

# THE Yellow PAGES



**PICTURED:** It was wonderful to see so many happy, back-to-school faces on Wednesday! Pictured are some of our Grade 4 girls: Okuhle Mchunu, Sanvi Tallapaneni, Kimaya Govender and Alannah Escott.

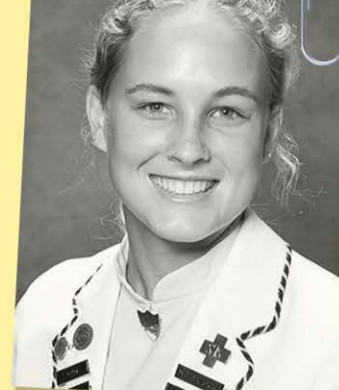
## THE heads-up

Welcome back to parents, staff and girls! With the holidays at an end and a new term dawning, many girls may begin to feel stressed and anxious about their Term 2 schedules. However, the start of a new term also brings new opportunities for growth and success.

This term, our theme is "glow". This idea is a perfect reminder to us to radiate healthy and beneficial energy from within, in order to positively influence our surroundings. Be driven and constantly strive to achieve your goals while attaining a beautiful glow both inside and out. At St John's D.S.G., we are afforded a wide variety of opportunities

that many people are not fortunate to have; opportunities that vary from improving our sporting skills to learning a new instrument or increasing a percentage in a subject which we may find challenging. Along with these opportunities, we also have the responsibility not to waste our time here.

I would like to encourage everyone to walk into Term 2 with the mindset of achieving in, and/or improving on, whatever aspect of life you wish to. Keep working hard towards your goals. Look around at the amazing school we have and the incredible facilities with which we are afforded, and see them as a platform that you can use to



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better yourself. I would also like to encourage girls not to become consumed or overwhelmed by exams and homework, but rather to keep sight of the bigger and brighter outcome. Do not get lost in the pressures of this term and, most importantly, do not let anyone dim your glow. Be a glow-getter!

## HOLIDAY highlights

The Easter holiday was, no doubt, a special time for the vast majority of our girls, staff and their families. However, this holiday was extra special for two of our staff members: Ms Amy Dettmer (English Teacher) and Miss Madelie van Zyl (Boarder Mistress) both got engaged! Congratulations to both of these special staff members and their new fiancés - we are absolutely thrilled for you.

This weekend, we will be thinking of Miss Danelle Zaayman, our Junior Sports Co-Ordinator, as she marries the love her life, Marius. We wish them a wonderful wedding day and look forward to seeing the new Mrs Stumke after her honeymoon!



We would also like to welcome two staff members to the St John's D.S.G. family. Mrs Amanda Huntley, who has relocated from Cape Town, joins us as our Grade 3 teacher, as Mrs Trish Beetar moves out of the classroom and into a full-time Head of Department position. Mr Thumelani "Derek" Mweli, one of our wonderful Red Alert security guards, is now employed by St John's D.S.G. as our Security Supervisor. Known for his beaming "Colgate smile" and friendly nature, Mr Mweli has long been considered an honorary member of the St John's D.S.G. family and we are delighted that he is now officially part of the St John's D.S.G. staff! Parents will still receive their daily cheerful wave, as one of Mr Mweli's key responsibilities is the oversight of the main School entrance at pupil drop-off and pre-primary collection times. We also welcome back Mrs Carol Fourie, who is locuming as a Grade RR teacher for Mrs Alex Barry, who is on long leave this term. We hope that she has a lovely few weeks with us.

## Tie Tuesday - Tuesday, 30 April

As part of the Music Department's fundraising initiative, they are inviting all Senior School girls to come to School on Tuesday dressed in anything to do with a tie! You could wear a tie, a bow tie, tie-dye, a hair bow tie or even anything from Thailand. Tie Tuesday's will be held once a month, and the cost to dress up is R10.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The P.A. Golf Day

Three reasons you do not want to miss out on our Parents' Association Golf Day taking place next Friday, 3 May:

1. You can enjoy a fun-filled day with friends and family. 2. You will have a day off work! 3. There are fantastic prizes to be won, including a hole-in-one prize of R12 500!

To book your 4-ball at R300 per person, please contact Andrew Pratt on andrewpratt53@gmail.com or 082 672 6301.

### Quiz Night

St John's D.S.G.'s fun Quiz Night is next week Friday, 3 May and can accommodate 10 teams of about eight people per team. Parents and girls are welcome, as are friends and families. Cost is R10 per pupil and R20 per adult. Please bring your own supper as pudding will be on sale thanks to the Interact Committee. Please email bkidd@stjohnsdsg.com ASAP if you wish to book a table or for further information.

### St John's Festival

You are invited to join us next Sunday, 5 May at our annual St John's Festival. With a Grade 8 market, live music, a V.I.P. tent for our Old Girls, delicious food on sale and more, our St John's Festival promises to be a fun-filled day for the whole family! Make sure you bring your chairs, picnic blankets, hats and sunblock, as well as a picnic lunch if you would like to. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Burger and Bubbles

Our Old Girls' Association's Burger and Bubbles evening, which was an immense success last year, is taking place on Saturday, 8 June – the same day as our Grade 10-12 Formal. Parents are invited to drop their daughters at the formal and then join us for a wonderful, relaxed evening of delicious burgers and gin-tasting. Places are limited so don't miss out - it promises to be a great evening! Tickets are R180 each. For more information or to book your place, please contact Mrs Heather Evans on oldgirls@stjohnsdsg.com



## junior SCHOOL



## the easter bunny visits

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? This is what our Eaglets were wondering when they kept seeing flashes of white past their classrooms early on Wednesday, 27 March! However, when they noticed cute, little paw prints along the corridors, they quickly realised that it must have been the Easter Bunny who scampered past their classrooms. Luckily, he had been generous enough to hide some delicious chocolate eggs for our girls to find. The excitement was tangible!



## senior SCHOOL



### OUR YELLOW STICKS' TOUR

Our 1st Team Hockey girls, fondly known as the "Yellow Sticks" embarked on their much-anticipated tour to Singapore and Malaysia on Wednesday, 27 March. The girls not only took part in some great Hockey games, but also had the opportunity to explore these beautiful countries. This is what some of our girls said about the experience:

*"This Hockey tour was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that we are very privileged to have been a part of. The memories, as well as everything we have learned as a team, will be cherished and certainly never forgotten."* Hannah von Beneke

*"Our tour to Singapore and Malaysia was an enriching experience where we were able to engage with different cultures, as well as play Hockey in conditions we are not used to. This tour improved our Hockey skills and exposed us to different lifestyles."* Aphiwe Madondo

*"This tour was a truly awesome experience - one that I will remember forever!"* Mia Chetty

*"This tour was an amazing opportunity for us to improve on our Hockey skills – and, of course, do some shopping! We are so grateful to have been a part of this tour, which we will never forget."* Jodi Jeffreys

Coach, Mrs Cara Schirge says, "This has been one of the most fascinating trips. Our girls have all grown in confidence and ability on the Hockey field, and we have laughed a LOT! We are very lucky to have such special girls at St John's D.S.G."



### EMMA'S FANTASTIC RESULTS

Grade 9 pupil, Emma Kuhn participated in the South African National Junior Swimming Championships at the end of term. She won gold in the 50m Breaststroke, as well as silver in the 200m Backstroke and in the 200m Individual Medley.

Emma ranks in the following positions in South Africa (swimming in the 14-year age category.)

- 4th in the 100m Breaststroke
- 5th in the 50m Freestyle
- 6th in the 50m Butterfly and in the 100m Backstroke
- 9th in 200m Backstroke
- 12th in the 400m Freestyle

She qualified for the KZN Senior Nationals team and also took part in the Senior South African National Championships where she swam against all ages. She made the B Final for 50m Breaststroke and in the 200m Individual Medley too, where she placed 16th and 13th respectively, overall in South Africa (including adults!) Well done, Emma!

