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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have reached the end of what has been an extremely busy term culminating in the June examinations. Our boys continue to excel in so many areas and we are indeed collectively proud of their numerous achievements. I wish to thank you for your continued support in assisting us to help them achieve their goals in every sphere of College life and be the best that they can be.

With the examinations behind us, we share in the success of those boys who have excelled. We encourage each boy to reflect on his results and put plans in place to improve them if this is necessary in the second half of the year. Academic success is a combination of sound teaching as well as thorough preparation and consolidation on the part of the student. Boys must be held accountable for their own results and they must take responsibility for their successes or failures.

It is always a sad occasion when we have to bid farewell to staff and boys. At this time, we bid farewell to the following staff members:

Mr Doug Watson and his family are relocating to New Zealand. We wish them every success in this exciting chapter in their lives and thank him for his contribution to College particularly in the coaching of cricket and the sport office.

Sister Lauren Richmond leaves us after 18 months. We thank her for her contribution in the SAN and the manner in which she has cared for the boys particularly in the BE.

Mr Dorian Larter who has been at College for the past 9 ½ years all of those in the BE and last 5 ½ years as the Housemaster of Nathan House. He has also been F2 HOD and Subject Head of History plus coached hockey, cricket and canoeing. We wish him Myrna and the girls every success in their new life on the Cowan House campus and in his role as Deputy Headmaster. Next term we will be joined by some new staff plus we have a number of internal promotions – more in next term's newsletter.

At the end of this newsletter is information on important dates and events for next term – please make note of these.

We again request parents to be generous in their offers of hosting Affies on Friday 20 July and in particular KES on Friday 3 August. The success of these exchanges depends largely on the kindness of the home school community, and I ask you to help us again in this regard. It is also essential that boys continue to meet their winter sporting commitments until the end of the season. We will be travelling to PBHS on Friday 27 July for the fixtures to be played on Saturday 28 July, and welcome the support of as many members of our community as possible.

I again appeal to all parents to pay the school fee to enable us to continue to provide an uncompromised educational service to your sons. Please make paying school fees a priority. I wish you and your boys a restful and enjoyable July holiday and all our boys who are at provincial tournaments every success.

Chris Luman, Headmaster



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Focus feature on...Music

College is very fortunate to have Mr Simon Stickells at the helm of Music and Performing Arts. Music is one of the newest subjects at Maritzburg College, and this year is our first year of students who have come from Grade 8 to Matric. Music at College is compulsory for all Grade 8's as they get an overview of music as a whole in class music classes. This is the opportunity for boys to ask for individual music lessons, and we offer a wide range of instruments at College across the brass and woodwind spectrum as well as piano.



Mr Simon Stickells

In Grade 9 boys can pick music as a subject in the culture stream instead of Drama or Art. Boys in this stream must be playing an examinable music instrument.

This however is not the only way to do an instrument at College. You can also take lessons during school without doing it as a subject from Grade 8 to 12 all depending on teacher availability.

Boys have the opportunity to join the Jazz band, School Choir, Chamber Choir, and Gospel Choir as a part of our more formal groups in the school. This does not limit the boys however as they can take advantage of the various musical opportunities in the school ranging from school



musicals to inter-house music events.

Various highlights for 2018 have been the musical "Guys and Dolls", Our attendance of the World Choir Games in July and our participation at Eisteddfod. This is the first year where we have over 23 performing pieces for the Eisteddfod as well as all our ensembles.

GHS Awake By W Mazwi

A number of our College boys were fortunate to take part in this social interaction event organised by GHS and hosted by Nozipho Mbanjwa. Other schools attending included Pmb GHS, Epworth, Alexander High School, St. Nicholas, and St. John's DSG. The evening started with mixing everyone into groups and each group performing a short war cry which was a great way to break the ice. The groups were then challenged with a number of interactive activities all of which, while being fun, had a deeper meaning. The first was to plan and construct the tallest tower possible without speaking to one another, using 1m of string, 1m of tape, 20 spaghetti sticks, a marshmallow, and scissors. This illustrated how difficult it is to overcome challenges when one cannot connect or convey thoughts and feelings to one another. The next activity was to view an emotive video on the Soweto uprising of 1976, comprising interviews of those directly affected by the death of Hector Pieterse. Focus questions in a self-reflective exercise highlighted "What have we learnt from seeing this?" and "Where do we see this today?".



The next activity was to identify and write down challenges faced by South African students in 2018, group these into themes and create a mock newspaper cover page. This showed how despite being from different schools and backgrounds, the same issues are relevant. For the final activity, each school was tasked to think of an idea that would warrant receiving a very prestigious nation building award as well as how we would achieve this and the steps that had to be taken. Finally, the groups were asked to think of the question that would start each school down the path towards that idea. The aim was to show how no matter how big an issue is, it begins with an idea and a small conversation.

Well done Boys!

Focus on..Strachan House



In the newsletter, 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 **Strachan** House, which was named after a great Deputy headmaster of school (1962-1978) STRACHAN, John Roy

“Cabbage”. Strachan House has already established itself as a competitive force within the house system. Our emblem, the fighting antelope on our bright green shirts, characterises the spirit within each of us – in other words, the ‘never give up’ attitude. Our motto is *“Non timeo, sed caveo”*. (I fear not but am cautious).

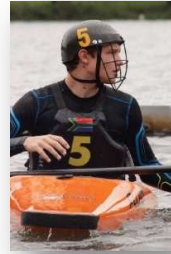
The current housemaster of Strachan is Nithia Pillay, with Jacques Lyons serving as Assistant Housemaster. Mentors for the House

include Ms Tammy Fletcher (now Mrs Schofield), Mr Darren Sheriff, Mr Manoj Jeewan, Mrs Wendy Erasmus and Mrs Suzanne Webley. Strachan’s House Captain is G Lesur ably assisted by house leaders; B Wood (Mentoring and Outreach), N Zulu (Behaviour and traditions), A Khan (Culture and competitions), D Edwards (Academics and tutoring), E Meyer (Sport and competitions).



Strachan House has partnered with Tabitha Ministries Orphanage as its outreach project. Founded by Gail Trollip this organisation takes care of 42 orphaned children, all under the age of

13. They also have a school on the premises and provide education for the children as well as other destitute children. Most of the orphaned are without any kind of family support and are solely reliant on Tabitha Ministries. The orphanage is now managed by Mrs Vanessa Mckay. Initially, the House’s involvement has been through social interaction in terms of playing sport like cricket and soccer, basketball and table tennis, and there is a plan to promote table tennis among the children by raising funds for the purchase of a table tennis table. This year we also plan to donate clothes, non-perishable foods and books from our collection drive.



Congratulations to one of our Strachan House boys - Troy Drummond, who has been selected for a South African canoe polo development tour to Europe, from 13 - 28 August.

Building Social Awareness on Campus

Maritzburg College is on an exciting journey of social transformation - in support of our commitment to providing our boys with a relevant and exceptional educational experience. This is being driven by the school’s Social Awareness Task Team which includes representation from a diverse group of parents, staff, boys, the school’s Social Awareness Forum, the Governing body, MCOBA and the Maritzburg Foundation, and is chaired by former Governing Body chairman, Mr Craig MacKenzie. Action programs initiated by the Task team include staff and pupil surveys, developing an anti discrimination policy, Shikaya workshops and teacher training. One such event was held on campus when staff from academic and support divisions across the school attended a rewarding and enlightening ReflectAction Sjhikaya workshop on Identity, Unconscious Bias and Belonging. The overall aim of ReflectAction is to raise awareness of the current national conversations around diversity in schools as potentially transformative moments, in which truly inclusive and emotionally literate learning environments can be created (or continue to be created) for ALL learners

Roy Hellenberg and Dylan Wray led staff through a process of facing the past, taking on what can build and leaving behind what divides, deliberately being inclusive, learning to listen and understanding bias.



Sporting Spotlight



Canoeing, Hockey, Rugby, Soccer & more...

Highlights this week were our canoeing results at the SA Marathon Championships in St Francis as well as the last round of hockey and rugby fixtures of the term against respected rivals Glenwood, played at Glenwood.

College's hockey teams provided a spectacular set of results winning all 10 of their games against Glenwood and only conceding 2 goals in all the matches played! The top team results were especially rewarding with the 3rd team final score at 6-0, the 2nd XI winning 10-0 and our 1st XI recording an excellent 5-1 victory. A further 3 games were played against St Charles College and showed similar results with College winning all three convincingly.

College fielded 19 rugby teams against Glenwood this weekend winning 13 of the encounters and losing 6. It was in the top teams where Glenwood showed their superior skills winning the U15A, U16A. 2nd and 1st team encounters.

The 2018 South African Canoe Marathon Championships took place in the unique canal course in windy conditions in St Francis Bay last week. With four places for men and women on the national team up for grabs, two each in the Under 18 and Under 23 age divisions, competition was fierce. In the Junior boy's race, College's David Evans finished 11 seconds behind the winner in 1:41:10 to claim the second K1 spot for the Junior U18 SA team to go to the World Championship in Portugal in September. Hamish McKenzie and David Evans also qualified for the U18 SA K2 team to go to Portugal.

College's soccer A side played the College B side in the quarter final of the KZN Futsal Tournament, with College A winning 2 - 0. Unfortunately, our A team lost the semi-final to SuperSport Utd. Congratulations to Keyash Mudali, Luyanda Mawela and Jesse Stoffels who were selected for the 'Team of the Tournament'.

Congratulations to Maritzburg College's Mondli Khumalo who has been selected to represent the SAU19 cricket team on the upcoming tour to England from 29 June until 30 July 2018, where the team will play a 2-day warm up match, followed by 2 x 4-day Test matches and finally three x ODI matches.

This holiday sees a number of our boys competing in events around the country and the world, including cricket, cycling, debating, golf, hockey, rugby, soccer, and squash. Details on these are available from the Events section of our website.

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



College 1st XI Photo: S Manyathi



College 1st XV Photo: S Manyathi



Soccer Team of the Tournament selections
Photo: Facebook



Mondli Khumalo
Photo: Gallo Images



College Craven Week selections
Photo: supplied



Six weeks to Reunion 2018

Plans are well underway for what is promising to be a great Reunion weekend on our campus from 2-4 August. College. In addition to the Old Boys activities, College will be hosting King Edward VII school (KES) for a full round of sporting fixtures.

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



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Congratulations to our Collegians

Congratulations to our two talented canoeing Old Boys. Andrew Birkett (2008) took the K1 and K2 honours at St Francis in the SA Canoe Marathon Championships. Ant Stott (1995) took honours in the Veterans section.



The School and Old Boy's Association also extend our warmest congratulation to rugby stalwart Craig Joubert (1995) on a great career as player and referee. Craig refereed his final game between Hilton and Michaelhouse on Saturday.



2018 REUNION

Order of Events

Thursday 2 August 2018:

MCOPA Golf Day at the Victoria Country Club: Cost - R425

- 10:00 - Registration
- 10:30 - Welcome
- 11:00 - Shotgun Start
- 18:00 - Prize-giving and braai (to include non-golfing OC's) **Cost- R125**

Friday 3 August 2018:

- 10:30 - School Assembly - Indoor Centre
- 11:30 - Tour of College after Assembly (**booking essential**)
- 12:00 - Bowls at the Maritzburg Bowling Club

Reunion Dinner: Cost - R400

- 18:00 - Gates open and Registration
- 18:50 - Bell Ringing
- 18:55 - 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Hockey Shout
- 19:00 - Welcome and Speeches

Saturday 4 August 2018:

- 09:00 - Morning Tour of College
- TBC - Old Boys Shout on Papes before hockey
- 11:00 - Celebration Service in the Chapel
- 11:30 - Wreath Laying Ceremony
- 11:40 - Wall of Remembrance Ceremony
- 12:00 - Reunion Luncheon (Olivier Cultural Centre) **Cost -R150**

Goldstones:

- 14:45 - On-field activities
 - Parachutists
 - Old Boys Shout
 - Blazer Display
- 15:15 - 1st XV game vs KES
OC Drinks at Kent Pavilion on Goldstones after the 1st XV Game

Bookings: <http://alumnet.co.za/#Event/Reunion-2018>
Email MCOPA Office: oldboys@africa.com



Retired 100-year-old College induna Joseph Hlela and son-in-law Enock Sithole together with Head Prefect Mchunu and Headmaster Mr Chris Luman at the unveiling of the Joseph Hlela Way on Barns' recognising an incredible 49 years of service to our school

Interhouse Sports



Important Dates

- 16 July Boarders return
- 19 July Form 3 Subject Choice Information Evening
- 21 July College vs Affies (at home)
- 24 July Form 6 parents' evening
- 28 July College vs PBHS (away)
- 31 July Form 5 parents' evening
- 3 & 4 Aug Reunion Weekend
College vs KES
- 17 Aug No school
Leavers' Dinner & Dance
- 1 Sept College Nashua Rugby 7s @ Woodburn Stadium
- 3 Sept Form 6 trials exams start
- 19 Sept Sport & Culture Awards

Traditionally, at this time of year, we hold our inter-house cross country, soccer, table tennis, rugby and hockey events. There was plenty of rivalry and fun around the school as our 10 houses competed for points.

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