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## From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

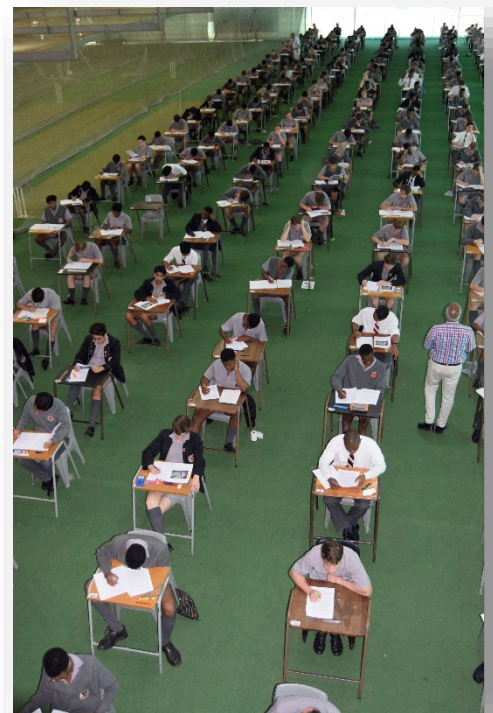
### 'Winning with Kids'

Maritzburg College was very fortunate this week to host top international cricket coach, mind coach, and author, Paddy Upton, to address our parents, staff and boys, and to conduct a workshop with our coaches. Paddy's address to parents, "*Winning with Kids*", served to support coaches, parents and teachers in encouraging healthy and sustainable sport participation for our boys – setting them up for a lifetime of success, both on and off the field.

Parents and teachers have differing views on participation, coaching and on winning. Some of them support while others undermine both participation and performance, and shape the character traits, values and the life-lessons that sport teaches. The current reality is that sport participation is being undermined more than ever before, both in South Africa and abroad. International research suggests that 36% of parents hurt their son's development for the following reasons; over-emphasis on winning, unrealistic expectations, coaching their son, criticizing their son and pampering their son. Mental obstacles to enjoyment and success in sport include both pressure (from a number of areas) and fear of failure because of pressure on the outcome or result.

What can you as parents do for your sons? Ask them what they want from the sport (i.e. their agenda not yours). Ask them what they want from you on game day and deliver on that. Manage your expectations of perfection, expect and don't react to errors – they will happen, and remember that it is unlikely that your son will be the next superhuman. Manage your attachment to winning AND losing; win or lose behave the same and be social media savvy. Let the coaches coach, the selectors select and the officials officiate. Don't criticize your son, coach, officials or other boys. Tell him that you love watching him play. The drive home after the game is NOT the time for a coaching workshop. Highlight, celebrate and reward success in considering preparation and effort. Don't be the absent or helicopter parent and **LOVE WATCHING THEM PLAY**. Finally, your sons require acknowledgement, recognition, affirmation, support and love no matter what activity they are involved in, and no matter how successful or not they are. They ultimately want to know "Am I good enough?" This cannot be contingent on results. Please do not reprimand them, and worse than that, do not ignore them. They want and need you to be their parent.

Chris Luman  
Headmaster



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# Academic Achievements

## Top Ten in Form

Form 2		Form 3		Form 4		Form 5		Form 6	
1	Pillay D	1	Abramia TE	1	Desai U	1	Smith MH	1	Akoo Y
2	Roux G	2	Goddard KB	2	Pearson MA	2	Maharaj I	2	Dlamini SS
3	Kock E	3	Osman S	3	le Roux JR	3	Zondi SA	3	Soorju ST
4	Froise RJ	4	Manack S	4	Essa A	4	Darch MCC	4	Msiya N
5	Emberton BM	5	Maharaj R	5	Laithwaite MP	4	Zunckel MH	5	Diedricks LA
6	Armstrong LD	6	Peens JB	6	Govender JD	6	Elliot PJD	6	McFarland JR
6	van Rooyen MP	7	Kisten K	7	Lalor JM	7	Kidsingh S	7	Heeralal H
8	Lang CA	8	Lowe JE	8	Emberton GB	8	Katzenellenbogen TM	8	Collocott J
9	Ganie T	9	Pillay W	9	Padayachee S	9	Westley AJ	9	Akoob MY
10	du Toit LT	10	Ferraz ABI	9	Baldrey CT	10	Mbatha TKM	9	Ismail Z
		10	Mthimkhulu KN						

Congratulations to our Top 10 in each form on your excellent academic performances in Term 3.

### From the Battlefields...



The 2019 battlefields tour explored some of KwaZulu-Natal's most compelling battlefields and skirmish sites, including famous Isandlwana, Rorke's Drift, Spioenkop, Talana, Blood River (Ngcome), Elandslaagte, the Siege of Ladysmith and the Churchill capture site.

Following a very early departure from Maritzburg College, the first site visited was the Armoured Train Incident. This is famous as the Churchill capture site. From there the group moved to the famous Battle of Spioenkop. That dreadful day of bloodshed cost the British some 1,200 casualties. In total Boer casualties amounted to some 300 men, 62 percent of whom were from the Carolina Commando. The rest of the morning was spent exploring the Siege of Ladysmith. Acclaimed as one of the best Anglo Boer War museums in South Africa, its displays on the famous Siege and Relief of Ladysmith have thrilled countless Boer War enthusiasts. Built in 1884 as a market house, it served as a ration post for civilians during the siege. The original flagstone floors and cast-iron pillars have been cleverly

incorporated into the museum construction. The foyer houses the Tourism Information Office and an excellent bookshop with a wide variety of Anglo Boer War related books. Among these are 6 fascinating diaries written during the siege.

After lunch the tour party moved to the Battle of Elandslaagte the scene of the last cavalry charge, before enjoying a sunset climb of the hill at the first battle of the Great Boer War, the Battle of Talana. Exhausted the tour party then retired to the overnight accommodation at the Mpati Bush Camp, about 7 km from Dundee. After a hearty breakfast, there was an interesting trip to the museum and description of the battle and many of the myths surrounding it. Fought in 1879, the great Battle of Isandlwana has a very special place in the history of Maritzburg College. After a brief overview of the Battle of Isandlwana, the boys performed a ceremony to commemorate the Old Boys who died in the battle followed by a war cry. Both sides lost heavily in the battle of Isandlwana. Estimates of British losses were 1,357, and approximately 3,000 Zulu warriors were also killed. At this news, King Cetshwayo said ...'alas, a spear has been thrust into the belly of the nation'.

Lunch break at Rorke's Drift, followed by a description of the battle where the defenders (British) lost 15, plus two who were to die later from their wounds. Virtually every other man had been wounded. The Zulus lost over 370 warriors who were counted and buried in two mass graves, and at least a further 100 were dragged away by the departing warriors towards the river. Subsequent to the battle the British awarded 11 Victoria Crosses, the highest decoration for bravery, to some of the defenders, the largest number of VCs awarded in any single engagement, anywhere in the world! A special thanks to tour guide, Mr Simon Haw, acclaimed battlefields maestro and official historian of College who has been taking boys to the battlefields for 40 years.

# College Culture

## Focus on...Barns House

Barns House enjoyed a good term of Inter-House Sport participation; the canoeists came 3rd, the Water Polo team finished 2nd losing in the final, the Basketball juniors won the final and the seniors lost the semi-final. The cyclists also performed very well.

With the loss of our Senior actors, at the last minute, our play did not go that well. We want to commend two youngsters who stepped into the breach and did themselves and Barns-House proud. The boys of Barns House are to be commended for the hard work and dedication this term.



## House Lunch

We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by Mrs Lawson and her team. D. Lutchman opened with a welcome and Mrs Rembold said a prayer of thanks. Following this was a heartfelt farewell speech by B Tedder and he gave a beautiful gift to Mrs Rembold. Several awards were handed out. The boys especially enjoyed the matric funny awards. B Baldrey thanked all the kitchen staff for the tasty meal.



## Top Sport performers in Barns House



R Anderson SA angling; Q Mkhize SA basketball; S Kekana Captain 1st rugby team; R Duckham SA remote control car racing; W Hlophe SA U19 rugby team that played in the overseas tournament; and B Tedder SA rugby.

## Top Cultural performers in Barns House:

K Thornton-Dibb head of photography club; C Martin producer of Fawlty Towers; J Hoyle and U Molefi lead roles in Fawlty Towers.



## Contribution to Barns House

B Duckham editor of the newsletters, D Lutchman and M Beckerling always willing to support, House leaders, K Harischandre, K Thornton-Dibb, B Lawson and N Mfeka (absent).



## Top awards in 6th form in Barns House:

Cultural: K Harischandre lead role in Fawlty Towers and KZN finals debating competition. Academic: A. Abdool 8th in 6th Form Sport: B Lawson SA canoe water polo and KZN surf ski champion

Contribution to Barns House: B Tedder and B Baldry for their excellent leadership of Barns House in 2019.



# Sporting Spotlight



Last weekend saw College play most of their summer fixtures against Northwood with cricket and basketball matches on the go.

## Athletics

College's athletes had some outstanding performances over the weekend.

Joseph Kayembe	2 <sup>nd</sup>	U15	100m	Time:	10.74
Neo Mosebi	1 <sup>st</sup>	U15	100m	Time:	10.31
Neo Mosebi	1 <sup>st</sup>	U15	200m	Time:	22.28

Neo Mosebi's 100m time was with a back wind so will not go down as a record but should be noted as the fastest time an U15 Athletes has ever run in KZN according to current KZN records. His 200m time officially breaks the KZN U15 200m record.

## Waterpolo

College's 1<sup>st</sup>, U15A, and U14A teams took part in the Top 10 Tournament at Clifton last weekend. Our 1<sup>st</sup> team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> position, while the U15A team finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place and the U14A was 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

## Cricket

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket side won the Inland Quadrangular T20 beating Hilton College by 7 wickets. College's cricket teams won an outstanding 15 of the 19 matches played over the weekend; and 14 of their 15 matches against Northwood.

## Basketball

Basketball games were against Northwood in the main this weekend but filler games were played against Weston and Hilton. College won 9 of their 11 games against Northwood, losing just 2. Our 1st team won their match 65-36.

## Squash

Our top 6 took part in the Wynberg Stayers Festival in Cape Town last weekend, playing five different schools. College beat St Johns College at Bishops 5-1, and also had victories against a Stormers Invitation side 4-2, Kingswood 6-0, as well as against York High 6-0. They lost to Grey PE 1-5.

Having represented KZN at the SA Squash Championship earlier this year, after winning the KZN Top Schools Championships, we were very proud to have this young and committed team nominated at the recent KZN Sports awards for School Team of the Year.





## Focus on...MCOBA



Kwanele Eric Zulu (OC 2014) has just released his first professional project. Please take a moment to listen to this talented young man's 1<sup>st</sup> official music video. His song is available on all leading music platforms.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZVRA2Mzons&fbclid=IwAR2E9uCbHTxRWQJjZzX1fhU\\_EkeAZd62rHH1eB4k6L1n-ITkmUx6SyIOww&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZVRA2Mzons&fbclid=IwAR2E9uCbHTxRWQJjZzX1fhU_EkeAZd62rHH1eB4k6L1n-ITkmUx6SyIOww&app=desktop)

**NORTH COAST  
BRANCH FUNCTION**

**Venue:**  
Ocean Basket,  
Ballito

**Date:**  
8 November 2019

**Time:**  
6pm

**Cost:**  
R 250 - Snacks & beers

**Theme:**  
Tropical

**Calling on all our Old Boys from the North Coast to support the upcoming branch function on 8 November.**

## Our #BigBasher Appeal

It's that time of the year again when new parents start visiting the College Shoppe to kit their boys out for the start of their College journey. Current parents will also be standing staring with concern at the blazers and uniforms their sons have outgrown this year, contemplating a visit to the College Shoppe.

For many parents this is a very stressful time, as we all know how expensive school uniforms can be. And there are many parents and boys who find themselves in situations where they need some help.



Our first #BigBasher campaign, launched way back in 2016, was set up to help these very boys in need.

We've been blessed by the support of our Old Boys, parents and families who have not only given financially but have also donated "pre-loved" uniforms, sport kit and other essential items that their sons have outgrown or that they no longer need.

Take a moment to watch our [#BigBasher video](#) and then visit us [online](#) to make your gift.

Please feel free to contact us should you wish to donate any uniform items or other essentials.



# Campus Roundup

## Second Formers embracing Wartime poetry...

This week we have yet another young gentleman embracing his inner creative spark. Chad Newman in Form 2 has written a thought provoking piece entitled "**Brave men**".

*Brave men, old men young men  
English men, French men, German men  
Fathers, sons, husbands*

*All went to war  
To fight  
All because they believed they were right*

*Dead men, injured men, ghosts of men  
What was the point?  
If war was to happen again*

### Important Dates

#### OCTOBER

- 19 Sport versus Hilton
- 21 Cricket T20 vs Linpark
- 23 NSC Exams start  
Cricket T20 vs Voortrekker
- 25 Special Assembly:  
Passing of the Drum &  
Announcement of senior prefects  
Parents AGM & Budget  
Opening of Elliott House extension  
Cricket T20 vs Imbali Hub  
New Form 2 Boarder Parents  
Cocktail Party
- 26 Sport vs St Charles
- 27 Headmasters XI vs Chairman XI

## Open Day

We hosted dozens of families of prospective College boys at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Day of the year, providing them with the opportunity to share a day in the life of the #RedBlackWhite. Visits to classrooms were followed by the unique opportunity to stand in the heart of 1200 plus boys who welcomed them with a rousing College shout in our 6<sup>th</sup> form quad. They were then treated to a series of presentations including personal experiences shared by some of our acting 5<sup>th</sup> form prefects, after which the visitors toured Nathan House, before heading out to watch waterpolo, basketball and cricket practices taking place.



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