

SUMMER FESTIVAL

24-27 OCTOBER

Saturday 25 October 2024

The action is hotting up

The water polo and cricket competitions end on Saturday, the basketball semis are decided

The 2024 St David's Marist Inanda Summer Festival has lived up to expectations, with over 500 boys enjoying three days of intense competition in the glorious Joburg spring weather, and the biggest crowd we've had to date turning up to watch it all.

The Inanda Cup water polo tournament ends on Saturday, with the finals in the under-12 and under-14 sections scheduled for 3pm and 3.30pm, respectively, followed by a prize-giving ceremony.

The Inanda Cup has become a major "beginners" event on the schools water polo calendar, although the performances in the pool this year have shown that the standard of play at the junior high school age level, and in the U12 category, has improved beyond that description.

There's no doubt that these players will have benefitted greatly from experiencing the pressure of tournament play, and from playing in a full-sized water polo pool in an event that is run according to the strict protocols of proper polo tournaments.

The under-12 cricket tournament follows a 10 overs-a-side format, which is unusual, and is aimed at mass participation and lost of fun. The shortened format has meant that the seven teams play six games each in the two days. They all have to use eight bowlers and the other three players have to bat in the top three, meaning that every player plays a role, in every game. And the boundaries have been brought in, resulting in a lot of fours and sixes, and maximum excitement.

The Inanda Hoops Classic Challenge is a more serious affair. It's become the top "stayers" tournament, and is run very professionally by fully qualified officials. Saturday is semi-finals day, with the finals and classification games taking place on Sunday.



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It takes an army to organise a festival

There has been a horde of adults, and quite a few schoolboys, involved in making it possible for the games to go ahead this weekend, and many of them are volunteers. Without their passion and commitment none of it would be possible, we are enormously grateful to them



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