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From the Head's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

My message to the boys this week was around the theme of the pressures of time. The following verses from Ecclesiastes 3 are relevant:

1: To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

5: A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

7: A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak;

THE PRESSURE OF TIME

As the final examinations approach, the pressures of how little time left is a cause of concern for many of our boys. They have just a few days before exams begin in earnest. Time is therefore of the essence, and how they manage that time is as important.

Let's think of those who look back and wish they had an extra day or more time:

People who do not have enough time for what they are expected to do;

People who have lost a sense of balance and proportion in their lives;

People who feel that they made a mess of everything and would like to be able to start again;

People who wish they had started earlier.

We think too about those who might wish for less time:

People who are worried about what might happen;

People who are in despair;

People who suffer hours of pain and illness.

Let us resolve to use the time we have left wisely and make the most of every moment.

Teach us to us to use our time wisely;

Help us to fill each second;

Help us to take advantage of each minute;

Help us to make the most of each hour.

And above all, give us the wisdom to use every day as another step towards our goals.

My message to the boys was as follows: The staff and your parents all want the very best for you. Believe it or not, exams are about finding out what you know, not what you don't know. Those of you who have done poorly in a subject make sure that over the next few days, you attend extra lessons and take advantage of what is on offer to overcome any obstacles you may still have in that subject. We wish you every success and trust that your academic goals will be realised. Please take the time to thank your teachers before the exams for their support time and effort.

Chris Luman
Headmaster



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Academic Achievements

History Tour of the Battlefields

The learning that takes place outside the classrooms is as valuable if not more so than that at their desks! This was clearly the case for our History pupils who have recently returned from a history tour of the battlefields. The tour of took place on 24 September, and included Maritzburg College learners, parents, OC's and staff. Led by Mr Simon Haw, the acclaimed battlefields maestro and official historian of College, the boys were entertained with anecdotes and recollections of the battles, and it was indeed a privilege to have Mr Haw share his knowledge with us.

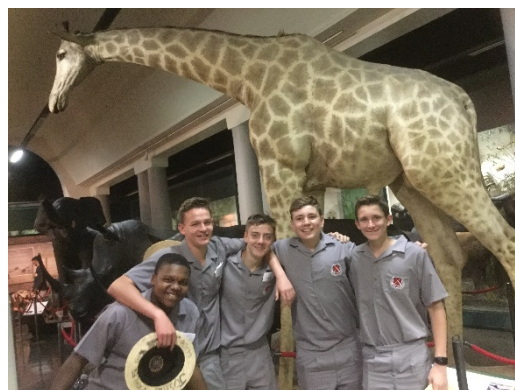
The tour included visits to a number of historic sites: Battle of Willow Fountain; The Winston Churchill capture site at Frere (1899), and Chieveley Military Cemetery, the Battle of Colenso (1899) and the "Saving of the Guns" ("6 VCs in 6 minutes"); Battle of Talana (1899), including a visit to the Talana Museum; Battle of Blood River (Ngcome) museum; the Isandlwana battlefield (1879) where we walked around the Isandlwana battlefield and the Fugitives' Trail – including the paying of homage to the Old Collegians' memorial and the various graves of fallen OCs; Rorke's Drift battle site (1879) and museum; David Rattray's Fugitives' Lodge at Fugitives' Drift where we visited the memorial to Lts NJA Coghill and T Melville (both VC winners); Battlefield at Elandsplaagte (1899) (Mr Haw's speciality); Spioenkop battlefield and graves and Ladysmith (1899-1900), where we visited the Siege Museum, Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill Cemetery, and visited the grave of OC, "Yorkie" Tucker.

Photos:
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Form 3 Life Science & History Visit to the Museum

On 11 October, our third formers embarked on a very informative tour of the KZN Museum. The tour started with a walk across the Duzi, the Tech fields and up the 100 stairs to the museum. Once at the museum, the main focus was Apartheid and boys were treated to a lecture, video and exhibits from the era. In between the history, the boys had a chance to enjoy all the bird species, mammals, reptiles and the museum's ape collection. '



College Culture

Focus on...the Hindu Society

The Hindu Society has had a full season of cultural and outreach activities, culminating with the highlight of the year – the annual Hindu Society Cultural Evening which took place on Friday, 20 October.

The boys got involved with a number of activities, beginning with an informative day at the ‘Goshala’ (a sacred cow sanctuary) in Thornville. Here, staff and parents joined the boys in rendering bhajans (religious songs) before having an interesting discourse on Hinduism from the resident priest.

During the holidays, the boys, in collaboration, with MediClinic and Stop Hunger participated in the packaging of food hampers for the poor.

The third term saw the boys engaging in a full rehearsal schedule for the cultural collaborative production, Fire of Love. This was a wonderful opportunity for the them not only to share an extract of a Hindu wedding ceremony which is an important, colourful rite of passage for most Hindus; it also allowed for them to learn a little more about the Afrikaans and Zulu cultures too.

We were pleased to enter 28 Boys in the 2018 Ved Niketan Exam which was written on 4 September 2018. Boys from Form 3 to 6 wrote Level 2 in this exam and our Form 2 boys wrote the Level 1 exam. The examining body is the ARYA SAMAJ – SOUTH AFRICA. We await the results with much anticipation.

The annual Hindu Society Cultural Evening celebrated a wonderful season and was a resounding success, as well as an enriching experience for all who attended.

The programme reflected the culture of Hinduism with prayers recited and sung from Scripture. The boys performed, Shri Krishna, a play directed by Kamany Thaver. The play teaches that man needs to see the Lord in all to achieve the happiness and peace he desires. The artists included our own Nolwazi Ngcobo who serenaded the audience with her breath-taking performance of a Hindi-English fusion song; and Vishkir Dayanand, a final year medical student who is a graduate and teacher of Bharatanatyam. He mesmerised the audience with his poise and precision as he performed the invocation dance and paid homage to Lord Rama in the dance Shri Ram. H. Mewalall and K. Ramarhak are also to be commended on their duet musical performance with Mewalall on tabla and Ramarhak on piano. Saahil Bridglall, member of the 2017/2018 executive committee, gave an outstanding performance on piano. He is a gifted musician who attributes his achievements thus far to his teachers and his dad and mentor, the late Bisham Bridglall, a flautist. Kamz Govender, an accomplished stand-up comedian was MC for the evening and he had the audience in stitches with his anecdotes, musical interludes and antics.

Culture at College is the melting pot of our diversity. The boys and staff alike are richer from experiencing and engaging on cultural platforms. It is our diversity, team spirit and collegiality which makes Maritzburg College so unique.



Sporting Spotlight

Cricket

College's cricket fixtures last weekend were mostly against St Charles at home. Of the 19 matches played, College won 15 and lost 4. Standout performances came from our 1st team who beat St Charles by 29 runs, and our 2nd XI who won by 9 wickets. The 1st team opened the batting and made 204 for 9 in their 50 overs, St Charles were eventually all out for 175. College's 1st XI and U15A sides also played against Helpmekaar on Sunday at home. The 1st team reached 258/5 with Dyer scoring 62, Bruyns undefeated on 67* and Todd 43. Helpmekaar were 165 all out, with good bowling performances by College; Fortmann taking 3/34 and Dyer 3/6. College won by 93 runs. Our U15A batted first against Helpmekaar, scoring 302-6 with Delpport retiring hurt on 100 not out, van Staden making 50 and Ngcobo 41. Helpmekaar made 270/10 after 50, with Similane taking 4 for 40 from 10. College won by 31 runs.

Basketball



College's basketball teams played St Charles on the weekend, winning 11 of their 15 games. The 1st team played to a packed audience in our Alan Paton Indoor Sports centre and were unlucky to lose 41-44. Overall results showed College winning 13 of their 18 matches and losing 5.

Canoeing

College's canoeists including both staff and boys took part in the Dam 2 Dam over the weekend. Congratulations to brothers Scott (5th former) and Stewart Little (OC2017) who won the two day event



Squash

College's squash teams took part in the Wynberg Stayers Tournament over the weekend beating St Stithians (15-6) and St Johns (14-9) but losing to Disas and Grey PE.

Waterpolo

This weekend saw our water polo team take on St Charles and Thomas More in number of fixtures. Our 1st team had a great game against a combined SCC & Thomas More side winning 8-2. College won 4 of their 7 matches and lost 3 all on a stagger.



Rugby 7's

Our Rugby7's U15 and U18 teams took part in the Champion of Champion's Tournament in Pretoria, facing some tough competition. Our U18 team did well to finish in 12th place and the U15 team in 8th place.

College athlete to go to World Champs

One of Maritzburg College's top cross-country runners and athletes, Owen Higgins, has been selected to represent South Africa in the World Modern Championships held in Egypt from the 22 – 31 October 2018. Owen represents College in SA Athletics, KZN Athletics along with SA Cross Country and KZN Cross Country. Sincere thanks to the Maritzburg College Club and Maritzburg College caterers, Granny Macs, who have contributed financially towards making the trip possible.

5th former to represent SA in Karate

At the Karate KZN Banquet hosted in Durban this past weekend, Sensei Hemal Heeralal was awarded 17 medals for his performances in various tournaments hosted in all 9 provinces. He also represented South Africa winning a gold medal in Botswana and came 5th in the intercontinental ranking in Rwanda in August. He is currently the Sub-Saharan African Champion and was announced as the overall male in KZN at the banquet. Hemal has been selected to represent South Africa at the Karate Commonwealth 2018 Games in November this year.

College boy places second in SA Nitro Truggy

Richard Duckham, a second former placed second in the South African Championship for Nitro Truggy. The thirteen-year-old finished fifth in the electric buggy class (a seriously contested class) - only the fourth race he had ever done with the car.



Congratulations Nick



Congratulations to Nick Schonert (OC2009) (Worcester Warriors) on his selection for the England rugby squad to play against the Springboks on 3 November. We eagerly await the team announcement and hope to see Nick's name on the list.

MCOBA Midlands Golf Day – Foundation Big Basher Appeal

Thank you to MCOBA Midlands Branch Chairman Grant Reed (1987) and his father Ted Reed (1959) for arranging the annual Midlands Branch Golf Day. The Midlands Branch and the Foundation joined forces and raised funds for the BIG BASHER CAMPAIGN championed by the Foundation, and from this venture, 12 young College lads were equipped with blazers and bashers and will be able to enter College with heads held high in 2019.



Thank you to all the golfers who participated in the day. The support of Old Collegians and friends of College is highly valued.

Business Breakfast launched in Johannesburg



The inaugural CollegeConnect Business Networking Breakfast was hosted in Johannesburg on Thursday 25 October.

Around forty College Old Boys joined us for breakfast, with this set to become a monthly event in Johannesburg with similar events to be launched in Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg and Durban.

The aim of the CollegeConnect initiative is to provide employment and mentorship opportunities to College Old Boys entering the employment / business sector and to connect our Old Boys with a view to driving a greater level of College-on-College business.

Read full article

<http://www.collegeconnect.co.za/2018/10/26/first-jhb-business-networking-breakfast/>



Remembrance Day

The Maritzburg College Remembrance Day ceremony takes place on Friday, 9 November at the First World War Memorial in front of Clark House. This year marks the centenary of the end of World War I in 1918 on “the eleventh of the eleventh at the eleventh hour”. After years of carnage and bloodshed, the guns on the Western Front finally fell silent, as the world began to take stock of the bloodiest conflict in human history (at the time). During the war, Maritzburg College offered up 800 of its past pupils for service in the South African and imperial forces in the fight against Kaiser Wilhelm’s Germany. This tally was no mean feat, given that only 1 919 boys had ever been entered into the old admission book by the time war broke out on 4 August 1914. The martial culture in the fledgling Colony of Natal was clearly a strong one, and the old boys of Maritzburg College – like those of other traditional all-boys’ schools in the Colony – flocked to join up and to “do their bit” for King and Empire.



Unfortunately, 97 Old Boys and three teachers did not return, and their names are etched on the First World War Memorial. For this year’s ceremony, we will focus on the 27 OCs who died in 1918-19, and the obituary read out will be that of Lt Eric Ainsworth Goodwill, a 23-year old pilot with the Royal Air Force, who died of “concussion” on 3 November 1918 – just eight days before the war ended. Lt Goodwill was the last College Old Boy to die during the conflict itself – although three more Old Boys were to die before being demobilised. The Remembrance Day ceremony will be followed by the unveiling of plaques on the school’s Wall of Remembrance honouring the following College men:

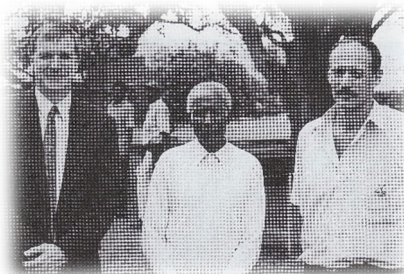
Lt Goodwill (OC 1911), AE “Chappie” Chapman (staff), Joseph Hlela (staff) Henry Harrison (OC 1946), Peter Hall (OC 1984), Nigel Wood (OC '87)

Parents, Old Boys and supporters of the school are welcome to attend the two ceremonies. Parking is available on the Terraces and tea will be served from 11h15.

Joseph Hlela – a tribute

The school was sad to hear of the passing of Thwaliyakhe Joseph Hlela at 10h00 on 22 October at his home in Elandskop Mr Hlela was the longest-serving College staff member of all time, having worked for the school for 49 years (1950-1999), spanning six headmasters.

Many of the older members of the College staff have fond memories of Joseph, who was the



Former head, the late Ken Elliott with Joseph Hlela & Keith Guise-Brown

***Pro Aris et Focis /
For Hearth and Home /
Okwesibaya Nomsamo***

Important Dates

October

- 26 2019 Boarder Parents’ Evening
- 27 Cricket / Basketball / Waterpolo vs Westville
- 28 Headmasters XI vs Chairman’s XI
- 29 Form 2 –5 Exams Begin

November

- 3 Cricket / Basketball / Water polo vs Michaelhouse
- 9 Remembrance Day Service
- 10 Cricket / Basketball / Water polo vs Clifton
- 16 1st XI Cricket Dinner
- 19 Form 2 – Form 5 Exams End
- 20 Nathan House Formal Dinner
- 21 Capital Christmas Carols
- 22 BE Christmas Dinner
- 23 Prize Giving & Term 4 Closing

Chief Induna of the estates staff and was also very popular with the College boys themselves. Joseph’s son-in-law is our own beloved Mr Enock Bafono Sithole, who has given unbroken service to the school since 1973. If anyone ever breaks Joseph’s record, it will be Enock! Both gentlemen were earlier in the year elected as the inaugural special members of the 121 year-old Maritzburg College Old Boys’ Association.)

On 21 June this year, the school held a special ceremony to thank Joseph in person and to honour his decades-long service to College with the unveiling of the “Joseph Hlela Walkway”. Joseph celebrated his 100 birthday just six weeks later. We give thanks for the long life of Mr Hlela. Go well, Joseph – hamba kahle.

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