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ARGENTINA RUGBY TOUR 2011

After much fundraising and anticipation the tour finally came to fruition. While going through customs I wondered how the boys of 1952 felt. Could they have been as excited as we were?

When leaving the airport in Buenos Aires it was strange to note that it looked very similar to South Africa. Little did we know that to order a cup of coffee was challenging. They also drive on the wrong side of the road. Very dangerous when crossing roads in the city. We kept looking the wrong way.

It only took a few days and we felt at home. You can actually achieve a lot with hand gestures and a limited Spanish vocabulary. I am pleased that we fully embraced this country, learning some of their beliefs, culture and traditions. Even though there is a McDonalds on every corner we stayed away from and them and sampled traditional Argentinean cuisine...meat, meat and meat!



The rugby in Argentina must never be underestimated. The passion and tradition that the clubs show was truly an eye opener. Matches were played against Curupayti and Lamos Atletico in Buenos Aires, IPR Sporting in Mar de Plata and Atletico del Rosario in Rosario. I was impressed to see all the youngsters (Argentina) wearing their Springbok supporter shirts.

I must use this opportunity to thank the tour managers, Mrs Freeman and Mrs Venter, and my assistant coach, Mr John Woolley for making the tour the success that it was. In fact so memorable that we have started raising funds for the next overseas trip. Argentina 2014.

You can read all about the tour on our facebook page by following the link on our website at <http://www.springsboyshigh.co.za/html/news.htm>

Mr M. Marais
Head Coach

TOP TEN – TERM 1

Grade 12:

1. B. EDWARDS (88.1%)
2. N.S. YAKA
3. L.R. TSHONA
V.M. MITHAL
5. D.B. VERMAAK
6. D.K. ZIMUCHA
7. M.T. FREEMAN
8. K.A. MOLOI
9. D. PHASHA
10. S.S. MKHABELA

Grade 10:

1. T.G. TSOTETSI (78%)
2. C.J. SWART
3. J.L. VAN VUUREN
4. D.C. GREEN
5. T.C. BUISSINNE
K.A. KGOOE
7. T. MORUDU
8. S.G. GREIG
9. S.C. ADAMS
10. D.L.K. SINGH

Grade 8:

1. D.C. DA SILVA (89.9%)
2. J.T. MACKENZIE
3. R.R. DOORGH
V. NAIDOO
5. T. BECKER
6. M.M. NKOSI
7. S. BHANA
8. T.B. MOLOI
9. S.S. MLANGENI
10. B. NAIDOO

Grade 11:

1. R.N. DAYA (91.4%)
2. S.C. LOTTER
3. R. HUGHES
4. R. BARRESI
5. V.P. MOORE
6. B. WALDECK
7. M.M. GARVIE
8. M.D. TRIBELHORN
9. T.T. MASHABA
10. T. MBONANI
C.J.Z. NTEFENG

Grade 9:

1. B.P. VENTER (82.1%)
2. D.J. NEL
3. R.N. SPINOLA
4. R.E. CURRIE
5. L-M. JOUBERT
6. A. MORE
7. J.N. VAN AS
8. D.E. MOORE
9. S. VENGATSAMMY
10. K.I. MOTSOAGAE



Parents, or those responsible for learners in school, are invited to participate in workshops to provide them with tools to support their children.

Contact: Nombasa Soga @ 011-736 0889



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GAUTENG PROVINCE

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

A word of congratulation to the following parents voted onto the School Governing Body in the by-elections:

Mr H.S.E. Calmeyer
Mr V.J. Mngomezulu
Mr J.S. Ahrens

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs A. Venter

Mrs Venter has been awarded the Elizabeth C. Steijnmedalje. This is a great honour and Springs Boys' High is extremely proud of her.



This prize is awarded to teachers that use the medium of Afrikaans and distinguished themselves with regard to practical teaching and education of our youth, both inside the classroom as well as elsewhere.

It is definitely a huge achievement and we once again wish to congratulate Mrs Venter and to thank her for going that extra mile for her students.

Mr R. Foster-Sutherland

Mr Sutherland obtained his BA Psychology and Honours Psychology and is a Registered Counselor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.



Mr L.L. Makwela

Mr Makwela obtained his Bachelor of Education – Senior FET: Technology / Technika (Engineering Graphics and Design, Mechanical Technology, Electrical Technology, Auto CAD, Technology) at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.



SACEE DEBATING

On 14 May 2011, our Senior debaters qualified for the 1st round of Provincials and participated in round 5 & 6.

Although the competition was initially stiff, our boys did not disappoint and showed them how it is done, winning both debates.

Well done boys.



INTER-HOUSE PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Tuesday, 10 May, we held our 1st round of inter-house public speaking. This entailed prepared speaking from both juniors and seniors. On 24 and 26 May we will be having rounds 2 and 3, which will be individual impromptu as well as team respectively. We would like to wish all the houses good luck and may the best house win.

Leepo Mokoto



IN MEMORIAM



Mr Donald Allan †

We were saddened to hear in February that a former teacher, colleague and friend, Mr Donald Allan, (BA, NS, PGCE) had passed away after a long illness. Mr Allan began teaching Technical subjects at our school in 1990, as well as coaching hockey and being involved in the Springs Music and Arts Festival, having a keen interest in public speaking. He was also an enthusiastic curator of the Museum, which he showed to visitors on Remembrance Day each year. He continued his studies by completing a Postgraduate Certificate of Education shortly before he became ill. He took a leave of absence due to ill health in July 2008. His memorial service took place at the school on 28 February and was attended by family, friends, management, staff and senior learners.

Mrs Jena Elliott †



We were shocked and saddened again in March by the sudden loss of our beloved teacher, colleague and friend, Mrs Jena Elliot (B.Sc.). Mrs Elliot, the Subject Head of Life Sciences and an accomplished and respected Life Sciences educator with more than thirty years' experience, suffered a fatal heart attack on 21 March. She had been teaching at our school since 2001, having begun her teaching career in her native England, before moving to South Africa with her husband in the 1970s. She loved to talk about her subject and was respected in the Department of Education as an authority on Life Sciences. In her spare time, she painted watercolours, raised horses and loved completing crosswords. Her memorial service took place on 30 March and was attended by family, friends, management and staff of the school, as well as old boys and current learners. She leaves behind a husband and son. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

OLD BOYS NEWS

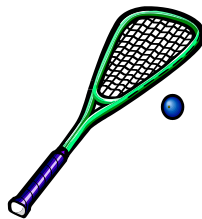
We wish to congratulate Mandla Mahlangu (matriculated in 2008), on his achievement of being the Top Financial Management Student at Rosebank College.

WEBSITE & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please visit our website at www.springsboyshigh.co.za to see all the up to date news regarding circulars, full colour copy of the communiqué, exam timetables and much more. Go to the NEWS link and keep abreast of what is happening at Springs Boys' High School.

SQUASH

The Squash season came to an end at the end of Term 1. We are still waiting for the final results of the different leagues.

**ARM WRESTLING**

The South African National Arm Wrestling Championships took place on 29 & 30 April 2011 in Bloemfontein.



Two boys from Springs Boys' High qualified and participated at the Nationals, namely Siseko Makwela and Tyrone Fry.

Siseko Makwela is SA Champion in the Junior Boys under 60kg category left and right and Silver in the Senior Men under 60kg category left and right.

Tyrone Fry participated in the Junior Boys 80kg+ category and took 4th place left and 6th place right.

Mrs Stroebel is SA Champion for Ladies under 60kg left and right.

Both Siseko Makwela and Mrs Stroebel have qualified to represent South Africa at the World Championships during November/December in Kazakhstan.

Mrs Stroebel has also been selected to participate in the International 8 Women Round Robin to be held in Canada mid-October. This is a great honour to be selected and to represent South Africa, as there are only 8 ladies under 60kg and 8 ladies under 70kg participating from all over the world.

u/16 RUGBY TOUR

During the April school holiday the u/16 Rugby side undertook a tour to Inyathi to attempt to reverse a series of unfortunate results.

Here we played three matches, and against a FIRST XV. This experience plus the coaching of Blikkies Groenewald (UP Director of Gauteng) and Willie Hillis (ex-Springbok hooker) gave us renewed confidence for the Beeld Trophy games.

In the first round we played Trinity College and lost by 2 points due to a try in the final minute. Our second match was against Hoërskool President and here we emerged victorious.

Our aim is to go further than last year when we reached the ¼ finals of the Beeld Trophy.

Mr R. Cronje & Mr L. Gunther

TENNIS “Serving up a Storm”

Our tennis season has started and our boys' have been making us proud. We play every Friday and our boys' are showing vast improvements. We narrowly lost to Volkskool as well as Stoffberg High School but our boys show great determination to win their next matches!

Good luck boys!

Fixtures:
B Team:
27 May – Hugenote
3 June – Delmas

D Team:
27 May – Volkskool
3 June – John Vorster

**RUGBY**

We are now well into the Beeld Trophy League. The u/15 and u/16 teams are well placed at this stage and we wish them all the best in their remaining fixtures. We need to see you in the quarter finals.



We will be hosting two international school teams this year. Churches College from England on 29 July 2011 and Grosvenor Grammar School (Ireland) on 1 August 2011. We look forward to these mini international matches.

Should anyone be interested in hosting a rugby player from Ireland please contact Mr Marais in this regard.

Good luck to all of our teams for the remainder of the season.

Mr Marais

u/14 HOCKEY

About 60 very eager (under 14) boys began this hockey season. Most of them have not played hockey before this year. This has not stopped them from causing a few upsets in the season and five boys have made it through the second round of trials at the CHAIRMAN'S CUP.

Most important though, is that their enthusiasm has grown and the sport seems to be growing.

Mr V. Choubae





**OPEN EVERY
WEDNESDAY
09H00 – 11H00**

THE BOYZ' VISIT THE GIRLS

On 14 May, the SBHS Brass Band performed at the opening of the 60th birthday. The event was held at SGHS and was a family fun day with various sports matches between Old Girls and current learners. The band looked dashing in their naval uniforms and were complimented on their respectful behaviour.

Thanks go to Mr Boucher for his continued hard work with our boys.

ENGLISH SPELLATHON

For the first time, the school is running an Inter-house Spelling Competition. The first round was a written test using a standardised spelling assessment. The final round will be an oral competition, in true Spelling Bee style.

This will take place on 2 June from 15h00 – 16h00 in the school hall. There will be 8 individual finalists and also 9 teams competing for the prize and honour of "Best Speller".

Spectators are welcome!



WORLD KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD

91 Learners wrote the World Knowledge exam on 19 May 2011.

Papers are marked by Prof Nico du Plessis in Bloemfontein. Marks will be available by July 2011.

Mrs Y. Sayed



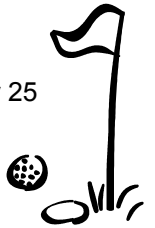
"Thought for the moment"

Phillipines 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

GOLF DAY

Don't forget our annual Golf Day on Thursday 25 August 2011.

You can contact Mrs Susette Jansen at 011-818 2175 for more information.



CHESS

The following boys participated in three Chess Trials for Gauteng East.

Dean Zimucha, Apton Zimucha and Mark Joubert qualified for the individual events.

The u/17 team qualified for the regional competition and won a prize for being the BEST behaved team in the tournament on Saturday 21/05/2011.

The team was: Dean Zimucha, Apton Zimucha, Mark Joubert, Yi Chen Li, Gideon Heffer and Mthokozizi Sithole.

Well done boyz!

Mrs Y. Sayed



STUDENT CHRISTIAN ORGANISATION

21 May 2011 – another normal day with its disappointments, surprises, tears and laughter. No sun coming up in the west; no end of the world; no judgement day. It was all stories and lies. Does it now mean that the Bible is also just a story and a lie? The prediction of 21 may 2011 is after all based on the Bible (according to those believers).

Definitely NOT! The Bible is very clear on this topic: there will be a day of judgement; a last day on earth, but no one can tell when it will be. The Word tells us that this day will come like a thief in the night; like the struck of lightning. No one knows when! The question is not, "WHEN will it come?" The question is, "Am I READY when it comes?"

There are two ways of how your time on earth will end.

1. The day that Jesus Christ will come to the earth for the second time.
2. The day that one dies.

Dying is the one and only thing that we can all be sure of. Death has no age restriction. Young and old die. Heaven is not a glorified old age home. It can happen to anyone at any time. You can choose God or reject Him. It is your decision how you live your life: according to God's will or your own.

If 21 May 2011 would really have been the last day, where would you have been today?

Ecclesiastes 11:9 "Young people, enjoy your youth. Be happy while you are still young. Do what you want to do, and follow your heart's desire. But remember that God is going to judge you for whatever you do."