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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

Since 2015, I have spoken on a number of occasions around issues of internet and cell phone awareness. A number of staff recently attended an IBSC Conference at PBHS where we had a presentation by Emma Sadleir, a leading legal social media educational expert, on the current state of affairs. As you are aware we have also had our own instances at College which I alluded to at the end of last term. It is appropriate for me to highlight a number of pertinent matters on this topic.

Some of the major concerns at schools include Sexting (the social norm amongst teenagers in all schools is rife), Cyberbullying (leading to teenage suicides), Online predators – TikTok [music videos], Catfishing (a deceptive activity where a person creates a fake identity on a social network account, usually targeting a specific victim for deception), Fortnite – gaming, Twitter – pornography at its worst, SNAPCHAT, WhatsApp, Instagram and Revenge pornography.

It is very important to manage and protect your privacy through your privacy settings on all your accounts. Delete anything that is inappropriate. Don't joke on social media, and remember that what you are posting can be used against you later when applying for a job. Don't let photos be taken of you at a party, being funny, or breaking the law. Don't be tempted to make comments or criticisms about your school, employer, colleagues or parents. Pupils can be suspended or even expelled, and teachers fired for bringing the school in disrepute.

Remember that children of 14 years and older have full criminal capacity and can be charged, and a child of 13 years and older can be sued.

Delete or untag from anything that is illegal or inappropriate and part of a chain of publication. You need to confront illegal content and disassociate from it. If you don't you are complicit.

We as a school are responsible for our social media (e.g. school Facebook and Instagram) and can be sued or even charged for anything that is inappropriate.

With regard to WhatsApp groups, remember that everybody in the group is responsible for what is said or posted.

Parents - you have the right to look at your child's cell phone. Boarding supervisors at the school are also allowed to check what is on a child's cell phone provided there is reasonable suspicion.

Laws that are applicable to social media abuse include Defamation of Character, Privacy, Hate speech, Crimen Injuria [infringement of dignity], Sextortion, Image- based violence, Intellectual property [school as trademark; digital content].

We as a school will continue to monitor and manage these issues in our school, and we ask that you as parents, please support us in this process.

Congratulation to Mr Nithia Pillay on his appointment as DOE HOD: Accounting, Business Studies, Economics and EMS with immediate effect. We wish him every success in his new role. We thank Mr Marwick who was acting HOD during Term 1 for his contribution.

Chris Luman
Headmaster



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Academic Achievements

Focus on... Accounting Excellence



Maritzburg College extends congratulations to Julian Vorster OC and dux for 2013. Julian placed 7th with distinctions in the CA Board exam written this year. He was also the manager of the Maritzburg College audit by PwC this year.

The following is taken from the Accountancy SA online magazine April 2019.

Julian referred to his meeting with Nedbank CEO Mike Brown while on an Economics Tour at College as his inspiration to become a CA. He also highlighted how PwC have played a nurturing role

in supporting his achievements,

giving him a bursary, extra lessons and access to a network of people and information, as well as the support role of his family. Julian believes in striving to help those around him as much as possible – being a giver not taker and being part of change in South Africa. His best advice received to date is to always have a plan!



There were two breakaway sessions, in which delegates were divided up into smaller groups and were free to attend talks in their area of interest. The conference closed with an address by Ms Rachel Adams who is involved in developing high impact leaders. She has worked in top institutions across the world, including Yale University and Allan Gray Orbis. It was a busy but stimulating few days in which new friendships were forged and many discussions were had around what interests us most, namely teaching boys.

Teaching Staff attend IBSC Conference

A group of 12 Maritzburg College staff including the Headmaster, once again attended the annual Southern African International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC) conference hosted by Pretoria Boys' High School. This kind of conference is vital for the staff as professional educators, as it provides many opportunities to engage with other teachers, to share best practice for boys, and to learn from speakers who are experts in their field. The theme of the conference was "*The world behind our boys*" and a wide range of pertinent topics in education, particularly those pertaining to boys' education were discussed. One of the keynote speakers was Dr Abigail James, who hails from the United States. Dr James is a world-renowned teacher and an expert on gender-based learning; her talks were stimulating and insightful, and provided much food for thought particularly in today's electronic age. Technology was an important theme at the conference, and Ms Emma Sadleir addressed us on the dangers of social media. Ms Sadleir is considered to be South Africa's leading expert on social media law.



Focus on...Snows

The first term of 2019 will stand out for the boys of Snow House as the most hectic, yet one of the most rewarding!

Snow House has exactly 138 boys with 7 staff members who look after their well-being. In the first term, we welcomed 28 new 2nd Formers and they arrived all bright eyed and excited, but understandably also a little anxious about this new phase in their lives. It is so pleasing to see how well they have settled in and adapted to high school life at College.

Snow House is led by the experienced Mrs Cora Tedder, who thoroughly enjoys the role she plays to these inspiring young men. You know you and your mentors are doing something right when the merit certificates issued to boys far outweigh the misconducts. One of our mottos in Snow House is that we man-up to our mistakes, learn from them, take the punishment and move on – always striving to not repeat the same mistake.

The inter-house activities proved to be great fun and certainly helped us to bond as a House. Looking at the leaderboard for inter-house activities, we have not been very successful thus far but we know that the activities that we shine in are still to come! Participation by all boys is far more important than winning and our boys cannot be faulted on their enthusiasm and willingness to take part and try their best.

Our House has generally done very well on the academic front with the following boys all being placed in the top 50 in their Forms:

FORM 6: S Soorju (4), S Dlamini (5), C McKenzie (11), E Mohammed (22), J Maharaj (31), J Engelbrecht (43)

FORM 5: C Venter (10), M Darch (11), K Hough (13), Z Osman (24), R Hassim (27), Y Atwaru (29), N Benghu (31)

FORM 4: K Ramdhani (31), T Guise-Brown (34), C Williamson (38), C Schultz (44) M Dube (48)

FORM 3: W Pillay (5), S Osman (12), K Moodley (34), S Pillay (46), G Westerdale (49)

FORM 2: G Roux (1), D Pillay (2), A Osman (5), K Akeroyd (12), L Armstrong (13), D le Roux (25), L Bernardu (37), L Schultz (39)



We look forward to what Term 2 has in store and we will keep striving to be better than we were before.



Focus on...Sound & Lighting Club

The Sound and Lighting Society at Maritzburg College is based around the boys learning how to do professional sound and lighting, as well as the art of working in theatre.

The boys in the society are encouraged to take part in the College productions to provide technical support and backstage help. They learn, in the beginning, how to do simple sound setups and lighting setups all the way through to understanding how to use the school's advanced lighting and sound desks.

We currently run an Allen and Heath QU 24 Mixer and Behringer XR18 X Air Digital Mixing sound desks as well as a Strand ML250 lighting desk in the Olivier Cultural Centre. This means that the boys have the opportunity to learn the basics of professional lighting all the way from incandescent lighting to LED.

The boys in the society not only learn a technical understanding of theatre production, but also theatre etiquette and a general understanding of how a theatre runs, as we run all our shows on a professional basis.

In the first term, the club provided sound for the Valentine's Day Concert and New Parents Evening, as well as providing support for the various other events. They have also built a new outdoor system that can be used for events around the school which is quite powerful so can cater for large events.



Currently, the Sound and Lighting Club are working on providing sound and light for the Fawltly Towers production coming up later in the term.

Sporting Spotlight

Holiday Sport for College

The holiday period was a busy for College with our boys competing across a range of sporting codes around the country including rugby, hockey, golf, athletics and canoe polo.

Rugby

The 1st XV travelled to Kimberly to play Noord Kaap while our 2nd XV, U16A and B squads took part in the Margate Festival. The U15A side competed in the Francois Swart Affies tournament while the U15B team played at the Northwood rugby festival. The U14A and U14B sides participated in the Fichardt Park Festival. Overall results were outstanding with 20 of the 21 matches won, losing just one.



Hockey

Our U14, U16A and Open XI hockey teams took part in the Nomads festivals. The U14 team travelled to Wynberg, while the U16A were based at KES and the 1st XI travelled to Pretoria Boys High school. Our U16B squad competed in the Jeppe Festival. Overall College teams played 20 matches, winning 12 and losing 8.



Athletics

Three of our top Athletes took part in the SA School Championship. N Mosebi made the final of the 200m Boys U15 and placed 5th. His semi-final time of 22.79 was faster than the current U15 and U16 school records. The three boys also took part in the Boys U17 4x100m relay and placed 6th overall. N Makanya took part in long jump and N Ndlovu in the 100m and 200m.

Golf

Our golfers took part in the Affies Tournament, finishing in 2nd place. They faced Affies in a matchplay which they won 4-2 and were awarded first place for the tournament.

Congratulations to S Paxton who won the Bridge Fund Managers Junior Series 2019 tournament at Germiston Golf Club with a round that included two eagles.



Canoe Polo

Five Maritzburg College boys made up the KZN U21 Canoe polo team that took part on the SA Canoe polo championships over the holiday. Congratulations to Matthew van Herzeele, Bryce Lawson, Troy Drummond, Matthew Fuhri and Kyle Hardy who made up the KZN team which finished in an outstanding 2nd place overall.



Maritzburg College Old Boys Association



Maritzburg College soccer star

Mpumelelo Zondi OC (2013) and former 1st XI player, currently of Jomo Cosmos, has secured a move to Brazilian club Grêmio Esportivo Mauaense. Congratulations go to Mpumelelo and we wish him all the best!



MCOBA PRETORIA BRANCH FUNCTION

Date: Friday 12 April 2019

Venue: Trademarx Restaurant and Sports Bar,
467 Kirkness Street, Arcadia

Time: 7.00pm

Host: Ayanda Zaca (1999)

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/3ELWwdBib2FE7>

before Wednesday 10 April 2019

(Sat, College take on PBHS at PBHS—we encourage your RBW support!)

Early bird bookings have opened for the anniversary years to enter their teams in the Reunion 2019 Golf Day to be held at the Victoria Country Club on Thursday 1 August. Book now via the MCOBA Alumnet site to secure your place.

2019 REUNION

Order of Events

Thursday 1 August

MCOBA Golf Day at the Victoria Country Club (Cost: R 450.00 pp)

10:00	Registration	Putting Green	A. Williamson
10:30	Welcome	Putting Green	G Bull (1989)
11:00	Shotgun Start	All holes	
18:00	Prize-giving and braai (including Class of 1993 & non-golfing OC's)	MC G Bull (1989)	
	Dinner is available for Non-Golfers (Cost: R 150.00 pp)		

Friday 2 August

10:30	School Assembly	Ron Jury Sports Centre	Headmaster
11:30	OC Tour of College	Start at Forder Oval	S Upfold
Reunion Bowls (Cost: R 80.00 pp incl 2 Beers)			
12:00	Bowls	Maritzburg Bowling Club	M Bond

(NB Book before the Day)

TBA	OB vs College Basketball (TBC)	Outdoor Basketball Court	N Thembela
TBA	OB vs College Soccer (TBC)	AB Jackson	N Thembela

Reunion Dinner (Cost: R450.00)

18:00	Gates open and Registration	Alan Paton Hall (off PMD)	G Lawson
19:00	Welcome		TBA
19:00	College Shout - 1st XV Rugby & 1st XI Hockey		
19:05	Welcome by Headmaster and OC President		

Saturday 3 August

College Grounds

09:00	Morning Tour of College	Start at Forder Oval	S Upfold
11:00	Memorial Service	College Chapel	G Reed
11:30	Wreath Laying Ceremony	1st World War Memorial	G Reed
11:40	Wall of Remembrance Ceremony	Wall of Remembrance	M Marwick
12:00	OC Reunion Luncheon (Cost: R 150.00)	Alan Paton Hall	G Lawson
12:20	Tea for Wall of Remembrance Guests	Forder Oval	M Marwick

Papes

07:30	First game on Pape's Astro	13:30 – last game on Pape's	
10:10	Old Boys Shout at Papes	Bank above Pape's	TBA
10:20	1st XI Hockey vs Glenwood	Pape's Astro	D Coombes

Goldstones

07:30	First game on Goldstones	13:30 (approx.) end of 2 nd XV game	
13:45	On field Entertainment	Goldstones	S Upfold
13:50	Blazer Display	Basher Ridge	Shouting Captains
14:10	Old Boys Shout	On field	TBA
14:30	1st XV Rugby vs Glenwood		C Fraser
15:50	Pub at Goldstones opens	Kent Pavilion	G Lawson
19:30	Closure of pub		

Table Tennis star off to Ghana

Congratulations to Yukail Naidoo (Strachan House) who has been selected to represent the U18 SA Table tennis team at the ITTF African Youth, Junior and Cadet Championships in Ghana from 6 April to 13th April.

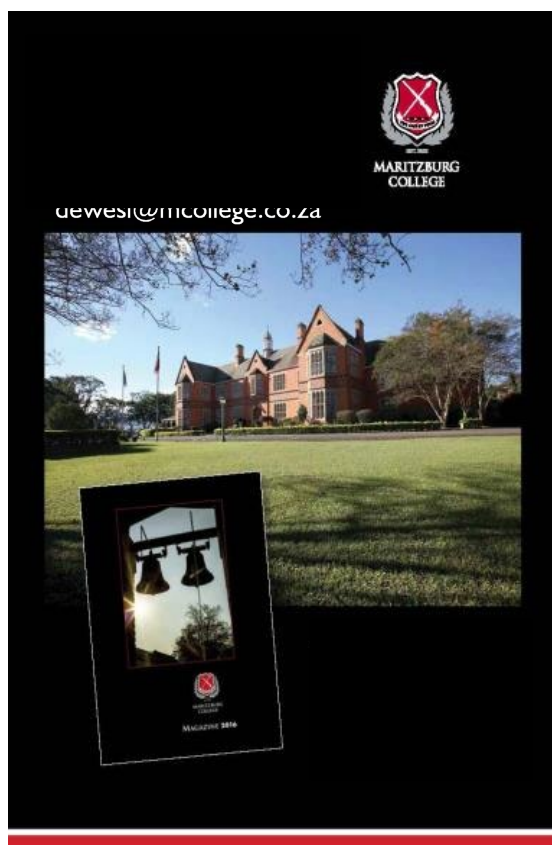
Representing SA for Deep Sea Angling as Captain

Well done to Rorke Anderson (5th Form) who has been selected to Captain a SADSAA (South African Deep Sea Angling Association) U19 Gamefish team later on in this month. This was the next step he sought after getting his Natal colours last year and with this nationals, he will now have his SADSAA colours. Being selected as Captain is a great step for him too.

Rorke has also been selected to fish in the U19 Bottomfish Nationals for SADSAA, in June during the school holidays.

Important Dates

- 8 MC Club Meeting
- 11 Good Report Tea
- 12 Depart for PBHS exchange
Shikhaya Workshop
College vs Jeppe MTB challenge
- 13 Interschool exchange PBHS [Away]
- 14 Rugby: Craven Week/
Grant Khomo trials
- 16 Form 2 Parents' Evening (APMH)
- 17 St Stithians Hockey & Rugby depart
- 18 School closes at 12.00
- 19- 22 Easter Weekend
St Stithians Hockey & Rugby
Ken Florens Festival U14B Hockey



Sponsor a page in the 2018 School Magazine

We are working on the 2018 School Magazine and would like to offer parents an opportunity to contribute to this quality publication.

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