



12 February 2016

Dear Saints Family

As I write, there is a wonderful 'Valentine's vibe' on the campus today, following on from the impressive Valentine's Concert last night and the Junior Prep's Friendship Service this morning. This social synergy is inspiring; youthful energy a source of hope.

All of our school's gathered for Ash Wednesday services this week.

We are proud of the many successes, achievements and impact of our students, documented in our website news stories, and in the social and print media. Kagiso Rabada (2013) in cricket and Haydn Porteous (2010) in golf are currently flying the St Stithians flag high as prominent sporting alumni.

### ***St Stithians vehicle access stickers***

I remind all parents that after half-term (23 February), vehicles without the 2016 sticker displayed will be required to sign in with the security guards at our access gates. If you have not yet collected your 2016 stickers, please sign in through the Portal and enter your vehicle registration details.

### ***Rector Connect – Wednesday 2 March @18:00 in the One & All conference room***

All parents and staff are welcome to attend this interactive session with me, in which I will address topical and strategic issues.

### ***Easter Sports Festival and Saints Supporters***

Planning is well advanced for our Prep Sports Festival (17-19 March) and College Sports Festival (24-28 March). Please click on the Festival App for details of sports and teams, with top schools coming from across Southern Africa: [events.stithian.com](http://events.stithian.com). Only available from Monday, 15 February 2016.

We are launching a big drive to grow our Saints Supporters 'blue and white stripes', as we advance our community of belonging. I encourage all our parents and students to purchase the Saints Supporters kit when it is on sale at sports events.

### ***2017 school term dates***

The 2017 dates will be available on the College website from Monday, 15 February 2016.  
<http://www.stithian.com/content/page/campus-calendars>

### ***Campus facilities on the move***

We are currently busy with three major building projects which are going to add significant value to our campus facilities.

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The **Boys' Sports Pavilion** is nearing completion and looks magnificent: there will be an official 'launch' on the evening of 8 March. The Nolte family has generously donated R1m towards the project, bringing our donor funding total to R1.2m to date. We continue to appeal to donors to contribute to the completion of the project, with its donor target of R5m to match the school's contribution. A specific appeal, ahead of the Easter Sports Festival, is being made to donors of furnishings and kitchen fittings to the social lounge of the Boys' Sports Pavilion; and for contributions of plants for landscaping the surrounds.



The **Girls' Sports Pavilion** building project will begin soon after the Easter Sports Festival. The Nolte family has generously donated R1m towards the project, giving significant momentum to the funding campaign for this building – target R5m.

Prospective donors for our two pavilions are invited to contact Carel Nolte on [carel@carelnolte.com](mailto:carel@carelnolte.com) or me on [rector@stithian.com](mailto:rector@stithian.com) or 011 577 6366.





The foundations are being laid for the state-of-the-art new **Boys' Prep classrooms**, shown from one angle below:



#### ***Welgevonden game viewing vehicle***

St Stithians owns a small plot on the border of the Welgevonden Game Reserve, with access through one of the official gates. We are upgrading the camping facilities at the site. We currently use a very old Land Rover game viewing vehicle which was donated to the school many years ago, and needs replacing. Any parents who are able to connect us with a supplier of a reasonably priced game viewing vehicle, or wish to donate a vehicle for this purpose, are requested to contact me on [rector@stithian.com](mailto:rector@stithian.com) or 011 577 6366.

#### ***Sewerage leak and the swimming pools***

The municipal sewer main which runs near the squash courts and swimming pools became blocked and burst during the hail storm on Monday evening this past week. Seepage from the sewer main had been reported to Johannesburg Water the previous Saturday, but the call was not attended to. Unfortunately, the sewerage spill ran into the diving pool and the 25m pool. These two pools are closed as we conduct a major clean up and disinfection. We apologise for the inconvenience caused to all pool users. The water polo pool and the 50m pool are functioning.

Good wishes

*Tim Nuttall*

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