



OLD GREY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the Old Greys' Union



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **OCT 30: OLD GREY
MONTHLY MIXERS**

MONTHLY MIXER FOR ALL LOCAL OLD GREYS HELD ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 17:30 - 19:00

- **NOV 11: REMEMBRANCE
DAY SERVICE**

VISITORS TO BE SEATED IN THE MEMORIAL QUAD BY 11:40

- **NOV 12: JOHANNESBURG
DINNER**

18:30, BRYANSTON COUNTRY CLUB.
BOOKINGS ONLY

- **NOV 14: OLD GREYS
EUROPE LONDON DINNER**

18:30, THE OVAL CRICKET GROUND.
BOOKINGS ONLY

- **NOV 27: OLD GREY
MONTHLY MIXERS**

OLD GREY CLUB 17:30 - 19:00

Old Grey Talks

In 2018, Grey High School conducted a market research survey to all scholars, all teachers and the parent body. The Old Greys' Union (OGU) had the opportunity to add a question to the survey to ascertain the importance of the "interaction" between the OGU and the scholars. In particular, and rated very highly in the survey results, was the need for the OGU to address the scholars more frequently.

In January 2019, the Old Grey Talks initiative was launched by OGU Committee member, Justin Swanepoel '90, for the high school scholars. The primary outcome was for old boys from all walks of life and ages to address the school at a Friday assembly every second month and talk to the scholars about their life experiences after attending Grey, what The Grey meant to them, how Grey has changed their lives and little "nuggets of insight" for the scholars to listen to and hopefully take home with them and into their lives.

Old Grey Talks

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Old boy and OGU Committee member, Justin Swanepoel '90, gave the inaugural address and outlined what the boys could expect from this initiative. To date, three Old Grey Talks have taken place with three more scheduled to take place before the end of the year. Topics have included “Futurism” by Mike Swanepoel '87, “Apps and Coding” by Sabelo Sibanda '02 and “The Character of a Grey Boy” by Kevin Chree '92.



Mike Swanepoel addressing the school at an assembly.



Sabelo Sibanda chatting to some Matrics after his talk.



Kevin Chree, Rector and Justin Swanepoel

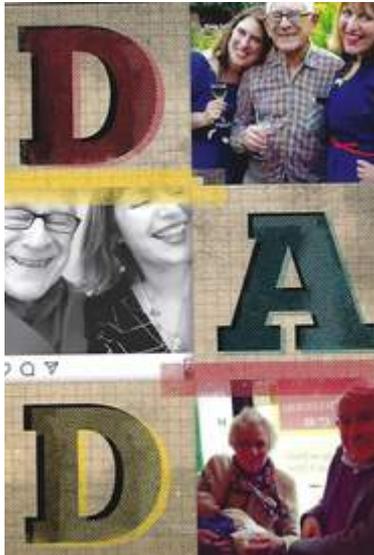
In addition to the above, Mike Abel '84, Founder and CEO of M&C Saatchi Abel, inspired the boys in May at the Reunion with "It's only through remaining true to your own strengths and magic that you will succeed in life" and most recently Jason Harrison '95, Group Managing Director at M&C Saatchi Abel, was the guest speaker at the Matric Dinner and spoke on the topic, “The difference between learning and living”.



*From Left:
Mike Abel in the De Waal Hall, Jason Harrison delivering his address at the Matric Dinner.*

The feedback from present scholars, teachers, parents, old boys and friends of The Grey has been overwhelming and the OGU look forward to more frequent networking and social interactions with the scholars and schools in the future.

Chatterboard



Mike Darlison - Reminiscences of Grey 1947 - 1950

I was at Grey from 1947 to 1950. The Headmaster was the legendary "Flash" Gordon.

Life was great in the Boarding House under House Master, (another legendary figure) "Boetie" Gamble and ex scrum-half for EP who became an Infantry Colonel in WW II's Prince Alfred Guard. And later "P squared" Mr. Peter Ponsonby, best Science teacher anyone could have had any time anywhere.

Fellow boarders included Harold Glennie and Leo Colyvas both the 1st rugby team, both left 1947. Neil Bradfield, Glen Maskell, Poin Darlow, Hugh "Chops" Workman, John Clark, Hugh Coltman, John Mercer, "Rowwy" Lovemore, Ross Risely, Norman van Buuren, Etienne "Dup" du Plessis, and others.

My 7E Form Master in 1947 was "Dreamy Pete" Mr. Pete de Villiers, also an ex scrum-half for EP. "Zombie" Walsh taught us maths. Sadly the master who taught us Biology and whose name I cannot recall died suddenly in his garden during that year.

In Matric Mr. Zieborger taught us maths, Mr "Gussy" Fergusson taught us History. Mr. Hutton then Mr. Dudley Clear taught us English and Mr. Tienie Kriger, ex Springbok rugby player taught Afrikaans (I used to go to the Library during his classes - I was taking French for my second language) and Mr "Harry Mac" McEwan took Gym.

My greatest achievements at Grey: runner up Best Speakers Debate 1950, 4th in the Senior Cross Country, won the Bird Trophy for Shooting in the Cadets in 1948 and 1949, losing to John Terblanche in 1950.

I didn't feel bad about this because John, a year behind me, went onto win the EP Fullbore .303" Open Championships for the whole of the Eastern Cape when he was ONLY 19!! He had such a fine pair of hands he eventually became Professor of Surgery at UCT Medical School.

I was still in touch until 2013 with fellow classmate Rob Hawke 10B 1947 -1950 who subsequently also graduated from UCT Medical School, as did Francois Mai 10D '48 - 1950, professor Dennis Pudifin 10A 1947 - 1950, subsequently at University of Natal Medical School, and Myron Sandwyk 10A 1947 -1950 subsequent Dentistry Graduate Wits, Kenny Bradford 10B, and Rupert Mizon 10B 1947 -1950 Pharmacy graduate. I could go on. At 85 now amazingly I can remember the events above clearly. But don't ask me what I was doing yesterday!! I am now happily married, retired in Berkshire UK, with two daughters and three grandsons.

Do drop us a line at miketat3@yahoo.co.uk if you have the time.

Headmaster's Newsletter:

Term 3, 2019



Rector's Newsletter:

Term 3, 2019



Chatterboard

News from Aboard

Dear Fellow Old Greys,

I wanted to let you know that I was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Global Supply Chain Centre of Excellence at the Marshall School of Business, at the University of Southern California. The MSc in Global Supply Chain program was ranked No. 1 in the United States. I have been on the Advisory Board for 5 years now. I am currently the Executive Director of International Enterprise Solutions for ArcBest (\$3bn publicly traded company), based out of Los Angeles.

Regards,
Wayne Jepson (Class of '88)



Grey Musicians

My name is Greg Boy, class of 2001. I spent all 12 years of my schooling at The Grey as a day boy.

In response to your request for Old Greys who play a musical instrument: While not my full time occupation (I am a CA), I play electric guitar and sing in a band called ShofarBand. We play predominantly Christian rock, and have released 4 albums since 2011. Our latest album "Behold", was released in July 2018 and reached number 13 on the SA iTunes charts. I am also very involved in songwriting, and lecture the songwriting module at a Christian music course out of Stellenbosch called "Spirit | Truth". As a band, we have toured extensively in South Africa and Namibia since 2011, and traveled to the Netherlands and the UK in 2016, and India in 2018.

These trips have involved performing, as well as imparting and providing training workshops on music and songwriting. None of this would have been possible for me without the amazing musical department at The Grey, where my music career began with the outstanding theoretical and practical training which I received there. I began playing flute in the Junior School Orchestra conducted by Mr. Jeff Taylor and received my flute lessons from Mrs. Megan Canter (nee Shute). I have many fond memories of performing at the annual Selley Concert, in school assemblies, at prize-givings, and on a band tour to Cape Town. Using that musical background I taught myself to play guitar at the age of 16 and fondly recall making far too much noise with my fellow Grey boys (including Chris Watson, Nick Wright, Francois Moller, Dylan Ferguson, Andre Beck, Michael Cousins (all Class of 2001), and Darren Kidson, Andrew Morris and Andrew Young (Class of 2000) in our parents' lounges and garages! The impartation of musical excellence and the thrill of being a part of a performing band have always stuck with me through the years, for which I am eternally grateful. ShofarBand is currently working on our 5th album, which we hope to release in 2020.

Guardians of The Grey: Old Greys on The Grey Staff



In June this year, Old Greys made up 20% of Grey High's full-time staff. This is quite a substantial percentage – one of which the school is proud. These Old Grey staff members (who matriculated between 1971 and 2016) have walked 'neath the famous tower at Grey and decided to return to their alma mater, in an effort to give back to their beloved school from which they received so much.

In marking Heritage Day this year, we acknowledge the Old Greys who have chosen to make the future of Grey High a part of their lives. They have come full circle by going from student to alumni to staff (and some to Old Grey parents). Ultimately, they are the guardians of The Grey into the future.

From left to right standing are: **Jarryd Cooke** (Class of 2012, Colours for Lifesaving and Cross-Country; Student Officer in Cadet Detachment) is currently Head of Technology, a History teacher, MIC of Athletics and a hostel master. **Benjamin Ekron** (Class of 2005; Colours for Rowing; EP Rowing) has just departed for a position abroad, but served as Head Rowing Coach and a hostel master for many years. **Simon Sonderup** (Class of 2000; won the Senior Literature Prize) is currently Director of Intramurals and Media, Head of History, and MIC of Air-Rifle Shooting, Sight and Sound, and Grey Cooks. **Siyabonga Denga** (Class of 2000; Colours for Basketball; School Prefect) is currently Deputy Housemaster of the Hostel, a History teacher and MIC of Basketball. **Kegan Topper** (Class of 2000; Colours for Golf) is currently a School Psychologist / Counsellor. **Corbyn Dolley** (Class of 2006; Colours for Cricket) is currently a Deputy Housemaster, Life Orientation teacher, and a Hockey and Cricket coach. **Jason Bigara** (Class of 2010; Colours for Hockey and 1st XI Hockey Captain) has recently left for the UK, but was MIC of Hockey and Squash, and was the Sports Administrator for three years.

Front Row: **Richard Rautenbach** (Class of 2016; won the Andrew Young Memorial Award) is currently a sports administrator. **Tyler Botha** (Class of 2009; won the Louis Dubb Shield; Half-Colours for Academics) is currently Head of Maths Literacy, a Deputy Housemaster and MIC of First Aid, Grey Pulse and Grey Union. **Chris Townsin** (Class of 1985) is currently a Deputy Headmaster. **Chris Erasmus** (Class of 1985 from Grey College in Bloemfontein) is the current Rector of Grey High School. **Gavin Longe** (Class of 1971) served as Bursar from 1991 to 2019. **Jonathan van Niekerk** (Class of 2008; Colours for Service; Half-Colours for Academics) is currently Deputy Housemaster, MIC of Rowing and Grey Matter, and Editor of the school magazine. **Zaine Marx** (Class of 2011; Colours for Rugby; 1st XV Captain) is a Hostel Master, and is MIC of Waterpolo and the Gaming Club.

Upcoming Events



Wednesday 30 October: Old Grey Monthly Mixers

A continued reminder of the Monthly Mixers at the Old Grey Sports Club on the last Wednesday of each month, 5:30pm - 7pm. This is a social, informal event for all of our local Old boys to catch-up and network. We hope to see you there!



Monday 11 November: Remembrance Day

Service will be held in the Memorial Quadrangle. All Old Boys and Visitors to be seated by 11:40. All are invited to join the Rector and staff for tea in the restaurant after the service.



Tuesday 12 November: Old Greys JHB Seniors Lunch

The Old Greys' Union warmly invites you to a luncheon on Tuesday 12 November 2019 for all senior Old Greys (age 65+) living in the Johannesburg area. This is an opportunity for those of you who may be unable to attend the annual dinner on the same day, to reconnect with fellow Old Boys over lunch. You are of course all welcome to attend both events.

Venue: Bryanston Country Club

Time: 13:00pm

Bookings: email ogu@thegrey.com

Tuesday 12 November: Old Greys JHB Annual Dinner

The Old Grey Gauteng Chapter invites you to join us for the Annual Johannesburg Dinner on Tuesday 12 November at the Bryanston Country Club in Sandton. This year we celebrate Lindsay Pearson's final year as Headmaster of The Grey Junior School and we look forward to the occasion.

Venue: Bryanston Country Club

Time: 18:30pm

Bookings: email ogu@thegrey.com



Thursday 14 November: Old Greys Annual London Dinner

Please join us for the Old Grey Europe dinner in London on Thursday 14th November 2019.

Venue: The Oval Cricket Ground, near to Vauxhall Station

Date: Thursday 14th November 2019

Time: 6.30pm to midnight

Dress Code: Jacket and Tie

Tiered pricing

In Memory

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the following Old Greys who have passed on:

Dr. Gerald Baise – Class of 1957

Gerald will long be remembered as a keen and enthusiastic Old Grey who frequently attended the Annual Reunion. He was the third of four Baise boys, who all attended Grey. In his Standard 8 year he was awarded his Colours for cricket and in his matric year he captained the first cricket side. Gerald was an exceptional Cricketer, having represented Nuffield Cricket for many years. Off the field he achieved great success in the academic field and was a loyal school prefect. Gerald flourished in his career as a popular family doctor in Durban. Our condolences to his family and two sons.

Errol Hendricks – Class of 1960

Errol attended Grey High from 1956-1960 and after leaving school spent almost his entire working career in the motor industry in PE, first at Ford and then at VW. In the field of Product Engineering. He is survived by daughters, Bev who lives in the UK and Sharon who lives in Canada where he died on 12th August 2019. Errol was known for his razor sharp wit and teasing. This came across regularly in his postings on his email friendship group, which included a number of Old Greys, where he was a prolific sender of diverse but always interesting and thought provoking articles. Our condolences to friends and family.

Dr. Arthur Ian Huber - Class of 1968

Arthur sadly passed away in Cape Town last month. He struggled towards the end but is now at peace. During his school years Arthur was a bright student and matriculated in the 10A Class. He was a talented gymnast and represented EP Junior for both Swimming and Gym. After school Arthur studied medicine in Cape Town. He certainly lived his life to the fullest and was a great, caring General Practitioner. Our condolences to his wife Jennifer, his brother Geoff '70, family and friends.

Trevor Long - Staff-Ex

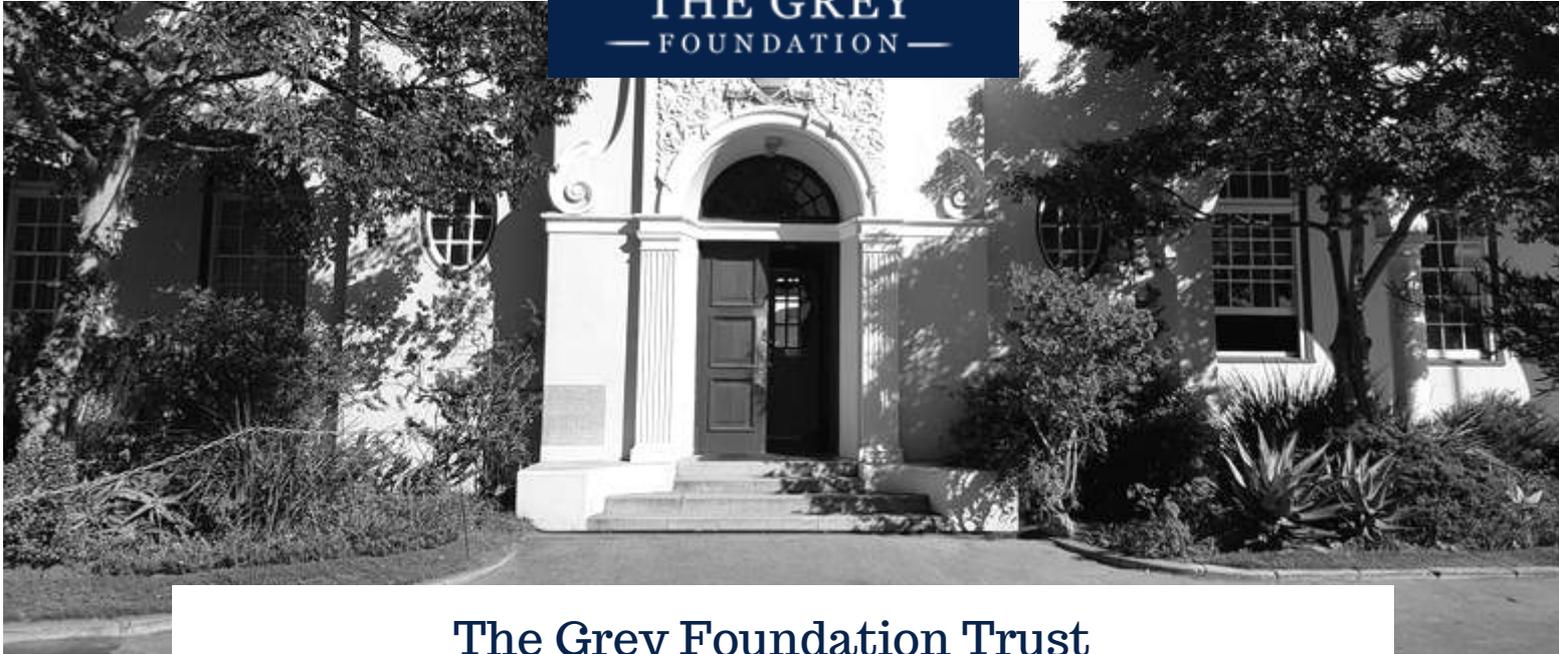
Trevor was a Deputy Head of The Grey in the 70's. He passed away peacefully at home earlier this month. Trevor will be warmly remembered and sadly missed. . Our deepest condolences to Denise and the Long family.

Ros Singleton - Friend of The Grey

Ros hailed from Queenstown where her father taught at Queens. She was formerly married to Nico Singleton who taught at The Grey in the mid 50's. They had two children David and Nicola; sadly Nico died while exiting a squash court after playing with David some thirty years ago. Ros has been the sole partner for some 27 years of Charles Womersley (A very successful Head Prefect of Grey of 1953). Ros was an animal lover and it was humorously mentioned at her funeral that after a walk on the beach she would recall the names of the dogs she had met and not the owners! Sadly she passed away after a short illness in Jeffreys Bay where she and Charles have been domiciled for some years.



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