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CONDOLENCES
TO:

Mrs Silke Smith
(Biology Teacher),
Mr Andrew Smith
and Liam, on the
death of Andrew's
Mother in
Australia.

Dear Parents

These past two weeks have been focused on saying our formal farewells to the Matrics of 2007. Although they remain students of the Boys' College until they have written their last examination, they no longer participate in the day-to-day activities of the school.

Our process of saying goodbye to the Matrics is an integral part of the rites of passage of the Boys' College, and has evolved from a desire to thank the students for their contribution to the school.

We began with a moving and dignified Final Chapel Service on Friday 12 October, where representatives from each Grade said Farewell to the Grade 12s (Examples to follow). Each Matric was presented with a Bible and with an Old Boys' tie; then to the accompaniment of the school's singing of the College Song, they left the Chapel. As he left, each Matric rang the bell, a symbolic gesture that mirrors the ringing of the bell by each new generation of Grade 8s as they enter the Chapel for the first time.

At the Matric Dinner, on Monday 15 October, the staff united with the parents and their sons and spent an enjoyable few hours in one another's company reminiscing and celebrating the Class of 2007. I include here extracts from the excellent and meaningful address made to the Matrics by Mr Tony van Kralingen:

"As you set out for what I have little doubt will be a rich tapestry of interest and endeavour, there are some simple rules in whatever you do.

- Possess and demand inspired standards. Never tolerate mediocrity.
- Be diligent. The world is built by work horses, not show ponies.
- Be determined and modest, never boastful.

No matter what you do, always remember you will spend more than 50% of your conscious hours at work. Enjoy yourself.

While many in the world work to survive – your parents, your teachers, the school has prepared the groundwork so that you will be in a position to choose.

When I speak to our managers I tell them: 'Demand excellence. Be scrupulously honest in all your dealings. Treat all with dignity, courtesy and respect.

Come to work with your body, your mind and soul. Give your all. Or go home.'

St Stithians is a magnificent foundation: A great platform for your continued development. As you contemplate your further education I use this opportunity to urge you to learn as much as possible. To continue to build your skills significantly, strive to be peerless in your chosen endeavour.

Increasingly, nations will succeed or fail due to the capacity and capability of its human capital.

In conclusion I ask you to remember we were once where you are now.

We want you: to be proud of your school.
 to be proud of your family.
 to be proud of your friends.

Most importantly – be proud of yourself.”

Thank you to Mr van Kralingen for this powerful message. Thank you too to Mr Ryno Reichert for his organisation of this evening.

Finally, there was the ‘Bezants to Knights’ Evening, on Wednesday 17 October, where some students were awarded prizes for achieving excellence in Academics, Sport, Service and Culture. Of greater significance, each Matric was presented with a *Knight*, a symbol of his transition to independence and to adulthood.

Having made our farewells, the Grade 11 Prefects were announced and Tinashe Chandauka formally handed over his badge of office to the new Head Boy, Michael van Gysen.

This is not our final newsletter of the term but we use it as a reminder to all students to focus on the examinations that lie ahead, and if they have not already done so, to begin to study with diligence and determination.

DAVID KNOWLES
Headmaster



ST STITHIANS COLLEGE

Cordially invites you to attend our

Candle Lighting Service

*in honour of your loved ones who are commemorated at
St Sithians College.*

08:30 on Wednesday 14 November 2007

in the Chapel, from where we will proceed to the Garden.

Tea will be served on the Dining Hall Patio

RSVP: Lynde Dicks 011- 577 6207

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TRIBUTES TO THE MATRICS

DUVESHAN NAIDOO – GR 8

I was filled with fear as I walked towards the Chapel on my first day at Saints. The Grade 8s were going on Camp and we were taken aback by a group of boys, of shapes and sizes. A huge Prefect walked up to me and offered to take my bags. Porters at Saints? They were very friendly and I immediately felt at home.

As the Term progress, we encountered many Matriculants and became friends with a few. But we quickly learnt that there are some Matrics whom we Grade 8s not dare approach. The Matrics were certainly people to look up to. I learnt a lot about the school through the Matrics and about the rules by observing their behaviour.

I also admire their determination to succeed in whatever they did. Be it in the class, on the sports field or in the Music block. They were truly all-rounded Saints students. Matrics, we the Grade 8s salute you and wish you good luck for your final exams.

MARCELO LOURENCO – GR 9

On behalf of all Gr 9 boys at the College I would like to thank the Matric group of 2007 for showing outstanding leadership and for setting such a good example of commitment to the school. You kept Saints spirit vibrant and energetic at all times regardless of what happened during the year.

The Inter-house Swimming Gala is just one example of how the Matrics led by example and created such a wonderful atmosphere when they supported their respective houses with such enthusiasm.

We are extremely proud of the number of achievements in all spheres of life at Saints. The incredible community work, your achievements on the sports field and our amazing drama boys who have taken drama to a whole new level. We commend you for your outstanding example of servant leadership.

We also would like to thank Tinashe and all the prefects for guiding us through all the tough times we went through this year, especially the Collins fire.

The Matric group of 2007 has inspired many Grade 9s to follow in their footsteps and to understand what it means to be a true Saint.

We wish you God speed, all the best and hope you never forget that “here your ship once anchored and here its course was set”.

GRANT THOMSON – GR 10

On behalf of the Grade 10s it is both a great privilege and honour for me to be able to thank our Matric class of 2007 for the amazing contribution that they have made to our College. The number 7 is often associated in sport with some of the legends like Richie McCaw and Cristiano Ronaldo and I can safely say that each and every single one of you has done the number proud.

Your contribution to the College has been immense and it has certainly responded in the best possible way to the adapted words of John. F. Kennedy, “Ask not what saints can do for you but rather what you can do for Saints.” The legacy you have left behind is certainly one which will be hard to follow and throughout your five years at Saints you have done your utmost to maintain and enhance the Boys’ College’s great name.

A school is often judged by results and you passed this test with distinction in every sphere of College life. This is so clearly seen by the amount of blue and white blazers sitting in front of me and is also symbolic of what a bright and spirited bunch of young men you are. However life is not all about plain sailing and what really defines us is

how we lift ourselves back up after falling. Saints is often spoken of as a brotherhood and this was clear for all to see when we rose up from the ashes of the tragic fire which destroyed Collins House. “Shoulder to shoulder forever standing tall.”

They say TRULY great leaders are a rarity however we were blessed with a gem in Tinashe. His passion has been infectious and has left footprints in which every boy would be proud to walk in. Life is not about how many breathes you take it’s about how many moments take your breathe away. Good luck for the exams and all the best for the future.

You will be One and All remembered.

**GRADE 11:
PETER BURGE**

Honour God, Honour Others, Honour Self. It is these words around which the College revolves, and it is what you, the Matrics of 2007, have done with such pride and distinction. You have been humble and shown a great deal of perseverance in all areas of the school.

It was not in the manner you led, but the manner in which you served that was most admirable. You, the Matrics of 2007, have paved the path on which, we, the Matrics of 2008 will walk. We respect not only the ways in which you have led the school, but also how you have led your own lives. Through your actions, you have honoured yourselves as much as you have honoured others. And for that, we thank you.

We have learnt from our time at Saints that our badge, unique to us as Saints boys, determines the type of person we will soon become. The badge, the heart of the College, embeds itself in our conscience, so that everything we do is for our school. It is evident that what you have done is sincerely for the betterment of our school. And for that, we thank you.

Relationships were developed and long-lasting friendships were formed. Sports teams were united and a sense of belonging was achieved. You have taught us that there are far greater things we will have to worry about in life and that all memories and experiences at Saints must be held at high regard. The lessons that we have learnt from you right here in the College will be cherished. You have taught us not only what to do, but how to do it, and have most certainly set a precedent for our Matric year to achieve. And for that, we thank you.

A quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson states that “What lies behind us, and what lies before us are tiny matters, compared to what lies within us.” You have been true to yourselves and true to on another. But most importantly, you have been true to your fellow Saints. And for that, we, the Matrics of 2008, thank you.

God Bless guys.

MICHAEL VAN GYSEN

For the past year you have been ticking off your last events at St Stithians. “This is our last rugby match” or “This is our last break with friends”. Today is your last time with the Saints brothers. A relationship that began when you entered the Chapel doors and a relationship that will continue when you leave them once again. For here at Saints we are not friends or buddies, but brothers. Young men who have spent countless days side by side, young men who have fought together in the midst of the schools support.

It is the love for one another and the love of the school that you will miss most. The Fortress which everyone has built. The Fortress which everyone has fought to protect. It

will not be the 'white blazer', or the service tie that you will miss most, but the binding of arms, and chants of 'Oh One and All' on Baytopp field. We are brothers. It will not be the first time you drive at school, or the winning goal you scored that you will miss most, but the hilarious times spent with friends at 10:15 each day. We are brothers.

You have an ethos and culture that will be envied by many and missed by all. It will be difficult to leave this castle, the routine you have been used to for so long. The place where each lesson is a mountain to climb, where breaks are the only refuge for the day. The place where your sweat has been poured and your last ounce of energy used up. However, you only know what you have got when it's gone.

Saints is about memories, it's about the echoes of the school song throughout the grounds, it's about the Matric dance, the exhilarating victories, and your brothers. Jimi Hendrix once said, "The story of life is quicker than the blink of an eye. The story of love is hello and goodbye, until we meet again." Memories are what life is made up of, and when looking back at 30 or 40 years old, for most of you, your fondest memories will come from here.

The Grade 11s had a unique relationship with you that extended past the classrooms and sports fields, a relationship that we will sorely miss. For we are brothers."

JON PAUL JANET

Matrics of 2007,

You have just heard how you have left your mark on this school: how you will be remembered, how you have set the bar one notch higher and flown our flag with pride.

But what have you received in return? For some of you, this is your thirteenth year at this school. How has saints changed your life? What role have these buildings, these staff members and these boys, One and All, played in shaping who you are as you leave for the last time?

Hopefully this school has taught you manners, respect and an understanding that "to whom much is given, much is expected". Perhaps this school taught you humility. Perhaps this school taught you faith. For some, you may have discovered talents, interests and passions. Maybe you learnt how to sing, how to play rugby or even how to lead. With luck, you have gained a dogged determination and a strong work ethic. A few of you even learnt maths.

Of all the lessons this school offers, none is as important as learning who you are, and what you want to do with your lives. More than ever before, you are masters of your own destiny. No longer is your life the jurisdiction of St Stithians. I can imagine that many of you are uncertain of what your futures hold, and what is right for you. Unfortunately you are the only ones who can answer those questions. However, there is a parting gift from everyone who has touched you on any level during your time here:

The golden gift you can take from this school is your memories: All the rugby games, all the productions, performances and competitions. All the tests, the strikes, the nerve-racking DCs. All the friendships, all the people who made your time here special, all the nights out and the chilled afternoons, the jokes, the stories and the camaraderie that will endure - all make up the memories that are your school years.

These are years that you will never have back. No matter where you go, what you do, no one can take them from you. In the times that come, I encourage you to look back with fondness at all that has transpired in your time here.

I leave you with my sincerest wishes for the future - along with those of all assembled, and a quote from Steve Jobs, the CEO of Apple:

“Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.”

GRADE 12 AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE BEZANT TO KNIGHT PRIZEGIVING

AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Grade 12 Dux Scholar	ROBERT ATTWELL
English	DAVID SHAW
Afrikaans Home Language	ROBERT ATTWELL
Afrikaans First Additional Language	SYDNEY PETZER
Zulu 2nd Language	NEO BALOYI
French - French speaker	MAXIME DE MONTBRON
French - non-French speaker	ZANO MABUZA & DAVID SHAW
French - progress prize	TINASHE CHANDAUKA
Physical Science	GABRIEL CROUSE
Mathematics	LU XIN & ROBERT ATTWELL
Additional Mathematics	ROBERT ATTWELL
Computer Studies	ROBERT ATTWELL
Biology (Vernon Clegg award)	BYRON DE JOHN
Geography	TINASHE CHANDAUKA
History	BYRON DE JOHN
Music	ROBERT ATTWELL
Art (Shirley Woodhouse award)	KIER BOTHWELL
Speech and Drama	MICHELE ACQUISTO
Nedbank Prize for the highest aggregate in the Sciences	ROBERT ATTWELL
Grade 12 Bilingualism award	ROBERT ATTWELL
Headmaster's award for creative writing	GABRIEL CROUSE
Trubshaw poetry prize	DYLAN HORLEY



AWARDS FOR SERVICE

Alex Anderson Community Service Award	SYDNEY PETZER: for his dedication to Community Service in the Boys' College and for his participation in Service Projects at Cwebe in the Eastern Cape, Ubombo in KZN and in Honduras.
Round Square King Constantine Medal	RIMON DU PLESSIS: for his participation in Round Square activities over many years and for successfully leading Round Square in the Boys' College over the past year with commitment, drive and passion.

Rotary Club of Sandton Award for Scholarship, Sportsmanship, Leadership & Service	ROSS BAKER & JAMES GAYDON
Good Samaritan Trophy	TINASHE CHANDAUKA
Public Relations Service Award for outstanding service in the PR field over the previous year	ADON FAIRWEATHER & WESLEY GRAHAM
Sean Dick Memorial Prize for the Matric boy who has rendered outstanding service to the Boys' College over a number of years.	DAVID SHAW

AWARDS FOR ART & CULTURE

Best Senior Debater	GABRIEL CROUSE
St Stithians Music Prize for a pupil contributing to music, but not necessarily a subject music pupil	CARL WOLMARANS & JAMES CLAY
Lloyd Prize for instrumental music other than the piano	ZANO MABUZA
St Stithians Choir Award	JAMES CLAY & ROBERT ATTWELL
St Stithians Singers Trophy	JAMES CLAY
Schafer Trophy for versatility in contribution to music in the College	CARL WOLMARANS
Gavin Hood Floating Trophy for Best Actor of the Year	TSHEPISO GOBA
Fields Award for most improved student in both academic and performance aspects of Matric Drama	MAC MOTEANE
Special Award for outstanding contribution to lighting	SVEN VON WILDENRATH
Outstanding contribution to set design	DYLAN HORLEY
Bailey Trophy for best overall contribution to Drama	NKOSINATHI HLATSWAYO
Senior Photographic Club Prize	RUSSELL JOHNSON
Hope Art Trophy for best art work exhibited in 2007	DYLAN HORLEY
Matthews Award for Art	NICHOLAS DE KLERK
Most improved artist award	RUSSELL JOHNSON
McLachlan Award for the student who has demonstrated exceptional directorial vision in a major creative arts event	GABRIEL CROUSE
MacNicol Prize for creativity	DYLAN HORLEY
Martin Bekker Award for the best Cultural All-rounder	GABRIEL CROUSE

AWARDS FOR SPORT

Roy Pienaar Shield for the best batsman in the 1st XI	DAVID WINCKLER
Andrew Pretorius Memorial Trophy for most improved cricketer in the 1st XI	KYLE TAYLOR
Madin Floating Trophy for the best fielder in the 1st XI	JARYD MATHER
Naidoo Hockey Trophy for good sportsmanship bringing honour to the College	RUSSELL JOHNSON
Chris Bowen Trophy for the most improved player in the 1st Hockey Team	JOHN TATHAM
St Stithians Squash Trophy for the best contribution to the club	DALE NAMNICK
St Stithians Tennis Club Trophy for the most valuable player of the year	PHILIP LAWSON
Penryn Trophy for the winner of the Penryn Marathon	WARREN ALFORD & CONRAD MONARENG
The 56 Club Floating Trophy for service and commitment to the 56 Club	ABHINAV PANDYA
Stephen Hoare Memorial Trophy for the most improved Rowing crew	1st VIII Crew Captain: GRAHAM REX
Bell Trophy for Waterpolo for the best player of the year	STEPHEN BOLLEURS
Morton Floating Trophy for the Sportsman of the Year	RYAN HACKNEY

HOUSE AWARDS: INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Holtes Award for the boy who has been an ambassador for the College in the areas of Academics, Sport, Service, Culture and Spirituality	ROBERT ATTWELL
Sandton Mayor's Trophy for the boy who, in the opinion of his peers, usually tries the hardest	TINASHE CHANDAUKA
Ian Anderson Memorial Prize for the Matric boy who consistently displays the greatest integrity	ROBERT ATTWELL
Douglas Sobey Memorial Prize for the individual who has done the most to inspire his House	BRENT MORRIS, TSHEPO RATALA

HOUSE AWARDS: INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

Allied Bank Trophy for the House with the best Academic record	WEBB
Allied Bank Trophy for the House with the best Sporting record	TUCKER
Thornton Trophy for the House with the best record in Cultural Events	MOUNTSTEPHENS

EM Harris Cup for the best all-round House	TUCKER
Deputy Head Prefects' presentation	ROBERT ATTWELL, ROSS BAKER, JAMES GAYDON
Old Boys' Watch	TINASHE CHANDAUKA

HEAD PREFECT: MICHAEL VAN GYSEN		
DEPUTY HEAD: PETER BURGE		
Executive Head (Houses)	Executive Head (Committees)	Executive Head (Communication and Discipline)
Stuart Edmond	Richard Sibeko	Jono Ross
Collins: Tshegofatso Rangaka Henning: Wikus Botha Krige: Dean Johnston Mears: Michael de Beer Mountstephens: Miguel Tavares Penryn: Mark Rusch Pitts: Michael Walter Tucker: Sean Cresswell Webb: Ross Michelmore Wesley: Grant Langman	Culture: Zac Pitsillis Sport: Mark Leshnick Service: Mitchell Levieux Round Square: Douglas Hoernle Cultural Prefects: Jon Paul Janet, Douglas Mabotse, Webster Lenyanyabedi, Devon Bester Presidents' Award: Janko Burger Sport: Mandla Dube	Discipline: David Beeton Ubuntu: Tshegofatso Rangaka Hulumeni: Alex Backwell Secretariat: Andrew Kleyn Proudly Saints: Alex Bailey Detention: Andrew Smith Foundation: Chris Ford Matric Events: Matthew Tindall



OSA NEWS

Messrs Carel Nolte and Piet van Tonder attended the Reunion held at Caveau at the Mill with about UCT and Stellenbosch Old Boys. "Meneer" was impressed to see how many of our former students still sport short hair!



AUSTRALIAN REUNION 2008

Sydney, 22 March 2008, venue t.b.c.

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