



Halfway through the year!



Welcome to Term 3! We hope that you all had a good holiday and that you are ready to tackle what will be, and has already started out as a very busy term. We had many ladies who were actively participating in their respective sports over the holidays, such as the hockey IPTs, SAKMAA Free State Championships, SA Zone Festival for gymnastics and we even had two students represent South Africa, one at the 2023 World Championship Disco Dance in the Czech Republic and another for the 2023 Taekwondo World Championship in Phoenix, Arizona in the U.S!

A preview of this issue:



Brownies



Exciting Enrollment

The SMS Brownie pack welcomed 16 new Brownies after they bravely stated their promise to themselves and the Brownie pack. They received their Brownie scarf, woggle and first three badges. A huge thank you to Ms Corbel from Eunice who took time out of her day to attend the enrollment and hand over the scarves and badges to our new Brownies.



First Aid Fun

A big thank you to Barry and Fiona from Turtle Life Support for coming to SMS to refresh our educators on their level 1 and 2 first aid training. A lot of fun was had by all!



Martial Arts

SAKMAA Free State Champs

On the 22nd of July 2023, Teagan Schoeman took part in the SAKMAA (South African Korean Martial Arts Association) Free State Champs competition. Her results are as follows:

- 1 silver medal
 - 6 gold medals which make her the Free State Champion for the categories: forms, weapon forms, point sparring, continues sparring and KFS Evolution fighting!
 - Best junior female competitor (Girls 16 years and under)
 - Most points by ANY competitor in the tournament
 - Free State colours 2023
- You continue to impress us with your talent Teagan, keep it up!



SA Representatives

World Championship Disco Dance

We are extremely proud to announce that Nthathi Theko (grade 7) represented South Africa at the 2023 World Championship Disco Dance in the Czech Republic in June. St Michael's is extremely proud of you and your achievements Nthathi!



Taekwondo World Championship



Omphile Lekgobo (grade 5) competed in the 2023 Taekwondo World Championship in Phoenix, Arizona from the 11th of July to the 15th of July! She competed on Tournament of Champions (2nd and 3rd black belt division) whereby only the National State or PanAm Champions competed, and she placed 4th. She went on to compete on Super 20 Championships where all qualifying (top 20) competitors competed and she placed 2nd!

She was chosen among the South African team to represent the country on team championships with teammates from Johannesburg and Mpumalanga. They did not place in this category, however, they got great competitors as they were eliminated by the defending champions. Well done on this outstanding achievement Omphile!

Gymnastics



Nehema Kumwimba and Mihlali Singonzo (both in grade 3) travelled to Bultfontein on the 24th of June to participate in the South Africa Zone Festival. Both of our talented ladies had outstanding performances and they each received a gold medal. We couldn't be more proud of you ladies!



Hockey in full swing

Our ladies have hit the ground running this term with having already participated in numerous hockey tournaments and various matches! From our U18 first team to Grade 1, our ladies have been giving it their all out on the field.



Miss SMS: SENIOR CATEGORY

Meet our Miss SMS finalists for the Senior Category - Aviwe Khedama, Katleho Mokoena, Mmonemang Mraushe, Naledi Ramaema, Refiloe Senti, Siyabulela Ndlela, Tazz-Lynn Michaels and Thando Sindane. Please support your favourite Miss SMS finalist by scanning the QR code below and leaving a vote. Make sure not to miss the crowning on the 25th of August!

Miss SMS
Finalist
2023

Vote for me on Karri





Pajama Day!





*Fundraising Fun:
Dress for your
favourite era!*



Saints Spoils!

On the 8th of August our Foundation Phase girls and their teachers walked across to St. Andrews for a very special surprise to celebrate Women's Day! Thank you to the lovely gentlemen and their teachers for spoiling our ladies! They left Saints feeling extremely special and appreciated.





Thank you MTN!





DRIVING SIMULATOR

St Michael's School for Girls, invites you to make use of our driving simulator to learn K53 driving skills.

Coaching takes place in a safe and secure environment by a qualified driving instructor. We also provide assistance with your learners license.

Advantages of using a simulator:

- No accidents
- Overcome the fear of driving
- Cheaper than regular driving schools
- Real vehicle driving experience
- Building driving confidence
- Skill acquisition and development

Learners from other schools are most welcome!



For further enquiries & bookings, please contact **Mrs Eileen Ndewere**

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Scan QR Code for pricing and payment



Dear Parents, learners, Alumnae, and Friends of St Michael's School for Girls,
We are excited to announce the line-up of the key events planned for 2024, as we celebrate our school's rich history and its 150 years of excellence in education. These events will not only commemorate our school's founding but also provide opportunities for our community to come together, create cherished memories, and showcase the incredible talents of our students, teachers and alumni alike.

Founders Day - February 8th

Special Eucharist and Book Launch.

Join us for a special Eucharist as we pay tribute to our school's founders and all those who have contributed to this special journey of 150 years. Following the service, we will launch a fascinating book that captures the extraordinary history of our school from its inception in 1874 to the present day. This commemorative book will be available for purchase, allowing you to relive some of the school's cherished moments.

Junior All Girls' Festival - March 20th - 23rd

The Junior All Girls' Festival promises to be a delightful occasion filled with youthful exuberance and talent. Our younger learners will showcase their skills and passion in various activities, including hockey, tennis, netball, squash, cross country and chess. Be prepared to be amazed by the budding stars of tomorrow.

Music, Art, & Photography Fest - May 6th - 11th

A celebration of creativity awaits as our SMS learners and learners from other schools, display their artistic flair through music, art and photography exhibitions. This festival will be a feast for the senses, demonstrating the artistic talent nurtured in our school, as well as surrounding schools.

Drama Production - August 15th & 16th

"Timeless"

In the Wynand Mouton Theatre on the campus of the UFS. Mark your calendars for an enchanting theatrical experience brought to you by our talented drama students. The Wynand Mouton Theatre will be transformed into a stage of imagination, emotion and brilliance as they perform a captivating production.

Old Girls' Weekend - September 14th - 15th

Gala Dinner at the Ramblers Club.

R500 for a 3 course meal.

Old Girls' Eucharist in the school Chapel. Calling all alumnae! Reconnect with old school friends and cherished memories during the Old Girls' Weekend.

The celebrations will include an auspicious Gala Dinner, followed by a nostalgic Eucharist service on the morning of the 15th, held in the serene atmosphere of our School Chapel.

Songs of Celebration - October 27th

We conclude our year-long festivities with the very special Songs of Celebration in the Centre of Faith. Join us in congregational singing where all three our choirs will lead the singing. Choirs from other schools in Bloemfontein will join us as we commemorate 150 years of excellence, fellowship and the indomitable spirit that defines our school.

Please stay connected and updated. Visit the school's website regularly to get the latest news. The details of the book on the History of St Michael's School also appear on the website. Pre-orders for the book can be done via the following email address: sms.book.orders@stms.co.za

Should you need any other information, feel free to contact the school at the following contact details:

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Please diarise these dates and stay connected for further details and updates.

We look forward to celebrating this very special occasion with all members of our extended school family.

Together, let us create lasting memories and pave the way for an even brighter future for St Michael's School for Girls.

With warm regards,

Mrs N Stumpfe.



St Michael's School for Girls

1874 – 2024

A HISTORY TO CELEBRATE THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY



Books will be available in both hard cover and soft cover for R800 and R600 respectively.

(courier costs excluded)

Orders can be placed from 1 June at:

sms.book.orders@stms.co.za

Payments can be made to:

Acc name: St Michael's School for Girls

Acc number: 5171 294 1842

Ref: HIST150

Please send proof of payment with order



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Upcoming Events

August

Dates for your
diary

Senior Primary Choir - Performance with
Rhapsody Orchestra

11th-
12th

15th

Gr. 4&5 Public Speaking

Matric 40 Days and Inter-house Singing

18th

18th-
20th

Exeat Weekend

Tjokkies Hockey Festival - Grade 4-7

19th

25th

JF Hockey Festival - Grade 1-3



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