



Message from the Headmaster



Dear Andean Community
II Cor 9:6-9

“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously, will also reap generously.”

Fr Gary Griffith-Smith was away last weekend on a hike to prepare for the forthcoming Fish River Journey. In his absence, Mr Andrew Renard, Head of English, led the morning service. In his sermon he challenged College boys to give generously of their time and talents. He pointed to the names inscribed behind the altar, names of College boys who had paid the supreme sacrifice after volunteering to fight in the World Wars. He went on to say that it

saddened him that in the 21st century there was increasingly a lack of volunteerism and also a tendency to give only if there was the prospect of a reward of some sort. You will read in this newsletter of the remarkable efforts of our Director of Community Service, Mrs Barbara Scott, to involve College boys in the community.

A strange academic year punctuated by an extraordinarily long break for the World Cup, coupled with the four week teachers' strike, has conspired to make this year's State matric results potentially catastrophic. Each year we seem to face the prospect of dismal results which our country can ill afford. We cannot send out another batch of matriculants ill equipped for the challenges of passing university or without the basic skills to find a job. The College matriculants start the Independent Examinations Board exams in two weeks' time. Our teachers have done their best and now it is over to the boys. It has been a year of extraordinary success across the academic, cultural and

sporting spheres and the Grade 12 group under the leadership of Head Prefect, Ryan Dugmore, and Deputy, James Price, have led the way. We hope that the lessons learned at College will inspire them to continue to lead and to make a difference. Our country needs activists as much now as it did in the apartheid era. Our Founder's prayer calls on boys to become “profitable

members of Church and State”. As the class of 2010 prepares to begin the next phase of their journey into adulthood, it is our hope that they will go out into the world with a strong moral compass, a spirit of enquiry and activism, and in the words of St Ignatius Loyola, “be able to give and not to count the cost, to labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will”.

New staff appointments

Thomas Hagspihl - Director of Mathematics for DSG and St Andrew's College

Mr Thomas Hagspihl, a leader in the field of Mathematics, will be joining St Andrew's College and DSG as Director of Mathematics in 2011.

Mr Hagspihl, currently the Headmaster of Healdtown College, Fort Beaufort, is widely regarded as one of the foremost mathematics educators in the country. He has presented papers at conferences and workshops and has been an Examiner of Mathematics for the Independent Examinations Board. He is also fully

committed to making a difference in addressing the inequalities that still exist in education in this country. As Director of Mathematics he will be continuing the work he has started at Healdtown in making a difference to Mathematics teaching and learning in the Grahamstown community.

Mr Hagspihl taught Maths at Capricorn High School in Pietersburg, Hilton College (KZN) and St Stithian's

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College (Gauteng), where he became Head of the Maths department and then Director of the Maths faculty.

In 2005 he became the founding Headmaster of Elkanah House High School in Milnerton, Cape Town. Mr Hagspihl has organised many educational visits to schools in various countries as far as Singapore, China, Germany and England. He has written several articles for many publications such as the SA Mathematics Journal – Pythagoras. In his own capacity, Mr Hagspihl has completed writing the book, *“The Delight of Solving Mathematical Problems.”*

Passionate about community work, Mr Hagspihl taught in a Soweto school and worked for Ubombo rural community in Natal. He was involved in an IEB educational outreach project and has worked on



many other such projects in various parts of the country.

Mr Hagspihl aspires to many things, one of which is mountain climbing. He conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in 1997. He also enjoys cycling and bird-watching and plays the piano and guitar. We are delighted to welcome Mr Hagspihl and his wife, Marion, to our schools.

Gerhard Posthumus - Maths Teacher

Mr Gerhard Posthumus has been appointed as a full-time Mathematics Teacher at St Andrew’s College. Mr Posthumus has a BSc from UCT and has been teaching at Wynberg Boys’ High School since 2003. He has been a House Master and has a good background in boarding. He enjoys coaching cricket and rugby and currently coaches the Wynberg Boys’ High School 1st XV and the Colts ‘A’ cricket side. He recently attended the International Rugby Academy of New Zealand to hone his rugby coaching skills. We are delighted that Mr Posthumus will be joining us in 2011.

Jacques Pienaar - Life Science Teacher

St Andrew’s College will soon be welcoming Mr Jacques Pienaar, a Life Science teacher to our campus. Mr Pienaar has a keen, contagious interest in applying the relevance of the sciences to everyday life and fascinating ways of teaching difficult concepts such as genetics and electricity.

Mr Pienaar is Head of Science at Therfield School in the UK. He holds a BSc degree from the University of Stellenbosch and is also a member of the South African Psychology Society, psychology being one of his main interests.

A man of many talents, Mr Pienaar also has a Professional Diploma in Marketing and has completed several Behavioural Management courses.

Sport and coaching is another of his passions. An out-doors man, Mr Pienaar enjoys tennis, squash, golf, mountain biking and hiking. He also enjoys off road/overland motorcycling and travel. We look forward to having Mr Pienaar join the College staff.

Staff leaving at the end of 2010

Barbara Scott – Director of Community Engagement

Mrs Scott leaves us at the end of the year to return to the family farm in Tarkastad. Mrs Scott joined the staff of St Andrew’s College in 2006 to head up the Community Engagement Portfolio and to create and build vision. The spirit of responsible citizenship is firmly embedded in the ethos of the school and manifests itself through the actions and activities of the entire school community.

Mrs Scott has worked tirelessly to put projects into place. Her own passion and enthusiasm has raised the level of social consciousness in the school community and has motivated and encouraged boys to participate wholeheartedly in service activities. A strong President’s Award Committee has been established with representatives from each House. An annual power point presentation shown at the start of each year encourages new boys to get involved from the start and displays of information and photos of current activities and projects on notice boards around the school serve to maintain interest and awareness.

The following President’s Award statistics are a pleasing indication of the interest shown by the boys:

Statistics:

2007 – 52 % of the boys were enrolled in President’s Awards and 32 awards were made.

2010 – 84% of the school are enrolled in President’s Awards and



more than 70 awards will be made by the end of the year.

Mrs Scott believes that the vision has been achieved by creating opportunities for service. Boys are more than willing to work during term time and during their holidays, and their commitment is strong.

The Good Shepherd School and St Matthew’s Mission

Over the years Mrs Scott has cemented relations between St Andrew’s and the Good Shepherd School in Grahamstown, and St Matthew’s in Keiskammahoek. In creating win-win opportunities whereby we have helped these schools develop, we have simultaneously created opportunities for St Andrew’s College boys to engage with people from different social and cultural backgrounds.

Jackie Jones - Head of Art

At the end of the year we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Jones who is leaving teaching to pursue her own career as an artist. Mrs Jones joined the staff of St Andrew’s in 2007.

Mrs Jones is a hugely talented artist who paints under the name Jacqueline Griffin-Jones.

She is primarily a landscape painter and works mainly in oils. Her work is expressionist, full of mood and atmosphere and she exhibits successfully each year at the Grahamstown Arts Festival. We wish Jackie every success in the future.





The Pipe Band and Orchestra concert.

Annual John Axe Arts Week

This annual cultural event on the schools' calendar is a wonderful platform for pupils from the Diocesan School for Girls and St Andrew's College to showcase their talents to their peers, staff, parents and the greater Grahamstown community. "The week is about expression and a celebration of the arts. It is driven primarily by the pupils themselves," said Aidan Smith, Deputy Headmaster and one of the key organisers.

The John Axe Arts Week is held in honour of former St Andrew's English teacher and Deputy Head, John Axe, who significantly developed arts at the school.

The daily programme included theatre, debating, dance, musical performances and poetry reading.



Musical showcase and poetry.



The Rock Band showcase.



Instep dance performance.



Jazz music showcase.



Instep dance performance.

St Andrew's Prep 125th Anniversary Celebrations



Prep's Blues Cruise

St Andrew's Prep enjoyed a cruise down Memory Lane for 'True Blue Preppies' last weekend as hundreds of pupils, staff members, parents and Old Preppies from around the world celebrated Prep's 125th year of success.

On Friday night Memory Hall was packed to capacity as over 100 choir boys sang popular songs from the past century and acted out sections of the hilarious, well-loved old Prep plays. The music items under the leadership of Mrs Carmen O'Donoghue were splendid.

Saturday was filled with sports, fun and celebration. Old Preppies took on current pupils in a cricket match on Fairlawn field. This was followed by a picnic on the lawns, a memorable photograph shoot and the traditional Prep Monkey Dorm Races in Memory Hall. That night the Reunion Banquet brought back many memories and acknowledged the history of this remarkable school. Old Preppies, parents and staff were honoured for their hard work and commitment.

On Sunday morning, the weekend was appropriately concluded with the Prep Thanksgiving Service in Memory Hall. Special thanks must go to our Convenor, Mrs Bev McCarthy, for a superb effort.



Old Preppies at registration at the beginning of the Reunion weekend.



Colourful art was on display at the Prep Art & Music Evening in Memory Hall.



3 Cheers to St Andrew's Prep as they celebrated their 125th Anniversary in a show full of song, art and dance during the Reunion weekend, Art & Music Evening.



Lorraine Mullins, Chairman of St Andrew's Prep board, past Second Master and part of the founding Mullins family reminisces with old boys who attended Prep's 125th Reunion.



The St Andrew's Prep Old boys took on the U13 Cricket team during the schools 125th Reunion weekend celebrations. Great fun was had by all!



Prep teachers together with Old Preppies compete in the traditional 'Monkey Dorm Races' in Memory Hall.



Ag Please Daddy... Deputy Headmaster Marc Paul, belts it out during the staff number at the St Andrew's Prep 125th Reunion 2010 Art & Music Evening.



Lorraine Mullins leads the Old Preppies in the Prep Song at the Prep 125th Anniversary Reunion Banquet.

Summer Sports

Athletics

QUADRANGULAR ATHLETICS MEETING

The Quadrangular Shield has returned to College! The Shield is 88 years old and is a relay competition that is always fiercely contested. Once again it was “nail biting”, with College athletes showing exceptional determination and spirit.

First place was achieved in the following events:

- 4 x 100m Hurdles (Muchura, Allsop, Toplis, Prior)
- Javelin (Semple, Long, Ford)
- 4 x 100m (Price, Briscoe, Ford, Malila)
- 1600 Medley (Charter, Ford, Briscoe, Arnot)
- High jump (Awaseb, Macdonald, Gerber)
- 4 x 400m (Charter, Brown, Prior, Price)
- 3000m (Mullins, Archer, Arnot, Still)
- 4 x 200m (Ford, Briscoe, Awaseb and Price)

The final results were as follows:

SAC	44 points
Grey High School	40 points
Kingswood College	33 points
Graeme College	14 points



QUADRANGULAR ATHLETICS TEAM

BACK ROW (left to right): D. Gilfillan, A Siddle, A. Barnes-Webb, B. Davies, J. Semple, G. Prior, A. Awaseb, L. Macdonald, H. Brown.

MIDDLE ROW: N Bruce, M. Archer, C. Malila, M. Allsop, A Gerber, D. Still, G. Toplis, J. Arnot, C. Mullins, L. Wagner.

FRONT ROW: J. Price, Ms F. van der Merwe, M. Charter, Mr P. Edey, J. Briscoe, Ms A. Taylor, J. Ford.

HIRSCH, SF EDWARDS AND SAM GUNN SHIELD

This prestigious Athletics competition was held on Friday 24 September at Grey High School. The event has been held for 93 years and is the premier High School athletics event in the Eastern Cape. The highlight for College was winning the last event of the day, the under 19 4 x 100m relay, and being placed second in the Eastern Cape. College finished 2nd to Queen’s College in the Under 19 event, 3rd in the Under 16 competition and the Under 14s’ finished 4th.

Certificates were awarded to the following boys:

- 1st place 4 x 100m relay Under 19 (Price, Malila, Ford and Briscoe)
- 1st place Javelin under 16 (Chris Ford)
- 1st place Javelin and 2nd place Pole Vault under 14 (Stephen Cragg)
- 2nd place 200m under 19 (Jonathan Ford)
- 2nd place 1500m and 3000m under 19 (Craig Mullins)
- 2nd place 1500m and 3000m under 16 (Mathew Archer)
- 2nd place 1500m under 14 (Brian Ferguson)
- 2nd place 90m Hurdles under 14 (Robert Ball)
- 3rd place Triple Jump under 19 (Thando Kopolo)
- 3rd place Long Jump under 16 (Edward Karegyesa)
- 3rd place Pole Vault under 16 (Liam Wagner)
- 3rd place 110m Hurdles under 16 (Simon Muchura)
- 3rd place High Jump under 16 (Ryan Horne)
- 3rd place 4x100m relay Under 16 (Horne, Duncan, Ford and Muchura)

SPORTS DAY

A very successful Inter-House Sports day was held on Saturday. The following boys achieved their Colours and Standard times:

Colours

Jonathan Ford:	under 19 200m and 100m
James Price:	under 19 200m and standards for the 100m
Christopher Ford:	under 16 Javelin



St Andrew's College Athletes with the runner's up trophy in the Hirsch Shield competition.



Sports Day at College. Jonathan Ford and James Price compete in the 100m race.

James Semple:	under 19 Javelin
Standards	
Daniel Long:	under 17 Javelin
Ryan Horne:	under 16 High Jump
Grant Prior:	under 19 110 Hurdles
Hugo Brown:	under 17 100m
Christian Malila:	under 17 100m
Alan Gerber:	under 17 High Jump
Robert Fabricius:	under 17 High Jump

Congratulations to Ms Frith van der Merwe and the athletics staff. Athletics is a sport that has been squeezed from all sides by other summer sports and the coaching staff have done a wonderful job in preparing the athletes in a very short and intense season!



Merriman athletes enjoying the long jump event on Sports Day.

Cricket

KZN CRICKET TOUR

During the August holidays, the 1st X1 & Colts X1 enjoyed a challenging tour to KZN with fixtures vs. St Charles, The Dolphins, Maritzburg College, Clifton, Westville Boys' High School and Hilton.

- **The 1st X1 started well with wins over St Charles (James Price 92) and the Dolphins' Academy.**
- **Maritzburg College had the edge over College winning by 5 wickets under lights at the Varsity Oval.**
- **Clifton was another day/night fixture at Kingsmead where College was well placed with 230 runs in their 40 overs, but unfortunately rain intervened during Clifton's innings. James Price entertained the small crowd with a flamboyant 100.**
- **College put in a strong bowling performance vs. Westville Boys winning by 5 wickets, but unfortunately finished off the tour with a loss vs. Hilton in a tight 40 over match.**
- **The Colts X1 enjoyed a very successful tour winning all their fixtures and receiving sound advice and support from the 1st X1. In what was essentially a great team effort by the Colts, the following players made significant contributions.**

Andrew Rushmere	153 runs at 30.6 Ave 9 wickets / 114 runs
Murray Leith	172 runs at 34.4 Ave 12 wickets / 107 runs
Tyler Paul	142 runs at 47.3 Ave
Mbulelo Mama	77 runs at 19.3 Ave 11 wickets / 147 runs



Sasha Gunn batting at Kingsmead.

ST DAVID'S 20/20 FESTIVAL

The St Andrew's College 1st XI Cricket Squad flew to Johannesburg to take part in the annual St David's 20/20 Festival where the team played four fixtures against opposition that we would not normally play.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the fantastic 131 (n.o.) made off 70 balls by Sasha Gunn. At the award ceremony Sasha was also named 'Batsman of the Festival' for his consistent contributions. Other notable performances came from Ryan Dugmore, Michael Rushmere and James Price who all scored half-centuries during the week.



Ryan Dugmore in action during the St David's 20/20 Festival.



The College 1st Water Polo Team.

Water Polo

SACS WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

Last week the St Andrew's College 1st Team traveled to Cape Town to take part in the annual SACS Water Polo Tournament, featuring 20 of the top schools' Water polo sides in the country.

The following College players, Matthew (Choc) Malan, Peter Cornish, Nick Eastwood and Lachlan Macdonald were selected for the tournament side announced after the tournament, and Peter Cornish was named the best goalkeeper in the tournament – an achievement that recognizes them unofficially as amongst the top players in the country.

This was an outstanding performance and was particularly impressive given that the team won every one of their 12

Water Polo

matches, scoring 86 goals in the process. This set up a quarter final against the 4th placed team in the other pool, Rondebosch, and St Andrew's College put in a commanding performance to win the game 5 – 1. In the semi-final against Bishops we again controlled the game superbly to win 5 – 1, thereby reaching the final of the SACS Tournament for the first time.

The final against a very strong Pretoria Boys' High team was a

close and tense match and the team showed great composure to close out the match 5 – 3 and win the SACS Tournament.

It was also a fitting send off for this remarkable team, which has without doubt been the finest water polo side in the history of St Andrew's College.

Our congratulations go to the boys, who have done College proud, the Master in Charge Mr Graham Creese, for his enthusiasm and excellent organisation and to Mr Jason Sileno, the coach.

I look forward to seeing you during Balloon Week.



**PAUL EDEY
HEADMASTER**

Balloon Week Events

We look forward to welcoming parents and friends of the school to Balloon Week.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER

19h00 Confirmation in the Chapel followed by tea for candidates and their families

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER

10h00 Tea and opening of the SAC-DSG Art Exhibition in Centenary Hall. Other exhibitions are also on display around the

school

10h15 Parents-Teachers meeting in the Drill Hall, Centenary Hall and D&T Centre to 12h30

17h00 Valedictory Service in the Chapel for Matrics and their Parents, followed by refreshments at Housemasters' residences

19h00 House Suppers in Dining Halls for Matric Parents and boys

19h00 Mr Paul Edey will host a dinner at the Monument for SAC and DSG parents of Grades 8 – 11

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER

08h30 DSG Prize-Giving at the Monument

14h00 SAC Prize-Giving at the Monument

17h00 Tea available outside the Norton Common Room, Lower Field

17h30 Retreat Ceremony on Lower Field

18h30 Cocktail function for parents in Houses (to 20h00)

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER

08h00 SAC and DSG Inter-House Relays on Lower Field. Tea available during the morning outside the Norton Common Room

12h00 Half Term begins after Athletics Prize-Giving and Roll Call in Houses.