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## From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to Term 4. On Saturday we celebrate **World Teachers Day**. In many countries, Teachers' Days are special days to appreciate teachers, and honour them for their special contributions in a particular field, or the community in general. The date on which Teachers' day is celebrated varies from country to country and are distinct from **World Teachers' Day** which is officially celebrated across the world on October 5.

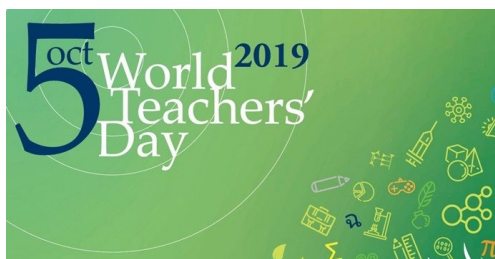
The idea of celebrating World Teachers' Day started in many countries during the 20th century, and represents a significant effort to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation for the vital contribution that teachers make to education and development across the globe.

In many countries, the quality of education is undermined by a deficit of teachers. Added to the challenge of numbers is one of quality; all too often, teachers work without resources or proper training. We face a global learning crisis, with 250 million children not acquiring basic skills of reading and writing. As countries move through 2019 and the new development agenda is shaped, it is essential that teachers remain a priority.

Worldwide:

- 1.4 million new teaching posts are required to achieve universal primary education
- 2.6 million replacement teachers are needed
- Sub-Saharan Africa has the largest need for additional primary teachers at 0.9 million (representing 63% of the world total)

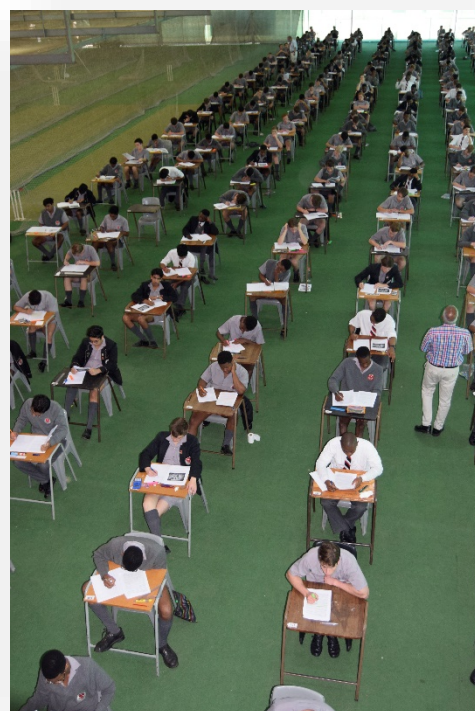
Globally 58 million children of primary school age are currently out of school, 53% of them are girls. We need to take time to acknowledge the role that teachers play in society and more so in our daily lives.



At College our 105 teachers' roles hold many facets; they are mentors, BE masters, Day housemasters, subject specialists, coaches, managers and with time become life-long friends. As a school we express our sincere thanks to our teachers for their

commitment, dedication and the vital role played in developing our young men.

*Chris Luman*  
Headmaster



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# Academic Achievements

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations to the following boys who have all excelled in the recent Trial Examinations, receiving new awards.

### Academic Tie

BT Baldrey, AH Breedt, SA Bushell, TB Elam, TJ Francis, A Groenewegen, BS Gumede, K Harischandre, AA Hlongwane, KC Hollenberg, KF Huizinga, TC Johnson, D Lutchman, SN Maphanga, SR Meiklejohn, WP Mkhize, C Naidoo, OUS Ndlovu, TT Nzimande, N Phenyane, GO Pio, Z Saayman, V Soni, CJ Taylor, N Trodd & NT Zakwe.

### Colours

AD Baijoo, SG Butler, DKH Dyer, JHE Jacobsen, SN Kubheka, L Lenz, F Mahomed, CDG Martin, SE Mntungwa & EM Zimasa.

### Colours and Scarf

M Badat

### Honours

A Essa, H Heeralal, RR Himwanth, CW Knight, NFG Lushozi, CC McKenzie, JJ van der Walt & UBM Zuma.

## TANKS Computer Coding

TANKS, powered by Tangibl™, has the vision to reach thousands of learners across our continent, introducing them to computer coding.

TANKS is a unique coding application (app) introducing learners from local communities to coding concepts, enticing them into software development careers.

The app uses puzzle pieces and image recognition on a mobile device to execute the "code" built, making use of actual puzzle pieces. No computers are thus needed, although many schools who have computers find it a fun way to introduce coding.

Under the supervision of Nelson Mandela University Computer Science associate professor Jean Greyling, an honours student, Byron Batteson, designed TANKS.

Over the past 2 years Prof Greyling has been conducting field studies, piloting the app across all nine provinces, reaching around 6000 learners. "With nearly 16 000 out of our 25 000 schools who do not have computer laboratories, TANKS attempts to empower schools to respond to the 4th Industrial Revolution realities", says Prof Greyling.

In March, 2019, UNESCO recognised TANKS in Paris as one of 60 global projects reaching out to local communities. It was runner-up as Technology Innovation of the Year at Africa Tech Week, and in September it received the Innovation Excellence Award at Nelson Mandela University.

College boys enjoying TANKS





# College Culture

## Focus on... Strachan House

The third quarter of this year was a very busy, but eventful one. Together with the privilege of seeing each boy growing into independent, exceptional young men, it was also been a term of great change within the House.



As per last term's newsletter, it was with a heavy heart that we say farewell to Mr. Nithia Pillay. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the exceptional work he has done over the last 6 years, not only in regards to developing our boys into gentlemen. We will always be grateful for his input and guidance. We wish him well as he undertakes his new role as HOD Commerce.

Congratulations are also in order as we welcome a new member to our team, Mr. Nollie Duvenage, appointed as the new Assistant Housemaster of Strachan House. We look forward to working with him in guiding our boys to achieve to the best of their abilities.

Last term we also said goodbye to Mrs Tammy Schofield, who, together with her husband, takes on a new position in Mpumalanga. We as Strachan House would like to thank her for the amazing contribution she has made to the House, as well as the impact she has had on the lives of the boys she mentored. Her kind nature and willingness to place the needs of others above her own will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

This term also brought forth the announcement of the acting prefects and House leaders for 2020. These exceptional young men fully deserve their new roles and are to be commended for the dedication they have shown College and Strachan House over the last four years of their schooling career. We look forward to working with them in improving the dynamics of the House.

Apart from the inter house competitions our boys participated in this term, they have also excelled in various other sporting and cultural events. We would like to congratulate these individuals and to encourage them to maintain their efforts.

On the Outreach front, led by Mrs. Wendy Erasmus, Strachan House is still showing their support and commitment to the SPCA and Isabel Beardmore Old Age Home as part of our annual outreach.

## Outreach

Apart from the two-fold outreach program that Strachan House have embarked on this year, i.e. supporting the SPCA and the Isabel Beardmore Home for the Aged, we, as a House, were very fortunate to have had Mrs Schofield and a number of our boys get involved with the Interact club (Maritzburg College Community and 67 blankets initiative).

Mrs Schofield, together with a number of our boys, embarked on this journey in the beginning of the year. This required a number of our boys being taught how to knit, a challenge Mrs Schofield gladly accepted. We would like to thank the boys involved for embarking on this journey, which ultimately changed the lives of so many others.



## Cricket

Maritzburg College once again hosted the Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket week – the longest running event of its kind, this being the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. College's 1<sup>st</sup> XI took part along with 21 other teams. College beat St Albans by 8 wickets, but lost to PBHS, Grey College and Affies. The cricketers also took part in a number of other cricket tournaments over the holiday period; our U17 Stayers cricket team participated in the Cricket Festival at Northwood, winning three of their four matches. Our U15A cricket team took part in the Grey High PE Festival and our U14A cricket boys took part in the Hilton College Festival.

## Water polo

College 1<sup>st</sup> waterpolo team participated in the Clifton Tournament, finishing in 16<sup>th</sup> place. A summary of results for College vs the following schools;  
KES lost 5-9/Clifton lost 3-8/St Albans won 6-2/Hilton lost 1-13/Glenwood lost 4-8/MHS lost 3-8/ DHS lost 1-3  
Our U16A team took part in the DHS Waterpolo Tournament, winning 3 matches and losing 4.  
Results vs the following schools:  
Clifton lost 3-11/St David's lost 1-7/St Andrews won 10-6/Jeppe lost 6-10/MHS won 5-4/KES lost 1-6 /Northwood won 3-1

## Cross Country

Well done to Scott Harvey who was placed 30<sup>th</sup> at the SA U16 Cross Country Championship in White River.

## Golf

Four College boys featured in the KZN U18A and U18B teams that took part in the SA High Schools Champions Golf Tournament, at South Downs Country Club; Sean Paxton, Nathan Trodd, Ethan Gough and James Barnard. The KZN U18A team came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the KZN U18B team came 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Sean Paxton and Ethan Gough who made the SA High School team.

## Soccer

The school holiday saw our soccer players who were selected for KZN U19A and U19B teams take part in the inaugural South African Schools Combined Football Association tournament, where both teams reached the final. College boys in U19A (Thandolwethu Zondi, Zusiphe Gxarisa) and U19B (Lwazi Zondi, Luyanda Mawela, Nhlakanipho Kubheka, Chad Desplace) all contributed to the teams reaching the final.



The U19A team won on penalties thanks to a save from Thandolwethu Zondi, who was named goalkeeper of the tournament. A SA Schools side was selected from those playing in the tournament with Thandolwethu Zondi, Lwazi Zondi and Zusiphe Gxarisa being selected.

## Canoeing

College boys did very well in the recent Fish River Canoe Marathon, posting the following results;  
Bryce Lawson & Mr van der Walt - 13<sup>th</sup> overall  
Scott Little & Jeremy Maher - 4<sup>th</sup> Under 18  
Benjamin Tarr & Partner - 3<sup>rd</sup> Under 16  
Jordan Bense & Jonathan Cumming - 7<sup>th</sup> Under 18  
Nicholas Cook & Robert Ross - 6<sup>th</sup> Under 16  
Kent Rhodes & Partner - 7<sup>th</sup> Under 16

## Rugby

Our College 1<sup>st</sup> XV Team recently returned from their



Tour to the United Kingdom and Wales, where they played four matches against local schools, winning three of these, and narrowly losing one game.  
College vs Eltham College - Won 39-14  
College vs Christ College - Won 41-17  
College vs Oakham - Won 24-0  
College vs Millfield Lost - 13-15

## Cycling

At the National Spur Series Schools Finals, College boys posted the following results:  
Daniel van der Watt - 13<sup>th</sup> in U16 Youth  
Nic Burczak - 13<sup>th</sup> in U15 Youth





## Focus on...MCOBA

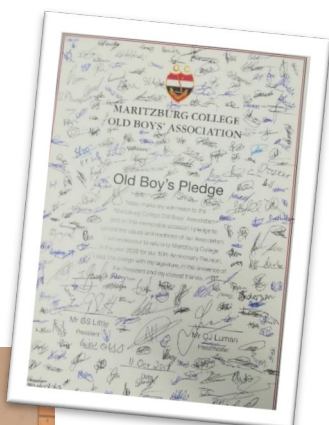
### Canoeing Greats



Well done to Hugh Raw – (1958) who completed his 30th Fish River Canoe Marathon & his 4th K3 event in a 3 generations-one-boat combination. Hugh paddled with son (1988) and Shane (1991) and grandson Brayden (at College).

## 2019 SCHOOL LEAVERS INDUCTION CEREMONY

This function is compulsory for all matrics and takes place on Thursday 10 October 2019 in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall at 6.30pm.



We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2019 into the proud ranks of the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association.



*Last year's Head Prefect receiving his Old Boys Blazer.*

## Our Care Package programme



Every College boarder worth his salt will tell you there is no happier moment than receiving some local currency, a letter or a package from home! These deliveries are often the highlight of the week and are fallen upon with much glee and enthusiasm! Sadly, there are a number of our boys who never get to experience this during their time as boarders at Maritzburg College.

The College Foundation's "Care Package" program currently services around 30 College boys – providing them with regular boarder "tuck" (an essential comfort food!), some personal care items but most of all some true College "love" and the knowing that someone cares and wants to ensure that their College experience is as memorable as possible.

Volunteers from our College community can be paired with a scholarship boy and a care package can be delivered to him via the College Foundation Office. For volunteers who may find this commitment challenging we offer to put together and deliver the care package on behalf of the volunteer. In this case the volunteer merely sends a personal note to be included in the package and covers the cost of the care package. Volunteers can commit to a quarterly delivery during the first week of each new term (4 x care packages per year). Once-off contributions are also very welcome!

For more information or to enlist as a volunteer in our Care Package program for 2020 please visit our Foundation website:

<http://collegefoundation.co.za/volunteer-opportunity/care-package-programme/>

*Thank you for your support!*

# Campus Roundup

## Poem by Riley Kleinhans

Young 2<sup>nd</sup> former, Riley Kleinhans, wrote a remarkable poem about the South African movement during World War 1. His poem links in beautifully with Remembrance Day fast approaching.

Men have come and gone  
Living and dying til the day has come  
Day by day life lives on  
Men on Mendi say  
Hip hip horay we have saved the day

For each one sunk  
We rise up more  
You kill one of us  
We kill two more  
Life was hard for men  
like these  
Who drove Germany right back home  
Mendi men drowned with courage

Fighting ones that always live on  
In our hearts they live free  
For the next day that will be  
Delville Wood that took man  
One after one they fall  
But men of Africa we stand tall  
For hope is all we need after all



Pictured below is a beautiful, panoramic still taken Linda Laubscher.



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## Important Dates

### OCTOBER

- 7 Boarder's Formal Dinner & 6<sup>th</sup> Form Farewell
- 9 Prefects Dinner
- 10 Form 6 Old Boys Leavers Induction Ceremony
- 11 Speech Day & Valedictory Service
- 23 NSC Final Exams start
- 25 Passing of the Drum [Confirmation of Prefects & Senior Prefects]  
Parents' Annual General Meeting
- 28 End of Year Examinations Form 2 – 5 begin

### November

- 11 Remembrance Day Service
- 18 End of Year Examinations Form 2 – 5 end
- 20 Capital Christmas Carols [One Life Church – South Side]
- 22 Prize-giving Forms 2-5
- Term 4 closes Pupils Forms 2 - 5
- 27 NSC Final Exams end