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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

The Importance of Fathers & Father's Day

As a father, I am truly blessed to have three sons and a daughter as well as four grandchildren (two boys and two girls). Unfortunately, two of my sons and two of my grandchildren live in Australasia, which makes it hard to spend time with them, so one has to use the technology available to us today to keep in touch. I am fortunate that my daughter lives in Pretoria with her husband, son and daughter and I can see them more regularly. Sunday is Father's Day and it will be an occasion to touch base with all the children and grandchildren around the globe by phone and Whatsapp. Even though my family is spread far and wide, I am blessed to have them as part of my life and for that I am very grateful.

I thought it important to focus on what research tells us on the importance of fathers in their children's lives, particularly as we are involved in educating boys. We are very aware of the significant role that men play as role models in the lives of our boys at Maritzburg College.

According to a report in "Fathers and Their Impact on Children's Well-Being":

"Even from birth, children who have an involved father are more likely to be emotionally secure, be confident to explore their surroundings, and, as they grow older, have better social connections."

The way fathers play with their children also has an important impact on a child's emotional and social development. Fathers spend a higher percentage of their one-to-one interactions with infants and pre-schoolers in stimulating, playful activity than do mothers. From these interactions, children learn how to regulate their feelings and behaviour.

Children with involved, caring fathers have better educational outcomes. The influence of a father's involvement extends into adolescence and young adulthood. Numerous studies find that an active and nurturing style of fathering is associated with better verbal skills, intellectual functioning, and academic achievement among adolescents."

What is the reality these days? There is no question that fathers play an important part in their children's lives. The majority of studies affirm that an involved father plays a crucial role in the cognitive, behavioural and general health and well-being areas of a child's life. Having a positive male role model helps an adolescent boy develop positive gender-role characteristics, and adolescent girls are more likely to form positive opinions of men and are better able to relate to them when fathered by an involved father. A father's presence and involvement can be as crucial to a child's healthy development as is the mother's; and experiencing validation of their importance in parenting literature, has made fathers much more conscious of their value and, in turn, a greater desire to be involved.

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Academic Achievements

Focus feature on...Technology



Technology is a subject with a very deceptive name. It does not involve anything to do with computers but introduces boys to the engineering technologies of our day with a strong focus on the design process that all products have to go through.

At College, in Technology, boys are taught elements of structures, electrical, mechanical systems and processing. These elements are then used in the design process to design and produce prototypes of products.

The design process teaches them to read and analyse a scenario in order to come up with a design brief for a set of specifications and constraints according to the customer or end user's needs. A process of design through graphic communication is undertaken, and the designs are vetted against set criteria before a final design decided on. From here the boys move onto prototyping where they use their drawings to build a model. The model is again critiqued to see if improvements could or should be made and the process continues.

In Technology, boys are taught the basic skills so that they are able to graphically communicate their designs. When linked to Engineering Graphics and Design in later Grades, this gives them a great platform for the study of any design or technical vocation after school.

...and Graphics & Design (GRDS)

Engineering Graphics and Design as a school subject has the following elements:

- Teaches special perception
- Pictorial views including perspective and isometric drawing
- Solid Geometry
- Loci, Cams and Helix
- Machine drawings and Assemblies
- Civil design including house plans and elevations

Possible job opportunities are in Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Graphic Design as well as a number of trade directions, be they civil, mechanical or electrical. A combination of GRDS and Technology would stand our boys in good stead for a great future in our technical world.



From the Headmaster's Desk cont....

However, there is still a wide gap between research results and true acceptance of the value of fathers, with many fathers expressing that they continue to feel they are second-class citizens in the world of their children. Books, magazines and morning television shows are filled with information about and for mothers and mothering. How many comparable ones have you seen about fathers? It's only recently that domestic courts, recognizing the research on parenting and fathers, have moved to greater equal child custody decrees. Fathers who want to become more actively involved in their children's lives often hit barriers from employers, the media and even their wives who may feel threatened by a child calling for "daddy" instead of "mommy". "

At College we need to support families with issues relating to the absent father, the alienated father and the divorced father.

There is no doubt as far as our boys are concerned that the role of their father is significant.

I wish to thank all fathers for making a difference in their son's lives on a daily basis, and those who are not fathers, but significant male role models such as male teachers, step fathers and guardians.

Research indicates that boys want you to be the hero in their lives even if you aren't, to have a sense of humour – and to laugh more often.

Your sons/boys appreciate what you do for them even if they don't always show it.

For the sons out there – if you haven't thanked your dad for what he does for you, please do.

Enjoy some time together over the June holiday break.

Chris Luman
Headmaster

Focus on..LamondHouse



In the newsletters, we are featuring 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 **Lamond** House, which is named after the legendary Mr Sholto Erroll Lamond, a member of staff from 1911 – 1950 and Vice-Principal from 1924-1950. He is also an Old Collegian and was Dux of College in

1908 and 1909. Mr Lamond knew generations of schoolboys by name and often amazed his colleagues by his ability to give a detailed account of a boy's history at College.

Lamond's motto is "By serving we live". This year the Lamond House boys served their community by collecting clothes for the Salvation Army Children's home.

Housemaster for Lamond House is one of College's most well-loved staff members, Miss Ailsa Greyling, and there are very few boys who leave this school who's lives haven't been enriched in some way by Miss Greyling – whether as a member of Lamond House, a pupil in her Afrikaans class, or as our First Aid "Mom". Assistant Housemaster is Mr Chris Dutton, and the house mentors include Miss Mhlongo, Mrs Moula, Mr Tyler, Mr Ngema and Mr Warr, who's care ensures that the Mentor programme runs successfully. The house is especially proud of Ntuthuko Mchunu who is Head Prefect for 2018. Five Lamond House boys are serving as prefects this year.



Lamond boys approach all they do with spirit and so far are placed 2nd in the inter house competition.



Our 2nd Formers have settled in well and have contributed hugely to all House competitions this year – all of which bodes well for the future of Lamond's.

Boarders of the Month

The "Boarders of the Month" for June are the two Shaw brothers, Jake and Callum.

Members of a famed equestrian family, both boys have brought further glory to their family's illustrious name through their selection for two SA polocrosse teams – Jake (below, in SA colours) for the SA U14 team and Callum (right) for the SA U19 team. Well done, boys!

For these achievements, the Shaw brothers are worthy winners of a "free optional" - well done!



Sporting Spotlight

Cross Country & Westville fixtures...

Highlights for the school this week were our cross country performances as well as some tough hockey and rugby fixtures against our coastal rivals Westville, played at Westville.

College has won both senior and junior divisions of the Midlands Cross Country league. Securing 10 of the top 20 places, and 4 of the top 10, our Senior A team won the league narrowly by four points and our Senior B team came third.

Our junior boys won their division convincingly with a 70-point lead. Owen Higgins and Scott Harvey deserve special mention as they dominated the first and second position throughout the league. Overall in the junior division, College took 5 of the top 10 places including 1st & 2nd, and 8 of the top 20 spots.

College fielded 20 rugby teams against respected rivals Westville Boys High School this weekend, one of very few schools who can match us in teams. Overall results show the schools to be evenly matched and the games were fiercely fought. College brought home the lion's share of the wins with an overall summary of played 20, won 13, lost 7. Bowden's played host to a thrilling but ultimately frustrating 1st XV fixture for Maritzburg College and it was an entertaining encounter during which Westville took the lead early on and did not relinquish this for the rest of the match. Maritzburg College battled gamely throughout the match to overcome a Westville side that were very much up for the encounter in front of a very hostile home crowd on their Founders' weekend. The final score was 27-35

Our hockey teams were also well matched against Westville and of the 15 games played, College also dominated with 9 games won, 4 lost and 2 drawn. The 1st XI hockey match was expected to be a heated affair with some good skill on show. The College outfit started the match with a high energy and created no fewer than five golden opportunities to open a substantial early lead. Not having taking one of those chances in the early exchanges would come back to bite them later. College did not play their usual best and it was a disappointing end result of 1-2 to Westville.

We look forward to another full set of fixtures away to Glenwood on Saturday.



U15D Photo: A van der Werff



Senior X-country team



Junior X-country team



1st XI Photo: S Manyathi

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



Have you booked your place at Reunion 2018?

With only 7 weeks to go until the Maritzburg College Reunion Weekend, we hope all our Old Boys have reserved their places. The programme includes something for everyone and provides many opportunities to catch up with classmates and rekindle school boy memories. Join us for a round of golf, to play bowls, and enjoy the Reunion Dinner. You are invite to be part of our school assembly and the College shout, as well as tour our beautiful campus, before joining us on Pape’s and Goldstone’s for our hockey and rugby fixtures against King Edward VII school (KES). Visit <https://mcoba.alumnet.co.za/#/Event/Reunion-2018> to book and secure your place!

Congratulations to Collegian Comrades 2018

Congratulations to all our Old Collegians who took part in the 2018 Comrades. The smiles on the faces of these chaps says it all - What a race!



Adrian Macquet (1997) from New Zealand, Trev ter Wolbeek (1997), Justin Jeffery (1998) and Craig Strachan (1997) after the race

Your support during 2017/18

One of the founding principles of the College Foundation is that it should offer every member of the College community – Old Boys, staff, parents and supporters – the opportunity to get involved and help shape and support future generations of College boys.

To action this we have created different categories of donors and have initiated appeals, campaigns and programmes that offers each of us the opportunity to show our commitment to College and be real “change-makers”. It really is an organisation “by College; for College”!

Together, our donors, supporters and volunteers have helped make a significant impact in the lives of so many College boys who have been touched by this generosity, and we have been humbled by this love and support.

An overview of the wonderful work made possible during the last year has been published on our website and our list of donors updated as well.

Please take a moment to recognize the commitment of our donors and the good work they have made possible.

We would love to hear your thoughts on how you would like to be involved.

http://collegefoundation.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Infographic2017_2018.pdf



Congratulating College Comrades Colleagues



Congratulations to our two College staff stalwarts who raced the long trek from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. For Brandon van der Walt it was his 1st Comrades and for Darryl Trodd his 8th. Their finishing time of 8h47 was exceptional – we are so proud of these two men!

Support your School

MAKRO card

There are a number of ways that parents can support Maritzburg College through their day to day financial transactions. Last week we featured the Litres for Education initiative. This week we would like to remind all College parents to link their MAKRO card to Maritzburg College. The MAKRO programme rewards schools by giving them a percentage of the profits made on purchases by parents who have linked their MAKRO access cards to the school on the MAKRO system. Application forms for this are on our D6 under Resources. If you don't have a MAKRO card, you can use the application form to have one created for you!

MySchool card

How does MySchool work? More than 1.2 million South Africans carry MySchool cards, which can be linked to 3 schools and/or charities as their beneficiaries. When they purchase items from participating retailers they swipe the card with the purchase. A percentage of their transaction is then allocated to their beneficiary. The partner stores pay the contribution on behalf of the cardholder. All these transactions are recorded and a statement is sent to individual supporters on a monthly basis. The supporter card is not a credit or debit card but simply tracks transactions and funds raised. Please link your MySchool card to Maritzburg College!

Upcoming Events

June

- 15 Staff Professional Development Day
- 16 Hockey & Rugby vs Glenwood (away)
- YOUTH DAY
- 17 FATHERS DAY
- 18 Rugby: Craven Week & Grant Khomo Training & Capping
- 19 Shepstone House Dinner
- 20 Interhouse Cross Country
- 21 End of Term Dedication Assembly
- Elliott House Dinner
- 22 Interhouse Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Table Tennis & Chess
- Term 2 ends

July

- 17 Term 3 begins



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