



ST STITHIANS COLLEGE

A South African School Making a World of Difference



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*Saints Honour:
Honour God, Honour Others, Honour Self*

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FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR

Dear One & All

RECTOR'S WELCOME

I am very conscious that the lifestyles of credit fuelled consumption (and often conspicuous consumption) that we have been living in the last 20 years has come to an abrupt end with the credit crisis in the world economy that we are now experiencing.

(I am particularly aware of the impact that has had on many of our cash-strapped, fee paying parents, and wish to reassure you that we really are doing everything we can to lessen the impact a St Stithians education will have on your pocket.)

It has brought to mind the need for all of us to return to the basic and good things about life and perhaps this little reflection from George Carlin – a comedian of the 70's and 80's – has a lesson for all of us.

“The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. ...

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but

most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

I wish you peace, joy and fulfilment in 2009.

2008 MATRIC RESULTS

We are delighted to announce that our 2008 Matrics have excelled under the new National Senior Certificate curriculum – with the Independent Examinations Board. Below is a summary of the 2008 Matric results:

· Candidates:	232
· Qualified for Bachelor Degree Studies (BD):	209
· Qualified for Diploma Studies (D):	18
· Qualified for College (HC):	3
· National Senior Certificate:	1
· Did not qualify (DNQ):	1
· Outstanding Achievements per Subject (Level 7)	312

The following candidates achieved particularly well (achieving Level 7 (80% and above)):

Girls' College

Marilyn Martin	10* Subjects (<i>*Includes subjects taken in addition to the core Curriculum</i>)
Caitlin Penny	8* Subjects (<i>*Includes subjects taken in addition to the core Curriculum</i>)
Michelle du Plessis	7 Subjects
Hayley Slavin	7 Subjects
Carla Eskinazi	6 Subjects
Kirsten Gohl	6 Subjects
Stephanie Dabrowski	5 Subjects
Charné Fourie	5 Subjects
Skye Harrison	5 Subjects
Michelle Lachenicht	5 Subjects
Gillian van Gass	5 Subjects
Bronwyn Lovegrove	5 Subjects
Rilée Palmer	5 Subjects
Jade Pomroy	5 Subjects

Boys' College

Keagan Malan	9* Subjects (<i>*Includes subjects taken in addition to the core Curriculum</i>)
Stuart Edmond	8* Subjects (<i>*Includes subjects taken in addition to the core Curriculum</i>)
Zachry Pitsillis	8* Subjects (<i>*Includes subjects taken in addition to the core Curriculum</i>)
Peter Burge	7 Subjects
Alexander Backwell	7* Subjects (<i>*Includes subjects taken in addition to the core Curriculum</i>)
Jon Paul Janet	6 Subjects
Mark Rusch	6 Subjects
David Beeton	5 Subjects
Janko Burger	5 Subjects
Alexander Reimeringer-Visser	5 Subjects

These results reflect the dedication and commitment of all teachers from the Junior Preparatory School to the Colleges that make up the village of schools that is St Stithians College.

Well done to all Saints Matriculants and indeed all Matric learners country wide on their results in 2008.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome the following new staff members and interns to Saints and wish them a long and happy career at the College:

SCHOOL	SURNAME	NAME	POST
Boys' College	Gamon	Malcolm	Teacher Maths
Boys' College	Jankowitz	Christo	Teacher Music
Boys' College	Nozaic	Bruce	HOD Science
Boys' College	Shewell	Natalie	Teacher English
Boys' College	Sunder	Ugen	Teacher Science
Boys' College	Templeton	Peter	Teacher Maths
Boys' Prep	Lupini	Lynn	Teach Academic Support
Boys' Prep	Vickery	Lesley	Teacher
Boys' Prep	Dyowi	Simphiwe	Teacher IT
Boys' Prep	Gundu	Moira	Librarian
Girls' College	Bauer	Gregory	HOD Geography
Girls' College	Baynes	Charlene	Teacher Maths
Girls' College	Craemer	Lydia s	Librarian
Girls' College	Di Terlizzi	Marisa Ann	Educational Psychologist
Girls' College	Gyngell	Claire	Teacher Geography
Girls' College	Manyathi	Rachel	Teacher EMS/Accountancy
Girls' College	Mari	Mashenthree	Database Administrator
Girls' College	Naidoo	Viven	Teacher EMS/Accountancy
Girls' College	Stein	Susan	Teacher D&T
Girls' College	van der Colf	Brigitte	Teacher Afrikaans
Girls' Prep	Fleming	Pamela	Teacher
Girls' Prep	Gaffney	Karen	Teacher
Girls' Prep	Hill	Elizabeth-Anne	Teacher
Girls' Prep	Pechey	Julia-Anne	Teacher
Girls' Prep	Rajkumar	Reshma	Teacher
Girls' Prep	Tanner-Ellis	Janet	Teacher
Junior Prep	Blamey	Jenny	Director Grade R
Junior Prep	Dane	Tracy	Teacher
Junior Prep	Raman	Rajakumari	Teacher
Junior Prep	Thomas	Carol	Director Grade 2
Intern	Buccellato	Lisa	Girls' College
Intern	Davidson	Sian	Junior Prep
Intern	Hagspihl	Robert	Boys' College
Intern	Leslie	Meryl	Junior Prep
Intern	Mess	Imraan	Boys' Prep
Intern	Reynolds	Caley	Junior Prep

Intern	Ripley-Evans	Lloyd	Girls' College
Intern	Robertson	Angela	Girls' College
Intern	Sparks	Tracey	Junior Prep
Intern	White	Kerryn	Girls' Prep
Intern	Zondo	Lunga	Girls' College

SAINTS TUCKSHOPS NEWS – JANUARY 2009

The Tuckshop Manager writes as follows:

“With effect from 26 January 2009, the Boy’s Tuckshop will be open daily at 7:00 to 16:00. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea/hot chocolate and a croissant/scone. There will be a variety of magazines on sale and we do have DSTV. The meal of the day will be served (i.e. Coronation Chicken and salad on the 26th January 2009 or a salad wrap with chicken /pork sausage/ham). Any one of our daily offerings will be available plated with a salad or chips. If this venture works we will be able to order more tables and step up the menu. We welcome all ideas as we go into this coffee shop idea and we look forward to your support. The pre-paid meals are doing very well and we encourage you to use this service. Up to now the service is being used mostly by the Prep Schools. Should you have any further queries in this regard, kindly e-mail Mrs Gill de Gruchy (Tuckshop Manager) at gdegruchy@stithian.com.”

COLLEGE CALENDAR: 2009 & 2010

Parents are reminded that the Saints calendars for 2009 and 2010 are to be found on the College website (www.stithian.com).

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTOR

If there is anything about which you would like more information, please do not hesitate to send your questions to me at rector@stithian.com. Learners as well as parents are quite welcome to send their questions.

SAINTS FAMILY NEWS

We wish to express our sincere condolences to the following members of the Saints Family on their loss of loved ones in recent weeks. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

- The Mitchley Family (Alf Mitchley, Boys’ Prep Director of Creativity) on the sad death of their son, Phillip, after a long illness.

Congratulations to:

- Ms Sue Procter (Boys’ College Teacher) on her engagement to Mr Paul Wilde;
- Mrs Wendy Kerr (former Director of Community Service, Boys’ College) on being awarded the *Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award* for her contribution to community service over many years; and
- Tracy Dane (nee Canny) (Junior Prep Teacher) on her recent marriage to Greg.

GOOD NEWS COLUMN

It is always gratifying to receive letters of praise and congratulations about our staff and learners. Should you wish to contribute any Good News, please send the details to: rector@stithian.com.

With kind regards.

STEPHEN LOWRY
RECTOR