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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

This week we have been focusing on resilience and mental strength. This is especially pertinent for our matrics as they prepare to write their trials examinations.

In my address at assembly, I reminded our boys that, during their adolescent years and adult life, they will be faced with many challenges, and it is essential that that they develop both resilience and mental strength.

I shared with them the characteristics of what mentally strong people do:

- They move on – they don't focus on what has been
- They keep control
- They embrace change
- They are kind
- They are willing to take calculated risks
- They invest their energy in the present
- They accept full responsibility for their past behaviours
- They celebrate other people's success
- They are willing to fail
- They enjoy their time alone
- They are prepared to work and succeed on their own merits
- They have staying power
- They evaluate their core beliefs
- They think productively
- They tolerate discomfort
- They reflect on their progress

I would encourage you to support and help us in building these traits in our boys. Hopefully many of these characteristics they are already displaying, but there are still some that everyone can aspire to.

It is also that time of year when we start the process of identifying our future leaders from amongst our Form 5 boys. A group of 118 of these boys have been on a leadership camp, led by Mr Pryke, and we are very grateful for the important role he and Mr MJ Smit play in leadership development in our school. Our Leadership Programme aims to create, for all pupils, the opportunity to experience leadership training while providing practical leadership opportunities for the benefit of both personal growth and the school as a dynamic and integrated working team. This includes leadership camps, a leadership curriculum in the Life Orientation syllabus, various practical leadership opportunities (mentoring, peer-tutors, camp leaders etc.), training seminars and workshops, evaluation of performance in leadership activities and leadership aptitude testing.

This week sees our matrics hold their traditional leavers dinner and dance, and we wish them a wonderful time.

*Chris Luman,
Headmaster*



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Academic Achievements

Focus feature on...Dramatic Arts

“Act well your part; there all the honour lies.”

□ Alexander Pope, *An Essay on Man*

The Dramatic Arts Department is enjoying a full calendar of academic and co-curricular activities. On the academic front the boys are developing important life skills through the various activities in which they engage. Among the dramatic skills that they are developing, it is encouraging to note that the boys are also developing self-confidence; they are embracing diversity in a positive, enquiring manner and they are respectful of the various cultures which they encounter. Moreover, the boys are also enthusiastic about engaging with the technical aspects of theatre. They have attended several live performances and will be attending Jongosi, the schools 'programme at the Hilton Arts Festival in September.

Some of our performances included Drama@Kearsney,



Children’s Theatre at Ridge Roots, Rites and Rituals and Medieval Morality Plays. The 5th Form learners participated in a two-day programme of Workshop Theatre at the Drama@Kearsney Festival and enjoyed the opportunity of working with Neil Coppen, an acclaimed playwright. In addition, they performed two children’s stories to a very discerning audience, the Ridge Rooties. Children’s Theatre continues to be a very rewarding experience for both actors and audience with valuable life lessons being taught and learnt through performance.

Other highlights on the Dramatic Arts calendar include improvised Feasts, Festival, Rites and Rituals by 3rd Form. This programme has the value of encouraging unity in diversity and respect for diverse cultures and their traditions, and it allows the boys to get to know more about their peers from a cultural perspective. 6th Form and 4th Form are both engaged in “work in progress performances”. Form 4 are in the process of developing workshop theatre skills which will be used to create a performance of *The Summoning of Everyman*, a medieval morality play. The performance will be staged as an outdoor performance in the 5th Form Quad on 11th September.

Our 6th Formers are hard at work preparing for the Theme Programme Performance Exam. This, their final performance exam, takes place in Term 4. We would like to place on record our thanks and appreciation to the very talented Matric Dramatic Arts Class of 2018 for their overall contribution to Drama at College. We wish them every success in the upcoming Trials Exam and the Performance Exam.



Dramatic Arts not only has the tacit value of developing soft skills which are required in all careers, more importantly it has the value of developing well-rounded individuals - ambassadors of College - who can be the catalysts in creating social cohesion in broader society.

Inspirational visit by an Old Boy

An Old Boy from the 30-year Class of 1988, Jason Grinstead, recently spent time with us on campus and gave an inspiring talk to some of our top academic boys.

Since leaving College, Jason has enjoyed an interesting path.



After matriculating from College in 1988, he attended Eton College. He has an MBA, with distinction, from Harvard Business School, and a Master’s degree from Oxford University. Jason currently lives in Tampa, Florida, and is CEO of a healthcare analytics company. Before this he was CEO and CFO of two other healthcare companies which he sold. Prior to this, Jason worked as a mergers and acquisition investment banker for Lehman Brothers in New York, London and San Francisco.

After talking to the boys, Jason joined the prefects for lunch and later had a braai with the Hudson House boys.



College Culture

Focus on..Nicholson House



Nicholson House is named after the legendary school master, deputy principal and undoubtedly the greatest schoolboy rugby coach James Mervyn Nicholson, who died at the ripe age of 94 years. He earned the name Skonk at an early age whilst still a learner at DHS - initially referred to as skonkwaan (the name of a bull on the family farm) it later changed to "skonk". His contribution to this school will be remembered

forever in the hearts of the boys that are passionate about rugby ready to demolish the opposition.

The awarding of the colour RED to this house speaks not only of the allegiance of Nicholson house to this great school but also the passion that burns within the boys to be the best, and is also displayed in the emblem of our house - a bull, raring to go.

Nicholson's staff team is led by the experienced Mr Gonas Govindasamy, assisted by Mr Nicolaas Robberts and mentor teachers Mrs Liesel Couperthwaite, Mrs Deirdre Immelman, Mrs Caren Randall, Mr Chris Nevay and Mr Ricky Chirengende. Mr Piet Snyman is the admin person in charge of our house. Our mentor teachers are on hand to handle sensitive issues and are easily accessible to their boys.



We are fortunate to have a team of prefects who assist in the smooth running of our house; including house prefect MJ Willemse,

assisted by AS Bradford, SS

Dube and NJ Welch. House leaders are D Naidu, ABP Mcoyi, M Wollentine, SB Silver and K Kleiner. Each leader has a specific portfolio within our house. It is pleasing to note the camaraderie developing within the mentor classes and the respect for authority within the house and beyond. The senior boys have taken the junior boys under their wing and readily assist them in their adaptation to the College system.

We are proud of our academic success and a number of boys have featured regularly in the top 10; D Naidu, AS Bradford, I Maharaj, J Beauclerk, MQB Ngubo and K Kisten . I Maharaj was top of form 4 in the recent June Exams.

On the sporting front, C Shaw made SA Schools U19 Polo-cross, whilst his brother JS Shaw represented SA in the U14 team against a mixed Barbarian side. M Green is in the SA Open Extreme Endure SA team, and has participated in 3 internationals this year - Madagascar, Romania and Turkey.

AD Styan won the inter-house junior tennis and our senior hockey team led by R McGladdery won top spot in the inter-house competition. J van der Merwe is our swimming hero, and was named the U15 champion at our swimming gala. Our shooting team led by the school shooting team captain J Cooke, brought honours to our house and CA Norman won the junior section.

This year we chose to help the SA Vroue Fedarasie as our outreach programme. This is a home that provides accommodation and frail care to the senior citizens of our society. Boys are asked to collect monies and other necessities determined within their mentor class for this institution. This will be handed to the home later this term.

We wish to thank all our boys who give off unselfishly of themselves to make all our endeavours a success. May you grow from strength to strength. "Who you are tomorrow begins with what you do today"

Remembering College's Honourable War Dead

As we go about our busy lives, in this ever-bustling modern world, it is easy to forget the great sacrifices made by the hundreds of College boys who went before us.

As we now already find ourselves in mid-2018, we are at present passing through 100 years since the last of the 97 Old Boys and three teachers killed in the Great War (1914-1918) died in battle. One such Old Boy was Captain Geoffrey Trafford, who died just over 100 years ago.



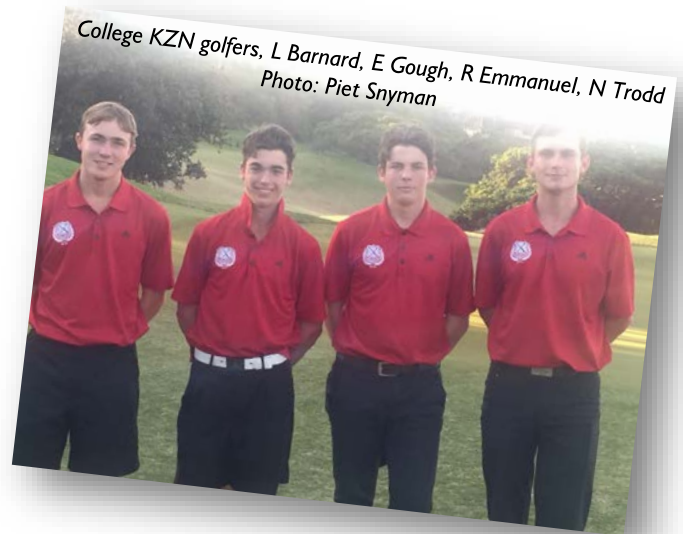
Geoffrey was the only one of College's dux students to be killed in the war – by a sad coincidence, the only head prefect killed was his older brother, Edmond (1910 and 1911). The two Trafford brothers on the College roll of honour were half of a quartet of brothers who all enjoyed successful careers at the school. Notably, the oldest of the quartet, Edward Le Marchant Trafford, is the only boy in the history of College to have attained the "royal flush" of being (in 1905) the head prefect, dux, and captain of both cricket and rugby. Geoffrey was commissioned into the 1st Life Guards, the senior regiment in the British Army, and was killed in action in France on 23 July 1918, while attached to 9th battalion, Tank Corps. He was 22 years old. On the morning of Reunion Day, a plaque remembering his short but courageous life was unveiled on College's Wall of Remembrance.

Pro Aris et Focis

Sporting Spotlight

Sports successes

With the winter sports season nearly over, attention moves to Rugby 7's as well as to other sports. This week our boys will participate in the Glenwood Rugby 7s tournament on Friday and Saturday, and on 1 September, College will host a Nashua 7's Rugby tournament at Woodburn stadium, with U17 teams from all the top tier schools in the province participating.



College KZN golfers, L Barnard, E Gough, R Emmanuel, N Trodd
Photo: Piet Snyman

College's golfers continue to excel. This weekend saw four of our boys being selected for the KZN sides. In the KZN U18A team, L Barnard, N Trodd and R Emmanuel were selected. E Gough was selected for the KZN U18B side.

College's cross country runners participated in the District championships and placed in four categories. Highlights were the 1st and 2nd placing in the U15 age group by our cross country stars; O Higgins and S Harvey, and the 3rd placing in the U17 age group by N Msiya.

A number of College boys were selected for Pietermaritzburg soccer teams in U14, U15, U16 and U19 categories. Our boys did the school extremely proud as all the PMB teams made the semi-finals of the KZN Inter-district tournament. The PMB U19 team went on to win the final thanks to Ollie Zondi's penalty shootout heroics, saving 3 penalties, setup Sphe Phungula to score the winning penalty vs Zululand.



U15:
O Higgins (1st),
J Moller (7th)
& S Harvey (2nd)
Photo:
L Ackerman

House Competition update

Inter-house Squash results

POS	HOUSE	SENIORS	JUNIORS	TOTAL	POINTS
1 st	SNOW	9	9	18	10
2 nd	STRACHAN	10	7	17	9
Tie 3 rd	PAPE	7	8	15	8
Tie 3 rd	FORDER	5	10	15	8
5 th	COMMONS	8	5	13	6
Tie 6 th	LAMOND	3	3	6	5
Tie 6 th	NICHOLSONS	2	4	6	5
Tie 8 th	FULLER	6	-1	5	3
Tie 8 th	BARNS	-1	6	5	3
10 th	CALDER	4	-1	3	1





Pretoria Tertiary Branches Event Report

The launch of the second Maritzburg College Old Boy's Association (MCOBA) tertiary branch took place at the end of July in Pretoria, with the aim being a "Meet and greet" session for OCs studying at Pretoria institutions, and also to introduce the concept of the Tertiary Branches.

Attended by around 40 Old boys, College staff Mr Ngcebo Thembela, Mr Minenhle (KG) Shezi (2011), Mr Scelo Zuma (2009) and Mr Ndumiso Makhathini (2006) shared some encouraging messages with the boys.



One message from the student group was the request to try to hold events such as Reunion Day during university holidays to facilitate students attending. Students were encouraged to register on the Alumnet system by providing relevant contact details, allowing the MCOBA to keep in touch with them. A key outcome for the tertiary MCOBA branches is to setup an invisible mentoring system which would run across different years. In addition, the hope is to create a pool of talent that OC's who own companies can draw from, for vacation work and ultimately work experience. It is hoped that these tertiary branches will help grow and shape the MCOBA into the future.



**Congratulations
to an Old Boy**

Well done Matt Dove on your win at the Taupo Marathon in New Zealand in August. We will be following your progress at the Tor des Geants in September.

More Reunion 2018 Memories...





Campus Roundup

Wall of Remembrance

College's Wall of Remembrance is an initiative of the school's Archives Committee and was inaugurated on the school's 150th Reunion Day, 25 May 2013. The addition of the Wall to the College estate, on a piece of lawn that is atop the Terraces facing Clark House, provides a very special –even sacred – place for so many people in the College community.

Who can be included on the Wall?

Any person who has enjoyed a link to College – whether as an Old Collegian, staff member, parent or simply loyal friend of the school – can be remembered and honoured via the addition of a plaque of remembrance on the Wall.

Layout & Cost:

Each plaque strictly follows the same format, and the details included on each plaque are the following: (1) full names, (2) nickname (where applicable), (3) relevant dates, and (4) short personal message. Each plaque costs R1 150.

Procedure for ordering a plaque of remembrance:

You can pay the required amount into the College bank account:

Name: Maritzburg College
Account no.: 5093 5595 139
Branch: FNB, Midlands Mall
Branch code: 257355

Importantly, the reference no. to be used is WR999Z + your name. If you have a problem using the reference, please simply proceed without it but send proof of payment to Matthew Marwick and the draft details of your plaque at marwickm@mcollege.co.za.

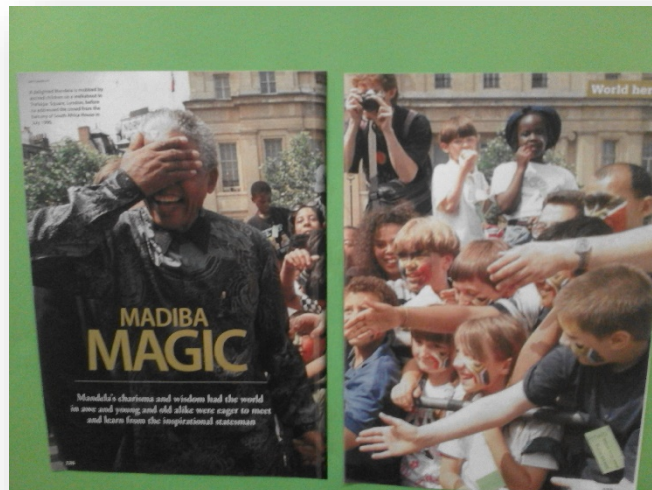
The deadline for the next order of plaques is 1 October 2018. They will be unveiled on Remembrance Day 2018, which will take place at College on Friday, 9 November – friends and family are of course encouraged to attend, and to say a few words. Thank you for supporting this most worthwhile and worthy initiative.



Family and friends of the men who made up the eight inaugural plaques, Reunion Day 2013

Important Dates

17 Aug	Staff Professional Dev No school for boys Leavers' Dinner & Dance
22 Aug	6 th Form Art Exhibition
22-24 Aug	Fire of Love
23 Aug	1 st XI Hockey Dinner
24 Aug	Athletics Championships
25 Aug	Canoeing KZN Interschools (Richmond) Rugby 7's (Ashton)
25-26 Aug	Soccer Maritzburg FA Cup
1 Sept	College Nashua Rugby 7s @ Woodburn Stadium



Celebrating a legend of our time

Our College Museum has set up a stunning display to celebrate the Nelson Mandela Centenary Year, 2018. The display includes a video clip with a brief biography of Mandela with historical footage and three songs that are tributes to him. In Johnny Clegg's 1987 struggle song, Asimbonanga, Mandela appears on the stage and dances with the band! The display will be on until the end of the year.

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