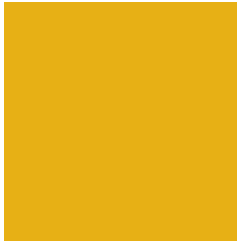




*Celebrating 125 in 2019*



# Kingswood College Newsletter

*by the College Head*

**Tuesday, 4 April 2017**

Having been away from the school on a marketing trip to Zimbabwe last week it has been a case of playing catch up for the early part of this week. This, combined with the looming end of term, makes for some interesting time management challenges. To add to the congestion which is the end of term, the season of winter sports tours has begun. Over the course of last weekend, there were a number of teams on the road at festivals in Graaff-Reinet, East London and Woodridge. In addition to this the marketing team were also at the annual Bathurst Show. This week the girls' hockey side travel to Johannesburg to the St Mary's Festival and the U16 rugby team travel to Hilton for the Independent Schools Rugby Festival. Next week the squash players are off to St Stithians while the first rugby team will be at the KES Festival over Easter. On the cultural front a group of staff and pupils will be heading to Oudtshoorn for the Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunste Fees. There is quite a lot on the go with only seven days of term left!



Two new staff joined the school at the beginning of April. Mr Craig Robinson joins the College from Port Alfred High School in the Life Sciences Department while in the Marketing Department Mrs Danél Pruissen takes over from Mr Andy Long who retires at the end of the month. Mrs Pruissen joins the department after extensive experience in the public relations and hospitality industry.







Sadly, we will be bidding Mr Long farewell at the end of term. Mr Long has had a long and distinguished career in the school having been President of the Old Kingswoodian Club as well as the Marketing and Admissions Manager during a time that has seen many significant changes to the school's market profile. His quiet yet enthusiastic support of the College, over the years, has been instrumental in a growth in numbers and he has won over the hearts of many in his marketing role in the school. We wish Andy every success in his retirement. Internally, Mrs Lisa-Mari McLean has been appointed the Houseperson of Daygirls. She will be taking over the reins from Mrs Carlson on 1 May. In support and to strengthen the pastoral care component of Daygirls, Ms Carey de Coning has been appointed Assistant Houseperson. We wish them both every success in their new roles.

On Friday last week nine pupils, a teacher and the Chaplain of Kingswood College climbed in a bus and headed out for the weekend as the Chapel Outreach Team. Their mission: to bring hope and joy and share God's love. Faith was a recurring theme of the weekend - trusting God with your past, your present and future. Kingswood College Chaplain, Rev Tim Marshall, said that it was an incredible weekend of ministry. It is always good to see how God uses simple efforts to make a difference in people's lives. In reflecting on the weekend Rev Marshall said, "I am incredibly proud of the team and how they stepped out of their comfort zones. They went out to minister to others but found that they were ministered to instead".



# Report

Report writing is in full swing and the staff have had to work with managing our new data capture and management system. As with the introduction of any new software there have been challenges and credit must go to all those involved in providing the support of this new system. As the year unfolds I sincerely hope that, as parents, you will find this new system a vast improvement on the old, albeit the look and feel of the reports will not be vastly different from the past. The improvements will be in the delivery of information and your accessibility to information. As we unpack the components of this system you will be provided with information on how the parent portal will provide you with more information beyond just the delivery of the reports. Whilst commenting on the digital matters you will have become aware, through your children, that the school has changed its processes of managing cellphones in the boarding houses at night. Emma Sadleir's recent visit to Grahamstown (reported in previous Newsletters) brought to a head conversations around the use of cellphones in the school. This alongside the drafting of a new social media policy for the school, and research based on teenage sleeping patterns has led the school to making the decision to collect, every evening after 21h00, the cellphones of pupils in Grades 8 and 9. This was policy in some Houses but not others. It is now policy across all Houses. Please note that should you need to contact your children urgently after 21h00 please contact the Houseperson.

## maths

There have been some notable pupil achievements in recent weeks. On the academic front 339 pupils participated in the first round of Mathematics Olympiad. Seven pupils will now go onto the second round of the competition. Two Grade 8 pupils achieved over 90% in the first round. The Mathematics Olympiad is a problem solving competition, which requires clear-headed thinking as well as a good degree on mathematical rigour. The second round will be written on 10 May. In the Music School we have received news that Etienne Marais and Emily Fryer have been selected to participate in the National Jazz Orchestra which performs during the National Arts Festival. Similarly, Makatendeka Makoni has been invited to the Franschhoek Music Festival and Workshop. These invitations are significant at a national level and we congratulate them on these accolades. Whilst on national representation, we were delighted to hear the news that Tilabo Williamson has been selected for the U17 South African Water Polo team which will be travelling to Eastern Europe.

On Monday afternoon/evening we hosted five Bishops rugby sides for games at Kingswood. It was good to be able to test our early season form against the Cape Town



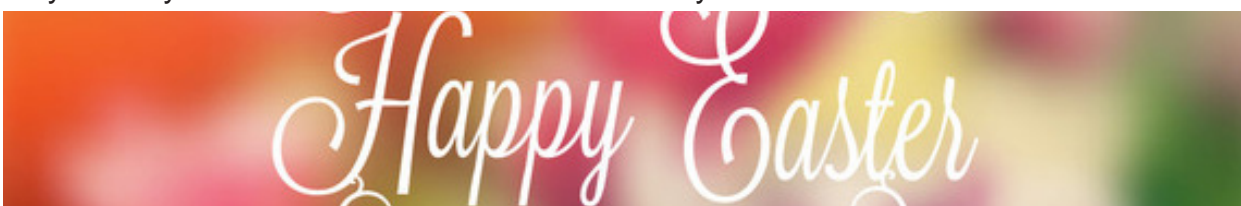
school. While at the junior level our teams faced a stiff challenge while the senior teams acquitted themselves well. Both the U16A and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV sides secured hard fought wins with the 1<sup>st</sup> XV going down narrowly in a fine encounter of school boy rugby. Once again, one was reminded of the tenacity and competitiveness of Kingswood teams who showed good skills and composure in this encounter. This was emulated by both our girls' hockey and netball teams over the last weekend where they reached the finals of their respective tournaments (see results).



*(Top) 1st XV Rugby against Bishops. (Bottom L-R) 1st XI Hockey Girls pictured at the Spar EC North 1st Team Challenge; 1st Team Netball girls made it to the finals in the U19 Woodridge Netball Festival*

This first term has gone in a blur and the Easter holiday is upon us. I have no doubt that the holidays will provide a very welcome break for your children from the routine of school. Similarly, can I take this opportunity of thanking all those players and coaches who will be giving part of their holiday to represent the school. If you are near any of the venues where Kingswood teams are playing please come out and support the school.

May I wish you all a wonderful Easter break with your children.



*Jon Trafford*

To see the full list of **Sports Results** for the last week please click on the following link:  
<http://bit.ly/2l61dbR>

## FEEL GOOD MOMENT

*“On a number of occasions recently I have been impressed by the spirit and support of our pupils for sports teams. Both at the Graeme Rugby Day and against Bishops the support provided by the pupils spoke volumes for the spirit of Kingswood”.*

- Jon Trafford

## REFLECTION

*“When a goal matters enough to a person, that person will find a way to accomplish what at first seemed impossible.”*

- Nido Qubein

## MUSIC

The recent Hospice Cheese and Wine evening raised R13400 for Grahamstown Hospice. Thanks once again to the Concert Band members for their music and to our sponsors, especially Carara Processing. Thank you to the folk who supported the evening; some have attended for a few years and others were there for the first time and have decided they will return next year! Finally, thanks must also go to the Concert Band parents who are so supportive of their children over the years that they are in the Band.

Our grand piano in the Chapel will be inaugurated on Saturday 8 April in a concert presented by Asia Wicherek, our part-time piano teacher, Nicholas Fidler (viola) and Caleb Vaughn-Jones (cello). The concert begins at 20h00. Please note that the date and time has changed since this concert was mentioned in last week's Junior School newsletter. This concert is free for Kingswood staff and pupils. Please see the Kingswood College Music School Facebook page (<http://bit.ly/2nzeFSp>) for more information.



**ANiCA TRIO**  
VIOLA, CELLO AND PIANO CONCERT

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 20h00  
AT KINGSWOOD COLLEGE  
CHAPEL

Nicholas James FIDLER  
Caleb Vaughn-JONES  
Joanna WICHEREK

INAUGURATING A NEW CONCERT PIANO WITH MUSIC BY  
BRAHMS, KURBATOV, KNORR AND PART

TICKETS: R70/R50 seniors/R30 students

