



Message from the Headmaster



Dear Andean Community

On the Monday evening before we broke up, a meeting was held in the Kannemeyer Council Chamber where Portfolio Prefects reported back on their various portfolios. The portfolios range from environmental issues through to pastoral care and cover the main aspects and key areas of St Andrew's. In order to be selected as a prefect the boys have to put themselves forward, get sufficient nominations from their peers and go through interviews and

presentations. Most of the boys take their portfolios very seriously and every time I attend the meeting it gives me cause to reflect on the rich array of activities open to boys at College and on the quality of the boys themselves. Some of the items mentioned last Monday were:

Community Service Portfolio (Keith Scott – Upper, son of Barbara (Staff) and Dave Scott – Upper 1975) reported that on Mandela Day the Houses decided what projects they would do for the 67 minutes. These included a litter clean up of the Kowie Ditch, a soup kitchen in the township, visits to the Brookshaw and “Coloured” Old Age Homes, and the cleaning of cages and animals at the SPCA. The school was also involved in a “Collect a Ball” project as part of the World Cup. It was noted that College boys managed to achieve a collection of more than 300 balls. These will be distributed to children in the township.



Jonny Ford distributing footballs to children at the Good Shepherd.



Pupils from the Good Shepherd School playing with the soccer ball they received.



Pupils from the Good Shepherd School who each received a soccer ball from the 'Adopt-a-ball' initiative.

The Culture and Ceremonies Portfolio focused on the Music School Concert which was to be held on the last Wednesday of term in the Drill Hall. The evening involved a number of different choirs, the Wind Orchestra, the Jazz Orchestra and a Rock Band, the last of which featured smouldering lead singer, **Amy Roux** (DSG), who blew the audience away with her rendition of “I love rock and roll”. Highlight of the evening was the SAC/DSG Orchestra playing the theme tune from “The Last of the Mohicans”. This included solos by **Murray Roodt** on bagpipes, and the outstanding **Hayley Jackson** (DSG) on electric violin.

There was some discussion on whether the evening should be made compulsory for Grade 8 and 9 boys in order to give them “a cultural immersion” and expose them to the full repertoire of what is available at College. As it turned out, the evening was well attended and was well supported by the Grahamstown community as well. The Music Department gave concerts in Graaff-Reinet and George over the first weekend of the holidays.

The Portfolio Prefect for **Culture and Ceremonies** (**Richard Wilson** – Upper) also highlighted the African Schools’ Debating Championship to be held over the first week of the holidays at St John’s. The upcoming **John Axe Art Week** is also to be held in the Michaelmas Term.

The Sports Portfolio Prefect, **Jonny Ford** – Upper, son of Mark Ford (Upper 1978), reflected on the winter sports’ season and commented on the quality of the support from the sidelines and how much it meant to the rugby and hockey sides. It highlighted how positive the support has been through an extraordinarily successful season and that there has been little evidence of jeering or arrogance. The meeting also recommended that there should be a new tracksuit as the current design is out of date.

The Chairman of the meeting, Vice Principal Student Affairs, **Mr Gunther Marx** (OA), pointed out how special it was that prior to the Kingswood Derby Day senior players in the 1st XV had gone up to St Andrew’s Prep and had spoken to and encouraged the U13 players. This had had a huge impact on the junior boys.

The Chapel Prefect, **Craig Mullins**, son of Andy Mullins (Espin 1978), talked about the mission to Zimbabwe during the holidays. A group of boys under the leadership of the College Chaplain, Fr Gary Griffith-Smith, are going up to visit a mission centre and a school in Zimbabwe as well as taking in some of the natural wonders of that spectacular country, including the Victoria Falls.

The Academic Portfolio Prefect, **John Perrott** – Armstrong (son of Rob Perrott 1973), explained how this portfolio was most concerned about the state of the classrooms. He felt that the rooms, especially in Kettlewell, were too small, and rather dingy. The Deputy Head (Academic), **Mr Aidan Smith**, pointed out that there has been an ongoing programme of classroom upgrades and that this included putting in the latest technology and also brightening up the classrooms.

On **Sustainability and the Environment**, **Joe Lovelace** of Graham, discussed the need to maintain our efforts to be officially recognised as a ‘green’ school. The installation of the solar panels in Holland House is proving to be most effective in comparison to the standard electricity usage in Van Der Riet. A **wind turbine** has been installed on the edge of Knowling up above the turf cricket nets. This is a first in a South African school and is the initiative of Grade 11 pupil, **Simon Harvey**, son of Gavin Harvey (Mullins 1976). The turbine will drive the newly installed irrigation pump to irrigate Knowling Field.



The official launch of the 12- metre wind turbine took place on Knowling Field recently with representatives from the College and Eveready Kestrel Wind Turbines, PE. From the left: **Keith van Winkel** (Head of the Design Centre, Simon Harvey (Grade 11 pupil), **Paul Edey** (Headmaster of St Andrew’s College), **Hein Bardenhorst** (CSI & Marketing, Eveready), **Andrew Swanepoel** (Electrical Technician, Eveready) and **Stuart Daniel** (National Business Manager, Eveready).



Mr van Winkel and Simon Harvey.



The wind turbine on Knowling Field.

The Winter Sports' Season

There has been much to celebrate in the winter sports' season. College was able to put out up to 11 open rugby sides, the last two sides, the 10ths and the 11ths, being involved in the Antelope League, which many OAs will remember and which involves a number of schools in Grahamstown. The open sides have been extraordinarily successful and there is no doubt that having strong 5th and 6th teams has a profound impact on the 1st side. The top three open sides have enjoyed marvellous seasons and the 1st XV, under the coaching of **Mr Harley Searle** and the leadership of **Ryan Dugmore**, must go down as one of the great College sides. The side played 19, won 18 and lost 1. The points for were 661, the points against 163. 91 tries were scored, 18 against. It is perhaps invidious to single out individuals in a side that relied very much on a superb team performance and work ethic, however one should mention that the hooker, **Dane van der Westhuysen**, scored 184 points. This was made up of 20 penalties, 37 conversions and 10 tries. **Ryan Dugmore**, the captain, with 57 caps, is the most capped player in the history of College, whilst in the front row, **Robin Murray** and **Dane van der Westhuysen** have played more than 40 games together as a combination. I have put the comparison with other great College sides below for your interest. It is fitting to note that at no stage did one get any sense of

arrogance in this team and their coach, Mr Searle, placed an emphasis on the team rather than the individual. I quote their pledge: *"The legacy of the jersey is far greater than any individual that has worn it."*

Nonetheless, our congratulations go to all the boys involved, to the coaching staff, **Mr Searle**, **Mr Jonny Mallett** in the 2nd XV, **Mr Mickey Paterson** (Vice Principal) in the 3rd XV and the two roving coaches, **Mr Allan Miles**, Director of Rugby, and **Mr Deon Boshoff**, who coached the back lines.



The 1st XV after their 43 - 15 win on K- Day.

TOP 1ST XV RUGBY TEAMS AT COLLEGE

Year	Coach	Captain	No of Matches	Matches Won	Matches Drawn	Matches Lost	Points For	Points Against	No of Tries
1926	Christian Rheeder	J V Rowling	10	10			236	17	51
1951	Eric Norton	Donald Mackay	13	13			190	51	41
1953	Eric Norton	H S Rowley	14	12	2		277	39	55
1959	Eric Norton	P J Glossoti	15	14	1		322	57	76
1960	Eric Norton	J E White	17	16		1	306	53	76
1997	Andre Jacobs	John Leeson	15	12		3	418	170	59
2010	Harley Searle	Ryan Dugmore	19	18		1	661	163	91

DEVELOPMENT

A number of areas of College have been significantly improved over the past year or so. This is mainly due to the generosity of Old Andreans. The stands on Lower have been completely redone and at the end of July the Mullins boys moved back into a beautifully refurbished House. The cost

of this renovation is R8 million.

Renovations to Merriman House will commence next year and as you are aware, Merriman presents a number of challenges with its unique design and its open air quadrangle. Some exciting plans are in place and the cost of this renovation will be in the region of R9 million.



New stands on Lower Field.



The renovations at Mullins House were recently completed.



Centralised Kitchen and Dining Halls

I am pleased to report that at the recent Council meeting the go ahead was given for the new **Centralised Kitchen and Dining Halls**. This will be built on the old swimming pool site between Graham House and Holland House. This is the most significant capital project that College has embarked on since the building of the Design and Technology Centre in the early 1990s. The cost will be in the region of R30 million and it is an indication of the huge confidence that the school has going forward and also of the importance of food in a boarding school. Our vision is to be **the boarding school of choice in Africa**, and the House upgrades have done a lot to realise this vision, but we all know how important food is to boarders. In the words of Napoleon, "An army marches on its stomach", and the College boys are no different. We believe that this new dining hall and kitchen will greatly enhance the preparation, the appearance, the quality and the variety of the food on offer. There is nothing wrong with the current offering, but there are significant challenges posed by moving food over large distances from one kitchen to a number of different halls. This project will rely on the support of the OA community and a number of key features will be incorporated into it, including a space underneath the dining hall with the potential to become a gymnasium. There will be fresh water tanks and a generator and this will mitigate against some of the challenges that we have faced with power outages and the water crisis in Grahamstown. I include the architect's drawing for your interest on this project.



The first of the donations towards the Upper House Dining Hall has come in. As I pointed out in my previous newsletter, this is an amount of R2.5 million from an individual donor and there is a challenge implicit here for the Houses to try and raise money for their own individual dining halls, and also thereby to be able to choose which dining hall they get. The new dining halls will "liberate" considerable space in Jooste and Cornish. This space is centrally situated and could be used for a combined project with the DSG such as auditoriums, an information centre or laboratories.

A number of other projects have been undertaken in the Grounds and Buildings portfolio, this includes the refurbishment of the **Clock Tower** which has become a danger with rotting timber up in the bell tower. This has been completely refurbished. We also plan to improve the appearance of the perimeter walls and fences going down Worcester Street past Knowling and Lower Fields.

2nd Term Awards



Aaron Higgins received a merit for Grade 5 music for the Jazz Flute and Jono Gibbs receive a merit for Grade 7 Violin. They both passed their Trinity College of London Music exams.



Armstrong House won the Junior Inter-House Rugby. Seen with the trophy is Matthew Arnot.



Siviwe Gushu is seen with the trophy for Upper House who won the Senior Inter-House Rugby competition.



St Andrew's College pupils received colours for rugby, from the left: Andrew Kebble, Benjamin Davies, Liam Henderson and Geoffrey Toplis.



Congratulation to the following players who have been awarded their Colour for Hockey: Justin Croxton, Paul Selwyn-Smith and Brian Rushmere.

2nd Term Awards



College pupils took part in the Fish River Junior Open, a Border Junior Golf Foundation Tournament. Bryce Bosman won the B Division. Jason Baggott (absent) and Dylan Thompson have been selected for the Border U16 and U18 sides respectively and will participate in the Inter-provincial tournament to be held at the end of September in Somerset West.



St Andrew's College Cross Country runners participated in the Grahamstown Inter-schools competition. They are from the left: Connor Roberts (5th), Angus Roberts (2nd), Craig Mullins (1st) and Daniel Still (3rd place). All these pupils go through to the next round, Inter-District Championships.



William Cahill was awarded the Ergo Trophy for rowing. William rowed 500 m in a time of 17 min. 57 sec.

Michaelmas Term

It has been a very strange term with the five week break during the World Cup and then the pupils returning for a five week second part of the term, a good deal of which was taken up with the writing of examinations. I urge you to look at your son's results and to discuss these with him, and to report back to the school where you have areas of concern. For the Grade 11s it is imperative that they work extremely hard because the Grade 11 exams are used as a provisional point of acceptance into universities. For the Grade 12s there are just over nine weeks left before the final onslaught, we know that you will rise to the occasion!

We are looking forward to the Michaelmas Term and all that goes with it, Balloon Week with the House Dinners, Prize Giving, the Retreat Ceremony and Athletics. I must point out to you the change in the Athletics programme. There will be some carping about this change at short notice and for that we apologise, the reasons are entirely due to trying to have a short, concentrated Athletics season rather than a drawn out and indifferent one.

Paul Edey

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HEADMASTER**



