

INANDA'S CALL

First Quarter 2026



KALAMAZUMBA!

Dear Marist Old Boys,

We started the new year by celebrating the school's 85th anniversary and we're planning a busy calendar of events for the year ahead.

During the first term, the focus has been on strengthening engagement across the Old Boys' network through regular communication, social media storytelling, and the continued growth of the Old Boys' WhatsApp community. These platforms have enabled alumni locally and abroad to remain connected to the life of the school and to one another.

Work has also been underway behind the scenes in preparation for the much-anticipated Old Boys' Weekend in June - more of this on the next page.

The Old Boys' Committee has been running the Mentorship Programme, the intention of which is to provide mentorship and guidance to, primarily, Grade 11 and 12 boys, as they start to make decisions about their life after Matric and as they enter their tertiary or work life.

The Mentors are all St David's Old Boys who have volunteered under the Old Boys' Association to step into this role. A Code of Conduct with Guidelines is signed by the Mentor upon signing up for the programme. This includes no 'off-campus' meetings whilst the boy is still at school.

June is going to be a busy month, St David's will be hosting the Prep and College Independent School Rugby Festivals, which will bring more than 1200 players onto the campus over five days, we will communicate more details closer to the time.

If you would like to be a mentor or find out more about the Rugby Festivals, drop us a mail on oldboys@stdavids.co.za

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

OLD BOY'S WEEKEND

4-6 June 2026



WHAT TO EXPECT?

There's a little something for everyone at this year's Old Boys' Weekend, which will be packed with tradition, camaraderie, and celebration.

Thursday, 4 June 2026 kicks things off with the Champagnat Day Mass, followed by a day on the fairways at Wanderers Golf Club and our ever-popular First Thursdays, which will set the tone for a fantastic weekend.

Friday, 5 June 2026 is all about reconnecting. The day begins with the Old Boys' Assembly, followed by tea and a campus tour. The highlight? A spectacular Old Boys' Dinner, especially for the '1s' and '6s' celebrating milestone reunions. Expect a formal evening of exceptional food, live entertainment, inspiring speakers, and great company. The Old Boys' AGM will take place prior to the dinner.

Saturday, 6 June 2026 begins with a Celebration and Remembrance Mass and then we swing in action, as the school takes on St Charles College in hockey and rugby. Round off the weekend in true Marist style and join us at the Maristonian after the final whistle to celebrate.

Click on the images below to book

St David's
Marist Old Boys

OLD BOYS' WEEKEND

Thursday 4 June 2026
Champagnat Day Mass
Golf (Wanderers Golf Club)
First Thursdays (Wanderers Golf Club)

Friday 5 June 2026
Old Boys' Assembly, Tea and Tours (Morning)
Old Boys' Dinner (Evening) - IDEAL FOR REUNIONS

Saturday 6 June 2026
Celebration and Remembrance Mass
St David's Hockey and Rugby vs St Charles College
Drinks at the Maristonian after the final whistle of the 1st XV Rugby Game

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OLD BOYS' DINNER

Friday 5 June 2026
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FEATURE ARTICLE

THE SAINT DAVID OF WALES LECTURE & CONFORTARE AWARD 2026

Founded in 1941 during the turmoil of the Second World War, St David's Marist Inanda emerged from a bold and faith-filled vision of the Marist Brothers. Expanding on the legacy of Marist Koch Street (1889) and Marist Observatory (1924), the new College responded to growing demand while committing itself to a values-based education rooted in the spirit of St Marcellin Champagnat.

At its opening, Brother Osmond affirmed the vital role of independent schools as guardians against ideological control: A conviction that would echo powerfully through the apartheid years, when Marist and Catholic schools offered an alternative moral compass grounded in dignity and courage.

Blessed by Bishop David O'Leary OMI, who named the school after his patron saint, St David's remains connected to Saint David of Wales, celebrated annually on 1 March.

To honour this heritage, the College introduced the Saint David of Wales Lecture and Confortare Award in 2025.

The Lecture invites distinguished members of the Marist community to share insights shaped by lives of purpose and leadership. Following the inaugural address by Cardinal Stephen Brislin, the powerful and inspiring 2026 Lecture was delivered by Mr Charles Rowlinson (Class of 1972), whose life reflects the enduring influence of a Marist education.

The Confortare Award recognises those who have served or been formed by the College and who exemplify humility, simplicity, courage and conviction in their contribution to society. The first award was conferred posthumously on Brother Jude Pieterse (1939–2022).

At the 2026 ceremony, the honour was bestowed upon Mr Kevin Brewer, former Chairman of the Board of Governors and founding Trustee of the St David's Marist Foundation.

More than a celebration, the Lecture and Award reaffirm a living legacy of faith-led leadership and service.



FEATURE ARTICLE

CLASS OF 2017'S MANDLA KOYABE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

It was a great joy for the St David's Marist Inanda Executive and St David's Marist Foundation to host a visit by 3M to the St David's Marist Inanda Alexandra campus earlier this year.

Thanks to St David's Marist Inanda Old Boys and 3M team member Mandla Koyabe (Class of 2017), the campus was the recipient of a \$25 000 grant, through the 3M South Africa Cares initiative. 3M Cares offers 3M staff the opportunity to nominate a worthy nonprofit project for funding support. Following a full application and due diligence process, the Foundation was delighted to receive the news of the successful grant award to St David's Marist Inanda Alexandra.

Dawn Isdale CM(SA), Country Director of 3M South Africa, commented: "3M South Africa is delighted to partner with St David's Marist Inanda Alexandra in helping to build sustainable pathways to education for young people. The work being done on the campus is exceptional, and we look forward to a long and meaningful collaboration."

Mandla Koyabe (Class of 2017) shared: "It is difficult to express the emotions felt seeing so many boys wearing the Marist blazer. I truly am blessed to know that I share the same ethos, fields, school songs and love as these fine young men today. And seeing how 3M has been able to support in this way and for future Marist men did move me to tears. It felt like such a full circle moment."

Mandla also reconnected with fellow Old Boy Class of 2017 Brett Hardie, who is one of the academic staff on the St David's Marist Inanda Alexandra campus.





FIRST THURSDAYS

The concept of 'First Thursdays' has continued to grow in 2026 with three events held this year so far.

In January we were at the Wanderers to watch a SA20 match. In February we returned to Milk Bar for drinks and March was the best one yet. We invited long-serving current teachers to join us in the College Pavilion and had more than 30 Old Boys present.

April's edition will take place at the St John's Easter Rugby Festival on Thursday, 2 April as the First XV face Kingswood, kick-off for this match is 14:45.

If you've never joined one before - please do!



WHAT'S UP!

Stay connected your way, whether you're scrolling LinkedIn, catching up on Facebook, sharing moments on Instagram, or chatting in our WhatsApp community, the Old Boys are just a tap away.



JOIN THE OLD BOYS' WHATSAPP COMMUNITY



IMPORTANT DATES 2026

First Thursdays
2 April
St John's Festival
Inanda vs Kingswood
14:45

First Thursdays
7 May
Mentorship Event
Venue TBC

Open Day
Alexandra Campus
16 May

Old Boys' Weekend
4-6 June

PTA/Old Boys' Golf Day
Wanderers Golf Club
30 October
(Ticket Sales Open in July)

LATEST SPORTS NEWS

If you fancy keeping updated with the latest sports updates at the school, [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SPORTS PORTAL!](#)



FROM THE VAULT

1996 Prep School First XI Cricket
Can you name the players and coaches?

PAST. PRESENT. PROUD.

We launched the 'Past. Present. Proud.' campaign and this has seen some incredible engagement from the community.

The goal is simple: highlight our Old Boys. The plan is to focus on a variety of our Old Boys from different backgrounds, showcasing the diversity of our community. We would like to create awareness for our Old Boys, build legacy and bring you back to the school.

If you would like to participate or if you think one of your classmates should be interviewed, please mail us on oldboys@stdavids.co.za