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From the Marketing Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

College Ethos

This week I was asked to prepare a 5 min presentation on the College ethos. How does one capture everything that is essentially College in 5 min? What is the essence of College's ethos? Is it the buildings, is it our 156-year rich history and traditions, is it the people – the boys and the staff? I was also recently asked by a past headmaster of the school what I thought was our strongest asset? Perhaps the quote taken from a poem by a College boy (Calden Lang, 2007) captures this... "What is it within these walls that bonds the hearts of men..."

I believe it is best expressed in the products of our school - the men of College; past, present and the future. It's in the men who have left College, our Old Collegians. Reunion weekend just past highlighted how for so many College Old Boys, there is an unbreakable connection or bond to each other and to the school, that perseveres across time and distance. Watching our OC's joy and exuberance in spending time with each other back on campus, and the quiet and meaningful dignity and poignancy of shared events like the Wall of Remembrance where those no longer with us were honoured, captures some of this unique College ethos and brotherhood bond. It's in the current young men who fill the school with noise and action every day, who greet you with a cheerful "Ma'am or Sir", who sit in silent concentration in the classrooms, who run across the fields at sport, who tug at heartstrings when they share their talents through music, drama and song, who laugh and shout around the grounds – brothers bound across age, language and race boundaries. It's in the potential of prospective new College boys who visit the campus, filled with awe and excitement of the wealth of opportunities and experiences that await, and all they dream of being.

At College we aim to provide every individual with a rich and holistic education experience, presenting them with both challenges and opportunities to fulfil their potential and become the best they can be. This week, Dr Phil Cummins head of the Centre for Innovation, Research, Creativity and Leadership in Education (CIRCLE) addressed staff and boys on the *Pathway to Excellence: Becoming a Good Man*, where he spoke of the importance of building character, knowing and becoming yourself, recognizing your values, forming relationships, commitment and serving others. Providing the enabling environment and support for every boy to achieve this is the ethos of what College is and strives to be.



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Academic Achievements

Focus on...Afrikaans

The third term has been a very challenging time for the teachers in the Afrikaans department since Mrs Immelman's relocation to Bloemfontein. Our newly appointed Afrikaans teacher, Mrs Robyn Brunzlaff, will be available only from term 4, and our staff have accommodated her classes during term 3. We wish Mrs Immelman well in her new endeavour. She will be sorely missed.



The annual exchange between Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool (Affies) and Maritzburg College motivated the Afrikaans department to take on a new project. At the beginning of term 3 we started preparing our boys to be hosted by an Afrikaans family. During Afrikaans lessons boys were taught how to introduce themselves in Afrikaans and how to communicate with Affies students and parents at the dining room table. A whole lesson was spent on general etiquette. Every pupil created a "Baie dankie" card with a personalised Afrikaans message. These cards were taken along and given to their hosts on Saturday morning.

The Junior and Senior Taalbond bilingualism exams were written by 7 senior and 15 junior pupils in April 2019. These exams consist of an Afrikaans and an English section and is the only forum where a pupil is able to obtain a certificate that will confirm his standard of bilingualism in both these languages. Y. Akoo in Form 6, J. Lowe in Form 5, K. Hansen, J. Klapprodt and J. van der Merwe in Form 4 as well as E. Kock and D. Roux in Form 2 are congratulated on their achievements. The Senior Afrikaans Olympiad for First Additional Language was written in May and the results of the 22 boys who entered these exams were pleasing. W. Pretorius and NH Greeff are congratulated on achieving 85% and 82% respectively.

Maritzburg College has been identified by the Department of Education as a leading school for Afrikaans First Additional language. The school has been appointed

to host the Cluster and Oral moderation sessions. We hosted the Afrikaans Oral Exams for the district at the Kent Pavilion on 20 August. Six Grade 12 pupils represented Maritzburg College; L. Diedricks, K. Maphumulo, B. Symons, M. Khan, B. Mothebe and N Smith and apart from performing well, they did us proud by being the perfect hosts to the visiting scholars from twelve schools in the Umgungundlovu district.

We are delighted to be invited to the Edu Expo workshop at the Victoria Country Club on 5 September. On the evening of 4 September Mrs De Wet will attend a welcoming dinner for the presenters and publishers from Cape Town and Pretoria.

We wish our Form 6 pupils all of the best for the upcoming trial examinations.

Afrikaans Society...On the Stage

This year the boys in the Afrikaans Society produced two short plays *Die mafia gaan jou vange-lange-lang* and *Die Bloedtoets*. *Die Bloedtoets* was written by Liam Muller in Form 5. James McFarland, Liam Muller en Tiaan Prinsloo were the directors of the plays. It was a cast of 57 pupils, what makes it remarkable because many boys experience being on the stage for the first time in their lives. Plays were performed both at the OCC and the Playhouse in Durban where we participated in the ATKV Tienertoneel. We learned a lot in line with the purpose of the society – to expand and build the love for Afrikaans in a very English province. We also participated in Happiness Week and other social activities, and had an enjoyable "Waatlemoen-fees". Tiaan Prinsloo was an outstanding leader and example to all the boys in the Society during 2019. Hopefully next year we can embark on a few new ideas and are excited to spread our involvement in different projects.



Focus on...Lamond

Term 2 was yet again an extremely busy term, and our Lamond boys made a huge contribution to all aspects of College life. From knitting squares for the 67 minutes for Mandela Day blanket project, to winter sports and even the blood drive. We are very proud of the following young Lamond's men for receiving three or more merit slips this term: R Bennett; W Mazwi; L Zondo; D Bruyns; S Shongwe; and N Whatmore. The following Lamond's men were awarded Large White Badges or Colours for sport: J du Toit LWB Swimming; D Fumage LWB Golf; C Simmonds LWB Swimming; R Swartz Colours Athletics and M Zunckel Colours Athletics.



Lamond boys did well in the June exams and a number of boys featured in the top 10 top academic achievers.

Many of Lamond boys became peer

tutors to help other boys who are struggling with academics.

On the sporting scene Lamond's senior cricket side is in the finals while the junior side won the rugby.



This is Lamond's Declan Harper who gave blood for the first time. He was interviewed afterwards and said: "I felt good and it was a good feeling afterwards to know that I am healthy. I would definitely encourage others to donate blood."

Poem written By a College Boy

*What is it in these walls that bonds the hearts of men?
Mortar has no voice to entertain the inquisitor,
Floors speak not remembrances to those who seek them.
But these wearied bricks would tell in such high jest
of voices simmering down corridors
Mingled with greetings tossed with the sarcasm
of punished boys.
Unashamed embraces.
Yes, they would speak of the stern masters
And wide-eyed boys insistent on innocence.
Of the wry smiles, tears and childlike laughter
Ringing in high halls.*

*My friends were here once,
I can feel them besides me always.
Like soldiers at the send-off we stood,
Arm in arm our hearts and spirits,
Proud and straight as champions.
O, that Apollo's chariot would cease its wanderings
And cause time's imprisonment!
Statues stuck forever in Time.
But the Corrupter creeps ever forward,
Farewell...*

*Fear not, one day we shall return
To caress these steady walls, so unmoving.
Our tired bones will recall those who walked here with us,
Carried us, even, along stone paths.
Our bodies will die and our echoes fade
But not in these walls where our roots lie buried, entwined in
others.
These bonding walls...
They will remember our cries, our youth and laughter.
They will exclaim with silent laments the words of the Old King,*

"We few, we happy few, we Band of Brothers."

Caiden D Lang (2007)

The Role of a Dad...

1. Love and care for your child
2. Teach them to pay their bills
3. Encourage them to always do their best

Sporting Spotlight



This weekend we hosted the Nashua Rugby 7's tournament and soccer matches against Westville while our cyclists were action at both the Mandela and Spur series events.

Rugby 7's

The Nashua Maritzburg College Rugby 7's tournament featured two age categories; U15 and U18. Maritzburg College A were the winners of the Cup in the U15 event and our B side won the Bowl. The U18 category Cup Final was won by Westville A. College's U18A and U18B teams made it through to the quarter finals with our U18B side beating St Charles U18A in the pools.

Soccer

This weekend, College's soccer teams played against Westville. There were very good wins for our 1st XI, 2nd and 3rd teams as well as most of our U14 teams. Of the 17 games played, College won 9, drew 1 and lost 7.

Canoeing

In the Lance Park Memorial Night race, David Evans paddling with Hamish MacKenzie finished 1st overall. Brandon van der Walt together with pupil Bryce Lawson finished in 4th place, while Jonathan Cummings, Jordan Bense and Lance Arnold were the 1st K3 boat home and finished in 11th place overall. In the Upper Umgeni River Race, David Evans and Hamish MacKenzie finished 1st overall, closely followed by Brandon van der Walt and Bryce Lawson.

Cycling

Our cyclists took part in both the Mandela and Spur series MTB events. In the Mandela 21km men's race, Nic Burczak won the event in a time of 51:00. He then went on to win the U15 Spur Series race on Sunday. Also in the Spur Series races, Jess Stephens finished 3rd and Ethan Kock 4th in the U14 race, while Daniel van der Watt won the U16 race with Cameron McDaniel finishing in 3rd place.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the following boys who have made the Umgungundlovu Cross Country team: S Harvey, T Ross and N Msiya. Both S Harv and T Ross will be competing in Newcastle in the KZN Champs. .

Basketball

In the Spring League our basketball team lost to St Charles SCC A 40-53.





Focus on...MCOBA

Congratulations to OCs Louis Hattingh (2014) and Jarred Gibson (2016), coached by Craig Mustard (2003) who won a gold medal in the K2 1000m at the African Games in Dayet Erroumi, Rabat. Louis Hattingh claimed a solo silver in the K1 1000m.



Vote for Matt Gardiner (2014)! Let's help Matt get to the USA to be the opening act at the "We Can Survive" concert in Los Angeles! Everyone is allowed 1 free vote per day! Please help Matt by sharing it and getting your friends to vote!



[Click here for more information](#)

Congratulations to OC Jesse Kriel (2012) on his selection for the SA Springbok squad ahead of the Rugby World Cup in Japan.



Congratulations to Martin Christian Johann Binedell (2013) who took part in the African Games 2019 in Rabat Morocco. Martin brings home:

- 4x Gold
- 1x Silver
- 1x Bronze
- 2x African Games records

He said:
"What an honor to defend my African Games title from 4 years ago in a new AG record. I loved every moment representing my country and swimming in some truly memorable races and relays."



Campus Roundup

Focus on...Our Staff

In recent articles of the #RedBlackWhite newsletters we have featured some of our estates staff, sharing their stories with you. We thought it would be great to also share their friendly faces so you can greet them the next time you meet them on campus and put a face to the men behind the wonderful work they do.



Mr Lawrence Masiko assists 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.



Mr Zithulele Zuma is tasked with setting up all venues for our learners' exams as well as for school and private functions, ensuring that this mandate is carried out to the best of his ability. The behind-the-scenes, critically important setting up of our venues involves physically demanding work, moving furniture – sometimes hundreds of chairs and desks – all around the school campus to the various halls and classrooms. In addition to his daily responsibilities, he has the role of Shop Steward.



Mr Sandile Makhaye does plumbing repairs, woodwork, welding and table-saw work. In addition, he is responsible for recording the school's daily water meter readings, which is critical for proactively detecting any leakages and thus preventing water loss and wasteful expenditure. The old wooden locker doors used by the learners have been replaced over the years with metal ones, and Sandile was very involved in this re-do project, which is now ongoing. Replacing of louvre windows and their frames is also one of his many tasks

Important Dates

AUGUST

30 Rugby 7's DHS Tournament
Prestige Music Concert,
OCC 7pm
31 Cricket: 1st XI vs Old Boys
[Goldstone's]
Rugby 7s: DHS Tournament
U17 & U15

SEPTEMBER

1 Hudson House Mother & Sons
4 Friends of College
5 Primary School Liaison Event
House plays
5-8 St Davids Cricket Festival
6 Leaders Induction Ceremony
Vogue Ball (Epworth)

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