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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

Gratitude and Women's Day

In the week following our very successful Reunion celebrations, we focus on Gratitude. William Shakespeare, the famous English poet and playwright, said the following: 'O, Lord, who lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.' Over the past week I have been reminded how fortunate we are to be part of the College family and to have the amazing support of a very generous Old Boys' community and the need to be grateful. On Friday night at the Annual Reunion dinner, OC 1991 Dr Duncan Randall launched the R100millionforCollege Campaign - an historic 5 year campaign to create a R100 million endowment fund for the school, which has already secured 11 legacy donors. This is excluding other additional donations from a range of individual OCs and year groups who continue to sponsor and support facilities and project such as Shepstone House, the upgrade of the Ron Jury High Performance Centre and other CAPEX projects and scholarships to mention but a few. We are indeed grateful for this incredible financial support and the many other ways in which our OCs, parents and wider College community support us at College. The facilities and resources we have at College are second to none.

This week we also celebrate Women's Day on Friday 9 August with a day off school and a well-earned long weekend break.

On 9 August 1956, more than 20,000 South African women of all races staged a march on the Union Buildings in protest against the proposed amendments to the Urban Areas Act of 1950, commonly referred to as the "pass laws". On Women's Day we celebrate the amazing social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women - while also campaigning for greater progress towards gender equality.

There are so many women who are the unsung heroines of our #RedBlackWhite family, and this week it is appropriate that we at College acknowledge the many significant roles that women play and have played in the lives of College boys and ultimately College men, be that as teachers, administrators, mentors, wives, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, girlfriends etc.

I encourage each of our boys to express their gratitude for the women in their lives...do a random act of kindness for the women in your lives on Friday; make a cup of tea, breakfast, pick a rose, smile, listen and talk to them for more than a minute and in words and sentences of more than one syllable...and say thank you

Chis Luman
Headmaster



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Academic Achievements

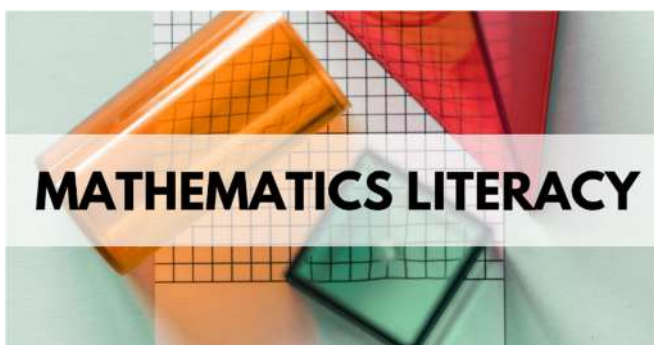
Focus on...Mathematical Literacy

One of the current focuses for the third term is of course Trial examinations for our matrics. Mid-year results will have given most learners an idea of their ability levels and what they should do to prepare for other assessments. Parents' meetings for Form 4, 5 and 6 have been completed with many parents discussing learner's results and possible strategies to improve on these. The resources located on the Moodle are helpful to advance understanding of the different sections found in the Curriculum and to practise further with different examples. The beginning of the term 3 also saw a very successful Grade 9 / Form 3 Subject Choice Evening to help learners best decide what subjects to choose in Form 4. Mathematical Literacy is a subject that uses mathematical concepts, and applies them to everyday situations. It is an entirely new and independent subject, and includes basic skills of:

- Interpreting and communicating answers and calculations
- Numbers and calculations with numbers
- Patterns, relationships and representations

Application Topics covered include Finance, Measurement, Maps, plans and other representations of the physical world, Data handling, Probability.

Typical sections include How to buy a house, including calculating transfer fees, legal fees and bond repayment amounts, The benefits and downfalls of Hire-Purchase. Reading and interpreting statistics in newspaper articles, and How to calculate income tax.



Boys who are mathematically literate should have the capacity and confidence to interpret any real-life context that they encounter, and be able to identify and perform the techniques, calculations and/or other considerations needed to make sense of the context. In this sense Mathematical Literacy develops a general set of skills needed to deal with a large range of scenarios.

We wish all our matric the best as they write trials exams and prepare for their finals.

National Arts Festival Trip



Eighteen senior drama students were fortunate enough to attend the annual "National Arts Festival" - the first time that the school's festival took place at the same time as the main festival. The boys, accompanied by Mrs Thaver and Mr Barber, had a cultural experience that will live on in their memories forever, enjoying a wide range of shows considered some of the best in South Africa. They got to watch people climb, swing and dance about a giant chair, saw a musical and cultural fusion of traditional African and Chinese dance and music and watch a one man show taken from the perspective of a young boy.

They took part in James Cairn's (Maritzburg College old boy) improve show, where they got to create the story and characters in the show. The boys also got to meet other drama and arts students during the festival, attending workshops and learning all sorts of acting, dancing and writing techniques by working with students from all over South Africa.

One of the highlights was sitting in on one of Maritzburg College's most famed old boys' lecture and Q&A session. Rob van Vuuren did not hesitate to point out the students and staff from his old school who were seated in his audience. Not only did the boys get to have this extraordinary experience, they also learned a valuable lesson about comedy. After sitting through a stand-up comedian's show where nobody laughed, the boys learned that just because someone says you're funny, does not mean you can keep an audience laughing for an hour like Trevor Noah.

In their down time, the boys got to explore Grahamstown and all it had to offer. They visited the exquisite "St Michael and St George Cathedral" and watched street performers from Canada and Australia.

With help from Mr Thaver, the boys had the chance to hand out fruit and sandwiches to the car guards around Grahamstown. At night, within their curfew, the boys were able to walk around the small town and enjoy some of the restaurants Grahamstown had to offer.

Under the guidance of their teachers, the boys were able to watch performances of the highest quality, meet drama students from all around South Africa and got to enjoy a small taste of university life. The boys and teachers can take everything they learned and apply it to their drama practicals and school productions; there is no shortage of inspiration and new techniques, there is no shortage of inspiration for the drama department to draw on.

Focus on...Enviro Club



A few junior boys from the recently started Enviro club went to Weenen Game Reserve during the first weekend of the July holidays. Some of the pupils had never been into a 'nature reserve' before this weekend nor had they seen any of our wildlife in the flesh! We were treated to watching giraffe and zebra game capture, a helicopter herded the animals into a specially prepared capture site that led them directly into the back of the huge transporting lorries. Camping at Nyandu camp gave the boys the opportunity to excel at their culinary skills, chatting around a campfire whilst hearing all sorts of nocturnal sounds, star gazing in the chilling air, braving the early morning frosts but finding peace!

Some of the boys shared their sentiments...

"The trip was amazing, fun and educational. I learnt about some plants, animals and the delicate balances in nature."

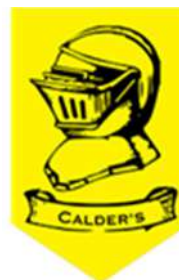
"I got away from the city, met new people and made new friends. I enjoyed the silence and the fresh air."

"I was able to start understanding and learning how as humans we can make a difference in conserving the future of our planet. What a privilege !"

"It was really a way for me to learn about nature but mostly about myself. This trip was very different from other school trips because I started to link myself with nature and to be less selfish."

"When I learnt to tap into my listening skills and temper my sight and thoughts it was amazing what I heard!"

We are very grateful to the Johnny Lowe Memorial Trust who made this trip most affordable by funding the accommodation and transport. It is their dedication and fundraising efforts to promote the education of conservation to school pupils that the Nyandu camp has been completely revamped into a wonderful camp for school groups. Our stay was a testimony to their goodwill.



Focus on Calder House

Calder house was named after the founding headmaster of the School. William Calder had 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 memorably remembered him also as "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.

Our house had a busy and highly successful term. Participating in the Inter-house competitions we managed a first place in hockey, second in both table tennis and soccer. All of our boys are to be commended on their commitment to the house and their continued efforts. During the holidays we had a number of boys attending national tournaments and acquitted themselves extremely well. They were excellent ambassadors to their house and College. A special mention goes to Tiaan Prinsloo who was selected for the South African U18B Hockey Team at the end of the U18 National tournament.

On the Academic front we had a number of boys achieving top 10 positions in the grade and their mature focused approach towards their academics is to be commend. Yusuf Akoo placed 1st in Grade 12, T Mbatha and Austin Ferraz finished in the top ten.

Calder House is coming to the close of their outreach program for the year and we are currently putting goody bags for Isabel Beardmore and the Tandanani Children's homes. We are hoping to take a number of boys over the next few weeks to drop off these items at these charities and to spend time with the people. A huge thanks must go out to all the boys and parents who have given so generously toward this important cause.

We congratulate Mr Croeser who welcomed a new

baby boy to his family, Malichi Michael Croeser, and wish both Mr Croeser and his wife, Bianca all the best.

Sporting Spotlight

Over the past two weeks our boys have played away fixtures against KES and took on Glenwood for the Reunion celebrations at home with some excellent results. Our teams showed tremendous passion, commitment and determination, with a never say die attitude, and showing remarkable resilience. Well done to all our winter teams and coaches for an awesome effort this season.

Rugby

College took 21 rugby teams to play King Edward VII. Our teams won 11 of their matches, losing 9 and drawing 1. Against Glenwood on our Reunion weekend, we had 20 rugby teams in action. College dominated the fixtures winning 17 of the games drawing one and losing two. In the 1st XV match, College played most of the rugby and our boys put their bodies on the line, playing their hearts out for their school and displaying very good discipline. The final score 36-25 to Glenwood.

Hockey

College sent 16 hockey teams to play KES dominating and winning 12 of their games, drawing 2 and losing 2. Against Glenwood for the Reunion weekend, we played 10 games and won all 10. The 1st XI RedArmy match ended 3-0 in favour of College.

Chess

Our chess teams played KES winning 11 of their 24 matches, and losing by 1 point.

Cycling

A number of our boys took part in the Spur series. Daniel van der Walt was 1st in the Youth category, with Cameron McDaniel in 3rd place. Jess Stephens finished 3rd in the Sub Juniors and Adam Sellick in 3rd place in the Junior category. This weekend sees College host the next of the Spur series events.

Soccer

Our 1st XI soccer team had a great game against KES winning 1-0. A number of our other soccer teams played against Kloof recently, and won 5 of their 7 games, losing 1 and drawing 1. Against Glenwood over the Reunion weekend, of the 8 games played, College won 3, drew 2 and lost 3.

Canoeing

Congratulation to Bryce Lawson who was crowned U18 Surfski 2019 Series Champion in the King of the Bay event, with Jeremy Maher in 2nd place.





Focus on...MCOBA



Reunion 2019 was an overwhelming success, starting with a Golf Day at the Victoria Country Club with more than 140 OCs taking part. On Friday, we held a special assembly on Barns field where our OCs were recognised for the contributions they have made to the school. Class of '79 convenor, and past parent Pete Stainbank reminded the boys to make the most of their 5 years at College and to take the lessons learned forward into their lives. OCs joined the boys for a shout on Barns before touring the campus and then heading off to play bowls. Friday night saw over 400 OCs attend the annual Reunion Dinner in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall, with Matthew Marwick as MC to manage proceedings. With speeches from the MCOBA

President Grant Little and the headmaster Chris Luman, the event also featured the launch of 100millionforCollege campaign through a video appeal from past head Dudley Forde and an address by the campaign champion and legacy donor Duncan Randall. Saturday saw the annual Memorial service followed by the wreath laying

ceremonies and a lunch in the Victoria Hall for OCs. A number of OCs and special guests attended the poignant Wall of Remembrance event to pay tribute to fallen OCs, staff and friends of College. The day was of course capped off by thrilling rugby, soccer and hockey encounters between the #RedBlackWhite and the #GreenMachine. What. A. Weekend!!



100millionforCollege

The Old Boys' Reunion Dinner this past Friday night took on historic significance with the launch of the 100MillionforCollege Campaign. This initiative, a joint venture between the School, Old Boys' Association and the College Foundation, is aimed at raising R100m in permanent capital for Maritzburg College. These funds will be invested as an endowment fund for the school, with only a percentage of the returns being drawn down to support scholarships and capital projects at the school.

What makes this campaign is that it is based on the "matching donor" principle. The campaign seeks to recruit 50 x College Old Boys as Legacy Donors with a commitment of R1m each. For each rand raised from the College community these Legacy Donors will match it with a Rand of their own. As of Friday's Reunion Dinner 11 Old Boys had already committed their support as Legacy Donors. The Reunion Dinner provided the perfect opportunity to introduce this campaign to the Old Boys via a short campaign video featuring former headmaster, Dudley Forde. The video was followed by a short overview of the campaign presented by Duncan Randall (OC1991), one of our founding Legacy Donors.



To view Dudley Forde's campaign video as well as a recording of Duncan Randall's speech please select the links below:

- Campaign video featuring Dudley Forde
- Introductory speech by Duncan Randall (OC1991)

More information on the 100MillionforCollege Campaign is available on the campaign website www.100millionforcollege.co.za



Campus Roundup

Focus on...Our Staff: Lawrence Masiko

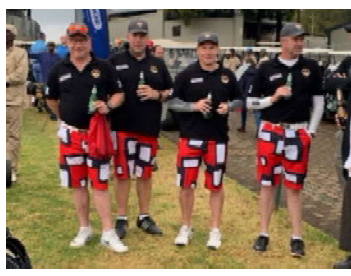
Almost 37 years ago on 1 October 1982 a young and single Mr Lawrence Masiko started at Maritzburg College, cleaning the classrooms and swimming pool. Our previous Estate Manager, the late Mr Hans Wiesinger, involved him in restoring and repairing furniture, which he enjoyed very much. During those early years at College, he married his wife Josephine. They have three sons, three daughters (eldest child is now 38, youngest is 19), two granddaughters and a grandson. He is also the minister (uMfundisi) of his local church. Under the guidance of now-retired Sister Ann Houghting, he was responsible for ferrying boarders (in Ann's car!) to and from the SAN for medical appointments. Over the last decade or so, Lawrence has been increasingly encouraged to assist more with administrative work, and is kept busy processing daily post for the school, franking hundreds of envelopes when academic reports and circulars go out, sorting and filing of report copies, misconduct slips, doctor's notes and other important correspondence kept on learners' files, and the distribution of internal post, deliveries, parcels and other items to the relevant personnel's pigeon holes and various departments of the school. He is often called upon to assist with sourcing the archived matric certificate of many an old Collegian, and during Michaelmas Week he helps with the sorting of sponsored sports shirts for allocation to participants. His tasks are varied and he is happy in his work. Mr Masiko enjoys being productive and learning new skills, and is proud to be a member of staff at Maritzburg College.

Important Dates

AUGUST

- 12-13 Squash Championships
- 13-14 Soccer vs Northwood
- 13 MC Ink Writers Workshop
- 14 Soccer vs Westville
- Debating finals
- 16 Rugby 7s Glenwood Tournament
- Leavers Dinner & Dance
- 17 Soccer RAW CUP

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