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**PENRYN
MARATHON
(for Matrics)
WILL BE
RUN ON
THURSDAY 2
OCTOBER AT
16:00.**

Dear Parents

The greatest achievement of the human spirit is to live up to one's opportunities and make the most of one's resources.

Author unknown

As always the successes of our students are overwhelming and the many events that took place during these past holidays are documented throughout this newsletter. As noteworthy are all the activities that are currently underway, and at the moment the focus of the new sport season is athletics and soccer, as well as pre-season summer sports training.

The start of the 3rd Term is always a time of mixed emotions. The knowledge that the year is rapidly drawing towards its close tends to invite reflection on past achievements and on future opportunities. Perhaps foremost amongst these preoccupations are the final Matriculation examinations, which officially began this week with the Life Science Paper 3 practical examination.

Together with Mr Ryno Reichert, Grade 12 Director, I have spoken to all the Grade 12 students and emphasised the importance of these their final weeks of school. It is more important than ever that our Matriculants remain focused and maintain a balanced lifestyle in preparation for the weeks ahead. We also hosted a "Last Lap" information evening for the Grade 12s and their parents. The Gr 12 Drama practical exam is scheduled for 26 September and the students are rehearsing every evening – weekends included! The Duke of Cornwall Singers host their Farewell Concert on Tuesday 23 September at the Victory Theatre.

The Grade 10 boys also have a sense of anticipation as they begin to focus on their camp at the end of term. The B2K lessons are now dedicated to helping the boys prepare for this adventure.

We welcome the Jackson, Vercueil and Wyngaard families to the Boys' College who join us this term.

The following Temporary staff members are also welcomed to the Boys' College and we thank them for their assistance and time:

Ms Colleen O'Farrell who has joined the English department this term to teach Ms Read's classes; Mrs Avril Hird, Temp Science Teacher to teach Mr Erik Theron's classes and Ms Carrin Bisschoff to run the Resource Centre while Mrs Mary Reynolds is on Long Leave.

Mrs Lidia Upton has been appointed as the new Head of English. She will maintain her position as Director of Communications as well as remaining on the Boys' College Executive. We welcome back Mrs Tersia Edington as our new laboratory assistant for Life Science.

We have also been fortunate to appoint Ms Natalie Shewell, from St Peter's College, to teach senior English next year and Mr Bruce Nozaic as Head of the

Science department. Mr Nozaic is currently HOD Science at Hilton and the National Examiner. He has taught at the Boys' College previously. Sadly Mrs Marie Reynolds will be leaving at the end of the year to take up a teaching post in Rustenburg and we are in the process of looking for a replacement for her.

This term also "extends" our immediate Saints family and we are looking forward to the imminent arrival of babies Jonson, Spring and Goodwin in the near future.



Congratulations to Piet and Cynthia van Tonder on the arrival of their first grandchild, Amy, born to their daughter Michelle. (*No-one has yet dared call Mr van Tonder "Oupa", however!*)

Further congratulations are due to Mr Courtney Watson (English Dept) and Brindy Welker on their recent engagement.

I wish you all a successful term and look forward to having the opportunity to meeting many of you at our various activities.

With kind regards

DAVE KNOWLES
HEADMASTER

GOLF NEWS!

WE HAVE A WINNER!

HAYDN PORTEOUS (Gr 8) IS THE NEW U16 WORLD GOLF CHAMPION

CONGRATS!

2009 ACADEMIC, MUSIC & SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

St Stithians Boys' College is pleased to announce that seventeen Academic, Music and Sports Scholarships have been awarded to the following students:

Bandile Simelane, Colin Campher, Dylan Geel, Ignaz Richter, Innocent Radebe, Briechle, Kagiso Rabada, Lebogang Latakomo, Lishanthan Naidoo, Max Liebenberg, Mitchell Livingstone, Nicholas Hern, Roald Roodt, Sinethemba Zulu, Taylor Boel, Wade Cresswell and Yusuf Pharak.



Ivan

The boys currently attend school at: St Stithians Boys' Prep, St Peter's Prep, Aloe Ridge Primary, Blairgowrie Primary, Bryandale Primary, Bryanston Parallel Medium, Crawford Lonehill, Dainfern Prep, I.R. Griffiths, Laerskool Millennium, Montrose Primary, Ridgevale Primary and Sharonlea Primary. These institutions are to be congratulated on the education of the winners thus far.

We look forward to welcoming these young men to the Boys' College in Grade 8 in January 2009.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

ROUND SQUARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Many boys took part in a wide variety of Round Square activities during the August holidays. Reports on the Projects and Tall Ships Race follow. To see photos of these activities please go to the Boys' College website, then to "Photographs", "Boys' College Photo Gallery 2008" and "Round Square Activities and Community Service".

THE ROUND SQUARE UMBOMBO PROJECT

The tenth Round Square Ubombo Community Project took place during the August school holidays. The group stayed at the Lodge in Ubombo owned by Mr Dave and Mrs Dawn Irons. Dave Irons is an old boy of St Stithians. The Project was a resounding success with twelve boys from the College:

GRADE 11

Scott Needham
Dylan Pons
Michael Sibanda
Edward Wadsworth
Nick Randall
Dylan Wills

GRADE 12

Dean Cowley
Douglas Hoernle
Mitchell Levieux
Keagan Malan
Mark Rusch
Karabo Seoloane;

twelve girls from the Girls' College and nine adults taking part, including two students and a teacher from Box Hill and Abbotsholme Schools in England. A great variety of tasks were undertaken, contributing much to the Ubombo community. The students learnt much about themselves from the experience.

Both schools are fellow Round Square schools and the presence of the overseas group hugely enriched the experience of all concerned. The group taught Science, Maths, Biology and English at the local high school. The teaching was greatly appreciated by the Mangwazana High School learners, who were eager to learn and grasped the opportunity with both hands.



The group interacted with the children in the Village, giving them much needed individual love and attention. They also took the children to the circus one night, which was a great highlight for all concerned. A covered patio was erected at the Village and swings were built, much to the children's great pleasure. The students also put on a concert and a party for Dave Irons' mother, "Gogo Hazel", who turned 100 years old in July.

A Sports Day was also held at the school with teams of girls, boys and staff playing each other, much to the delight of the spectators. This proved to be a Derby afternoon which generated much excitement.



Work undertaken at the local primary school, Nsimbane Primary School, included laying a soccer field and a netball field. The third focus of the Project was the Ubombo Children's Care Village, which was started and is run by Dawn Irons.

THE SAINTS TREK



Fifteen Grade 10 boys: Kyle Coetzee, Morgan Ferguson, James Hart, Douglas Heale, Zach Hickmore, Luke Humphrey, Lloyd Hunter, Shaun Kinmont, Langalathe Mahamba-Sithole, Jonathan Scott, Michael Shires, Luke Simmonds, Alex Tsang, Matthew Urquhart and Quinn Wobbe took part in The Saints Trek.

The first part of the Trek, in the Magoebaskloof area of Limpopo Province, consisted of a week's community service at Appel Combined School, a small underprivileged school that celebrated its 50th anniversary while the Trek group was there. The Trekkers did renovations to the school, taught and played soccer or netball with the learners.

The renovation work consisted of paving the quad, laying bricks around the garden beds, fertilising the gardens and planting many new plants and painting of the Grade 8 classrooms. The school was truly "spruced up" and the work much appreciated.

The adventure week of the Trek consisted of two days of canoeing on Ebenezer Dam and a five day hike in a very beautiful mountainous area. The party slept in hiking huts each night and were truly stretched by the difficulty of the hike, with resultant blisters, bruises and other minor injuries. The boys were complimented on their team work, outstanding behaviour and their significant contribution to the school. Well done to all involved.



TALL SHIPS RACE, NORWAY



David Reynolds, Chris Austin and Jarryd Ellis were crew members aboard Gordonstoun School's tall ship, the *Ocean Spirit of Moray*. The boys spent two weeks on the ship and sailed from Måløy in Norway to Inverness in Scotland. They joined the Tall Ships Festival in Måløy and sailed from Måløy to Bergen in Norway in the company of the full Tall Ships fleet. After the parade and festivities in Bergen the *Ocean*

HOCKEY

2008

SOUTHERN GAUTENG PROVINCIAL SELECTION

U14 B

Paul Tatham
Greg Buchanan

U16 B

Shaun Kinmont
John Sardianos

U18B

Luke Hollis

U18 A

Devon
Campbell
Mark Leshnick

The U18B side, in which Luke Hollis played, won their Festival convincingly by winning all their games.

The U18A side, coached by Mr Moabi Malebye, won the U18 National Inter-provincial Tournament, held in the Midlands. The team was unbeaten all week. This was significant as it meant the Southern's U18 Team won back to back titles.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL!**

Spirit of Moray sailed to Inverness. The boys learned a lot about sailing, met people from many different countries and were extremely sorry to say farewell to new friends at the end of the trip. We hope this opportunity will be available to our boys again next year.

ANN HARDING CHESHIRE HOME PROJECT

In the first week of the August holidays the boys of the Interact Club of 2008/2009 were asked to paint the perimeter palisade fence of the Ann Harding Cheshire Home in Randburg. A total of thirty six boys, the majority of whom were in Grade 10, took part in the Project from 4 to 6 August.

Three members of staff were also involved, Mrs Gladys Ayaya and her three children, Mr Evan Snyman and Miss Wendy Robb. There was a great deal of satisfaction seeing a rusted, weathered fence slowly turning a shiny green over the course of the three days. Mr Willem Roos, the Manager of the Home, was exceptionally complimentary about the way in which the boys worked, and the residents of the Home were most appreciative for the boys' assistance in improving the appearance of the Home.



SPORT

HOCKEY



GOLF

St Stithians Boys' College participated as one of thirty-six schools in the annual St John's College International School's Tournament, played at Sun City in August. All the of South Africa's top golfing schools were there as well as schools from Zimbabwe and Great Britain. The Boys' College was represented by Nicholas Scher (Captain Gr 11), Luke Hollis (Gr 11) Jonathan Dixon (Gr 9) and Haydn Porteous (Gr 8). The tournament was played over four days and after day 1 the Saints team was in 5th position; after day 2 in 2nd position, to take the lead on day 3, by one stroke. On the final day Saints was tied first, but on a count-out was placed 2nd.

The standard of play was incredibly high this year. Both teams placed first (Saints and KES), played 12 shots better than any school has managed in the past. In the last four years, the Boys' College has had the following places: 9th, 2nd, 2nd and 1st.

St Stithians was not out of the prizes: Haydn Porteous posted the best individual score on the final day. Jonathan Dixon played solid golf throughout the tournament and he and Haydn posted 5-under and 4-under in the Betterball, competition. The two eagles that Luke Hollis produced and the fighting spirit of the captain Nic Scher contributed greatly to the success of the team.

The boys were excellent ambassadors for St Stithians, when the going got tough and displayed true sportsmanship. *We are indeed proud of them.*

Haydn Porteous being presented with his SA Colours blazer and the U16 World Championship Trophy in Chapel.



Before.....



and After!

RUGBY

You may or may not know that, as the curtain-raiser to the Vodacom Tri-Nations test between the Springboks and Australia in Durban recently, the South African Schools side, representing the best 22 players at the Craven Week played against the SA Academy side.

The SA Academy team trounced the SA Schools team 41-19.

Congratulations to JONO ROSS who captained the winning team!

ATHLETICS

Pre-season training was held in preparation for the short Athletics season this term.

KARTING

Devon Tame won 1st place in the Mozambique Karting Challenge.

SOCCER

The Soccer Squad held a training camp during the holidays with the team staying over in Collins House. The U14 and 1st Teams played in a tournament at St David's. The U14s were in a "touch" Pool, but had a good win over King Edward's 3-1. The 1sts were top of their Pool and in the semis tied with St David's, but then went out after losing the penalty shoot-out.

SWIMMING

The Central Gauteng Aquatics Senior Short Course Championships took place in August. Brady Rothschild won the Gold Medal (1st) in the 100m Breaststroke and the Bronze Medal (3rd) in the 200m Breaststroke in the Mens 15 and Under Category.

WATERPOLO

Some of the Waterpolo boys went to Serbia and on their return hosted a French Touring team during August. The visitors also played against other local independent schools.

2008 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

The IEB has announced that the following nineteen members of the Boys' College staff have been appointed as Sub-examiners for the 2008 National Senior Certificate:

Mrs Liesl Pretorius - Afrikaans 1st Additional Language
Mr Basie Viljoen - Afrikaans Home Language PII
Mr Greg Crighton - English Home Language Paper I
Mrs Lidia Upton - English Home Language Paper I
Ms Mary Barrett - English Home Language Paper II
Mrs Michelle Kalify - English Home Language Paper II
Miss Wendy Robb - English Home Language P II:
Mr Jean-Luc Michel - French Second Additional Language PII
Mr Graham Jonson - Geography
Mrs Sarah-Jane Libera - Geography
Ms Kim Simons - History Paper II
Mrs Wendy Armstrong - History Paper II
Mrs Nonhlanhla Pule - isiZulu 1st Additional Language
Mr Gareth Murray - Life Sciences P II
Mr Don Hean - Physical Science P I
Mr Peter Wright - Physical Science P I

In addition, Mr Ryno Reichert completes his term as the Maths Examiner this year and Mrs Heather Frankiskos is the Maths examiner for this year until 2011.

Mr Andrew Baker and Mr Herman Bezuidenhout are the moderators for Natural Sciences and Afrikaans 2008-2011.

Congratulations - and good luck- to One and All - the Boys' College is extremely privileged to have you as Staff members.

CONGRATULATIONS

- SA Sexual Health Association (SASHA) held a creative essay competition as part of the Sexual Health Awareness Campaign. Young people were asked to express their ideas about love and relationships in a rapidly changing 21st century SA context. The Grade 11s submitted essays as part of the LO programme. Four were awarded Certificates of Excellence and Danilo Acquisto won 1st Prize (a laptop) and Jovy Abraham won 3rd Prize. Sister Ruthie Loubser from SASHA and Maureen Nair from MEDIS (Sponsor) attended Chapel to award the prizes.

Danilo Acquisto – 1st prize

Jovy Abraham – 3rd prize

Certificates: Katlego Latakgomo, Graham Rohan,
Nicholas Watters and Dane Wedel.



- Rowan Spazzoli and Mark Stobbart entered the Engen Find the Fun in Maths and Science. Rowan won 1st Place with a laptop as the prize.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE TO ALL!

CONDOLENCES

We offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to the following Boys' College families and ask that you hold them all in your prayers:

The Brodie family: Mr Brodie (Snr), Mrs Mary Brodie, Nicholas, Grade 12 and Toni Gr 11 (GC) on the tragic death of their son, husband and father Doug,

The Purkey family: Mr Malcolm Purkey and Benjamin – on the death of Mrs Pippa Purkey (Stein).

Ms Astrid Attwell (Staff, Boys' College) and family on the recent death of her father.

We received news that Mr George Chien, external Chinese teacher, died recently.

SEPTEMBER IS ARBOR MONTH

The two tree species which have been selected for Arbor Day 2008 are *Diospyros whyteana* (Bladdernut) and *Harpephyllum caffrum* (Wild Plum). The Bladdernut is a small tree (typically 2-3m tall and rarely up to 5m tall) which is described as a common forest undershrub tree typically found in rocky outcrops in scrub. It is also fairly rare and quite difficult to get hold of. The Wild Plum is a medium-large, partly deciduous tree which grows in open positions in full sun. It can grow up to 14m tall and has a fairly invasive root structure (should not be planted too close to walls and buildings).

During the month of September, the Boys' College is appealing for donations towards buying as many Wild Plum trees as possible to beautify the area around the back of the boarding houses. The approximate cost of a planted young tree of approximately 1m is R200-00. We appeal for any amount which can be put towards this cost. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Arbor Month 2008 - Boys' College" and hand it in at Reception. Unfortunately no plaques can be placed at the trees because the maintenance and upkeep of these is prohibitive.

It would be truly wonderful to see a grove of these majestic trees in an area of our College which is currently rather unsightly due to the recent building operations in the two Boarding houses. Thank you in anticipation.

Andrew Baker

Environmental Committee Representative
St Stithians Boys' College



SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 10:00-15:00

ONCE AGAIN THE ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL WILL PROVE AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

AN ADVENTURE RACE, HELICOPTER RIDES AND A FLIGHT SIMULATOR

ARE AMONG THE VARIETY OF EVENTS TO ENTERTAIN, ONE & ALL.

In the meantime, kindly take note of the appeal for mugs, T-shirts & caps, highlighted below.





OLD STITHIAN ASSOCIATION NEWS

ATTENTION: OSA MEMBERS IN LONDON

The Rector, Mr Stephen Lowry, and Mr Colin Smith (Old Stithian, Trustee, Councillor and Chairman of the Boys' College PTA) will be in London, en route to the Round Square Conference (Vancouver), on Thursday 02 October 2008.

They would welcome the opportunity to touch base with Old Stithians based in London and to bring One and All up to speed with developments at the College.

Please join Stephen and Colin for light refreshments on:

Date: Thursday, 02 October 2008

Time: 17:30 for 18:00 - 20:00

Venue: East India Club, The Rugby Room

(Address: 16 St James Square, London, SW1Y 4LH Tel: 020-7930-1000; www.eastindiaclub.co.uk
Should you wish to attend this function, or have any further queries regarding the visit, kindly RSVP or contact the Rector's Office (Mrs Bev Johnson, Tel: +27-11-577-6387) or e-mail: rector@stithian.com by no later than Friday, 26 September please (*in order to facilitate catering arrangements*).

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Flynn Robson (Matric '96) and Kate King on their recent marriage.

CONDOLENCES:

Mr Douglas Brodie (Old Boy 1968), father of Nicholas, Grade 12 (BC) and Toni Gr 11 (GC) was killed tragically in a motorbike accident on Sunday 7 September. Douglas was driving one of his vintage motorcycles on the road to Rustenburg when a bakkie crashed into him.

UPDATE ON THE NEW ONE & ALL



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