



Old Johannian Association



Newsletter Term 4

Dear Old Johannians,

As we come to the end of the year, it is also a time to reflect on what 2010 had in store. The achievements bear testimony that when people are united and share in a common vision a lot can be accomplished. These were some of the highlights from the year and a hint of what is to come in 2011:

Valedictory Service

The Valedictory Service was held on 16 October at the College. Craig MacFarlane, Chairman of the Old Johannian gave a speech to boys present. In his address, he encouraged the matriculants by quoting Charles Darwin: "It is not the strongest of the species that survives, or the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change"

At the end of the programme ties and membership cards were handed over to the "new" old boys, making them official members of the OJA. We welcome the boys to the club and hope that they will be willing to be part of the OJ events.

Prefects for 2011

The following pupils were selected as prefects for 2011:

Head of School:	Schalk Burger
Second Prefect:	Jeffrey Long
Additional School Prefect:	Travis Bradfield
Head of Nash:	Peter Raney
Head of Hill:	Dylan Feldner-Busztin
Head of Clayton:	Jesse Bulabula
Head of Thomson:	Markus Trengove
Head of Alston:	Matthew Diepenbroek
Head of Clarke:	Paul Malakou
Head of Hodgson:	Kathu Ramabulana
Head of Fleming:	Tebogo Lekubu
Head of Runge:	Marina Ceccarelli

OJ Bursary

We are very pleased to announce that the OJA has been able to offer bursaries to the college for 2011 to the value of R200,000. This is largely due to the improved financial position and positive cash flow from operations and prudent financial management.

St John's College

"2010 has been an extremely exciting year in the history of St John's College. We opened the new *Alan Wilcock Vulindlela Centre* with a fine ceremony with the Bishop of Johannesburg, Alan and Gen Wilcock and the Chairman of Council, Mr Vuyo Kahla. We honoured Michael Marais for his 43 years of service to St John's College by naming the English classrooms after him, *The Michael Marais English Centre*, which forms part of the *Alan Wilcock Vulindlela Centre*.

The underground auditorium was named after Mrs Rene England, who had contributed generously to the building of it. The top floor of the *Alan Wilcock Vulindlela Centre* is the new boarding accommodation for Hill House with a Housemaster and 51 beds. In addition we have renovated Nash and Hodgson Houses and the 6th Form boys accommodation in Runge House. All these provided additional boarding accommodation at St John's College, and I am pleased to say that we can now accommodate 260 in boarding which is approximately one third of the College. We also renovated all of the day boy common rooms as well as the staff common room. These building operations will enable us to go forward confident that our boarding facilities and classrooms are of a world-class standard. The school is full of wonderful boys who are passionate about the school. They might be naughty at times, but I am confident that they are conscious that they hold an honoured tradition that has been handed down to them by past generations of Old Johannians. We are grateful for the excellent teachers who are committed to *rightly training boys in body, mind and character*. I do thank all the Old Johannians for their support for St John's College which enables us to continue to be a *world-class Christian school in Africa*."

- Roger Cameron, Headmaster

Seattle Coffee

The Seattle Coffee outlet is going well and there are plans of including additional 2011 bursary funds to the school from the profits of the joint venture with the Johannian Club.

Dates to diarise for 2011

Date	Event
24 March	Annual General Meeting
16 July	Gaudy Day

Dates for other events will be communicated to you in due course.

On that note, if you have changed your details, please inform us so that we can update on our database. This will assist us by ensuring that we reach everyone in the Old Johannian community.

The OJA values your contribution and support. We are looking forward to the year ahead and we hope that it will bring all that is good. We wish you a happy festive season, and a blessed and prosperous new year.

Happy 2011!!!!



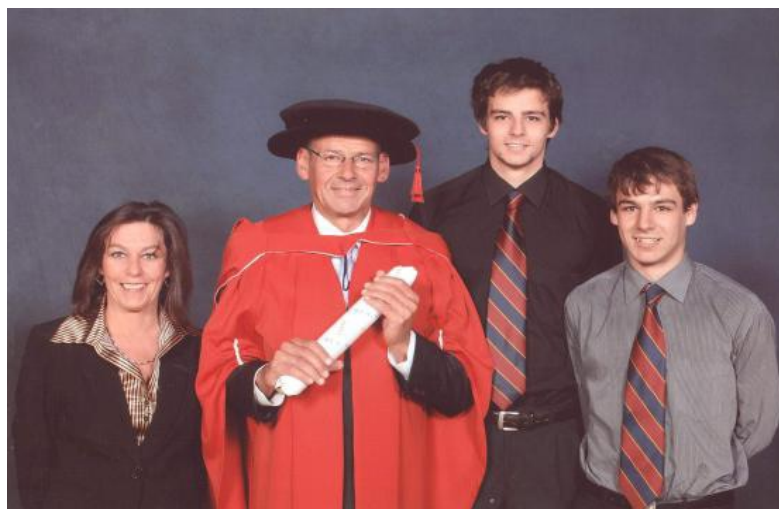
College update

Staff News

St John's College bids farewell to some staff members. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

- **Monique Hauptfleisch**
- **Jill Arnold**
- **Craig Bosch**
- **Stephen Sproule**
- **Rick Clarke**
- **Sandra Laurence**
- **Lindsay Lamont**
- **Cullen Mackenzie**
- **Sarah May**

Congratulations to Dr Bruce Tobias on being awarded his PhD at a graduation ceremony on 28 July 2010 held at the University of the Witwatersrand Great Hall. The title of his thesis was: *From textual problems to mathematical relationships: case studies of secondary school students and the discourses at play in interpreting word problems.*



Picture: Bruce Tobias with his wife, Liz (left) and his sons Gareth (OJ 2008) and Mark (OJ 2006)

Cambridge International Examinations art teachers' conference

A very interesting, stimulating and useful conference was held at St John's College on Saturday, 2nd October. Liz Castle, a well-known art educator gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the various emphasis on standards of Cambridge marking, expectations and assessment objectives. All the teachers present agreed that it was a most worth-while function which we intend to repeat regularly.

Swimming

Gareth Baker (L4 - Clayton) recently took part in the Seagulls Championship Gala held in Durban and earned Personal Bests in all nine of the events that he swam. He made the qualifying times in five events for the Open South African Youth Nationals to be held in April next year. The highlight of the Gala was in his final event, the 200 Individual Medley, where he earned a Silver Medal against Murray McDougall (17) who had just returned from representing South Africa at the Youth Olympics in Singapore.

Karate

Austen Parfitt (U5 Clayton) was awarded his 2nd DAN belt at the national KWF Karate examination on 9 October by a unanimous decision from a panel of eight examiners. This is a great achievement as it is seldom given to a Karateka as young as Austen (18), as not only is the technical proficiency of the candidate required, but their leadership qualities, teaching abilities, and maturity all play a major part in passing this examination.

Zayan Daya (Rem – Alston) was awarded a gold medal for Kumite and silver for Kata at the Southern Gauteng Goju Kai held on 4th September at Vanderbijlpark. He has subsequently been awarded Eastern Gauteng colours for Karate. At the South African Goju Kai Nationals held 25th in September.

National Science Expo 1-2 October 2010

Six projects from St John's College were chosen to go through to the National Expo held at the University of Pretoria from 1-2 October. Our boys were great ambassadors for St John's College.

Bronze medals were awarded to the following students:

- Chris Maree and Jordan Wheeler (Remove) for "Power of Batteries"
- Mohammed Kaskar and Nabeel Seedat (U4) for "Silver Solutions"

Silver medals were awarded to the following students:

- Ahmad Soni and Ebrahim Mohamed (L5) for "Moringa Seed: Nature's answer to clean water in rural South Africa"
- The Kelvin award was made to Matthew Taylor and Nikita Dartchiev for "Magneto-hydrodynamic Motor". This award is presented for an outstanding project showing an awareness of and understanding of a current technological challenge and offering an innovative solution.

Gold Medals were awarded to the following students:

- Schalk Burger and Peter Raney for "Evapo-Gravitational Generator". They also won Best Project and have been selected to attend an elimination round to decide if their project will

be one of five to represent South Africa at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Congratulations to all our boys on excellent projects.

Annual matric art exhibition

For the first time we had our Major Matric Art Exhibition in the Rene England auditorium on Monday, 18th October. This proved to be a spacious venue which comfortably accommodated many works. 41 art boys exhibited a varied and excellent body of work. Well-known print-maker artist, Kim Berman, gave the opening address, complimenting the boys on their high standard of work and the art department on their inspiring approach to attract so many art students at a time when other schools fear the closing of their subject due to low numbers of pupils choosing art as a subject. Kim also commended the art department on its ability to inspire such a high and varied standard of work. She encouraged the pupils to continue to make art relevant to today's world.

Kim judged the following boys as winners:

- Ferdi Le Grange – best artist;
- Adam Maserow 2nd; and
- Barry Povey 3rd.

Congratulations to those boys on this excellent achievement. Congratulations also to all the pupils who enriched our evening with their superb work.

Reunions

60th Anniversary of the 1950 Matric Class of St John's College

The reunion was held at the Old Johannian Club opposite the Tuck Shop at the school grounds on Saturday 9 October 2010. It started with a one-hour tour of the school led by Jared Wood and Resahrd Kolabhai (Lower V). Back at the Club, we reminisced and chatted with very old friends, wives, children, grandchildren, son-in-law and a family dog called Sausage. We were honoured to have with us Kim MacFarlane, Ursula Watts and Colleen Dodson, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Linda Whyte. A number of guests had travelled from Plettenberg Bay, Durban and Pietermaritzburg for the anniversary. Heather Cooper, Director of the St John's Foundation captured pictures for the day.

Some of the Old Boys had started their school lives at St John's in 1939 and 1940 whilst others had changed from their last schools, joining the eventual matric year (1950) during the 1940's. Photographs displayed showed the classes, sporting teams and houses and a set of snaps taken at the 2000 reunion created a lot of interest.

Later, everyone filtered into the well-appointed dining room (thanks to Kim Haw and her staff) where lunch orders were taken and more discussions were held about old and present times. Finally, lunch was over, chatting was completed and later the guests made for home.

We had a great and memorable time.

-Colyn Else, reunion organiser



From left: Peter Theron, Francois Theron, Celia Petyt, Jennifer Meyers, Ursula Watts, Barbara Formby, Freddy Theron, Sausage, Franis Theron, Jennifer Else, Angela Harrison, Aisne Jacobs, Kim MacFarlane, Ann Munro, Colleen Dodson, Barbara Kempis

50th Anniversary of the 1960 Matric Class of St John's College

The 1960 Matric Class was one of the few that had never had a reunion and so we decided to remedy this on the occasion of our 50th.

After 50 years and with classmates scattered all over the world it was no simple task to find them all. The planning started 18 months ago and culminated in an outstanding formal dinner held in Darragh Hall on the 18th September 2010.

20 Old Boys and their wives attended – not bad out of a class of 59 of whom 17 had died and 12 could not be accounted for. Darragh Hall was beautifully decorated and the flowers were magnificent. The school choir sang a wonderful repertoire of African songs, followed by the Boars Head procession and carol – the Boars head was carried in by two Old Boys, Robin Sussman and Garth Daneel.

Then followed a short welcome speech in which it was mentioned that there were men present who had had sons at the school and even some who now had grandsons at the school. Roy Fury then proposed the toast to St John's.

A superb dinner was then served and afterwards the Headmaster addressed the Old Boys and brought them up to date on what was planned for the future of the school.

Over port numerous informed and humorous contributions were made by Old Boys reminiscing about events and friends during the 10 years spent at St John's. The evening concluded at nearly midnight with the unanimous agreement that this class had been an extremely privileged group of young men lucky enough to have attended St John's College.

-Roy Fury, reunion organiser

Old Johannian Association Reunions 2011

The following reunions are scheduled to take place in 2011. If you are interested in being an organiser for the event, please contact Lauren Dicks at the Old Johannian Association on 011 645 3016 or e-mail her at lauren@oja.co.za

Year	Organiser	Contact details
1951		
1961	John Woolcott	woolcott@webafrika.org.za
	Basil Teubes	bteubes@gmail.com
	Rob Barrie	rbarrie@uwc.ac.za
1981		
1986	Jon Patricios	jpat@mweb.co.za
1991	Andrew Dietrich	ajdietrich@lantic.net
	Greg Tait	greg@godfirst.co.za
2001		

OJ's out and about

Interested in becoming a Regional Rep for your area?

We are always on the lookout for OJA reps in many areas across the globe. The main objectives of OJA Representatives are to extend the capacity and impact of the Old Johannian Association globally, and to continually seek to develop the worldwide network of St John's College Old Boys.

1. Functions of OJA Representatives:

- To act as an extension of the OJA office within a region;
- To actively communicate with all Old Johannians within a particular region;
- To link Old Johannians within a particular region with each other, the Old Johannian Association and St John's College; and
- To aid the St John's College Foundation in its efforts to raise funds.

2. OJA Representative Reports

In order to close the communication loop, it is important for the OJA Reps to communicate the goings on within their respective regions back to the OJA office and hence to the greater St John's College community. Following each function and in an OJA Representative Annual Report, each Rep is to communicate any relevant news to the OJA Office from their respective region. These annual reports can be posted in The Johannian magazine to complement the current section on 'Old Boy News', as well as on the OJA website. Photographs of events held around the world can also be posted on the OJA website as well as on Facebook.

If you are interested in becoming a regional rep, please contact the OJA Office for more information.

Old Boys in the News

Book Release: Stanley Trollip (Thomson 1963)

Stanley retired from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the United States in 2003. Since then he has been writing mystery novels set in Botswana. He writes with a friend of his, Michael Sears, using the pen name of Michael Stanley. The first novel is called A Carrion Death, and the second is The Second Death of Goodluck Tinubu. The third, Death of the Mantis, is due out in June 2011. A Carrion Death was one of the Los Angeles Times' Top Ten Mysteries for 2008 and was short-listed for four awards in the United States. The website is <http://www.detectivekubu.com>.



Ian Mitchell (Alston 1968)

Ian Mitchell (Alston 1968) has been living in Moscow for the last four years. He is writing a book about Russia and the Rule of Law from a historical angle. He is contributing editor to Passport Magazine (www.passportmagazine.ru) and has recently started working as the Presenter of "Russian Book World" on the Voice of Russia (http://english.ruvr.ru/radio_broadcast/). He maintains close contact with Scotland, where his book about sailing round the Hebrides, Isles of the West, is still, ten years after publication, a best seller.

Kimon Boyiatjis (Nash 1979)

Kimon was featured in a recent news article (September 2010) that was written by Mr Stafford Thomas and published in the September 24, 2010 edition of the Financial Mail. Please visit www.financialmail.co.za to read the full article.

Dimitri Boyiatjis (Nash 1983)

Dimitri was also featured in a recent news article (September 2010) that was written by Gwyneth Roberts and published in HedgeNews Africa. See www.hedgenewsafrika.co.za for the full story.

Glenn Babb (Thomson 1961)

Glenn runs his own business support firm. The firm, *Babrius*, was contracted to write the report *The Future of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of Countries* for the EU (ACP) which my wife and I finished and published in English and French in 2006. His firm represents the Fairs of Milan and Verona in Southern Africa and was instrumental in the dairy firm, PARMALAT, entering and investing in South Africa. In 2008 he was appointed as a sworn translator (French/Italian/Afrikaans) by the Department of Justice for the Cape courts. He remains (appointed in 1998) Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Turkey and wrote a monograph *Abubakr Effendi – among the Young Turks in Afrikaans* published in 2010 in the Quarterly Bulletin of the National Library of South Africa (Vol. 64 No 1).

Let us know

If you are aware of any OJA gatherings, visits, obituaries, weddings achievements in your area then please let us know by contacting the OJA office. If you have any contributions for these communiqués, whether it is a comment, news on OJA happenings in your area, or articles that you may want to submit, please contact us.

Lost contact with an OJ? We can help. Let us know if you are planning any events or even if you would just like to 'catch-up' with someone for a drink or two...or three...or floor.

If your contact details have changed, please let us know by contacting the OJ office.

Old Johannian Club

The first half of the year was dominated by the focus on the Soccer World Cup. Since then, the club was quiet until the recent start of the new term.

Behind the scenes, the Johannian team does a superb job with their catering and functions and we as a community are grateful for their ongoing dedication. The club has a new coffee machine that serves a great cappuccino and we urge parents and Old Boys to pop in for a superb meal and a delicious cappuccino. Seattle Coffee is still available for the quick "take away".

Maintenance is still ongoing. The interior and exterior of the club needs attention, especially in regards to painting; this will be our next project. The roof has recently been waterproofed and repainted – the awaited rains will hopefully prove this!

We will be concentrating on the grounds in the near future. The large patches of sand where the grass does not grow will be partly paved which will also help in the rainy season with marquees and functions.

New garden furniture and umbrellas will be on the list for the future, as these need replacing. If anyone in the school community has access to garden umbrellas we would be keen to discuss replacement.

These are some of the projects planned for the end of the year and early next year.

-Mark van der Griendt, Club Chairman





The OJ Eagles do it again!!!

It is 2010 and the OJ Eagles are still going strong and claiming glory. They have brought home their fifth title in the last six years.

Season Results:

- vs. Wahoo/Wits won 14 – 3
- vs. Jeppe OB won 22 – 3
- vs. SA Schools U18 won 20 – 4

Quarter - final: vs. Gauteng Schools U19 won 14 - 4

Semi – finals: vs. Crusaders (Saints OB) won 7 -3

Final: vs. Clifton OB won 8 - 2



Standing from left: Andrew Ridley, Jean Le Roux, Rob Logan, Dwayne Flatscher, Dr. Rick Diesel, Nardus Badenhorst, Jon Marc de Carvalho, Chris Icely, Vlad Trninic (Coach), Clement February (Manager)

Bottom from left: Etienne Le Roux, Lucky Letshaba, Andrew Jones, Gary Prout, Michael Irvine

Pierre Le Roux was voted as a "Best Player of the Tournament"

OJ Eagles Hockey

The OJ Eagles Hockey Club has enjoyed another tremendous season in 2010, and continues to be a powerful force in Southern Gauteng hockey circles. The club consists of roughly 80 players spread across one women's and four men's teams.

- The men's A-side (Fugitives) finished a respectable 7th in a hotly contested 1st League.
- The men's B-side (Apprentices) unfortunately did not fare so well this season, and finished at the bottom of the log in the 4th league.
- The men's C-side (Nappies) did us proud by finishing 2nd in the 5th league and might be up for promotion in the 2011 season.
- The men's D-side (Blitz) outshone the rest by winning the 6th league with some phenomenal hockey, which also puts them up for promotion next year.
- The ladies A-side (Coyotes) had a sterling season with a 2nd position finish in a hard-fought 4th league. They will also be up for promotion in 2011.

While there were many key players throughout the season, the most outstanding were Alex Kennard (Men's Player of the Year), Mathew Dunn (Most Improved Men's Player), Leanne Watson (Lady's Player of the Year), Bianca Meyer (Most Improved Lady's Player) and Terence Malan (Top Goal Scorer).

I would just like to once again thank the Old Johannian Association for all their support over the years, as well as Mr R. Cameron and St John's College for the use of the astro-turf.

We look forward to continuing to grow the club in the future and to making it the club of choice for all hockey players in Johannesburg!

-David Martin, OJ Eagles Hockey Club Chairman

OJA Memorabilia

We have a variety of ties, cufflinks, rugby jerseys and many other items of memorabilia for sale at the school shop. Please contact the OJA office for more information.

Old Johannian Magazine

As a cost saving method, the Johannian magazine will now be distributed by E book. It is also an effort to go green and in line with environmental awareness. A limited number of copies will be available at the OJA office.

OJA Website

Please remember to visit the OJA website for more information on the events and happenings taking place with the OJA: <http://www.oja.co.za>.

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