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From the Head's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

The past week has been a busy one for the school. Our focus on Character Education continued, with the excellent and highly relevant presentation by inspirational speaker and "Dad Coach" Craig Wilkinson. Mr Wilkinson's message to boys, parents and staff was an inspiring one and focused around the need for parents to "Be there" for their boys.

These messages are being re-enforced through the mentor programme – A Good Man Journey, which is focused on a number of aspects around Character Education. The "Good Man Journey" is a programme which challenges boys to consider the type of man that they want to become and the virtues that will guide them through their adult life. In the words of Martin Luther King – "Intelligence plus character – that is the true goal of education".

The programme has been compiled and written using material, ideas and present day trends of international boys schools, but is specifically tailored for the "College Boy". Our aim is to build and strengthen character within our boys, to influence how they think and act, especially when faced with challenging situations throughout their adolescent years.

Our sporting successes continued last weekend with a highlight being the historic win by the 1st team basketball in the last 2 seconds of the game against St Charles.

We also held our annual Championship gala which saw some excellent swimming and new records set across age groups.

On Friday we hosted all our new parents to an event in the Ron Jury High Performance Centre, for an evening which provided them with the opportunity to meet and engage with their sons' house masters and mentor teachers. This was also a great chance to meet one another and learn more about the College ethos. Parents were reminded of the importance of staying alongside their boys, and supporting them through their high school years, while allowing them the space to develop necessary life skills and independence.

The trust relationship between parents and staff is so important – and is founded on open, transparent and clear communication. Please continue to work with us and support us in this regard.

Parents were also reminded of the many communication channels open to them in the school, with a #Keepintouch focus. The D6 communicator remains our key mechanism for keeping parents informed while our website contains comprehensive information on all areas of our school. Please follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, and join the various Facebook groups that have been created to share updates across the sporting codes and cultural activities. We welcome you sharing your photos and updates on these groups as you watch and support your sons.



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Chris Luman
Headmaster

Academic Achievements

Elevate Education @ College



Our Form 2 boys enjoyed valuable study skills workshops given by Elevate Education on campus this week. The Workshops were a great way to kick-start their academic year at College.

Elevate Education is an international organisation with a reputation for achieving behavioural change. The company has become an international leader in education, working with the highest performing schools in South Africa, Australia, UK, USA, and Singapore. Academic staff also attended a workshop by Elevate Education to facilitate ensuring the skills learnt by our boys are re-enforced by their teachers in the classroom.



College hosts CAT workshop for KZN teachers

Our Computer Application Technology (CAT) department recently hosted an Olympiad workshop at College attended by a number of CAT teachers from around KZN. The workshop was run by Mike Chiles, a retired Director of the E-Learning Directorate in the Western Cape. Mr Chiles is currently one of the Umalusi moderators for CAT and has been involved with IT for many years, with a keen interest in CAT, IT and the new subject Digital Technology. Also at the workshop was Estelle Llwellyn, Chairperson of the CAT and IT Subject Committee in KZN and an Acting Deputy Chief Education Specialis based in the Umlazi District (greater Durban metropole).

Other delegates included the Subject Advisor for CAT and IT, and teachers from Ugu District (Port Shepstone), and Harry Gwala district (Kokstad). We were also proud to host Dr Thami Nkabinde; Deputy Chief Education Specialist for the Maths Science and Technology Directorate, from the KZN Head Office. Delegates found the workshop extremely useful as well as providing a much valued opportunity to engage and interact with their peers.



Focus on... Commons House



Led by the experienced Mr Darryl Trodd, Commons House has a strong sense of community and mentorship. The Assistant Housemaster is Mr Sheldon Bosch ably assisted by Mrs Kamany Thaver, Mr Ralph Paterson, Dr Rosanne Salmond, Mrs Liesl dos Santos and Mr Siphesihle Mabaso as our mentor teachers.

Mentoring remains the most important aspect of the House and the boys are well looked after by their respective mentor teachers.

The boys are able take full advantage of engaging with their mentors on all matters that pertain to their academics and pastoral care. Our main objective is to ensure the well-being of our boys at all times.

The House Captain of Commons House is L Diedricks, while the Prefects are K Raw, K.D Chetty and K.M Dlangalala. House Leaders include LH Menezies (Academic & Tutoring); SN Kubheka (Pastoral – Behaviour); JS Brink (Sport & HC); KS Mngadi (Cultural & HC) and SP Ngcobo (Mentoring & Leadership). These young men are tasked with upholding the core values of College men and instilling them to other boys. As Commons House we are proud of them and know that they will lead by example as good role models.



This year, Commons House will facilitate the Indawo Yethemba (Place of Hope) Project to oversee homework in the community and come to the aid of those in need.



Commons House did extremely well in the Virtus Challenge this year, coming first in the Junior tug of war event, second in the gala and winning Borver Week! They are currently tied for first on the leader board.

Focus on.... Art Club



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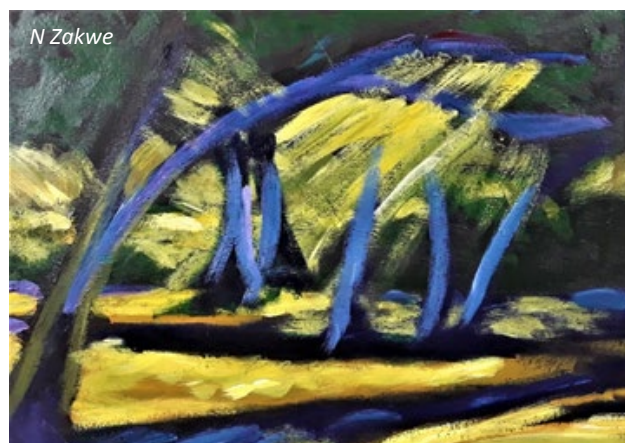
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Maritzburg College's Art Club has gathered significant interest from staff and boys alike, and the time often flows late into the

afternoon! This was made evident when one of the boys in the club said recently: "Where did two and a half hours go?"

Art Club takes place on a Monday afternoon, a time specifically set aside after school for clubs and societies to meet and delve into their extra mural interests. Each class is an independent lesson that focuses on a specific discipline, for example 'colour theory' or 'how to interpret landscapes' or 'how to paint water'. If we were to have a motto, it would perhaps be 'Just Make Art' as it is more important to enjoy the process than fear the result – especially in a driven world, fraught with the necessary elements of self-evaluation.

In Art Club, we take time out. Trip Advisor would give it five stars! Come join us, Monday afternoons, just after 2pm, in the Art Block. If you are brave enough, you will surprise yourself. Any art materials you have you can bring them along, or ask ahead and we can sort something out for you.



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Sporting Spotlight

Despite the rain causing all our cricket matches to be cancelled, there were some historic sporting performances last weekend particularly from our basketball teams playing against St Charles.

Basketball

It was an historic win for the 1st basketball team against St Charles. Billed as the derby to end all derbies, this was one of the most unforgettable sporting contests, ending with a 42-41 win to Maritzburg College, van Rensburg sinking the match-winning basket with just 2 seconds on the clock. College won all 4 of their matches against St Charles.

On Sunday, College's U16 basketball team won the basketball festival hosted by Michaelhouse.



Waterpolo

College's waterpolo teams had an excellent round of fixtures against St Charles winning all 4 of their games. Our 1st team had a resounding victory winning 27-1 while the 2nd team recorded a 24-0 victory.

Canoeing

College hosted the Dash 'n Crash with a record attendance despite the wet weather. Once again College boys dominated with Dave Evans finishing 1st overall and 1st junior paddler home. Bryce Lawson was 15th overall and 5th junior home.



Squash

College's Squash teams continued the school's winning performances of the weekend, beating St Charles 24-2.

Golf League

In the first round of the Golf league College's 1st team won 6.5-1.5 while the 2nd team drew 4-4.



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



I had a farm in Africa - Colenbrander out of Africa: An Old Collegian remembered

(Taken from the Vryheid Herald -

<https://vryheidherald.co.za/83646/farm-africa-colenbrander-africa/>)



Adrian Montague Colenbrander was born on the day before Christmas, December 24, 1917, at Louwsburg, the son of magistrate, and farmer, Adrian Leopold Brunner "Addie" Colenbrander, nicknamed "Upenyane" meaning "The one who enquires very deeply into the matter". Adrian's mother was Margaret Lilian Colenbrander neé Wood. Adrian

grew up on the farm Goedgeloof or "Kwa Panyane" in the area of Magudu, and had four siblings, starting his schooling career in Vryheid at Nuwe Republiek Skool, before he went on to Merchiston and then Maritzburg College. He matriculated in 1935, after playing fullback for the Maritzburg College 1st 15 rugby team, and captaining the school's 1st 11 cricket team.

Adrian joined the South African Air Force after completing matric, and also spent time with the Special Services Battalion (SSB). He was one of only one hundred men chosen by the then Minister of Defence to be trained in all branches of the Defence Force. At the outbreak of the war he was already a fully trained pilot, soldier, and an instructor.

On one memorable occasion, Adrian and two other old Maritzburg Collegians, without authority, flew their fighter planes up to Pietermaritzburg, and gave the College, and Pietermaritzburg an exhibition of low level aerobatics, and dive bombing!

During the time that Adrian was stationed in Pretoria he played rugby, polo and cricket for the "Garnisoen" (Garrison) first team, and in 1938 he also represented the then newly formed Northern Transvaal Rugby Union ("Blou Bulle"), at fullback, and in both rugby teams he played together with the infamous Springbok rugby legend, Doctor Daniël Hartman "Danie" "Doc Craven". On July 13, 1938, Colenbrander also played a rugby match for Northern Transvaal versus the touring British Isles rugby team, captained by Irishman Sam Walker.

Major Adrian Montague Colenbrander, the Officer in command of the SAAF 2nd Squadron, was killed in action, at El Alamein, on November 13, 1942. He is remembered at the El Alamein Memorial in Egypt, the memorial at his Alma Mater, Maritzburg College, and at the St Peters Parish, Anglican Church in Vryheid.

Lest we Forget

Pro Aris et Focis

Changing Lives...Shaping Futures

College hosted an inaugural Donor Appreciation Event to recognise and thank those people whose generous support has made an enormous difference in so many of our young men's lives.

- **In 2018, 49 of our boys received externally funded scholarships, worth more than R1 350 000**
- **128 care packages were delivered to College boarders**
- **Our special appeals raised R51 411 to support 24 boys**
- **Thirty-one boys benefitted from R46 500 provided through the Big Basher Campaign to purchase blazers, bashers, shoes and other uniform items**

On the evening, over 30 donors were acknowledged for their role in changing our boys' lives, and enjoyed the opportunity to meet some of the recipients, and to hear their stories. It was a heart-warming and happy occasion which will definitely be repeated.



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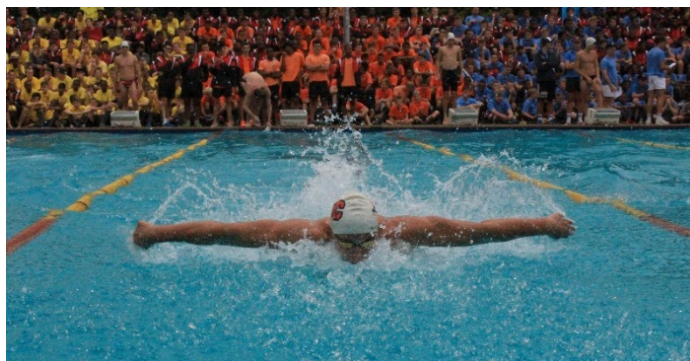
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PLEASE KEEP LENDING YOUR SUPPORT
TO OUR BOYS

Thank you

Championship Gala

Despite the rain, College held its annual Championship Gala last week Friday. The event saw boys compete in a range of individual events as well as earning house points, with some record breaking performances.



Overall results

Bill Hendry Trophy

Open Champion - L Robinson

Dudley Forde Trophy

U17 Champion - C van Heerden

Jimmy Anderson Memorial Shield

U16 Champion - J van der Merwe

Warren Shuttleworth Memorial Trophy

U15 Champion - T van Heerden

Tut Marwick Trophy

U14 Champion - T Truter

English Cup

U14 House Relay - Barns

Oscar Servant Trophy

Best performance - C van Heerden (new record)

Porritt Cup

U16 House Relay - Nicholson's

Rick Speirs Trophy

Inter House Relay - Nicholson's

Hutchison Trophy

Overall House Championship - Nicholson's

Important Dates

- 6 A Slice of Slab – Paul Slabolepsky
- 7-8 Cricket CSA Schools T20 playoffs
- 8 **Open Day (APH)**
Basketball Provincial Trials
Golf League
Westville Invitational Gala
SGB dinner
- 8-10 Print Workshop
St Andrews Squash Festival
- 9 Midmar Mile D1
Capital Caterers Kayak Centre K1
canoe sprints
Cricket, Basketball & Waterpolo vs
MHS
Athletics Puma School of Speed
Swimming Top 10 gala
- 10 Leadership camp: Form 5
Dusi open day
Midmar Mile D2



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