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NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year, which I trust will be kind to us all as we face the challenges posed in 2015.

STAFFING

We welcomed four new teachers this year and also congratulated Mrs Tanya van Zyl on her marriage during the holiday.

1. Ms Anzel Botha joins us as a second full-time Information Technology teacher, having served her internship with us.
2. Ms Louise Lanham joins the English Department.
3. Mr Levi Alexander, having taught previously in a part-time capacity, is now a permanent and full-time member of the Music Department.
4. Mr Lyndon Brandt also joins the English Department as an experienced member of staff, having taught in Grahamstown and more recently at D.F. Malan High School in Bellville.

We welcome these ladies and gentlemen, trusting that their tenure will be a long and rewarding one.



MATRIC RESULTS 2014

We were very pleased with the outstanding results produced by the Matric class of 2014 and I extend sincere congratulations to the boys and, especially, the staff, as well as the parents.

In summary:

Number of pupils who wrote:	150
Number of pupils who passed:	150
Number who achieved Bachelors endorsement:	141
(94%)	
Number who achieved "A" averages:	42
Number of subject distinctions	400
Grade average	73.2%

Three candidates wrote 8 subjects and all achieved 8 A's. Those who wrote 7 subjects also produced outstanding results:

- 12 boys received 7 A's
- 10 boys received 6 A's
- 10 boys received 5 A's, with a host achieving 4 and 3 A's respectively.

James Teversham was our top matriculant, averaging 93.7%, Joshua Fieggen came second (93.1%) and Warwick Goldstone third (92.4%).

The following boys were named in the top ten positions in the Western Cape in certain subjects:

SUBJECT	CANDIDATE	
Information Technology	James Teversham	9th
Life Sciences	Joshua Fieggen	2nd
Spanish Second Additional Language	Matias Pintos Cerda	1st
	Toto Kingsley-Rizzo	2nd
Geography	Warwick Goldstone	1st
The individual subject averages and numbers of distinctions per subject are displayed on our website.	Drew Brinkley and Timothy Allman	6th
	Jason Slabbert and Jason Meek	8th
	Joshua Fieggen	10th

ACT OF EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY

During the holiday, Luke Roberts (Grade 10) and his cousin endured a tragic experience that highlighted their own exceptional courage and bravery.

Their kite boarding instructor had an accident on the Langebaan Lagoon and got swept out to sea. Luke and his cousin were kayaking in shallow waters at the time, but witnessed the incident and bravely battled for a long time, in an attempt to prevent their friend from being swept out to sea.

At the same time, hundreds of adult spectators and experienced kite surfers stood transfixed in shock, observing the boys vain attempt at rescue. The School's thoughts and condolences are passed to Luke and his cousin and we acknowledge their act of bravery and courage, bringing true meaning to our motto, Spectemur Agendo (Let us be judged by our deeds).

SPECTEMUR AGENDO

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SCHOOL SOCKS

School and Leisure (stockists of SACS uniforms) are experiencing great difficulty in supplying parents with khaki socks. We are aware of the problem, have had lengthy discussions with Mr Marc Swiel who, in turn, is desperately trying to resolve the situation with his supplier.

Hopefully, this matter will be resolved very soon and we extend our own apologies to our parents.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

A large number of SACS men represented various Western Province waterpolo teams at the Interprovincial tournament, where five Western Province teams emerged as winners in the boys' and girls' sections, in the various age-groups.

At the conclusion of the tournament the South African U19 Team was announced and SACS had three representatives, namely Luke Schooling, Jordan Chait and Jordan Rumbelow (who was adjudged best defender of the tournament). In addition, James Brewer (U17A) and Cameron Laurenson (U17B) were selected for the South African U17A and B teams which will compete in an International Tournament in Harare at the end of January.

Our First Team coach, Mr Ryan Weideman, is the coach of the A Team, whilst Akshay Arya, Keegan Clark, Matthew Chambers and Oliver Schuurmans are all non-travelling reserves. We pass on sincere congratulations to these boys (and Mr Weideman), as well as to Mr Jones and all coaches and waterpolo players in the SACS Waterpolo Club – what an outstanding achievement.

ATHLETICS HEATS

MONDAY 26 TO THURSDAY 29 JANUARY

Please note that school starts with an Assembly at 7:55am on Monday 26 January. This is because of the Athletics Heats. The programme for the week has been placed on Sparrow (<http://sacollegehs.spa.rw/>). School will close at 1:20pm from Monday 26 January to Thursday 29 January with the athletics heats taking place from 2pm onwards.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

I wish to thank the staff and boys involved in various holiday activities for sacrificing their leisure-time in order to prepare for the new year:

PREFECTS CAMP

Mr van Selm, Mrs Siso, Mr Peverley and Mr Wepener presented insets and attended this important section of leadership training for the Prefects.



TENNIS TOUR

Messrs Cromhout and Weber accompanied the First Team on their tour to Gauteng where they were hosted by St John's, St Stithians and St Benedicts College.

ROWING CAMP

Mr Thompson and the rowing coaches attended the annual rowing camp.

CRICKET FESTIVAL

Messrs Grobler, Kleynhans and Wiborg were all involved in the First Team's participation at the Paarl Festival where our boys played against Westville Boys' High School, Northwood Boys' High School, Pretoria Boys' High School, Garsfontein High School and Noord Kaap High School.



GRADE 8 CAMP

Messrs MacKinnon, Weideman and O'Connor attended the camp. The Grade 8's arrived on the morning of Monday 19 January 2015. After doing some admin they boarded busses for their camp at Buffalo Drift near Gouda. The team at Buffalo Drift welcomed them and put them into eight teams, each of which had a flag, name and colour and each member got an armband in the colour of the team. Each team did nine activities over the two days ranging from raft building, general knowledge, obstacle courses, shelter building and archery, to making fire, locating mines, water transport and medical evacuation. Each activity called for them to work as a team in order to complete it. Points were awarded for each activity. They also had to perform a team play on the last evening which resulted in many laughs.

The boys all got to know each other, learned to communicate and work as a team and had fun before the start of their high school career.

In conclusion, my best wishes to all for a happy and rewarding 2015.

Yours sincerely

**K. R. BALL
HEADMASTER**