



ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE

11 December 2009

Dear Andrean Community

As my first year as Head of College draws to a close I should like to thank you all for your support and pause to reflect on the year.

It has been an exciting and demanding year. College is an extraordinary place with a hugely committed team of staff and boys. The latter, are by and large, charming, open and have a deep affection for their school.

The Matric Group of 2009 led by example and their disciplinary record will hopefully set the tone for those who follow. They have also been a high achieving group with seven boys winning Honours awards, surely a record? The most recent being Pablo Pascual in Basketball and Edward Torr in Water polo.

The numbers for 2010 look good with 101 Grade 8's entering the school. The total enrolment is at its highest in more than 30 years at both College and Prep despite the lingering repercussions of the recession.

Many of the staff and boys will be involved in various activities during the holidays. A dozen staff have been busy over the past week marking the IEB matric scripts in Johannesburg, whilst several boys and staff will be involved in cricket and water polo at inter-provincial tournaments. The First Eight will be out to prove themselves against the country's best at the annual boat race on the Kowie River this coming weekend.

The agonising wait for Matric results will be over just before New Year with the results being published on the 30th of December.

2010 promises much for us as a country and as a school. The renovations on Mullins House will begin in February after the tender has been awarded and early in the year we will be looking to launch The Andrean Foundation under the leadership of the newly appointed Director, Bev McCarthy. This will build on the extraordinary success of the 150th Jubilee. The development of a strong Foundation takes a great deal of care, tenacity and planning. The success of the Foundation will ensure College's future for generations to come. We have already made a brilliant start thanks to the generosity of certain O.A. benefactors.

I am sure that your sons have by now recovered from their exertions on the various camps and on behalf of the Council and Staff I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2010.

In closing I would like to offer you the final stanza from the Prayer of Sir Francis Drake:
*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.*

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PEdey' with a period at the end. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'e'.

PAUL EDEY
HEADMASTER