

newsLetter



ST STITHIANS BOYS' COLLEGE

A South African School Making a World of Difference

Johannesburg, South Africa. Telephone: +27-011-577-6100. Facsimile: +27-011-789-4665

NO. 6 3 AUGUST 2005

ONE AND ALL



www.stithian.com

NEWS

CONTENTS

- HM Message
- Stained Glass Window
- Escom Expo for Young Scientists 2005
- Grade 8 Businesses
- Sport News & Tours
- "Toss Your Toys"
- SASOL Science Festival 2005

TIMETABLE

During the 2nd Term we experimented with the Thursday morning timetable, by starting with Periods 1 & 2 and moving House Chapel to 08:30.

While the reasons for this change are still valid, we were unable to overcome the impact the later Chapel time had on the Community Service

Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents

The last Chapel, before the examinations began, gave me a chance to address the Grade 8, 9 and 10 boys only. The Grade 11s and 12s had already started their examinations. This is the essence of what I said:

C

W

B

P

Here is a warm up question for your exams. What do the above letters C, W, B, P stand for?

Can we beat Parktown? (laughter) Yes we can!

BUT

This is not what the letters stand for. Think again.

Something a Saints boy might wear on a Friday at school (clue: mess around with the collar of my jacket!). Yes...

C: Colours blazer

W: White blazer

B: Blue blazer

P: Prefects' Blazer

Question: Which is the most important blazer?

The White?	No
The Prefects?	No
The Blue?	No

Answer: None. The one you are wearing. The dark blue blazer is the most important. The one you all wear. The one that tells everyone you are a Saint.

So we know which is the most important blazer. Now you are the future; in a year of two or more, some of you will be wearing these blazers.

So I want you to dream a bit about which blazer is the "one of r you" Light blue? White? Prefect? Then close your eyes and picture yourself in one of them. If you are a very talented sportsman you can visualise yourself wearing the light blue blazer –cool. Maybe you picture yourself wearing the Prefect's blazer – cool. Maybe you picture yourself in a Colours blazer with the braid – cool.

Programme and the House Communion.

Rev Dan Nkomo was unable to perform House Communion this term because of his involvement in the Community Service Programme.

For this reason, we will be reverting back to the earlier 07:30 House Chapel time from the beginning of Term 3.

ROUND SQUARE UBOMBO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The following boys have been chosen to go on the Ubombo Community Project in August:

- Blake Singh
- Chris O'Brien
- Dane Moodley
- Derick Immelman
- Gino Mbetse
- Jacques Stemmett
- Jason Malan
- Justin Roberts
- Mohammed Khan
- Oliver Field
- Richard Burge
- Ross Kinmont
- Thabo Sikwe
- Wesley Rosslyn-Smith
- Wian Pieterse

EXCHANGES

Following boys are away on Exchange through the holidays and back by the end of September:

Maybe you picture yourself wearing a white blazer for Academics, or Culture, or Music or Drama – cool.

Fantastic.

What is common about these?

Performance. The blazers, I have mentioned are recognition of performance, quality performance. Think about it. If you want to get a blue blazer you have got to be a quality performer – an awesome swimmer. Cool, but we are not all awesome swimmers.

Same with a white blazer for Drama; to get a white blazer for Drama you have to be an awesome performer on stage – cool. But we are not all awesome performers on stage!

So what am I saying? I have left one blazer out. The white blazer for Service. **All of you, all of you** can get a white blazer for Service because Service is about participation, not awesome performance.

It is about giving to others of your time. Hours of your time. But guys the secret to being happy is simple. If you give to others, you will be happy in the same way God gave us his son Jesus. Corinthians Chapter 9 versus 6-9.

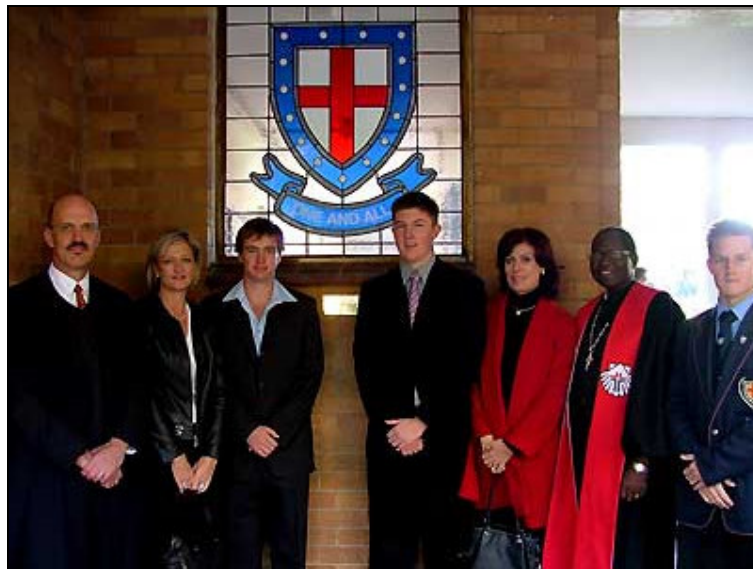
So my dream, my picture, is that in 2 or 3 or 4 years, in Chapel on a Friday, I will have to wear my sunglasses (put on sunglasses), because I will be blinded by all the white Service blazers you will be wearing.

Dream it and you can become it.

With kind regards

Dave Ryan
Acting Headmaster

STAINED GLASS WINDOW



The 2004 Matrics, very generously, donated a stained glass window of the Saints badge. This has been placed at the end of the downstairs corridor, between the Chapel and the offices. It faces the Elephant statue and catches the afternoon light during the day.

During the recent universities vacation, Duncan McMeekin (Headboy 2004) and

Michael Roberts
- Ivanhoe
Grammar
School -
Australia (5 July
to 7 Sept 05)
Jarryd Spargo -
Ivanhoe
Grammar
School -
Australia (11
July - 9 Sept 05
)
Gareth Burton-
Durham - The
Southport
School -
Australia (6 July
to 18 Sept 05)
Tsepo Ratala -
Ballarat
Grammar
School -
Australia (14
July - 19 Sept
05)
David Ralph - St
Phillip' s College
- Australia - (16
July - 28 Sept
05)
Henno Fourie -
Westminister
School -
Australia (10
August - 30 Sept
05)

CHESSE PIECES

This is an appeal for large chess pieces to fit the new chessboard in the Mears Hall Quad. Does anyone know where the Boys' College may be able to buy these or have them manufactured?

If so, kindly contact Mr Dave Knowles:
577 6123 or
dknowles
@stithian.com

Justin Dexter (Deputy 2004), and their mothers Mrs Patsy McMeekin and Mrs Wayne Dexter, attended the Head's Chapel on Friday 8 July. Duncan, once again, addressed the College from the Pulpit, while Justin handed over the Plaque to Mr Ryan, Acting Headmaster. After Chapel, in a separate service, Rev Daniel Nkomo blessed the window.

The window is a welcome addition to the recently upgraded Chapel Quad and we thank the 2004 Matrics for this wonderful gift that will be admired by One and All for all the years to come.

Eskom Expo for Young Scientists 2005

The Boys' College, once again, did very well at the Johannesburg Expo. Six Projects were entered, and all six won awards!

James Gaydon, Ryan Hackney and Waldo du Plessis won a Gold Medal for their project "Burning Block"; Warren Alford and Graeme Rodd won a Gold Medal for their project "The Third Eye."

Tom Dittmer, Russel Johnson and James White won a silver Medal for their project, "LEDs – Lighting up the world for all". JP Janet and Keagan Malan also won a Silver Medal for their project "The Secret of Life – It's in your nose."

Bronze Medals were awarded to Dylan Wilkinson, Matthew Neuhoff and Tom Shepherd for "Will Yeast Rise to the Occasion?" and to Mark Leshnick, Andrew Smith, Michael Walter for their project "Expansion of Yeast."

GRADE 8 BUSINESSES

During Founders' Day and the Arts Festival the Grade 8s sold their products and services through entrepreneurship businesses. This formed part of the Economic and Management Sciences Learning Area. Various products and services were sold ranging from food, to boxing and selling time on a jumping castle.

R6000.00 was raised as tax on profits. The money has been donated to the Round Square Cwebe Community Project for the renovations to the Cwebe Junior School in the Eastern Cape.

SPORT NEWS

RUGBY

Congratulations Malungisa ("Giant") Nkosi



Giant arrived at St Stithians in 2005 to do a Post-Matric year, and despite being in

**URGENT:
SWOP SHOP**

Help needed for 2006
Sue Mundy-Castle, who has run the Swop Shop for a number of years, leaves the Boys' College at the end of 2005. Sue has been instrumental in making the Swop Shop the success it is and we thank her enormously for this. Two of the regular helpers will also be "retiring" as Mothers at the school, and so we are looking for help as follows please:

1 Mum to run the Swop Shop, and 3 or 4 helpers to assist in the running of this weekly duty.

All queries to Sue Mundy-Castle 082 781 5681

Large stock available:
Blazers, grey flannels and khaki uniforms

"Toss your Toys"

PSG Collection "Toss your Toys" 26-30 September
Why not have an early Spring Clean during the holidays for this worthwhile collection. Last year so many underprivileged children benefited from the Boys' College collection of toys

a new environment, he immediately set about making his mark. He had already proven himself as an accomplished rugby player by being selected to the Golden Lions Under 16 Craven Week Team in 2003. He was a member of the "SA Green Squad", in both his U16 and U18 years and went to Craven Week in 2004 and 2005. In 2004 Giant was selected to represent the South African Academy Team and this year he achieved his personal sporting highlight when he was promoted to the SA Schools Team. Well done and we wish you everything of the best for your rugby future.

RUGBY & TENNIS TOUR

All the best to the Rugby and Tennis Squads for their tour to Argentina and Brazil. Enjoy your matches and to learn about the lifestyles of each country.



SWIMMING

JEAN BASSON competed in the FINA World Championship in Montreal Canada. He swam the 200m Freestyle where he finished 24th overall and swam a personal best time. He is now ranked third in the country in his age group.

HOCKEY

The U18A Southern Gauteng team (Jay Caboz and Ryan Eichstadt) are the National Champions, defeating Eastern Province in the final. Half the EP team is from Grey High (PE) and Jay Caboz reports that "it was the hardest game I've ever played. I just didn't stop running and marking."

The U18B Southern Gauteng team (Gareth Dixon and Mark Pomroy), finished 6th in the A section, the highest placed "B" team.

The U18C Southern Gauteng team (Joshua Walter and Dane Mather) won the C Section and are now promoted to the B Section of the National Championships. This is the highest placed "C" team in the country.

Provincial Selections

The following players were selected to represent Southern Gauteng:

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| Ryan Eichstadt | 18A – finished 1st at the Interprovincial Tournament, defeating Eastern Province in the final. |
| Jay Caboz | |
| Mark Pomroy | 18B– finished 5th at the IPT, the highest placed |
| Gareth Dixon | "B" team |
| Dane Mather | 18C – won "C" Section of the IPT |

REPORTS

Reports can be collected from the College

Reception from Monday 8 August until Friday 12 August, after which they will be posted.

Joshua Walter	18C
Andrew Clegg	18C (did not compete)
Brett Staveley	18D – IPT cancelled
Duncan Black	18D
Duncan then represented the Gauteng U19 team at the National School Winter Ball Games which drew with Western Province in the Final.	
Greg Gardner	18E – IPT cancelled
Todd Hussey (2nds)	18E
James White	16A
Jason Pakes	14A
Ryan Willers	14A

In addition, Sven Reisinger, and Matthew Staveley were selected to the D10 U14 District Team for the final round of Provincial trials.

Sasol Science Festival 2005

A group of boys went down to Grahamstown in March this year to take part in the Sasol Science Festival 2005. This year the Festival celebrated the International Year of Physics. It is exactly 100 years since Albert Einstein published three papers in one year. One paper won him the Nobel Prize for Physics. Whilst the boys were there, Tinashe Chandauka entered a voice-recording competition for the Grahamstown Library for the Blind. Tinashe won this competition and the prize is a Pentium IV computer worth R6000. In addition to that the College will receive one hundred books for the Boys' College Library.

Well done Tinashe!



Send all e-mails to: BoysCollege@stithian.com

All material copyright St Stithians Boys' College

Material may not be published or reproduced in any form without prior written permission.