

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Andrean Community

We live in an era of increasing professionalization in schoolboy sport. In some schools, boys are starting to focus on one particular sport and they prepare for, and play that sport throughout the year. This has resulted in tiers of schools, especially in rugby, where there are probably four or five schools in the top echelon and about twenty to thirty who are in the second tier, who from time to time can beat the top five or six. These top schools have an entourage of specialist coaches, dieticians, biokineticists, and physiotherapists etc. who look after the first sides.

It is interesting how the word 'amateur' (someone who played sport for the love of it) has changed to mean 'sloppy' and 'disorganised'. College has 460 boys and sport is compulsory. Boys have to play a summer and a winter sport; indeed they have to take part in two different sports during the winter and summer. Certainly at junior level this enables us to put out competitive sides in both hockey and rugby. From time to time, College will produce great sides in various sports codes, but we are unlikely to turn out sides that are "ranked" in the top ten in the country year after year. Our boys will continue to play sport for the enjoyment of it and for the lessons which playing a team sport brings. In our coaching and preparation we will try to be as professional as we can without losing sight of the fact that we are dealing with schoolboys. College is something of a pioneer in appointing specialist sports coaches to run sports such as cricket, rugby, rowing and tennis.

Hopefully most boys will continue to play sport after school and the quality of coaching received at College, coupled with their individual talent, will enable some boys to make a living out of sport – to become "professional" but to retain an "amateur" (in the true sense of the word) outlook.

We know that the expectations of the Andrean community are high and that we can count on your support over the next few months as we embark on a strenuous programme against our traditional Eastern Cape rivals.



Litha Bakumeni (Grade 12, Upper) delivering his Ambassador's address to the General Assembly of SAIMUN 2011

Debating tour to Ireland

Recently seven St Andrew's College pupils: Xan Atkins, Litha Bakumeni, Declan Williamson, Chris de Blocq, MJ Rosslee, Grant Rautenbach and Greg Slack joined Mr Molony and Mr Cuyler at OR Tambo International Airport to begin the final stage of their first Model United Nations Debating Competition which was to take place in Dublin, Ireland.

It was an experience they had been preparing for, for the best part of six months: In total over 200 hours of research; in excess of 1000 pages of notes; more than 20 meetings – and still they knew not what awaited them at the Royal Marine Hotel, overlooking the Irish Sea.

St Andrew's College was to represent the Philippines against 108 other delegations comprising of more than 750 delegates from 17

different countries. From Austria to Turkey; the UK to the USA; Bahrain to Finland, College was the only representative from Africa to attend the 21st Annual SAIMUN.

The shock wave of 750 students vying for recognition, desperately trying to create allegiances, networking with anyone that would listen, was awe-inspiring. *NEC ASPERA TERRENT* indeed! And the difficulties were many: many of the delegates knew each other from previous competitions; most had attended at least three in the last two years... all seven College boys were novices.

After four days of intense debate, eight resolutions drafted by the St Andrew's College delegation were passed by the approval panel, with one making it all the way to the General Assembly. The die was cast and all that remained was the award ceremony.

Both Xan Atkins and MJ Rosslee were ranked in the top five percent of the delegates and received an "Honourable Mention" from the conference's Secretary General. The St Andrew's team was placed in the top six of the 108 competing teams, placing them as a delegation in the top five percent.

After the conclusion of the competition, the group moved to the centre of Dublin city to visit some of the sites that make the Emerald Isle famous including the world renowned Guinness Storehouse and The Jameson's Distillery which were among the favourites.

David Molony and Craig Cuyler



College debaters in action during the 21st Annual SAIMUN Debating Competition in Ireland recently

PROVINCIAL DEBATING TOURNAMENT

Two hundred debaters descended on the Centenary Hall for the 2011 Eastern Cape Provincial Championships which took place recently.

After three rounds of intense debate, both the College A team and Junior team were well poised to make the break into the semi-finals; but unfortunately a strategic error on the part of the Seniors saw them eliminated and dropped to 8th position out of 46 teams.

The Junior team of Holmes, Wilkinson, Worrall, Trudgeon and Mawala defeated a strong DSG team in the Semi-Final and, in a tense Final, beat a fiery Hudson Park to be crowned Eastern Cape Champions for the second year running. James Holmes was included in the five member Eastern Cape Team to compete in the National Championship in October. Well done to all who participated.

David Molony and Craig Cuyler



New Central Dining Hall progress





A Night of the Stars - Matric Dance

The St Andrew's College Dance Committee celebrated their Matric boys by creating an evening of glittering stars, lights and red carpets as they attended their Matric Dance held on Saturday 14 May at the Settlers' Monument.

The theme, "Night of the Stars", transformed the Thomas Pringle Hall into a venue filled with elegance and beauty. The matrics arrived at the venue in various forms of transport, from the very elegant to the slightly more bizarre, all helping to make this an evening they would remember.



AFRIKAANS EVENING AT PJ OLIVIER

Annually, the Grahamstown Rapportryers sponsor an Afrikaans evening hosted at PJ Olivier High School. Over the years this evening has taken many shapes and forms. Good entertainment is guaranteed as the Grahamstown schools come together and enjoy each other's company. This year was no different. The event took place on Thursday 12 May in the PJ Olivier school hall. The evening started off with potjiekos, vetkoek, pannekoek, koeksisters and homemade "gemmerbier". The College/DSG pupils thought this was "lekker". Then there was a short programme with items ranging from Manie Cronjé reading a Dana Snyman story, a trumpet rendition of "Liefing" by Ticco Munoz and Christiaan Beer impressing everybody with his stunning voice.

The fun began as the pupils of St Andrew's College, DSG, Kingswood College, Victoria Girls' High School, Graeme College and PJ took to the floor for a Sokkie. Two PJ pupils, Meyer van der Wall and Gustine Hendrikz, showed them how it was actually done and they rose to the challenge and embarked on swinging and throwing and twirling and jumping until the buses arrived and took them all home.

What a wonderful evening! It makes a teacher's job so much easier if the fun side of another culture can be explored in such a great way. Thank you to the Rapportryers for presenting each school with a HAT dictionary with CD Rom and thank you to PJ for once again organising the event and making it such a success.



College and DSG pupils enjoying the annual Afrikaans evening

Christa Snyman

Staff

Life Science Teacher

Mr Pienaar joined us at the start of this term to take up the position of Life Science Teacher. He was most recently Head of Science at Therfield School in the UK teaching biology, physics and chemistry, and was also Deputy Head of House. He also has a keen interest in Psychology and is a member of the South African Psychology Society.

Mr Pienaar is a keen hockey player and also enjoys tennis, squash, golf, mountain biking and hiking. We extend a very warm welcome from the College community, and trust that he will enjoy a most fulfilling teaching career at St Andrew's.



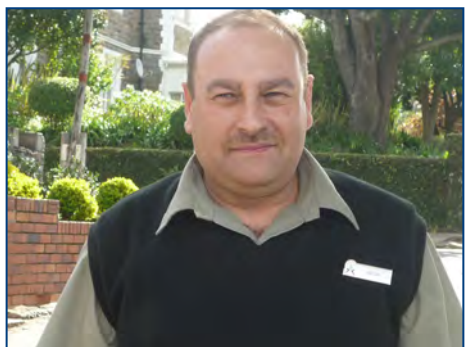
Mr Jacques Pienaar

KKS Catering Manager

It is a great pleasure to welcome Deon Barkhuizen back to College. Deon was recently appointed as one of the Catering Managers and comes with a wealth of catering experience as he was the Food and Beverage Manager of the Boardwalk Casino, Head Chef at both Humewood Golf Club and Cob Creek Restaurant in Port Elizabeth.

Deon was the Catering Manager at St Andrew's College from 2001-2006. He returned to Grahamstown to be closer to his sons, Dylan and Rudy.

With Deon on the team the quality and variety of food served to the boys will only improve.



Mr Deon Barkhuizen

300 Club and My School Club

Both of these are very easy ways of supporting the school and I urge you to join the 300 Club if you have not already done so. The contact here is **Eiona Rathbone** in the Foundation Office. (e.rathbone@sacschool.com). Please remember to whip out your My School Card at supporting outlets, especially Woolworths, as this brings in very necessary extra money for the school. If you have recently transferred from another school, please remember



to transfer your card to College's name if you wish to do so!



ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE

19 - 26 May 2011

Wednesday 18th

- Assembly Headmaster to announce Bullying Awareness Week

Thursday 19th

- Tutor period – "Bacon, we didn't know how much we hurt you"
- Chapel announcement of "Awareness Week" and sermon with a challenge.

Friday 20th

- 10h10 HBoy/ Deputy/Prefect portfolio address Gr 8, 9 and 10 in Chapel.

Sunday 22nd

- Chapel with a Bullying and compassion theme

Monday 23rd

- Reading period – "The Martyrdom of Andy"
- Talk to Prep (Assembly -10h00) by Headboy/Deputy & Portfolio Prefect

Wednesday 25th

- Headmaster's address in Assembly.

Thursday 26th

- Tutor Period --- Bullying survey
- Chapel – Formal closing of week

WEEK REINFORCED THROUGH:

- House Prayers
- Posters in Houses
- Intranet page
- Information under Staff Login -- Folders- Pastoral Care -- Bullying
- Displays in Library
- Life Orientation lessons
- Interaction with Prep and DSG

BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

*"I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented".
(Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1986).*

WINTER SPORT

Independent Schools' Hockey Festival at St David's

Both the St Andrew's College U16A and 1st XI took part in the Independent Schools' Hockey Festival, which was superbly run at St David's in Inanda.

This was the U16A squad's start to the season, and despite having been on holiday for three weeks, they acquitted themselves very well, playing good hockey to beat St Stithian's, drawing with St Andrew's (Bloemfontein), and narrowly losing to a strong St Alban's team. They lost the other two matches against St John's and St Benedict's, to come away from their festival having gained huge experience and self-confidence.

The College 1st XI also played attractive hockey in a number of their matches, particularly in drawing 1-1 with both St John's and St Stithian's, and beating St Benedict's convincingly. They lost 4-0 to a talented and skilful St David's team, but also beat St George's from Zimbabwe 2-0, and equalised in the last minute to draw 2-2 with St Andrew's from Bloemfontein.

Both sides played with great determination and courage when they were under pressure, and the 1st XI received a great compliment from one of the leading umpires at the festival, who regarded them as his favourite team to umpire as they tried to play attractive hockey, as well as the fact that they 'got on with the game' and did not question umpiring decisions. An accolade of which we can all be proud!

Results:

U16A		1st XI	
St Stithian's	1-0	St George's (Harare)	2-0
St Alban's	1-2	St David's	0-4
St Benedicts	0-5	St Stithian's	1-1
St John's	0-4	St Benedict's	3-0
St Andrew's (Boem)	0-0	St John's	1-1
		St Andrew's (Bloem)	2-2

Gary Frayne

College 1st VX at the King Edward VII Easter Rugby Festival

On the 20th of April the College first team squad arrived at OR Thambo International where it became clear that the weather was going to be cold and wet. Three games of rugby were played at the festival, two of these were won and one was lost.

On the first day St Andrew's played against Westville and won the game 13-12 with Andrew Kebble going over the line with ten minutes to go. College then held on to their lead playing sensible rugby in the wet conditions and squeezed out a victory.

The second game was the main game on the Saturday vs the hosts, King Edward VII. There was a large crowd and the St Andrew's College fifteen unfortunately got off to a poor start conceding early tries and letting the hosts hit their stride early on. To College's credit the boys bounced back at half time and won the second half 14-10; but it was too late and the game was lost to a very good King Edward VII side 41-14.

On the last day St Andrew's played against St Alban's in a tight encounter. St Andrew's College were 13-17 down with a minute to play when Jason Kankowski picked up and drove around the fringe to score the winning points and St Andrew's won 18-17.

The festival showed that this side has a will to win and they have the ability to hang on to the very end. It has given a number of players exposure to first team rugby and an opportunity to test out various combinations. The lessons learnt from this tour need to be implemented in the months ahead as the team starts the main part of the rugby season.

A big thank you to Mr Posthumus and Mr Miles for all of their input and help at the festival and to Richard Rutherford for all of the hours spent filming and coding games. We are looking forward to the rest of the season.

KES Festival Results:

SAC 1st XV beat Westville 13-12
SAC 1st XV lost to KES 14-41
SAC 1st XV beat St Albans 18-17

Simon Holderness

CONCLUSION

You will see that we are about to embark on a Bullying Awareness Week. This will take a number of different forms. An area of real concern that we need to address increasingly is that of bullying in cyberspace where pictures are posted on social networks and where comments are made that are damaging both to reputations and to self esteem. This is an area that is becoming increasingly difficult to control. It is subtle and insidious and we can only try and educate our boys about it and reinforce that by putting material out there in cyberspace means that it cannot be taken back, and it causes irreparable and ongoing harm.



Paul Edey
HEADMASTER