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From the Marketing Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians

At College, we invest a significant amount of time, effort and commitment in educating our boys; equipping them with knowledge and skills that will help them succeed and move forward in life. After all, most of us are teachers or have roles where we spend most of our working days caring in one way or another, for our 1350 boys. Similarly, as parents (I am mum of two girls) we invest much of our time in sharing life experiences and wisdom with our children, hoping that these will ensure they make wise decisions and choices. We want what is best for them.

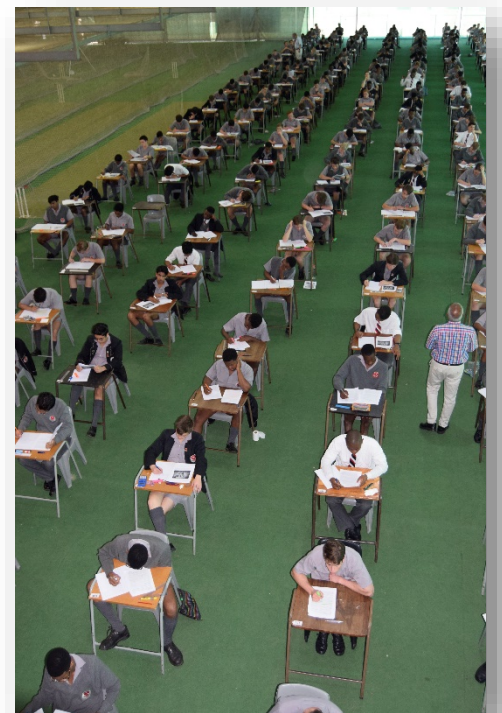
But how much time do we spend listening and learning from the young people we share so much of our time with? Do we listen to reply, or do we listen to learn? Are we open to their sometimes radically different points of view and perspectives? Are we receptive to changing our possibly outdated view of the world based on what they say or see? Sometimes learning comes from self-reflection – seeing things in them. Often, especially when they are younger, they reflect our actions and behaviour, and sadly also our prejudices and preconceptions. What are some of the most valuable lessons we as educators and parents can learn from our children? We have them close for such a short period of time, we need to make the most of this.

There are no right answers – and this is very much a subjective view but these are five things that resonate with me as a mom and someone who is fortunate to work around young people every day. Firstly, ensure that your actions and your words are motivated by love, compassion and understanding, It's much easier to engage with them in a positive environment rather than a hostile or aggressive one. The second lesson is don't be too quick to judge them, rather embrace and learn from their innocence and lack of prejudice. Sometimes they astound us with their ability to see things more clearly from a unblinkered view. Thirdly – believe in them, no matter what. Each of them can and will do amazing things! The fourth lesson is often the hardest for us as parents – let go. Unshackle them from chains of expectation and wanting them to fulfil your dreams, goals and ambitions – and let them find their own in their own time. The last one is be open to change, a different viewpoint, a new way of doing things. Get out of your comfort zone and embrace the unknown with them.

Thank you for entrusting your sons to us at College, especially our matric parents who's time with us is nearly over.

Pro Aris et Focis

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Academic Achievements

Focus on...5th form History trip to Museum



Our 5th form history pupils recently visited the KZN history museum. The trip was organised in individual classes and the learners were accompanied by Mr Chris Dutton and Mr Tim Orchard. The focus of the trip was the section in the CAPS document - resistance to Segregation (later called apartheid).

The trip began at the Pietermaritzburg Station where, in 1883, a humble lawyer refused to sit in the third class section and was thrown off the train. This was the beginning of protest action against an unjust system that was only overturned in 1994.

The next stop was the KZN Museum with a focus on Victorian Pietermaritzburg, and the forms of early protests against the system. The display focused on two distinct periods; peaceful protests from 1948-1960 and the violent protests after Sharpeville in 1960. Also viewed at the museum was the Mandela cell execution showing a replica of Nelson Mandela's cell on Robin Island.

KwaZulu-Natal Museum is a popular tourist and educational amenity and acclaimed centre of scholarly research which offers thousands of visitors a feast of attractive, modern and user-friendly displays. The KZN Museum is dedicated to increasing our understanding of the history of mankind in South-Eastern Africa and of the natural world, through the collection, study and display of real objects. The museum opened its doors on 30 November 1904 and is now home to several of South Africa's most important heritage collections. The collections are of international renown, and feature regional archaeology, African cultural products, European settler history, seashells, insects and other forms of animal life.

The KZN Museum is proud to be the custodian of one of the most important collections of Zulu craft objects. The largest national Museum in KwaZulu-Natal, this Museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation, study and exhibition of objects of cultural and scientific value.

College's 1st Jakes Gerwel Fellowship winner

Congratulations to Siphephelo Maphanga - the first College boy ever, to have been awarded the JAKES GERWEL FELLOWSHIP for 2020.



This independent and aspirational initiative birthed out of the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation's Endowment, is committed to supporting our best students to become our best teachers. As expert teachers, Jakes Gerwel Fellows are also encouraged to follow leadership and entrepreneurial paths within the teaching field, and work collaboratively towards solving some of the biggest obstacles that currently characterise our education system.

As part of the award, in addition to the Jakes Gerwel Fellowship Programme, Siphephelo will receive the full cost of his undergraduate academic studies at university, a book allowance, full cost of residence, either on-campus or off-campus, and a cost of living stipend.

Well done Siphephelo – we are so proud of you!

Congratulations to those members of staff who have been selected as 2019 NSC markers.

We have four members of staff selected as senior markers, and six staff members selected as markers.

We wish them all the best!

Focus on... Forder House



With the final results in this year's inter-house competition being announced at the end of last term, it was a bittersweet moment for Forder House, as they placed 2nd overall for 2019 with half a point separating them from Commons House, which placed first.

The current Housemaster of Forder, Mr Nigel Sutherland, has decided to stand down as Housemaster effective from the end of this term, and Mrs Lisa Akerman, the assistant Housemaster, has been appointed to the position.

"I am delighted as continuity is assured. After 6 years at the helm, it is the right time to hand over the reins and the house will certainly benefit from Mrs Akerman's passion and guidance. I have enjoyed the interaction with the boys and leave knowing they are in good hands with an experienced Housemaster and mentors," said Mr Sutherland.

In the third term, Mr Sutherland said the waterpolo team was the surprise of the term as traditionally they occupy one of the last two positions. This year they managed to place 5th just missing a semi-final playoff.

Canoeists D Evans and R Ramseyer placed 2nd in the inter-house competition and kept Forder House in contention right up to the end.

On the cultural side, the cast of J Killick, M Mkhize, T Ganie and M van Rooyen did very well to place 5th with their version of the play *Dead Weight*. Under an extreme time restraint, they, and the director Mrs Akerman, produced a quality play within a fortnight ensuring Forder's remained within the top three houses.

School Awards

The following received school awards during the term:

Honours: J McFarland - Drama

Colours: P Phala - Drama, M Fuhri - Ensemble

Academic tie: A Essa, D Evans, P Phala

Large white badge: N Mndaweni - Rugby, L Mawela - Soccer

Lapel badge: M Fuhri - Choir and First Aid,
T Mkhize - Choir, P Phala – Choir

Forder House leaders

Forder House 2020 leaders are Q Lupton-Smith, M Fuhri, L Mawela, Q Govender and J Maharaj with K Goedeke (Captain) and L Muller (Vice Captain).



We look forward to working with them as they take on new responsibilities, and wish them all the best for the year ahead.

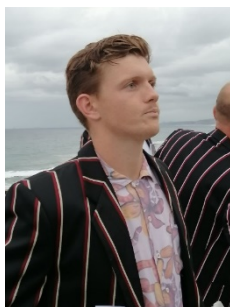




Focus on...MCOBA

North Coast Branch Function

The MCOBA North Coast branch function was organised by Chairman Peter Cameron (1996) on Friday 8 November at the spectacular Ocean Basket venue in Ballito. Owner and OC Jason Powell (1997) ensured the food was plentiful and guests were well looked after. It was good to see a cross section of Old Collegians at the function, including fathers and sons attending the function together. Head prefect Craig Glover (2016) (pictured above) was also in attendance with his father Shaun from the legendary 1985 year.



Remembrance Day



A number of OCs attended the memorial service held in Pietermaritzburg city centre for Remembrance Day.

Kevin Rhodes (1984), Piper Ian Turnbull (1970), Matthew Marwick (1988), Major Edric Pascoe (1987).

OC Exceptional Academic Achievements

Devin Pelsler (2014) had the highest marks for Mathematics and Physical Science in his matric year at Maritzburg College and at UKZN, and completed his undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Computer Science *summa cum laude*. He then went on to do his Honours in Mathematics, which he achieved *summa cum laude*. Devin, who is busy reading for his Masters in a Computer Science degree at the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science has recently been awarded the Vincent Maphai Scholarship as top ranked Master's student at UKZN. Congratulations Devin!



Moving forward...

It has been an extremely busy week in the Foundation office with the ongoing maintenance of the UK-based database involving compiling and streamlining the current Old Boys details and making contact with each individual.

In conjunction with this, a lot of work has been done this week to update the database for the Class of 2000. This is linked to the Old Boys gathering in Ballito, KZN on Friday 8 November 2019, where Angus Whitelaw (OC 2000), presented the Class of 2000 initiative known as the "College Old Boys' Memorial Scholarship Fund" to the guests' present on the night.



This initiative has been established in memory of fellow classmate, Craig Stewart, who passed away on 5 August 2019. The scholarship is open to all sons of deceased College Old Boys. As a father, Craig wanted the best for his children and always held onto the dream that his son, Ben, would one day follow in his steps and walk the hallowed halls of Maritzburg College. Whitelaw said: "This is not just an initiative by one class but a call to arms for all of us."

With the current focus on updating and extending databases, we are striving to connect and reconnect with our OCs, and your support would be greatly appreciated. If you know of any Old Boys spread far and wide and are able to assist us with information, particularly for those who are abroad, please contact the foundation office on chantall@collegefoundation.co.za

