

#RED BLACK WHITE

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From the Head's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

Maritzburg College celebrates 156 years of excellence

This weekend – Saturday, 2 March to be exact – marks the 156th birthday of our school.

It was on this very day in 1863, under a hot March sun, that a lean, fair-haired young Scottish schoolmaster, Mr William Calder, opened the doors to a new high school located in a building in old Longmarket Street. Minutes afterwards, he began giving lessons to 36 boys who are famously referred to in the school's history as "colonial ruffians"; boys who were to be the Foundation Scholars of the then Pietermaritzburg High School.

From these beginnings in a humble carpenter's shop, Maritzburg College has flourished and prospered, and has grown into one of Africa's great educational institutions. A modern school in every sense, the school retains a strong sense of its history and heritage. Our 1360 boys will leave College as young men imbued with a strong sense of independence and individualism – but also of team-spirit and belonging.

The school unashamedly embraces its core values of Commitment, Courage, Honesty, Respect, Integrity and Self-discipline, which all our boys are expected to live out each day. College has evolved considerably over the last few decades, and today offers a multitude of opportunities for all boys to find a niche and be happy. We pride ourselves on being a modern, relevant, multi-racial school that embraces all that is best in South Africa's ever-changing environment, and we believe we have a crucial role to play in nation building. Our Social Awareness Programme, with pupil, staff and parent participation, is actively seeking ways to embrace and manage diversity in the school, and ensure it is embedded in the quality education we offer.

While for some boys and teachers who pass through its doors, College remains a mere school, to so many others (in many cases, now dotted around the world) it remains a source of great pride, a font of lasting friendships, loyalties and memories, an enduring symbol of excellence, and a lifelong inspiration.

At Maritzburg College, we are immensely proud of our shared identity that binds the present to the past beneath a vivid tapestry quilted in Red, Black and White. To so many, this is no mere school. And so we salute our school, Maritzburg College, the oldest boys' school in KZN, on the occasion of its 156th birthday.

Well done, College, and Happy Birthday!

PRO ARIS ET FOCIS
FOR HEARTH & HOME
OKWESIBAYA NOMSAMO

Chris Luman
Headmaster



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Academic Achievements

Focus on... Dramatic Arts

The 2019 academic year for the Dramatic Arts Department started off on a high note with excellent results produced by the Class of 2018 in the NSC exam. All the academic programmes for Creative and Dramatic Arts are running smoothly with the focus being on the 'page to stage' technique. The boys are enjoying the performance aspect to Drama on all levels. Form 2 and Form 3 have explored Choral Verses and Feasts and Festivals respectively, while Form 4 explored a variety of Cultural Performances. The boys engaged in a well-researched teach back session on the different forms of cultural performances. Form 5 studied Realism and experimented with Stanislavski's Method Acting techniques. They explored the power of portraying three dimensional characters using the various Method Acting techniques as part of their performance assessment. The Form 6s are hard at work preparing items for Theme Programmes which is the requirement their final performance exam scheduled to take place in August.

On the co-curricular front, the Drama department is excited about the launch of College Cues. This society focuses on acting and physical theatre workshops, theatrical production workshops and dance. College Cues was delighted to host the legendary Paul Slabolepszy who took the audience on a poignant journey of his life in the show *A Slice of Slab*. Our Form 5 and Form 6 boys attended a production of the matric text, *Waiting for Godot*, performed by the Namalandi Creativity company. We look forward to having our boys join Menzi Mkhwane, the director at Namalandi Creativity, for a physical theatre and acting workshop early next term.

The school's major production, *Fawlty Towers*, will run from April 26 to May 1, in the Olivier Cultural Centre and the cast is already in rehearsal. The show which is in three episodes is directed by Mrs Elma Fraser – *A Touch of Class*; James McFarland, Carl Martin and Mr Brandon Swart – *Communication Problems*, and Mrs Kamany Thaver – *The Kipper and The Corpse*. Booking details will be available later in the term.



And on... Agricultural Science

Check out what's happening in Mr Jonathan Tyler's Q3 classroom. Mr Tyler has embraced teaching Agricultural Sciences at College with both style and commitment, and both the enthusiasm for and number of pupils taking this fascinating subject are growing rapidly! His new classroom acquisitions are also proving popular... This little Bantam chick hatched on the 26 February – too cute!



The anemone and the clown fish show the boys a symbiotic relationship in action in the classroom!



Focus on...Nicholson House



It gives me great pleasure to once again have an article written for inclusion in our #RedBlackWhite newsletter – this from Head of House, Mr Gonas Govindasamy.

This year, we have two new mentors in Nicholson House. Mr M Zuma, whose wealth of knowledge and the ease in which he fitted in has been most welcome by both his class and our boys, joins us as a mentor for N5. Mrs F Deysel has taken up her role as assistant housemaster. Her duties have had her touch base with all boys and she is always available to help with the boys.

Our house leaders; B Gumbi, BS Gumede, D Odell, J Hendricks and C Shaw have most definitely been kept on their toes, and we look forward to more support from these boys in participating in the forthcoming events.

Nicholson House, feels that their greatest achievement thus far has been winning the inter-house gala. This event ranks as one of the prestigious events at school and it always lives up to that. The boys responded to the call to get into the water and swim, even if you can't! A big thank you to all the boys who participated and especially to the boys who supported. Special mention must be made of JL van der Merwe, who is our star swimmer - once again he proved too much of a challenge to the boys in his age group and was the winner of the U/16 trophy.

We eagerly await our first term academic achievement as we have a good spread of academics who continually raise the bar. Our top

academic boys have been instrumental in assisting any boy who is struggling with their studies.

Thank you to R Himwanth, K Kisten, S Khumalo, D Odell, M Green, J Zuma and K Maphumolo are our peer tutors.



Our outreach programme once again sees us helping the SAVF. Boys will be given more information regarding their input as the year progresses.

We wish to thank all our boys who give unselfishly of themselves to make all our endeavours a success. May you grow from strength to strength, and remember **“don't let what you cannot do determine what you can do”**.



Sporting Spotlight

This weekend, our Maritzburg College teams played in a variety of sporting codes. There were some exceptional performances from College's sportsmen.

Cricket

Our cricket teams played extremely well against Kearsney this weekend. Our 1st team was in action against a Hampshire Northants Academy side, scoring 146/6 after 31 overs in reply to the visiting side's 256/4, but sadly there was no result due to a lightning storm. A summary of the results for the weekend, shows we played 12 games, won 7, lost 1, drew 1 and 3 had no results.

Basketball

Our basketball teams played away games against Kearsney College and of the 22 games played, College won 14 and lost 7. We congratulate a number of player who have been selected for KZN in basketball:

U18A: Liam Janse van Rensburg

U18B: Phiwokuhle Dladla, Zaneliswa Khoza

U16A: Motati Buthelezi, Daniel Botha, Thapelo Mthombeni
Qalakahle Mkhize

Waterpolo

The Maritzburg College Waterpolo teams played away against Kearsney. They played 9 games, won 5 and lost 4.

Athletics

Some of our athletics boys participated in the KZN Champs, placing in the U15 100 & 200m, U17 100m & 200m, U17 long jump, U17 high jump and U19 100m & shot putt.

Rugby

College's 1st XV and the U/16 A rugby teams both played on Friday, 22 February. The 1st XV had a convincing win over Voortrekker Hoerskoel with a score of 42 – 0. The U/16A side also did us proud by securing a 50 – 8 win over Sarel Cilliers.

Squash

Our first team and U/16 A teams both participated in games against Kearsney College this weekend. The first team won 22 – 15 and our U/16 A side won 18 – 6.

Swimming

Maritzburg College placed fourth at the Top School KZN Schools Gala on Wednesday, 20 February.

Tennis

Our tennis teams played against St Charles College and Hilton College on 18 February, and drew 9 – 9 against St Charles and lost 24 – 7 to Hilton College.





Congratulations to an OC Super star

Congratulations to Matt Gardiner (2014), Pietermaritzburg born musician, singer-songwriter, who has composed and released a brand new original track titled "Far Away" with talented friend and producer, Bryn Scott. Matt began his music career by partaking in musical productions at Maritzburg College, and has shared the stage with musicians such as PLUSH, Matthew Mole, Prime Circle, Desmond & the Tutus, Just Jinjer, Majozi and Shortstraw.



Wear your heart on your sleeve



It's often said: "it's not what you know; it's who you know". This was never more true than with the development and launch of our #GiveHope campaign.

A chance meeting with a College Old Boy involved with the Relate Bracelets initiative ended with us having access to this inspiring "do good" company to help design and supply our own College themed Relate bracelets! Not many schools can compete with that!

Our first order of #GiveHope bracelets was delivered a year and a half ago and to date we have sold over 1300 of these Red, Black & White bracelets. These eye-catching bands of wrist candy are now noticeable everywhere and are worn with pride by many within our College community.

The #GiveHope name was given to this campaign as all the profits generated from the sale of these bracelets are allocated to urgent and immediate needs that many of our College boys may have. The support offered is to give hope to boys and families who have reached that point in their personal struggle or challenge where it seems impossible to move forward.

The #GiveHope bracelets are offered for sale at the College Shoppe and through the Foundation Office at the school. For a mere R50 you not only become part of the #GiveHope troupe but you also make a commitment to those less fortunate than yourself.



Support our Fundraisers

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2019 Rugby Season Tickets

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



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The **Maritzburg College Club** are again offering a limited number of personalised

2019 Rugby Season Tickets

The cost of the 2019 ticket is **R750-00** per person

Your ticket includes:

- Parking at Goldstones between the College Road gate boom and Khwelas corner
- Reserved seating on the half way mark
- An exclusive invitation to the Foundation 'pop-up' hospitality area above the Goldstones Coffee shop [excluding Reunion Day]
- A free Cappuccino from the Goldstones Coffee Shop

The proceeds from the sale of these Season Tickets will be used for upgrading the facilities on Goldstones

For further information or to book your ticket please contact Sue Calmeyer
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WINTER SPORT FIXTURES

DATE	OPPOSITION	VENUE
2 March	Internal Trials	Home
9 March	Northwood/Voortrekker	Home
6 April	Glenwood	Away
13 April	PBHS	Away
19-22 April	Saints Easter Festival - Rugby & Hockey	Away
27 April	St Charles	Away
4 May	Kearsney	Away
11 May	DHS	Home
25 May	Westville	Home
1 June	Hilton	Away
8 June	MHS	Home
13 July	AFFIES	Away
20 July	PBHS	Home
27 July	KES	Away
3 August	Glenwood (Reunion Weekend)	Home




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College 150 Club

We are extending our **College 150 Club** to members at a cost of R900 until the end of July or R150 a month from the end of February to the end of July. This will get you into the R1500 draw monthly as well as eligible for the R7000 draw and R5000 attendance draw at the end of July.

To join - contact Linda Webster on 0834655018 or linda@towerevents.co.za

Easter Egg Fundraiser

Please 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.



Sugar Club

Easter Chocolate Gift Collection (R300)

24 foiled chocolate eggs, 4 boxes of 6
24 candy coated eggs, 4 boxes of 6
4 surprise chocolate eggs
2 milk chocolate pops
2 white chocolate pops
1 white chocolate chicken
1 milk chocolate bunny
1 white chocolate bunny
Bunny hop game board
Passport containing: game pieces, tokens and clues for an egg hunt



Collectors Bag Mallow Selection (R120)

Collectors reusable carry bag
40 pink and white individually wrapped marshmallow bunnies
40 yellow and white individually wrapped marshmallow chickens



Free Suitcase



Direct from the factory

Mudrats come to Dinner

We were proud to host the Grade 6 and 7 boarders from our “little brother” school, Merchiston, on Thursday, 28 February, for supper in the Victoria Hall. The Mudrats enjoyed the evening immensely, with delicious food and time spent socializing with some of the former Mudrats (and current Maritzburg College pupils), as well as the Nathan House prefects. Many thanks to everyone involved!



Important Dates

March

- 03 Boarders' Excursion
- 04 Clark House Formal Dinner
- 05 Hockey triangulars
Hudson House Formal Dinner
- 06 Elliott Formal Dinner
- 08 Dads & Lads events
- 09 ISBC Conference
Hockey & Rugby vs Northwood
- 10 Hockey KZN Inland Trials
- 11-15 Happiness Week
- 15 End of Term 1



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