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From the Head's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

With just a week to go until the end of term for our boys, and a few exams to write, there is a real “end of year” vibe on our Red Black White campus. Our 2019 pupil leadership are quietly and competently stepping in, taking over responsibilities and learning new duties, and there is both a sense of beginning and of ending, as the 2018 matric class experience each “last time”. Walking round a quieter campus you find small groups of boys outside exam venue conferring on questions answered successfully (or otherwise), and staff busy with invigilating and marking, as well as planning for the 2019 curricula. We have had a number of very useful strategic and operational planning sessions, to prepare for next year – which promises to be a very productive and busy one.

Our Remembrance Day ceremony held on campus last week was a wonderful occasion, with time to reflect, recognize and remember people no longer with us. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this special event.

Parents and boys are reminded of key upcoming events next week including the Capital Christmas Carols hosted with Rotary and featuring the Maritzburg College Wind band and Choir together with the PMB GHS and PMB Children's Choirs on 21 November at the One Life Church South Site from 18.00. Please support this event and make your donation to CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa). Prize-Giving takes place on Friday 23 November at 10.00 in our Alan Paton Memorial Hall with school ending for our boys immediately after this. Our matrics write their final exam on Monday 26 November followed by the traditional donation of school shoes and pool jump. The school is a matric marking venue with the marking staff coming onto campus from Wednesday 28 November.

There are a number of building projects underway that will continue through the holiday including the laying of the Pape's Astro (for the 3rd time in its history) and the upgrade of our Ron Jury High Performance Centre. We hope that these will be completed in time for the start of the new term.

Boys are reminded of Monday's deadline for handing in of text books where after outstanding books will be charged to accounts. Our School Shoppe closes on Tuesday 4 December and will reopen on Thursday 3 January. Shop times and updated 2019 uniform lists for day boys and boarders have been uploaded to the website <https://maritzburgcollege.co.za/the-college-shoppe/>

In the last few days of the year, boys are reminded to continue to uphold all of our school core values and to display these in their engagements with peers and adults. Over the next few days, show respect for everyone around you, and take time to thank your teachers and all the College staff for what they have done for you this year.

Our final newsletter of the year with end of year announcements will be sent out in the week after Term ends.

Chris Luman
Headmaster



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Academic Achievements

Focus on...

Computer Applications Technology

Computer Applications Technology (CAT) is the study of the integrated components of a computer system (hardware and software) and the practical techniques for their efficient use and application to solve everyday problems. Solutions to problems are designed, managed and processed via end-user applications, and communicated using appropriate information and communication technologies (ICTs). ICTs are the combination of networks, hardware and software as well as the means of communication, collaboration and engagement that enable processing, management and exchange of data, information and knowledge



Under the leadership of the Subject Head, Kooraysha Moula, the CAT and Computer Literacy (Comp Lit) department has had an extremely successful year.

We are very proud of our three Form 5 learners who took part in the Computer Olympiad on 10 May this year, the first time that Maritzburg College has participated! Excellent results were achieved, C McKenzie – 75 %, B Merrington – 85 %, M Siwila – 75 %

All three boys qualified to participate in round two, but they unfortunately could not do so due to midterm exams scheduled on the same day. In 2019, Form 2 to Form 6 learners will participate in the Olympiad.

On the 15 October, 33 of our learners wrote their CAT practical exam and on the 5 November their theory paper. We are eagerly awaiting their results!

Special thanks to Michael Dibben and Linda Shezi who teach Computer Literacy to Form 2 and 3, Sheldon Bosch who teaches Computer Literacy to Form 2 and 3 and CAT for Form 4, and Manoj Jeevan who teaches Form 6 CAT. Also sincere thanks to James Maistry, Shane Peach and Ryan Tooms for their assistance in ensuring our department runs efficiently. We look forward to an exciting and challenging 2019!



Wits congratulates Maritzburg College



Maritzburg College has been recognised by The University of Witwatersrand for being one of their top feeder schools based on undergraduate first year enrolments in 2018. In recognition of this outstanding achievement, the University presented Maritzburg College with a certificate to showcase the wonderful achievement.

The University of Witwatersrand applauded College for efforts in preparing matriculants for excelling in higher education.

“We know that you value education in its holistic sense and look forward to welcoming learners who are well rounded and excited about making a contribution to society in all spheres. The education environment has various constraints and barriers placed on schools, but top performing schools, as is your school, rise above and beyond these challenges to ensure sustained success,” said Sershin Naicker, the head of the Schools Liaison Office at Wits.



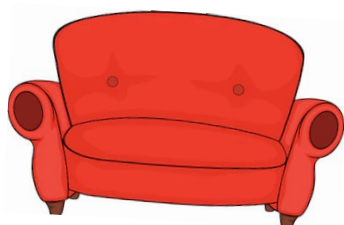
College’s Deputy Head: Academics, Mrs Jeanette Finnie, with the award from Wits University

Focus on...Photography Club

The Maritzburg College Photography Club is a platform for boys to showcase their skills and inspiration in a variety of areas. Mentored and led by Mrs Debbie Gademan, an enthusiastic and talented group of boys take part in monthly Top Shots competitions, whereby the boys submit their best shots of anything they may have captured. There is also a termly theme competition.

This year, the boys have submitted work of an extremely high quality and our competitions have grown to around 30 entries at a time. The club has increased in size this year, and it has been pleasing to see so many entries from photographers using their cellphones. This shows that when inspiration strikes, the needed device to capture it ensures that special moment!

The Photography Club also assists the school's marketing team with photos from major events, functions, sporting fixtures and school productions.



From the Couch... Coping with your exam stress...

This is a new feature from our School Counsellor, Mrs Renee Wulfsohn, which we will be featuring regularly in the newsletter where we aim to address relevant topics and issues facing young teens.

With all our boys in the thick of exams as we speak, and with a number of exams still to go before it's over, tensions are no doubt running high.

A little stress is healthy and keeps us on top of our game, but don't let stress take hold and freeze your brain right when you need it the most.

Fortunately for our boys, Maritzburg College has a dedicated and compassionate school counsellor in Renee Wulfsohn. She had the following good advice for both the boys and their parents:

- Be realistic in setting goals
- Have faith in yourself
- It's never too late to start studying
- Keep to normal routines as far as possible
- Please eat, sleep and shower as usual!
- If you're an anxious student, don't loiter before or after exams as this will wind you up
- Put each completed exam behind you and face each new exam as a fresh challenge
- Do your best - and know that no-one is perfect. And above all, keep perspective.

Join us for Capital Christmas



We invite you to join us for Capital Christmas – a special event celebrating all that is Christmas, and featuring the talents of the Maritzburg College and GHS combined wind band and choirs, together with the Pmb Children's choir.

Hosted with Rotary Azalea Pmb, the event takes place on 21 November at the One Life Church, South site, Alexandra Road, Bisley starting at 18h00 for 18h30. While there is no entry fee, donations are encouraged to CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa).



Capital Christmas

Venue: One Life Church, South Site,
Alexandra Rd, Bisley

Date: 21 November 2018

Time: 18:00–18:30

Cost: Donation to CHOC

Featuring:
Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School and
Maritzburg College Combined Wind Band & Choirs
and the Pietermaritzburg Children's Choir

Logos: Maritzburg College, Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School, CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa), Rotary.

Sporting Spotlight

Strong cricket performances from Maritzburg College teams against Clifton this weekend

Cricket

For our last round of fixtures of the year, four of College's cricket teams were in action against Clifton this weekend. Our boys won three of the four matches played with a very exciting 1st XI stayers match that went to the last ball of the last over.

For the College's 1st XI stayers game, Clifton won the toss and elected to bat on a very good batting track with a stiff North Easterly blowing. College started well and struck early with Khumalo charging-in downwind. Clifton chipped away, but lost wickets consistently with Fortmann and King doing the damage, assisted by Dyer, and limped to 104, eventually being bowled out with more than an over to spare. Too many extras cost College as this was the highest score for the opposition.

College batted with aggression up front and were in total control until three quick wickets fell in the space of two overs. This completely changed the game and placed College under massive pressure. Elam and Todd batted well in the middle overs, but left the mammoth task of 27 runs needed off the last three overs. Too many dot-balls are a concern that College need to address urgently. But alas, in strode the hero of the day, Fortmann, who, needing 3 runs to win off the final ball promptly hit it with the wind to clear the fence for victory by 5 wickets!

Clifton 104 all out. Fortmann 3/19, Kind 2/13 and Dyer 2/22.; College 108 for 5. Van der Walt 31, Todd 25, Elam 22.



Maritzburg College's grade 11 top-order batsmen Jacques van der Walt (left) and Andrew Todd (Photo: Jono Cook)

Basketball

Our mid-week match against Grace College was the final match played by College in 2018. College won the jump ball and within the first minute of the game were 7 points ahead. After a time-out being called by Grace their defence play halted the quick baskets by College bringing the 1st quarter score to 13 – 6. The court surface did not allow for a fast paced game and this resulted in a low scoring game. College struggled to find any sort of rhythm to the game and were outscored 8 points to 5 by Grace in the 2nd quarter. In the second period of the match the scoring success rate improved with College putting 30 points on the board in the second half coming out winners 48 – 30. Nhlanhlanipho Phenyane top-scored for College with 9 points.

Maritzburg College has received official notification from Basketball South Africa that Qalakahle Mkhize has been selected for U17 side which is due to take part in Region 5 Youth Games to be held in Gaborone at the beginning of December 2018. This is a huge achievement for Qalakahle as he is an U15 player although he plays for the College 1st team. We will be watching with his performance with pride!



Maritzburg College's Qalakahle Mkhize has been selected for U17 side which is due to take part in Region 5 Youth Games to be held in Gaborone (Photo: Wandile Mazwi)



We remember...

Old Collegians paid their respects at the Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph in Pietermaritzburg central business district on Sunday, 11 November.



Photo Credits: Tracey Rhodes

They honoured past pupils and staff who fought in the Great War, as we marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice.



Mike Bond (1978), Kevin Rhodes (1985), Matthew Marwick (1988), Edric Pascoe (1984), Daren Laubscher (2006), Matthew Rhodes (2014) and College pupil Tristan Rhodes

Players should study –Bylon Petersen

It's exam time again in South Africa and many students are hard at work preparing. One who has already finished all his exams is Kaizer Chief goalkeeper and Maritzburg College Old Boy Brylon Petersen (2013). He has completed his third year studying mechanical engineering at Wits University and he plans to tackle his honours next year.

Combining professional soccer with studying isn't always easy, but that's not how the goalkeeper sees it. "I put all my energy equally into football and my studies – balance is the key to success, so I keep focussed on my goals and achieving excellence. To be honest, the discipline of studying has helped me pick up things quicker in the game, because my brain is alert, forever processing information. This also helps me at training and everywhere else."

The 22-year-old goalkeeper advises every player to study. "Soccer is not a sustaining career, so you need something to fall back on after your playing days."

Petersen now has about three months to solely focus on his soccer before resuming his studies in February 2019. "It will feel like having a holiday break," the goalkeeper comments with a big smile on his face.

Re-elected to the Foundation Board

At the recent Foundation Annual General Meeting the election of Directors took place to fill certain vacancies on the Board of Directors. Mr Warren Smith (OC1991) was re-elected as a director of the Foundation for a further three-year period.



Warren is a director at J Leslie Smith Attorneys in Pietermaritzburg, serving on the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Executive and is also the Chairman of the Merchiston School Governing Body. We are thrilled to be able to retain Warren's passion, enthusiasm and expertise on the Foundation Board and wish him well for the term ahead.

A sincere message of appreciation was also extended at the AGM to Messrs Angus Findlay (OC1990) and Dave Rogers whose terms of office have come to an end. Both gentlemen have added immeasurable value to the Foundation during the periods that they have served as members of the Board. Angus Findlay served as Chairman of the Board since inception in 2010 until 2017.



Petersen's 5 Study Tips

1. Have a study schedule and be disciplined.
2. Find you inspiration - know what your goals are.
3. Make notes every day with a view to them being your study notes.
4. Work through past papers - the more the better and learn from your mistakes.
5. Take regular breaks, exercise keeps your mind focused.

We will remember them...

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them"*

With the haunting sounds of the Last Post and Reveille playing, the ceremonial laying of wreaths and the lowering of flags, current and retired Maritzburg College staff together with pupils, old boys and honoured guests joined in a poignant Remembrance Day ceremony outside Clark House last week.



Master of Ceremonies and Deputy Headmaster (Boarding) Matthew Marwick welcomed guests to this special event celebrating the centenary of the end of World War I – which ended in 1918 on the eleventh of the eleventh at the eleventh hour.



Jack Frost & Dudley Forde

College's Headmaster Chris Luman reminded the audience of the significance of Remembrance Day after which Rob Evans, Chairman of the School's Governing Body gave an overview of the College's sacrifices during 1918-1919. Dr Dudley Forde, past Headmaster of College then read the Maritzburg College Roll of Honour for these years as well as the obituary of one of our own – Lt Eric Ainsworth Goodwell, 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 Goodwell was the last College Old Boy to die during the conflict itself.

The Remembrance Day ceremony was followed by the unveiling of plaques on the school's Wall of Remembrance honouring a number of College men: Lt Goodwell (OC 1911), AE "Chappie" Chapman (staff), Joseph Hlela (staff) Henry Harrison (OC 1946), Peter Hall (OC 1984) and Nigel Wood (OC 1987).



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 Germany. Unfortunately, 97 Old Boys' and three teachers did not return, and their names are etched on the First World War Memorial.

Wreaths were laid at the Memorial.



Important Dates

November	
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

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