



# Newsletter

Dear Parents

By the time you read this, I will have tried to familiarise myself with the ethos and as many of the special ways of St Katharine's School and the people who make up the community – the girls, staff and parents. With Mrs Mitchley's kind orientation and shared information, I have been made privy to some of the secrets that make this school a unique place.

It will not have been enough though, as real meaning comes from lived experiences and my learning will not be complete until I have had an opportunity to interact with each girl, staff member and, of course, you, the families of the girls. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received from many of you. It has gone a long way in calming my nerves.

While I am making a new beginning, you will have experienced an 'ending' with Mrs Mitchley having completed her time at St Katharine's in anticipation of her new beginning in Knysna. I wish her all the best in her new ventures and I thank her for the tremendous support she has afforded me.

This community is caring, close and supportive. And, considering this, I know that we keep Natalie Barry, and Kashvi Naidoo, who lost her paternal grandfather, and their families in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

In our Assemblies this week, we chatted briefly about the school's history and about making our own positive history by making good choices and developing healthy behaviours and habits. As we all become part of the school's history each day, I know that we can all work together to create the best opportunities for the girls in blue!

You will have received an invitation to attend a presentation by James Shone. 'Resilience' is said to be one of the main factors when measuring a person's success. James talks about this and we hope that you will make the time to attend to support what your daughter will have heard him say to her.

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The girls will be starting their sports programme next week, and we wish each individual and team all the best for their practices and matches. There are so many exciting lessons to be learnt from being in a team. And in a small school especially, everyone counts!

The girls and the school received many compliments about the girls' singing and the way they upheld the name of their school and families at the service for Victoria Barry on Tuesday. Thank you to each girl for her contribution.

We will be wishing the school a happy 101st birthday next Friday. The sound decisions of the past Boards and staff have ensured that the school has reached this milestone and still adheres to the ethos and goals of the founding members.

Best wishes for the term. We are looking forward to one filled with meaningful activities and tremendous support for each other.



Karen Symons

