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From the Marketing Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and College Boys

As we draw near to the end of the year and exams, the volume and level of exuberance from our boys is growing across the campus. While the matric class of 2019 are glad to have nearly finished with what has been a tough set of final exams, these young men are also realising that their days at College are drawing to a close.

So much is ending – how do you hold on to the good memories, and forget the bad ones? How do you know that in your five years at College – you have made a difference, added value and changed someone's life?

So often it is only after an event, that we realise the magnitude and meaning of those times. For many of our Old Boys, it is years after they have left the home of the RedBlackWhite, that they look back with fondness and take time to remember, reminisce and realise the value of the life lessons learned and the friendships formed. This newsletter touches on the importance of remembering in a number of areas this week.

On Monday 11 November we will celebrate Remembrance Day – the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour when we honour and remember not only the fact that "the guns on the Western Front fell silent" at that precise moment 101 years ago, but also the 258 Old Collegians and three teachers killed in battle since 1873. We will also unveil plaques on our Wall of Remembrance, inaugurated on the school's 150th Reunion Day, 25 May 2013, paying tribute to people who have a link to College, whether as an Old Collegian, staff member, parent or simply loyal friend of the school.

In recent weeks, we have shared information on a Class of 2000 initiative setting up a College Old Boys' Memorial Scholarship in memory of a classmate, Craig Stewart who passed away on 5 August this year. The scholarship has been created to enable sons of deceased College Old Boys to follow in their fathers' footsteps and attend this school.

The message to our boys, staff and parents – to all of us this week is a simple one. Don't only wait until after something is over, to remember. Make the most of every hour, minute and second of every day, give without stopping to measure the cost or expect in return. Embrace every opportunity and face every challenge that presents itself with optimism and courage. So that, at the end of the day, when it is your time to leave College, you do so, without regret, and with your head held high, knowing you gave your all.

Then go out and embrace everything the future holds.

Pro Aris et Focis

Sally Upfold

Head: Marketing



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Academic Achievements

Focus on... Business Studies



The Form 4 Business Studies classes were set a challenge of raising money through their own

entrepreneurial businesses, with all profits being donated to *Rise Against Hunger*. *Rise Against Hunger* is an international hunger relief organisation that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilising the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030.



A total amount of R14 848 was used to purchase food for the impoverished. On 18 October, the boys were part of the production line where food packs were assembled. Issues such as electricity outages, wastage and bottlenecks were all dealt with on a first-hand basis.

The boys have learnt that *"being good is good business"*. Helping resolve a socio-economic issue is part of every business's moral obligation. They can be proud of their efforts as they are responsible for feeding 20 children for an entire year. Watch how the Form 4 boys helped on our College TV channel at <https://digitv.co.za/#/video/15007/21385/Vod>

4th form visit Voortrekker Museum

All boys doing history in 4th form visited the Umsunduzi Voortrekker History Museum during the second week of the third term. The trip was organised in individual classes and the learners were accompanied by Mr Chris R Dutton, Mr Chris Nevay and Mr Tim Orchard.

Pietermaritzburg has a rich Voortrekker history, and by visiting the museum, the boys were able to learn history through primary sources being exhibited there.

The first part of the Museum tour focused on the development of Pietermaritzburg as a Voortrekker town, inhabited mainly by Voortrekker widows as most of the men had been killed. The main focus was the



Voortrekker Museum, which was established in 1912 in the Church of the Vow which had been built in 1840 to fulfil the vow the Voortrekkers had made to God. Before the Battle of Blood River (Ncome) the Voortrekkers vowed that if God would grant them victory, they would build a Church in his honour. The museum houses many Voortrekker relics including a water bottle and a Bible, which belonged to Piet Retief and were found at KwaMatiwane where he and his party had been killed on the orders of King Dingane.

In addition to the Church, the boys were able to see first-hand a Zulu hut in the museum yard, Andries Pretorius' House built in 1842, and, at 333 Boom Street, the oldest double-storey house in Pietermaritzburg.

The boys were able to see a few unique pieces including King Dingane's chair, carved from a single piece of wood, his headrest and some beads



found in the remains of his palace at Mgungundlovu. There is also what is reputed to be the second-oldest wagon in South Africa, built in 1824 and used by Voortrekkers and of course "Oom Fanus Van Rooyen se broke".

Focus on... Pape House



It has been a busy and jam-packed time for the boys of Pape House, both academically and on the co-curricular front. Term 3 saw inter-house competitions and Trial examinations for the Matrics, who are now busy with their finals.

As always Pape House has met the challenges head-on. We are truly blessed with a House that runs like a family. We have outstanding Mentors who go above and beyond the call of duty at all times, and even more so in the chaotic times.

As we build up to the farewell of our current Matric group, we wish them the very best of luck. We appreciate and are grateful for the service of our outgoing prefects, D Dyer and H Hankinson, as well as our outgoing House Leaders, L Mtolo, V Soni, A Todd, C Patterson and T Zondi, for all their efforts this year. As a House we congratulate K Morsink for being elected as a Deputy Head Prefect and Head of Hudson House; and the following as House Leaders for 2020: L de Rose (P1), J Maher (P2), W Horn (P3), J Watson (P4) and D Pretorius-Spires (P5). We look forward to fresh leaders and new initiatives as we strive to make Pape House the best that we can be.



Our Outreach programme continues with collections towards Project Flamingo. We thank all those who continue to support the initiative – keep up the good support. The House Competitions were as competitive as always. We are very proud of all our participants and posted the following results:

Basketball: Seniors 9th / Juniors 3rd

House Plays: 5th overall

"Socks": R Froise, R Uren, J Kufal & A Khumalo

Canoeing: I Hemingway (3rd form) & J Maher (5th Form) – 4th

Congratulations to the following boys who received Merit Awards this term:

6th Form: KH Govender, SN Maphanga, TEJ Zondi

5th Form: T Thulsie, I Vally

4th Form: Z Sheik

3rd Form: R Maharaj

2nd Form: A Khumalo

Individual achievements of Pape House boys

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following boys on their outstanding achievements:

W Takata (3rd Form) U/16 Grant Khomo

A Khumalo (2nd Form) U/14 KZN Hockey

A Ndwandwe (3rd Form) U/16B KZN Squash

R Froise (2nd Form) KZN debating team

T Govindsamy – Academic Colours

S Jooma (6th Form) Academic Tie

J Maher improved academically by 118 positions in Term 2

D Dyer (6th Form) U/21 Indoor Cricket team



Capital Christmas

Venue: One Life Church, South Site,
Alexandra Rd, Bisley

Date: 20 November 2019

Time: 18:30 for 19:00

Cost: Donation to Guide-Dogs
Association South Africa

Featuring:

Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School and
Maritzburg College Combined Wind Band & Choirs,
Merchiston Primary School Choir and the
Pietermaritzburg Children's Choir



Focus on...MCOBA



What a moment for one of our own to be part of the winning Springbok team in this year's Rugby World Cup. Well done Jesse Kriel (2012).

Also representing Maritzburg College Old Boys' at the Rugby World Cup final was Lunga Shabalala (2006). He was the South African Ambassador who presented the coin for the coin toss between SA v Japan as Heineken SA's ambassador.



Challenge to our MCOBA members...

Ingane Yami is a children's home in the Shongweni Valley just outside Durban. DHS Old Boy and Adventure Athlete Bruce Hughes along with ex-Springbok Stefan Terblanche and Adventure Athlete Mike Morris are on a non-stop row from Durban to Robben Island - 1460kms. Their aim is to raise R450 000 which will be put towards building a new home for 6 children.

The DHS Foundation is making a financial pledge to this worthy cause and would like to challenge other Old Boy Associations to do the same.

Help support the cause by sponsoring the rowers per km. Contact Patricia Deacon, Ingane Yami Marketing Manager, on 078 342 0539 or email her tricia@inganeyami.com.

Reaching out Old Boys around the world

This week marked the inaugural by-product of the last 2-months of intense, behind-the-scenes databasing which has been conducted in the Foundation office. The work, consisting of compiling and auditing concise databases of Old Boys based in the USA, AUS, NZ and the UK, starting reaping reward as we officially announced a Menu of dinners around the USA.



The first of the dinners kicked off in Manhattan, NYC led by gracious host, Duncan Randall (of the legendary Class of 1991), and this event will be followed by six further events in various cities over the next 10 days, before we extend the #redblackwhite gatherings across the globe. Future plans will spread the search into Canada, Europe and Asia (to mention a few). Not a small feat and yet a very rewarding challenge to bring the Old Boys of College together again in the interest of connecting and in some cases re-connecting. If you know of any Old Boys spread far and wide and can assist the foundation in our search for Old Boys who are abroad, please contact the Foundation office on chantall@collegefoundation.co.za



Campus Roundup

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. Each year, Maritzburg College, with our martial crest, motto and colours, will especially honour the 258 Old Collegians and **three members of the College teacher staff** who have been killed in skirmishes, battles and wars since 1873.

The three fellow teachers, who died within 13 months of each other on the Western Front in World War I, are as follows:

- *Pvt Christian Ludwig FISCHER* (bottom left) was educated at the old Victoria College in Stellenbosch (now Paul Roos Gymnasium). As a staff member, he, like William Reid and Donald Morris, played for the College First XV – the photo of him below is from the 1914 First XV team photo. He was declared "missing in action" during the bloody Battle of Butte de Warlencourt on the Somme in Northern France, and was presumed killed on 18 October 1916, aged 27. A total of 8 Old Collegians will killed in the same battle. Fischer's body was never found.
- *Pvt William Mitchell REID* (bottom middle) was born in NYC and educated at Keam School and Gordon's College in Scotland. He graduated with an MA from university, and served with the 4th SA Infantry Regiment ("the Scottish"). He died "of wounds received in action" at Frevent, France, on 3 January 1917, aged 28.
- *Pvt Donald MORRIS* hailed from Rondebosch in Cape Town and also served in the 4th SAI Regiment. He was "killed in action" on 7 December 1917 near Gauche Wood, aged only 22. His grave in France is featured below right.

For College's Poppy Appeal, there will be a collection tin in the staffroom, and the boys will be invited to call in at the museum each day between 11h30 and 12h00 – to make a contribution to the SA Legion and in return receive a red poppy.

Please support the 2019 Poppy Appeal.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Important Dates

NOVEMBER

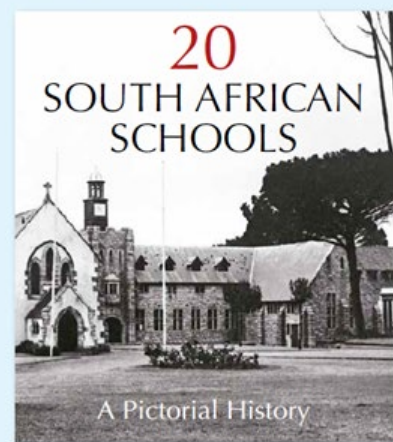
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NSC Final Exams

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| 11 | Remembrance Day Service & Unveiling of Wall of Remembrance plaques |
| 15 | 1st XI vs Staff T20 |
| 19 | Nathan House Dinner |
| 20 | Capital Christmas @ One Life |
| 21 | Dedication assembly
BE Christmas Dinner |
| 22 | Prize-giving |
| 26 | School closes after Prize-giving
Staff End of Year function |

20 South African Schools A Pictorial History

A magnificent volume of 224 pages and over 400 pictures portraying 20 Institutions which have forged their legacy in this country's history.



Publishing Date: 9 December 2019

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