



Message from the Headmaster

Dear Andrean Community

Welcome back to the start of 2011 – it seems strange saying that as we are into February and I am sure that many of you will have been back at your desks since the 5th of January!

NSC MATRIC RESULTS

Results of the **National Senior Certificate** examinations caused a major stir with a mixture of jubilation and disbelief at the 7.2% rise in pass rate. This, in a year when there was the World Cup and a national teacher strike. Perhaps the shorter preparation time spurred pupils, parents and teachers on to redouble their efforts in order to avert failure.

You will have seen our announcement on the College matric results and also hopefully you will have read the Deputy Headmaster's Academic Newsletter. In short, we were delighted with the class of 2010. There were some outstanding individual results and we were thrilled with the strong showing in Mathematics (26/80 As), Math Literacy (9/24), Science (11/57), Life Sciences (11/48), Drama (10/19), and Design (3/21). The average in English for the boys was an impressive 69% against an IEB average of 67%. A number of subject areas remain cause for concern and we have asked for further information and interpretation of the results in these subjects from the IEB.

I would also like to salute those many boys who are in the middle of the pack, and some who are at the bottom of the pack, who produced their best school results ever. Good luck to all the matriculants of 2010. We shall follow your progress with interest.



At a meeting last week with **Anne Oberholzer, CEO of the Independent Examinations Board**, we were reassured again by the quality of the Independent Exam and the thoroughness of the marking. There is no doubt, however, that a clear hierarchy of universities has developed and that for certain courses (Business Science at UCT especially) at the top academic universities, candidates will have to achieve extraordinary marks. In faculties such as Medicine, a whole lot of other factors are at play beyond the raw marks such as an interview, and also for the candidate to indicate participation in community life and other activities at school, on the sports field and culturally.

It is clear that for entrance into UCT, the National Benchmarking Test (NBT) is critical. One wonders how seriously our boys take this test? Those wishing to enter UCT and Stellenbosch must write the NBT and they should preferably do so as late as possible in their matric year.

Further, those boys seeking to go to university, particularly those universities that are difficult to get into, and faculties that are difficult to get into e.g. UCT, Stellenbosch, Rhodes, Witwatersrand, that they should apply at more than one university and to a number of different faculties.

REORGANISATION OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We have been through one 7-day cycle with the new timetable and the restructured school day. The rationale behind the reorganisation was to give the cultural activities a fairer share of the time, to give boys more time to get their prep done earlier and to introduce a cycle test system every Tuesday to get the boys into a regular routine and rhythm of study.

Further, we believe that boys should be getting more sleep, especially the younger boys, and we have tried to organise that. Already there are some dark mutterings in the corridors, but we must at least give the changes a chance.

NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

At the start of the year we welcomed 99 boys into various grades in the senior school. In Grade 8, there are 80 boarders and 11 day boys. The entrants come from as far afield as Hong Kong and Slovenia and there are 22 boys from countries outside of South Africa and 37 have Old Andriean connections. The boys appear to have settled quickly and the Housemasters and prefects are delighted with their early progress.



The Wortley family - Armstrong House



The Dakin family - Upper House



The Starr family - Mullins House

STAFF

We are delighted to welcome the following new members of staff and know that they will bring much to enrich College in the classrooms and extramurally.



Mr Thomas Hagsphil
Director of Mathematics



Mrs Mary Robinson
Art Department



Mr Gerry Posthumus
Maths Department



Mrs Marion Jayes
Life Science Department
(first term)



Mr Anthony Catto
Geography and Natural
Science Department

Our congratulations go to **Allan and Michelle Miles** on the birth of their son, Connor, during the holidays, and also to **Mrs Pepe Morton**, M-I-C Shooting, on becoming a fully accredited and certificated shooting coach after attending an international coaching course in Finland in December.

Internal Promotions: Our congratulations go to **Mr Tim Barnard** who has taken over the Community Engagement portfolio from Mrs Barbara Scott, and to **Mr Johan Pretorius** who has been appointed as Deputy Housemaster in Espin.

REPORT BACK ON INTER-PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL SPORT DURING THE DECEMBER HOLIDAYS



Peter Cornish



Choc Malan

Waterpolo: At the SA Schools' Waterpolo tournament held in Durban in December, there was a strong representation of College boys representing Border. Indeed 32 boys from St Andrew's represented the Province across the various age groups. After the U19 tournament, four College boys were selected to the SA U19 team: **Peter Cornish, Choc Malan, Angus MacDonald and Lachlan MacDonald**. Two of them, **Peter Cornish and Choc Malan**, were in the South African side that took part in the Tri-Nations Tournament in New Zealand against Australia and New Zealand. They recorded three wins against Australia and one win and two draws against New Zealand to remain unbeaten and win the Tri-Nations Tournament. Our congratulations go to those boys on their outstanding achievements.



Lachlan MacDonald



Angus MacDonald

Cricket: **James Price** has been selected for the South African U19 side. We shall watch his progress with interest through the senior ranks after an outstanding cricket career at College.



James Price

Swimming: **MJ Rosslee and Matthew Danckwerts** took part in the Eastern Province Champs Gala. MJ Rosslee won two silver medals for the 100m and 200m breaststroke and qualified for the SA Youth Nationals. Matthew Danckwerts won a silver medal for the 800m freestyle. **Ralph Goveia**, a Zambian national, swam in an international gala featuring various southern African countries and he won two Bronze Medals in the 100m and 200m breaststroke and set a new Zambian record for the 200m breaststroke. Well done to all those boys.

APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2011

Basketball

Captain : Christian Malila
 Vice Captain : Timothy Asingura
 Club Secretary : Allemanno Ondego

Cricket

Captain : Michael Rushmere
 Vice-Captain : Ian Herold

Debating Committee

Chairman : Litha Bakumeni
 William Cahill, Xan Atkins,
 Alex Minney and
 Declan Williamson

Design Technology Club

Club Chairman : Daniel Lithgow
 Assistant Chairman : Alex Whitehead

Pipe Band

Pipe Major : Duncan Ralston
 Drum Major : Michael Rushmere
 Lead Tip : Matthew Shone

Rowing

Captain : William Cahill
 Vice-Captain : Nick Jackson

Shooting

Captain : Nicholas de Wet
 Adjutant : Peter Harrison

Swimming

Captain : Rupert Kieser
 Vice-Captain : M.J. Rosslee

Tennis

Still to be announced

Water Polo

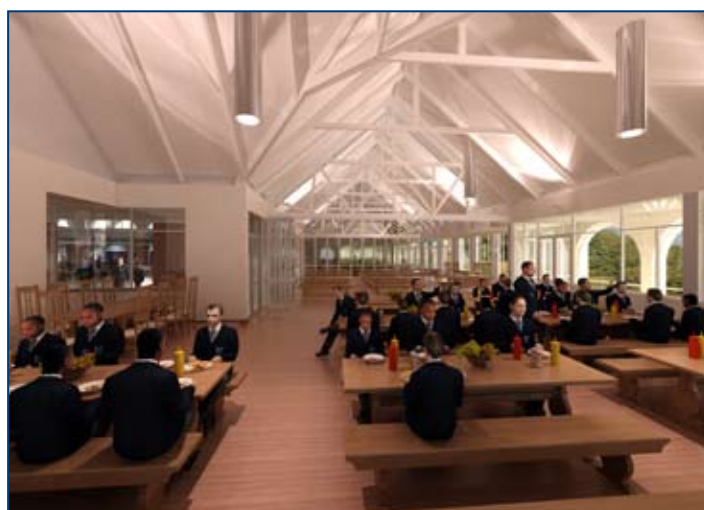
Captain : Scott McKenna
 Vice Captain : Buddy Kebble

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

The new **Centralised Kitchen and Dining Hall** project is well under way and is proceeding apace. There seems to be some misunderstanding about this project. I want to reiterate that it is not going to be one dining hall, but six dining halls which are separate but which can be opened up to form a bigger unit. The separate dining halls are very much part of the house ethos at College and it is part of our fund raising for the dining hall project that we are going to be looking at this on a house basis.



Artists impression of the Front Facade



Artists impression of the interior of the Dining Hall



Progress as of 20 January



Merriman House: The renovation is well under way and the House has been cleared out.



The Centenary Hall has also been refurbished and painted and is looking considerably better than it was. It is now a Hall that is fitting to hold ceremonies and special occasions.

Foundation Office: We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Mrs Angie Marriner as Director of the Foundation Office, Marketing and Community Engagement.** Angie has extensive experience in the corporate world having led projects at Investec, Nedcor and IBM over a 25 year career. She is a DSG Old Girl and claims to be “one chromosome short of being an Old Andrian,” given that six of her seven matriculation subjects were taught by St Andrew’s teachers!

She is the second daughter of the late Dr Derek and Mrs Thelma Henderson, both of whom played a pivotal role in educational and community services in the Eastern Cape.

Angie and Ross, Registrar of Finance and Operations at Rhodes University, have two sons - James in Grade Eight at St Andrew’s College and Paul in Grade Six at St Andrew’s Preparatory.



Angie Marriner

CONCLUSION

At the start of the term as the new boys were arriving, I walked across to the various Houses and stopped at looked at the names in the Clock Tower, in the Chapel stalls and the various plaques in the Chapel and the numerous plaques around the school, on the walls, on gates and next to trees. As I walked I was inspired by this place. I am convinced that there can be few better places in the country for your sons to grow up to manhood. I hope that you and your sons are inspired by College and that you will all have a fulfilling and successful 2011.

Paul Edey
Headmaster