



MARITZBURG COLLEGE

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End of Term 1 Newsletter /Circular

Dear Parents, Guardians and young men of College

As a result of the State President's announcement and the declaration of a national disaster because of COVID-19, the school officially closed on Wednesday 18 March 2020, and at this stage will only reopen after Easter Weekend on Tuesday 14 April. This has resulted in the need to adjust our academic programme and all events scheduled at the end of Term 1 and Term 2 as we await confirmation of the closure date for Term 2. We will have lost 10 teaching days in effect which will need to be made up later in the year. Because of this, our Term 2 calendar will need to be adjusted and will only be confirmed once Term 2 dates are finally confirmed, so we ask that you bear with us. Please see a separate letter regarding our academic intervention programme.

We have come to the end of what has been a very successful term overall. I wish to compliment and thank the boys for their efforts over the course of the term and their commitment to all that we do at College. It is an important time for them to reflect on their overall progress to date and where they are as far as their personal goals are concerned.

Are you happy with your work ethic and your overall academic effort? If not, it is essential that this is improved and focussed on from Day 1 next term as we move towards mid-year Exams – a reminder that we all want the best for you BUT there are NO short cuts to success.

Academic Support

Maritzburg College offers a wide range of Academic support free of charge for pupils that need it. Entrance into the academic support programme is made in consultation with the boy's subject teacher, and is based on need as well as on the work ethic of the boy concerned. If a boy is experiencing difficulty, he first needs to speak to his subject teacher, who will offer assistance where possible. Thereafter, should the need arise, he may be admitted into the academic support programme for a particular subject. These sessions are generally offered after school and pupils need to speak to the Subject Heads of the various Departments to find out further details. A copy of the programme is also available on the D6. In addition, pupils are encouraged to make full use of the school Moodle which can be accessed using the following link <http://moodle.mcollege.co.za>. This resource offers our boys a wide range of learner support materials including past papers and memos, PowerPoint presentations, YouTube clips and tutorials. Should your son require the assistance of a Peer Tutor, he is asked to speak to his Housemaster who can arrange this. For academic success, it is essential that boys are accountable for their own learning, and that they take full responsibility for their results. The second term is an exam term, and it is vital that boys make early preparations in this regard. Consistent and thorough preparation for exams will reap rewards.

We would normally have had our end of term dedication service with OC Rev Collin Moore but this was not possible. However, I attach his message in any event at this time of concern for all of us:

“DO NOT WORRY “

Matthew 6: 25-34

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[e]?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.’

What are the things you worry about? Just as we sit here now, I guarantee we’re all worrying about something. Let’s face it there’s a lot to be worried about!

- Will I make the team?
- How am I going to pass these exams?
- What will I do after school?
- Will I ever get a job tomorrow?
- What is going to happen to South Africa?
- How will I keep safe in my own home?
- Will I ever get married?
- Will my parents be okay?
- Will I get coronavirus?

God’s plan and desire for us and design for how we are created, is to live a life of peace. Living a stressed out, rushed, anxious and exhausted existence is not the life God intends for any of us. That kind of stress is bad for you. So you might ask, “How do I live a peace filled life?” “What is the antidote to a stressed out existence?” Jesus says that the things you are most devoted to, will determine the things that you worry about. Jesus says that the thing you worry about the most is the thing you are most devoted to. If you want to know what drives your worry, it is the point of your greatest devotion. Jesus is not saying that these things we worry about are not important. They are incredibly important, but there is a way to face the uncertainty of tomorrow without worrying about it today. This does not mean that you can be irresponsible. Jesus doesn’t say don’t sow or reap or store away in barns. No, we must be responsible for the now. Work hard, apply to that university, train for that team, learn for that test, save for your retirement, meet new people, sanitise, socially isolate, prepare for what is to come. **And then you let it go.**

Sow and reap and store but once you have done all you can in the now, trust God for tomorrow. Trust in the only one who can do anything about it. You don’t stop stressing by trying not to stress. You stop stressing by shifting your devotion to the God who made you, God who cares for you and loves you more than the birds. You stop stressing by doing what you can to be prepared and then trusting that whatever comes God is in control and has a plan for you. As we go into this break may we keep safe, remain reasonable and responsible and above all, may we go with the peace of the Lord.

Staffing matters

End of term resignation

Our Credit Controller, Meera Rughoo, will be leaving us after giving superb service to join the Michaelhouse staff. We wish her every success in her new role.

Term 2 Staffing

Congratulations to the following staff who have all been promoted internally and we wish them every success in their new roles

Internal Promotions

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| 1. Subject Head of Technology | Gonas Govindasamy |
| 2. HoD of Prefects | Nigel Sutherland |
| 3. Credit Controller | Arlene Trout |

Appointments

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| 1. School Counsellor | Cassidy-Mae Shaw |
| 2. Life Orientation & PE Educator | Francois Maritz |
| 3. Natural Science & Physical Science | Lethu Shongwe |
| 4. Afrikaans Geography, PE and LO | Lukas Booysen |

Weekend Sports Results

Well done to the rugby and hockey fraternity on a very good start to the season. The 1st XI started the season with a commanding win over Northwood and the 1st XV were possibly a little unlucky not to win barring a few unforced errors. They certainly had a never say die attitude and played right until the final whistle. Well done and thank you to all the coaches for their efforts. Thank you to the shouting captains for their efforts and the support you gave the players on Saturday. Well done all.

Happiness Week

Thank you all for support of Happiness Week. Overall, it was an enjoyable and successful week and the "Night of a Thousand Stars" a welcome addition.. The posters, flash fiction, poetry, library display, jazz concert, cues, dedication line chats with the boys and MICs who hosted different activities are all indicative that "Happiness Week" has an important place on the cultural calendar. Well done!!

A special word of thanks for the personal and society contributions of cash and kind to CHOC through the Zarm Farm and tuckshop and Bread Buddies was once again well supported. The sandwiches were taken to Project Gateway and distributed to Car Guards.

A sincere vote of thanks to Mrs Thaver and the MICs of Cultural Affairs and boys for their collective efforts

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following young men who have gone beyond the call of duty and excelled in a variety of areas.

Barns

BD Jackson , QA Mkhize

Calder

C Thunder

Commons

C van Heerden, CD Osborne

Forder

TJMO Mkhize, NA McFarland, N Chetty, GD Heuer, MP Van Rooyen, JR Werth

Lamond

W Pretorius, SG Delport, OL Higgins, OW Beauclerk, K Hardy, UN Mtsi, AC Van Dam, MC Van Dam, CG Lee, JI Van Der Merwe, K Kisten

Pape

RA Will, IJ Kayembe

Snow

MJ Spooner

Strachan

TL Zimu, RM Lottering, C Robinson

Athletics Selections:

Congratulations to the following boys on their selection on the KZN Team for SA Champs:

District Selections for Athletics

NS Ndlovu (Snow)

E Mouton (Pape)

W Pretorius (Lamond)

SS Hlongwane (Barns)

JR Werth (Forder)

NMS Nxumalo (Strachan)

MA Mafanya (Fuller)

RA Will (Pape)

JWA Njimi (Snow)

KZN Selection for Athletics

AAS Mbambo (Fuller)

OI Higgins (Strachan)

LS Kunene (Calder)

IJ Kayembe (Pape)

NJ Mosebi (Commons)

Annual School Production**“Les Misérables”**

Les Misérables known in English-speaking countries as ‘Les Mis’ is a sung-through musical (or operetta) adapted from French poet and novelist Victor Hugo's 1862 novel of the same name by Claude-Michel Schönberg (music), Alain Boublil and Jean-Marc Natel (original French lyrics), and Herbert Kretzmer (English lyrics). The original French musical premiered in Paris in 1980 with direction by Robert Hossein. Its English-language adaptation by producer Cameron Mackintosh has been running in London since October 1985, making it the longest-running musical on the West End.

Set in early 19th-century France, Les Misérables is the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his desire for redemption after serving nineteen years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a bishop inspires him by a tremendous act of mercy, but he is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists attempt to overthrow the government at a street barricade.

Maritzburg College in collaboration with Epworth, Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School and The Wykeham Collegiate, by arrangement with DALRO (Pty) Ltd. presents this world renowned musical from the DATE TO BE CONFIRMED in the Olivier Cultural Centre. Tickets can be booked via the email address bookings@mcollege.co.za. Tickets are R80 - Come and watch this once in a lifetime production.

Passive Fundraising for College via MySchool

As most of you are aware, College is part of a number of rebate/support programmes. MySchool was the first rebate programme we registered for, and has proven to be the most successful. This programme provides a monthly income which benefits the school in a number of ways. We urge parents to simply download the MySchool App on Apple App Store or Google Play Store and scan your virtual card at till points to give back to your causes every time you shop.

School Fees

I again appeal to all parents to pay the school fee to enable us to continue to supply an uncompromised educational service to your sons. Please make the school account a priority.

Contact Details

We are continually updating the database and we thus urge all parents to ensure that should their contact details change, the school be notified as soon as possible. Changes can be emailed to info@mcollege.co.za.

We thank you for your continued support through this difficult period that we are all enduring and trust that the not too distant future will have a more positive outlook. Please take this time to spend quality time with your son if at all possible.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJ Luman', with a horizontal line underneath.

CJ Luman
Headmaster