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#### From the Marketing Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

It has been another eventful week on the campus, ending with an outstanding performance from our canoeists in this year's FNB Dusi Canoe Marathon. Well done to OC Andy Birkett on his 9<sup>th</sup> Dusi title and a special congratulations to our own Deputy Head Prefect David Evans on bringing home the top Junior spot, finishing the grueling race in 7<sup>th</sup> position overall – the best finish result for a junior in the history of the race. It was a clean sweep for the school with OC Stewart Little winning the U23 title. It was a great week of sporting results across a number of codes – more on this later in the newsletter.

On Friday last week we hosted our biggest Open Day ever – with over 400 prospective parents and pupils visiting the school, for a mini Expo featuring some of our academic, sporting and cultural aspects, as well as tours of the campus. We also launched our new Boarder video across media channels highlighting the five boarding houses and the unique experience College provides for the nearly 500 boarders in our BE.

Another first for the school has been the launch of College TV; a platform which will allow us to share school events and activities with parents and the wider public via the DigiTV channel.

The initiative aims to showcase and focus on all aspects of the holistic educational experience that College offers including Cultural (choir, debating, drama etc), Academic (classes, extra classes, etc), Sport (All sport codes, all teams), Marketing (Open Days, Social Media, etc), Social Responsibility (Community Outreach programmes Khanyisa) and General (Assemblies, initiatives, fund raisers etc). Content will be developed as edited footage as well as via live streaming, with the support of a full-time producer on campus. Boys will also be involved in various aspects of the filming and production process.

To view footage, parents are encouraged to go to www.digitv.co.za and register. There is no cost to do this, and we look forward to sharing activities and events from the school with you.

Please help us by supporting a number of fundraising initiatives highlighted on the back page of this newsletter. With the rugby season nearly upon us – take advantage of securing one of the limited number of Rugby Season tickets entitling you to special benefits for our home games. With Easer fast approaching, you can treat family and friends to a delicious Easter Egg package and help contribute to our Rugby 2019 UK Tour fundraising efforts. Lastly we invite you to join us for an evening hosted by the College Canoeing fraternity which includes supper with Rob Caskie as well as an auction and lucky draws.

Please continue to #KeepInTouch by visiting the website, and following us on D6, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We are especially encouraging parents to join and contribute to the FB sport and cultural groups by sharing photos and updates from the various fixtures.

Sally Upfold Marketing Manager



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### **Academic Achievements**



#### Focus on...Afrikaans

The Afrikaans department are delighted with their matric results, boasting a 100% pass rate and 33 distinctions! These results have earned Maritzburg College the top position in the Umgungundlovu district, with the top achievers being TS Moroney, C Beekrum and MR Bayat with 93%, placing them third in this district. We are very proud of our learners and their achievements.

Currently, entries for the Senior Afrikaans Olympiad are being finalised and sent to the ATKV. This competition is written on 14 May and we are very proud of our boys who are taking on this challenge and competing with the rest of the country. There is excellent prize money on offer; first prize R3 500, second prize R3 000, third prize R2 500 and a provincial prize of R1 000.

The Afrikaans Department offers extra lessons for pupils who struggle with the language. Junior lessons are offered on Tuesdays and Senior lessons on Wednesdays from 14:00 to 15:00 and are free of charge. The focus of these lessons is grammar, comprehension and creative writing.

As a department, we are planning to focus on more practical lessons in 2019, with fun activities, like communicating in different situations, designing cards for Valentine's Day, birthdays, Mother's/Father's Day and writing letters of appreciation, especially after an exchange with Affies.



This term, we have already started with Valentine's Day cards and boys competed against each other for the most romantic card as well as the best love poem. Prizes were awarded on Valentine's Day for the two most creative cards and these two poems will also be published in the 2019 School Magazine. The purpose of this exercise is grasping the techniques of creating a poem and learning new vocabulary through fun activities. The winners of this competition were L. Muller in Form 5 and G Roux in Form 2.



**Die Liefdesliedjiemengsel** L. Muller (Form 5)

Al lê die berge nog so blou bly ek lief net vir jou. Jy is soms Liewe Heksie en soms my Suikerbossie, maar saam met jou wil ek net kaalvoet-sokkie.

Die Liefdesliedjie-mengsel is vir jou geskryf En ek hoop dit maak my so cool soos Koos Kombuis. Jou stem klink mooier as Lisa se Klavier, maar ons gesprekke is meer as 'n melodie.

Jy laat die dansvloer brand binne-in my en jou glimlag maak my hart vry.

Ek hou van Daai Ding wanneer jy so loop. Dit maak die sluise van die hemel oop. Saam met jou, Liefling, voel ek nooit alleen.

Dankie, Here, jy het my so geseën Nou ... stop, wag, bly net 'n bietjie langer, want jy, my lief, is my Sonvanger!

Valentynsdans G. Roux (Form 2)
Gister het ek 'n mooi gedig ontvang
en ek begin toe die hitte te voel op my wang.
Dit was gebind met 'n rooi lint – geruik soos
laventel

en toe – net daar – het my hart ophou drentel.

Ek begin die gedig deeglik lees, my hart begin vinniger klop – deur my vel en vlees! My hande raak klam en ek voel 'n bietjie flou toe ek lees: "Ek like jou!"

Dan begin ek vir jou 'n gediggie skryf vertel bietjie van my mooie kuif. Skryf oor hoe ek by die dans in jou oë wil staar dan sluit ek af met die laaste reël, wat eindig met: "Sien jou daar!"

## **College Culture**





#### Focus on...Fuller House

Fuller House has had a good start to the year and the new House Leaders and Prefects are working extremely well. Led by passionate leaders, Housemaster Mr Anthony Sparrow and Assistant House Master Mrs Leigh-Ann Moffatt, the new weekly timetable the house assemblies have taken on is a format which the mentors and boys



have embraced with a positive attitude. Fuller House Mentor teachers are Mr Chris Barnsley, Ms Cheryl Townsend, Mr Simon Stickells, Mr Nollie Duvenage and Mr

Danie Kleinhans.

The mentor lessons on a Wednesday have been challenging our boys with regards to their character and encouraging them think about the type of character they would like to build for themselves. This will continue throughout the year. The conversations they are having with each other and their mentor are very important ones.

The house competition has started well for us and we currently lead the competition. Our new boys gave us a good start, placing third in the Borver week challenge. The boys all pulled together as a house to win the Virtus challenge at the start of the term. The gala did not go as well as we would have hoped but I am sure they will pull things back with the house cricket and chess that has been taking place this week. Our new boys are fitting in well and have quickly gotten to know the traditions of the house.

Our next big house competition is the inter-house athletics. We hope that the entire house will again pull together as a team as many of our boys take part in the event, and we believe this is going to be a good year for Fuller House.

2019 Prefects include:

J Duncan: House Captain
B Webster: Vice Captain

T Francis

2019 House Leaders are:

S Butler Pastoral

N Reintges
 N Msiya
 H Heeralal
 N Nsuntsha
 Academics and Tutoring
 Sport and House Competitions
 Mentoring and Leadership
 Cultural and House Competitions



#### Focus on...eSports

Maritzburg College's eSports society has seen some changes between 2018 and 2019. Not only did we lose a number of skilled gamers, notably D Dhayaram (last year's captain), but we have added the global phenomenon, Fortnite (notably different to the period of time, for the uninformed) to our roster of eSports titles for 2019. Our four Fortnite teams join our motivated DOTA 2 and Overwatch teams for the year. We have begun our campaigns in the first season of the 2019 High School eSports League, which was started last year by a group of schools from around the country with the aim of promoting eSports at a school level. The DOTA 2 league is held in partnership with VSGaming, and the top sides last year played in the arena at Comic Con in Johannesburg.

eSports has seen an increase in interest over the last few years, internationally, of course, but within the school as well. The introduction of Overwatch (2018) and Fortnite (2019) bear testament to this. There is also opportunity

for interested pupils of Maritzburg College to take up the ever-popular FIFA franchise as well.



## **Sporting Spotlight**



The past week saw excellent performances for College's sportsmen from Thursday through the weekend in a range of sporting codes.

#### **Cricket**

College's cricketers were on top form winning 13 of their 14 matches against Michaelhouse. The College bowlers bowled with great control and didn't allow the Michaelhouse batsmen to score freely. Chasing 149, College secured a well-deserved 5 wicket win.

#### **Basketball**

Maritzburg College basketball teams took on Michaelhouse with midweek and weekend fixtures. The College teams continued their excellent form winning 13 of their 18 games. The 1st basketball team faced a tough encounter and eventually lost 31 - 50. The U14 and U15 age groups were particularly successful not losing a match.

#### Waterpolo

College's waterpolo teams had a very good round of fixtures against Michaelhouse winning 6 of the 9 games played mid-week. Our 1<sup>st</sup> team had a close win 7-6 while the 2<sup>nd</sup> team recorded a 3-2 victory.

#### Squash

College's squash continued their excellent performance, competing in the St Andrew's Tournament held in Bloemfontein. The team was undefeated winning 4 games and drawing I game.

#### **Canoeing**

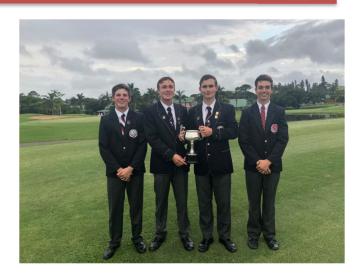
In last weekend's Capitol Caterers Kayak K I sprints, Maritzburg College's D Evans finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the A final while B Lawson was I<sup>st</sup> in the B final. D Evans and H MacKenzie won the U19 K2 with S Little and B Lawson finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

#### **Athletics**

There were excellent results from College boys competing in the Puma School of Speed event with our boys placig in the U15 100 & 200m, U17 100m, U15 400m, U17 high jump, U17 long jump and U19 long jump. At Friday's night's College meet there were also good performances in both individual and team events.

#### **Golf League**

In the Golf league, College's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams recorded convincing wins against Michaelhouse with both teams scoring 8-0 victories. College also won the Nomads team school championship at Mount Edgecombe and will represent KZN at the SA School championship in Limpopo in July.







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

# Maritzburg College Old Boys Association



# Maritzburg College Foundation



#### OC's take on the Dusi

A number of OCs are taking on the FNB 2019 Dusi Canoe Marathon and were happy to brand their boats #REDBLACKWHITE. Best wishes to all of these athletes for their three day epic journey.





#### **HOT OFF THE PRESS...**

College OC Andy Birkett won his 9<sup>th</sup> Dusi Canoe Marathon, with OCs Carl Floscher and Stewart Little (1<sup>st</sup> U23) also finishing in the Top 15

## Leaving a Legacy through the Olivier Bequest Appeal

"What used to be a government school, a state school, is now a community school. And the community must "own" that school, develop it and fund it, and consequently it behoves all of us to get on with the job and do what we possibly can to make sure that the school not only survives, but survives at the standard and level that we have expected of it over all these years."

With these words, a call-to-action to our community, College Old Boy and former Headmaster of Maritzburg College, Mr Keith Olivier formally introduced the Olivier Bequest Appeal to members of the College community at an intimate gathering of representatives from the Old Boys, Foundation, School and wider community held at this past week.

The Olivier Bequest Appeal, an initiative conceptualised and administered through the Maritzburg College Foundation, provides a formal framework that will enable Old Boys and members of our College community to leave a lasting legacy to Maritzburg College through a testamentary bequest in their wills.



The Foundation's Andrew Soden & Steve Colenbrander with retired headmaster Keith Olivier

## **Campus Roundup**



#### Support our College Fundraisers

A reminder to please support our current fundraising initiatives...

Buy one of the limited number of **2019 Rugby Season tickets**, an initiative of the Maritzburg College Club.



Please also support our *Easter Egg Rugby 2019 UK Tour* fundraiser – by purchasing one of these delicious gift packs; a portion of the funds raised goes to the Rugby 2019 UK Tour. Orders: Nicci Morsink mceastereggs@gmail.com or 083 324 4559.



Lastly, join us for a special evening organised by the **Canoeing** group on I March featuring supper with Rob Caskie, as well as lucky draw prizes and an exciting auction.

#### Important Dates 15 Basketball St Stithians U16 tournament 16 Rugby Sarel Cilliers Day 19 Author E Bulbring @ College SATT meeting 20 Top KZN Schools Gala (Clifton) Basketball vs Grace Squash vs Kearsney 21 Trust Meeting 22-24 Basketball U19 St Johns tournament Rugby Voortrekker festival Athletic KZN Champs 23 Basketball, Cricket & Waterpolo vs Kearsney Cricket vs Hampshire Northants Waterpolo U15 Dallas Hutton tournament



23-24 Grade 7 Boarder Sleepover

