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From the Marketing Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

The 2nd term at College is traditionally always a busy one with the preparation and writing of mid-year exams and our winter sports programme. Our boys are busy with exams this week, and the corridors and grounds are filled with anxious looking young faces as they head into exam venues, or sit alone and in groups to study. We wish all our boys the very best.

The recent Career Focus held in our Alan Paton Memorial hall was a highly successful opportunity for our boys to investigate possible future career paths and engage with the more than 50 companies and organizations who attended. A wide range of subjects were covered as boys and their parents took time to talk to professionals and ask questions around future career prospects. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

A number of our staff participated in a staff professional development training session recently, aimed at equipping them better in their daily educational responsibilities. Topics covered were highly relevant and included aspects such as Flipping the Classroom, Making the Circle Bigger, Proactive Discipline in the Classroom, Pitfalls of Social Media, Teacher Burnout and the Art of Teaching Boys. We will include key points from some of these in upcoming newsletters.

Although last weekend was a free one in terms of sport, College hosted the provincial primary school's rugby and hockey tournaments. It was a pleasure and privilege to see so many talented young players on both Pape's Astro and Goldstones.

This week also saw the naming of our own squash, hockey and rugby KZN representatives (see later); we are very proud of these young men and wish them everything of the best in the fixtures that lie ahead.

It was also a time of celebrating dance and movement with the annual FUNK dance festival taking place at the UKZN Hexagon theatre. Congratulations to our team of boys who excelled in their performance.

Later in the newsletter is an update from a mentoring initiative initiated by a group of our Old Boys, which involved them reaching out and engaging with our boarders. This was an extremely successful event and will be repeated again.

Following the successful Moms and Son #No1Supporter initiative we held earlier this month in celebration of Mother's Day – we will hold a "Lads & Dads" day at on 8 June ahead of Father's Day, when College plays local rivals Michaelhouse at home. We are calling on all dads, granddads, uncles, brothers and guardians to come and watch your boy play.

Sally Upfold
Marketing Manager



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Academic Achievements

Focus on... Careers

At Maritzburg College, we believe in preparing our boys for life as well as developing each boy's unique potential. We already have a successful career guidance programme in place in our Pupil Development Centre and Life Orientation departments, but we believe that the recent Career Focus evening enhances this further. When young people focus on their future, there is an improved level of motivation and work ethic at school, and they are able to make informed choices about their careers and subject choices. This event was compulsory for our form 3 and form 5 boys.

In 2017, we held the first College Career Focus evening and the feedback was positive. This year, our third year, we once again identified a number of individuals who we believed would make a valuable contribution to our programme and who are in careers that would interest our boys. These individuals covered a very wide range of careers from the traditional to the more unusual. There were representatives in fields ranging from medicine, biotechnology and veterinary health through to engineering, hospitality, real estate, flying and forestry. There was something to interest everyone!

Our boys and their parents were able to engage on a personal level with representatives from various careers, and in this way, gained first-hand knowledge of what the career is all about. In some cases, opportunities were available for work-experience particularly for our senior boys. There were also a number of gap-year options on offer, both locally and overseas. We are once again indebted to our community for their willingness to be part of an event such as this.



Focus on... Social Media



Social media is one of this generation's most popular communication tools – for both individuals and businesses. Technology provides exciting opportunities to enhance how we teach and learn. However, in the coming years, it'll be important to keep educating school pupils

about the dangers of these new technologies.

Craig Blewett, who is a tech expert, advised the following before posting on your SM page. This will help keep you out of the news...or jail! Here are some simple guidelines to remember when using social media, whatever your age.

Before you post it online, use the SPACE to THINK approach.

SPACE – Take these steps:

S – Stop: Type it, but don't post it.

P – Pause: Wait for at least an hour, preferably sleep on it.

A – Assess: THINK about what you've typed (see questions below)

C – Confirm: Check with someone else to see what they THINK.

E – Execute: If it passed the test click "send". Otherwise delete it.

THINK – Ask yourself these questions:

T: Is it true?

H: Is it hurtful?

I: Is it illegal?

N: Is it necessary?

K: Is it kind?

Being a little more thoughtful and circumspect about your social media presence will improve the experience for everyone. Think like a publisher – because in this brave new world, that's exactly what we've all become.

Focus on... Forder House

Forder House has fared well in the House competition this year, and to date, are tied in first place with Fuller House.

Our house captain, Karl Huizenga, led us to victory in the band competition and we also did very well in the house singing category. The rest of the Jazz band, including Matthew van Rooyen, Liam Muller, Phala Phala, Malachi Mkhize and Matthew Fuhri gave their all and it was hardly surprising when they were judged the best band on view!

The tennis inter-house competition saw us finish 6th on the leader board, tied once again with Fuller House! This week we will be competing in the shooting competition and are hoping our team will help us pull away from Fullers.

On the academic front, we are very proud of the following boys for achieving so well after the first term. In Form 2, we had 3 boys in the top ten positions; Matthew van Rooyen (3rd), Thaseen Ganie (6th) and Luhle Sithole (10th). Not to be outdone, Keagan Goddard placed 1st in 3rd form and Murray Whyte 3rd in 4th form.



Congratulations to Dagan Meuwese for being awarded a Large White Badge in rugby for his commitment and service.

If you had the privilege of watching Fawlty Towers, you would have noticed two of our boys in lead positions. Phala Phala played the role of Mr Fawlty and James MacFarland the unfortunate corpse while also being one of the directors. Both these boys have worked tirelessly at their academics whilst still producing a slick and entertaining show.

This term we are raising funds for CHOC as part of our outreach programme. The PMB CHOC house offers a safe place for a child with cancer and the boys have reacted very well to this initiative.



Focus on... FUNK

Congratulations to Bonwa and the FUNK Dance crew for a superb dance routine at this week's FUNK entitled 'Mayibuye'. Well done to Afika Dlamini, Azile Dlamini, S Hlatshwayo, B Kgoroge, Z Khoza, T Lehloenya, L Magwaza, A Mbambo, O Mthethwa and S Sibisi for their outstanding effort at the 20th celebration – the boys did themselves proud!



Focus on... Afrikaans Society

There are 30 boys who form part of the Maritzburg College Afrikaans Society. Next term, the society are going to participate at the ATKV play competition at the Playhouse in Durban.

Please diarise the below dates and come and support us!

19 August 2019: Dress rehearsal in the OCC at Maritzburg College. This show will be FREE to all boys.

20 August 2019: Playhouse, Durban - Die Mafia gaan jou vange lange lang

21 August 2019: Playhouse, Durban - Bloedtoets

22 August 2019: We do both plays here at College in the OCC. Tickets are R50 for Adults and R20 for children.



Sporting Spotlight

KZN Selections for College

Last weekend was a free weekend for our boys but we are proud to announce KZN selection for Squash, Hockey and Rugby.

Rugby

The following Maritzburg College boys have been selected for provincial teams following the Craven Week and Grant Khomo trials.

U18 Craven Week

W Hlophe
M Dlangalala
A Nzimande
S Ningiza

U18 Academy Week Team

C Dlamini
B Tedder
H Trodd
K Hadebe
S Kekana

U18 B to play U18 CD

A Matsheke
K Morsink
Mr Kevin Smith U18 selector

U16 Grant Khomo team

R Swift
D Botha
W Takata
C Thunder
L Mtshali
Mr Tim Orchard Head Coach
Mr Ryan Kyle KZN Schools EXCO

Hockey

Congratulations to the boys have been selected to represent their province in the KZN inland hockey teams. In the A teams, College boys comprise 14 of 48 positions (29%), and in the B teams our boys number 16 of the 48 (33%). College boys make up 31% of KZN Inland teams.

U18A KZN INLAND

1. S Ngcongco
2. D van Niekerk
3. G Pio
4. D Bruyns
5. T Prinsloo

Assistant Coach: Mr D Coombes, Manager: Mr D Shaw-Govender

U18B KZN INLAND

1. T Francis
2. B Jackson
3. R Akerman
4. H Askew
5. T Baker

Non Travelling Reserves: A Zondi, M Veenstra, B Gumede

U16A KZN INLAND

C Osborne
A Mthlane
J Jansen
Coach: Mr K Emerson

U16B KZN INLAND

1. T Conolly
2. R Crookes
3. R Dobeyn
4. M Ponter
5. G Winlock

Non Travelling Reserves: J Lalor, O Field, R Marais, A Chiliza

U14A KZN INLAND

1. M Barnardo (Eston)
2. G Aranky
3. A Khumalo
4. K Dobeyn
5. L Akerman
6. A Makhanya
7. P Dlamini

Coach: Mr M Reed, Manager: Mr T Hoosen

U14B KZN INLAND

1. M Thomson
2. J Bradford
3. L Nkabinde
4. D Hockey
5. A Sithole
6. C Smith

Squash

The following Maritzburg College boys will represent the KZN province in the South African Squash competition.

U19A: M Darch and C White

U19B: K Govender

U16A: S Strydom

U16B: N McFarland and A Ndwandwe

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



Our Old Boys are all over the world and we enjoy getting news from them

Jayd Wollentine (2014) sent in photos from Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, China where he is teaching at a school.



RIP: Robert Douglas Sharrock

12 April 1953 – 20 May 2019



It is with sadness that we report on the passing of OC Professor Rob Sharrock, a member of the School of Law in Pietermaritzburg for 34 years, who passed away on 20 May after a long illness. Rob was a leading academic in various areas of commercial law, particularly the Law of Contract, and will be

remembered as a brilliant lecturer by thousands of students who passed through his classes.

Rob grew up in Pietermaritzburg, where he attended Maritzburg College, finishing school in 1970 as a prefect and captain of swimming. He was a provincial representative in both swimming and water polo. Rob studied BCom and LLB at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg, graduating LLB cum laude in 1978.

After 4 years of legal practice (including completing his articles) at the Maritzburg law firm of Mason Buchan, he joined the School of Law at the University in November 1982. Rob leaves his wife Lienne, son Richard and daughter Mandy and their spouses Caryn and Anton, and grandchildren Dayna and Katie. Sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Foundation Feel-Good

It's always such a wonderful experience receiving a note or a letter from our Foundation beneficiaries - the boys who are the recipients of the love and goodwill generously given by our College community.

With some help we've started sharing these feel-good feedbacks with our supporters and followers in video form on our social media platforms.

If you haven't yet seen them why not follow the links below and have a look!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDAMF6Xt3u0>



Thank you so much for the
treats - it's an honour
getting treats from your
family.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqrSuNNiTL8&t=8s>



FOUNDATION
FEEL-GOOD

Focus on...Mentoring with OCs

One of the defining characteristics of the "College experience" is the affectionate connection between the school and its alumni – the striped-blazer-wearing Old Collegians (OCs).

As a service to and a "Thank you" to College, a group of 40 OCs from the Midlands provided an "engagement" session with all the boarders, on the eve of the recent Easter weekend. The make-up of the gentlemen was varied – from sportsmen to academics, grizzled old bouncers to successful businessmen, advocates to artisans, young and old – and they each spent a relaxed, engaging 90 minutes with a group of about 10 boarders, chatting about all manner of topics.



Instigated by the president of the MCOBA, Mr Grant Little, with the backing of a committed group of loyal OCs, the initiative also had the input and guidance of OneLife Church, even though the evening itself was a secular one. Our special and very warm thanks, too, go to Revs Grant Crawford, Abrie Bouwer and Mark Wimble, with the latter also giving a very inspiring and moving talk [pictured below] to the boys about his battle with brain cancer and his startling recovery from the brink of death. Further sessions with the boys are planned for later in the year.



Important Dates

MAY

- 26 Cycling KZN Lap Challenge #3
- 27 Mid-year Exams continue
- 28 Soccer 1st vs Linpark
- 29 Computer Olympiad Round 2
Cross Country League

JUNE

- 01 Hockey & Rugby vs Hilton (away)
- 02 Cycling: Sappi Karkloof

College

Wall of Remembrance

College's Wall of Remembrance is an initiative of the school's Archive Committee and was inaugurated on the school's 150th Reunion Day, 25 May 2013.

Any person can be included on the wall who has enjoyed a link to College – whether as an Old Collegian, staff member, parent or simply loyal friend of the school - and can be remembered and honored through the addition of plaque on the wall.

Each plaque has the same format and design and includes name, relevant dates and a short personal message.

For more information or to order a plaque contact Mrs Kathy Roberts (robertsk@mcollege.co.za)

The deadline for the next order of plaques is 1 July 2019 and these will be unveiled at Reunion Day 2019 on Saturday 3 August. Friends and family are encouraged to attend and say a few words.

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