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From the Head's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

Congratulations to the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association (MCOBA) who celebrate their 122nd birthday today. As a school we are extremely grateful for and appreciative of the vitally important role that MCOBA plays in our school. Our Old Boys' Association is one of the oldest and the proudest in the country, and it is right that today and this week we as a school give thanks for its long and faithful service to College, for its generosity, for the wisdom and guidance, and for providing a unifying home for all boys who have passed through these halls.

College's Deputy Head of Boarding and former MCOBA President, Mr Matthew Marwick, paid tribute to the MCOBA in an address in assembly this morning. He reminded the school that the Association was actually founded on the 11th January 1897, but that the 22nd was Isandlwana Day, and former Headmaster Mr Clark wanted the reunion get-togethers to always fall on that day, in remembrance of that great battle in Zululand in 1879. The Battle of Isandlwana is intertwined with much of College's mythology and folklore that he himself initiated. The school motto of *Pro Aris et Focis* comes from the Latin words inscribed on the memorial in Clark House to the seven dead Old Boys; the school badge of crossed carbine and Zulu assegai honour and remember the soldiers and warriors of that day; as is well-known, College folklore tells us that the school colours of red, black and white represent the two warring factions and the blood they shed that day; and then there's our beloved war-cry, Jimeloyo-Ji!, with the exclamation "Ji!" being the shout of triumph of a Zulu warrior as he withdraws his bloodied stabbing assegai from the chest of his dead enemy. Special guests at the assembly included MCOBA's Vice President and staff member Mr Ngcebo Thembela and Mrs Linda Laubscher.

Our focus on Character Education continues this week, and we strongly encourage all our parents to join us for a talk by the highly sought after inspirational speaker and "Dad Coach" Craig Wilkinson. Founder of "Father Nation", Craig's passion and insight are highly valued and in his address, he will provide practical tools for growth and change. The talk takes place in the Olivier Cultural Centre on Friday 1 February before the New Parents Information evening in the Ron Jury Sport Centre. More details are provided later in this newsletter.

This weekend will also see our new Form2 boys reunited with their parents who join us for a Nathan House picnic on Sunday on Forder Oval. We are very proud of the way these young men have embraced everything that College offers over the last three weeks.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the important role played by some of the leaders at College. In the six years that I have been at the school, last Saturday's sport was the best day ever as far as support by boys for the various sports codes. This, I believe, was largely due to the amazing job done by the three shouting captains; Patterson, Zondi and Mfeka. In addition, our 6th Form showed superb attitude in their support of waterpolo, basketball and 1st XI cricket. There is no doubt in my mind that the enthusiasm and passion shown by the boys contributed significantly in the 1st XI securing a well-deserved victory over Hilton in very difficult conditions. Well done all.

Chris Luman
Headmaster

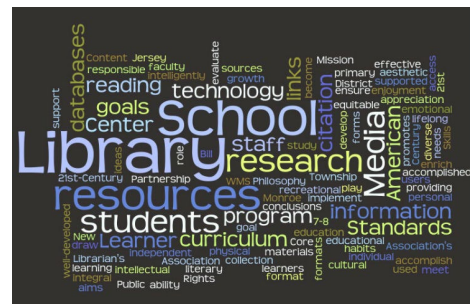


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Academic Achievements

Focus on... Library & Information Resources



The Maritzburg College Media Centre can be an overwhelming environment and we try to cover as much as we can during this first lesson, including lending policy, where to find fiction, non-fiction or Afrikaans and isiZulu books, other services available at the Media Centre, and if there's time, a quick look at our self-search catalogue.

We wouldn't be true librarians if we didn't also make time to expound upon the virtues of reading, and during this first lesson we try to explain why it is important to read and what can be achieved through it. Mark Twain is attributed with saying "A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read."

College is very fortunate to have a wonderful Media Centre and a very dedicated staff team, led by Mr Rob Gutteridge, always ready to help boys and staff.

The new year means that there are about 285 Second Formers needing an introduction to the Media Centre, and this is done during the first cycle of Media Studies.

Fortunately, most of our feeder schools have libraries so library etiquette is usually quite well ingrained. We do need to explain the layout of the College Library and have created a map/blueprint to help the boys in this regard. Obviously this isn't primary school, so the boys have to complete this map to show that they know where everything is.



Focus on... Calder House



2019 has begun with a bang for Calder House! Not only have we welcomed all the new second formers to College,

but we have also welcomed our new mentor, Mrs Harris, who has joined us from Carter High School where she was Head of Subject for Geography. Calder House is extremely excited to welcome her into the fold and we look forward to her input as a mentor.

Led by the energetic Mr Reed, Calder House and its enthusiastic leadership group has a renewed focus on house spirit and participation, which has seen Calder House placing 2nd in Borver Week and second overall in the Inter-House Competition thus far.

Although it is still early days, the energy in the House is refreshing and we as a house are looking forward to a successful year.

This year, we have two outreach initiatives: Jess Foorde and Adopt a Granny. Your support with these initiatives would greatly be appreciated. If any parents would like to get involved, please feel free to contact Mr Reed via email.

We are looking forward to the future, as we grow the status



Mrs Brigette Harris

of our House, through dedicated service to the school in all aspects of life, living by the school's values and by our house's motto 'Vigilans non cadit' which means: The vigilant man falls not.



Focus on...Choir

Maritzburg College is heading into an exciting year of music for 2019! Both the Choir and the Band started off the year with their camp weekends, where they spent the Friday night and Some of Saturday in rehearsals.

They also learnt a large portion of the new music for the year!

The Choir and Jazz Band have been invited, for the first time, to do an exchange with Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS) and Affies. This year, they will travel to Affies for a concert on 12 July and PBHS will be joining us at College on 19 July.



The Music Centre also congratulates the following boys for their selection into the Midlands Youth Choir:

AJ Westley	Form 5	Fuller House
A Zungu	Form 4	Snow House
N Mbatha	Form 3	Lamond House
T Zuma	Form 3	Strachan House
C Kisbey-Green	Form 5	Fuller House
K Howard	Form 6	Lamond House

Well done to Matt Fuhri (Form 5, Forder House) for his acceptance into the KZN Youth Orchestra on Trombone.

Some important dates where our talented music boys will be performing in 2019:

1 February	New Parents Evening
10 February	Valentines Concert at Forder Oval (Picnic Concert)
13 March	Concert with the Milton Academy Jazz Band at PMB GHS
12 July	Affies Exchange at Affies
14 July	Choral Celebration Network Concert at the Playhouse in Durban
19 July	PBHS Exchange at College
30 August	Prestige Concert
20 November	Carol Service

This year, the department's new venture is the introduction of a Drum Corp. Thanks to generous sponsorship from the Maritzburg College Club, we have managed to secure a collection of drums that are permanently housed in the music centre. Watch this space to see performances of the drumline at various events around College.



Sporting Spotlight

There were strong sporting performances from Maritzburg College boys over the weekend. Highlights included the performances of our cricket, basketball, squash and waterpolo teams against Hilton.

Cricket

Although the weather forced a reduction in overs and the cancellation of most of the matches, Maritzburg College 1st XI Cricket side had a great home win against Hilton. After persistent rain throughout the morning, the game became a 40 over fixture. Hilton won the toss and elected to bat finishing their innings on 182/5 after 39 overs with Michael Booth 53* and Nick Hatton 46. College, needing 183 off 39 overs, had some anxious moments but did manage to get over the line with one ball to spare, ending an enthralling contest and a game which was a great advert for schoolboy cricket.

Basketball

College hosted their second game of the season against Hilton College and had a great game staying on top for most of the match. It was a great victory for the host school and a much needed one too with the final score of 58-26.

Overall results showed College winning 10 of the 11 games played.

Waterpolo

College's waterpolo teams faced some tough competition from Hilton. Our 1st team had a very good game with fantastic support from our boys, but lost to Hilton. Overall results summary showed College played 9, won 1, lost 4 and drew 4.

Canoeing

Once again College boys dominated the junior canoeing categories at this weekend's N3TC Drak Challenge. Dave Evans continued his winning form as the 1st junior paddler home and also finished in an outstanding 5th place overall in 2:53:21. Scott Little was the 5th junior home. College Old Boys also dominated with Andy Birkett recording his 6th consecutive win with Stewart Little finishing in 2nd place.

Squash

Our Squash 1st and 2nd teams had excellent wins against Hilton; the 1st team won 24-0 and the 2nd team won 12-0.

Athletics

College participated in a local meet at the new Athletics Stadium ahead of the KZN Athletics league. Our boys did very well placing in the Shot Putt, Javelin, Long Jump, 100m, 400m and 1500m events.

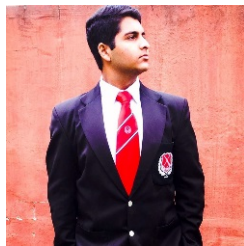




Happy 122nd Birthday, MCOBA!

As the prestigious organisation turns 122 years old, Old Boys' of all ages and from far and wide inundated the Old Boys' office with birthday messages, showing their love for their alma mater.

One of the youngest to send in his well wishes was Gregory Haripersad (2018), who said: "Being a young adult is a privilege, but being an Old Collegian is an honour. Wishing the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association a very Happy Birthday!"



Some more messages from Old Boys':

"Wishing College Old Boys' Association a Happy Birthday - from my home in Jacarilla, Spain." Gerry Baillon (1972)

"Congratulations to MCOBA on their 122 year anniversary. I'm very proud to be a member." Warwick Withinshaw (1969)

To view birthday links from Old Boys around the world, visit the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritzburgcollegeoldboys/>

In honour of the 122 year anniversary, we have included an extract from **From Hearth and Home** by Simon Haw and Richard Frame:

"In 1896, after a highly successful athletics meeting, RD Clark and a group of Old Boys assembled around a dinner table at College for a congenial evening. During the course of a lively speech, Clark proposed the setting up of an Old Boys' Association. His labours bore fruit on the evening of January 11 1897 when a small but enthusiastic group of Old Boys, responding to several advertisements in the press, braved the inclement weather and attended an inaugural meeting in the Supper Room of the Town Hall.

It was at this meeting that Clark suggested that the annual Old Boys' reunion should take place on 22 January each year. His reason for proposing this was that that was the date of the 'only piece of antiquity they had – the memorial tablet'.

He remarked further that they had no founders' day, and he thought that on the 22nd of January the Old Boys should rally round the school. A more light-hearted reason for choosing that date was that school would not be in session, "and emancipated boys could meet and smoke their cigarettes without any evil effects on the present boys."



Former Headmaster champions exciting initiative

The Maritzburg College Foundation has found a champion in former Headmaster and College Old Boy, Mr Keith Olivier.

Together they have been engaged in the development of an exciting new campaign that is aimed to benefit Maritzburg College. This campaign is centred on creating a platform and opportunity for members of the College community to nominate Maritzburg College as a beneficiary in their estate planning.

As a passionate Old Boy (OC 1948) and former Headmaster of the school (1978 to 1985) Mr Olivier acknowledges that "with the ever-diminishing contribution of the State to the cost of running Maritzburg College, it becomes increasingly incumbent on Old Boys and the wider College Community to ensure the sustainability and development of our great school, its values and standards, for future Collegians".

The Foundation looks forward to sharing more news on this initiative in the coming weeks.

Maritzburg College invites parents to a talk by the highly sought after inspirational speaker and 'Dad Coach'

Craig Wilkinson

Founder of 'Father a Nation'

As a speaker Craig captivates his audiences with his passion and insights and will leave you with practical tools for growth and change

Join us for the parents session:

- ♦ Friday 1 February 2019
- ♦ 16:00
- ♦ Olivier Cultural Centre
- ♦ Parking on the terraces

For further information or to indicate your attendance for planning purposes

Please contact :

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www.fatheranation.co.za



Important Dates

January

26 Canoe: Dash & Crash

Athletics: KZN Schools League

Cricket & Waterpolo vs SCC

27 Nathan House Picnic

Basketball: MHS U16 festival

Canoe: Campbell's to Dusi Bridge

28 Form 6 to Hamlet

30 Elevate Education

Cricket: Staff vs Prefects

31 Donor Appreciation Evening

February

1 Parenting Address: Craig Wilkinson [APMH]

New Parents' Information Evening & Cocktails [Ron Jury Sports Centre]

2 Athletics: KZN League 3 [Kings Park]

Canoeing: Capitol Caterers Kayak Centre K1 Marathon

Basketball, Cricket & Waterpolo vs Glenwood [H]



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The Zarm Farm is needing helpers during the week, to make and feed our boys the famous College Zarm. If you are able to help, please contact Joanne Hoyle for more information on joannehoyle01@gmail.com

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