

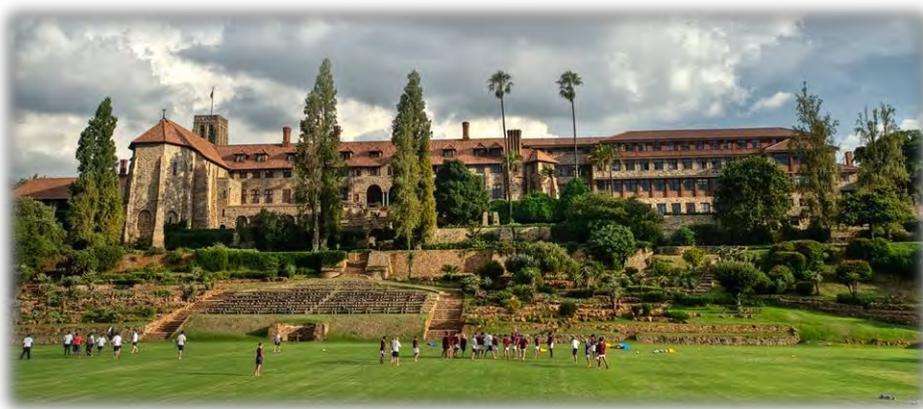


OLD JOHANNIAN ASSOCIATION
A worldwide network of Old Johannians

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



The OJA continues to evolve. One of the key areas of focus are a more active and dynamic OJA

As we reflect on another meaningful and eventful 2017 for the OJA and its members, we are also excited about the plans we have for the year ahead.

We hosted a number of successful Eminent Speaker Series Breakfasts throughout 2017 with very memorable speakers who uplifted us with their inspirational talks. Our latest speaker in October was Alex Harris (adventurer, explorer, endurance athlete and businessman) who spoke about his Journey to the South Pole.

We had a very successful Cape Town OJs drinks get-together in September and have now established a Cape Town OJA Committee, with Roy Huddy heading it up as their Chairman. We are very excited about this new branch and wish Roy and the rest of the committee much success in their efforts to create a much tighter Cape Town OJ community. If you are living in Cape Town and would like to be included in the Cape Town network, kindly contact both Roy (royhuddy01@gmail.com) and the OJA office (info@oja.co.za) for our records.

The Morison Abel Golf Day, OJA Annual Dinner and Gaudy Day were held in June and these

events were a resounding success in terms of attendance and atmosphere. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School for their generous hosting of the OJA Dinner and Gaudy Day and making the OJs feel welcome at the school.

In October another two successful reunions took place. The Class of 2007 and 1977 celebrated their 10th and 40th reunions respectively. Read more about their celebrations below.

There had been a number of extraordinary OJ achievements during 2017. Some highlights during the year included:

- Stephen McGown (Nash 1992) was released from captivity in Mali where he had been held hostage since November 2011.
- Chris Froome (Nash 2003) won his fourth Tour de France.
- Professor Tshilidzi Marwala (Sixth Form 1990) became the new Vice-chancellor and Principal of the University of Johannesburg.
- Siya Xuza (Hodgson 2007) had a planet named after him and was awarded the Order of Mapungubwe, in honour of his work in developing a rocket and creating safer, more energy-efficient rocket fuel in the process.

The OJA continues to evolve. The key areas of focus for a number of years have been:

- A more active and dynamic OJA.
- The ongoing development work on the database. We have now launched our new OJA database system, Alumnet (<https://oja.alumnet.co.za>). Kindly visit this portal to update your OJ details.
- Ensuring that the Johannian Club is a community-centric offering.
- A high level of focus on communications, keeping OJs connected with both the OJA and SJC.
- **Regular networking events, creating a more “physically” active OJA.**
- Continuation and improvement of the reunions initiative.
- Establishing and increasing the relevance of the OJA to pupils and recently matriculated boys through the use of the OJ network.

The database continues to be a key focus and we encourage members to interact with us and provide us with as much up-to-date information as possible. If you are uncertain as to whether **the OJ has your details, or if you don't receive regular communications from us, please get in touch with us on info@oja.co.za.**

Finally, I would like to thank the OJA committee for the work and time that they dedicate to the Association (**despite many other commitments**). **The committee members' workload has increased as a result of multiple new initiatives and areas of focus, and they have risen to the challenge.** We look forward to a successful 2018.

Kind regards
Damian Boyce
Chairman – The Old Johannian Association

UPCOMING 2018 EVENTS

DATE	EVENTS
6 July (Friday morning)	Morison Abel Golf Day (book online: www.oja.co.za/golfdays18)
6 July (Friday evening)	Annual OJ Dinner (book online: www.oja.co.za/dinner18)
7 July (Saturday)	Gaudy Day
15 September (Saturday)	On The Night
8 November (Thursday)	Remembrance Day
11 November (Sunday)	Combined Carol Service

OLD JOHANNIAN REUNIONS – 2018

We are currently looking for reunion organisers from some of the years listed below. If you wish to be a reunion organiser, kindly contact the OJA office.

If this is your reunion year listed below and you are interested in attending, kindly contact the reunion organisers directly.

Alternatively contact Sandra Lou at the Old Johannian Association office on 011 648-9303 or email her at info@oja.co.za.

The following reunions are scheduled to take place in 2018.

Reunions Year	Organiser	Email
10 year (2008)	Gareth Heidt	garethheidt17@gmail.com
15 year (2003)	Andrew Crichton	andrewtmcrichton@gmail.com
20 year (1998)	Tim Osborne	tim@steelbank.co.za
25 year (1993)	Jerome Passmore	Jerome.Passmore@investec.co.za
30 year (1988)	Craig Quiding	craig.quiding@standardbank.co.za
50 year (1968)	Peter Brown & Chris Couchman	petewillbrown@gmail.com / couchman222@gmail.com
Reunions that have already taken place in 2018		
40 year (1978)	Mike Visagie	mike.visagie@ouropenminds.com
60 year (1958)	James Ridley	james.ridley@mweb.co.za

PAST EVENTS

GARDEN ROUTE OJ LUNCHEON – 14 SEPT 2017

A few months have passed since our great gathering at the Cruise Café in Knysna, found suitable for this historic occasion by Mike Dane. Folks are still talking about who looked older than whom and it was indeed a great occasion with fine food and palatable wine shared with school vintage sagas that have stood the test of time. As our age increases those wonderful school memories are easily recalled.

The proceedings were opened with a prayer by Rod Greville and a moments silence for those no longer with us. Our most recent loss was Gavin Downes (1949).

It was then all chatting, eating, drinking and singing before Ham thanked Ed for putting it all together. No one staggered out and the cutlery remained behind. We all look forward to the next one.

The following OJs were present at our gathering:

Ham Harrison	1951	Hill
Dave Matthews	1953	Nash
Denis Dunlop	1954	Nash
Rob Rainer	1954	Nash
Brough Coubrough	1955	Thomson
Allan & Audrey Howe	1956	Thomson
Mike & Margi Dane	1961	Thomson
Steve & Barbara Getliffe	1961	Thomson
Iain & Louise Chancellor Madison	1963	Nash
Ed & Sally Cutten	1966	Thomson
Bert & Brenda Evans	1966	Thomson
Rod & Peta-Ann Greville	1966	Nash
Graham & Stella Mellor	1966	Clayton
William Macnae	1970	Hill
Andy & Margi Dane	1967	Thomson
Peter & Margaret Brown	1968	Clayton
Graeme Huddy	2001	Clayton

House attendees:

This time around the day boys certainly out shone the borders with Thomson undoubtedly clear winners.

1 st	Thomson	13 present
2 nd	Nash	5 present
3 rd	Clayton	4 present
4 th	Hill	2 present



Luncheon venue – Cruise Café in Knysna



Left: Mike & Margi Dane, Brenda Evans, Sally & Ed Cutten



Left: Steve Getliffe, Peter & Margaret Brown, Margi & Andy Dane, Barbara Getliffe



Left: Graham & Stella Mellor, Rod & Peta-Ann Greville, Mike Dane



Left: Ham Harrison, Dennis Dunlop, Rob Rainer, Dave Matthews, William Macnae, Audrey Howe



From right: The good the bad and the ugly: David (Doggie) Matthews, Bert Evans, Ed Cutten

Ed Cutten
(Thomson 1966)
Event organiser

OJA EMINENT SPEAKER BREAKFAST SERIES – 18 OCT 2017

GUEST SPEAKER: Alex Harris (adventurer, explorer, endurance athlete and businessman)

The Old Johannian Association hosted the 14th Eminent Speaker Breakfast Series on 18 Oct 2017.

These breakfasts are part of the Old Johannian Association's ongoing initiatives to promote networking and social events among Old Johannians. The events are purely networking functions and have no fundraising element. These events take place on a quarterly basis and all Old Johannians are encouraged to join for a brief talk followed by breakfast and networking hosted at the Johannian Club.

For many the thought of climbing the seven highest peaks on each continent is just a fantasy, Alex has actually done it. He gave the attendees a riveting speech which explained his humble beginnings and the circumstances that led him to the top of Everest.



Left: Siya Mkhize (OJA committee); Alex Harris (guest speaker)



Incredibly, Everest was merely a hurdle compared to the next challenge he had set for himself. Alex and his team mate, Sibusiso Vilane, set about becoming the first Africans to walk unsupported to the South Pole, a 1200km walk uphill into -40 degree temperatures. Alex's speech and supporting slideshow and videos gave the OJ attendees an accurate feel of just how intense this adventure was and he had everyone on the edge of their seats. At the end of his talk many had questions about his adventures and the crowd lingered around afterwards for the opportunity to have one-on-one chats with Alex.



We encourage all Old Johannians to join us at these breakfasts, if you would like to be invited please send an email to info@oja.co.za.

Ben Maxton
(OJA committee)

REMEMBRANCE DAY – 9 NOV 2017

This day, referred to as Remembrance Day, Poppy Day or Armistice Day, was once again **honoured by St John’s College** in remembrance of those fallen who served in World War I and II and had lost their lives. It commemorates the deaths of the 60 Old Johannians who sacrificed their lives in WWI as well as the 99 Old Johannians who died in WWII. In addition, the service honours all the countless people who have died in military conflicts around the world over the last century.

The service, held on 9 November, was combined with the Thursday morning College Mass **with a strong “Remembrance Day” theme. The service was well** attended with some 20 Old Johannians and some of their wives, together with all the College boys.



Left to right: Damian Boyce (OJA Chairman – Nash 1981), Steve Raney (Nash 1974), Roger Bradfield (Thomson 1975)



Left to right: Dr Daniel Pretorius (SJC), George Whittle (Alston 1970), Rob Spargo (Clayton 1970) and Richard Adams (Alston 1972)



Amongst the OJs in attendance was Mr Roger Stacey (Thomson 1939) who is 96 years old and fought in World War II.

Mr Stacey's regiment, the Natal Mounted Rifles, was aligned to the South African Armed Division and remained in Italy for the better part of the war.

Picture to the left: Centre: Mr Roger Stacey (Thomson 1939) who fought in World War II, posed for a photo with officers of the Transvaal Horse Artillery.

"The service was held in the college's Memorial Chapel, which was built in the 1920s in honour of the Old Johannians who fell in WWI. The names of these OJs, as well as those who perished in WWII, are carved into the wood panels of the All Souls Chapel adjoining the Memorial Chapel," explains Dr Daniel Pretorius, master of Latin and history at the school.

Wreaths were laid at the foot of the altar by Major General Lawrence Smith, the Deputy Chief of the South African Army, Roger Stacey, an Old Johannian, accompanied by the Headmaster, Paul Edey and the newly-elected Head of School for 2018, Raymond Barrow.

Fr Ian Stevens reflected on Remembrance Day in his sermon to the congregation. The service was then concluded with the playing of the Russian Contakion, and the OJs were treated to tea and light eats at the Johannian Club.

OLD BOYS TENS TOURNAMENT – 10 & 11 NOV 2017

On the 10th and 11th of November the Old Johannian rugby team participated in the annual Stor-age Old Boys Tens Tournament held at Pirates Rugby Club.

Teams such as Michaelhouse, Hilton, St Stithians, King Edwards and other major rugby schools in South Africa all entered old boy teams. The Old Johannian side played fixtures against St Albans, St Andrews College (Grahamstown), Jeppe, Pretoria Boys and Wits Kudus.

Although the Old Johannian results were not in our favour, it was great to see the side participating in a tournament and competing against old foes and highly ranked rugby schools in South Africa.

A special thank you must go out to the Old Johannian Association and Roy Clark's (Thomson 1994) company, Clarkehouse Human Capital, for their sponsorships, which made it possible for the Old Johannian side to participate in this tournament.

The following Old Johannians participated in the tournament:

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| 1. Gareth Heidt (Alston 2008) | 12. Callum Dakyns (Hodgson 2007) |
| 2. Siyabonga Mkhize (Alston 2013) | 13. Alastair Marquis (Clayton 2014) |
| 3. Rowan Diviani (Clarke 1996) | 14. Roan Farr (Nash 2006) |
| 4. Graham Green (Hill 1995) | 15. Mark Dzanibe (Hodgson 2013) |
| 5. Chris Booth (Nash 2002) | 16. Richard Stevens (Thomson 2007) |
| 6. Nikolakimu Patriks (Nash 2000) | 17. Gordan Staines (Hill 2007) |
| 7. Conor Woodward (Clayton 2016) | 18. Nicholas Hale (Hodgson 2010) |
| 8. Thomas Berry (Hodgson 2011) | 19. Mark Otto (Clayton 1997) |
| 9. Ethan Brownhill (Hodgson 2011) | 20. Mota Mota (Hodgson 2009) |
| 10. Franz Retief (Nash 2015) | 21. Eduan Roelofse (Fleming 2007) |
| 11. Duncan Stead (Thomson 2014) | |



Back Row: Gordan Staines, Duncan Stead, Alastair Marquis, Chris Booth, Dean Gordan
 Middle Row: Nicholas Hale, Conor Woodward, Richard Stevens, Roan Farr, Callum Dakyns, Gareth Heidt, Mark Dzanibe, Niko Patriks, Rowan Diviani, Eduan Roelofse, Thomas Berry, Jeremy Diviani, Ethan Brownhill
 Front Row: Mark Otto, Mota Mota, Graham Green, Siya Mkhize

ANNUAL OJ VS PREP CRICKET MATCH – 25 NOV 2017

The Annual OJ vs Prep Cricket fixture was unfortunately rained out this year, much to the dismay of all involved.

The Old Johannian Association issued awards to the following Prep cricket players from both the 1st XI and 2nd XI teams for their achievements in 2017:

1st XI

Best Batsman: Kristofer Watt (C)
 Best Batsman (Runner-Up): Harry Davidson
 Best Bowler: Kristofer Watt (C)
 Best Bowler (Runner-Up): Tadgh Coakley-Eager (VC)
 Best All Rounder: Kristofer Watt (C)
 Young player of the Year: Alex Meyer
 Cricketer of the Year: Kristofer Watt (C)

2nd XI

Best Batsman: Sidharth Singh
 Best Bowler: Joshua Parsons
 Best All Rounder: Jonathan Masher
 Best Fielder: Carter Karan
 Cricketer of the Year: Mark Kwant

Despite no cricket being played on the day, the OJA extends its thanks to all those involved in organising the event and we look forward to OJ Cricket in 2018!

OJ REUNIONS

1977 – 40th YEAR REUNION - 28 OCTOBER 2017

I am continuously overwhelmed by the amazing affinity that exists within the St John's community, particularly Old Johannians. This, despite years of "self-imposed separation," occasioned by the pressures of assuming professional and family responsibilities.

And then, after a significant passage of time, the Tower clock which so instinctively binds all of us who have grown up in its surrounds, begins to chime on a new decade.

It has been 40 years since those final school days which heralded the dawn of an exciting future. The ups and downs of awaiting matric results, university acceptance and military call-ups. Yet, unbeknownst to us, it signaled the quiet surrender of the carefree lifestyle of a privileged education, which had forged many unbreakable, life-long bonds between fellow Johannians.



Left to Right

Back row: Edward Andrew, Anton & Louise Leal, Alison & Don Westcott
 Middle row: Stuart & Diana Low, Pete Reynolds, Mike & Sally Tucker, Dot & Trevor Milton,
 Mary and Richard Davies, Debbie Simms
 Front row: Richard Barlow, Rob Masefield, Graeme Prevost, Chick Forsyth, Mark Langton,
 Mike Wells, Don Mackenzie.

Watching "strangers" staring intently at faces they last saw 40 years ago - desperately trying to recall the boyish features to which they could place a name, then suddenly explode into an ecstasy of recognition, joy and vigorous bear hugs is always a heart-warming sight to behold. It's why reunions are so important.

The 40th Reunion of the Class of 1977 was no different. From a well-supported "Meet and Greet" at the Johannian Club on Friday evening 27 Oct 2017, to a sterling gathering of 22 people on an uncharacteristically chilly Saturday morning, the stage was set.

A brilliant tour of the St John's Campus, led by Clarke Housemaster Dr Daniel Pretorius, combined fascination at Dr Pretorius's great passion for our school history with an invaluable opportunity to catch-up with old friends, on gaps in the passing of time.

The culmination of the celebrations was the dinner at the Grill House Rosebank, attended by 35 people - 21 OJs and their wonderfully supportive wives! A memorable vibe and much rekindling of "kindred-spirits"! My thanks to Louise Leal for her willing, treasurer role at the dinner.

My sincere thanks to every single one - OJs and their wives - who made the effort to attend the 40th OJ Reunion, from Colorado USA, London UK, Cape Town, Durban and Tzaneen, to the **sprawling suburbs of Jo'burg. Good job lads** - sterling stuff! It's the attendees that make any Reunion a success.

Congratulations to the Class of '77 - it was a spirited triumph!

Chick Forsyth
Hill 1976 (Sixth Form 1977)
(Reunion organiser)

2007 – 10th YEAR REUNION – 27 to 29 OCTOBER 2017



The Class of 2007 enjoyed an informal dinner and drinks evening at the Johannian Club on Friday evening, 27 Oct.

We had between 50 and 60 attendees and the fines meeting that followed the dinner definitely kicked off the weekend's festivities. Despite being advised to pace themselves for a long Saturday, many of the lads couldn't help but get a bit carried away on Friday night, which made Saturday morning's early 9am start difficult for most.

Left: Matthew Pratt, Yusuf Dhorat, Fuaad Abdool, Nicholas Ryan, Alessandro Di Trapani, Luke Farry, Mieszko Ogonowski, David Knowles, Jason Surtees

The Class of '07 were instructed to meet at SJC at 9am on Saturday morning, where they were divided into five teams of 10-12 people. Each team was assigned a shuttle bus and driver, and seven clues. An 'Amazing Race' around JHB followed.

Teams first stopped at Neighbour goods Market in Braamfontein where they had to spend 45 minutes getting some much needed food and beverage. After this, a drive up Northcliff hill to the view point at Northcliff Tower followed.



Left: Jason Wedlake, Brendan Ray, Gregory Lambropoulos, Charles Deacon, Jason Rutenberg, Callum Dakyns, Jonathan Irwin, Dieter Schulz, Andrew Keightley-Smith



Left: Alain Fowler, Rushil Vallabh, Marco Vieira, Adam Sutton-Pryce, Marc Rudling, Connor Mace, Jon Morgan, Pierre du Toit, Scott Murray, Simon Bosman

After spending 10 minutes up there enjoying the views of Jo'burg, teams made their way to Zoo Lake Bowling Club to bring back many memories of the past. However, they did not enter the club in protest of how it was closed and re-opened.

Instead, they had to nominate two members from each team to down a beer.

The next clue involved a complicated maths sum (which the organising committee may or may not have got incorrect, but teams figured it out anyway) which took them to 86 Public and Momo Soko in Illovo.



Pub Quiz Winners & Overall Winning Team

Left: Eduan Roelofse, Gareth Beck, Gerard Scheurleer, Deron van Staden, Keegan Moffatt, Gordon Staines, Kyle Forsyth, Matthew Eckersley, Mabine Seabe



Left: Lebo Raolane, Melvyn Lubega, Paledi Makgolane, Lebo McCallum, Sifiso Dukashe, Mohamed Moti, Kgomotso Selebogo, Damian Rogans, Aadil Mayat, Tim Lai



Left: Yusuf Dhorat, David Knowles, Fuaad Abdool, Alessandro Di Trapani, Matthew Pratt, Nicholas Ryan, Luke Farry, Mieszko Ogonowski



Left: Gregory Lambropoulos, Brendan Ray, Dieter Schulz, Andrew Keightley-Smith, Callum Dakyns, Stewart Wackrill, Jonathan Irwin, Jason Rutenberg, Jason Wedlake

This was a checkpoint where all teams joined up and spent some time catching up and enjoying some lunch from both restaurants (proudly run by Old Johannians).

After lunch, the teams made a quick trip to the Munro Drive view point, took a photo outside the entrance of KES, and then raced back to the Johannian Club. After a frantic finish to the race, the teams discovered that the real race was won and lost during the final leg of the day...the Pub Quiz. Not just any Pub Quiz, but an SJC Class of 2007 specific pub quiz.



Round 1: "Know Your Peers" - Voice clips of Old Johannians were played to the teams and they had to identify the voice and answer any questions asked by that voice.

Round 2: "The Face Melter" - photos of classmates from matric were projected on the wall one-by-one. Starting out as a blank image, pixels were slowly dissolved in to eventually reveal that person's face. A representative from each team would sit in front and the first to guess whose face it was, would score a point for his team.

Round 3: "SJC 30 Seconds" - SJC specific 30 seconds cards were printed and a game of 30 seconds followed.



Left: Andrew Keightley-Smith, Callum Dakyns, Jonathan Irwin, Brendan Ray, Dieter Schulz

After an exhilarating, but also exhausting day, Team Dozzle Mania (Deron van Staden, Eduan Roelofse, Matthew Eckersley, Gareth Beck, Gerard Scheurleer, Gordon Staines, Keegan Moffatt, Kyle Forsyth, Mabine Seabe, Chad Horne) emerged the victors and claimed their SJC Maroon Caps as prizes.

A delicious spit braai prepared by the Johannian Club was enjoyed after this. A few thank you speeches, and the handing out of gifts capped off a wonderful day.



Left: Aadil Mayat, Kgomotso Selebogo, Lebo McCallum, Mohamed Moti, Lebo Raolane, Paledi Makgolane, Sifiso Dukashe, Damian Rogans, Tim Lai, Melvyn Lubega



The Amazing Race Winners as they crossed the finish line
Left: Jason Surtees, Nicholas Ryan, Yusuf Dhorat, Matthew Pratt, David Knowles, Alessandro Di Trapani, Luke Farry, Mieszko Ogonowski, Fuaad Abdool

A bring and braai took place on Sunday afternoon which was well attended by a few of the die-hards.



Overall, it was a fantastic Reunion weekend. We went above and beyond to make this a Reunion to remember. Thanks to Sandra from the OJA, Caryn from the SJC Shop, and George from the Johannian Club for all their assistance throughout the planning process. It may be somewhat bias, but we believe that the Class of 2007 10 Year Reunion has set the mark as one of the best the College has seen... Testament to the great bunch of friends that we are all.

Alessandro Di Trapani
(One of the reunion organisers)

OJ SPORTS

OJ EAGLES HOCKEY CLUB REPORT 2017

The season was played out with one side this year after a few players hung up their boots. The OJ Eagles played in the 4th league this year and finished 5th.

The team this year was made up of a variety of different age groups with a couple school boys playing as well as a few OJ veterans. With the mix of generations in the team there was a good culture and camaraderie in the team.

The side this year struggled for continuity, and as a result had mixed fortunes where in some games they played to above their potential to beat good sides, and in some games falling to sides that they should have beaten.

The outflow of the older generation of players has not been complimented by an inflow of younger generations of OJs, this is the primary focus for the club in the coming year. For the club to continue it is imperative that new players join. The club is looking for OJs just out of varsity who are looking to form a team with their friends to play in the SGHA winter league which runs from March to September.

Matthew McNulty
OJ Eagles Hockey Club

OJ EAGLES WATER POLO REPORT 2016-2017

The OJ Eagles Social Water polo Club has grown from strength-to-strength over the last season. We only have one team but are consistently bringing in new players every year. Most of them are St John's Old Boys, but we have a very mixed team in terms of school representation. We were able to finish mid-table for the season, and also made it through to the quarter finals of the Cup. Even though we are in League 2, it is still a very strong league being only one league below the Premier league. The games are tough and we are able to play good quality Water polo.

One of the focuses in the last year was to grow the social side of the club, we appointed a Guru of good times to ensure functions were well planned, well attended and most of all fun for the whole family. All the events held were very successful and got the club closer together and also brought in a few new players. We thank our Guru (James Hobson) for the hard work.

Our club works a bit differently with all members working together to make sure the games run smoothly, practices are well constructed and that a high quality of polo is played. We are always looking for new players to join us, no matter what the level of Water polo the player has played. We have beginners all the way through to guys who represented SA schools, SA varsities and Provincial sides.

We have had a good season and hope to carry on our good work. Ideally, we would like to have enough players to fill another team, but at the moment a one team option is suiting the club. Hopefully with further recruitment in the next year, we can push to get the numbers required to increase the number of players and therefore teams. We appreciate the assistance that the OJA has provided in terms of getting our presence out to all the guys in the association. Looking forward to a good 2017/2018 season.

Andrew Egbers
(Chairman - OJ Eagles Water polo)

OLD JOHANNIANS' WATER POLO NEWS

Old Eds National Club and Universities Champs was held at King Edward VII School from 05 - 08 October 2017.

Vlado Trninic (St John's College Water polo coach)

This is OJ Eagles 12th title in the last 13 years of the tournament.

OJ Eagles results:

Vs Jeppe OB	won 21 – 3
Vs Wits	won 21 – 1
Vs UCT	won 6 – 5
Vs Varsity College	won 22 – 3
Vs Old Eds	won 15 – 3

Club final:

Vs Crusaders	won 5 – 1
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Old Eds tournament final:

Vs Maties	won 7 – 2
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Best player of the tournament

Etienne Le Roux (Clayton 2005) was selected as the best player of the tournament for the 5th time.

OJ Eagles team:

1. Dwayne Flatscher (Saints OB and long-time serving water polo coach at St John's)
2. Etienne Le Roux (OJ, long - time serving water polo coach at St John's)
3. Ethan Coryndon-Baker (KES Matric boy)
4. Nardus Badenhorst (Affies OB and long-time serving water polo coach at St John's)
5. Garreth Prout (KES OB)
6. Garyn Berry (St John's LV pupil)
7. Claudio Fernandes (Saints OB)
8. Nicholas Rodda (Jeppe OB, St John's Prep Intern and long-time serving water polo coach at St John's)
9. Dean Whyte (Parktown OB)
10. Pierre Le Roux (OJ, former St John's staff member and long-time serving water polo coach at St John's)
11. Simon Purchase (Parktown OB)
12. Miguel Morais (St John's UV pupil and 1st team captain)
13. Themba Mthembu (Parktown OB)
14. Jon Marc de Carvalho (OJ, long - time serving water polo coach at St John's)
15. Coach: Vlado Trninic (St John's staff)



Standing left to right:

Dean Whyte, Themba Mthembu, Miguel Morais, Ethan Coryndon-Baker, Nardus Badenhorst, Simon Purchase, Claudio Fernandes, Vlado Trninic

Front row left to right:

Garyn Berry, Jon - Marc de Carvalho, Garreth Prout, Pierre Le Roux, Dwayne Flatscher, Nicholas Rodda, Etienne Le Roux

SA Water Polo Nationals (Currie cup) - Johannesburg 5-8 April 2018

Vlado Trninic (St John's College Water polo coach)

OJ Eagles won the Men's section for the 14th time in the last 16 years.

OJ Eagles results:

vs Tuks won 33 – 4

vs Maties won 13 – 5

vs KZN lost 8 – 9

vs SA U18's won 20 – 2

vs Nelson Mandela Bay (PE) won 30 – 4

Play off game:

vs Gauteng Hawks won 23 – 3

Semi final:

vs UCT won 16 – 9

Final:

vs KZN won 9 – 2

Etienne Le Roux (OJ 2015) was selected as the MVP "Best player of the tournament" for the 5th time in his career.

The OJ Eagles (Gauteng) team photo:



Standing from left to right:

- Etienne Le Roux (OJ and former SJC water polo coach)
- Pierre Le Roux (OJ and former SJC water polo coach and staff)
- Dwayne Flatscher (Saints OB and former SJC water polo coach)
- Sibusiso Phungwanyo (Manager)
- Jon-Marc de Carvalho (OJ and SJC water polo coach)
- Themba Mthembu (Parktown OB)
- Simon Purchase (Parktown OB)
- Nardus Badenhorst (Affies OB and former SJC water polo coach)
- Dean Whyte (Parktown OB)
- Claudio Fernandes (Saints OB)
- Ethan Coryndon-Baker (KES OB and SJC water polo coach)

Front row left to right:

- Miguel Morais (OJ and SJC water polo coach)
- Vlado Trninic (SJC staff)
- Michael Stewart (Saints OB)
- Sven van Zyl (Pretoria OB)
- Keith van der Spuy (Assistant Coach)
- Garreth Prout (KES OB)
- Roarke Olver (OJ and SJC water polo coach)
- Nicholas Rodda (Jeppe OB and SJC Prep staff and water polo coach)

OLD BOYS' NEWS

1) Dr David Moore (Thomson 1990) – MEDICINE

8 March 2018 - South Africa is indebted to the enquiring mind of paediatrician and Wits lecturer Dr David Moore (OJ, 1990) who works at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital's mother and child HIV clinic. It was a chance conversation between Dr Moore and a colleague in 2017 that led to the first suggestion that there was a listeriosis outbreak. Read more about it [here](#).

2) Connor Wilson (Hill 2015) - SKIING

1 Feb 2018 – The OJA congratulates Connor Wilson on being selected to represent South Africa at the Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, South Korea this year (8 - 25 Feb) in the sport of alpine skiing.

He was the National Champion in 2016 and 2017 and the National Junior Champion in 2014. He represented South Africa at the Alpine World Ski Championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland this time last year and he has competed in over 100 FIS (International Ski Federation) races all over the world: Australia and New Zealand, the US and Canada, Switzerland, Germany and Italy and of course South Africa.

Connor made his Olympic Qualification in not one but two disciplines, the only South African to do so. Four South Africans qualified for the Slalom event (Connor, Sive Speelman, Tsoane Dwili and Sonwable Mbaliswana) with Connor also qualifying in the Giant Slalom.

3) Gerald Neves (Clarke 2005) – IT

12 Oct 2017 - The Awethu Project App powered by SovTech won Best Educational App in South Africa at the MTN App Awards in the Education category and was placed in the top 3 for best App Overall in 2017.

The Awethu Project app coaches and empowers up-and-coming South African entrepreneurs by providing the education, tools and support needed to start and grow micro-businesses. This app aims at educating a million entrepreneurs and making a difference to the South African economy.

There were a few Old Johannians involved in this initiative:

- Awethu Project COO - Gareth Taylor (OJ 2004 Clarke)
- Founder of SovTech - Gerald Neves (OJ 2005 Clarke),
- Head of the team from SovTech on the project - Andrew Chouler (OJ 2008 Clayton)
- One of the lead developers - Jonathan Irwin (OJ 2007 Clayton)

Here is the [Facebook link](#) with the details and pictures.

4) Arno von Helden (Nash 1997) – IT



11 Oct 2017 - Arno von Helden (Nash 1997) and his Shyft team picked up two awards at the MTN App of the Year awards ceremony in 2017.

Arno, currently Head of Forex Solutions at Standard Bank, **together with his team developed Standard Bank’s Shyft App.** Competing in the Best Financial Solution Category, Shyft came first in this category and second as the best overall for 2017 MTN App of the year awards. The MTN App of the Year awards has entrenched itself as the premier app development competition in South Africa.

Shyft’s multifunctionality solves various foreign exchange needs within one unique user experience. With Shyft, customers are able to purchase and hold forex (USD, GBP, EUR, AUD), transfer funds overseas, order a multi-currency physical travel card and create virtual cards that can be used for international online shopping, all from one mobile device. The app offers customers convenience, transparency and control of all their foreign exchange needs.

5) Martyn Strydom (Nash 2014 – Head of School)



Martyn is currently studying economics at Columbia University in the City of New York. After matriculating in 2014, Martyn studied economics for two years in Hong Kong before joining a joint degree program between City University of Hong Kong and Columbia University. Martyn will study for two years at each institution after which he will graduate with a bachelor's degree from each.

Martyn has set his sights on solving issues of development and sustainability around the world with specific interest on Africa.

Although it would be an honour to work for the global elite institutions such as the United Nations or World Bank, Martyn believes that the world's biggest problems cannot **be solved by them alone. Researchers at the world's leading universities will need to** take the lead in partnering with local institutions and governments in finding the best ways to solve the most urgent problems. Martyn believes that the west should approach Africa as a business partner and not as a market for foreign aid, as the aid model has failed us for the last 50 years.

Martyn hopes to complete a masters degree in the UK before returning to the United States to pursue a PhD in Economics.

6) Giggs Kgole (Hill 2015) - ART

Studying and living in Rome – feedback report by Giggs

Rome has been such an amazing city filled with so much culture, beauty and inspiring architecture, most of which I used to study in Art during my Lower 4 year at **St John's**. However, I would have never imagined myself seeing it in person. Some of my best memories here were from traveling up north to Florence to see the Cathedral, **Michelangelo's David and Florence wine tasting.**

I have been awarded a Presidential Scholarship here in Rome to study an Art History major at John Cabot University and I also play for the university basketball team and we have had a good season so far.

Knowing where I came from, a poor village in Limpopo where there is hardly water and life is difficult, pushes me to accomplish the best I can so I can inspire and empower people from home. With the end goal of being well equipped to come back, give back and make a change in the lives of others.

I am working on new paintings and ideas every day whilst I am here, I don't know what the future holds for me, but I am still working hard and still have my goals set to be recognized as one of Africa's number one Visual Artists. Through my journey of art and discovery I hope to inspire and change a lot of people's lives. I am only 20 years old and I still have energy to give back to the universe to make a change through my passion, one painting at a time.

Cannes exhibition – 9th of November – a group exhibition called: *'Reflections on Being African.'*

On the 9th of November I had my first Group Exhibition in France, the exhibition was organized by a South African born but France based lady called Nomaza Nongqunga. The show took place in the south of France in Cannes, where the annual Cannes film festival takes place.

This was an exciting exhibition as I have never been to France or let alone exhibit there, the opening night was a success as we had a big turnout for the group exhibition.



Three well established South African based artist's were shown as well as myself being the fourth artist. I was the only artist to make an appearance at the show and people were very pleased about that as they had many questions regarding my work. Overall the showcase was amazing and the French were lovely and informative, most of the communication took place between someone translating, but my messages and meanings were well read through my works.



My highlight of this show was meeting one of Picasso's ceramics prodigy's, an old man who was impressed and happy with my works. I shook his hand and told him that one day I would love to learn ceramics from him, he smiled and said, "If you come again and I am still working, we'll talk about it." He will be seeing my return soon as I am working on a solo exhibition I hope to have during the Cannes Film Festival 2018.

[Click here](#) to view my exhibition in Cannes.

My Rome exhibition on the 16th of November 2017 was a solo exhibition called: *Before the High Walls*.

7) Menzi Mcunu (Thomson 2014) - BUSINESS

Oct 2017 - Menzi Mcunu was announced as the GQ Best Dressed Man of the Year and the 2017 Jameson Select Reserve Man of Character.

The 21-year old is the founder of African lifestyle brand *Afrocentric Gentleman*.

Read more about Menzi [here](#).

8) Porky (David) Hefer (Clayton 1986) – ART

Dec 2017 - The New African Magazine has revealed its 100 Most Influential Africans of 2017. The Arts and Culture showbiz section has the highest number of entries and most of the new names. Porky Hefer is listed here as a unique designer with ethical conscience (South Africa). Read more [here](#).

9) Tennick and Anthony Testa (both Thomson 2012) – PROPERTY

Dec 2017 - **UCT's environmental game changers...**

A team of environmental game changers in the Department of Construction Economics and Management won first and second prizes at the 2017 Greenovate Awards.

Nicholas Tennick (property honours) was one of the first-prize winners who received the award for their green leasing project.

Anthony Testa was one of the second-prize winners who worked on a project for affordable student housing.

Article from UCT news, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) to read the article on www.propertywheel.co.za

10) Siya Xuza (Hodgson 2007) – SCIENCE

Siya was the recipient of the 2017 Ubuntu Youth Diplomacy Award. Siya served as the youngest member of the African Union – affiliated Africa 2.0 Energy Advisory Panel and was recognised by the World Economic Forum as a Global Shaper.

11) Professor John M. C. Plane (Clarke 1974) – SCIENCE



Prof Plane is currently Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry at the University of Leeds.

In April 2017 he was awarded the Vilhelm Bjerknes medal for distinguished work in the atmospheric sciences by the European Geosciences Union at its annual meeting in Vienna.

In December he was elected a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union for exceptional contributions to space science.

OBITUARIES

We have listed below the names of OJs who have passed on. Many thanks to those family members and friends who have notified the OJA of their passing. If you are aware of any other OJs who have passed on, please kindly notify Sandra Lou at the OJA office via email at info@oja.co.za.

Full name	Date deceased	Matriculated	House	DOB
David William Robertson	08 Jan 2017	1970	Nash	19 June 1953
Patrick Desmond Vaughan Kenealy	20 May 2017	1943 College (1944 Sixth Form)	Nash	15 March 1926
Gavin Downes	07 Sept 2017	1949	Hill	14 Sept 1932
Peter Henry Bosman	15 Oct 2017	1945 College (1946 Sixth Form)	Alston	22 April 1929
Robert John Nel Crozier	14 Dec 2017	1959	Nash	09 May 1942
John Robert Douglas Notten	28 Jan 2018	1977	Thomson	13 June 1960
Kenneth Roland Smith	March 2018	1947	Alston	11 Jan 1930
Anthony Parnell	3 April 2018	1954	Nash	21 May 1936
Eric Courtenay Thompson	15 April 2018	1949	Hill	05 Sept 1931

We have recently been informed of the following OJs who had passed away a few years back. If you have any information on their exact date of passing, kindly contact the OJA office at info@oja.co.za.

Full name	Date deceased	Matriculated	House	DOB
Michael Kane-Berman	To be confirmed	1970	Clayton	9 Oct 1952

Colin Sprackett	To be confirmed	1970	Clayton	14 Aug 1953
Stewart Adams	To be confirmed	1970	Clayton	28 Oct 1952
Roy Bruschi	To be confirmed	1970	Clayton	14 June 1952
Geoff Shuttleworth	To be confirmed	1970	Nash	22 March 1952

TRIBUTES

- Patrick Desmond Vaughan Kenealy
Nash 1943 (Sixth Form 1944)
(15 March 1926 - 20 May 2017)

Tribute from **Patrick's wife Joan:**

We were married for 25 happy years and I have really battled to adjust to life without this amazing man. He was a gentleman the day I met him and remained a gentleman until the day he died. He loved his Old School and wore his tie with pride to every function we attended.

- Peter Henry Bosman
Alston 1945 (Sixth Form 1946)
(22 April 1929 - 15 October 2017)

Tribute from **Peter's wife Yvonne:**

Peter Bosman died at the age of 88 on Sunday 15 October 2017 in Eastern Cape, South Africa, after succumbing to brain cancer.

Peter was born in Cape Town in 1929 and attended school in Pretoria and later at **St John's College in Johannesburg. He studied an LLB at Wits University and then a BLC at Christ Church Oxford.**

He began his career at the Bar in Johannesburg and then was appointed as Legal Adviser of the Chamber of Mines, later becoming Manager and General Manager.

He retired to St Francis Bay in the 90's where he had been involved in the local Bridge and Bird Club, the Kromme Enviro Trust, Neighbourhood Watch and as President of the Bowling Club. He was a true gentleman and very well-respected member of his community. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

- Kenneth Roland Smith
Alston 1947
(11 Jan 1930 – March 2018)

Tribute from **Kenneth's daughter Kate Greeff:**

Ken attended St John's Prep and College and went on to play an active part in the Old Johannian Association at the Old Johnnies Club in Linksfield. Hockey was his passion and for a long time ran the hockey section at Old Johnnies, where he met his wife-Bridget Hinchliff. Many wonderful afternoons were spent at the Club, playing hockey or tennis and relaxing. He was a regular player for many years at the annual Old Boys matches on Gaudy Day at St John's. Ken retired from FNB as Chief Internal Auditor for the Western Cape, initially retiring in Fishhoek and then to Alphenvale in Constantia, Cape Town. He and Bridget had married in 1962 and had three children, twins Richard (OJ Alston, 1981)

and Kate and Julia. He loved spending time with his 6 grandchildren. Nick (OJ Alston 2012), Simon (OJ Alston 2014) and David Greeff (OJ Alston 2017) are proud third generation OJ's. **As an Anglican, Ken had always occupied roles in the various parishes** he attended, on church councils and as Treasurer and Church Warden. His family was always central to his life.

- Eric Courtenay Thompson
Hill 1949
(5 Sept. 1931 – 15 April 2018)

Tribute from St John's College:

The St John's College community mourns the passing of Eric Courtenay Thompson a loyal Old Boy and benefactor. Mr Thompson was very active in Old Johannian Club playing hockey and played rugby for Old Jeds R F C.

Lux, Vita, Caritas

Funeral arrangements to be advised.

JOHANNIAN CLUB REPORT 2017-2018

The Johannian Club will be closed from Friday 13th April until Wednesday 2nd May and will re-open under new management.

We look forward to welcoming you in the new term to try out our new menu!

The Johannian Club continues to serve the entire Johannian community well. A focus on good **service and excellent pricing remains the Club's priority. The Seattle Coffee shop is operating well.**

We would ask the Johannian community to support the Johannian club during school holidays and weekends, as well as throughout the term. We believe it to be an integral part of the community. The venue is extremely well suited to private dinner functions and parties alike.

For bookings or comments please call the club on (011) 487-1971.

Please also note that if you have already made a booking for a function or event this year, email the information to theojclub@sjc.co.za and new club management will follow up with you.

-Damian Boyce
For the OJA Executive Committee

GENERAL INFO

ST JOHN'S FOUNDATION - 125 SUSTAINABILITY CAMPAIGN

This year we celebrate the 120TH anniversary of this unique school. To coincide with this noteworthy milestone, we have launched our most ambitious drive to date. We intend raising R125m by our 125TH anniversary in 2023 – this is our 125 Sustainability Campaign.

Led by '125 Ambassadors', the 125 Sustainability Campaign will ensure this leading Anglican school can fund the capital projects and endowments required to improve its status in its regional and international context. It is imperative St John's College continuously evolves to remain distinguished, relevant and sustainable.

The Foundation, working closely with the Old Johannian and Parents' Associations, will play a key role in driving the community and fundraising initiatives through a series of exciting events in South Africa and abroad.

For more information contact the Foundation office at foundation@stjohnscollege.co.za.

2017 JOHANNIAN MAGAZINES

A limited number of hardcopy Johannian magazines for 2017 are available and will be distributed on request only. If you would like a hardcopy, please contact Sandra Lou at our OJA offices at info@oja.co.za.

An electronic version of the 2017 magazine will also be available shortly.

OJA WEBSITE

Please visit our website for more information on the events and happenings taking place with the OJA: www.oja.co.za.

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OJA MEMORABILIA

We have a variety of memorabilia for sale at the school shop, including ties, cufflinks, rugby jerseys and other items. Please contact the shop at: shop@stjohnscollege.co.za.