

# #RED BLACK WHITE

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## From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

This week, on campus, we have focused on Honesty as one of our core values. Honesty refers to a facet of moral character and connotes positive and virtuous attributes such as integrity, truthfulness, straightforwardness, including straightforwardness of conduct, along with the absence of lying, cheating, theft, etc. Honestly also includes being trustworthy, loyal, fair, and sincere.

Honesty means being truthful in everything, standing up for what you believe in, and not wavering regardless of the situation.

How can you demonstrate honesty on a daily basis in practical ways?

1. Think before you speak
2. Say what you mean and mean what you say
3. Bend over backward to communicate in an open and honest fashion
4. Keep your message simple so there is no confusion
5. Tell it as it is
6. Present both sides of an issue to ensure objectivity
7. Make your personal bias known if you have one
8. Tell people the rationale behind your decisions so that your intent is understood
9. Quickly correct misinterpretations
10. Don't shoot the messenger when someone tells you the truth. Thank them for their honesty and treat the information provided as a gift
11. Willingly accept responsibility by admitting a mistake or error in judgement in a timely fashion
12. Hold people accountable when their words do not match their actions
13. Never compromise your integrity and reputation by associating yourself with people whose standards of integrity you mistrust

I have also emphasized to the boys this week that we will not tolerate stealing at College. There has been a recent spate of thefts of cell phones and other valuable items and it was very pleasing to see that a number of boys have come forward and are unhappy about one of their peers stealing.

I have encouraged our boys to follow this zero tolerance of theft /stealing under any circumstances, to be men of integrity, and to do the right thing when no one is watching!

Thank you for all you do as parents, to support our school, our teaching of core values, and the full and rich educational experience we aim to provide to every learner.

Chris Luman  
Headmaster



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# Academic Achievements

## Focus feature on...Life Sciences

Life Sciences is exactly that, the Science of Life, of living things from molecular level to their interactions with one another and their environments. What better way to delve into learning about our fascinating natural world and the human body than in the classroom with enquiring, interested young men. The subject encourages an enquiring mind and provides useful knowledge and skills needed in everyday life, such as selection of key ideas, factual recall, understanding of concepts, application of information, critical evaluation and debate of scientific issues, as well as a greater awareness and appreciation of the environment and ecosystems that sustain everyday life.



Mr Mike Reed

The Life Sciences department welcomed two new members to its fold at the start of 2018. Mr Mike Reed joined us from Uplands in White River and Mr Jonathan Tyler started at the school this term, giving up the corporate world for the rewarding career of being a “moulder of young minds”. Both Mr Reed and Mr Tyler have transitioned



Mr Jonathan Tyler

smoothly into Maritzburg College and we are very pleased to have them as part of the team.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a team of educators that are passionate and knowledgeable in both the subject of our natural world and about the holistic education of young men. As an example, Mr Dave Pryke was spotted around the Forder oval showing his 4th formers the strength of the root growth demonstrated by a Canadian Chestnut causing havoc with the paving. Mr Pryke’s interest in horticulture lends itself to the mini excursions he takes his boys on around the College grounds finding alien invasive plants and creating interest in plant life.



## Accounting Excursion

Recently, 49 of our Form 6 Accounting boys and two staff members visited Deloitte’s in Umhlanga, for highly relevant and useful presentations on Chartered Accounting and related career options, opportunities for studying commerce at universities in South Africa, as well as scholarships offered by Deloitte’s etc. The boys also enjoyed meeting College Old Boys currently doing their Articles at Deloitte’s.

## Our Media Centre rocks...in technicolour



*The Media Centre is rocking before school these days, probably because the mornings are becoming colder as winter creeps closer*



*The autumn days are great for sunning in the garden with a good book. Thanks to the efforts of a couple of our library monitors, finding that elusive book has become a little bit easier: So if you fancy a warm orange book for the autumn evenings, then pop up to the Media Centre. They plan to refresh this display with other colours from the spectrum, so keep checking to find your perfect colour!*



Form 6 Accountancy learners & staff



# College Culture

## Focus on..Calder House

In the subsequent issues of #RedBlackWhite we will be focussing on each of our 10 houses. Our House system provides mentorship, support and guidance to each boy throughout his time at Maritzburg College. Within our 10 school Houses, an experienced staff, consisting of a Housemaster, Assistant Housemaster and Mentors, as well as House Captains and House Leaders, all compliment and contribute to the school's Pastoral Care Programme. A learner's House is his home base for his entire time at Maritzburg College, where he can benefit from the support provided by House Mentors, the peer mentorship offered through the Big Brother system and the camaraderie that exists within each House. Beyond this, the House system brings with it healthy competition in academic, sporting and cultural spheres throughout the year.

This week we focus on Calder House, led by Housemaster Drikus Hoffman, with Tim Orchard as Assistant Housemaster. Calder's mentor teachers are Mr N Croeser, Mrs E Fraser, Mr M Ngcobo, Mrs J Orchard and Mrs P Lowe. EG Hodgson and AK Asampong are the House and Vice Captains respectively, and House leaders include H Brown, C von Beneke, S Mlambo, A Asampong and J Thornton



## The value of peer learning

Maritzburg College's peer tutors group consists of boys that are academically talented in all subjects or a specific subject. They are led by two prefects, C Beeckram and N Govender, who manage the academic and tutoring portfolio. Each of College's day Houses also has an elected House leader to organise his specific House's peer tutors.

Boys, with an academic prowess and who volunteer, in each of College's ten day Houses, are tasked to help those who struggle with specific subjects, identified by their Housemasters. The programme runs throughout the year and has proven especially valuable before tests and exams as extra support to our boys.

The peer tutors' tea held recently in the Victoria Hall was an opportunity to recognise and thank these boys, and to highlight the importance of peer tutoring before the half year exam. A group of more than 70 boys with staff enjoyed an excellent tea and eats.

## Calder House Outreach

At the start of the third term, the Calder house outreach was initiated with our focus being a fundraiser for Adopt-a-mum. The Adopt-a-mum event is a community chest initiative that seeks to bless mothers from underprivileged communities by providing them with a

luncheon on mothers' day. The aim was to raise enough funds to adopt ten moms that would fill a table at the luncheon. We are very grateful for all the donors who selflessly gave towards this cause and made it possible to reach our target. The organisers of the event asked if we could perform an item or two at the luncheon, and on Friday 11 May, an excited group of Form 5 Calder house boys went to the event to show our support of the moms. The boys were full of spirit and did two war cries on the stage, before mingling with the moms. The music soon started and in no time the boys were grabbed by the moms and pulled onto a makeshift dance floor to dance. It was an unexpectedly joyous occasion that brought a smile to all of the moms' and boys' faces alike, and made us all the more grateful for the wonderful and invaluable role mothers play in our lives.



## Debating through the years...



College 1<sup>st</sup> debating team continue to performs well and have been in the same league since 2<sup>nd</sup> form  
L-R C Tooke, N Govender and W Ndlovu

# Sporting Spotlight

## A busy and successful sporting week...

This past week was a busy one for College sport. At the top of the highlight list again is the phenomenal efforts of our cross country team. College continues to dominate the junior section, and taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places at the Epworth leg of the league held at Cascades. In the senior division, our College boys are placing favourably, and are working hard to dislodge Michaelhouse, who have the top athlete in the league. Well done to the 40-strong College team for their commitment and efforts turning out each week at the League.

College's soccer teams had games this past week against a number of different sides, and while the results were mixed, early signs show our A teams are progressing.

On the weekend, the main sport fixtures were against Kearsney where College dominated. Hockey won all 13 of the games against Kearsney, and our 1<sup>st</sup> XI had a 3-1 victory over the visitors. They retain their number 1 SASchoolSports ranking.

With 18 teams up against Kearsney, rugby only lost 1 fixture on the day. This was an excellent result considering that the results between the two schools over the last few years have been much more evenly spread. Our 1st XV put in a performance that ranked as their best so far this season. Unfortunately the match was abandoned early in the second half due to lightning; with College 6-3 ahead.

Debating and E-sports also participated during the past week with some good results.

The shooting club competed at the KZN Open with a number of our shottists receiving medals.

The table tennis teams wrapped up the weekend with a dominant display in winning all 12 of their matches in both A and B leagues this weekend.



Photo: L Ackerman



Photo: W Mazwi



Photo: S Manyathi



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**Full details of our Sporting Results and Fixtures are available on D6 and on the school website [www.maritzburgcollege.co.za/sport](http://www.maritzburgcollege.co.za/sport)**



### **Veteran's Day - Honouring OCs**

The 2018 Veterans' Reunion Luncheon, held on Saturday 12 May, was a huge success. One hundred and twenty Old Collegians met at College and enjoyed reminiscing over tea on Forder Oval, before attending a chapel service and then luncheon in Victoria Hall. The Class of 1948 celebrated their 70th reunion and the Class of 1958 celebrated their 60th reunion out of school. On the day, Mike Hill (1961), past College staff member, who MC'd the event, was awarded an Honorary Life Membership to the Association.



Also on the day, John Grice, Head Prefect from 1958, handed over his 1st XV white blazer and other memorabilia to Ryan Kyle (Head of Shepstone House) to be hung in the new Shepstone House. After lunch, a number of the veterans strolled down to Goldstone to join family and friends and watch the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game.

### **Foundation donors recognised**

Our donors' board at the Main Reception entrance has recently been updated with the names of Foundation donors who have committed their support in helping us change lives and shape futures through the College Foundation.

The names of contributors in the Platinum and Prestige categories have been added to this donors' board and we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to not only these individuals and organisations but to every member of the College community who have opened up their hearts and wallets to support the Foundation in any of programmes and initiatives to date.



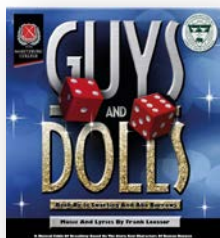
College is built on the efforts of every boy, parent and staff member whose voices have echoed through these halls, and through the College Foundation, we have made it possible for every supporter to pay it forward.

Through a range of different donor categories and affordable monthly commitment options it is possible to make a big difference over a period of time.

A full list of all our donors is available online.

While you're there take a moment to browse through our website and see how from as little as R167 per month you too can help shape Maritzburg College's future!

# Campus Roundup



## Guys & Dolls – A Huge Hit

The curtain has come down on what has been described as one of the best shows every for Maritzburg College and Pmb Girls High School.

Congratulations and thank-you to the cast as well as to the many staff members and parents who contributed towards making the show such a success. A special thank-you to Mr Simon Stickells and Mrs Kamany Thaver and their teams, for the exceptional efforts in directing and producing the show, which was to an exceptionally high standard in all aspects. We were sold out for every performance and the matinee show held for pensioners and schools was a real highlight.



## Upcoming Events

- May
- 16 Maths & Accountancy Olympiads  
Rugby Craven week & Grant Komo main trials
- 17 isiZulu Olympiad
- 19 Hockey & Rugby vs DHS (away)
- 20-24 Form 2: Spirit of Adventure
- 24 Career Focus Forms 3 & 5
- 25 English Conference
- 25-27 KZN Interschools squash
- 26 FREE WEEKEND



Our learners enjoyed the interactive and entertaining lessons that formed part of the next round Elevate teaching held on campus this week



Form 2 boys sharing with their peers through group orals on prejudice

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