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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

Your boys are in the midst of preparing for their very important mid year examinations and I thought it prudent to bring one or two matters to your attention at this juncture: the Senior Deputy, Mr Guise-Brown, who is in charge of discipline at College and myself, on two separate occasions last week addressed the boys on two anti-social issues; theft and graffiti, and I share aspects of those addresses with you.

Theft, together with graffiti, are two of the most testing "anti-social" problems that we have to deal with, and the handful of boys who are stealing are creating a great deal of tension for the majority of College boys.

Recently there has been a spate of items stolen and increased offensive graffiti in the ablutions, both of which are totally unacceptable, against the School Rules and Code of Conduct. Theft is a very serious problem in this country and Maritzburg College is not immune to this. Every day we read about corrupt politicians and leaders, businessmen, sportsmen etc. who have through illegal means helped themselves to money that did not belong to them. They of course are not being good role models for our youth.

There are parents in this community who are struggling financially to keep their sons at this school and want the best for their sons. When a cell phone is stolen, a basher disappears after been thrown in the air at rugby on Saturday afternoon, or a space case has to be replaced, a number of mothers and fathers have to make unnecessary financial sacrifices to simply keep it all together.

Every single boy must take greater responsibility if his own personal belongings. It is a sad state of affairs that at the age of 14 or 18 you have to become less trusting, when you should be able to trust everyone around you especially at a school in which one speaks of a brotherhood. But it is unfortunately the reality of the world that we live in. This means that under no circumstance can valuables be left lying around in a bag. Cell phones need to be switched off and kept on your person or locked in a locker. Bags, books and uniform items cannot be left lying around. These items will be collected by staff and placed in lost property, announced to the school weekly to be collected, and otherwise will be handed over to the charity section of the school. ALL items need to be clearly marked with a boy's name and house. Uniform and other items will be checked sporadically by housemasters and mentors to ensure that everything is named. Items that do not belong to a pupil **MUST** be returned to their rightful owners asap otherwise that boy will face the consequences of what is ultimately theft. If a pupil is in possession of items of clothing etc that do not belong to him and without the owner's permission, then it is theft.

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Academic Achievements

From the Headmasters Desk cont..

The question is what do we do if this pattern of theft continues? Do we resort to a number of harsh and extreme measures such as the following:

- Ban cell phones altogether from College as is the practice in some schools?
- Install cameras in every classroom and ablution so that College looks like a prison?
- Automatically expel a boy from the BE or suspend from the school for any act of theft, no matter how minor, for example the theft of a pen?

It was pleasing to see that many boys came forward last week and were prepared to give details of an incident where a boy was looking through the bags of other boys. They were prepared to write statements putting their names to those statements. They had had enough, and it was time to stand up and be counted. It did not matter that they were lower formers accusing a higher former of theft. They acted with INTEGRITY – one of our Core Values and did the right thing, breaking the so-called 'code of silence'. The boys were challenged to have a zero tolerance for theft and graffiti and to expose the offenders. One boy has since left the school and has a criminal charge against him.

Another matter is that core value of Honesty relating to work and assignments submitted for various subjects, which constitutes plagiarism. Plagiarism is defined as 'the taking of the work or the idea of someone else and passing it off as one's own without due acknowledgement'. High school teaches more than just basic subjects such as science or maths. It also teaches about ethical behaviour and how to be a responsible citizen; plagiarism is a form of academic cheating. At Maritzburg College we believe that plagiarism is a totally unacceptable practice and not in line with the values and standards that we set as a top academic institution. Ultimately boys caught plagiarising will receive a zero for the work submitted. We ask that you remind your sons about the need to be honest and do their own work.

In conclusion, in preparation for the exams may I draw your attention to the exam scopes and tips for improvement in specific subject areas which are on the Moodle and d6. The importance of exam revision using past papers and memos from the Moodle cannot be over-emphasised and is a key indicator in the success of top students.

Our careers focus evening is compulsory for all F3 and F5 tomorrow evening and would strongly advise that parents attend with their sons. The subject choice evening is next term and a letter regarding the requirements for taking Physical Science is on d6 and should be read.

Thank you for the support of your sons, the staff and the school.

Chris Luman
Headmaster

Focus feature on...Step Up

Congratulations to Mrs Akerman, Mr Chirengende and their team of Grade 10 Maritzburg College Business Studies learners on the fun-filled meal packing event held at Cascades Lifestyle Centre last week. This team of young men participated in the 'Step Up! Hungry No More' campaign, successfully raising enough funding to pack 5000 meals for orphaned children living in child-headed and Gogo-headed households in the Inchanga community. Well done on all your hard work and commitment gentlemen. You are an inspiration!!



College hosts 3rd English Conference



Maritzburg College in association with The English Academy of Southern Africa will host the 3rd Conference for English Home Language Teachers at College this week. The programme includes excellent key note speakers including Associate Professor and Head of English Department at Wits, Professor Chris Thurman, and Dr Devarakshanam (Betty) Govinden - a prominent South African academic, prolific researcher, author and poet (currently a research associate in the Faculty of Education at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. College staff including our head Mr Chris Luman, Deputy Head Academics Mrs Jeanette Finnie and Mr James Maistry, Director of Digital Learning will also present.

Maths Olympiad 2018

The South African Mathematics Olympiad is the biggest Olympiad in the country. Almost 100 000 learners participated in the 2018 Olympiad Round 1. Maritzburg College entered 256 boys in round 1 of the Olympiad. 137 boys qualified for Round 2 and wrote the exam last week. We wish them all the best for Round 2.

In Round 2 the boys will be challenged by a number of problems and hence his problem solving skills will improve. Maritzburg College has set up an online training page on the Moodle to assist our boys with the Maths Olympiad.

Computer Olympiad 2018

Three Form 5 learners participated in the Computer Olympiad recently – the first time our boys have entered this Olympiad. The results achieved were very pleasing and the following boys are to be congratulated:

McKenzie CC – 75 %
Merrington BS – 85 %
Siwila M – 75 %

Focus on..Fuller House

In the newsletter we will focus on each of our 10 houses. Our House system provides mentorship, support and guidance to each boy throughout his time at Maritzburg College. This week we are focussing on Fuller House. Mr Fuller's famous quote is much loved and treasured by the College Boys - *"But there are certain things that do not change and must not change. The basic human values of truth, courage, kindness and manliness, for which this school has stood, will be just as important in the future as they have been in the past, and it is the duty of those of us who love this school to see that its noble traditions remain unchanged"*.



Fuller House is led by Bruce Henderson who has been at Maritzburg College since 2007. He joined the staff as a History and Geography teacher, and is also currently involved in cricket and rugby. Anthony Sparrow is the assistant housemaster, an EGD/Td teacher who also leads the Athletics programme. Fuller's mentor teachers include Chris Barnsley (English), Cheryl Townsend, Simon Stickells (Music), Tarryn Louch (English) and Danie Kleinhans (Maths). Fuller is fortunate to have experienced and caring mentor teachers who are committed to their boys, actively engaging and empathising with them, through their mentorship role. Fuller boys are active in both cultural and sporting spheres, participating the recent Guys and Dolls production, as well as in a range of sporting activities.



Chess success



Over the past three weeks, Maritzburg College hosted a number of schools in the Midlands Chess League, including Carter, Maritzburg Christian School, St Charles College, Hilton College, Grace College, Heritage High School, Pietermaritzburg Girls High School and Alexander High. Maritzburg College 5th former, Soven Gounder, was announce as the winner of the 2018 Midlands League and will, along with two other players from Maritzburg College, represent the Midlands in the winter games later this year.

Building our future leaders



Our Form 2 boys have spent the past week enjoying their time at the Spirit of Adventure leadership camp, taking part in a range of outdoor activities and fun!

The camp is an important part of our school's leadership focus and personal pupil development programme, and aims to begin challenging each boy with respect to personal and group effectiveness outside the classroom. College has a strategic partnership with the Spirit of Adventure camp at Shongweni Dam that allows us to track the progress and development of our boys over a three-year camp programme

Sporting Spotlight

Another busy sporting week culminated in the weekend fixtures against DHS in Durban on Saturday. Only a smattering of teams were involved on the day, after a host of filler sport fixtures took place on Friday afternoon. The 1st hockey won 3-0 and the 1st XV rugby lost 30-45 in a physical and high scoring game. Results across the board against DHS were pleasing with hockey winning 5 and drawing 1 of the 6 fixtures and rugby taking 9 wins and recording only 2 losses from the 11 games.

The Midlands Chess League wrapped up last week and we are pleased to report that S Gounder was announced as the overall winner of the League. This is certainly an impressive achievement. Cross country continued their good form and at the League Race at Grace College, College posted a good spread of results in both senior and junior sections, and College are now leading the championship log in the League.

The shooting team competed in the SARA KZN Open during the past week with some of our boys medalling in the competition as well. Stand-out shooters were J Vahey and C Norman who both medalled twice at the event. Our soccer 1st XI beat Alex 2-1 in midweek fixtures to reach the semi-final. The e-sports team was in action in the past week as well squash against Epworth, table tennis league and some of our cyclists were involved in the Lap Challenge Series.

Maritzburg College is recognised as one of the leading hockey schools in the country and for very good reasons with our 1st XI Red Army continuing to hold on to the SASchoolsSports number 1 ranking. Following the recent KZN Inlands Hockey selections, College boys make up an exceptional 43% of the teams, with 22 of the 47 A team place and 18 of the 47 B team places being held by College boys! In addition, a number of our staff have been appointed as Coaches and Assistant Coaches

U18A: S Ngcogo, R Stainbank, G Pio, C Hollaway, A Bradford, J Campbell, M Maphumulo, A Walstroom, A Greaves, S Ngcobo.
Assistant Coach: Mr D Coombes

U18B: T Francis, L Lenz, T Prinsloo

U16A: D van Niekerk, B Jackson, H Askew, M Veenstra, A Mthlale, D Bruyns, Q Lupton-Smith, Coach: Mr K Emerson, Manager: Mr L Shezi

U16B: R Akerman, C Stubbs, C Osborne, R Brokensha, S Jansen, J Jansen, T Connolly, N Ndlovu, A Zondi, Coach: Mr M Reed, Assistant Coach: Mr C Nevay

U14A: R Marais, A Styan, C van der Vliet, A Chiliza, C Fulton

U14B: A Carter, M Ponter, J Jansen van Vuuren, R Graham, O Currie, J Shaw



Full details of our Sporting Results and Fixtures are available on D6 and on the school website
www.maritzburgcollege.co.za/sport



Ryan Moon visits College

It was a pleasure to welcome OC Ryan Moon and his family back to his alma mater. Ryan attended College from 2010 – 2014; he played 1st team soccer for 3 years from 2012-2014 and was captain of the team in 2014, his Matric year. He still holds the 1st XI record of 28 goals scored in a single season (including 4 hat tricks) in 2013, as well as the PMB High Schools FA Cup record of 8 goals in the tournament, also set in 2013.

After matriculating, Ryan signed for local club Maritzburg United. He has since moved to Kaizer Chiefs and has also been capped twice by the South African national team, Bafana Bafana, scoring 2 goals for them thus far and is in the squad for the COSAFA Cup. At the school assembly, after sharing some inspirational words with the boys, Ryan presented the school with a Kaizer Chiefs shirt, and was in turn given an Old Boys blazer before joining in the College war cry, Jimeloyo Ji.



Royal occasion for OC's



How many other schools could boost having two of their past pupils at the Royal Wedding?

Old Collegians Roy (2010) and Harry (2008) Hensberg were invited guests at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle this past weekend.

The #BigBasher Campaign

There is no feeling quite like trying on that College basher and blazer for the very first time! The undeniable sense of pride and privilege in being accepted into a band of brothers – a select group of young men who get to pick up the flag and carry the school forward. The feeling that anything and everything is possible, is a feeling that only a College boy will understand, and every College boy wants to feel proud of his uniform and of himself.

During 2016, we launched the #BigBasher campaign to help bring this feeling to ALL of our boys. This was in direct response to a need that we identified, when we realised that there were a number of boys, new College recruits and current College boys, who struggled to afford a new blazer and basher, or who were unable to replace blazers they had outgrown during the year.

Over the past two years our #BigBasher initiative has raised almost R100 000 and been able to help a large group of boys afford those essential uniform items.

We are always in need of support to be able to match the enquiries and requests we receive and we would like to ask for your help. You can pledge to support a Full Basher, Half Basher or a custom amount of your own choosing. And you can do it all online!

The #BigBasher support is allocated in association with the College Shoppe who have shelves full of "good feelings" just waiting to be experienced!

Please take a few moments to make your commitment... Pledge now.

Thank You!



Choosing a Career..



COLLEGE CAREER FOCUS 2018

- Thursday 24 May
- 16:00-19:00
- Alan Paton Memorial hall
- Secure parking – Princess Margaret Drive

FREE ENTRY

Directing the unique potential of our boys...

Who should attend?
Compulsory for Forms 3 & 5
Parents welcome

DISCOVER opportunities **FOCUS** on your **FUTURE**

It's very clear that new career opportunities are evolving daily as people start to create their own jobs, and companies demand an ever changing array of skills and qualifications. Similarly, the wide range of choices of tertiary study now offered by the different institutions can seem overwhelming, and make choosing the best personal option confusing.

College's annual Career Focus Evening, which is compulsory for our Form 3 & 5 boys, is open to everyone and parents are very welcome to attend.

On Thursday 24 May between 16h00 and 19h00, a range of organisations will set up exhibits in our Alan Paton Hall, and have staff available to chat with boys and parents.

From Accounting, Aviation and Agriculture to Banking, Biotechnology, Conservation, Dentistry and Dance, from Engineering, Hospitality, IT and Law, to Marketing, Optometry, Psychology and Veterinary Science, there will be diverse and exciting range of careers to learn about.

Improving our Grounds

A group of College parents are working towards enhancing some of the garden areas around the school and the first project was Mnumzane Khaya – home of our Head Prefect, N Mchunu. The aim is to use indigenous low maintenance plantings to create visually attractive spaces around our campus. Over the next few weeks we will be asking parents to assist with donations of plants toward this project, so watch this space..



Upcoming Events

May

- 20-24 Form 2: Spirit of Adventure
- 22 Afrikaans Olympiad
- 23 Hockey vs Clifton
- Craven Week & U16 Grant Komo Final trials
- Admissions Meeting 2019
- 24 Career Focus Forms 3 & 5
- 25 English Conference
- 25-27 KZN Interscholls squash
- 26 FREE WEEKEND
- 30 Mid-year Exams start

June

- 02 Hockey & Rugby vs Michaelhouse (away)
- 08 & 09 Synergy concert fundraiser



Maritzburg College Club together with Rotary Club of Azalea and the 2019 Irish Rugby Tour host

Synergy 1+1=3

IAN & VIVIENNE VON MEMERTY

8th and 9th June 2018
Olivier Cultural Centre, Maritzburg College
19:00 | R150pp
Bring your own picnic and drinks

bookings@mcollege.co.za

Funds raised will go towards the Rotary's Winter Warmth and the 2019 Rugby Tour to Ireland.

Please support the Maritzburg College Club & Azalea Rotary joint fundraiser concert "Synergy"

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