



# NewsTalk

The St Andrew's School for Girls

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## HERITAGE FOUNDATION newsletter

### Greetings from the Chairman



**E**ducation is key to a successful society and every child who has a solid educational foundation is given the tools to be a contributing member of that society.

St Andrew's, with our vision 'Skilled

for Life', has for more than a century strived to foster intellectual curiosity and a lifelong love of learning. That we are able to offer an enriched education is due to a number of factors but the support of our St Andrew's community, particularly financial, is a vital cornerstone for our success.

**To all our donors, a very big thank you: your contribution is a legacy that impacts on every girl who is, or will be, in our care.**

While we may live in difficult economic times, philanthropy and uplifting our community are characteristics of the St Andrew's ethos.

A shining example of this ethos is the late Monica Brink (Barry, 1940) whose association with the school extended for over 75 years. From working tirelessly on the Old Girls' Committee to, latterly, being the first Patron of the Heritage Foundation, she inspired many.

Monica's name will continue to live on through her bequest to the St Andrew's Heritage Foundation, received in December 2014.

It remains for me to thank the Board of Governors and Bev Smith, Head of the Foundation, for their support and to ask you to both invest in the Foundation's Legacy Campaign and participate in the MySchool programme.

*David Lowry*

### The MySchool Card



**A** reminder that the Foundation is registered as a beneficiary of the MySchool card programme (this is separate to that for the school's current parents). We appeal to all Old Girls, past parents and friends of the school who live in South Africa, to register the Heritage Foundation Trust as one of their beneficiaries on the MySchool Card programme if they haven't yet done so.

The funds raised are allocated entirely to the Heritage Foundation's Endowment Fund and the Old Girls' Bursary Fund.

It's easy to join! Either register online: logon to [www.myschool.co.za/supporter/apply](http://www.myschool.co.za/supporter/apply); or you can call 0860 100 445. Please list the St Andrew's Heritage Foundation Trust as the beneficiary.



*Bev Smith and Alain Proust outside Bedford Court.*

**S**t Andrew's School for Girls and our Sir Herbert Baker-designed heritage building, Bedford Court, have been selected to feature in Paul Duncan and Alain Proust's new book, *Hidden Johannesburg*. Bev Smith, Head of the Foundation, spent an enjoyable morning with Alain Proust capturing memorable images of our historic school. Details regarding the purchase of the book, due to be launched in 2016, will be publicised next year.

# Events and happenings

## Sharing our heritage and our history

As our name implies - the St Andrew's School for Girls *Heritage* Foundation - the School's heritage is a very special part of our ethos.

Bev Smith, Head of the Foundation, enjoys hosting heritage events where guests are regaled with legendary tales of early Johannesburg, the Farrar family, Jessie Johnston, Jean Fletcher and the history of our beautiful school. The vital work of the Foundation within the school is shared at these events, including the efforts of the 'Legacy Campaign' in contributing towards the Endowment Fund and the sustainability of the school for future generations.



*The Foundation Stone of Bedford Court, laid by Lord Milner on 10th May 1903, has been generously restored by the Crick Family this year. Further restoration of fireplace surrounds and veranda steps is planned for 2016.*



*The Heritage Foundation hosted the Tea Garden at this year's Spring Expo. Enjoying tea and cupcakes are Gabriella and Karen Nel with Mandy Tregoning.*



*After the Heritage Teas in both January and June, guests appreciated the heritage walk, discovering hidden historical gems on the school grounds.*

It has become a Foundation tradition to invite the Matrics to attend the annual StAy Circle Tea. Bev Smith explains the role of the Foundation to the girls and the benefits of "StAying" connected to the school and with one another once they have completed matric.



*Being treated to hot chocolate and doughnuts are Refiloe Madela, Nicole Robinson, Jaimee Myhil and Refiloe Modise.*



*The Cape Dutch gable is a feature on many of our school buildings. Did you know that there are over 22 different types of gables on the St Andrew's property?*



# Connecting with our community

A group of Old Girls and past staff gathered at Granny Mouse Country House in the Natal Midlands on 10th October, to be updated about the work of the Heritage Foundation and all the latest developments at the school. A PowerPoint presentation “transported” them back to St Andrew’s for a virtual walk down memory lane! A most enjoyable day was had by all.



Seen here from l-r: Leslie-Jane Burge (Allison, 1955); Bridget Brickell (Allison, 1963); Susan van Zuilekom (Read, 1963); Bridget Walton (past Junior School Headmistress); Lynda Jackson (Mogford, 1963); Bev Smith (Schaafsma, 1983); Helga Doenhoff (Bridget Walton’s sister) and Fran Donald (previously Cunningham, past staff).

At the annual Old Girls’ Reunion held in May 2015, Bev Smith enjoyed chatting to Old Girls as they rediscovered treasured places around St Andrew’s.



Old Girls from the class of 1995 gathered on the front steps of Bedford Court (l-r): Siobhan Jordaan (Dawson), Anique Broskie (van Vught), Tracy-Lee du Plooy (Pollard), Sarah Cronin (Bohler), Miriam Malebo, Kirsty McHarry, Alex Hyslop, Jenny Reynolds (Alexander).



Barry and Stella Pendle (Pardini, 1974) along with their daughter, Darrelle, paid a visit to St Andrew’s in September. They live in Sydney, Australia.

During their Autumn Reunion, a group of 1985 Old Girls met up with Bev Smith in the past Executive Heads’ study and shared humorous memories of their time spent here during the headmastership of Frank Simmonds!

Front: Natalie Wheble.  
Back: Davina Bird (de Marillac); Xenia Ayiotis; Lisa Schuler (McManus) and Janine Kotze (Raedon-Frew).



Copies of *The Golden Spoon - the first 100 years of the history of St Andrew’s School for Girls* - may be purchased from the Heritage Foundation at R150 per copy. For our contact details see page 4.

## From Old Girls to former staff...

Brian Thomas, past Head of Maths at St Andrew’s 1979-1983, paid a visit to the school in May.

He is seen here with current maths teacher, Trevor Whittle (left), in the classroom where he used to teach. While he was at St Andrew’s, Brian won a silver Comrades Marathon medal.



## Thank you to our donors

*The St Andrew's Heritage Foundation acknowledges with gratitude the donations from the following corporates and individuals for the period December 2014 to November 2015.*

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Pendle, Stella (Pardini, 1974)  
Pepper, Lucea (staff)  
Peters, Toni (Keylock, 1979)  
Prinsloo, Leisha (Pickard, 1987)  
Queiros, Petra (Scherf, 1984)  
Ramke, Dawn (Steels, 1951)  
Richardson Family (past parents)  
Robin, Michelle (1974)  
Rogan, Jenny (Honorary Old Girl)  
Ross, Alexander - in memory of Adrienne Ross (Kenny, 1951)  
Serritslev, Anthea (Bolus, 1963)  
Smith, Bev (Schaafsma, 1983)  
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Surmon, Anna (staff)  
Terry, Mary (past staff)  
Tucker, Kate (1973)  
Verner, Sheila (past staff)  
Whitecross, Helenor (staff)  
Yapp, Charnia (current parent)

*While every effort is made to record details correctly, if an error is detected please contact the Heritage Foundation.*

*Our Supa Quick hockey team toured China in April, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Bridgestone SA Retail and four Supa Quick branches (Greenstone, Edenvale, Steeldale and Fishershill).*



## A tribute



*St Andrew's benefactor and Patron of the Heritage Foundation Monica Brink (Barry, 1940), supported the Heritage Foundation from its inception, realising the importance of financial security for the school, in addition to preserving its history.*

*Monica is seen here at a St Andrew's Grandparents' Day in 1995 with her granddaughter Catherine.*

**If you are thinking of making a bequest, contact us for our informative booklet on estate planning which suggests tax effective measures for making a donation to an educational institution.**

**W**e invite all Old Girls and members of our wider St Andrew's community to be part of our Legacy Campaign by pledging R100 or more per month to the Foundation's Endowment Fund. Our aim is to facilitate large, capital expenditure and provide the means to deliver the best possible education.

As the Foundation is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO no 930031219), all donations are tax deductible in terms of Section 18A of the SA Income Tax Act. The current Act entitles individuals to deduct up to 10% of taxable income (prior to the deduction of medical expenses) in respect of donations to a registered PBO.

## Contacting us

We would love to see you or hear from you. For information, to update your details or to arrange a visit to St Andrew's, contact Head of the Foundation Bev Smith (Schaafsma, 1983), who looks forward to re-connecting with past St Andrew's families, staff and fellow Old Girls.

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