



## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

We have reached the end of the academic year. The matrics have long since gone and are strutting their stuff in various exotic locations around the country as they anxiously await the results of their matric exams. The Outdoor Education programme has gone off exceptionally well with boys returning from the John Jones Fish River Journey with new found confidence and a belief that they can conquer all sorts of things, not least their own fears. It is extraordinary what a transformative experience this journey is. Some boys have emerged with new physiques, a love for the outdoors and a desire to continue cycling, hiking and climbing. They have integrated with their peer group and earned respect.

It is also the time of year where sadly we say farewell to a number of staff members and I think we are coming to the end of an era of staff who have served more than thirty years at College.



## Staff

### Farewell to College Staff

It is also the time of the year where we say farewell to a number of members of staff and last week long serving Afrikaans teacher, **Mr Leon Jacobs**, taught his last Afrikaans lesson at College. He started his teaching career in 1972 at Hoërskool PJ Olivier and he has given his life to the education of young people. Mr Jacobs has been a Housemaster of two houses at College – at Armstrong and then at Mullins – and spent a further 11 years in Holland House where his wife Anna was running the Mullins' feeder house. Mr Jacobs has been very involved extramurally, particularly in athletics and on the rugby fields. He has made a major contribution to both sports at College, but especially in athletics where he ran College athletics and was very involved in Eastern Province Schools' Athletics. He is a man with a delightful sense of humour; he is straight in his actions and in talking to boys they know exactly where they stand with him and they admire and respect him. Mr Jacobs is going to leave a big gap in the Common Room



### Mr Leon Jacobs

where he is one of the great characters with his delightful sense of humour. Meneer, we are going to miss you and we are not going to say goodbye because you will still be living on the College campus. So it is more a case of "totsiens" and we hope to see you at the rugby matches, and indeed, on the athletics track. Thank you for a lifetime of service to education and for the last 33 years to St Andrew's College.

We also say goodbye to the athletics legend that is **Ms Frith van der Merwe**. Ms van der Merwe has taught English at College for the past 5 years. She is a wonderful teacher and has inspired many boys with her extraordinary prowess as an athletics and cross country coach. We are going to miss the sight of Ms van der Merwe delicately tripping over the hills and streets of Grahamstown with a train of boys in her wake, although she says that she has now reached the age and stage where some of the boys actually beat her! Ms van der Merwe we say farewell and thank you for your contribution to College. We wish you best of luck in your new teaching post in Benoni where you are going back to your roots.



**Mrs Frith van der Merwe**



**Mr Ant Catto**



**Mr Ontlametse Thipe**

We also say farewell to **Ant Catto (OA)** who will be going off to join his father at The International School in Malaysia, and **Mr Ontlametse Thipe** who feels that he needs to make a contribution to state education in this country. He will be going back to Gauteng to do that. We wish you both well.



**Mr Sam Opperman**

On the administrative staff side we say farewell to **Mr Sam Opperman** for his 40 years of service in the laboratories at College. Mr Opperman is a highly skilled man and he is well past retirement age but we have kept him on because he could not do without his particular skills. We wish him well.

We also say farewell to **Mrs Penny Tyson**. A DSG Old Girl, Mrs Tyson has served College faithfully firstly as a Librarian, and then more recently in the establishment of our wonderful Archives and Andean Resource Centre. Mrs Tyson takes a great delight in her work and is so proud of following up the activities of Andeans.



**Mrs Penny Tyson**

She leaves a terrific legacy in the ARC and in the Archives. Penny, we wish you well in your retirement.

### New College Staff for 2012

At the start of 2012 we welcome a number of new staff. Into the English Dept, **Mr Joseph Orsmond** comes to us having taught previously at Kingswood College and at St David's, Inanda. He is an Old Boy of Kingswood and has an Honours Degree from Rhodes University in History. Mr Orsmond will be replacing Ms van der Merwe in the English Department. He enjoys the outdoors and has a passion for sport; he



**Mr Joseph Orsmond**

participates competitively in cycling, running, swimming, triathlon and water polo. He is regarded as an inspirational teacher of English.



**Mr Graeme Lucas-Bull**

**Mr Graeme Lucas-Bull**, a St Stithian's Old Boy will be joining us as the Water Polo coach and he will also

be doing some teaching in the Mathematics and EMS Departments. Mr Lucas-Bull holds a BCom in Finance and Economics from UCT and he will be doing his PGCE through Rhodes during the course of 2012. Mr Lucas-Bull is a great enthusiast for the outdoors and a highly effective coach of both water polo and rugby. He has coached at UCT and at Reddam. Mr Lucas-Bull will become the resident tutor of Mullins House.

Into the Science Department we welcome **Mrs Bryone Peters**. Mrs Peters completed a BSc Ecology at UCT in 2005 and a BSc (Hons) in Entomology at Rhodes University in 2006. She has worked at UCT as a Research Assistant, as a Field Ranger and an Intern for Cape Nature, and most recently as a Biotechnician for the Scientific Services Division of SANParks. Mrs Peters will also be completing her



**Mrs Bryone Peters**

PGCE at Rhodes University next year.

Coming into the Geography Department is **Mr Douglas Nupen**. He comes from a distinguished family of teachers. His father, Grant, is the Principal at Diocesan College (Bishops). Mr Nupen is no stranger to St Andrew's having been a student tutor here this year. He will be coming into the Geography Department and he will be the resident tutor in Merriman House in the new accommodation that has been



**Mr Douglas Nupen**

established there. Mr Nupen is an avid sportsman and a keen coach of cricket, hockey and golf.

Also into the Science Department we welcome **Mr Sean Robinson**. Mr Robinson is an Old Andean having matriculated here in 2006. He is one of the country's outstanding young scientists having just completed cum laude an MSc at Stellenbosch and I am sure that he will bring great energy and intellect in the two terms that he will be with us.



**Mr Sean Robinson**

## School Leadership 2012

The appointment of Prefects and Portfolio Holders was announced some time ago and already some of these young men are beginning to make their mark. The **Head of School** for 2012 is **Ntsiki Mlamleli**. He is an Eastern Cape boy having grown up in Sterkspruit and he enrolled at St Andrew's Prep as a boarder in Grade 1. He was Head Boy of Prep in his final year and is a young man of stature and bearing who holds Rugby Colours and is a strong academic. His **Deputy** will be **Greg Slack**, Head of Espin and the Sports Portfolio Prefect. Greg is a Western Province Prep School (Wetpups) Old Boy and he is Captain of Rowing for 2012. We wish these two young men, and all the College Prefects and House Prefects, the best of luck as they lead the school for 2012. We are perhaps guilty of being too lofty and idealistic at our annual Prefects' Camp. The 2012 camp will focus on empowering our school boy leadership and getting the basics right. Boys need to know where to be and when, and what the consequences are if they are not. They also need to get into a pattern of routine and rhythm in their lives. By empowering the prefects, we hope to prevent the larger disciplinary issues from developing.



**Ntsikelelo Mlamleli**  
**Headboy**



**Gregory Slack**  
**Deputy Headboy**

The **Portfolio Prefects** have also been announced and we wish them well in running their portfolios. It is a demanding job and these young men are put through a fairly rigorous process in order to get these portfolios. They have to apply, are then shortlisted and then go through an interview process. During the IQAA Appraisal earlier this year, the Mentor, Mr Howard Timm, who had attended one of the Portfolio Prefect meetings, identified the portfolios as one of the strengths at College.

## ARMSTRONG HOUSE



**Armstrong House prefects for 2012.**

**Back row: Christopher de Blocq (Culture and Ceremonies Portfolio), Nicholas Benecke (Head of House), Joshua Devis.**  
**Front row: Luke Boshoff (Deputy Head of House), Michael White and Daniel Boshoff.**

## ESPIN HOUSE



**Espin House prefects for 2012.**

**Back row: Marcel Bovijn, Campbell Gregory (Deputy Head of House), Gregory Slack (Deputy Headboy and Head of House).**  
**Front row: Tebo Ngoasheng, Chris Bailey and Simon Muchura**

## GRAHAM HOUSE



**Graham House prefects for 2012.**

**Left to right: Cameron Smith, Matthew Shone (Head of House), Martin Chandler (Community Engagement Portfolio and Deputy Head of House) and James Price.**

## MERRIMAN HOUSE



**Merriman House prefects for 2012.**

**Back row: Jake Green, Ntsikilelo Mlamleli (Headboy and Head of House), James Myburgh (Deputy Head of House).**  
**Front row: David Mpore and Lihleli Tini.**

## MULLINS HOUSE



**Mullins House prefects for 2012.**

**Back row: MJ Rosslee ( Academic Portfolio and Deputy Head of House), Grant Rautenbach (Head of House), Xhanti Mahlangeni.**  
**Front row: Bradley Love, Gregory King and Justin Kingwill.**

## UPPER HOUSE



**Upper House prefects for 2012.**

**Back row: Andrew Gooden (Environmental Affairs Portfolio), James Pagden, Michael Houghton (Marketing Portfolio and Head of House), William Duncan.**  
**Front row: Bradley Pieter (Dayboy Portfolio), Chris Ford, Garrick Bowker and Bruce Blaine (School Prefect, Student Affairs Portfolio and Deputy Head of House).**

## Facilities

### New Dining Hall Project

The Dining Hall is rapidly nearing completion. It is a magnificent building with wonderful views across Grahamstown and across Knowling Field. It is a superb addition to the fabric of the school and with the gymnasium and the rowing room on the ground floor we have a splendid new facility. I believe that having the boys all eating in the same area in the six separate dining halls will add a great deal to the spirit of the school, whilst at the same time preserve the extraordinary House ethos which is so much part of College. For the Mullins boys who have for so long dined 'in house', the journey across Knowling to their new dining hall will mark a major change in routine. Perhaps they will be granted 'honorary citizen status' and shed the 'republic' epithet! The architect (Mr Andrew Thomson) and builders (Mr Neels Heunis) and everyone involved in this project can be extraordinarily proud of the end result. We would also like to thank the many benefactors who have made this building possible.



The view of the New Dining Hall, from Knowling Field

## Matric Exams

The matrics have finished after an extended exam period. They went on study leave way back on 6th October. We believe that this is too long – boys need to run through hurdles and I hope that they haven't lost momentum over such a long period. By and large the boys seem to have been very happy with the examinations and there were few complaints. We hope that the results will be good. They will be released on **4th January 2012**.

## OA Tide

Andrean Tide is one of the highlights of our annual calendar. This year it co-incided with the 50 year Reunion of the Class of 1961. The Service in the College Chapel remembers all those Andreans who fell in the two World Wars and also those Old Andreans and staff who have died over the past year. This year, the Old Andrean President, Mr Tony Brukman, read out 62 names. The Guard of Honour looked smart and Chris de Blocq van Scheltinga was flawless in his playing of "The Last Post" and "Reveille".



Chris de Blocq van Scheltinga playing The Last Post

In the annual cricket match between the Old Andreans and the College 1st XI the boys proved to be too strong. After the match, the following awards were made :

**Man of the Match (for taking three wickets)**

Sintu Manjezi

**Most promising Junior Cricketer (Harry Birrell Cup)**

Steven Green

**Best fielder of the year (Headmaster's Cup)**

Mbulelo Mama

**Bowler of the year (The Graham Morgan Cup)**

Sintu Manjezi

**Batsman of the year (The Douglas Smith Cricket Cup)**

Ian Herold

**Team man of the year (The Paul Marsh Award)**

Michael Rushmere

**Cricketer of the year (The Robert Armitage Memorial Trophy)**


Ian Herold




The two teams pose in front of the Lower Pavilion

## Lorraine Mullins' Book

Lorraine Mullins has written a splendid history of a great Prep School. It would make an excellent Christmas present for any Old Preppie and those who are interested in St Andrew's Prep.




**I'll Sing You One-Oh!**  
*A story of beginnings and endings*  
*A story of hope and hardship*  
*A story spanning more than a century*  
*A story of a place called 'Prep'*  
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but the staff and children of whom he writes so warmly.*

**Marguerite Poland**



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## Conclusion

There will be a considerable number of boys and staff involved in holiday activities.

Our 1st VIII and their rowing coach, Mr Donovan Cech, will looking for a good performance in the Annual Boat Race to be held on the Kowie River this coming weekend, 9-10 December. This year there is a record entry and the event always attracts a large and enthusiastic crowd.

The Border Inter-Provincial Water Polo teams will have 32 boys from College across the age groups representing the Province at the Inter-Provincial tournaments. This is the highest representation from any one school and is indicative of the strength and popularity of the sport at College.

Several cricketers will be taking part in the annual U19 Coca Cola Cricket Week and in the U15 Inter-Provincial tournament. We wish the following boys the best of luck:

A Team	:	Michael Rushmere, Ian Herold
U17	:	Sintu Manjezi, Andrew Rushmere
U15	:	Steven Green, Andrew Mills

I should like to thank you for your support over the past year and wish you and your sons a very happy holiday together and a blessed Christmas.

Yours sincerely

*Paul Edey*  
HEADMASTER