July 29, was a remarkable event that served as a heartwarming gathering for the hockey community, bringing the curtain down on a fun and successful season. The occasion brought together players, coaches, supporters, and enthusiasts to celebrate their shared passion for the sport and to recognise outstanding achievements from the past year.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of awards, which acknowledged the exceptional efforts of the players. **The Players' Player of the Year** award was bestowed upon Zipho Cele and Matthew de Oliveira, reflecting their outstanding contributions to the team's success and their teammates' recognition of their skills and sportsmanship. Additionally, the award for **Most Improved Player** was presented to James Gillespie, highlighting his dedication and hard work in honing his abilities and positively impacting the team's performance throughout the season.



Mr Jethro Eustice (Head of Hockey), Zipho Cele, Mr Ashley Kemp (Coach), James Gillespie and Matthew de Oliveira



Indoor Hockey Season

The Kearsney 1st team had a successful indoor hockey season with several impressive victories. They showcased commendable performances throughout the season and qualified for the semi-finals and placement matches.

Results:
Westville Boys' High won 3-1
Westville Boys' High School UI8B won 8-1
Clifton College won 5-0
Ashton International College won 3-2
Northwood School Boys UI8B won 5-1
Durban High School won 5-0
Northwood School lost 1-2

Coach: Mr Jethro Ray Eustice

The UI6A indoor hockey team experienced mixed results during their season, but overall, they showed a competitive spirit and ability and qualified for the semi-finals and placement matches.

Results: Played 7, Won 4, Lost 3
Coach: Mr Ashley Kemp

The UI4A indoor hockey team exhibited competitive performances throughout their season despite some setbacks.

Results: Played 7, Won 3, Drew 1, Lost 3
Coach: Mr Adin Bennett

The UI4B indoor hockey team had an outstanding season, securing victories throughout, which earned them the UI4B section champions' title and a well-deserved promotion for next year's Indoor Hockey season. The biggest win margin was the 10-4 victory against Westville Boys' High School.

Results: Played 8, Won 8
Coach: Mr Chase Kelly



SA U21 Men's Hockey team visit Kearsney

Kearsney hosted the South African U21 Men's Hockey team in August. After their training camp, the team spent time chatting to and interacting with the Kearsney boys and the visiting Highbury players. Thank you to the SA U21 team for inspiring the next generation of players. Kearsney Old Boy Calvin Davis is in the SA U21 team, and it was a pleasure to welcome him back to Kearsney.



Calvin Davis with Kearsney's head of Hockey, Mr Jethro Eustice.

Sevens Rugby Season

Report by **Mr Barend Steyn**, Director of Rugby.

The 2023 Sevens season saw a record number of participants in the U17 and U15 age groups. The emphasis was on player and skills development, with a fun element added. Messrs Mtembu and De Kock coached the seniors, and Messrs van Heerden, Daniel and van As managed the juniors.

Although most of the weekly senior tournaments were in the U18 category, Kearsney decided to hone the skills of the U17 group. Although slightly disadvantaged, they competed well, and the individual development was great to witness. The junior age group were very competitive and regularly ended up in the top 4 teams of the various tournaments.

The season ended on a highlight with the U17A team participating in the prestigious Nico Malan Sevens festival, during which the group was hosted in luxury beachfront accommodation in Jeffreys Bay. The team represented the school with distinction, and all members enjoyed the trip.

Another highlight is the inclusion of Valentino Lenge in the extended Sharks U17 Sevens squad.



L-R: Lwazi Mbebe, Coach Mr Kwanele Ngema, Nhlanhla Ndlovu and Lwandle Mkhize.

KZN UI6 Hockey

Congratulations to Jonty Wiggett, Matthew Terblanche, Bonga Maphanga and Sipho Majiza, who won gold for their KZN UI6C team in the recent IPT.

KZN UI4 Hockey

Congratulations to Kearsney 1st team coach Mr Ashley Kemp and players Aaron Blackburn, Tom du Plessis and Dylan Forbes for winning gold at the recent UI4 IPT hosted at Kearsney College. Well done boys!

KZN Rugby U15s

Well done to Kearsney's Nhlanhla Ndlovu, Lwandle Mkhize, and Lwazi Mbebe and Coach Mr Kwanele Ngema, who helped KZN UI5 win the final of the Rhino Week. Lwazi Mbebe was also named Player of the Tournament. (Pictured left).

U15 Tennis Tournament in Pretoria

The Pretoria Schools U15 Tennis Festival took place between 10 and 12 August, with the top tennis schools in South Africa invited to participate. Boys representing Kearsney College were Jason Denekamp (Captain), Angus Fyvie, Luca Minietti, Connor van Heerden, Michael Hean, Max East and Luke Treleven

Kearsney competed at a high level of intensity throughout the tournament and adjusted well to the altitude. The team spirit was high, which added to the professional way the Kearsney team played. Valuable experience was gained which bodes well for the team going forward.

Round Robin Results

Kearsney beat King Edward School 7-2
beat Potchefstroom Gimnasium 9-0
lost to Grey College 3-6
lost to Affies 0-9

Playoffs for 5/6 position

Kearsney lost 2-5 to Hoërskool Waterkloof



Mr Ashley Kemp (Coach), Dylan Forbes, Tom du Plessis and Aaron Blackburn

Cross Country

The cross country runners regularly did training runs in beautiful environments this term.





SA Men's Hockey

Bili Ntuli (Class of 2014) and Guy Morgan (Class of 2018) have been selected for the SA Men's Hockey squad. Bili has 92 caps, and Guy 11.

A squad of 32 players have been selected to tackle challenges over the next 12 months. They will first attempt to qualify for the Paris Olympic Games. In June 2024, the team will participate in the FIH Nations Cup 2024 as the defending champions. Any test series to be played in the next year will be chosen from this squad.

Two KCOB represented the international Barbarians rugby team

Two Old Boys played for the Barbarians when they faced Samoa in France on 18 August - Jean-Luc du Preez, Class of 2013 (lock and co-captain) and Sharks player Dylan Richardson, Class of 2017 (flank). Jean-Luc du Preez showed incredible strength to score a try in the match. The match was one of Samoa's warm-up games in preparation for the Rugby World Cup event in France in September.

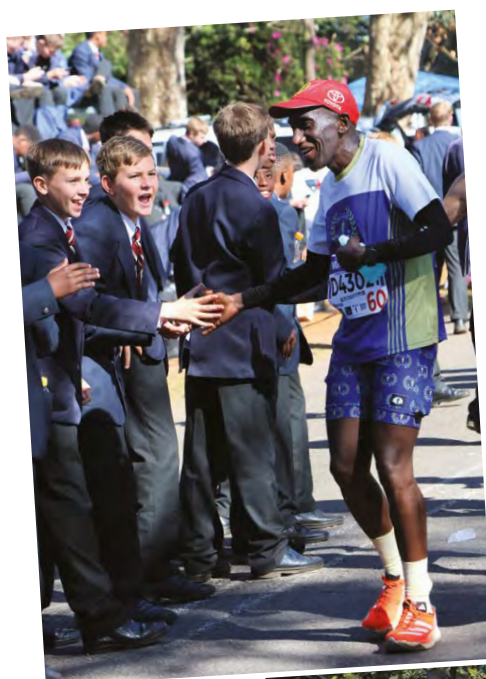
SA Rugby Legends

Kearsney's Director of Sport Waylon Murray and coach Keegan Daniel toured to Portugal with the SA Rugby Legends in June 2023. This year Waylon and Keegan coached our U14A rugby team together.



Comrades Marathon Support

On the day of the Marathon, the Kearsney boys lined the Old Main Road outside the Kearsney gates to support the runners, as is customary.



Martin plays in the British Open

Martin Röhrer (Class of 2011) qualified for the 151st British Open Golf Championship at Royal Liverpool in July. Congratulations to Martin on this wonderful achievement. Martin shot 2 over par in Round one and +11 in the second round and sadly missed the cut.

KCOB reunited at Racing 92

Kearsney Old Boys of the Class of 2014, James Hall and Tristan Tedder, have joined forces once again, for the first time since being teammates in Kearsney's 1st XV of 2014. The friends joined Racing 92 in July year and, on Saturday 19 August, they played together in the 23-18 victory over Bordeaux-Begles in the French Top 14. Tristan and James have been an incredible halfback pairing since they were young boys, first at Durban Preparatory High School and then at Kearsney. It is wonderful to see them operating together again.

Shortly after leaving school, the boys independently pursued their rugby careers in France. Before moving to Racing 92, Tristan represented Toulouse, Bayonne, Beziers and Perpignan, while James played 61 matches for Oyonnax between 2016 and 2019, before moving to Stade Français.



KCOB, Dr Graeme Shuker (Finningley, 1948), turns 93

On Friday, 25 August 2023, Kearsney's oldest Old Boy, Dr Graeme Shuker, turned 93. He arrived at Kearsney College in 1941 as a ten-year-old boy (as the College still had a preparatory phase) and spent 8 years at Kearsney (including post-matric). Following his time at Kearsney as a scholar, he went on to serve the school through the Old Boys Executive, Board of Governors, ultimately becoming an Honorary Life Trustee and a major benefactor. His son and grandson also attended Kearsney. Dr Shuker is undoubtedly Kearsney's biggest supporter, and it was an honour to have him at the College to celebrate his 93rd birthday with all the staff.



Forthcoming Events

The Kearsney College Old Boys will be hosting the following events in October:

Friday, 06 October 2023:
South Coast Branch Function

Thursday, 12 October 2023:
Gauteng Business Networking Breakfast

Friday, 20 October 2023:
Zululand Branch Function at Vista Boma in Mtunzini

Padel and Pizza Night

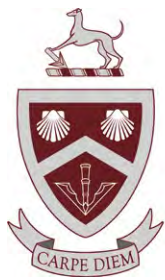
On Friday 18 August the KCOB held a Padel tournament at Kloof Country Club. Sixteen players, a mix of staff, Old Boys and parents, gathered to battle it out on the courts. Playing "Americano" style allowed the pairing of teams to change with each 20-minute round; and although there was no outright winner, Headmaster Patrick Lees and parent David Asbury proved to be the best on the night.



KCOB Founders Weekend 2023

Please scan the QR code to read the KCOB Greyhound eNews, which includes stories about Founders Weekend held towards the end of Term 2.





KEARSNEY COLLEGE Foundation

Sir Liege Hulett Awards

On behalf of Kearsney College, the Foundation office is honoured to bestow the *Sir Liege Hulett Award* to the following benefactors. The awards will be handed out at Speech Night on 21 September.

Mr Nicholas Sloane – for his generous support in purchasing the Centenary Courtyard, named *Sloane Square* in his honour.

Dr Lawrence Rowley – for his generous support in not only contributing towards our bursaries and scholarship programme, but also his purchase of a Centenary Classroom, in dedication to Mr Clyde Broster.

Style Eyes of California (Pty) Ltd – for their generous sponsorship of school fees of several students and of our B-BBEE empowerment programme, which has touched the lives of so many of our boys.

The USA & Canada Centenary Bursary Fund – for their generous support towards sponsored school fees and purchasing the Northern Centenary Courtyard named *The Elwyn van den Aardweg Quadrangle*, affectionally referred to as the *EvdA Quad*.

Every gift to Kearsney College directly impacts the education of students, their lives and their futures.



Corporate Supper Theatre

The Foundation office held a Corporate Supper Theatre on 02 August 2023 where corporates hosted their guests to the music of the renowned Kearsney Choir and Orchestra, joined by the newly formed Jazz Band, performing hits such as 'New York, New York', 'Have you met Miss Jones', 'Mack the Knife', 'Cry me a River', and 'My Way', sung by some of the top vocal soloists of the College.

We would like to thank the following corporates for their support:

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McKenzie Farming
Standard Bank
Land Survey Africa

2023 Kearsney Hockey Fives Powered by Belgotex

Another successful and fast paced *Kearsney Hockey Fives powered by Belgotex* festival was held over the half term. The 2023 event saw not only the inclusion of a girls' division for the first time but also the live streaming of games via SuperSport Schools.

We would like to thank regular and generous sponsor Belgotex Sport for the continued support of the festival. #kearsneyhockeyfives

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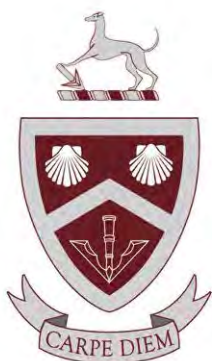
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Thought for the Moment

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told to you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was founded?
Isaiah 40:21

I love a good question. We can spend much of our time searching for answers, when sometimes the right question is what we need. We can also approach the Bible looking for answers, only to discover it holds even more questions. But I am learning that God is also in the questions. Like when God asked Job if he was there when He laid the foundations of the earth (Job 38), when He asked Elijah what he was doing in the desert (1 Kings 19), when he asked Peter, "Who do you say I am?" (Mark 8) The right question can restore perspective and remind us of the things we already know but sometimes struggle to remember. I wonder what questions God might be asking you in this season of your life. If you find yourself wrestling for an answer, perhaps it is in the question that God has come looking for you.

Rev. Kym Bishop
Chaplain

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