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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

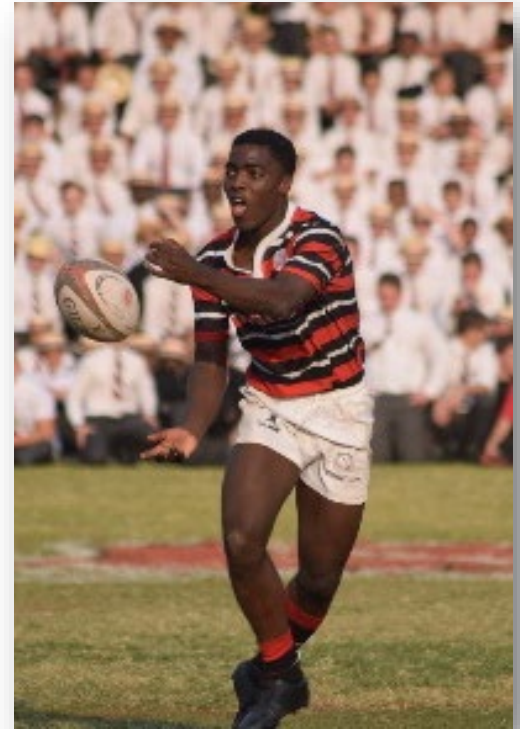
My message to our boys this week in line with our theme has been around the core value of SELF-DISCIPLINE

Self discipline means deliberately aligning our energy with our values and priorities. Martin Luther King Jr stated '*the time is always right to do what is right.*' This statement relates directly to our core values and the self-discipline to implement those values. Through mental practice we focus in on a task before us and let other temptations and distractions pass us by. Self-discipline asks that we endure frustration, disappointment, and pain in the service of a higher goal. It means being willing to push ourselves to the limits of our will and endurance if that is what is needed for success. Self-discipline need not be harsh; it can take the form of a quiet resolve or determination that then directs our choices. It is exacting, but is rarely served by our being self-critical or self-denigrating [to belittle oneself]. Self-discipline allows us to make use of whatever power and capabilities have been given us, to be all that we can in the service of our dreams. By doing what's right without delay, you will feel right about yourself.

This can be applied in a College context by being self-disciplined in the manner in which boys approach their academic programme, co-curricular activities and personal life decisions. A number of boys have recently displayed very poor self-discipline in choices which will result in serious consequences. These reckless decisions could have a severe impact on their future not only at College but in their adult life. We used to talk of 30 seconds of madness but it can now be as little as two or three seconds. I encourage our boys to support one another in the true sense of brotherhood by helping their friends to make good, sound choices and not poor, impulsive ones. Self-discipline is also needed now by our boys in focusing on midyear exams which are very important and need their best academic effort.

A number of our boys have displayed excellent self-discipline and commitment in their respective sporting codes and have worked exceptionally hard in their service to their school. S Ngcongo, our 1st XI goalie, has reached the significant milestone of 50 games for the RedArmy. TK Whiteman, 1st XI striker, has also reached a significant milestone of 50 games for the 1st soccer team. JS Shaw has been selected to present SA U16 Polocrosse team, and H Heeralal is ranked No 1 in SA at Karate U21 level. Our choir achieved gold in the Open Division for Boys at the ATKV Applous Competition this week. Congratulations to all these boys and their coaches.

Chris Luman
Headmaster



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Academic Achievements

Focus on... History

Why Study the History of South Africa?

There is a feeling that schools in South Africa should focus on life skills and vocational education, rather than on such a traditional academic subject. If I study I will be able to get a job as

However, there is a growing feeling that it is your emotional intelligence that will get you a job one day. Will you be able to cope effectively with life in the society in which you live? We will need to equip our boys with understanding of themselves and others, their own culture and that of others, moral values and other life skills in order that they will truly make a positive contribution to that society. The subject that gives you the emotional intelligence to understand other cultures and where people come from is history. Below are some quotes discussing the importance of history:

"The way in which the world develops has a relation to the way in which it was in the past. A community without history is like a person without a memory – incoherent." (Bernard Baylyn of Harvard University)

"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future." (Robert Penn Warren)

"Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it." (George Santayana)

"With the historian it is an article of faith that knowledge of the past is a key to understanding the present." (Kenneth Stamp)

"Search in your past for what is good and beautiful. Build your future from there." (President Paul Kruger)



Simon Haw, a renowned historian and the official College Historian, gave a presentation on how to use sources to the Grade 12 learners.

Mr Marwick and Mr Dutton attended the Schindler's List Workshop for educators at the Durban Holocaust & Genocide Centre on Friday, 17 May. The workshop focused on how applying the lessons of the film, Schindler's List, toward standing up to hatred in our own communities, and how to engage students in conversations around racism, antisemitism and other forms of hatred. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Schindler's List, Universal Pictures has re-released the film internationally for a limited theatrical engagement. To accompany this re-release, Facing History and Ourselves have developed a new digital resource for teachers to use as a guide when using the film in the classroom. Highlights included: reflections from Schindler's list survivor Rena Finder; effective strategies to prepare students to be thoughtful, emotionally engaged viewers of the film; resources to provide historical context and lesson ideas to connect this historical moment to contemporary events.



Messrs C Dutton and M Marwick attended a Student Awareness Council- (SAC) inspired workshop on 'Schindler's List' at the Durban Holocaust Centre. During the tea-break, they broke bread with colleagues from Hermannsburg - including popular Old Collegian, James Torlage (2nd left).

College Culture

Focus on... Commons House

The Commons Outreach Program, which was initiated at the beginning of 2019, set out to facilitate homework for a foster care organisation based in Ashburton.

Children are transported to College where the Commons' boys help with homework from 15:00 to 16:30. The Commons' boys have been very positive and have volunteered their services for this venture. This program has been very successful to date and is greatly valued by the foster care organisation.

The children are also enjoying the relationships that are being created with the College boys. This program will now be put on hold due to the exam period starting at College next week. We hope to continue this program in the third term.

These are lively evenings with fun and word games, and everyone loves the open mic sessions. We will again host in term 3.

Caught in the rain

Tired lovers pondering over sad sunsets
Both hopelessly romantic and finding
Solace in each other
Locking hands and locking lips and the locks of the
sky twist and turn.
The water caresses the ground and everything
melts in the heat of the moment
And there is only peace.

Focus on... MC Ink



MC Ink is College's writes' club, populated mainly with poets but we've also had a couple of novelists and a cartoonist. We meet once a week to draw inspiration from each other and share what we have written over the past week or so. We are a small and relaxed group, which is somewhat of a necessity considering that we 'criticise' each other's work every week.

Last year, when there were assemblies twice a week, you'd hear our members recite one of their works. Our members have recited in competitions, as well as words@Kearsney (a sub-category of culture@Kearsney). A few years ago we held the inaugural Night of the writer workshop where we invited some surrounding schools to an evening of creativity and open mic. This is such a hit that now Hilton College and St. John's DSG hold similar nights. Our last one was at Hilton and this term we were hosted by St. John's.

Rugby

It brings us together
Never apart
As they bind together
Strong at heart
The scrum was ours
And so was the ball
So we swing it down
To Morsink who scores
Hendrickz received
And stepped three oaks
Whilst Tedder rucked
Over seven blokes
Kekana moved
Like a leaf in the wind
Dodging men
And going for the win
Nzimande grubbers
And Hadebe catches
Passes to Simamane
Beast of all matches
Trodd does a dummy
Straight off the ruck
And turned the boy's
Knees to muck
After that
The crowd went crazy
As the opponents were introduced
To College Rugby

Sporting Spotlight

College vs DHS

This weekend saw Maritzburg College play DHS in rugby and hockey fixtures, with our teams dominating and winning most of the encounters including both first team games.

Rugby

The weekend saw College play 15 rugby matches against DHS with some excellent results as the RedBlackWhite teams won 14 of their games, and lost just one. Overall our rugby boys played 28 games on the weekend, winning 26 and losing just 2. The 1st XV played a good game with the final score of 34-24 to Maritzburg College, which meant we regained the Skonk Nicholson Cup which has spent the last two years at DHS, a welcome addition to the College trophy cabinet.

Hockey

College's hockey teams played 8 matches against DHS with outstanding results, as they won 7 games and drew just one. Overall our hockey teams played 19 matches, winning 13, drawing 2 and losing 4. Our RedArmy 1st XI won their match 1-0.

Cycling

In the Sugar Rush Classic Cycle event, D van der Watt placed 1st youth and N Burczak finished 3rd youth.

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, won 2 and lost 4 matches. In the A league, we won 7 of the 13 matches played and lost 6. In the B league, College won 8 of 11 matches played and lost 3. Overall College played 30 table tennis matches, winning 17 and losing 13.

Cross Country

Our boys ran at Michaelhouse this week in a tough league race. Congratulations to our boys for taking the lead in the senior category. The Junior boys worked hard and managed a second team placing.



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



Over 150 of our older College “Old Boys” and family members joined us on our campus for the annual Veterans Reunion event.

This was a very successful function, and after a welcome tea on Forder Oval, the Veterans attended a church service in the College chapel, followed by a delicious luncheon in the Victoria Hall with welcome speeches from the headmaster, Mr Chris Luman, and the MCOBA President, Mr Grant Little. They then headed down to Goldstones to sit on Kent Pavilion and watch our 1st XV take on and beat long standing rivals DHS



A Donor's Call-to-Arms

Probably one of the most mysterious aspects of fundraising lies in developing a clear understanding of what actually inspires a donor to give. It's a big grey area between rational decision and emotional response and the challenge is to position your particular appeal somewhere in this vast range of possibility and then hope for the best.

Once every so often we are lucky enough to receive a personal insight from a donor, a glimpse into why he or she is devoted to your cause. When this happens it's too good not to share!

Our latest website post includes a letter from one of our College Old Boys on why it is important to him to give back to College...

<http://collegefoundation.co.za/2019/05/17/a-donors-call-to-arms/>



Focus on...English Conference

The Maritzburg College campus was alive with robust dialogue and critical engagement on Tuesday, 14 May, as over 110 teachers of English from across the province gathered for the 4th Annual MCEASA Conference.

The conference, hosted by Maritzburg College in association with The English Academy of Southern Africa, has become a significant platform of discourse and networking amongst colleagues of English teaching. This year, we welcomed Dr David Robinson (UJ), Dr Berrington Ntombela (University of Zululand) and Prof Titlestad (retired) who presented with Prof Malaba (UKZN), a loyal supporter of the conference since its inception. We are also immensely proud of our Headmaster, Mr Chris Luman – who is an English teacher by heart - and Mr James Maistry, as they have presented at every conference held thus far. Highly informative presentations were also done by Mrs Debbie Martin, Mr Chris Barnsley, Ms Amy Dettmer, Mrs Bernice Borain, Mrs Belinda Kidd, Mrs Fiona Khan, Mrs Avi Maistry and Digibook.

The conference has grown in leaps and bounds over the past 4 years and we are grateful for the support of the English Academy. We hope to continue with our positive contribution to English teaching as we believe strongly that literacy is the cornerstone of knowledge acquisition. This year's conference theme was 'Back to Basics'. The Maritzburg College English Department is proud of their part in promoting fresh and exciting ways of connecting with our learners.

Important Dates

MAY

20	Start of mid year exams
20-22	FUNK 2019
21	Soccer 1 st vs Haythorne
22	Cross Country League (Epworth)
24	Board Strategic Planning
25	Hockey & Rugby vs Westville (H) Compulsory attendance
26	Cycling KZN Lap Challenge #3

Focus on... Rugby Fundraiser

AARON MCILROY - The extreme sportsman of stand up comedy &
STEFAN TERBLANCHE - Sharks and Springbok rugby, CEO SA Rugby Legends
host the

2019 MARITZBURG COLLEGE 1ST XV UK TOUR FUNDRAISER

Friday 7 June 2019 - 6.00 for 6.30pm, Alan Paton Memorial Hall, Maritzburg College

"BRING & SHARE" in a fun filled and entertaining evening of insight into the rugby world cup and all things rugby with international rugby stars and comedy with one of South Africa's most popular entertainers.

R250.00 pp (Incl 2 bottles wine per table of 10)

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINKS TO SHARE

Beer and wine glasses will be provided
Pre-booked platters available

BOOKINGS: Sue Calmeyer MCclub@mcollege.co.za

Gary Teichmann - Sharks and Springbok rugby captain, CEO Sharks Rugby

Geoff Appleford - College Old Boy, Sharks and England rugby

Pieter Dixon - College Old Boy, Sharks and Stormers rugby



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