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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have come to the end of another busy term with our boys continuing to excel in many areas. They will have received their academic results for Term 1 - please take time to review these with them in the holidays and focus on areas that require additional time and effort. The teachers and mentors will also touch base on this and offer remediation if and when required as they prepare for important mid-year examinations. It is essential, that if boys are struggling they seek the advice and support of their subject teacher in the first instance. We, like you, only want the best for them. Together we can make things happen and improve the situation as required.

A large number of teams will be involved in festivals around the country over the holiday and we wish the coaches and players every success. Our 'Dads and Lads' evening was a huge success with over 600 in attendance and we thank all the fathers, grandfathers and others who supported these young men. We will be holding similar types of functions during the course of the year. A reminder to fathers that the key words are to BE THERE for your sons as much as you possibly can.

Congratulations to Mrs Brigitte Harris on her appointment as Subject Head: Geography from the start of Term 2. Thank you to Mrs Chantal Rajah for her work in the SAN, as she resigns as at the end of the term to focus on family

On Friday 17 May we are planning an Exam Preparation Day. On this day, the school will be closed to pupils and the day has been set aside for exam preparation, with mid-year examinations starting on Monday 20 May. Pupils are encouraged to use this time for individual study and revision using past exam papers and memos. All of the necessary resources are available on the school's Moodle. Boys will check their scripts in the last few days of school and remediation of common errors will be done. Please ensure your son does do this as the responsibility of checking the exam scripts lies with the boys.

Our annual school drama production this year takes place in Term 2 - Fawltly Towers. Maritzburg College in association with GHS will put on the stage version of this hilarious sitcom from 26 April to 2 May, with casts performing three separate episodes, 'A Touch of Class', 'Communication Problems' and 'The Kipper and the Corpes'. Tickets are R60. Don't miss the opportunity to watch this side-splitting comedy onstage!

Please take note of the Parents evenings set for Term 2; Form Two – Tuesday 16 April and Form Three – Thursday 25 April. I again appeal to all parents to pay school fees to enable us to continue to supply an uncompromised educational service to your sons. Please make the school account a priority.

We are continually updating the database and urge all parents to ensure that should their contact details change, the school be notified as soon as possible. Changes can be emailed to info@mcollege.co.za.

I trust that you will have the opportunity to spend very valuable time with your sons and enjoy a well-deserved break. Thank you for the continued support of your sons, the staff and the school.

Chris Luman
Headmaster



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Academic Achievements

Focus on... Use of Cell Phones

For a number of years, Maritzburg College teachers have embraced using technology in their lessons, and the school has invested substantial amounts of money in its IT infrastructure, which is the envy of many. While the use of iPads and similar devices is encouraged, teachers have tended to allow boys to access their cell phones in class to carry out research, access the TEAMS programme, or listen to music while they worked. For some years now, we have monitored cell phone use by the boys – including inappropriate use, which has resulted in four boys recently receiving serious punishments from the Governing Body's disciplinary committee. We have also closely examined international trends regarding cell phone use in schools and warnings about the growing dependence of adolescents around the world on (addiction to) their devices. Reports of diminishing face-to-face contact between modern teenagers, and the increase in cell phones abuse by College boys over the last number of years are causes for concern.

International research indicates serious concerns in cyber bullying, emotional instability, pornography and sexting leading to the objectification of women, gaming addiction, as well as negative impacts on communication skills and sleep patterns.

We have a moral responsibility to ensure that our teachers and boys are in as safe an environment as possible. As a result, and after considerable consultation between the teachers, Executive Committee, the School Governing Body and other representative bodies at College, it has been decided that the use of cell phones will generally be outlawed at the school during the school day, i.e. from 07:25 to 14:00. This is not a new rule but reverts to what is stated in the school's Code of Conduct i.e.

5.13 Cell phones are not permitted to be used by learners at school between the hours of 07:25 and 14:00. They may be carried on the learners' person, but they may not be visible.

5.14 If a cell phone is confiscated from a learner, it will be for the minimum duration of three weeks. There will also be a penalty of three two-hour detentions.

Although boys will be allowed to bring cell phones to school, these will need to be hidden, switched off and not visible. Boys who use their cell phones during the school day without permission will be punished. Day boys will be encouraged to leave their cell phones at home, and boarders to leave their cell phones locked away in their lockers in the boarding establishment. The use of iPads, tablets and other similar devices will continue to be encouraged at school and as required by the teachers. Similar efforts to reduce the boys' dependence on their cell phones will be effected in the BE.

The rules about cell-phone usage will be enforced from the start of the second term.

We trust that you will support this initiative.

Focus on...EMS

Economic and Management Science (EMS), taught in Form 2 and Form 3, is diverse in its approach to business and the world around us. We introduce our learners to aspects of Accounting, Economics and Business Studies and this gives the boys a good idea of what to expect in each of these learning areas when they are faced with selecting subjects for study in Form 4.

The EMS team is led by Caren Randall and consists of Cheryl Townsend, Cora Tedder, Brigitte Harris, Ricky Chirengende, S'celo Zuma and Clive Musasiwa.

In Form 2, we have covered topics including the Government; National Budget, Sustainability, Economic Growth and Factors of Production and Markets. We look forward to introducing the Form 2's to Accounting next term.

Our Form 3's studied the basic bookkeeping of a cash retail business up to the Trial Balance, as well as economic concepts like Communism, Capitalism, Mixed Markets and role players in an economy this term. During the second term we expect the



Form 3 boys to start thinking about a business they would like to run in the third term at the Skonk Nicholson Festival.

Focus on...English

Some of our 3rd

Form learners participated in a letter exchange with St John's DSG 3rd Form classes as part of an exercise in writing to a real person, and also to experience

receiving of a return letter. The

boys thoroughly enjoyed this activity with

much excitement, laughter and smiles as letters were received.



Focus on...RCL

Mrs Quinn and Mr Thembela recently accompanied a number of College boys to a RCL workshop hosted by St Johns DSG. The following is a reflection by one of the senior learners that attended, Thomas Katzenellenbogen.

“A number of College boys departed for SJS on Friday afternoon, more excited at the fact that the event was to be held at an all-girls school than the fact that we were going to learn about leadership from an international company. Little did we know how beneficial and thought provoking the weekend ahead would be. I personally enjoyed this workshop as it discussed topics so much broader than, “what do you have planned for this weekend?” or “what subjects do you take?” It discussed topics such as identity, stereotypes, assumptions, discrimination, prejudice and confirmation bias to name a few, topics we felt were so relevant to us but had not yet expanded our knowledge on them or been brave enough to bring them up in the quad. To hear from schools such as St. Nicholas and Epworth, and to see how their ideas and suggestions broke down any stereotypes we had towards them, and how hearing other teenager’s points of view really helped me to see that we aren’t so different. It also showed me how their ideas and thoughts, if I listened to understand not merely to respond, could hold such value in my life.

Facing History and Ourselves (the company hosting the event) focused on linking every topic back to leadership and how we could implement it in our lives as we reflected in our own personal journals. It helped us to see the power we all possess as leaders and to feel geared up for the year ahead.

Some of the Maritzburg College learners reflected on their experiences.

Pillay (2nd form) - learnt a lot about judgement and how “you can’t judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree.” He now wants to change the way he looks at people, and is more willing to be open-minded in the RCL.

Msibi (2nd form) – “it’s not that a single story isn’t true, it’s just that it’s incomplete.”

Khubeka (6th form) on the whole concept of identity – “It is not about who I think I am, it is not about who you think I am, but what I think you think I am.” This allowed him to now have wider perspective and he now wants to take his role in the RCL beyond people’s problems and rather make it about each individual at Maritzburg College.

Zimu (3rd form) – The concept of confirmation bias struck a chord and made him aware of how we see things we want to notice, and dismiss anything that goes against our own confirmation bias.

Hlatshwayo (4th form) - learnt about individuality and the value of each boy at Maritzburg College and their opinions.

Focus on...Art

The KwaZulu-Natal Midlands Matric Art Exhibition of 2019 opened at the Tatham last Wednesday evening. Michelle Rall, lecturer at the Centre for Visual Arts at UKZN, opened the exhibition with a speech that saluted the “brave and energetic explorations” of our young artists, and emphasised the importance of creative thinkers in our future society. Participating were several schools from in and around Pietermaritzburg. The work was varied in medium, diverse and inspiring. We were very excited to have works by ten boys from the 2018 matric art group, with a total of 13 works on the exhibition coming from College. We will take 5th and 6th Form boys to see the exhibition early next term so that they can learn from the ideas of others. We encourage



all learners and parents to visit the exhibition. The Tatham Art Gallery is opposite the city hall. Entrance is free. The exhibition closes on May 26.

Form 4 Art Outing

The Form 4 art class went to the Natural History Museum in Pietermaritzburg as an extension to their studies of Southern African Rock Art. They enjoyed a presentation by Dr Gilraen on the different aspects of Rock Art, particularly those found in our province. Dr Gilraen, a professor of Rock Art and Archaeology, elaborated on characteristics of being a modern day Indiana Jones which the boys found entertaining. They were encouraged to communicate further in future should they wish to participate in any ‘digs’ as they are happening all the time. She finished off her talk with some ‘do’s and don’ts’ regarding finding Rock Art.

- Do not trespass onto property without permission
- Don’t throw liquids on the artworks and;
- Leave any artefacts you find in place.

They were encouraged to take photos and submit these as there are still thousands of undocumented examples out there. The boys’ next artworks take into consideration the simplification process that the Rock Artists used, which the boys will transform into etchings.



Sporting Spotlight

First Winter fixtures at College

This weekend saw our opening matches against Northwood at College with our teams dominating across all ages groups for both hockey and rugby. It was a great quality start to the season for the school and bodes well for the season ahead.

Rugby

Maritzburg College fielded an outstanding 23 rugby teams - in the main these were against Northwood, but a number of other schools and development sides were called on to match our depth of sides. Of the 17 games against Northwood, College won an outstanding 16, narrowly losing one. Our highly anticipated fixture of the day did not fail to deliver as the game between the Maritzburg College 1st XV and the highly rated Northwood 1st XV was a spectacle to behold for the neutral and schoolboy rugby follower alike. With errors on both sides, and despite the great comeback from College in the 2nd half, we lost to Northwood in a hard-fought battle and very entertaining match.

Please note that the following afternoon home rugby matches will be compulsory attendance for all boys.

- Sat 11 May vs DHS
- Sat 25 May vs Westville
- Sat 8 June vs Michaelhouse

Parents are asked to support the school in our endeavours to create a corporate school spirit by bringing their sons to school on the above days.

Hockey

Maritzburg College dominated in their hockey matches against visiting side Northwood, and of the 18 matches played, College won 13, drawing 4 and losing just one. The 2019 season has also welcomed the introduction of a change in format where four 15 minute quarters have been introduced at 1st team level. In the 1st XI encounter the match ended 4-1 to College.



College Second XV vs Northwood
2019 03 09 Goldstone's



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Inter-House Bands & Singing Results

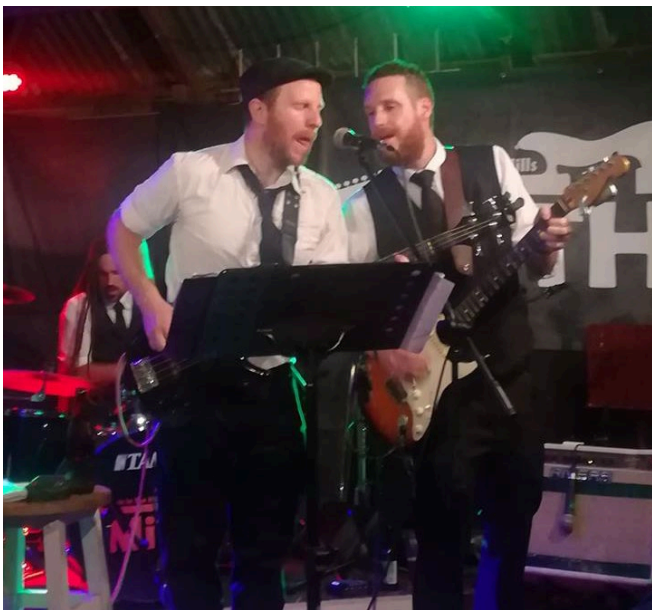
Forder	106
Fuller	101
Strachan	99
Pape	95
Commons	92
Snow	90
Nicholsons	89
Barns	82
Lamond	79
Calder	59

The last week of term saw our 10 houses compete in singing and band performances following many weeks of practicing!

With some excellent performances the final results saw Forder House narrowly beat Fuller House into top spot. Well done to all our boys and staff on a great event!



Maritzburg College OC blues-rock band



Two talented musicians, Mark McTaggart (2000) and Andrew Dickinson (2001) are part of the band the Gloucester Blues Project, a four-piece blues-rock band from KwaZulu-Natal. Look out for this outstanding quartet and make sure you get to watch them!



CollegeConnect Job Board

CollegeConnect is an initiative by the College Foundation to formalize the business networking and employment opportunities for College Old Boys and members of the College community.

We currently have a number of employment opportunities listed on our website that we hope may be of interest to our College boys looking to make a start (or a change) in their careers.

- Sales & Business Development candidate – Bryanston, JHB
- Sales Representative – Pinetown
- Company Accountant – Durban
- Candidate Attorney / Law Intern – Pietermaritzburg
- Site Foreman – Cape Town
- Sales Consultant – Cape Town

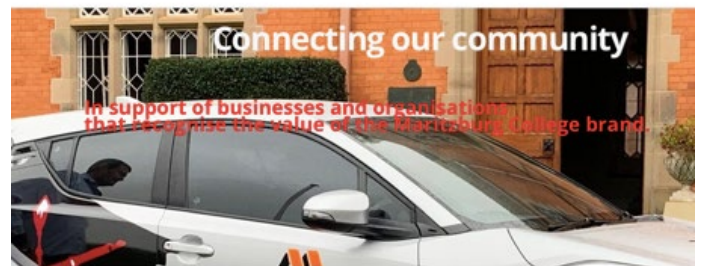
Visit our job board for more details:
<http://www.collegeconnect.co.za/careers/>.

If you have an opportunity within your firm or company and would like to make this available to a College Old Boy please contact us at careers@collegeconnect.co.za

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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM COLLEGECONNECT

Campus Roundup

Lads & Dads

Friday, 8 March saw 600 dads and their sons meet in the Alan Paton Hall for a Dads and Lads evening. The goal was for men, young and old, to get together and engage. How did we do it? Through talks, quizzes and food, as well as a from-the-heart talk of Time is Running Out by Kevin Smith. Fathers and sons got an opportunity to answer questions about each other and everyone had time to talk to each other, men to men. We were all there to share powerful insights,



inspire each other and to equip each other to be better men. As a boys focus group we don't expect to come up with any revolutionary

parenting ideas, but as College men, we want to make commitments to stretch and adjust, and to do it willingly.

If we make that kind of commitment as fathers and sons, we can transform our families for the better. Collectively, we can have an impact on a culture where, according to statistics, more and more children are at risk and the future of children looks ominous.

Thank you men of College for

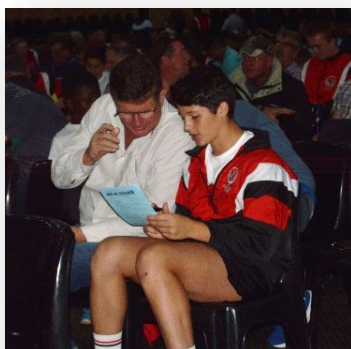
your attendance! Here are a few thoughts:

"In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity." Titus 2:7

"How a man plays the game shows something of his character, how he loses shows all of it." Anonymous

"Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories." Lord Rochester

"Today's children desperately need dads, male mentors who laugh till their belly hurts and tears fall from their eyes while secretly creating deep friendships and memories that last a lifetime." Marty Wilkins



Important Dates

Term 2: Tues 2 April - Fri 14 June

- 13 April Interschool exchange PBHS [Away]
- 16 April Form 2 Parents' Evening
- 25 April Form 3 Parents' Evening
- 26 April - 2 May School production of 'Fawlty Towers'
- 1 May Public Holiday – Workers' Day
[Closed day Forms 2 – 5 Boarders]
- 5 May Career Focus 2019
[compulsory attendance Forms 3 & 5]
- 8 May Public Holiday – Election day
[Closed day Forms 2 – 5 Boarders]
- 11 May Rugby vs DHS [compulsory attendance]
- 17 May College closed [exam preparation day]
- 18 - 19 May Free weekend
- 17 - 22 May 'FUNK' 2019
- 20 May - 12 June Mid-year Exams
- 25 May Rugby vs Westville
[compulsory attendance]
- 7 June Rugby Tour Fund-raising Evening
- 8 June Rugby vs Michaelhouse
[compulsory attendance]

Public Holidays/Free Weekends

- 19 April - Mon 22 April: Easter Weekend
- 1 May Public Holiday – Workers Day
[Closed day Forms 2 – 5 Boarders]
- 8 May Public Holiday – Election day
[Closed day Forms 2 – 5 Boarders]
- 17 - 19 May Exam preparation day & Free Weekend

Congratulations on Music Awards

UNISA Theory of Music

- L Stander, K Ramharak – Pass Grade 4
- M Fuhri, B Tarr, C Whiting – Merit Pass Grade 4
- M Thomas & A Westley - Grade 4 with distinction
- A Zondi, G Westerdale, J White, M Whyte - Grade 2 with distinction

TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON

- D Odell – Grade 2 Pass
- K Ramharak – Grade 5 with Merit

ROCK SCHOOL

- L Stander - Grade pass
- M Thomas - Grade 4 with distinction in electric guitar

ASSOCIATED BOARD OF ROYAL SCHOOLS

- B Finlayson - Grade 4 pass
- L Stander - Grade 2 pass
- M Thomas - Grade 2 with merit
- G Westerdale - Grade 2 pass
- J Munitich - Grade 2 with merit
- A Zondi - Grade 2 with distinction in piano