



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY

Dear Old Preppies

I bring greetings from your school and the good news that Prep remains in exceptionally good health. 2018 has begun at a charge. The upgrades to the plant I mentioned in my newsletters to you last year have been initiated. We are a month in to the building project. The familiar veranda along the front of Robert House is gone and foundations for the new verandas and teaching spaces have been dug and the classrooms in the Griffin block have been emptied for work to begin on their refurbishment.



The foundations for the new veranda and access doors to Griffin



The old veranda roof removed from Robert House and the start of the new veranda foundations



The new entrance doorways for the Griffin classrooms

The boarding house renovations began in December. The Robert House staff flat has been relocated which opens up two additional dorms. Work on the Mullins staff flat is about to begin. By June the boarding houses will have been completely revamped and Fairlawn will be opened as a boarding house again.



Opening up Griffin Dorm



Skype booth demolition in Lions Dorm

Our boarding upgrades take our bed numbers to 100 – by the start of Term 3, Prep will have 92 boarders!

We have entered into the final phase of our R50M [#AcademicExcellence](#) campaign, with [only R5M to go](#) to complete the extensive renovations to the academic facilities at Prep and College.

Follow the [#AcademicExcellence Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for regular progress updates.



Lions Dorm “chill space” where Skype booths used to be

Academics

A fully reviewed Maths curriculum has been put into place. A focus on cooperative learning has been introduced.

Sport

Boys have been allowed to choose sports they would like to play for the first time this year.

Basketball, rowing and water polo have proved successful initiatives. Prep played in their first water polo tournament in the Knysna Open Water Festival. They won five, drew two and lost one of their eight games. We were invited to the Grey Primary Water Polo Festival on the strength of our showing.

The 1st XI participated in the annual Prep School’s Festival held at Wetpups this year. Two narrow defeats (one and two wickets respectively) and a tie with Clifton Durban taught a young side a lot about cricket.

Tennis, swimming and squash continue to be popular amongst the boys.

Culture

80% of all Preppies play amusical instrument. The annual Prep play this year is Guys and Dolls Junior.

In closing, I include a copy of an email received from a host parent of two of our boys during the Prep Schools Cricket Festival.

Brendan Brady
HEADMASTER

Good afternoon Mr Brady,

We are writing to inform you that your undercover mission in Cape Town over the weekend of 15-18 February 2018 was a success!

The two secret marketing agents sent to infiltrate our family and household must be two of your finest. Their manners, courteous behaviour, neat appearance, generosity of spirit, general knowledge and conversation ability were absolutely tip top and not lost on us!

Within 24 hours of Master Matthew Poole and Master Marke Were arriving at our house we were converts - it is now St Andrews (Grahamstown) all the way! This conversion was not the result of subterfuge but instead a direct result of the manner in which these secret agents carried themselves and interacted with our family. And perhaps too, the incredible story (and gesture) of these young scholars travelling for 12 hours by road instead of flying - just so they were able to travel with a mega trailer load of water. Wow!

It is plain to see that both Matthew and Mark are rising stars and we feel privileged to have hosted both of these fabulous boys. They were fantastic ambassadors for St. Andrews, their region and communities and their families at all times.

We only wish that we had been able to see a little more of the boys during their time in Cape Town.

My husband would like our son to attend his old school in Cork, Ireland for secondary school but after your successful undercover marketing exercise, we feel that it may have to be Cork via Grahamstown!

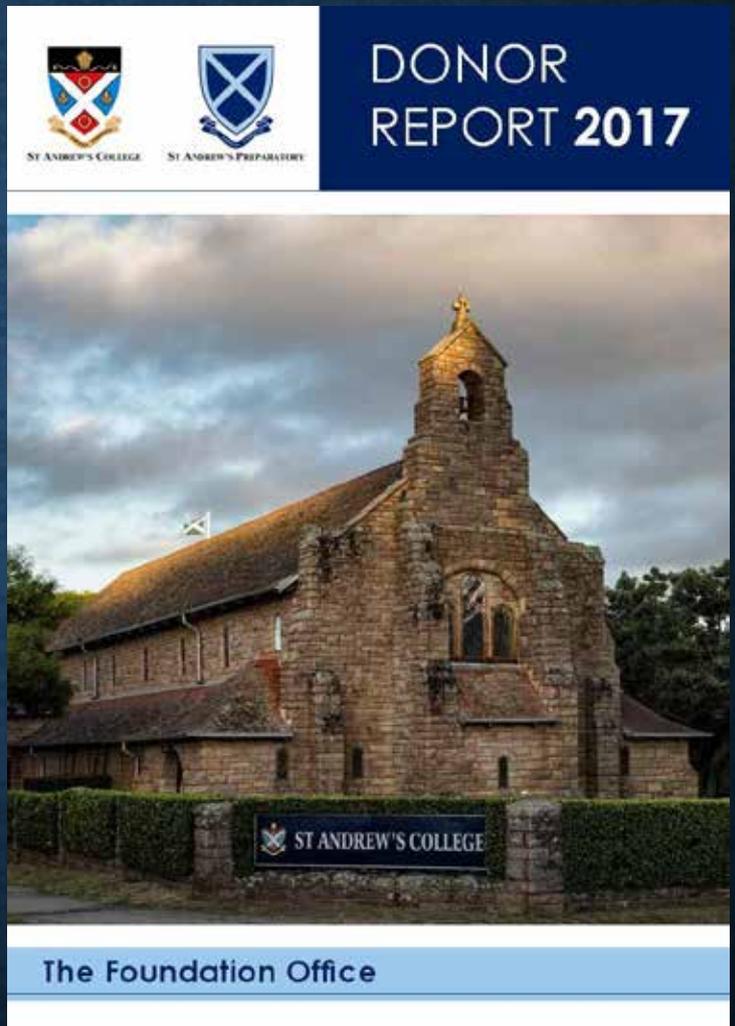
Kind regards

Carla, Kevin, Aidan (Grade 5G - WPPS) and Róisín (age 6) McGrath
Claremont, Cape Town

Sincere and grateful thanks to the numerous members of our Andean community who donated to St Andrew's College and St Andrew's Prep in 2017.

Support in the form of gifts, time and service contribute to the sustainability of our wonderful schools, thereby enabling the current and future generations of boys to enjoy this unique learning experience.

To view the extent of the philanthropic generosity expressed in 2017, please view our 2017 Donor Report [HERE](#).



Updating of details and Lost Old Preppies

To all the Old Preppies, if you have recently moved, changed jobs, or just want to check that we have your correct information on our database, please [CLICK HERE](#) to update your personal information and qualification information.

We are continually working on finding 'lost' Old Preppies and OAs and would appreciate it if you can have a look at the [List of Lost OPs](#) and OAs and let us know if you have current contact details for any of them. Please send the information to foundation@sacschool.com

Small ways to give back to College and Prep



All Old Preppies and Old Andreans are invited to join the 300 Club. The 300 Club is an innovative fundraising initiative where proceeds are donated to Prep and College annually. The annual fee is R600 per annum and provides an opportunity for members to not only raise funds for our schools, but to be entered into 12 lucky draws held per year.

For more information on the 300 Club, [click here](#) and find the [Application Form here](#).



St Andrew's Prep and St Andrew's College are MySchool beneficiaries. This means that Old Preppies and Old Andreans can help raise funds for our schools through the free MySchool loyalty card. Simply swipe your MySchool card at any one of the partner retail stores and a percentage of your spend will be allocated to Prep and/or College, without costing you a cent.

For more information about MySchool and to sign up for your MySchool card, please [click here](#).

Your small contribution will contribute significantly to the sustainability of our schools.

We are delighted to announce a new event on our calendar – the **Highland Gathering** – which will bring our community together to celebrate all things Scottish.

The inaugural **Highland Gathering** will take place at the Highlander and on Lower Field on the weekend of 22-23 September 2018.

Dates to Diarise

Branch Functions:

15 July 2018	Albany Coastal
29 September 2018	Mpumalanga
29 September 2018	North America
25 October 2018	Gauteng
1 November 2018	Graaff-Reinet
2 November 2018	Cape Town

Reunions:

25 - 27 May 2018	Big Reunion for the 1978, 1988, 1993 and 1998 Leavers
15 - 17 June 2018	KDay Reunion for the 2008 Leavers
23 - 24 November 2018	Reunion for the 1958 and 1968 Leavers
	Old Preppies Reunion for the Classes of 1961/62
24 November 2018	OA Tide

Quick Links

- [Old Prep Association](#)
- [St Andrew's Prep School website](#)
- [#AcademicExcellence Website](#)

The Foundation Office

The purpose of the Foundation Office is to initiate and cultivate lifelong relationships with our stakeholders and to encourage their continued association with St Andrew's Prep and College. Our stakeholders include Old Preppies and Old Andreans, their families, past and current parents, past staff members, benefactors, friends of our school and all individual and corporate donors. Our aim is to strengthen the bonds that our stakeholders enjoy with St Andrew's which will result in a life-long relationship.



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