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## From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

Exams have started and we are focused on supporting our boys in their preparation and revision. One key area for this has been through Elevate Education which has provided learning strategies. We all learn in different ways. Some of us can read through the notes once and remember most things, while others need to recite over and over again before they know it. The following study techniques described using the acronym ASPIRE may be useful.

### **A: Approach/attitude/arrange:**

- Approach your studies with a positive attitude
- Arrange your schedule to eliminate distractions

### **S: Select/survey/study:**

- Select a reasonable chunk of material to study
- Survey the headings, graphics, pre- and post-questions to get an overview
- Stud and mark any information you don't understand

### **P: Put aside/piece together:**

- Put aside your books and notes
- Piece together what you've studied, either alone, with a study pal or group, and summarise what you understand

### **I: Inspect/Investigate/inquire:**

- Inspect what you did not understand.
- Investigate alternative sources of information (text books, websites, experts, tutors, etc.)
- Inquire from support professionals (academic support, librarians, tutors, teachers, experts) for assistance

### **R: Reconsider/reflect/relay:**

- Reconsider the content: If I could speak to the author, what questions would I ask or what criticism would I offer?
- Reflect on the material: How can I apply this material to what I am interested in?
- Relay understanding: How would I make this information interesting and understandable to other students?

### **E: Evaluate/examine/explore:**

- Evaluate your results on tests and tasks, and look for a pattern
- Examine your process toward improving it
- Explore options with a teacher, tutor, peer etc.

We have encouraged our boys to make use of every opportunity and ASK if they are unsure. They need to set goals for the exams and work towards achieving these goals, striving to raise the bar and be the best that they can be.

Our sporting fixtures continue through the exam period and we have a large number of fixtures v Michaelhouse this Saturday. Boys must meet their commitments ie attend practices and matches throughout the exam period.

Practices will remain at the normal time i.e. 3.00pm. Exams are not an excuse to miss a practice, and exercise is ultimately good for the brain.



Boys who do not attend practices or matches will face additional detentions and possibly even study leave being removed. Study leave is of course a privilege, not a right.

We wish our 1st XI soccer team all the very best as they play Haythorne in the A league final on Friday at 3.30pm, and our College Choir every success in the ATKV choir competition tonight at GHS starting at 6pm.

*Chris Luman  
Headmaster*



# Academic Achievements



## Focus feature on...English Conference

The Maritzburg College English Department, in association with the English Academy of Southern Africa, hosted the 3rd Conference for Teachers of English last week. The event was a resounding success as teachers were treated to a range of engaging speakers in all spheres related to teaching English. Our keynote speakers included Mr Chris Luman (Headmaster of Maritzburg College); Mr Bulara Monyaki (National Co-ordinator for Languages in the Department of Basic Education) and Professor Chris Thurman (Head of English and Associate Professor – Wits University). Mr Luman offered teachers a fresh perspective on leadership and mentoring, and Mr Monyaki presented an optimistic view of the impact of the language teacher in his presentation aptly titled, "Like a pebble". Prof Thurman, who is also a council member of the English Academy and the President of the Shakespeare Society of South Africa offered the teachers an enlightening view of the teaching of Shakespeare in the classroom. Teachers felt motivated to reflect on their teaching of the playwright's works, which has been a prescribed text in the curriculum for decades. He addressed issues of Shakespeare and the decolonisation debate succinctly and openly, by presenting a balanced argument to consider divergent views.

We were also treated to outstanding talks on 'Hamlet' presented by Maritzburg College teacher, Mr Chris Barnsley, and Dr Betty Govinden from the English Academy. Author and academic, Fiona Khan; IT Director at Maritzburg College, Mr James Maistry, and Brenda Harris from Digibooks, focussed on the ways in which technology may be used in teaching English. Mr Noelin Naidoo (HOD at Alexandra High School), Belinda Kidd and Bernice Borain (both from St Johns) presented papers on encouraging learners to think creatively in writing. Mr Alen Zimunya (Carter High) looked at plausible readings related to the Grade 10 prescribed text, "Mother to Mother". Jeanette Finnie (Deputy Principal at Maritzburg College) and Claudia Vosters (Thomas More) shared their insights on learner engagement and offered useful approaches on Grit and Brain Theory, respectively.

Amidst the dialogue and engagement, colleagues enjoyed wonderful food, goodie bags, lucky draw prizes and the warm hospitality of our campus. The conference left many of the delegates with innovative ideas, academic discourse, practical approaches to teaching the language, and the need to reflect on teaching pedagogy from different perspectives. Maritzburg College is proud of their commitment to participate in the professional development of English teachers and we are equally proud of our relationship with the English Academy of Southern Africa. We feel heartened by the overwhelmingly positive feedback received and look forward to continuing with this Conference in years to come.



## JSE Investment Challenge 2018

The JSE Schools Challenge is a game where students from grade 8-12 can learn about the stock exchange, the economy and have a 'real world' experience of share trading. The aim of the challenge is to educate, encourage and allow the youth of South Africa to understand the JSE and its role in wealth generation. Each team of four members is given R1 000 000,00 in virtual money to invest on the stock exchange and they compete with more than 800 teams all over South Africa to produce the highest growth. Maritzburg College teams consistently finished in the top five over the years, and in 2017, one of teams RELAX AND TRADE won the Speculator Portfolio in the JSE Schools Challenge, with a total prize of R21 500. The JSE also give a monthly prize for the winner in each category.

This year for the month of April, three College teams finished in the Top 10 in the equity category attaining positions 4<sup>th</sup> (Team Black Market), 7<sup>th</sup> (Team Wolves of Wall Street) and 10<sup>th</sup> (Team Rhinos of Wall Street)





## Focus on.. Pape 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 Pape House. It is a small group of people who make this house work

like a large family; these include Housemaster Ben Bosch and Assistant Housemaster Mike Reed as well as our mentors, Sheldon Bosch (P1), Ndumiso Makhathini (P2), Sanet Kritzinger (P3), Dan Haswell (P4) and Mo Maharaj (P5). Pape also has a great team of house leaders namely E Symington, T Spalding, T Govender, P Maphumulo, T Morony and our house captain B Noble.



Ben Bosch

Pape's outreach programme arose from having seen a TV programme produced by Karlien and Bobby van Jaarsveld, on cancer victims being assisted by doctors at Groote Schuur hospital in Cape Town, who offering their services for free. We decided to fundraise for this initiative, called Project Flamingo, with the intention of eventually involving all the 10 houses at College.



Project Flamingo aims to support those dealing with the heart-breaking, stretched out and often chaotic journey of breast cancer. This is founded on a simple yet profoundly effective idea of "Catch-up Surgeries" and "Pamper packs" Funds are raised to facilitate timely surgery for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. Pamper Packs are provided for all newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at the Groote Schuur and Tygerberg Hospitals' Combined Breast Clinics, and contain all sorts of treats to make patients feel cared for. ([www.projectflamingo.co.za](http://www.projectflamingo.co.za))

## Social Awareness @ Media Centre



The Media Centre has a display which aims to create social awareness of Muslim traditions, specifically highlighting the fast of Ramadaan which has begun. During the month, Muslims are called to renew their spiritual commitment through daily fasting, prayer, and acts of charity. It is a time to purify the soul, refocus attention on Allah, and practice self-discipline.

The Media Centre wishes all our Muslim learners and staff Ramadaan Mubarak.

## College heat pumps working well

Thanks to the support of our parents, College was able to invest in heat pumps for our swimming pool. Installed and operating, we have been monitoring how these are working.

For the last two weeks, ambient temperatures at the school around midnight have been in the region of 8 to 10 degrees. At 2:45 pm on 23 May, the ambient temperature was 14 degrees and the water in our pool was 26 degrees; with our swimmers claiming that the water was very pleasant to swim in.

This will be the first time in 15 years that the aquatics group have been able to swim at this time of the year, and our water polo training will start this week for water polo season ahead.

The school acknowledges with gratitude the support from our parent community in raising funds towards this initiative.

# Sporting Spotlight

## Midweek fixtures, KZN selections & more...

The highlight of the past week was College's 1st XI Soccer team advancing to the final of the PMB high school's Football Association Cup. College beat Alex in a tense match which saw both teams level at full time. College won the penalty shoot-out 4-2, and will play Haythorne on Friday 1st June in the final. We wish our team the best of luck in bringing home the cup!

The free weekend meant that most rugby and hockey teams were not in action this past week. There was a smattering of mid-week games with the most significant being the 1st XI Hockey against Clifton, which resulted in a 1-1 draw. College won 7 of the 8 games played.

On the rugby front, three of our teams played and convincingly won games against Carter during the week. A number of boys took part in the first round of Craven Week and Grant Komo trials held at College. Following these trials, 24 College boys were selected to go through to the final trials, and we extend congratulations to the 16 boys who have been selected for KZN teams.

Table-tennis enjoyed a clear run in the Midlands League by winning all 12 of their games. The DOTA E-Sports team beat Northwood and our squash team prevailed against Voortrekker in the latest League fixtures. A number of College boys have also been selected for KZN squash teams.

Some of our cyclists took part in the Sappi Karkloof Race and some good placings were achieved there too.

The penultimate race of the Midlands cross country League was held at Linpark and the College team continued their good form with a number of top placings. College is leading the league and we are looking forward to the last race on the 30th May where we are hoping to scoop some of the main prizes after a very successful League. The next main fixtures are away to Michaelhouse in Balgowan.

Photo: M Marshall



**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)

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### Reunion is just around the corner...

The Maritzburg College Reunion Weekend is prepped, set and ready to rock! With a plethora of gentlemanly activities scheduled that are guaranteed to rekindle many happy school boy memories, the weekend of August 4th looks to be an absolute treat for all our Old Boys. Golf Day? Tick. Bowls? Tick. Friday Reunion Dinner? Double tick. Saturday Reunion Day school tour, lunch and rugby versus King Edward VII school (KES)? Triple tick. All boxes are a go! Get festive, get involved.

Go to <https://mcoba.alumnet.co.za/#/Event/Reunion-2018> to book and secure your place!



College old boy Nicholas Schonert (2009) represented England in the rugby test against the Barbarians this last weekend. His proud parents, Peter and Sue Schonert flew out to the UK to watch Nicholas.

Another of our old boys, Matt Gardiner (2014) rocked Maritzburgers at the Royal Show on Saturday.



### Class of '98 Legacy Appeal

Celebrating their 20-year reunion this year, the members of the Maritzburg College Class of 1998 are already feverishly excited about their pending return to the halls and hallowed grounds of their Alma Mater for the annual Reunion Weekend in August.

As part of their "return" they have recently launched the Class of 98 Legacy Appeal in association with the College Foundation, aimed at providing the financial support and resources to enable a deserving young learner the opportunity and privilege of attending Maritzburg College.

With the assistance of the school, the Class of 98 have recently completed the application and selection process to identify the recipient of their Legacy Bursary.

The successful young aspiring College boy is Sandiso Dlamini, a grade 7 learner at Merchiston Preparatory School in Pietermaritzburg.



Sandiso and his mother were recently invited to College to meet with a Class of 98 representative who had the pleasure of informing them that Sandiso's application to Maritzburg College for 2019 had been successful and that he was being offered the Class of 98 Legacy Bursary.

Both Sandiso and his mom were overcome with emotion and gratitude at this announcement and are looking forward to joining the College family next year!

For the Class of 98, this is an opportunity to "pay it forward" for the school and community that meant so much to them and had such an impact on all of their lives.

The Class of 98 have set up a campaign crowdfunding page on GivenGain and invite all classmates, Old Boys and members of the College community to join and be a part of Sandiso's College journey! To donate or to read more on this Class of 98 initiative and its regular updates please go to [www.givengain.co.za/cc/legacy](http://www.givengain.co.za/cc/legacy)



# Campus Roundup

## World Choir Games fast approaching

College will be competing for the first time in the World Choir Games which will be held at the State Theatre in Tshwane from 4-14 July. This is the first time the Games will be hosted in Africa, and the boys of Maritzburg College have been hard at work, preparing for this event, under the experienced guidance and teaching of our Director of Music, Simon Stickells. The College choir will compete in the Open category for Scenic Pop/Show choirs and will be judged on both their musical ability and scenic performance or choreography. The programme must include pop, rock and light entertainment music from the 20<sup>th</sup> century. As part of the warm-up, the choir performed in school assembly last week and this week they will be attending the ATKV-Apploous Choir Competition at GHS.



### Upcoming Events

May  
30 Mid-year Exams start

June  
02 Hockey & Rugby vs Michaelhouse (away)  
04 MC Board meeting  
06 Cross County Relay & Prize-giving  
07 MCOBA Executive meeting  
08 Hockey campaign launch  
08 & 09 Synergy concert fundraiser  
09 Hockey & Rugby vs Westville (away)

## Team Rhino at the RAS



College is partnering with Pmb GHS in exhibiting our Team Rhino 4 x 4 models at this year's Royal Agricultural Show. The display is being hosted in the Midlands 4x4 building near the Art & Craft hall, and we are very grateful for the support received from the Midlands 4x4 association. This is ahead of the boys taking part in the Landrover 4x4 World championship later in the year at a venue still to be announced. Please support

our boys and visit the Midlands 4x4 stand at the show.

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](mailto: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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