

March 2022

# TERMLY NEWSLETTER



## CSA News

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR:  
ISRAEL SKOSANA

**Dear One & All,**

**2022 began full of excitement and activity as all students returned to on site schooling. There is a feeling of "getting back to normal" on campus and the OSA is gearing up for a busy year.**

**We encourage our alumni to share their news and achievements with us. Email [alumni@stithian.com](mailto:alumni@stithian.com) with your personal news updates and stories, we love to hear from you.**



The Matric Class of 2021 celebrated their 1st Reunion at Higher Ground. This event is an opportunity for me to welcome them to the Old Stithian Association and wish them well in their new journeys to various universities and institutions in South Africa and globally.

The return of onsite reunions is positive. There are reunions planned on campus as well as in **Stellenbosch and Cape Town (March 2022)** and in **London and New York (June 2022)**. Please scroll down in the newsletter for the dates and RSVP links.

The return of the annual Saints Sports Festival over the Easter Weekend has been confirmed. The participation of many schools from around the country will ensure it is a wonderful event. The Alumni Games take place on the Monday 18th April and I encourage all alumni to sign up, participate and support the various sports.



The new St Stithians Chair of Council, **Mrs Ntombi Langa-Royds**, was inducted in the Saints Chapel on 11th February 2022. Ntombi is the first women and person of colour to chair the St Stithians Council. St Stithians College is privileged to have Ntombi's servant leadership and I wish her well as she takes on this significant role. I would also like to thank the Rector, Mrs Celeste Gilardi, for her guidance and support of the Old Stithian Association. More about her moving service can be read here: <https://www.stithian.com/.../council-chair-induction...>



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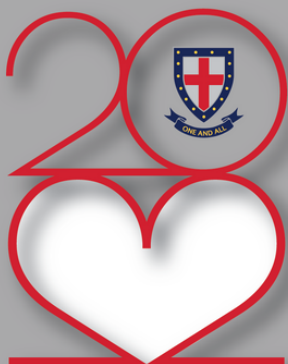
## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR: ISRAEL SKOSANA CONTINUED:



OSA and the St Stithians Advancement office, lead by Alistair Stewart, continue their close working relationship. This relationship is leading to many synergies and is assisting us to reach 75 by 75 campaign with St Stithians alumni all over the world.

All Old Stithians benefited from the generosity of those who went before us. The land, buildings and facilities were all donated by others' generosity. To secure the future of the school, the legacy from current alumni must be a financial asset gift to ensure the longevity of St Stithians College. **The 75 Million Endowment campaign**, to raise 75 Million rand by the school's 75th birthday in 2028 aims to establish a lasting financial asset that continues to assist the school financially. It will ensure that donations to bursaries and capital projects are carefully managed so that the monies continue to generate interest and income for St Stithians for years to come. Together, as a community of alumni, we must assist the school's endowment campaign to reach the 75 million rand needed. My committee and I, along with the schools Advancement fundraising team are here to assist and guide you with your generous gifts.

### Inspired with Purpose



Driven by Passion

On Tuesday, 22nd February 2022 the 2022 theme of St Stithians College was launched. The date is both a palindrome and an ambigram. It reads the same from left to right and from right to left AND upside down - 22022022. This year's theme is: Inspired by Purpose, Driven by Passion. A quote by an unknown source says it best: **"Purpose is the reason that you journey; passion is the fire that lights the way."** We encourage you, our alumni to rediscover your purpose and passion in 2022 and make it a great year! Passion inspires us from within to use our energy and excitement for life to make the most of our inspiring and challenging space.

I wish you and your families a wonderful first quarter of 2022 and blessings over the Easter Weekend.

# ALUMNI NEWS ZONE

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3 Old Stithians were part of the Protea Men's Water polo team that toured to Czech Republic in November 2021.

- **Josh Schmidt 2018**,
- **Michael Stewart 2016**
- **Blayne Spitholt 2013**

**Connor Beauchamp (Class of 2015)** debuted for SA Mens Hockey in their latest tournament FIH Pro League hosted in Potchefstroom

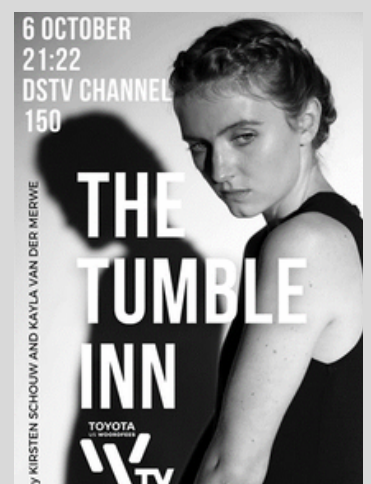


So special to have one of our old boys, **Gordon Martin, Headboy of '62 & '63** and captain of the rugby team pop in for a tour of the Boys' College. We are always so happy to have our alumni come to the college.

**Michael Stark (Class of 2018)** is commended for Inspiring Excellence for the animal farming community at University of Pretoria. BSc Biochemistry and Human Physiology student and TURF Student Coordinator Michael Stark won first prize and an opportunity to travel to Germany in November 2021 for his presentation on "Breaking the wall on viral zoonoses in animal farming" pitch on the Falling Labs platform. As the first-place winner, Michael won R 18 000 in prize money and an opportunity to present his pitch to a prestigious audience.



**Zoë-Blu Mottram** (Class of 2019, Dramatic Arts Honours Award) has been studying Theatre and Drama and Stellenbosch University since matriculating. She was selected to perform in a movement piece that was converted to a film for the Woordfees Festival that aired on DSTV during October.





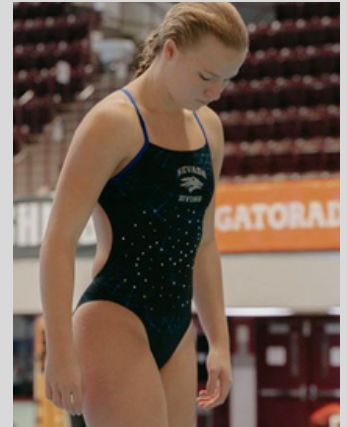
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**Shau Mafuna, (Class of 2011)** has joined the Mercedes Benz High Performance Powertrains team that works behind the Formula One motor racing as a mechanical engineer. He is part of the team that designs the power unit components for all the Mercedes F1 engines used in the Mercedes, McLaren, Aston Martin and Williams F1 Cars. Well done Shau!



Old girl **Bailey Heydra (Class of 2021)** won the 1m diving competition in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Mountain West conference meet. She is currently on a diving scholarship at the University of Nevada Reno. Read more here:  
<https://nevadawolfpack.com/.../womens-swimming-diving...>



## MATRIC RESULTS - NEWZROOM AFRIKA

We were privileged to have Newzroom Africa Anchor, **Ayanda Nyathi** and his team with us to cover our Matric results collections and celebrations. This was made more special by the fact that Ayanda is an Old Stithian (Class of 2014), having received a full house of 8 distinctions for his matric. Here Ayanda chats to Boys' College student, **Zarret Mills (Class of 2021)** about his exceptional results, his Mom and about the journey, SSP Programme Manager Lillian Said and Head of the Boys' College, David du Toit.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMao0AiHAK8>



**Follow us on Facebook for the latest alumni news:**

<https://www.facebook.com/OldStithianAssociation>

# OSA GIRLS MIC NIGHTS

OSA Mic nights are a collaboration between St Stithians Girls' College and the OSA Girls' Sub Committee. These online discussions facilitate interaction between our alumni and current students. Old Stithian, **Lethabo- Thabo Royds (Class of 2006)** is a gracious host and the format for the evening is to interview two old girls and a current student and discuss a specific topic.



The November 2021 Mic Night, was about Mental Health. Old Stithian, **Sarah Hill (Class of 2011)** is a current top S.A mountain biker. She shared the many challenges she has faced and how she focuses on remaining mentally fit and healthy in a professional sporting career.

**Thabile Sikhakhane (Class of 2012)** is currently studying Psychometric Psychology and is specialising in mental health in the youth. Thabile provided some tips on getting through anxious times, particularly during the stressful exam period. Our students were encouraged to reach out to their school councillor teams for support and Thabile herself has availed herself for any students who may be suffering with any mental health issues.

The theme for the first Mic Night of 2022 was "Living in a Digital World". **Georgina Van der Walt (Class of 2002)** has been a seasoned tech lead for over 7 years at Meta (formally Facebook). Georgina has led some of the world's biggest global brands. Originally from South Africa, she was the third employee to begin at Facebook Africa. Currently, Georgina is based in New York where she continues to work for Meta.

**Gomolemo Tau (2014)** joined the panel as a trainee attorney specializing in technology, media & telecommunications in the Intellectual Property Sector. Gomolemo has a deep interest in technological innovations that provide solutions in industries that change the way we do everyday life. Students and panelists engaged about the pros and cons of the digital world and discussed social platforms and how to use to use them responsibly.





# Upcoming Events

## Old Stithian Association

### Cape Reunion 2022



#### STELLENBOSCH:

Date: Wednesday, 23rd March

Hudsons, The Burger Joint Stellenbosch

Join us from 5.30pm

#### CAPE TOWN:

Date: Thursday, 24th March

LaCuccina, Josephine Mill, 13 Boundary Road,  
Newlands (St Stithians Online School Campus)

Join us from 5.30pm

We look forward to welcoming One & All

Drinks & Snacks will be served. Cash bar available!  
Join us to renew friendships, reminisce and receive an  
update on the school.

There are 2 reunions in the Cape:

23rd March in Stellenbosch and 24th  
March in Cape Town .

We look forward to reconnecting  
with our alumni in Cape Town!  
If you would like to join us for this  
event, please RSVP here:

<https://forms.gle/Sj7vBu6Ysmo9p6DKA>

## Alumni Sports Day 2022

Do you still have your school spirit?  
**WE WANT YOU!!!**

We are hosting our Alumni Sports day at  
our famous annual Sports Festival and  
are calling on our 'rival schools' to reignite  
their school passion to take part in some  
friendly competition against our St  
Stithians Alumni.



If you would like to participate in one of the  
following sporting codes:  
Squash/Tennis/Rugby/Hockey/  
Football and Netball please contact  
[alumni@stithian.com](mailto:alumni@stithian.com)

The matches will take place on Monday,  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTAKE IN OUR ALUMNI SPORTS GAMES  
PLEASE RSVP HERE: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/GDFNКУZPFSS9N1MQ5](https://forms.gle/GDFNКУZPFSS9N1MQ5)



The Annual St Stithians College Sports Festival is back this year from the 13th - 18th April. The OSA Zone will have live music and will be streaming the school sports happening around campus! Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more information!

## Dates for these class reunions:

- BC Class of 1962: Gordon Martin, 16th September
- BC Class of 1972: Allan Tatham, September
- BC Class of 1982: Mark Heaton 16th September
- BC Class of 1992: Sheldon Baker, TBC
- BC Class of 2002: Ignus Du Toit, TBC
- BC Class of 2012: Mike Frames, June
- GC Class of 2002: Cathy Qama, TBC
- GC Class of 2012: Amber Hankey, September

**Save the date:  
OSA London Reunion:  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**



**Save the date:  
OSA New York Reunion:  
Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June**



## Save the Date: 16th September

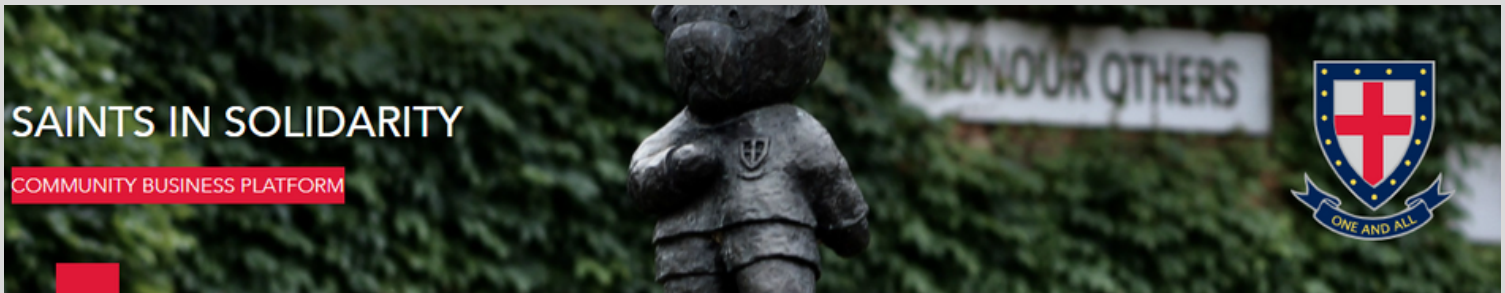
We are hosting our Annual Old Stithian Dinner on Friday, 16th September with our walkabout tours at the Colleges.



# SAINTS IN SOLIDARITY

Have you listed your business on the Saints in Solidarity business portal?  
Listings are free for Saints community members.

We encourage our community to support each other's businesses.  
For more information and to view the businesses and services on offer,  
please visit: <https://www.stithian.com/business>



The banner features a bronze statue of a child in a school uniform, a banner in the background that reads "HONOUR OTHERS", and the St Stithians College crest with the motto "ONE AND ALL".

## SAINTS IN SOLIDARITY

COMMUNITY BUSINESS PLATFORM

This webpage is designed to encourage and assist businesses to market to the St Stithians community. Many businesses listed here are linked to the school in some way; either they are owned by alumni, current or past parents or grandparents. Companies not owned by community members are permitted to advertise for an annual fee and should apply via the link below. All donations and advertising fees are allocated to the St Stithians Endowment Fund and Thandulwazi Maths and Science Academy. St Stithians College does not accept any responsibility for the products and services delivered. To apply to have your business listed on this platform click [here](#).

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Recycling & Waste Removal	Security	Special offers	Sports, Clubs & Coaching	Stationery	Technology	Toys & Crafts	Transport Services	Travel	Warehousing & Storage

## Fun facts – Did you know?



- The Girls' Prep recently introduced rugby and football as sporting codes. The girls completed a full soccer season with a high participation and level of fun.
- The 2022 Grade R intake saw 36 Old Stithian children enrolled at the Junior Prep. The school and the OSA are delighted that so many Old Stithians are choosing Saints to educate their children too.
- St Stithians has invested in a Water Security Project. Construction of a water treatment plant to ensure continuous supply of potable water across campus has been completed.