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## From the Deputy Head Boarding's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians



We are pleased to announce that Drikus Hoffman has been appointed as Housemaster for Nathan House, effective from the start of the third term.

An old College boarder, Drikus was a prefect in Hudson's, a top academic and a hard-tackling centre for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and KZN Schools. He obtained a BSc Sports Science from the University of Stellenbosch, followed by a PGCE, and currently teaches maths and physical science. He is also the current housemaster of Calder's (day house), a sports coach of renown,

and has been a boarder master since he returned to his old school at the start of 2013. Drikus is married to Leanne, a recently-qualified chartered accountant, and they have a young son, Jean-Luc. Drikus is a young man of passion, drive, great ability and – most importantly, for the boys in Nathan's – empathy. He has been through the College system himself, and knows what it's like to be at a big boarding school a long way from home. He is also a man of integrity and conviction, and strong Christian faith.

The role of housemaster of Nathan's is uniquely demanding, especially in the first few months of each year.

While Drikus will be taking over as housemaster and responsible for the overall management of the house, its boys and its staff, he will, from the third term onwards, be joined by Linda Shezi, who has been appointed as the inaugural deputy housemaster of Nathan's. They will share aspects of the administration of the house, especially the daily communicating with parents, which can be a huge job! Linda requires little introduction and has been a warm, welcoming presence in the house since the start of 2016, when he joined the school. He teaches Zulu, LO and Computer Literacy, has a BA PGCE from Unisa, and is also heavily involved in the school's sports programme. His empathetic yet no-nonsense nature, and the way he has fully embraced the established philosophy within the house, make him an excellent choice for deputy housemaster. Congratulations to both Drikus and Linda on their appointments – we hope and trust that they will forge a long, happy and successful working relationship together, serving the young men of Nathan's.



Matthew Marwick  
Deputy Head (Boarding)



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# Academic Achievements

## Focus feature on...Geography



Geography is a popular subject choice at College and in the 2017 year, matric results reflected this with 31 distinctions. The subject is a multi-faceted one which includes scientific study of the physical world; the study and understanding of humans and their

use of the environment; and their interactions with people globally. Our aim is for each boy to gain insight and to query the relationship between humans and their dynamic environment through a progressive exposure to the complex physical, social and political environments in which he lives. The purpose is to inspire critical thinking which is a life skill. As part of the curriculum, this year's matrics conducted an investigation into the effect of man on rivers. The boys enjoyed their "classroom" lesson at the Ernie Pearce Bridge where they were able to discuss the impact that man has on rivers first hand, and returned with newfound knowledge, interest and insight for their assignments and Geomorphology notes for the year.

## Focus feature on...Business Studies

Business Studies at College is structured to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values which are necessary to enable pupils to participate responsibly, productively and effectively in business activities. This is a holistic subject, giving learners a 360° perspective of the world around them as well as the ability to analyse, interpret and interact with different aspects of it in a professional and dynamic way. In September last year, 13 boys went on a business studies tour to Johannesburg, in what proved to be an enlightening and eye-opening experience for these future business leaders. The tour formed part of a practical teaching component where they were exposed to how thriving businesses in the economic hub of the continent operate. Presentations on the success story of how two motivated gentlemen started the RocoMamas franchise, as well as Standard Bank maintaining its status as a leading bank in South Africa equipped the boys with valuable knowledge. Further learning took place through gaining insight into the intricate operations of the Spar distribution centre and one of the Spur outlets, with the boys working on the other side of the kitchen to learn about the running of a successful restaurant. The tour was concluded with a visit to the Nissan assembly plant and the opportunity to see an NP200 assembled from an empty shell to driving out of the dealership. All in all, the tour was both an exciting and educational experience.



## Diversity & Inclusivity

Our matrics are exploring how businesses handle diversity in the workplace, and one activity included the following hashtag: #inclusivitystartswithi. Boys were encouraged to join the conversation, expressing what makes them diverse and how they can be inclusive.

## Academic Appointments

We are extremely fortunately to have a very high calibre of teaching staff at the staff. In addition to busy teaching roles, several College staff have been selected to serve as exam moderators at national and regional levels, translators, examiners and matric markers. This covers the full spectrum of teaching subjects and currently we have more than 30 staff who are matric markers. This can only mean an enriched, relevant and top quality education experience for our boys!

## Congratulations to our Staff

A number of our staff are also involved in part-time tertiary studies to further their qualifications. We extend warm congratulations to Chris Barnsley, who has recently been awarded a Bachelor in Theology with Distinction from the South African Theological Seminary, and to Moushumi Maharaj who obtained her BEd Honours cum laude!



Chris Barnsley



Moushumi Maharaj

# College Culture

## Reaching out...Prefects' SPCA Initiative

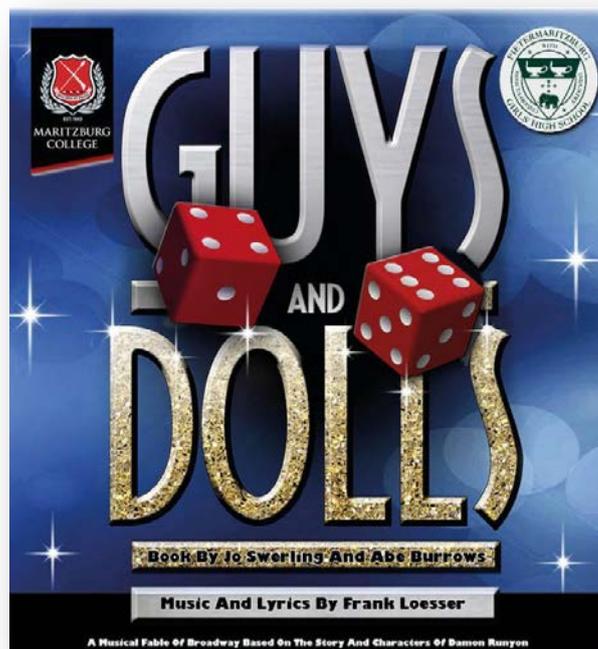


Prefect Community Service portfolio leaders for this year, Jayden Gengan and Nicholas Welch, recently rallied the College prefects to give back to deserving organisations in Pietermaritzburg. Throughout the year, the prefects are encouraged by Mr Pryke and Mr Smit to become active citizens within the region. On 22 April, a number of the prefects, accompanied by staff and parents, undertook an outreach initiative to the local SPCA, where they assisted SPCA staff with routine chores such as cleaning cages, sweeping premises and feeding and interacting with the animals. In addition, they donated R2000 to the SPCA on behalf of Maritzburg College and the prefects of 2018. The prefects hope to inspire the rest of the College family to serve the community and make a positive difference as part of their social responsibility.



## Helping to reach goals...

On 21 March, Human Rights Day, a number of Interact College boys helped build soccer goals at the Salvation Army Home. This was a great outreach initiative which provided a practical solution that will bring much enjoyment into the future. Boys involved included J Bilbrough, H Brown, T Mudunge, T Khoza, N Assumani and C Knight.



Time is running out to book your ticket for the production of Guys and Dolls in partnership with Pmb Girls High School, Show dates are 7-12 May, and the tickets are R60 each. For more information and to book, please contact [bookings@mcollege.co.za](mailto:bookings@mcollege.co.za)



# Sporting Spotlight

## Rugby & Hockey against Northwood...

Last week some of our rugby and hockey travelled to Northwood for late afternoon and evening games.

Our rugby teams enjoyed a very successful day despite playing under some difficult conditions, comfortably winning 12 of the 13 games played, some of which were on the stagger. The 1st XV match was a tight game which saw College win by 10 points to 6.

Other results:

- 2nd team won 18-7
- 5ths vs NWD 3rds won 21-0
- 8ths vs NWD 4ths won 55-0
- U16A won 31-24
- U16C vs NWD B won 43-0
- U15A won 19-0
- U15B won 31-3
- U15E vs NWD C won 45-0
- U14A lost 28-36
- U14C vs NWD B won 18-0
- U14 D vs NWD C won 34-5
- U14 F vs NWD D won 50-0

On the hockey front things were a little more evenly matched but with College still taking the lion's share of results. The 1st XI ground out a difficult draw (1-1).

Other results:

- 2nd team drew 1-1
- 3rd team won 2-0
- 4th team drew 1-1
- U16A drew 1-1
- U16B won 3-0
- U16C won 4-1
- U16D won 10-0
- U16F won 4-0
- U14A lost 0-2
- U14B drew 0-0
- U14C won 3-0
- U14D won 3-0
- U14E won 4-0
- U14F lost 0-2

## Cross Country League

The Cross Country team continued their good form in the second race of the league season, with O Higgins winning his second consecutive race in the junior section. The team took 7 of the top 10 places in both junior and senior categories.

This week sees College travel away for the much anticipated round of fixtures against KES.



U15F victorious against Northwood 50-0



1<sup>st</sup> XI vs. Northwood  
Photo: S. Manyathi



S Little – 2<sup>nd</sup> in XC rock jumper  
Photo: L Ackerman



**Bashers off to our Old boys...**



Bashers off to a number of College old boys who have achieved success in a wide range of spheres; sporting and academic. Well done to Jono Douthwaite 2003 who ran the London Marathon in a Rhino suit in support of the 'Save the Rhino' project! This was a tremendous

effort for a great cause.

Matt Dove (2002) and Rhys Foster (1998) recently completed in the Ultra Trail Drakensberg 2018 race. Matt finished the race in an excellent 4<sup>th</sup> place in a time of 30h50 with Rhys not far behind in 6<sup>th</sup> place in 33h39. Bashers off to both Old Collegians for tackling the 157.3km rugged terrain of the Drakensberg and showing great courage and determination to finish this daunting course. Another College OC Spurg Flemington (1991) organized the event and is co-owner of Running Man Adventures.

Education in KwaZulu-Natal is in fine hands with OC like this at the helm.

**A Charitable Partnership**

The College Foundation was recently blessed by the support of Audi Centre Pietermaritzburg through their charitable partnership as the official courtesy vehicle supplier to the College Foundation.

Through this partnership, the Foundation has been offered the use of a new Audi A3 Sportback for all official travel. What this means to us is that not only can we take our brand to the next level through our association with AUDI, but the savings made possible through this sponsorship will result in greater support for our Foundaion beneficiaries.



The people involved, together with Hello Marketing and TayloredWright, did a fantastic job in branding this vehicle to stand out in the crowd so make sure you keep an eye out for our red Foundation Audi.

On behalf of the Foundation, beneficiaries and entire College community we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the committed folk at Audi Centre Pietermaritzburg - a proudly Pietermaritzburg company supporting KZN's premier school!



From l-r: Lance Veenstra (1985) (Headmaster of Cordwalles), Roland Lacock (1993) (Headmaster of Highbury), Dr Dudley Forde (past Maritzburg College Headmaster) and Adam Rogers (1991) (Headmaster of Reddam House Umhlanga).

# Campus Roundup



Head prefect Mchunu ahead of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game against Hilton College stands between former primary school Piet Retief Deputy Principal Mr van der Venter and Principal Mrs Ndlovu, together with Mr Luman (Head: Maritzburg College)

## Upcoming Events

May

- 4-5 Interschools Exchange at KES
- 7-12 Guys & Dolls (OCC)
- 11 Funk (Hexagon)
- 12 Hockey & Rugby vs Kearsney
- 12 Veterans' Lunch (VH)
- 16 Maths & Accountancy Olympiads
- Rugby: Craven Week & Grant Khomo Main Trials
- 17 isiZulu Olympiad
- 19 Hockey & Rugby vs DHS (Away)
- 20 Form 2: Spirit of Adventure Camp



Men of many talents...Ryan Kyle & Dave Pryke spent the long weekend helping make costumes for the Guys & Dolls show

College's Jazz Band playing at Cordwalles



A shout out to our 1<sup>st</sup> XV – we are behind you

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