

Sentinel



St Andrew's School
for Girls
SKILLED FOR LIFE

Monthly Online Newsletter

JUNE 2011

HEADS' COMMENTS

Ms Sue Tasker Deputy Headmistress

Mrs Jackson is enjoying her well-earned long leave and will return to school in term three

The winter term brings its own busy schedule. Our girls excelled at the Independent Schools Sports Festival held in KZN recently; the hockey and netball teams continue to give of their best in spite of very chilly conditions; a large number of girls are rehearsing for the upcoming school play and many girls are busy with their own music, dance, karate and golf activities. The St Andrew's orchestra, one of only two schools, performed to loud applause at the Youth Orchestra Festival held at the Linder Auditorium earlier this month. A number of History girls reminded us in assembly about the history of Youth Day on 16th June. Thank you to the parents who supported the Phoenix Can Drive Initiative. The United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Ms Pumla Rulashe, was delighted with the 18,000 cans collected by ten different independent schools and displayed on 16th June at St Andrew's.

I would like to thank our parents for their continued understanding and patience during the Milner Road car park upgrade and the kitchen renovations. We look forward to enjoying the improvements in the new term. Thank you to the staff who have ensured that the senior school examinations are running smoothly.

The midterm break is a time to recharge one's batteries for the remainder of the winter term. I wish staff, girls and parents a restful break and I look forward to welcoming you back on the 11th July.

Mrs Cathy Fry

There have been a number of highlights this month starting with the Dads and Daughters Bingo Evening on Friday 8th June. Thank you to our very industrious Grade 7 Mums who organised the evening. The girls had a great deal of fun and a third round was called for! Just goes to show that even in this age of technology, children still enjoy games and especially spending time with their dads. Later in the month we had two Fathers' Services, one for each phase, at St Margaret's Church. A very big thank you to Father Martin Louw for his support and for his hospitality. The services

were over-subscribed and special occasions for everyone who attended them.

Our focus as an Eco School has been on World Environment Day. Athlone came to the fore with a presentation during an assembly as well as keeping everyone on track with their green thinking, green civvies day and green raffle. The girls also saw a presentation by a group of people concerned with the conservation of rhinos and a drive for the green rhino notes was launched.

Lesley Rosenthal came to speak to parents about Girl Friendships. She spoke about what role models parents are for their girls and the messages we send to our children about being 'nice' girls. It was a very interesting evening and one that was thought provoking as well as informative about this aspect of girl development.

The Grade 7 girls were involved in the internal Science Expo and ten of our girls' projects will be sent through to the National Science Expo next month. St Andrew's is one of the few girls' schools who participate in the National Science Expo and one of the few schools that has a designated hour lesson for Natural Sciences at Foundation Phase. The girls from Grade 0 are doing simple experiments and investigations, thanks to the Grade 0 teachers and Mrs Heymann. Cutting up sheep's eyes was one activity which enthralled the girls!

The last week of the month is devoted to examinations in the Intersen Phase and to a final tune up of our Aids Awareness Week in July. Enjoy the break with your families.

Meet the members of the Combined Management team



Back: Mrs Anne Gelling, Mrs Sheila Verner, Mrs Cathy Fry (Junior School Headmistress) Mrs Barbara Heymann, Mrs Bev van Niekerk, Mrs Gina Johnstone Mrs Ann Wright
Front: Mrs Petra Queiros (Preschool Headmistress), Mrs Claire Pattle, Ms Sue Tasker, Mrs Pauline Jackson (Executive Headmistress), Mr Gavin Esterhuizen, Mrs Helenor Whitecross

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are proud of all our achievers

MUSIC

INTERHOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION



Results: 1. Milner 2. Selborne 3. Athlone 4. Farrar
Well done to Milner House who won both the Best Choir and Best House trophy.

Youth Orchestra Festival



The SS orchestra performed at the Linder Auditorium on Saturday 11 June 2011 as part of the Youth Orchestra Festival. St Andrew's and Pretoria Girls High were the only schools that performed. Our girls performed three items and they were well received.

Johannesburg Festival for the Advancement of music



Vuyokazi Mgojo (gr 9) was awarded an Honours Certificate for Piano Baroque 14 years and under and an Honours Certificate for Piano Romantic 14 years and under.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ROWING NEWS



Cara Eddey (gr 11) was selected to represent the SASRU development crew at Bosbaan, Amsterdam. The team participated at the 'Koninklijke Holland Beker' which means Royal Dutch Championships. Cara and Claire Lodge from St Dunstan's came 2nd overall in the A final of the doubles junior women event – a fantastic achievement. Claire finished 2nd overall in the A finals of the single sculls event and Cara won the B Final of the sculls.

JS NETBALL

The U10A and U11A teams played in the play-offs at Kingsmead. The U10 team won two matches and lost their third ending up fourth in the district.



U10A Team:

Back: **Jessica Field, Kelsey Gems, Samantha Loomes;**
Front: **Tayla Sinclair, Christine MacKenzie, Shriya Thaansen, Kelly Smith**

EQUESTRIAN



Tayla Maynard

Tayla Maynard has been chosen to represent Gauteng Horse Society in the 90cm Show Jumping category. She will be competing in the Pony Rider Championships later this year.

Kate and Erin da Silva participated in the Youth Festival at Kyalami Equestrian Park on the 11th and 12 June 2011. Kate was placed 1st in the 90cm speed jumping event and 6th in the 90cm competition jumping event. Erin was placed 6th in the 80cm speed jumping event.

The **4th Schools qualifier** was held at Dunblane Equestrian Centre on the 16th June 2011. Well done to the following girls on their results:

Michelle Bradford 2x 1st, **Claudia Bragazzi** 2x 2nd, **Julia Clucas** 2nd, **Zaandre Bredenkamp** 2x 2nd, **Kate da Silva** 2x 4th, **Erin da Silva** 2x 2nd and 4th, **Nicola Williams** 4th.



Michelle Bradford

EVENTS

JS INTERHOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY



*Revana Laljith –
Selborne House
Captain*

Results:

- 1. Selborne
- 2. Athlone
- 3. Milner
- 4. Farrar

The spirit cup was won by Athlone

PRESCHOOL

Looking after our world.



HOCKEY



Congratulations to **Fae-Siri Keighley** (D9 U12 A), **Karmini Dorasamy** (D9 U13 B), **Stephanie Rivett** (D9 U13A) and **Tyla Bierman** (D9 U12B) who took part in a Southern Gauteng tournament.

WRITE AWAY 2 CONFERENCE



St Andrew's hosted their second writing conference at the end of May. The theme of the day was 'Beginnings'; twelve writers were grouped into three different venues: they spoke about their writing and read from the beginning of one of their chapters.

This was followed by a workshop with one of the writers. The delegates were given all sorts of tips about writing from well-loved and award-winning novelists, short story writers, poets and journalists like Fred Khumalo, Chris van Wyk, Sally-Ann Murray, Diane Stewart, Angela Makholwa, Mandla Langa, Becky Apteker, Edyth Bulbring, Anne-Marie Moore, Mark Behr and Jassy Mackenzie.

'Having had the opportunity to meet and interact with so many world-class South African writers, the delegates couldn't fail to be inspired, and we hope that in some small way, days like this one will stimulate a new generation of South African writers,' said Gill Leggat, the organiser of the conference.

EVENTS

BOARDING NEWS



Keeping warm in the recent chilly weather



The trampoline is a big hit



Enjoying their new outdoor furniture

GYMNASTICS

Emma Shannon (gr 0) participated in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics North Zone Challenge where she won a platinum medal for obtaining a total of over 40 in the Level 1, seven-and-under section. She has been awarded Junior Gauteng colours for Women's Artistic Gymnastics.

OLD GIRLS BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST

Thirty Old Girls braved the freezing weather to enjoy a networking breakfast and to listen to old girl, **Daniela Boninelli** (2001), give advice on how to go about investing in property.



Daniella Frankiskos, Vanessa Saker, Dr Alex van Blydenstein, Daniela Boninelli



Dr Natasha Jurkovic and Afika Macingwane

OLD GIRLS' NEWS

Nomsa Mazwai is currently doing her Masters in International Political Economy and Development in New York and she was nominated in 3 categories for the SAMA awards winning a SAMA for Best Alternative Music Album

Oneida Cooper has been accepted into the University of New Hampshire USA on a swimming scholarship and will be leaving in August 2011. She will be studying the Liberal Arts and Science Degree with an interest in psychology. The University of New Hampshire has a student population of about 11 000+ and is a very selective public university where 75% of their students rank in the top 25% of their matriculation class.

Margot Bowen is in her third year of a six year Biology Ph.D. program at Harvard University.

She is working in a lab studying the genetics of human bone disorders, as well as high throughput DNA sequencing technologies in model organisms.

EVENTS

UNIVERSITY NEWS

The Golden Key Honours Society

The top 15% of each faculty are invited to join this prestigious society. The following St Andrew's girls joined.

WITS

Carmen Foster (faculty of health science-medicine)
 Zanre Nel (Faculty of health science-medicine)
 Sinead Winnan (Faculty of health Science-medicine)
 Faye Sinnett (faculty of health science - BSc OT)
 Megan Haldane (Faculty of Commerce)
 Bo-Sian Song (Faculty of Commerce)
 Lia Mundell

RHODES

Kirsten Huysamen qualified last year with a BSc HKE and is currently doing her honours in Ergonomics at Rhodes University.

ACCOUNTANCY PRESENTATION



Our grade 11 and grade 12 accountancy students were privileged to attend a presentation by Len Konar on the new King Code 3 and corporate governance (a huge topic in the grade 12 Accounting syllabus).

Comments were made about our girls' impeccable behaviour and manners. 'They were great ambassadors for St Andrew's and I was so proud to be their teacher!' said Mrs Michelle Hofmann.

YOUTH DAY 16TH JUNE CAN COLLECTION



The Phoenix Leadership Committee comprises student leaders (head and deputy head girls and boys) of many high schools in the Johannesburg area. Their mission is to create dialogue between the student bodies of schools and to unite them through social responsibility projects. This year they met at St Andrew's on the 16th of June where they laid down all the cans which the different schools had collected to spell out "ONE CAMPAIGN". 18,000 cans of food were donated to UNHCR representatives who will distribute the food to the refugee children in Johannesburg.

EVENTS

Sasol Bursary

Chelsea Tucker and **Dayle Nel** have each been awarded a Sasol Bursary to study chemical engineering in 2012. 5000 applicants, 300 interviewed and 80 awarded. Well done girls!

Zaandre Bredenkamp (gr 12) has been invited to attend the Science weekend at Pretoria.

Exam time!



Matrics **Cassey Vermaak**, **Courtney Fung** and **Tyler Williams** waiting for their examination.

Independent Schools Sports Festival in KZN

28 girls and 4 staff members travelled to KZN earlier this month to participate in hockey, netball, tennis and squash matches. Eight schools from Gauteng and eight KZN schools compete in this annual festival. Well done to all the girls and especially the netball and hockey girls who were unbeaten.

GRADE 6 ACTIVITIES



During their creativity lessons the grade 6s have experienced the art of hairdressing and massage.

ENVIROSERVE DOCUMENTARY



EnviroServe, a waste management company, filmed a documentary at the school recently. A number of our staff and girls were interviewed about recycling at St Andrew's. They will use the film as a training video for use at other schools and businesses.



NEWS

FATHER'S DAY SERVICE



The junior school girls held a special service for their dads at St Margaret's. *Ntokozo Mazibuko* gave her dad, *Sibusiso*, an extra hug.

UBAMBISWANO SATURDAY SCHOOL



Past pupil, *Lydia Marelic*, with some grade 6s enjoying a drama lesson with children in the Saturday School

Teacher intern, *Ms Nicole de Wit*, teaching a science lesson to grade 9s



MySchool Card MARCH UPDATE



Thank you, thank you, to all our supporters. In April 2010 we had 868 active supporters and this April our numbers increased to 968! This means our funds are increasing and we're nearly at the top spot.

Well done to the following families who make a habit of swiping their cards wherever they see the Myschoolcard sign: 1. Hoey 2. L Smit 3. MacDonald 4. Liebenberg 5. De Sousa 6. Wheeler 7. Pattle 8. Contat 9. Taggart 10. J Smit

DIARY



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July

- 11 Midterm ends
- 12 Heritage tea for matrics
SS interhouse hockey – compulsory
Gr 10 & 11 parents' & teachers' meeting
Gr 7 fundraiser – Ladies Night
- 13 Gr 4-7 Informal music concerts
- 14 SS netball matches vs touring UK teams
Gr 0 – 3 Informal music concerts
- 16 SS vocal workshop
Gr 5 Fashion Show fundraiser
- 18 Gr 9 subject choice evening parents' & teachers' meeting
- 19 Gr 10 Shakespearean evening
Gr 3 outing to Bird Park
- 20 SS Science Expo
- 22 Keyboard workshop
- 23 Old Girls Race Day
SS Marimba Festival at St Dominics
SS Chatt camp
Gr 3 hockey festival at St Stithian's
- 25 Gr 8 parents' & teachers' meeting
- 26 Writer's Club guest speaker – all welcome
- 27 Preschool eye screening
- 28-30 SS School play
Preschool bikeathon
- 29 Hockey vs touring UK side
Gr 7 regional science expo
Gr 4-7 Choir competition at the Linder Auditorium
- 30 SS regional science expo
Gr 7 hockey festival at St Andrew's