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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

This week we are focusing on COMMITMENT through our Character Education programme and on Friday, we celebrated Mothers ahead of Mother's Day on Sunday.

In line with the theme on Commitment, College is proud to recognize the long service of a number of our staff members who have served the school with distinction over the past 20, 30 and 40 years.

20-year Service: Mrs Suzanne Webley, Mr Ben Bosch, Mr Jabulani Mhlongo, Mrs Carol Smith, Mr Ken Hackland

30-year Service: Mr Sipho Zondi

40-year Service: Mrs Hazel Miller

Boys were reminded of COMMITMENT TO ACADEMICS, with mid-year exams fast approaching, and the need to start revising and preparing, making use of chosen study and revision techniques, and where necessary, attending additional lessons after school.

In recognition of Mother's Day, we asked our boys to bring their mother or mother-figure in their lives to support them and watch them play on Saturday against DHS. There was also the chance to have a photo taken with "Mom" at the Pop-up Photo booth and give her a homemade biscuit. At College, we pay tribute to all our "Moms" who make such a difference in our lives.

So what do Mothers want from their sons?

- For you to be truly happy and safe
- For you to have close, decent friends and to treasure friendship
- For you to be proud of yourself and to build esteem in others
- For you to have a zest for life and an enthusiasm for ensuring that you extricate the marrow from the bone of life
- For you to offer deeper answers than 'Ok' & 'fine' to questions and to have a good conversation
- For you to write your own words in the 'Mother's Day Card'
- To give your mom a heartfelt hug to show that you love her
- To spend quality time with her
- To show her genuine attention
- To do random acts of kindness like make her a cup of tea, coffee, pick a rose from the garden...

To all our "Moms" at College – thank you for everything you do to make our boys stronger, prouder and better young men!

Chris Luman
Headmaster



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Academic Achievements

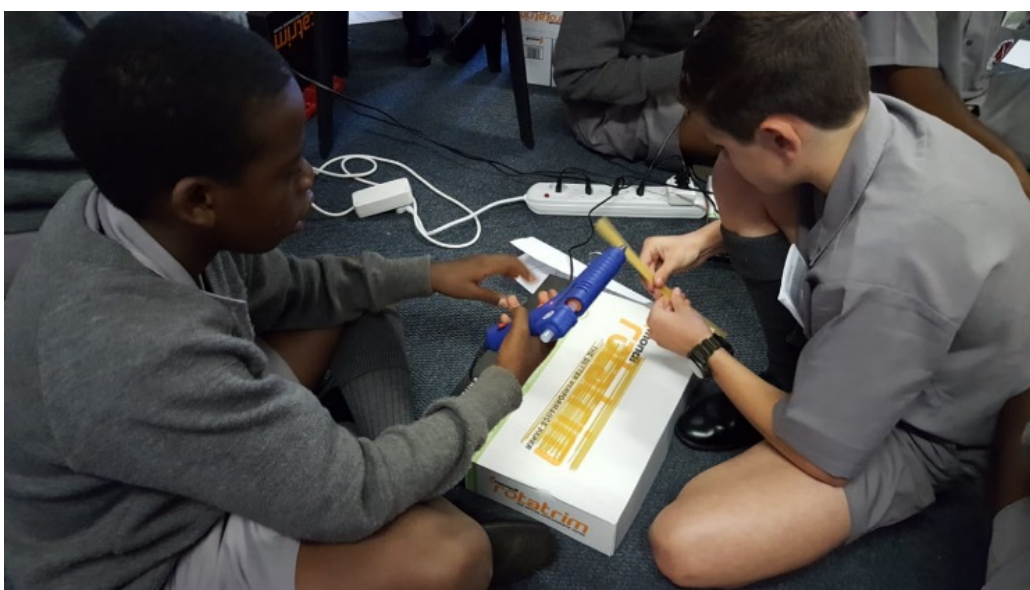
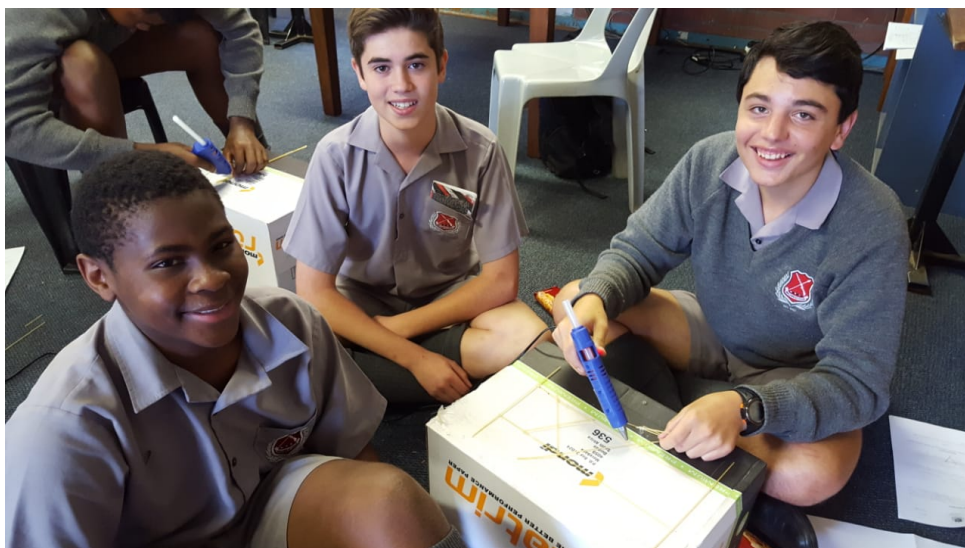
Focus on... Technology

The second term is very different to the first term when it comes to Technology. In term one, the boys concentrate mainly on drawing skill and this term – they have to put those skills to the test!

According to Subject Head Anthony Sparrow, they have also been learning about structures, how they are built and the decisions engineers have to make in order to make sure that they are built as strong as possible.

This has led them to their current project for the term which involves the boys designing a bridge, which they then have to build out of spaghetti. Spaghetti being a notoriously brittle material requires the boys to think very carefully about how they are going to construct their bridges to make them the strongest possible. They then have to apply the theory they have learnt about how buildings are constructed and the forces that act on them.

The boys are currently in the building phase of their project and are quickly learning how to use a glue gun properly! The one underlying skill Mr Sparrow would like them to build on during this project is their ability to plan as it is such an important life skill. They have limited time in which they can build their bridges, which requires thorough planning on their part. The success of their final model will not only depend on how well they have assimilated the theory they have learnt, but how well they have managed to plan.



Focus on... Calder House

Calder House was named after the founding Headmaster of the School, William Calder, who earned his teaching qualification at the Edinburgh Training College. He was always regarded as a skillful teacher who made effective use of his blackboard, but his former pupils remembered him also as a "tall, cold and canny Scot", who, like a punishing ogre, lurked ominously in the Upper Schoolroom (FH&H, p25). After he left in 1867, Calder returned to Scotland to become a senior master at the Edinburgh Merchant Company School for 30 years.

Calder has had a good start to the year, sitting sixth in the inter-house competition at this stage and our boys putting in the efforts to make our house great. The mentors are currently enjoying more time getting to know the boys with the new daily routine. Our house leaders have been working hard to ensure the boys are kept up to date with the goings on at this busy school.

Highlights from the 1st term are Yusuf Akoo (Grade 12) finishing at the top of his year academically, and two other boys A Ferraz (9th in Grade 9) and K Govender (10th in Grade 10). A number of our other boys have also achieved awards this year and are as follows:

Y Akoo:	Captain (Muslim Soc) Honours (Academics) House Leader: Academic & Tutoring
AD Baijoo	Academic Tie
LJ Barnard	House Leader: Sport & HC
LR Bourne:	House Leader: Pastoral - Behaviour
MS Brown	Large White Badge (Swimming)
CR Dowell	Lapel Badge (Rugby Referee)
Z Khoza	Colours & Scarf (Basketball), House Leader: Mentoring & Leadership
M Masvikeni	Large White Badge (Waterpolo)
TKM Mbatha	Colours (Academics)
S Ngwenya	House Leader: Cultural & HC Boarder Prefect
N Phenyane	Prefect, Large White Badge (Basketball)
T Prinsloo	Prefect, Captain (Afrikaans Soc) Academic Tie, House Captain Head of Shepstone House
BK Symons	Honours (Cycling)
JJ van der Walt	Prefect, Captain (Cricket), Colours (Cricket), Academic Tie, Vice House Captain

Our Outreach has started slowly this year, but is starting to gain momentum with us supporting the Jess Foord foundation again this year. The boys have been collecting various items for the foundation and we are hoping to do a hand over to Jess herself just before the start of our mid-year examinations.



Focus on... Debating

The Debating Society offers the opportunity for boys to explain and persuade skilfully, while engaging with current and sometimes controversial topics. Debating teaches speakers how to present an argument confidently and with clarity, how to think on their feet, how to listen, and helps develop excellent all-round communication and life skills. It is quite an interesting observation that good debaters very often are also top achievers academically and also achieve well after tertiary training.

League debating at Maritzburg College involves a great deal of work from the boys. The Grade 8 teams are allocated a topic and are also told which side of the topic they will be debating. The Juniors are given a topic and have no idea if they are Proposition or Opposition. The Seniors are given a topic area or a topic if the debates are very close together. Tenacity and commitment are the order of the day. Some adjudicators enjoy an aggressive approach and others don't. Each debate has only got a 50% chance of being won. Getting the best speaker award is also a much coveted goal.

The debaters also travel with the out-of-province sport trips and we are fast getting to know the Gauteng style of debating. These teams are fantastic competition and a win is a real victory. Another big event on the debating calendar is the Model United Nations Debate. College participates by joining up with Nsikayethu Secondary School in Imbali. Each school has two participants and this team of four then represent the country allocated to them and will investigate and bring to the floor issues surrounding a specific topic. The topic is always one of international interest and it is also very topical. Some years, however, this suffers from the economic recession and is cancelled, as was the case in 2018. Presently College has five teams in the league; 2 seniors, one junior and 2 grade 8 teams. The captain is V Soni and his teammates this year are: K Hariscandre and U Mtsi. The other senior team is comprised of D Moodley, L Moseia and Z Osman in the main.



Sporting Spotlight

College vs Kearsney

This weekend saw Maritzburg College head down to Bothas Hill to play Kearsney College in rugby and hockey fixtures. Our Top 5 Squash players took part in the KZN Inter-Schools tournament at Michaelhouse

Rugby

The weekend saw College play 20 rugby matches against Kearsney College with some excellent results as the RedBlackWhite teams dominated, winning 17 of their games, drawing one and losing just two. For our mighty 1st XV it was their first victory against Kearsney in 5 years! The overall summary of results saw College play 24 games, win 18, draw 1 and lose 5.



Hockey

College's hockey teams played 13 matches against Kearsney with outstanding results, as they won 11 games and lost just two.



Squash

College's Top 5 squash players took part in the KZN Inter-Schools tournament finishing in first place at the end of the event. They will now compete in the Top Schools Tournament in South Africa.

- Vs Michaelhouse – won 4-1
- Vs Glenwood – won 4-1
- Vs Westville – won 4-1
- Vs Kearsney – won 4-1

Cycling

Our cycling boys have been competing in a number of events over recent days recording winning positions. Daniel van der Walt placed first in the junior men's division at the SA Cup OCO event in Mbombela, in Mpumalanga, and Cameron McDaniel was the 1st youth in the 45 km race at the Greytown MTB Classic.



Table Tennis

College's table tennis teams competed in the Developmental as well as the A and B leagues over the weekend. In the Developmental League, College played 6 matches winning 4 and losing 2. In the A league our boys won 5 of their 9 games, and in the B league they won 8 of their 11 games. Overall our table tennis players competed in 26 matches, winning an excellent 17 of these.



Tribute to College Long Service Awardees

20-year Service

Mrs Suzanne Webley 1999- 2019

A valuable and experienced maths teacher, Mrs Webley joined the staff in 1999. It was not long before she was head of the maths department, and remained in this position, through times of big changes in maths education, until 2008. She always gone the extra mile, teaching a full timetable, giving extra maths lessons after school, while fully involved in both the basketball and hockey programmes in the school. She has also taught advanced maths for many years and has been involved with the Khanyisa outreach programme for maths teachers from less privileged schools.

Mr Ben Bosch 1999-2019

Mr Bosch joined College in 1999 as the Subject head of Technical Drawing and the HOD of F5. Under his guidance for the last 19 years College has been the top school in KZN in the Engineering and Graphic Design matric results. In 2008 in collaboration with a team from Scotland, College placed first in the World Schools Formula 1 model car races tournament and in 2017 won the 4X4 schools world champs. Mr Bosch was head of soccer for 14 years and was responsible for the re-introduction of the Raw Cup in 2004. He coached many who went on to play soccer professionally and for the premier league and is the highly respected House Master of Pape house.

Mr Jabulani Mhlongo 1999- 2019

Mr Mhlongo joined the College staff in 1999 as IsiZulu teacher and has headed the department for many years with great success. He is regarded as 'baba' – father – to the members of his department and they look up to him positively and with great respect. He has developed a love for his language with the boys that he teaches and a number of years ago introduced the F5 Zulu Cultural evening, which is a highlight of the school calendar. Mr Mhlongo has been fully involved in the school's co-curricular programme, coaching soccer and basketball and is currently Assistant Housemaster of Snow House

Mrs Carol Smith 1999-2019 [Media Centre]

Mrs Smith has been in the Media Centre since 1999 and has seen three different librarians and many structural changes. Mrs Smith plays an essential role and is truly a pillar in the library who has been able to move with the times and update her skills with new technology and software. She knows policies and

procedures like the back of her hand, and those hands are deft when it comes to repairing books. She has a wise head and motherly instincts upon which all of us rely.

Mr Ken Hackland 1999-2019

Mr Hackland joined the staff twenty years ago as the College Estate manager – when it was deemed necessary to appoint, for the first time, in the school's history, someone who understood the complexities of building foundations, flower gardens & electrical installations. Mr Hackland has become the "man for all seasons and requests". He has been involved in menial tasks such as changing a tyre to overseeing the construction of a new classroom blocks, valued at R3 million and BE's valued at R7 million. He has over, the years, saved this school and by implication the parents, a huge sum on money because he was willing to find the best product at the best price. No task is too big for Mr Hackland and he has always been willing to sacrifice his own private time in the interest and benefit of the College.



30-year Service

Mr Sipho Zondi 1989-2019

Mr Sipho Zondi has been a loyal employee of Maritzburg College for 30 years. He began his career here in 1989 working in the hostel laundry. He worked in the laundry for 14 years when he was transferred to the grounds department. He was one of the staff dedicated to the cleaning and maintenance of the Papes Astro. Mr Zondi has since taken up the role of cleaning and maintaining the High Performance Gym and the surrounding area. He is a faithful and obedient employee. He also serves his fellow employees by preparing their morning tea as well as keeping the tea room hygienic and clean.

40-year Service

Mrs Hazel Miller 1979-2019

Mrs Hazel Miller is the epitome of loyalty and long service to Maritzburg College, having completed 40 years of service in the Zarm Farm. Hazel's husband Murdo Miller was a highly thought of science teacher at Maritzburg College for many years, and her son Michael, who now lives in the UK, is an Old Collegian, so as a family, the Millers have always had College's interests at heart. Mrs Miller is a well-known figure in the school corridors, as she goes about the business of running the Zarm Farm efficiently, providing the boys and staff with the legendary College Zarms, crumpets, and hamburgers. She has over the course of 40 years taken her duties very seriously, and the Zarm Farm has maintained its popularity, on school days and on Reunion and other sports days. We wish her a well deserved retirement.

Focus on...Mom's

Happy Mother's Day to our College "moms"



Important Dates

MAY

- 13 ATKV Applous Choir Comp
Governing Body Meeting
- 14 2020 Admissions Meeting
Soccer 1st vs Carter
Afrikaans Olympiad
- 15 Rugby: U17 INVITATION XV
vs King David's XV
Cross-country League: Michaelhouse
Rugby: Craven Week/Grant Khomo
Final Trials
College Career Focus 2019: F3/ 5
- 16 School closes 14.20
- 16-18 Sharks Primary Schools InterDistrict
Rugby Tournament
- 17 School closed (Exam Prep)
Staff Professional Development

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