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NEWSLETTER

April, 2025

MESSAGE FROM OLD STITHIAN CHAIRMAN: ISRAEL SKOSANA



Dear Fellow Old Stithians,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the April 2025 edition of the Old Stithian Association Newsletter. As we reflect on the conclusion of the first term, it is heartening to witness the continued vibrancy of our community anchored in shared values, lasting friendships, and a deep love for our alma mater. Our theme for the year, 'A Family of Schools. A School for Family', has echoed across every event, gathering, and initiative. From the joyful 20-year reunion of the Girls' College Class of 2005 to the spirited alumni gatherings in Cape Town, Stellenbosch, Brisbane, and Sydney it is clear that our global Saints family continues to thrive. These events have reconnected generations of Old Stithians, offering not only the opportunity to reflect on cherished memories but also opportunities for mentorship, networking, and renewed purpose. Thank you to all those who participated, hosted, or supported these gatherings-your commitment strengthens the very fabric of the OSA.

We are also thrilled with the successful launch of the **OSA App**, which has become a powerful tool for connection, support and engagement across the world. It's encouraging to see so many alumni embracing mentorship opportunities and staying actively involved in the life of the College. I would like to take a moment to congratulate Emma Mashilwane on her appointment as the new Chair of Council. Her deep connection to the College and visionary leadership will no doubt guide us into a bold and exciting chapter.

On the financial front, we are pleased to report that the College is tracking well against budget for the first term of the year. This is a significant milestone, and we extend our deep thanks to FinCom for their strategic oversight and for implementing the financial dashboard that is driving greater transparency and smarter decision-making across the schools.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to the BHI Task Team for their tireless work, discernment, and professionalism in delivering the recent update report to members. The latest [letter](#) offers a transparent, thoughtful, and contextually sensitive reflection on an immensely complex and painful chapter in our Association's history. It highlights the lessons we must carry forward, the governance improvements already underway, and our shared commitment to safeguarding the trust that binds us as Old Stithians. To every individual who contributed to the preparation of this report thank you for your integrity, discretion, and service to the OSA.

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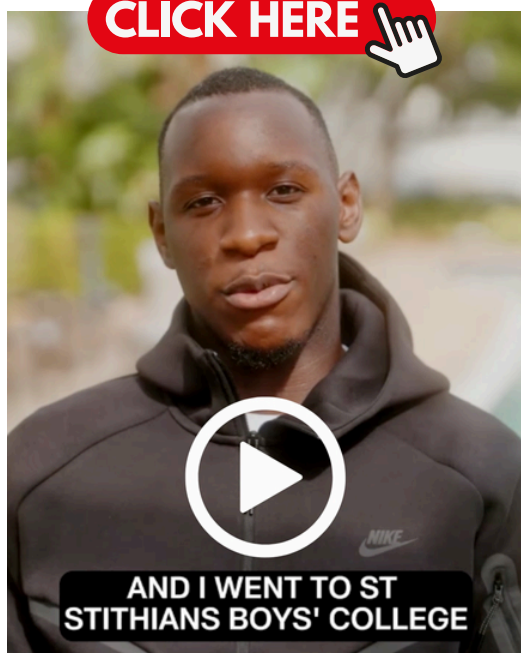
Looking ahead, we are thrilled to welcome you to SaintsFest 2025, which promises to be our biggest and best yet. With over 4,000 attendees expected and alumni performances headlined by Desmond and the Tutus, the OSA Zone will once again be the heartbeat of the festival—a space to connect, celebrate, and live the Saints spirit to the fullest.

In celebration of our shared identity and pride in being part of the Saints family, we are excited to offer a growing range of Old Stithian Association merchandise, including caps, socks, and shirts. These items are now available for purchase at The [Stithian Shop](#) on campus, with an online purchasing option launching soon to make access even more convenient for Old Stithians around the world. We look forward to seeing more of our community proudly wearing the Saints colours on campus, at events, and beyond.

As always, thank you for being an essential part of this remarkable journey. Whether through mentorship, sponsorship, service, or simply showing up, you help shape the legacy of the Old Stithian Association. St Stithians thrives through the stewardship of its Trust, the vigilance of its Council, the responsibility of its executive, and the active participation of you, our alumni and the parent community.

Warmest regards,
Israel Skosana

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We are very proud of
Old Stithian TJ
Maguranyanga, Class
of 2020 on being
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REUNIONS

GIRLS' COLLEGE CLASS OF 2005 REUNION

The Girls' College Class of 2005 marked their 20th Reunion with a day full of nostalgia and school spirit. The celebrations began with a special assembly, where old friendships were rekindled, and memories came flooding back. Alumnae, Nakita Bolus, addressed the students about her time at St Stithians and how she loved Saints and the core values that were instilled into them 20 years ago is what she has kept with her all these years! Nakita was also the recipient of the "Lindsay Bennett" award in her matric year.

With Saints stripes proudly painted on their faces, the alumnae raised their voices in spirited war cries with the "Members" song, to top it all off - just like old times. A heartfelt memory walk to the Girls' Prep followed, bringing back childhood moments and shared experiences.

The Girls' College Class of 2005 continued their 20th Reunion celebrations with a nostalgic visit to the Girls' Prep Music Room, where they relived fond memories of playing the marimbas. Guided by the Grade 7 PR girls, they were taken on a tour through various grades, reconnecting with the school's vibrant spirit and seeing how much has changed—yet how the Saints sisterhood remains as strong as ever.



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CAPE REUNIONS: STRENGTHENING BONDS ACROSS GENERATIONS

The Cape Town Reunion proved to be a standout event, bringing together 200 Old Stithians from Stellenbosch and Cape Town for two evenings of camaraderie, networking, and shared memories.



Hosted as a Cocktail Party, each event created a warm and engaging atmosphere, strengthened by the generosity of an Old Stithian who sponsored an exquisite selection of wines - thank you Chris Mullineux, Class of 1994! We also had Old Stithian, Delaine Immelman who sponsored a variety of Longridge wines for our Cape Town Reunion.

Held at scenic venues with breathtaking views, the reunions provided alumni with the opportunity to reconnect, exchange professional insights, and reminisce about their days at St Stithians. Attendees spanned multiple generations, from recent graduates to seasoned professionals, reflecting the strength and depth of the OSA network.

The Stellenbosch evening showcased an address by key alumni, Carel Nolte, Class of '91 on the importance of community building and belonging and how the relationship with Stellenbosch University is building that with Saints Alumni.

Gavin Meiring, Deputy Chairman of the OSA also emphasized the importance of staying connected and contributing to the school's ongoing success. There was also an exciting announcement about upcoming initiatives aimed at expanding the OSA's presence in the Cape, ensuring that Old Stithians living in the region remain engaged and supported.



The reunions brought to life the 2025 theme – 'A Family of Schools. A School for Family', highlighting that our Old Stithians are still very much a part of our Saints Family

#OnceASaintAlwaysASaint.

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AUSTRALIAN REUNIONS: MARCH 2025

BRISBANE OLD STITHIAN REUNION: A NIGHT OF CONNECTION AND CELEBRATION

Thursday evening saw a historic moment for the St Stithians alumni community in Brisbane as 30 Old Stithians gathered at The Felons Brewery for the first ever Brisbane Old Stithian Reunion.

With an array of ages represented, the gathering highlighted the strength and reach of the Saints network. Conversations flowed effortlessly, and new friendships were forged, reinforcing the deep ties that Old Stithians share no matter where they are in the world.

A significant highlight of the evening was a formal toast to the Old Stithian Association, marking this inaugural Brisbane reunion as a special occasion. The alumni expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to reconnect and build upon the strong legacy of Saints brotherhood and sisterhood.

The OSA App proved to be a hit among attendees, with many praising its ability to keep the Saints network engaged and informed. There was enthusiastic discussion around the mentorship programs, with several alumni expressing interest in playing an active role in guiding and supporting younger Old Stithians.



The Brisbane Old Stithian Reunion was a resounding success, setting the stage for future gatherings and further strengthening the OSA community in Australia. Here's to many more reunions and continued connections!



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SYDNEY OLD STITHIAN REUNION: ANOTHER MEMORABLE GATHERING

Following the success in Brisbane, the team headed to Sydney for the second reunion on Tuesday evening. This event saw an even larger turnout, with 50 alumni in attendance. It was a truly special evening, bringing together some of our founder students alongside our most recent 2024 matriculants, many of whom are now pursuing their studies at universities in Australia.

The Sydney reunion further emphasized the strength of the Saints alumni network, providing another opportunity for Old Stithians to reconnect, share experiences, and expand their professional and personal connections. The enthusiasm for the OSA App and mentorship programs continued, with alumni eager to remain actively involved in supporting fellow Saints.



With two successful reunions in Australia, the momentum for future alumni gatherings is strong. These events not only celebrate our shared history but also pave the way for meaningful connections and opportunities within the global Saints community. If you reside in Sydney and didn't attend the reunion please do reach out to alumni@stithian.com as there has been a WhatsApp group that has been created for our Sydney Alumni.



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UPCOMING REUNIONS



SAVE THE DATE

TORONTO!

We are excited for our first ever OSA Reunion !

Tuesday, 17th June 2025
Time: 17:30
Venue: TBC



Thursday, 19th June 2025

Join Boys' College Head- David du Toit
and OSA Chairman - Israel Skosana

We look forward to
welcoming One & All

SAVE THE DATE

Old Stithian Reunion in
New York



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Saint Alumni - UK

THE WANDLE
332 GARRATT LANE,
LONDON, SW184EJ

£20 ENTRANCE (EARLY BIRD)
£30 ENTRANCE (AFTER 30 APRIL)
FOOD, 1 * DRINK & LEKKER GEES

THURSDAY
26 JUNE 2025
17:30 - 23:00

JOIN US THIS JUNE FOR
OUR UK REUNION 2025!

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DALLAS

Save the Date:
Tuesday, 17th June 2025
Dallas, Texas Old Stithian Reunion
Venue: To be confirmed
Time: 17:30

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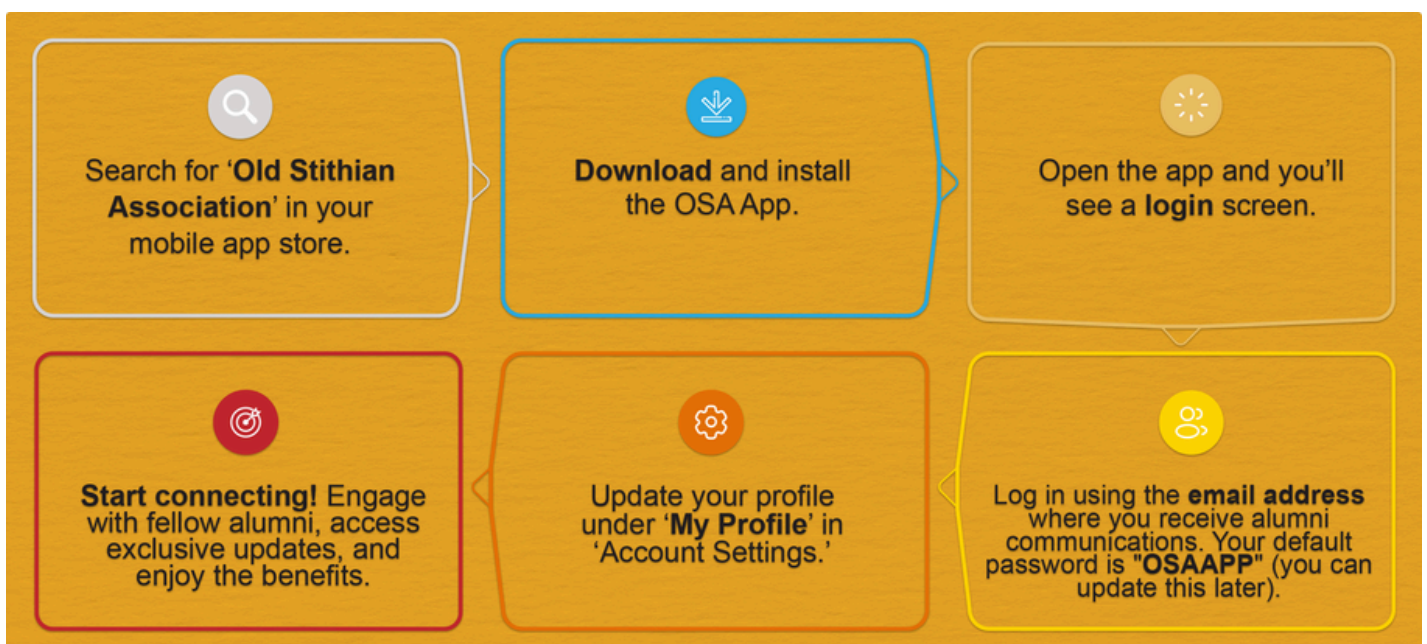
Exciting News! Introducing the OSA App

We recently launched a game-changing addition to our alumni community: **the OSA Alumni App!**

This innovative platform has been specifically designed to connect, support, and empower St Stithians alumni across the globe, offering a seamless way to stay engaged and involved.

More than just an app, this will be your go-to hub for all things OSA. Whether it's reconnecting with old friends, attending reunions, staying updated on sports events, discovering career opportunities, or accessing exclusive alumni perks, the app provides all the tools you need to stay connected—no matter where you are in the world.

HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE APP



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HOW TO LIST YOUR BUSINESS ON THE OSA APP

1. Complete the Form

Fill out a separate form for each business you wish to list.



Click [here](#) to fill out the form

2. Provide Business Details

Enter your business name, contact details, and a brief description of your goods or services.

3. Confirm VAT Compliance

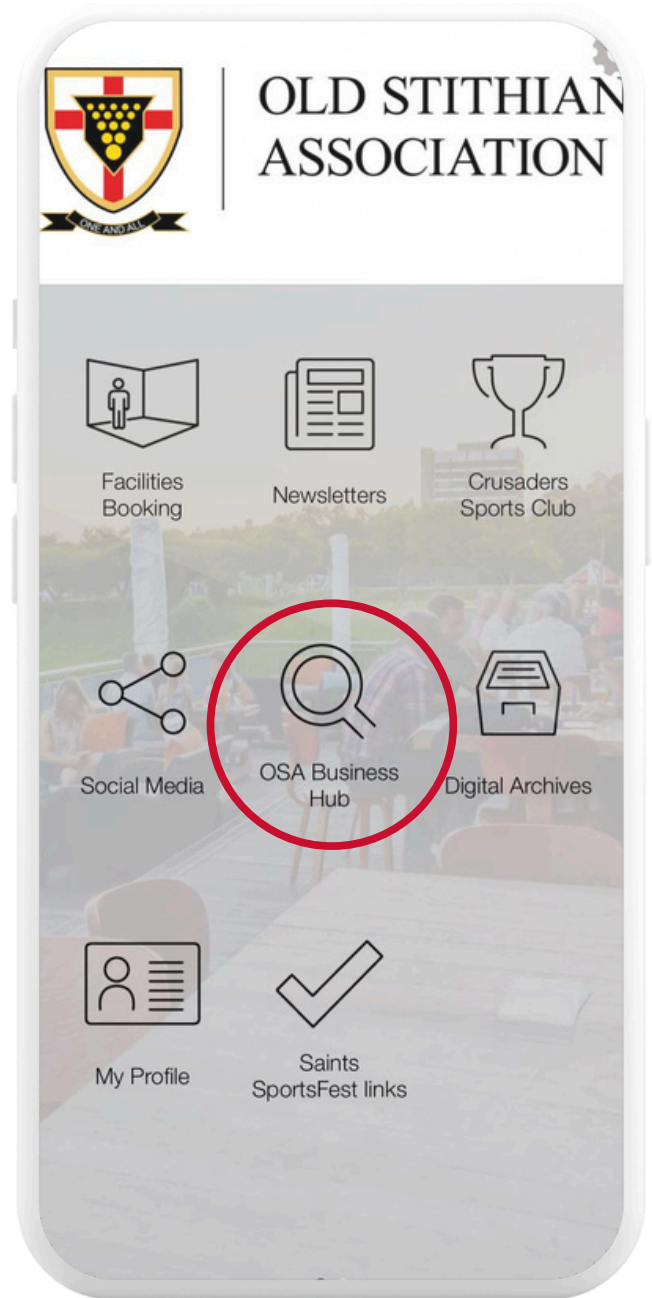
Your business must be VAT registered and compliant. VAT-exempt businesses also qualify.

4. Submit Proof of Payment

A one-year listing (March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026) costs R1200.

Terms & Conditions Apply

- The OSA reserves the right to approve listings and may decline businesses that do not align with community values.
- No businesses selling inappropriate products or services will be considered.
- The OSA holds final discretion over business listings.



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SAINTS SPORTSFEST 2025

Get ready for the highly anticipated **Saints Sports Festival** – it's almost here! We're thrilled to welcome our participating schools, visitors, Old Stithians, sponsors, vendors, and all participants to SaintsFest 2025.

OSA ZONE: THE ULTIMATE HOSPITALITY TENT

Join over 4,000 attendees for an unforgettable experience featuring **live music**, an **incredible lineup of alumni artists**, and the amazing **Desmond and the Tutus** performing over two days! Enjoy a **massive dance floor**, a **dazzling stage with lights**, and a **giant outdoor screen streaming all the game action**. Don't miss out!

Thursday 17th April, doors open from 10am – 10pm! Ticket entry is R60 per person

Saturday, 19th April, doors open from 10am – 10pm! Ticket entry is R60 per person



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OSA ZONE LINE-UP

THURSDAY 17TH &
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DOORS OPEN FROM 10AM

THURSDAY:

Murray Blamey
Zinhle Dlamini
5FM Stephanie Be
Veenus
3s and 7s

SATURDAY:

Jack Atlantic
Rock the Boat
DJ Hugo Schonborn
Desmond & The Tutus
Declan & Michaela Louw
5FM Kyle Cassim



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THE HOME OF THE OSA: HIGHER GROUND RESTAURANT

Located on the beautiful grounds of St Stithians College, is the **Higher Ground Restaurant** which has unbeatable views of the Sandton skyline.

This extraordinary venue is the ideal setting for any occasion, from a leisurely Sunday brunch to an elegant evening event.

The restaurant delights guests with a delectable menu featuring breakfast, lunch, and dinner options that are sure to impress. It's no surprise that Higher Ground has become a favorite destination for hosting everything from social gatherings to corporate functions.

The Old Stithian Association (OSA) regularly hosts events at this breathtaking location, including the popular LAST Thursdays Draws.

In addition to its charming atmosphere, Higher Ground offers the one-of-a-kind Sky Dining experience.

This unique feature allows guests to savor exceptional cuisine while enjoying a bird's-eye view of Johannesburg, suspended over the stunning campus.

Whether you're planning a business meeting, a celebration, or a memorable dining adventure, Higher Ground Restaurant has everything you need to make your event extraordinary.

To book this remarkable venue for your next occasion, contact them using the details below:

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