

# #RED BLACK WHITE

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## From the Editor's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

With the onset of exams and some very cold mornings, the halls of our campus have grown a little quieter. Small groups of anxious looking boys are often found standing outside the exam venues hurriedly reading notes or checking last minute facts with their peers – and there is a sense of winding down from what has been a very busy term. This is now the 13<sup>th</sup> issue of our #RedBlackWhite newsletter, which has provided us with a very useful forum to share school news with you – and with so much happening every week on campus, it's a challenge to get all our news out.

You will see we have introduced regular subject as well as day house features along with other academic, sport and cultural information. With 1350 boys, it's not always possible to feature individual performances, and we try to share group or school level achievements. Please let us have your thoughts on what you would like to see in our newsletter – email [marketing@mcollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@mcollege.co.za)

In terms of communication platforms, we will be making some changes to the website over the holidays – and this remains our key “Go to” place for information for both current and prospective parents. D6 provides us with a platform to communicate directly with our parents, so please ensure you are connected. For those who follow us on facebook you will have noticed we have started facebook groups off our page, and are using these to communicate specific sports results and news. We will grow the groups over time to cover more sports as well as cultural activities. This is in response to the algorithm changes imposed by facebook which, as many of you know, are reducing facebook page visibility. Please join the groups and conversation of those areas you are interested in! For those who prefer to “tweet” you can follow College news from the school twitter feed @maritzcollege and our sports feed @MCollege\_sport. Our boys are also active in contributing images to our Instagram account.

This week has seen some significant academic, sporting and cultural achievements in the school. Art work from our matric art pupils and teaching staff forms part of an exhibition at the Tatham Art Gallery, and reflects the exceptionally high standard and level of talent in the school. The exhibition runs from 6 June – 19 August and is well worth a visit. It was a great weekend of hockey and rugby results for the school against our rivals from the midlands, Michaelhouse, with College dominating across all age groups. Our cross country senior and junior teams won both divisions of the league – an exceptional result! Well done to all our athletes, players and coaches. Our choir is hard at work preparing for the upcoming World Choir Games and this was reflected when they won a silver medal at the recent ATKV-Applous Choir Competition at GHS. We wish them everything of the best for the Games next month. It's not too late to book your ticket at the exciting Synergy Show on Friday 8 June starring Ian van Memerty and his talented wife, Vivienne in a dance and song extravaganza - Contact [bookings@mcollege.co.za](mailto:bookings@mcollege.co.za).

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# Academic Achievements

## Focus feature on...History

History is a study of the interpretation of the past. Analysis of past events, people and norms provides an understanding of the world in which we live today, which has evolved as a consequence. As a subject, History aims to imbue boys with a sound knowledge of core historical concepts, the skill and desire to enquire and question, and the ability to create their own interpretation of historical theories and events.

There is a huge debate on at the moment regarding the suggestion that History should be a compulsory subject (replacing LO) in future. Currently, historians choose history in grades 10-12 as they love and enjoy the subject. Subject head for History at College is Chris Dutton, and he is asking the College community to share their views on History at Maritzburg College being a compulsory subject. Please send your comments to [duttonc@mcollege.co.za](mailto:duttonc@mcollege.co.za)

Our history pupils will be going on a tour of the KZN battlefields later in the year (25 – 27 September 2018). The tour has been introduced by the College history department to give boys the chance to visit and explore some of KwaZulu-Natal's most

compelling battlefields –

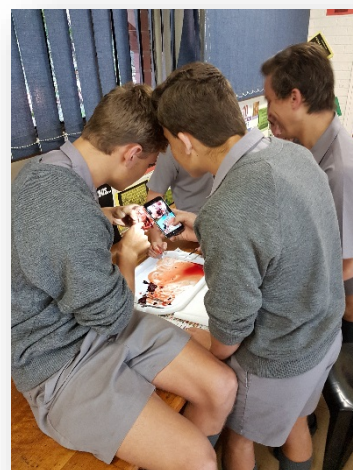
including famous Isandlwana, Rorke's Drift, Spioenkop and Talana. The tour will take place in the final week of the third term – a traditionally quiet week for many boys – and is open to any boy in Forms 2 and 5 at the school. We are considering taking adults along, as this has worked successfully in the past. The provisional cost of the 3-day tour is R1 300 per learner, inclusive of accommodation, meals and luxury transport. Comprehensive details will be provided later, but if you are interested in attending the tour, or having your son attend, please contact Mr Marwick on [marwickm@mcollege.co.za](mailto:marwickm@mcollege.co.za), so that we can begin to gauge interest.



## isiZulu empowering learners

Our isiZulu Department is working hard towards developing and empowering its learners. Processes of learning and teaching are very much learner centred, and learners are encouraged to be fully involved in lesson processes. Above are our 3rd form class working hard in preparations for the June exams.

## Living Life Sciences



Form 4 pupils dissecting the heart

## Recognition from our partnership with Stellenbosch

Stellenbosch University has recognised College for the quality of students we deliver. This year saw 12 college old boys graduate with undergraduate degrees and 6 with postgraduate qualifications across a range of areas of study in the sciences, commerce and humanities. This look set to continue with a further 12 OCs registering as students at Stellenbosch this year.



Matrics testing reaction time using an app on their smartphones as part of a practical exercise, looking at the nervous system



## Focus on..

### Commons 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



Commons House which is led by Housemaster Darryl Trodd and Assistant Housemaster, Mr Linda Shezi. Commons house mentors include Mrs Kamany Thaver, Mrs Melanie Greyling, Dr Rosanne Salmond, Mrs Liesel dos Santos, and Mr Siphesihle Mabaso. Mentoring remains the most important aspect of the House and our boys are well looked after by their respective mentor teachers, and

are able take full advantage of engaging on all matters that pertain to their academics and pastoral care. Our main objective is to ensure the well-being of our boys at all times.

The House Leaders and Prefects for Commons House are tasked with upholding the core values of the college man and instilling them to other boys. As a house we are proud of them and know that they lead by example by being good role models.

House Captain: R Stainbank

House Leaders: M Reeves, D Lowe, T Anderson, I Ayooob,  
K Mthembu

Prefects: NS Mbatha, LB Verve, SS Zuma, KA Zvandaziva.

### Commons House lending a helping hand

Commons House has undertaken to facilitate an outreach project towards the Eden Kids Trust. We have pledged several donations to support the Trust so that they can provide snacks during their afternoon prep sessions. Future fundraising and outreach endeavours for The Eden Kids Trust will ensure we, as a house, can contribute towards strengthening the community and helping those in need.

### College Choir wins silver medal

Our College choir is hard at work preparing to compete in the upcoming World Choir Games next month. They will be judged in the Open category for Scenic Pop/Show choirs on both their musical ability and scenic performance or choreography. Last week they took part in the ATKV-Appalous Choir Competition held at GHS, scoring an excellent 75% and a silver medal in the non-Afrikaans speaking category. Our best wishes to Mr Simon Stickells and the boys for the Games.

## Matric Art Exhibition @ Tatham Art Gallery

Twelve works by our 2017 matrics have been selected for the Matric Art exhibition at the Tatham Art Gallery, and showcase some really truly exceptional talent from our boys. The exhibition, which opened on Wednesday 6 June runs until Sunday 19 August and is well worth a visit.

There is also a Teachers' Exhibition (Spotlight on Matric Art Teachers), which is running in the Schreiner Gallery, concurrently with the Matric Art Exhibition in the Main Gallery, where works by Brent Dodd, Gemma Quin and Saskia Osborne are on display.



# Sporting Spotlight

## Cross Country Champs & more...

This week's sporting highlights includes our cross country team's achievements in winning both the senior and junior divisions of the league as well as our hockey and rugby results against long-time friends and rivals Michaelhouse, played at Michaelhouse.

Last week Wednesday afternoon saw College boys compete in the 7<sup>th</sup> and final Midlands league cross country race held at The Wykeham Collegiate. The senior course proved very challenging, and the 29 College boys who started had a hard run. College brought home 4 of the top 10 places and 10 of the top 20 places. Our junior boys continue to dominate with Owen Higgins and Scott Harvey maintaining their positions of 1 and 2 throughout the whole season. Eight boys finished with top 20 positions and five in the top 10. At the prize-giving this week, College was awarded top spot in both senior and junior divisions.

College dominated on the rugby field this weekend, up at Michaelhouse. winning all 16 of the games played. The U16A (29-27) and 1st XV (27-23) games were particularly tough and our boys fought hard to gain well-earned victories. A summary of the results shows College, in the overall results which included games against other local teams, winning 22 of the 24 games played.

The hockey teams enjoyed a great day away as well, winning 12 of their 14 games against Michaelhouse with the 1st XI recording an excellent 7-5 win.

Sadly, after advancing through to the soccer final of the Pmb cup, our 1st team lost to Haythorne 6-7 on penalties.

There were good results for the shooting team with College boys placing in the U20 sporter, U16 sporter and U14 sporter categories.

A number of College boys have recently been selected for KZN squash teams; U/19A – E Meyer (ranked no. 1), U/16A – M Darch (ranked no. 1), U/16B – S Strydom (no. 1), C White (no. 2), K Govender (no. 3), U/14A – A Ndwandwe (no. 2), A Premchund (no. 3), U/14B – N Moodley (no. 4), S Maharaj (no. 5).

This weekend we look forward to a full set of away fixtures against Westville.

Our very best wishes to any College Old Boys and parents who will be doing the tough 90km+ from Pmb to Durban in the 2018 Comrades marathon.



Photo: L Ackerman



Photo: M Ashworth



Photo: A Ntuli

**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)



### **Veterans' Unity in Friendship Tour**



OCs Allen Stiebel (1980) and Mike Bond (1978) have recently returned from a Veterans' Unity in Friendship Tour of the battlefields of southern Angola, as organised by the old comrades of "61 Mech" of the old SADF. In the photo above, they pose with a College flag at the site of the decisive Battle of Cuito Cuanavale, a seven-month long battle from August 1987 until early 1988 that included Operations Moduler, Hooper and Packer.

View the Carte Blanch story on this memorable event.  
<https://carteblanche.dstv.com/making-peace-in-angola/>

### **Best wishes to all Old Collegians running Comrades 2018**

With the 2018 Comrades marathon taking place on Sunday, it is perhaps apt to remind ourselves of one of College's Old Boys achieved a significant result when he ran the Comrades – Cecil "Bill" Payn – 1910.

Bill came 8th in the 1922 Comrades Marathon. A Springbok rugby player, he ran one of the most famous races in the history of the Comrades. Payn hosted Newton the evening before the race, and after a number of stiff drinks, was persuaded to enter. He arrived on time for the start, wearing his rugby boots. At Hillcrest he stopped for the first time to have a breakfast of bacon and eggs. Not much further a fellow runner, "Zulu" Wade, invited Payn to join him for a chicken curry. This they consumed and then continued on to Drummond, where they celebrated reaching the halfway mark by drinking a beer at the hotel. Wade didn't continue, but Payn did. A lady spectator en route helped him keep his energy levels up by providing him with oranges, peach-brandy, water and tea. He finished eighth overall and on the next day, he took part in a club rugby match, but because his feet were blistered from the long run in rugby boots, he elected to play the match in his running shoes!

We wish all our Old Boys running in this epic race, a wonderful experience!

### **College Connect: Our Employment Portal**

One of the primary aims of our CollegeConnect initiative is to work towards a goal of seeing every College Old Boy employed!

At the beginning of the year our CollegeConnect website ([www.collegeconnect.co.za](http://www.collegeconnect.co.za)) went live and within this platform we have developed the "Careers" programme - an employment portal that lists all job opportunities available to College Old Boys.

Currently prospective employers are able to register and submit their own opportunities and to manage these offerings independently on the backend.

We hope to soon add the functionality enabling College Old Boys to register their own "job seeker" profiles, upload relevant documentation such as CV's, testimonials, references etc and to update and manage these profiles themselves. Registered employers will be able to search through these candidate profiles using different criteria resulting in successfully matching College Old Boys to the positions offered.

To date we have posted a number of job opportunities and have successfully filled the majority of these postings with top quality College Old Boys.

We would like to invite all prospective employers to consider listing their next job opportunity with CollegeConnect and exposing it to our network of College Old Boys seeking employment.

For more information on the CollegeConnect Careers programme please visit our website or contact us via email at [careers@collegeconnect.co.za](mailto:careers@collegeconnect.co.za)

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

Planning for our Reunion Weekend is progressing well, and our Old Boys are encouraged to please go to <https://mcoba.alumnet.co.za/#/Event/Reunion-2018> to book and secure their place!



## Congratulations to our Top Achievers

Best wishes to Mondli Khumalo who has been selected for the South African U19 Team to tour England leaving on 29th June 2018 to play a 4-day Test and 3 one-day International against England.

Gareth Westerdale recently took part in the KZN Biathle event, 800m run, 100m swim and 800m run, and came first in his age group u13. He also participated in the Triathle: Shooting, swim 25m, run 400m repeated four times and again took 1st place. Gareth has made the KZN Modern Pentathlon Team to participate in the SA Champs for Biathle and Triathle in Port Elizabeth from the 23-25 June.



## Our new Boarding house - Shepstone



## Support College through Litres for Education

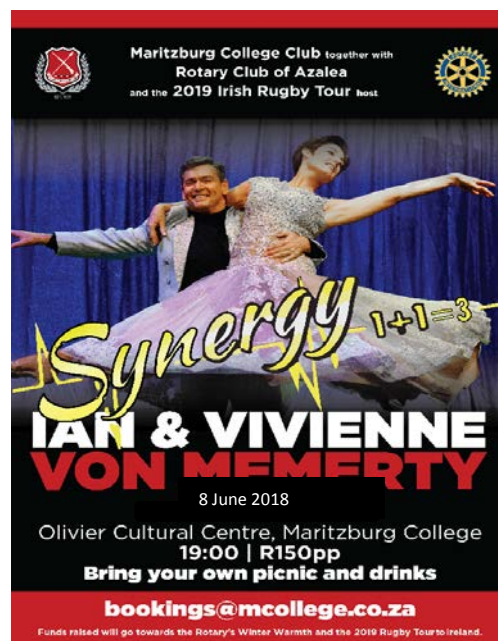
Litres for Education is an educational trust formed to enable people to reward a selected school through their monthly fuel spend. By registering with an approved Litres for Education (LFE) service station and linking your membership to Maritzburg College, a portion of your monthly fuel spend is given back to the school. A list of approved LFE suppliers is on our D6 communicator under Resources.

**College's LFE number is 393 – which you need to quote when you fill up**

More info at [www.litresforeducation.co.za](http://www.litresforeducation.co.za)

## Upcoming Events

- June
- 07 MCOBA Executive meeting
  - 08 Synergy concert fundraiser
  - 08 Social Awareness evening at St John
  - 09 Hockey & Rugby vs Westville (away)
  - 10 Comrades Marathon
  - 11 Rugby: Craven Week & Grant Khomo Training & Capping
  - 12 Nathan House Dinner
  - 13 Hudson House Dinner
  - Rugby: Craven Week & Grant Khomo teams vs Pumas [Piet Retief]
  - 14 Clark House Dinner
  - 16 Hockey & Rugby vs Glenwood (away)
  - YOUTH DAY
  - 17 FATHER'S DAY



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