



## ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE

Dear Andean Family

20 January 2010

Welcome back for the start of what promises to be an exciting year for the country and for College.

Many of you will have watched the movie *Invictus* starring Morgan Freeman as Nelson Mandela, and Matt Damon as Francois Pienaar. The movie, based on John Carlin's book *Playing the Enemy*, focuses on the 1995 Springbok victory in the World Cup and the power of sport in bringing a nation together and heightening morale. One hopes that the 2010 World Cup will not only be a credit to South Africa as hosts, but that Bafana Bafana will engender pride in the nation.

I thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Head of College but realise that the 'honeymoon period' is over and that expectations are high. The 2009 Matric class rounded off a strong year with excellent matric results.

### 2009 Matric Results

The matric class of 90 boys produced 100% entrance to University for either Bachelor Degree (84 boys) or Diploma (6 boys) at University. There were 128 subject As i.e. marks above 80%. The top individuals were **Justin Swart** (seven As) who was placed in the top 5% of all candidates nationally, and **Tim Abel** (seven As) who was ranked in the top 1% in English and Music. Other boys who featured in the top 1% of learners offering the subject were **Andrew de Blocq van Scheltinga** (English), **Siseko Mahlati** (IsiXhosa) and **Jaco Delport** (Mathematics).

Three boys, **Andrew de Blocq van Scheltinga**, **Robert Hart** and **Thomas Niven** achieved 6 subjects over 80% while **Jaco Delport**, **Nicholas Hops**, **Craig McCune** and **Luke Westensee** all got 5 As each. Special mention should be made of the Maths Department where 71 candidates achieved 25 As. We also salute a number of boys who overcame emotional heartache and trauma during the year to earn University entrance passes.

### Inter-Provincials

The holiday was a busy one with many boys involved in activities and inter-provincial sport. Our congratulations go to **Ed Torr** (Border Waterpolo player) who was selected for SA Schools' B Waterpolo team and **Ryan Dugmore**, **James Price** and **Ian Herold**, all of whom were chosen to play for Warriors' Cubs. They represented the Warriors' Franchise in the Franchise U18 Cricket Week.

### Staff News

New Staff : We welcome the following new staff to College:

<b>Mr Johan Pretorius</b>	-	Director of Music (SAC)
<b>Mr Simon Kroon</b>	-	Maths Department
<b>Mr Craig Cuyler</b>	-	English Department
<b>Mr Ontlametse Thipe</b>	-	Intern in the Science Department
<b>Mr Allan Miles</b>	-	Director of Rugby

Headmaster: Paul Edey BA HDE (WITS) Hons (SA) FDE (RAU) PMD (GIBS)

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Membership includes: ISASA SAHISA AHISA HMC ICP

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of **Mrs Bev McCarthy** as Director of the Andrean Foundation. Mrs McCarthy has a number of years of experience in this field and played a key rôle in the extraordinarily successful 2005 Jubilee Appeal.

### Pupils

The Grade 12 leadership group has made a really strong start. There is a sense of corporate responsibility and this has been much in evidence during the first week back with the Prefects' excellent handling of the new boy Reception Day, and the tone that has been set at Chapel and in Assembly. We embarked on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> on an **Anti Bullying Week** where the focus will be on bullying, the forms that it takes and its insidious nature. The College Chaplain, **Father Gary Griffith-Smith**, began the week with a very powerful sermon in the Chapel and on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> the Head Prefect, **Ryan Dugmore**, the Deputy Head Prefect, **James Price**, and the Pastoral Care Prefect, **Robert Morris**, spoke to the grade 8-10 boys in the Chapel about their personal experiences of bullying.

The school opened last week with an enrolment figure of 478. This is the highest for 30 years. The Grade 8 intake of 101 contains 24 day boys and 24 boys from outside the borders of South Africa. There are also 20 boys who are the sons of Old Andreans. We have new boys who are 4<sup>th</sup> generation Andreans. New boys have come from afar afield as Belize, Central America, the United Kingdom and all over Africa. The number of new boys is perhaps an indication that Grahamstown, whose property market rose by 13% in 2009 in a depressed economy, is becoming a lifestyle destination for people from the major metropolitan centres of South Africa. Certainly the number of boys from outside South Africa is a strong endorsement of our aim to become the boarding school of choice in Africa.

On the development front Mullins House will be renovated this year and Merriman will be renovated in 2011.

### St Andrew's Preparatory School - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Prep School celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and there are many events planned, beginning next Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> with a walk along Somerset Street and into the High Street, which will be rounded off by a reception with the Mayor of Grahamstown. We hope that Old Preppies will turn out in force to support this great Prep School.

### Change of Venue for River Mile


Traditionally there is a lot of parental support for the River Mile and so we advise you of some changes for this year's event. Concerns about the quality of the water in the Kowie River have resulted in a change of venue and time for the River Mile to be held on Sunday 7 February. The mile will be swum in the **Bushman's River** starting at **10:30 am**.

### Conclusion

The year is very much in full swing with a full round of summer sports fixtures having been played on the first Saturday back, and this coming Saturday there is Cricket against Selborne, the Eastern Cape Rowing Regatta in East London, Waterpolo and Basketball.

I look forward to seeing you over the course of the term, to making contact and getting to know you better. I hope that 2010 is a terrific year for all of you and that your sons exceed your expectations academically and extramurally.

Kind regards

  
**PAUL EDEY**  
**HEADMASTER**