

# St Andrew's College

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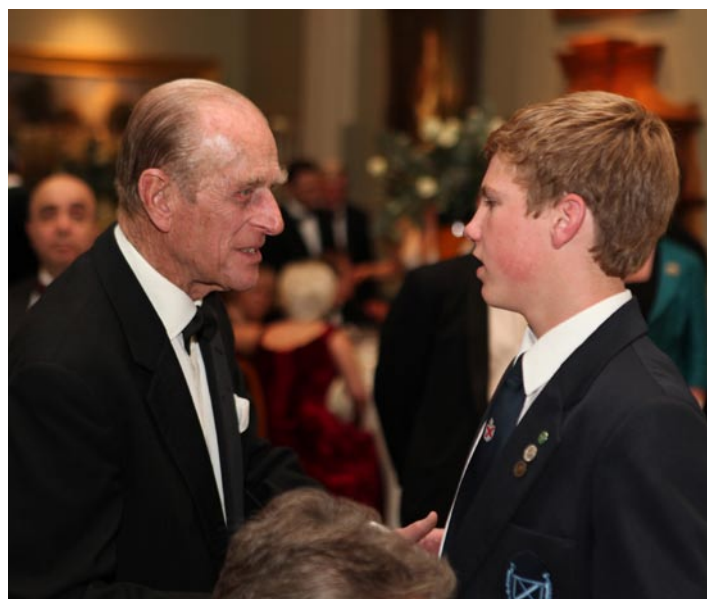
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## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Andrean Community

The first of the four terms, courtesy of the 2010 World Cup, has come and gone and we have just enjoyed a short Easter Holiday which saw much action on the sports field; a dynamic Drama, Dance and Design tour of Washington and New York and some fairly hair raising political extremism. The drought has persisted and the lack of rain has taken a severe toll on the College fields and gardens as we go into the winter season.



**The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip shares a special moment with Ross McCreath at Lord's.**

*Photo supplied by The International Award Association World Fellowship.*

Nonetheless, there was much to celebrate in the first term, not least Ross McCreath's much publicised visit to Lord's where he represented the President's Award and gave a speech on the establishment of the Tiger Titans cricket side outside Bathurst.

Other highlights include:

### Academic

Participation in both the English and Mathematics Olympiads has improved considerably.

### Mathematics Olympiads

This year we had a record high in terms of participation in the first round of Mathematics Olympiads. Approximately half of all SAC Grade 8 – 11 learners participated. The junior round competition was particularly tough resulting in letters and e-mails from teachers across the country suggesting that it was possibly tougher than the Senior Olympiad. Despite this, 21 Grade 8 and 9 students got through this round and will proceed to the second round. Similarly 22 Grade 10 and 11 boys will proceed to the second round of the Senior Olympiads. These boys will be preparing to write the second round in mid May.

### English Olympiad

A group of 38 College boys and DSG girls wrote the English Olympiad. The English Olympiad promotes self-study and lateral, creative thinking. In order to prepare the candidates, several study sessions were held, culminating in a combined meeting with pupils from Kingswood College and Mary Waters High School. At this session the pupils from all three schools worked together and formulated approaches to

possible questions. One of the goals of the English Olympiad is to encourage pupils to think for themselves and to think “outside” of the box, and all the pupils who participated have certainly gained from the experience. The results will be released in July.

## Radio Grahamstown

In a new initiative, Radio Grahamstown (tune to 102.1) is giving pupils the opportunity to broadcast news about their schools. St Andrew’s College and the DSG will initially have a thirty minute slot every third week in which to report on relevant events. The first broadcast is planned for Thursday 22 April at 17h00 and will highlight the Drama and Design tour to America.

## Cultural

At the end of term the Afrikaans Department presented a delightful play entitled “Doringrosie van Roosfontein” which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Sport

- The success of the cricket sides and the victories achieved by the 1st XI resulting in a 15 match unbeaten record.
- The number of records broken in the inter-house Gala (won by Merriman).
- The rowers excelling in the Buffalo/Selborne Regatta and then again at SA Champs the 1st VIII just missing out on Gold to an excellent SACS crew. The 1st IV did brilliantly and won by a couple of lengths.
- The basketball team won the Wynberg Tournament.
- The water polo team was probably the best in the history of the school and won 32 out of the 36 matches played. They were the winners of the St Andrew’s Tournament, the Vides Tournament and the Port Rex Tournament.
- The tennis players won the Knowling Shield.



We do tend to obsess about sport and the measurement of a school is often very narrow, being based on how the 1st XV performs! There is so much that goes on at College off the sports field which contributes to the richness of the experience here.

## Staff

Our Business Manager, **Mr Colin Armstrong**, is leaving us after a 12 year stint at College. He arrived at the beginning of 1998 under the headship of Antony Clark. He has served both St Andrew’s College and Prep meticulously and is a wonderful man with a great sense of humour and traditional values. We wish him and his wife, Alison, everything of the best and thank them both for the huge contribution to College over the past 12 years. The Armstrongs will be retiring to Kenton-on-Sea.

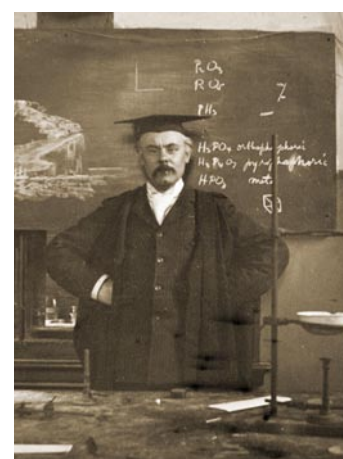


### Mrs Gloria Nomceba

**Sandi** retired after 36 years’ service in Espin and then in the College kitchens. She served under five different Headmasters and can tell stories about Messrs Gunther Marx, Ian Hobson, Scott Jackson and Graham Creese, all current staff members and OAs. Gloria has spent a lifetime looking after College boys and she is one of the great supporters of College rugby. We wish her well as she goes on retirement and thank her for her loyal service.



Our congratulations go to **Mr David Molony** (OA), member of the English Dept and Common Room Lawyer, on his marriage to Ms Nikki Redpath in the College Chapel in the Easter holidays. I am pleased to report that **Mr Graham Creese** has been awarded an ISASA Visitorship to look at the teaching of Science. He will visit Australia, Canada,



the United Kingdom and America. Some would argue that not much has changed at College since this picture of Cory in his laboratory in 1904!

We said farewell to **Mr Ricardo Brocco** (History and Geography) whose contract had come to an end and who kindly helped us out in the first term. He is going off to experience teaching in the United Kingdom. Our congratulations also go to **Mrs Kate Cobbing** who will travel to Reunion in June accompanied by the Science Expo students from South Africa to attend the Africa Science Expo.

It also gives me great pleasure to welcome **Mrs Jane Jarvis** (Educational Psychologist) to the staff of our three schools. Jane completed a B.Prim.Ed (Durban), a BA (Hons) (Psychology) (UPE) and a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology at Wits University. She began her career in Johannesburg at the St George's Children's Home where she established a Therapy and Care Centre before going into private practice where she specialized in assisting children with learning difficulties. Jane is married to David and they have two children, Christopher (Grade 8), and Peter (Grade 4). We extend a very warm welcome to them to Grahamstown.

## Holiday Activities

One of the oldest sporting rivalries in the country was resumed on the first weekend of the holidays when College travelled to the Diocesan College (Bishops). The games were fiercely contested with the 1st XV losing 24-25 in the dying moments of the game having led 24-12 at half time. This was a game for the taking. The boys recovered well to go to the St Stithian's Easter Festival and went on to win all 3 matches with victories against the FNB Invitation XV, Wynberg Boys' High and Noordkaap. Well done!

The hockey side also participated at St Stithian's with varied success whilst the U15 rugby side won 2 out of their 3 matches at the Independent Schools' Festival held at Penryn College in Nelspruit. We also hosted the U16 and 1st XI Independent Schools' Hockey Festivals at College at the end of the holidays!



I should like to thank all the staff who gave up their holidays to assist with the holiday activities and also the parents and Old Boys in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Grahamstown who supported the boys on the field and who were extremely hospitable to the touring teams.



The winter sports season is always a very busy one with the vast majority of boys fully engaged in hockey and rugby and there are a number of dates that you might like to diarise:

<b>1 May</b>	<b>Brandwag</b>	<b>(H)</b>
<b>8 May</b>	<b>Graeme College</b>	
	<b>FNB Classic Clash (televised)</b>	<b>(H)</b>
	<b>This will coincide with the Reunion of Old Boys from 1970, 1980, 1990-95</b>	
<b>15 May</b>	<b>Queen's College</b>	<b>(H)</b>
<b>22 May</b>	<b>Daniel Pienaar</b>	<b>(H)</b>
<b>29 May</b>	<b>Grey High School</b>	<b>(A)</b>
<b>5 June</b>	<b>Selborne College</b>	<b>(H)</b>

Our congratulations go to the following boys who have been appointed as Captains of Winter Sport:

<b>Rugby:</b>	<b>Captain – Ryan Dugmore;</b>
	<b>Vice Captain – Grant Prior</b>
<b>Hockey:</b>	<b>Captain – Brian Rushmere;</b>
	<b>Vice Captain – Paul Selwyn-Smith</b>
<b>Shooting:</b>	<b>Captain – Breff Whitehead;</b>
	<b>Adjutant (Air Rifle) Nicholas de Wet</b>
	<b>Adjutant (Archery) Michael Braun</b>

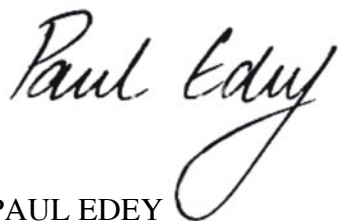
Ryan is to be congratulated on being Head of School and both the Captain of Cricket and Rugby.

I wonder when this last happened in the history of St Andrew's?



I look forward to seeing you on the side of the field as you support your sons and we look forward to a successful winter season.

Yours sincerely



PAUL EDEY  
HEADMASTER



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## 2011 Term Dates

### St Andrew's College, Prep and the Diocesan School for Girls

#### Term 1 Thursday 20 January to Wednesday 6 April 2011

Wed 19 January Boarders return by 18h00

Thurs 20 January Classes begin

*(Half Term: 12h00 on Thursday 3 March to 18h00 on Monday 7 March)*

Wed 6 April Final Assembly at 11h15

#### Term 2 Tuesday 3 May to Wednesday 10 August 2011

Mon 2 May Boarders return by 18h00

Tues 3 May Classes begin

*(Half Term: 12h00 on Thurs 23 June to 18h00 on Tues 5 July)*

Wed 10 Aug Examinations end and Final Assembly at 11h15

#### Term 3 Tuesday 6 September to Tuesday 6 December 2011

Mon 5 September Boarders return by 18h00

Tues 6 September Classes begin

*(Balloon Week 10-13 October)*

*(Half Term: After Relay Athletics Prize Giving (13h00) on Thursday 13 October to 18h00 on Monday 17 October)*

Tues 6 December Final Assembly  
(compulsory attendance) at 08h30.

