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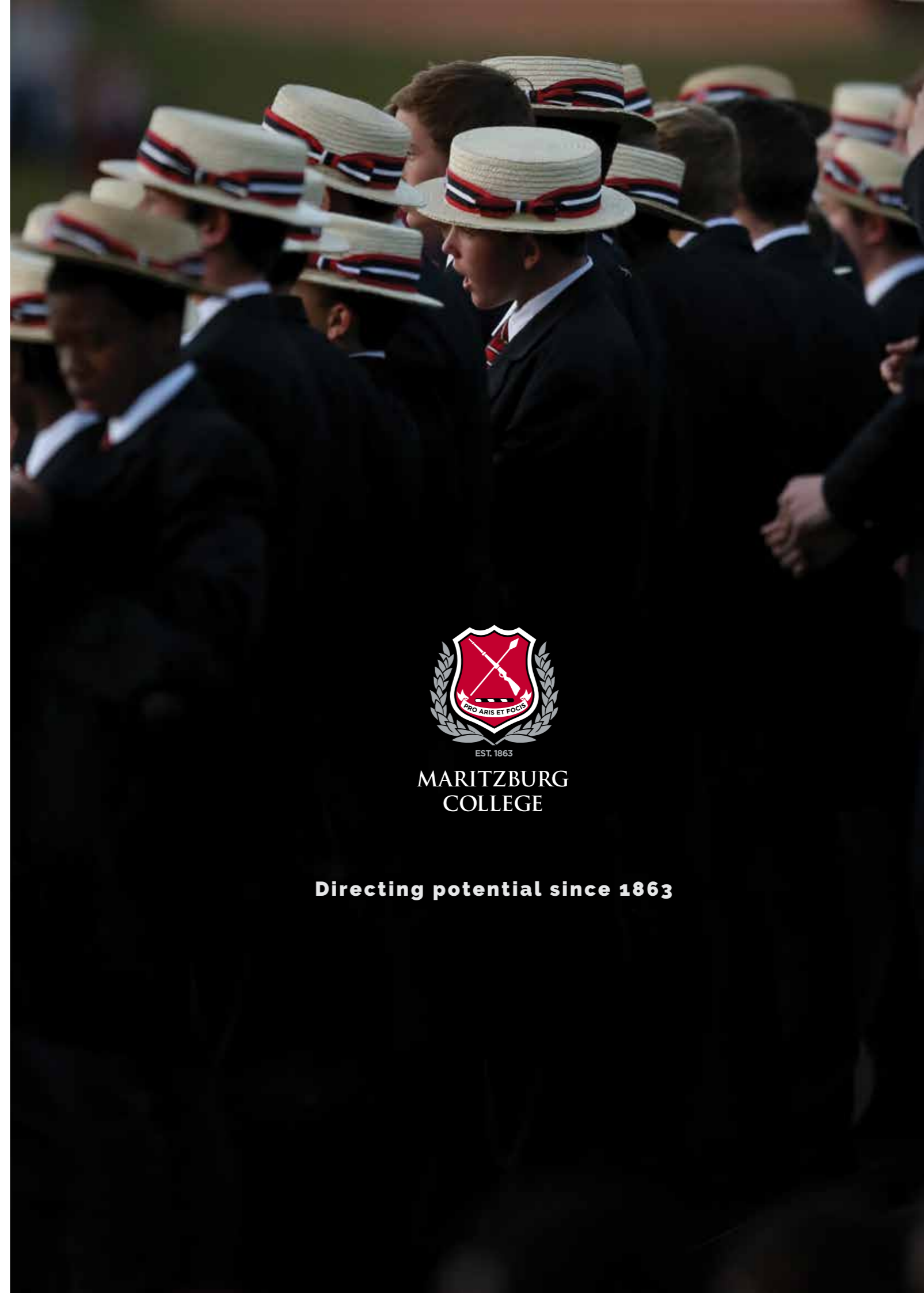
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DAYS OF YORE

From the College Archives

130 Years Ago

Extract from *College Magazine #3*, dated April 1889

In one of the school's very first school magazines, the following was quoted from the Speech Day address delivered by the then Governor of Natal, Sir Arthur Havelock:

"And now boys of the Pietermaritzburg College, you who have the good fortune to be scholars here possess very special advantages, and being possessed of very special advantages, you have also increased responsibility. Your school, although still in the freshness of youth, has already obtained a high reputation, and I ask you to remember that you individually and collectively are responsible for its good name. Let your aim be to heighten and brighten that good name.... And let this be done not only by strong efforts to attain a high standard of excellence in learning, but let the public opinion of the school be on the side of all that is right, honest, and truthful, and let meanness, shuffling, and lying have no place amongst you, and let them be put down with a strong hand. Let it thus be always in your power to consider that it is a distinction to have been a Pietermaritzburg College boy."



Maritzburg College as it would have looked in 1889. Mr RD Clark is the gentleman in the academic gown and mortar board closest to the front door.

110 Years Ago

Extract from *College Magazine #28*, dated June 1909

At the time, the foundation of the Natal University College (now the University of KZN) was imminent. The following is an extract from a circular from the Education Department, published in the Natal newspapers, that no doubt caused much gnashing of teeth in Old Boy circles. Happily, the perfidious plans of the departmental mandarins came to naught.

"The Maritzburg College, as at present constituted, would cease to exist, but would continue to occupy its present buildings. It would revert to its old name, and thenceforth be titled the Maritzburg High School. It would take its pupils to Matriculation and no further; and the matriculated students . . . would form the nucleus of the new institution, which would be known as the Natal University College."



The modest first home of the Natal University College (now the University of KZN) – a tin erection within the grounds of Maritzburg College. The building, which was later used as a boarders' laundry, was sited not far from the school's indoor shooting range of today.

90 Years Ago

Extract from *College Magazine #54*, dated December 1929

As we contemplate the 1 350-strong Maritzburg College of today, it is hard to imagine the modestly-sized school it was only 90 years ago, at the onset of the Great Depression:

"There continues to be an encouraging increase in numbers. There are at present on the roll 300 names, of which 122 are those of Boarders."

80 Years Ago

Extract from *College Magazine #68*, dated December 1939

"HJ Behrmann [later a distinguished professor], who is in his fourth year at Pretoria University, has sent us news about fellow-students, 'Bushy' MacIntosh and I Mowat. He also mentioned the latest doings of the Roberts Heights Old Boys. Lieut. A Colenbrander is back at Roberts Heights, after three months in Durban and a few power-dives over College! Second Lieut. B Hutchinson is with the Durban Squadron."

Sadly, Major MacIntosh, Major Colenbrander and Sgt Hutchinson – who all served in the SA Air Force – were all to be killed in action in the Second World War, which had started only months earlier.



Major Adriaan Montague Colenbrander, who had after school played rugby for Transvaal, was in November 1942 shot down by anti-aircraft fire in his Kitty-Hawk fighter and crashed off the Egyptian coast.

70 Years Ago

Extract from *College Magazine #94*, dated November 1959

Speech Day 1959 was held on the Terraces in what was described as "delightful sunny weather". The guest of honour was a 35 year-old OC, Mr John Nel, who had in 1954 been appointed to the Natal Provincial Council (the provincial cabinet of today). His salutary caution remains relevant today, as the school continues to ponder its traditions and rituals:

"Do not allow yourselves to be bound by long-cemented traditions impossible to alter. Regard not the past but the future, for it is not good to be too tightly bound by tradition. Some traditions are bad and not applicable to the age in which we live; some are such that it would not be profitable to preserve them."



John Aylmer Nel (Class of 1941) in later life

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Maritzburg College seeks to achieve this by ensuring a balanced, stimulating and dynamic educational environment; care for each boy; an observance of Christian values and school traditions; and the pursuit of excellence in all endeavours.

A Prayer for Maritzburg College

Most gracious God,
 your son Jesus Christ sat among the teachers
 in the temple at Jerusalem,
 listening and asking questions,
 and all were amazed at his understanding.
 Grant to College a like spirit,
 that all who teach and all who learn
 may together grow towards that wisdom
 and love which come from you;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Amen.

[Composed by Old Collegian Elsie Ballot Scholar, Bishop Michael Nuttall (1951)]

**Maritzburg College
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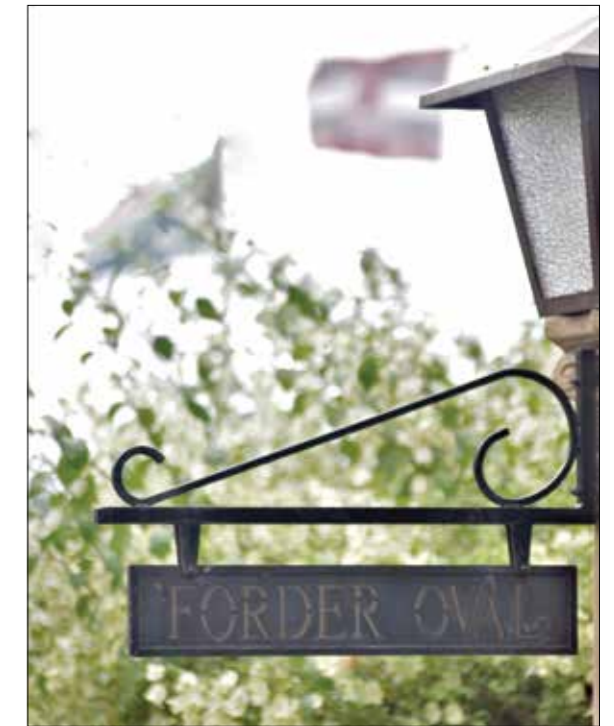


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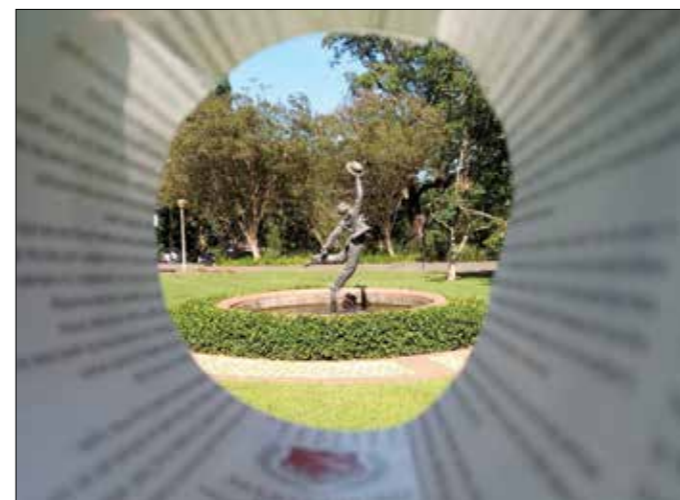
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J Peens (Fourth Form 2020)



B Gademan (Second Form 2020)



J Munn (Fourth Form 2020)



Y Martin (Sixth Form 2020)



R Froise (Third Form 2020)



Y Martin (Sixth Form 2020)



Staff photo 2019

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Front row: RP Kyle, CA Tedder, R Govender, J Maistry, ND Sutherland, KD Hackland, B Swart (Deputy Head: Co-curricular), SM Jager, IM Talke (Deputy Head: Pastoral), CJ Luman (Headmaster), KH Guise-Brown (Senior Deputy Headmaster), JK Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics), MM Marwick (Deputy Head: Boarding), D Maistry (Deputy Head: Operations), TB Seipa, N Pillay, GJ Dorling, V Chedie, SJ Upfold, AB Soden

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(retired term 3)
BA Hons, BBibl Hons (Stellenbosch), MIS (UKZN), Post Grad Lib Dip (Stellenbosch), Post Grad Museum Dip (Pretoria)

Mrs H Strachan
(from term 4)
BA Humanities (Stellenbosch)

Sanatorium

Sister KA Townsend
Sister NJ Price
Jnr Nurse S Rajah
Mrs N Steenkamp (San Assistant)

Science Technicians

Mrs R Sewmungal
E (Evasen) Rajah
BEd cum laude (UNISA)

Sports Staff

Director of Cricket
KB Nipper#
BComm (Mgt), PGCE (UNISA)

Director of Hockey
D Coombes
BHons Sports Science, BA Sports Psychology (Johannesburg)

Director of Rugby
KLL Smith#
Nat.Dip Financial Management (TechNatal)

First Team Water Polo Coach
D Sherriff
BSports Science, PGCE (UKZN)

First Team Soccer Coach
D Haswell#
BA (UKZN), 'A' Coaching Licence (CAF)

Biokineticist
JD Greeff
BA (HMS) Hons (Biokinetics) (NMMU)

HPC Strength & Conditioning Assistant
AA Landman#

Talent Recruitment/HPC Officer
Z Mazwi

Co-curricular Administrator
Mrs SL Emerson

Sports Administrative Assistant
Ms NS Ngcobo

Sports Officer
MS Shezi#
ST Sinclair# (cricket)

Estates

Estates Manager
KD Hackland

Assistant to Estates Manager
SA Crosson

Estates Administrator
A Moodley

Driver
E (Eddie) Rajah

Dormitories
AM Kheswa, OB Ngcobo

Grounds
DJ Veitch# (Senior Grounds Foreman), E Bowes (Grounds Supervisor), Ms CB Dlamini, MA Duma, MA Khumalo, HM Mthembu, VP Mtolo, ZN Myeza, MA Zondi, T Zondi

Kitchen
WH Mbense

Laundry
CN Gasa
Mrs TS Hlela
Ms RH Cole

Maintenance
EP Jafta, SR Makhaye, BM Mkhize (caretaker/keyholder), WP Zuma, G Crosson, M Seager (Electrician)

Cleaning
High Performance and Multi-purpose Centre
SA Zondi

Sanatorium
BP Sithole

School
MZ Msomi, EB Sithole, MD Zondi



Welcomes

In 2019, the following staff were welcomed to Maritzburg College:

First Term



Ralph Paterson
Subject Head Life Sciences



Clive Musasiwa
Part-Time EMS & Business Studies Educator



Musa Zuma
Mathematics Literacy Educator



Vishal Rajpaul
Network Administrator



Swelihle Mkhwanazi
IsiZulu Educator



Austin Landman
HPC Strength and Conditioning Assistant



Lindiwe Mtembu
English Educator



Nolene Steenkamp
San Admin Assistant



Brigitte Harris
Geography Educator

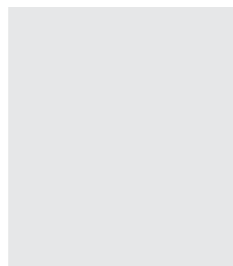
Second Term



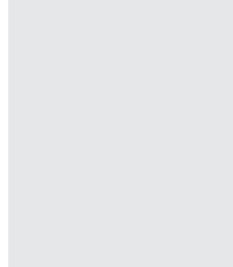
Nikki Price
San Sister



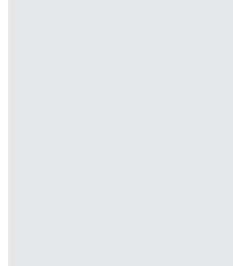
Shaun Sinclair
Sports Officer: Cricket



Joanne Hoyle
Zarm Farm Co-ordinator



Thingo Tshabalala
IT Technician



Sanele Radebe
Finance Clerk

Third Term



Sanele Kunene
Visual Arts Educator



Minenhle Mtshali
IT Administrative Assistant



Thobeka Shata
Khanyisa Outreach Co-ordinator



Sanele Radebe
Finance Clerk

Fourth Term



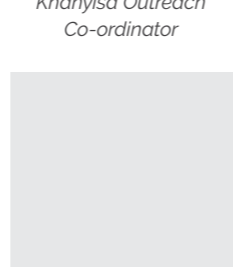
Robyn Brunzlaff
Afrikaans Educator



Hayley Strachan
Curator of Maritzburg College Museum & Archives



Thobeka Shata
Khanyisa Outreach Co-ordinator



Sanele Radebe
Finance Clerk

Retirements

Hazel Miller

During 2019, Mrs Hazel Miller retired from 40 years' service to the legendary Zarm Farm. (Hazel's late husband, Mr Murdo Miller, was a gifted, colourful and much-loved science teacher at College for many years, and her son Michael, who now lives in the UK, is an Old Collegian.)

Having assumed the running of the Zarm Farm when the new Commons Block was opened in 1979, Hazel is estimated to have served about 1.5 million cholesterol-inducing College 'zarms', filling the bellies of homesick boarders, ravenous sportsmen and many a passing OC, eager once again to sample an iconic flavour of his youth – invariably dribbling with onions, tomato sauce and mustard. While the individual ingredients of each zarm were admittedly not especially inspiring – two slices of white bread, a slab of processed cheese, together with dashes of margarine – collectively, their combination was irresistible! For two generations, Hazel was a well-known figure on the school corridors, as she went about the business of efficiently providing College boys not only with their beloved zarms, but also crumpets, and hamburgers.

We sincerely thank her for her 40 years' devoted and cheerful service rendered to College and to thousands of College boys, and wish her a well-deserved retirement.

Mr M Marwick

Mandla Dennis Zondi

Dennis joined College in January 1984 as one of the labourers whose task was to look after and maintain the grounds. His hard-working attitude soon resulted in his being relocated to the staffroom where he worked for a remarkable 35 years. At the time of his retirement, he had worked under seven headmasters with Mr Guise-Brown being the sole surviving teacher from those early years. He could recall incidents from the 80's and 90's with ease, especially the names of those involved.

Dennis lived in Elandskop and every Friday he would commute home to be with his family and his cows. In all the time I knew him he never missed a day at work, and at 3:00am on Monday mornings he would be waiting for his lift back to College to ensure the early teachers were greeted with a warm smile and a hot cup of coffee.

As I am a Geography teacher, he often asked me pertinent environmental questions and as I sipped my coffee we would solve the world's problems in record time.

Dennis will be fondly remembered for his perennial smile and laughter. His booming, 'Morning Sir', could be heard way down the corridors and if any information was needed, Dennis was the 'go-to' man.

As his time at College neared the end, he spoke more and more about his farm and how he was looking forward to looking after his grandchildren and the animals. To this end a staff collection was handed to him on his last day, on condition the Nguni he bought was named 'College' and had a reddish hue to its hide.

The staff will miss Dennis and his helpful attitude to all. His hot coffee during the marathon marking sessions, often after hours, will be particularly missed. We wait now to hear that a remarkable Nguni has been sighted in the Elandskop area.

Uhlale kahle Dennis.

Mr N Sutherland



The College Museum

Henriette Ridley

On Remembrance Day 2019, most of the members of the Archives Committee gathered in the Crystal Palace to honour, thank and bid farewell to Ms Henriette Ridley, the retiring museum curator and archivist. Mrs Ridley was employed by the school in the build-up to the 150th celebrations that took place in 2013 and was tasked with setting up the then new museum in what was up till then the 'old gym'. She set to this formidable task with typical professionalism and dedication, and it was no doubt a source of quiet pride to her that the new museum was opened on Friday,

1 March 2013 – on the immediate eve of the big day of celebrations itself. For a total of 10 years, Mrs Ridley served the school in her quiet and dedicated manner, sorting and cataloguing the school's archived photos and numerous other documents and items of miscellaneous Collegiana, setting up the school's digital archives on the College website, and smoothly ensuring that numerous other archives-related initiatives were effected behind the scenes. The school thanks her for her decade of loyal service to Maritzburg College, and wishes her well on her retirement to the Eastern Cape.

Mr M Marwick



The members of the Archives Committee present at Henriette's farewell (from left to right): Mr M Hill, Mr J Frost, Mr J Deane, Mrs Ridley, Prof P Tennant, Mr T Wiblin, Mr R Jury, Mr S Haw and Mr M Marwick

Cora Tedder



Mrs Cora Tedder joined the Maritzburg College staff in January 1998 as an accounting teacher. She served the school devotedly for 22 years as a teacher, subject head, Form head, housemaster, coach, manager, scorer for the 1st XI cricket, and master-in-charge of squash. She served KZN Inland schools' hockey for more than 20 years, for which she was honoured by SA Schools' hockey for long service. She retired after 22 years of unselfish service to College and will spend time with her son in Australia and her daughter in Empangeni. We thank her most sincerely for her commitment to Maritzburg College and wish her a well-deserved retirement.

The following farewell tribute was delivered by Mr B Swart:

"I have known Cora since I was a Third Former at Maritzburg College. I never had the privilege of being taught by her, but I have grown to know what an exceptional person and teacher she is. The accounting department became Cora's domain, and many boys, and staff too, have thrived under her tutorship and leadership.

Cora entered College with a bang. She has sky-dived onto Goldstone's on Reunion Day, as well as run the sky-diving society – certainly something very different for a lady member of staff, especially at College. Cora was a hockey coach, as well as an esteemed and excellent cricket coach, having coached some of our own current members of staff. She was also the valued scorer of the 1st XI for many years.

There are two things which have stood out for me over the 22 years that I have known Cora – these I believe are her true colours.

- She always, without fail or question, made the boys she has taught, coached, interacted with and led, her number one priority. I heard countless times over many years how fondly they spoke of her.
- Cora has an incredibly kind heart, and her selfless giving is very much a part of who she is.

The combination of always putting her boys first, her natural kindness and her selflessness is what made her such a special teacher. The boys who passed through Cora's hands over the last 22 years knew they were important to Cora, not just because she told them, but because of how she treated them, rewarded them and how she loved them.

Her passion lay not only in academics, or in the sporting arena, but also in her leadership as a Form head of department, as well as the Housemaster of Snow House. Cora's approach at times was different and unique for College – but it worked. She was a balance of firm and fair (with a touch of love and concern), a hallmark testament to the fantastic teacher and leader that she was.

Cora served Maritzburg College with absolute dedication and loyalty. She was a model staff member and epitomised everything our staffroom could ever want in service. Her achievements and accolades will long be remembered, but what will never be forgotten is the person behind them. Cora, you put the boys of this school first, you served them, loved them and showed genuine care for them. We are going to miss you. College is losing a wonderful member of staff. Thank you for everything you have done and been at College. We wish you all of the very best in your well-deserved retirement."

Mr B Swart

Nico Robberts

Nico joined the Engineering and Graphics Department 17 years ago after he and I had taught at a Technical College for virtually as many years. I asked him to come and join us to boost the Civil area that I knew that he was very good at. Our syllabus had changed, and now included a civil component.

Besides being a first class teacher, Nico also was very involved with a number of events at College. For one, he took College shooting to great new heights through his hard work and dedication. He also included professional help where he knew it would benefit the boys. Nico gave freely of his time and is a selfless teacher, typical of his generation.

In EGD, Nico got involved with the Formula 1 in school's project and was part of the 12 teams that we took from College to the National championships at the Kyalami Race Track in Johannesburg. I even took photographs of him in a Formula Ford car, looking very proud of himself.

Nico very quickly learnt how to design models on the Solid Works programme and 3D print those models, quite a feat for an 'old man'. He would be at each of the annual Solid Works launches, not missing a thing that they had for us to learn from. He was a very valuable member of our team, and will be missed at the meetings where he often insisted that we should supply 'cookies' to make the meetings more meaningful.

We wish Nico the very best in his retirement.

Mr B Bosch

Carol Smith

Carol Smith joined the Media Centre last century (1999) and was with us for twenty years as a library assistant. She was an element of continuity in the Media Centre as she worked with three different librarians and many structural changes. When Carol started, the library still had audio cassettes and VCRs! She played an essential role and was truly a pillar in the library. She was able to move with the times and update her skills with new technology and software. She knew policies and procedures like the back of her hand. Those hands are deft when it came to repairing books. We depended upon her to get the staff to return overdue library books and DVDs. We are going to miss her knowledge of the DVDs and who reads what. Yet Carol went beyond the nuts and bolts of library work. She has a wise head and motherly instincts upon which all of us relied. It is these latter characteristics that we will miss the most.

Mr R Gutteridge, Mrs S Thorpe and Mrs S Bentley

Felicity Harper

Felicity was one of the longer serving staff members at Maritzburg College. She joined the staff in 1987 as a data-capturer, then still in the really early years of the use of computers in school administration. Felicity served the school in a number of roles during her 32 years at the school, running the print room, doing the exam administration etc., but, even in her various other capacities at the school, computer administration was the major part of her work responsibility. She had an amazing capacity to adjust to the changes in IT over the years. No sooner had she mastered one system and become the school "go-to" person for all the teaching staff, along came a new system. In her good-natured way, she would give a sigh and a shrug of the shoulders, and move on to the new, often very different, ways and methods. From her early days of data-capturing she came a long way, ending up being an IT advisor/helper to the majority of the staff, preparing, servicing and fixing the complex mark sheets and processing the boys' marks through to the printing of reports.

More than just a work colleague, Felicity was a friend to all. Anybody needing a little help, or even a little cheering up, could pop into her office, always near the staff room, to enjoy her pleasant, easy-going nature. Never forgetting her friendship, her loyalty and her delightful sense of humour, we all wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Mr B Dibben

Keith Guise-Brown



Mr Keith Guise-Brown joined the staff as a maths teacher in 1981. He was very soon involved in the boarding establishment, which he took over in 1990 and ran for many years with aplomb until the end of 2013. Under his inspired leadership during those 24 years, Keith dragged the BE from the dark ages and ensured that it far better reflected the spirit of the times. He can honestly be regarded as the father of the modern College BE. He was also a very successful cricket and rugby coach and also served as master-in-charge of both rugby and cricket, and was for many years the main organiser of the Michaelmas Cricket Week. During the 39 years he served College – only Mr Chesney-Jones taught at the school for longer (41 years) – Keith steadily climbed the ranks from ordinary teacher and duty master in the BE to head of department, Deputy Headmaster in charge of the BE, Senior Deputy Headmaster and, at times, Acting Headmaster. He served as a very competent, dedicated, loyal and meticulous Senior Deputy Headmaster, focusing mainly on admissions, school routines and discipline, and he served on numerous committees over the years, as well as the Acting Headmaster from July 2012 to March 2013. During his time at College he unselfishly turned down opportunities to be a headmaster at other schools. We wish Keith a well-deserved retirement, during which he can fully pursue his photography, fishing and other sporting hobbies, without interruption, on the South Coast. It can confidently be stated

that no schoolmaster in modern times has given more to the school than Keith Guise-Brown.

The following farewell tribute was also delivered by Mr B Swart:

"To write something about 39 years of distinguished service is a daunting task, and to try and do justice to the second longest serving teacher in College's 156-year history, and a legend of College, is truly intimidating.

However, when sitting down to write this tribute, it became easy to summarise. Keith basically did everything that there was to do at College. He taught every Form, coached a myriad of sports at both ends of the talent spectrum, sat on virtually every single committee College has, ran tournaments, directed cricket weeks, was a head of department, chief disciplinarian, father of the modern College BE, Deputy Headmaster, as well as ran the school as Acting Headmaster for a year.

Keith was a mentor and a role model to many. His quiet and wise counsel was sought by many, and will be sorely missed. He would always listen, without interruption, and, no matter the circumstance or situation, the healing would begin in his office.

Keith is a humble man who knew just what to say to most people – boys and staff alike – at just the right time. This humility showed itself in the way he quietly went about things – despite the stature of his position. "KGB" always led from inside the trenches with the staff, and won the trust and support of so many of his colleagues. Keith also had a fun-loving side, and a passion for the school, boys and staff. He touched many of the lives of so many boys and left an indelible mark on so many.

Thirty-nine years' service does another thing. Experience truly is gold and is the superglue that holds the biggest things together. The longer one serves, the greater one's value – as one gains insight. As the Deputy Headmaster for 22 years at this school, Keith influenced strategy, policy and operations that continue to define the very fabric of our school today.

Keith, you have been so much to College, so much to many of us, and so much to thousands of boys. You will go down in the history of College as one of the greatest staff members to ever grace the halls of our school. Thank you so much for who you are, and thank you for allowing us to share in your time at College. We are going to miss you so very much – this place will not be the same without you. We wish you all of the very best in your most well-deserved retirement."

Mr B Swart



Keith Guise-Brown unveils the Dining Hall plaque on 22 November 2019



At his farewell party Keith encountered a theme cake and a caring Sue Calmeyer



At the formal farewell event in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall, Mr Guise-Brown shouts the College warcy with the Fifth Formers

Farewells

During 2019 College also bade farewell to the following members of staff:

Term 1 2019	Term 4 2019
Shantal Rajah	Dr Rosanne Salmond
	Dylan Coombes
Term 2 2019	Cheryl Townsend
Ghemma Wylde	Lukas Booysen (OC 2013)
Dedre Immelman	Jacques Lyons
Ryan Tooms	Sally Fuhri
Term 3 2019	Elton Bowes
Tamaryn Schofield	Danie Kleinhans
Jean Sauroombe	Daniel Haswell (OC 1994)

Gordon Knoeson

For precisely 20 years, Gordon Knoeson was employed by the Estates Department in the maintenance team that included fellow stalwarts Wilfred Zuma and Sandile Makhaye. A kind and humble man, Gordon's main tasks included refurbishing and repairing furniture – especially the regular stream of broken bed slats, lockers, latches and locks that poured forth from the boarding houses every week, month and term. Gordon was also a most diligent storeman, whose admirably tight control over the school's supply of power tools and consumables was not to be trifled with. Mr G Waters recalls how he once called in at the workshop to collect "a couple of screws", but, having casually picked up four of five of the things, was admonished with a stern, "You said only a couple!" by the ever-watchful Gordon! Although his hearing disability meant that he was a retiring gentleman, "Gordo", as he was known, enjoyed a good rapport with all of his colleagues, and the sincere thanks of the College community go to him for his two decades of behind-the-scenes service to the school, as well as the warm wishes for a restful retirement.

Mr M Marwick



Enock Sithole

On 10 December, a final chapter in the school's long history closed, as College's much-loved Enock Sithole collected his discharge papers from Mrs Vicky Chedie in HR (above) and with some satisfaction was able to retire to his property in Elandskop. Mr Sithole started work at College in 1974, when Mr G Waters was soaring high at lock for the First XV and the global oil crisis meant that the speed limit on the highway was 80 km/h! For the next 43 years, he served College loyally and with distinction, retiring officially at the end of 2016, at which ceremony he received a stirring standing ovation from the 1 300 College boys assembled in his honour. For the next three years, he stayed on at the school on a retainer, but as time passed he felt that it was best to retire 'properly'. His 46 years' of service is second only to the legendary late Thwalyakhe Joseph Hlela, who not only worked at College for 49 years but was Mr Sithole's father-in-law! Their collective length of service to College will surely never be matched. Cheerful, friendly, loyal and generous, Enock's shadow will, despite his departure, long linger in the school's quadrangles, in which he laboured manfully for nearly five decades. Your spirit lives on, Baba, and no doubt College will in the months to come honour your memory in the appropriate way. *Hamba kahle, Enock.*

Mr M Marwick

Accomplishments

Internal Promotions

First Term	Deputy Head of Operations
David Maistry	HoD: Discipline
Graham Dorling	HoD Leadership and Recruitment
Ryan Kyle	Acting state HoD (Economics, EMS, Accounting and Business Studies)
Matthew Marwick	Subject Head of EMS
Caren Randall	Subject Head of Natural Sciences
Sanet Kritzingner	Assistant Day Housemaster Nicholson
Fiona Deyzel	Assistant Day Housemaster Commons
Sheldon Bosch	Assistant Day Housemaster Forder
Lisa Akerman	BE Housemaster Shepstone
Ricky Chirengende	Deputy BE Housemasters Elliott
Sheldon Bosch	Deputy BE Housemasters Nathan
Murray-John Smit	Deputy BE Housemasters Clark
Ndumiso Makhathini	Deputy BE Housemaster Shepstone
Ryan Kyle	Boardmaster
KG Shezi	Boardmaster
Ngcebo Thembela	Boardmaster
Scelo Zuma	Boardmaster
Darren Sherriff	Head of Aquatics

Second Term	Subject Head of Geography
Brigitte Harris	Assistant HoD Leadership
Ndumiso Makhathini	Departmental Head
Nithia Pillay	

Third Term	Day Housemaster Strachan House
Jacques Lyons	Assistant Housemaster Strachan House
Nollie Duvenage	

Fourth Term	Day Housemaster Fuller
Tim Orchard	Day Housemaster Snow
Ralph Paterson	Subject Head of PE
Nollie Duvenage	HoD Prefects
Ndumiso Makhathini	HoD Leadership
Anthony Sparrow	

Long Service



S Zondi, H Miller, J Mhlongo, C Smith, S Webley, K Hackland and B Bosch

The following staff were awarded for long service in a special assembly this year. Congratulations!

Long Service - 20 years
Suzanne Webley, Ben Bosch, Jabulani Mhlongo
Carol Smith, Ken Hackland

Long Service - 30 years
Sipho Zondi

Long Service - 40 years
Vusumuzi Mtolo, Hazel Miller

Domestic Announcements

Engagement:



Darren Sherriff was engaged to Paige Jenje this year

Marriages:



Zola Mazwi married Mbali Zondi on 8 August 2019



Ricky Chirengende married Thobeka Moyo on 28 December 2019

Births:



Daniël Rudolph Hoffman was born on 5 April 2019 to Drikus and Leanne. Big brother Jean-Luc is very proud!



Jackson Kean Brent was born on 18 June 2019 to proud parents, Caitlin and Roderick



Malachi Michael was born to Nick and Bianca Croeser on 26 July 2019. He is baby brother to Jeremiah



Lexi May, baby sister to Tenley, was born on 7 December 2019 to proud parents, Kyle and Pippa Nipper



R Froise (Third Form 2020)

SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The Sport and Cultural Awards Ceremony was held on 13 September 2019 and the guest of honour was Mr Vincent van der Bijl, past staff member and South African Cricketer of the Year in 1971.



Mr V van der Bijl with Mr B Swart (Deputy Head: Co-Curricular) and Mr C Luman (Headmaster) before the awards ceremony

Address by the Headmaster, Mr CJ Luman



Mr C Luman's address at the prestigious awards function

Today's function enables us to honour the boys who have excelled on the sportsfield and culturally. In 2019 we experienced a successful and memorable series of events in the areas of sport and culture.

On the cultural front, our Director of Performing Arts and Music, Mr Simon Stickells, along with Mrs Kamany Thaver, Director of Cultural Affairs and Drama, produced three episodes of the legendary comedy series 'Fawltly Towers' which were extremely funny and had the audience in stitches. This year saw the introduction of College Cues, the school's new co-curricular drama club which has seen wonderful growth. Furthermore, an inaugural Arts Evening and Drama Creative Expressions Evening were both successful, with excellent participation. The Afrikaans Society followed up their productions of the past three years with two one act plays (one of which was written by pupil, L Muller) and were co-ordinated and directed by Mrs Gerda Talke. The evenings were thoroughly enjoyed by both the casts and audience. College once again participated in the twentieth year celebration of FUNK and did themselves proud.

We had our first ever inter-school cultural exchanges with Affies and PBHS, which included the choirs and jazz band as part of the annual sports exchange, which saw almost 850 boys involved. A truly memorable occasion was enjoyed by all.

The choir achieved a gold medal at the ATKV and at the Eisteddfod, in which 28 boys participated, they received an amazing 22 gold and 40 silver awards. Our debaters continued to do well by reaching the finals of the Midlands League and our Interact Club is doing sterling work in the community, with a number of outreach initiatives. The year will conclude with the annual Christmas Carol Service at One Life in collaboration with GHS and hopefully one or two of our key feeder schools.

On the sporting front a significant number of our boys and teams have excelled on the international, national, provincial and at first team or age-group level and these are documented elsewhere.

I would, however, like to draw your attention to a number of highlights:

- Maritzburg College has in total 308 boys and Old Boys who have secured international selection – more than any other school in the country. This is certainly something that we can be jointly proud of. Two of the most recent are M Green and H Heeralal who are currently school boys
- We have a total of 22 boys having been selected nationally, and 88 for provincial selection
- Our Squash Team won the KZN Top Schools' tournament for the first time since 1993 and came seventh nationally
- Our Golf Team won the KZN Top Schools' for the first time ever
- Our 1st Soccer Team won three tournament trophies this year and finished in the top four of the PMB FA Cup
- One of the best overall rugby seasons in recent history recording a win ratio of 82% in all matches with three of our teams placed in the Top 10 in the country. The club ranked seventh overall.
- Our 1st XI cricket are ranked in the Top 10 and U15 currently first
- Our hockey teams continue to be among the top school teams in the country, with the U16 ranked second
- Our Cross-country Senior Team won the Midlands Cross-country league
- D Evans placed seventh overall in the Dusi Canoe Marathon and is off to represent SA at U18 level in China
- Continued positive growth of the school Athletics programme which has seen the number of athletes in the school, competing regularly, double in number, and a number of outstanding performances at national level
- Our cyclists continue to dominate the ROAG series and a number of them ranked very high.

Because of the many successes of our boys, it is easy to talk about highlights. However, the fundamental nature of involvement in co-curricular activity will always be the ongoing week-by-week commitment of our boys to activities which will broaden and enrich their experience of life, and enhance their personal development.

Recently, I was fortunate enough to attend a headmasters' conference at Queens College, where author and mental coach in a number of disciplines, Paddy Upton, addressed us on the topic of 'Winning with Kids'. Paddy's journey has included being international cricket's first fitness trainer, performance director of the South African cricket team that became the first to simultaneously hold the world's number one ranking in all three formats of the game. Furthermore, he has been head coach across three of the world's premier T20 cricket leagues, and is a University professor.

He shared his thoughts on what is required not only for success in sport, but for success in life pertaining to the boys in our care:

- Plan, be prepared and setting realistic, measurable goals with regular honest reviews is crucial
- Continually strive for excellence to be the best that you can be without placing your ego first and at the expense of other people. Ideally serve other people first and work in and as a team
- Be courageous, resilient and committed to see things through and deal with both success and inevitable failure. Being able to deal with failure, especially, and remain focused and bounce back is essential.

At College one would like to attribute that kind of success largely to the core values and beliefs – such as the five pillars of the school instilled in them whilst in the corridors, classrooms, on the sportfields and on the stage that is College, and thereafter the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association who form 'Brothers in an endless chain'.

For our boys to achieve these levels of success in so many areas there are passionate people behind them, such as their coaches, trainers, managers and, of course, their parents.

Whilst College has a policy of appointing teachers who will take part in the co-curricular dimensions of school life, we are exceedingly fortunate also to have some outstanding outside coaches who support you in your endeavours.

There are many boys who do not have these advantages and I would encourage you all to make sure that between now and the end of the year, take the time to say thank you to those people who have coached, managed, resourced, transported or generally taken an interest in you.

I would particularly like to acknowledge Mr Brandon Swart, Deputy Headmaster in charge of our Co-curricular programme, and all the directors, masters-in-charge, coaches and managers for their endeavours and the manner in which they have promoted, so positively, these important areas of school life in our striving for an holistic education.

I take this opportunity at the same time to thank the College Estates team, under the leadership of Mr Ken Hackland, for all their hard work. The College Estates staff take a great deal of pride in the standards of the facilities and grounds and their efforts are sincerely appreciated.

No team or group can perform to the best of its ability unless they are well nourished. To this end, I pay tribute to Mrs Heather Lawson and her catering staff who look after the dietary needs of our boys, staff and guests with aplomb.

I trust everyone will enjoy this occasion and the opportunity to celebrate the year in sport and culture at College. Congratulations to those who are recognized today through the award of prizes and trophies, but also congratulations to those of you, who in your supporting roles, have enabled the stars to shine.

Pro Aris et Focis

Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr V van der Bijl

Mr Vince van der Bijl congratulated everyone present, noting that the 'sports family' of College had been extended to include cultural groups such as the Music Department, the choirs, the jazz band, debating and other activities. He stressed the importance of this kind of transformation.

He remarked on the growth of College, not only its new buildings, but also its demographic diversity. However, despite change and innovation, he was certain that the traditions and values of College remained the same.

When he was a member of staff in the 1970s College was considered – by outsiders at least – to be a 'rigger-bugger' school. However, some notable headmasters had introduced a number of transformative developments which made College less of a 'sports' school.

Nevertheless, he accentuated the fact that participation in sport teaches life-lessons. It teaches us how to cope with defeat as well as with victory; such highs and lows are an inevitable part of life itself.

In addition, sport teaches us to understand ourselves, we find and appreciate our own talents or shortcomings; we learn to deal with our weaknesses. We learn to manage our own uniqueness. We all have something to contribute to a match or a tournament, just as we all have something to contribute to the game of life.

Sport teaches us not only how to deal with physical danger, it tests our courage and resilience. In short, it develops character – and this publicly, on the sportsfield before spectators. A player's strengths and weaknesses are stripped bare and we must deal with it. This is often to our later advantage in many situations: career choices, job interviews, public speaking, musical performances.

In conclusion, he stressed that we are 'transformed' by sport and other character-developing activities. He urged his young listeners to use the lessons learnt at College to help transform the country itself and develop its huge potential. All countries, he said, are changed, not from the top, but by grass-roots movements, by the young. Skills and lessons learned on the sportsfield will help in transformation on a much larger scale. They help us to see the 'bigger picture'.



JR McFarland



GO Pio



DM Evans



T Prinsloo



TEJ Zondi



BS Gumede



LA Diedricks and L Lenz



H Heeralal and MR Green



E Gough, S Paxton, N Trodd and L Barnard were the members of the golf team which won the KZN Top Schools' Tournament

PRIZE-WINNERS

Inter-house Trophies

Ray Bestall Cup for Junior Cricket	Nicholson	DJ Berry-Jennings Cup for U18 Athletics Champion, College Shield & Victor Ludorum	KF Huizinga
Freakes Shield for House Cricket	Snow	Greenhalgh Cup for the Most Valuable Basketball Player	P Dladla
Brian Edwards Cup for Hockey	Calder	Arnold Moseya Trophy for the Best Defensive Basketball Player	P Dladla
Critch Cup for Junior Rugby	Forder	Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Improved Basketball Player in the 1st Team	QA Mkhize
Lamond Cup for Senior Rugby	Lamond	Ron Jury Trophy for Best All-Round Basketball Player	N Phenyane
Lindup Cup for House Rugby	Commons & Lamond	'Slow' Ngcobo Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Basketball	B Mothebe & PB Simamane
Bob Lambert Cup for Squash	Pape	Lance Dobeyn Trophy for the Junior Champion Canoeist	KW Rhodes
The Sixth Form Cup for Shooting	Barns	Maritzburg College Trophy for the Most Promising Canoeist	JW Cumming
Peel Cup for Tennis	Strachan	Oscar Servant Trophy for the Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon	DM Evans
College Cup for Inter-House Culture	Commons	Lance Dobeyn Trophy for the Senior Champion Canoeist	DM Evans

Individual Cultural Trophies

Robertson Trophy for Outstanding Service to the Audio-Visual Society	TMN Khoza	Maritzburg College Trophy for the Chess Player of the Year	S Gounder
Mary-Ann Hartley Trophy for Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist	AJ Westley	Natal Witness/Maritzburg Old Boys' Cricket Club Trophy for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Cricket XI	C Fortmann
Douglas Comrie Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Choir	SS Dlamini	Oscar Servant Trophy for Best All Round Cricketer in the 1st XI	DKH Dyer & JJ van der Watt
Mc Gibbon Trophy for Best Stage Actor	K Harischandre	Leon Haarhoff Memorial Trophy for the Most Promising Junior Cross-country Athlete	SRK Arnold
Roger Heslop Memorial Trophy for Overall Contribution to Drama	JR McFarland	Darrol Day Cup for Junior Cross-country Winner	DA Craig
Parklane SuperSpar Trophy for the Most Promising Musician	JO Conolly	Stalker Cup for Senior Cross-country Winner	OL Higgins
Conor Michael Larkin Memorial Plate for the Most Improved Musician	MS Fuhri	Ryan Clive-Smith Trophy for the Highest Placed Senior in the Midlands Cross-country League	N Msiya
Christopher Duigan Trophy for Excellence in Music Performance	MA Thomas	Hatton's Cycles Trophy for Most Promising Junior Cyclist	E Kock
Lood Muller Trophy for Contribution to the Afrikaans Society	T Prinsloo	Maritzburg College Trophy for the Champion Cyclist	DA van der Watt
Graham Holder Trophy for Best Debater	UN Mtsi	Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Improved Golfer	GH Delport
Calder Trophy for Public Speaking	JR McFarland	Johnstone Trophy for Strokeplay Champion in Golf	SM Paxton
Dustin Stevens Trophy for Best Public Speaker	JR McFarland	Shrives Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Hockey XI	T Prinsloo
Maritzburg College Speakers' Circle Trophy for the Most Improved Speaker	RJ Akerman	Oscar Servant Trophy for Fellowship in Hockey	GO Pio
The Armstrong Trophy for Best Prepared Speech	NFG Lushozi	Dieter Schlosser Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Hockey XI	DL Bruyns
Azalea Rotary Club Book Award for the display of qualities pertinent to the Rotary Four Way Test	KD Chetty	Carr Trophy for Player of the Year in the 1st Hockey XI	GO Pio
Graham Holder Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Media Centre	R Bennett & LLT Zondo	Ian Rogers Trophy for the Most Competent Rugby Referee	CM Hibbert

Individual Sport Trophies

Consistent Achievement Accolades	TR Drummond, DKH Dyer, BD Lawson, NN Moodley & CD Shaw	Skonk Nicholson Pin for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Rugby XV	BC Webster
Hayden St John Ward Memorial Trophy for the Top Achiever in a Non-Official School Sport	MR Green & H Heeralal	Skonk Nicholson Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Rugby XV	A Nzimande
Tregarthen Memorial Cup for U14 Athletics Champion	E Mouton	Olivier Trophy for the Player of the Year in the 1st Rugby XV	PB Simamane
John Geekie Cup for U15 Athletics Champion	NJ Mosebi	Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Promising Shottist	NA de Villiers
JH Snow Cup for U16 Athletics Champion	AAS Mbambo	Frank Lambert Cup for the Best Overall Shottist	JP Cooke
H Johnson Cup for U17 Athletics Champion	B Emms & CL van Rooyen	Shaun Olley Cup for the Most Consistent Shottist	SD Verwey
		MacLean Trophy for Best Shottist in the Standing Position	ULY Molefi
		Ted Anley Memorial Shield for the Most Competent Soccer Referee	JV Keith

Luyanda Ntshangase Memorial Shield for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Soccer XI	B Brooks	Lucinda Lang Trophy for Junior Singles Tennis Champion	NN Mazibuko
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Soccer XI	LN Zondi	Grant Morrison Trophy for the Most Improved Tennis Player	JB Peens
Reece Tiffin Trophy for 1st Soccer XI Player of the Year	TEJ Zondi	Derek Howard Trophy for Senior Singles Tennis Champion	JV Keith
Aidan Nugent Trophy for the Under 14 Squash Champion	TA Pratt	Roy Foster Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Water Polo Player in Fifth Form	Q Lupton-Smith
Dan Smith Trophy for the Under 16 Squash Champion	SW Strydom	Matt Kemp Trophy for the Most Improved Water Polo Goalkeeper	L Lenz
Smythe Trophy for the Most Improved Squash Player	NA McFarland	Sean Burgoyne Fellowship Trophy for Water Polo	KD Raw
Oscar Servant Trophy for Senior Squash Champion	MCC Darch	Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Water Polo Player	Q Lupton-Smith
Tut Marwick Trophy for U14 Swimming Champion	TN Truter	Justin Joubert Trophy for the Most Valuable Water Polo Player	BC Webster
Warren Shuttleworth Memorial Trophy for U15 Swimming Champion	T van Heerden	Wayne Lofthouse Memorial Prize for Courage and Tenacity in Sport	GO Pio
Jimmy Anderson Memorial Shield for U16 Swimming Champion	JL van der Merwe	Headmaster's Award for the Highlight of the Year Golf Team:	L Barnard, E Gough, S Paxton, N Trodd
Dudley Forde Trophy for U17 Swimming Champion	C van Heerden	Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman	T Prinsloo
Bill Hendry Trophy for Open Swimming Champion	L Robinson	The Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture	TEJ Zondi
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Junior Table Tennis Champion	JR Wiggill	Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College	JR McFarland
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Senior Table Tennis Champion	Y Naidoo	Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year	DM Evans
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Tennis Player in the 1st Team	TM Katzenellenbogen		



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SPEECH DAY 2019

Speech Day took place on 11 October 2019 and marked the final official school day for the Matric Class of 2019. The guest of honour was Mr Neil Crawford, Former Rector of Grey High School.



Mr C Luman (Headmaster), Y Akoo (Dux of 2019), Mr NC Crawford and Mrs J Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics)

Address by the Head Prefect, T van Aardt

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen, special guests and men of Maritzburg College.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following key people who have played a significant part in my life and the lives of my fellow Sixth formers here at College over the last five years.

Firstly, to the teachers for helping us unconditionally and for somehow getting us this far. College is very fortunate to have this incredible and diverse group of dedicated teachers who always give more than is expected.

Thank you to Mr Luman for your guidance and advice throughout the year and for steering our school so efficiently. A special mention also needs to be made of Mr Kyle who is undoubtedly the busiest man at Maritzburg College. He is involved in almost everything and still finds time for his own young family. Thank you, Sir, for your unwavering support, commitment and dedication to me personally and to all the prefects this year. We couldn't have done it without you.

To Mr Guise-Brown. Twenty years at College is special, thirty years is incredible but 40 years is just out of this world. Your commitment and dedication to College is incomparable. Thank you for all you have done and for always keeping a cool head, which is probably easy as there is a sparse area above it! We, as a school, are deeply appreciative of all that you have done for us. Thank you, Sir.

To my four deputies, you men have always been there in the tough times and I really appreciate this. Prefects of 2019, we have been through some real struggles over the past year but the 'never say die' attitude that we took into each and every thing that we dealt with, has been truly remarkable. I couldn't have asked for a stronger and better bunch of men to have led this year with.

Lastly to my family. You've been there for me in the toughest times. Always supporting me in everything. Never letting me talk myself down or letting the negatives get me down. Thank you.

To begin, I'd like to share something with you that I recently experienced. I was fortunate enough to be on the overseas rugby tour of England and Wales during the September holidays. Our first game was against Eltham College which is on the outskirts of London. As we took to the field, we soon realised that College had more supporters than the home team. Please remember that we were half way across the world. After the game we did a shout with about 100 Old Boys who had travelled from all over to support us. Some flew in from Germany, some drove over four hours. What an amazing experience to witness the passion and love that these men still have for College.

Sixth Form. Look around you, we have got to be the most diverse Form that College has ever seen. Our form consists of some warriors, delinquents, comedians and, if we're honest, some creatures. Somehow College has been able to unify our diverse group of 250 boys into an incredibly powerful Form who strengthened the College brotherhood. We may have stumbled and fallen a few times along the way, lost a few parts, had some punctures, but there was always an arm out, willing to help us up and offer a shoulder to rest or to cry on.

When we arrived we were in the shadows of these tall, looming buildings. Very much at the bottom; the small fish in the big pond with a LOT to learn. We were faced with new challenges daily which we had no choice but to overcome. Just passing an inspection in the morning was once a big deal for us. This, although we never knew it at the time, was building a foundation for us. Once we had our own spaces in check and had taken responsibility for ourselves we could move onto bigger tasks which required us working together. In doing all the small things we were being prepared for the big things that College and life was going to throw at us. Running for prefects at break, doing 'games room', doing 'team testing', always being last in line was continuously changing our mentality. Nothing came easy at College for us and we soon came to understand that we had to work for things and earn our privileges. The glory of our hierarchy system is that through hardships, one earns one's place and one's respect. At College, we chose to do things not because they were easy, but because they were hard.

Five years ago College took us, a bunch of scrawny, naive and somewhat cocky thirteen-year-old boys, and quickly put us in our place. Despite this, we still questioned so much that we encountered. The fact that we were all now equal, with no one person more important than another, was thoroughly enforced. This was the best thing that could have happened to us. Our early days saw us as insignificant bystanders, getting lost in the corridors, picking up litter after sports matches, standing to attention and steering clear of the likes of Muil, Thunder, Kriel, Serfontein ... the list goes on.

We were also fortunate as we were all given a clean slate and a fresh start on which to build our reputations and begin our ever eventful College careers. We were now a part of the College brotherhood and we had five short years to grow and to add to the College legacy. What a journey it has been. College hasn't only given us an education, it's given us much, much more. It has given us adversity through our hardships, given us feelings that nothing else in this world could have given us.

I honestly did not know how to put all these feeling and emotions into words so I'll take you back to our Second Form Reunion Day.

Team testing. The real team testing. The one where your face warms up, your hands shake as you go over the 1st team rugby for the last time before the prefects make their unwanted entrance. Your hand cramps as you desperately try to get all the names on the page and then time is up. Your eyes don't leave that page until it is added to the 'fail' pile. You glance over at your mate as his paper is put on the 'fail' pile above yours. You feel comfort in this. You are not the only one and will always have a brother with you in everything you do. We were always in it together and this made us too strong to be broken.

As we waited to run onto Clark House quad team testing was the last thing on our mind. Tingle and Dlungwana then stirred up emotions in us that we never even knew existed. The speeches moved us and left long-lasting goose bumps all over our bodies. Westville had no idea what was waiting for them. Anxiously we wait for the last shout. Chaos. Absolute chaos as we are chased off the quad by Third Form. We reach Nathan House and breathe a sigh of relief. The five-minute bell rings for roll call. You take your rugby jersey out of your cupboard, fold it up and leave it under your pillow.

5 a.m. Reunion Day 2015 is here. Ninety-two Second Form College boys are lined up. Frost covers the fields and we shiver as the wind carries this cold air over our bodies. Lining up as far away from the start as we

wait for the games-room monitors to arrive. It begins to set in as all the Old Boys arrive. Westville has no idea what is in store for them. The day passes, some of us win and some of us lose. The relief of not messing up the Blazer Display is incredible. Then the parachutes come tumbling out of the sky. The Storm. Basher Ridge is truly alive. Adrenaline fills our bodies and Thunder leads his men onto the field. It passes in a blur. All you can remember is the way they made you feel. Our heroes are wounded, battered, bruised, but none of this seems to faze them. No wonder it didn't. Nothing has ever meant so much to them. This was their everything, this was their Reunion Day 2015.

Reunion Day 2019. We were warned about how quickly it would come, but we were in no way prepared. How could we be? We'd only just begun to arrive...

This is Goldstone's. You smack those words as hard as you can after the most moving team-talk of your life. Matrics don't know what to do. Some cry, some laugh. Shirts in, socks up, the sun bakes down on you and your team as you wait. Your hand stings, your body tingles, your faces itch while you line up and prepare for a war like no other. This is it. The last chance to show people what Goldstone's means to you. You don't know how you will live with the regret of not giving absolutely everything for the last time. Everything goes quiet, now your mind is completely focused on one thing. And then it's there. The huddle. The adrenalin pumps and one last thing slips into your mind before kick-off. This is my last chance. My last game on Goldstone's. Inevitably the final whistle blows and it's over, just like that. Tears stream down our faces. Who knows what we felt? I guess it doesn't matter, we all felt it and we are the only ones who will ever truly appreciate it. We all bled the same blood, felt the same pain, cried the same tears on that field and yet all that is vivid and memorable to us are the good times. We forgot how we had once suffered during 'Vietnam' on that field, literally carrying each other across. We went through this together, no other boy will ever feel what we felt. College boys, we are privileged. We are unbreakable.

Our roots have grown deep here, and this will help us to grow tall and strong, overcoming everything life throws at us. College is what we know and has become our home. But the time has come to move on, to leave the classrooms, quads and fields. There will be no more afternoons on Basher Ridge, no more insane saves and goals on Pape's and no more touch on Barns. We will throw our greys into the tree outside Nathan House and leave them hanging there along with a little bit of our hearts that will always remain at College. This love, passion and pride in our great school will never die in us, there will always be an ember smouldering in our hearts for Maritzburg College and the legacy that we were a part of.

It's hard, to look out in front of me and see you. To know with certainty that there is no more next year... no more next term... no more tomorrow... soon we will be on our own independent mission, on a path to discover our new identity. But what lies behind us, and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. This era has come to an end; a way of life is over. We have reached a crossroads, and while we may not always be sure of the direction in which we are heading, we will always know the one from which we came.

One day we will return as Old Boys. We will meet again and our hearts will be ignited by the memories we've carried forever. We will have returned to our home, and our cries, our prayers and laughter will be answered. We will share our stories for all to hear and reminisce about our time here together. It will feel like we were here the just the other day. Buildings may change, teachers will leave, but what makes a College boy a College boy will live on stronger than ever. After all, there is a reason that College is loved by Collegians, hated by others, but respected by all.

The memories we have made over these five short years will last a lifetime. Whichever alleyway of life we happen to wander down we can be secure in the knowledge that somewhere close by, a fellow Collegian stands with his arms open waiting to help a brother out. I couldn't have picked a better bunch of men to spend my time with. Thank you Sixth Form.

Those of you who still have time left here, NEVER forget how unique College is and respect the ethos, pride and passion that dominates

this remarkable school. Whatever it is in these walls that binds the hearts of men, needs to remain. It is the duty of those of you who love this school to see that its noble traditions remain unchanged. Do not allow the culture of disrespect and selfishness that prevails elsewhere to permeate through these old buildings and lower our standards. You have the choice and hold the power. We have given you an impenetrable foundation, now build your own fortress.

To the boys of Maritzburg College, being able to hold the position of head prefect this year has been both an overwhelming and a life-changing experience. There is no doubt that it has been the greatest honour of my life to lead such a prestigious sector of society, one where emotions flow so deeply and viewpoints and mind-sets differ so radically. The faith, trust and support I have received this year has been humbling. Thank you.

Gentleman, always stay true to yourself and live by the basic human values of truth, courage, kindness and manliness.

Address by the Headmaster, Mr CJ Luman

Mr Luman welcomed everyone present and, in particular, the Guest of Honour, Mr Neil Crawford.

He remarked on the wonderful Old Boys' Induction Ceremony held the previous evening, and the proud fact that College Sixth Form leavers had been welcomed into the Old Collegians' fold for the past 156 years. He thanked the President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr Grant Little, and the Old Boys' Executive for making the ceremony such a memorable one.

Mr Luman's address focused on Sixth Form, as we wished to recognise the significant contribution to the school made by its senior leaders. Such young men – the prefects – had an onerous role to play, as they were required to perform a balancing-act, being mentors to their peers and to younger boys, yet at the same time, had to be a kind of policeman, ensuring good order and the maintenance of College traditions. He complimented the outgoing Head Prefect and his Deputy Head Prefects on their endurance and commitment. He also praised the leaders of the school Houses on a very successful year, especially with regard to the very large co-curricular programme at College.

The Headmaster drew attention to the fact that 2019 had been a very good year, during which a number of academics, as well as sportsmen, had excelled at Provincial level, but also at National level. He also praised the several school stage productions of the year, notably the hugely enjoyable adaptation of 'Fawlty Towers'.

He welcomed the very important introduction of cultural and musical exchanges with visiting schools such as Pretoria Boys High School and Affies.

The fact that the prize-giving acknowledged academic success was, the Headmaster stressed, the fruit of correct choices and the sacrifices which each student – and his parents – had made, of which each boy should be proudest.

When, later on, each boy reflected on 2019, he charged the leavers to remember and consider the enormous role their adult mentors had played: teachers, parents, family members, friends.

Mr Luman posed a number of questions to be pondered by each student: how had they shared their knowledge and expertise? How had they helped others to develop their own strengths and talents? Had they set a good example? Had they shown kindness and compassion? Had they been honest? Had they been effective positive role-models?

He reminded the boys, as they crossed the bridge into manhood, that College had prepared them for the mentorship of others in their future life.

In conclusion Mr Luman read a poem, "The Bridge to the Future" by an unknown author. He urged the boys when they left school to find a new mentor, someone who could bring support, insight and guidance into their life. He congratulated the leavers on their effort and achievements and wished them well in the future.

Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr Neil Crawford

Headmaster, Mr Luman, members of staff, Chairman and members of the Board, Old Boys, good parents and, most importantly, gentlemen of College.

It is both an honour and a privilege being with you all on this prestigious occasion — thank you for your kind invitation. Your Leavers' Induction and Valedictory Service yesterday evening was unbelievably impressive and special - Old Boys' ties; guard of honour; procession; bagpipes; chapel bells; Emotional stuff; Parents and you men shedding a tear (nothing wrong with that). The passion and pride which 'seeps' through the walls of this world-class establishment is hugely evident and a pleasure to experience.

I have thoroughly enjoyed and valued a long and happy association with your beloved College, where camaraderie (let's call it the College 'gees'), intense loyalty, respect, chivalry, discipline, confidence, fierce competitiveness, together with sound values and attitudes, are instilled and nurtured.

In just a few weeks, you, the Sixth Formers of 2019, will move from a very structured and organised environment into absolute and total freedom. It is probably the most freedom you will experience in your entire life. You will transition from learning into living, and only you will determine how you live your life.

And so this morning I will be directing a few thoughts towards the Matrics, although what I say will apply to all other grades as you 'climb the ladder of success' here at College, and remember, Second Formers, as you transition from 'boyhood into College manhood', you will never 'climb the ladder of success' with your hands in your pockets'. You must grab and embrace all opportunities that come your way with vigour and with both hands.

Let's look briefly at three attitudes: And the first of these, Matrics, is the attitude of your parents towards you. So then — to our parents.

Some eighteen years ago, you men arrived on the scene to the words, "It's a boy!" But what is a boy? Let me remind you — between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood, we find a delightful creature called a BOY!

Boys come in assorted colours, sizes and weights, but all boys have the same creed: to enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day! Boys are found everywhere — on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older brothers and sisters tolerate them, adults ignore them and Heaven protects them! A boy is: truth with dirt on its face ... beauty, with a cut on its finger ... wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and the hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

When you are busy, a boy is an inconsiderate, bothersome, intruding jangle of noise; when you want him to make a good impression, his brain turns to jelly, or else he becomes a savage, sadistic jungle creature, bent on destroying the world and himself with it.

He is not a magical creature — you can lock him out of your workshop, but you can't lock him out of your heart; you can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind; you might as well give up — he is your captor, your jailer, your boss and your master, a freckle-faced, pint-sized, cat-chasing bundle of noise. But when you (parents) come home at night exhausted and with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with those two magical words: Howzit, folks!

Yes, parents, here sits your most prized possession, and for many, this morning, on the eve of their departure from this great College, your sons.

The second attitude is that of sons, yes you, the Sixth Formers — towards your Parents. We all know that we go through different stages as we grow up, and this attitude towards our parents often changes as illustrated in the following well-known story 'My Father When I Was': (and here I'm by no means excluding you special mothers).

My father when I was 4 years old: My daddy can do anything!

At 5 years old: My daddy knows a whole lot!

6 years old: My dad is smarter than your dad!

8 years old: My dad doesn't know exactly everything!

10 years old: In the olden days when my dad grew up, things were sure different!

My father when I was 12 years old: Oh well, naturally, father doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood!

14 years old: Don't pay any attention to my father — he is so old-fashioned! (those 'shaky' Grade 8/9 years)

17/18 years old: No ways, man — he's hopelessly out of date!

My Father when I was 25 years old: Dad knows a little bit about it, but then he should because he has been around so long!

30 years old: Perhaps we should ask dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience!

35 years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to dad

40 years old: I wonder how dad would have handled it. He was so wise and had a world of experience.

My father when I was 50 years old: I'd give anything if dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learnt a lot from him.

Men of College - for all these special people (your parents) and for those who have been and who ARE, special to us (many sitting behind and in front of me this morning), your teachers.

The third attitude is yours — towards your beloved College. What does Maritzburg College and your 'band of brothers' mean to you?

Wherever you are, wherever you go, may you all continue to 'shout' COLLEGE from the hilltops. You are very privileged to be part of this fine establishment and all that it represents. And this relationship, this bond, this togetherness and your loyal and committed support, needs to extend long into the future.

Yes, there will be 'turbulence' at times. Like-minded schools, such as ours, do make headlines occasionally — we experience fantastic 'highs' and, at times, some 'lows'. The positives, fortunately, always outweigh the negatives. But when we do experience disappointments and feel let down, it's about how we rally together, how we stand together, shoulder to shoulder, as staff, Old Boys, parents and men of College, and how we, through any difficulty or challenge, emerge ultimately as winners.

Unfortunately, there are 'people out there' who look for opportunities to stab successful organisations like ours 'in the back'. Avoid them, distance yourself from them. As College men stand up for your school, always positive, always encouraging, always supportive. Love your College, its rich traditions and all the great values for which it stands.

And so Sixth Formers, enjoy your last few official days here at College — you will be back before you know it, supporting College as loyal and devoted Old Collegians, (proudly wearing that special Old Boys' Tie — top button done up, of course). Cherish the friendships established here that will last a life-time; cherish the good memories, and, as you enter the next chapter of your lives, remember the importance of acting responsibly.

Study hard for the most important examination in your life, your results will determine your future education and, believe it or not, you will always be asked for your matric certificate, no matter what further qualifications you achieve.

Commit yourself towards further education and training. You are about to enter a 'knowledge economy'. A matric is only the beginning, not the end, of equipping yourself for the real world.

Do not be ashamed to start at the bottom — Microsoft was started in a garage. The question is not how or where you start, but where you end. Do not go out and look for work — adopt an entrepreneurial attitude and create your own job, find that gap in the market. 'Walk more than the extra mile', because superior customer-service makes for winning business.

Do not expect life-long pensionable employment like your parents — you have been reminded time and again that you may change jobs anything up to eight times in your life, and the greatest advantage of this is that you will be continually upskilling yourself.

Very importantly — respect and keep in close contact with your parents — they have cared for you for 18 years, and will continue doing so! Never become too smart or underestimate them because, perhaps, they are not as 'technologically advantaged as you', they are the 'safe harbour' to which you will return when times are tough.

Build and sustain a network of people better than yourself — there is no such thing as a 'self-made man' — we are who we know.

Stick to discipline and good values, use your new-found freedom wisely, and let integrity and truth shape your daily conduct.

Adopt an attitude of gratitude and always say it in writing. Many people in this hallowed place this morning have had a significant and positive impact on your lives. Have you thanked them? Will you thank them? How will you thank them? And will you convey your thanks in writing? I'll say it again — always say it in writing.

You will never realise how much a short note of appreciation means to those who have taught or who are teaching you. There are very special people here this morning who continue to provide you with an outstanding education, both in the classroom, culturally and out there on the College battlefields! And Headmasters, past and present, who continue to steer the ship in the right direction and always to greater heights.

There are a number of legends amongst us this morning, educators who have given their lives to you and their beloved College and this in the noblest of professions we call teaching. Yes, indeed, teaching is a labour of love, dedication and commitment. Very shortly some of these good people — legends (some who have been associated with your College for close to 40 years) — will be slipping tirelessly and effortlessly into the demands of retirement and will be sorely missed. Communicate your appreciation — always say it in writing.

I encourage you to look for opportunities to develop and sustain a culture of 'giving-back' to your old school (your College). There will be a time in your lives when you are able to do this, when you are able to provide the means (be it cash, scholarships, wisdom, time and effort — whatever!) to support your College in a meaningful way. Never forget your roots.

Your College, and the good people represented here, the staff, academic and non-academic, have made a positive and lasting difference to so many of your lives. My challenge is that you do the same. Give back to your beloved College.

To you, the Sixth Formers, remember that no matter how great your parents and teachers are in what they do, there is one thing YOU will have to decide upon, how you, personally, choose to live your life. That's completely and entirely up to you!

Mother Theresa said — and this for parents and our educators:

"You will teach them to fly, but they will not fly your flight. You will teach them to dream, but they will not dream your dream. You will teach them to live, but they will not live your life. Nevertheless, in every flight, in every life, in every dream, the print of the way you taught them will remain."

As your special Motto, *Pro Aris et Focis* ('for Hearth and Home') indicates and reminds us, you have here at College, a home-from-home for a very, very special brotherhood, where great opportunities (life-time opportunities) are provided for each and every one of you. What you make of those opportunities will always be depend on your hunger and your determination to do and to be your best as you climb the ladder of success! And may that brotherhood, and that College passion and pride be part and parcel of each and every one of you for the rest of your lives.

College men — and especially to our leavers present this morning — know (for sure), that God walks ahead of you — and where you still have to go. He is already there.

It has been an absolute highlight to be able to share this moment with you. I have the greatest respect for Maritzburg College, the good people represented here, its rich traditions and all that you stand for! Congratulations to you all on the special 'something' within these famous walls that bonds the hearts of men.



The top three achievers in Sixth Form: S Dlamini (2nd in Sixth Form), Y Akoo (1st in Sixth Form) and S Soorju (3rd in Sixth Form)



Five Pillars Award recipient, J McFarland, featured with guest speaker, Mr NC Crawford, Mr C Luman and Mrs J Finnie

PRIZE WINNERS 2019

INTER-HOUSE TROPHIES

Cock House Commons House
 Forder Cup for Champion House Commons House

SIXTH FORM PRIZE WINNERS

Merit Certificates

A Abdool, MY Akoob, M Badat, LA Diedricks, A Essa, M Essack, TS Govindsamy, H Heeralal, RR Himwanth, Z Ismail, CW Knight, NFG Lushozi, LH Menezies, SE Mntungwa, MD Ryan, KN Smith and UBM Zuma

Sixth Form Subject Prizes

The Prize for Business Studies V Soni
 The Prize for Engineering Graphic and Design BS Merrington
 The Prize for Mathematical Literacy KS Thornton-Dibb
 The Prize for History MTC van Herzeele
 Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Computer Applications Technology and Information Technology CC McKenzie
 Merit Certificate, the Prize for Visual Art and the Epoch and Optima Prize for AP Mathematics J Collocott
 Merit Certificate, the PKF Trophy for Economics, and the Olley Prize for History and English TR Drummond

Special Prizes

The Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association Prizes for Service to the School DKH Dyer, DM Evans, NFG Lushozi, KD Raw
 The Phelps Cannon Prize for Service to the School T van Aardt
 The Charles Taylor Award for Good Fellowship and the Prize for Life Orientation BD Reddy
 Nora Cook Trophy for Altruistic Service LGC Mendes
 Merit Certificates and the joint winners of the Prize for Achievement in Academics and Sport N Msiya, JJ van der Walt
 Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Dramatic Arts and English, the Val Harley Trophy for Creative Writing,
 the Prize for Achievement in Academics and Culture, and the Mike Brown Five Pillars Award JR McFarland
 Merit Certificate and the Bidvest Waltons Prize for THIRD IN FORM ST Soorju
 Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Geography, isiZulu and Mathematics and the Nedbank Proxime Accessit for SECOND IN FORM SS Dlamini
 Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Afrikaans, Life Sciences and Physical Science,
 the PWC Prize for Accounting,
 the First National Bank Prize and the Levinsohn Trophy for the DUX OF MARITZBURG COLLEGE Y Akoo

PRIZE-GIVING 2019



Mr K Guise-Brown, Mr C Luman, Dr Duncan Randall (OC 1991) (guest of honour), former Rhodes Scholar and founding Managing Director of Tana Africa Capital, and Mrs J Finnie

Prize-giving took place on Friday, 22 November 2019 and celebrated the academic achievements of College boys during the year. The guest of honour was Dr Duncan Randall (OC 1991), Founding Managing Director of Tana Africa Capital.

Address by the Headmaster, Mr CJ Luman

Good morning ladies and gentleman, invited guests, parents and boys of Maritzburg College. May I extend a special word of welcome to our Guest of Honour, Dr Duncan Randall, Old Collegian of 1991. Thank you, one and all, for taking the time to celebrate the academic endeavours of our Second Form to Fifth Form boys.

It is appropriate on this public occasion to thank the Chairman, Mr Rob Evans and members of the School Governing Body for their commitment and service to College over the past year. We are indeed fortunate to have such a passionate group of people looking after the best interests of the boys and staff – it is sincerely appreciated.

Finally, I wish to thank all members of EXCO, and colleagues on the academic, sporting, cultural, boarding fronts as well as the administrative, Estates and catering staff at College, who are often the unsung heroes of this huge machine.

I am uncertain whether parents and boys are fully aware of the huge sacrifices and commitments that our staff make on a daily basis to ensure 'what is best for their boys'. The role of the teacher has become more complicated and onerous over the years and more and more responsibilities are being placed on their shoulders, and I am grateful and indebted to them for what they do for your boys.

I would like to share one or two thoughts with you on the notion of a growth mind-set. We exercise our bodies for good physical health. However, our minds need to exercise too, so that we develop the intelligence we need for learning, for coping with new ideas and for dealing sensibly with the challenges of everyday life. Knowing how to think is even more important than knowing what to think. Modern brain research tells us that the brain is just like a muscle and will grow stronger the more it is used. Albert Einstein thought that possessing knowledge was less important than having a flexible, creative mind.

The Roman writer, Juvenal, expressed the concept so well that we still refer to it today which, roughly translated, means: 'A fit body results in a fit mind: a healthy mind in a healthy body.'

A good way to make our brain grow is to train ourselves to avoid mental shortcuts that often lead us to the wrong answer. You may have noticed that less intelligent people often have very firm opinions and cannot be persuaded to change their minds. That is because they have closed off

their brain to different ideas. On the other hand, geniuses hardly ever have a fixed opinion, because their brain is always searching for new ideas and new ways of looking at problems: that is one of our school goals - namely to foster a growth mind-set.

The computer company IBM had as its motto in 1914 the word THINK. When Apple computers started out as a very small company in the 1990s its motto was 'Think different'. We all need to 'think different'.

A key to becoming smarter is to change how we think, so mental shortcuts cannot stunt the growth of our brain and we will develop a growth mind-set. I would like to share the following story with you:

Take every opportunity to exercise your mental muscles; banish old ways of thinking and open your mind to new ideas: foster a growth mind-set.

We are gathered here today to celebrate the excellent results of a large number of our most academically competent and hard-working boys. You and your parents can feel collectively proud of these achievements. Those of you receiving awards today have certainly seized your opportunities and have earned our admiration and respect. To excel at school takes determination, effort and a positive 'can-do' attitude.

To all prize-winners: Congratulations on your success. You can feel justifiably proud!

Pro Aris et Focis

Address by the Guest of Honour, Dr DJ Randall

I am honoured to be here today to help celebrate the outstanding academic results that Maritzburg College continues to achieve. The school excels in so many ways, but at the end of the day, the outcomes realized in the classroom are the most important measure of its success. I am a firm believer in the transformative power of education. In my own life, the experiences I had at Maritzburg College and university opened a world of opportunities and had a profound impact on the person that I have become. I have been an investor for most of my working life. I have seen time-and-time again, in many different cultural and religious settings, how education profoundly changes people's lives.

I have been invited here today to share life lessons I have learned from the couple of decades more than you that I have been on this planet. This is quite a tall order given the short time I have been given to address you. Let me start, though, by telling you a story.

Firstly, I am sure that most of you have heard of the Nobel Prize. It is probably the most prestigious set of international awards given every year to exceptional individuals across a wide range of fields, including Peace, Literature, Chemistry, Physics, Medicine and Economics. South Africans have featured prominently amongst Nobel Prize winners. We have 11 Nobel winners, which places us 18th out of the 74 countries whose citizens have been awarded the prize. We have won the Peace Prize four times, which ranks us eighth globally – we have quite the track record in producing global statesmen!

The Prize was established by a Swedish businessman named Alfred Nobel. Alfred was born in Stockholm in 1833, qualified as a chemist and then worked in his father's arms factory. He was an intensely curious and inventive young man, and soon began experimenting with explosives. In 1864, when Alfred was 29, a huge explosion in the family's Swedish factory killed five people, including Alfred's younger brother, Emil. Devastated, Alfred set out to develop a safer explosive. In 1867, he patented a mixture of nitro-glycerine and an absorbent substance, producing what he named 'dynamite'. Dynamite was an immediate commercial success, becoming indispensable in the mining industry, for example. Unfortunately, militaries around the world quickly saw its destructive potential on the battlefield.

In 1888 Alfred's older brother Ludwig died. A French newspaper thought Alfred had died and mistakenly published his obituary. The French newspaper condemned Nobel for inventing dynamite, giving him the infamous nickname, "The merchant of death", and went on to say: "Dr Alfred Nobel, who became rich by finding ways to kill more people faster than ever before, died yesterday". Alfred was distraught to

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read that this was his public image and legacy to the world. He decided soon afterwards to donate 94% of his fortune to a new foundation to be called the Nobel Foundation. Its primary goal was to establish the Nobel Prize to celebrate the positive contribution made to society by people across a wide range of fields.

When I reflect upon this story, what strikes me most is Alfred Nobel's extreme self-centredness. He needed the shock of a mistaken obituary to find out what the world really thought about him and to jolt him into having a more positive impact on the world.

The truth is that we all have a basic self-centredness. Like a computer, it is our default setting, hardwired into our circuit boards at birth. Think about it: there is no experience you have had that you are not the absolute centre of. The world, as you experience it, is there in front of you or behind you, to the left or right of you, on your TV, on your monitor. Other people's thoughts and feelings have to be communicated to you somehow, but your own are immediate, urgent, real.

In my mind, the most critical challenge we face as humans is adjusting our natural, default, selfish setting. However, the modern world we live in makes this very difficult. We live in a capitalist economic system, which encourages us to be individualistic, and above all, to pursue our own material needs. We live in a 'wanting and achieving' culture. The internet revolution that we are all living through, particularly the pervasiveness of social media, has made our self-centredness worse.

So how do we tackle this? Most importantly, we need to focus less on 'wanting and achieving', which are inherently self-centred, but rather on serving others. If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel that you have enough. There will be a hollow core at the centre of your success. Worship your body and beauty and attractiveness, and you will always feel ugly. Worship power, and you will need ever more power over others to numb you to your own fear of not having power. Worship your intellect, being seen as clever, and you will end up feeling stupid, a fraud, always on the verge of being found out.

What do I mean by the phrase 'serving others'? Firstly, your life cannot be just about you. No one lives in a void, cut off from relationships and isolated from society. The most important initial step is to work really hard at connecting deeply with other people. The art of doing this is rather simple: listen and engage. When you slow down and listen to others, it's amazing what they're willing to share with you. Make a real effort to meet and learn from people from all walks of life. When you're willing to engage with others on a human level, you look beyond their appearance, title and role, and respect them as another unique individual with tremendous life experience. My advice for connecting with others is simple but effective: key in on the similarities among people rather than the differences. All of us want to feel appreciated, need encouragement and enjoy acceptance. There is simply no substitute for showing respect, kindness, and authentic engagement with others. If you want to enrich your life personally, then be genuine.

Aside from engaging in a genuine manner with others, another key element of serving is to truly care about other people and to be continually seeking ways to meet their needs. As Albert Einstein once put it: "only a life lived for others is worth living". The life coach Anthony Robbins builds on this when he says: "only those who have learned the power of sincere and selfless contribution experience life's deepest joy: true fulfilment".

Whether it is another person, a cause, a community or environmental issue, I encourage you to recognise how you can be a positive force for good. When your life is all said and done, what would you like your personal legacy to be? What difference did your life's contribution make in the lives of others? How did you improve the condition of your home, neighbourhood, community, province, country, and the world? Legacy is important to consider because it cuts through all the material stuff and goes right to the heart of what matters most. On the gravestone of most people, the person's possessions and property aren't listed, but their relationships, service and love may be cited. Instead, people are remembered for whether they were a good person, if they loved their family well, and how they served their fellow human being.



1st in Fifth Form: TM Katzenellenbogen



2nd in Fifth Form: MH Smith



3rd in Fifth Form: I Maharaj

PRIZE-WINNERS

for the 2019 Academic Year

Academic Progress Prizes

Third Form	CU Zondi
Fourth Form	KJ Hartley
Fifth Form	HB Anderson

SECOND FORM

Merit certificates

KJ Akeroyd, TD Ambler, LD Armstrong, JO Conolly, LT du Toit, BM Emberton, SE Ender, T Ganie, CA Lang, J le Roux, A Mahomed, LR McIlrath, TH Nuttall, A Osman, RT Padayachee, RD Paine, SM Pretorius, CM Raw, KJ Steele, BC Thomson, PJ van Rensburg and MP van Rooyen

Subject prizes

The Prize for isiZulu	SK Mduyana
Merit Certificate and the Prize for EMS	RJ Froise
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Technology	Y Sha
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Creative Arts and the Prize for Third in Second Form	E Kock
Merit Certificate and Prizes for Afrikaans, Mathematics, Natural Science and Second in Second Form	G Roux
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for English, Life Orientation, Social Sciences and First in Second Form	D Pillay

THIRD FORM

Merit certificates

A Ahmed, N Chetty, U Essa, ABI Ferraz, MB Fihlela, RJ Finnie, B Gous, CI Hankinson, LA Kadir, NS Kubheka, JE Lowe, R Maharaj, Y Malani, S Manack, NN Mazibuko, LLM Mdletye, MQB Ngubo, S Osman, JB Peens, W Pillay, K Ramharak and KL Subiah

Kean Hemingway Trophy for Emerging Leadership JWD Munn

Subject Prizes

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Afrikaans	CJ Prinsloo
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Creative Arts	TL Zimu
Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu	KN Mthimkhulu
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for EMS, Social Sciences and the Prize for Third in Third Form	K Kisten
Merit Certificate, the Prize for English and the Prize for Second in Third Form	TE Abramia
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Life Orientation, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Technology and the Prize for First in Third Form	KB Goddard

FOURTH FORM

Merit certificates

CT Baldrey, JO Beauclerk, TS Conolly, SG Delport, GB Emberton, JD Govender, K Govender, KN Hansen, MP Laithwaite, L Magwaza, NA McFarland, BD Nuttall, TJ Pakkari, TM Patel, W Pretorius, BS Raw, DA Thomson, B van der Merwe and MJ Whyte

Subject Prizes

The Prize for Agricultural Sciences	OG Field
The Prize for Dramatic Arts	SD Hutton
The Prize for Information Technology	BJ Westwood
The Prize for Mathematical Literacy	GK Gace
The Prize for Music	J White
The Prize for Visual Arts	JJ Moller
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Business Studies	JL van der Merwe
Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu	UPJ Maphumulo
Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Accounting and CAT	S Padayachee
Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Mathematics and Physical Science	A Essa
Merit Certificate and the Prizes for History, Life Orientation and Life Sciences	JM Lalor
Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Afrikaans, Geography the Prize for Third in Fourth Form	JR le Roux
Merit Certificate and the Prizes for AP Mathematics, EGD, English and the Prize for Second in Fourth Form	MA Pearson
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Economics and the Prize for First in Fourth Form	U Desai

FIFTH FORM

Merit certificates

YS Atwaru, JM Bense, JR du Toit, PJD Elliot, R Hassim, K Hough, S Kidsingh, JE Lowe, TKM Mbatha, HM Moosa, JI Moses, JP Muggleton, Y Naidoo, Z Osman, RR Price, TGF Rasmussen, T Thulsie, CM Venter and MH Zunckel

Subject prizes

The Prize for Afrikaans	C van Heerden
The Prize for Business Studies	RT Sclanders
The Prize for CAT	B Duckham
The Prize for Dramatic Arts	A Mulligan
The Prize for IT	ML Els
The Prize for Mathematical Literacy	MJ Kelly
The Prize for Visual Arts	JP Hoyle
Merit Certificate and the Prize for AP Mathematics	MCC Darch
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Economics	SA Zondi
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Geography	LJ de Rose
Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu	LV Mosiea
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Mathematics	NS Qwabe
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Music	AJ Westley
Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Life Sciences, Physical Science and the Prize for Third in Fifth Form	I Maharaj
Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Agricultural Sciences, EGD, Life Orientation and the Prize for Second in Fifth Form	MH Smith
Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Accounting, English, History and the Prize for First in Fifth Form	TM Katzenellenbogen

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

for the 2019 Academic Year

Awards 2019

The awards listed below were made during the 2019 calendar year. Awards made in 2018 are not detailed here.

Academic Tie: A Budke, A Groenewegen, A Karrim, AA Hlongwane, AD Todd, AH Breedt, BK Symons, BS Gumede, BS Merrington, BT Baldrey, C Naidoo, CJ Taylor, D Lutchman, DJ Furmage, DM Evans, DP Odell, E Mahomed, GO Pio, J Zondi, JJ Nell, JM Maharaj, K Harischandre, K Maphumulo, KC Hollenberg, KD Chetty, KD Raw, Ke Naidoo, KF Huizinga, L Robinson, MR Green, MTC van Herzeele, N Phenyane, N Trodd, NT Zakwe, OUS Ndlovu, P Phala, SA Bushell, SA Jooma, SN Maphanga, SR Meiklejohn, T Prinsloo, TB Elam, TC Johnson, TJ Francis, TT Nzimande, V Soni, WP Mkhize, Z Saayman

Lapel Badge:

Basketball: S Manyathi
Choir: MS Fuhri, SN Khumalo, CM Kisbey-Green, S Manyathi, TJMO Mkhize, P Phala, TL Sampson
Debating: D Moodley, LV Mosiea, Z Osman
Drama: JP Hoyle, CDG Martin, ULY Molefi, K Thaver, SL Tshabalala
Ensemble: LH Stander, SL Tshabalala
First Aid: MS Fuhri, TL Sampson
Media Centre: CD Emslie, YQ Martin, BA Meier, P Phala, C Whiting, EM Zimasa, J Zondi
Photography: B Duckham
Rugby Referees: CR Dowell
Service to Basketball: N Bhengu, NM Mkhize, S Ndlovu, J-WA Njimi, AHB Ntuli, ZT Nzimande, AR van Straaten
Service to School: S Manyathi
TechSquad: WJ Deighton, R Hassim, SL Shongwe

Large White Badge:

Athletics: TMN Khoza
Basketball: RD Fuller, RJD Hyde, L Mawela, NTU Mthombeni, N Ngcobo, N Phenyane, SD Trollip, AR van Straaten, CM Venter
Chess: N Whatmore
Cricket: RJ Akerman, DL Bruyns, TB Elam, KE Goedeke, MJ King, NB Nsuntsha
Cycling: MS Foster, C Stephens
Golf: DJ Furmage, TJ Watson
Hockey: R Brokensha, L Jansen van Vuuren, MC Veenstra
Rugby: JR Hendrikz, NL Mndaweni, TK Trollip, SR Zunckel

Soccer: B Brooks, CA Desplace, MC Dorlly, ZI Gxarisa, KT Hlatshwayo, L Mawela, N Msiya, LN Nyawo, CM Thomas, N Zondo
Squash: JR McFarland
Swimming: RM Anderson, MS Brown, JD Culverwell, JR du Toit, RM Louch, S Lutge, CG Schultz, C Simmonds, BM Werth
Tennis: MA Bodmann, CH Groeneveld, T Katzenellenbogen, K Kotoane
Water polo: A Heydenrych, M Masvikeni, KS Morsink, C van Heerden

Colours:

Academics: A Abdool, AD Baijoo, SG Butler, LJ de Rose, A Duma, DKH Dyer, JB Engelbrecht, TS Govindsamy, E Hamadziripi, JHE Jacobsen, T Katzenellenbogen, JV Keith, S Kidsingh, SN Kubheka, L Lenz, I Maharaj, F Mahomed, CDG Martin, TKM Mbatha, SE Mntungwa, SP Ngcobo, KN Smith, MH Smith, EM Zimasa, SA Zondi, MH Zunckel
Athletics: B Emms, AM Matsheke, N Msiya, RS Swartz, CL van Rooyen, UBM Zuma, MH Zunckel
Choir: KR Howard, SN Maphanga, W Mazwi, O Ngcobo, OHS Salim, SL Tshabalala, AJ Westley
Cricket: RS Klusener
Cross-country: LJ Barnard, N Trodd
Debating: K Harischandre, UN Mtsi, V Soni
Drama: K Harischandre, BOT Kgoroge, O Mthethwa, P Phala, CN van Selm
Ensemble: MS Fuhri, SN Maphanga, MA Thomas, AJ Westley
First Aid: S Manyathi, TM Woodburn
Media Centre: R Hassim, T Moloi, LLT Zondo
Rugby: AM Matsheke, DB Meuwese, KS Morsink
Shooting: JP Hoyle, ULY Molefi
Soccer: TK Whiteman
Squash: JHE Jacobsen, M Maharaj, S Ngwenya
Swimming: GL Joubert, C Stephens
Table Tennis: T Thulsie
Tech Squad: EL Lamprecht
Water polo: Q Lupton-Smith

Colours and Scarf:

Academics: M Badat, TR Drummond, LH Menezies
Athletics: KF Huizinga, NT Makanya, SE Mntungwa

Basketball: P Dladla, ZD Khoza
Choir: SS Dlamini, BS Gumede, TMN Khoza, NFG Lushozi, B Mothebe, TEJ Zondi
Cricket: DKH Dyer
Drama: BS Gumede
Hockey: RJ Akerman, HM Askew, TJ Francis, BD Jackson
Rugby: CV Dlamini, KM Hadebe, SSM Kekana, BLW Tedder, HC Trodd
Shooting: JP Cooke

Honours:

Academics: Y Akoo, MY Akoob, J Collocott, LA Diedricks, SS Dlamini, A Essa, M Essack, H Heeralal, RR Himwanth, Z Ismail, CW Knight, NFG Lushozi, JR McFarland, CC McKenzie, N Msiya, MD Ryan, ST Soorju, JJ van der Walt, UBM Zuma
Athletics: NS Ndlovu
Basketball: L Janse van Rensburg
Cricket: SW Mbatha, JJ van der Walt
Cycling: BK Symons
Drama: JR McFarland
First Aid: SN Maphanga, LGC Mendes
Golf: SM Paxton
Hockey: DL Bruyns, T Prinsloo
Rugby: KM Dlangalala, WL Hlophe, SSN Ningiza, A Nzimande
Squash: MCC Darch, KH Govender, CS White
Swimming: L Robinson, C van Heerden
Table Tennis: Y Naidoo

HEADMASTER'S CLOSED SCHOLARSHIPS

The following Grade 7 boys were awarded a **Headmaster's Closed Scholarship** to attend Maritzburg College from 2020:

G Egberink	Cordwalles
N Jackson	DPHS
S Kapotwe	Glenwood
R McKean	Laddsworth
D Botha	Lynford
M Gibson	Merchiston
C Robinson	Merchiston
B Dlamini	Pelham
L Dyamani	Pelham
A Ngcobo	Scottsville



National Senior Certificate Results 2019

(Note: These results are as supplied by the DoE at the time of going to print.)

Abdool A (EN, LF, MA, PH)	PB	Hollenberg KC	PB	Nel M	PB
Akoo Y (AC, AF, EN, LF, MA, PH)	PB	Howard KR	PB	Nell JJ	PB
Akoob MY (AF, EN, LF, MA, PH)	PB	Hughes TE	PB	Nene BP (ZU)	PD
Anastasis DJ	PB	Huizinga KF	PB	Ngcobo O (ZU)	PB
Andriessen J	PC	Ismail Z (AF, EN, GE, LF, MA, PH)	PB	Ngcobo SP (ZU)	PB
Andriessen W	PD	Jacobs U	PB	Ngcobo ZS	PB
Ayliffe JR	PB	Jacobsen JHE (LF)	PB	Ngongo S	PB
Badat M (EN, GE, LF, MA)	PB	Jali ZT	PB	Ngwenya S	PB
Baijoo AD (AF)	PB	Jamieson BA	PB	Nsuntsha NB	PD
Baker TD	PD	Johnson TC (VS)	PB	Nzimande A (ZU)	PD
Baldrey BT (LF)	PB	Jooma SA (LF)	PB	Nzimande TT (ZU)	PB
Barnard LJ (AF, EN)	PB	Jordaan DC	PD	Odell DP	PB
Beckerling M (AF)	PD	Karrim A (EC, PH)	PB	Patterson CT (VS)	PB
Bennett R	PB	Keith JV	PB	Paxton SM	PB
Bester J (ML, VS)	PB	Kekana SSM	PD	Phala P (EN)	PB
Bezuidenhout K	PB	Kgoroge BOT	PB	Phenyane N (ZU)	PB
Bhika YY	PB	Khan MH	PB	Pinkiney SB	PD
Bodmann MA (EN)	PB	Kheswa M	PD	Pio GO	PB
Boone RA	PD	Kheswa NC (ZU)	PB	Pretorius B	PD
Bouguenon MT	PB	Khoza TMN	PD	Prinsloo T (AF)	PD
Bourne LR	PD	Khoza ZD	PB	Owalela E (ZU)	PD
Breedt AH (GE)	PB	Khumalo MN	PC	Raw KD	PB
Brink JS	PB	Khumalo NC	PB	Reddy BD	PB
Brummer BJ	PB	Kirsten KJ	PB	Reddy TI	PB
Budke A (EN, HI, LF, MA, PH)	PB	Knight CW (AF, EN, HI, PH)	PB	Reece CM	PD
Bushell SA (HI)	PB	Kubheka SN (ZU)	PB	Reintges NJ	PB
Butler SG	PB	Kunene LM (ZU)	PB	Rhodes TD	PB
Cheatle TA	PB	Lachman T	PB	Roberts CT	PB
Chenery M	PB	Landsberg LC (AF)	PB	Robinson L (AF)	PB
Chetty KD (LF, PH)	PB	Lawson BD	PB	Rousseau HAB	PB
Chetty R-L	PD	Lehloeny TA	PB	Ryan MD (AF, EN, LF, PH)	PB
Cloete TP	PB	Lenz L (AC, HI)	PB	Saayman Z (AF, ML)	PB
Collocott J (AC, EC, EN, MA, PH, VS)	PB	Little SW	PB	Salim OHS (VS)	PB
Cooke JP	PB	Louch RM	PB	Scheepers JJ	PD
Cooper D	PD	Lushozi NFG (GE, LF, PH, ZU)	PB	Schultz CG (EN, GE)	PB
Dickason CR	PC	Lutchman D (ML)	PB	Sewnarain NB	PB
Diedricks LA (AC, AF, EN, LF, MA, PH)	PB	Lutge S	PB	Shaw CD	PD
Dladla P (ZU)	PB	Mabizela SM (ZU)	PB	Shimelis A	PB
Dlamini AP	PC	Maharaj A	PB	Sibisi SL (ZU)	PD
Dlamini MTK (VS, ZU)	PB	Maharaj JM (EN, VS)	PB	Simamane PB	PB
Dlamini SS	PB	Maharaj M	PB	Singh S	PB
Dlangalala KM (ZU)	PB	Mahomed E	PB	Sitaram A	PD
Downs MJ	PD	Mahomed F (LF)	PB	Siwila M	PB
Drummond TR (EC, EN, HI)	PB	Makanya NT (ZU)	PB	Smith KN (AC, MA, PH)	PB
Dube K	PB	Maphanga SN (ZU)	PB	Smith NA	PD
Duma A (ZU)	PB	Maphumulo K	PB	Soni V (DR, EN)	PB
Duncan JR	PB	Martin CDG (AF, DR, EN)	PB	Soorju ST (AC, AF, EN, LF, PH)	PB
Dyer DKH (GE, MA, PH)	PB	Matsheke AM	PB	Stander LH	PB
Elam TB	PB	Mazwi W	PB	Stephenson ND	PD
Emslie CD (ML)	PB	Mbanjwa NS (ZU)	PB	Stopforth DW	PB
Engelbrecht JB (AC, PH)	PB	Mbanjwa SL	PC	Swartz RS	PD
Essa A (LF, MA, PH)	PB	McFarland JR (AC, AF, DR, EN, MA, PH)	PB	Symons BK	PB
Essack M (AC, AF, EN, LF, MA, PH)	PB	McKenzie CC (AF, CA, EC, EN, IN)	PB	Tamsen T	PD
Evans DM (GR, LF)	PB	Meier BA (ML)	PB	Taylor CJ (VS)	PB
Fortmann C (ML)	PB	Meiklejohn SR	PB	Tedder BLW	PB
Francis TJ (ML)	PB	Mendes LGC	PB	Theron AF (AF)	PB
Furmage DJ	PB	Menezies LH (PH, VS)	PB	Thomas CM	PB
Gates KC	PD	Merrington BS (CA, GR)	PB	Thomton-Dibb KS (ML)	PB
Godleman DC	PB	Meuwese DB	PB	Todd AD (LF)	PB
Gounder S	PB	Mfeka NL (ZU)	PB	Toich MDS	PB
Gouws TA (AF, EC)	PB	Mingay KBJ	PB	Trodd N	PB
Govender JT	PB	Mkhize W/P (ZU)	PB	Trollip SD	PC
Govender KH	PB	Mncwabe W	PB	Upton CG	PD
Govindsamy TS (AC, LF, MA, PH)	PB	Mngadi KS	PD	van Aardt T	PB
Green MR (GR)	PB	Mntungwa SE (EN, GR, LF, PH, ZU)	PB	van der Merwe CN	PB
Grewan KC (ZU)	PB	Moloi T (ZU)	PD	van der Walt JJ (AF)	PB
Groenewegen A (AF, HI)	PB	Moodley NN	PB	van Herzele MTC (HI)	PB
Gumbi B (ZU)	PB	Moses JB	PC	Volker LX	PB
Gumede BS (ZU)	PB	Mothebe B	PB	Watson TJ	PB
Gunkel KR	PD	Mpurwana POM	PB	Webster BC	PB
Hamadziripi E	PB	Msiya N	PB	Wedge LT	PB
Hanekom UM (AF)	PB	Mthethwa K (ZU)	PB	Westerdyk S	PB
Hankinson HI (EN)	PB	Mthethwa O (ZU)	PB	Whiting C	PD
Harischandri K (DR, EN)	PB	Mtirara AG	PD	Wilkins JCO	PB
Harper CC	PB	Mtolo L (ML)	PB	Zakwe NT (VS, ZU)	PB
Hartley JW (ML)	PB	Munro LB	PB	Zimasa EM (MA, PH)	PB
Heeralal H (AC, AF, EC, EN, HI, PH)	PB	Myeza SAS (ZU)	PD	Zondi J	PB
Hendrikz JR	PD	Naicker K	PB	Zondi LN (ZU)	PB
Heuer EC	PC	Naidoo C (HI)	PB	Zondi TEJ (ZU)	PB
Himwanth RR (AC, AF, EN, MA, PH)	PB	Naidoo Ka	PB	Zondo LLT	PB
Hlela LS	PD	Naidoo Ke (AC, EC)	PB	Zuma UBM (AC, AF, LF, MA, PH)	PB
Hlongwane AA (ZU)	PB	Ndlovu OUS (ZU)	PB	Zunckel SR	PB
Holgate TK	PD	Ndlovu PS	PB	Zungu SK	PB

Subject distinctions, i.e. A symbols, are indicated by the use of the following symbols in brackets:

AC = Accounting; AF = Afrikaans; CA = Computer Applications and Technology; DR = Dramatic Arts; EC = Economics; EN = English; GE = Geography; GR = Engineering and Graphic Design; HI = History; IN = Information Technology; LF = Life Sciences; LI = Life Orientation; MA = Mathematics; ML = Mathematical Literacy; PH = Physical Science; VS = Visual Arts; ZU = IsiZulu

In the result column on the right, PB denotes a pass qualifying for entrance to a University course, PD denotes a pass qualifying for entry to a Diploma course, PC denotes a Senior Certificate, X denotes Fail

KHANYISA OUTREACH PROGRAMME



Back row: H Heeralal, C Harper, L de Rose
Front row: Mrs L Mtembu, Mr S Mabaso, L Landsberg, Mrs M-A Rembold, Mrs V Chedie

A new programme started this year with 20 new schools and 100 new Grade 11 learners. The teachers attended four sessions per subject per term and the learners two sessions per subject on Saturdays. On average 11 teachers and 85 learners were in attendance per subject session.

The English lessons were facilitated by the inspiring Mrs Lindiwe Mtembu. They were filled with beautiful poetry and very meaningful language and writing skills. The learners were so inspired by her that they even wrote their own poems about Khanyisa.

The Mathematics lessons were facilitated by the highly capable Mr Sihle Mabaso. The learners and teachers grew in their knowledge and confidence in all the main areas needed for their exams. During one of these sessions each learner received a Scientific calculator sponsored by our generous sponsors, Hulamin. They were overwhelmed and truly grateful.

The Physical Science programme was facilitated by Mrs M Rembold. All the Grade 11 work that is examined in the final NSC exam was covered. A very successful practical day was also held. On this day 11 different practicals ran concurrently in five different labs. Some of the go learners in attendance had never seen any practical demonstrations, let alone used any apparatus themselves. Our laboratory assistant, Mr Evasen Rajah, was responsible for the setting up and cleaning of the labs for this practical session. Five College peer tutors ran each lab with great success and ease namely S Dlamini, H Heeralal, T Katzenellenbogen, H Mewalal and 2019 peer tutor leader Gregory Haripersad.

The programme cannot run without a brilliant administrator, so a special thanks to Mrs Vicky Chedie. A big thank you to our peer tutors, L Landsberg and L Diedericks and especially T Katzenellenbogen, who attended every session. And, most important – funding! Thank you Hulamin, you have enriched so many lives with your great contribution.

Mrs M-A Rembold

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PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2019

Senior Prefects

Head Prefect	T van Aardt
Deputy Head Prefect	DKH Dyer
Deputy Head Prefect	DM Evans
Deputy Head Prefect	NFG Lushozi
Deputy Head Prefect	KD Raw

Prefects

KD Chetty	LA Diedricks	SS Dlamini	KM Dlangalala
TR Drummond	JR Duncan	TJ Francis	DC Godleman
HI Hankinson	KF Huizinga	ZT Jali	L Lenz
SW Little	DB Meuwese	SE Mntungwa	N Phenyane
GO Pio	T Prinsloo	E Qwalela	BD Reddy
L Robinson	OHS Salim	CG Schultz	PB Simamane
BLW Tedder	JJ van der Walt	BC Webster	SR Zunckel

Day House Leaders



Back row: B Brummer, J Hendriks, L Barnard, B Mothebe, D Odell, N Trodd, K Thornton-Dibb, C Patterson, C Knight, M Downs
Third row: L Menezies, K Naidoo, Y Akoo, S Ngwenya, A Todd, K Harischandre, J McFarland, D Anastasis, C McKenzie
Second row: M Maharaj, K Smith, M Nel, B Baldrey, T Elam, B Gumede, N Moodley, B Lawson, R Bennett, L Landsberg
Front row: L Bourne, C Shaw, N Msiya, W Mazwi, Mr I Talkie (Deputy Head: Pastoral), S Gounder, J Jacobsen, B Gumbi, V Soni
Absent: M Reeves, J Brink, K Mngadi, L Zondo, T Cheatlle, T Nzimande, N Mfeka, Z Khoza, S Kubheka, S Butler, H Heeralal, N Nsuntsha, N Reintges, L Mtolo, T Zondi, N Trodd

Barns House

House Captain: BLW Tedder
 Vice-Captain: BT Baldrey
 House Leaders: B Baldrey, K Harischandre, B Lawson, N Mfeka, K Thornton-Dibb

Fuller House

House Captain: JR Duncan
 Vice-Captain: BC Webster
 House Leaders: S Butler, H Heeralal, N Msiya, N Nsuntsha, N Reintges

Snow House

House Captain: GO Pio
 Vice-Captain: E Qwalela
 House Leaders: C Knight, L Landsberg, C McKenzie, N Moodley, N Trodd

Calder House

House Captain: T Prinsloo
 Vice-Captain: JJ van der Walt
 House Leaders: Y Akoo, L Barnard, L Bourne, S Ngwenya, Z Khoza

Lamond House

House Captain: L Lenz
 Vice-Captain: SW Little
 House Leaders: R Bennett, S Gounder, M Mazwi, K Naidoo, L Zondo

Strachan House

House Captain: BD Reddy
 Vice-Captain: ZT Jali
 House Leaders: D Anastasis, T Elam, J Jacobsen, B Mothebe

Commons House

House Captain: LA Diedricks
 Vice-Captain: KD Chetty
 House Leaders: J Brink, S Kubheka, M Maharaj, L Menezies, K Mngadi

Nicholson House

House Captain: CD Shaw
 Vice-Captain: BS Gumede
 House Leaders: B Gumbi, B Gumede, J Hendrikz, D Odell, C Shaw

Forder House

House Captain: KF Huizinga
 Vice-Captain: CG Schultz
 House Leaders: B Brummer, M Downs, J McFarland, M Nel, T Nzimande

Pape House

House Captain: HI Hankinson
 Vice-Captain: A Todd
 House Leaders: A Todd, L Mtolo, C Patterson, V Soni, T Zondi

Sport Captains

Athletics	SE Mntungwa
Basketball	PB Simamane
Canoeing	DM Evans
Chess	S Gounder
Cricket	JJ van der Walt
Cross-country	N Msiya
Cycling	BK Symons
First Aid	SN Maphanga
Golf	N Trodd
Hockey	GO Pio
Rugby	SSM Kekana / BC Webster
Rugby Referees Society	NL Mfeka
Shooting	JP Cooke
Soccer	LN Zondi
Squash	MCC Darch
Swimming	L Robinson
Table tennis	K Naidoo
Tennis	TM Katzenellenbogen
Water polo	KD Raw

Culture Captains

Afrikaans Society	T Prinsloo
Camera Club	KS Thornton-Dibb
Chamber Choir	B Mothebe
College for Christ	L Mtolo
Debating	V Soni
eSport	JM Maharaj
Gospel Choir	TEJ Zondi

Hindu Society	M Maharaj
Interact Club	TMN Khoza
Jazz Band	SN Maphanga
MC Ink	P Phala
Media Centre	R Bennett
Muslim Society	Y Akoo
RCL	NFG Lushozi
School Choir	TMN Khoza
Social Awareness	OHS Salim
Sound & Lighting	TMN Khoza
Speaker's Circle	J McFarland
Tech Squad	JJ Scheepers

Shouting Captains

NL Mfeka [Barns]
CT Patterson [Papel]
TEJ Zondi [Papel]

Boarder Prefects

JV Keith [Strachan]
CW Knight [Snow]
S Ngwenya [Calder]

Heads of Boarding Houses

Clark House	BD Reddy [Strachan]
Elliott House	SSM Kekana [Barns]
Hudson House	KD Raw [Commons]
Nathan House	DKH Dyer [Papel]
Shepstone House	T Prinsloo [Calder]

LEADERSHIP

The leadership and pupil development department always strives to expose our boys to programmes and activities which will facilitate their personal growth in leadership and character. It is Maritzburg College's sincere desire that each boy going through the programme knows how best to lead himself, work in co-operation with others and ultimately be an upstanding leader in our society.

A very important aspect of the leadership development of each boy falls under the programmes we run in our Leadership Camps. College is extremely fortunate to work with the likes of Spirit of Adventure (SOA) and Roselands Outdoor Adventure Centre (ROAC) on the camping front. The Second, Fourth and Fifth Form camps all take place through SOA and our Third Form camp through ROAC. The work that these organisations do to help enrich the lives of our young men is invaluable and we would like to thank them for all the time and effort they put into running very meaningful programmes for our boys.

For the first time the decision was taken that Second, Third and Fourth Formers go on their respective leadership camps at the same time in September. During this period Sixth Formers were writing their trial exams and the Fifth Form were on Work Experience, it was a busy yet successful time for all the boys and staff at College.

SOA conducted a very detailed camp for our Fifth Form boys at Shongweni in February, this is a camp that is focused on specific leadership skills and allows us to start identifying prospective leaders in the group at an early stage.

The Second Form gathered at Shongweni and had a delightful time undertaking team-building events as well as tasks that stretched them both physically and mentally. There is always much excitement among the boys who are experiencing their first taste of the College leadership programme.

Third Form boys travelled out to Roselands and spent a large part of their time hiking and engaging in various activities along the way. There is also an aspect of community and social upliftment and interaction that make the Third Form camp extra special.

Fourth Formers travelled to Cobham at Underberg where they spent some quality time hiking for two days. Here the boys carry all their food and sleeping equipment. Although it is tiring, the boys always come away with a feeling of accomplishment and triumph.

It was a very successful year for the Leadership department, and special thanks need to go to the Governing Body and the School Executive who see the full value in the curriculum offered by the department.

Mr R Kyle



Careers and Tertiary Studies

The department continued to provide and supply many matric and senior boys with a range of information regarding their career and tertiary programmes. During the year, we hosted all the major South African Universities with UCT, Stellenbosch and Pretoria drawing the largest interest among our matric boys. There also continues to be a growing demand in queries about studying internationally, particularly in the United States, UK and Australia. A number of vocational presentations were also offered by people within various professional fields.

For the sixth year running and through our good relationship with UKZN, the University's scholarship committee again approved scholarships for 15 College Old Boys (who matriculated in 2018) currently studying at UKZN in their first year. Each scholarship is to the purse value of R15 000 and is drawn from the Professor Hattersley Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are for entrant students who studied at Maritzburg College and are in the specific disciplines of Science, Engineering, Commerce and Education.

For the first time this year, the C Steinweg Bridge/Maritzburg College Bursary Fund was established. This bursary, initiated by a College Old Boy, seeks to target two talented Maritzburg College matric candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds with full bursaries to study B.Comm – Supply Chain Management at Pretoria University. Each candidate

will have all their tuition and accommodation expenses paid for the duration of their respective degrees.

At the start of our third term, the much anticipated Third Form Information Evening was held. It was extremely well attended by both parents and boys and served to be very informative in this crucial decision process. Following on from the success of this event, Third Form boys are also able to discuss their individual subject packages on an appointment basis with Mrs dos Santos.

2019 also saw the continuation of our Fifth Form Work Experience Programme. Research shows that Work Experience definitely shapes and helps to formulate one's career path. This year it was a compulsory exercise with all of our Fifth Formers being placed in a range of career fields both locally and as far afield as Johannesburg and Mpumalanga. The feedback and evaluation forms completed by the participating Corporates were mostly very informative and encouraging, and our boys seemed to have enjoyed this opportunity to have a glimpse into the realities of the working world.

In conclusion, to see our matric boys leave College with a sense of direction and purpose, well-informed and prepared for their future tertiary studies, is hugely rewarding and one of the main objectives of the Careers and Tertiary Studies Department.

"The best way to predict the future is to create it" – Abraham Lincoln
Mrs L dos Santos



Prefects 2019

- Back row:** S Zunckel, K Huizinga, K Chetty, L Robinson, B Tedder, T Francis, B Webster, G Pio
- Third row:** H Hankinson, N Phenyane, C Schultz, T Drummond, D Godleman, J van der Walt, L Diedricks, E Qwalela, S Dlamini
- Second row:** K Dlangalata, S Mntungwa, Z Jali, O Salim, D Meuwese, J Duncan, L Lenz, S Little, B Reddy, P Simamane, T Prinsloo
- Front row:** N Lushozi, K Raw, Mr N Makhathini (HoD Prefects), T van Aardt (Head Prefect), Mr R Kyle (HoD Leadership), D Evans, D Dyer

The prefects set out to make several changes to the status quo in 2019, chief among these were: re-instituting the idea of servant-leadership; bridging the gap between boarders and dayboys; and making sure that discipline in the school was of a fair and consistent standard. The leadership of the Head Prefect, T van Aardt, and his deputies, ensured that the prefect body were constantly holding themselves accountable and leading by example.

Due to the changing nature of society, the responsibility that comes with being a prefect at Maritzburg College has become more demanding. It is therefore a credit to the prefects that they maintained their composure despite the ever-changing challenges that are associated with a school of this size and complexity.

That is not to say that the year was not fraught with challenges. I am grateful for the support of the Leadership staff in assisting prefects to understand their responsibilities as young men and ultimately for always looking out for their well-being.

The leadership group of 2019 did their best to ensure that they upheld the core values of the school and did what every prefect body has tried to do since time immemorial, which is "to leave College better than when you found it".

Mr N Makhathini

Representative Council of Learners (RCL)

The Representative Council of Learners (RCL) of a school provides a very important voice for its students. College is a large organisation and our primary role as educators is the best interests of our learners and our RCL did a wonderful job in providing that voice in 2019.

Among the many activities that learners engage in at Maritzburg College, the RCL is yet another area of involvement. It is an integral part of the school system and an official requirement in a school. The RCL is a sub-committee of the School Governing Body and, through democratically run processes, the RCL offers nominated learners an opportunity to voice the issues and concerns of their peers. Through the RCL, learners are given the opportunity to think critically about the management and governance of the school and engage in discussion with different stake holders. These issues are then referred to management, or the School Governing Body. Feedback is given and decisions are made. Each year is unique and fascinating issues are raised. Boys who are members of the RCL will extend their perspectives regarding the running of organisations and improve their communication skills as they discuss and debate. Importantly, RCL members work together with other leaders in the school and form important relationships within the school.

Frequently there are very animated discussions regarding matters boys feel strongly about. Topics include Academic, Sports, Cultural activities as well as maintenance of the school and facility development. The

RCL also played an important role in contributions to the College Culture Document, which will be made available to the College Community in 2020. Boys are represented by members from all Forms and it is encouraging to see younger boys speak freely about issues they wish to raise.

I would like to make a special mention of our Chairman, N Lushozi, as well as Vice-Chairman, D Dyer and Secretary, K Harischandre, who all did a fine job of guiding the RCL this year. Their maturity and dedication to their role was admirable.

2019 RCL Members:

- N Lushozi (chairman), D Dyer (vice chairman), K Harischandre (secretary), V Chilli, J Campbell, C Baldrey, R Price, B Winrow, B McGregor, K Govender, S Herman, L Mendes, J Wiggill, S Msibi, K King, SA Ndlovu, C Smith, A Khumalo, A Weilbach, L Pillay, T van Heerden, S Ndaba, A Knoetze, C Prinsloo, K Hattingh, R Uren, W Pillay, T Zimu, AAM Dlamini, S Hlatshwayo, T Conolly, W Pretorius, J Beauclerk, NJ Khumalo, A Zungu, A Mthlane, L Mosiea, L Muller, T Katzenellenbogen, S Manyathi, O Beauclerk, JD Watson, D Moodley, W Hodgkinson, SN Kubheka, T Nzimande, NA Smith, L Hlela, N Trodd, T van Aardt

Mr R Kyle

SUBJECT DEPARTMENTS

Accounting

It is with a heavy heart that I write this, my last Accounting report, as I have come to the end of my 41 year teaching career of which 22 very happy and fulfilling years were spent at Maritzburg College. Over the past 22 years Accounting teachers have come and gone, but it has always been such a wonderful privilege to work with each and every one of them who were so committed and focused on the well-being and development of the boys in our care. We were very thankful that our teaching staff had remained unchanged over the past three years with Mrs Caren Randall, Mr Scelo Zuma, Miss Cheryl Townsend and myself. We are pleased to have appointed a highly qualified and experienced Accounting teacher to replace me as Subject Head next year. Mr Graeme Stewart will join the Department on 1 January 2020 and I wish him well and know that he will carry the baton handed to him with pride and integrity. Miss Townsend will also be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a position at her Alma Mater, The Wykeham Collegiate. I would like to thank her for her dedication over the past three years and I know that she will make a success of her career. The remaining two staff members of our team I would like to thank for their hard work, dedication and friendship over the past three years.

The 2019 NSC results showed over 73% of the boys obtaining a mark above 60%, with 25% of the group obtaining a distinction with a mark in excess of 80%. The average mark was 67%, which is above our competitor schools and well above the national average. We endeavour to keep our subject relevant and enable our boys to apply the knowledge they have learned in class to any question which the NSC examiners present.

Mrs C Tedder

Afrikaans

The 2019 NSC final papers for Afrikaans were of a high standard, especially for second language speakers in KwaZulu-Natal. Pupils found Paper 1 (comprehension and grammar) fair and easier than the trials examinations, but Paper 2 (Literature) was very challenging as there were more questions which required higher cognitive skills. Questioning techniques and vocabulary seemed directed at the top candidates and demanded more insight and interpretation in comparison with those of previous years. Paper 3 (Creative writing) allowed for creativity, especially in the essay section. Top results were achieved with an aggregate of 62%. 182 candidates wrote the exams and 26 distinctions were achieved. The top achievers were Y Akoo, LA Diedricks and ST Soorju who each achieved 91%. The entire matric group has shown remarkable improvement in their Afrikaans marks since the trials examinations and we are very proud of them.

We were sad to bid farewell to Mrs Dedre Immelman at the end of the second term, and Mr Lukas Booysen and Mr Jacques Lyons left at the end of 2019. These three dedicated educators will be missed.

We were delighted that the experienced Subject Head of Alexandra High School, Mrs Robyn Brunzlaiff, joined the Afrikaans department at the start of the fourth term. We are also fortunate to welcome three new additions to our department in 2020: Mr Gerhard Steyn, Miss Megan du Plessis and Mr Claude Pitout.

In the first term we started designing Valentine's Day cards. Boys competed against each other for the most romantic card as well as the best love poem. Prizes were awarded on Valentine's Day for the two most creative cards. These two poems have also been published in this school magazine. The purpose of this exercise is grasping the techniques of creating a poem and learning new vocabulary through enjoyable activities. The winners of this competition were L Muller in Fifth Form and G Roux in Second Form.

The annual exchange between Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool (Affies) and Maritzburg College has motivated the Afrikaans department to take on a new project. At the beginning of the third term we began preparing our

boys to be hosted by an Afrikaans family. During Afrikaans lessons boys were taught how to introduce themselves and how to communicate with Affies students and parents at the dining table. A whole lesson was spent on general etiquette. Every pupil created a "Baie dankie" card with a personalised Afrikaans message for their hosts.

The Department will focus on more practical lessons in 2020. These will contain activities, like communicating in different situations, designing cards for Valentine's day, birthdays, Mother's/Father's Day and writing letters of appreciation, especially after an exchange with Affies.

Mrs Landsberg, senior Afrikaans teacher, offered extra lessons at no extra cost for pupils who struggle with the language. Junior and Senior Taalbond exams were written in April. This is probably the only forum in which a pupil is able to obtain a certificate that will confirm his standard of bilingualism in both English and Afrikaans. Seven senior and 15 junior candidates entered and pleasing results were achieved. The senior top achievers were Y Akoo in Sixth Form and J Lowe in Fifth Form, and the junior top achievers were K Hansen, J Klapprodt and J van der Merwe in Fourth Form, as well as E Kock and G Roux in Second Form.

The Senior Afrikaans Olympiad was written in May and 22 pupils entered this competition. Two pupils, N Greeff in Fifth Form and W Pretorius in Fourth Form, achieved distinctions. The Junior Afrikaans Olympiad was written in September with 34 entrants. Boys are enthusiastic about participating in these tests and have achieved good results. Two Second Formers, G Roux and R van Rensburg, achieved distinctions.

Maritzburg College was again appointed by the Department of Education as a leading school for Afrikaans. Maritzburg College also hosted the Afrikaans Oral Exams for the District in August. Mrs de Wet was appointed as Chief Moderator for the Umgungundlovu District.

We were delighted to be invited to the Edu Expo workshop at the Victoria Country Club in September. Mrs de Wet attended a welcoming dinner for the presenters and publishers from Cape Town and Pretoria. The purpose of inviting Maritzburg College to this function was to meet these guests to establish relationships which may lead to College hosting this annual expo event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their ongoing support and commitment. The school is blessed with dedicated and passionate Afrikaans teachers who go the extra mile.

Mrs C de Wet

Agricultural Science

Our Fourth Form class of 2019 saw a sizeable 30% increase in the number of boys electing to take Agricultural Science, a huge step in the right direction.

Our first ever Fifth Form class saw boys getting stuck into the plant and soil side of agriculture. The boys collected soil samples during the April holiday and in the second term these were used practically to come to grips with the complicated subject that is soil science.



Fifth Form boys in the processes of analysing the various soil samples

The Fourth Form class paid an extremely successful visit to the Royal Show. The boys engaged with farmers, learning all they could about the various breeds of livestock on display. Some boys were even lucky enough to handle the cattle for the farmers.



A group of our Fourth Form boys in discussion with Mr John Devonport, one of the top Limousin breeders in South Africa



A Mohamed (Fourth Form) handling a Simmental bull

Business Studies

Business Studies has continued to grow as a subject and this is the third year our matriculants are writing the NSC exams.

We strongly believe that a spirit of entrepreneurship must be included in our curriculum. To this end, the Fourth Form boys had to draft their own business plans. Once these plans were submitted for assessment, they were challenged to run their business during the second and third terms. The profits from their business were donated to Rise Against Hunger. This 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 raised and used to purchase food for the needy. In October the boys were members of a production line where they had to assemble the food packs. Issues such as electricity outages, wastage and bottlenecks were all dealt with first hand. The boys have learnt that 'being good is good business'. Helping resolve a socio-economic issue is part of the moral obligation of every business. They can be proud of their efforts, as they have been responsible for feeding 20 children for an entire year.

The top two boys from each Fifth Form class went on an outing to Unilever's Lipton Tea plant in Pietermaritzburg. Issues such as health and safety, production systems, quality control and marketing were discussed.

We were partnered with Allan Gray and participated in their six week online Entrepreneurial Challenge. This course offers boys exposure to new trends and ideas throughout the world. The boys did very well as a group and finished twentieth out of 214 schools. Our aim is to finish in the top ten next year.

The third year of the Entrepreneurial Programme called 'Red Cloak' took place. This is an entrepreneurial initiative in which boys are encouraged to develop business ideas to present to venture capitalists. We had fewer applicants this year than last year. However, the ingenuity and innovation in their ideas has certainly improved. The finalist for the 'Red Cloak' will be announced in 2020.

As an extension of our entrepreneurial programme, R Bennett, O Mthethwa and Chase Whiting came second in the South African SAGE (Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship) and represented South Africa in the Young Entrepreneur World Cup in America.

Our NSC results were rather disappointing however nationally Business Studies made the newspaper headlines after results were released as it seems that there was an issue nationwide but to date no substantial comments have been received.

On the staffing front, we look forward to continuing to challenge our boys to think laterally. I have no doubt that with three stalwarts by my side this will be achieved. Many thanks go to Mr Ngcebo Thembela, Mr Ricky Chirengende and Mr Clive Musasiwa. With their enthusiasm and passion, our subject will continue to grow in numbers.

Mrs L Akerman

Computer Applications Technology (CAT)

CAT as a subject at College, is going from strength to strength. Our numbers have increased steadily. 2019 was the second year in which our matriculants sat for the NSC examination.

The class of 2019 Computer Applications Technology students achieved pleasing results in the NSC examinations. We achieved a 92% pass rate. This was rather disappointing when compared to the 100% pass rate of 2018. C McKenzie and B Merrington achieved A symbols.

As the year progressed we saw many pupils changing from Physical Science and other subjects to CAT, as they seemed to be struggling with other subjects. Many are under the misconception that CAT is 'easy' and will require very little work, but are quite surprised at the level at which they are required to work. The subject is very demanding and the work done in Fourth Form is the foundation for Forms Five and Six.

Fourth to Sixth Form pupils participated in the Computer Olympiad and three pupils from Sixth Form qualified and participated in the second round. Three Fourth Form pupils received gold certificates.

Special thanks go to Messrs Dibben and Mkhwanazi, who teach Computer Literacy to the Second and Third Form, and to Mr Jeewan who teaches CAT to the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Form. I would also like to record sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs J Finnie, Mr J Maistry, Mr V Rajpaul and Mr T Tshabalala for their assistance in ensuring that our department runs efficiently.

The department has had a successful 2019 and we look forward to another productive and stimulating year in 2020.

Ms K Moola

Dramatic Arts

The 2019 academic year for the Dramatic Arts Department started on a high note with excellent results produced by the class of 2018 in the NSC exams. All the academic programmes for Creative and Dramatic Arts ran smoothly, the focus being on the 'page to stage' technique. The boys enjoyed the performance component at all levels.

Our Second Form and Third Form students have explored a variety of dramatic forms, culminating with the Second Form creating and performing scenes from well-known myths and legends, and Third Form performing Shakespearean monologues. The seniors explored Medieval Theatre, *Commedia Dell'Arte* (Fourth Form), Realism Theatre, Protest Theatre and Contemporary American Theatre (Fifth Form).

The Sixth Form class worked hard preparing their Theme Programmes which is the requirement for their final performance exam. There were two groups and the themes this year explored: (i) The Face Behind the Mask and (ii) Passion. Each theme programme comprises choral verse, creative links, monologues, scenes and a movement piece. The final internal exam took place in August in the Olivier Cultural Centre. Our

guest examiner, Mrs Jane Howes, from The Wykeham Collegiate was impressed with the level of performance, interpretation of the themes and the selection of material. She gave the class valuable feedback which they used to strengthen their programmes. A panel of external examiners from the district Dramatic Arts Cluster Group assessed the Sixth Formers for the final time. Both groups gave excellent performances and were highly commended.

The Class of 2019 did the Dramatics Arts Department, the school and their parents very proud, with their outstanding set of results. The final theory examination was rigorous and once again assessed the students at a metacognitive level. There were four subject distinctions and a class average of 78% achieved by the boys. Placed first in class for Dramatic Arts was J McFarland with 93%, closely followed by K Harischandre with 92%. V Soni and C Martin both scored 85%. The boys have worked conscientiously and, as a result they have excelled and developed important skills that will hold them in good stead for the tertiary phase of their education and beyond. We take this opportunity to convey our best wishes to them in their future endeavours.

The Department continued to steam ahead in the second half of the year. We welcomed the second semester group of Second Form and Third Form pupils. They were eager to tap into their creative personality and enjoyed an enriching time as they developed various skills through exciting tasks and activities. The start of the third term saw our Fifth Formers participate in the Drama@Kearsney Festival. They attended a two-day Comedy Theatre Workshop led by James Cairns (OC). The participants learnt that to perform Comedy Theatre one has to experience failure, because it is in failing that you learn to strive for perfection. All the seniors participated in a Physical Theatre workshop facilitated by Menzi Mkhwane from Namalandi Creativity. The boys explored animal theatre and the basic elements of movement and characterization.

The Fifth Formers were given a very rare opportunity to share the same platform with Paul Slabolepszy, renowned South African actor and playwright, during Arts Evening 2019. Arts Evening 2019 was a creative collaboration between the Dramatic Arts and Visual Arts Departments of Maritzburg College and Slabolepszy was the keynote speaker. Both departments strongly hold the view that creativity is currency, especially with the advent of the '4th Industrial Revolution'. In South Africa, science, technology, engineering and maths remain the focus of many career paths, however, the critical role that arts and creativity will play in this unprecedented new world is also gathering recognition.

The Drama department strives hard to organise excursions to live theatre performances as attending a live show is a mandatory requirement for all forms taking Drama. The Third Form attended Joseph and His Technicolour Dream Coat produced by Alexandra High. Our Fifth Form and Sixth Form boys attended a production of the matric text, Waiting for Godot, performed by the Namalandi Creativity company. Fourth Form attended Have You Seen Zandile? at the Hexagon Theatre.

Lyn Gardner, in her blog on 'Why Children's Theatre Matters', said, "As one of the characters in Lee Hall's The Pitman Painters says: "art is the place where you understand your whole life from." If one single child is excluded from art, we are all the poorer for it". We therefore endeavour to encourage the boys to appreciate and engage in the Arts, for their multi-faceted value and power can be experienced within the school curriculum and beyond.

Mrs K Thaver

Economics

The year 2019 proved an eventful and successful year for the Economics department. Central to our success was the commitment and collegiality of the staff, namely Messrs N Pillay, M Marwick, N Thembela and S Zuma. Mr Zuma joined the department at the beginning of 2019 and has settled in well and has already made a great contribution to the department, and the school, as a whole.

Academically, our performance was sound when compared with 2018. Although the number of A symbols decreased from 2018, it was

encouraging to note that the average mark was a commendable 78%. These results were most pleasing and placed College results among the best in the province.

The JSE Schools Stock Exchange Challenge is a competition in which students from Grade 8 to 12 can learn about the stock exchange, the economy and have a 'real world' experience of share-trading. The aim of the challenge is to educate, encourage and allow the youth of South Africa to understand the JSE and its role in wealth generation. Maritzburg College teams have been very consistent over the years, regularly finishing in the top five. This year we were not as successful as in previous years, but had one team finish in the top 10, and who came second in KwaZulu-Natal.



Team 'BSB': K Hough, W Deighton, A Mulligan and R Fuller

The 2019 Fifth Form Economics Tour to Johannesburg was a resounding success. Twenty young men made the trip and gained valuable exposure to the world of business and received practical advice from prominent business leaders about career opportunities. Most of the businessmen who hosted us were themselves College Old Boys, such as Mike Brown, CEO of Nedbank, and Colin Emanuel of Bridge Shipping, who inspired the boys with their life stories. They also shared valuable words of wisdom and encouragement with the boys, and stressed the importance of having confidence, working hard and networking. The members of the tour party visited the treasury and were addressed by the deputy Minister of Finance. A highlight of the tour was the visit to Daytona Motors in Sandton, where the boys drooled over Aston Martins, Rolls-Royces and McLarens. Much to the envy of their friends, S Kidsingh and AS Zondi, as top performing Economics students, had the opportunity to go for a ride in an Aston Martin through the streets of Sandton.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Economics team for their tireless efforts, passion and commitment to the teaching of this subject.

Mr N Pillay

Engineering Graphics & Design (EGD)

Firstly, I would like to thank a winning team of staff in our EGD department. Special thanks to Messrs Nico Robberts, Gonas Govindasamy, Sheldon Bosch and our Head of Technology, Mr Anthony Sparrow.

Second and Third Formers have become more involved with some theory of pulley's, gears, hydraulics and pneumatics. Combined with EGD, our pupils are being prepared for what the real world requires of them.

From Fourth to Sixth Form, the pupils are required to undertake the Department's Practical Assessment Task. We were surprised with a number of very well thought-out projects from our senior boys.

Sadly, this year, we gave our 4x4 in school's project to our sister school, Pietermaritzburg Girl's High, as the dates were changed and our matric boys would already have left school. We passed on all the information that we had and wished them well. They sent two teams to the event, and we were proud that one of them carried our name, 'Team Rhino'.

College was again invited to attend the launch of the new-look 'Solid Works' this year. As pupils are well aware, we have received 200 free licences from MECAD. Thanks to Mr Wessel van Heerden from MECAD, our boys are able to work from home or at school on their projects using Solid Works. The idea is to prepare our pupils from an early age for the real world. Mr van Heerden, via the company, has also agreed to become more involved in introducing high-profile members from the industry to come and address our pupils about what is required in the industry, and how our pupils may be absorbed into it. We hope to have companies addressing our boys from Third to Sixth Form at least once a term. The whole idea is to see if we can have our boys employed and have their studies paid for, by the time they leave school. We will also encourage them to get some work experience at the prospective companies while they are still at school. We are very excited about these potential prospects.

Sadly, we said farewell to Mr Nico Robberts who retired at the end of the year. He has been a very important part of our department for the past 17 years. We will miss him, but will remember him for his dedication and commitment to our department, the school and every pupil that he taught. Mr Robberts played a very important part in ensuring that we all understood the civil work. He offered additional courses to staff and pupils alike.

Finally, we wish the class of 2019 boys the very best for their future ventures. Of the boys that wrote the National Senior Certificate examinations, the following was achieved: four A symbols, 23 B symbols, 21 C symbols. These results compared well with what we were expecting from our pupils and compared with other schools in the province.

Mr B Bosch

English

It has been a busy and exciting year for the English Department. The year started out on a positive note as the Grade 12 pupils watched a theatre performance of Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' at the Hilton College Theatre in February. This is an annual event for the matriculants and an excellent opportunity to prepare for the NSC Exams.

The nationally-recognised De Beers English Olympiad is another annual activity on our calendar and we were immensely proud of all the boys who participated. The boys are commended for their participation. The following boys were awarded certificates:

Gold (80%+) I Maharaj
Silver T Katzenellenbogen, J Lowe, C Martin, J McFarland

Our Department hosted the fourth MCEASA Conference for English Teachers in May. The conference is supported by the English Academy of Southern Africa. The event boasted a range of excellent speakers in the Language area, covering a wide range of topics, and teachers from our district and surrounding areas offered positive feedback and praise for the day. We were pleased to have Prof. Mbongeni Malaba (UKZN), Mr Bulara Monyaki (DBE: National CES), Prof Titlestad, Dr David Robinson (UJ), Dr Berrington Ntombela (Univ. of Zululand) and many other vibrant speakers offering presentations on a wide range of topics. We are also proud of our Headmaster, Mr Luman, who has lectured at all four conferences held thus far. The English Academy has offered much support and has agreed to do so again in 2020 as it considers our conference its flagship event of the year.

Mrs Tarryn Louch is congratulated on her appointment as Assistant Subject Head for English. We sadly bid farewell to Mr Dylan Coombes and wish him and his family well in their future endeavours.

We further take this opportunity to wish all our matric students the very best as they continue with their endeavours post-school. The English Department is proud of their 100% pass in English and the 25 A symbols that have been attained by the class of 2019. Congratulations!

On this note, we look forward to a year of growth and positive thinking in 2020.

Mrs R Govender

Geography

What a privilege it has been to lead the department this year. The Geography department consists of ten highly educated and talented individuals. We have three master teachers who have been in the profession for over thirty years and are always willing to share experiences and knowledge with the rest of us.

I am the newest member of this dynamic team and joined Maritzburg College at the beginning of 2019 and was promoted to Subject Head in the second term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Dorling for all his hard work as Subject Head in recent years and congratulate him on his new job title as Head of Discipline.

We are fortunate to have five skilled teachers to teach our Sixth Form boys. Evidence of this is seen in the results we obtained in the NSC examinations in 2019. The boys achieved six A symbols, 28 B symbols and an average mark of 59%.

The Geography syllabus is a demanding one and pupils are encouraged to give it their best from the start. We have two assessments per term in Forms Four to Six and these are made up of tests, research projects and examinations. The map-work that the boys learn through the years can be seen as a life skill. The main focus areas of the syllabus are climatology, geomorphology, settlement and economic geography.

I would like to thank all the Geography staff for their hard work and dedication this year, the boys are lucky to have such dedicated and enthusiastic teachers who care for them so much. We look forward to an exciting year in 2020.

Mrs B Harris

History

The History department was a settled one with very experienced teachers who have been teaching history for years. Messrs Waters, Nevay, Orchard, Barbour and le Roux provide excellent grounding in equipping our young historians with skills needed not only for history but other subjects. The grounding in the junior forms makes the job of the senior teachers much easier and we just have to point the young historians in the right direction.

History is enjoyed by the majority of College boys and the College boy (who enjoys traditions, has a sense of nostalgia, and enjoys the history that goes with being at this fine school) tends to find the subject easy. Most classes (from Grade 8-12) average over 70%, it is very easy to pass and is almost a guaranteed A for top students. There is nothing difficult in History, what you put in, you get out and the topics covered are interesting.

History is a popular subject and our numbers in Fourth Form are increasing, with History now being offered on all three subject-lines. We do urge parents and boys to look very carefully at their subject choices, as this year our numbers doubled from Forms Four and Five with numerous boys making wrong subject choices. If you are not a scientist or an accountant in Grade 9 that is not going to change in Grade 10: common sense should be applied.

An exciting addition to the History department is that boys who average over 70% and are good at English can take History as an eighth subject. Classes take place on Monday or Wednesday from 14:00-15:00. Boys are coached, guided and shown how to write tests and exams and, without too much hard work, they can easily get a B or A symbol. This has huge benefits for university applications and we urge parents and boys to consider this exciting offering.

In 2019 Maritzburg College had the highest number of pupils ever to write the final exam. All passed History, the grade average was 67% and eight boys achieved A symbols, and 17 B symbols. This is testimony to the staff who are making History a popular choice; boys are enjoying the subject and are achieving good marks. We hope that this trend continues.

Mr C Dutton

Information Technology (IT)

Information Technology is the study of the various interrelated physical and non-physical technologies used for the capturing of data, the processing of data into useful information and the management, presentation and dissemination of data. Information Technology studies the activities that deal with the solution of problems through logical and computational thinking. It includes the physical and non-physical components for the electronic transmission, access, and manipulation of data and information.

Despite the challenges of time in taking an extra subject, the 2019 Grade 12 students rose to the occasion and are to be congratulated on their results. Maritzburg College, together with Pietermaritzburg Girls High, obtained three A symbols for IT and an average mark of 65%.

Learners in 2020 will be given access to an IT shared folder on Google Drive, One Drive and Moodle. Resources such as notes, past papers and lessons will be uploaded to the various clouds. Learners also have access to YouTube Lessons which are uploaded to the Maritzburg College YouTube channel.

Special thanks to Ms K Moula, Mr M Jeewan, Mr S Mkhwanazi and Mr M Dibben who teach Computer Application Technology and Computer Literacy from Second Form to Sixth Form. We would also like to place on record our thanks and appreciation to Mrs J Finnie, Mr V Rajpaul and Mr T Tshabalala for their assistance in ensuring that our department runs efficiently. We look forward to an exciting and challenging year in 2020.

Mr J Maistry

Life Orientation (LO)

It gives me great pleasure to report that our Matric class of 2019 has managed to improve on last year's performance by almost 30 A symbols in the final Life Orientation examination, written in September. This is a result of which both staff and boys can be exceptionally proud. We are absolutely delighted at how the boys have applied themselves in order to achieve such outstanding results.

We said goodbye to two staff members this year. Mr Ryan Kyle, who has a much fuller timetable after his promotion to Deputy Head of Boarding, as well as teaching Geography, and Mr Brandon van der Walt who has become an Assistant Housemaster and full-time Geography teacher.

In 2020 we will be very happy to welcome some young, energetic staff namely, Messrs Pitout, Sokhela, Steyn and Stopford, to the Life Orientation Department. They are all very motivated young men with whom the boys will be able to establish a valuable connection.

Life Orientation is a diverse and time-consuming syllabus and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the staff who have gone above and beyond their duty to ensure that 2019 was a smooth and very successful year. 2020 is sure to be an exciting one.

Mrs P Lowe

Life Sciences

By choosing to study Life Science in Grade 10, College boys are making a commitment to work diligently and consistently towards their matric from the first day. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics including Botany, Zoology, Human Anatomy, Ecology, Biochemistry, Evolution and Ecology as well as considering how humans have impacted on the environment. It is a valuable subject in that it enables us to reflect on the world around us and the relevance of what we study can be seen on a daily basis.

Practical work continues to be a highlight of the syllabus for the boys, as it enhances their understanding and enjoyment of the theory and processes learned. College is blessed with excellent facilities and

support staff who go the extra mile to facilitate our practical work. Through this process of learning and doing, we hope that our boys develop an interest and appreciation of the subject.



Fifth Former, L Roberts, blowing up a set of sheep lungs closely watched by K Hardy, B Thompson and R Vincent



W Pretorius and H Kemp dissecting a heart



I Moosa and N Dlamini examining a dissected heart



Fourth Former, K Hammar, investigates the perfect soaking solution for potato chips during his practical exam

Once again the very successful execution of the Grade 10 and 11 final practical examinations prompts our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Cindy Sewmungal for the preparation of specimens, materials and the various administrative duties she attends to so efficiently.



During their practical exam Fifth Formers, L Jansen van Vuuren and A Thenjwayo, investigate the energy contained in a single peanut

Mathematics Literacy

2019 has been a challenging year for the Mathematical Literacy department, as the influx of pupils from Mathematics, proper, has been more than we bargained for. Nevertheless, we have tried to achieve as many of our goals set at the beginning of this year. We welcomed Mr M Zuma to our team to teach Grade 10, 11 and 12 classes.

Our team of Messrs Kleinhans, Sherriff, Zuma and Mabaso have actively involved all the boys in the different aspects of the Mathematical Literacy syllabus and many have achieved good results with their assistance. A special thanks to Mr Mabaso for accommodating the new boys who changed over from Mathematics to Mathematical Literacy during the course of the year, as this meant a change in his timetable.

The misconception that Mathematical Literacy is 'easy' compared to Mathematics is one reason that many pupils choose to change over during the course of the year, and it can be an eye-opener when they realise the challenges they have to deal with when faced with the subject content. This was dealt with during the Third Form Subject Choice Evening as parents and boys were informed about what to expect when choosing this subject. Parents were also informed via the D6 communicator about possible career options for pupils who choose this subject. After writing the June Examination Paper 1, which were internal examinations, some pupils still felt that it was easy. This idea was quickly dispelled when they had to endure a rather challenging Paper 2 which was set at a completely different level. Some learners need to be more pro-active about their subject choices in Grade 9 to prevent constant disruptions during the course of the term as they change over from Mathematics to Mathematical Literacy.

A total of 86 boys wrote the 2019 NSC Examination, ten obtaining A symbols and 28 obtaining B symbols. The pass-rate for Mathematical Literacy was 100%. These are exceptional results, of which the school can be proud. We are hopeful that the 2020 matriculants will perform as well.

As we look forward to 2020, there will be changes in staff and these will benefit students and the school with few disruptions during the year. As the numbers of learners in the subject is increasing, we are planning ahead to ensure that all boys are provided with textbooks/workbooks and that all possible resource materials are readily available on the Moodle so that we have a successful 2020.

We would like to thank all the educators, our HoD, Mr J Maistry and Deputy Head: Academics, Mrs J Finnie, for all their assistance during the course of this year. Sadly, we bid farewell to Mr Kleinhans and wish him well.

Mr M Jeewan

Music

Music, as a subject at College, continues to grow. Music as a co-curricular activity has also fed into an increase in our subject numbers. Our subject music boys are achieving on the highest level in the classroom. This year we had only one boy, L Stander, who wrote the National Senior Certificate examination for Music, and he did himself and the department proud by achieving 71%.

As part of our development of music as a subject, we enter the boys for external examinations to test their ability at a national and international level. We congratulate the following boys who achieved distinctions:

Trinity College of Music:	J White for Grade 2 Piano
UNISA Theory Pre-Grade 1:	M Mason
UNISA Theory Grade 1:	J Wiggill
UNISA Theory Grade 2:	S Ender, N Mazibuko, T Zimu
UNISA Theory Grade 3:	J White (UNISA Roll of Honour)

A big thank you to Messrs J Heyns and B Kisbey-Green for all their hard work and effort in the department this year.

Mr S Stickells

One of our chief objectives has been to increase contact between class teachers and parents in the hope that this will spark conversation and discussion of topics we are covering at school and encourage learning about them.

I am most grateful for the opportunity to lead such an innovative and professional Life Science team. They have made me feel at home from the outset, and have contributed immensely to my thoroughly enjoying my first year at College.

Our matriculants have once again done us very proud with their considerable achievements in the NSC final examinations. Life Sciences attained a 100% pass rate and achieved 20% A symbols. The class average, although slightly lower than in previous years was still a very respectable 64%. Congratulations to our top-scoring matriculant, F Mahomed, who attained an outstanding 93%.

We wish all our matriculants the very best for their further studies and careers and encourage them to keep in touch and keep us informed of their progress.

Mr R Paterson

Mathematics

It has been a privilege to lead the Mathematics department this year. It consists of a group of highly qualified, passionate and committed people. Some have been teaching for many years and this experience and knowledge was shared among the younger, less experienced teachers to ensure growth and confidence in their abilities.

Only one new teacher joined the Mathematics Team this year. Mr M Zuma, previously from Faithway College in Himeville, has added tremendous value to our department.

This is the fifth year that Mrs Moffatt has taught remedial Mathematics at College and we are confident that this service has contributed positively towards improving the results of under-achieving boys.

We are most grateful to the Epoch Optima Trust which once again granted a generous sum of money to the Maritzburg College Mathematics Department. This has assisted us in meeting the goals of improving participation in higher mathematics, increasing the number of disadvantaged learners who have access to quality mathematics education and increasing the quality of our results.

We entered 274 boys in the Harmony Mathematics Olympiad, 129 reached the second round. We registered a group of Grade 12 students with the IEB to write Advanced Programme Mathematics. Some Grade 10 and 11 students committed themselves to an internal Advanced Mathematics course.

A total of 164 boys wrote Mathematics in the NSC Examinations, 17 obtaining A symbols and 29 B symbols. The pass rate for Mathematics was 96%. These results are undoubtedly something to be very proud of.

Unfortunately, we had to bid farewell to four Mathematics teachers: Mrs Schofield and Dr Salmond will take up posts at different schools, and Mr Kleinhans and Mr Guise-Brown will both retire. We thank them for their many years of service in the Mathematics department and wish them all the best for the future.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my team for their tireless efforts throughout the year. I appreciate all of your hard work, positive attitudes and energy and I look forward to working with you again next year.

Mrs F Deyzel

Physical Science

The new year started with the wonderful news that we had 30 distinctions in 2019. Y Akoo, L Diedricks, J McFarland, T Govindasamy, J Collocott, S Soorju, S Dlamini and N Msiya achieved 90% or more. J Collocott was the top Physical Science student with 96%. Sadly, one boy failed but the average went up to 67% which was an improvement on 2018. These wonderful results are due to a dedicated team who taught the boys good exam strategies as well as teaching them the subject matter thoroughly.

The Physical Science department strictly follows the CAPS document and the annual teaching plan as set out by the Education department. We have, however, decided to set our own June exams and find that our standard is comparable with that of the National papers. This we can do because we have a very talented and experienced team of teachers. The results were very pleasing and we had few failures in Grade 10 and 11, but none in Grade 12.

The National Science Olympiad was written by 70 boys. The results were not remarkable and none of the boys were invited to the National Science Week. This annual event suffered a financial blow and had to be reorganised. Hopefully it will be better organised next year.

College participated in the Mintek Quiz and easily went into the second round, which is an oral exam round. The three participants were Y Akoo, N Msiya and J Collocott. Competition was tough and College was placed third out of five teams.

The staff in this department are all very experienced, dedicated and we all work well as a team but occasionally other opportunities arise and staff leave. Dr Salmund left at the beginning of the fourth term to take up a post at DHS. We were very sad to lose such a dedicated and committed teacher, but wish her well in her new post.

Mrs E Couperthwaite

Visual Art

When local artist and printmaker, Eloff Pretorius, opened our 2019 Matric Exhibition, he pointed out that seven of the world's top twenty contemporary artists are South African. South Africa, he said, is a great country for artists and the right place to pursue a career in the creative sectors. In addition, he emphasised the value of studying Art, in that it teaches three vital life-skills: discipline, creative problem-solving and social awareness through the study of Art History.

Our matriculants produced a very confident body of work this year. Their technical facility was shown in excellent observation drawing, and their willingness to explore and take risks translated into rapid personal growth. There was a broad range of personal styles and choice of media – as well as bold painting in both acrylic and oils. We also had a strong group of boys who found expression in printing – both linocut and etching. Several boys worked in welded steel, creating powerful and thought-provoking works that injected energy into the exhibition as a whole.

Our 2019 matriculants performed very well in their final exams. This is the third consecutive year to produce a B average for the grade. 85% of boys scored above a C symbol. Despite the stressful situation, many created compelling artworks for their final practical exam.

The welding department, in the hands of Mr Dodd, has trained a number of boys who have discovered, in steel, a medium in which they can truly express themselves.

The high standard of our matriculants is largely the result of four years of solid groundwork. As did our juniors this year, those matriculants were taught the fundamentals of observation drawing and the elements of art in Second Form. In Third Form, we emphasise the elements of design, and the boys learn to use these more consciously as they paint in water-colours and create their first lino print. By the time junior boys move into Fourth Form, they are all visually literate, able to look at and discuss an artwork, without feeling overwhelmed.

Fourth Formers begin the exciting journey of World Art history and we are very lucky to have the resources in the local museum to be able to look at actual examples of the rock art of Southern Africa. Over four term-long projects, the boys learned drawing techniques, created etchings, learned the basics of acrylic painting, and found expression in large chalk and charcoal works.

Fifth Form took on the challenge of self-portraits in oil paint, then went on to create double prints using lino. Having a good grasp of a variety of techniques, the boys were then given freedom to explore the medium of their choice while interpreting a theme. Their Art History syllabus took them from Neo-Classicism in France all the way through to Abstract Expressionism and Pop Art in America.

The Sixth Form Art History focuses on South African Art, and offers a meaningful perspective on our country's history as well as a good understanding of contemporary art in South Africa. It is current and relevant, and any boy who chooses art will emerge with greater insight into the human condition.

As art teachers, we were excited to host and participate in a print workshop with fine artist and printmaker, Jeff Rankin. Sixteen participants, many of whom were also art teachers or artists, attended and it was a wonderful opportunity for the sharing of ideas and skills. We were also privileged to take part in a botanical art painting workshop held by Elsa Pooley and Gillian Condy. A screen-printing afternoon was enjoyed when Khulekani Cele from UKZN gave us an intensive course in this exciting medium. All the knowledge gained by this contact with other artists and their specialised skills is what helps us as teachers to feed the boys with fresh, creative ideas.

In 2020, we look forward to expanding our Digital Art platform, as we have a growing number of boys who are excited to explore animation and other digital art forms.

Mrs S Osborne



Printmaker, Jeff Rankin, describes elements of the print-making process during the print workshop held at Maritzburg College



Linocut print prepared at the workshop



Printmaker Khulekani Cele oversees the method of pulling a squeegee in the production of a silkscreen print

isiZulu

For the Zulu department 2019 has been a year of success and growth. Mr Mkhwanazi has been a great asset to the team. The CAPS knowledge he has displayed is wonderful and it has helped the Department to grow immensely. One of the highlights for the Department is the rapid growth. We see more than 360 boys studying isiZulu and almost ten per cent of these boys are non-Zulu speakers in all grades. As a result of this rapid growth the need to employ a fourth teacher is imminent.

We have also seen the amazing growth of the Zulu Evening, which is our Fifth Form annual event. It has been upgraded to a Cultural Evening since, for the first time, we took it to the next level where we saw different cultural events being displayed by other cultural groups in the school. We extend our gratitude to all parents, teachers and boys of College for their continued support in making this event a success. Siyabonga kakhulu, izandla zidlula ikhanda.

The Fourth Form excursion is always an unforgettable experience for all boys. The success and the growth of the department is through the good working relationship among the teachers. It has been a wonderful year which culminated in a 100% pass rate in the NSC examinations. Thirty-seven A symbols and 18 B symbols from 66 pupils is very pleasing – however, the teachers, with a good understanding of our pupils and knowing what they are capable of, feel that these results could have been even better. We are hoping for much better results in 2020!

Mr J Mhlongo



Images from the energetic and interesting Zulu evening



OTHER DEPARTMENTS

College Archives and Museum

Founded in 1978 during the headmastership of Mr K Olivier and comprised mainly of long-serving former College teachers, the Maritzburg College Archives Committee has a wide jurisdiction over many heritage-related matters at the school. These include the museum, the archives itself and all its contents, the school's various war memorials, the Wall of Remembrance, aspects of Remembrance Day, the honoris causa board in the Victoria Hall, the international sport honours board in the Kent Pavilion, the naming of various facilities at the school etc.

In 2019, the members of the committee, who met formally on three occasions during the year, were the following:

- Mr John Deane (OC 1950, retired former member of staff and Chief Director of Education)
- Mr TB "Jack" Frost (retired former member of staff and Senior Lecturer in History at Teachers' Training College)
- Mr Simon Haw (retired former member of staff and Subject Advisor for History)
- Mrs Margaret Gibbs (retired former teacher and daughter of the legendary Mr JM Nicholson)
- Mr Mike Hill (OC 1961, retired former Senior Deputy Headmaster)
- Mr Ron Jury (retired former Headmaster)
- Mr Steve Kotze (OC 1989 and research officer at the Durban Local History Museum)
- Mr Chris Luman (Headmaster)
- Mr Matthew Marwick (OC 1988 and Deputy Headmaster) (chairman)
- Mr Tony Nevill (retired former member of staff)
- Ms Henriette Ridley (outgoing museum curator / school archivist)
- Ms Hayley Strachan (incoming museum curator / school archivist)
- Prof Peter Tennant (OC 1963, retired former member of staff and head of the Department of Classics at UKZN)
- Mr Tony Wiblin (retired former Senior Deputy Headmaster)

An important sub-committee also had a busy year – namely the Museum Committee, under the leadership of College's renowned scribe, Mr Haw. A number of heritage-related matters were addressed, were initiated etc. by the committee in 2019, including the following:

- The cherished "Isandlwana Assegai" that was donated to the school by OC Mr Gavin Wimbush on Founders' Day in 2018 was framed and displayed in the Victoria Hall.
- The superb Sherlock Holmes short-story written by Mr Deane was published digitally in time for Founder's Day on 2 March 2019.
- In 2019, the names of the following Old Collegians were added to the honoris causa board in the Victoria Hall:
 - BOURKE, E.F. (OC c1864), Mayor of Pretoria
 - WINTER, H.D. (OC c1866), Senator, M.L.A. (Weenen County)
 - NOURSE, Major H.G. (Royal Engineers), (OC c1897), Military Cross
 - RODGERS, F.A. (OC 1980), Member of Parliament
- It was noted with quiet satisfaction that the selection in late 2019 of Dr Aadil Khan (OC 2001) as an officially-recognised SA men's Protea body-builder took College's tally of international sportsmen and sports officials to 310.
- On that note, an additional honours board for the Kent Pavilion was commissioned in 2019, courtesy of a generous donation by Mr J Roos (OC 1988), to ensure that the ever-expanding list of OC internationals could be displayed.

- A record tally of 29 plaques were added to the Wall of Remembrance, including a special plaque to the late Mr Alan Pridmore, who not only served College as a staff member for 29 years but was an enthusiastic former member of the Archives Committee itself.
- It was noted with interest by the members of the committee that the name of the Natal Carbineers was during 2019 changed to the iNgobamakhosi Carbineers. College is proud to have formally been affiliated to the Carbineers since 1935, and it is interesting to bear in mind that the iNgobamakhosi regiment of King Cetshwayo's 20 000-strong impi fought with great bravery as part of the left horn at Isandlwana.
- Mr Marwick contributed a written chapter on Maritzburg College, with numerous supporting photos, for an upcoming pictorial history book on "20 South African Schools", to be published in December 2019.
- On Remembrance Day, the school focused on and remembered especially its seven alumni killed during the South African War (1899-1902), during which the College buildings were used as a military hospital by the British authorities. The school's "tribute to the fallen" was delivered by Mr K Guise-Brown, while the annual obituary – of Col. W Royston, the commandant of the Natal Volunteers – and the Roll of Honour were read by Mr Wiblin.
- The members of the committee were delighted to have played a role in the naming of the "Keith Guise-Brown Dining Hall", as well as all the surreptitious, in-the-background planning in the build-up to the ceremony.
- Mrs Ridley retired after 10 years' service to College, and her position was filled by Mrs Strachan, who arrived with a healthy pedigree, given that her father (coincidentally, the aforementioned Mr FA Rodgers) and husband attended the school. The warm thanks of the school go to Mrs Ridley for her hard work in starting the museum in 2013, and in rejuvenating and professionalising the archives. We wish her well on her well-deserved retirement to the Eastern Cape.
- A new museum display on diversity82 at College is in the pipeline, courtesy of Mr Haw; Mrs Strachan is to set up a Rugby World Cup display in early 2020 in honour of College's RWC luminaries; and a framed display of memorabilia donated by Mr Darryl Bestall, who is unquestionably one of the school's greatest all-round sportsmen, is planned for mid-2020.

The appointment of Mrs Strachan in late 2019 certainly augurs well for the future of the school's museum and archives, and we look forward to a number of new and exciting initiatives from 2020 onwards.

Mr M Marwick



The completed, framed display of the "Isandlwana Assegai" (the shorter of the two) and another historic old assegai was presented to College on 22 January 2019 – the 140th anniversary of the great battle. In the photo above, Messrs E Sithole, M Marwick and Z Mazwi admire the two venerable weapons of war.

Counselling

The Counselling Department's new location with an external door into the garden has definitely facilitated easy access to Counselling, especially for the shy help-seeker. That so many adolescent boys are willing to incorporate counselling into their daily lives offers great hope for their future. Coping strategies and psychological awareness and life skills have been learned throughout 2019 by numerous boys. This will stand them in good stead in life, generally, and in tight situations specifically. Issues presented have been many and varied and the Counselling department prides itself on being able to pick each boy up wherever he may be in his life journey and assist in reframing a problem to find a new and suitable solution. Our staff at Maritzburg College can be highly commended on identifying learners who are struggling alone with life events and highlighting this need, so that these boys can also be included in the mix of those who attend counselling. Parents, too, often request counselling for their sons and can also provide a context and background, which assists in dispensing appropriate counselling.

Counselling is available to all learners at Maritzburg College, including both junior and seniors; dayboys and boarders. As with most teenagers, it is to be expected that challenges arise for our boys either on the home front or in the school arena: parental conflict, relationship issues, learning disorders etc. and these can be addressed with the simple move of booking a consultation. Our House system provides a conduit each morning through which boys can be informed of their counselling appointment times. This facilitates consultations for the boys and the network existing between the Counselling department and the Housemasters, who closely administer pastoral care, is strengthened.

Mrs R Wulfsohn

Information, Communications and Technology

Maritzburg College realises the value of information, communication and technology in our school and community. Technology is infused into every area of the academic curriculum, cultural activities and sporting environment. To support the various sectors of our College community we provide the following:

- Wi-Fi in the academic school block, boarding houses and indoor centre.
- Learner Management System (Moodle) which consists of past papers, PowerPoints, video links to lessons, examination timetables, examination breakdowns and sporting highlights.
- Microsoft Teams a classroom management system that is accessible from computers, tablets, iPads and smart phones. Microsoft Teams allows the following benefits to the class:
 - file storage for resources.
 - communications platform for classroom chats.
 - video lessons to reach students that are absent.
 - file storage for PowerPoints, worksheets, papers.
 - creation of assignments.
 - allows assignments to be uploaded
 - online marking and immediate feedback
 - daily planner for the class
 - access via computers, tablets and cell phones
- YouTube channel consisting of academic video lessons, sporting highlights and marketing features
- Papercut, to ensure that every boy has access to printing
- Three computer labs with up-to-date computers and software
- Office 365 for students and staff, giving them access to OneDrive, MS OneNote, MSWord, MS PowerPoint, MS Excel and other Microsoft apps



On Founder's Day 2019, the splendid Sherlock Holmes short-story written by Mr J Deane was officially released. The story has a strong College flavour, and the chairman of the Archives Committee, Mr Marwick, was on hand to congratulate Mr Deane on his memorable addition to Collegiana.



One of the sketches by Mr M Comrie used in the short-story; it depicts Sherlock Holmes and his driver about to cross the Scott Bridge over the Msunduzi River, with the "imposing edifice of Maritzburg College" in the distance.



In late 2019, the Archives Committee hosted the UK's former Secretary of Defence, Mr Michael Portillo, who was filming a documentary on the British Empire, to be released in mid-2020. The former honourable member for Kensington & Chelsea took the time to interview a few Sixth Form history students – O Salim, N Lushozi, J van der Walt and C Knight

- State of the art firewall restricting students and staff access to inappropriate content and cyber threats
- Infrastructure to support iPads, Tablets and smartphones
- Senior Network Administrator, Junior Network Administrator, IT Development assistant and a Tech Squad to assist students and staff
- Regular staff training and network sessions pertaining to the integration of technology in the classroom
- D6 Communicator
- Online Library
- Online access to magazines and newspapers.

We are continually researching and testing emerging technologies and techniques to ensure that College remains at the forefront of technology in education.

Every teacher has access to either a laptop, iPad or desktop computer. Eighty percent of educators have been provided with laptops and iPads. This ensures that they have the necessary tools to provide a modern education for every student. These resources help to narrow the digital divide between student and educator.

Mr J Maistry

Media Centre

The Media Centre remains a hive of activity during the day: before school, during breaks and after school students will work, read or play chess. The recreational reading area with couches and bean bags continues to be a firm favourite with the juniors after school. We successfully integrate with not only learners but also staff, by providing special reserved collections, displays illustrating the finer points of specific assignment topic, or through making paper props and flyers for the drama productions.

This year Maritzburg College Media Centre entered the Department of Education's Education Library Information and Technology Services (ELITS) School Library Excellence Awards (SLEA). We are pleased to announce that we finished joint first in the Urban High School Central Library category. The schools that are presented with School Library Excellence Awards are those that have shown best practice in school library and information services over a sustained period of time. The objectives of the project are the appreciation of excellence in school librarianship, to encourage schools with good libraries and to acknowledge them as models of good practice. We were asked to give a presentation at the awards function and we concentrated on the relationships that the Media Centre nurtures with staff and learners. In this way the Media Centre integrates into school life: academic day to day lessons, after school tasks and activities, and recreational leisure reading. We also extolled our digital affordances in the Media Centre: digital library management system, computer room for learners, eLibrary with both eBooks and audiobooks, and Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Mr R Gutteridge



Afternoons after school in the bean-bag corner of the Media Centre

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Social Awareness Council (SAC)



Back row: S Ndlovu, S Dlamini, K Moodley, E Hamadziripi, A Ntuli, P Phala
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Front row: T Mtungwa, C Knight, N Lushozi (captain), Mrs C Randall (MIC), O Salim, J McFarland, T Nzimande

The Social Awareness Council (SAC) has become an integral part of the school and has participated in many key activities during the course of the year. The most significant of these is the development of the school's Dignity and Anti-Discrimination Policy which has already been presented to the School Governing Body, staff and boys. The document has been produced after extensive workshops, surveys and discussions chaired by Mrs Govender, and with the participation of key stakeholders in the school. The policy speaks to the values that we believe all boys attending Maritzburg College should uphold. We are expecting to officially launch this policy early next year. Further to this, Mr Marwick has been tasked with producing the College Credo and College Culture document in consultation with various bodies and committees.

The SAC felt it was necessary to offer a social awareness and diversity training workshop for the Prefects and House Leaders as part of their leadership training, to provide them with the tools to deal with sensitive matters and also to initiate a spirit of servant-leadership and tolerance in a diverse South African community. Our leadership body received training from the SAC and this was well-received by the boys. We hope to continue with this in 2020 by offering guidance and mentorship in this area.

Subject Heads attended a workshop on Race Theory in February 2019 and the feedback was immensely positive. Once again, many appreciated the opportunity to engage in these matters and felt that it offered valuable insight as to why these issues are so significant in

South Africa and globally. Further, this also enhances one's perspective concerning teaching in a diverse classroom.

The SAC also offers insight to matters relating to social diversity and works closely with many school committees such as Leadership, Employment Equity, and the RCL. We also facilitated a touching assembly on Gender Based Violence for Women's Day as well.

Mrs Caren Randall has taken over as MIC for the Social Awareness Forum (SAF) from Mrs Wylde. The boys have participated in various activities such as fish bowl sessions and speaker sessions on many issues from Gender Based Violence to Drug Awareness. The SAF has grown considerably in the past two years and we look forward to an even bigger growth to this highly significant school group in the coming years.

Finally, we wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr Craig MacKenzie (SGB) and Mr Duncan Randall (OC) for their ongoing support of social justice imperatives in the school. Their commitment has spurred all members of the Council to work even harder at ensuring that we continue to promote and educate boys about the importance of being socially aware and inclusive in our school environment. We have an exciting calendar planned for 2020 which includes dynamic speakers and presentations. Parents, learners and the school community are encouraged to keep abreast of the Social Awareness Programme of the school by visiting our School Website.

Mrs R Govender



The Social Awareness Council in action

CREATIVITY AT COLLEGE

ENGLISH WRITING

What is Life?

What is life? It's the frail stem of a growing plant, its budding leaves pushing through its earthy foundation, tentatively reaching out into the world around it. It's the gentle falling of a leaf through the crisp air; the faint sound of a gurgling stream that hangs in the atmosphere, accompanied by a fine mist spiralling upward, its minute droplets shimmering in the light of the bright white morning sun.

I feel a sharp minty stab of pine-infused air as it travels down my throat and into my open chest. My eyes slowly start to open to the lush, green world around me, my vision clearing and details expanding in an infinite spectrum around me. The shrill voices of insects brush past my ear, and the warmth of the golden orb breaking through the emerald canopy above flows across the length of my face, dancers of light bursting through my eyes, wide with wonder as the foliage underfoot tickles my naked feet.

I wander on aimlessly through this world of wonders, absorbing every interesting intricacy, every detail around me. The stream grows louder, and soon morphs into the sound of a strong river, and with it, the gradual transformation of the scenery starts. Soon the forgiving touch of the forest floor hardens into glistening rocks along the bank of the smooth river, but I still travel onwards, mesmerised by the ever-changing, ever-complex forms of the formless water.

The light of the forest begins to change, falling from saturated green to tinges of deep blue. A breeze drifts over the water's surface, brushing by my skin, sending a ripple of shivers through my being. The river grows ever wider, ever louder, and I suddenly break through the hard treeline, onto the edge of a cliff, where the river descends in a crash to a place we will all eventually see, but a place those still wandering will never fully understand. Out in the distance, over the smooth rolls of the hills, sits a single, solitary sun, its once bright colours aged into deep reds and golden browns, and as its last sliver of light goes down under the line of the horizon, I go down with it.

What is life? This is life. It is the never-ending cycle of our creation, from our dawns through to our dusks. It is a level of awareness that surprises the intellectual, a sensation so deep and raw that I couldn't even begin to fully understand it. It is a profound feeling of oneness with nature and the universe. It is a sensation that worries not about the past nor the future, but a sensation that persists and lives with us in the power of now.

J Collocott (Sixth Form)

The Raging Fires

"Ed! Ed!" These words were followed by, "Where is Alaina?" as I slipped back into reality and recognised Jane's panicky eyes, like a horse sensing its demise. "She is right here." I groggily uttered as I lifted the blanket only to find a brown teddy next to me. Electric impulses surged throughout my entire body igniting a fire in my brain and jolting me into alertness as I made a conscious effort to ignore the streaks of fear that were now clouding my mind.

The thought of my six-year-old daughter, vulnerable in the menacing world, tore through every cell in my body. I sprung out of bed and insisted Jane alert the police and remain in the hotel in the event that she might return. The intrusive sun's rays filtered through the window, annoying my inner restlessness as I caught a glimpse of a zebra crossing outside. Black and white like lines on a broken television. A poignant thought crossed my mind, "Out of the hotel, over the zebra-crossing and onto the pier!" Alaina previously chanted this in an effort to persuade me to take her to the fortune teller. I held on to the memory of her voice to dampen the fire racing inside me.

One decade ... two decades ... three decades ... time felt like it had paused as I descended each floor of the Grand Hotel. The classical tune in the elevator buzzed in my ears as I waited for it to reach the

ground floor. The doors crept slowly open, but as soon as I could fit through the doors I rushed out, escaping like a prisoner on the run. I raced past the concierge and exited the building.

My auditory senses experienced discomfort as I scanned the polluted street, searching for the most innocent part of me. I found myself drowning in a sea of unfamiliar faces as a group of tourists strolled on past. The thought of my sweet Alaina in a similar claustrophobic crowd urged me on to move forward along the path to the fortune teller.

Blonde hair, curly wisps, red jersey. "Could it really be her?" a hopeful voice whispered inside of me. A reflex in me shouted her name. I accelerated towards her on a surge of adrenalin. The girl in the red jersey swivelled towards me and caused me to halt in my tracks. Like a bulldozer on a pedestrian path of destruction. My window of hope shattered into tiny fragments. She clasped the hand of an unfamiliar person and walked away, taking every shred of courage I could muster up on that fateful morning.

My apologetic body carried me towards the fortune teller. I was deeply traumatised, an emotional wreck who trudged slowly forwards. "Daddy! Daddy!" a little voice called out. At first I thought I was hearing things which my soul desperately yearned for, but it was her! MY ALAINA! A feeling of such joy and relief washed over me and is forever etched into my memory. I embraced her closely and tears spilt down my cheeks releasing the pain and anguish I had felt, and these quenched the fires within me.

A Essa (Sixth Form)

Painfully Beautiful

It felt as if I could see all of Pietermaritzburg. The sky was ablaze. Grey clouds tumbled over each other becoming massive spirals of red and gold. The sun lazily drifted behind sleeping mountains. The features of trees and buildings began to fade as dusk wrapped her shadowy arms around them. The old bench groaned beneath my weight and tears swelled in my eyes; everything was but a colourful blur. Looking over Barns, I remembered the first day of school, a memory that was starting to set.

In a sea of colours, I had merely been a light blue shirt. My heart sank thumping in my throat like the excitement was struggling to break free. My hands shook with anticipation and my eyes spun wildly around. The sun beamed down from an undisturbed ocean of a sky. Trees swayed gently in summer's cool breath. The tar stung at our feet as we sprinted past Clark House. Its bricks filled with history, seemed to glare down at us and forbidden grass lingered so far away. The journey had begun with a hop over the speed humps, arms clenched at our sides and the screams of a boy with a red badge.

That first day was hollow compared with the first time I played on Goldstone's. Morning dew hung onto blades of grass and the field seemed to shine. The stench of polish clutched at my boots from their morning scrub as my team gathered. For a moment we stood; time stopped. I drew a slow breath, my fingers closed around the badge on my jersey and I began to run. The field approached and I entered a tunnel of cheering; the shouts and applause echoed violently in my ears. The try line called to us when we ran and the field caught us when we fell. My knee's old wound split open and hot blood began to snake down my leg. At the end of the match, I saw where it had dripped. Blades of emerald grass stood like paint brushes dipped in scarlet. I had left part of myself on Goldstone's that day.

I sat under an onyx sky with a lamp flickering next to the bench. Tears brushed against my cheeks. The sunset had been the most beautiful I had ever seen. My leg started to shiver as Night's cold bite began to gnaw at me. I stood up and the bench sighed with relief. I walked towards the railing; my steps rang in the darkness. My knuckles paled as my grip tightened on the barrier. Eyes finally dry, I whispered, "Good night".

J McFarland (Sixth Form)

My First Night in Prison

The gates swung open on uncoiled hinges, squealing in synchrony with the anguished wail in my chest. (Crossing over the red line, I stepped forward with the first step into my new life, crossing over the barrier from an ordinary life into something else.) I moved forward because I had no option not too. I was ushered through the entrance by armour clad, faceless individuals with rifles at their sides. The structure I was being led towards loomed before me. Its look of utilitarianism only rivalled by its foreboding appearance.

In a procession with which the guards were well acquainted, I was led between the avenue of silent sentinels, ceremoniously inducted into the ranks of the reformatory – through the doorway and into the corridors of custody. In a haze, I barely registered the events to follow ... an unmistakable uniform shoved into my arms, the gruff voice of no-nonsense guards directing my path through the penitentiary, the dark and dingy chambers that were to serve me for the duration of my stay ...

"I shouldn't have ended up here," I thought, but desperation had driven me down a path I didn't want to follow. As an unwilling passenger of circumstance, I had arrived at a destination which all, like so many before me, had wished to avoid. The circumstances for this sorrowful situation were my own, as with all other sin in this God-forsaken gaol. Desperation is a harsh and exacting mistress, one which we serve out of necessity, one which offers nothing but alms of adversity in recompense for the rendering of our services.

Settling down on the hard bed, reminded me of the hard reality in which I found myself. I glanced around. The poor lighting in my room was comparable with my dim future. The ill-illuminated surroundings were synonymous with the situation which led me to this point. So little had I then that I could not even afford the privilege of choice. So little have I now that I have no choice but to continue ... even though the choice was made for, if even by, me.

Stuck in such situations, men often give themselves over to ruminating upon their reality, as I did now. Here I was, offering my services to the demand of my destitution as a prison guard! The smell of despair which surrounded me was a noose around my neck, like the one which would soon find itself dropped over some unfortunate soul's shoulders, that garland of disgrace. With no other option but to take what I could find, I too was imprisoned, not because I had done anything wrong, but because I couldn't seem to get anything right!

It struck me then in that moment, that the convicts which I was now sentenced to guard, were as much of a warden to me, as much as I was to them!

C McKenzie (Sixth Form)



C Dickason (Sixth Form)

The Time Has Come to Celebrate

I could feel the nerves shaking through my hands and my heart bulging out of my chest. The anticipation was unreal that day as the leaders for the next year at Maritzburg College were read out. The stillness and silence in the hall fell away as my name was read out. The whole school turned to me as I went up on stage to receive my badge and pledge. The bags under my eyes clearly indicated that I was tired, but there had been so much more going on in that heart and mind of mine throughout that year.

The applause roared on as I was joined on the stage by my brothers who had fought the good fight with me for four years. There were constants in my life. Those being God and the love from the boys that sat next to me and so I cherished this moment. This privilege. Deeply.

As I looked into the crowd I noticed my family; sitting all clumped together and smiles beaming from their faces. My mother and sisters sat there and my little brothers too, but all I could think about was who was missing. The ceremony continued with vigour and tradition, yet this thought stuck with me. The ceremony drew to a close and I was drawn like a magnet to my mother and sisters.

Few words can describe the affection my mother and I shared on that stage as I held her tightly and began to cry. Not caring at all for the boys who surrounded me. I could feel her tears too. It felt as if she was trying to give me a hug for my dad. Every memory began to flood through my mind and I held on tighter to my mother. As we let go, I began to receive a routine of congratulations and a lot of firm handshakes. Every conversation that included the word 'dad' and 'proud' made me feel as if the person speaking knew the struggle I had been through, but there was still something missing.

As we drove home we spoke of the plans for the night ahead of us. I could honestly not think of anything but sleep. The car ride was filled with laughter and singing along to some old songs, but when we arrived home, it felt as if that joy was so temporary. As soon as I stepped into the house, it didn't feel the same anymore. The dogs ran in and found a comfortable spot on the couch, but I couldn't bring myself to feel comfortable in that place I called home.

I walked into my dad's old room and sat down on the spot where he used to lie. Looking for some sort of comfort, I touched the wooden box that held his ashes and lay my badge next to it. I missed his laugh and the silly jokes he would crack with a smirk on his face. I missed the firm handshake I would give him when I came home every day. I missed his advice and his honesty that would have so helped the year that was to come look like less of a mountain. I missed him. I wished he was there.

As I began to cry, my little brothers ran into the room, laughing and playing together. They were so happy and I could see their smiles. As I looked at the one's smile I saw my dad and the dimples he used to have and as I looked at the curly hair on my little brother's head, I saw my dad's hair. I saw him in them. I began to pray and as I started to listen, I heard a voice say, "You did it, my boy! Now take care of them for me." An immense feeling of peace came over me as I knew then that I was done living life as if something was missing. It was then time to celebrate. Celebrate where I was and what I had achieved, but also to celebrate my father's life through the two little boys who were playing in front of me.

T Katzenellenbogen (Fifth Form)



M Toich (Sixth Form)

The Droplet of a Memory

I have memories that are very dear to me. These memories are very close to my heart. I have memories of the days I spent with my late grandfather. All the moments we shared now seem more precious than ever. I always thought that my grandfather would be around forever, but now the memories are all that remain after the passing of a great man.

When I first heard the news of his passing, I did not cry. I didn't feel pain or sadness but instead I felt empty and numb, very lost and alone. I was withdrawn from everything around me and it was like I could no longer feel anything. I didn't tell my friends about it but instead I stored the pain inside me because I knew that nobody could ever understand. Days passed and it was like nothing had happened. I was able to hide the pain and move on with my life very quickly, well at least that's what I thought ...

These days, I have been feeling very different. I have been thinking about my grandfather a lot lately. Sometimes when I'm alone, I sit and think about him, I think of the times we shared while he was still with us. I think back to the days when I was still a toddler and he would play with me every day. We used to sit under the orange tree in his backyard. I remember how we would throw oranges to each other and roll around in the grass all day long like it was the most fascinating thing in the world. I remember our trips to the zoo and how he held my hand as we walked past the different animals. I think back to the times when I would sit by his side and he told me stories about his childhood and the many adventures that he experienced. I remember how he always encouraged me and motivated me to work harder. He taught me how to dream big and to strive for excellence in everything I do.

When I sit and think about my grandfather, I feel my eyes begin to water. I feel the tears that start to slowly roll down my face, but I do not wipe them. I let them fall to the ground instead. I know that my tears do not fall because I am sad, but I know that every teardrop is a droplet of memory. Every droplet represents the memory of a precious moment that we shared, and the tears are plentiful.

When I sit and cry about him, I cry because I feel honoured to have known my grandfather and shared his life with him. I cherish every teardrop because I know that every droplet of a memory is all that remains of the great man we were once blessed with.

T Mbatha (Fifth Form)

The Road Not Taken

Trees stood tall. They became naked from the kaleidoscope of leaves that shifted from summer green to autumn red. The leaves were like sails without boats, carefree and joyful. It was as if there was a litter of red sea beneath me. The refreshing sea breeze worsened my anxiety. The dying sensation of autumn was fading away ...

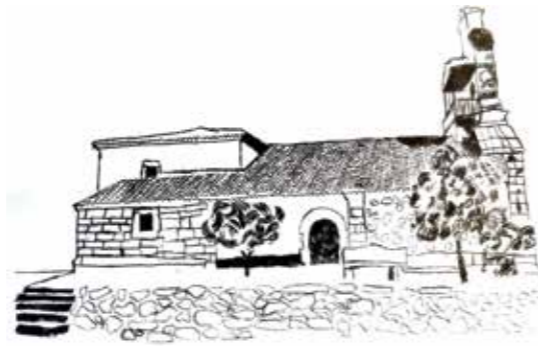
There I stood at the top of a huge building looking down at the beauty below me. I was confused. I glided my hand through my smoothly textured hair as I contemplated what I was about to do. My heart was pumping vigorously, faster than the cars that moved below me. I began to amble towards the edge of the building. One step, two steps, three steps ...

My aim was to step over and leave life's sorrows behind me. I was oblivious to the consequences of my further actions. The last feeling of hope drifted distinctly away from me. The empty commotion of loneliness had driven my lift to this. All my relationships were broken and shattered in a place called my heart. Four steps, five steps, six steps ...

Labels, expectations, appearances and acceptance. They were all road blocks on a parched path that I followed. Each one threw potent, spiteful judgements towards me. They invaded my veins, pounced on my breath, ate away at my confidence and murdered my thoughts.

The world changed me. It imprisoned the very essence of what made everyone unique and special. People wore masks to conceal their

Z Osman (Fifth Form)



L Volker (Sixth Form)

flaws, cover their insecurities and banish what was outlawed by society. People who were different disguised themselves because they were afraid. I was lost, but I tried to find myself in what people celebrated more, what they embrace and approve in others. I had a craving to be accepted, an extreme craving. When the epiphany struck my young mind that I could walk on a different road of life, it was too late. I tried to drown what was eating away at me, but once it learnt how to swim, it rendered me useless. Seven steps, eight steps, nine steps ...

There was one more step to take to free me into a peaceful after life and end my distress. Ten steps. I stepped over the edge and cascaded down the building. I landed on the ground, with all bones broken, dead.

It is amazing how blissful and beautiful everything seems when it is dying. Society had driven my life to this conclusion. Maybe things would have ended differently for me if I had taken the road less travelled ...

H Mewalall (Fifth Form)

A Day at the Fair

A few trees danced to a mix of arcade and parade music. The sun set the stage with ample lighting. The breeze made the summer's heat bearable, at least as I remember it. The aroma of fresh popcorn wafted through the air. Before me stood a plethora of colour, striped tents, and towering rides. A feast for any child's eye.

It is at this point, I believe, that I tend to forget how the day might have played out. The sequence of acts that I might have done, or scenes that had perhaps seemed blurred.

I think I saw a clown, with face paint and clothing to match his extravagance. There was probably a Ferris wheel. A giant fan in slow motion that treated me to beautiful views of the surrounding area. I do believe there were go-karts, or bumper cars, or even both. The vivid memory of wind through my hair is what I will hold as evidence. The pink, fluffy cloud of candyfloss is definitely something I remember. The sweet sensation is a taste that I cannot forget.

Under the enormous striped tent, there was a game of darts. The grand prize, while seemingly unattainable, was a huge teddy bear with a bright bowtie. There could have been a smoky food-stand, releasing notes of barbecued steak and fried chips. Maybe I saw a magician, instead of a clown, wearing a fancy suit with a ridiculous top hat. There might have been other rides to complete an amusement park-like silhouette. Perhaps a miniature rollercoaster coloured in bold red with cars that resembled a cartooned caterpillar. That would explain the memory of the rattle of train tracks. Maybe there was a rocking boat ride, sailing in the storm of an imaginary sea. Imagination aside, there was definitely an ocean of people in attendance. The memory of a constantly interrupted path holds this true.

Maybe this day was not as exciting as I remember. Maybe the food was average at best and the rides lacked any thrill. Perhaps there were no clumsy clowns or mystical magicians. My record of it could just be a few random events stitched together by the will of my mind. If my memory served as a play, it would probably be awful and without development.

I do realise that I'll never be able to recall, with absolute certainty, my first day at the fair. However, I do like to believe that it was the best day of my life.

Z Osman (Fifth Form)

The Sick City

The thick air of the city wafts through the streets. A sour taste lingers on the mouths of anyone unfortunate enough to breathe it in. The smell of burning plastic and car fumes is almost unbearable. Monstrous concrete buildings tower above and seem to never end as they stab the sky. Factories spit out vile plumes of smoke that engulf the horizon and block off any sense of nature surrounding this desert of tar.

Egregious crimes take place all over. Screams and car horns echo through the streets. Silence is non-existent as the buzz of the city drones on like a plague of insects. A single river flows through and cuts the city in half. This is not water that flows though. It is more solid and much darker: a sludge of despicable things. The substance bubbles and steams as it slowly flows. Many in the city believe that the river is polluted by every bad deed, bad thought and evil intention. This is why the river is so foul. Less spiritual people know that sewerage flows in the river as the smell can make anyone's eyes water.

Neon lights shine like hot coals and give off a sickly glow. Beggars on the streets hunt for a comfortable cardboard box to spend the night on, while the leaders and politicians complain about only having a single mattress. Every surface is rough and uncomfortable. The pavement is layered with a thick covering of sludge that feels like sinking sand as people walk on it. There is enough dirt to leave footprints on the concrete. The air chokes the pedestrians as it lies heavy in their lungs. They crave more pollution as they finish box after box of the strongest cigarettes they can find. This concrete jungle is a natural habitat for bacteria and germs. It is almost as if the people are farming diseases. Companies with huge banners that read: "Go Green!" and "Save the Environment" hang from their own buildings that puff out the darkest smoke possible. The irony goes further as those companies create weapons to use against Mother Nature, such as plastic bottles and packets.

This is a very old city but its glory days are over. Long gone are the joyful shouts of children playing in the streets, breathing clean air and looking forward to the next day. Things are different now. The city has not aged well and neither have the humans that inhabit it. The thought that this is the peak of human civilisation is erroneous.

T Rasmussen (Fifth Form)

Time Waits for No Man

We trod slowly through the night with the constant thud of shells dropping in the distance. Our feet were raw and our spirits were low. However, the only thing that got me through that night was the comfort of having my companions beside me.

The following day we woke to the thick stench of trench mud and the sweet, delicate sound of birds chirping, a great contrast in my mind. Soon we were preparing to go over the top into no-man's-land, where no man was safe. My stomach was swirling in fear as I ate my breakfast of a few stale crackers. John's spirits were higher than mine, maybe because it was his first time. All I knew was that they wouldn't be for long. Soon enough, the time came to say our last prayer and wish our companion best of luck. We were not ready, but time waits for no man.

The next few moments were a daze to me. I lost all sense of what was happening. Friends, brothers and boys were falling all around me, like an invisible force was knocking them to the ground. The only thought in my mind was to stay alive, to return home and see my daughter for the first time. I could no longer listen to the screams of friends or see the life of one's face drain away like the blood out of his leg. The next thing I remembered is that I caught a glimpse of John's hopeless face staring at me, pleading for help, out of the ditch. His first words to me as I reached him were, "Keep me alive, James! Keep me alive!" I lay down beside him, arms wrapped around his shaking body, trying to give him comfort.

As the sun began to face away, behind the distant mountains, I began to worry that our men were going to advance northwards and that we would be left behind. I tried to convince John to let me go and find

help, but he was too afraid I would abandon him. All through the night, as time slowly drifted away, I knew that my chance of survival was growing smaller and smaller.

The next day I woke to the sight of John's lifeless body beside me. It brought tears to my eyes as I knew he had a family and a son, whom he had always wanted who was on the way. After saying a few prayers and leaving his body in dignity, I began to head northwards in the hope that I would find my men.

I walked for days through all types of weather and terrain, hoping that I would come across someone I knew. On the fourth day, I began to hear sounds of shells dropping in the distance. By that evening, I had reached the French and was taken to a medical tent. I had no life left in my body, my head was burning and my feet were raw and crippled. The last thing I remember was the nurse talking about trench fever and with that, I fell into a void of darkness.

A bright light started to penetrate my eyes and as I opened them the sound of gentle music grew louder within my ears. A young girl of about six or seven was sitting at the end of my bed, playing with her dolls. She glanced up at me in astonishment and with that she cried, "Mummy! He's awake! Daddy is awake!" With those words I realised just how much time had been stolen from me, but then again, I was grateful that my time had not run out.

J Lalor (Fourth Form)



S Chetty (Second Form)

Hunted

Nothing can compare to the world we live in. It is cramped with both good and bad, flooded with excitement and tragedy. My life before this was always so mundane, the same grey trees, dead leaves and black clouds shrouding my vision from what was a world truly worth seeing.

I open my eyes, taking it all in for the first time. What was previously a mess of black is now a sea of blue above me. The ground below does not feel like rock anymore, but is replaced by a thick carpet of grass. I try to stand up but my legs won't allow it and I stumble back down onto the ground. I cannot move, I can only take in the world around me that is now littered with trees and filled with the chirping of birds above me.

The sun beats down on me, roasting the hair on my back as sweat drips down my face. My legs are much stronger now, and I am able to take my first steps. They are cautious as my legs sink into the grass below. After a dozen steps my movement grows more confident, and I trot towards the river, the birds above singing in unison as they lead the way.

A cool breeze floods my face and clings to my horns as I tear into the soil. My once weak legs are now four trunks of muscle and fur, bulging with each stride. Adrenaline rushes through my body, urging me to go

faster. I fulfil its request as my heartbeat replicates the bird's wings that now trail behind me. I can no longer hear their songs.

The night is occupied by rain and lightning. I run once more, but it is hasty and desperate. The icy sheets of rain blow through the cracks in my horns as my weary legs begin to stiffen. The animal behind me however, only speeds up as its youthful legs pound after me. A flash of lightning strikes, and for a moment I am able to see vultures circling above me. They fly lower as my legs begin to stop, and all that I now feel are the claws of the animal pierce my legs.

N McFarland (Fourth Form)

Under African Skies

A warm breeze flows through the Savannah. Mother Africa is languid. She has not had a sip of water for days. The susurrations of the parched grass gives testimony to her dire thirst. White puffs of hope dwindle over the horizon, just out of reach.

Sworn enemies stand face to face as prey sips the same water as its predators. The desperation is so great that no risk of death can deter the thirsty antelope. All of Mother Africa's pores are running dry, the greedy sun claiming all that the wildlife have missed. The clouds continue to creep closer, agonisingly slowly.

Time passes and the stage lights begin to dim. The sun is ushered away. There will be a new spectacle in the sky today. Ballerinas, clothed in dazzling white, begin their routine. Every leap, pirouette and arabesque is met by a roar of applause so loud that it shakes Mother Africa's bones. Her inhabitants, from the brave to the weak, all cover in respectful fear.

The spectacle intensifies. The applause grows louder and louder, fracturing the delicate shell of the sky. A leak has been created, and a drop plummets to the ground. The performance does not cease. Instead it demands greater applause, with more elaborate jumps and turns. Soon the leak is joined by many, as the thundering applause rips the shell to pieces.

A jubilant ballerina leaps across the stage. She strays too close to the ground. Her destructive fingertips brush against a lonely tree. Thought brief, this touch is forbidden and the tree explodes into a ball of orange. Realising her error, her tempo slows, slowly bringing the show to an end. The dancers will not rest to dance another day.

Still, Mother Africa rejoices. The show has breathed new life into her. The rain quickly refills the life-giving dents along Mother Africa's body. Her inhabitants will live to witness another dance. There is no longer a susurrations as the wind flows along the landscape. The grass resists the wind's force with a new found strength.

M Pearson (Fourth Form)



J Penny (Third Form)



J Campbell (Third Form)

The Sound of Silence

Opportunity - that is what they branded it as. The stories of the new land that had been discovered on the way to India flew around the streets like yesterday's newspaper. Fertile land, free passage and a chance, a chance to pioneer my own journey in life. But surely a small-time shoe cobbler was not worthy of imagining such prospects for himself? How could I leave behind what I already had? Every day my fingers would paint themselves red with blood as I worked for tonight's meal. A cape they called it. A cape for those who wanted to succeed, or a cape for those who were trying to run from their wives and two children, as they hated the prospect of being a slave to the system.

It was not a decision that lingered in my mind like the smoke from my father's pipe. It was a jolt, an instant surge of self-motivation that transformed itself into a decision. I was leaving. A sewn hemp sack was all I carried on my back. But it felt like I had the weight of a thousand worlds weighing me down, pushing and urging me to stay. One final kiss on each of their heads was all I left them with. Asleep, they lay unaware that tomorrow they would wake up fatherless. Better to leave them in their land of dreams as I went to discover mine.

As I walked onto my wooden vessel, the gulls on the docks taunted me, the waves below me pointed and the gusts of wind around me laughed. Never had they seen such a coward. The two-month journey to the cape had opened the doorway to a lifetime of regret.

Upon arrival I was shocked at what beauty this halfway stop had prepared for us. The mountainous landscape was cut by streams that made it appear as though this beautiful land had secrets of its own, and couldn't help but to pour its worries into the sea. I claimed my piece of land and started to rebuild. Every day, clasping opportunities like a beggar knelt down below a duke's carriage window. Eventually my gloved hands bled no more, as my trading store and reputation engulfed others. My pockets grew heavier as the fruits of my hard work and sacrifice were harvested. As the bottles in my cellar got more expensive, my mental toughness decreased rapidly. Trying to shroud my struggles in a robe of late nights at work and quarrels with my friends had not worked. I had to do something to stop this silence.

Now here I sit, in my living room, barely living. I have been trying to write this letter for three years. Every time a carefully constructed excuse as to why I left is tossed into the fireplace and licked by the flames. The words are thrown out of the chimney into the velvet Cape sky. Every night I sit in this leather sofa, surrounded by silent ghosts as they rub salt in my wounds. The darkness has become my friend and every night we play together with silence. The shrieks of laughter as children play in the streets, the clink of glasses at celebratory dinners, all mean nothing and do not register with me. If only I could hear their voices one last time. This material wealth that I reside in has made me deaf. Deaf to the truth that follows me on my morning walks, deaf to the truth that hides around every corner. I left them, and I will live with that for the rest of my existence.

So, I ignore the truth and sit here in the sound of silence.

C Williamson (Fourth Form)

The Hospital Ward

There are two things in life that everyone knows are inevitable, the birth of someone, and the time when they will pass away. Along the way we will make memories and there are places we will never forget. For some it may be a holiday island, or a family lodge. These however are not my memories.

I was supposed to be born in a labour ward, but there were unfortunate complications and I was rushed into an emergency delivery. This was my first time in an emergency situation, and in an emergency ward. This, however, was not my last visit. Due to complications with my birth I was in hospital for three weeks.

A couple of years passed and nothing too terrible happened. It wasn't until I was five though that I had to be rushed back to the theatre for an emergency tonsil operation. I can still remember the endless ice-cream I was allowed - a child's wildest dream come true. The next time I visited the emergency room would be when I was 15 and had to have my appendix removed. At 23 I was involved in a car accident and both of my legs were broken. It was back to the emergency room for me.

An entire decade passed before I returned, but this time it was not in relation to me, but to my kids. We were having twins. A lifetime passes and I lie here in the same room which I was born in, waiting to pass away. I am 75. I don't have much time left, but I am content with that. There is not much I can do about it anyway.

I know the ward now, like the back of my hand, and I am going to miss the vanilla-scented sprays and the static of the TV, but it is time to say goodbye to emergency ward 17.

J Lowe (Third Form)

A Summer's Sky

The rays of the sun beat down on me as I made my way through the dense forest. Everything was lit up and life thrived in the heart of the forest.

There was wildlife around every corner. The sky was light blue with puffs of clouds scattered everywhere. Birds flew up high and dangerous predators walked down below. Waves of water flowed down rivers and waterfalls. I could feel the warm winds breeze over me as I walked through the forest. The humid air filled my lungs. There were many animal sounds which echoed across the forest, ones that I had never heard before.

The warmth of the sun brought life and joy to everything. The water was as cold as ice below the surface. Moss grew on the dead trees and on the rocks; dark green patches were everywhere. Mud seeped between my toes from the moist ground. Diamonds sparkled in the water and fish enjoyed the warmth of the sun.

The sun provided life, preserving it at the same time. Sweat rolled down the side of my face. Every step I took felt like I had entered a new place, a place that had never been explored before. There was no trace of human activity. As the day drew to a close, bright reds and purples appeared in the sky.

The sun created true beauty. I will never be able to relive this experience again - it is a once in a lifetime experience.

K Meisegeier (Third Form)

The Blinding Power of Anger

It is true - anger has the power to blind. It can make you do the wrong things, say the wrong things and it can make you choose the wrong choices. Reacting the wrong way can lead to regret.

It was about a year ago. I had an argument with my best friend. A lot of things were said, but only one thing destroyed our friendship for good. It was when he mentioned something about my family, and my response destroyed everything.

To this day I regret what I said and I question myself. "What if? What if I had resolved the issue in a different manner? What if I had kept quiet? And what if I had just walked away?" Perhaps today I would still be friends with him, and maybe, just maybe, he wouldn't hate me as much as he does.

It was anger that had come over me. It is an emotion that cost me a friendship of many years. It was anger who blinded me. I keep on blaming the anger, but I could have controlled it. A friendship was destroyed in the blink of an eye. I guess now I believe that trust takes a long time to build, but it can be destroyed in a matter of seconds.

From that day I promised myself that I would never, ever, let an emotion get the better of me. Whether it is anger, lust or love, I promised myself I would never do anything without thinking it through carefully, because the last time I didn't think, it cost me my best friend. This is something that might just haunt me for the rest of my life, because I was the cause of someone's breakdown, and in the process I lost someone whom I treasured dearly.

S Thabethe (Third Form)

The Dancer

It dances as though no one is watching, flowing freely, like it doesn't care. Entrancing me.

And for hours I could just ... stare.

The dancer chases all the shadows away, but creates new ones yet out of sight they stay.

It dances for hours, feeding off the air.

So I think about all the times, the dancer made me scared.

For the dancer can burn houses with its intense heat.

It can make us food, if we feed it meat.

The Dancer never takes a true form your hand can move through it.

If you don't believe me, I can show you just to prove it.

The colour of the Dancer changes depending on its food.

It can be orange or gold, or green and blue.

I chuckle to myself, it's been 15 years and fire still memorises me.

No matter what I hear

R Uren (Third Form)



L du Toit (Second Form)

CREATIVITY AT COLLEGE

The Day Remains Etched in My Memory

There was a feeling in the air like a cold, dying hand reaching under my waders. The sun rose from within the earth and its golden fingertips reached for me. From the moment I opened my eyes, I knew this day would remain etched in my memory.

The fresh mountain breath brushed my face, sourcing itself from the white-tipped mountains which touched the heavens, where below a crystal clear lake belonged.

The frost crunched below my feet as I scuttled to retrieve my 5/6 weight Daiwa, Osprey rod, perfectly fitted for my hand. My jacket nestled comfortably on my shoulders as my fly box weighed it down.

As I crept up to the sparkling lake I heard the low rumble of a waterfall like a distant tribe beating on drums. A gust of wind ruffled the surface and my hairs stood up ...

Backwards then forward, repeat, until I was sure the brown line had gone far enough. I released, allowing the Black Woolly Bugger to fly through the air. It landed softly, then sunk, the line followed after. Little did I know my line was perched between the eyes of a wanted customer.

With a quick, graceful movement, the trout took my fly. I struck! The hook was embedded in its mouth. The fish fought but soon bobbed to the surface like a cork. I pulled it in, leaving a tangled knot at my feet.

I stood in the water to admire the fish, its dark brown spots stuck out on its golden body. Once I removed the hook, I released the fish. It started off slowly, like a shadow moving with the sun, then darted off, leaving ripples as the only evidence. I turned around and waddled through the icy liquid and began my climb back up and through the crunchy frost. I turned for one last look and knew this day would be etched in my memory ...

L Armstrong (Second Form)

A Dangerous Encounter

It was a stunning sky in a beautiful night. Most kids are terrified of the idea of a walk in the black woods but not me. It's not like monsters exist!

The glittery black sky shone a silvery light onto the path. I persevered in complete tranquillity and gazed dreamily at the pale moon. Beauty occupied every corner of the dim-lit forest. I pondered thoughtfully on how anybody could refuse something as beautiful as this. Then I heard it ...

There was a rustling in the bushes nearby, and my heart stopped dead. I heard a strange noise, moaning soulfully. Its voice growled, like steel claws scraping at me. I jumped around to find a giant, muscled silhouette towering over me. Two red sparks of fire resembled eyes, angry eyes.

I have never run as fast as I ran at that moment. My face was whipped by plants, almost like they were tempting me to stop. I soon stumbled over a burrowing root and rolled onto my back. Then suddenly the silhouette appeared on top of me. This time, features visible in the luna-torch's light. Matted-fungus sheltering fur coated a bulky body. It lifted its paw, revealing several greasy claws. Its paw met my face emitting an unforgettably foul stench of rotten meat. The world was then cloaked in a sheet of black.

My head hit the floor. I glanced over to my side where the monster was, but instead of a monster, my eyes focused on a bed. My bed.

S Ender (Second Form)

Snake

It was a lovely morning. The birds were chirping merrily in the luscious trees and the sun was peeping through my window, as I lay lazily in bed. Having decided that I had no special plans for the day, I opted to venture into the nearby forest with my dog ...



M van Rooyen (Second Form)

Despite not knowing what lurked in the dense forest, we courageously followed the trail. We must have walked for about an hour before I realised that my dog had vanished! I became a lunatic, running through the forest, screaming my dog's name and clutching my chest because I was beginning to hyperventilate. My mouth was parched, my feet were aching and beads of sweat covered my face. I decided to rest against one of the trees and regain my composure.

As I leaned against one of the trees, I heard a rustling noise. I became overwhelmed with fear and anxiety, not knowing what to expect. As I looked in front of me, I saw that it was a snake! It rose up into the air like a hoisted flag, penetrating me with its blood-shot eyes. My adrenaline engulfed my body, and I became rooted to my spot. I thought to myself, "Is this the end for me?"

I was about to throw in the towel, when suddenly my dog pounced guilefully upon the unsuspecting snake, aggressively wrestling and mauling it to death.

On reflecting back, this was one of the most dangerous encounters I have ever experienced.

D Pillay (Second Form)

A Life of Struggles

I lust. I fall. I diminish under your soul taking eyes, for every breath you take I feel suddenly unclear. Your tongue lets out strikes of thunder upon me and I burn down to a crisp, knowing you really didn't care about me after all.

The life that I live is a long, miserable and daunting fall from the tallest of mountains. The fall lasts forever, making it seem like an endless void, with each day dragging past the other, and I wonder, "Why can't it just end here?"

So, you may tell me that I must go, you may tell me that I'm not worth it, but realise this, it is just limiting my lonely and distasteful days. You bend to me to see how far I'll bend, until you break me down again, meeting my worthless demise in life.

You trust me like a white elephant, like an object that you desperately want to get rid of out of hatred. Yet, you keep me so that you have something to harshly complain about. You keep me by a chain, tied tightly against my waist, and against my trembling hands.

But, there's something inside of me that I cannot explain. It surges through my veins and down through my pale, clear skin. This power is recognised, and within it I have the power to change myself and everyone around me.

Through the aggravating pain I push on and you no longer have a persistent grip on me, because the chains have been broken, cut from your grasp and forever I am changed. For when I look in the mirror, I notice the only person pulling me down ... is me!

M van Rooyen (Second Form)

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Die belangrikste dinge in die lewe kan nie gekoop word nie

Baie mense dink dat, as jy skatryk is, jy gelukkig gaan wees. Geld kan baie aardse besittings koop, maar dit kan nie die belangrikste goed koop nie.

Liefde is die belangrikste ding in die lewe. Sonder liefde is ons niks nie. Die liefde vul jou lewe met goeie herinneringe en gee aan jou 'n rede om te glimlag. Jy kan nie ware liefde koop nie. Ware liefde is wanneer jy jou hele hart en siel aan iemand gee en nie wanneer jy vir haar 'n nuwe motor koop nie. Jou hart en siel kos meer as die duurste huis of motor. As jy ware liefde vind, sal jy die gelukkigste persoon in die wêreld wees!

Jy kan nie 'n prys aan vriendskap heg nie, of aan iemand wat deur elke storm by jou sal staan nie. Geld kan nie so 'n persoon koop nie. Om goeie vriende te behou, moet jy 'n ook 'n ware, opregte vriend wees. Jy moenie vir mense wys dat jy geld het nie. Die onooglikste ding wat 'n mens kan doen, is om soos 'n pou rond te stap en te pronk. As jy geld gebruik om vriende te koop, sal jy nooit 'n goeie vriendskap sluit nie.

Jy kan nie goeie herinneringe koop nie. Die aankoop van 'n nuwe motor, kan nie vergelyk word met jou eerste soen wanneer jy smoorverlief is nie. As jy vir my sê dat jy gelukkig sonder liefde of vriende is, sal ek vir jou sê dat dit te dik vir 'n daalder is! Geld kan jou nie gelukkig maak nie. Jy kan al die nuutste skoene of motors besit, maar nogsteeds nie glimlag nie. Daar is geen beter gevoel as om beenaf op 'n meisie te wees nie. As jy goeie herinneringe het, sal jy altyd 'n rede hê om te glimlag.

J Barnard (Sixth Form)

'n Dag in die lewe van 'n held

'n Dag in die lewe van 'n held? Nee, 'n dag in die lewe van MY heldin, my ma. Ma, jy is die belangrikste persoon in my lewe en ek wil net graag dankie sê.

Dankie, Ma, dankie dat jy altyd sterk is. Toe Pa siek was, was jy altyd sterk vir hom en vir ons. Ek weet dat dit ook baie moeilik vir jou was, maar jy was sterk vir die hele gesien. Nou is dit net die drie van ons, en jy speel die rol van pa en ma in ons lewens. Daagliks doen jy jou bes om ons gelukkig te maak, dankie, Ma. Ek weet dat dit moeilik is wanneer ons baklei en jy probeer om ons geskille te besleg. Wanneer ons vas aan die slaap is, is jy besig om jou werk te doen en om dinge vir die volgende dag voor te berei

Jammer, Ma, jammer oor al die kere toe ek jou teleurgestel het. Ek is nie perfek nie en jy was nie die oorsaak van die probleem nie. Ek wil jou eendag trots maak, want jy verdien dit. Jy is meer as my ma, jy is my beste vriendin en my sielsgenoot. Daagliks maak jy seker dat ons altyd tevrede is, altyd genoeg kos het, altyd ons werk doen, altyd klere het en dat ons altyd 'n eenheid is. Dankie, Ma!

Dankie, Ma. Ek kan dit nie genoeg sê nie. Jy doen meer as enige ander held in die hele wêreld, en jy doen dit met 'n hart vol liefde. Jy wys vir ons hoe 'n mens jou lewe moet lei en jy berei ons vir die groot wêreld voor. Dankie, Ma.

L Diedricks (Sixth Form)

Vandag is die dag

Die son het warm op my vel geskyn. Ek het vir myself gesê: "Vandag is die dag ..." Ek het pas by die Krugerwildtuin aangekom en my vriend Dawid langs een van die wildtuin se Jeeps sien staan. Dawid was die een wat my gedwing het om Krugerwildtuin toe te kom.

Die voëls het gesing en daar was nie 'n wolkie in die lug nie. Die dag was pragtig, maar ek het steeds gevoel dat iets verkeerd was. As ek maar net geweet het dat my gevoel nie ver verkeerd was nie ...

Ek en Dawid het in die Jeep geklim. 'n Wildbewaarder het in die bestuurdersplek gesit. Langs hom het 'n geweer gestaan. Die wildbewaarder het vir my gesê: "Moenie bekommerd wees nie; ek het dit nog nooit nodig gehad nie." Ek het angstig geword en vir Dawid gevra: "Wat gebeur as 'n dier ons aanval?" Dawid het gereageer met: "As die hemel val, is ons ook almal dood. Probeer om die ervaring te geniet." Ek het na sy advies geluister en probeer om te ontspan. Dawid het my verseker dat dit 'n onvergeetlike dag sou wees.

Die gras het 'n klassieke liedjie in die wind genueire terwyl ons op die grondpad gery het. Ons het tientalle troppe diere opgemerk. Die sebras het soos matte vir versiering gelyk en die kameelperde was so lank dat hulle met die son kon praat. Dit was wonderlik, maar ek het gevoel ons word agtervolg. Skielik het iets die Jeep met 'n geweldige slag getref. Ons is almal uit die voertuig geslinger. Ek en Dawid het op die grond beland. Ek kon die wildbewaarder nie sien nie. Skielik het drie massiewe, honger leeus voor ons verskyn. Met elke brutgeluid wat hulle maak, het hul vlymskerp tande gewys. Ek en Dawid was vreesbevange. Ons was magteloos. Die leeus het nader en nader gekruip ... en toe ... doeff!!

Die wildbewaarder het op die leeus afgestorm en met sy geweer in die lug ingeskiet. Die leeus het geskrik en die hasepad gekies om van die harde geluid te ontsnap. Ons het vinnig terug in die motor geklim. Die wildbewaarder het die enjin aangeskakel en so gou as moontlik weggery. My hart het vinniger geklop toe 'n springbok van 'n jagluiperd probeer weghardloop het. Dawid het gevra of ek beseer is. Ek het hom nie geantwoord nie. Ek het net een gedagte in my kop gehad. Ek sal nooit weer na die Krugerwildtuin terugkeer nie!

S Soorju (Sixth Form)



B Tedder (Sixth Form)



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Dit is my paradys

Die hemel is 'n plek op aarde. Die hemel is 'n gevoel. Ek ken 'n plek waar ek altwee kan vind ... en die plek is ... my paradys!

Aan die ooskus van Suid-Afrika, aan die noordekant van KwaZulu-Natal, is daar 'n plek. 'n Plek wat nogal ver klink, maar nogsteeds baie naby aan my hart is. Dit is 'n plek waar die wildtuin en die oseaan handskud en saam in harmonie meng ...

Daar is nie 'n beter plek om as 'n toeskouer na die sonsopkoms te kyk nie. Miskien is jy net 'n toeskouer, maar dit voel asof jy 'n deel daarvan is. Strale van goud val saggies op jou vel, maar die hitte bly nie net daar nie. Dit kruip in, na die binnekant van jou siel ... en maak jou hele lyf, jou hele lewe, warm.

Dit is 'n plek waar die hemelsblou golwe land toe rol ... in perfekte, gesentreerde branders. Die klank van hoe dit op die sagte sand breek, is musiek vir my ore en liedjies vir my siel.

'n Paar sneeuwit wolke skei die horison in groepe van twee of drie. Dit lyk soos 'n paar jong skape wat in die veld vry en veilig wei. Die bome waai hul grasgroen hande in dieselfde windjie wat deur my kombuis fluit. Die reuk van Ouma se oliekoek versprei stadig deur die huis. Ek kan daar en dan die warm sponskoek in my mond voel smelt.

Die bloedrooi son sak stadig aan die anderkant van die heuwels en verander die hemel in 'n pragtige geveerde prentjie van geel en pienk, terwyl dit stadig verdwyn om vir die nag plek te maak.

Dié plek is 'n plek op aarde, maar dit klink eintlik na 'n ander wêreld ... 'n plek waar ek aan niks anders kan dink om dit te verbeter nie ... 'n plek vol vrede en kalmte ... 'n plek waar jy die naaste kan wees om een met die aarde te word. Dié plek ... is my paradys!

J Lowe (Fifth Form)

My huis ... die beste plek

My huis is die beste plek op aarde. Dit kan maar net soos enige ander huis lyk, maar dis eintlik meer as dit. My huis is 'n spesiale plek vol liefde en glimlaggende mense. Dit is 'n plek vol liefde en goeie herinneringe ... 'n plek waar almal alles met mekaar deel. My huis is die plek waar ek spesiaal kan voel.

My huis is 'n ou plaashuis op ons plaas ver van die stad af. Ons werf is wyd en ons huis is groot. Daar is die mooiste blomme wat ek nog ooit gesien het, in ons tuin.

Die beste deel van my huis is egter my familie. Mense dink dat die lewe op 'n plaas vervelig is, maar nie as jy 'n oupa soos ek het nie. My oupa is 'n hele storieboek vol ou verhale en staaltjies oor sy kinderdae. Elke aand sit ons by die kaggel en luister na Oupa se stories. Ek weet nie of elke storie waar is nie, maar ek gee nie om nie, want dit is spesiaal om saam met my oupa te sit en stories te deel. Oupa maak my huis spesiaal met sy stories. Terwyl ons na sy vertellings luister, maak my ma die beste kos in die wêreld. Elke aand is 'n groot fees. Ons hou elke Vrydagaand 'n vleisbraai, speel ons gunstelingmusiek en dans terwyl my pa die vleis braai.

My huis is nie die grootste of die mooiste nie, maar dit is die beste, besonderste plek. My huis is my hemel op aarde: vol liefde en spesiale mense.

T Mbatha (Fifth Form)

Dit was die hartseerste dag van my lewe

31 Januarie 2019. Ek het my skooluniform aangetrek. Ek het my skoene skoonmaak en voor ek na my skool gegaan het, het ek totsiens aan my ouer broer gesê. Dit was 'n normale dag, my laaste normale dag ooit.

My broer was my beste vriend. Ons het alles saam gedoen. Baie van die goed waarvan ek hou, het hy vir my geleer. Sy naam was Lunga

Mthombeni. Toe ons kleiner was, het ek vir hom die bynaam "Mr Tough Guy" gegee, want ek het hom nooit sien huil nie.

Daar was 'n rede hoekom hy op daardie dag by die huis was. In Julie 2018 het hy baie siek geraak. Toe ons na die dokter gaan, het hy gesê dat my broer kanker het. Hy het ophou werk, omdat hy lang ure by die hospitaal moes deurbring. Die 31ste Januarie 2019 was dieselfde.

Toe ek terug by die huis kom, het ek iemand hoor huil. Dit was my ma in die sitkamer. Ek het haar gevra hoekom sy huil en sy het geantwoord dat Lunga in die hospitaal was en sieker en sieker geword het. My hart het vir 'n oomblik lank ophou klop. Die werklikheid van ons omstandighede het ingesink en ek was bang. Ek wou nie my broer verloor nie.

Ons hele familie en baie van die mense van ons kerk het die hele aand by die hospitaal spandeer. Ons het ure lank met God gepraat en gevra om my broer se lewe te red. Dit was vir my 'n baie emosionele, moeilike tyd, want die afgelope paar jare was my broer die sterk een. Daardie dag moes ek die sterk broer vir Lunga wees.

00:33, die 1ste Februarie 2019 ... my broer is oorlede. Die dokter het gesê dat ons kon ingaan om totsiens te sê, maar ek kon nie. Ek kon hom nie sô sien nie - ek wou liever die gelukkige tye saam met hom onthou.

Dit was die hartseerste dag van my lewe, want ek het my beste vriend, my spanmaat en my broer verloor. Ek kon dit nie glo nie ... "Mr Tough Guy" was weg ... maar ek sal altyd vir hom lief wees, en ons sal hom altyd mis.

T Mthombeni (Fifth Form)

Die Liefdesliedjie-mengsel

Al lê die berge nog so blou
bly ek lief net vir jou.
Jy is soms Liewe Heksie en soms my Suikerbossie,
maar saam met jou wil ek net kaalvoet-sokkie.

Die Liefdesliedjie-mengsel is vir jou geskryf
En ek hoop dit maak my so
cool soos Koos Kombuis.
Jou stem klink mooier as Lisa se Klavier,
maar ons gesprekke is meer as 'n melodie.

Jy laat die dansvloer brand binne-in my
en jou glimlag maak my hart vry.

Ek hou van Daai Ding wanneer jy so loop.
Dit maak die sluise van die hemel oop.
Saam met jou, Liefeling, voel ek nooit alleen.

Dankie, Here, jy het my so geseën
Nou ... stop, wag, bly net 'n bietjie langer,
want jy, my lief, is my Sonvanger!

L Müller (Fifth Form)



N Stephenson (Sixth Form)



A Ferraz (Third Form)

Help!

Buite saam met mense is hy een van die vriendelikste mense wat jy kan kry. Sy glimlag is aansteeklik en dit is asof hy nie 'n enkele probleem in die wêreld het nie. Aanhoudend help hy sy geliefdes met hulle probleme sodat hulle beter kan voel ... maar wie help hom?

In sy donker kamer ... alleen ... weg van almal af ... is dit waar sy ware self na vore kom. Die donker omhels hom soos 'n ma haar kind omvou. Sy glimlag verdwyn saam met sy vriendelikheid en die depressie neem oor. Sy skouers voel swaar terwyl hy met sy rug teenaan die muur, tot op die vloer afgly. Sy lyf sink in die vloer in soos sy gedagtes die vertrek vul. Van buite af klink dit doodstil, maar vir hom raas dit onbeskryflik baie. Hy weet dat hy hulp nodig het, maar hy is te hardkoppig om iemand te nader.

Sy hart klop van pyn en skree die woorde "HELP!!" uit, maar sy kop sê iets anders. Hy oortuig homself dat alles sal regkom, dat hy die pyn kan oorkom. Die enigste manier hoe hy nog kan voortgaan, is met die hulp van die mense om hom. Hy oorleef deur hul positiewe energie waardeur hy homself probeer opbou. Die gedagtes in sy kop dreun. Hy wonder wie hom nog nodig het. Die negatiwiteit oorweldig elke glimpie van positiwiteit. Hy sien selfs sy skaduwee wat na die deur toe kruip om weg te kom van al die negatiewe energie wat by hom uitstraal.

Sy gordel lê voor hom in angs om te sien of hy dit gaan gebruik. Die oorlog tussen lewe en dood woed nou al lank genoeg en hy is moeg vir die alewige konflik. Hy is al klaar emosioneel dood ... wat maak dit saak as hy dan fisies ook doodgaan?

Die deur swaai oop en die klank van sy ma se knieë wat die houtvloer tref, weergalm deur die gang. Daar hang hy, haar seun, met die woorde "HELP!" wat agter hom teen die muur geskryf is. Onder sy voete wat bokant die vloer hang, lê daar 'n briefie. Met 'n knop in haar keel en tranen in haar oë lees sy die laaste woorde wat sy ooit weer van haar seun sal hoor.

C van Heerden (Fifth Form)

As ek saans my kamerdeur toemaak

Dit is nag. Dit is donker. Ek is bang. Iets het my wakker gemaak ... maar wat? Die kamer is doodstil. Skielik krap 'n tak aan my venster. "Ag nee!!" Daar groei nie bome naby my venster nie! Daar hoor ek dit weer ... krap ... krap ... krap.

Ek staan baie versigtig op en loop saggies na die venster toe. Ek maak die gordyn stadig oop. Daar staan 'n klein dogtertjie voor my. Haar vingertjie roep my: "Kom hier, kom hier."

Skielik onthou ek: dit is die dogtertjie wat twintig jaar gelede weggeraak het. Sy het fyn, lang blonde hare. Ek wat Frikkie is, was nog nooit so bang nie.

Ek kan sien dat sy nie 'n regte dogtertjie is nie, want ek kan dwarsdeur haar sien. Sy is wasig. Die maan se strale skyn blink strepe deur haar.

Ek wil net omdraai en weghardloop, maar ek wat Frikkie is, het mos nie 'n bang haar op my kop nie. Ek besluit om soos 'n slaapwandelaraar my bene bo-oor die vensterbank te swaai en haar te volg.

Sy lei my deur die woud. Dit is mistig. Ek kyk op en sien die wolke voor die maan verbysweef. Ek voel hoe 'n koue rilling teen my rugstring tot by my kuite afrol. Waarheen neem sy my? Dadelik onthou ek dat dit die paadjie na oom Daan se plaashuis toe is. Oom Daan het dié dogtertjie leer visvang.

Ek kyk op my hortlosie ... dis twee-uur in die oggend. Ek skrik myself yskoud toe ek 'n blaffende hond hoor. Die dogtertjie het verdwyn! Waarheen sou sy verdwyn het? Het sy vir die hond geskrik?

Ek besluit om oom Daan se plaashuis binne te gaan. "Ag nee!" Hy lê langs die telefoontafeltjie op die vloer. Ek spring met een groot sprong oor die tafeltjie en bel die ambulans. Oom Daan haal beswaarlik asem.

Nadat die ambulans arriveer het, besluit ek om huiswaarts te keer. Ek sien die dogtertjie wat vir my wuif en in die nag verdwyn.

S Delport (Fourth Form)

Die donker nag

Die donderweer slaan weer ... 'n harde slag. Dié keer is dit nog harder as die vorige keer. Die alarm lui skielik en basuin 'n oorverdowende skril geluid uit. Dit reën kliphard en alles is pikswart. Ek kan niks sien nie. Daar is 'n lekplek in die dak wat 'n konstante gedrup veroorsaak. Ek tel die sekondes tussen elke druppel in my kop af.

Skielik hoor ek die gekreun van een van die houttrappe asof iemand daarop loop. "Is iemand daar?" skree ek bevrees, maar daar is geen antwoord nie. Is ek dalk net paranoies? Miljoene gedagtes vlieg deur my kop. Angs en vrees vreet my stadig maar seker van binne af op. Ek weet nie meer wat om te doen of te dink nie.

My kamerdeur gee 'n harde kreungeluid en swaai dan stadig oop. Nou sit ek kiertsregop! Ek spits my oë en probeer uitmaak wie of wat daar staan, maar alles is net een pikswart skaduwee. Ek draai om en gryp my bedlampie se skakelaar en sit dit aan. Nou is alles so helder soos daglig, te helder vir my oë! Ek sit my hande voor my oë om hulle teen die lig te beskerm. 'n Fris, swart figuur met 'n belaklawa aan, staan voor my. 'n Harde weerligstraal slaan weer en ek skrik wakker.

Die donderweer slaan weer met 'n harde slag. Hierdie keer is dit nog harder as die vorige keer. Die alarm lui weer en basuin 'n oorverdowende skril geluid uit ... Dié keer speel ek nie meer nie. Ek gryp my krieketkolf en staan reg agter my toe kamerdeur. Die trap kreun en my kamerdeur swaai oop. Ek tel tot drie ... dan swaai ek die kolf so hard soos ek kan. My kolf tref die skelm met 'n uitklophou teen die oë! Hy sak inmekaar en lê daar pens en pootjies in die lug!

J le Roux (Fourth Form)



Z Sheik (Fourth Form)

Ek was daar

Ewe skielik skrik ek wakker soos 'n baba wat pas gebore is. Daar is 'n dooie liggaam wat teen my bors lê. Ek kyk om my en al wat ek kan sien, is modder, koeëldoppies en dooie liggame ... baie dooie liggame.

Ek stoot dit van my af weg en probeer nog 'n lewende siel in hierdie moordveld raaksien. Die modder kraak en kerm soos ek daardeur loop. Die klank skreeu deur die dooie lig. Oral waar ek kyk, sien ek net mortiergate en bloed, baie bloed. In die verte sien ek 'n gebukkende figuur. Stadig en saggies kruip ek nader en nader om te sien of hy nog leef. Dit is my sersant, sersant Meyer! Ek stap na hom toe en sien dat sy arm afgeskiet is en die helfte van sy gesigsvel oor sy wang hang. Ek draai 'n verband om die arme man se gesig en stap verder, op soek na hulp.

Skielik ruik ek iets wat in die lug brand. Ek volg die reuk totdat dit my by 'n verbrande liggaam bring. Hy is so erg verbrand dat ek nie kan onderskei of hy vriend of vyand is nie. Terwyl ek loop, raak die gesigte leliker en aakliker. Dan begin dit om te reën. Die bloed vloei soos 'n rivier teen die klein heuweltjies van die Franse landskap af. Die son begin te sak en die mis kom oor die veld aangerol. Uiteindelik vind ek 'n waentjie met twee perde. Nou moet ek weer vir sersant Meyer vind.

Toe ek by hom aankom, het sy vel alreeds kleur verloor en sy oë is omgedop. Hy is dood. Nou is ek alleen. In die geskiedenis sal hulle sê ons het die stryd by Bordeaux gewen, maar in my hart het ons verloor. Vra vir my ... ek was daar.

J van der Merwe (Fourth Form)



S Pinkiney (Sixth Form)

Rose is rooi en jy is mooi

Rose is rooi, jy is mooi.
Ek wens jy was myne, my hart kry pyne
Ek wil jou by my hê, dan kan jy by my lê
Ek skryf die brief sodat jy weet hoe ek voel,
Jy dra my in my lewe net soos 'n stoel.

Rose is rooi, jy is mooi
Jy't my hart gesteel soos 'n hartedief,
Maar jy moet weet ek't jou styd lief.
Ek sluit af om te sê dat as ek aan jou dink
Wil my hart sink.
Jou hare so sag, ek dink aan jou elke dag
Maar jy moet weet, ek sal altyd vir jou wag.
Van jou Geheime bewonderaar

A Knoetze (Third Form)

'n Dag op die strand

Dit is vroeg Saterdagoggend. My gesin spring in die motor met handdoeke, mandjiesvol kos en 'n kombers. Ons gaan vandag strand toe!

Ek loop kaalvoet op die warm, goue sand. Die sonsopkoms verlig die helderblou water. Ek kyk hoe die groot golwe oor die nat, swart klippe rol. Ons kan die skepe ver op die gesigseinder van die see sien. Ons is alleen op die strand.

Meer en meer mense kom aangestap terwyl die son hoër en hoër in die lug opskuif. Ek swem in die louwarm water en spring oor elke golf. My jonger sussie bou en versier die pragtigste sandkastele met sand en skulpe terwyl my ouer sussie in die warm son lê en bak. Ma sit en lees haar gunstelingboek onder 'n sonsambrel. Pa braai vleis vir ete en drink 'n bier.

Ons eet middagete op die kombers. Die spyskaart bestaan uit vleis, slaai, aartappelskyfies, lekkers en koeldrank. Ons maak grappies en skaterlag. Pa vertel aan ons 'n wonderlike storie oor 'n pot vol goud wat onder die sand begrawe is. Hy sê verder dat daar 'n rooi roos op die strand is ... en da tons daaronder die goud sal vind.

Ons stap op die strand terwyl vele mense reeds huis toe gaan. Die son verdwyn agter die water. Ons soek na die rooi roos, maar ons vind niks nie. Die maan en die sterre skyn in die lug ... dit is mos die goud! Die natuur se goud!

J Peens (Third Form)

'n Wonderlike dag op die plaas

Ons is amper daar. Die opwinding begin toeneem. Ons is amper in Zambië. Ek, my klein boetie, Ma en Pa is op pad na my oom Koos se jagplaas in Zambië. Wanneer ons daar aankom, verwelkom my oom en sy vrou ons met lekker koffie. More gaan ons jag. Ons gaan puku, 'n boksoort wat in Zambië voorkom, skiet.

Die oggend breek aan. Dit is nog donker toe ons opstaan. My broer huil snot en trane. Hy is nog net ses jaar oud en te jonk om te gaan jag. Hieroor is hy nie baie gelukkig nie. Ek en my oom stel die geweerbestek in en laai die geweer met die amminusie in die bakkie. Ons gaan met 'n .303 skiet. 'n Puku is 'n redelike groot bok en 'n .303 is baie betroubaar. Ek kry die voorreg om eerste te skiet. Ongeveer negentig meter van ons af staan 'n pragtige pukubul. Ek tel die ringe op sy horings ... twaalf. Ek haal die geweer oor. Die kruisie mik perfek op die blad. Ek blaas my asem uit en ... zoep! Hy hardloop weg, maar val twintig meter verder soos 'n sak patats neer. My pa skiet net ná my en trek twee puku's plat.

Wat 'n ongelooflike dag! Ons het nou biltong vir die res van die jaar. Terug op die plaas word ons velletjies gebrei. My ma en boetie is natuurlik die enigste mense wat nie bly is nie. My ma is nie gekant teen jag nie, maar huil elke keer as die skoot klap. Ek sal hierdie dag op my oom se plaas nooit vergeet nie. My heel eerste puku ... in Zambië!

C Prinsloo (Third Form)

Ek het so groot geskrik ...

Een yskoue wintersnag stap ek in die smal straatjie af. Voor my staan 'n stokou huis wat lyk of dit al beter dae geken het. Die deur staan wawydoop en dit lok my na binne. My nuurkierigheid neem oor.

Voetjie-vir-voetjie stap ek by die deur in. Die ou vloer kraak en rotte skarrel om van die skerp lig af weg te kom. Daar is 'n ligte windjie wat deur die gebreekte huis waai. Skielik hardloop 'n piepklein rotjie oor my voet en ek gil klipphard. My stem eggo teen die mure en bly in die lug hang. Die adrenalin in my liggaam laat my nog verder in een van die smal gange af hardloop.

Daar is 'n vrot reuk wat uit een van die kamers kom. Ek stap versigtig by die kamerdeur in. Die aaklige reuk raak al hoe sterker. Dit kom uit die kas. Ek druk my neus bottoe en maak die kasdeur stadig oop. Ek kan



K Thornton-Dibb (Sixth Form)

my oë nie glo nie ... daar voor my lê 'n morsdooie rot en 'n klein poppie met bloedrooi starende oë. Ek skrik my boeglam!

Blitsvinnig storm ek by die huis uit sonder om een keer terug te kyk. Kort daarna bereik ek my huis, uitasem en stokflou! Daardie aand het ek gesukkel om te slaap en was verlig toe die son uiteindelik opkom.

L Prinsloo (Third Form)

Die beste plek ooit!

Die beste plek om te wees, is waar legendes gespeel het, waar hulle tagtig minute lank gebloe en gesweet het. Die wonderlike plek se naam is Kingspark-rugbystadion. Toe ek nog 'n klein seuntjie was, het ek daar gaan rugby kyk. Die veld is grasgroen en die dag is potblou wanneer die stadion met die geskree en gelag van die skare gevul word.

Dit is die tuiste van my gunsteling rugbyspan, die Haaie, beter bekend as die "Sharks! Elke Saterdag om vyf uur word die rugbybal vyftig meter in die lug opgeskop ... dan begin tagtig minute van goeie, harde rugby. Kingspark is reg langs die goue Durbanse kuslyn met die eindelose blou see in die nabyheid. Die stadion is nou al amper eenhonderd jaar oud en vele legendes het reeds op hierdie veld gespeel wat deur soveel bewonderaars aanskou is.

My rubyheld, Patrick Lambie, het amper elke Saterdag op Kingspark gespeel. My gunsteling herinnering is toe die Sharks die Stormers in die Curriebeker-eindstryd met dertig punte teen tien gewen het.

As ek eendag doodgaan, moet my as oor Kingspark gegooi word, want dit is my gunstelingplek, die beste plek op hierdie aarde.

W Viljoen (Third Form)

'n Nuwe ontgoming

Dit is nag in die kamp. Almal het reeds bed toe gegaan. Ek kan nie slaap nie. Die doodstil bos staan hoog in die pikdonker skaduwees. Ek sal 'n nagwandeling in die bos onderneem. Dit is nie gevaarlik nie ... of is dit?

Die lig van die wit volmaan maak klein bietjies van die bos wit. Die boom se skraal arms steek by die skaduwees uit. Dit is doodstil. Daar is niks hier nie. Niemand gaan ooit in dié bos stap nie. Ek is die enigste een. 'n Riviertjie vloei langs my verby. Dit is koel en donkerblou. Ek kan die maan in die water sien weerkaats ... en 'n lantern - 'n lantern?

Ek staan en kyk na die klein, goudgeel liggie. 'n Silhoeët sit die lantern op die grond neer. Sy kop is donker. Hy loop na my toe. Ek loop weg ... stadig weg. Die atmosfeer in die bos raak yskoud. Ek hardloop vinnig weg. Al wat ek kan hoor, is die wind in my ore. Die stroom is langs my. Ek moet in die stroom spring! Die yskoue water maak 'n harde plasgeluid.

Ek staan in die water. Die man hardloop verby my! Ek swem na die kamp toe, aie gelukkig om weg te kom. My vriend sal my nooit glo nie!

S Ender (Second Form)

Kampvuur in die vallei

Dit was koud en windstil in die Drakensbergvallei. Die son het pas agter die berge weggesak. Dit het die lug na 'n pragtige goue kleur verander. Ek en my gesin het gelukkig reeds die tent opgeslaan en die vuurhout bymekaar gekry voordat die blink sterre in die donker lug sigbaar was.

Ons was op 'n weeklange staptoer van die suidelikste tot die noordelikste punt van die Drakensberge. Dit was ons derde aand en ons was sowat halfpad na ons bestemming toe. Na 'n groot gesukkel het my ouer broer Albert uiteindelik die vuur aan die gang gekry en amper sy hele arm aan die brand gestee. My pa het in sy rugsak 'n baie groot stuk braaivleis gehad en toe hy dit uithaal om vir ons te wys, het ek só hard geskree dat Kaapstad my sekerlik kon hoor. Ons het die vleis aan 'n groot stok vasgemaak en dit op dié manier gebraai. Dit het dalk langer geneem om die vleis te braai, maar toe dit gaar was, het die reuk my mond laat water.

Ons het almal vir die res van die aand om die kampvuur gesit en spookstories vertel. My pa het die kompetisie definitief loshande gewen. Hy het in sy storie vertel van 'n afskuwelike reus wat laat in die aand wakker word en kinders wat nog nie in die bed is nie, vir 'n middernagtelike versnapering vang. Dit het my só erg laat skrik dat ek dadelik by die tent ingespring het om te gaan slaap.

Ek het in my slaapsak gekruip, my kop op my kussing laat sak en my oë toegemaak om deur die naggeluide van insekte aan die slaap gesus te word. Dit was waarlik 'n fantastiese aand!

G Roux (Second Form)

Valentynsdans

Gister het ek 'n mooi gedig ontvang en ek begin toe die hitte te voel op my wang. Dit was gebind met 'n rooi lint - geruik soos laventel en toe - net daar - het my hart ophou drentel.

Ek begin die gedig deeglik lees, my hart begin vinniger klop - deur my vel en vlees! My hande raak klam en ek voel 'n bietjie flou toe ek lees: "Ek like jou!"

Dan begin ek vir jou 'n gediggie skryf vertel bietjie van my mooie kuif. Skryf oor hoe ek by die dans in jou oë wil staar dan sluit ek af met die laaste reël, wat eindig met: "Sien jou daar!"

G Roux (Second Form)



J Scheepers (Sixth Form)



J Collocott (Sixth Form)



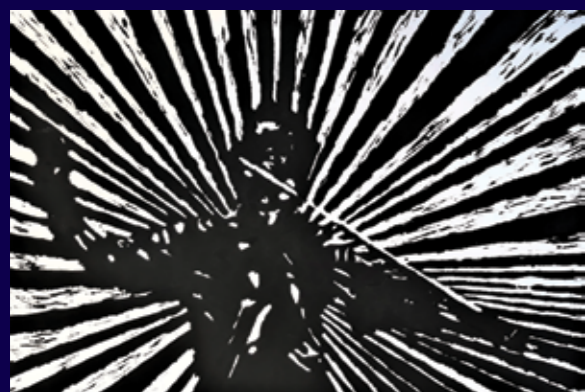
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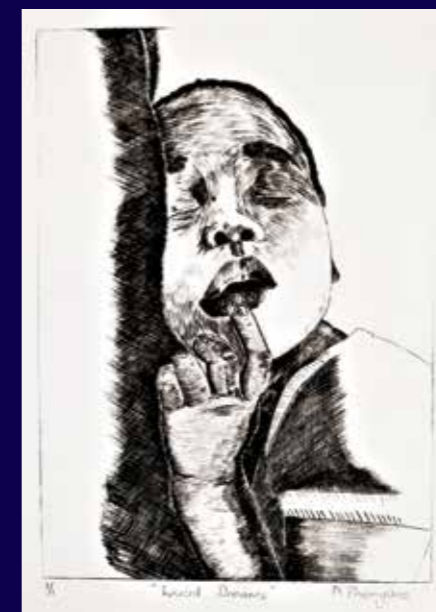
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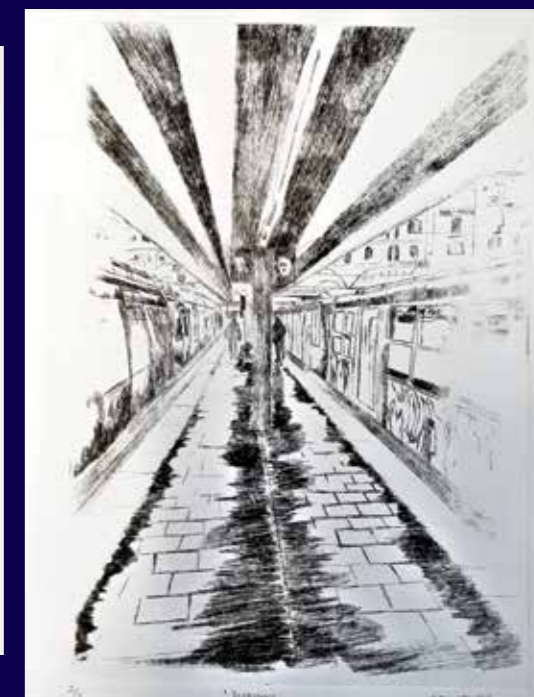
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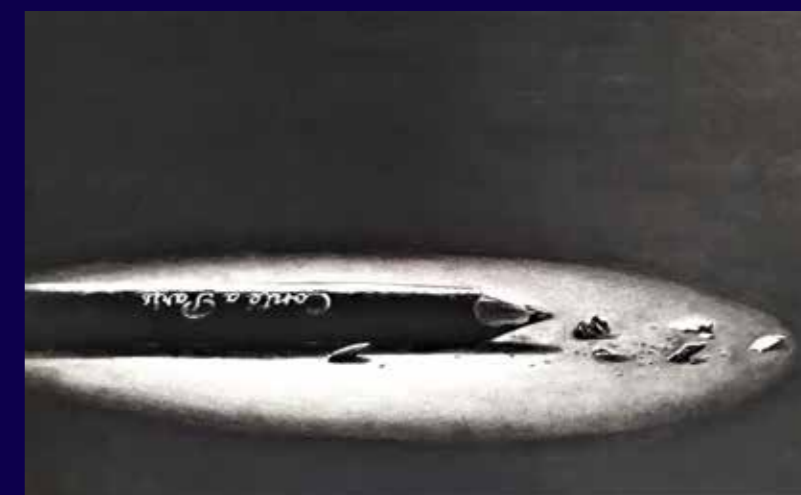
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N Zakwe (Sixth Form)



J Collocott (Sixth Form)

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

PERFORMING ARTS

School Production

Fawlty Towers



The concept of "school's production" continues to reach new heights each year at Maritzburg College and this year was no exception. Following the resounding success of the musical, *All Shook Up* in 2016, Michael Frayn's farce, *Noises Off* in 2017 and *Guys and Dolls* in 2018, we were eager to push the boundaries of high school theatre further. The decision to stage *Fawlty Towers* as the 2019 major production, with cast members from GHS, sparked great excitement for all involved.

The well-known, much-loved British television sitcom was presented for the very first time as a stage production, and it was a welcome challenge for the production team. The three-episode creative model used to craft *Fawlty Towers* involved using a different cast of lead characters for each episode. In addition, each episode was directed by the following members of staff and learner cohort: Mrs Elma Fraser (*A Touch of Class*), senior Dramatic Arts learners, James McFarland and Carl Martin with Mr Brandon Swart (*Communication Problems*) and Mrs Kamany Thaver (*The Kipper and The Corpse*).

The talented cast under the expertise of their respective directors were driven by their passion and flair for acting and their love for theatre. The directors were in awe of the talent each member of them cast brought to the rehearsal. As always, the cast allowed the creative process to unfold with lots of laughter and cheerful moments and much anticipation. It is a privilege to work with learners who have a well-developed sense of commitment and professionalism.

The double-storeyed set was designed and constructed by Mr Simon Stickells which featured the interior of the hotel situated in Torquay. The realistic design included the hotel foyer, office, dining room,

kitchen, and bedrooms. The cast of College boys and GHS girls enjoyed navigating the set, they worked hard, remaining true to the famous characters they portrayed and effortlessly brought them to life each night for very discerning audiences.

Cast List:

- Basil & Sybil Fawlty** **The intolerant and rude hotel manager and his unhelpful wife**
K Harischandre and *Hannah Lawson* (GHS)
P Phala and *Tamsin Botha* (GHS)
J Hoyle and *Meghan Hoyle* (GHS)
- Polly Sherman** **The sensible chambermaid**
Slondiwe Gwala (GHS)
Kimberly Taylor (GHS)
Sequoia Hornsby (GHS)
- Manuel** **The incompetent, English-challenged waiter**
C Kisbey-Green
W Hodgkinson
T Parsons
C van Selm
- Major Gowen**
Chef Terry
Miss Gatsby
Miss Tibbs
Priyanka Bandu (GHS)
Olivia Mudunge (GHS)

We place on record our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who were involved in bringing this production to fruition. Thank you!

Mrs K Thaver

MUSIC

This year has been our busiest yet.

In May the Choir participated in the 'ATKV Applous' competition. We competed in the Open category and received a Gold award for the performance. This was a splendid achievement for the Choir, which gained a Silver award in the same competition last year. The Gospel Choir also hosted a wonderful evening of Gospel music in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall.

One of the more exciting projects of the year was the Music Department's first 'exchange' concerts. We shared concerts with Affies and PBHS. To share the stage with these established music schools was an honour which we hope to repeat in 2020.

The Jazz Band grew from 14 members to 25 during the last year, and has also improved in playing ability. Once again we went to the 'Bands to the Max' concert at Epworth where the Band did itself proud. We also managed to perform at fifteen functions or concerts, a testament to the hard work that this band has put in over the year. One of the highlights was a performance at the Berg Show. The Jazz Band boys have spread their wings by attending the National Schools Jazz Festival 2019 in Makhanda (formerly known as Grahamstown). A total of seven

boys attended and were exposed to world-class performances by international and local groups. One of the highlights was for the boys to meet 'Too Many Zooz' from New York. Another highlight was our performance on East Coast Radio as part of their schools' programme.

The soloists in the Music Department took part in the South African Society of Music Teachers music competition. Our 27 boys who participated were awarded 22 Gold, 39 Silver and one Bronze certificate. There was an increase in the number of pieces performed - from 14 in 2017, 48 in 2018 to 62 solo items in 2019. Special mention must be made of Mr J Heyns who accompanied a large number of these boys on the piano. M Thomas, M Fuhri, B Gous, N Madide and C Kisbey-Green were all chosen for the Best of Eisteddfod Concert.

As always, the year was rounded off with our annual Prestige Concert. This concert is always proof of the work the staff and the boys are doing in the department.

The final event of the year was again the Carol Service hosted at the One Life Church, South Site. This raised funds for the South African Guide-Dogs Association.

Mr S Stickells



School Choir

- Back row:** A Ntuli, S Hutton, C van Selm, A Westley, C Kisbey-Green, S Msibi, N Madide, K Mthimkulu, N Lawson, T Motaung, J Hoyle, S Maphanga, A Khumalo
- Third row:** T Sampson, N Dlamini, S Tshabalala, SN Khumalo, B Gous, L Mfeka, K Ramharak, ASV Ntuli, N Ndlovu, T Zuma, H Zungu, O Ndlovu, M Mkhize, M Fuhri, P Phala, Z Desebrook
- Second row:** O Salim, B Gumede, T Lehloenyana, B Mothebe, S Dlamini, Mr J Heyns, T Khoza, Mr S Stickells, TEJ Zondi, K Howard, L Landsberg, N Lushozi, W Mazwi
- Front row:** O Mlambo, S Mlutyana, M van Rooyen, A Mbokazi, A Sclanders, N Mbatha
- Absent:** S Mbonambi



Chamber Choir:

- Back row:** B Gous, A Westley, T Sampson, T Lehloenyana, M Fuhri, N Madide
- Front row:** T Khoza, W Mazwi, B Gumede, Mr S Stickells, B Mothebe, N Lushozi, L Landsberg



Gospel Choir

Back row:
S Tshabalala, B Mothebe, S Zondi

Middle row:
A Zungu, K Hlela, S Ntuli, N Mbatha,
O Mlambo, T Zuma

Front row:
W Mazwi, B Gumede, S Dlamini,
Mr SM Ngcobo, TEJ Zondi,
K Howard, N Lushozi

Absent:
A Ntuli, S Manyathi,
Mr S Mkhwanazi, S Khumalo



Jazz Band

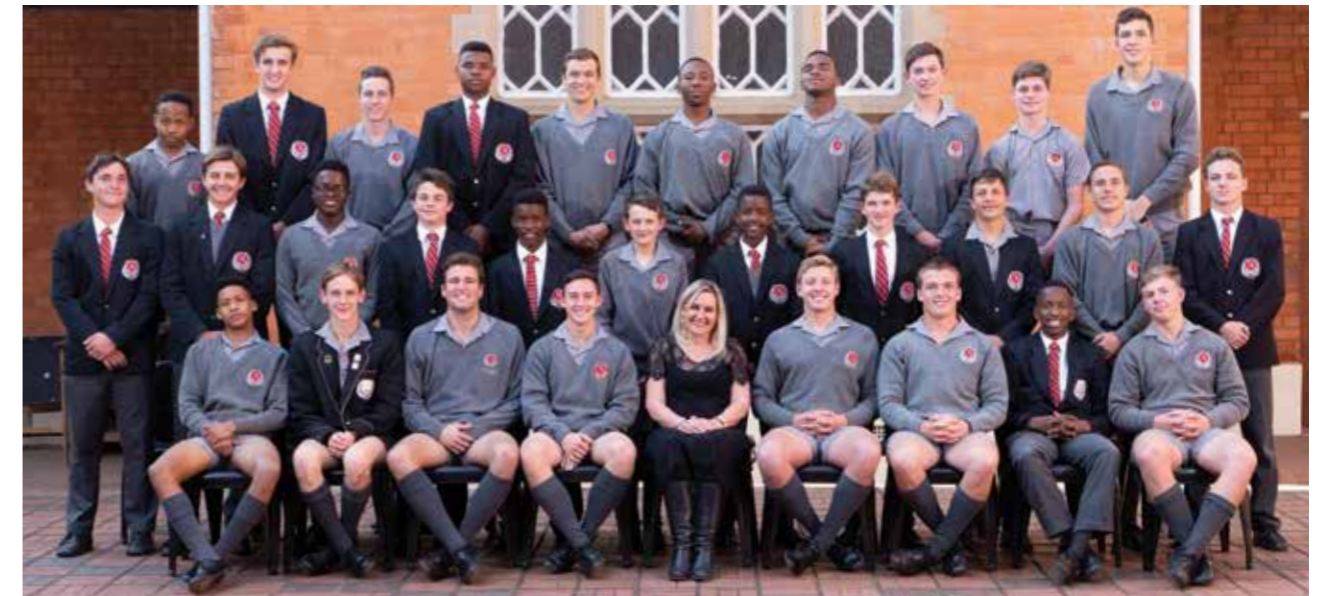
Back row: T Sampson (guitar), M Fuhri (trombone), S Mbonambi (tenor saxophone),
G Westerdale (keyboard)

Middle row: S Hutton (trombone), R Grant (euphonium), J Conolly (alto saxophone),
K Thaver (clarinet), S Tshabalala (alto saxophone), B Finlayson (alto saxophone), M Thomas (electric guitar),
C Kisbey-Green (baritone saxophone), A Westley (trumpet), J Munitich (alto saxophone)

Front row: B Gous (clarinet), K Ramharak (keyboard), J Maistry (drumkit), S Hoosen (alto saxophone),
Mr S Stickells, S Maphanga (trumpet), G Maistry (electric guitar), T Zuma (trombone), N Madide (clarinet)



Clubs and Societies



Afrikaans Society

Back row: N Vilikazi, J van der Merwe, R van Zyl, S Mbonambi, W Pretorius, L Mtshali, W Takata, J le Roux, J Beauclerk, D Botha
Middle row: A Carter, T van Heerden, A Zungu, A Knoetze, S Sithembu, C Talbot, L Seshemane, J Lowe, C Prinsloo, S Koekemoer, K van den Berg
Front row: D van Niekerk, J McFarland, A Heydenrych, T Prinsloo (captain), Mrs G Talke (MIC), C van Heerden, L Müller, Z Gxarisa, H Corbett
Absent: S Delport, D Jacobsz

The Afrikaans Society staged two short plays, *Die mafa gaan jou vange-lange-lang* and *Die Bloedtoets*. The latter play was written by L Müller in Fifth Form. J McFarland, L Müller and T Prinsloo directed the plays. The combined cast numbered 57 pupils, and many of the boys experienced being on the stage for the first time in their lives.

expand and build a love for Afrikaans in a very 'English' province. The boys involved themselves fully and enjoyed themselves and gained valuable life experiences.

In August we performed in the Olivier Cultural Centre and at the Playhouse in Durban in the ATKV Tienertoneel. It was a good learning experience and we were praised for the aim of the society – to

We also participated in Happiness Week and other social activities and had an enjoyable Waatlemoen-fees. T Prinsloo was an outstanding leader and example to all the boys in the Society during 2019.

Mrs G Talke



Art Club

This year saw the continuation of the Maritzburg College Art Club as a co-curricular activity. We have a well-established group of boys of all ages taking part. We focused this year on the importance of producing art through painting. It is not about what you make, just the fact that you have chosen to make art. From just after the end of the academic day, we paint for about an hour and the boys finish an artwork that they can take home. Our main goal is the development of a fluent art language.

The club continues to be a space to explore creative ability, especially for those who have not taken Art as a subject, but who have always wanted to learn new skills and experience new forms of art. We believe that the Art Club serves as an interdisciplinary field which studies the

perception, cognition and characteristics of art and its production. We use painting as a form of psychotherapy and 'debriefing' the strictures of the academic day. The boys find the peaceful space both rewarding and rejuvenating. Sometimes it is a safe space to 'vent' too.

The Art Club accommodates both junior and senior boys in their sporting commitments by alternating between Monday and Tuesday afternoons. In the words of Buzz Lightyear, the Art Club is en route to 'The Universe and Beyond!' We remain delighted with the manner that the perception of Art as a subject continues to evolve from the making of artists to the making of creative thinkers and problem solvers.

Mr B Dodd



Camera Club

Back row:
Y Martin, J Munitich,
D Thornton-Dibb, A Veitch, R Grant,
R Finnie, T Brauteseth

Front row:
R Warr, C Raw, K Thornton-Dibb
(captain), Mrs D Gademan (MIC),
J Jackson, A Ahmed, R Froise

The Camera Club enjoyed another successful year with many enthusiastic Second Formers joining at the beginning of the year. Our club competitions have been enthusiastically supported by the boys who have submitted work of their own choosing, as well as entries reflecting a specific theme. The calibre of photos is exceptional. The boys have been taught how to judge work by various criteria and have evening workshops to seek out and capture that 'special shot'. College entered the 'Culture at Kearsney' photography competition and, although we were not placed, the image captured by T Brauteseth was outstanding. Our aim is to find more external competitions to showcase

the boys' work. The number of cellphone shots has grown and these have frequently performed better than those produced by DSLR digital cameras.

The boys are always willing to supplement the Marketing department's needs at various sporting events, functions and school productions. The potential for growth in the club is an exciting challenge and we look forward to another successful year.

Mrs D Gademan



T Brauteseth (Fourth Form)



B Duckham (Fifth Form)



D Thornton-Dibb
(Third Form)



J Jackson



Chess Club

Back row: D Naidoo, S Mbentse, A Mfeka, N Whatmore, Y Martin, S Gopichund, K Moodley, S Cele
Front row: S Banks, N Parmanand, S Gounder (captain), Mr N Thembela (MIC), S Hlatshwayo, T Ambler, Z Desebrook
Absent: E Govender, B Hadden, D Lutchman, M Khan, M Kheswa, A Baijoo

The Chess team performed well in 2019 with four of the eight first team players being under the age of sixteen, which is a positive outlook for the future of Chess at Maritzburg College. This year our stiffest competition, which comes from the Gauteng exchanges, resulted in a stalemate, with KES and PBHS both winning and losing to College in the exchanges.

Unfortunately, none of our players were chosen to represent KwaZulu-Natal in 2019, however considering the fact that we have a young team, I am confident that we will be filling these positions in the years to come.

Maritzburg College remains the proud host of the Umgungundlovu Chess Association, Umgungundlovu league and most district tournaments are held at College. We continue to pride ourselves on fielding 90% of the Midlands team and will continue to work at this and ensure we constantly produce quality players.

The A-team players this year are: S Gounder (captain), M Kheswa, N Whatmore, A Baijoo, K Maphumulo, K Moodley, S Cele and A Mfeka. S Gounder was named the Maritzburg College Chess Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Mr N Thembela





College Cues

Back row:
S Hutton, K Thaver, C Kisbey-Green

Middle row:
A Mhlongo, H Mewalall, A Mlotshwa,
B Kgoroge, S Hlatshwayo, N Mkhulise,
A Dlamini

Front row:
V Soni, C Martin, Mrs K Thaver (MIC),
K Harischandre, J McFarland

College Cues is the umbrella society for acting, performances, theatrical productions and workshops. It is also a co-curricular society of Dramatic Arts and continues to run smoothly. The membership comprises Dramatic Arts students and other boys who have an interest in theatre. Our seminar-style workshops have proved to be popular with the boys.

The focus in the first two terms was an in-depth look at the different roles, responsibilities and work that go on before, during and after a production. This was a hands-on experience for the boys as the production of Fawlty Towers was used as the basis for the workshops. The boys assisted with the production by running Front of House. This included ushering the audience; taking charge of the programmes; serving tea during the interval and clearing up after the interval. They are worthy ambassadors of the school and carried out their duties in true College style. The team was complimented on their respectful approach when dealing with members of the public.

The school's major production this year, Fawlty Towers, was a resounding success. The show, which was in three episodes, was directed by: Mrs Elma Fraser – 'A Touch of Class'; J McFarland, C Martin (Sixth Form) and Mr Brandon Swart – 'Communication Problems'; and Mrs Kamany Thaver – 'The Kipper and The Corpse'.

Twenty delegates, including boys and staff, attended the National Schools' Festival in Grahamstown (Makhanda). The boys were

accompanied by Mr Ron Barbour and Mrs Kamany Thaver. This year the National Arts Festival ran concurrently with the Schools' Festival. In addition to the prescribed ten performances and five workshops, the boys have access to other shows on the programme. Workshops and productions are selected not only for entertainment, but also to extend the boys academically – their knowledge of theatre and to hone their performance skills.

The College Cues programme in the third term began with the Drama@Kearsney Festival which was attended by our Fifth Formers. This event was followed by a physical theatre workshop with Menzi Mkhwane, the director at Namalandi Creativity.

Mrs Fraser was appointed MIC of Cues Dance, a branch of College Cues. Auditions for the FUNK crew were held in February with Mr Mbontsi. These were attended by regular members of the Funk crew and it was pleasing to see several new faces. The Dance squad prepared for their performance at the 20th anniversary of FUNK. This popular physical theatre presentation took place in May at the Hexagon Theatre. An inter-cultural theme was explored in the College movement piece. The crew were confident and delivered an excellent performance.

As it is the vision of Cultural Affairs that its societies diversify, new genres of dance will be introduced to the broader membership. This new format for Cues Dance is a work in progress.

Mrs K Thaver



College for Christ (CFC)

Back row:
W Hodgkinson, M Smith, A Budke, M Nel,
D Evans

Front row:
T Francis, Mr R Barbour, L Mtolo (captain),
Mr C Barnsley (MIC), C Knight

Absent:
J Beauclerk, N Zondi, S Little,
T Katzenellenbogen, M Laithwaite, A Zungu,
A Mundell

CFC plays a special role in the school as it provides a place for Christian students, and anyone interested in finding out more about Christianity, a place to meet together, pray together, and grow spiritually.

CFC has prospered over the course of the year and has seen some encouraging developments. First, we have been privileged to have Rev. Jonathan de Beer join us for a number of sessions, culminating in Prof. Richard Howe of the Southern Evangelical Seminary in the United States of America visiting us for a special apologetics lecture. Second, we have had Mr Graydon Scholtz join us regularly on a Thursday

morning to meet with, mentor and teach the boys who attend CFC. Third, we have Mr Bryden Francis and a team from Hilton Christian Fellowship minister at the evening meetings every Thursday.

CFC was led by Mr C Barnsley and L Mtolo in 2019, as well as a committed group of leaders. C Knight deserves special mention for the way that he organised the evening CFC meetings, both by being a reliable presence and by organising the preaching roster. He did sterling work.

Mr C Barnsley



Debating Society

Back row:
D le Roux, H Heeralal, K Marais

Middle row:
N Qwabe, A Dlamini, K Akeroyd, A Mbambo,
R Froise, B Ndlovu

Front row:
L Mosiea, U Mtsi, V Soni (captain),
Mrs E Couperthwaite (MIC), K Harischandre,
Z Osman, D Moodley

The Debating League commences its activities right at the beginning of the year, starting with adjudicator training, before going into the first round of the competition. Matric debaters are encouraged to help with the training of younger future adjudicators. This year there were two willing helpers: V Soni and K Harischandre. These two young men – and a new member – U Mtsi comprised the first team. The second team included D Moodley, L Mosiea, Z Osman and N Qwabe.

Unfortunately, the junior team was forced to leave the League because of clashes with sporting obligations. However, it was in the Grade 8 teams that we struck gold once more. The enthusiasm of the boys was infectious and before long we had formed two good teams.

The actual competition, when it takes place, may appear outwardly to be a not very complex affair; it is what happens before it and behind the scenes that is very intensive and time-consuming. Constant coaching, a great deal of research, analysis and logical thinking are required before a sensible, watertight argument can be formulated. The senior teams certainly achieved all these things, although the second team narrowly lost in the quarter finals.

However, the first senior team did us proud and marched through to the finals. These were held at St John's DSG and the College team

had very strong support. Sadly, only one team can be pronounced the winner and the opposition's splendid ability to analyse a topic or an argument gained the upper hand. It was, nonetheless, a proud moment for the team.

The Grade 8 first team mowed their way through the opponents and reached the semi-finals, only to come head to head with our nemesis, Epworth. Our boys showed their mettle, despite losing to Epworth. There is a great deal of talent in our Grade 8's waiting to be developed.


Our first team proved to be great debaters and fine leaders. U Mtsi was voted Best Speaker time after time. R Froise has proved to be a gifted debater, virtually addicted to the activity.

Mtsi and Froise were selected to attend the Provincial Competition and Froise was invited to attend the National Competition – no mean feat.

During the year the senior and Grade 8 teams competed twice against Pretoria Boys High. The seniors won on both occasions and the Grade 8 team won once.



The Grade 8 team was coached by Ms Z Cele, an extremely efficient and effective coach. Ms P Lowe helped with some senior coaching.

Mrs E Couperthwaite



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eSports

Back row:
A Mulligan, B Lind, H Schmahl, A Noome,
A Westley, C Emslie

Front row:
C Martin, R Pillay, R Bennett (captain),
Mr C Barnsley (MIC), J Maharaj,
Chad Whiting, W Deighton

Absent:
K Gunkel, C Bartis, L Janse van Rensburg,
B Merrington, R Duckham, K Scott,
Chase Whiting

The eSports Society provides the boys of Maritzburg College with the opportunity to play competitive video games against schools from around the country. The school is part of the High School eSports League (HSEL), which partners with VS Gaming, and is one of the founding members of this organisation.

In 2019, Maritzburg College offered DOTA 2, Overwatch and Fortnite. During the final term of the year, a League of Legends team was started with their eye on 2020's competition. The DOTA 2 team participated in

the VS Gaming league, and performed well, making it through to the second round, although the team could not participate in it due to the timing of the event.

2019 was a successful year for the eSports society, with many lessons learned. We are grateful for the efforts of our matric gamers to take the society forward. A stable foundation from which further development can be built has certainly been created.

Mr C Barnsley



First Aid Society

Back Row: S Maharaj, T Sampson, M Fuhri
Front Row: S Manyathi, S Maphanga, Miss A Greyling (MIC),
L Mendes, T Woodburn
Absent: B Hadden, I Hemingway

S Maphanga, L Mendes, S Manyathi, T Woodburn, T Sampson, M Fuhri, J Munitich, R Maharaj, I Hemingway and B Hadden undertook duties at all the rugby, soccer and hockey matches, as well as canoeing and cross-country fixtures hosted by College. Mendes, Maphanga and Woodburn helped out in the medical tent during the Comrades' Marathon and certainly gained valuable experience.

Our First Aid programme would not be as successful as it is without the tremendous support from SAN Sisters Jean Saurombe, Nikki Price and Kylie Townsend. We are indeed truly grateful that we have doctors and specialists who freely volunteer their services on Saturdays. We are also grateful for the support from Medwave Training and ER24.

The First Aiders did their duties in a committed manner and spent many, many hours beside the sports fields without complaint. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these young men for all their hard work and dedication.

Miss A Greyling



Hindu Society

Back row: K Subiah, K Ramlall, M Pannalall, T Thulsie, S Kidsingh, A Bharath, R Maharaj, C Naicker, B Singh, K Thaver, Sahay Maharaj, K Chetty, Y Dhanilal, K Kisten
Middle row: N Chetty, Shrivar Maharaj, H Mewalall, Y Gopicherran, T Bhoola, T Reddy, L Pillay, B Hullooan, N Bhikraj, M Haridass, T Sewparsad, A Ronny, S Reddy
Front row: D Lutchman, A Bajjoo, S Gounder, H Heeralal, Mrs M Maharaj (MIC), M Maharaj (captain), Miss Y Sarawan, K Govender, K Naidoo, A Sitaram, A Maharaj

The Hindu Society has soared to greater heights this year. The boys had a busy year, filled with cultural and outreach activities. The weekly routine included an opening prayer, a discourse and discussion.

Each term has been exciting with the boys from Second to Sixth Form giving discourses by which they enlightened the Society on topics covering many aspects of the Vedic Culture, as well as Hindu festivals and their significance and values. These discourses further advanced College character development, encompassing the fundamental College morals and values. This gave each boy a chance to share his views on various subjects often incorporating personal experiences. PowerPoint presentations and words of wisdom from different sources. The robust discussion thereafter allowed boys to interact and helped answer many questions.

The first trip on the calendar was a very informative day at the "Goshala" (a sacred cow sanctuary) in Thornville. Boys eagerly fed the cows. Staff and parents joined them in rendering *bhajans* (religious songs) before having an interesting discussion about Hinduism. Boys were given a hearty meal which was generously sponsored by the Goshala and we even celebrated a parent's birthday. Our Hindu Society made a monetary contribution towards the Goshala as a token of our appreciation. We look forward to our next excursion to this divine place.

In the second term students were given the opportunity to explore the Hare Krishna Temple in Chatsworth. They toured the Temple and the

resident priest gave the boys an inspiring talk. Each boy was presented with chanting beads and a mantra to chant.

Many of the youngsters also assisted in the Bread Buddies Campaign, making sandwiches for underprivileged children. In collaboration with MediClinic and Stop Hunger, boys participated in the packaging of food hampers for the poor. Maritzburg College Hindu Society contributed R5000,00 towards the Durban Flood Relief Campaign. They packed Diwali hampers, together with the Deepavali Cheer Society in October. We also participated in the Girls' High Hindu Society Show in August, which was a resounding success.

The fourth term saw the boys engaging in the Hindu Society Cultural Evening, the highlight of the year. The theme was 'Dharma' which means 'Cosmic Law of Righteousness'. This show was the culmination of a wonderful season of lessons learnt and was compered by Mr Pete Jugmohan who was thoroughly engaging. The show was a resounding success and an enriching experience for all who attended. It was also a fund-raising initiative. The programme reflected the culture of Hinduism with prayers recited and sung from scripture, dances and a play. This successful event highlighted many boys' talents.

The Society allows students to develop their character, culture, leadership and innate talents. The concept of the 'young gentleman' persists in every aspect of College life and the Society is no different in promoting the core values of the school.

Mrs M Maharaj



Presenting the Hindu Society's cheque in aid of the Durban Flood Relief Campaign are, from left, KH Govender, Mrs M Maharaj, M Maharaj, Mr C Luman, Mrs K Thaver, and Advocate R Nirghin (President of the Midlands Hindu Society)



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Interact Club

Back row: C Knight, M Whyte, R Hassim, K Naicker, J McFarland, J Hoyle, C Naidoo, H Hankinson, Q Lupton-Smith, R Barker, B Cotterrell
Middle row: B Gous, N Zwane, J Campbell, H Mewalall, N Ndlovu, U Gina, L Hlope, Chase Whiting, M Charfaray, R Uren, A Ferraz
Front row: S Mntungwa, E Hamadziripi, O Ndlovu, L Mendes, Mrs T Schofield (MIC), T Khoza (captain), B Reddy, K Chetty, T Nzimande
Absent: Ms D Dickens, S Kubheka (vice-captain)

The 2019 Interact Club maintained a membership of about 40 boys this year. T Khoza and S Kubheka led the club by example. Thank you for your outstanding leadership, all your hard work and dedication this year and the wonderful influence you have had.

The big project which Interact took on this year was learning how to knit squares to make blankets for the Nelson Mandela 67 Blankets Drive. The Interact boys, together with parents, grandparents and staff knitted 24 blankets! These were handed over on Mandela Day to the Association for the Physically Challenged. A special thank you must go to the wonderful volunteers who helped every week to teach the Interactors how to knit.

Every Monday afternoon the same group of 17 Grade 7 learners from Edendale Primary School came to College for conversational English and Maths tutoring. The Interact Club worked closely with the Tech Squad this year and introduced basic computer-skills tutoring. This took place on the first Monday of every month with the students from Edendale. The Club paid the weekly transport fee for the visiting pupils. Weekly visits to the Salvation Army continued this year in which Interact members entertained youngsters aged 4 to 18 and played with the babies in the nursery.

Nineteen Interactors helped at the Thandanani 4Kids Stall at the Garden Show in September. This was a fundraiser for Thandanani, an NGO that takes care of households which have no working adults. The stall was very popular, as it offered activities for children and a short break for the parents! The College boys manned eight different games, such as face painting, throwing Frisbees through narrow tunnels, bean bags at a tower of tins, basketballs into hoops etc. with great gusto and lots of fun for all.

Other activities in which the Interact boys helped during this year included:

- making sandwiches for the 'Bread buddy' drive during Happiness week
- assisting Rotary at the Dusi Canoe Marathon
- volunteering as marshals for the cross-country hosted by Maritzburg College
- running the College shop at Goldstone's every home game
 - assisting with setting up and working at the 1000 Paws SPCA fundraiser at Hilton College
 - volunteering their 67 minutes for Nelson Mandela Day at a Soup Kitchen at Our Lady of Health of Vailanganni Church. Thank you to Ms Sarawan for helping to organise and for working on the day
 - making and selling pancakes on Goldstone's during home games.

Interact was able to help once again at Capital Christmas where we collected donations for the South African Guide Dog's Association.

H Mewalall and J Hoyle were sponsored by the Azalea Rotary Club to attend the week-long Port Shepstone Youth Leadership Camp during the October holidays. This inter-schools' function has always been of great value, encouraging the pupil's self-esteem, confidence, social and emotional intellect. My gratitude goes to all members, from Second to Sixth Form, for their hard work and dedication this year. Thank you for always being willing to participate and help at any given opportunity.

Mrs T Schofield/Ms D Dickens



Marketing Team

Back row: K Pillay, K Smith, Z Nzimande, S Hlatshwayo, K Shandu, M Mabinza, L Magwaza
Front row: W Mazwi, L Mendes (captain), Mrs S Upfold (MIC), W Njimi, S Manyathi
Absent: J Lowe


We saw the birth in 2019 of the Marketing Team at Maritzburg College as a co-curricular/service role for our boys. Historically, boys have assisted informally with tours and Open Days. Creating a more formal unit within the school has given us the opportunity to focus our efforts, while teaching boys about the importance and value of marketing, through training and brainstorming sessions as well as valuable hands-on experience.

Our key aim is to promote the College brand. The Marketing Team works in three broad areas: Events (such as Open Days, school visits and tours as well as our Boarder Sleepover), Media (digital and print) as well as Videography and Photography (including College TV). This year our team was led by L Mendes – a true servant of College – who was

awarded the school's Altruistic Service award at the end of the year. He was very ably assisted by W Mazwi and W Njimi.

Highlights for the year included a more cohesive and defined school brand and an elevated social-media presence as well as co-ordinating three excellent Open days following the theme of showcasing 'Our School in Action', an interactive, exciting and well-attended Boarder Sleepover for prospective Second Formers, and a visit from AKA (South African rapper, songwriter, record producer, singer and entrepreneur). We hosted over 100 school tours and provided marketing support for many school activities and events on the academic, cultural, sporting and pastoral fronts.

Mrs S Upfold




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MC Ink

Back row: Z Sheik, A Westley, N Lushozi, J Hoyle, J Scheepers
Front row: R Uren, Mr R Gutteridge (MIC), P Phala (captain),
 Mrs W Erasmus, Chase Whiting
Absent: S Singh

This year's captain was P Phala who provided great inspiration for the group. The MC Ink boys produced some really good work in 2019, and although they do no 'present' as often in assemblies, their efforts are published in various on-campus newsletters.

This year's 'Night of the Writer' again saw pupils from Hilton College, Pietermaritzburg Girls High and St John's DSG gather to enjoy our boys' workshop. However, we have managed to inspire those schools to present their own 'Night of the Writer', thus we now have one of these workshops each term. Again, the open mic is the favourite part of the evening. Two of our boys presented at Words@Kearsney: P Phala (Sixth Form) and R Uren (Third Form). Events such as these build confidence

in the boys' presentation skills, but equally, they are able to learn from the presentations of other students. I believe that it is an important writer's skill to write for a specific audience and on a specific theme.

Below are sample poems:

Eternal moments

To this day,
 I still recapture the ceaseless moments.
 Gaze upon the window, a pitch black paint lays itself on the pre-blue canvas.
 Red flickering lights opposed by bright white starlets which race past us as if fire flies on cold dark winter's night.
 Enlightened by the company of you,
 Gathered around a fire sharing stories our forefathers embedded in our minds
 A smile on you arises as I scan your eyes, nose, lips, cheeks, hair, smile, skin, and find the seven wonders of the world printed dead centre on your face.
 I continue to share those stories,
 To this day,
 I still recapture those ceaseless moments.

N Lushozi (Sixth Form)

Skyline Love

Your lips taste like whiskey
 And the air from the rooftops smell musky.
 The air of the city is clogged with emotion,
 The skyline lined with sorrows of the ground
 While the clouds still have their silver lining.
 We're still here on the roof tops,
 And maybe by next summer
 We might have changed our tune,
 For better or worse.

Z Sheik (Fourth Form)

Mr R Gutteridge



Media Centre Monitors

Back row: K Kisten, R Hassim, P Phala, M Puler, T Ganie, A Veitch, K Marais, C Emslie, Y Martin, N Seyoum
Middle row: M Charfaray, G Naidoo, R Uren, Chase Whiting, R Pillay, S Zikhali, M Sheik, S Gabu, M Webley, B Nuttall
Front row: B Hadden, T Moloi, Mrs C Smith, L Zondo (vice-captain), Mr R Gutteridge, R Bennett (captain), Mrs S Thorpe, T Ambler, Chad Whiting
Absent: S Bentley, M Moosa, B Meier, E Zimasa, J Muthuraymuthu, J Klapprodt, J Graham, K Ramlall, N Parmanand, J O'Brien, R Duckham, M Mkhize, R Barker, E Naidoo, J Zondi

The smooth daily operation of the Media Centre is due to the work of our Media Centre Monitors. This year they were ably led by R Bennett and his deputy, L Zondo. We continue with our use of teams, with the seniors in each team mentoring the youngsters. This system is working well for us. Also working well is the Library Monitor's Handbook, which forms the basis of their training and tracks their test results.

The boys have so much fun during socials with Pietermaritzburg Girls High that we invited St John's DSG to join us in the fourth term. The aim is to broaden perspectives and see how other schools manage the daily chores in the Media Centre.

During the annual Library Monitors' Tea, Mr Luman presented each Sixth Former with a small gift by which to remember their time in the Maritzburg College Media Centre. These are boys who have spent the past five years keeping the library neat and presentable.

The Sports and Cultural Awards evening saw R Bennett and L Zondo share the Graham Holder Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Media Centre.

Mr R Gutteridge



We thank the following Media Centre Monitors farewell, and all the very best for the future (L-R): J Zondi, L Zondo, T Moloi, R Bennett, Chad Whiting, C Emslie and P Phala

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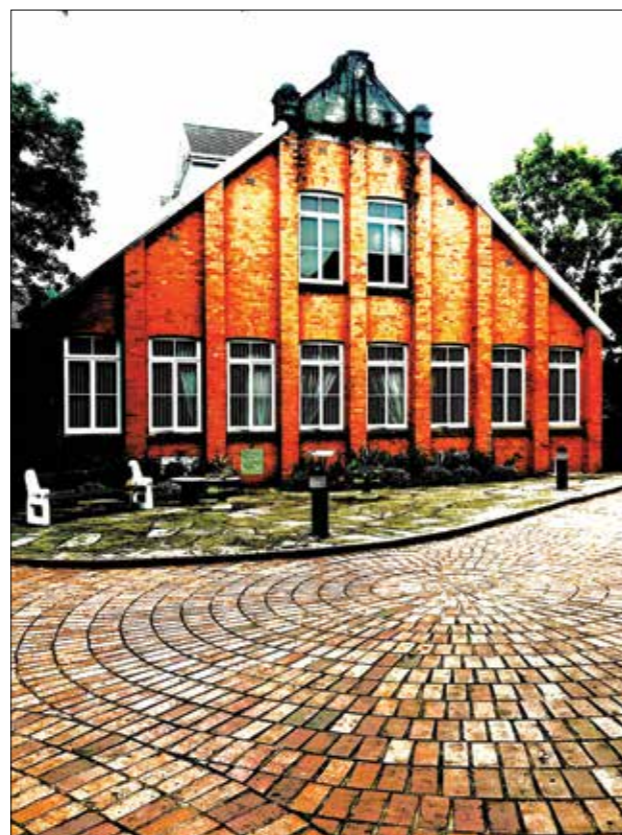
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A Ahmed (Fourth Form 2020)



R Bennett delivers his parting speech as Head Media Centre Monitor



Chad Whiting receives his farewell gift from Mr C Luman



J Zondi receives his farewell gift from Mr C Luman



Muslim Students Association

Back row:
Z Osman, Y Akoo (captain), Y Badroodeen,
T Ganie, A Ebrahim, I Vally

Front row:
T Abramia, S Manack, Y Sha,
Ms K Moula (MIC), A Osman, A Ahmed,
S Osman

Absent:
T Patel, I Patel, A Haffajee

The Muslim Students Association met every Tuesday after school. During the meetings boys were encouraged to prepare speeches on a topic of interest which they had to present to the group. Discussions were then held and students were encouraged to air their views. Various verses were read and explained and much knowledge was shared. During Ramadaan (fasting) boys helped during the weekend

at the South African National Zakah Fund to distribute food to the community as well as the poor and needy. Islamic games were played. Members of our Society also participated in Happiness week.

I thank the outgoing captain Y Akoo and wish him all the best. The 2020 captain is Z Osman.

Ms K Moula



Rugby Referees' Society

Back row:
M Pearson, M van der Werff, R Price,
C Hibbert

Front row:
S Ngwenya, Mr R Chirengende (MIC),
C Dowell

Absent:
N Mfeka (captain)

The Maritzburg College Rugby Refereeing Society continues to be a much admired society on the Midlands rugby landscape. Our boys are not only asked to officiate at College home games but, are invited to do so all around the Midlands, and in some cases even on away exchanges with PBHS and KES. This shows not only the level at which the boys operate, but also their dedication. The society was captained by N Mfeka who, over the years, has garnered much experience and was able to pass this on to some of the younger upcoming referees. He was ably supported by other 'old heads' such as S Ngwenya, C Dowell and R Price and they offered great assistance in the efficient running of the refereeing programme.

The quality we have in our school was duly recognised at the Midlands Rugby Refereeing awards. M Pearson and C Hibbert were awarded Best Junior Referee and Rookie Referee of the Year respectively. The same pair was also acknowledged at our annual Sport and Cultural awards ceremony. Pearson was named as the Most Improved Rugby Referee and Hibbert was named the Most Competent Rugby Referee of 2019. This capped what was a very fine 2019 for these two boys in particular, but also for the Rugby Referees' Society. Many boys are showing fine promise and the standard is expected to remain high as the school continues to nurture and develop refereeing talents. Many thanks to Messrs Mduyana, Msibi and Smith who supported the boys throughout 2019. Our thanks also go to the MRSU as the custodians of rugby refereeing in the district, for their administrative excellence and always being on hand to help our referees to improve and mature.

Mr R Chirengende



Sound and Lighting Society

Back row: M Fuhri, S Mpanza, C Kisbey-Green
Front row: M Pannalall, B Nuttall, Mr S Stickells (MIC), T Khoza (captain), T Bhoola
Absent: T Sewparsing

The Sound and Lighting Society in 2019 focused on technical support for the 'Fawlty Towers' plays. The society also fulfilled many other smaller roles around the school for various other societies. The society has grown pleasingly this year, with a strong group of Second Formers becoming members. A special mention must be made of T Khoza for his service as captain this year. He has been a loyal servant to the

school in many ways and I am proud to have worked with him over the years. We have done some minor upgrades to the lighting and sets this year and now have the advantage of having 'intelligent lighting' on stage. Our usual support of functions at College has continued and we are generally more efficient in this regard.

Mr S Stickells



Speakers' Circle

Back row: C van Rooyen, C van Herzele, C Schultz, O Beauclerk, R Akerman, M Moosa, N Mkhize, C Drummond, T Mthombeni
Middle row: J Maharaj, C Stubbs, L Mosiea, T-J Mkhize, J Lowe, C Vilakazi, H Mewalall, D Moodley, S Tshabalala, W Deighton
Front row: C Martin, V Soni, O Salim, D Evans, N Lushozi, Mr B Swart (MIC), J McFarland, S Mntungwa, B Gumede, K Harischandre, C Knight

The Speakers' Circle has enjoyed a very successful year. The group met regularly every two weeks in the customary Tuesday evening slot. Boys continue to work their way through a manual that allows them to harness the basics of public speaking. This is achieved over nine project speeches. A meeting was also held with St John's DSG, which was enjoyed by all. The group has been ably led by J McFarland

and D Evans this year. They have been exemplary in their manner and organisation. McFarland received the Calder Trophy for Public Speaking as well as the trophy for Best Public Speaker. N Lushozi was acknowledged for giving the Best Prepared Speech of the year and R Akerman was awarded the Most Improved Speaker award.

Mr B Swart



C Hibbert overseeing touch for the Third XV vs Michaelhouse



TechSquad

Back row: E Lamprecht, A Mulligan, R Hassim, P Phala

Middle row: B Lind, M Puler, A Noome, S Ndaba, W Deighton, H Schmahl, Z Sheik, A Westley

Front row: S Shongwe, N de Villiers, R Bennett, Mr C Barnsley (MIC), J Scheepers (captain), N Tsvuura, C Vahey

Absent: K Gunkel, M Rasalanavho, C Zondi, R Duckham, B Masinga, M Joubert

The dedicated boys of TechSquad perform a variety of technology-related functions. These include peer-to-peer assistance, computer LAN monitoring, learner-applications assistance, ICT presentations, and computer servicing, assembling, trouble-shooting and repair. The captain in the 2019 year was J Scheepers.

It has again been a positive year for the TechSquad boys who ran the school's computer room admirably. They held the College Arcade Night, held a training session together with the Interact Society during Happiness Week, and continued to offer outreach computer literacy

training sessions in partnership with the Interact Society on a monthly basis.

We hope to offer a higher quality of service to the school in the next few years. The potential, commitment and enthusiasm that these boys show is promising. The society is a 'home' for many of our techno-savvy boys as well as those who desire to serve the school and learn more about software and hardware.

Mr C Barnsley



Borver Week

Borver Week 2019 officially started on Sunday, 6 January, with the arrival of the new Second Form dayboys for the three-day orientation camp at College. After a busy three days, the dayboys were able to return home, while the boarders soldiered on in Nathan's. With "Vietnam" behind them, the boys had fun at the Second Form Gala and had to negotiate the New Boys' Test. Borver Week ended with the Second Formers receiving their ties from their House Leaders (including, in some cases, assistance with tying them), followed by a formal procession into the Alan Paton Memorial Hall to join the rest of the College family. There, after a stirring ceremony, they were welcomed by the staff and other boys into the great Red-Black-White family.



Vietnam

By far the most evocative and highly-anticipated event during Borver Week was the famous "Vietnam", which encouraged teamwork and endurance. Well done, boys!



Second Form Gala

A highlight of Borver Week for the new Second Formers was the New Boys' Gala, won by Commons House (in orange t-shirts). The Head Prefect, T van Aardt (far right), was well pleased with the efforts of his fledgling Housemates from Strachan's - as (in the background) Housemaster, Mr N Pillay, looks on with approval.



Tie ceremony and Special Assembly

Borver Week officially ended with the presentation to the Second Formers of their horizontal ties at a special House assembly. After the House assembly, the Second Form boys entered the Alan Paton Hall and filed past the headmaster, before being asked, "Do you promise to give your best, to strive to serve Maritzburg College etc. etc.," to which they bellowed, "WE DO!"

Virtus Challenge

Held on the first Friday of the academic year, the Virtus Challenge was again the first big inter-house competition for 2019, designed to build house spirit and camaraderie. A hot (38°C), sunny, summer's day saw the College boys, decked out in their colourful House t-shirts, all sprinting, tackling obstacles, playing soccer and wading through the Dudley Forde Swimming Pool. As always, the tug o' war provided huge excitement for spectators and enthusiastic competition for the Houses. After hours of fierce competition amongst the boys, it was time to bind up as College boys and together give out a lusty "Jimeloyo-Jii!"



Regional Conference of the International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC)

A group of 12 Maritzburg College staff, including the Headmaster, once again attended the annual Southern African International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC) conference, hosted in March 2019 by Pretoria Boys High School. This kind of conference is vital for the staff as professional educators, as it provides many opportunities to engage with other teachers, to share best practice for boys, and to learn from speakers who are experts in their field. The theme of the conference was "The World Behind our Boys" and a wide range of pertinent topics in education, particularly those pertaining to boys' education, were discussed. One of the keynote speakers was Dr Abigail James, who hails from the USA. Dr James is a world-renowned teacher and an expert on gender-based learning; her talks were stimulating and insightful, and provided much food for thought, particularly in today's electronic age. Technology was an important theme at the conference, and Ms Emma Sadleir addressed us on the dangers of social media. She is considered to be South Africa's leading expert on social media law. There were two breakaway sessions, in which delegates were divided into smaller groups and were free to attend talks in their area of interest. The conference closed with an address by Ms Rachel Adams, who is involved in developing high-impact leaders. She has worked at and with top institutions across the world, including Yale University and the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation. It was a busy but stimulating few days in which new friendships were forged and many discussions were had around what interests us most, namely teaching boys.



The College party poses in front of the imposing Main Building at PBHS.

2019 Conference of the English Academy of Southern Africa



The Maritzburg College English Department, in association with the English Academy of Southern Africa, hosted the 4th annual Conference for English Teachers on 14 May 2019. We were delighted to host Mr Bulara Monyaki (Chief Education Specialist for Languages), Dr David Robinson (University of Johannesburg), Dr Ntombela (University of Zululand) and Prof Mbongeni Malaba (UKZN), as well as many other academics and teachers from across the country who presented on the prescribed literature ("Macbeth", "Life of Pi" and "Picture of Dorian Gray") and on other aspects of teaching English, such as poetry, creative writing and language. Our theme was aptly titled "Back to Basics". We appreciate the feedback, support and enthusiasm expressed by teachers who have attended the conference in previous years, and welcome the opportunity to facilitate further engagement and ideas in the teaching of English home language.

Fifth Form history trip to the KZN Museum

All boys studying history in Fifth Form visited the KZN Museum in Pietermaritzburg during the third term. Individual classes were accompanied by Mr C Dutton and Mr T Orchard. The focus of the outing was the section in the KZNED's official CAPS document devoted to "Resistance and Segregation in South Africa".

The visit began at the renowned Maritzburg train station, where in 1883 a humble Indian lawyer named Mohandas Gandhi refused to sit in the third class section of the train and was physically removed – thrown off the train by the British colonial officials at the station. This was the spark for the real beginning of protest action against an unjust system that had existed for centuries and was finally overturned only in 1994. The displays in the museum showed early forms of protest in Victorian Pietermaritzburg, but also two distinct series of later events: peaceful protests from 1948-1960 and the violent protests that took place after the Sharpeville massacre in 1960. Also in the museum is a reconstruction of Mr Nelson Mandela's cell on Robben Island.

The museum remains a popular tourist and educational amenity and a centre of scholarly research in the KZN Midlands. It is dedicated to an increasing understanding and knowledge of the history of mankind in South-Eastern Africa, from pre-historic times, but including more modern developments such as European settler history. It is home to several important heritage collections, some of which are of international renown.



The boys pose with the statue of MK Gandhi at the Maritzburg station



A display on the Robben Island Prison that housed Mr Mandela for many of his 27 years in captivity was of particular interest to the Fifth Form visitors.

Friends of College Ceremony

Held in 2019 on 4 September, the "Friends of College" ceremony recognises and celebrates those members of the school's community who have served Maritzburg College over the years in a range of ways, tirelessly and often without the recognition they truly deserve. In 2019, the school inducted six new people into this group, at an event held at the Kent Pavilion on Goldstone's, bringing together a special group of people the school is proud to call "Friends of College":

With the Headmaster, Mr C Luman, are: Alan and Debbie Martin, Craig MacKenzie, Rudi Clark, Hazel Miller and Mlungisi Dube.



A Martin, D Martin, C MacKenzie



R Clark, H Miller, M Dube

Fourth Form history trip to the Msunduzi Voortrekker Museum

The Fourth Form history classes visited the Msunduzi Voortrekker Museum during the third term. They were accompanied by Messrs C Dutton, C Nevay and T Orchard. The first part of the visit focused on the development of Pietermaritzburg as a Voortrekker town, inhabited by a large number of Voortrekker widows – most of the men-folk having died during the frequent troubles experienced in the Great Trek (1835-1845).

The collections housed in the museum include many Voortrekker relics and objects, among them a water bottle and a Bible that belonged to Piet Retief, recovered from KwaMatiwane, where he and his party were killed on the orders of the King Dingane. In the museum grounds the boys saw a genuine Zulu hut, Andries Pretorius' house, built in 1842; and at 333 Boom Street, the oldest double-storey house in Pietermaritzburg.

The boys were also able to see several unique pieces, including King Dingane's chair, carved from a single piece of wood, and his wooden headrest and some beads found in the remains of his palace at uMngungundlovu. The museum also houses what is reputed to be the second-oldest wagon in South Africa, built in 1824 and later used by Voortrekkers. Of course, they also saw "Oom Fanus Van Rooyen se Broek", an unbelievably enormous pair of trousers

Mr C Dutton



The boys pose outside the Church of the Vow, built to remember the "vow" made by the Boers to their God before the Battle of Blood River in 1838.

Reunion Weekend

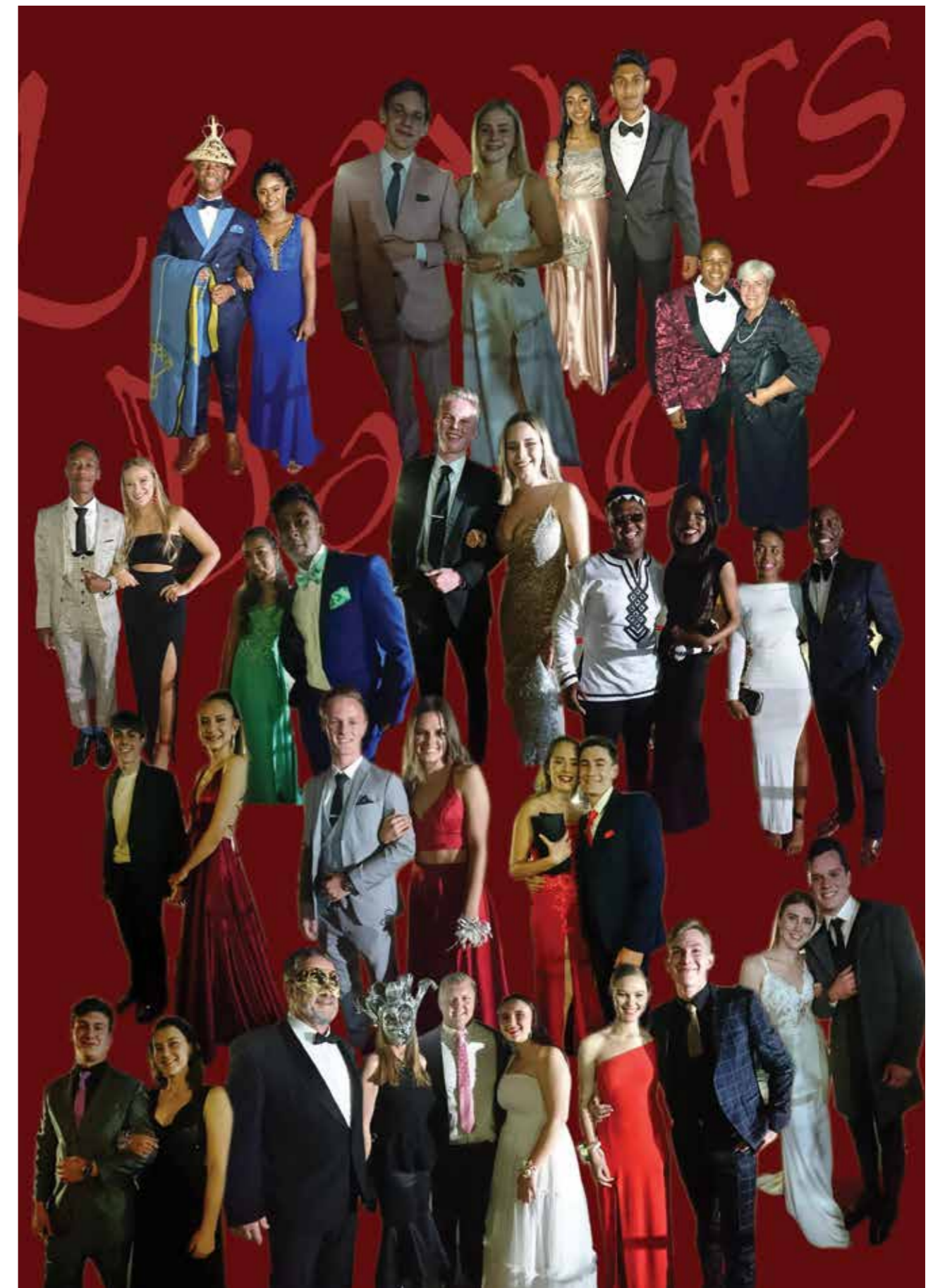
Held from 1-3 August, Reunion 2019 was an overwhelming success, starting with the OC golf day on the Thursday at the Victoria Country Club, at which over 140 OCs took part. On the following day, the school held a special assembly on Barns', at which the MCOBA was recognised for its generous financial contributions made of late to the school. The Class of 1979 convenor and past parent, Mr P Stainbank, reminded the boys to make the most of their five years at College and to take the lessons learned forward into their lives. The OCs present joined the boys for a "College Shout" on Barns', before touring the campus and then heading off to play bowls. The Friday night saw over 400 OCs

attend the annual Reunion Dinner in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall, followed by, on the following day, the annual Reunion Day service in the Memorial Chapel, the wreath-laying ceremony at the First World War Memorial and lunch in the Victoria Hall. A number of OCs and special guests attended the poignant Wall of Remembrance event to pay tribute to various OCs, staff and friends of College. As always, the Reunion Weekend was capped by thrilling rugby, soccer and hockey encounters - in 2019 between the #RedBlackWhite and the teams from Glenwood High School.



Leavers' Dance

The much-anticipated Leavers' Ball for the Sixth Form Class of 2019 was held in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall on Friday, 16 September. The agreement of all the staff present was that the young men were suave and debonair, on a night that many of them - and their partners - will cherish.



Fifth Form Economics Tour to Johannesburg

The 2019 economics tour to Johannesburg and environs took place in the last week of the third term, and saw 20 excited and ambitious young economists accompanied to the bright lights of "Jozi" by Messrs N Pillay and M Marwick.

Having departed early on the morning of Sunday, 15 September, the tourists found themselves in Johannesburg shortly after lunch, upon which they hurried off to the Apartheid Museum, which is situated in the Gold Reef City complex. The award-winning museum shows visitors the brutal effects of the racial segregation experienced in the country, with a particular focus on the period of "Grand Apartheid", from 1948 until the late 1980s, and the widespread violence experienced in the build-up to the 1994 elections. At one stage, a whole number of boys were squashed into an old SAP "Casspir", to have a sense of what it was like to travel in these demonic-looking vehicles, which were often to be seen prowling township streets during the upheavals of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

After that visit, the tour bus drove along the streets of Soweto, and it was interesting to notice the development that has taken place over the last two decades. Homage was paid to Hector Pietersen, the Struggle martyr of the 1976 Soweto Uprising, followed by a mandatory tour down Vilakazi St, as the tourists admired the only street in the world to boast two Nobel Prize-winning former residents, namely Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela.

On the Monday morning, the tourists travelled to OR Tambo International Airport, the biggest and busiest airport in Africa. There, after a slight delay due to a detour involving an irascible Johannesburg traffic officer, they met both Mr Pillay's high-powered nephew, who is a director of the Airports Company of SA, and the CEO of the airport itself. These inspirational speakers addressed the boys not only about the work that they do, but also, most importantly, on the respective journeys that took them to their current positions. After a visit to the airport's all-important control centre, where thousands of weekly flights are managed, we headed to the other side of the airport to visit the Air Traffic Control Centre, and were amazed at the behind-the-scenes action. The job of an air traffic controller is certainly a highly stressful one, and the visit to the tower, overlooking the enormous airport complex, was especially memorable.

That afternoon, the tour bus ventured to southern Johannesburg, where we were met by passionate Old Collegian and former SA Schools' hockey player, Rene de la Peyre. Rene is a rising young executive at the international logistics company, C Steinweg Bridge. The company is headed by Colin Emanuel, a proud OC whose son matriculated from the school only last year, and it has shown considerable growth especially in the last three years, following a buyout by the international Steinweg Group. After a quick lunch, the boys were given an in-depth explanation and tour of the sprawling Steinweg complex, comprising a brand-new office block, a vast container yard, and more than half a dozen warehouses for various commodities (including tobacco and minerals, chemicals etc.) The boys headed back to Sandton with an appreciation of how intricate and vital logistics are to the workings of a modern economy.



At C Steinweg Bridge, proud OC Rene de la Peyre (middle in the photo) reminisced about attending the economics tour in Fifth Form in 2009, when he visited the premises of his future employer. What an inspiring tale!

On the Tuesday morning, the tourists visited the headquarters of Nedbank, situated in Rivonia Road in Sandton. More like a shopping mall, the Nedbank offices are proudly "green", and it was easy to see the appeal of its many leafy, shaded spaces, amidst all the concrete and glass. We were met by three of the most important people in the company, namely 1983 classmates from College, Mike Brown (CEO) and George Kerby (Head of Treasury), and the company's head economist. Once again, we were treated to an overview of their very personal journeys after school, all the way to their lofty positions, and it was very inspiring for the young men to realise that, not so long ago, these two high-powered bankers sat in the classrooms they currently inhabit. The personal, meaningful experience at Nedbank certainly was an eye-opener for those amongst the visitors who wanted to consider the wide opportunities available in the financial sector, and we were very thankful to these busy and important OCs for taking the time to see us.



Nedbank CEO, Mike Brown, matriculated from College in 1983, having played First XI hockey. He has been the CEO of Nedbank since 2010, and is one of SA's most admired business leaders. He gave a fascinating overview of his journey from Zimbabwe to College, from College to Natal University (CA), and from university to the old NBS, to Board of Executors and finally to Nedbank.

Thereafter, the members of the touring party walked through the streets of Sandton, past the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and other large organisations, including Deutsche Bank, to the imposing headquarters of Bowman Gilfillan, which is one of the largest and most prominent law firms in Africa. There we were addressed by various Old Collegians, including the firm's senior partner, Alan Keep, James Westgate, an award-winning commercial attorney, and a number of OC associates and articled clerks. We learnt about their day-to-day travails, the huge challenges and rewards of a legal career, as well as, once again, their own, very personal but very interesting journeys from the classrooms of Maritzburg College to the boardrooms of Sandton.

On the following morning, Wednesday 18 September, the tour party made an early departure for the Cullinan Diamond Mine (formerly the Premier Mine), which is situated about 40 km north of Pretoria. The town is named after Sir Thomas Cullinan, the chairman of the now defunct, eponymous mining company, and it was at the Premier Mine that in 1905 the largest diamond ever was discovered – the 3 106 carat Cullinan Diamond.

En route back to Johannesburg, we stopped off at the SA Mint Company in Midrand, where we were shown a number of videos about the work done by the SA Mint, were given a talk on how it earns its revenue, and were taken on a guided tour of the facility. Established in 1890, the SA Mint makes coins for approximately 30 countries around the world, and it was interesting, first-hand, to be shown how coins are manufactured and to discuss the important role they play in commerce.

That night, the boys proceeded to the Bryanston Country Club in Bryanston, where they met four passionate OCs, namely Messrs Mark Bruyns, Shaun Bruyns, Colin Aylward and Shaun Katz. They all gave very interesting talks about, once again, their respective journeys



The tourists also visited the Cullinan Diamond Mine (formerly the Premier Mine), which is situated about 40 km north of Pretoria – as well as the SA Mint Company in Midrand and Daytona Motors, South Africa's premium luxury and super car supplier situated in the swish Melrose Arch complex.

into business, after College. For example, Mr Aylward is the Head of Trading at Morgan Stanley, one of the world's most prominent financial corporations, while the other men are all self-made men of influence and means. Again and again it was reinforced to the boys that "If we can make it, you can too". The quartet were also quite obviously proud to have gone to College, and in turn it was a source of pride to all the members of the tour party to hear these OCs refer to their school days with obvious fondness and pride. It was a very personal few hours spent in the company of these men, and we are very grateful to them to have given up a large part of their evening to join us over delicious pizzas.

On the final day of the tour, we headed off early in the morning to Daytona Motors, South Africa's premium luxury and super car supplier situated in the swish Melrose Arch complex, where it has a state-of-the-art showroom and workshop. There were a number of Rolls-Royces to be seen, as well as numerous McLarens and Ferraris, a few Aston Martins, and two Paganis, each worth over R30 million. In fact, the value of the stock of vehicles on display on the showroom at Daytona was about R200 million, and many of the teenaged petrol-heads in the tour party spent a very happy thirty minutes drooling over the vehicles on display. Finally, the ride of a lifetime was realised, as S Kidsingh was given a burn around the block in an Aston Martin, which certainly was a trip to cherish.



Having just been for a spin around the block in a sleek Aston Martin, S Kidsingh, smiles proudly for the camera – while Mr Pillay (background) wistfully wonders how far his teacher's salary will streeetch!

After this fascinating detour, the tour party began gradually to make its way south towards KZN and home, stopping off first for a detour at the Mister Sweet Factory in Germiston.

There, we once again were met by an OC CEO, Alastair Gore, who took us on an intensive, two-hour tour of this R1 billion operation. We saw how numerous sweets that we encounter on a daily basis in supermarkets were made – from liquorice balls, to jelly babies, to mints, to chocolate eggs etc. Eyes bulged at the enormous quantities of chocolate, sugar and similarly saccharine ingredients, as vast quantities of delicious, mouth-watering sweets passed us by on conveyor belts and via other manufacturing processes. Much to the delight of all, everyone was, at the conclusion of a fascinating tour, presented with a sweets package, most of which did not survive until the halfway stop at Harrismith.

The 2019 tour was once again a unique opportunity for Fifth Form boys not just to interact with many inspiring, high-powered Old Collegians, but to obtain a wide overview of the many careers that are "out there".

The particular thanks of the boys and Messrs Pillay and Marwick go to our loyal bus driver, Mr V Singh, who has now taken economics tourists from College to Johannesburg for 14 consecutive years.

Mr M Marwick

Passing of The Drum

On 25 October, College held its eighth annual Passing of the Drum Ceremony, to celebrate the appointment of the school's learner leadership for 2020. These included the head and deputy head prefects, prefects, shouting captains and house leaders. For many years it was the tradition that an outgoing College head prefect placed a written message of support to his successor in the old Thrash Drum that is these days housed in a permanent case on display in the Victoria Hall. As always, the culmination of the special assembly was the passing of the old side-drum (photo above) from College's outgoing Head Prefect, T van Aardt, to his successor, C van Heerden, as a symbol of the passing of authority between these two boys.



KZN Battlefields Tour 2019

Held in the final days of the third term, the 2019 battlefields tour visited some of KwaZulu-Natal's most compelling battlefields and skirmish sites, including Isandlwana, Rorke's Drift, Spioenkop, Talana, Blood River (Ncome) and Elandslaagte. The tour included Ladysmith – of Siege and Relief fame – as well as the site near Estcourt of the Armoured Train Incident that brought prominence to a young Winston Churchill.

This latter incident was the one in which Boer forces derailed an armoured train bringing supplies from Durban to British forces in the veld near Estcourt. Then a young newspaper correspondent, Churchill was on the train and was taken prisoner. Jailed in Pretoria, he by train and sea escaped via Delagoa Bay (Lourenco Marques) to Durban – such began his rise to global prominence and fame.

From the "Churchill capture site" the group moved on to the scene of one of the most stirring and moving events of the whole Anglo-Boer War – Spioenkop. That dreadful day of bloodshed in January 1900 cost the British some 1 200 casualties of whom over 300 died. Boer losses amounted to some 300 men.

The next destination of the tourists was Ladysmith, where one of the best museums of its kind is situated. The displays recording the famous Siege are excellent and partly housed in an old Market Hall built in 1884, which served as a ration post for civilians during the Siege.

Next visited was the site of the Battle of Elandslaagte, after which the boys, having by now ventured further north to Dundee, enjoyed a sunset climb to the top of the hill near where the Battle of Talana took place.

The site of Battle of Blood River of 1838 has an interesting museum where the boys heard a description of what occurred in the battle and also a re-telling of some of the myths surrounding its tragic story.

Fought in 1879 – 20 years before the outbreak of the Anglo-Boer War – the Battle of Isandlwana has a very special place in the history of Maritzburg College. After a brief overview of this momentous battle, the boys performed a short ceremony to commemorate the seven Old Collegians who died in the fighting, followed by the College war-cry.

Both sides lost heavily at Isandlwana: estimates of the British losses were 1 357 men, with approximately 3 000 Zulu warriors killed. On hearing this appalling news, King Cetshwayo said, "Alas, a spear has been thrust into the belly of the nation".

At Rorke's Drift, the British defenders lost 15 men and two others died later from their wounds. Virtually every other man had been wounded. The Zulus, however, lost over 370 warriors who were counted and later buried in mass graves. A further 100 were dragged away towards the river by departing warriors. After the battle, the British awarded 11 Victoria Crosses to surviving soldiers – the largest number of this award in any single engagement ever made.

Special thanks go from the boys and the other members of the tour party to our guide, Mr Simon Haw, the acclaimed battlefields maestro and official historian of Maritzburg College. He has been taking College boys to the battlefields for over 40 years! Our thanks, too, go to the parents and Old Collegians who accompanied the boys. Their company and assistance was invaluable.

Mr C Dutton



Isandlwana monument



Isandlwana Cairns



Blood River



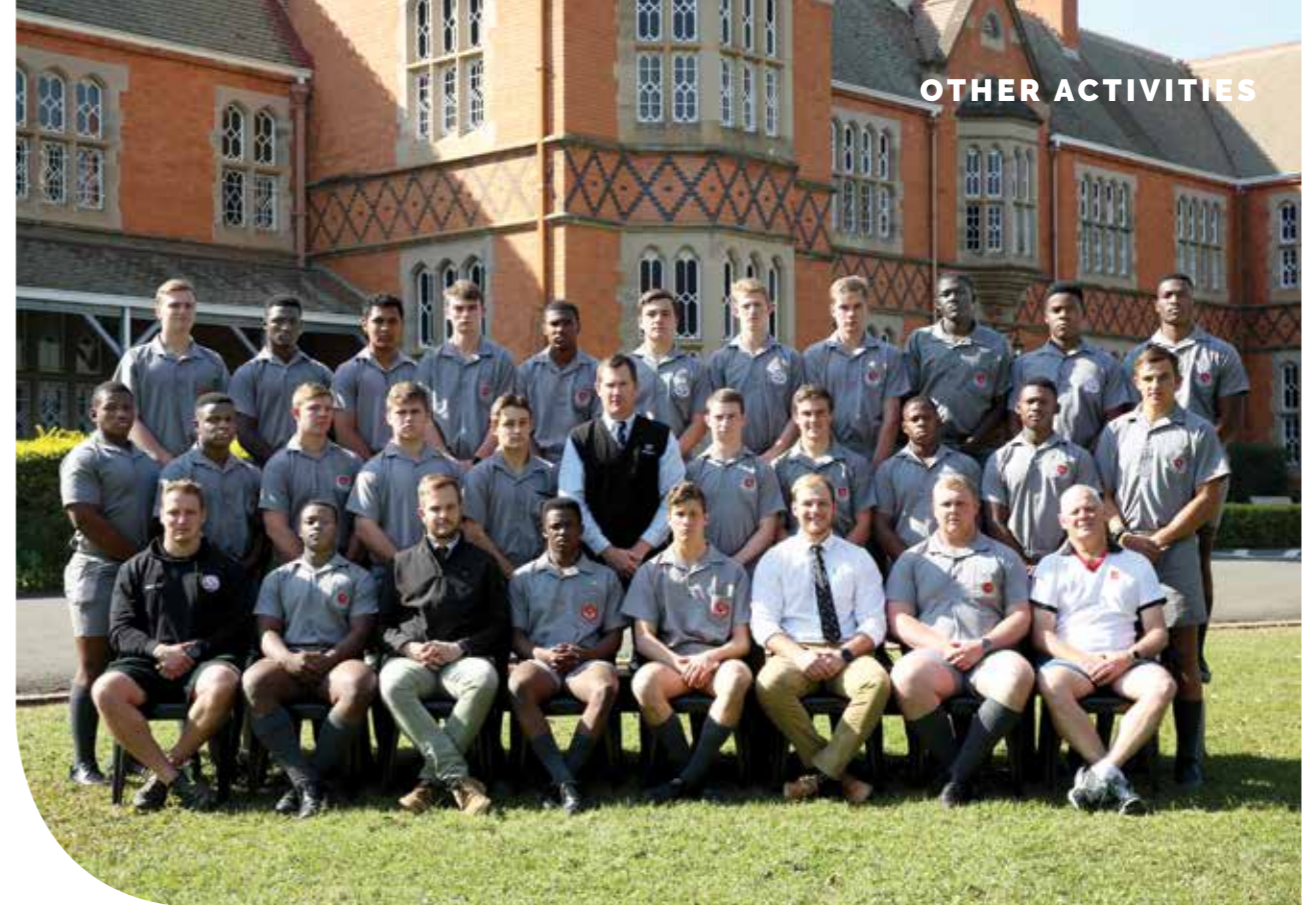
Churchill's capture site



The tourists make the rocky walk to the top of the Elandslaagte hill - overlooking the flat plain of the battlefields which had witnessed a rare, yet decisive charge, by the Fifth Lancers and the Fifth Dragoon Guards on 21 October 1899.



Mr Haw prepares to explain the bloody happenings of 24 January 1900 atop imposing Spioenkop – as some of the tourists nonchalantly find a seat on the mass graves in which many of the 243 "Tommys" killed in the battle lie.



United Kingdom Rugby Touring Team and Staff

Back row: S Zunckel, A Nzimande, M Kling, K Goedeke, K Hadebe, K Morsink, M Zunckel, C van Rooyen, S Ningiza, M Masvikeni, W Hlope
Middle row: C Dlamini, M Dlangalala, H Corbett, T Trollip, P Elliot, Mr R Kyle (manager), R Wilken, H Trodd, J Mndaweni, T Mbatha, J Hendrikz
Front row: Mr J Greeff (Biokineticist), A Matsheke, Mr C Fraser (coach), P Simamane (tour captain), B Webster (captain), Mr R le Roux (coach), T van Aardt, Mr K Smith (Director of Rugby)

The members of the Maritzburg College 1st XV of 2019 were fortunate enough to go on an overseas tour during the September holidays. After an immense fundraising effort from our parents, we embarked on a 14-day tour of England and Wales. We played four matches against renowned rugby schools: Eltham College, based in London, Millfield in Somerset, Christ College Brecon near Cardiff and Oakham in close proximity to Leicester.



The touring party of 25 players and five staff prepare to jet off to Heathrow Airport on 14 September, for their four-match rugby tour of England and Wales.

Besides playing rugby our boys were also allowed some downtime and opportunities to do a bit of sightseeing. While in London the team had the honour of going on a guided tour of Twickenham Stadium, the home of English rugby. We also visited the London Dungeons, which was quite an authentic British experience. One of London's main tourist attractions is the London Eye and the boys had a bird's eye view of London and surrounding areas. Oxford was our next stop and the boys enjoyed the university atmosphere of the town and also did some punting on the river Cherwell. In Wales we spent a day at Cardiff Castle and experienced the cosmopolitan spirit of this vibrant city.

Eltham College was our first opposition of the tour and the match was played at the Rectory, which is the home-ground of the oldest rugby club in the world – Blackheath RFC. An astounding number of Old Collegians came to watch and support the Red Black and White at the Rectory. The College boys eventually got used to the wet-

weather conditions and ran in five tries under floodlights. Eltham were physically no match for the Red Black and White machine and College ran out victors comfortably with a score of 41-14.



After the first-match win vs Eltham College in South London, coach Mr R le Roux (third right) was able to catch up with fellow OCs (from left to right) Messrs J Turnbull, C Brown, B Player, J Gold and T Steyn at Rectory Field.



The rugby tourists were able to enjoy the unique ambiance of the England change-room at Twickenham



A view of the Gareth Edwards Field at Millfield – named in honour of the famous Welsh scrumhalf and Millfield alumnus.

The following match was played against an English rugby school that has ranked amongst the UK top-5 rugby schools in recent years – Millfield. Near perfect weather conditions set the scene for an almighty clash between two rugby powerhouses. An impressive physical contest was on display, as both schools tried to out-muscle each other. Despite one or two opportunities to convert match-winning kicks, College were very unlucky, as the ball struck the pole twice in consecutive kicks. It was a hard-fought battle and Millfield eventually pipped College by two points. The College boys played valiantly, though, and were unfortunate to lose the match 15-13.

The penultimate match of the tour was played in Wales on a sunny day against Christ College. Christ College was established in the 15th century, and they hold the same traditional values that we do at Maritzburg College. The match started off with a big power struggle between the teams. Initially the match was very competitive, but the



The tourists bind up with their opponents after the final match of the tour – a 24-0 win over Oakham.

Red Black and White machine finished very clinically and managed to win the game 42-17.

Our final game was against Oakham School, which has close ties to Leicester Tigers Rugby Club and many of the players are contracted to play for the Leicester Tigers' professional side when they finish school. A light drizzle fell for two days continuously and a wet, muddy pitch beckoned the Red Black and White. College ultimately prevailed in the wet, and thanks to some accurate kicking and game-management eventually ran in four tries to end off the tour on a proverbial "high" with a score of 24-0.

This tour was of priceless value, not only because of the victories and the at times quite spectacular rugby that was played, but because of the relationships that were forged between teammates, opponents, staff members and parents. We would like to thank the Maritzburg College parents and community for making this tour possible – it truly was an unforgettable experience that will forever be remembered and cherished by the College rugby fraternity.

UK touring squad:

C Dlamini, J Mndaweni, T Trollip, W Hlophe, C van Heerden, M Dlangalala, B Webster, M King, H Trodd, A Nzimande, K Goedeke, K Hadebe, K Morsink, P Simamane, J Hendrikz, R Price, T van Aardt, A Matsheke, H Corbett, C van Rooyen, P Elliot, M Zunckel, T Mbatha, S Zunckel, R Wilken

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Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association Induction Ceremony

After completing their final official school day on Thursday, 10 October, the Sixth Formers that night attended the traditional Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association Induction Ceremony. It was an evening of friendship, loyalty, excitement, nostalgia, and some tears. Wearing their Old Collegians' blazers, and following a dignified handshake and the handing over of an OC tie, the boys joined the ranks of an old and proud group of College men. Class Vaedictorian N Lushozi encouraged his peers to go forth into the unknown, taking with them the values and friendships formed with their "brothers" at College. MCOBA President Mr G Little echoed these sentiments, inviting the boys to return to

College for their 20th Reunion in 2039 and to give back to the school that had given them a wonderful start to their lives. Proud OC fathers were able to hand over the OC ties and blazers to their sons and the Sixth Form Class of 2019 signed their collective oath, in a nostalgic and joyous evening filled with emotion and memory. As always, the evening ended off with the traditional procession by the OCs and the new inductees past the Memorial Chapel, through the old quadrangle and down the corridors of Clark House, led by the piper, culminating with a lusty "Jimeloyo-Jii!" in front of the First World War Memorial.



One of the honoured guests at the Induction Ceremony was the distinguished former rector of Grey High School, Mr Neil Crawford. As a young teacher, he 100taught Mr Luman in the latter's final year at Wynberg Boys' High School in 1978.



Proud OC, Mr Terry Drummond (1988), hands over an OC blazer to his younger son, Troy – a 4th generation Old Collegian.



As is custom, the President of the MCOBA, Mr G Little, presents an OC blazer to the outgoing Head Prefect, T van Aardt.



To the stirring tune of "The March of the Highland Men", Piper Ian Turnbull (OC 1970) leads the post-ceremony procession, as it snakes its way to the First World War Memorial.



The Head Prefect of 1991 (Mr Andrew Soden) walks alongside the out-going Head Prefect of 2019 during the procession.



A cheerful S Mntungwa signs his pledge to do his best to attend his 20-year reunion in 2039.



Elliott House Extension: official opening of the AS Langley Wing

On 25 October, the AS Langley Wing to Elliott House was officially opened by Mr R Evans, the chairman of the Maritzburg College Governing Body.

The schoolmaster honoured that day, Aubrey Samuel Langley, was a complex and complicated man; on the one hand capable of unexpected generosity and kindness, and on the other (more often) of volcanic fits of rage. He certainly aroused conflicting emotions in many of the young men over whom he presided, as an imperious rugger-loving, Latin-quoting, fire-eating colossus "of brooding ferocity". Mr Langley was the Senior Resident Master at College from 1897 (in the latter years of Mr RD Clark's long reign) until his departure in 1909 for the Durban High School, where he was to earn lasting fame as an iron-willed, cane-wielding Head Master from 1910 to 1931.

The following is an extract from the address given at the opening ceremony by the Headmaster, Mr Luman, in tribute to one of the school's legendary masters:

"Measuring six feet, with a 38-inch chest, icy blue eyes and a reputation for malevolence, and blessed with a luxurious moustache that earned him the famous nickname of 'Madevu', Mr Langley was the epitome of Edwardian manliness and was a fine rugby player in his own right.

"As College in the late 1890s played against senior clubs and British regiments, he played and captained College continuously into the early 1900s, until an illness put an end to his playing career. He also helped establish the Old Collegians Rugby Club, chaired the Natal Rugby Union in 1900 and 1901, and he coached the College teams until his departure for DHS at the end of 1909.

"Given his ardour for especially rugby – 'the gentleman's game' – and his at times brutal snobbery, Mr Langley vilified any school that did not play the oval-ball game or cricket, and they were duly condemned as 'lower class'. As the Head Master of DHS, he reserved an unquenchable, burning hatred for their Berea rivals, 'the Tech' (the Technical High School, which later became Glenwood High School), whose main winter sport was initially soccer, and his rants against them were legendary:

"The Tech is the place for swine like you!' he would bellow at any DHS boy who didn't meet his high standards, and he was once known to have roared, 'Fight, you swine! Fight, you Technical Soccerite! I won't have any malingering in my school!'

"His demonic rages, coupled with an unwavering sense of his own rectitude, were the stuff of legend.

"Mr Langley was unquestionably harsh, stern and at times brutal, but one has to concede that those were different times, and he was also a man of great emotion. It is said that he wept tears of anguish as he read the ever-lengthening Roll of Honour at assembly at DHS during the First World War, or when he described how the DHS Old Boys went 'over the top' into no-mans-land bellowing 'School! School! School!' He was understandably loathed by many sensitive young men, but he certainly was colourful and unforgettable, and inspiring to many, and his mark at Maritzburg College – on its sports-fields and in its boarding houses – endures, despite his having left the school 110 years ago.

"We especially remember Mr Langley's contribution to College sport and his distinguished service to its, at the time, relatively small community of boarders, in whom he instilled a fierce pride and a robust and competitive spirit that lives on today."

[Reference: College Archives / DT Löser Esq]



At the opening of the new AS Langley Wing of Elliott House, Mr R Evans (chairman of the Governing Body) unveiled the plaque and Mr J Culverwell (chairman of the Boarder Parents' Committee) cut the ribbon. Also present were amongst others Mr M Marwick (Master of Ceremonies), Mr C Fraser (Housemaster) and K Raw (Senior Boarder Prefect).

Remembrance Day

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them."*

To the haunting sounds of the "Last Post" and "Reveille", and accompanied by the ceremonial laying of wreaths and the lowering of flags, current and retired Maritzburg College staff together with pupils, Old Collegians and honoured guests joined in a poignant 2019 Remembrance Day ceremony outside Clark House.

Remembrance Day has special significance at Maritzburg College, given the school's contribution of 258 past pupils and three teachers killed in various skirmishes, battles and war since the first OC casualty fell in 1873.

In this year's ceremony, the Maritzburg College Roll of Honour for the South African War of 1899-1902 was read, as well as the obituary of one of the seven OCs who died – Col. William Royston, the admired commandant of the Natal Volunteers, who died of enteric fever contracted during the Siege of Ladysmith.

The ceremony was followed by the unveiling of plaques on the school's Wall of Remembrance, honouring five people who had close connections with our school; Jean Keane-Murphy (Staff 1985-1996), Victor Agar (Staff 1927-1942), Marc Hampson (at College 1992-2018), Michael Jackson (at College 1949-1952) and Prof George Trotter (1937-2018).



On Remembrance Sunday, a number of Old Collegians also took part in the annual Ceremony of Remembrance at the city hall. Pride of place went to Mr D Bazley (OC 1975), who cut a fine figure as the pipe major of the Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Pipe Band.

JANUARY

The vagaries of the school calendar meant that in 2019 the new Nathan House boarders arrived on Saturday, 5 January – a rather early start to the year!

The much-anticipated Boarders' Inter-house Obstacle Course Challenge took place over the first weekend of the year, which was a closed one for all boarders. Amidst much puffing and grunting – and a little blood – the men from Hudson's were able to retain their crown, holding off a much-improved Clark's outfit by 0.2 seconds. Sixth Former, M Toich, was left to lick his wounds, after an altercation with the metal bars. "It's nothing, sir", he replied stoically.



Another competition for bragging rights in the BE was the annual Touch Rugby Challenge, between multiple schoolboy teams and a staff team. After a hotly-contested tournament, "Alcatraz" – made up of grizzled 6th Formers from Elliott House – outlasted all-comers, to win the day



On 31 January, the school hosted an inaugural Donor Appreciation Event to recognise and thank those people whose generous support has made an enormous difference in so many

of our young men's lives. On the evening, over 30 donors were acknowledged for their role in changing our boys' lives, and enjoyed the opportunity to meet some of the recipients and to hear their stories.

There was a sober start to College's sports fixtures on 12 January vs our friends from Westville BHS. The teams observed a few moments' silence to remember the legendary Westville school-master, Mr Nestor Pierides, who had succumbed to cancer only days before.



On 9 January, College was honoured to host a government delegation that included Ms Thokozile Xasa (the Minister for Sport and Recreation), as well as the Deputy Minister, the KZN MEC for Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation, the Msunduzi Mayor and the head of Athletics SA. The delegation enjoyed a tour of the school's facilities and were treated to a rousing "Jimeloyo Ji" war-cry on Barns.



In January, some hardier boarders held an impromptu Belly Flop Challenge, in which Mr S Mduyana was an expected yet gritty participant, showing a unique "submarine-style" dive.

The RCL elections took place on 20 January. Housemasters Messrs M Reed (Calder's) and A Sparrow (Fuller's) exhorted schoolboy candidates to come forward and "speak your case".



While the many OC dads of boys in Nathan House are often celebrated, what about the dads of dayboys? In the photo above, 13 of the total 26 OC dayboy dads pose with their sons.



A 4th-generation boarder, D Bruyns was spotted at Clark's roll call wearing this rather weather-beaten jersey. Upon enquiry, we were told that "The jersey belonged to my Dad and the Large White Badge to my grandfather". Like his forebears, Daniel is a talented sportsman.



In January, College historian Mr S Haw led an enthusiastic tour group (despite the inclement weather) of OCs and families and friends to the 1879 battlefields of Hlobane and Kambula in Northern KZN. OC scout Charles Potter was killed at the former battle, while at the site of the decisive Battle of Kambula, the four OCs – Messrs W Smith, M Marwick (staff), D McIlrath and M Daniel – and Mr Haw were able to pose at the gravesite of 1863 Foundation Scholar, Ignatius "Yorkie" Ferreira, who was killed while serving with the British Forces.

On 27 January, there were 100 especially happy young Second Form boarders, as they were able to enjoy the much-anticipated Nathan House picnic with their families – a full 22 days after their College journey began.

The New Parents' Information Evening / Cocktail Party held on 1 February in the Ron Jury Sports Centre was the first opportunity for many of the new parents to meet one another and to chat briefly with Housemasters and mentors.

FEBRUARY

"Felicidades!" from his old school go to Andrew Norton (OC 2008), who on 10 February made his debut at flyhalf for Spain vs Russia in an International in Madrid.

In February, College was proud to welcome Paul Slabolepszy, one of the country's foremost playwrights and actors to our campus. Paul shared his experiences through an entertaining journey into storytelling – "A Slice of Slab" – with the College boys, as well as learners from GHS and Alexandra High. In the photo below, he poses with Mrs K Thaver as well as Messrs R Barbour and S Stickells.



In the 2019 Dusi Canoe Marathon, held over three hot days in February, OCs and College boys posted some excellent results. OC Andy Birkett won his 9th Dusi title; Deputy Head Prefect D Evans finished first junior in 7th position overall (the best finish result for a junior in the history of the race), and OC Stewart Little won the U23 title. As always, the Nathan's boys cheered on the leading boats, as they negotiated the Ernie Pearce Weir.

In February, the College English Department was privileged to host author, Edyth Bulbring, the acclaimed author of the Grade 10 set-work, "The Mark".



We were proud to in February host the Grade 6 and 7 boarders from our "little brother" school, Merchiston Preparatory School, for supper in the Victoria Hall. The "mudrats" enjoyed the evening immensely, with delicious food and time spent socialising with some of the former mudrats who are presently College pupils, as well as with the Nathan House prefects.



In February, the Afrikaans Department had some of their classes create and write suitably inspirational (flirtatious?) messages in a Valentine's Day competition. The lucky winners were L Müller (Fifth Form) and G Roux (Second Form).



On 10 February, the College band hosted its Valentine's Day Concert on the Forder Oval.

MARCH



A special fundraising evening organised by the canoeing group on 1 March featured a rousing address by the acclaimed historian and raconteur, Rob Caskie (R). The evening included the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bid for the boat and paddle of multiple Dusi Canoe Marathon champion and proud OC, Andy Birkett.



On 8 March, 600 dads and their sons meet in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall for a "Dads 'n' Lads" evening. The goal was for men, young and old, to get together and engage. How did we do it? Through talks, quizzes and food, as well as a from-the-heart talk on "Time is Running Out" by Kevin Smith (OC 1985), the school's Director of Rugby and the proud father of three. Fathers and sons had an opportunity to answer questions about each other and everyone had time to talk to each other, men to men. We were all there to share powerful insights, inspire each other and to equip each other to be better men.



On 12 March, as part of Happiness Week, the College boys paid a little more for their Zarm @ R10, made by our amazing team of moms with the profits going to CHOC



APRIL



In the hard-fought clash vs Glenwood High School, two Glenwood players showed the true sportsmanship of schoolboy rugby, by carrying off an injured W Hlophe.



Kudos to the members of the mighty 10th XV, who in April initiated a "donate your boots" campaign that saw scores of pairs of boots handed over to players from Nyonthwele Secondary School. Many thanks especially go to SA Rugby Legends president, Stefan Terblanche (see below with Mr Z Mazwi), for the 50 pairs of donated Puma boots and to Ms Dawn Dunn from East Coast Radio. A week later, the boys enjoyed a day out with Mr Terblanche at the "Shark Tank", where they braai'd and later rubbed shoulders with the Sharks players themselves.



At the away clash vs PBHS, popular ex-teacher, Sanele Ngema (OC 2007), *isagila* in hand, rolled back the years with a "Wushe!" with the sun-baked College boys, as the 2nd XV match wound down.



And speaking of Sanele, this is his young daughter, Azania - isn't she adorable?! He quipped during the match that "College had the whole of Azania behind it today at Boys High". Thank you for your support, young lady!



MAY



In May, College hosted a successful Careers' Evening in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall. The thanks of the school go to the dozens of participating firms and organisations for answering the streams of teenage questions about "How?!", "How much?!" etc.



In mid-May, the College Choir won the gold medal at the 2019 ATKV Regional "Applous" Competition, held at Girls' High. Mr S Stickells was pleased.



In late May, passionate recent OC, Adei Volker (second left), represented Team SA at the 2019 Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Africa Open Championships in Johannesburg.

JUNE



Clad in their red t-shirts, College volunteers were an enthusiastic part of the Thirsti Water Team atop Polly Shortts during the Comrades Marathon in June.



During the 3rd XV match vs Westville BHS, the Senior Boarder Prefect, K Raw, sustained a very severe neck injury, after which he had to endure some agony while lying for an extended period very still in his hospital bed. He missed many of his June exams because of his enforced absence. Cleared by his surgeon to return home early to Swaziland, he decided to delay his departure so that he could cheer on his mates in their long-awaited clash against Hilton College, up in the mist belt. Respect, young man.

JULY



At 05h00 on 15 July 1916, Lt-Col W Tanner (OC 1889) led the South African forces into Delville Wood in Northern France. Five days later, there were 2 500 casualties – including 11 OCs killed in action. Precisely 103 years later, a group of six boarders and four proud OCs attended a service of remembrance at the Weeping Cross in Scottsville.



As a tribute to the late Johnny Clegg, the school sang his acclaimed song, "Asimbonanga", at assembly on 19 July.



En route to Pretoria to play old friends, Affies, a high-spirited army of 800 hungry Red-Black-White pilgrims descends on the food stations at the Montrose outside Harrismitth.

Over 50 OCs gathered in Johannesburg in late July for the annual dinner of the Gauteng branch of the Old Boys' Association. Representing the school at the dinner were Messrs K Guise-Brown, C Luman and T Setipa – photographed below with organiser and proud OC, Modise Sefume (2010).



AUGUST



A welcome addition to the memorabilia collection in the Goldstone's Club was the framed jersey of OC international #263, Ryan Moon, of Kaizer Chiefs and Bafana Bafana. Sixth Formers R Swartz and B Reddy were suitably impressed.



In the build-up to Reunion Day, members of the Archives Committee tracked down the grave in Durban of Mr AS Langley, who started rugby at College in 1897. In the photo above, loyal OC, Mr Dylan Löser, poses at the grave of the heroic "Madevu".



Wednesday nights from early August saw eager 5th Formers – some with two left feet, others a lot more suave – practice for the Vogue Ball with the elegant young women of Epworth.

SEPTEMBER



In September 2019, College again joined the #GoBlue initiative to show its support for PADCA's aim to create awareness of the needs of senior citizens. The initiative aimed to draw attention to the challenges facing seniors by wrapping trees in blue ribbon/wrapping.



On 11 September, College was delighted to host Matt Gardiner (OC 2014) at assembly, as part of his effort to win the 2019 Opening Act Competition.

According to the European Institute for Gender Equality, GBV is one of the most notable human rights violations within all societies. It is violence directed against a person because of their gender and the overwhelming majority of victims are women and girls. According to Statistics SA, our femicide rates are five times the global average. As young men, brothers and sons, we cannot stand back and must stand up."

The boys made personal pledges to say "Enough is Enough" and "It Stops with Me", plastering messages with these words on the walls of the Alan Paton Memorial Hall, and together made the following pledge:

Our Pledge

As young Men of College,

we acknowledge the violence and abuse against Women that has plagued our country. We love and honour our Women and we will not tolerate this injustice.

We therefore pledge to speak up for women who experience abuse and violence.

We pledge to speak up against any man who physically emotionally and verbally abuses women and young girls.

We pledge to join with the good men, so that all the women in our lives today and in the future can share and enjoy the freedoms of our country, without fear for their personal well-being.

We stand today as brothers, to stand up for fundamental human rights, to stand against rape, abuse and humiliation of women,

to stand for the protection of women, and to stop this cycle of abuse.

IT STOPS WITH ME.



OCTOBER



In the wake of continued violence against women, the College boys and staff participated in a special assembly dedicated to the #EnoughIsEnough social movement. The following is an extract from the address delivered at the assembly:

"It is time that we take our heads out of the sand and acknowledge that gender-based violence is a problem in South Africa. Femicide is the intentional killing of females (women or girls) because they are females. This relates closely to the term – Gender-based violence.



In October, the latest in a long line of OC sporting internationals was announced: Dr Aadil Khan (2001), who won the overall Men's Senior Classic Body Building Title at the recent national champs.



Meet Klaus Klusener – one of College's biggest fans.



Second XI coach, Mr T Orchard, showed distinct photographic flair, in this evocative photo of his team thanking their supporters after its 219-run win on Goldstone's over DHS.



Speech Day took place on 11 October. As always, the Sixth Formers spent the morning signing and admiring one another's re-decorated "Greys".



NOVEMBER



The onset of the end-of-year exams meant that the boys also had to let off some steam. The Ron Jury Centre was full each day with young men pumping iron – hopefully they were not in study avoidance mode?



The heavy rains in mid-November played havoc in parts of KZN – but these College boarders were not to be deterred.



By mid-November, the school examinations for boys in 2nd to 5th Forms were well underway. Meanwhile, in the Ron Jury Centre, the Sixth Formers approached the final flurry of their NSC examinations



'It's over!' The long-awaited pump-house jump for the Sixth Formers – held immediately after their final NSC exam – is the final rite of passage for any College boy. As always, the Class of 2019 delivered their final **Jimeloyo-Ji!** with great gusto, before taking their final "big leap" into the cool waters of the Dudley Forde Pool – and into adulthood itself. Closest to the camera D Cooper dives into the pool

DECEMBER



At a birthday party in December, an impressive tally of seven Heads of House of Hudson's were in attendance. Are these men the REAL College mafia?! At the right is Chips St Leger (1974), Lance Veenstra (1985), Brent Trodd (1987), Andrew Trodd (1989), Glyn Trodd (1991), Robert Trodd (2014) and, the youngest, K Morsink (2020), is on the left.



Proud OC, Mr Ron Barbour (2001), and his staff and boys from Clark House had some fun trying to emulate a certain vintage *sepia'd "look"*, inspired by the moustachioed Mr AS Langley and his First XV from 1908.



Barns House

Housemaster:	Mrs M-A Rembold
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr S Botha
Mentors:	Mr B Dodd, Mrs D Gademan, Mr N Thembela, Ms A Phillips, Ms L Mtembu
House Captain:	B Tedder
Vice-Captain:	B Baldrey
House Leaders:	K Harischandre, B Lawson, K Thornton-Dibb, N Mfeka



What a wonderful year we have had! Although we ended only sixth overall, we produced brilliant individual performances and showed strong character – a hallmark of Barns House. Seven of our boys represented South Africa: W Hlophe (rugby), B Tedder (rugby), B Jackson (hockey), B Lawson (canoe polo), R Anderson (deep sea angling), Q Mkhize (basketball) and R Duckham (remote control car racing).

It is, however, the character and care that the boys have shown throughout the year that has stood out. During the athletics competition, boys were lining up in droves to take part in activities they had not signed-up for. During camps, some boys carried other boys' bags and helped and supported those who were struggling.

When one of Second formers was battling with real trauma, many boys encouraged him and cared for him. Higher formers also consistently warned younger boys to stay out of trouble and guided them as only good role models can. This epitomises the character of Barns House. I am so proud to be the Housemaster of this House.

We could not have developed such character without the help of caring mentors like Ms A Phillips, Mrs D Gademan, Mrs L Mtembu, Mr B Dodd and Mr N Thembela. These good people always go the extra mile for their boys. In 2019, some took boys into their homes when needed, some mended pupils' clothes and some bought their pupils clocks so they could be on time for school. These are just a few of the many ways that the mentors have shepherded and cared for their boys. Mr S Botha, our Assistant Housemaster, is the perfect role-model for any boy. Without his help and support, my task as Housemaster would be almost insurmountable. A huge thanks must also go to our House Captain, B Tedder and his leaders - B Baldrey (Vice-captain), K Harischandre, B Lawson, K Thornton-Dibb and N Mfeka, for their outstanding leadership this year.

I thank God every day that I have the privilege of leading Barns House and playing my part in positively influencing young lives.

Mrs M-A Rembold

Calder House

Housemaster:	Mr M Reed
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr T Orchard (till term 3), Mr A Usher (from term 4)
Mentors:	Mr N Croeser, Mrs B Harris, Mr M Ngcobo, Mrs J Orchard, Ms P Lowe
House Captain:	T Prinsloo
Vice-Captain:	J van der Walt
House Leaders:	Y Akoo, J Barnard, L Bourne, T Cheattle, S Ngwenya



The 2019 year was a good one for Calder House on the sports-field, in the classroom and culturally. We welcomed a new mentor teacher, Mrs Harris, to our ranks. We also welcomed Mr Usher as Assistant Housemaster and look forward to his future contributions. He took over this position from Mr Orchard, who is now heading up Fuller House. We wish him all the best in his new position.

We have continued to go from strength to strength through the enthusiastic and committed attitude of the mentors, House Leaders and boys. The House Captain, T Prinsloo, and his leadership team must be commended on their dedicated service and on the fact that they finished well, ensuring participation in inter-house events by leading from the front.

We enjoyed a fairly pleasing result in the inter-house competition, finishing fourth. We were able to field sides and participate in every inter-house event during the year. Calder House claimed both the water polo (for the third year running) and hockey inter-house titles, indicating areas of strength within the House.

We were also delighted with the number of individual achievements of our boys, both in the sports arena and academically. These are all listed in the relevant sections of the magazine.

This year, outreach has been a big focus for us and we are looking to build and continue growing this aspect of the house over the next few years. We supported both the Isabel Beardmore Home for the Aged and Thandanani Children's Home. A special thanks must go to Mrs Jackson and her friends for their huge contribution to this cause and to all the boys and mentor teachers who made valuable contributions to our outreach projects.

The future is a bright one for Calder House and we look to it with great excitement. Our new leadership group, ably supported by our enthusiastic mentors and pupils, hope to take Calder to new heights, through their service to the House, by building a fine House spirit and participation in all facets of College life.

Mr M Reed

Commons House

Housemaster:	Mr D Trodd
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr S Bosch
Mentors:	Mr R Paterson, Mrs K Thaver, Mr S Mabaso, Dr R Salmond, Mrs L dos Santos
House Captain:	L Diedricks
Vice-Captain:	K Chetty
House Leaders:	J Brink, S Kubheka, M Maharaj, L Menezies, K Mngadi



The year 2019 was again one in which Commons House topped the log in the inter-house competition. The boys who arrived in Second Form, once again, finished near the top of the pile after all the activities in the first week. This provided the necessary momentum for Commons House to continue into the year. However, staying at the top is always more difficult than getting there. With the excellent leadership of L Diedricks and his leaders, Commons maintained the standards set in 2018

and this continuity contributed to another successful year for the House.

The House Leaders of 2020 have a tough act to follow. However, things look promising as there is real potential in the new leadership and the success of the last two years proves we have a good formula.

Forder House

Housemaster:	Mr N Sutherland
Assistant Housemaster:	Mrs L Akerman
Mentors:	Mr R le Roux, Mr A Usher, Mr B van der Walt, Mrs G Talke, Mr T Zuma
House Captain:	K Huizinga
Vice-Captain:	C Schultz
House Leaders:	B Brummer, M Downs, J McFarland, M Nel, T Nzimande



I recently decided to step down as the Housemaster of Forder's. There is a time for everything in life and I have no regrets about calling it time on a special period in my career. It is time for new ideas and strategies and the combination of Mrs Lisa Akerman as the incoming Housemaster and Mr Brandon van der Walt as her assistant is just the type of combination College is looking for.

The year 2019 was a memorable one, as we clawed our way up towards the top inter-house position. In the fourth term we were placed first, with only three competitions to go. When the final points were read out at assembly at the end of the last competition we had been pipped at the post by Commons House by half a point! It could not have been closer – and to think we had been placed tenth year back in the inaugural year.

I have nothing but praise for the mentors, Mrs Gerda Talke, Mr Goi Le Roux, Mr Adam Usher, Mr Brandon van der Walt and Mr Scelo Zuma, and for my assistant this year, Mrs Lisa Akerman. They take the boys' interests to heart and know each and every boy who comes under their care. They could effortlessly describe a boy's

Thanks all those involved in the running of the House and all those who actively participated in the system. I believe those who did participate at various levels will have a real sense of achievement, they will feel that they made a real contribution to the House and will be proud to be a member of the Champion House!

I thank those who were involved in our outreach programme – the Indawo Yethemba Children's Project. This programme involves facilitating homework for the foster-care organisation based in Ashburton. The programme was initiated at the beginning of 2019. The children are transported to College, where the Commons boys help with homework for an hour and a half in the afternoon. The Commons boys have been very positive and have volunteered their services for this programme. The initiative has been very successful to date and it is greatly valued by the foster-care organisation. The children also enjoy the relationships that are being created with the College boys. I hope that we will be able to continue this service in 2020.

It is never easy to say farewell to staff, especially those who have made an impact through all they have done. Firstly I thank Dr R Salmond for her excellent work, we will all miss her caring nature. Secondly, there is Mr R Patterson whose short but effective stint in Commons House is recognised with thanks. I wish them both well for the future and the new challenges that lie ahead.

Mr D Trodd

background when called upon to do so, and I would glean interesting information from them when dealing with problematic situations.

K Huizinga, the House Captain this year, was a wonderful role-model for the boys, who looked up to him and his prefect body. He juggled his academic and sporting demands with ease and expected nothing but the best from the House. His successor, K Goedeke, has no doubt learnt a great deal from him and it will be interesting to see how he runs the House next year.

On the academic front, we in 2019 had a number of boys in the top ten in their forms this year, with K Goddard placing first in Third Form and still finding time to play for the U15A water polo and rugby teams! K Hartley was awarded a certificate as the Fourth Former who improved most during the course of the year, in this case his Form position improved by 120 places. C Joubert, also in Fourth Form, improved his position by over 100 places. These are remarkable achievements by boys who merely decided to work hard and are now reaping the rewards.

D Evans, who was elected to the position of Deputy Head Prefect this year, once again received the Forder House co-curricular accolade of 2019 by placing second in the World Championships Canoe Marathon event held in China. He and his partner were leading for much of the race before being pipped by the Hungarian team by less than one second. What an achievement!

I wish the Forder House boys and the mentors all the very best for next year and beyond.

Sans peur et sans reproche.

Mr N Sutherland

Fuller House

Housemaster:	Mr A Sparrow (till term 3), Mr T Orchard (from term 4)
Assistant Housemaster:	Mrs L-A Moffatt
Mentors:	Mr C Barnsley, Miss C Townsend, Mr S Stickells, Mr S Sinclair, Mr D Kleinhans
House Captain:	J Duncan
Vice-Captain:	B Webster
House Leaders:	S Butler, H Heeralal, N Msiya, N Nsuntsha, N Reintges



We finished the year's inter-house competition in third place behind Commons' and Forder's by only four points – a large improvement on our tenth place of last year. This was testament to the boys' commitment to the House and I would like to thank them all for the enthusiasm that they showed this year. I do hope that they will be able to build on their performance and take the top spot next year.

Mr A Sparrow left the house as Housemaster at the end of term 3, after being Housemaster since the beginning of the year. Mr T Orchard, the then Assistant Housemaster of Calder House, took over the reins from the beginning of term four.

Fuller House has a new (schoolboy) leadership team for 2020, ably led by T Katzenellenbogen and assisted by A Heydenrych as his deputy.

The House is in strong hands, as they are a very capable pair and the House looks forward to seeing what they can accomplish.

The 2019 Second Formers have fitted in well and have now completed their first full year of College life. Well done! We look forward to welcoming the new boys of 2020 and hope that they feel right at home from day one. The prefects of 2019 and the House Leaders are thanked for their efforts in leading the boys this year. It is not always easy to lead others, especially your peers.

The mentors deserve gratitude for their input into our boys' lives. They have a very important role to play in mentoring others, which in this day and age is becoming more and more important and difficult. In addition to all the administration they have to complete it is good to see the relationships they have been able to form. The mentors of Fuller are a special group of hard-working people who make the role of Housemaster much easier.

Well done to all those boys who achieved their academic goals at the end of 2019. We wish the Sixth Form class of 2019 well for the future – may you ever remain hard-working College men.

In 2020 may we strive to live up to all aspects of the Fuller quotation:

"But there are certain things that do not change and must not change. The basic human values of truth, courage, kindness and manliness, for which the school has stood, will be just as important in the future as they have been in the past, and it is the duty of those of us who love the school to see that its noble traditions remain unchanged."

Mr T Orchard

Lamond House

Housemaster:	Miss A Greyling
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr C Dutton
Mentors:	Miss C Mhlongo, Mr M Warr, Mr S Mkhwanazi, Mr J Tyler, Mrs K Moula
House Captain:	L Lenz
Vice-Captain:	S Little
House Leaders:	R Bennett, S Gounder, W Mazwi, K Naidoo, L Zondo



Lamond House is indeed very blessed with the mentors that we have. They have ensured that our boys' welfare was always placed first. I thank them for everything they do for our House. We welcomed Mr S Mkhwanazi, an OC, into Lamond House and we hope that he has a long and happy stay with us. Sadly, we have to take leave of Mr J Tyler who has been appointed as Assistant Housemaster of Pape House. We thank him for his excellent mentorship and wish him well in his new post.

Mr C Dutton is our very able and wise Assistant Housemaster. I am blessed to have someone with his experience at my side. I would like to extend my gratitude to him for all his advice and assistance during this very busy year. We achieved some top placings in inter-house

competitions. We were placed third in the Virtus Challenge, second in both rugby and table tennis and first in canoeing and academics. The Lamond House boys might not have achieved a top position at the end of the competition, but no one can accuse them of not approaching all the events with enthusiasm and spirit. I would like to thank the young men of Lamond's for always giving of their best.

Lamond's boys were, as always, fully involved in the co-curricular programme at College. A number of our boys were selected for various representative sides and we are extremely proud of them. A number of our boys knitted squares for the Nelson Mandela 67 Blankets Drive and we thank them for their time and effort. On the cultural front our young men also achieved great success. The awards received by all these boys for their achievements are listed elsewhere in magazine.

L Lenz proved to be a cheerful, committed House Captain and led by example, participating in a number of inter-house competitions. S Little, our Vice-Captain, did a sterling job and his organisational skills were put to good use. Our House Leaders, namely R Bennett, S Gounder, W Mazwi, K Naidoo and L Zondo, fulfilled their roles with efficiency and did an excellent job of marshalling and motivating the boys whilst themselves participating in all the various inter-house activities. We thank them sincerely for their dedication and hard work during their five years in Lamond House, without which the House would not function as successfully as it does.

May our House go from strength to strength in 2020.

Miss A Greyling

Nicholson House

Housemaster:	Mr G Govindasamy
Assistant Housemaster:	Mrs F Deyzel
Mentors:	Mrs C Randall, Mrs E Couperthwaite, Mrs D Immelman, Mr C Nevay and Mr R Chirengende
House captain:	M Willemse
Assistant House captain:	A Bradford
House leaders:	D Naidu, A Mcoyi, M Wollentine, S Silver, K Kleiner



The year 2018, as anticipated, has been challenging, demanding and fast. When we look back it seems that we were just the other day helping the Second Formers to adjust to their new school and reminding the Sixth Formers that this was the start of the countdown to the end of twelve years of schooling. We have learnt to appreciate the times we live in and give the best we possibly can. It is pleasing to note that we were able to live up to that.

The boys in Nicholson House were a pleasure to work with even though some may have been a little more difficult than others. The saying 'boys will be boys' rings ever true when I have to deal with difficult boys. I must admit, though, that discipline always prevails and our boys are accustomed to that.

The smooth and efficient running of our House is credited to the mentors. On a daily basis they interact with the boys. Their task is by no means a simple one. Their duties range from the prescriptive to non-routine matters. We are blessed with a group of professionals who respond to each situation and afford the necessary help. A big thank you to Mr R Chirengende who leaves the House at the end of this year

Pape House

Housemaster:	Mr B Bosch
Assistant Housemaster:	Mrs T Louch
Mentors:	Mrs E Fraser, Mr M-J Smit, Mrs S Kritzingler, Mr D Haswell, Mrs M Maharaj
House Captain:	H Hankinson
Vice-Captain:	A Todd
House Leaders:	T Zondi, L Mtolo, C Patterson, V Soni



The year 2019 proved to be a rather busy one for Pape House.

We welcomed Mrs T Louch as our new Assistant Housemaster. She was a breath of fresh air in our House and we sincerely hoped that she was with us to stay. However, we were very pleased to hear that Mrs Louch was promoted to Housemaster of Strachan House for 2020. Our next addition was Mr N Makhathini, who replaced Mrs S Thorpe. Sandra has promised to remain a loyal member of Pape House, but she will be missed. Again, we were pleased when Mr Makhathini was promoted to Head of Prefects during the year. He was replaced by Mrs E Fraser. The members of the House have really enjoyed her energy and caring nature: another instant hit for Pape House. (I am starting to think that we are a House that creates wonderful leaders for College. We are really very proud of you folk.)

Pape House again tried hard to climb that leader-board, but, again, it needs to be said that we lacked certain skills to be as competitive as

to take up other duties in the school. He has certainly left an indelible mark on the boys in his mentor group. We welcome Mrs F Deyzel who will assume the role of Assistant Housemaster from 2019. We do hope her stay with us will be a long and rewarding one.

Our proud record of academic achievers once again must be acknowledged. These boys set high standards for themselves and see the attainment of their goals as reward for the hard work they put in. It is pleasing to note that their passion lies not only in their achieving, but also in their supporting other boys.

A big thank you to N Welch, A Bradford, S Dube and M Willemse for the outstanding work they did as prefects. We are indeed indebted to this team who executed their duties well and were good examples to the rest of the College family.

Our House leaders accepted the challenge of their role with much enthusiasm. This task is by no means an easy one. Their duties kept them busy every morning and during House activities. The sterling work done by these boys must be acknowledged. Due to their professionalism and commitment, we enjoyed good discipline and camaraderie in the House. All boys under their care were full of praise for this team.

J Beauclerk received the Kean Hemmingway prize for leadership. This award is determined by a vote of the Third Formers. It is heart-warming to note the recognition amongst the boys of a future leader.

Many Nicholson House boys received awards for their achievements in the areas of academics, sports and culture. These are listed in the Awards section of the magazine.

This year we chose to help the Suid Afrikaanse Vroue Federasie, whose Home provides frail care. The boys were asked to bring in food items and money. We are proud to say that this organisation was surprised and overwhelmed by the generosity of the Nicholson House boys. We donated a large amount of groceries and an amount of R1520. A big thank you to the boys, staff and parents who made this possible. We look forward to an even greater donation next year.

Mr G Govindasamy

we would like to be. We gave our best in all spheres and the boys are commended for their efforts. We did, however, end in seventh place, which was great.

Mentor feedback for 2019 was very positive and the House system has securely rooted itself at College. The boys are all accepting of one another, and are freely prepared to offer mentorship. The House Leaders led from the front and were always visible and willing to run the House without needing to be prompted.

We are very proud to say that two of the three Shouting Captains in 2019 came from Pape House: well done to C Patterson and T Zondi for doing a sterling job for College. The boys are going to miss the energy that you poured into a job well done.

Our Project Flamingo – for cancer – really did well this year and the seriousness of the illness encouraged our boys to make generous donations to the cause. We will continue with this project in the new year and will be asking boys and parents to donate generously for this very worthy project. We have discussed the project with two other Houses who will be joining hands with us to make the College contribution much bigger. We will also be involved with their House projects in a quest to make our boys well-rounded young men.

Pape House is discussing the prospect of encouraging our senior boys to take part in the President's Awards Programme. After all, we want to create from College service-orientated leaders who are deeply rooted to their communities. We will also allocate younger pupils to assist House Leaders in performing duties in 2020. The idea is to have a follow-up programme for creating young leaders. We look forward to seeing this project in motion.

Finally, I thank the team of Mentors and House Leaders in Pape's for all their hard work and dedication during the past year.

Mr B Bosch

Snow House

Housemaster: Mrs C Tedder / Mr R Paterson (from term 4)

Assistant Housemaster: Mr J Mhlongo

Mentors: Mr L Booysen, Mrs G Landsberg, Mrs G Wylde (left June 2019), Ms S Kunene (from July 2019), Mrs M Troveri

House Captain: G Pio

Vice-Captains: E Qwalela, S Dlamini,

House Leaders: C Knight, N Trodd, C McKenzie, L Landsberg, N Moodley



Snow House has been through a tumultuous year on the staffing front. First, Mrs G Wylde moved on to pastures new. Then Mrs C Tedder, who has been with the House since its inception (along with the other stalwarts of the House, Mrs Troveri and Mrs Landsberg), stepped down for her final term of teaching at College. An assembly was held at the beginning of the fourth term to thank her. The boys will miss her caring and nurturing leadership. We welcomed Miss S Kunene into the House and hope she has many happy years of mentorship in Snow House. We also said farewell to Mr L Booysen

Strachan House

Housemaster: Mr N Pillay (till June 2019) / Mr J Lyons (from July 2019)

Assistant Housemaster: Mr J Lyons (till June 2019) / Mr N Duvenage (from July 2019)

Mentors: Mrs T Schofield (till September 2019), R Brunzloff (from October 2019), Mr D Sherriff, Mr M Jeevan, Mrs W Erasmus, Mrs S Webley

House Captain: B Reddy

Vice-Captain: Z Jali

House Leaders: J Jacobsen, D Anastasis, B Mothebe, J Keith, T Elam



The House system introduced at College in 2014 has played an instrumental role in the development of our boys. The mentorship programme not only adheres to the Core Values of Maritzburg College, but has also aided in the development and overall welfare of each boy in the school. The increased competition, pastoral care and guidance regarding the development of leadership skills have not only allowed each boy to strive to achieve his full potential, but have also provided him with ample opportunities to take on new challenges and to grow as an individual. The House system to date has transformed the lives of many pupils at College and will continue doing so in the years to come.

In 2019, Strachan House managed to move up two places from 2018 and achieved a splendid fourth position overall. The boys showed commitment and perseverance in every competition, posting respectable results in a majority of the events. Commendable results were achieved in swimming, table tennis, hockey, soccer, squash,

at the end of this year, and eagerly await the appointment of a new mentor in his place. Mr Booysen is spreading his wings eastward to teach English. He will be an Afrikaner teaching English in China – good luck with that!

The House Captain, the House Leaders of 2019, and indeed the Sixth Form as a whole, were splendid custodians of Snow House this year. By the time I assumed the reins of the House towards the end of 2019, their role was almost over, but there was a quiet sense of calm and respect within the House. Thank you for all that you did through the year; you have all set a wonderful standard for 2020's leaders to follow. The new leaders for 2020 are like young thoroughbreds in the starting stalls – they can't wait to get out and run their race. With such enthusiasm as theirs, we are sure to have a great year ahead of us.

Snow's produced some fine sporting achievements this year and are indeed a force to be reckoned with. Two of our boys represented their country in their respective sporting codes, namely G Pio for SA U18 hockey and N Moodley for karate. There were also a number of boys who represented their province. Well done to all of you.

On the academic front, Snow House members were repeatedly amongst the top 10 places in their Forms. The Second Formers, especially, excelled, claiming first place in the Form every term and having two or more in the top ten every term. This bodes well for the future.

In the inter-house competition, we did well in some of the codes such as cricket and basketball, both of which we won. However, in others we did not perform very well, and this is where the house can accumulate most points. I look forward to this next year, as this sparks a lot of enthusiasm and team spirit within the House.

Mr R Paterson

tennis, and, especially, in the cultural competitions. All the Strachan House mentors and boys are to be congratulated on their participation, enthusiasm and dedication in working towards a common goal.

A special thank you and congratulations go to each and every boy who is a member of Strachan House. Your unwavering support, dedication to the House and willingness to assist in all spheres of College life and in House competitions were greatly appreciated.

The following boys did remarkably well in their respective codes of sport: Y Naidoo was selected to represent South Africa at table tennis in the U18 age group; T Drummond was chosen for the SA canoe polo development tour and M McCleary was placed third in the SA Enduro Champs MTB. Congratulations to these talented, dedicated and hardworking young men. Strachan House is really proud of your achievements.

A big "Thank you" goes to the House Captain, Vice-Captain and House Leaders for shouldering the responsibilities of leading the House in 2019. Your enthusiasm in organising the various events, coupled with your personal involvement, was very much appreciated and must be applauded. To my Assistant Housemaster, Mr Duvenage, thank you for your unwavering support in managing the House. To all Strachan House Mentors, thank you for your commitment.

To the Sixth Formers of Strachan House who, at the time of writing, were eagerly awaiting their NSC Finals results, may you achieve the desired outcome and may all your hard work pay off. On behalf of the Assistant Housemaster and the Mentors I want to wish you well in your future careers. May your life outside of College be everything you have hoped for and may you find joy and fulfilment in all that you do.

Strachan House congratulates W Hodgkinson, A Zondi and C van Rooyen on their appointment as prefects for 2020. We are confident that each one of you will fulfil your duties to the best of your ability and will be a credit to both Strachan House and Maritzburg College.

Mr J Lyons

2019 Inter-House Competition

The 2019 Inter-House competition was a hotly contested one – the closest seen in modern times.

In the end it was Commons House who prevailed by making up three places over the final six events. Forder's showed consistency throughout the competition, but were pipped in the closing events.

Commons House was both the Champion House and Cock House for 2019.

The final log positions in the competition for the Forder Cup were as follows:

Mr B Swart

	POSITION in 2019	Borver Week	Virtus Sports Challenge	Cricket	Swimming	Shooting	Plays	HCC 2 events *	Tennis	Rugby	Hockey	Chess	Table Tennis	Soccer	Squash	Basketball	Athletics	Canoeing	Water polo	Academics	Overall points
1	Commons	10	11	2.5	9	7	10	6	1	9	8	1	7	10	7.5	7	7	1	8	5.5	127.5
2	Forder	6	18	2.5	5	8	5.5	10	4.5	7	6	10	6	5.5	4	2	9	9	5	4	127
3	Fuller	8	20	5.5	2	5	3.5	9	4.5	7	8	9	3.5	4	3	9	10	0	3	9	123
4	Calder	9	15	7	1	4	8	1	9	1	10	5.5	9	8.5	7.5	5	2	5	10	1	118.5
5	Strachan	7	11	4	8	3	9	8	10	3	4	2	5	5.5	9	3	6	3	2	7	109.5
6	Barns	3	15	1	4	10	2	3	2.5	7	3	8	1.5	7	5.5	8	8	8	9	2	107.5
7	Pape	5	4	8.5	7	1	5.5	7	7	5	8	3	9	1	10	5	3	7	7	3	106
8	Lamond	4	8	5.5	6	6	3.5	2	2.5	9	2	7	9	2.5	2	1	5	10	4	10	99
9	Nicholson	2	6	8.5	10	9	7	4	7	3	5	4	1.5	2.5	1	5	1	4	6	5.5	92
10	Snow	1	2	10	3	2	1	5	7	3	1	5.5	3.5	8.5	7.5	10	4	6	1	8	89

* HCC 2 events: House Cultural Competition (House Bands and House Singing)

Inter-House trophies

Ray Bestall Cup for Junior Cricket	Nicholson	Lindup Cup for House Rugby	Commons & Lamond
Freakes Shield for House Cricket	Snow	Sixth Form Cup for Shooting	Barns
Brian Edwards Cup for Hockey	Calder	Bob Lambert Cup for Squash	Pape
Critch Cup for Junior Rugby	Forder	Peel Cup for Tennis	Strachan
Lamond Cup for Senior Rugby	Lamond	College Cup for Inter-House Culture	Commons



A constant reminder: high on the wall in the Alan Paton Hall, before marginal adjustments, this was the Houses' state of play on 26 October

Report by the Deputy Headmaster: Boarding



Boarder RCL 2019

Back row:

M Mafanya, J Beauclerk, Z Gxarisa, C Prinsloo,
M Ngubo, L Horn, N Zondi, K Goddard

Front row:

T van Aardt, D Dyer (vice-chairman),
K Raw (chairman),
Mr M Marwick (Deputy Headmaster: Boarding),
S Kekana (secretary), C Patterson, T Elam

The year 2019 was another successful one for the Maritzburg College Boarding Establishment, which proudly wears the badge of "the largest state BE in the country".

But that statement belies the complex nature of a proud and self-aware institution within KZN's oldest boys' school, and the deeply meaningful personal experiences enjoyed by all its inhabitants – at times alternatively stimulating, challenging, satisfying and even life-changing. Despite the turbulence and unpredictability of the world beyond the school's boundary fence, the College BE yet again in 2019 remained a bastion – for the majority of the year – of stability, happiness, old-fashioned participation, and indeed the prized brotherhood so often associated with College boarding life.

In 2019, the Housemasters were a particularly productive and dedicated team, and they and their respective teams of masters, together with the numerous ancillary staff (in the kitchen, the cleaners and the Estates staff) who toil in the background, worked well with and looked after the interests of the school's 490 boarders – those proud, robust, lively and (for the most part) upstanding "Men of College".

A big highlight for the boarding establishment in 2019 was its further expansion, following the opening in November of the Langley Wing to Elliott's and the addition of very comfortable accommodation to a further 14 Sixth Form boarders. Completion of that extension meant that, finally, "Project Jimeloyo", which was the six-year-long expansion of the BE to 500 boys, was complete. In 2020, there will be approximately 502 boarders in residence – a record.

The meetings of the Boarder Parents Committee were well attended and the discussions that ensued were invariably fruitful. It is always important to get the views of one's clients, and I was very grateful to Mr J Culverwell and his committee for their generosity, time and commitment throughout the year again. A number of "veterans" had to leave at the end of the year, as their sons similarly had come to the end of their time at College. The school extends its warm thanks to Messrs A Patterson and A Jamieson and Mrs F Westerdyk for their contributions to the BPC over a number of years.

The Boarders' Representative Council of Learners (RCL) continued to meet regularly throughout the year, under the stewardship of the senior boarder prefect, K Raw. I very much appreciated the assistance and presence at those meetings of Mr B Swart, who has a long history of working in the BE and has a keen appreciation for the inner workings of the mind of a College boarder. The meetings were productive and a number of issues were discussed, banded about, debated and argued, and I think generally speaking the boys felt that a number of agenda items were successfully dealt with.

The staffing in the boarding establishment in 2019 remained fairly consistent, although we were sorry to have a few departures by the end of the year. Mr V Msibi returned to civilian life (he is a teacher at St Nicholas), Mr D Coombes, after a short stay, emigrated to Australia with his young family, and Mr L Booysen decided to pursue teaching opportunities in Asia. The BE thanks all these fine gentlemen for their contributions and wishes them well.

Earlier in the year, the popular Mr B Mduyana, who had in 2014 himself been a successful Nathan House prefect, and had since the end of that year proved himself to be a dedicated yet considerate master in his former House, resigned to take up an opportunity in the steel industry. The gain of Eglinton Steel was the loss of the College BE – go well, Smiley.

A newcomer to the boarding staff in 2019 was Sister Nikki Price, who joined us from an old-age home in town. With her enthusiasm and positivity, and caring and warm nature, Sister Nikki proved to be a grand addition to the sanatorium team. Earlier in the year, we bade farewell to Sister Jean Saurombe, and we thank her too for her contribution to the BE.

An issue that tended to overshadow my own BE-related duties in 2019 was that of the behaviour of the boys, and to my regret I did find that a fair chunk of my time was spent managing, sorting, and arranging disciplinary matters, internal and external. A number of boarders had to take extended (at times permanent) holidays from the BE, and the efforts of the BE staff to ensure that the boys behaved within certain parameters were ongoing and remorseless. Especially frustrating were the small things, like the lack of adherence to dress codes, ongoing complaints about haircuts, sleeping in, missing "bolts", skipping breakfast, wearing the wrong footwear, being unshaved etc. These small issues became the bane of the life of the dutiful boarder master, and it was regrettable that the staff needed time and again to remind some of the boarders about adhering to the rules, Code of Conduct etc. Certainly, the addition of more cameras in the BE over the last few years has meant that the standards of care and protection offered to the boys have improved, but they have also meant that the boarders are more at risk of simply "getting caught"!

An undoubted highlight of the year was the expansion of the pastoral / mentoring programme, courtesy not only of the frequent informal exchanges between boarder-masters and their respective groups of boys at informal braais and hot-chocolate-gatherings but especially via the various "engagement" sessions held with Old Boys held throughout the year. The particular thanks of the BE go to Messrs Abrie Brouwer from OneLife Church and Grant Little from the MCOBA for their enthusiasm and drive for this popular initiative.

At the end of 2019, I took leave of my position as the Deputy Headmaster of Boarding at the school. As a former day scholar, I was very mindful of the tremendous role played at College by its boarders, and it has been a great honour to have served the BE, the boys and their parents over the last six years. I wish my successor, Mr Kyle, every success and I know that he will do a terrific job.

In a similar vein, I would like to warmly thank all the people who put their faith in me at the end of 2013, from the Headmaster to Mr K Guise-Brown (on both of whose advice I often relied), the Housemasters I have had the pleasure of working with, as well the boarding staff themselves. Like their schoolboy counterparts, they certainly are the great backbone of our mighty school!

In closing, I offer my oft-spoken toast – "Long live the College BE and all who live and work there!"

Mr M Marwick



Clark House

Housesmaster: Mr R Barbour

Deputy Housemaster: Mr N Makhathini

Boarder Masters: Messrs M Ngcobo, L Booysen, N Makhathini, S Mkhwanazi, J Greeff, R Paterson

Head of House: B Reddy

Prefects: K Dlangalala, T Drummond, C Knight, C Schultz

The end of a packed, tiring year could not have come sooner for some of us. I imagine that the boys felt the same. They generally maintained a good attitude, and, despite some serious disciplinary matters regarding a handful of them, did the best they could. It has been a privilege to share the daily events of Clark House with these young men.

By the start of 2019, we had our common room back, with the addition of a wonderful new big-screen TV and pool table. It is clearly a reliable venue for late night and early morning study sessions before exams, and a suitable venue to for our fortnightly "pow-wow" sessions, which I believe yielded much fruit. As we continued to modernise and streamline things, we tackled the Survey Monkey process. Thank you Mr Mkhwanazi and some very supportive parents for their patience in this regard. The BE mentoring process also received an upgrade this year, with a timetabled Thursday night slot. The BE duty staff and some very keen Old Collegians set aside about 90 mins on a few occasions during the year, to meet with their mentor groups. W Horn was appointed as our senior boarder RCL member, and he did a fine job in relaying all the important developments to the House, in his usual gentlemanly manner.

The traditional "Friday Night Shouts" were enjoyed, as always. This fiercely-enjoyed activity is virtually a ritual. The shout itself has just experienced a face-lift, tightening up and a slight change of routine. Thank you, Mr C Fraser, for your efforts in this regard.

One of our more charismatic, larger-than-life Clark House boys, T Parsons, in 2019 performed in a school production – "Fawltly Towers", in his case – based on the classic British comedy television series.

We are thrilled that some of our Fifth Form boys were appointed and confirmed as prefects and House Leaders for 2020. The Fifth Form group is a talented one that includes some natural leaders. We look forward to what they will achieve in 2020.

They had fine example to follow in the outgoing (2019) prefects – who were the best team of prefects I have had the privilege of working with in Clark House. They were led by a true gentleman in B Reddy,

who embodied the concept of a "servant leader", and who was a living example of what we are trying to achieve with our boys by the time they have reached the end of their Sixth Form year. We wish Reddy and his outstanding team of young leaders everything of the best for their finals and their future.

Thank you Mr K Hackland, Mr S Crosson and your splendid team from the Estates Department for looking after the old House. Thank you too, Ms C Hackland, in the Pupil Office for ensuring our chaps were always taken care of, and up to speed with the goings-on at the school. Thank you Mrs H Lawson for so wonderfully filling their, and our, bellies.

Mr M Marwick, a special word of thanks to you, sir. Thank you for your innovation and for guiding the BE through the murky, grey waters (literally at times) of this transitional period from a Victorian traditional boarding establishment system, to a 21-Century, contemporary-yet-traditional, home-from-home for our nearly 500 boarders, following in the proud legacy of Mr K Guise-Brown. We wish you all the best in your new portfolio, and we now look to Mr R Kyle to take up the baton.

Finally, thank you to the boarder masters for your trust, conviviality, camaraderie and patience. The treasured family time, as well as the down time, that you all sacrifice in the carrying out of your respective commissions is noted and appreciated. It is my utmost privilege to serve beside men of such calibre and vigour; men who constantly strike a balance between discipline and humour, command and respect. You are the heartbeat of the House, and the system surges along because of you and your efforts.

We bade farewell to Mr L Booysen, a young man with the world at his feet, and with a wonderfully warm disposition. You brought an easy-going yet firm touch to your duties – which encouraged our Clark's inhabitants to follow suit. You were always a "safe place" for the boys in the House, and a person with whom they felt secure enough to share either a problem or a laugh. Your smile and warmth will be missed, but we know that adventure awaits! God bless on your next chapter.

Mr R Barbour



Elliott House

- Housemaster:** Mr C Fraser
- Deputy Housemaster:** Mr S Bosch
- Boarder Masters:** Messrs P Snyman, S Bosch, S Botha, N Duvenage, A Landman and A Sparrow
- Head of House:** S Kekana

This past year has been another fruitful one for Elliott House in cultural, sport and academic spheres. In 2019, we had 63 boarders in Elliott House, and although it took some time for them to settle in, they were definitely "a cut above the rest". I would like to thank them for making 2019 an enjoyable year.

Most of the boys went through the year without being punished (i.e. "getting a bolt") and that attests to the fact that discipline in the House was of a very high standard. This year our Elliott House RCL representatives were by C Patterson, T Elam and S Kekana – with the last-mentioned being the Head of House. The RCL served as a platform for Elliott's boarders to voice their opinions and give accurate feedback on the day-to-day operation and routines of the House.

Elliott House boys did the House proud with their achievements in various spheres of school life. All these accomplishments are recorded in the appropriate sections of this magazine, with many receiving certificates at the Sixth Form Boarder Farewell Dinner in October.

I thank all the boarder masters for all their hard work, for performing their duties well and for supporting me during the year. They played a very important role in the practical functioning of the House, and the routine would not have been possible without them. I would like to particularly thank Mr S Bosch for all his efforts in transforming our at times rather archaic processes into a more digital and technologically-advanced method for the daily running of the House. Mr Bosch has assisted us (and, in fact, the entire BE) in making our roll-calls, consequence-recording and meals-lists very streamlined by using the most up-to-date technology available to us. Without his input, these worthwhile changes would not have been possible.

From a mentoring perspective, the Elliott's boarder masters did their utmost to impact positively on the boys' lives in both the academic and co-curricular domains. Our masters did their best to touch base with all their mentees on a termly basis to track their performance. The Elliott's boarder masters also walked the extra mile this year and made

a concerted effort to have more one-on-one meetings with the boys. In those meetings, the masters gave guidance to the boys regarding their respective future plans and difficult decisions they may have faced during the year.

A new wing to the southern side of the main building was completed in 2019, to house an additional 14 boarders. A fully-equipped kitchenette, communal showers and bathrooms make up the features of the new wing. The opening of the new wing of Elliott House is mentioned elsewhere in this publication, but it's worth noting that we at the same time added to the recreational facilities of our common room by purchasing a brand new pool table. The table tennis equipment was also upgraded in 2019, which resulted in the boys having endless hours of fun and bonding in their free time.

A special word of thanks goes to Messrs K Hackland, S Crosson and their maintenance and laundry teams for all their hard work throughout the year and for keeping "Alcatraz" in a presentable condition at all times. To Srs K Townsend and N Price, and Mrs N Steenkamp, go a massive "Thank you" for taking such good care of the boys when they were injured or feeling ill. I would like to also thank Mrs B Parker for all the administrative work she did for Elliott House in 2019, and also Ms C Hackland for the administration in respect of the newsletters for Elliott's. Our warm thanks also go to Mrs H Lawson for feeding our boarders and the Elliott's staff very well. Ma'am, the food you and your staff prepare is scrumptious and Maritzburg College is very lucky to have you and your staff.

I thank Mr M Marwick for his help, support and advice during the year. Thanks for all your concern for the BE and for always finding ways to improve it.

To all the Sixth Formers, thanks for being a mature group and for finishing off in a dignified way. All the best for the future and I hope each and every one of you attains the goals you have set for yourself.


Mr C Fraser



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Hudson House

Housemaster:	Mr K Emerson
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr B van der Walt
Boarder Masters:	Messrs T Orchard, C Dutton, G le Roux, C Nevay, V Msibi, C Musasiwa
Head of House:	K Raw
Prefects:	S Dlamini, J Duncan, L Lenz, G Pio, S Ngwenya

Hudson House had six prefects this year and eight boarder masters who did duty in the House. Hudson's is the biggest boarding house in the school and in 2019 it was home to 126 boys. The dedicated and efficient team of boarder masters and prefects ensured that the daily running of the House was seamless and that the boys were well looked after and encouraged to remain disciplined, diligent and respectful towards others. As is outlined in the "Hudson's DNA", each boy, regardless of his Form, is expected to be organised, self-disciplined and mindful of his fellow man in Hudson House.

Hudson House has always enjoyed an identity and a unique Hudson's brand of camaraderie. It is this fabric that makes the House a special place and an entity that allows the boys to truly call their boarding house a home-away-from home. The focus and theme in the House this year were honesty and an acceptance of consequences. While these may sound simple, it is theoretically very easy for boys to "duck and dive" and tell a half-truth when caught out doing something wrong. It is important that, when boys leave the House, their character and actions are ones that will make us proud. They will have learnt to accept consequences for what they have done, and, in doing so, hopefully curb their later behaviour to ensure that they are young men of integrity.

Hudson House was in 2019 ably led by Head of House, K Raw, who enjoyed the respect of the boys and staff alike. He was also the Senior Boarder Prefect for 2019. This young man exceeded expectations and embraced his role with conviction and a maturity that ensured he was an effective leader. He took care to see that those things that are important to him and the leadership team were constantly reinforced and did his best to see that boys lived according to standards worthy of a Hudson House boy. Raw, together with his team of prefects, maintained a high level of discipline and a focus on the smaller things that sometimes are overlooked.

On a staffing front, we welcomed Mr C Musasiwa to the House. His warm rapport with the boys and sense of humour was enjoyed by everyone.

Annually the "Boarder of the Year Award" is voted for by the boys in each Form. They choose a candidate for qualities that are the essence of a Hudson's boy: "for displaying camaraderie, loyalty, friendship, commitment and achievement." The 2019 recipients were: Third Form - J Laurens; Fourth Form - M Dube; and Fifth Form - K Morsink.

The academic achievers continued to shine this year with many boys consistently being placed in the top 20 in their respective Grades. The consistently high achievers in Third Form were M Ngubo and G Westerdale. J Beauclerk, U Maphumulo, J Lalor, M Whyte and B van der Merwe were the best placed Fourth Form boys. In Fifth Form M Smith, J Muggleton and R Price were the best achievers.

The House has a proud history of producing many top sportsmen with school Colours/Honours awards and at provincial and national Levels. All boarders are expected to participate in the co-curricular programme at Maritzburg College. This keeps them busy and fit, and most importantly teaches them to deal with the life-lessons that sport and working in a team present. Some notable achievers this year included a host of provincial selections across many codes. There were, too, a number of cultural leaders, actors, debaters, singers and musicians. We celebrated and shared in the boys' successes at the House dinners and in termly newsletters. The involvement of all the boys in the House was noteworthy, as it ensured that they spread and balanced their time at school.

A note of thanks goes to Mr M Marwick in his role as the Senior Resident Master. The number of hours he spent making certain that our BE ran efficiently were countless. He was again committed to making the College BE a better place and this was evident in the work he has done for the past six years in this role.

The running of an efficient House must also be accredited to numerous other groups of people. Mr K Hackland and his Estates Department staff, who take care of the maintenance, cleaning and laundry, are to be commended on doing a superb job. Mrs Lawson and her team in the kitchen ensured that the boys enjoyed tasty meals. The food that our boys enjoy is arguably the best in the country. This assertion is backed up by the compliments we receive from many schools that visit our BE for festivals and on tours. The sisters in the San are astounding in what they do. They are the "mothers" of the BE and in 2019 again took care of our 480 boarders with such dedication and compassion.

Two highlights of the year were the Hudson House Mothers 'n' Sons Spring Day Tea and the Kenosis Outreach Project. We treated the moms and sons to some quality time together and our guest speaker, Mrs Ingrid Roberts, gave a stirring address. The House embarked on an outreach programme with an orphan-based project called Kenosis, which provides, with three foster mothers, foster care for up to 18

children. These are vulnerable youngsters who are often orphaned by HIV/AIDS. They are given a home and schooling and are supported by a governmental foster-care grant. It is vital that our boys value family life and are able to look outward and become men of influence who are able to be empathetic with others. Our outreach programme, which will be carried on into the future, will hopefully enable our boys to do exactly that.

We wish our Hudson House Fifth Form leavers all the very best for their final year and thank them for the contribution they collectively have made during their three years in Hudson's. They have added to the rich history of the biggest House in the school and we hope that 2020 will be a happy year for them in Elliot House. Hudson House remains a proud part of College. All is set for an enjoyable and successful 2020.

Confido et Conquiesco.

Mr K Emerson



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Nathan House

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Deputy Housemaster:	Mr M-J Smit
Boarder Masters:	Messrs G Waters, M-J Smit, S Zuma, B Mduyana, D Coombes, Z Mazwi, D Sherriff, S Mabaso
Head of House:	D Dyer
Prefects:	K Huizinga, Z Jali, S Little, T van Aardt

As I write this report, it seems only a few weeks ago when the 2019 Second Form group arrived on the steps of Nathan's, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. It was with a heady mix of excitement and trepidation that they entered the House, not quite knowing what was to come their way in the following weeks. What each boy would soon discover was that the 102 other boys around him, who found themselves experiencing the same emotions, would be their greatest source of comfort. Soon they were running around and laughing down the slides at uShaka Marine World, sharing their experiences of making it through the greatest obstacle course they had ever faced, "Vietnam", and standing at attention in the Clark House quad as they queued for their next meal. Within a matter of days, the strangers who had entered Nathan House together had become friends. As the weeks went by they began to form even stronger bonds and would affectionately refer to one another as "brothers".

It was a special year in Nathan House, not only for the boys, but for the prefects and boarder masters too. It is always delightful to see a young man come into his own as he is weaned from the comforts of home to become a more independent young man who needs to take care of himself a great deal more than he ever thought he would have to. This is, however, a process and it can be a challenging one too. Thankfully, we in 2019 had a fine group of prefects (ably led by D Dyer), who also matured in their role as they consistently cajoled, encouraged and organised a strong group of teenage boys. We are also most fortunate in Nathan House to have some of the best, if not the best, boarder masters who care for, protect, coach and teach the youngsters. Without them, Nathan's would not be the successful and proud House it is.

Being a Second Form boarder at College means having the privilege of doing games room duties, the prefects' table, and team testing, of course. Many boys would no doubt argue that this is indeed no privilege, but I can guarantee that they will one day reflect on these duties and tasks and consider them as such. It is through the daily grind of these menial tasks that the boys look to each other for sanity and strength, resulting in a strong and cohesive brotherhood being formed.

There were other highlights on the calendar, such as our own mentor braai on the Forder Oval and the inaugural Grade 8 social at The Wykeham Collegiate (TWC). The boys absolutely loved having their own time away from the BE and meeting the girls at TWC. The teacher-in-charge at TWC wrote to thank us, saying that the boys were wonderfully behaved and that the girls henceforth only wanted to socialise with College boys as they were much nicer than boys from, ahem, "another school" (which will remain unnamed).

Despite the fact that some boys who started with us were not in Nathan's at the end of the year for various reasons, we were very proud of the group of 2019 young men. They had to learn a great deal, not only about the College way of life, but also about themselves. They could justifiably be proud of their collective effort this year. It was one of our goals as boarder masters in Nathan House to ensure the boys were well prepared, as they make the transition from Nathan's to their respective senior houses – by the end of 2019, we believed that they were ready and that they would make a success of this new chapter. We are ever grateful to all concerned for the support shown throughout this adventurous year to make it a success.

To the boys, thank you for the memories, and may your time in Nathan's always hold a special place in your heart.

Mr D Hoffman



Shepstone House

Housemaster:	Mr R Chirengende
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr R Kyle
Boarder Masters:	Messrs S Stickells, N Thembela, M Shezi, S Sinclair, K Nipper
Head of House:	T Prinsloo
Prefects:	S Zunckel, B Webster, E Qwalela

The year 2019 was a watershed one for Shepstone House – a year in which the House went from housing 26 Fourth Formers in one of the oldest buildings on the campus, to moving into a newly-built beautiful house and the 26 became 84 boys. This transition, no doubt, came with its challenges, but looking back on the year, the House faced all its challenges head-on and triumphed.

The Shepstone boys of 2019 served their house and school with distinction, and the House was represented in every facet of school life. Shepstone's boys sometimes found themselves to be at the very top in their respective fields and activities. There were boys in school dramatic production, in the choir and at the top in academics and sport.

As a House we strive to celebrate each boy in his achievements and talents, but it is fitting that boys who consistently excel are acknowledged. On the academic, front S Manack, T Mbatha, AJ Westley, J Lowe, J Bense and K Hough were always ranked in the top 20 in their respective Forms – a proud achievement. I saw the effort they put into their studies and such academic positions came through discipline and hard work. They must be applauded for flying the House flag high on the academic front.

On the sporting front, a number of Shepstone's boys were also selected for provincial teams in various sporting codes or disciplines. They are acknowledged elsewhere in the magazine.

The House was also represented in the school's stage productions, notably the hugely successful adaptation of "Fawlty Towers". College choir won a gold medal in the ATKV choir competition and two House members, C van Selm and A Westley, were chosen for the Midlands Youth Choir.

At the end of the year the House also produced its first prefects. They will, without doubt, steer the Shepstone House ship well in 2020.

My thanks go to a number of people: mainly the Headmaster and Mr M Marwick for their leadership; the Sanatorium and kitchen staff for attending to the welfare of the boys; Mr K Hackland, Mr S Crosson and the rest of the Estates Department team, for always taking care of our House and its surroundings' and, last but by not least, the formidable team that I have worked with this year, made up of Messrs Stickells, Shezi, Thembela, Nipper and Sinclair. The sacrifices you made were always appreciated.

I wish Mr R Kyle, my Assistant Housemaster in 2019 and himself a former Housemaster, well, as he takes over the reins of the College BE. I thank him personally for the support he has given me this year and I look forward to his leadership in the future.

Mr R Chirengende



SPORT



Athletics – 1st Team 2019

Back row:
C van Rooyen, K Huizinga, R Swartz, M Zunckel

Middle row:
I Kayembe, NJ Mosebi, A Matsheke, M Nel, U Zuma, W Pretorius

Front row:
N Msiya, OL Higgins, SE Mntungwa (captain), Mr A Sparrow (MIC), N Makanya, NS Ndlovu, SD Harvey

Absent:
T Khoza



Athletics Team 2019

Back row:
K Mthimkulu, C van Rooyen, K Huizinga, C Baldrey, R Swartz, M Zunckel, S Tshabalala

Middle row:
N Ndlovu, S Malila, I Kayembe, NJ Mosebi, A Matsheke, M Nel, U Zuma, W Pretorius, Z Moore

Front row:
N Msiya, OL Higgins, SE Mntungwa (captain), Mr A Sparrow (MIC), N Makanya, NS Ndlovu, SD Harvey

Absent:
T Khoza

In the first term we held our annual inter-house athletics meeting which took place at the Pietermaritzburg Athletics Stadium. During the day some excellent individual performances were recorded. N Mosebi broke the U15 100m record stopping the clock at 11.3 seconds, as well as the U15 200m record, setting it at 23.4 seconds. I Kayembe broke the U14 100m record on 11.4 seconds, as well as the U14 200m record, setting it at 23.9 seconds. Fuller House was the champion house of the day.

We started our season with the Central Schools Circuit Trials held at the Pietermaritzburg Athletics Stadium. From this event, 20 of our athletes were selected to participate in the Umgungundlovu District trials. Seventeen of our athletes were then selected to take part in the KZN Schools Championships that were held in Durban. The boys were part of the Umgungundlovu Athletics team that finished second out of the 12 Districts which took part – a position rarely obtained by the District.

After this meeting, N Mosebi, N Makanya and N Ndlovu were selected to take part in the SA Schools Athletics Championships in Port Elizabeth. They performed well under extremely high levels of competition. N Mosebi produced the best performance, coming fifth in the U15 200m final with an electronic time that was 1.3 seconds faster than the current U15 200m school record.

Near the end of the third term Maritzburg College hosted the trials for the Menlo Park meeting. Our athletes fared well with ten of them

selected to take part in the Grey College meeting in October 2019, and again in the Menlo Park meeting at the start of 2020. The highlight of the trials was N Mosebi who broke the U15 100m meeting record, setting it at 10.94 seconds.

At the start of the fourth term some of our athletes fared well at the Grey College meeting. Standout performances came from the following athletes:

N Mosebi	1st U15 100m	Time: 11.10
	1st U15 200m	Time: 22.56
I Kayembe	1st U14 100m	Time: 11.26
	1st U14 200m	Time: 22.82
N Ndlovu	3rd U17 200m	Time: 22.9
S Harvey	2nd U16 800m	Time: 1:59:65
AAS Mbambo	1st U16 Long Jump	Distance: 6.6m
W Pretorius	3rd U16 400m Hurdles	Time: 61.86

N Mosebi and I Kayembe took part in the U15 KZN Championships in the fourth term. Kayembe placed second in the 100m final with an electronic time of 10.74, and Mosebi took first place in the same race with a time of 10.31. Despite the race having a wind assist of +4.47, the

times of Mosebi and Kayembe were of National Standard.

Mosebi also went on to win the 200m in an electronic time of 22.28, officially breaking the U15 KZN 200m record.

Both Mosebi and Kayembe qualified to take part in the Inter-Provincial Sub-Youth Athletics Championships held at the end of the fourth term. Mosebi finished third in the 100m final in a time of 10.72 and Kayembe seventh in the same race.

Maritzburg College also ran three Friday night athletics meetings in the first term. These were not very well attended but were the start of a set of meetings which will be continued next year to which all schools in the area will be invited. These are aimed at giving athletes in the Pietermaritzburg area more opportunity for competition against athletes from other schools.

Athletics Champions for 2019

- U19:** K Huizinga
- U17:** B Emms and C van Rooyen
- U16:** AAS Mbambo
- U15:** N Mosebi
- U14:** E Mouton

Mr A Sparrow



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1st Team

Back row: Q Mkhize, R Fuller, L Mawela, S Trollip, T Mthombeni, P Dladla, L Janse van Rensburg
Front row: N Ngcobo, N Phenyane (vice-captain), Mrs J Orchard (MIC), P Simemane (captain), Mr Z Oosthuis (coach), Z Khoza, A van Straaten

Review by master-in-charge

Basketball had yet another successful year. Although success should not be measured purely on the season's results, basketball overall did post a very pleasing win rate.

The aim of the basketball fraternity is to develop within the College boys a passion for the sport and this will lead to a high standard of play and commitment. There has been an increase in the number of boys wanting to play the sport and this bodes well for its future at College.

By year-end College had played 156 games of basketball, winning 129 of these games with a win rate of 83%. This is a statistic of which to be very proud. This success was also due to a very committed coaching staff who were prepared to go the extra mile for the boys.

Once again, the 1st and U16A teams travelled to Johannesburg in February to participate in the St John's and St Stithians tournaments. These tournaments provide a benchmark for the coaches as the teams they played against came from the Southern African countries. The U16A team also played in the annual Michaelhouse tournament and won the tournament in a tightly fought final against St Charles.

Thank you to the following people who ensured that basketball ran efficiently:

- The coaches for their commitment and loyalty during the season
- The numerous players who scored and refereed the many games
- P Simemane and N Phenyane for their outstanding leadership throughout the year
- Messrs Hackland, Crosson and Rajah and their willing group of helpers who often worked under very stressful conditions
- Mrs Lawson for her catering
- Mr Luman, Mr Guise-Brown and Mr Swart for their continuous support during the season.

Congratulations to the following players selected for the Provincial teams:

KZN U15:	T Govender and W Hadebe
KZN U16:	M Buthelezi, D Botha, T Mthombeni and Q Mkhize
KZN U18:	L Janse van Rensburg
KZN U18B:	P Dladla and Z Khoza
Midlands U15:	D Craig, C Henman, C Janse van Rensburg

Mrs J Orchard



Against Glenwood High School – a justifiably proud 1st team moment



A well-contested jump-shot during the 42-41 nail-biter at St Charles

The College 1st team basketball had a successful season and credit must go to the boys as they set about their task of ensuring their success. The team continued to improve and bind together over the season, but seemed to lose some desire and focus after their great victory over St Charles College in the last few weeks of the first term season.

The team was again hamstrung without having the opportunity for a mid-season camp which set them back somewhat after a more than two-month winter break. This resulted in the boys taking a few practices to get back into the rhythm and pace of 1st team play.

Captain, P Simemane, was an outstanding leader and fulfilled his role with a level of excellence that was noteworthy.

The best performance of the season came in the night fixture against St Charles College in their newly developed Samukele Khumalo Arena. As most of the matches that day had been rained off, the indoor court was a hive of activity that afternoon, and the atmosphere was electric. In the main match, after a topsy-turvy first half, College trailed by a number of points, but a renewed sense of purpose and confidence amongst the College players, and some resolute defence, led to a 42-41 win in the last seconds of the match. In a match for the ages College managed to snap a five-game losing streak against St Charles. A word of thanks goes to the College boys and shouting captains whose vociferous and passionate support was inspiring.

The St John's Tournament has become a permanent fixture in the basketball calendar as the top schools from all over the country, and also neighbouring states, converge to see who will be crowned the

champions. College went into the tournament with a quiet confidence and perhaps with a bit of luck they could have possibly made a charge at the title. Unfortunately, the College effort seldom reached the desired levels to compete for the top position.

Mrs Orchard again did sterling work in running the code and thanks must go to her for her efforts.

Player Critique:

N Ngcobo (*guard*): He proved this season to be a talented player who will make his mark as a senior player in 2020.

A van Straaten (*guard/forward*): He is a tough and committed player who performed the basics well and he will be part of a strong core in the next season if he recovers sufficiently from his knee injury.

Z Khoza (*KZN U18B, guard*): He started the season slowly but as he grew in confidence, he became a star player in the team.

T Mthombeni (*KZN U16, guard/forward*): Another one of the younger players in the team whose play improved as he became more accustomed to 1st team basketball.

P Dladla (*KZN U18B, post*): He proved to be the rock for the team defensively, and his commitment both at practice and during game time was outstanding.

L Mawela (*forward*): Although he was sometimes a bit wild in his play, his passion for the game was always evident and he could create opportunities for himself to score.

L Janse van Rensburg (*KZN U18, forward*): His effectiveness was sometimes limited as he filled different roles in the team. Nonetheless, he was one of the team's most important performers.

P Simemane (*captain, guard*): He was simply outstanding as the 2019 captain. His leadership skills enabled him to bring together a diverse group of individuals in a game situation.

S Trollip (*guard*): He played steadily throughout the season and also made key contributions during many games.

N Phenyane (*vice-captain, forward*): A lanky player who played with energy and a vice-captain who supported the captain perfectly.

R Fuller (*forward*): He has polished offensive skills and will be relied upon more in his senior season.

Q Mkhize (*KZN U16, post*): He took a major step forward in his development, especially after his stint at the Zone 4 Games in Gaborone. He is a keen learner and this experience resulted in an improved style of play.

Stayers (Fourth term)

N Ngcobo, M Spooner, W Hadebe, T Mthombeni, C Venter, L Mawela, L Janse van Rensburg, R Hyde, T Buthelezi, C Janse van Rensburg, R Fuller, Q Mkhize

Results:

First term

vs Westville 43-49, Hilton 58-26, Carter 46-20, St Charles 42-41, Glenwood 90-13, Alexandra 30-18, Michaelhouse 31-50

St John's U19 Basketball Tournament

vs Hilton College 22-33, Clifton 41-30, Brookhouse (Zimbabwe) 48-12, St John's 39-35, PBHS 25-33, Dominican Convent 18-24, St Benedict's 34-25, St Charles 14-18

Fourth term

vs Westville 75-56, DHS 35-47, Grace College 82-38, Northwood 65-36, Carter 75-29, Alexandra 71-40, Hilton 77-66, St Charles 54-58

Messrs Z Oosthuis and J Wilcock

2nd Team

The 2nd basketball team had a challenging yet good and exciting first term season. The players were very enthusiastic about the game. They showed dedication, commitment and passion during training and during matches. The game played against Weston 1st team was very tense and exciting, although our team sadly lost the fixture in the end.

The team suffered a loss as our co-coach had to relocate, but we were fortunate to welcome another dedicated co-coach. K Howard and M Siwila displayed some good leadership skills and led the team with dedication to the end of the first term season. In the fourth term, the best match was played against St Charles where the team managed to win on a packed home court. We thank all the Sixth Form players who came out to play for the team despite the pressures of their final examinations.

Regular players:

K Howard (*captain*), R Hyde, N Kheswa, B Mothebe, N Bhengu, C Wessels, S Mbanjwa, C van der Merwe, Q Mkhize, M Siwila, Z Gxarisa, Z Khoza, S Trollip, K Shandu, J Rajah, C van Selm, L Hadden, S Mbanjwa, B Brooks

Results:

First term

vs Westville 27-34, Hilton 36-25, St Charles 26-22, Weston 1st 31-39, Michaelhouse 25-37, Kearsney 3-24

Fourth term

vs Westville 36-39, Kearsney 24-33, Northwood 27-17

3rd Team

I called these boys the "Red Army" as they were such an amazing group of lads who really wanted to play the game of basketball. They were focused at every practice and at every match and were ready to take on anything asked of them. They were determined to push themselves to the final whistle and were competitive in every game, no matter who they were up against. What more could a coach want?

The 3rd team this year played like champions and with a winners' mentality. Despite one loss early in the first term, the team was confident and committed for the remainder of the term. With the inclusion of the U16 age group in the 4th term the dynamics of the team changed somewhat, initially resulting in two early losses at the start of the final term of the season.

As a coach I am extremely proud of the boys who have certainly made their College family proud.

Regular players:

J Barrett, K Bolton, J Cocks, T Gibbons, K Grewan, Z Gxarisa, L Hlela, M Khuboni, A Matsheke, S Mnyani, Z Ngcobo, T Parsons, N Reece, S Stanton and C van Selm

Results:

First term

vs Kearsney 19-18, Hilton 25-36, Crawford 1st 37-13, Michaelhouse 28-19, Westville 29-16

Fourth Term

vs Westville 21-22, Linpark 1st 13-27, Hilton 45-26, St Charles 45-26

Mr S Ngcobo

Mr M Mkhize



L Janse van Rensburg lays up in front of a very excited College



The 1st team chase is on in the Samukele Khumalo Arena at St Charles



S Trollip



L Mawela



College cheers during the 1st Team excitement at St Charles

4th Team

The first few weeks of the first term were very productive for the team who started off the season on a good note. This is evident in the results of the first term. Our defence left something to be desired, but the players were always ready to improve their skills at every practice. The team seemed to lose momentum towards the end and sadly recorded two unfortunate losses.

The fourth term started off rather slowly, especially with the inclusion of the U16 age group to the Open section. The players tended to miss free throws and lay ups and this had a negative effect on the team as a whole. They did however gradually get as a team as the players acquired the discipline required in the game of basketball. We ended the season as a different team from that which we had begun the season with, due to the growth both mentally and with an improved skills set. The boys showed tremendous effort and the results are indicative of this improvement.

Regular players:

E Burton, C Desplace, N Gumede, K Hammar, A Keith, B Kgoroge, J Lee, T Lehloeny, V Masembe, U Mkhize, P Mpurwana, L Mtolo, A Ntuli, N Qwabe, S Westerdyk, C van der Merwe, L Skhosana, L Smith

Results:

First term

vs Hilton 24-19, St Charles 29-21, Michaelhouse 20-40, Kearsney 15-21

Fourth Term

vs Westville 21-22, Linpark 2nd 13-27, Hilton 45-26, St Charles 36-24

Mr B Monakali



1st team's L Mawela in a fourth term jump-shot



1st team: C Venter – solid in attack



Evasive action from 1st team's T Mthombeni



U16A

Back row: R Naidoo, D Botha, A Dippenaar, D Dube

Front row: L Luthuli, M Spooner, Mrs J Orchard (MIC), M Buthelezi, Z Shongwe

Absent: K Hlengwa, F Johnstone, W Smith, L Bester, E Towani

Like every other season that of 2019 has had its ups and downs but thanks to the hard work done by the boys, our task as coaches was made much easier. With only a few losses during the year, this has to be deemed one of the strongest teams that we have coached. To cap it all, the team managed to win a tournament which Maritzburg College had previously won, but which had remained elusive during the past few years. This incredible effort from the players contributed positively to our overall success.

It is very sad when a coach has to let go of a great group of boys but we knew they would continue to do perform well in the coming years, representing both themselves and the school at the highest levels.

Our greatest accomplishment this year was winning the Michaelhouse Tournament in a thrilling final against St Charles. It had been a long road leading to the finals and we were very proud of what we accomplished to ensure a win, and this was all done in true College spirit.

U16B

What a wonderful season for the U16B basketball side! Commitment, dedication, passion and enthusiasm were the greatest elements of this team, leading them to an unbeaten season. My special gratitude goes to the team for making my job an easy one.

Winning all the games was a result of the passion and talent the team displayed. We always played competitively.

A memorable and close game was against Michaelhouse in which we narrowly won by three points - and in the return game we drew 33-33. I wish the members of this team all of the best for their future in this wonderful sport.

Regular players:

C Trodd, W Trodd, T Nkosi, N Zondi, T Makhobotloane, T Chili, M Woodhead, A Ndlovu, A Mlotshwa, A Dlamini, L Mcoyi

Results:

vs Westville 38-22, Hilton 44-8, Michaelhouse 26-23, St Charles 38-19, Kearsney 27-21, Michaelhouse 33-33, Hilton 28-0, St Charles 24-15

Mr J Mhlongo

Unfortunately, we did not do as well as we had hoped to do at the St Stithians tournament, but it was a learning curve for the team. This most certainly will prepare those who make the 1st team in 2020. Three-day tournaments are tough and as players you have to dig deep to execute a win.

We extend our congratulations to the players who were selected for the 1st team in the fourth term and to those who were selected for the Midlands and KZN teams. They really brought an excellent level of competitiveness to the squad and added value to the team as a whole.

We thank the school for its continuous support of the sport, and especially Mrs Jenny Orchard for always pushing basketball as far as she can to make sure we have the best experience as coaches and players alike. We hope we can continue climbing to higher levels of greatness together.

Regular players:

M Spooner (captain), L Luthuli, K Hlengwa, D Botha, F Johnstone, M Buthelezi, Z Shongwe, A Dippenaar, W Smith, M Dube, R Naidoo, L Bester, E Towani

Results:

First term

vs Westville 24-17, Hilton 41-8, St Charles 20-17, Glenwood 34-16, Carter 53-4, Weston 2nd 58-4, Alex 31-18, Michaelhouse 37-24, Kearsney 27-26

Michaelhouse tournament

vs Clifton 47-4, Michaelhouse B 47-4, Hilton 36-8, St Charles 23-26, Michaelhouse A (semi-final) 25-17, St Charles (final) 35-34

St Stithians Tournament

vs St Peter's (Harare) 27-26, Enjabulweni 43-8, St Andrew's 33-21, St Benedict's 20-21, St David's 37-24, Maru-a-Pula (quarter-final) 26-27, St Stithians (position playoffs) 21-22, St Charles 11-8

Fourth term

vs Westville 29-47, DHS 44-10, Alex 33-13, Northwood 51-6, Hilton 36-21, St Charles 30-19

Mr L Mbhele

U16C

After a successful first term, the boys played well in the fourth term, though starting off very slowly. We finished the term with an unbeaten season, with the boys playing brilliantly. Every game played was important to them and their winning streak gave them confidence for the next game. The team would, however, always start the first five minutes of the game on the back foot and needed further motivation to rise to the occasion, leaving the opposition in shock as they caught up to the score and blew past it. Each team member showed a tremendous amount of growth in the sport, judging from the first practice we had, to the last game played. I wish them all the best for the future, both on and off the courts.

Regular players:

L Mbambo, T Maphasa, N Dlamini, Y Gwala, J White, K Montana, S Pedzayi, Y Matyolo, K Thwala, U Maphumulo, S Nsegiyumva

Results:

First term

vs Westville 18-16, Hilton 30-14, St Charles 24-17, Michaelhouse 25-29

Fourth Term

vs Michaelhouse 30-24, Hilton 24-11, Hilton 6th 33-10, St Charles 20-18

Mr T Tshabalala

U16D

The under 16D basketball team or, as I would like to call them, 'The Bulldogs', had a great season. It was not always a pretty one, but they did get the job done, resulting in the team losing only to MCS U16A. The team was always full of life and had wonderful individuals who would always give their all for the mighty Red, Black and White.

The highlight of the season had to be when the boys showed great strength and determination to win 22-21 on an extremely hot morning against our old rivals, Kearsney. The match was won in the final minute of the game with a layup from Mbambo, assisted by Cele. This led to the whole team chanting "defence" from the side-lines as Kearsney went onto the attack and we saw it out to the final whistle to secure victory. I am extremely proud of the boys who always wanted to better

themselves, both on and off the court. I am sure they will have many great performances for their school in the future.

Regular players:

L Janse van Rensburg, B Dorning, S Malinga, S Hlatshwayo, L Biyela, K Whitaker, J Klapprodt, D Harper, ST Mncwabe, W Mdladla, L Brown, M Mdanda, O Cele, L Mbambo, S Zikhali

Results:

First term

Kearsney 28-24, Michaelhouse 14-12, Crawford 16A 16-7

Fourth term

MCS 18-24, Kearsney 22-21, St Charles 20-16

Mr S Radebe



U15A

Back row: S Myende, S Mbonambi, C Henman, C Janse van Rensburg, D Craig, W Hadebe, A Vilakazi
Front row: T Zimu, S Ntuli, Mr A Usher, G Mentory, T Sithole
Absent: Mr B Mkhabela (coach)

Maritzburg College's U15 team has developed to be a formidable team throughout the course of the year. Having only suffered four narrow losses out of the 20 games they played, they look to be one of the top contenders in KZN for next year's U16 tournaments. During the course of the season, players began to establish themselves in terms of their role in the team and how they would fit into the team structure. Some players found it more difficult than others to adjust to their new playing positions as there were many positional changes in the U15 age group as they prepare ultimately to play for the Maritzburg College 1st team. Our starting unit had a couple of changes as a result of this during the course of the season, however we eventually settled on different units which played well together.

deserve because the things they do, consistently, both offensively and defensively, do not necessarily show up on the stats sheet, but are extremely valuable to the team.

Congratulations to T Govender, W Hadebe, C Henman, D Craig and C Janse van Rensburg on their selection to the Umgungundlovu U15 side. Congratulations also go to Govender and Hadebe for their selection to the final KZN U15 side.

Regular players:

W Hadebe, T Govender, D Craig, S Mbonambi, C Henman, G Mentory, T Sithole, S Myende, S Ntuli, T Zimu, N Vilakazi, S Khumalo, J Munn, C Janse van Rensburg

Results:

First term

vs Kearsney 32-39, Michaelhouse 24-18, Glenwood 50-0, St Charles 25-15, Hilton 39-6, Westville 24-25, Alex 53-9

Fourth term

vs St Charles 58-36, Hilton 25-30, Carter 26-10, DHS 38-35, Northwood 24-12

Mr B Mkhabela

U15B

The U15B basketball team enjoyed a successful season, during which there were a number of memorable games. The team was committed and gave of their best at practices and during games. There were several players who moved up into the U15A team during the year, which, for a coach, is always pleasing to see. These fine young men have been a pleasure to coach and have always been respectful. I wish them all the best as they move into the U16 age group next year.

Regular players:

K Nsimbi, K Hattingh, K Zondo, U Sithole, M Ivins, A Isaacs, S Dlamuka, J Munn, S Khumalo, S Nkosi, S Phungula and J Larkan

Results:

First term

vs Westville 22-17, Hilton 18-17, Michaelhouse 59-8, Kearsney 22-15

Fourth term

vs Westville 18-23, DHS 28-9, Northwood 40-8, Hilton 22-23, Alex 43-13, St Charles 23-15

Mr A Usher

U15C

Another year, another great basketball season at College. The boys came through with great spirit and in large numbers. Coaching the U15C was an honour and a privilege as the boys were always keen and willing to learn and give of their best. A successful season involves the players having fun and setting goals to win all the games they play. The 2019 team had heard that the 2018 U15C had enjoyed an unbeaten season and this made them determined to set their standard high. We had fun at practices, as well as at games, losing only a few in an otherwise successful season. I wish all the best for these boys in the years to come and I hope they grow from strength to strength in their basketball careers at Maritzburg College.

Regular players:

T Zuma, A Ngubo, N Masilela, M Fihlela, P Mncube, D Antoniades, N Zulu, S Ndaba, Z Gumbi, L Mdletye, A Nzimande

Results:

First term

vs Westville 14-27, Michaelhouse 15-10, Kearsney 14-21

Fourth term

vs College U14B 31-34, Michaelhouse 34-19, Northwood 47-17, Hilton 27-17, St Charles 31-9

Mr N Khambule

U15D

The U15D had an extremely successful season. This group of young men had an unbeaten first term winning all four games played. These wonderful results can be attributed to the boys' commitment and love for basketball. They saw the season through from the first game to the last one. They opened the fourth term with the same drive and motivation, in the hopes of finishing the season unbeaten. Unfortunately, they could not attain this goal, suffering a loss to Weston's mixed U15/16 team, 30-21. The most exciting and challenging encounter came from Westville with just a point separating the two teams. The determined fight led to College coming out as victors.

I have enjoyed coaching these energetic young men. They were a very well disciplined team and this set of results is evidence of their commitment to the sport.

Regular players:

C Zondi (captain), C Bartis, N Sosibo, J Powell, E Everton, A Xulu, A Mdima, A Ndlovu, P Sibisi, T Kingham

Results

First term

vs Westville 13-10, St Charles 60-17, Michaelhouse 45-9, Kearsney 27-19

Fourth term

vs St Charles 34-5, Westville 30-29, Michaelhouse 57-9, Weston U15/U16 21-30, Hilton 33-12, St Charles 46-6

Mr K Xaba

U15E

The U15E side was a wonderful challenge. The players were always willing and eager to co-operate. The team consisted of a large number of boys and we had limited time and space to get them each match competent. The players used the time available wisely and their improvement could be seen weekly.

In the first term things were rather rocky with the team losing the first two games, but due to their commitment and love for basketball, the boys managed to combine well as a team and this resulted in their first win of the season. In the fourth term the team had many changes as players were moved up into higher sides, but this had little effect on the team dynamics and they continued to play with passion. The coaches enjoyed the experience and we thank the players for their support throughout the season.

Regular players:

E Kingham (captain), C Bartis (vice-captain), J Taylor, Z Matthews, V Gina, J Powell, P Sibisi, M Mbambo, N Phephetha, S Bhengu, O Mlambo, N Hlophe and P Ngobese

Results:

vs Westville 6-11, Linpark A 2-22, Kearsney 26-4, Linpark A 6-19, Kearsney 33-13

Mr S Manyathi



1st team stayer, Q Mkhize



U14A

Back row: N Swift, J Nelson, N Buthelezi, A Majoji, M Chonco, M Rabede, J Davies
Front Row: M Horstead, L Mkhize, Ms N Ngcobo (coach), K Mthimkhulu, S Ndlovu

The 2019 season proved to be an extremely successful one for the U14A side. The boys were keen to get going and worked hard from the very start. This enthusiastic attitude served as a key factor in achieving fine results. Each player was uniquely talented and showed an eagerness to learn which led to them improving tremendously as individuals.

L Mkhize was a selfless captain who added significant value to the U14A's unbeaten 2019 season. He had high basketball intellect, his teammates respected him and found him easily approachable at all times. I look forward to seeing him grow both on and off the court.

Thank you to the players for a great season. It takes a special bunch of players to produce the results that these boys did. After coaching these 12 young men, I certainly know College basketball is in safe hands.

Regular players:

L Mkhize (captain), N Buthelezi, M Chonco, J Davies, M Horstead, A Majoji, N Mthlane, K Mthimkhulu, S Ndlovu, J Nelson, M Radebe, N Swift

Results:

First term

vs Westville 40-23, Hilton 27-8, Glenwood 50-7, Michaelhouse 23-18, Kearsney 24-22, Alex 17-7, Carter 33-0

Fourth term

vs Westville 27-20, DHS 36-34, Northwood 19-17, Hilton 27-25, St Charles 21-14, Alex 84 -2, Grace College 83-2

Ms N Ngcobo

U14B

The U14B had a brilliant season and a very consistent and positive set of results throughout. Their attendance and commitment to practices made it easy to see their positive attitude towards the sports. Even though they had come from different schools, it seemed as though they had played and known each other for longer. There was a diverse range of boys developing their skills and improving throughout the season. The passion and spirit they had on game day was really exciting for the coach. A well-deserved, unbeaten and fun season was

enjoyed by all. It was a pleasure coaching the boys and seeing them enjoy themselves and creating an unbreakable bond of brotherhood.

Regular players:

S Mncwabe, S Mncube, P Dlamini, S Mazibuko, L Coetzer, T Crawford, E Wilson, V Chili, X-J Thabethe, T Madzimure, M Hendricks, T Dlomo, M van Selm

Results:

First term

vs Westville 10-5, Hilton 18-4, Weston 67-29, Michaelhouse 46-12, Kearsney 14-10

Fourth term

vs Westville 20-16, Hilton 42-16, Northwood 55-4, DHS 43-11, St Charles 26-16, Carter 45-18

Mr S Mkhwanazi

U14C

The first term went really well with the boys giving their all at each game and at every practice. This being an U14 side, many of the boys had never played basketball before and a few difficulties were encountered. They did however pull through. Most of the issues that we experienced were able to be addressed, and the boys' performance improved overall. The fourth term was a less turbulent season as the boys had gone through their teething phase and had a better understanding of the game. Issues of changes in the team did see us struggle for traction and drop two games; but ultimately they performed very well in the 2019 season.

Regular players:

F Simelane, S Mthembu, M van Selm, J Kayembe, S Zulu, LA van der Linde, J Conolly, V Sithole, E Mouton, L Swanepoel

Results:

vs Westville 16-6, Crawford A 18-14, Michaelhouse 14-8, Kearsney 21-6, Hilton 27-31, Northwood 10-12, DHS 39-13, Westville 27-16

Mr S Zuma

U14D

The team really enjoyed a fine season. The term started with a narrow, yet pleasing win against Westville, which they managed to repeat again in the fourth term. This win boosted the players for the season ahead of them.

During the year the boys grew as players and as young men of College, learning respect for their school, their opponents, the game and, most importantly, themselves.

The U14D had wonderful players who ran well, dribbled the ball confidently and finished off nicely at the hoop. They were passionate and energetic players who worked well together under the sensible leadership of their two captains, S Ndlovu and M Chonco.

Regular players:

SE Ndlovu (captain), M Chonco (vice-captain), A Ndllela, B Mabaso, A Sclanders, J Barrett, ST Ndlovu and T Nuttall

Results:

First term

vs Westville 6-2, Crawford B 14-4

Fourth term

vs Westville 13-10, DHS 42-10, Northwood 10-22, Hilton 22-21, St Charles 34 -2

Mr C Chonco

U14E

This group of boys was such a pleasure to coach. They were a bit shaky at the start of the season, with some having little knowledge of the game, but in a short space of time they improved their skills in the basics and we kept playing fundamental basketball to build their confidence on the court. We managed to win all our fixtures in the first term and the boys' commitment and character really stood out.

During the fourth term the boys' standard of play was amazing. We lost one game against MCS and won the rest of the games during the season.

The highlight of this year was the game against Kearsney, where the boys fought with everything they had to win their last game. Despite the fact that almost every supporter on the stands was rooting for Kearsney (as it was an away game), the College team dug deep and managed to win the game by a mere point. They really played an exciting brand of basketball in both terms.

I am so proud of these young chaps. I wish them well as they move into the U15 age group.

Regular players:

C Curtis, H Jongisa, M Klapprodt, S Mngadi, M Mkhize, MB Madlala, L Mohapeloa, A Burton, J Burton, B Bullock, J Ogle, C Ndllela

Results:

First term

vs Westville 14-8, Kearsney 20-9, MCS 13-5

Fourth term

vs Westville 15-11, MCS 2-10, Northwood 11-10, Kearsney 8-6

Mr S Mabaso



A layup from 1st team stayer, M Spooner



1st team stayer, M Buthelezi



Canoeing

Back row: J Bense, N Cook, J Moller, R Finnie, R Ross, L Arnold, J van den Bergh, W Hodgkinson, B Raw, J Cumming
Second row: J Thring, K Rhodes, B Tarr, C During, G Hampson, C Adam, A Dick, T Ross, J Meyer, J Sharpe
Front row: C Ollerhead, S Little, D Evans (captain), Mr S Bosch (coach), B Lawson, S Arnold, J Goble
Absent: Mr B van der Walt (MIC), J Maher

The Maritzburg College Canoeing team has undergone some wonderful changes over the past ten months. The Parents committee organised an outstanding fundraiser, which injected some much needed funding into the canoeing budget. The money went toward purchasing ten brand-new Nelo Surf Skis. The purpose of this project was to introduce our boys to the ever-growing open ocean paddling discipline. The Old Boys climbed on board with the project and, with the help of Steel Co and Italia Engineering, a brand new trailer was built to transport the boats.

The boys have reaped the rewards of their efforts both on and off the water. Our new Surf Ski programme saw B Lawson win the KZN Junior Singles Surf Ski title at the King of the Bay. We had a large contingent of boys taking on the Dusi and Fish River Canoe Marathons, teaming up with friends and family, to share the adventure.

Some of our stand-out performances over the past year, have included our Canoe Polo boys, namely T Drummond, K Hardy and B Lawson, who represented South Africa at the African Champs in Knysna. K Rhodes came second overall at the inter-schools' Slalom event as an u16.

D Evans has excelled again this season and has posted some historic results. He finished seventh overall in the Dusi Canoe Marathon and in the process, smashed the Junior race record. To add to this, he finished fifth overall at the Drak Challenge.

Evans and his doubles partner, Hamish Mackenzie, secured themselves the Silver Medal at the World Marathon Championships in Shaoxing, China, making Evans one of the most successful Junior canoeists to come out of College, with three medals from three consecutive World Championships.

The Capitol Caterers Inter-Schools league hosted seven events across five different canoeing disciplines, namely: sprints, marathons, river racing, slalom and canoe polo. B Lawson took the overall victory in the individual standings and S Little finished third overall. College had seven boys finish in the Top 20 overall and as a team, College finished second behind Michaelhouse.

Mr B van der Walt



Top left: D Evans in action.
Top right: D Evans with MIC of canoeing Mr B van der Walt
Above: Negotiating the Ernie Pearce Weir, Pietermaritzburg in the 2019 Dusi Canoe Marathon



College warcry on the banks of the Msunduzi River



College canoeists at the Liebenbergvlei Canoe Marathon



The Old Collegians' flag inspirationally draped over the railings of the College Road bridge near the start of the Dusi Canoe Marathon

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1st XI

Back row: A Simelane, K Goedeke, R Klusener, R Akerman, S Mbatha, M King, D Bruyns
Front row: A Todd, C Fortmann, J van der Walt (captain), Mr K Nipper (coach), D Dyer (vice-captain), M Khumalo, T Elam
Absent: N Nsuntsha

Review by master-in-charge

In 2019 we had approximately 280 boys playing cricket at Maritzburg College. We fielded 26 teams which included six Open teams, four U16 teams, six U15 teams and eight U14 teams. Having such a large number of teams requires a dedicated staff and Maritzburg College is extremely lucky to have the support and backing of many wonderful coaches. The coaching staff was made up of full-time staff and external coaches.

Maritzburg College had a very good year with regards to cricket results - in non-staggered fixtures we had a win ratio of 91%, which dropped off to 82% when we included the staggered fixture results. There was also one occasion when we had a strength versus strength clean sweep of wins against our opposition in 2019. All our A teams did extremely well and achieved some exceptional results. Special mention should be made of our U16A team which went unbeaten, and the U15A which lost only one game during the year. All these teams were ranked well within the Top 10 teams in SA according to the SA Schools Ranking System.

The A teams participated in festivals during the Michaelmas holidays, which included another successfully hosted Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week, an U16 week in Durban, an U15 week at Grey High School (Port Elizabeth) and the U14s at Hilton College.

We had a number of boys rewarded for outstanding performances with selection to various provincial teams at the various National Cricket Weeks across the country. In addition to our provincial selections we also had one SA U19 selection in M Khumalo, who was selected to represent our country at the U19 World Cup to be hosted in South Africa in 2020.

The following boys were selected for provincial teams to take part in the inter-provincial tournaments in December 2019:

KZN Inland U19	J van der Walt, M Khumalo, S Mbatha, A Simelane, D Dyer (non-travelling reserve)
KZN Inland U17	R Klusener, M Ngcobo, M King (non-travelling reserve), K Goedeke (non-travelling reserve)
KZN Inland U15	M Ponter, S Mchunu
SA U19	M Khumalo
Kingsmead Mynahs	T Guise-Brown, M Laithwaite, S Delpert

The 1st XI sadly bade farewell to Mr K Nipper as he stepped back into his full time director role in the school, but we are excited to welcome the very experienced Mr R Coutts to the school and to the 1st XI coaching position. We wish Mr Coutts all the very best in his new role at Maritzburg College.

Our cricket season would not have been the success that it was without some important people doing great work behind the scenes. Sincere thanks to: Messrs Hackland and Veitch and the grounds staff for the immaculate wickets for boys to play on; Mrs Lawson for her lunches that everyone wants to come back for; Mr Luman for his constant support; and finally to Mr Swart and his team for making sure that everything ran smoothly in 2019.

Mr S Sinclair

1st XI

The 1st XI began their year with a two-day camp at school due to a very early start to the school year. With only a short time for preparation the team hit the ground running with a clinical performance against Westville.

The first term proved to be very fruitful for the 1st XI and they played some superb cricket in all aspects of the game to obtain some very pleasing results. Good wins in the first term against Westville, Hilton, Glenwood and Michaelhouse were a brilliant way to start the year.

The second half of the year began with a trip to St David's to play two two-day matches against St Stithians and St John's. This proved challenging for the 1st XI as their skills and stamina were tested to the limits. The boys came through this test with a better idea of where they were as cricketers and as a team. They then had one weekend fixture against Westville, which they won, before they participated in the sixtieth edition of the Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week. This was the toughest part of the year for the 1st XI. The team struggled to get going and found themselves on the back foot in the first two games of the week, with losses against PBHS and Grey College. A return to winning ways against St Alban's the following day was short-lived with another disappointing loss against Affies on the last day.

The fourth term began with a comfortable win against DHS and then a narrow 15-run loss against Northwood in what was a very entertaining game of cricket. This would prove to be the 1st XI's only weekend loss of the year. The team had a disappointing end to the year with weather interrupting the last two games of the season, which were not completed.

One of the major highlights of the year was the team's success in winning the School's Night league T20 competition, beating Hilton comprehensively in the final.

This year would not have been the success that it was without many people playing their part.

- Mrs Cora Tedder, our amazing scorer, was instrumental in the success of 2019 with all the statistics and wagon wheels on hand for every game. The whole College Cricket fraternity will sorely miss her as she retires. We thank you for everything that you have done, Cora!
- The assistance I have had throughout the year from Messrs Kevin Smith, Brandon Swart, Kyle Emerson, Shaun Sinclair and the two strength and conditioning men, Jason Greeff and 'KG' Shezi, have added immense value to the 1st XI and their work definitely did not go unnoticed. You all made my job that much easier and I thank you for that.
- Mr Dave Veitch and his team of ground staff who always prepared pitches and fields with great attention to detail. Everyone who gets to play on Goldstone's is extremely privileged.
- Mrs Heather Lawson and her kitchen team always prepared delicious food and looked after the boys, staff and parents. We are complimented on many occasions about our superb catering - Heather and her team are a wonderful part of our school.
- Our sports department, Mr Brandon Swart, Mrs Stacey Emerson and Ms Nolwazi Ngcobo, who always made sure that fixtures ran smoothly and we thank them for all of their assistance throughout the year.
- The parents of the 1st XI have given the team unwavering support and our year would not have been the same without them there every weekend, in full support of every member of the 1st XI. I thank you for letting me take your boys in and give them an opportunity to grow. I always felt that you were behind me one hundred percent. Thank you.
- Last but definitely not least, the boys. You have all grown immensely throughout the year and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the journey with you. There were many ups and downs but on a whole it was an extremely successful year for the 1st XI. You have not only grown as cricketers but as people, too. Thank you all for making this year a great success. You can all be very proud of your 2019 1st XI cricket team.

Mr K Nipper



M Khumalo doffs his cap after the SA U19 vs SA U19 Cubs match at the Pietermaritzburg Oval in December

Player critique:

R Akerman (Large White Badge): He added value to the 1st XI with his great energy in the field, hard hitting and tidy off-spin.

D Bruyns (Large White Badge): He was primarily a top order batsman but came into his own as a medium pacer with the ability to control the run rate.

D Dyer (vice-captain, Colours and Scarf, KZN Inland U19 non-travelling reserve): He was the epitome of a College boy with his 'never say die' attitude. He added immense value to the team in all facets of the game.

T Elam (Large White Badge): He played some great innings towards the end of the year as an opener. He was also a wicket-taking option with ball in hand.

C Fortmann (Large White Badge): He was mainly in the side for his control as an off-spinner, but played some of his best games opening the batting in the shorter formats.

K Goedeke (Large White Badge, KZN Inland U17 non-travelling reserve): He made his way back to cricket after injury and slotted right back in with his good ball striking and quality off-spin.

M Khumalo (Honours, SA U19): He missed a portion of the season due to injury but came back in full force to become the leading wicket taker and was duly rewarded with selection to the SA U19 World Cup squad.

M King (Large White Badge, KZN Inland U17 non-travelling reserve): He was new to the side and did not get too many opportunities to play, but when called upon his away swing bowling was very effective.

R Klusener (Colours, KZN Inland U17): He had a great start to the year, helping his team get across the line in quite a few games. He will be a valuable member of the 1st XI in 2020.

S Mbatha (Honours, KZN Inland U19): He was an important member of the seam attack in 2019. His pace and ability to run through the tail was of great value.

N Nsuntsha (Large White Badge): He brought great energy to the 1st XI. His commitment in the field and his control with ball in hand put pressure on the opposition.

A Simelane (KZN Inland U19): He was a superb addition to the team. His raw pace and clean ball striking made him a very valuable member of the team.

A Todd (Large White Badge): He was a quiet member of the side but a true competitor. A gritty opener who always gave his utmost for the team.

J van der Walt (captain, Honours, KZN Inland U19): van der Walt led the team from the front and played some sublime knocks with bat in hand. He was a talented and clean wicketkeeper behind the stumps, and an aggressive captain.

Match reports:

First Term

vs Westville Boys' High School (Goldstone's) (Limited to 50 overs)

The Maritzburg College 1st XI Cricket side opened the year well with a win at home against Westville.

After losing the toss and asked to bowl first, the College seamers started well, providing few scoring options, but a bad patch before tea allowed Westville into a commanding position of 109/2 after 25 overs. The reaction from the College boys after tea was brilliant and some tight bowling saw Westville bowled out in the 50th over for 209. Dyer was the chief destroyer with 4/31.

College's batting could not have got off to a worse start, losing Elam in the first over. Van der Walt and Todd then put on a decent 62-run partnership before van der Walt fell for a well-constructed 42. The run-outs of Dyer (15) and Todd (47) put College in a tricky position at 112/4.

Two Fifth Formers, Klusener and debutant, R Akerman, put on a mature 85-run partnership to take the game away from Westville. Unfortunately, both batters fell just before reaching the target, but College managed to get over the line reasonably comfortably, winning by 4 wickets with 4 overs to spare.

Westville	209 (Dyer 4/31, Mbatha 2/25)
College	210/6 (Klusener 66, Todd 47, Akerman 29)
	College won by 4 wickets

vs Hilton College (Goldstone's) (Limited to 50 overs)

Although the weather forced a reduction in overs, College had a great home win against Hilton.

After persistent rain throughout the morning with the ground staff having to work extremely hard to get a very wet outfield into a playable condition, the game started at 11:15 and became a 40-over fixture. Hilton won the toss and elected to bat. Although College struck early through opener Mbatha (2/36). Hilton managed to put together some partnerships through sensible batting, but the College bowlers kept things very tight and did not let the game get away from them. Hilton managed only 39 overs before the rain came down yet again, forcing an early lunch.

Hilton finished their innings on 182/5 after 39 overs with M Booth 53* and N Hatton 46.

College, needing 183 off 39 overs, got off to a terrible start losing opener Todd by way of a run-out. College captain, van der Walt, fell shortly afterwards leaving College in a bit of trouble at 17/2. Khumalo was next to go, retiring hurt after taking a delivery to the hand leaving College effectively at 33/3. Opener, Elam, then fell with the total on 51 after 13 overs.

Still needing 132 for victory, Dyer (67) and Klusener (61) put on a superb 114-run partnership to get College within touching distance of victory. Needing less than a run a ball in the last three overs, it became tighter and tighter. A couple of run-outs added into the mix then made the game extremely interesting. College, however, just scraped over the line with one ball to spare, ending what was an enthralling contest and a game which was a great advertisement for schoolboy cricket.

Hilton College	182/5 (Mbatha 2/36)
College	183/6 (Dyer 67, Klusener 61)
	College won by 4 wickets



During his muscular innings of 48 against Glenwood on Saturday 2 February, the College captain, J van der Walt, launched a huge 6 into the top of the College Road sight-screen

vs Glenwood High School (Goldstone's) (Limited to 50 overs)

Glenwood won the toss and chose to field. College got off to a slow start on what was a tricky wicket. Two quick wickets in the eighth over left College in a bit of trouble at 16/2. A small recovery from opener, Elam and the captain, van der Walt (photo above), propelled College to 38/3.

Dyer then joined his captain, and the pair put on 72 before both fell in the 40s. A few contributions from the middle to lower order managed to get College to a decent and defensible 185/9.

The Maritzburg College bowlers and fielders came out firing after lunch with the opening bowlers, Mbatha and Simelane, in devastating form, who had the Glenwood batters reeling at 32/5 after 10 overs.

The change bowlers kept the pressure on the Glenwood batsmen with two wickets apiece for spinners Fortmann and Elam and one for seamer, King. That combination saw the visitors bowled out for 71. Maritzburg College were clinical in their performance which gave them a resounding win by 114 runs.

College	185/9 (van der Walt 48, Dyer 44)
Glenwood	71 (Mbatha 3/26, Fortmann 2/9, Elam 2/14, Simelane 2/16)
	College won by 114 runs

vs Michaelhouse (Away) (Limited to 50 overs)

After yet another lost toss, College were asked to bowl on a very dry surface that would deteriorate throughout the day. The College bowlers bowled with great control and did not allow the Michaelhouse batsmen to score freely. With Michaelhouse at 56/2 at tea (25 overs), College were on top but a fightback from the Michaelhouse batsmen allowed them to achieve a reasonable total of 148/9 after their allotted 50 overs. The pick of the College bowlers was Akerman with 4/11.

Maritzburg College's chase got off to a reasonable start but two wickets in two balls put College under pressure at 18/2. Scoring became tough on a wicket that started to keep low and take prodigious turn. A couple of small partnerships looked like they would put College in a winning position but they ended in run-outs. College were in a very tough position at 87/5 when Goedeke joined Dyer (45*) at the crease. The pair batted with maturity and skill to put on 62 and take Maritzburg College over the line for a well-deserved 5-wicket win.

Michaelhouse	148/9 (Akerman 4/11, Dyer 2/18, Elam 2/40)
College	149/5 (Goedeke 32*, Dyer 45*)
	College won by 5 wickets

vs Northants Academy (Goldstone's) (Limited to 50 overs)

College took on the Northants Academy team from the United Kingdom in a game which was a great test of the boys' skills.

Captain van der Walt lost the toss, and the visitors decided to bat. After Simelane found the edge for a regulation catch behind the stumps, the boys had to toil hard for their wickets but some good batting and valuable partnerships got the visitors to a very respectable total of 256/4.

The chase got off to the worst possible start and College soon found themselves under pressure at 11/2. A few decent partnerships were built but as they started to gain some momentum, another wicket fell. The game was in the balance as bad light and lightning called an end to proceedings. With just 110 needed off 20 overs and the skipper poised on 76 not out, the game was moving towards an entertaining conclusion.

Northants Academy	256/4 (Bruyns 2/40)
College	146/6 (van der Walt 76*)
	Match drawn because of lightning

vs Hilton College – T20 (UKZN Oval)

College took on a strong Hilton side at the UKZN Oval, which saw the College boys come away with a well-deserved 27-run win. College won the toss and chose to bat first. Fortmann was the pick of the batsmen at the top of the order with some clean hitting getting him to a score of 41. There were some other valuable contributions in the 20s getting the team to a very respectable 132/5 in the allotted 20 overs.

The bowlers started brilliantly and gave nothing away. They bowled very tightly, were supported well by the fielders and kept the pressure on the Hilton batsmen. The pick of the bowlers was paceman Khumalo (2/16 in 4 overs) and King (1/5 in 3 overs).

College	132/5 (Fortmann 41)
Hilton	105/7 (Khumalo 2/16)
	College won by 27 runs

St David's Two-day Cricket Festival

The 1st XI travelled to Johannesburg to participate in the St David's Cricket Festival where they played two matches with the format being two-day games.

vs St Stithians College (2-day Match)

The first game was against St Stithians. After losing the toss and asked to bowl, the College bowlers found it tough going on a pitch that was great for batting. Saints ended their 65 overs on 308/4. The College boys came out to bat and did not start too well but a partnership between captain, van der Walt, and opener, Elam, saw them end the day on 138/2 with Elam on 74 and van der Walt on 44.

Day two saw the batsmen carry on from where they left off, scoring freely and with great control. After a partnership of 184 Elam fell for a well-played 87. This did not slow van der Walt as he kept scoring with ease and reached a century. He ended his innings on a superb 150, retiring hurt due to a back strain.

Other contributors to the innings were Klusener (53*not out) and Fortmann (23*not out). College took a 44 run lead, declaring on 352/4. Saints came out to bat with their only intention to bat out the day, which they did, getting to 235/3 with King being the pick of the bowlers (2/18). The match ended in a draw.

St Stithians	1st innings	308/4 declared
College	1st innings	352/4 declared (van der Walt 150*, Elam 87, Klusener 53*)
St Stithians	2nd innings	235/3
		Match drawn

vs St John's College (2-day Match)

The second game of the festival saw Maritzburg College take on a strong St John's team. After winning the toss and inserting the opposition on a sticky wicket, the College bowlers did not hit their lines and lengths and went unrewarded. The wicket got better and better as the day went on and a combination of average bowling and some brilliant batting allowed St John's to post a mammoth 424/6 after their 70 overs.

College aimed at a similar performance with the bat on what was now a good wicket. Opener Todd was in great touch and got to the end of day one on 58 with the score on 117/3. The second day of this match started poorly with College losing two early wickets. Wickets then fell regularly. Too many batsmen got starts but did not kick on to get that big score. College were bowled out for 273, a deficit of 151.

St John's chose to enforce the follow on which proved the correct decision with the College boys losing wickets at regular intervals and reeling at 15/4. Todd, Dyer and Klusener made good contributions, but College went to tea on 100/7, still 51 behind and an hour of play to survive. Todd (31), who had played with exceptional maturity, was very unlucky to get out just after tea.

Fortmann and Khumalo then set out to bat for just under an hour and did a great job until Khumalo skied one and was out. This left the youngster, Simelane, with the big job of sticking it out for 15 minutes with senior partner, Fortmann. Everyone was on the edge of their seats as Fortmann (27*not out) managed to see out the last over of the day to earn a draw.

St John's	424/6 declared (Dyer 3/83)
College	1st innings 273 all out (Todd 58, Klusener 50, Dyer 49)
College	2nd innings 152/9
	Match drawn



Michaelmas Week: A Todd takes evasive action



C Fortmann batting in the Michaelmas match against PBHS



T Elam bowling during the T20 game vs St Charles on the UKZN oval

vs St Charles College – T20 (UKZN Oval)

College lost the toss and were asked to bowl in their second group game of the competition, and got off to a relatively good start. A few chances taken by the St Charles batsmen paid off and they recovered to put themselves in charge. A flurry of wickets slowed the innings somewhat but St Charles still managed to post a well-over-par 156/7.

College's innings got off to the worst possible start losing a wicket in the first over. The innings never gained traction and College lost wickets at regular intervals, and ultimately succumbed to a hefty 77-run defeat.

St Charles	156/7 (Elam 4/24) (photo below left)
College	79/9 College lost by 77 runs

vs Westville Boys' High School (Away) (Limited to 50 overs)

Maritzburg College won the toss and elected to bowl on an overcast day. Westville got off to a decent start without getting too far ahead of the game. Pacemen Khumalo and Nsuntsha achieved two crucial breakthroughs before a 90-run stand got Westville back on top. The College spinners, Akerman and Fortmann, and seamer, Dyer, then controlled the rate to put College in a commanding position before Khumalo (3/28) cleaned up the tail, reducing Westville to a respectable 217 all-out in the final over.

College were immediately under pressure, losing two early wickets at 17/2. A few valuable partnerships kept College up with the rate but as they looked to be getting ahead, they lost crucial wickets. At 123/5, Westville looked to be on top but a 94-run stand between Elam and Bruyns got College to the line. Unfortunately, Bruyns fell with just one run required. College managed to get over the line and win by four wickets against a strong Westville line-up.

Westville	217 (Khumalo 3/28, Dyer 2/33, Akerman 2/37)
College	218/6 (Elam 89*, Bruyns 44) College won by 4 wickets



Fast bowler, A Simelane, charges in from the College Road end

Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week

vs Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS) (Goldstone's) (Limited to 50 overs)

College lost the toss and were asked to bat on a tough, sticky wicket on Goldstone's. The batsmen found scoring extremely difficult and they never really got going.

College were in serious trouble at 40/6 but recovered somewhat to reach 130. College would rue the fact that they were bowled out with 10 overs still to bat.

The target of 131 for victory was always going to be a tough ask for the bowlers to defend on a wicket that had improved for batting. They fought hard and did their utmost to get on the right side of the result but unfortunately, there just were not enough runs to defend.

College	130 (Bruyns 36, Fortmann 34)
PBHS	131/5 (Khumalo 2/17) College lost by 5 wickets

vs Grey College (Goldstone's) (Limited to 50 overs)

College won the toss and elected to bowl. They were rewarded almost instantly when Khumalo got the opening breakthrough in the third over. Their joy was, however, short-lived as some poor bowling coupled with some good batting put Grey in a commanding position.

College just did not find the right areas in which to bowl and were duly punished. Grey's total of 256/5 was going to be very difficult to chase.

A wicket in the first over was the start that College did not need. Wickets kept falling as the chase never got going. College eventually fell 169 runs short, being completely outplayed by their Bloemfontein counterparts.

Grey	256/5 (Khumalo 4/46)
College	87 College lost by 169 runs

vs St Alban's College (Goldstone's) (Limited to 50 overs)

College won the toss and elected to bowl against St Alban's. Khumalo got College off to the perfect start with an LBW in the first over of the game.

The seamers bowled with great control and were rewarded for their consistency. College had St Alban's in all sorts of trouble at 52/6 but then just could not put the finishing touches to the innings. The St Alban's tail eventually saw them to a total of 151 all out.

The chase then got off to the required start, with openers, Todd and Delpport, moving the score past 50. The loss of two wickets in the space of two overs made things a bit interesting, but captain van der Walt, along with Delpport, steadied the ship to steer College home by 8 wickets.

St Alban's	151 (Mbatha 3/22, Simelane 3/26, Khumalo 2/29)
College	152/2 (Delpport 67*, van der Walt 51*) College won by 8 wickets

vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies) (Goldstone's) (Limited to 50 overs)

College once again won the toss and elected to bowl. The seamers again did their bit to put the opposition on the back foot from the start. Some superb pace bowling had Affies in all sorts of trouble at 37/5. A few small partnerships got the Affies innings going but the bowlers kept up the pressure and found ways to get wickets.

College had Affies against the ropes at 124/9 but let their foot off the gas and allowed a 79-run partnership at the end of the innings to see them to a respectable 203 all out.

College's chase started steadily without much damage upfront. Opener Todd and captain van der Walt saw College into a decent position of 80/2 at tea.

The loss of Todd and Dyer in two consecutive balls immediately after tea put College into a tricky situation. Four run-outs towards the end of the innings were the determining factor in College's loss by a disappointing 6 runs.

Affies	203 all out (Khumalo 5/36, Simelane 3/28)
College	197 all out (van der Walt 63) College lost by 6 runs



Not only did paceman, M Khumalo, dominate the bowling during Michaelmas Week, but his skills with the ball during 2019 saw him called up to the South African U19 side to play in the SA-hosted U19 World Cup in early 2020. Above, he bowls in the SA U19 match beating the SA U19 Cubs at the Pietermaritzburg Oval on Saturday 21 December

vs Michaelhouse – T20 (UKZN Oval)

College went into their final fixture of the Night Series competition knowing exactly what was required in order to reach the final. Michaelhouse won the toss and chose to bat first. College bowled extremely tightly and gave nothing away. After the allotted 20 overs, Michaelhouse had managed a total of only 99/5. The College innings did not get off to the greatest of starts but a mature partnership between the captain and vice-captain steered the ship home for a convincing 7-wicket victory and qualification for the final.

Michaelhouse	99/5 (Goedeke 2/10)
College	101/3 (van der Walt 42*, Dyer 37*) College won by 7 wickets

vs Durban High School (DHS) (Away) (Limited to 50 overs)

On a slightly overcast morning College lost the toss and were sent in to bat first. DHS grabbed two early wickets to have College in a spot of bother at 10/2. Opener Elam and captain van der Walt steadied the innings with a partnership of 90. At 120/4 at tea, College went about their innings with control before accelerating towards the back end. Klusener and Goedeke shared a 100-run stand and put College in a commanding position at the halfway stage, making 273 for 8 in the allotted 50 overs.

DHS started their innings off relatively well punishing anything loose from the College bowlers. Two wickets in the first spell from paceman Khumalo put College on the front foot, leaving DHS 43/2. A 52-run stand then got DHS back into the game but the College bowlers managed to control the run rate even though they did not get wickets. A good caught-and-bowled from off-spinner Fortmann was just reward for some very tight bowling. DHS went into the tea break at 95/3. The bowling that followed tea was brilliant. Khumalo came back into the attack and bowled with pace and control, suitably backed up by Fortmann and Simelane. Khumalo finished off a superb spell of bowling with a well-deserved 5/27. College bowled DHS out for 143, and won by 130 runs.

College	273/8 (Goedeke 63, van der Walt 60, Klusener 54*)
DHS	143 all out (Khumalo 5/27) College won by 130 runs

vs Hilton College – T20 Final (UKZN Oval)

Hilton won the toss and opted to bat in the final. The College bowlers did not give too much away up front and kept the pressure on the batters. A couple of fortunate missed hits as well as some fine stroke play from the batsmen got the innings to a decent 144/6. All the bowlers chipped in and did their part to restrict the total to a decent score. College's innings started off relatively slowly losing opener Bruyns early on. Fortmann struck the ball cleanly to get College back on top and with three decent partnerships. College managed to be steered over the line once again by captain and vice-captain. This was a stunning 7-wicket victory for the College boys.

Hilton	144/6 (Simelane 2/16)
College	146/3 (Fortmann 38, van der Walt 32*, Dyer 30*) College won by 7 wickets

vs Northwood School (Away) (Limited to 50 overs)

College lost the toss and were asked to bowl first. The Northwood opening pair showed intent from the start which paid off. A good opening stand followed by an equally good second-wicket stand saw the College team put under pressure. College then made a fightback, controlling the rate of scoring with some tight bowling. Towards the end of the innings the Northwood batters managed to hit a few boundaries and post a well-over-par 260 after their 50 overs. The College boys would rue all the dropped chances in the field.

The College team set out to chase a tough target and did so admirably. Todd, at the top of the order, made a well-played 60. Klusener, Simelane and van der Walt all chipped in but ultimately fell 15 runs short in what was a very entertaining game.

Northwood	260 (Simelane 3/47, Khumalo 3/51, Bruyns 2/17)
College	245 (Todd 60, Klusener 51, Simelane 39, van der Walt 39) College lost by 15 runs

vs Hilton College (Away) (Limited to 50 overs)

College lost the toss and were asked to bowl first. On a good wicket, Hilton got off to a quick start in the first few overs. The College bowlers pulled it back nicely and Khumalo's efforts were rewarded with the first wicket of the game. The game then ebbed and flowed and a superb catch by Dyer off the bowling of Khumalo left Hilton 107/2 at tea. The Hilton boys batted well, mainly due to a century from a former College pupil, S van Staden. Hilton looked like they would get to a total of 270 plus, but Khumalo in his return spell cleaned up the tail to bowl them out for 242.

College's chase got off to a relatively slow start when they did not lose any wickets. Opener, Elam, then fell to a short ball and College were 33/1 after 12 overs before a storm rolled in and the teams left the field because of lightning. The match was duly abandoned with no result.

Hilton	242 all out (Khumalo 5/42)
College	33/1 No result

vs St Charles College (Goldstone's) (Limited to 50 overs)

The Maritzburg College 1st XI played their last full fixture when they took on local rivals, St Charles, at home. College lost the toss and were asked to bowl first. College dominated the start of the game through some brilliant fast bowling from openers Khumalo and Simelane, reducing St Charles to 19/3. St Charles made a recovery through a superb partnership of close to 150 before a one-handed, diving Goedeke catch brought the breakthrough. At 166/4 St Charles were in a commanding position but the College bowlers pegged things back and bowled with great control to dismiss the visitors for 205.

The College chase got off to a good start with openers Elam and Todd scoring quickly and freely, getting College to 71 without loss before Elam was out. A few small partnerships got College into a strong position at 139/4. Needing just 67 runs off 14 overs rain interrupted the game and brought it to an early end.

St Charles	205 (Mbatha 3/24, Bruyns 2/18, Khumalo 2/19)
College	139/4 No result

Mr K Nipper

Photo left: D Dyer flicks the ball off his pads for 4 in the game against St Charles on Goldstone's – 26 October

First XI Statistics – BATTING

Name	Matches	Innings	Not out	50s	100s	Highest score	Total	Average
R Akerman	17	15	1	0	0	45*	166	11.9
D Bruyns	14	15	0	0	0	44	204	13.6
D Dyer	23	22	4	1	0	67*	511	28.4
T Elam	23	21	1	2	0	89*	391	19.6
C Fortmann	23	20	7	0	0	41*	313	24.1
K Goedeke	11	7	1	1	0	63*	112	18.7
M Khumalo	18	11	4	0	0	14*	82	11.7
M King	9	2	1	0	0	0*	0	0.0
R Klusener	23	22	4	6	0	66*	527	29.3
S Mbatha	23	9	5	0	0	7*	19	4.8
N Nsuntsha	8	1	1	0	0	2*	2	-
A Simelane	20	13	5	0	0	39*	104	13.0
A Todd	22	20	2	2	0	60*	373	20.7
J van der Walt	23	23	6	4	1	154*	818	48.1

First XI Statistics – BOWLING

Name	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Runs/over	Balls/wicket	Best bowling
R Akerman	17	28.3		139	7	19.9	4.9	24.4	4/11
D Bruyns	14	34		146	7	20.9	4.3	20.86	2/17
D Dyer	23	126.4		575	19	30.3	4.5	40.0	4/31
T Elam	23	67		395	12	32.9	5.9	33.5	4/24
C Fortmann	23	173		755	23	32.8	4.4	45.3	3/22
K Goedeke	11	49		288	7	41.1	5.9	42.0	2/10
M Khumalo	18	157.2		623	39	16.0	4.0	24.2	5/27
M King	9	37		184	9	20.4	5.0	24.3	2/27
R Klusener	23	10		71	0	-	7.1	0.0	-
S Mbatha	23	124.4		643	21	30.6	5.2	35.0	3/22
N Nsuntsha	8	27		106	2	53.0	3.9	81.0	1/23
A Simelane	20	125.3		589	22	26.8	4.7	34.2	3/26



The 1st XI congratulates M Khumalo on another wicket during the Oppenheimer Michaelmas Week game against PBHS on 21 September. Second from the left, D Dyer, vice-captain, looks good in his 50-match cap which he received just before the game



D Bruyns batting for the 1st XI vs PBHS during Michaelmas Week



At the 1st XI Cricket Dinner



Closest to the camera, J van der Walt and R Klusener check on the next St Charles batsman at the UKZN oval during the KZN Inland Quadrangular day/night T20 game

2nd XI

The 2019 season was in the main a very successful season with the side losing only one match the entire year and with a number of no results due to inclement weather. This could be attributed to the camaraderie that slowly had developed over the course of a number of seasons by a core grouping of players, which helped tremendously. Yet again, the secret for a successful season was a good blend between grizzled veterans and fresh faced youngsters, all held together by a very capable captain, Z Saayman.

A number of fine results and individual performances were achieved in the first term. The match against Westville was a pleasing one, with good batting and bowling performances securing an excellent win. Against Glenwood, Saayman and D Bruyns put on 125 runs for the third wicket, with Saayman scoring a thoroughly deserved century. The innings was made more remarkable by the way he dominated the Glenwood bowlers and fielders with a nonchalance that belied his years.

The third term once again brought a raft of changes as the annual amalgamation with the U16 age group occurred, bringing a fresh energy to the side. Against Glenwood, M Ngcobo came to the crease relatively late in the innings but he made up for lost time by simply annihilating the Glenwood attack and scoring a fine attacking century, eventually scoring 128 runs. Glenwood again could not match the College side and fell short in their run chase. Westville was up next but College lost the toss and were set a target which proved unattainable. The College batsmen dominated in the DHS match, posting a tremendous 329 runs in their 50 overs with S Delport, T Guise-Brown and C McKean up amongst the runs, all scoring very fine half centuries. College recorded a 229 run win. Northwood was up next and they were undone by a rampant display of legspin bowling by M Laithwaite who ended with figures of 5/21 in his allotted ten overs. Northwood set a target of 122 runs and College quickly chased this down to record a comfortable 8 wicket win. The remaining matches, against Hilton, St Charles and Clifton, were all rain affected, which put paid to the 2019 cricket season. There were a number of fine performances, however, in those three matches. The most memorable was T Cloete's undefeated 129 runs against Hilton - a superb innings and one that he will never forget.

The side was superbly led by Z Saayman. He actively looked to outsmart the opposition in ways not usually found at schoolboy level. He was an excellent batsman who was rarely flustered at the crease



A determined R Akerman (22 runs, and 3/19) strikes out for the boundary while playing in a late-2019 2nd XI match against DHS

and was extremely proficient with the ball. I am extremely grateful to him and the way he led the team this year.

My thanks go to Mr C Nevay for his invaluable service and assistance during the course of the year. Mr Nevay brought a level of technical expertise which the boys lapped up and he also contributed immensely to the camaraderie that developed in the team. Finally, I must also thank the parents for their tireless support throughout the year, which was greatly appreciated by the team.

Regular players:

Z Saayman (captain), T Cloete, N Nshuntsha, B Gumbi, S Zunckel, R Akerman, D Bruyns, H Askew, J McCabe, J Maher, M King, M Zunckel, K Tullis, J Maher, S Delport, T Guise-Brown, M Ngcobo, C McKean, M Laithwaite

Results:

- vs Westville: won by 53 runs (Bruyns 61, Goedeke 55, Saayman 4/35, Bruyns 3/23)
- vs Glenwood: won by 46 runs (Saayman 106*, Bruyns 92, Zunckel 3/38)
- vs Michaelhouse: won by 48 runs (Pio 37, Saayman 3/23)
- vs Kearsney: match abandoned (Saayman 38)
- vs Glenwood: won by 75 runs (Ngcobo 128, Saayman 60, McKean 32, Laithwaite 3/23)
- vs Westville: lost by 83 runs (Delport 51)
- vs DHS: won by 229 runs (Delport 52, Guise-Brown 79, McKean 84, Akerman 3/19)
- vs Northwood: won by 8 wickets (Laithwaite 5/21, Delport 30, Akerman 31*)
- vs Hilton: match abandoned (Cloete 129*, Hibbert 40)
- vs St Charles: match abandoned (King 3/21, Laithwaite 3/38, Delport 33)
- vs Clifton (T20): match abandoned (Brokenshaw 52, Hibbert 56*, Walden 35, Mitchell 2/24)

3rd XI

The 3rd XI enjoyed a successful year, brought by the quiet confidence the boys had every time they stepped onto the field. Coaching this side proved to be a simple task as the boys were always motivated and ready for every game. Owing to this, many of the boys ended up playing for the 2nd XI at some point in the season, some on a permanent basis. The side was captained by G Pio who later on passed the reins to R Brokensha, both boys demonstrating a good understanding of the game and sound decision making.

The fourth term saw the open age group amalgamating with the U16s and this elevated the boys' performances as competition increased. This led to headaches for me and my co-coach, Mr Reed, but these were welcome as there was so much quality to choose from. In the end College cricket was the winner and an unbeaten year is testament to this. My thanks go to the parents for their continued support.

Regular players:

R Brokensha (captain), G Pio (captain), C Mitchell, C Stubbs, O Beauclerk, J Engelbrecht, N Msomi, M Zunckel, J Keith, H Askew, T Francis, K Gace, L Gasa, J Walden, C Hibbert, T van Aardt, B Emms, J McCabe

Results:

- vs Westville: won by 207 runs (Beauclerk 4/21 - including a hat-trick)
- vs Glenwood: won by 272 runs (Brokensha 72, Pio 62)
- vs Michaelhouse: won by 34 runs (Brokensha 4/42)
- vs Sweetwaters HUB: won by 8 wickets
- vs Westville: won by 30 runs
- vs St Charles: won by 6 wickets (Gace 61*)
- vs Weston 1st: won by 313 runs (Brokensha 156, Hibbert 114, Beauclerk 5/20)
- vs Westville: won by 5 wickets
- vs Hilton: won by 10 wickets
- vs Westville: won by 5 wickets

Mr R Chirengende



Second XI S Delport (52) vs DHS



Mr T Orchard

A textbook cover drive from Second XI, T Guise-Brown (79) vs DHS

4th XI

The year saw great enthusiasm for cricket in the open age group at College. The 'Fiery 4ths' had a lot of fun on the field and it was wonderful to witness a group of young men enjoying the game as they did. At times selection was rather difficult – in terms of who to leave out. There were many players playing in the 5th and even 6th teams with the skills necessary to play higher up.

Our results were very good, with the team remaining unbeaten in the first and fourth terms, though we had to pull some games out of the hat, that appeared all but lost.

At the beginning of the year we played a 3-way game, with three teams each bowling and facing 20 overs, 10 against each of the other opponents. While this gave more teams and players an opportunity, it also stifled the competitive nature of the game a bit and did not prove too popular amongst the players.

My policy on game day was that it was up to the players. The captain controlled bowling changes, field settings and batting order and I would not coach while umpiring. This gave the players the freedom to play their natural games and develop problem-solving, leadership, conflict resolution and decision-making skills while enjoying a game of cricket. It was a pleasure to coach these young men. The support and enthusiasm from the players, parents and even grandparents was remarkable, with some parents even forgoing watching World Cup Rugby to be on the side of the cricket field!

Astutely lead by M Downs, J Muggleton, M Smith and P Elliot at different times of the season, the players always stood up to challenges and did their best, whether digging in and taking 20 balls to score a first run, getting on and scoring 71 runs off just 54 balls, bowling leg spin at big hitting batsmen to claim 5 wickets, or sticking to a conservative line and length to restrict the opposition scoring.

Regular players:

J Beauclerk, M Downs, P Elliot, J Engelbrecht, D Ferrar, G Gace, D Haasbroek, M Hlatshwayo, A Ismail, D Jonker, L Kunene, J Muggleton, C Nandh, S Ngwenya, C Pascoe, H Rousseau, M Smith, J Sparks, R Swift, M Veenstra, R Wilken, J Wilson, S Wilson

Results:

First term

Westville 4th & College 5h:

College Fourths scored highest of the three teams (Muggleton 48)

Glenwood: won by 4 wickets (Elliot 3/18)

Michaelhouse: won by 6 wickets (Nandh 3/18)

Kearsney 3rd: match drawn (Elliot 3/24 and 43)

Third and Fourth terms

Glenwood: won by 4 wickets (Pascoe 4/28)

Westville: won by 3 wickets (J Wilson 5/23)

DHS 3rd: won by 9 wickets (J Wilson 3/15, Pascoe 3/14, Gace 62)

Northwood 3rd: won by 4 wickets (J Wilson 35)

Voortrekker 1st: won by 66 runs (Sparks 55, Engelbrecht 5/18)

St Charles: won by 4 wickets (Beauclerk 3/21, Engelbrecht 71)

Mr R Paterson

5th XI

The season started off with the usual excitement, with many boys turning up for practice. It was apparent from the beginning that the boys were enjoying their cricket. There was strong competition for places for the scheduled fixtures. The boys displayed good discipline and team spirit was always high. Overall, the team did very well winning four and losing only one of their matches. The boys really rose to the occasion and showed great enthusiasm and enjoyment of the T20 format.

M Hlatshwayo, as captain, led the team well with some great field setting and bowling choices. It was good to see mature batting at this level resulting in some high scores for the opposition to chase. A Ismail displayed great maturity in scoring unbeaten half centuries in a row. Many of our bowlers troubled the opposition with excellent line and length restricting the opposition in most cases from hauling in the runs.

I extend my sincere thanks to the boys for their commitment and enthusiasm to all practice sessions and matches. They did well to post the results below.

Regular players:

M Hlatshwayo (captain), T Conolly, S du Plessis, G Emberton, D Ferrar, J Haasbroek, A Ismail, D Jonker, P Laurens, G Nel, W Shange, M Swift

Results:

vs Glenwood: won by 73 runs (Ryan 64*)

vs Michaelhouse: won by 1 run

vs Glenwood: won by 9 wickets (Ismail 51*)

vs Westville: won by 8 wickets

vs Kearsney 4th: lost by 6 wickets

vs DHS: won by 9 wickets

vs Northwood 4th: won by 8 wickets

vs Westville: won by 4 wickets

vs Hilton 4th: lost by 23 runs

vs St Charles: won by 5 wickets

Mr M Zuma

6th XI

It was a pleasure and privilege to coach these young men in a game they enjoyed playing. The 6th XI had a successful 2019 season winning all their games in the third and fourth terms. The boys enjoyed the 20 over format and the pressure that came with it. They played very entertaining cricket, whether they batted or bowled first. There was good competition amongst the boys as every weekend there was someone different who would give an outstanding performance.

Regular players:

N Allen (captain), J McClarty, B Thompson, A Unsworth, L Sithole, A Veitch, I Maharaj, A Chowdhury, G Freemantle, R Dobeyn, T Rasmussen

Results:

vs Hillcrest 2nd: won by 165 runs (Engelbrecht 109 and 6/30)

vs Northwood 5th: won by 9 wickets (Sithole 6/6 with a hat-trick)

vs Hilton 5th: won by 10 wickets (du Plessis 5/6)

vs St Charles: won by 81 runs (Schultz 70*, du Plessis 4/13)

vs St Charles 5th: lost by 7 wickets

Mr C Musasiwa



U16A

Back row: C McKean, J Walden, B Hlatshwayo
Middle row: S Wilson, L Gasa, J Wilson, T Guise-Brown
Front Row: K Gace, M Ngcobo (captain), Mr M Reed (coach), C Hibbert (vice-captain), M Laithwaite
Absent: S Delport

With only one term of U16 cricket owing to the combining of the age groups in the fourth term and a number of rained out fixtures, the U16A side managed to play only four games this season. They acquitted themselves well and managed to make it four straight wins in fairly convincing fashion.

The hard work and commitment put into practice paid dividends as individuals made valuable contributions to the success of the team. The side was captained by M Ngcobo, who was able to get the best out of the team.

Our bowling attack worked very well in partnerships and managed to restrict all sides to less than 150 runs. M Laithwaite made a number of telling contributions with the ball, but the entire bowling department is complimented on their consistent contributions, backed up by excellent fielding. The batting line-up made short work of any total set by the opposition.

It was an absolute pleasure to work with this talented group of boys, albeit it for only a short period of time. Parents are also commended for their unwavering support of their sons and the school.

Regular players:

M Ngcobo (captain), C Hibbert (vice-captain), C McKean, J Walden, B Hlatshwayo, S Wilson, L Gasa, J Wilson, T Guise-Brown, K Gace, M Laithwaite, S Delport

Results:

vs Westville won by 6 wickets (Walden 51*, Hlatshwayo 4/3)

vs Glenwood won by 6 runs (Laithwaite 4/26)

vs Michaelhouse won by 3 wickets (Delport 95, Ngcobo 62)

vs Kearsney won by 6 wickets (Gasa 3/19, Laithwaite 3/5)

Mr M Reed

U16B

The U16B cricket team had a very short, but fun-filled season. The boys, as always, showed a lot of determination and perseverance. Practices were always well attended and the boys displayed the same intensity during these practices, as they did on match day.

The first game of the season was against a strong Westville side. We made things difficult for ourselves and eventually lost by a mere 8 runs. Wins followed in our other three fixtures. The Michaelhouse match required a fine bowling performance from A Mthlane.

R Swift, the captain of the team, always led by example and communicated well with his team, ensuring good field placements. It must be said that it is very difficult to single out any player, as they really played together as a team, celebrating as one with every wicket taken, or every boundary hit. The boys were always well mannered and gave a good display of what it means to be a College cricketer. I wish them well in their future cricketing endeavours, and know they will make College proud wherever they play.

Regular players:

R Swift (captain), J Haasbroek, D Ferrar, A Mthlane, B Hlatshwayo, C Pascoe, T Conolly, J Sparks, J Wilson, S Wilson, S du Plessis

Results:

vs Westville: lost by 8 runs (Swift 3/29)

vs Glenwood: won by 128 runs (Haasbroek 62, Conolly 60)

vs Michaelhouse: won by 6 runs (Mthlane 6/22)

vs Kearsney: won by 9 wickets (Ferrar 44*, Swift 3/41)

Mr N Duvenage

U16C

As College is fortunate to have a far greater depth in the cricket fraternity than most schools, we did not seem to have many options in the way of opposition. We had to meet Westville twice in the short term. We did get a game against the Sweetwaters HUB Invitational side, which is always interesting because the boys get to play against players of different abilities and skills, not to mention ages, all in the same side. Playing against the HUB did create a strong sense of gratitude for opportunities and equipment that we may sometimes take for granted.

I would like to make special mention of a few players, namely J du Plessis, our excellent captain, who confidently led by example with the bat, and provided some sneaky spin bowling as well. L Verbiest, despite having a somewhat faulty shoulder from a dislocation in another sporting code, gave all he could, both on the field when he could manage it and from the boundary when he was in too much discomfort to play. R Dobeyn, a silent assassin, was a regular wicket taker and very economical with the ball. The calibre of fielding in this side was of particular merit, with our achieving seven catches and a run out against Westville. And in the same game Dobeyn took 5 for 28. It was a very pleasurable and successful season in which the team managed a high standard of cricket.

Regular players:

J du Plessis (*captain*), A Ismail, A Veitch, L Biyela, C Schultz, E March, E Walsh, K Govender, R Dobeyn, S Strydom, T Zondi, T Brown, L Verbiest

Results:

- vs Westville: *lost by 73 runs (Lalor 46)*
- vs Westville: *lost by 1 wicket (Dobeyn 5/28)*
- vs Northwood: *won by 10 wickets (du Plessis 3/10)*
- vs HUB: *won by 7 wickets (Dobeyn 3/3)*

Mr R Barbour



1st XI Sixth Formers, A Todd, M Khumalo, C Fortmann, J van der Walt, T Elam and D Dyer at lunch during their last cricket match for College

U16D

The U16D played some exceptional cricket but had some tough loses against higher teams. During the first term they played a few games with some of these being cancelled. The boys showed great enthusiasm at practices and in all the games, irrespective of the result. The spirit in which they played is commended. The U16D team of 2019 was a wonderful group to work with and the boys were true ambassadors for Maritzburg College.

Regular players:

A Dlongolo, L Serafim, S Makhathini, J Pakkari, N Mkulise, A Chowdhury, L Dayimani, T Brown, S Shange, J Laurens, I Moosa

Results:

- vs Glenwood: *won by 6 wickets*
- vs St Charles U16C: *lost by 123 runs*
- vs Alex 1st: *lost by 10 wickets*

Mr C Musasiwa



Off to lunch: M Khumalo, A Simelane, S Mbatha



U15A

Back row: O Currie, S Mchunu, A Woolridge, L Prinsloo, M Ponter, C Hohls, P Jacobs
Front row: R Graham, F Worthy, Mr R Kyle (coach), J van Zyl, Mr S Sinclair (coach), G Delpont, A Bharath

The U15A cricket side in 2019 was an exceptional team. It was composed of different personalities and abilities. What made this team brilliant was the work ethic shown by a group of fifteen-year-old boys. The season started really well for us with a big win over a very talented Westville team. The boys just continued to get better and better as the term went on. There was very tight bowling from the front from C Hohls and R Graham, followed by constant pressure from the other seamers, A Bharath, M Ponter, A Woolridge and, in the fourth term, L Jacobs. The vibe on the field was constantly good, led by B Delpont, J van Zyl, F Worthy and S Mchunu. Opposition teams knew from the outset that they were in for a hard fight from ball one; they were often three or four wickets down for not many runs and our bowlers rarely conceded more than 35 runs in the first ten overs. Our spin attack was also a very talented one with Mchunu and van Zyl showing their quality week in and week out. Worthy and Jacobs were a power opening batting combination, with quality batsmen after them in Delpont, van Zyl, Currie, Ponter and Woolridge. The fielding was electric as all the boys were fit and switched on.

The boys prided themselves on their fitness and it played a key role in their success. This team also flew the College flag high. I am a great believer in playing cricket as hard as you can, but always being friendly towards the opposition team. The boys adopted this approach and took to it very well. Discipline was also one of the strongest aspects of the U15A cricket side.

Our tour to Port Elizabeth was disappointing, cricket-wise, as we only managed to finish two games. We had a convincing win against SACS, when L Prinsloo hit one of the biggest schoolboy sixes I have ever seen. We then drew with Affies, where the game was in the balance. On day three, we lost our only game of the year against a very strong and talented Rondebosch team that punished our mistakes. The final game against Grey High school was also rained off but first we were treated to a power hitting master class by Currie who hit some big sixes into a Port Elizabeth wind.

I am confident that the boys have learned many of the life lessons that cricket teaches and that the game has taught them to become dependable individuals. It is a team that I will always look back on fondly and I will follow the boys' progress on and off the field with great interest.

Regular players:

O Currie, S Mchunu, A Woolridge, L Prinsloo, M Ponter, C Hohls, P Jacobs, R Graham, F Worthy, J van Zyl, G Delpont, A Bharath

Results:

First term

- vs Westville: *won by 22 runs (van Zyl 85, Mchunu 43 and 4/32)*
- vs Glenwood: *won by 245 runs (Delpont 126*, Worthy 75)*
- vs Michaelhouse: *won by 5 wickets (Delpont 41*)*
- vs Kearsney: *won by 9 wickets (Graham 4/11)*

Third term

- vs Glenwood: *won by 44 runs (van Zyl 114 and 4/38, Bharath 4/15)*
- vs Westville: *won by 108 runs (van Zyl 64)*

Grey High School Festival

- vs SACS: *won by 3 wickets (Mchunu 3/25, van Zyl 3/39 and 68, Woolridge 63)*
- vs Affies: *match abandoned*
- vs Rondebosch: *lost by 139 runs (Woolridge 5/45)*
- vs Grey PE: *match abandoned*

Fourth term

- vs DHS: *won by 9 wickets*
- vs Northwood: *won by 85 runs (Currie 105, Woolridge 92 and 3/22, van Zyl 61)*
- vs Hilton: *match abandoned (Jacobs 44)*
- vs Helpmekaar: *won by 154 runs (van Zyl 74, Goncalves 69, Currie 52)*
- vs St Charles: *match abandoned (Jacobs 58*)*

Mr R Kyle

U15B

What a pleasure it was to manage and coach a group of boys who loved this game so much. The team 'clicked' right from the beginning due, mostly, to the fact that they had played as a group before. A bond was formed and the coaches were honoured to be included in this. When a team is united and spirits are high and they are fuelled by each other's encouragement, anything is possible.

In our case it was an unbeaten season, with some wonderful memories made along the way. One of these was the privilege of playing on the top field, Barns, every Saturday. This always lends itself to great spectator support – and we had that in our loyal fan base, the families and friends of the players.

Another was setting a total of 300 runs against St Charles, who we had at 65 for 5 after 20 overs, only for inclement weather to intervene and snatch the seemingly inevitable victory away from us. This game, which ended with dramatic flair from the heavens in the form of a little hail, will always live on in my mind.

A team of very talented, naturally gifted cricketers who would make the A team in many other schools in the province conducted themselves in a very professional manner.

They were led by R Goncalves, and A Carter – two fine cricketers in their own right. Goncalves, a decent spin bowler and great batsman, eventually had a call up to the U15A team and made some good runs on his arrival there. We were safe behind the stumps with the able gloves of L Sinclair, who is blessed with a wonderful cricket brain.

Regular players:

R Goncalves (*captain*), A Carter (*captain*), R Murray, A Ferraz, A Styan, R Smith, L Sinclair, C Meisegeier, S Luffingham, B Luthuli, D Naidoo, M McCarter, J Botha, J de Billot

Results:

- vs Westville: *won by 70 runs (Murray 63, Goncalves 45, McCarter 43)*
- vs Glenwood: *won by 7 wickets*
- vs Michaelhouse: *won by 7 wickets (McCarter 57, Goncalves 4/27)*
- vs Kearsney: *won by 177 runs (Styan 93, Prinsloo 64, Naidoo 4/22, Luthuli 3/16)*
- vs Westville: *won by 6 wickets (Goncalves 62)*
- vs DHS: *won by 8 wickets (Goncalves 46)*
- vs Northwood: *won by 1 wicket*
- vs Hilton: *won by 8 wickets (Goncalves 3/3)*
- vs St Charles: *match abandoned (Murray 81, de Billot 69)*

Mr R Tooms/Mr R Barbour

U15C

This team, comprised of a wonderful group of young men who consistently brought a lot of energy to their training sessions and their matches, was always up to the task and very excited to get onto the field of play. We were however very unfortunate at the start of the year when there were several matches that were rained out. After a comprehensive victory over Westville, it was then that our bad luck with the weather ensued, with two subsequent matches being cancelled. This strangely meant that we faced Westville again for only our second match of the season. This time around, however, they were a different outfit and really put us under pressure. Tail ender S Pillay was on song, though, and went on to score the winning runs for a one-wicket victory. We only managed play a total of three matches in the first term, with a comfortable victory over Northwood being our last.

Thankfully, we were more fortunate at the end of the year and played every match that was scheduled. The end of the third term signalled the start of the cricket season and it was initiated in superb fashion against Glenwood. De Billot played a remarkable innings in which he was able to score a ton of runs in only twenty overs, setting the team up well for a massive win in Durban. Our toughest opposition, Westville, was to follow and it was another very tightly contested affair. We claimed another victory to make it three out of three versus Westville for the year. DHS proved to be below par as we restricted them to a very small total, which resulted in a comfortable ten-wicket win. It was good to bat first against a fairly strong Northwood team which meant our top batsmen had opportunity to score some runs, which is exactly what de Billot (95) and Pieterse (45) did. We were good with ball in hand too, ultimately winning by a large score. The team did extremely well the following week when we made our trip up the hill to our old foes, Hilton. The boys were clinical with both bat and ball, with Pillay taking five excellent wickets. Our final match of the season against St Charles started off in fantastic fashion with our winning the toss, batting first and making a decent total. We were, however, not consistent in our bowling attack and let St Charles into the game. The boys managed to pull things together and we ended the season having won every match.

It was an absolute pleasure being the coach of this delightful group of young men, who always conducted themselves honourably, both on and off the field. They have a real passion for the game and certainly have no lack of commitment. I wish them every success in the years to come and look forward to seeing each individual grow as a cricketer and a gentleman.

Regular players:

J Miller (*captain*), S Hamilton (*captain*), J de Billot, K Meisegeier, R Smith, K Ramlall, J Lowe, T Koller, S Pillay, D Steyn, M Pieterse, T Walton, B McGregor, T Shaw

Results:

- vs Westville: *won by 62 runs (Luthuli 4/12)*
- vs Westville: *won by 1 wicket (Lowe 4/18)*
- vs Northwood: *won by 89 runs (de Billot 4/7)*
- vs Glenwood: *won by 104 runs (de Billot 100, Hamilton 45)*
- vs Westville: *won by 15 runs (de Billot 49)*
- vs DHS: *won by 10 wickets (de Billot 4/5)*
- vs Northwood: *won by 89 runs (de Billot 95, Pieterse 45)*
- vs Hilton: *won by 162 runs (Smith 46, Hamilton 42, Pillay 5/7)*
- vs St Charles: *won by 22 runs (Hamilton 52)*

Mr D Hoffman

U15D

The U15D season started against Hilton College and from then on I knew we had winning team. It was a close game which both teams wanted to win and, despite rain which led to all teams, excepting ours, going off, we beat Hilton by 7 wickets.

From then on we stayed unbeaten. Week after week every player contributed towards every win.

C van der Vliet was the top run scorer with a 60 not out and J Jansen van Vuuren got close with a 50. T Wolhuter scored plenty of runs but just never had enough time to convert them to 50s. He could end games in style, often with a six.

It was a wonderful season and a great bunch of boys, both on and off the field. Keep going and never quit, you all have talent!

Regular players:

T Wolhuter (*captain*), J Jansen van Vuuren, C van der Vliet, R Finnie, T Abramia, S Osman, O Luffingham, T Luffingham, K Ramharak, B McGregor, R Barker, T Freemantle, J Glyn-Cuthbert

Results:

- vs Hilton U15C: *won by 7 wickets*
- vs Glenwood: *won by 10 wickets*
- vs Michaelhouse U15C: *won by 3 wickets*
- vs Glenwood: *won by 108 runs*
- vs Westville: *won by 4 wickets*
- vs DHS: *won by 8 wickets*
- vs Northwood: *won by 8 wickets*
- vs Voortrekker U15A: *won by 5 wickets (van der Vliet 60*)*
- vs Weston: *won by 6 wickets*

U15E

With an ever-changing lineup it was always going to be challenging for the team to find a sense of unity. Despite this, the boys selected for each match gave their all and managed to produce some impressive results. I wish them all the best for their cricketing careers in the future!

Regular players:

P Hauff, J Singh, S Manack, W Muggleton, T Beachcroft-Shaw, A Brown, S Ramdeen, K Kisten, M Naidoo, M Dukhi, R Barker

Results:

- vs Westville: *won by 53 runs*
- vs Glenwood: *won by 8 wickets (Freemantle 4/2)*
- vs Hilton: *won by 72 runs*
- vs College U15D: *lost by 51 runs*
- vs Linpark: *won by 9 wickets*

Mr M Dibben



Mr R Coutts

Next batsman in: C McKean before his 2nd XI match innings vs DHS on Goldstone's in October. McKean's concentration returned a handsome dividend of 84 well-crafted runs. With him is M Laithwaite



Taking on Pretoria Boys High School at a run – J van der Walt leads the First XI onto Goldstone's on 21 September



U14A

Back row: B Luffingham, A Khumalo, C Smith, T Pascoe, R Quin, B Thomson, A Sithole, J O'Connor
Front row: J Wiggill, J Bradford, B Brokensha, Mr K Emerson (coach), L Akerman, T Pratt, L Armstrong

It is always tough starting off the season with so many team-mates you have never met before and it often takes time for a side to gel and find combinations. The game of cricket is ruthless. One mistake and you could be out, one dropped catch and the batsman could go on to make a hundred, one expensive over and you may not bowl again that day. One can easily be caught up in focusing on results and figures in this game. When one looks at U14s, the most important aspect is that these young cricketers are learning and improving and that they continue to develop a hunger for the game. Our aim in the U14 age group is to produce thinking cricketers, players who are involved in the game and learning to out-think their opposition. I do believe that this group of boys, by the end of the season, had learned a great deal about the game and about their own abilities and had started to become better 'thinking cricketers'.

The first term is a time where combinations are tested and boys are given a chance to prove themselves in their various roles. The first four matches of the year saw the team only record one win against Hilton in a T20. During these games, the top performers started to show themselves. B Brokensha and T Pascoe showed good form with the bat and ball, and L Akerman also had a couple of good innings. At this stage, the factor that let the team down was not being able to bat for long enough and string meaningful partnerships together.

After a long winter break, the team regrouped and had a few matches before the annual Hilton College Festival. The first match of the third term saw us host Glenwood and the team performed much better and claimed a convincing 77 run win. The following week the team put in a brilliant bowling performance and bowled Westville out for 151 – disappointing though as we had them 84/8. Unfortunately, our batting let us down again and our chase ended 29 runs short.

The tour to the Hilton Cricket Festival in the third term holidays is always a worthwhile experience, playing some of the best cricketing schools from around the country. The team did their school proud and played some great cricket at the festival. They claimed wins over Grey College and St Alban's, while the T20 against Rondebosch was rained out. The lowlight, probably of the season, was the match against St Stithians. They were a classy opposition who took little time to bowl us out for 94. Impatience and a lack of being able to apply themselves at the crease saw us collapse and put in a well below par performance. This was a good lesson for the team. Some stand out performances at the Festival were J Wiggill's 7 wickets against Grey College, and L Armstrong's hat-trick which ended St Alban's run chase.

Upon returning for the fourth term, it was quite clear that the team had developed in their knowledge and skills of the game and were able to put much better performances together. We beat DHS and Northwood comfortably and it was a pity that the rain came against Hilton as the match was nicely poised against strong opposition. St Charles and Clifton were also rained out, meaning that five games were cut short owing to the weather during the course of the year.

The team was ably led by B Brokensha and L Akerman. Brokensha showed maturity during the season as he learned from mistakes and moved his fielders around with purpose. There is much ahead for these players in the years to come and it is important that they build on the lessons they learned, from both their achievements and failures, and become better cricketers because of them.

Regular players:

B Brokensha (captain), L Akerman (captain), B Thomson, L Armstrong, T Pascoe, R Quin, C Smith, J Bradford, J Wiggill, T Pratt, J O'Connor, A Sithole, A Khumalo, B Luffingham

Results:

- vs Westville: *lost by 6 wickets (Akerman 67, Brokensha 41)*
- vs Hilton (T20): *won by 19 runs (Akerman 33, Pratt 6/14)*
- vs Glenwood: *lost by 3 wickets (Brokensha 94)*
- vs Michaelhouse: *lost by 44 runs (Pascoe 41, Brokensha 5/27)*
- vs Kearsney: *no result (Pascoe 58)*
- vs Glenwood: *won by 77 runs (Pascoe 58, Brokensha 55, Armstrong 5/32)*
- vs Westville: *lost by 29 runs (Wiggill 4/36, Sithole 3/15)*
- vs Grey College: *won by 78 runs (Akerman 63*, Quinn 40, Brokensha 35, Thomson 30, Wiggill 7/39)*

- vs St Alban's: *won by 12 runs (Brokensha 55, Pascoe 34, Armstrong 3/38 (hat-trick))*
- vs St Stithians: *lost by 8 wickets (Brokensha 32)*
- vs Rondebosch (T20): *no result (Armstrong 42*)*
- vs DHS: *won by 111 runs (Thomson 51, Brokensha 36, Akerman 28*, Wiggill 3/11)*
- vs Northwood: *won by 8 wickets (Brokensha 90* and 3/26, Thomson 38*)*
- vs Hilton: *no result (Armstrong 73, Thomson 43, Brokensha 42*)*
- vs St Charles: *no result (Armstrong 5/23)*
- vs Clifton (T20): *no result*

Mr K Emerson



1st XI A Simelane produced a punchy cameo during the U19 KZN Inland match against Northerns on the Pietermaritzburg Oval in the 2019 Khaya Majola Week. In this innings he knocked up a fast 26 off 24 balls, and later bowled 5 overs, 1 maiden for 9 runs

U14B

The U14B cricket team of 2019 enjoyed a successful year together. Losing only one game, to Westville, that being the very first game of the year, the boys worked hard to achieve many memorable victories. The team was ably led by L Schultz and vice-captained by L Nkabinde. Eventually, these two fine young men would swap roles, with Nkabinde taking over the reins. They both fulfilled these roles honourably. L McIlrath spend half the year as the team's wicket keeper. During the latter part of the year, R Hart filled this role. Both of the keepers always showed extreme focus and commitment behind the stumps, performing this very tough job at a high standard. Our seam bowlers, G Roux, A Khumalo, A Sithole, A Zuma, J O'Connor, B Emberton and B Luffingham, all served the team well. Each bowler had the ability to hit good areas or to swing the ball, causing opposition batsmen much difficulty.

L Nkabinde, L Schultz and C Stead were our specialist spin bowlers and won many games for the team by taking vital wickets or by drying up the run rate. K Dobejn was our secret weapon with the ball in hand. He is a slow, straight bowler who batsmen cannot figure out. We called on him many times to finish the tail-end batsmen. Our batting line-up was an intriguing mix, but fulfilled many qualities of a classic batting team, able to build huge partnerships or to devastate the most accurate bowling efforts. A fond memory is of A Khumalo destroying the Westville bowlers, scoring what would end up being a match winning 50 runs off 28 balls.

As a coach, the aim is to develop solid basics within the players, but also to challenge the team to develop into sportsmen who can thrive when the pressure mounts. This goal was fulfilled when we played Westville in the third term. Westville had given us a cricketing education in the first game of the first term but, in the third term, it was time to turn the tide. The College boys set a total of 254. Westville responded with a 236 run chase that, as previously mentioned, forced the boys to rise to the occasion and to thrive under pressure. This they did, pulling off a victory that was not to be forgotten. There were many highlights, many fifties scored, incredible runouts and many memorable bowling performances. However, two highlights that must be mentioned are B Thomson's 109 not out versus Glenwood and L Nkabinde's man-of-the-match performance against Kearsney, which he earned through an incredible 57* not out and a 5-wicket haul.

I thank the boys for their incredible commitment. I will follow their progress as College cricketers with interest.

Regular players:

L Nkabinde (captain), L Schultz (vice-captain), L McIlrath, R Hart, K Dobejn, B Thomson, M Thomson, B Emberton, A Sithole, A Khumalo, A Zuma, C Stead, G Roux, J O'Connor, B Luffingham

Results:

- vs Westville: *lost by 116 runs*
- vs Michaelhouse: *won by 19 runs (O'Connor 28*)*
- vs Kearsney: *won by 9 wickets (Nkabinde 5/27 and 57*, Dobejn 48*)*
- vs Glenwood: *won by 109 runs (B Thomson 109*)*
- vs DHS: *won by 5 wickets (McIlrath 50*, Sithole 43)*
- vs Northwood: *won by 105 runs (Dobejn 54, Nkabinde 40, Sithole 4/27)*
- vs Hilton: *match abandoned*
- vs Glenwood: *won by 8 wickets*
- vs Westville: *won by 18 runs (Hart 49, Khumalo 50, Stead 4/44)*
- vs St Charles: *won by 7 wickets*

Mr M-J Smit

U14C

The U14C team enjoyed a successful season being unbeaten until losing the last game of the season by 40 runs to an U15 composite team.

Regular players:

S Hutton (*captain*), J Marsh, T Ekhooff, M Wolhuter, K Ayliffe, E Mouton, C Lang, T Thomson, M Thomson, B Chamblor, I Maqathu, I Chirengende, R Hart, L McIlraith

Results:

First term

- vs Westville: won by 92 runs (Hart 66, McIlraith 46)
- vs Westville: won by 23 runs (Lang 28, Hutton 29, King 21)
- vs Northwood: won by 20 runs (Ekhooff 67, Thomson 35)
- vs Glenwood: won by 8 wickets (Thomson 3/2)

Fourth term

- vs Westville: won by 4 wickets (Marsh 3/1, Thomson, Wolhuter 103)
- vs DHS: won by 6 wickets (Wolhuter 3/16, Lang 3/9, Thomson 44)
- vs Northwood: won by 19 runs (Ekhooff 30, King 3/9)
- vs Hilton: won by 3 wickets (Lang 2/7, King 34)
- vs Michaelhouse U15: lost by 40 runs (Thomson 3/4, Hutton 42)

Mr S Botha

U14D

Our season began with a disappointing loss to Westville. An inordinate number of catches were spilled in this match and the team realised that hard work was needed to rectify this shortcoming in our game. From then on, we played impressively and produced some sterling results. The team was ably led by the captain, J Staples, who was always backed up by his vice-captain, A Coulthard.

The foundation of our successful season was our never-say-die attitude. Our catching and fielding steadily improved throughout the year. A powerful batting line-up and a well-balanced bowling attack of medium pace and spin were always going to be a handful for our opponents.

Practices at either Barns' nets or Leach's were always enthusiastic affairs. Players gave nothing but their best and this translated into a successful year's cricket.

Our match of the year was the return fixture against Westville. We batted first and posted an impressive 177 runs for three wickets in our 20 overs. Coulthard (86) and H Briggs (36*) put the Westville bowlers to the sword with some lusty hitting. In reply, Westville could only muster 119 runs. Our bowling and fielding were top-class and we thoroughly deserved our 58 run victory.

This group of enthusiastic young Collegians was a great pleasure to coach and I wish them all the very best in their remaining years at College.

Mr T Hoosen

Regular players:

J Staples (*captain*), A Coulthard (*vice-captain*), H Briggs, N Butler, M Clemmans, Z Govender, D Hockey, J Marsh, H McKenzie, M Mason, R Pitout, P Schutte, T Sewparsing, S Sha, D Slabbert and T Thompson

Results:

First term

- vs Westville: lost by 40 runs
- vs Glenwood: won by 64 runs (Schutte 56*, Coulthard 39)
- vs Michaelhouse U14C and College U14E (T10 format): won by 18 runs
- vs Kearsney U14C: won by 39 runs (Marsh 3/29, Marsh 41, Coulthard 39)

Third and Fourth terms

- vs Westville: won by 55 runs (Coulthard 86, Briggs 36*)
- vs DHS: won by 113 runs (Govender 72*, Mason 32)
- vs Northwood: won by 8 wickets (Coulthard 57*)
- vs St Charles U14C: won by 22 runs (Schutte 34, Staples 3/4)

Mr L Orchard

U14E

Initially led by M Mason, the U14E cricket team had a phenomenal season for 2019. The team pulled through against some difficult opponents and played fearless cricket, always displaying great courage. The captain was S van Niekerk, who led the boys with zest and always carried himself well both on and off the field. He epitomised the genuine, humble sportsman that College strives to produce.

Top run scorers for 2019 included S Comrie (123 runs), R Marion (100 runs) and M Mason (88 runs). Top bowler for 2019 was A Osman (16 wickets). Most improved players were A Gubungu and S van Niekerk.

As the coach of the U14E side, it was a pleasure to see their enthusiasm as well as serious attitude towards the game of cricket.

Regular players:

S van Niekerk (*captain*), G Maistry, J van Rensburg, S Comrie, R Marion, A Gubungu, C Chetty, K Mokhanso, A Osman, J Killick, M Mason,

Results:

- vs Westville: won by 15 runs
- vs Glenwood: won by 109 runs
- vs Glenwood: won by 5 wickets
- vs Westville: won by 37 runs (Marion 53, Killick 49, Clemmans 4/18)
- vs DHS: won by 10 wickets (Chetty 5/9)
- vs Northwood: won by 70 runs (Clemmans 85, Van Rensburg 58)
- vs Voortrekker U14A: lost by 51 runs
- vs Weston U14A: won by 53 runs (Prinsloo 6/9)

U14F

The U14F cricket team had a very productive 2019 cricketing season. The boys always gave 100% on the field in games as well as at practices. It was because of their commitment and dedication that they were able to reach great heights in their cricket development. This was especially evident in their games against Glenwood. The boys met Glenwood on three occasions and gave an impressive account of themselves, bowling them out for 79 and winning the game by 10 wickets on their third encounter.

Our opening batsman, S Gumede, achieved his personal best of 38 runs against Pelham, and our opening bowler his best figures of 2 for 7 in 3 overs against Weston. They also learnt each other's strengths and weaknesses. It soon became evident that they were developing in leaps and bounds, not just in an individual capacity, but as a team as well. This bodes well for the future as cricket is, after all, a team sport. Overall, it was a great season for the boys and it was a joy and privilege to work with such promising and enthusiastic young cricketers. I wish them the very best in their future cricketing endeavours.

Regular players:

N Ryan, L Bernadu, S Munro, S Gumede, M Allen, R Padayachee, B Gething, K Peter, L Pillay, T Davies, S Mkandla

Results:

- vs Glenwood: won by 63 runs
- vs Glenwood: won by 10 wickets
- vs Kearsney U14D: lost by 46 runs
- vs Weston U14A: lost by 21 runs
- vs Pelham 1st: lost by 18 runs
- vs Glenwood: match abandoned

Mr R Pillay

U14G

Overall the boys were able to work together to improve as a team, although facing some difficulty in the beginning. S Ender showed great leadership skills on the field as well as a great improvement in his bowling throughout the year, while K Walker also improved as a bowler.

Regular players:

S Ender, J Pope, A Mahomed, C Talbot, B Gething, AA Khan, D Naidoo, L Mkhize, T Masikane, K Walker, T Clowes

Results:

- vs Sweetwaters HUB: lost by 6 wickets
- vs Glenwood U14F: won by 42 runs
- vs Thomas More U14B: lost by 5 wickets (Ender 3/11)
- vs Pelham 2nd: lost by 6 wickets

Mr S Maharaj

The 1st XI gather on Goldstone's to celebrate another wicket





Cross-Country

Back row: A Ronny, R Froise, J Squires, J Cumming, O Beauclerk, G Nel, W Hodgkinson, M Smith, G Westerdale, J Lee, T Woodburn, L Arnold, A Hlongwane

Middle row: B Bullock, G Joubert, J Maharaj, T Ross, L Dayimani, S Arnold, K Nene, Z Moore, OL Higgins, S Harvey, T-J Mkhize, A Barnard

Front row: S Little, D Odell, B Reddy, Mr B van der Walt, N Msiya (captain), D Evans, Mrs L Akerman (MIC), T Rhodes, L Mendes, B Baldrey

Absent: N Trodd, J Barnard, K Kirsten, L McDaniel, J Maher, D Odell

The 2019 season saw the cross-country fraternity battling to find enough fixtures owing to the number of public holidays that fell on a Wednesday. Because of this the Midlands League ran for only six weeks.

Despite the setback, Maritzburg College enjoyed a very successful cross-country season with the Senior boys being top of the League. The Junior boys worked very hard to maintain their positions in the face of strong opposition from Michaelhouse.

In the junior team S Arnold, B Bullock, R Froise, A Ronny, C Dylan and K Goddard were regular attendees and can be proud of their second and third positions as a team at the end of the season.

In the Senior Team N Msiya, S Harvey, OL Higgins, T Ross, N Trodd and J Barnard all achieved spots in the top ten during the season. They all worked very hard to gain their position at the top of the League.

The most challenging course of the season, without a doubt, is the route at Michaelhouse with a long, arduous incline; a close second is the new route at The Wykeham Collegiate, starting at One Life Church at World's View. Our favourite course is our own home course at the Collegians Club, which is flat, fast and includes laps.

This year we explored new territory where our cross-country team went on exchange to Affies and KES. We were introduced to a new level of 'landloop' and saw how seriously this sport is taken in Gauteng. The altitude definitely affected our performance and we are aware of how stiff and hard the competition is for the future. Looking towards 2020, we have already lined up an inter-schools' competition with Kearsney.

Eight of our runners took part in the District Trials and three progressed to the Provincial Schools' Cross-country Championship that took place in Newcastle in August. Congratulations to N Msiya, T Ross and S Harvey on being selected for the uMgungundlovu Team. S Harvey finished sixth at the event, and is a member of the KZN cross-country team. We are very proud of him.

Special thanks go to the boys for making this season a memorable one; each one of you did your bit to ensure we walked away victorious. It would be remiss to ignore three other integral members of our team, Messrs Sparrow, Masina and van der Walt. Their input into the team was invaluable.

Mrs L Akerman

The overall individual positions of our Junior team were:

4 S Arnold 10 B Bullock 11 A Ronny 12 R Froise

Final Junior Team points:

1st	Michaelhouse A	63
2nd	Maritzburg College A	125
3rd	Maritzburg College B	252

The overall positions of our Senior team were:

2	N Msiya	15	S Little	29	W Hodgkinson
4	S Harvey	18	J Lee	31	D Odell
6	OL Higgins	19	J Cummings	32	M Mkhize
7	T Ross	19	G Nel	33	T Rhodes
8	J Barnard	21	T Woodburn	35	A Hlongwane
10	N Trodd	24	A Barnard	36	B Reddy
11	L McDaniel	26	G Joubert		
13	L Arnold	28	B Baldrey		

Final Senior Team Points:

1st	Maritzburg College A	71
2nd	Maritzburg College B	169
3rd	Michaelhouse A	224



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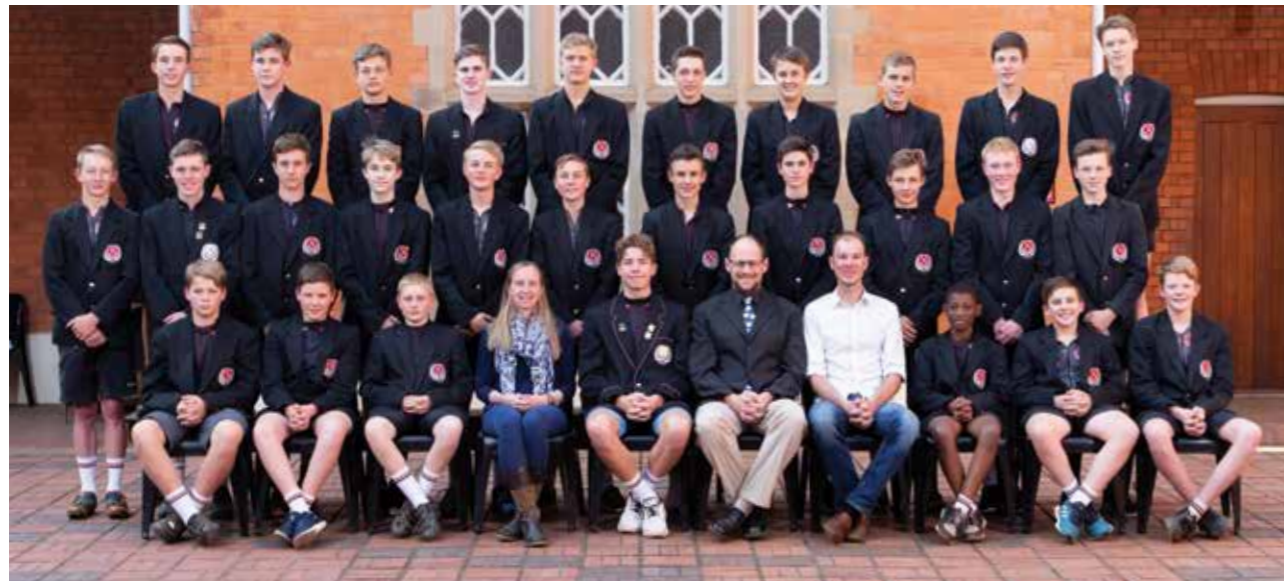
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Cycling

Back row: J Slabberts, M Uhlmann, D van der Watt, D Anastasis, G Westerdale, C McDaniel, B Collins, K Tullis, M Foster, J Barrett
Middle row: A Sellick, A Budke, J Stephens, C Curtis, K Blunt, M Daly, E Kock, M Chapman, N Burczak, T Truter, J Barrett
Front row: A de Bruin, B Frodsham, I Hemingway, Mrs B Harris (coach), B Symons (captain), Mr J Tyler (MIC), Mr D Low (coach), A Nzimande, J Anastasis, K Bullock
Absent: M Ellison, P van Rensburg, T Cheatle, R Berriman, J Thring, S Westerdyk, A van Dyk

The College Cycling team enjoyed a long but extremely successful year on their bikes, with many new riders keens to join the team.

Our year began with the Drak Decent, a two-day stage race through the rolling hills surrounding Underberg and Himeville, and ended with the Safire Baynesfield Classic.

A number of our cyclists participated in the ROAG Series. This is a series of MTB races held all over KZN at various MTB-friendly venues. Our boys all gave of their best during the long season which this led to Maritzburg College defending our title and winning the top placed school in the ROAG series.

The Spur Series, hosted by schools in KZN, was a massive success and College was privileged to host one of the legs of the series at our school. The track involved the boys cycling the length and breadth of the campus, with the highlight surely being the float bridge across the pool. Dominating this event is no easy task but the Red, Black

and White team did it so well and with a smile. College was the top performing boys' high school in KZN, thanks to the remarkable team effort of our riders.

Several of our riders had brilliant seasons but two young men in particular deserve special mention. D van der Watt and N Burczak were truly remarkable, maintaining a number of wins throughout the season. Congratulations to you both on an excellent 2019 season.

To our captain, B Symons, well done on a difficult year. You tried your level best to lead by example. College could not have asked for anything more of you.

Finally, a special word of thanks to our coach, Mr David Low, and Mrs Brigitte Harris, for all your time and efforts put in this year. Without you this year would not have been nearly as successful as it was.

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Golf

Back row: S Delport, T Watson, D Stopforth, D Furrage, G Delport
Front row: S Paxton, Mr D Trodd (coach), LJ Barnard, N Trodd (captain), Mr P Snyman (MIC), E Gough

It has again been a positive year for golf at College as far as the number of boys playing golf goes. This has contributed to the team producing its best results ever. College finished first in this year's annual KZN Schools Team Championship, our best performance in this competition. Five boys were selected for the KZN team, which is very encouraging.

The golf week at Affies during the April holidays was very successful. College finished in first place out of 14 teams. This was the first time that we had won this competition. The golf tour to the South Coast during the July holiday was again a great success, with a large group of boys making the trip. Nine boys played four tournaments which were part of the KZN Golf Union's calendar. They played four different courses in four days.

The golf team finished sixth out of 21 teams at the Nomads SA Schools' Team Championships.

Much hard work is still necessary for the young players to fulfil their potential, but there is evidence of dedication by a number of senior boys who want to achieve at the highest level. We will be losing many of our top players at the end of the year, including our golf captain, N Trodd, as well as LJ Barnard, S Paxton, T Watson, D Furrage and D Stopforth. The School Champion for the year was S Paxton. I thank the Sixth Formers for all their hard work and dedication over the past five years. They raised the golf standard and led by example by putting in the extra hours of practise.

At the Sport and Cultural Awards, the golf team were awarded the 'Headmaster's Trophy for the Highlight of the Year. (Photo on page 21)

Thanks to Mr Trodd for his hard work and dedication to coaching all the players, as well as assisting on the tours.

Provincial and National selections:

KZN Schools A:	LJ Barnard
KZN Schools B:	N Trodd, S Delport, S Paxton, G Delport and E Gough (non-travelling reserve)
KZN Junior IPT team:	S Paxton and N Trodd
SA Schools team:	S Paxton and E Gough



Mr P Snyman

Golf captain, N Trodd, demonstrates a neat chip shot



Hockey

Back row: M Veenstra, T Francis, D Bruyns, C Osborne
Middle row: R Akerman, H Askew, A Mthlane, R Brokensha, B Jackson, L Jansen van Vuuren
Front row: S Ngcongco, L Lenz, G Pio, Mr D Coombes (coach), T Prinsloo, S Ngcobo, D Godleman

Review by the master-in-charge

In January 2019, we were fortunate to have the revered Pape's Astroturf re-laid. The sprinkler system was also upgraded with six new water turrets installed and Belgotex re-laid the carpet to ensure that we train on a world-class facility. Maritzburg College once again hosted the U18, U16 and U13 Boys and Girls Hockey Nationals.

In 2019, College fielded 19 hockey teams – six open teams, seven U16 teams and six U14 teams. This meant we had approximately 260 boys playing hockey every week and makes us one of the biggest, if not the biggest, hockey schools in the country. We had many memorable weekends on Pape's this year, where the teams across the hockey fraternity performed brilliantly. One of the reasons for College's depth comes from the fact that there are highly skilled coaches who work extremely hard to make sure that College is one of the leading hockey schools in the country. Against Glenwood, in both the home and away fixtures, and against DHS, our hockey teams went unbeaten. Against Northwood and Affies we lost only a single game.

College played a total of 235 games, winning 171 of them, drawing 24 and losing 40. This equates to a 73% win ratio and it must be noted that a number of the losses occurred on a stagger, in which lower College teams played higher opposition. The 2nd XI must be commended on its unbeaten season; it played 13 matches and won them all.

The year 2019 will go down as a trying season for the 1st XI. On their day, the players were sublime and clinical; while on other days they played below their potential. The team learnt a tremendous amount during the course of the season and enjoyed two festivals, namely Nomads at Pretoria Boys High School and St Stithians in Johannesburg.

College supplied the KZN Inland hockey teams with 33% of its players. A total of 32 College hockey players played in the 2019 Inter-provincial Tournaments (IPTs) and five College staff members were part of the coaching staff. The KZN Inland U18A team and U14A team won silver medals.

At the conclusion of the U18 and U16 IPTs, College had the following six boys selected for the various SA Schools teams:

SA U18A:	G Pio and S Ngcongco
SA U18B:	T Prinsloo
SA U17 High Performance Squad:	D van Niekerk
SA U16 High Performance Squad:	C Osborne and A Mthlane

Thanks must go to the following for ensuring a successful season: the College hockey coaches, who throughout a long season maintained a high level of coaching and enthusiasm to ensure that the players were upskilled and motivated to achieve and also have fun; Miss Greyling and her First Aiders, who so excellently treated the players injured on the hockey fields; Mr Veitch and Mr Hackland and the latter's Estates team for ensuring our facilities are unmatched and maintained at such a high standard; Mrs Emerson and Ms Ngcobo for working so hard to find 'filler fixtures' for our teams every week; and, lastly, the boys who played with that Red-Black-White spirit, which is typical of the Red Army, as they gave their best on the field.

Mr K Emerson



1st XI captain, G Pio, carries the team mascot onto Pape's

A relatively young group was tasked with the immense responsibility of leading the College 1st XI into a 2019 season that saw the resurfacing of the Pape's Astroturf. The excitement of a new playing surface was palpable and the boys were eager to get things underway.

The year 2019 was a challenging one in which some exceptionally close encounters would unfortunately not fall in favour of College but in which, week in and week out, this team gave of its best in any and every way in preparation for match day. The brand and style of hockey this team played in the latter stages of the season were a testament to the rate of growth and progression the group experienced.

The season in numbers:

The 2019 1st XI played 23 matches recording 12 wins, three draws and eight losses, while scoring 56 goals. In total, 11 1st XI players were selected for KZN Inland representative teams that performed exceptionally well at their respective national tournaments. At the conclusion of the national IPTs, two players were selected to the national U16 High Performance Squad, one to the national U17 High Performance Squad, one to the national U18B team and two to the national U18A team.

The winter sports season started as early as the end of the first term when a tough opening encounter on Pape's with Durban rivals, Northwood, awaited the boys. They took the opening fixture in their stride by dominating a strong Northwood team, trouncing them 4-1 to kick-start the season. A busy and challenging task awaited the group with the annual Nomads festival in Pretoria, where the usual five matches were played over a three-day period. College was up against some strong opposition, recording three wins and two losses, before returning for a short break before the start of the busy second term.

The second term saw College hit the ground running with a very busy period consisting of nine fixtures, all away from home, including an exchange to PBHS, shortly followed by five matches over the Easter Weekend at the St Stithians Festival. The highlight of that festival was a convincing 6-1 win over the hosts in the closing fixture of the festival. A 4-2 win over a spirited St Charles team was next on the calendar, before a testing away match against Kearsney. Once more, the rub of the green was not on College's side when Kearsney bagged a controversial penalty corner after time to win the match 2-1. Finally, two home matches on Pape's saw a win against DHS and a great performance in coming from behind to find an equaliser against a very strong Westville outfit. The second term came to a close with two losses at the hands of arch rivals, Hilton and Michaelhouse, testing the tenacity of the group on their return after the July school holidays.

It is often said that it is not so much how you start but how you finish that is important. No truer a statement could be made about this group. With a bag of mixed results recorded and a busy holiday period with the national IPTs, we would need to dig deep to try to gather some momentum going into the final phase of the season. Four matches saw the season close with two away trips to Johannesburg and Pretoria, to KES and Affies respectively. Two memorable home matches against PBHS and Glenwood on Reunion Day solidified confidence in this group's playing ability.

The team returned after the second term with a reignited passion and focus to see four really solid performances to close the season on a high, turning a few unlucky and some lacklustre performances around entirely. They played some superb hockey in the final phase of the season and showed just what they were capable of had they applied themselves just a little better earlier on in the year.

There are many components to our hockey programme that allow the smooth operation of what sees our large numbers perform as admirably as they do. My sincere thanks go to the following for their contributions to the successful operation of the Red Army this year:

- Mr Kyle Emerson, the master-in-charge of hockey, for his immense enthusiasm and passion for College hockey, and for ensuring background organisational issues were always attended to in an efficient manner. Thank you, too, for always giving a helping hand in assisting with the 1st XI on match day.
- Mr Ken Hackland, Mr Dave Veitch and the entire College Estates staff, who always manage to keep our facilities in top class shape.



1st XI captain, G Pio, on the attack on Pape's

- To all the coaches for your undying commitment, enthusiasm and passion in what was a long season. Thank you for your continuous drive and effort in instilling in the boys a healthy and competitive nature while keeping hockey a fun sport to be part of at College.
- To the parents who showed such immense support to College hockey this year. Many parents travel great distances throughout the year supporting not only their boys but also all College hockey teams, whether on Pape's or 600km away. Your support is truly remarkable and something that definitely does not go unnoticed.
- To the occupants of the College sports administration office for all their work in ensuring the smooth operation of hockey.
- Huge thanks also go to the Executive Committee of College and the uncompromising support hockey at College receives from them.
- To all boys and staff of the greater College hockey community who so loyally support their 1st XI.

College is very fortunate to have the support and passion of all these parties. Thank you, one and all.



1st XI goalkeeper, S Ngcongco, is congratulated by the captain, G Pio, on his 60th cap for the 1st team



T Prinsloo warming up

Player Critique:

G Pio (SA U18A, Inland U18A, captain): As captain of this team and the epitome of leading by example, Pio formed part of the engine room and heart of this College team. Always giving of his best, he produced performances of exceptional quality that saw him dominate his opposite number and produce some outstanding displays.

S Ngcongo (SA U18A, Inland U18A): A highly talented goalkeeper, Ngcongo, in his third year in the College 1st XI, played a prominent role at the heart of defence this season. He kept the College 1st XI in many a match during his tenure in goals for the Red Army.

D Godleman: A solid defender, Godleman settled well this season with it being his second in the College 1st XI. His impact was always felt when he had a stand-out game.

T Francis (Inland U18B): Francis had a top season for the College 1st XI as a marking centre back. Often doing unsung work, he tidied up many threats from the opposition on his way to being a stalwart in the College defensive unit.

B Jackson (Inland U18B): Jackson, in his first season in the College 1st XI, showed exceptional maturity and progression making the step up to 1st-team level seem easy. Quietly and confidently going about his business with class, he showed exceptional promise in his role in the defensive unit.

R Akerman (Inland U18B): Akerman effortlessly transitioned into 1st XI hockey with aplomb. A solid defender, his greatest strength was in finding a balance between launching an attack from deep in the field or retaining the possession College values so much.

H Askew (Inland U18B): A highly skilful midfielder, Askew's strengths were definitely in his ability to eliminate his opposite number and penetrate the opposition defence by combining with the forwards as he attacked. He found good balance in his game and was often winning ball deep in College's defensive zone.

M Veenstra: An exceptionally hard worker, Veenstra selflessly gave of himself for the team and put in some sterling performances in the College midfield. An intelligent hockey player, he often won over his opposite number through applying a deep intuition and understanding of College's game plan.

T Prinsloo (SA U18B, Inland U18A): With a world-class work rate, Prinsloo would literally empty the tank with every moment of duty for this team. An exceptionally smart forward, he struck fear into opposition defenders and created immense pressure on defensive units. His intelligent play saw him win the ball for College in really commanding positions on many occasions, adding immense value to the 1st XI.

L Lenz: Lenz, in his second season in the College 1st XI, produced consistent performances in the midfield zone that College came to dominate so well. A hard worker, he would often be seen both in defensive and attacking zones adding full value to both units.

R Brokensha: An exceptionally hard worker, Brokensha's greatest attribute was his versatility and ability to put in top-class performances in multiple different roles. Always giving of his best, he left no stone unturned in ensuring he put in solid shifts week after week, often playing out of his comfort zone.

D Bruyns (Inland U18A): A talented striker, Bruyns has the ability to create an opportunity from nothing in the circle. His ability to score goals will only grow from strength to strength as we watch in anticipation of his growth and development as a prolific goal scorer.

S Ngcobo (Inland U18B): His second season in the College 1st XI saw Ngcobo comfortably grow from strength to strength. His elimination skills and speed on attack were his greatest attributes, often resulting in exciting attacking phases for the 1st XI.

L Jansen van Vuuren: A prodigiously talented talisman this season, Jansen van Vuuren's progression as a player was exciting. With exceptionally quick hands, his ability to eliminate in tight space was first rate, while also possessing the ability to score goals.

A Mthalane (SA U16, Inland U16A): An extraordinary hockey talent, Mthalane can play in any role on the field. He possesses all the attributes to be a world-class hockey player and made the step up as a Fourth Former seem simple. We watch with eager anticipation as he progresses and adds to his already phenomenal repertoire of skills and abilities.

C Osborne (SA U16, Inland U16A): Another prolific talent, Osborne, who was only in Fourth Form, seamlessly slotted into the 1st XI. An intelligent and hard-working hockey player, there is almost nothing he cannot do. Whether in the midfield or as a defender, he has the ability to be a world-class player, with the added benefit of his ability to drag flick.



T Prinsloo (g) drives home the earlier of his two penalty goals for the 1st XI against Glenwood on Reunion Day

Match Reports

vs Northwood (Pape's Astro turf): Won 4-1

Maritzburg College welcomed their Durban North rivals to a newly surfaced Pape's Astro turf for the opening fixture of the 2019 winter sports season. The 2019 season also welcomed the introduction of a changed format, with four 15-minute quarters introduced at 1st XI level.

In extremely hot conditions, the match started with both College and Northwood seemingly testing the waters cautiously. It took until five minutes before half-time when College broke the deadlock through debutant Bruyns. Half-time saw the match evenly poised with only the single goal separating the two teams. College came out with good intentions in the second half with the frontmen appearing to be revived by the half-time chat, and showed some really exciting interplay and dynamic skills. This pressure resulted in College's second goal of the day when the ball fell at the far post for Ngcobo to complete a simple finish. Then College's fifth penalty corner of the match saw captain, Pio, step up and simply slot the ball into the bottom left corner. The Northwood XI capitalised on some poor defending to open its account to reduce the lead to 3-1. In the final quarter, Ngcobo found himself perfectly positioned at the back of the circle and finished superbly with a forehand strike. The match ended 4-1 to College.

Goal scorers: Bruyns, Ngcobo (2), Pio

Nomads U18 Festival

During the March/April school holidays Maritzburg College travelled to Pretoria Boys High School for the annual and much anticipated Nomads Festival. Traditionally offering exceptionally good hockey in the early phase of a long season, Nomads was a challenging three days with five matches played.

The opening fixture saw College take on **Grey College** in what has historically been a great rivalry. With the introduction of quarters as the new playing format, it meant the possibility of some confusion from officials. Unfortunately, fate would have it that at the start of the second half, which happened to be a College pushback, Grey played the ball out of turn to restart the match. The resultant goal meant a 1-0 loss, as College could not overcome an excellent goal-keeping performance from the Grey shot stopper. College, however, bounced back later in the day with a hard fought 2-1 win over local Nomads guests in **St Alban's College**.

Day two saw College pip **Wynberg Boys' High School** and invited guests, **Clifton College**. College saw off a spirited Wynberg 2-0 and scored another two goals to beat Clifton 2-1.

Day three and another exceptionally tough match in **Grey High School** pushed the College outfit to its limit. In a tightly-contested affair, Grey snatched a winner at the death to defeat College narrowly 2-1.

vs Glenwood High School (Away): Drew 2-2

A rainy and cool day in Durban welcomed the hockey fraternity to the Three Schools' Astro turf for the opening fixture of the second term against Glenwood.

In the first half it was all College who were rewarded with two goals in that half through Bruyns and Jansen van Vuuren. Glenwood, however, struck back in the latter stages of the half by converting a penalty corner with a superb flick. College could not keep up their first-half quality when, ten minutes from the end, Glenwood took advantage of some loose play to score from a goal-mouth scramble. The final score was 2-2.

Goal scorers: Bruyns, Jansen van Vuuren

vs Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS) (Away): Drew 1-1

A trip north to PBHS was next on the agenda for the Maritzburg College 1st XI. Historically, the encounter between the two schools dates way back, and is normally a great spectacle of schoolboy hockey.

The match started at a manic pace, with College dominating the opening exchanges, but the PBHS goalkeeper was in fine form. College had much of the play in the first half but was not able to open its account, and the half closed out at 0-0. At the start of the second half, the home team found another gear and came out firing. The College defence stood firm until eight minutes into the third quarter, when PBHS converted a penalty corner. College managed to regroup and midway through the final quarter, after waves of attack, we finally broke the PBHS defence. A goal-mouth scramble allowed a diving Lenz to equalise.

Goal scorer: Lenz

St Stithians Festival

The Maritzburg College 1st XI took part in the annual Saints Festival playing five matches during the Easter Weekend.

In their first encounter they faced **St David's** who, being a local team, were geared up and ready for the encounter. The College team looked lethargic, having travelled the same day, and never got into their regular flow. In the dying moments, College had a great opportunity to draw level, but the action and drama in the circle never fell College's way. St David's took advantage of this opportunity to beat College 2-1.

Keen to get things back on track and return to winning ways, Thursday saw College play two matches – against **Pearson** and **Uplands** respectively. That they did when they put in a solid performance in the match against Pearson. College turned out and showed some great attacking play to beat Pearson 5-1. On Thursday afternoon College faced a young Uplands team which was looking to gain some experience from the festival. College put in an extremely disciplined performance, making very few errors to win 12-0.

Saturday morning saw College face a spirited **St Alban's** team that College had beaten 2-1 at the Nomads Festival. The script, however, would be written differently this time around when St Alban's not only took an early lead but also extended that lead soon thereafter. College converted only one penalty corner from eight and lost the match 3-1.

College took on the hosts, **St Stithians**, on Saturday afternoon. Once more, wanting to correct what was a very mediocre morning run, they produced their best performance of the weekend in an extremely clinical display. College started the match at an electrifying pace and were 4-0 up at half time. The second and third quarters played out with College eventually winning 6-1.

vs St Charles College (Away): Won 4-2

The local derby between College and St Charles was what the local Maritzburg folk had to look forward to. St Charles, on their home turf were always going to be a tough nut to crack which proved to be the case.

Early in the second quarter the College captain, Pio, stepped up to slot a flick into the bottom left corner from a penalty corner. Shortly thereafter, Pio threaded a sublime pass through the St Charles defence for Jansen van Vuuren, in the circle, to get a great touch on the pass for a good deflection to take College 2-0 up. Brokensha added a third goal when his sublime backhand strike rocketed into top right corner. St Charles, however, would not bow down and replied with two goals of their own to narrow College's lead to 3-2. Late in the fourth and final quarter College won a penalty corner which, from a rebound, saw Jackson score the goal which settled the contest.

Goal scorers: Pio, Jansen van Vuuren, Brokensha, Jackson



T Francis – 1st XI – defending against Glenwood

vs Kearsney College (Away) Lost 1-2

Rainy, cool and misty conditions greeted those who braved the same on Saturday as College took on Kearsney, who were looking for a very rare win against College. The first quarter started with Kearsney showing their attacking intentions, but it took until the second quarter for them to achieve a 1-0 lead. The second half started and College were clearly energised by some half-time intervention and played their best patch of the match. The College outfit amassed seven penalty corners without managing a conversion. From a stroke, Pio slotted the ball home to level the tie at 1-1. College had great momentum but it was Kearsney who scored from a penalty corner with little time left on the clock.

Goal scorer: Pio

vs Durban High School (Pape's Astro turf) Won 1-0

The following Saturday saw a much anticipated clash between old rivals, DHS and College. Back on their home turf for the first time since March, the College outfit was looking forward to some home-ground advantage, but DHS put up a stern fight. The match started with College living on the ball as DHS set up deep in the field with many numbers behind the ball. College threw waves of attack at DHS yet they stood firm. Despite a few penalty corners to College, which the DHS shot-stopper made light work of, the first half closed with the scoreboard at 0-0. Early in the second half, after an attack down the right-hand side, Bruyns finished clinically from close range. College continued to press on but with no more return as the DHS defence held firm. The match closed at 1-0, with College disappointed at missing many chances on the day.

Goal scorer: Bruyns

vs Westville Boys' High School (Pape's Astro turf) Drew 1-1

This was a fine display of schoolboy hockey by both sides. College placed Westville under heavy pressure early on but could not break through. The first half brought no goals, with both teams playing good build-up hockey, but getting no reward for their efforts. In the third quarter, Westville came alive, looking sharp and energised, and it took great saves by College goalkeeper, Ngcongco, to keep them out from three penalty corners. A fourth penalty corner was, however, converted by Westville and they took a 1-0 lead with just a minute to play in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, College seemed to find another gear. With a shift in momentum and through some controlled build-up play they really threatened the Westville defence. Some excellent hockey saw some very good goal-scoring chances, but College were unable to convert until, five minutes from the end of the game, a College attack down the right-hand side allowed Veenstra to finish clinically in the bottom left corner. College continued to threaten in the closing moments and had another great chance to win the match but just could not find enough for another goal. The match ended with the score-line level at 1-1.

Goal scorer: Veenstra

vs Hilton College (Away) Lost 0-3

The College team, after managing a draw against Westville the week before, were looking to ramp things up, and they started strongly, drawing a great save by the Hilton goalkeeper from a penalty corner. That would be the only flash of brilliance from the College outfit in the opening quarter. Hilton, however, having searched for some years for a win over College, showed exceptional focus and took the lead with a well-worked goal for a 1-0 first quarter lead. The second quarter started with all the momentum on the Hilton team, who kept piling on pressure while College struggled to settle. A great individual goal brought Hilton a 2-0 half-time lead. The third quarter got underway with College finding their feet by being awarded three penalty corners, with none converted. Somewhat against the run of play in the third quarter Hilton pounced on yet another College error and launched a pacy counter-attack up the field. The Hilton striker finished with a well-taken upright backhand to close proceedings at 3-0.

vs Michaelhouse (Pape's Astro turf) Lost 0-1

The weekend saw Michaelhouse make the trip to the capital to take on College in a full winter fixture. There were 14 hockey matches played on what was a great day of schoolboy hockey.

In the 1st XI encounter College were looking to get things back on track and return to winning ways, but a solid Michaelhouse stood firm. The first quarter got underway with possession shared between the two teams while chances fell for both. Neither side was able to break the deadlock. In the second quarter, more pressure from Michaelhouse had the College defenders in possession deep in their defensive zone and Michaelhouse were gifted possession in a dangerous position. The Michaelhouse striker made no mistake by finishing well and took Michaelhouse into the lead at half-time. The third and fourth quarters played out with Michaelhouse and College sharing chances but both goalkeepers performed well. Michaelhouse held on to their precarious lead and snatched a long-awaited win over College.

vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies) (Away) Won 3-1

The opening fixture of the third term saw College travel to Affies on the Highveld for what was a huge exchange fixture of culture and sport. The College 1st XI, back after a long break, were looking to get the third term off on the right foot. This is precisely what they did. After exerting considerable pressure in a goalless first quarter, College scored from a penalty corner and then doubled their lead with a well-executed variation from a second. College continued to pile on the pressure in the third quarter and added a third goal from a penalty corner. Slowly the momentum shifted towards Affies when they asked a few questions of College's defence. Ngcongco showed his full worth in making several exceptional saves. Late in the fourth quarter, a midfield break and some good combinations saw Affies record their only goal on the day.

Goal scorers: Francis, Prinsloo (2)



R Akerman – 1st XI

vs Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS) (Pape's Astro turf) Won 3-2

Having shared a mouth-watering 1-1 draw with PBHS in Pretoria earlier this year College welcomed their old Pretoria friends for the return fixture. The first quarter got underway to give the large crowd at Pape's Astro a hint of what was to come, with exceptional hockey played at a blistering pace. The two quality sides couldn't capitalise on any play, however, and the second quarter was much the same until a fine goal saw PBHS finish the first half in a 1-0 lead.

The match really came alive in the final two quarters and it was College who opened their account on the day from a superbly executed drag flick to level the scores at 1-1. The scoreboard would stay at one apiece with all to play for in the final quarter. One minute into the final stanza some expansive play opened PBHS up, and College earned themselves a penalty corner. A perfectly executed variation saw College take the lead for the first time. However, PBHS were not yet done and won themselves a penalty stroke for an over-zealous challenge. The penalty stroke was slotted home to level the scores at 2-2. Four minutes from time College, deep in their own half, turned the ball over and launched a superb counter-attack at blistering pace and worked the ball to Lenz for the winner. College ended 3-2 victors in what was truly a class act from both sides.

Goal scorers: Francis, Prinsloo, Lenz

vs King Edward VII School (KES) (Away) Lost 1-2

The Highveld and King Edward VII School were up next for College, as all the hockey teams undertook their last away trip of the winter sports' season. The first quarter got underway with both sides producing a solid start, but neither was able to convert any of their chances. The quarter closed out at 0-0. In the second quarter, the two KES strikers then combined beautifully before simply sliding the ball past the College 'keeper to take a 1-0 lead. College produced three penalty corners but none would fall their way as the KES defence stood firm. Just three minutes from the end of the half KES were rewarded once more when their counter-attack saw a penalty corner awarded and a brilliantly executed variation resulted in the injector deflecting the ball into the goal on his backhand. The hosts led 2-0 at half time. In the third quarter, the momentum swung College's way when the visitors threw wave after wave of attack at the home team. The home defence held firm until eight minutes into the final stanza when Bruyns found the net. College pressed on and created a few more chances, but it was not to be, and KES managed to hang on to a slender 2-1 lead.

Goal scorers: Bruyns



1st XI – B Jackson

vs Glenwood (Pape's Astro turf) Won 3-0

The hockey season ended with Glenwood making the short trip to Maritzburg for the important Reunion Day fixture against College.

The match started at a blistering pace as the College unit came out firing. They created no fewer than five good goal-scoring chances in the opening quarter but failed to convert any of them. In the second quarter College continued their dominance with really slick build-up play and good tempo, and were finally rewarded when Prinsloo deflected home on the back-hand from a penalty-corner variation (photo page 158). The third quarter and second half got underway with some lacklustre hockey from both teams. It was only in the final stanza that first Bruyns and then Prinsloo, again from a penalty corner variation, extended College's lead to 3-0. It could quite easily have been greater had College made more of the many chances they had.

Goal scorers: Prinsloo (2), Bruyns

Mr D Coombes



S Ngcobo – 1st XI



H Askew – 1st XI on Pape's



All smiles after a 1st XI win: L Lenz, S Ngcongco, S Ngcobo

2nd XI

The College 2nd XI of 2019 was a team to remember. It is easy to coach talent when the boys want to work hard. The incentive of representing the famous College 1st team always drives the 2nd team boys to give of their best.

The boys showed great dedication to the cause and to College hockey over the season, which enabled them to play at such a high level and was a reflection of the commitment that they demonstrated. Special mention goes to C Shaw for the way that he led the side, as well as the vice captains, S Mntungwa and C Stubbs. These boys, with their teammates, ensured the team ended with the following record: played 13, won 13.

It is never easy playing matches when exchanges are factored in, especially the travelling. This season included trips to KES, PBHS and Affies. The season also included the "double double" – wins home and away versus PBHS and Glenwood. The season ended in the best possible fashion, winning 8-1 against the latter school on Reunion Day. The season's worth of practices came together with the boys scoring five unanswered second-half goals.

I wish the Sixth Form boys the greatest success as they depart, and, to the returning boys, I say "Go get that First Team shirt!" It was a pleasure being your coach for 2019.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Coombes, who was always willing to listen and offer advice at practice, and to the hockey club as a whole.

Regular players:

C Shaw (captain), C Stubbs (vice-captain), S Mntungwa (vice-captain), W Andriessen, J Andriessen, D van Niekerk, S Hlongwane, S Paxton, R Will, K Tullis, L Putuma, T Johnson, L Mtolo, L Jansen van Vuuren, R Akerman, R Brokensha, T Baker.

Results:

vs Northwood 2-1, Glenwood 4-0, PBHS 2-1, St Charles 4-1, Kearsney 6-0, Carter 1st 4-0, Westville 3-1, Hilton 3-1, Michaelhouse 4-1, Affies 2-1, PBHS 2-1, KES 3-0, Glenwood 8-1

Mr C Nevay

3rd XI

The 2019 hockey season proved to be an exciting yet challenging one for the 3rd XI. From the beginning of the season right through to the end, the boys played with heart and passion, leaving everything on the field. They certainly played with that "College spirit" in every game.

Teamwork was a vital part of how the boys worked their way through the opposition, linking up passes and often ending with brilliant combinations to score goals.

K Howard and T Cloete, captain and vice-captain respectively, led the team. Although both were rather quiet on the field, they both brought simplicity, structure and a sense of composure to the link and defensive lines of the team, especially when games became intense.

The best offence is a good defence, and this was evident this season, with the team conceding only six goals and converting that mind-set of defending into attacking, resulting in 28 goals being scored in total.

It was a privilege to have coached this talented group of boys and to have seen growth and development in each one of them throughout the season.

Regular players:

B Gumede, Z Mthembu, M Graham, T Cloete, A Groenewegen, M Foster, K Howard, T Johnson, L Putuma, L Kunene, D Jonker, L Mtolo, R Klusener, T Rasmussen, W Andriessen, J Andriessen, N Ndlovu

Results:

vs Northwood 2-1, Glenwood 4-0, PBHS 0-0, St Charles 5-0, Wembley 1st 2-0, Westville 1-0, Hilton 3-0, Michaelhouse 3-2, Affies 1-0, PBHS 1-3, KES 1-0, Glenwood 5-0

Mr D Shaw-Govender

4th XI

The 4th XI had an excellent season that was enjoyed by the coach, players and the supporters. The team played 11 games won seven, drew three and lost one. The team showed passion for hockey and good team spirit and this was noticeable both during practices and in matches.

The first match was against Northwood and was played to a draw of 1-1. After four games we played them again away and won 7-0. This was a proof that the team had improved and was gelling together.

We were delighted when G Nel joined our team, as he became the top goal-scorer. On Reunion Day, the team had the pleasure of playing against an Old Boys' Invitational XI side. It was so exciting to watch T Woodburn playing against his father. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

It was also a pleasure for me as a coach to have some players from last year playing in the team this year, as they knew precisely what the team and coach wanted. Those boys were J Govender, C Harper, K Himwanth, T Moloi and T Tamsen. Govender and Harper led the team with commitment and dedication.

Regular players:

J Govender (captain), C Harper (vice-captain), T Moloi, K Himwanth, T Tamsen, S Meiklejohn, W Zondo, T Woodburn, T Rasmussen, K Pillay, G Nel, J Cumming, N Greeff, N Nkalakata, R Patterson, J Goble

Results:

vs Northwood 4-1, 7-0, PBHS 4-1, 1-2, St Charles 5-0, Kearsney 2-0, Westville 2-2, Hilton 4-2, Affies 2-1, KES 2-0, Invitational XI 1-1

Mr M Ngcobo

5th XI

The 5th XI experienced a tremendously satisfying and enriching season in which they held themselves to high standards, both at practices and in matches. Capably co-captained by K Chetty and L Zondo, they had an impressive array of results, winning eight and drawing two of the 12 games played.

Personal highlights of the season included exceptional performances on exchange, with the team coming away undefeated on their trips to Pretoria and Johannesburg; the clinical display against Kearsney in cold and misty conditions; and the multiple wins against higher ranked teams. The forwards and links combined well to score 33 goals over the course of the season and the defensive unit formed a solid wall, only conceding eight goals.

The team exhibited true spirit at all games and practices, playing the game with passion and commitment without losing the focus on enjoyment and camaraderie.

I thank the parents for their continued support as well as their commitment to hosting on exchanges. My sincerest gratitude goes to every single member of this team who made this season thoroughly enjoyable and one that I am sure will remain in our memories for years to come.

Regular players:

K Chetty (captain), L Zondo (captain), L Arnold, N Bhengu, M Claassen, M Els, J Lowe, U Mkhize, T Mohabir, T Moloi, S Ndlovu, J Nelson, D Odell, B Pepworth, A Phillips, N Qwabe

Results:

vs Northwood 3-2, Westville 4-1, PBHS 0-0, St Charles 4th 1-1, Kearsney 4th 5-0, Hermannsburg 1st 3-0, Westville 0-1, Grace College 1st 3-1, Michaelhouse 4th 5-1, Affies 7-0, PBHS 0-1, KES 2-0

Mr M Warr

6th XI

The 6th team had a great season in 2019, recording just one loss. Unfortunately, we went down to Northwood, although this happened to be on a stagger against their 4th XI. Considering this, it was an impressive season. The boys were competitive and thoroughly enjoyed their hockey. They showed continuous improvement throughout the season, starting with a 1-1 draw against Hilton 5th XI. Later on in the season we recorded a 3-0 win against the same opposition. I hope that the boys learned a lot and will continue improving and enjoying their hockey next year. It was an absolute pleasure coaching this team.

Regular players:

G Joubert, T-J Mkhize, J Lee, J Nelson, S Ndlovu, K Hammar, R du Preez, OL Higgins, C Hemingway, N Qwabe, M Els, S Khuzwayo

Results:

vs Northwood 4th 0-4, Hilton 5th 1-1, St Charles 5-0, Hilton 5th 3-0, Michaelhouse 5th 2-1

Mr R Coutts



The buzz besides Pape's: when the senior rugby boys turn up to cheer on the 1st XI



U16A

Back row: R Dobejn, M Ponter, J Jansen, O Currie, R Marais, A Carter, T Conolly, O Field
Front row: R Crookes, J Lalor, C van der Vliet, Mr K Emerson (coach), A Mthalane, A Styan, C McKean
Absent: C Osborne

It is always tough at the start of the season to bring the U15s and U16s together to create a team that can perform to its potential. I was fortunate enough to coach all of the boys in the squad at U14 level and this allowed me to have a good understanding of what to expect from them - and they knew what to expect from me. At the start of the season we set some goals which were not going to be easy to attain. The boys understood them and were driven to achieve them and this was evident in their drive and work ethic at training sessions. They were pushed to be better players each week and they were keen to learn and become "scholars of the game". The thing that makes coaching College boys so enjoyable is that they are willing to train hard and better themselves as they play for each other and strive to reach their individual and team goals. Due to this, this U16A team played at a level above their potential as they executed a game plan and were able to outplay their opposition.

The season started with a match against Northwood, which was won easily and it showed hints of the potential of this team but also certain weaknesses we would need to address, as we conceded two goals. The Nomads Hockey Festival is never easy; we played some challenging matches, and some easier ones, which allowed us to be

tested but also to try some different combinations and structures that would help us later in the season. The Wynberg fixture would go down as our toughest fixture of the season. They were a very good team and their speed and clinical approach allowed them to capitalise on two early chances. Although we created more opportunities than they did we could not breach their defences. That taste of defeat only made the team hungrier for a better standard and the only other time we were beaten was against Hilton, who created one good chance in the match and took it.

The double-header against PBHS is always difficult and is tightly contested, but the team did well to edge out wins in those games. The season statistics tell the story for the rest of the games in the season. The team conceded only seven goals in the season and kept 13 clean sheets - a remarkable achievement! This was due in part to some brilliant saves from our goalkeeper, R Marais, and the collective defensive effort from the team. The goals we scored were generally well-worked team goals, with many players involved in the build-up, but every now and again, there were moments of brilliance and flair thrown in to create some spectacular goals.

The team was excellently led by A Mthlane (captain) and C Osborne (vice-captain), who constantly pushed the team to achieve the high standard they had set for themselves. The leadership of the senior players allowed the juniors in the team to feel comfortable and develop, even if they occasionally made mistakes. A healthy team spirit was fostered.

The team's hours of training, video analysis, talking through principles and game plans, and dedication and discipline on and off the field, certainly paid off and resulted in a successful season. The U16A hockey side of 2019 will be remembered as one of the finest teams I have coached.

Regular players:

A Mthlane (captain), C Osborne (vice-captain), R Marais, R Dobeyn, M Ponter, C McKean, O Field, A Styan, J Lalor, J Jansen, T Conolly, R Crookes, C van der Vliet, A Carter, O Currie

Results:

vs Northwood 4-2, St John's 3-0, Wynberg 0-2, KES 3-0, St Alban's 3-0, Grey High 4-0, Glenwood 6-0, PBHS 1-0, St Charles 5-1, Kearsney 3-0, DHS 4-0, Westville 2-0, Hilton 0-1, Michaelhouse 2-1, Affies 2-0, PBHS 1-0, KES 3-0, Glenwood 5-0

Provincial and national selections:

KZN Inland U16A:	A Mthlane, C Osborne, J Jansen
KZN Inland U16B:	R Dobeyn, M Ponter, T Conolly, R Crookes
SA U16 High Performance Squad:	C Osborne, A Mthlane

Mr K Emerson

U16B

The U16B team, captained by S Manyathi, had a highly successful season, playing an exciting brand of hockey that was enjoyed by all spectators. They started the season slowly with a draw against Northwood, but then never looked back, going from strength to strength, developing both as individuals and as a team. Having lost 0-1 to KES in the pre-season festival, the boys showed their mettle when they travelled to Johannesburg at the end of the season to beat KES 3-0, which was probably the highlight of the season. They showed their adaptability by playing a number of formations which allowed the team to finish the season with 15 different goal-scorers. B van der Merwe was our top goal-scorer through his excellence in our attacking penalty corners. The captain, Manyathi, managed nine clean sheets as the goalkeeper. Each of the players is to be complimented on his dedication and commitment to the team and on a very successful season.

Regular players:

S Manyathi (captain), B van der Merwe, J du Plessis, J Jansen van Vuuren, J de Billot, A Carter, T Brown, G Winlock, T Latha, C Baldrey, N Cook, J Moller, R Graham, O Currie, C Fulton

Results:

Jeppe High Festival

St Benedict's U15A 4-0, Jeppe U15A 1-2, KES U15A 0-1, Grey High 3-1, St John's 1-0

vs Northwood 1-1, Glenwood 4-0, PBHS 1-1, St Charles 5-0, Kearsney 7-0, DHS 8-0, Westville 5-3, Hilton 2-0, Affies 1-1, Michaelhouse 7-2, PBHS 4-1, KES U15A 3-0, Glenwood 10-0

Provincial representation:

KZN U16B:	G Winlock
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Mr M Reed



A Mthlane, the U16A XI captain, considers his options



U16A XI - C McKean dribbling the ball



Coach, Mr K Emerson - on-field analysis with the U16A XI



U16C

The U16C team had an excellent, exciting hockey season. The boys went through the entire season unbeaten and conceded only two goals! They started the season by beating Glenwood 9-0, and ended the season with a well-deserved 10-0 win over the same opponents on Reunion Day.

Throughout the season, they played very good, steady hockey and all the boys are capable of playing at a higher level. Even though I was not their coach for long, the boys were able to adapt to what I asked of them very easily and made my job a lot more fun and exciting. Thank you to these boys and I wish them all the best in their future hockey endeavours at College.

Regular players:

K Hope-Johnstone (captain), N Khumalo, S Hamilton, J Jansen van Vuuren, D Naidoo, E March, N Thompson, K Meisegeier, N Zondi, C Fulton, P Mncube, S Strydom, G Cooke, J Naude, A Chiliza, J Shaw

Results:

vs Northwood 6-0, Glenwood 9-0, PBHS 3-0, DHS 15-0, Westville 1-0, Hilton 6-0, Michaelhouse 4-1, Affies 4-0, PBHS 2-0, KES 3-1, Glenwood 10-0

Mr R Coutts

U16D

This group of remarkable young men may not have had much success in terms of wins on the hockey field, but I believe they learned a lot about teamwork. There was little concern for the score and they rather lived by the U16D motto of having fun on the field. I was always proud of the way they behaved and performed in each match.

Every player in this team contributed to an enjoyable and wonderful season and each one improved during the year. Watching them develop into better players and building relationships is what makes it so difficult to bid them farewell after four years in the role of coach. My sincere thanks to my many remarkable players and the wonderful support we received from their parents.

Regular players:

T Abramia, J Barnard, K Blunt, J Campbell, R Finnie, S Gibson, C Hohls, E Kleu, S Makhathini, N Mthethwa, K Taylor, S Arnold, G Cooke, E Kingham, K Meisegeier, A Veitch, T Wolhuter

Results:

vs Northwood 1-2, Westville 2-1, PBHS 0-1, St Charles 0-0, Kearsney C 3-1, Westville 1-2, Hilton 3-0, Affies 1-2, PBHS 0-1, KES U15B 5-1, Wartburg 3-0

Dr R Salmond

U16E

The U16E hockey team, or as I like to call them "The Invincibles", had a season suggestive of this name. They played 12 games, winning 11, drawing 1 and scored a total of 49 goals, conceding only four. The season started with Mr Mhlongo and his tactical brilliance, coaching the boys and setting the tempo for the season. Mr Mhlongo unfortunately left College before the end of the season to pursue a career opportunity in Durban, but he left the boys in the hands of the enthusiastic Mr Radebe.

Captained by K Govender and A Veitch, the boys were determined to make themselves and their school proud, giving 100% from the first game to the last. Some standout moments were the 3-2 victory against Affies after a very long holiday, the 10-0 victory against our old rivals, Michaelhouse, and the final game of the season against KES. In this game, the boys came from a goal down early in the first half to win the match 2-1, with two goals from the untiring L Serafim, a great save from G Gace and a match-winning clearance from J Barnard to keep out a last attempt from KES. There were many more moments of individual brilliance during the season, but what stood out most was the chemistry amongst the boys and how well they played together.

Regular players:

K Govender (captain), A Veitch (vice-captain), U Maphumulo, G Gace, A Dippenaar, S Phungula, L Serafim, M Daly, S Arnold, A Xulu, N Sosibo, W Shange, R Grant, E Towani, T Wolhuter, J Barnard

Results:

vs Northwood 1-0, Westville 4-1, PBHS 1-0, St Charles 8-0, Kearsney D 7-0, Hermannsburg 6-0, Westville 2-0, Hilton 5-0, Michaelhouse D 10-0, Affies 3-2, PBHS 0-0, KES 2-1

Messrs F Mhlongo and S Radebe

U16F

This team boasted an impressive record of winning eight of the ten games it played and scoring an impressive 44 goals, conceding just five. The boys' spirit as well as their commitment was commendable throughout the long season. The entire team showed sportsmanship as well as dedication to one another throughout. Captained by Z Matthews for most of the season, the entire team represented their school with pride and grace.

Regular players:

Z Matthews (captain), A Dlongolo, M Mouton, S Pillay, S Nsengiyumva, W Pillay, K Whitaker, T Beachcroft-Shaw, L Donnelly, A Ferraz, M Fihlela, R Grant, R Kingham, J Klapprodt

Results:

vs Northwood 4-1, Glenwood 8-0, PBHS 4-0, St Charles 7-1, Kearsney 9-0, Carter U16A 0-0, Westville 6-0, Michaelhouse U16E 3-0, Affies U16E 3-0, KES 0-2, PBHS 0-1

Mr T Hoosen



On the attack: U16A XI vs PBHS on Pape's



U14A

Back row: A Sithole, C Smith, L Armstrong, P Dlamini, L Akerman, A Makhanya, M Thompson
Front row: K Dobeayn, D Hockey, Mr K Nipper (coach), G Aranky, Mr B Swart (coach), J Bradford, S Ndlovu

The focus of any U14 team is to learn to harness the basics of the game and play at a level much higher than in their primary schools. This has always been at the base of the College hockey pyramid. The members of the 2019 team were intent on reaching these goals too and enjoyed a relatively successful season.

The season started in earnest in the middle of February with the season opener against Northwood on the Pape's Astro – a tense affair, ending in a draw. In the first term holiday, the team attended the annual Nomads Hockey Festival, hosted this year by Wynberg Boys' High in Cape Town. It was a more testing Nomads than usual – playing some Cape schools that College usually do not play against. The team won two and lost three matches.

As the season progressed, the team produced a relatively mixed set of performances. At times, the boys proved that they could play some sublime hockey, but sometimes they let themselves down with some rather mediocre performances. This mix of performance does not necessarily determine the quality of a team, but, more importantly, it teaches the need for application and controlling the factors that teams can control. These factors tested the boys to be disciplined at practice, more determined in their preparation, and more supportive of their teammates. These attributes will serve them well in their sporting and all-round development.

Some of the highlights of the season included a 7-0 win against Glenwood in the final match of the season (after drawing 2-2 in the first game in the second term), as well as fast-paced matches against St Charles and a competent DHS team. This young team still has much to learn as they progress through the ranks of the Red Army, but they will be watched with interest in the hope that their natural talent will continue to develop.

The team was ably led by G Aranky, who is commended on his efforts during the season. Mr K Nipper assisted in coaching the team, and his input was appreciated.

Provincial representation:

KZN Inland 14A: G Aranky, A Khumalo, K Dobeayn, L Akerman, A Makhanya, P Dlamini, M Barnado

KZN Inland 14B: M Thomson, J Bradford, L Nkabinde, D Hockey, A Sithole, C Smith, S Ndlovu

Regular players:

G Aranky (captain), M Barnado, L Armstrong, M Thomson, K Dobeayn, J Bradford, L Akerman, P Dlamini, A Sithole, C Smith, A Makhanya, S Ndlovu, D Hockey

Other players who also represented the team were

L Nkabinde, A Khumalo and L Seshemane

Results:

Nomads Festival

vs KES 3-1, Jeppe 2-4, Wynberg 3-1, Rondebosch 1-2, SACS 0-5

vs Northwood 2-2, Glenwood 2-2, PBHS 2-1, St Charles 2-0, Kearsney 2-0, DHS 0-0, Westville 3-2, Hilton 1-2, Michaelhouse 7-0, Affies 2-1, PBHS 2-3, KES 1-1, Glenwood 7-0

Mr B Swart

U14B

The U14B team had a great season, it being their first at College. Winning some of our games by five goals or more, the boys showed a never-say-die attitude on the field. At practices, the boys trained hard and it reflected on match days with their losing only three of the games throughout the season.

As the season went on, the boys started to understand each other better and they started to connect, which resulted in a number of excellent team goals about which their opponents could do little. There was no set captain as everyone had their own input and realised what their roles were on the field and executed them very well. On a few occasions, a lapse in concentration at key moments resulted in the opposition scoring first. This, however, seemed to spur the boys on, instilling in them a fighting spirit. They showed their class by not letting these mishaps bother them as they came back stronger. J Barrett had a great season in goals, making crucial saves when the team needed him, with R McKenzie having a solid season at the back. The strike force of B Luffingham, L Seshemane, M Wolhuter and A Nkubungu was well-nigh unstoppable, given the boys' pace and skill, and they were supplied with so many opportunities courtesy of the midfield's excellent vision and work rate.

My thanks go to the parents, who were always there with their support, urging their boys on to victory.

Regular players:

J Barrett, T Pratt, R Marion, A Nkubungu, L Zembe, L Nkabinde, L Seshemane, M Wolhuter, C Stead, L Zuma, B Luffingham, L McIlrath, R McKenzie, A Khumalo

Results:

Northwood U14B Festival:

vs Waterkloof 2-1, Jeppe 1-3, Westville 5-0, SACS 1-1, Ashton 2-0, Northwood Invitational 3-0

vs Northwood 2-1, PBHS 4-2, St Charles 3-4, Kearsney 7-1, DHS 5-0, Westville 3-0, Hilton 0-2, Michaelhouse 10-0, Affies 3-0, PBHS 7-1, KES 7-1, Glenwood 4-1

Mr L Barnard



S Mkandla – U14C, protecting the goals against all threats

U14C

The two guaranteed characteristics of a College U14 hockey side are that of passion and commitment, and this group of players certainly did not disappoint. Every practice and game was executed with one common goal – for the boys to give 100% to all that they undertook.

The fact that they scored 45 goals and only had two goals scored against them during the season is testimony to the outstanding level of hockey played. Looking back on the season, the Friday night game against Affies has to be the match of the season. Playing under lights did not deter the team and the energy and team spirit displayed were something to behold. Their sportsmanship and enjoyment of the sport were even commented upon by the Affies parents, who made a point of complimenting the lads.

Much of the success of the team can be attributed to the leadership of M Mason as captain and G Roux as his vice-captain, who both led from the front both on and off the field. Although we did not achieve an unbeaten season, owing to a somewhat unexpected loss to Michaelhouse, the team attained outstanding results. Roux top scored with 15 goals followed by M Clemmans with nine goals.

Thank you to the players for a wonderful season of hockey – they were a pleasure to coach. Their boundless enthusiasm made coaching so much easier. A huge thank you, too, goes to the parents, who supported the team every Saturday and who also opened up their homes to the visiting players.

Regular players:

M Mason (captain), G Roux (vice-captain), S Mkandla, T Dlomo, R Marion, N van Rooyen, E Kock, M Mkhize, J Conolly, B Chamblor, M Clemmans, B Gething, S Sithembu, S Mazibuko, S Chetty, A Mbokazi, T Ekhooff

Results:

vs Glenwood 5-0, PBHS 5-0, St Charles 2-0, DHS 5-0, Westville 0-0, Michaelhouse 0-0, Hilton 3-1, Affies 7-0, PBHS 4-0, KES 4-0, Glenwood 10-0

Mrs J Orchard and Mr M Maphumulo

U14D

The U14D team had an excellent season, which led to their going undefeated and only conceding three goals during the course of the season, and the team's proud record proclaims: played 12, won 10, drew two. It was wonderful to see the team gel from the very first practice session, and they showed true dedication and spirit throughout the season. The boys very quickly learned that an individual does not win a game, but rather a team that plays as one. I was impressed with the growth and development of these boys and it gave me great joy seeing them enjoying hockey and always giving of their best. Many of them have a lot of potential and I hope they will work hard to reach it. C Comrie led the team ably throughout the season and T Thompson is congratulated on finishing as the top scorer for the season. Thank you goes to the parents of these boys, who were always present at matches.

Regular players:

C Comrie (captain), E Geere (vice-captain), T Ekhooff, D Slabbert, C Adam, T Clowes, T Thompson, P van Rensburg, N Butler, S Gabu, T Tamsen, T de Lange, J Jackson, J Kufal

Results:

vs Northwood 8-0, Glenwood 2-1, 1-0, PBHS 1-0, 1-1, St Charles 4-0, Kearsney C 1-0, DHS 2-0, Westville 3-1, Hilton 1-0, Affies 3-0, KES U15D 0-0

Mr N Croeser

HOCKEY

U14E

One does not realise the excitement and enthusiasm that U14 hockey players display until one coaches this age group. In 2019, each boy in the U14E team worked tirelessly to improve his game, both individually and as a team.

The boys adapted well to the different drills and showed up to each game with a tremendous fighting spirit. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching the team and was immensely impressed by the tremendous growth and development of these boys.

On a personal note, I sincerely thank to Mr S Radebe, who assisted with coaching the boys throughout the season. He added great value to this side and guided me through my first season as a hockey coach at College.

Regular players:

K Walker (*captain*), D le Roux, S Munro, R Gething, A Sclanders, A Khanyile (*goalkeeper*), C Prinsloo, J Jackson, S Ender, N Tsvuura, D Ekstrand, K Kleinhans, L Findlay

Results:

vs Northwood 3-0, PBHS 1-3, Kearsney 0-1, Northwood 2-0, Michaelhouse 3-1, PBHS 1-1, KES 1-0

Miss N Ngcobo

U14F

The task of coaching an U14 side is never an easy one, with many of the boys coming from different primary schools and backgrounds. The task is not merely coaching hockey but also teaching the boys what is expected from a College boy. I am proud to say that during my short interaction with the boys of the 2019 U14F side on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, as well as at the few games we played during the season, I saw a lot of growth both on and off the hockey field. I saw boys find themselves, find their place in the school as well as grow into true College boys.

On the hockey field itself, the boys did have a few standout performances, winning against PBHS at PBHS without a goalkeeper, as well as beating an U16 Northwood side. The season's results were not a true reflection of the boys' growth and performance, as unfortunately not too many schools could match us when it came to numbers, and therefore the majority of the games were staggered. Overall, we played four games, winning two and losing two. However, I do believe that come 2020, when the boys will be in the U16 age group, many of these young men will be playing for higher teams.

Regular players:

A Noome (*captain*), C Talbot, S Khanyile, R Warr, A Khan, S Mngadi, M Marillier, H Schmah, N Mkhize, A Mahomed, A Khumalo

Results:

vs Northwood U16I 2-1, PBHS 2-1, Linpark U14A 0-4, Northwood U14E 0-4

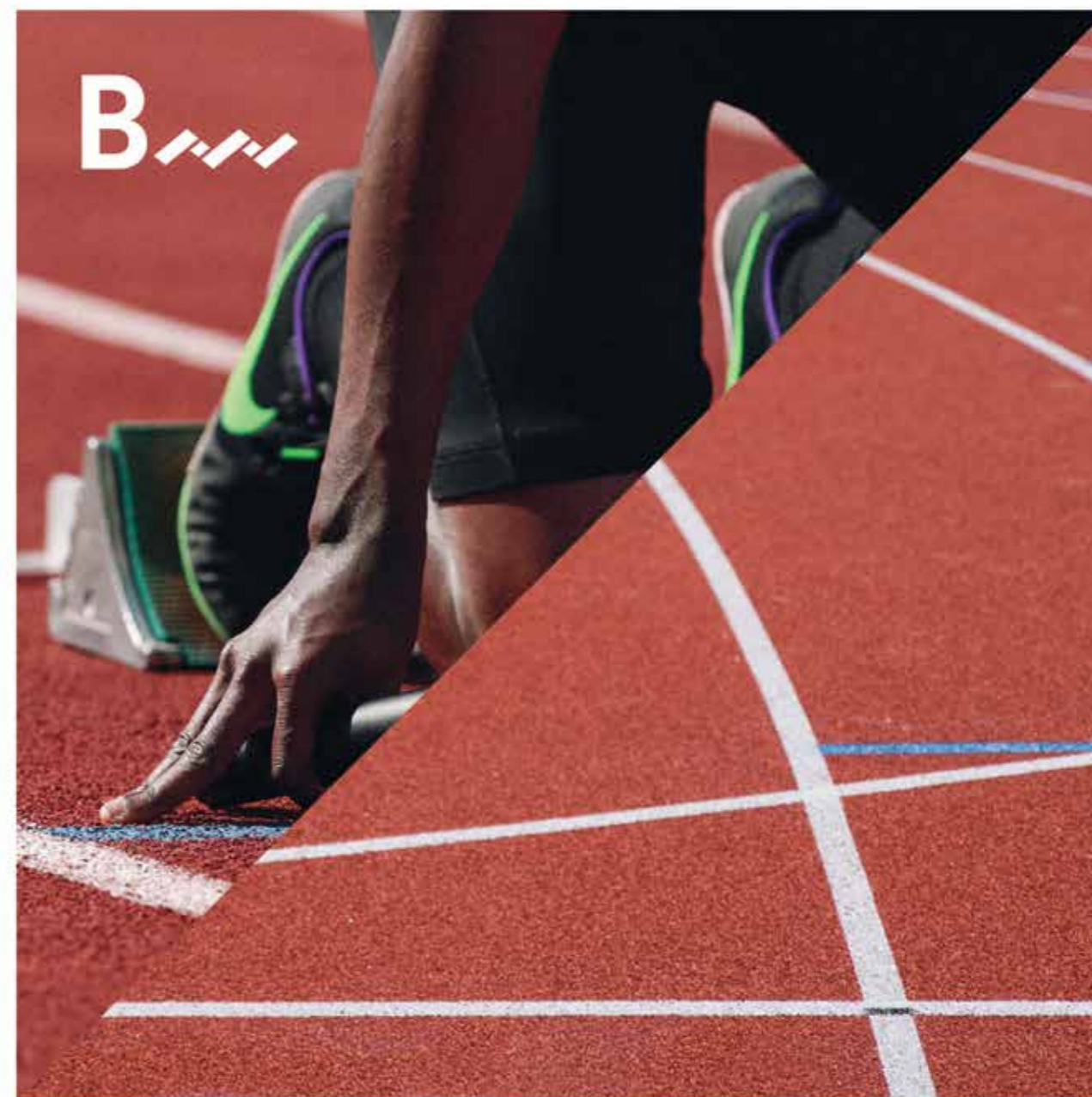
Mr S Radebe



The 1st XI celebrates their first goal against Glenwood on Pape's on Reunion Day



The U14 hockey boys and spectators show their love for the First XI from the embankment beside Pape's



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First XV

Back row: S Zunckel, S Ningiza, J-R Ayliffe, B Tedder, J Hendrikz, W Hlophe, M King

Middle row: A Nzimande, H Corbett, K Hadebe, H Trodd, A Matsheke, J Mndaweni, T Trollip, K Morsink, C Dlamini

Front row: P Simamane, Mr J Greeff (S & C), S Kekana (captain), Mr C Fraser (head coach), B Webster (vice-captain), Mr R le Roux (assistant coach), M Dlangalala

Overview from the Director of Rugby

Maritzburg College once again bucked the trend at other schools and fielded even more teams than in the past few seasons. To have 32 teams practising and available to play is the envy of any school in the country. Finding opposition for all these teams is however, a huge undertaking and we continue to do all that is humanly possible to ensure our boys are catered for.

2019 promised to be a good season for Maritzburg College. No fewer than eight squads were involved in festivals during the Easter Holidays and all went unbeaten. Overall, College played 332 games during the season, winning 252 of them, drawing nine and losing 71. This equates to a 76%-win ratio that includes losses in games played on a stagger.

The pre-season was well organised and all the teams showed their potential. The first fixture of the season was against Northwood and the age group teams showed total dominance. It was, however, a poor start for the 1st XV who went down narrowly in a game they should have won. Obviously, this was not the start we were looking for and it began a run of narrow losses for a team that was battling to find its feet and to play as a unit. While there were some good performances, the 1st XV went on to have a season that can only be described as, "What could have been?" Four matches were lost by three or fewer points and the results could have gone either way. It was frustrating but also rewarding when they clicked and realised their potential.

The age group teams all performed very well. The U14s had some losses but fought back well to end the season as one of the better sides in the country. The U15s, brimming with talent, lost two games in the season that, by their own admission, they should never have lost. They went on to beat some of the best sides in the country and we will follow the progress of this group very closely. The U16s were perhaps the surprise package. Coming off an average U15 year, they could quite easily have finished the year unbeaten. Two losses under controversial circumstances were the only blemish in a very good season.

The 2nd XV were a joy to watch and their single loss against Westville was the only negative result in a very strong and well managed season. Highlights for the year included three wins in a row on the Affies main

field for the U15As, U16As and 2nds, a full house of wins against Pretoria Boys away, only two losses against Glenwood on Reunion Day, and a general dominance against all three private schools in KwaZulu-Natal. An overall win rate of over 80% for the school is something of which we can all be proud and the coaches and boys are congratulated on their fine efforts.

While we have mentioned the results, it is also important to look at the style of rugby our boys are playing. The general skills and structures being displayed by all teams was extremely pleasing. The technical areas of the game are becoming a strength of the school and all the hard work by both boys and coaches in these areas is applauded. We are constantly getting favourable feedback from provincial coaches who have identified the skill sets of our boys and the value they add in provincial teams. Well done.

The 1st XV squad had the privilege of undertaking an overseas tour in September 2019 – the first time in many years. England and Wales was the destination and four top schools were played. Good wins against Eltham College, Christ College and Oakham College were achieved and a narrow loss against the highly rated Millfield resulted in an extremely happy experience for the boys and staff. A big thank you to all the parents and staff for the outstanding fundraising campaign that made this possible.

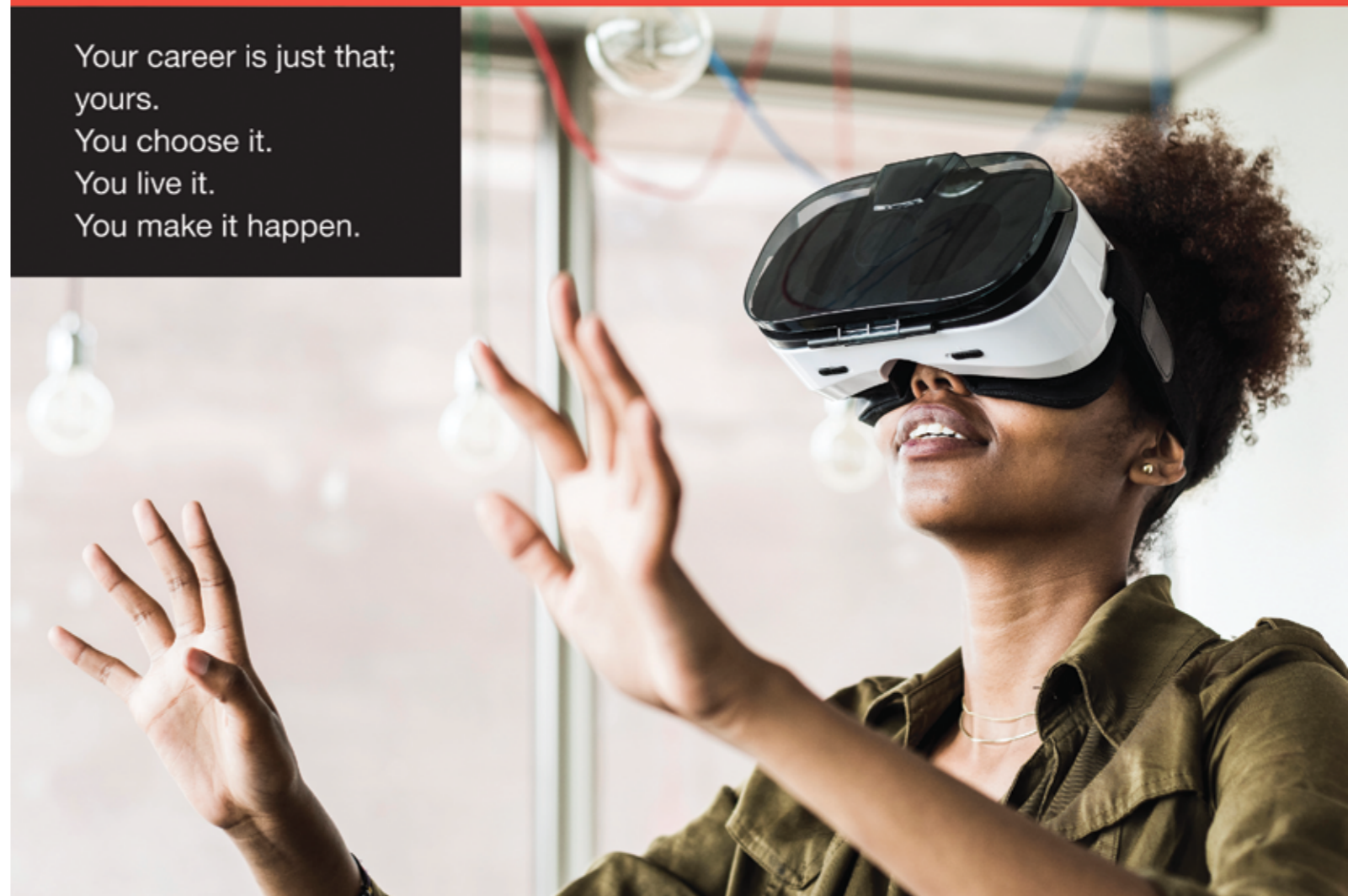
Our Rugby Sevens teams competed in various tournaments in the third term with our U15 team being the top side in the province and qualifying for the Champion of Champions tournament at Grey College.

Special mention goes to all the staff and boys who did their bit to ensure the season ran smoothly. Messrs Ken Hackland and Dave Veitch along with the estates staff, Miss Ailsa Greyling and the First Aid boys and staff, the Second Formers who ensured all the post protectors and flags were up for each home fixture, the Marketing department, coaches and everyone who played a role in the season have our grateful thanks.

A further thank you to Mr Ricky Chirengende (Master-in-Charge) and the sports department, especially Ms Nolwazi Ngcobo, who assisted with the fixtures each week, for their excellent organisation and assistance during the year.

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Congratulations to these boys who gained higher selection 2019:

Sharks Craven Week:	A Nzimande, W Hlophe, M Dlangalala and S Ningiza
Sharks Academy Week:	C Dlamini, B Tedder, H Trodd, K Hadebe, and S Kekana
Sharks U16 Grant Khomo Week:	R Swift, D Botha, W Takata, C Thunder and L Mtshali
South African Schools Team:	W Hlophe

Provincial Administrators:

Head Coach, Grant Khomo team:	Mr T Orchard
Craven Week Selector:	Mr K Smith
Executive Member - KZNRU Schools:	Mr R Kyle

Mr K Smith



The 1st XV captain, S Kekana, leads his team under Nicholson's Arch onto Goldstone's. C Dlamini follows, gripping his badge

1st XV

Overview

The 2019 1st XV rugby season was a mixed bag of results, with many U17 players making their mark as greenhorns in the team. Our pre-season was very productive, as fitness testing of players was done under close supervision of our conditioning team. Players' progress was closely monitored and followed as our players grew stronger throughout the season.

We were fortunate to have some class individuals in our team who could truly create something from nothing, but on a few occasions the team lacked the desired cohesion to convert pressure into points. There were many close games that could have gone the other way, had we executed more accurately and had the proverbial rub of the green. We could have turned three results on their head as we were within one score of changing defeat to victory.

Our boys did us proud on so many occasions with tenacious fightbacks and unwavering resilience in the heat of battle. Even though we could have won numerous games, when this team clicked they possessed the ability to create something special. The matches we played against Kingswood at the St Stithians Festival and the Michaelhouse fixture are ones that spring to mind immediately.

The team's ability to mix up forward and back play was definitely among the standout strengths of this group. The College 1st XV of 2019 will be remembered as a team that played with wild abandon and often attempted running themselves out of trouble close to their own goal line. When this expansive tactic worked it looked spectacular, but this flashy style of play occasionally resulted in our being put under severe pressure. Our boys sporting the white badge had an immense intrinsic drive to express themselves and play with a natural feel for the game.

Unfortunately, we were plagued by several injuries towards the end of the season. A tip of the hat is necessary to all the players who stood in for injured crew in what was a gruelling, seemingly never-ending season. These boys acquitted themselves really well of their task and this is again a testament to the depth that College rugby is privileged to have.

As a coach, one is normally very subjective and it is hard to accept a loss and acknowledge where we have been at fault. Fortunately, these are teachable moments that everyone can grow from and it grants people the opportunity to reflect and determine how they can become better at what they do. From an outsider's perspective the College 1st XV has shown significant improvement from last year and this hopefully will create a decent platform of performance for 2020. We have made inroads and I am convinced that College rugby is hitting an upwards curve.

There is truly a myriad of words that one possibly could use to describe the 2019 season. Trying, testing, tough, unlucky, could-have, would-have and so on and so forth, but the best I can think of is the word 'challenging'. We would not want it any other way, to be honest. Nobody wants an easy season and what these boys learnt in their time donning the white badge will hopefully stay with them forever, and serve them in adulthood to be strong, resilient young men in life, and society.



B Webster bags a lineout catch

Player Critique:

Forwards:

C Dlamini (*Academy Week, Colours and Scarf*): I commend this player on his rugby journey this year. In 2018 he set two goals for himself, to play 1st XV and Provincial rugby in 2019. He achieved both of those goals through hard work and dedication, while making an unlikely but successful move from centre to prop.

J Mndaweni (*Large White Badge*): A mobile player who has an unparalleled work ethic and who strives to be the best he can be in his position. His hard work in his free time secured him a berth in the 1st XV.

T Trollip (*Large White Badge*): He provided endless laughs this season with his antics and comments, but when he hit the field he meant business, whether it was popping the opposing loose-head in the scrum or carrying fiercely across the advantage line.

B Tedder (*Academy Week, Colours and Scarf*): When not plagued by injury he proved to be a thorn in the side of many an opposition team with his tackle breaking ability and robust ball carrying – the enforcer of the tight five. He also at times was the glue of this team, as he has the exceptional ability of uniting people.



W Hlope shakes off his Michaelhouse opposition

W Hlophe (*Craven Week, SA Schools, Honours*): A formidable young man with good carrying ability who has not reached his maximum potential yet – imagine what he could do next year. His quiet leadership skills were valuable this year.

M Dlangalala (*Craven Week, Honours*): A stocky and nuggety open-side flanker in every sense of the word. He epitomised the fetcher role and defended fiercely. He also had a superb instinct for the try line, as he crossed the whitewash on many occasions.

B Webster: Our rangy blindside flanker whom I admire for his honesty both on and off the field. I could always rely on him to give me the real version of what was going on in the camp. A gritty player who, on most occasions, towered above the opposition at lineout time to secure much valued possession for his team. He was a dependable leader who always put the team first.

H Corbett: He made many shattering runs through the defence, but was also renowned for making big cover tackles on would-be try scorers. He was a reliable defender and a player with tough physical qualities.

A Matsheke (*Academy Week, Colours*): This player started the season in the third team and eventually worked his way up through grit and dedication. He became known for his strong angled runs targeted at the fringes of the rucks and this became a speciality of his.

S Ningiza (*Craven Week, Honours*): He joined us at the start of the year from the Eastern Cape and impressed with his pleasant nature on and off the field. He has an "x factor" and we hope to see him unleash it in 2020. He has ample potential.

M King: A dangerous ball carrier with a natural feel for the game. He worked hard on his defence, which significantly improved the year. His ability to get forward ball for his team is without doubt his strength as a player.

Backs:

H Trodd (*Academy Week, Colours and Scarf*): He grew in confidence and owned his role of managing the play. He has a superb pass and an equally good boot, which he will hopefully employ more in 2020.

A Nzimande (*Craven Week, Honours*): A versatile player; he started the season off as a fly-half and did extremely well. His crisp pass and menacing step proved to be the bane of many opposition defences. He loves freedom when playing rugby, but he has also improved his kicking game this season to add some depth to his expertise.

K Hadebe (*Academy Week, Colours and Scarf*): You will not find a more relaxed human being – but this all changes when he is in full flight on the wing. Then it's all legs pumping down the touchline which we will hopefully see more of in 2020. He is a lethal finisher and a stalwart tackler.

S Kekana (*Captain, Academy Week, Colours and Scarf*): A tenacious individual; he is commended on his resilient nature that equipped him well to captain the side in the majority of our games this year. He was a fast player with equally quick hands.

P Simamane: A try scoring machine. In the 13 games he played, he managed to score 15 tries – no mean feat for a former scrumhalf who played his rugby at outside centre this year. His breezy running style deceptively baffled his opponents many times during the season. He also led the touring squad extremely well and all the players genuinely looked up to him.

K Morsink (*Colours*): A solid, steadfast player who also developed into a clinical finisher. He was a resolute defender and no slouch when it came to pace. I trust that he will show constant improvement to do even better next year.

J Hendrikz (*Large White Badge*): A player who came into his own towards the end of the season, especially on the UK tour and the last game on Reunion Day. He realised his physical strength and developed into an unrelenting ball carrier and an equally solid defensive centre. His booming left boot was also an asset.

S Zuncel (*Large White Badge*): He started out in the second team and played his way into the 1st XV. He had a solid boot and accumulated many points in the handful of games he played towards the end. Unpredictable and unorthodox with ball in hand, we often saw him deftly glide his way through defences.



M King on the charge against Westville. T Trollip is ready to assist



1st XV rugby: P Simamane runs with the ball while M Dlangalala, K Morsink and J Mndaweni are in support



1st XV. J Hendrikz, evades his DHS opponents

Match Reports

vs Northwood School (Goldstone's): Lost 26-30

The highly anticipated game of the day did not fail to deliver as the game was a spectacle to behold for the neutral and schoolboy rugby follower alike. Northwood started very well with a piece of individual brilliance and earned a 16-7 half-time lead as College's discipline let them down. Northwood increased that shortly after the break to take a commanding 23-7 lead, but College fought back to reduce the deficit to two points. The crucial moment came when College, strongly on the attack, lost the ball in contact and conceded a try to make the score 30-21 to the visitors. Even though the writing might have been on the wall for College, they did not stop fighting and managed to score a try in the corner with four minutes to spare. Unfortunately, College, with one last opportunity, lost the ball in contact and Northwood ate up the remaining time with possession rugby. Congratulations to Northwood on their victory - it was a hard-fought battle and a very entertaining match.

Tries: Nzimande, Ningiza, Simamane, King
Conversions: van der Walt (3)

vs Glenwood Boys' High School (Away): Lost 7-15

The Maritzburg College 1st XV travelled to Glenwood to play their first annual fixture in what was a very wet and muddy affair. College had the ascendancy early on in the game and managed to draw first blood with a very well timed run from Ningiza and a superb conversion. College played most of the rugby in the first half and did their best to pin Glenwood back in their half. Unfortunately, the lineout was not functioning on the day and poor discipline led to two tries and a half-time lead of 15-7 being conceded. In the second half Maritzburg College had many opportunities to convert pressure into points but unfortunately lacked accuracy. The only score of the half was a penalty to Glenwood. In the final moments College were denied a try by a forward pass and the final score was 15-7 to Glenwood.

Try: Ningiza
Conversion: Trodd

vs Pretoria Boys High School (Away): Won 20-15

The Maritzburg College 1st XV game against PBHS was a very entertaining but closely fought battle. The first half was predominantly a kicking contest where both College and the boys from Pretoria attempted to play a territorial game, aiming to put defences under pressure and force mistakes in the opposition half. The half-time score was 3-3. The second half proved to be a more exciting half as the College team seemed to have found their attacking edge. College scored the first try of the match, but the PBHS goal kicker kept punishing poor discipline from College and kept them in the game by slotting four more penalties, putting PBHS in front 15-10. Straight from the kick off, a College try tied the scores at 15-15. With five minutes left, an excellent strike from a lineout brought College the winning try.

Tries: Simamane (2) Morsink
Conversion: Trodd
Penalty: Trodd



D Cooper scores for College

St Stithians Easter Festival**vs Parktown High: Won 31-5**

The College 1st XV had Parktown as their first fixture. Two excellent tries, a brilliant solo effort by Nzimande and a great counter-attack, put College in the lead 12-0. However poor discipline came at an expensive price when, after a surge of penalties, College conceded a try shortly before the half-time whistle. College were well in control in the second half and three further, unanswered tries gave them a 31-5 victory in this game.

Tries: Nzimande (2), Hendrikz, Simamane
Conversions: Trodd (3)

vs Kingswood College: Won 38-7

College came up against the highly rated Kingswood side who had already taken some big scalps in their 2019 season. They had beaten Dale College as well as Kearsney College in previous fixtures so this was going to be a good benchmark for the College 1st XV. College conceded an early intercept try but they established forward dominance and took control of the match. Six tries followed, four in the first half, the best being one where almost every College player handled the ball and Mndaweni was the right player at the right time and found himself on the end of a stunning team attack. It was the best performance of the season so far.

Tries: Mndaweni (2), Ningiza, Nzimande (2), Webster
Conversions: Trodd (4)



M Masvikieni in support of 1st XV flyhalf, S Zunckel with the ball



1st XV No 6, M Dlangalala, scoring a last-gasp try

vs St Charles College (Away): Won 31-7

College played against St Charles in the annual Pietermaritzburg Day. In the first 10 minutes of the match one could see that both teams were testing one another to try and exploit certain weaknesses. College gradually took control and two first half tries left the score at 14-0 at the break. A third try shortly after the resumption put the match beyond St Charles, though they did well to score from a strong rolling maul. Two further College tries brought a 31-7 victory. Special mention needs to be made of Trodd, the College scrumhalf, who maintained a 100% kicking success rate on the day, four conversions and a penalty.

Tries: Morsink, Simamane (3)
Conversions: Trodd (4)
Penalty: Trodd



Foggy, cold, wet Kearsney conditions did little to prevent a win

vs Kearsney College (Away): Won 14-12

Foggy, cold and wet conditions saw the Maritzburg College 1st XV make the trek to Botha's Hill to play against Kearsney. Stott field was muddy and wet underfoot and there was very low visibility while light rain fell continuously. Kearsney scored the first try of the game with their very first foray into the Maritzburg College half. Kearsney could not convert their try, but College put themselves under a lot of pressure by trying to play a wide, expansive game that was more suited to dry weather. In the second half, Kearsney dominated territory and after a turnover at scrum time managed to move the ball wide and score their second try. The Kearsney goal kicker managed to convert, leaving the score at 12-0. College replied well with some brilliant tight play in the forwards and Matsheke scored College's first try, converted by Trodd. In the last ten minutes, College mauled very well off a lineout and, after a couple of pick and drives, crossed the try line to tie up the scores. The outcome of the game rested on the Trodd's shoulders and he did not disappoint, giving College their first victory against Kearsney in five years.

Tries: Matsheke, Dlangalala
Conversions: Trodd (2)

vs Durban High School (Goldstone's): Won 34-24

A mild sunny day set the scene for the all-important FNB Classic clash between the Maritzburg College and DHS 1st XV's. Unfortunately, the game was riddled with handling errors and unforced errors, but a late comeback made the game very entertaining to watch. The game started with both teams trying to identify chinks in the armour of the opposition by throwing everything they had at each other. College drew first blood with a lovely counter-attack, but DHS fought back to lead 15-10 at half time. The second half was a ding-dong affair with the score progressing (College first) to 17-15, 17-18, 22-18, 22-21 and 22-24. A full 60 metre sprint by Hadebe and then a wonderful team try, scored by Simamane, finished off proceedings at 34-24 to College. College regained the Skonk Nicholson Cup that had spent the last two years at DHS.

Tries: Simamane (2) Hadebe (2), Ningiza
Conversions: Trodd (3)
Penalty: Trodd

vs Westville Boys' High School (Goldstone's): Lost 26-28

The Maritzburg College 1st XV took on Westville at Goldstone's. Westville started strongly and two tries and a penalty gave them a 15-7 half-time lead. College's try was off a beautifully executed set piece strike. The second half was cut and thrust. College scored three further tries, but Westville scored another of their own and a penalty to trail by only one point at 26-25. College then conceded a kickable penalty in their half and the Westville fly half once again made College pay dearly. The score was now 28-26 to Westville. College surged back onto the attack and was awarded two penalties on the 15 metre line in front of Basher ridge. They elected to tap and go and were unfortunately held up in their attempts to secure the victory with a try. A gallant comeback by the College 1st XV was unfortunately just too little, too late.

Tries: Nzimande, Webster, Simamane (2)
Conversions: Trodd (3)

vs Hilton College (Away): Lost 17-21

The College 1st XV made the trip up the hill to take on the Hilton 1st XV. An exchange of penalties left the score at 3-3 before quick thinking by Simamane led to a converted try. Hilton responded with their second successful penalty and then a try on the blindside after a powerful maul. Hilton led 14-10 at half time. Maritzburg College made many silly handling errors in the second half that resulted in the momentum never really swinging their way. Instead, Hilton scored an excellent try from a scrum and led 21-10. With a few minutes to spare College made some progress to the Hilton line and with some well-organised pick and drives managed to score a try and have the last say with Trodd knocking over the conversion. Final score 21-17 to Hilton.

Tries: Simamane, Dlamini
Conversions: Trodd (2)
Penalty: Trodd

vs Michaelhouse (Goldstone's): Won 42-17

After narrow defeats in their two most recent games, the College outfit had a lot to prove in the final match of the second term. They started well with an early try and then scored another before half time. With a couple of successful kicks, College lead 18-5 at half time. The second half saw some of College's best attacking rugby of the season. Stringing many phases together and with some great interplay between forwards and backs, they scored five more tries to record a sumptuous victory. Michaelhouse scored a couple of good tries of their own but were never really in the hunt. The College 1st XV truly made a statement in this game and looked forward to the remaining four games in the third term.

Tries: Matsheke, Mndaweni, Simamane (2), Ningiza, Corbett, Dlangalala
Conversions: Zunckel (2)
Penalty: Zunckel

vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Away): Lost 18-78

The first match of the third term saw the College 1st XV take on Affies in Pretoria. It was a tough day at the office for College as they lost their star player Simamane early in the first half. After that, Dlangalala, the Sharks Craven Week standout player, was also carried off the field, with a concussion. Trodd, another provincial player, hobbled off soon after with a recurring injury and the College 1st XV was spread thin. Ablant, who initially replaced Simamane, also had to come off the field because of a hamstring injury. With all the positional changes that had to be made, the College 1st XV struggled to maintain cohesion. The young men from Pretoria played as if they had a massive point to prove. They ran hard and fast and the College defenders had to defend all day. A penalty try and a yellow card caused further disruption. Ablant and Webster did manage to score two good tries for the Red, Black and White, but it was generally one-way traffic.

Tries: Webster, Ablant
Conversion: Zunckel
Penalties: Zunckel (2)



Lining up a kick, scrumhalf, H Trodd, is a study in concentration

RUGBY

vs Pretoria Boys High School (Goldstone's): Won 26-25

The College 1st XV met Pretoria Boys High for the return fixture played on Goldstone's. Some excellent goal-kicking by Zunckel and a barnstorming maul which led to a great try brought College 16 first half points, but PBHS faced only a three point deficit at half-time (16-13). Two second half tries to College were unconverted, while a converted try to PBHS left the score at 26-20 to College late in the game. An intercept led to a PBHS try in the last moments of the game and the PBHS fly half was faced with a touchline conversion to win the game. He had kicked like a machine during the game, but this one drifted marginally wide and College were fortunate to win 26-25.

Tries: Tedder, Mndaweni, Cooper
Conversion: Zunckel
Penalties: Zunckel (3)

vs King Edward VII School (Away): Lost 8-32

The College 1st XV played against KES in an away fixture in Johannesburg. The first half saw the KES side scoring two relatively soft tries in the first 15 minutes. College hit back with a penalty from Zunckel leaving the score at 10-3.

Close to half time the College 1st XV had been awarded a few penalties in the KES red zone. After some good forward play and picking and going, College showed enough patience and Mndaweni managed to score a try. The half-time score was 10-8 in King Edward's favour.

College came under enormous pressure in the second half. They defended like Trojans, but the dam wall had to break in the end and KES scored three further tries.

For the final try, the big KES tight-head prop set off on a bullocking run and, despite the best efforts of three College defenders, scored the final points of the day. The final score was 32-8 to KES, representing a comprehensive victory.

Try: Mndaweni
Penalty: Zunckel

vs Glenwood (Goldstone's): Lost 25-36

College played against Glenwood on College's much anticipated Reunion Day. College started like a house on fire and two tries gave them a 12-0 lead before Glenwood replied with a try and a penalty. Zunckel landed a penalty to give College a 15-8 half-time lead. Glenwood managed to draw first blood in the second half with a try in the left hand corner. College hit back with a penalty of their own but unfortunately, the lead they enjoyed was short-lived, as the Glenwood right-winger intercepted a loose pass and dotted down underneath the posts. Dlangalala then pierced the opposition defences and, after shrugging off a series of would be tacklers, he scored for Zunckel to add the extras. College was on the attack with men to spare out wide when Glenwood pounced again in a very opportunistic fashion and scored another intercept try. College did their best to break through in the last moments of the game but it was to no avail. College played most of the rugby but a few silly errors cost them in the second half. The way the boys put their bodies on the line and played for their school was admirable. The final score was 36-25 to Glenwood.

Tries: Hadebe, Nzimande, Dlangalala
Penalties: Zunckel (2)
Conversions: Zunckel (2)

Mr C Fraser



1st XV P Simamane tangles with the Westville firsts



Umbrella style on Basher Ridge



Wisdom learnt – out of harm's way



The main movers and shakers acknowledge the camera



In very noisy form the shouting captains, N Mfeka and C Patterson, were absolutely amazing



C van Rooyen takes the lineout ball



J Brink, P Elliot, H Hankinson, A Heydenrych and B Nene



Safely over the line – M Toich thoroughly enjoys his 2nd XV try at PBHS

2nd XV

The 2nd XV had a memorable 2019 season, in which the team vanquished all opposition except Westville – a loss that, ultimately, was important to the overall success of the team. The loss against Westville, which came after nine wins on the trot, ensured that the team found a new hunger and desperation to win and this led to six good wins to end of the season. The pick of these was against Affies, in which the boys, even after being ten points down early on in the game, showed great resolve and belief to finish victorious.

The boys had an insatiable desire to succeed and this factor, coupled with their determination and natural ability, created a wonderful atmosphere of excellence. Very rarely did we, as coaches, need to motivate them, as they had this intrinsically, and the team was also fuelled, inspired and cajoled by B Nene, who was a fine leader and ambassador for this "Sasha" team. The season was a great send-off for the Sixth Formers, in their last season of College rugby, and, along the way, some of them notched up their first wins against Glenwood, Affies and KES away from home. It would be difficult to think of a better way to cap your final season in the Red-Black-White. Special mention goes to the parents who lent their unfailing support of the boys week in and week out. The sacrifices they made are fully appreciated and did not go unnoticed.

Regular players:

B Nene (captain), A Breedt, D Meuwese, T Trollip, A Matsheke, J Ayliffe, E Qwalela, T Mbatha, H Hankinson, M King, C van Rooyen, P Elliot, D Cooper, S Zunckel, B Emms, M Masvikeni, P Ndlovu, S Mazwi, M Zunckel, M Toich, T Ablant, J Brink, J Hendrik, S Ningiza

Results:

vs Northwood 20-7, Glenwood 18-3, PBHS 38-10, Voortrekker 1st 45-5, Kearsney 20-0, DHS 70-12, Westville 15-28, Hilton 34-8, Michaelhouse 22-19, Affies 29-22, PBHS 29-10, KES 19-17, Glenwood 29-17, DR Malan 24-7, Standerton 36-3, Frans du Toit 38-6

Mr R Chirengende



H Corbett produces another of his trademark fly-in tries



On full-time the 2nd XV hope to add – from out wide – 2 more to the 29-10 score vs PBHS – adding peer pressure for hicker, B Emms (out of shot)

3rd XV

The 3rd XV of 2019 had a tumultuous season. The team's objectives from the start of the season, namely to be dominant and clinical, were sadly derailed by narrow losses and a litany of severe injuries to key players – not least within the leadership group. For example, during the Hilton game six players came off for concussions – and a seventh for a knee injury. Whilst injury is always a difficult pill for the boys to swallow, the extent to which they continued to press onward was testament to the unbelievable character of the team.

However, the continuity each week suffered because of the constant disruptions. It was not all negative, however, and I was especially proud to see several of the players elevate themselves into selection for the 2nd and 1st XV's – a continuing trend that shows just how talented this group of young men is. I was proud to coach this group of young men and look forward to watching the 5th Formers display their talents in 2020.

The highlights of the season were the clinical performances against PBHS and Glenwood, both home and away, and the dominant displays against St Charles 2nd XV and Hillcrest 1st XV.

Regular players:

C Patterson (captain), J Duncan (captain), Z Jali (vice-captain), M Nel, M Beckerling, L Müller, A Breedt, A Heydenrych, C van Heerden, L Robinson, H Hankinson, J Robinson, R Wilken, B Pretorius, K Raw, S Butler, P Elliot, C Schultz, T Elam, T Holgate, O Beauclerk, R Anderson, K Huizinga, M Toich, R Price, A Mbirara, M Downs, M Kheswa, A Matsheke, J Mndaweni, M Zunckel, B Emms

Results:

vs Northwood 20-7, Glenwood 33-19, PBHS 28-0, St Charles 2nds 40-13, Kearsney 26-27, Hillcrest 1sts 41-0, Westville 12-14, Hilton 10-13, Michaelhouse 23-10, Affies 17-37, PBHS 17-5, KES 10-11, Glenwood 28-7

Mr N Makhathini



Referee, Mr K Rugbar, enjoys 3rd XV, K Raw's "Look, Ma!" moment



J Robinson in the 3rd XV game against Michaelhouse

4th XV

The season started with *Bavula* playing some fine rugby against Northwood, Glenwood and PBHS away. The forwards set a solid platform and that gave the quick-footed backs the opportunity to show some good skills. After a disrupted week, the Linpark 1st XV proved a good encounter. It was a tough match and College just lacked the finishing touches and ended up a try behind.

The loss seemed to galvanise the players, who managed to overcome a good Kearsney team in pelting rain and easily defeated DHS. Some of the best rugby of the season was played in the 44-0 victory over Westville, and this gave the team momentum going into a tough match against Hilton. The last match in the second term was against a strong Michaelhouse side against whom College emerged victorious.

On our return from the July holidays, we went to Pretoria where we met Affies, testing our fitness and the depth in Open rugby as we had to draw on many players from the 5th team – and even as far as the 8th XV. The bounce of the ball favoured Affies, who were able to score late in the second half to snatch victory from the *Bavula*.

A close loss against PBHS followed and against KES we were outplayed by a better side, but we ended off the season with a good win against Glenwood. This brought to an end a very good season in which 13 matches were played, of which we won nine and lost four.

Regular players:

L Bourne (captain), M Downs (captain), N Nsuntsha, M Toich, A Mbirara, T Holgate, T Elam, K Raw, S Herman, C Nandh, C van Heerden, L Robinson, L Müller, W Mazwi, N Lushozi, O Beauclerk, N Ndlovu, R le Roux, T Gouws, M Kheswa, B Mbanjwa, R Wilken, R Anderson, B Brummer, J McCabe

Results:

vs Northwood 48-0, Glenwood 28-7, PBHS 19-0, Linpark 1st 12-19, Kearsney 34-7, DHS 79-0, Westville 46-0, Hilton 19-10, Michaelhouse 31-5, Affies 8-12, PBHS 11-12, KES 14-22, Glenwood 34-5

Mr C Dutton

5th XV

The *Bush Pigs* traditionally play a distinctive type of rugby, somewhere between bulldozing the opposition and beating them with pace on the outside. The 2019 season was no different, and Mr Dorling and I thoroughly enjoyed our coaching role this year.

Many schools find it difficult to fill Open teams lower than the 5ths, resulting in a sharp drop off in strength after the 3rd team. The depth in the *Bush Pigs* was remarkable and as players were drawn up to higher teams, the replacement players were of high quality and easily accepted the high standard expected from a *Pigs* player.

Many of the results show high scores with the average home field (Goldstone's) score being in the region of 55-8. The two defeats of the season, against Affies and KES, could have been avoided but for an annoying habit of standing back for the opposition when playing away and then mounting a comeback in the second half.

The match of the season was surely the home game against PBHS, during which the lead changed throughout the match and, with two minutes remaining, the score-line reflected a 31-31 draw. In the final play of the match, in typical *Pigs* fashion, a try was scored in the corner, with the final score reflecting a 36-31 win.

The players are thanked for their commitment to the season and to the practices, for which they were always on time and ready for what we could throw at them. The "banks" to finish the practice and the "Thank you handshake" thereafter were much appreciated, and it was always heartening to witness and experience the spirit in the team.

For those fortunate enough to have another bite at the cherry next year, we hope your introduction to the Open age group was a learning experience that will stand you in good stead as you practise with the 1st and 2nd game.

Of the 13 matches played, 11 were won and two lost.



Early-morning 5th XV action – T Gouws gets the ball away against the Edendale Development team

Regular players:

D Dyer (captain), Z Saayman, N Ndlovu, R Anderson, R Price, B le Roux, C Reece, T Gouws, T McCabe, C Nandh, T Culverwell, T Lehloeny, W Njimi, B Mbanjwa, W Hodgkinson, C Mitchell, R Swartz, K Mngadi, C Fortmann, J Muggleton, M Mundell, B Brummer, C Simmonds, S Ngwenya, W Mazwi, B Baldrey, L Robinson, D Pretorius-Spires, A Dickson, P Dlamini, K Huizinga, O Beauclerk, R Wilkens, S Trollip, S Koekemoer, N Lushozi, C van Selm, N Reintges

Results:

vs Westville 59-0, KES 12-21, Kearsney 60-7, Glenwood 41-9 and 55-0, PBHS 31-5 and 36-31, St Charles 52-5, Hillcrest 2nd 39-7, Hilton 29-0, Development 85-0, Michaelhouse 47-14, Affies 13-22

Mr N Sutherland



A Circle of Rugby Friendship

Amidst the passion of schoolboy rugby on and around Goldstone's this Saturday past (as Westville Boys' High School challenged Maritzburg College), one moment really struck me. It happened immediately after the 5th XV's adventure against their Westville counterparts with the scoreline – College 59 : 0 Westville.

After the handshakes, instead of the Westville boys being dispatched to the side of the field experiencing the hurt which accompanies a comprehensive *klap*, the College coach, Mr Nigel Sutherland, called the teams together to thank them for representing their schools on the rugby field (rather than riding waves or couches or Malls), and to emphasise that rugby was a learning experience, a lot like life itself. When he was done, the two captains shouted, "TWO, THREE," with the teams' response, "RUGBY!" accompanied by clapping. Mr Sutherland commented to me: "No complaints of dirty play have ever survived this ritual, and the boys often re-shake one another's hands."

For me, he and the teams lifted the game of rugby beyond the scoreline to a position, at this SCHOOL, this EDUCATIONAL SPHERE, where it properly belongs.

Well done, Coach and life teacher! Well done on lifting the spirits of those young men.

"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self." Ernest Hemingway

Mr J Waldman

6th XV

The 6th XV had a very successful season, playing 13 matches, winning 11 and losing only two. A total of 43 young men represented the team, which meant that the continuity in the side was limited, but the lads worked so well as a team that any new member fitted in well. The team members were extremely enthusiastic at all practices and this showed when they arrived at their matches. The team was captained, in the main, by L Wedge, who led with distinction, and the young men followed his "Don't-give-up" attitude.

The two losses of the season were against St Charles 3rd team, when College went down 14 points to 15, and Affies on their home ground, when College went down 29-34. In both these matches I was extremely proud of the College boys as they fought for every inch and never gave up, like true young Collegians. The team was proud of the fact that they never lost on Goldstone's. The highlights of the season were certainly the home and away fixtures against PBHS. These were hard fought matches in which the boys came off the field absolutely exhausted, but exuberant with their win.

It was a pleasure to coach the team this year and I would like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the long season.

Regular players:

B Baldrey, A Dickson, P Dlamini, W Hodgkinson, W Horn, B Jamieson, V Joshua, T Kippen, S Koekemoer, T Lehloeny, K Mngadi, M Mundell, C Nandh, NS Ndlovu, J Nell, W Njimi, R Swartz, C Taylor, C van Selm, C van der Merwe, L Wedge, C Wessels

Results:

vs Northwood 44-0, Glenwood 50-0, PBHS 27-14, St Charles 4th 73-0, Kearsney 57-0, Greytown 2nd 21-7, Westville 57-0, Hilton 44-0, St Charles 3rd 14-15, Affies 29-34, PBHS 43-0, KES 33-5, Development 29-7

Mr G Dorling



On the run for the 7th XV, I Muil leaves a trail of dashed hopes

7th XV

This year saw wonderful depth in the Open age group at College. The mighty *Msatane* benefited from this by having a wonderful skill set with which to work. All of the players called upon to due duty had the basic skills of passing, running and tackling down pat. This gave us an opportunity to work on some of the finer attacking skills like running from depth on attack to reduce handling errors, increasing and controlling the pace of the game, creating variety in our attacking game and using structure to open up space. It also gave us the confidence to look honestly at our defence and the speed at which we covered and shifted, and developed the ability to dig deep when required to do so.

We had some wonderful wins, putting on 50 points or more and having games called off early, on occasion with the half-time whistle still ringing in our ears. However, perhaps more importantly, we showed character to win close games, sometimes against the run of play. Drawing 14-all away at Greytown, and beating KES by two points and a fired-up KZN Development side by seven after comfortable first half

leads and having everything thrown at us in the second half showed more than just a bit of guts. Having the same Development side actually cross the line three more times in the second half, but holding them up those three times, displays a never-say-die attitude that epitomises College rugby. We now just need to develop the confidence that we can do it against Affies.

It was a pleasure to coach this wonderful team, but the support and enthusiasm from the players was what really stood out. Ably lead by B Jamieson, N Reintges and C van der Merwe at different times through the season, the players always stood up to challenges and put their best foot forward. Be it to push a little longer at practice, strive for the extra try in the last two minutes or defend that much harder in the dying moments of a game – I proudly proclaim, "Nazoge Msatane!"

Regular players:

M Ryan, O Mlotshwa, K Dube, L de Rose, J Squires, J Hartley, K Mingay, S Botha, C Groeneveld, S Herman, L Muil, L Tyler, K Bolton, K Hardy, C Wessels, M Mundell, T Kippen, K Bezuidenhout, A van Straaten, R Louch, J Watson, B Jamieson, D Jordaan, R du Preez, A van Dam, C van der Merwe, M van Dam, A Sibisi, I Muil, D Brink, S Sibisi, J Nell, D Pretorius-Spires, K Mngadi, C Mitchell, J du Toit, V Joshua, W Horn, M Smith, C Simmonds, B Wurth, J McFarland, N Reintges and B Bowen

Results:

vs Carter 1st 19-5, Glenwood 43-0, PBHS 48-3, St Charles 5th 51-0, Kearsney 52-0, Development 19-12, Greytown 2nd 12-12, Michaelhouse 6th 47-0, Affies 7-63, PBHS 38-10, KES 21-19, Development 43-0

Mr R Paterson

8th XV

In 2019, the 8th XV – the *Mgodoyis* – enjoyed a very successful season in which they won 11 games and had their colours lowered only on one occasion. Throughout the season, the team's focus at practices and in matches was to play good, hard, basic rugby, and this focus translated itself into not only some excellent results but also (at times) flowing and linking rugby and exhilarating tries.

Although he missed three matches due to injury, the team was captained throughout the season by J Hartley, a sturdy loose-forward whose loyalty and commitment to his team were limitless. A hardy core of senior players emerged, and many of them represented the *Mgodoyis* for much of the season – a rare luxury at this level. It was also most gratifying to see a number of the boys earn call-ups to the 5th and 6th XVs.

The most capped players were Hartley, M Ryan, a tall fullback who showed great courage on defence, J Squires, a gritty farm boy who has much fine rugby ahead of him and B Werth, a hard scrumming and most versatile front-ranker. Other influential players included B Mazoue, a nuggety scrumhalf with an excellent rugby brain, S Botha, an aggressive midfielder who backed down to no-one, the flame-haired van Dam twins, who were hard tacklers and excellent team



The 8th XVs W Mkhize supports the hard-running, aggressive loose-forward, J Engelbrecht, in their adventure against Michaelhouse



T Parsons dives over the try-line onto the cold, wet grass for five points, thank you! The spectators appear to be unmoved

men, L Tyler, a classy forward, who soon earned a deserved promotion, W Mkhize, a lanky lock or centre (!) who was a calming influence and very loyal to his team, T Parsons, A Unsworth and K Mingay, who all ran hard and straight in the backline, and I Muil, whose bullocking runs sowed melancholy and distress amongst opposing defenders.

My thanks go to all the boys who turned out for the team in 2019 and loyally attended practices, week in and week out, as well as to my fellow coaches, who made for a most enjoyable coaching environment.

Regular players:

J Hartley (captain), M Ryan, J Squires, B Werth, S Botha, B Mazoue, M van Dam, L Tyler, W Mkhize, T Parsons, A Unsworth, K Mingay, I Muil, L Menezies, J Brink, A van Dam, K Tedder, G Freemantle, J Engelbrecht, C Groeneveld, T Kippen, C Wessels, J McFarland, S Herman, L de Rose, C Goble

Results:

vs Northwood 6th 76-3, Alexandra High 1st 12-5, PBHS 45-0, Carter 1st 55-0, Kearsney 31-0, KZN Development 60-0, Alexandra High 1st 36-10, Hilton 7th 41-0, Michaelhouse 7th 19-14, Affies 0-60, KZN Development 36-5, KZN Development 32-7

Mr M Marwick

9th XV and 10th XV

The 9th and 10th teams were made up of boys who were committed and enthusiastic about their rugby. The teams would change regularly, which meant that the team dynamic also changed constantly, but the boys rose above this challenge and performed well on Saturdays.

The boys were always eager to learn and constantly had fun and enjoyed this wonderful game. There were some boys who did really well and moved up to higher teams. This group was characterised by its high morale and ambition to reach greater heights. The boys were a wonderful group to work with. They showed respect at all times and they were true ambassadors of the Maritzburg College brand of play. They did not always have games but always made it count when they put on the Red-Black-White jersey.

The team also had a short TV appearance, as they were invited to join the Sharks during one of their Super Rugby games to thank them for helping KZN Development boys who did not have boots. This kind gesture epitomised the character that lay within this group.

Regular players:

C Kisbey-Green, N Allen, C Gold, B Dry, A Martin, K Silick, A Ntuli, L Curtis, J McFarland, D Lutchman, S Westerdyk, A van de Venter, W Freemantle, I Muil, J McClarty, E Burton, T Khumalo

Results:

vs Hilton 7th 59-12, Linpark 2nd 0-28, Carter High 1st 12-27, Michaelhouse 8th 26-7, Affies 5-34, PBHS 41-5, Voortrekker 2nd 21-29, Michaelhouse 7th 7-48, St Charles 5th 39-15

Messrs K Xaba and S Sinclair



U16A

Back row: H Kemp, C Williamson, S du Plessis, D Botha, K Hlengwa, F Johnstone, J van der Merwe

Second row: W Pretorius, W Takata, M Hlatshwayo, T Adam, W Jacobsz, Q Pitout, J Walden, S Radu

Front row: S Pretorius, L Mtshali, Mr T Orchard (coach), C Thunder (captain), Mr L Booysen (coach), J Beauclerk (vice-captain), R Swift

The 2019 season was a very successful one for the U16A rugby side, with the greatest measure of their success being the tremendous growth of the squad as the season progressed. The growth was such that the team overturned almost every loss they had in 2018, with the exception of two nail-biting losses to Glenwood. The coming of age of this group was a delight to watch and the confidence in every player was a sight to behold.

At the start of the season it was noted that the majority of the players lacked, in terms of both attack and defence, the killer instinct needed to hold their own on the rugby field. This slowly changed through some serious work being done on the training paddock to remedy these initial shortcomings. One omen of good fortune that was present early on was that the majority of the boys were all good mates off the field, and this enabled an esprit de corps to develop that allowed them to overcome any adversity they faced over the course of the season. Slowly a playing style began to coalesce that was based on the retention of possession and relentless go-forward created by a pack that had very keen runners with the ball, and the exploitation of this forward momentum by the ever-keen backs, who at times wanted to score points from their very own goal-line. Another hallmark of the team was the intensity with which they played and a playing tempo that many opposition team couldn't cope with.

The three matches on tour, although against relatively weak opposition, enabled the team to develop a ruthlessness that stood them in good stead as the season progressed. The away match against PBHS was a glorious example of what could happen when high tempo rugby is married with ruthless finishing, all of which was developed on the Easter Tour to the South Coast. The match that was the standout performance was against a strong Westville side on Goldstone's. What should have been a very cagey affair quickly developed into a fine example of high tempo rugby; a contest in which Westville couldn't handle College's intensity. History was made when the team managed to burgle a win against Affies in Pretoria, a feat which had never been accomplished by any other U16A College side in the past.

The top try scorer for the 2019 season was L Mtshali with 18 tries, followed by S Radu with 13 and S Pretorius with 12. The team scored a remarkable 85 tries, with opposition scoring only 20, which serves to highlight the attacking spirit with which the team played. Overall, the team scored 653 points to the opposition's 15 – a marvellous testament to thrilling attacking rugby and a very frugal defence!

A number of boys were rewarded with Provincial selection, based upon their good form during the course of the season. These boys were C Thunder, R Swift, D Botha, H Kemp, L Mtshali and W Takata.

The leadership pairing of Thunder and Beauclerk must be thanked for keeping the team firmly glued together and for keeping the team's heads relatively calm during the course of many a tight encounter.

My sincerest thanks go to the parents of the team who provided the boys with unstinting support throughout the season. Mr L Booysen must also be thanked for his outstanding service during the season. His passion and dedication to the game were evident for all to see. Finally, I must thank the team as a whole for the way they brought back my love for the game by always being up for a bit of fun and banter at every practice. Their sense of mirth went a long way in dragging this coach out of the rugby doldrums and for that I will be eternally grateful.

Regular players:

C Thunder (captain), J Beauclerk (vice-captain), Q Pitout, R Swift, H Kemp, D Botha, W Pretorius, C Williamson, S Pretorius, D Jacobsz, S Radu, J Walden, L Mtshali, W Takata, B Hlatshwayo, K Hlengwa, T Adam, S du Plessis, F Johnstone, J van der Merwe

Results:

vs Northwood 22-0, Development A 53-0, KZN Clubs 69-3, Southern KZN 93-0, Glenwood 9-10, PBHS 60-3, St Charles 44-5, Kearsney 24-8, DHS 45-12, Westville 33-17, Hilton 10-10, Michaelhouse 36-24, Affies 13-11, PBHS 49-22, KES 23-16, Glenwood 15-18

Messrs T Orchard and L Booysen



Against PBHS the U16A XV watch H Kemp add 2 points to the board

U16B

The U16B team had a season to remember, notching up 15 wins from their 16 games. The camaraderie of these boys, together with the heart they have for the mighty Red-Black-White, is applauded. The boys took to heart their motto, "I am a soldier, I fight where I am told, and I win where I fight" (Gen. George S Patton). On their first exchange, the team travelled to Pretoria to face PBHS. The game started on a low for the boys with PBHS dominating in all areas of play. The never-say-die attitude prevailed when the team scored a try in the last minute, after being 5-6 down, to emerge victorious with a 12-6 win. The team also needs to be commended on the physicality and performance they displayed against Affies. The "soldiers" were unfortunate to receive a red card in the first 45 seconds of the game, but their fighting spirit was never broken.

A special mention goes out to two young men who held the leadership roles in the team, namely F Johnstone and C Lee. They took a group of young men and developed with them into a solidified group of soldiers ready for war! I wish the boys all the best as they venture into the Open age-group. Always remember: "Wathi umama wami, Nyana, xawudlala zithembe ufake iSholder" ("My mother said, 'Son, play with confidence and put in a shoulder'").

Regular players:

W Trodd, C Trodd, T Adam, S Goebel, K Mnikathi, M Ngcobo, S du Plessis, C Lee, D Ferrar, K Hlengwa, F Johnstone, J Kahler, J van der Merwe, M Mdanda, M Palmer, N McFarland, G Esterhuizen, T Zondi, O Cele, Z Shongwe

Results:

vs Northwood 66-0, Glenwood 6-5, PBHS 12-6, St Charles 55-12, Kearsney 48-0, DHS 60-0, Westville 35-7, Hilton 31-10, Michaelhouse 53-3, Affies 0-41, PBHS 29-14, KES 21-3, Glenwood 35-15, Perrins (UK) 12-10

Mr B Mduyana

U16C

The U16C rugby side had an incredible season. The team was littered with talented young players with not just natural skill and ability but an immense potential to become fine rugby players in their own right. They were an absolute joy to coach. Practices were always professional and conducted at a very high tempo. Each boy would give his best in preparation for the weekend's upcoming fixture. As always, our fixtures were tough and demanding. However, with four simple words – intensity, communication, aggression and unity – as our mantra, it was easy to stay focused and work hard at the challenges that faced us. Our boys developed their skills each week, with each boy from prop to fullback learning how to off-load, side-step, kick and tackle, to name but a few skills. They would implement these skills in every game, making them well nigh unbeatable.

Our toughest fixture was, without a doubt, against Affies, in which their sheer physicality outmatched us. The boys were already 40-0 down at halftime and looked worse for wear. But, at halftime, they were reminded why we play rugby in the first place – because we LOVE it. This eased the pressure and our boys started playing the great brand of rugby we were used to seeing. The final score was 52-5 to Affies, but our boys proved that, with the right mind-set, the score may have been significantly different.

Our greatest victory was probably the one against Glenwood. We narrowly lost to them 10-7 in the away fixture, but on Reunion Day the boys played rugby at another level and the final score was a convincing 26-7 win.

Special mention must be made of J McKay, B Finlayson and C Versveld, all of whom had an excellent season. They grew tremendously and earned the respect of their peers. Well done, too, to J Roets and C Trodd, who were captain and vice-captain respectively. They always led from the front, never shying away from contact and making sure that their team always give of their best.

I have always said to the boys that "we do not lose". It has nothing to do with the scoreboard, because if we give it our all, we cannot lose. All the best in your future endeavours, boys. Remember to play the game in good spirit and keep working hard on those skills.

Regular players:

M Mafanya, A Alborough, N Zondi, N Khumalo, J Watson, J Haasbroek, J Schütte, J Kahler, S Wilson, J McKay, J Roets, C Prinsloo, B Finlayson, C Trodd, K Mnikathi, N McFarland, M Woodhead, C Versveld, L Verbiest, E Lushaba, B Killburn

Results:

vs KZN Development 57-0, Glenwood 7-10, PBHS 14-5, Linpark A 63-7, Hillcrest A 24-5, Westville 26-0, Hilton 48-0, Michaelhouse 55-5, Affies 5-52, PBHS 5-19, KES 19-8, Glenwood 26-7

Mr N Duvenage

U16D

The 2019 season, like any other, had its ups and downs, to say the least. On the weekend after trials, the season officially kicked off. We played our first three games (vs Northwood, Glenwood and PBHS) and registered as many wins, scoring 108 points, while no points were conceded. In any season as a lower team at College, one plays a fair number of staggers and these came in the form of Voortrekker A, St Charles B (both losses) and DHS C (a win).

The depth in the U16 group this year was immense and the players really had to fight for their places. I must give credit to the boys for the way they kept focused and, despite weekly disruptions, held their own. The boys managed to claim many convincing victories – although they did lose heavily to a fine Affies team.

Congratulations to all the boys who turned out for the U16D side of 2019, led by their captain, D Thompson, and his leadership group of S Chili, C Naidoo, C Schutte, J Watson and J Wilson. The boys played for the badge, but occasionally allowed themselves to be distracted when they did not agree with the referee's calls. One thing the boys should remember – control the controllables, stick to your basics and dominate every contact point.

Regular players:

D Thompson (*captain*), S Chili, J Henman, J Watson, E Lushaba, C Naidoo, J Schütte, J Wilson, M Shaw, J van der Bergh, A Mundell, L Ambler-Smith, R Aranky, J Jenman, B Tarr, W Willemse, B Raw, L Mbambo, T Phiri, W Jelf, A Mahomed, A Alborough

Results:

vs Northwood 62-0, Glenwood 31-0, PBHS 15-0, Voortrekker A 7-38, Kearsney 24-0, DHS C 54-0, Westville 24-5, St Charles B 0-42, Affies 3-52, PBHS 19-22, KES 29-7, Glenwood 51-0

Mr X Vukubi

U16E

The U16E team started the season off with a large number of eager boys who were ready to get going. The boys were committed from week one and this continued throughout the season. The team showed both character and fight, as only College boys can. Practices were well attended and positions in the team were fiercely contested. The boys were well led by A Mundell and a pleasing record of played 8, won 7 and lost 1 was achieved. The boys always showed the willingness to learn and improve during the season and this was evident from the results. We lost a number of players to injury as well as when some moved to higher teams. Credit must go to their boys for their dedication not only to the sport, but also to the team as a whole. My thanks go to the parents for their ongoing and unwavering support. It has been an absolute pleasure coaching these young men and I wish them well as they move to the Open age group.

Regular players:

R Aranky, E Biffen, C Brummer, C Carey, M Clark, B Cotterrell, G Emberton, W Jelf, L Mbambo, L McDaniel, N Mkhulise, A Mohammed, A Mundell, B Raw, C Schultz, M Shaw, M Sims-Hancock, J Sparks, B Tarr, A Tedder, J van den Bergh, M van der Werff, W Willems

Results:

vs Glenwood 31-17, PBHS 32-14, St Charles C 26-0, Kearsney D 52-0, Greytown B 48-0, Alexandra High A 38-14, Michaelhouse 69-0, Affies 0-58

Mr M Zuma

U16F

The season kicked off with a strong turnout of numbers at practices. The boys were motivated and displayed an excellent work ethic that was sure to spill over into their performances. Although the team

faced many staggered oppositions, due to the great number of boys playing rugby at College, they fought hard and even outplayed a couple of A teams during the season. The first game of the season was against a strong Alexandra U16A side and, against all the odds, we beat them 7-0. This result stood them in good stead for the rest of the season. I was certainly proud to coach them. Unfortunately, the F team eventually combined with the E team to give more players game time and to make up numbers because of injuries to players in higher teams. Therefore, only five games were registered as U16F matches.

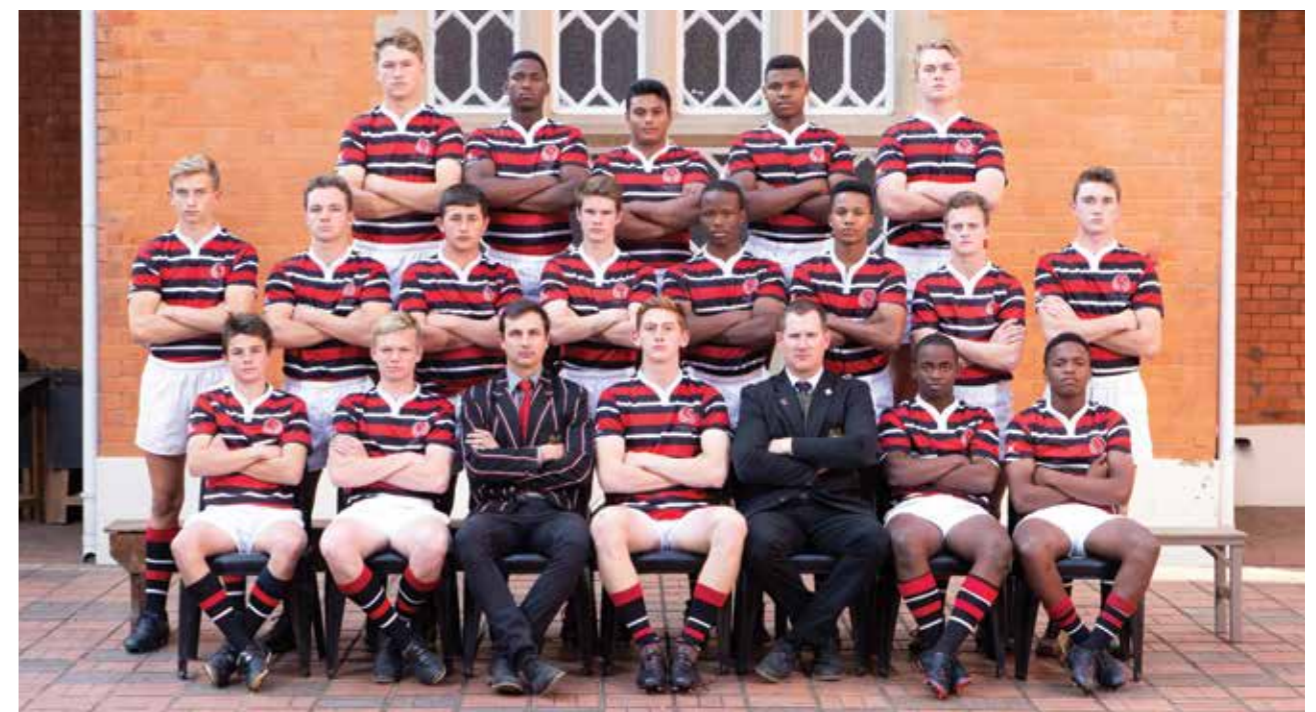
Regular players:

N Bikharaj, A Ndlovu, J Laurens, C Schultz, B Westwood, B Dorning, C Pascoe, E Walsh, E Biffen, J le Roux, Y Katide, M Khulise, L Brown, T Carey, L Dayimani, M Pearson, L Janse van Rensburg

Results:

vs Alexandra A 7-0, Carter A 17-17 and 12-10, Greytown A 0-59, Affies 0-49

Mr D Laubscher

**U15A**

Back row: C Janse van Rensburg, A Mthlale, D Antoniadis, S Mbonambi, M Pieterse
Middle row: K Goddard, K van den Berg, G Delport, K Wilken, B Luthuli, N Mosebi, L Jacobs, D Craig
Front row: A Knoetze, J Munn, Mr D Hoffman (coach), L Prinsloo (captain), Mr R Kyle (coach), N Zwane, S Ngcobo

The 2019 season was a special one for this group of gifted rugby players. We started the season off with a close win against a strong Northwood side – a team that this group had lost to the year before.

The April holidays are always an exciting time for the U15A group, who get to participate in one of the country's most prestigious tournaments, namely the Francois Swart Festival at Affies in Pretoria. In the opening game College were up against the North/South U15 champions, Helpmekaar. This was going to be a tough battle and the boys knew that they had to dig deep to get a positive result. College were trailing 8-21 with 15 minutes to go, but managed to score 19 unanswered points to win 27-21. This was a morale-boosting win for the boys. We went on to win our next two games against Nelspruit and Kempton Park, 45-3 and 55-0 respectively. We would like to thank Mr Swart for his assistance and support at the Festival.

After a successful tour to Pretoria, the team set itself a very high standard for the rest of the season. The challenge was going to be to maintain the standard especially with no fixtures that could be considered easy at A-team level. Glenwood is always tough to beat,

and even more so at their home venue, but the boys did well to win on a day in which the conditions had a big say in their performance. In the following two matches, against PBHS and St Charles respectively, the team showed how devastating they could be against teams whose defences were not organised enough to resist a high tempo attack, resulting in many great team tries being scored. On a typically cold and wet winter's day at Botha's Hill, we found ourselves up against a well-drilled Kearsney side and needed a late try to clinch the game. Unfortunately, the lessons of complacency had not been learnt against Kearsney and the effects were clearly felt against DHS on our own home field, when we found ourselves trailing 20 points to nil at halftime. The second half was an impressive display of brilliant running rugby, driven by the team's relentless desire for victory, but too much damage had been done in the first half, with DHS running in a final try to win in the last movement of the game. With this humbling loss a thing of the past, the necessary lessons were learnt and the boys proceeded to play some wonderful rugby, first against a good Westville outfit and then against a highly rated Hilton side. This was probably the highlight of the second term and the team displayed immense character, composure

and flair, resulting in a 31-3 victory. The second term fixtures concluded with a convincing win over Michaelhouse, even though we were not at our best on the day.

The start of the third term was the challenge of facing the rugby powerhouse of Affies at Affies. There are very few teams who can boast a victory at Affies, but our boys were confident that they could do the job. In what was a thoroughly entertaining game, College managed to pull off a fantastic 32-24 victory. The grit and determination they showed in this game epitomised the character of the group. The second game in the third term was a return match at College against PBHS, a game that College won comfortably. We then headed off to KES, who are always tough to play in Johannesburg. We played poorly in this game and our late comebacks brought us close, but not close enough, as we went down 12-14. The boys did, however, show great resolve and resilience to beat Glenwood again on Reunion Day a week later. It was great to get back-to-back wins against Glenwood and it was a fitting end to what was a very special season.

We congratulate the boys and thank them for all the effort and perseverance they showed this year. It was an absolute pleasure to coach these young men and we look very forward to watching them flourish in their years ahead at College.

Regular players:

L Prinsloo (*captain*), B Luthuli, G Delpont, D Antoniadis, C Janse van Rensburg, S Mbonambi, K Wilken, D Craig, A Mthlane, A Knoetze, S Ngcobo, N Mosebi, K van den Berg, N Zwane, J Munn, K Goddard, M Pieterse, K Hattingh, L Jacobs, M Mtungwa

Results:

vs Northwood 13-5, Helpmekeer 27-21, Nelspruit 45-3, Kempton Park 55-0, Glenwood 16-12, PBHS 47-5, St Charles 59-7, Kearsney 22-19, DHS 26-27, Westville 36-10, Hilton 31-3, Michaelhouse 68-12, Affies 32-24, PBHS 46-12, KES 12-14, Glenwood 22-17

Mr D Hoffman

U15B

The U15Bs had a successful season. Many of the boys in the team had been training hard since the pre-season programme that started in the first term. On the whole the boys gave of their best during practices and on game day. The showed guts and determination throughout the season, even though some of the results did not go their way. It was a pleasure coaching these young men during the season and I wish them all the best as they progress to the U16 age group next year. The U15B team won six games, lost two and drew four.

Regular players:

T Sithole, M Brits, R Murray, A Pieterse, A Woolridge, J van Zyl, N Zulu, T Roux, J Lowe, T Koller, O Luffingham, C van Rooyen, M Mtungwa, F Dlalda, O Mabizela, K Goddard, E Everton, L Jacobs, K Hattingh, L Sinclair, G Heuer

Results:

vs Northwood 33-5, Glenwood 7-7, PBHS 35-5, St Charles 42-0, Kearsney 24-3, DHS 24-0, Westville 24-24, Hilton 7-5, Affies 7-26, PBHS 10-12, KES 15-15, Glenwood 12-12

Mr A Usher

U15C

The U15C season was thoroughly enjoyable. The personal growth of the boys matched the growth in their talent. The desired goal of improvement after every week's training and match day was achieved. This year the U15C team spirit was phenomenal. Confidence and belief in their team's ability developed within every team member as time and time again they marched onto the field for the Red-Black-White. Having suffered some inevitable injuries during the season, the team was challenged to stay unified, with new members showcasing their abilities and fighting for a spot in the mighty Cs.

The captain, C Hankinson, led from the front. His commitment was unwavering and an example to the team. The U15C team "owned" their training sessions, with a nudge into the right direction from time to time from their coach. The team effort towards an unselfish game plan and their simply listening to the coach's cry to "Swing it out wide!" or "Keep it among the forwards!" will never be forgotten. We boasted full strength touring sides on our exchanges. The parents did an amazing job in hosting and are commended for their fine efforts. A successful season meant that the U15C team won 10 out of 11 games.

Regular players:

W Viljoen, B Mchunu, L Sinclair, E Dhoda, D Steyn, C Hankinson, C Harvey, T van Heerden, N Zikalala, N Zulu, C Jacob, Z Gumbi, S Mchunu, E Everton, C van Rooyen, M Ivins, M Mtungwa, M Ngubo, J Miller

Results:

vs Newton Development 95-0, Glenwood 15-0, PBHS 74-0, Voortrekker A 17-0, DHS 50-0, Westville 35-8, Michaelhouse B 53-5, Affies 0-47, PBHS 60-0, KES 29-14, Glenwood 29-0

Mr S Bosch

U15D

The team started the season off on a very positive note, with a convincing 46-10 win over the Northwood U15C team. The team continued to perform well, with wins over Glenwood and PBHS over the following two weeks. We suffered our first defeat at the hands of the Linpark U15A, losing by a narrow two points after College failed to convert a try. The rest of the season was successful, with a few tough games against DHS and Westville, which really put the boys' character to the test. The team was captained by B Gunning and vice-captained by K Mthimkhulu. Our focus was on resilience and mental toughness. We always strived to be the more physical team and this focus paid off as we only lost two games during the season. The U15D team showed incredible character and strength throughout the season, dealing with setbacks and always coming back stronger. It was an honour to coach this side.

Regular players:

B Gunning (*captain*), K Mthimkhulu, (*vice-captain*), J Taylor, S Malila, T Shaw, K Geyer, R Smith, J Glyn-Cuthbert, J Botha, B McGregor, T Walton, D du Bois, R Goncalves, S Maltman, A Ngubo, C Kirby, C Harver, J Goebel

Results:

vs Northwood C 46-10, Glenwood 33-0, PBHS 27-0, Linpark A 5-7, Kearsney C 24-7, Hillcrest A 12-7, Westville 17-14, Hilton C 43-0, Michaelhouse C 57-0, Affies 5-51, PBHS 61-0, KES 26-14, Glenwood 61-5

Mr S Zuma

U15E

The players in the U15E rugby team made up a group of College boys of character, who were committed till the last day of practice. It brought me joy to see them grow into exceptional rugby players and College boys.

Special mention must go to the team captain, M Puller, who always led from the front and fought valiantly until he was sidelined by a shoulder injury. His commitment did not stop there, as this young man would still come to every practice and game to support his teammates with true College spirit. The team rejoiced in victory but also learned a lot in defeat. I commend these young men for keeping their focus for the entire season. The most memorable game was against Westville. After being 20-0 down at half-time, the boys turned things around and fought till the score was 25-26 with only a conversion needed to win the game. Unfortunately the day did not go our way as the final kick hit an upright!

U15F

It has been a pleasure watching these young men play for the school and give it their all in everything they do. I trust they will continue with the same level of commitment and self-discipline until they run on to that field for the last time.

Regular players:

M Puler (*captain*), A Ngobese, U Gina, M Mabinza, G Hampson, S Ntuli, S Meter, T Redman, R Barker, T Luffingham, R Smith, B Walther, S Luffingham, F Nzimande, J Patterson, R Uren, T Zondi, M Somi, S Dlamuka

Results:

vs Northwood 51-12, Glenwood 42-0, PBHS 75-5, St Charles C 19-27, DHS 41-5, Westville 25-26, Hilton D 50-0, Affies 5-48, PBHS 46-0, KES 12-24

Mr K Xaba

The U15F had a good season, mainly owing to the boys' dedication, which never wavered even though games were hard to come by. College fields a quantity of sides often unmatched by opposition and as such the team struggled to find games sometimes. However, when called upon, the boys played a very good blend of rugby. The highlight of the season was always when boys were called up to the higher sides and some even went on to play in the U15D side. This was through the boys' willingness to improve with every practice and every game. It is encouraging to know the depth we have in the school and sides such as these are a clear sign that College rugby is alive and well.

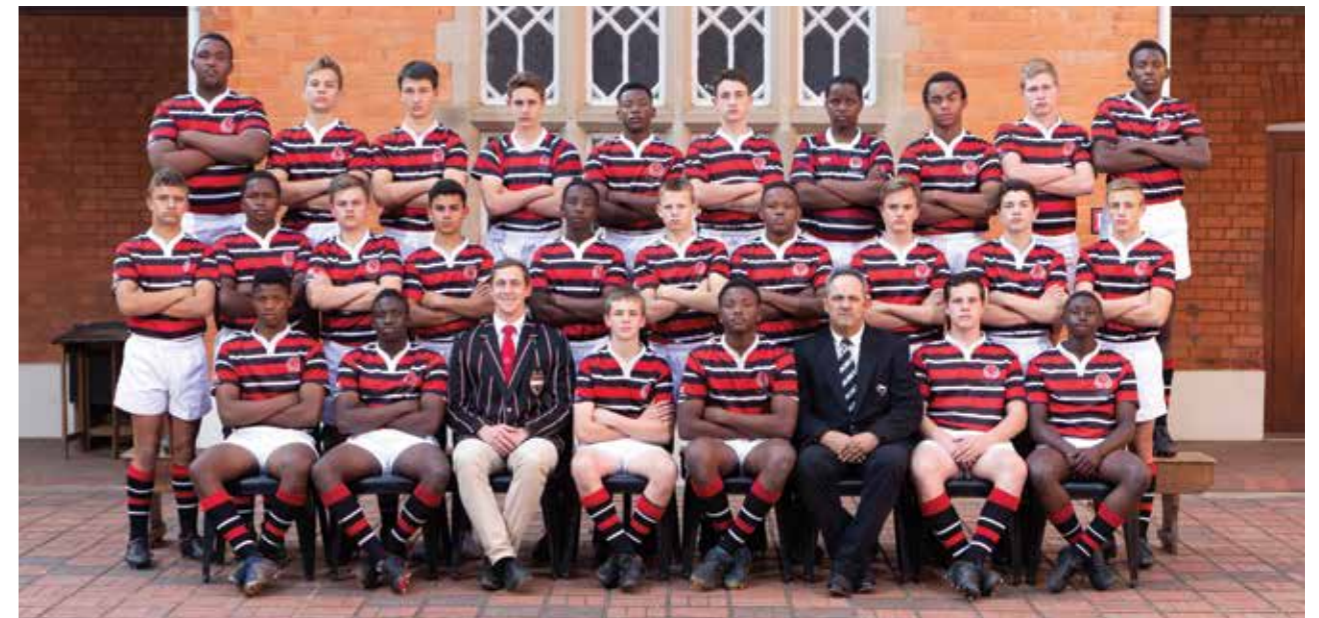
Regular players:

A Brown, M Dukhi, T Freemantle, J Goble, D Hlophe, A Khumalo, N Khubeka, F Lo Piccolo, S Manack, M Mathonsi, A Mdimba, L Mubiana, D Naiken, A Ntuli, S Nyide, K Parker, J Penny, J Thring, M Tshaka, T Zondi, K Zondo

Results:

vs Glenwood 10-5, PBHS 34-5, Voortrekker B 24-0, Greytown B 27-5, Alexandra High A 0-48, Hilton D 51-5, Affies 7-39

Mr R Chirengende



U14A

Back row: B Kweyama, E Wilson, B Winrow, E Coulthard, N Buthelezi, J Gouws, S Msibi, L Mkhize, J Williams, K Mthimkhulu

Middle row: S van Niekerk, L Sibetha, L Swanepoel, K King, A Duma, R Quinn, K Nyawo, B Emberton, R Paine, A van der Linde
Front row: A Mthlane, M Chirengende, Mr M-J Smit (coach), L Schultz, S Kadiira, Mr S Botha (coach), E Mouton, L Kunene

The U14A rugby team enjoyed a very successful season, in which it attained a playing record of played 16 matches, won 12, lost 3 and drew 1. The team scored a total of 518 points at an average 32 points per game and conceded 212 points at an average of 13. They scored a total of 84 tries, with 42 scored by the backs and 42 by the forwards, indicating a well-balanced side.

The team was captained by S Kadiira, who played most of the season at lock, with the vice-captain being L Schultz, who played flyhalf. There was a total of 23 players who started, and through the squad being so consistent the players all knew what was expected of them.

The season opener was against Northwood at home on Snow's and the team made a statement that day, scoring six tries to win 36-5. On that day the forwards scored three, all by the loose forwards, and the backs scored three. That was a good start for the team, before they embarked on a tour to Bloemfontein to play in the Fichardtpark Rugby Festival.

There they played three matches for comfortable wins. The tour gave us, the coaches, a good idea to finalise the team for the balance of the season.

Glenwood away was the first game after the holiday and a defensive frailty led to a 14-0 loss. Wins against PBHS and St Charles followed, but the team could only manage a draw against Kearsney in thick mist. DHS were despatched in a thrilling exhibition of attacking rugby and a narrow, last-minute win against Westville was one of the games of the season. Defensive errors cost the team the match against Hilton and Michaelhouse were only defeated after a tough struggle.

The July holiday came and went and, normally, the boys take a week or two to get back into the required "rhythm", but this team snapped straight back into action, with a trip up to Affies being next on the agenda. College fought back from an early 14-0 deficit, but, missing eight points from kicks, went down 19-26. It was definitely "one that got

away". Good wins followed against PBHS and KES and then, on Reunion Day, College reversed the earlier loss to Glenwood in a 17-16 thriller. The team won through determination and true College fighting spirit. It was good to see, and epitomised the team's character – well done, boys.

Regular players:

S Kadira (*captain*), B Kweyama, E Wilson, B Winrow, E Coulthard, N Buthelezi, J Gouws, S Msibi, L Mkhize, J Williams, K Mthimkulu, S van Niekerk, L Sibetha, L Swanepoel, K King, A Duma, R Quinn, K Nyawo, B Emberton, R Paine, A van der Linde, A Mthalande, M Chirengende, L Schultz, E Mouton, L Kunene

Results:

vs Northwood 36-5, Hentie Cilliers 62-0, Fichardt 55-12, Burgersdorp 60-3, Glenwood 0-14 and 17-16, PBHS 13-0 and 31-10, St Charles 65-5, Kearsney 14-14, DHS 42-13, Westville 24-21, Hilton 26-33, Michaelhouse 24-19, Affies 19-26, KES 30-21

Mr S Botha



Under pressure: U14D scrum-half, T Davies, checks the line

U14B

The U14B team had a very productive season in which they put together a very fine set of results. Despite coming from different primary schools and backgrounds, the boys were able to come together to form a brotherhood that went out every Saturday to represent their school proudly. The highlight of the season was coming close to beating Affies in Pretoria, only to go down 11-13. It was rewarding to see the boys improve their tactical appreciation and skill set. That was evident when we achieved a hard-fought victory against Glenwood on Reunion Day. And who can forget the singing of "Igwiwo" on our bus trips to Gauteng and back? A special "Thank you" goes to the parents who were always present at matches and ready to assist where needed. I wish these boys the best of luck for the future and I look forward to watching their progress in the Red-Black-White and beyond.

Regular players:

S Swanepoel, A Duma, K Nyawo, J Williams, T Crawford, J Gous, K Ayliffe, A Coulthard, K King, L Coetzer, C Reardon, R Paine, A van der Linde, A Duncan, L Mqathu, M Radebe, B Brokensha, L du Toit, J Stephens, L Sibetha, S Msibi, B Emberton, A Majozi

Results:

vs Louis Botha A 48-0, Stallion's Development A 56-5, Voortrekker (Bethlehem) 44-0, Northwood 33-5, Glenwood 19-26, PBHS 48-0, St Charles 58-0, Kearsney 17-8, DHS 32-5, Westville 50-0, Hilton 28-17, Michaelhouse 51-0, Affies 11-13, PBHS 34-0, KES 5-15, Glenwood 24-22

Mr Z Mazwi

U14C

The 2019 rugby season for the U14C team was a memorable one, as their results and the effort showed were pleasing every weekend. Winning nine out of the 12 games they played was a good achievement for the boys, who worked hard at training so that they could maintain a record to be proud of. The two losses that the team endured were to teams from outside the province, namely Affies and KES, on days when they did not really do themselves justice.

In the backline there were some talented boys who had good handling skills and the vision to either see where the space was on attack and go through, or to put their team-mate into space to score. The team was led by the captain, Du Toit, who played flyhalf, had a good kicking ability and could identify where the space was behind the defence. The forward pack, which changed as players developed during the season, was led by J Stephens, who played eighthman. He was well nigh unstoppable off the base of the scrum and he and the forwards gave the team good front foot ball. Defence was one aspect that they collectively understood really well, as the points that were scored against them were few.

Regular players:

J Clark, A Majozi, P Watt-Pringe, A Sibetha, D Wright, S Manyoni, M Schuil, X Thabethe, J Stephens, K Steel, B Emberton, L du Toit, B Mabaso, S Hutton, A Duncan, Z Rowe, M van Selm

Results:

vs Northwood 51-0, Glenwood 10-10, PBHS 34-0, Voortrekker A 33-17, St Charles B 12-7, DHS 62-0, Westville 46-0, Hilton 41-0, Affies 5-22, PBHS 41-7, KES 14-22, Glenwood 19-5

Mr C Musasiwa

U14D

The 2019 season commenced with a set of comprehensive trials. During the season, a total of 12 games were played, with six games won and six lost. A total of 298 points were scored with 248 points conceded.

Standout victories were the home and away wins against Glenwood, the season opener against Northwood U14C, the runaway home victory against DHS and the satisfying home win over traditional foes, PBHS.

The focus for 2019 was to avoid contact situations and hit the opposition hard with quick ball. Against physically stronger teams this was difficult to achieve, but in games against easier opposition or equally matched teams, this tactic was quite successful and made for exciting running rugby.

Losses on the stagger to Kearsney, Linpark and Michaelhouse were tough encounters, where physicality was the order of the day. We were well and truly "bested" on three occasions, namely by KES, Greytown A and an outstanding Affies outfit.

The team was ably led by K Thomson, who played flyhalf and always led by example. Practices were focused on developing the core skills of the players and were always boisterous and enthusiastic affairs. The intrepid young men of 2019 were an absolute pleasure to coach and they were fully committed to College. I will be following their 2020 progress with interest.

Regular players:

K Thomson (*captain*), T Ambler, B Mabaso, B Lutge, R Hatton, B Ndlovu, T Davies, R Hart, B Haigh, J Clark, T Clark, B Robertson, L Bernardu, T O'Connor, H Briggs, M Concho, J Marsh, L Gumbi, H Jongisa and L Sithole

Results:

vs Northwood C 56-0, Glenwood 26-19, PBHS 20-5, Linpark A 14-19, Kearsney C 10-34, DHS 60-0, Greytown A 0-28, Michaelhouse C 15-17, Affies 5-72, PBHS 49-0, KES 3-19 and Glenwood 24-17

Mr L Orchard

U14E and U14F

The 14E and F had a wonderful season and a very consistent and positive set of results throughout. Their attendance and commitment to practices made it easy and it was clear to see that their attitude towards the sport was a positive one. We, as coaches, saw a wide range of boys developing skills and improving throughout the season.

The two teams practised together and, despite the injuries that occurred and changes having to be made, they easily adapted to circumstances. This created an environment in which every boy had a sense of belonging and an opportunity to play. It made it a pleasure to coach the boys, seeing them enjoy themselves and creating an unbreakable bond. Having a few 6th Form boys assisting us gave the boys an understanding of the culture and ethos of the sport.

A big "Thank you" goes to all the boys who assisted and to all the parents who showed great support. It was a productive and enjoyable season and we wish the boys well for their future at College. Red. Black. White.

Regular players:

C Lang, R Hart, T Mocke, J Burton, J Staples, M Hendricks, L Elliot, T Clark, F Simelane, A Mdladla, T Sewparsing, R Berriman, P Mchunu, H Jongisa, H Wells, K Marais, A Zuma, H Anderson, R Pitout, B Clark, T Davies, T Pope, K Mthembu, A Ndlela, K Wheeler, R Watson, T Masikane, S Chonco, O Shabalala, M Klapprodt, K Ackeroyd, H Burton, A Carey, M Allen, N Ryan, L Gumbi, B Robertson, C Raw, M Zuma, Y Ndamase

Results:

U14E

vs Glenwood 5-0, PBHS 63-0, St Charles 43-10, Hillcrest 24-10, Alexandra A 40-0, Affies 0-29, PBHS 45-0, KES 22-10, Hilton D 50-0

U14F

vs Barbarians 39-35, Voortrekker 14 0-27, Kearsney 30-19, DHS 60-0, Affies 5-19

Messrs G Waters and S Mkhwanazi

Rugby Sevens

Rugby Sevens at College continues to grow. The long and gruelling 15-man rugby season does not seem to kill the enthusiasm the boys have for the shortened format of the game. The availability of more space plus opportunity to display an array of skills always attracts the boys, particularly the quick and fleet-footed ones. The lure of the entertainment this game offers saw us fielding five teams for the Nashua 7s Festival, hosted by College – with three in the U18 division and two in the U15 division.

The school participated in three tournaments this year, namely the Glenwood Festival, our own Nashua Festival and the DHS Festival. The U17 group also played in an additional Top Schools Festival, which doubled up as trials for the KZN U17 side. Sadly, this festival came too soon for our boys – it was immediately after our last 15-man game. That being said, the U17 group continued to show much improvement and grew with each festival. Despite not having a host of players because of the impending overseas tour to the UK, the boys who stepped up gave a good account of themselves. The U15s had a memorable season in which they lost only one game. The team had everything – flair, speed, grit, abrasiveness and a good team spirit. The boys managed to win two of the three tournaments they played in and therefore qualified for the "Champions of Champions" tournament, which is made up of the top schools from each province competing to be national champions.

The sincere thanks of the rugby fraternity go to the coaching staff, namely Messrs Chirengende, Orchard, Kyle, Musasiwa, Smit, Hoffman, Booyen, Usher, Mduyana, Mazwi and Smith, who collectively ensured that the Sevens programme ran efficiently. The time they gave up and effort they put in were greatly appreciated by the boys.

Mr R Chirengende



Speedy B Emms flies in for a try



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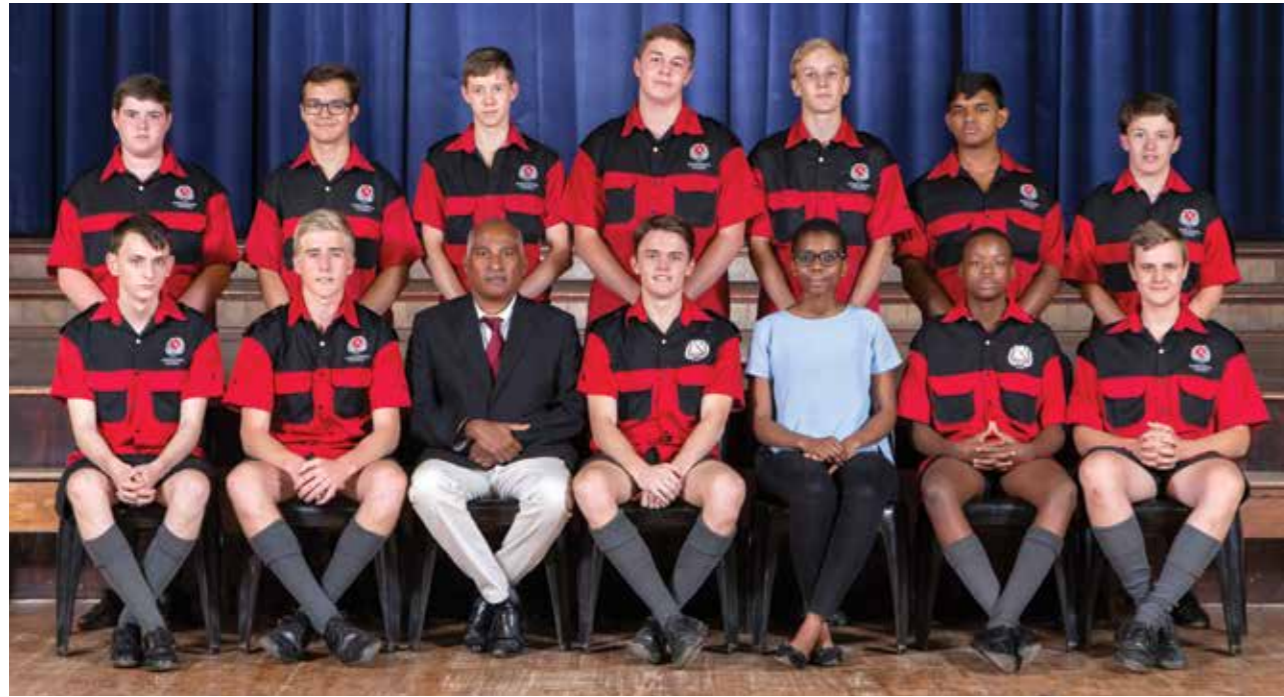
Nashua 7s Festival – S Radu



Nashua 7s Festival – J Walden and R Louch vs St Charles



Nashua 7s Festival – W Mkhize vs Glenwood



Shooting

Back row: K Parker, C Vahey, N de Villiers, J Pope, J Kauffman, Z Desebrook, M Pearson
Front row: R Whitehead, R Goble, Mr G Govindasamy (MIC), J Cooke (captain), Miss S Kunene, U Molefi, S Verwey
Absent: J Hoyle, C Norman

We have had a successful year with a noticeable improvement in the overall performance of our boys. Scores posted were generally higher than years gone by. An increase in the number of targets shot at practice sessions may be credited for the improved scores. Boys had more of a range of scores to use to pin point where changes to style and technique may be made. Practice sessions are now used to their maximum affording all boys enough time to produce more precise targets. We still cater for boys that are competitive and those that are recreational shottists.

J Cooke, the shooting captain, has proved himself a worthy captain. He led from the front and carried out his duties with pride and dignity and has made all at College and the sport proud. He was named the Most Improved SAARA U20 male shottist.

Our senior boys have done exceptionally well with some of them receiving awards both within school and from SAARA. We congratulate them all.

SAARA KZN Team:	J Cooke, U Molefi, S Verwey, N de Villiers, J Hoyle, C Vahey and M Pearson.
SAARA KZN Colours:	J Cooke, U Molefi and S Verwey.
SAARA Academy Colours:	U Molefi, N de Villiers, J Hoyle, C Vahey M Pearson.

We have a small group of juniors who are producing some very good scores at this early stage. We do hope to see some of them earn high accolades in this sport.

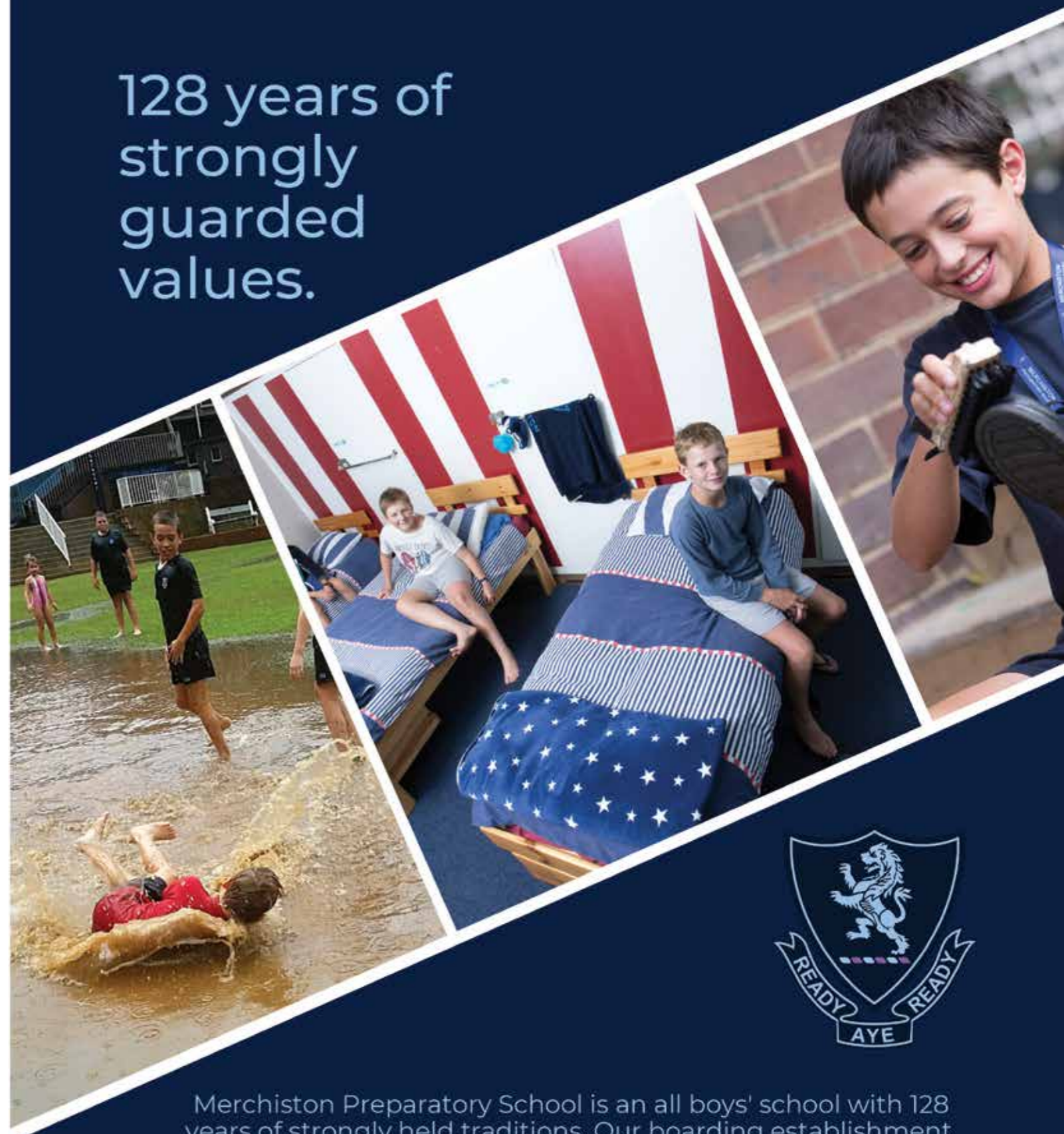
We continually raise the bar at shooting and it is rewarding to know that the boys respond well. While there is limited competition in KZN, we are glad to be recognised as the school that produces the highest number of schoolboy shottists.

Thank you to the senior boys who stepped in and assisted my assistant Mrs Kunene, and me in coaching the junior boys. Some of these youngsters sacrificed some of their valuable practice time to assist us and this is greatly appreciated.

Mr G Govindasamy

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1st XI

Back row: R Naidoo, J Keith, N Zondo, L Mawela

Middle row: C Desplace, B Gumbi, S Nyawo, T Hlatshwayo, B Brooks, Z Gxarisa

Front row: N Phenyane, Mr M Dibben (MIC), Mr N Haswell (assistant coach), L Zondi (captain), Mr D Haswell (head coach),

Mr C Garaba (goalkeeper coach), N Msiya

Absent: TEJ Zondi, N Kubheka

Overview from the master-in-charge

2019 proved to be a momentous year for Maritzburg College soccer with our First XI reaching new heights and the rest of our age group teams producing some extremely good results across the board. For the first time, we had both A and B teams playing from the start of the second term across all age groups, which meant more boys were able to play a longer, more competitive season. Soccer has become the longest season of any of the sports at Maritzburg College with pre-season, for some teams, beginning as early as February, and the season carrying on right through to the beginning of September.

In the new PMB High Schools Football Association (PMBHSFA) Second Term League, our U15A, U16A and 1st XI teams won their leagues and the U14A and 2nd teams made the finals of their leagues. This was the first of three trophies to be won by our 1st XI and the start one of the most successful seasons in the school's soccer history.

Another new tournament was the Primo Big 8 League, which saw eight of the provinces top boys' high schools come together to fight it out for a trophy. Maritzburg College, Michaelhouse, Kearsney, Westville, Glenwood, Northwood, DHS and Clifton were the competing teams. A tough final against a very strong Glenwood side saw College emerge 1-0 winners. T Whiteman was named Player of the Tournament and finished joint-top goal scorer, and T Zondi was named Goalkeeper of the Tournament.

The 1st XI's third trophy was won on the hallowed turf that is Goldstone's. A first for College soccer, we were afforded the opportunity to play three games on Goldstone's in 2019 for the 130th edition of the Raw Cup. Our first game ended in an unfortunate 1-3 loss to Westville but was, however, followed by what could be described as the highlight of the 1st XI's year. They faced DHS in the final and managed to come back from a goal down to take the game to penalties. Our keeper, TEJ Zondi, saved two penalties to lead the team to victory.

The season finished off with the PMB FA Cup where our 1st XI lost on penalties in the semi-final to Michaelhouse. Z Gxarisa was named in the team of the tournament for the PMB FA Cup.

The following boys were selected for PMB High Schools Teams:

- U14:** P Schutte, K Nene, J Powell, M Horstead, T Caple, J Nelson, M Madlala, S Ramdeen, I Kayembe, O Mkhwanazi, T Madzimure
- U15:** T Nkosi, A Vilakazi, L Biyela, A Isaacs
- U16:** R Naidoo, K Chetty
- U19:** L Mawela, Z Gxarisa, L Zondi, B Gumbi, TEJ Zondi, T Whiteman, C Desplace, S Kubheka

The following boys were selected for KZN High Schools Teams:

- U14A:** P Schutte, J Powell, J Nelson, I Kayembe, M Horstead and M Madlala (non-travelling reserve)
- U14B:** K Nene, T Caple, O Mkhwanazi
- U15A:** A Isaacs, T Nkosi (non-travelling reserve)
- U16:** R Naidoo (non-travelling reserve)
- U19A:** Z Gxarisa, TEJ Zondi
- U19B:** T Whiteman, C Desplace, L Zondi, L Mawela, S Kubheka

Mr M Dibben

1st Team

To put this incredible season into words is a nigh-on impossible task!

In nearly a decade of coaching at various levels, I have not had the pleasure of coaching a team that was so ebullient, determined and unwavering in their commitment levels. These dynamics made it a great challenge to the coaching staff to channel these adrenaline-filled emotions and to push the boys as a team to achieve their goals. This team relished every challenge, be it a training session or a tournament to play in, and were always asking for more.

There is a saying that goes, "The game belongs to the players" and as coaches we wanted the boys to take ownership of the team. They were the engine of the team and we were there merely to steer them in the right direction. They accepted this wholeheartedly and we were happy to guide them through College's most successful season in recent years – and possibly in the school's history.

Whilst always remaining mindful of the developmental aspects of school sport, at this level the boys are also entering the performance stage of their careers – there are some that have designs of potential careers in the game and we totally believe that we can help them achieve this. The actual training sessions are based on many small-sided games (as opposed to drills) where players have to incorporate a lot of decision-making as they are involved in 1 vs 1 and 2 vs 2 scenarios, which are aimed at improving their individual skills. Then those are brought into the team on an 11 vs 11 scale, with the added elements of team tactics.

At team level, we believe that a 30-40 match season is vital to test the boys for consistency of effort. The 1st XI of 2019 thrived in this setting, winning three trophies with a high overall win rate and earning plaudits for their conduct on and off the field. It is to be understood that over the course of the season there would be the occasional setback but as coaches we were pleased, from a conditioning aspect, that no player suffered a serious muscle injury during the season.

PMB Second Term League

Playing against all local rivals, this competition is beneficial in terms of preparing for the full season ahead and the team certainly got off to a great start by winning it unbeaten and setting a high standard for the season. It was College's first triumph in this tournament and a first tournament win since 2012.

vs Alexandra High 2-0, St Nicholas 1-1, Carter 1-1, Haythorne 3-2, Linpark 2-1

Semi-Final vs St Nicholas 3-1 on penalties (0-0)

Final vs Haythorne W 3-1

Kloof Tournament

Feeding off the positivity generated from the PMB League success, we planned for a major assault on this 32-team competition and got off to a great start with a resounding win over Paul Roos. It was a tricky group however and the hiccup came in the final group game where we lost 0-1 to Kingsway.

With other results not going our way, we dropped into the bowl section by one point. A sign of this team's resolve was how they responded to this disappointment by going on another streak of wins to make it into the Bowl Final, where we produced our best performance of the season to date, but were unfortunate to lose it.

vs Paul Roos 3-1, Westville 2-2, Kingsway 0-1

Bowl 2nd Round vs Alexandra 2-0,

Bowl Quarter-Final vs Thomas More 3-0

Bowl Semi-Final vs Hillcrest 4-0

Bowl Final vs Glenwood 0-2



First XI captain, L Zondi

Big 8 Primo League

College hosted this new tournament at the beginning of the third term, featuring eight of KZN's biggest boys' schools. The team went on another unbeaten run and gained revenge on Glenwood by beating them in the final.

vs Kearsney 2-2, Clifton 1-0, DHS 1-0

Quarter-Final vs Northwood 4-0

Semi-Final vs Westville 4-2 on penalties (1-1)

Final vs Glenwood 1-0

Cowie Cup

This was a new midweek, knock-out competition. It was initially scheduled to be played during September but was moved forward to August, which meant that it caused a bit of a fixture overload with our already-scheduled Third Term fixtures. Nevertheless, we gave it a go and the boys were satisfied to have another crack at Kingsway who had knocked us out at the Kloof Tournament. We were knocked out by Westville after that, but here again we were to have the last say against them at a later stage in the season.

1st Round vs Kingsway 2-0

Quarter-Final vs Westville 1-3

Third Term Inter-School Fixtures

The third term is where we traditionally play against the Midlands and Durban schools but this year it included a match at KES as part of the wider multi-sports code school exchange, of which the boys were pleased to be a part. It also included an extra special Raw Cup encounter.

vs KES 1-0, Hilton 0-1, Glenwood 1-2, Michaelhouse 1-1, Northwood 0-1

Raw Cup

Played on the hallowed Goldstone's turf and coming off the back of some indifferent results, this was another test that the team took on and came out on top. They fought back from 0-1 down to level the match and were spurred on by the vociferous crowd in attendance, winning back this 130-year-old trophy.

vs St Charles 1-0, Westville 2-0, DHS 4-2 on penalties (1-1)

KZN U19 Cup

This one-day tournament was scheduled for the Sunday after arriving back from the KES exchange trip late on the Saturday night, but the boys would not countenance not going for it, and go for it they did with another run into a tournament final, only to lose on penalties.

vs Pinetown 2-1, Hillcrest 1-0, Glenwood 1-1

Quarter-Final vs Clifton 4-3 on penalties (1-1)

Semi-Final vs Westville 2-0

Final vs Kloof 3-4 on penalties (0-0)

PMB High Schools FA Cup

The season culminated with the 3-day FA Cup at Howick High School. As motivated as the team was to win this trophy for the first time, it was not to be - but certainly not for a lack of effort or determination.

vs Heritage Academy 5-1, Eastwood 0-4, Alexandra 2-0, Voortrekker 2-1

Quarter-Final vs Hilton 2-0

Semi-Final vs Michaelhouse 4-5 lost on penalties (1-1)

Player Critique:

L Zondi (captain, midfield, KZN U19B, Colours and Scarf): A motivating captain who was open and frank with his team mates in challenging them to be part of a team that would not only be successful on the field, but which would also set a high standard off it. He backed up his talk with his performances, his relentless work rate driving the team on and he was the top goal scorer. He was awarded the Most Committed Player of the Year Award.

TEJ Zondi (vice-captain, goalkeeper, KZN U19A, Honours): A jovial but extremely dedicated player who was an able deputy to the captain. Between the goalposts he was masterful, claiming a school-record 11 clean sheets, but it was his record at saving penalties which stood out and it was something at which he worked hard. He won the Best Goalkeeper Award at the Big 8 Primo League Tournament and was also awarded the 1st XI Player of the Season Award.

S Kubheka (vice-captain, forward, PMB U19A, Colours): He motivated his team mates with his desire to chase every ball and charge into every challenge. He created many indirect chances with his pressing and intelligent team play.

L Nyawo (right back, Large White Badge): A consistent performer down the right flank. Readily took advice on board and, with added determination, he has the ability to take his game to a higher level.

Z Gxarisa (left back, KZN U19A, Honours): A raucous player who enjoyed getting under the opponents' skin! He made the left wing-back role his own with his strident forays into attack coupled with his aggressive defending. He was selected in the Team of the Tournament for the PMB FA Cup.

N Phenyane (centre back, Large White Badge): He used his rangy long legs to thwart many an opposition attack. He was the only player to start every match, which is testament to his value to the team. He had the knack of popping up with important goals, too.

N Zondo (centre back, Large White Badge): A steady and reliable defender, he was mostly used against opposition that would target us aerially, by giving us an extra header in defence. We also employed him a couple of times in central midfield.

B Gumbi (midfield, PMB U19A, Colours): He was nicknamed 'Tyson' for his resemblance to the former heavyweight boxer, but he seemed to have similar attributes, too - soft-spoken but fiercely determined. He was the perfect foil for the creative players in the team by repeatedly winning possession for them.

T Whiteman (forward, KZN U19B, Colours and Scarf): He possesses electric ability with the ball at his feet and used this to wreak havoc on opposition defenders. He registered the most assists for the season and improved on his ability to finish off moves too. He was awarded Player of the Tournament in the Big 6 Primo Competition.

B Brooks (midfield, Large White Badge): Started the season off as a utility forward but after a switch to a holding midfield role he really blossomed and became a vital cog in the engine. His efforts in training sessions started to pay off and he was a deserving recipient of the Luyanda Ntshangase Most Improved Player Award.

J Keith (forward, Large White Badge): With his height and set piece taking ability, he provided a different option to the forward line. Although it was not easy for him to break into a regular starting spot, he maintained a positive attitude throughout the season. As a qualified referee, he was awarded the Referee of the Season Award for his willingness to officiate junior matches.

N Msiya (forward, Large White Badge): Another player who improved so much that he became a regular during the latter part of the season. Blessed with incredible pace and stamina, when he added better ball control and decision-making to his game, he was a marvel to watch.

C Desplace (forward, KZN U19B, Colours and Scarf): A loyal and dependable player. He came into the side with his position and role not clearly defined and so we experimented a little. Once settled in as one of the forward line, he started scoring with regularity.

K Hlatshwayo (midfield, Large White Badge): A tough-as-teak industrious midfielder dubbed 'Action Man' for his seeming willingness to cover every blade of grass on the pitch and get involved in every action. He played his heart out for the team and did it with both soul and joy.

C Thomas (midfield, Large White Badge): He responded actively to encouragement and advice and, despite his status as a 'squad player', he was certainly valued for his positive attitude and contribution to the team culture.

R Naidoo (centre back, PMB U16A): He started the season in the U16A team but soon earned promotion. He quickly became a part of the solid defensive unit. With added grit and aggressiveness, he will continue to improve.

S Myeza (right back, Large White Badge): A somewhat unorthodox player, his unpredictability was an asset. Not initially in the squad at the start of the season, he battled away tirelessly to get his opportunity. Unfortunately, a fractured wrist curtailed his season but he continued to support the team from the side-lines.

L Mawela (goalkeeper, KZN U19B, Colours and Scarf): The role of reserve goalkeeper is never an easy one, especially when the senior keeper is performing superbly. At every opportunity to play, he showed glimpses of his potential and this bodes well for the future.



TEJ Zondi - directing matters from the goalmouth



T Whiteman fires home the ball in the Raw Cup penalty shoot-out

As a parting note to the 1st XI of 2019, thank you for your energy and your spirit. Your never-say-die attitude will be remembered and will be held up as a model for future teams to try and emulate.

I'm not quite sure if you love or loathe the stories and anecdotes that were told at training sessions and team meetings, but here is a quotation that I would like to leave you with as you go forward in your various pursuits:

"It's like everything in football - and life. You need to look, you need to think, you need to move, you need to find space, you need to help others. It's very simple in the end." - Johan Cruyff

A note of thanks to the following:

- Mr Luman, Mr Swart and College management for their backing and acceptance of the vision for the team and for the sport in general.
- Assistant/2nd team Coach Nic Haswell: the intensity at which the 2nd XI trained against the 1st XI in practice undoubtedly played a role in hardening the squad for the season.
- Goalkeeper Coach, Caniggia Garaba: you put up with a lot and were always asking for more time with the goalkeepers, but in the time you did have, you clearly made a difference.
- The parents and College staff who came out to support the boys. This was much appreciated.
- Master-in-Charge, Mr M Dibben, for putting up with the numerous demands during the course of the season
- Messrs Hackland, Veitch and the ground staff for their tireless efforts in maintaining the fields and equipment.
- Messrs Greeff and Shezi for their supervision of the gym programme.

Mr D Haswell

2nd Team

The 2019 season proved to be a very enjoyable and successful one for the 2nd team.

The 2nds played in the PMB FA High Schools B stream in the 2nd term, playing mostly against other schools 1st teams. The team was defined by their rock-solid and unyielding defence and impressive teamwork, pressing their opponents from the first whistle to the last. This meant that they finished top of the B stream league table, only narrowly losing to Eastwood in the league final.

As a result of their excellent performances, many of the players received deserved call-ups to the first team squad, but as new players came into the 2nd team for the third term they kept up the high standards that had been set for them. This meant some equally impressive performances throughout the third term, the highlight being a 5-0 victory against Westville on Goldstone's, which included a hat-trick by the team's co-captain and consistent goal-scorer, J Keith.

The players in the 2nds can be incredibly proud of both their performances and the way in which they went about achieving them in 2019.

Regular players:

K Hollenberg (captain), J Keith (captain), L Mawela, L Nyawo, R Hyde, L Haddin, D Bruyns, T Hlatshwayo, R Chetty, N Nsuntsha, K Chetty, N Assumani, S Myeza, O Mthethwa, B Kgoroge, C Thomas

Results:

Second term PMB FA High Schools B Stream:

vs Ixopo 7-2, Carter 2-0, Haythorne 0-2, Newton 6-0, MCS 1-0, Eastwood 1-0, St Nicholas 6-0, Eastwood (final) 0-1

Third term:

vs Northwood 1-1, DHS 5-0, Westville 2-0, Kloof 0-2, Hilton 2-0, Glenwood 4-1, Michaelhouse 0-2, St Charles 2-2

Mr N Haswell



C Desplace in 1st XI action vs DHS on Goldstone's

3rd Team

The third soccer team had a very short, but fun-filled season. The boys, as always, showed a lot of determination and perseverance. Practices were always well attended and the boys displayed the same intensity during these practices as they did on match day. The boys developed their skills and got to know one another better.

Our first match was against DHS, and was arguably our best game of the season, ending in a resounding 5-0 victory. Our toughest fixture was probably against Voortrekker 1st. The opposition managed to bully us out of the game in the first half, and their sheer physicality gained them a two goal advantage. However, our boys showed incredible resilience and started matching them physically. We scored from a penalty, but unfortunately it was a case of "too little, too late".

V Joshua, the captain of the team, always led by example and communicated well with his team mates from a half-back position. All the boys were encouraged to shoot from range and their boldness in following these instructions led to a number of goals throughout the season. Well done to every boy who, in such a short time, showed his skills and played some seriously good football. All the best in your future endeavours, boys.

Regular Players:

V Joshua (captain), C Fortmann, C Harper, J de Rose, N Zuma, S Hlongwane, L Lenz, C Stubbs, U Mtsi, O van Niekerk, N Ndaweni, U Ngcobo, J Duncan

Results:

vs DHS 5-0, Voortrekker 1-2, Glenwood 3-0, St Charles 3-1

Mr N Duvenage

4th Team

The 4th team was formed late into the season, owing to the high numbers of boys who had a passion for football, and attended practices religiously. Their passion for the game spilled over onto the field and the boys played their three matches with an unbridled enthusiasm and enjoyment. They were unlucky only to get the draw against Westville, as they were 2-0 ahead at the break and missed a few crucial chances to put the game away. The boys really enjoyed their season, and I am sure that most, if not all, of them will be back again next year.

Regular players:

P Dlamini, V Masembe, S Ngwenya, N Mnguni, S Khuzwayo, T Parsons, L Moseia, L Curtis, L Putuma, A Sibisi, N Gumede, L Mkhize, O Mkhize, L Skhosana, A Thenjwayo, M Veenstra

Results:

vs DHS 4-1, Westville 2-2, St Charles 1-3

Mr N Makhathini

First XI Trophy Haul



Cheering the winning of the PMBHSFA Second Term League Trophy



First XI with the Big 8 Primo League trophy



The jubilant First XI with the Raw Cup



1st XI cheering the award of the Raw Cup



J Keith – 1st XI



Ball boys anxiously watch the 1st XI Raw Cup final penalty shoot-out



Ecstatic 1st XI after the winning penalty shoot-out to claim the Raw Cup

U16A

Back row:
N Smith, J Godleman,
J Shaik Mohammed,
K Govender, K Taylor, N Zondi,
C Baldrey, J Kahler

Front row:
S Khuzwayo,
S Makhathini, L Magwaza,
Mr N Khambule (coach),
G Winlock, C Naicker,
TK Naidoo



The boys were happy and eager to learn and win games throughout the second term. They took in as much training and coaching as they could and we had a wonderful season, apart from losing to Ixopo during the league campaign. The boys had said they wanted to finish the season not only as champions, but undefeated champions. This however did not in any way break their spirit or enthusiasm for the games that followed. The results speak for themselves - the boys had fun and enjoyed playing and that was the number one goal for every training session and game day.

Results:

vs Alexandra 0-4, DHS 4-2, Glenwood 2-1, Hilton 0-1, Northwood 2-0, Westville 0-1, Kloof 1-0, St Nicholas 3-0

Mr J Mhlongo

U16C

The U16C team had a wonderful season and outlaid a positive set of results. They were very committed and had great energy, which stood them in good stead for both practices and matches. Their understanding of the game was an advantage to the chemistry of the team. The atmosphere was a positive one as everyone wanted what was best for the team, and there was a great deal of maturity and respect amongst them. We had a very successful season, playing four games and winning three of those comfortably, and with flair. A lot of potential and growth was shown when many of the boys had a run for the B team, indicating how great their improvement had been. It was a great pleasure working with these boys and I wish them well in their careers as footballers at College. May they keep the composure and maturity they have shown and take it to greater heights.

Regular players:

J Wilson, S Wilson, M Woodhead, M Mdanda, S Pedzayi, C Naicker, J Maistry, L Serafim, C Williamson, A Vilakazi, S Mtshali, J Beauclerk, K Naidoo

Results:

vs DHS 7-1, Westville 3-2, Voortrekker 3rd 2-3, St Charles 5-1

Mr S Mkhwanazi

Regular players: Second term

L Magwaza (captain), K Govender, J Godleman, AAM Dlamini, K Naidoo, J Shaik Mohammed, T Theletsane, K Chetty, B Ndllovu, L Khanyile, Y Matyolo, S Khuzwayo, N Smith, L Gasa

Regular players: Third term

L Magwaza (captain), K Govender, C Baldrey, S Khuzwayo, N Smith, J Jansen, OW Cele, J Kahler, K Taylor, N Zondi, L Gasa, G Winlock, D Jonker

Results:

Second term

vs MCS 2-1, College B 4-1, Ixopo 1-2, Eastwood 4-2, Eastwood (final) 2-0, Alexandra 2-2

Third term

vs Alexandra 1-1, Hilton 0-7, Glenwood 0-2, Michaelhouse 0-2, Northwood 0-2, DHS 1-3, Westville 0-3, Howick 2nd 1-0, St Charles 0-3

Mr N Khambule

U16B

Playing eight matches and winning five of them in a very tight fixture list says much about the dedication, commitment, passion and love of soccer our boys have. At B team level, the aim is for the boys to play games and enjoy themselves. When they did lose, they were disappointed, for their commitment to their team was outstanding. They always looked forward to the next game. We look forward to another beautiful season next year.

Regular players:

N Mokoena, S Pedzayi, A Mbambo, S Gopichand, M Clark, N Khumalo, T Theletsane, B Ndllovu, Y Matyolo, J Godleman, K Naidoo, J Beauclerk, C Naicker

U16D

The team was short of numbers at the start of the soccer season, however a huge and commendable effort was made by those boys who were available. The boys practised very hard together with the 16C team. We only managed to play one fixture against Westville Boys and unfortunately lost that fixture. Well done to the team who showed great commitment over a short time period, and all the best to them in the future.

Regular players:

N Dlamini, E Frank, J Jansen, W Jelf, L Maharaj, S Malinga, N Mkhulise, J Muthuraymuthu, K Naidoo, S Shange, M Shaw

Results:

vs Westville 1-5

Mr M Zuma



U15A

Back row:
 J Powell, T Mthembu,
 U Mncwabe, A Isaacs,
 S Myende, AN Vilakazi,
 L Mletye, A Vilakazi

Front row:
 T Latha, T Nkosi, K Nene,
 Mr J Wilcock (coach), L Biyela,
 T Zimu, G Mentory

The season started towards the end of the first term as we prepared for the second term league. It was clear from the start that the boys were full of talent and passion and they came prepared to work hard at each training session. As a team we worked on the weaknesses and polishing the strengths, to build a formidable force on game day. There were some spectacular performances from the boys, most notably during the second term league, which they won undefeated, netting a brilliant 21 goals and conceding only two. As we progressed through the season, the boys became more confident and played with something extra, displaying brilliant football. However, as with most things in life, too much confidence is not always good, because it opens the door for complacency, which led to us struggling at the age group tournament, winning only one game, losing two and drawing one. What followed was a slump, as we could not manage better than a draw and lost to some local rivals. In total, we scored 42 goals and conceded 21 in 21 games. As the coach of this team, I was pleased with the development of these young men. I look forward to seeing them in first team colours in the future.

Regular players:
 L Biyela (captain), A Isaacs, T Zimu, G Mentory, AN Vilakazi, L Mletye, S Myende, T Nkosi, A Vilakazi, T Mthembu, U Mncwabe, J Powell, K Nene, Z Moore, A Ndlovu, N Masilela, T Latha

Results:
Second term
 vs Newton 0-0, College B 3-1, Linpark 6-0, Newton 3-1, College B 4-0, Linpark 3-0, Newton (final) 2-0

Third term
 vs Alexandra 5-2, Kloof 4-1, Hilton 0-0, Glenwood 0-0, Michaelhouse 1-2, Northwood 0-1, DHS 1-1, Westville 3-3, Voortrekker 16A 4-1, St Charles 0-2, Hillcrest 2-1, Hilton 0-0, Kloof 0-2, Pinetown 1-3

Mr J Wilcock

U15B

The season was a difficult one for the boys as it started early in the year with a tournament consisting of A teams, us being the only B team. Despite the disadvantage, the boys put up a decent performance but lacked the discipline to keep the opponents from putting the ball in the net. For the first half of most games they held their own, but had what I came to call a "second-half syndrome", as we conceded most of our goals in the second half owing to lapses in concentration. The boys were helped by the injection of new players in the third term, which helped some of the original players come out of their shells. I observed a great deal of improvement in the team's football throughout the season although it took longer than I expected. The team ended the season on a high, winning our last two games.

Regular players:
 A Ndlovu (captain), T Nemato, N Mbanjwa, K Moabi, T Sedze, P Sibisi, S Shezi, O Mhlongo, N Masilela, A Madlala, S Thabethe, M Mbambo, P Chamane, D Naidoo, Z Gumbi, A Xulu, P Mncube, Z Moore

Results:
 vs Linpark A 4-0, Newton A 2-2, College A 1-3, Linpark A 1-2, Newton A 0-4, College A 0-4, Kloof 6-3, Hilton 1-2, Glenwood 1-3, Northwood 0-5, DHS 4-0, Westville 0-4, Howick 2-1, St Charles 1-0

Mr Z Msomi

U15C

The U15C team had a very short season playing only three matches. The boys adapted well to all the drills, which made my job as their coach a pleasure. Each boy was very committed and played for the team at all times. The highlight of the season was the 7-0 victory against DHS. It was a privilege to work with this group of boys and I hope they continue with the same energy next season at under 16 level.

Regular players:
 M Fihlela, N Sosibo, S Phungula, N Ndlovu, A Mdima, A Brown, A Ngobese, AO Nzimande, A Barnard, A Chiliza, JC van der Merwe, S Osman

Results:
Third term
 vs DHS 7-0, Westville 1-5, St Charles 4-1

Ms N Ngcobo



Thumbs-up for the line judge from 1st XI S Nyawo



U14A

Back row:
 M Chonco, I Kayembe,
 J Nelson

Middle row:
 J Powell, T Nuttall, P Schutte,
 O Mkhwanazi, T Caple,
 T Madzimure

Front row:
 S Mncwabe, S Ramdeen,
 M Horstead,
 Mr S Mabaso (coach), K Nene,
 C Ndlela, T Cele

Absent:
 Mr C Garaba (coach)

What a season it was for the U14A who started as a group of talented players from different backgrounds but with one thing in common – the love of soccer and willingness to play for the badge on the front of their jerseys. Friendships were formed and a brotherhood was forged.

The U14A were disciplined, committed, punctual and had a good work ethic both on and off the pitch. They displayed effort, energy and passion for the sport and a good attitude.

The U14A boys attended all of the 1st XI home games, and served as water boys for the team. At the beginning of the season they set themselves short-term and long-term goals. They all learned a lot and improved as soccer players. It was rewarding to see a number of the College boys selected for the PMB District team, which won the KZN District Tournament, as well as for the KZN team.

It was a pleasure to coach the group. As a youth coach, one strives to bring out the best in players. Our motto was: "Practise like you have never won, and play like you have never lost".

Thank you to Messrs M Dibben and D Haswell for the opportunity to be part of the College family and for implementing the College philosophy which gave us coaching guidelines and took Maritzburg College soccer to new heights. Short-term goals were: win as many games we could, win as many trophies as were available in the season, make the PMB District team and the KZN Team.

Long-term goals: Improve individually and collectively, and play to the best of our abilities. Play for the 1st team and one day follow in the footsteps of Ryan Moon and Bandile Shandu. Play in the PSL and, even further, play overseas – with hard work, commitment and dedication, it is achievable.

We congratulate the following boys on District and Provincial selections:

PMB District Teams: P Schutte, K Nene, J Powell, M Horstead, T Caple, J Nelson, M Madlala, I Kayembe, O Mkhwanazi, S Ramdeen and T Madzimure

KZN Provincial Teams: P Schutte, K Nene, J Powell, M Horstead, T Caple, I Kayembe, O Mkhwanazi and J Nelson

Regular players:
 M Horstead (captain), P Schutte, T Nuttall, C Ndlela, K Nene, M Chonco, J Powell, T Caple, J Nelson, T Cele, S Ramdeen, M Madlala, I Kayembe, O Mkhwanazi, S Mncwabe, T Madzimure and O Mkhwanazi

Results:
Second Term League
 vs Haythorne 6-1, MCS 12-1, College B 3-2, Bisley 0-3, Bisley (final) 1-3

Third term

Westville Boys' High Tournament
 vs Hillcrest 3-1, Glenwood 1-3, Pinetown 3-2
 Quarter-Final vs Northwood 4-5 on penalties (1-1)

vs Alexandra 4-1, Kloof 9-0, Hilton 2-2, Glenwood 1-1, Northwood 0-0, Michaelhouse 1-0, DHS 1-2, Westville 3-1, St Nicholas 3-1, St Charles 0-1

Mr C Garaba

U14B

The first part of the season was very challenging for both the boys and me, as all of the schools we competed against had no B teams but only A sides. As challenging as it was, we took it as a learning curve and a platform to toughen up mentally and physically for the second part of the season. As expected, we lost all the first four games and closed the second term with no win at hand. However, I am proud to report that the squad regrouped and was determined to change the record for the better.

In the second half of the season, they played eight games without a loss. They played according to plan, they gave their all in each game and ensured they enjoyed playing to their fullest. There was improved footwork with disciplined tactical skills throughout the remainder of the season. I wish to commend the boys for supporting and motivating each other throughout the season as they showed respect and honour for the College badge. It was an honour to coach such a devoted squad.

Regular players:
 B Cassels (captain), SA Gumede, A Dlomo, A Sithole, V Chili, S Zulu, K Peter, N Khumalo, R Naidu, L Coetzer, L Seshemane, A Nkubungu, PA Dlamini, M Hadebe, K Dwenga

Results:
 vs Bisley A 1-5, Haythorne A 0-9, MCS A 1-2, College A 2-3, Alexandra 5-2, Glenwood 6-0, Hilton 2-1, Northwood 4-1, DHS 7-0, Westville 2-0, Howick High 13-1, St Charles 7-0

Mr S Mabaso

U14C

The U14C soccer team had a very short, challenging yet great season. These lads were wonderful as a team. They faced the challenge of even playing against an A team and came out victorious. The players showed great talent. They trained, travelled and played well as a team and really enjoyed themselves. The highlight of the season was a tough game against St Charles in which our team was 2-0 down at half-time and, after the break and a team talk, came back to win the game 3-2. K King was our first captain who was injured during the first match and unfortunately could not return to play. NS Dlamini and L Nkabinde then led the team with dedication and commitment. It was because of their talent and passion for this sport that the team was undefeated.

Regular players:

K King (*captain*), L Nkabinde (*captain*), NS Dlamini (*captain*), C Reardon, K Khoza, Z Govender, A Makhanya, M Khumalo, A Khumalo, L Swanepoel, K Makhontso, P Mchunu, T Buthelezi, A Majozi, A Mdladla

Results:

vs DHS 4-2, Westville 3-0, St Charles 3-2, Voortrekker A 2-1

Mr SM Ngcobo

U14D

The season was very challenging for the boys as we had only a limited number of training days before our games. The key focus this season was teamwork and living by Maritzburg College's core values, from training sessions to the field, and on match days. Each boy gave of his best every time he got a chance to touch the ball and they displayed considerable talent.

Regardless of their development needs, they showed unconditional love for football. From the first game to the last, there was an improvement in how they moved the ball from defence to attack. They focused on the game plan in every match and delivered what they were expected to. They worked as a team and enjoyed each game. With only three games played, we had an excellent record of three wins and no losses, with a total of 13 goals scored and two goals against us. The last game was very emotional as the team trailed by 0-1, but we ended up winning by 10-1. One of the goals was scored by the goalkeeper – a heart-warming moment for both boys and parents who were watching the game. It was a great pleasure to coach this team

Regular players:

F Simelane (*captain*), M van Selm, A Ndlela, T Sewparsad, L Schultz, T Mkhize, S Ndlovu, H Jongisa, A Mbambo, L Pillay, A Masikane, S Mazibuko, T Reddy, T Buthelezi

Results:

vs DHS 1-0, Westville 2-1, St Charles 10-1

Ms C Mhlongo

U14E and U14F

Although the U14E and F teams experienced a short season, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and successful one. Ably led by captain V Pillay, the team grew in strength with each passing week, and dominated most opponents. The E team ended the season undefeated, having scored an impressive 19 goals and conceded just two in the three games played. Multiple players contributed in the scoring department, but our remarkable defender, T Clark, managed to top the scoring sheets, hitting the back of the net seven times.

The U14F side played a one off game against Westville and conducted themselves well considering they had never played together as a unit before. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes to every single member of this squad who displayed true College spirit at practices and games.

Regular players:

T Bhoola, T Clark, D Ekstrand, A Khanyile, A Khumalo, A Mahomed, R Marion, A Mbokazi, S Mkandla, M Mkhize, S Mncube, L Mohapelo, K Mthembu, S Ndlovu, ST Ndlovu, J Ogle, V Pillay, S Sithembu, V Sithole, N Tsvuura

U14E Results:

vs DHS 3-1, Westville 5-0, St Charles 11-1

U14F Result:

vs Westville 0-4

Mr M Warr



Intense celebrations for the 1st XI after their Raw Cup victory shootout



The First XI thank their College supporters who turned out in force to cheer them on – on the hallowed Goldstone's turf

Squash Team

Back Row:

S Strydom, J McFarland, M Maharaj, C White, N McFarland

Front Row:

J Jacobsen, Mr C Nevay (MIC), KH Govender, Mrs C Tedder (MIC), M Darch (captain), Mr A Dippenaar (coach), S Ngwenya



School Squash Champions

U19: M Darch

U16: S Strydom

U14: T Pratt

Most Improved Player 2019: N McFarland

KZN Team Selections

U19: M Darch, C White and KH Govender

U16A: S Strydom and A Ndwanwe

U16B: S Maharaj, A Premchund and N Moodley

Regular players:

Seniors:

M Darch (*captain*), S Strydom, J McFarland, M Maharaj, C White, N McFarland, J Jacobsen, KH Govender, S Ngwenya

Juniors:

S Maharaj, L Swanepoel, A Premchund, T Pratt, M Mason

Results:

Super 8
vs Glenwood 21-3, Hilton College 24-0, Kearsney 23-12, Michaelhouse 19-16, St Charles 24-2, Westville 11-19

St Andrew's Festival
vs Parktown Boys 18-2, PBHS 11-12, Queens College 18-0, St Dunstan's College 18-0

Stayers Tournament (Wynberg High School)
vs Grey High 1-5, St John's 5-1, Stormers 4-2, Kingswood 6-0, York High 6-0

Mrs C Tedder and Mr C Nevay



Junior Squash

Back row: S Maharaj, L Swanepoel, A Premchund
Front row: T Pratt, Mr M Shezi (coach), M Mason

We are very pleased still to have the services of Mr Andre Dippenaar as our coach. Approximately 40 boys across the age groups have played squash on a regular basis this year. We have many strong players in the U17 and U16 age groups which bodes well for next year.

Our Top 8 boys did exceptionally well in the Super 8. The Top 6 boys attended the annual St Andrew's College Squash Festival in February and won four of their five matches, narrowly losing to PBHS.

The highlight of the year was our Top 5 boys (consisting of only one Sixth Former) winning the KZN Top Schools Tournament for the first time in 25 years. They achieved seventh place in the SA Top Schools tournament.

Early in the fourth term, the College Squash Stayers were invited to the annual Stayers Festival hosted by Wynberg Boys High in Cape Town. It was a tough and demanding schedule. All the teams were in a similar position as they had lost key matric boys, so for some it was worthwhile to give 'newer' 1st team boys a run against tougher than normal opposition.

The College Stayers team has two Grade 11s, two Grade 10s and two Grade 9s, so our team looks set to grow steadily in experience and longevity over the next couple of years.



Swimming

Back row: B Werth, JL van der Merwe, S Goebel, J Culverwell

Third row: G Westerdale, L Ambler-Smith, B Haigh, T Roux, T van Heerden, C Osborne, C Kirby, K Goddard, A Heydenrych

Second row: S Horne, J du Toit, K Wilken, L Dashwood, K Steele, Z Rowe, J Campbell, S Gibson, S Koekemoer, M Brown

Front row: J Scruby, C van Heerden, L Robinson (captain), Mr D Sherriff (MIC), K Raw, G Joubert, L du Toit

The 2019 swimming season was a busy one with the College swimming team participating in no fewer than six school galas. College hosted the College Invitation Gala, where we finished second. At the Top Schools gala, the team made a valiant effort and finished in fourth place.

Club swimming is still dominating the school swimming scene and a school's success is based on the number of club swimmers it has. The team was ably led by L Robinson who achieved school Honours for his efforts.

The following swimmers were selected for the KZN Schools' swimming team:

G Joubert, T Truter, C Stephens, C van Heerden, T van Heerden

Results of the Inter-House Championship gala:

Open Champion	L Robinson (Strachan)
U17 Champion	C van Heerden (Commons)
U16 Champion	J van der Merwe (Nicholson)
U15 Champion	T van Heerden (Commons)
U14 Champion	T Truter (Strachan)

Overall relay results:

1st – Nicholson; 2nd – Commons and 3rd – Strachan

The Oscar Servant Trophy for the best performance was won by C van Heerden for breaking D Townsend's U17 100 yard breaststroke record of 1min 02.7s from 2001 with a new record of 1min 02.39s

Mr D Sherriff



L Robinson – Open Champion



C van Heerden – Oscar Servant best-performance trophy



J van der Merwe U16 Champion



T van Heerden – U15 champion



T Truter U14 Champion



C Shaw collecting the trophy for Nicholson House, the overall Inter-house Gala Champions.



C van Heerden – receiving his record breaking achievement trophy from Mrs J Robinson

B Tedder with Mrs Robinson receiving a trophy on behalf of Commons House for achieving 2nd place in the Inter-house Gala

TABLE TENNIS



Table tennis 1st team

Back row: Q Govender, Y Bandu, N Dlamini, S Maharaj, T Thulsie
Front row: K Naidoo, Mr N Pillay (MIC), Y Naidoo

This is the sixth year of table tennis as an official school sport. It is growing in popularity and has seen a greater improvement in our results and achievements. The 1st Team remained unbeaten in the school exchanges, twice winning handsomely against a strong Pretoria Boys' High team.

In our District, the boys participated in the Elite Singles League, and a School Development League in which we fielded three teams.

Development League Players:

H Mewalall, E Naidoo, N Chetty, J Wiggill, G Maistry, T Reddy, Y Gopicherran, T Bhoola, K Subiah, L Kadir, L Pepeta, M Pannalall, Y Sha

Results:

Elite Singles A League:

Y Naidoo (1st), K Naidoo (3rd), T Thulsie (4th), K Govender (8th), N Dlamini (9th)

Elite Singles B League:

Y Naidoo (4th)

Development League:

College 1 (3rd), College 2 (5th), College 3 (7th)

National and Provincial Representation :

SA U18: Y Naidoo

KZN U18: Y Naidoo

KZN U14: E Naidoo

District U18: Y Naidoo, Q Govender, N Dlamini, T Thulsie

District U15: E Naidoo

School Senior Champion: Y Naidoo

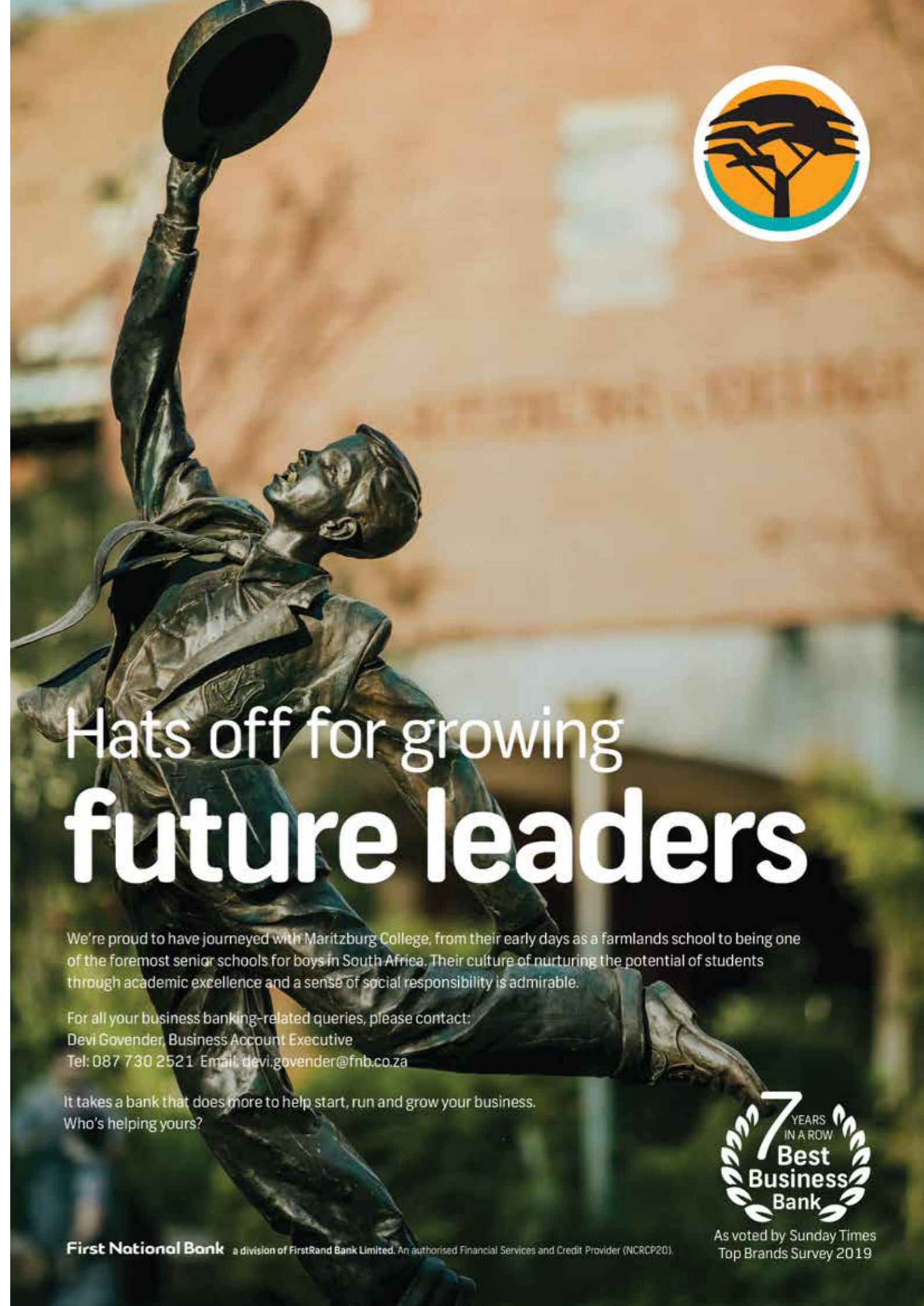
School Junior Champion: J Wiggill

Mr N Pillay



Table tennis team

Back row: T Reddy, J le Roux, K Subiah, K Kisten, A Naidoo, N Chetty, Y Gopicherran
Middle row: T Thulsie, Y Bandu, H Mewalall, N Dlamini, S Maharaj, Q Govender, E Naidoo
Front row: Mr M Jeewan (coach), K Naidoo, Mr N Pillay (MIC), Y Naidoo
Absent: J Wiggill, G Maistry, T Bhoola, Z Kadir, L Pepeta, M Pananlal, L Hadden



Hats off for growing future leaders

We're proud to have journeyed with Maritzburg College, from their early days as a farmlands school to being one of the foremost senior schools for boys in South Africa. Their culture of nurturing the potential of students through academic excellence and a sense of social responsibility is admirable.

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Senior Team

Back row: K Bolton, M Bodman, B Cotterrell, A Veitch, K Kotone
Front row: M Laithwaite, J Keith, Mrs M Troveri (MIC), T Katzenellenbogen (captain), C Groeneveld



Junior Team

Back row: J Peens, R Goncalves, G le Roux
Front row: S Mbentse, Mr J Lyons (coach), N Mazibuko

Our 2019 captain, T Katzenellenbogen, fulfilled his duties with enthusiasm and commitment. The tennis year started off with a full programme for our Open tennis teams. On Mondays our seniors played in the Open Midlands League where College performed reasonably well. Not many schools play tennis in the second term but we travelled to Affies and KES for the winter sports fixture exchanges. Mrs Immelman, who managed the juniors for a number of years, left College and we thank her for her enthusiasm and time she put into the juniors coaching. Mr J Lyons took over during the second term before returning to his normal summer sport responsibilities. The new coaches are a Maritzburg College old boy and past tennis captain, Mitchell Deetlefs, and the senior coach is Mr Dladla.

The third term was a busy tennis term. College entered an U15 team for the Bonnefin League, and two teams for the U19 Witness League which was played amongst schools in and around Pietermaritzburg. Our junior tennis team had enthusiastic players and was sustained by coaching offered to seniors and juniors with no additional charge to parents.

Tennis inter-house matches were great fun and two players per house participated. The overall winner was Strachan House.

At the farewell dinner in November we bade farewell to two matric players, J Keith and M Bodman. I thank them for their commitment and loyalty to College Tennis and wish them well for the future.

Senior Champion: J Keith
Junior Champion: N Mazibuko

Mrs M Troveri



1st Team

Back row: A Heydenrych, C van Heerden, H Kemp, C Thunder
Middle row: Q Lupton-Smith, H Hankinson, C Versfeld, K Morsink, L Ambler-Smith, C Osborne
Front row: T Prinsloo, L Lenz, M Toich, Mr D Sherriff (MIC), K Raw (captain), L Robinson, B Webster

1st Team

The water polo season began with a squad made up of the school's leading Open players giving up part of their holiday to attend a camp hosted at College over the weekend before school started. The players trained hard and were able to do some team-building ahead of a very busy season.

The first fixture was against Westville – a tough but enjoyable encounter. We went down 3-7 in a good first fixture. The rest of the regular season saw the team play Hilton, St Charles, Glenwood, Michaelhouse and Kearsney. The highlight game was against Glenwood: we played at home and were victorious 13-11.

The culmination of the first term season is the KES Tournament. The team had prepared well but were thrown in the deep end when they lost key player and captain, K Raw, who suffered a freak eye injury. His leadership in the pool was missed and noticed. We were only able to get one win against Parktown BHS. The team ended 14th at the festival.

Our third term preparation saw the team getting ready for the annual Clifton Tournament. We had respective fixtures against Glenwood and Westville before this tournament. The game against Glenwood was played away and was another nail-biter as Glenwood took an early lead, but the College team fought back. The result was in College's favour as we won 10-8. The game against Westville did not go our way and we went down 3-15.

The Clifton Tournament saw us take a weakened team to Durban, as three of the starting players were away on UK Rugby tour and captain, Raw, was unable to play for the rest of the year through a serious rugby injury. T Prinsloo stepped in to captain a very young and inexperienced team. We played KES, Clifton and St Alban's in the pool stages and in an exciting game went down 3-8 to Clifton and pulled off a very good win against St Alban's. The rest of the tournament did not go our way as we went down to Hilton, Glenwood, Michaelhouse and DHS – which meant that we finished 16th.



Led by K Raw the College water polo 1st team is ready for Glenwood

The fourth term started with the fixture against DHS, and we could see that the players back from the UK Rugby tour were rusty. In a very competitive game we went down 6-12.

It was then time for the Top 10 Tournament, in which we played Westville, Northwood, Glenwood and Hilton in the pool stages. After a good win against Northwood and a draw against Glenwood, we reached the quarter-finals against Kearsney. We were unable to beat them again in a repeat of last year's quarter. This put us up against Michaelhouse and were able to pull off a very close victory 6-5 and finish 5th.

After the Top 10 Tournament, we had one more tournament for the year, the newly-founded Northwood Stayers Tournament. We were put up against Glenwood, Clifton, Kearsney and an Invitational team.

We lost only to Kearsney. Moving into the quarters we played Westville, against whom we pulled off a close win 4-3. This saw us come up against Reddam Highlands in the semi-final – they had topped the other pool. We unfortunately lost 5-9. Our final game was against Clifton, which we won 4-2 to finish a respectable 3rd.

In a season with ups and downs and those uncontrollable factors, I commend the senior players, who at all times gave 100% effort.

The captain, K Raw, led brilliantly in and out of the pool, and lifted his team to a new stature. The likes of Lenz, Prinsloo and Toich will be missed. But then players do inevitably come and go – it is the College colours of Red, Black and White that endure and stand out.

Regular players:

K Raw (captain), T Prinsloo (co-captain), L Lenz (goalkeeper), B Webster, M Toich, L Robinson, K Morsink, Q Lupton-Smith, C van Heerden, A Heydenrych, C Thunder, H Kemp, L Ambler-Smith, C Versfeld, S Pretorius

Results:

First term:

vs Westville 3-7, Hilton 2-16, St Charles 27-1, Glenwood 13-11, Michaelhouse 7-6, Kearsney 6-12

KES Tournament

vs Jeppe 4-20, Bishops 3-19, St Andrew's 6-18, St Alban's 3-4, Parktown 5-3, KES 4-10

Third/Fourth term:

vs Westville 3-15, Glenwood 10-8, Northwood 3-7, Hilton 5-10, Michaelhouse 3-4

Clifton Tournament

vs KES 5-9, Clifton 3-8, St Alban's 6-2, Hilton 1-13, Glenwood 4-8, Michaelhouse 3-8, DHS 1-3

Top 10 Tournament

vs Westville 3-14, Northwood 7-4, Glenwood 4-4, Hilton 1-11, Kearsney 4-7, Michaelhouse 6-5

Northwood Stayers Tournament

vs Glenwood 7-3, Clifton 5-3, Kearsney 5-10, Invitational 7-2, Westville 4-3, Reddam Highlands 5-9, Clifton 4-2

Mr D Sherriff



The much-marked C Thunder breaks clear and duly scores

2nd Team

The 2nd Team went through many player changes during the course of the year, due to the rotational nature of the squad and the Sixth Form boys leaving to focus on their year-end exams. Two things that did not change, however, were the indomitable spirit of the team and the good-natured manner in which the boys played the game. The 2nd Team coupled its play with some impressive results. Near the end of the year, the boys had a fantastic outing at the Hilton College Quadrangular Tournament.

The self-proclaimed "H2O Sashas" were a pleasure to coach, and I look forward to seeing some of the players make their mark in the first team in 2020, which they could achieve through some hard work in the off-season.

Regular players:

C Patterson, J Duncan, J Robinson, L Volker, B Jackson, S Goebel, R van Zyl, B Els, C Williamson, T Holgate, B Pretorius, R Louch, M Mundell, L de Rose, T Mingay, J Jenman

Results:

vs Westville 3-5, Hilton 3-3, St Charles 24-0, Glenwood 9-3, Michaelhouse 3-2, Kearsney 7-3, Glenwood 6-5, Westville 11-4, Hilton 4-5

Mr N Makhathini

3rd Team

The 3rd Team had an outstanding season. In the first term they really played well together, beating tough opponents and posting great results. The boys really went out to prove themselves and managed to stay unbeaten until they faced a tough Kearsney side in the last game of the season. Unfortunately, Kearsney won that match, but the boys showed true College fighting spirit until the end. Some schools struggled to match our strength, and so played us on a stagger, which meant that the 3rds invariably did not have a match, but that did not stop the boys from organising an internal match on the Saturday and still having a blast.

The fourth term saw us only play three matches, in which the team once again pulled together and posted fine results. They were unbeaten in the fourth term and that was a real highlight for the boys.

Overall, it was a very successful season, with the only loss being to Kearsney in the first term. The boys really enjoyed the season and they showed the real College spirit.

Regular players:

L Volker, K Mingay, R Anderson, S Koekemoer, J Culverwell, C Robinson, R van Zyl, M Palmer, M Mundell, L Bourne, L de Rose, S Goebel, B Werth, B van der Merwe

Results:

vs Westville 8-1, Hilton 11-5, Glenwood 19-4, Michaelhouse 10-2, Kearsney 4-9, Glenwood 10-3, Westville 6-4, St Charles 2nds 13-2

Mr L Booysen

4th Team

The 4th Team experienced a rewarding and successful season in which the boys remained undefeated. They held themselves to a high standard in both practices and matches. They managed to balance the core pillars of teamwork and enjoyment, ensuring that the games were competitive, but they also played in true College spirit. They worked hard throughout the season and improved from practice to practice and from game to game. This was demonstrated by the resounding win over the Hilton 4ths during the fourth term, an improvement from the nail-bitingly tense draw from the first term. This team remained humble and committed towards developing themselves individually and as a team, making my role as coach both uncomplicated and delightful. My gratitude goes to the boys for making this season a memorable one and I look forward to more of the same in 2020.

Regular players:

A Dickson, B Finlayson, J Goble, S Horne, K Hough, V Joshua, B Kilburn, L Muller, B Nuttall, L Roberts, C Schutte, K Taylor, L Tyler

Results:

vs Westville 8-4, Hilton 6-6, Glenwood 10-5, Michaelhouse 6-4, Kearsney 3rds 6-3, Westville 5-3, Hilton 5ths 9-2, Michaelhouse 10-1, Hilton 6-2

Mr M Warr

5th Team

The 5th team was made up of many boys who were new to water polo, as well as boys who had recently moved up an age group, often playing against teams that included older and more experienced players. Saying this, this team must be commended on the excellent attitude with which they approached every practice and match, resulting in an undefeated season. They continuously sought to improve their abilities and worked hard to play together as a single unit – resulting in their collective performances improving every week. A personal highlight was the hard-fought and tense draw against Hilton, which typified this team's "never say die" attitude. Unfortunately, they did not get as much game time as they deserved, as not many schools could match College for depth, but, despite this, every member of the team remained committed to practice. My gratitude goes to the boys for making the season an enjoyable one and I look forward to seeing what this group can achieve in the future.

Regular players:

N Bhikraj, E Biffen, C Carey, M Clark, B Clifton, H Corbett, L Dashwood, C Goble, W Jelf, J le Roux, E March, M Mouton, A Mundell, J van den Bergh

Results:

vs Westville 11-4, Hilton 5-5, Michaelhouse 8-3, Weston 1sts 8-2, Kearsney U16B 15-3

Mr M Warr



H Kemp – 1st team

U16

Maritzburg College water polo does not normally have an U16 team that plays in the regular season, but for the past two years we have been invited to the DHS U16 Water Polo Tournament held in the September holiday. Many schools from around the country participate in this tournament.

College was drawn in a tough pool, with Clifton, St David's, St Andrew's and Jeppe. We were able to beat only St Andrew's in our pool, which put us up against Michaelhouse in the cross-pool stages. We sneaked in a good 5-4 win against them. We then played KES and lost 1-6, and, in our final game of the tournament, we won 3-1 against Northwood, thus finishing 13th.

Regular players:

C Thunder, S Pretorius, C Versfeld, C Osborne, M Palmer, H Kemp, L Ambler-Smith, J Jenman, B Els, B van der Merwe

Results:

DHS U16 Tournament

vs Clifton 3-11, St David's 1-7, St Andrew's 10-6, Jeppe High 6-10, Michaelhouse 5-4, KES 1-7, Northwood 3-1

Mr D Sherriff



T Holgate – 2nd team



SJ Pretorius – 2nd team



M Douglas – U15A



U15A

Back row: C Kirby, R Marais, P Brits, T van Heerden, G Heuer, J Goble, C Hankinson, K Goddard
Front row: S Gibson, M Douglas, T Roux (captain), Mr N Sutherland (coach), J Scruby, K Wilken, C Harvey

After two years of practice and weekends of water polo, I can say that this team has improved considerably. At times, the improvement was minimal, but at least we slowly moved in the right direction! The 2019 season was a busy one, culminating in the Wynberg Tournament in Cape Town and the Michaelhouse Quadrangular (comprising College, Michaelhouse, Northwood and Hilton).

The results of the season are set out below; however, the two matches that stand out for the way the team played must be the DHS match, during the Top 10 Tournament (7-8) and the Michaelhouse match at the end of the season (6-4). In both matches, they displayed their defence skills and their counters were wonderful to see.

The tournament in Cape Town is always about learning, and coming away with two wins and four losses pretty much says it all. However, the players realised that even with the early morning sessions in the pool it takes more to be successful in polo. The saying that "There's a price to pay for success" became our mantra.

The last match of the season against St Charles was played without our stand-out players, T Roux and T van Heerden, who were playing for the First Team stayers' side. The entire team enjoyed much water time and ended with a fine display of polo (12-4).

As the players leave the junior age group, they can look back with pride at their achievements since opting to play polo. With the bulk never having seen a polo ball before, they initially struggled, but they hung in there and by the end of this year produced some good polo. A big "Thank you" goes to the parents for their unwavering support and especially for ensuring that the players were at the pool by 05:15 in August! I enjoyed immensely my chats with you all at the side of the pool and I know the boys always appreciated your presence at their matches.

Regular players:

T Roux (captain), C Kirby, P Brits, R Marais, J Scruby, C Hankinson, T van Heerden, S Gibson, C Harvey, J Goebel, K Goddard, K Wilken, J Campbell, G Heuer, M Douglas

Results:

vs Westville 3-6, Hilton 2-7 and 2-9, St Charles 18-1 and 12-4, Clifton 2-13, Northwood 8-5 and 8-2, Michaelhouse 3-11, 6-10 and 6-4, Glenwood 7-8, 8-6 and 6-10, DHS 7-8, SACS 2-17, Grey High 3-15, Paul Roos 3-14, Pearson 5-8, Westerford 15-1, St Peters 6-3

Mr N Sutherland

U15B

The water polo season started quite slowly for the U15B side, but ended on a much stronger note. The boys displayed great enthusiasm and courage in all the matches they played, and never backing off from the challenges that they faced in the pool. They always gave of their best, displaying great skill and discipline at all times. Their "never give up" attitude and dedication to the school and their teammates led to a commendable season. The U15B side played eight matches this year, winning four and losing four. Overall, the boys have really excelled and developed into fine water polo players. It has been a great pleasure working with them and seeing them develop and grow into fine young men. I wish them well for the future.

Regular players:

A Ahmed, J Campbell, D Denton, B Dillon, M Douglas, B Gunning, G Heuer, J Kauffman, A Knoetze, T Lutge, R Marais, L McDaniel, S Meter, D Naidoo, N Ndlovu, J Penny, N van Rooyen, B Walther, G Westerdale

Results:

vs Westville 9-15, Hilton 6-12, Glenwood 19-3, Michaelhouse U15A 3-8, Hilton U15A/B 5-12, Hilton U15B/C 9-5, Michaelhouse 12-3, Westville 12-11

Mr J Lyons



T Roux - U15A



U14A

Back row:

J Stephens, T Mocke, B Haigh, L Gumbi, M Steele

Front row:

D Wright, L du Toit, Mr G Waters (coach), Z Rowe, C Reardon

The U14A side developed steadily as a team as the year progressed. Originally, 12 little lads, who had not played the game before, took to the water and by the end of the year we had 11 young water polo players who were prepared to take on the best. As a team they maintained their "never say die" attitude, which often saw them making 4th chukka comebacks, in spite of the fact that the lads generally lacked the swimming ability of the stronger teams.

Early in the season and, therefore, with very little preparation, we were heading up to Jeppe to take part in the Ken Short Tournament. We came up against the likes of SACS, Selborne, Affies and Jeppe - all of whose boys will have been playing water polo from U11. The team was captained by L du Toit and Z Rowe, both of whom had an outstanding tournament. The outcome of the tournament was that College was placed 16th out of the 20 participating schools.

On our return to KZN after the tournament, we played domestic games against Westville, Hilton, Glenwood, St Charles and Michaelhouse. It was immediately evident how much the team had improved and, after some solid practice sessions, the College U14A team was placed 5th in the Top 10 Tournament, with Z Rowe, C Reardon and L du Toit all having an outstanding tournament. Particular mention must be made of Rowe, who, despite being our top swimmer, volunteered to play goalkeeper and was the outstanding player of the season; he was selected for the Midlands side for the final KZN Schools' Trials at Westville.

All the lads can be so proud of their achievement over the season and this was evident with us only going down 2-8 against Hilton, who had in the first term beaten us 0-21.

It has certainly been a delight seeing each member of the team grow in their skill levels as a team and as young men.

Regular players:

L du Toit (captain), Z Rowe, C Reardon, J Stephens, K Steele, D Wright, L Gumbi, B Haigh, J Clarke, H Wells, T Mocke

Results:

Jeppe Tournament

vs SACS 1-16, Selborne 0-12, Jeppe 1-6, Affies 5-3, Westville 2-3, St Alban's 3-4

Top 10 Tournament
 vs Clifton 4-11, DHS 4-8, Northwood 5-6 and 5-5, Michaelhouse 3-9

vs Westville 4-7 and 5-4, Hilton 0-22 and 2-8, St Charles 9-6 and 12-6, Glenwood 12-3 and 9-5, Michaelhouse 1-8, DHS 8-6 and 2-8

Mr G Waters

U14B

The 2019 water polo season started with most of the boys new to the game of water polo, but they were nonetheless keen to learn. This willingness to gain knowledge and skills, coupled with fun and enjoyment to be had from simply taking part, meant that practices were fun and matches proving to be both a beneficial and pleasurable experience. The boys quickly realised they would need to work extra hard since they were new to this physical and demanding sport and the improvement in their play was an absolute delight to witness as the season progressed. The record states: played 10, won 6, lost 4, drew 2.

As the coach, it was a delight to see the improvement made by each player as the season continued. The highlights of the season were beating Michaelhouse in both the first and fourth terms and finishing undefeated in the first term. Finally, a huge "Thank you" goes to the boys, parents, who were always present at matches, offering unwavering support to the team.

Regular players:

B Clark (captain), B Lutge (vice-captain), H Schmahl, E Lolliot, S Kadira, P Mchunu, A Duncan, T Clark, M van Rooyen, S Gabu, A Carey, B Robertson

Results:

vs Hilton 5-5 and 2-12, DHS 1-7, Michaelhouse 7-4 and 11-0, Northwood 3-6, Kearsney 6-3, Glenwood 11-1 and 6-6, Westville 2-8

Mr N Croeser



1st team in goal – L Lenz



T Prinsloo – 1st team



1st team – Q Lupton-Smith



M Toich 1st team - against Glenwood



NON-OFFICIAL SPORTS

The following College boys have participated in and excelled at sports external to those offered at Maritzburg College and have achieved either at Provincial or National level.

The boys listed below are those about whom the school has been notified.

Sport	Name and Form	Selected for / Achievement
Action Cricket	D Dyer (Sixth Form)	SA & KZN U18 Action Cricket
	C Fortmann (Sixth Form)	KZN U18 Action Cricket
	T Cloete (Sixth Form)	KZN U18 Action Cricket
Angling – Deep Sea	R Anderson (Fifth Form)	Captain - SA U19 Deep Sea Angling team
Canoe polo	T Drummond (Sixth Form)	SA U21 Canoe Polo
	K Hardy (Fifth Form)	SA U21 Canoe Polo
	B Lawson (Sixth Form)	SA U21 Canoe Polo
Gymnastics	K Thornton-Dibb (Sixth Form)	KZN Gymnastics
Karate	H Heeralal (Sixth Form)	SA Men's Karate (Protea)
	NN Moodley (Sixth Form)	SA Colours for Karate (Junior)
	S Moodley (Fifth Form)	SA Colours for Karate (Junior)
Modern Pentathlon (incorp Biathle & Triathle)	OL Higgins (Fourth Form)	KZN Biathle Team
Motocrosse	M Green (Sixth Form)	SA Men's Motocrosse (Protea)
Polo	C Shaw	SA Schools Polo Team
	J Shaw	SA U16 Polo
	A Dick	SA U16 Polo Reserve



Hemal Heeralal (Sixth Form) participated in the Arnold Classic International Championships where he won gold for kumite karate and silver for kata karate. He went on to become the sub-Saharan champion in all styles of WKF Olympic karate.



Provincial Representatives

Back row: M Buthulezi (basketball), K Hadebe (rugby), M Darach (squash), T Mthombeni (basketball), R Swift (rugby), M Ponter (hockey), C Osborne (hockey), R Crookes (hockey), E Gough (golf), U Molefi (shooting), T van Heerden (swimming), N Ngcobo (athletics), J Jansen (hockey), A Isaacs (soccer), T Conolly (hockey), C White (squash), L Mawela (basketball), S Moodley (karate), L Mlshali (rugby), C Dlamini (rugby)

Fifth row: H Kemp (rugby), A Simelane (cricket), C van Heerden (swimming), A Khumalo (hockey), A Sithole (hockey), R Anderson (angling), D van Niekerk (hockey), R Akerman (hockey), H Trodd (rugby), Z Gxarisa (soccer), J Powell (hockey), A Ndwandwe (squash), L Gasa (cricket), K Morsink (rugby), B Jackson (hockey), H Askew (hockey), K Hardy (canoe polo), N McFarland (squash), J Neilson (soccer), N Mosebi (athletics), W Hlophe (rugby), S Mbatha (cricket), R Strydom (squash)

Fourth row: L Janse van Rensburg (basketball), D Botha (rugby), K Nene (soccer), G Joubert (swimming), M Laithwaite (cricket), C Vahey (shooting), P Schutte (soccer), T Caple (soccer), D Dyer (cricket), N Moodley (karate), TEJ Zondi (soccer), A Mthalane (hockey), G Winlock (hockey), OL Higgins (athletics), O Mkhwanazi (soccer), S Harvey (cross-country), N Burczak (cycling), C Desplace (soccer), O Mkhize (basketball)

Third row: S Ningiza (rugby), R Dobeyn (hockey), C Thunder (rugby), L Barnard (golf), W Mkhize (touch rugby), J van der Walt (cricket), N Makhanya (athletics), KH Govender (squash), T Drummond (canoeing), B Tedder (rugby), T Francis (hockey), P Dladla (basketball), S Paxton (golf), L Zondi (soccer), M Dlangalata (rugby), S Kekana (rugby), N Trodd (golf), K Thornton-Dlibb (shooting), S Gounder (chess), W Takata (rugby), L Bester (rugby), D Bruyns (hockey)

Second row: G Pio (hockey), H Heeralal (karate), Mr D Coombes (hockey), Mr M Reed (hockey), Mr K Emerson (hockey), D Evans (canoeing), Mr C Luman (Headmaster), T Prinsloo (hockey), Mr B Swart (Deputy Head: Co-curricular), Mr T Orchard (rugby), Mr C Nevay (squash), S Ngcogo (hockey), M Green (motorcrosse)

Front row: J kayembe (athletics and soccer), C Smith (hockey), M Thompson (hockey), S Nalovu (hockey), G Aranky (hockey), P Dlamini (hockey), J Bradford (hockey), K Dobeyn (hockey), D Hockey (hockey), L Akerman (hockey), L Nkrabinde (hockey), M Horstead (soccer), A Makhanya (hockey), N Froise (squash)

Absent: T Ross (cross-country)

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES



National Representatives

Back row: W Hlophe (rugby), K Hardy (canoe polo), S Moodley (karate), E Gough (golf), T Zondi (soccer), S Paxton (golf)
Middle row: D Dyer (action cricket), NN Moodley (karate), Z Gxarisa (soccer), L Zondi (soccer), T Prinsloo (hockey), OL Higgins (athletics), D van Niekerk (hockey), C Osborne (hockey)
Front row: S Ngcogo (hockey), D Evans (canoeing), H Heeralal (karate), Mr C Luman (Headmaster), Mr B Swart (Deputy Head: Co-curricular), M Green (motorcrosse), T Drummond (canoe polo), G Pio (hockey)
Absent: MN Khumalo (cricket)





Barns House

Back row: C Martin, C Emslie, M Beckerling, N Mbjanwa, P Dladla, A Breedt, W Mkhize, C Upton, A Maharaj
Middle row: A Abdool, B Nene, N Mfeka, B Lawson, B Tedder, K Thornton-Dibb, K Harichandre, B Baldrey, D Lutchman, T Baker
Front row: Mr B Dodd, Mr S Botha (Assistant Housemaster), Mrs M-A Rembold (Housemaster), Mrs D Gademan, Mrs L Mtembu, Miss A Phillips
Absent: M Badat, S Kekana, A Mtirara, M Siwila



Commons House

Back row: O Ndlovu, E Zimasa, A Budke, B Pretorius, M Khan, J Scheepers, T Watson, K Kirsten, Z Ngcobo, J Andriessen, S Ngcobo
Middle row: W Andriessen, S Kubheka, K Mngadi, J Brink, L Menezies, K Chetty, K Raw, M Maharaj, M Dlangalala, M Akoob
Front row: Mrs K Thaver, Mr R Patterson, Mr D Trodd (Housemaster), L Diedricks, Mr S Bosch (Assistant Housemaster), Mr S Mabaso, Dr R Salmond
Absent: M Khumalo, N Makanya



Calder House

Back row: W Mncwabe, J Hartley, M van Herzele, C Fortmann, J-R Ayliffe, B Symons, T Johnson, M Dlamini, A Baijoo
Middle row: J Govender, N Sewnarain, L Barnard, Y Akoo, S Ngwenya, L Bourne, T Cheattle, A Sitaram, L Mendes
Front row: N Phenyane, Ms P Lowe, Mr M Ngcobo, T Prinsloo, Mr M Reed (Housemaster), Mrs B Harris, J van der Walt
Absent: Mr T Orchard (Assistant Housemaster), Mrs J Orchard, Mr N Croeser, P Ndlovu, AP Dlamini, Z Khoza



Forder House

Back row: L Kunene, K Naicker, C van der Merwe, A Groenewegen, L Wedge, J Nell, S Westerdyk, P Phala, M Mingay, T Nzimande
Third row: T Rhodes, M Kheswa, K Dube, Y Bhika, C Reece, A Essa, K Gunkel, T Moloi, S Sibisi
Second row: J McFarland, C Schultz, B Brummer, D Evans, K Huizinga, M Downs, D Meuwese, M Nel
Front row: Mr T Zuma, Mr R le Roux, Mrs G Talke, Mr N Sutherland (Housemaster), Mrs L Akerman (Assistant Housemaster), Mr B van der Walt, Mr A Usher



Fuller House

Back row: T Lehloenya, C Taylor, H Rousseau, M Essack, U Zuma, K Hollenberg, T Tamsen
Third row: R-L Chetty, K Naidoo, B Meier, N Smith, T Cloete, T Khoza, O Ngcobo, A Duma, U Jacobs
Second row: N Msiya, H Heeralal, T Francis, B Webster, N Reintges, S Butler
Front row: Mr S Stickells, Mr C Barnsley, Mrs L-A Moffatt (Assistant Housemaster), Mr A Sparrow (Housemaster),
 Miss C Townsend, Mr D Kleinhans, Mr S Sinclair
Absent: S Mabizela, J Duncan, N Nsuntsha, J Wilkins



Nicholson House

Back row: J Moses, J Zondi, Z Saayman, T Gouws, R Himwanth, N Stephenson, L Munro, N Zakwe, K Maphumulo
Middle row: T Reddy, L Hlela, A Karrim, J Bester, J Hendrikz, B Gumede, D Odell, Chad Whiting, J Cooke
Front row: Mrs E Couperthwaite, Mr C Nevay, Mrs F Deyzel (Assistant Housemaster), Mr G Govindasamy (Housemaster),
 Mrs C Randall, Mr N Robberts, Mr M Zuma
Absent: M Green, B Gumbi, N Kheswa, A Nzimande, C Shaw



Lamond House

Back row: A Shimelis, E Hamadziripi, D Fumage, S Meiklejohn, M Ryan, R Swartz, L Volker,
 B Jamieson, A Theron, C Naidoo, I Hanekom
Middle row: W Mazwi, R Bennett, K Naidoo, S Zunckel, L Lenz, S Little, D Godleman, L Zondo, N Lushozi, S Gounder
Front row: Mr M Warr, Ms K Moola, Mr C Dutton (Assistant Housemaster), Miss A Greyling (Housemaster),
 Mr J Tyler, Miss C Mhlongo, Mr S Mkhwanazi
Absent: M Chenery, C Harper, K Howard, F Mahomed, O Mthethwa



Pape House

Back row: D Cooper, J Collocott, L Stander, C Dickason, T Hughes
Third row: T Govindsamy, S Jooma, P Mpurwana, N Khumalo, S Maphanga, K Govender, K Bezuidenhout
Second row: A Matsheke, T Zondi, L Mtolo, H Hankinson, C Patterson, D Dyer, V Soni, A Todd
Front row: Mrs M Maharaj, Mr D Haswell, Mrs T Louch (Assistant Housemaster), Mr B Bosch (Housemaster),
 Mrs E Fraser, Mr M-J Smit, Mrs S Kritzingier
Absent: K Gates, K Grewan, T Holgate, S Lutge, M Toich, S Zungu



Snow House

Back row: C Thomas, M Bodmann, E Mahomed, S Bushell, D Jordaan, J Engelbrecht, J Maharaj, S Singh, R Louch
Middle row: S Myeza, S Dlamini, L Landsberg, C Knight, G Pio, E Qwalela, S Soorju, C McKenzie, N Moodley, A Hlongwane
Front row: Mr C Musasiwa, Mrs G Landsberg, Mr J Mhlongo (Assistant Housemaster), Mrs C Tedder (Housemaster), Miss S Kunene, Mrs M Troveri, Mr L Booysen
Absent: N Assumani, S Paxton, C Roberts, N Trodd, S Trollip



Strachan House

Back row: P Simamane, D Stopforth, J Keith, B Merrington, T Lachman, B Kgoroge
Third row: Z Ismail, T Elam, S Pinkiney, S Ngcongco, J Jacobsen, K Mthethwa, K Smith
Second row: M Mtungwa, D Anastasis, T Drummond, L Robinson, Z Jali, B Reddy, T van Aardt, B Mothebe, O Salim, L Zondi
Front row: Mr D Sherriff, Mrs S Webley, Mr N Duvenage (Assistant Housemaster), Mr J Lyons (Housemaster), Mr M Jeewan, Mrs T Schofield, Mrs W Erasmus
Absent: R Boone, M Bouguenon, S Mbanjwa

SECOND FORM

BARNES

Abdool, MF
 Aldum, LR
 Burton, AJG
 Burton, JHG
 Buthelezi, N
 Chili, VS
 Crawford, TM
 de Bruin, AM
 Desebrook, ZL
 Dlamini, PA
 du Toit, LT
 Hockey, DM
 Horstead, MD
 Khumalo, NL
 Madlala, MB
 Marillier, MP
 Mdladla, AO
 Mdutyana, SK
 Mentory, GL
 Mohapeloa, LJ
 Ndamase, YS
 Pillay, V
 Pope, JWE
 Steele, KJ
 Thompson, TR
 Upton, LR
 van Dyk, A
 Wilson, EGC
 Wright, DJ

CALDER

Adam, TJ
 Allen, MF
 Ayliffe, KR
 Bhoola, T
 Buthelezi, TN
 Clark, TR
 Davies, JM
 de Lange, TB
 Gopicherran, Y
 Jackson, J
 Kleinhans, RW
 Madlala, AM
 Madzimure, T
 Makhanya, A
 Martens, JS
 Mokhantso, KO
 Ndlovu, S
 Ndlovu, ST
 Rautenbach, JL
 Reddy, T
 Ronny, A
 Sibetha, LMN
 Swanepoel, L
 Swift, ND
 Walker, KJ
 Watson, RD
 Wheeler, KR
 Winrow, BL

COMMONS

Chirengende, MI
 Denton, DW
 Dillon, BR
 Dobeyn, KH
 Essack, M
 Gous, J
 Hutton, SC
 Kauffman, JE
 Kubheka, N
 Kweyama, MA
 Lolliot, EC
 Luffingham, BJ
 Luffingham, OR
 Maistry, GA
 Majosi, AB
 Mason, MC
 Mkhize, MN
 Mqhathu, LB
 Nkubungu, A
 Nuttall, TH
 Schmah, HR
 Schutte, PC
 Sithole, BV
 Talbot, CJ
 van Niekerk, S
 van Selm, MJ
 Wiggill, JR

FORDER

Aranky, GR
 Barrett, JT
 Butler, NM
 Davies, TI
 Dlamini, SO
 du Bois, DL
 Ganie, T
 Jongisa, HO
 Killick, JO
 Lang, CA
 Manyoni, S
 Marion, RM
 Moran, DJ
 Msibi, SM
 Naidoo, ET
 Nkabinde, LZ
 Nzimande, AS
 Nzimande, KMN
 Pascoe, TA
 Ramseyer, RP
 Sewparsad, T
 Sithole, L
 Slabbert, DJ
 Tsvuura, NT
 van der Linde, AL
 van Rensburg, PJ
 van Rooyen, MP

FULLER

Brokensha, B
 Caple, TP
 Conolly, JO
 Duma, AK
 Duncan, AL
 Ekhooff, TL
 Elliot, K
 Harper, J
 Hoosen, S
 Jackson, L
 Khoza, MB
 King, KC
 Marsh, JP
 Masikane, TA
 Mkhize, LLS
 Mthlana, N
 Naidoo, A
 Naidu, K-B
 Ndlela, AE
 Ndlela, OC
 Nel, JG
 Nelson, JR
 Pratt, MB
 Pratt, TA
 Schuil, MG
 Tamsen, T
 Thabethe, X-JS
 Zuma, MG

LAMOND

Adam, CR
 Akerman, LN
 Ambler, TD
 Briggs, H
 Carey, AB
 Chetty, S
 Curtis, C
 Ekstrand, DK
 Ender, SE
 Gabu, SJ
 Ganie, MZ
 Gumede, SA
 Marais, KJ
 Mazibuko, SB
 Mbambo, AA
 Mbokazi, AL
 McIlrath, LR
 Mthimkhulu, K
 Naidoo, D
 Ndlovu, SA
 Paine, RD
 Prinstoo, HC
 Robertson, B
 Ryan, NM
 Sclanders, AC
 Sithembu, S
 Walton, TD

NICHOLSON

Anderson, HD
 Bradford, JR
 Chonco, MAL
 Comrie, CL
 Coulthard, AP
 Farla, CM
 Findlay, LR
 Gumbi, LN
 Haigh, BJ
 Kadira, SR
 Khan, AA
 Klapprodt, M-N
 Kock, E
 le Roux, J
 Mbanjwa, M
 Meter, SJ
 Mkhize, NK
 Mkhize, TRS
 Mncwabe, SM
 Munro, SA
 Ogle, JB
 Padayachee, RT
 Raw, CM
 Reardon, CR
 Sithole, A
 Smith, CM
 Watt-Pringle, J

PAPE

Bullock, BT
 Emberton, BM
 Froise, RJ
 Gates, N
 Govender, ZI
 Hart, RN
 Kayembe, IJ
 Khanyile, AN
 Khumalo, A
 Khumalo, SA
 Kufal, JL
 Lutge, B
 Mackenzie, RD
 Mahomed, A
 Mchunu, PT
 Mncube, S
 Mocke, TL
 Mouton, E
 Mthembu, KS
 Newman, CM
 Pannalall, M
 Pretorius, SM
 Quin, RW
 Rowe, Z
 Scott, KI
 Stewart, NP
 Wells, HR
 Zembe, LL

SNOW

Akeroyd, KJ
 Armstrong, LD
 Banks, SJ
 Bernardu, L
 Cassels, BK
 Cele, ATL
 Chonco, SB
 Clark, BM
 Clark, JP
 Clemmans, M
 Khan, A
 le Roux, D
 Mkhwanazi, O
 Noome, AG
 Nyawo, KM
 O'Connor, JR
 Osman, A
 Peter, KNJ
 Peterson, RTL
 Pillay, D
 Roux, G
 Schultz, LDD
 Seshemane, L
 Shabalala, OU
 Simelane, AO
 Simelane, FS
 Staples, JG
 Weilbach, AA
 Zulu, SK

STRACHAN

Berriman, RP
 Chamblor, B
 Clowes, TD
 Coetzer, LR
 Dlamini, NS
 Geere, EJ
 Gething, BP
 Gething, RW
 Hatton, RW
 Khumalo, MT
 Mabaso, B
 Mkandla, SK
 Mngadi, SS
 Parker, KR
 Pillay, L
 Pitout, R
 Radebe, MMK
 Sha, Y
 Stead, CG
 Stephens, J
 Thomson, BC
 Thomson, MBJ
 Truter, TN
 Warr, RT
 Williams, JR
 Wolhuter, MM
 Zuma, AK

THIRD FORM

BARNES

Abramia, TE
Antoniades, DM
Beachcroft-Shaw, T
Blunt, KJ
Campbell, JJ
Cassim, D
Corbett, H
Currie, OW
Duckham, R
Egberink, JC
Fulton, CJ
Goebel, J
Gunning, BG
Hlophe, DL
Laurens, PJ
Maharaj, S
Mbanjwa, NK
Mchunu, SM
Mfeka, AS
Mokoena, NR
Mthimkhulu, KN
Naidoo, M
Nyide, SM
Patterson, JR
Ramdeen, S
Sinclair, LI
Thornton-Dibb, DJ
Worthy, FA
Zondi, TG

CALDER

Ahmed, A
Barnard, J
Bester, L
Bharath, AR
Brits, PJA
Chiliza, AT
Douglas, MS
Ferraz, ABI
Goble, JR
Hamilton, SM
Khumalo, A
Khumalo, NL
Latha, TM
Le Court de Billot, J
Lo Piccolo, FG
Malani, Y
Mbentse, S
McCarter, MA
McGregor, BL
Mtungwa, MSC
Naiken, DAA
Ngubo, AEV
Pieterse, M
Ramharak, K
Sithole, UL
Smith, RB
Zondi, CU
Zondo, KO
Zulu, NAS

COMMONS

Barkar, RW
Bassa, M
Brown, AO
Dhoda, E
Dladla, N
Frodsham, BN
Gous, B
Hampson, GG
Isaacs, AE
Jansen van Vuuren, J
Kuzwayo, VK
Luffingham, SJ
Luffingham, TG
Mbambo, MS
Mdimba, A
Miller, CB
Mosebi, NJ
Myende, ST
Naude, JM
Nkosi, SM
Powell, JC
Puler, MM
Sheosunker, R
Sparks, JP
van Heerden, T
Zimmermann, LJ
Zwane, NC

FORDER

Bartis, C
Bezuidenhout, B
Bhengu, PM
Carter, AC
Cassimjee, SR
Chetty, N
During, CWJ
Goddard, KB
Hadden, BA
Heuer, GD
Hohls, C
Kirby, CJ
Larkan, JG
Mabizela, OSS
Manack, S
McDaniel, LJ
Mdletye, LLM
Ndaba, SNN
Noor Mahomed, A
Nsimbi, KCC
Pieterse, AM
Shezi, SS
Sibisi, OP
Singh, J
Slabberts, JW
Sosibo, NN
Steyn, D
Thabethe, SC

FULLER

Barlow, JL
Burczak, NA
Cele, SN
Craig, DA
Dlamuka, SM
Dukhi, M
Essa, U
Gina, U
Graham, RDC
Harper, BC
Jacobs, PDL
Katide, Ya
Katide, Yo
Kleu, ED
Knoetze, AJ
Lowe, JE
Madide, NQN
Mfeka, LL
Naidoo, G
Ndlovu, A
Ngcobo, SE
Ntuli, ASV
Peens, JB
Penny, JK
Ponter, MK
Sing, LMJ
Taylor, JMS
van der Vliet, CL
Woolridge, AC

LAMOND

Delport, GH
Dwenga, KM
Finnie, RJ
Freemantle, T
Godleman, JM
Govender, TM
Gumbi, ZA
Kadir, LA
Kingham, EJ
Lawson, NH
Malila, S
Marais, RF
Mbatha, NNL
Meisegeier, KP
Mhlongo, OS
Muggleton, WJG
Naidu, R
Ndlovu, N
Ngobese, AS
Prinsloo, CJ
Prinsloo, L
Redman, TR
Rhodes, KW
Ross, RA
Subiah, KL
Thring, JD
Tshaka, MM
Vilakazi, AM
Webley, MJ

NICHOLSON

Barnard, A
Chamane, PA
Chapman, MO
Cooke, GT
Dashwood, LA
Fihlela, MB
Glyn-Cuthbert, J
Hattingh, K
Hauff, PK
Janse van Rensburg, CB
Kisten, K
Koller, TI
Luthuli, B
Maltman, SH
Meman, HS
Miller, JJ
Mlambo, OL
Mncwabe, UL
Mubiana, LG
Nduku, BBV
Ngubo, MQB
Norman, CA
Nzimande, AO
Roux, TP
Shaw, JS
Styan, AD
van der Merwe, JC
Vilakazi, ANS

PAPE

Botha, JK
de Villiers, NA
Dlomo, TA
Goncalves, RCD
Hankinson, CI
Hemingway, IR
Hendricks, MJ
Lutge, T
Maharaj, R
Masilela, NZ
Masinga, BMV
Matthews, ZA
Mncube, P
Moore, ZJ
Motaung, TT
Ndawonde, MA
O'Brien, JS
Pepeta, LS
Phungula, SA
Pillay, RG
Scrubby, JMJ
Sheik, M
Uren, RS
Vahey, CE
van Zyl, JW
Viljoen, WC
Xulu, AA

SNOW

Arnold, SRK
Donnelly, LM
Everton, EE
Geyer, K
Hadebe, WLP
Henman, CS
Ivins, MCD
Khumalo, ASM
Mathonsi, MMS
Moabi, KJ
Moodley, K
Munn, JWD
Murray, RR
Ndlovu, A
Nemato, TJ
Nilsen, MM
Osman, S
Parmanand, ND
Pillay, S
Pillay, W
Sedze, TB
Sharpe, JS
Sithole, TN
Sosibo, MP
Suliman, AAT
van den Berg, KH
Walther, BK
Westerdale, GH
Wilken, KJ

STRACHAN

Anastasis, JM
Gibson, SJ
Grant, CD
Harvey, CN
Hilton, JH
Hlophe, LAO
Lutge, T
Jacob, CJ
Kubheka, NS
Mazibuko, NN
Mbonambi, SS
Memon, F
Moodley, N
Mthlane, A
Mthembu, TL
Naidoo, D
Nene, KS
Ollerhead, CJ
Premchand, A
Ramlall, K
Rasalanavho, MU
Shaw, TL
Shongwe, ZZ
Somi, MN
Todd, MI
van Deventer, LP
van Rooyen, NC
Wolhuter, TG
Zimu, TL
Zuma, TV

FOURTH FORM

BARNES

Akoo, MI
Baldrey, CT
Biyela, LN
Botha, D
Brauteseth, TR
Chili, KT
Cotterrell, BA
Dayimani, LL
Goebel, S
Govender, JD
Hope-Johnstone, K
Jelf, WS
Johnstone, FW
Khuzwayo, SS
Mahomed, AA
Maphasa, T
Mkhize, QA
Mouton, MD
Naidoo, CJ
Patel, TM
Patterson, RM
Pearson, MA
Shaw, M
Tarr, BJ
Thwala, KS
Tyler, L
Versfeld, CP

CALDER

Badroodeen, Y
Clark, MR
Delaney, JO
Dlamini, N
Downs, K
Frank, E
Gasa, LA
Gopichand, S
Govender, KI
Govender, Ke
Grant, RL
Horne, SD
Jonker, DA
Kähler, JR
Maistry, JC
Mbambo, LG
Mncwabe, ST
Moller, JJ
Munitich, JS
Shabani, KP
Shange, SW
Singaram, P
Swift, RP
Thunder, CSA
van den Bergh, J
van der Merwe, K
Veitch, AR
Vilakazi, AA
Watson, JJ

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Alborough, AW
Bandu, Y
Carey, CT
Clifton, B
Dlamini, AAM
Dlamini, AAW
Dobeyn, RW
du Plessis, JG
Essa, A
Graham, JA
Grove, KA
Janse van Rensburg, L
Kemp, HS
Makhobotloane, TY
Malinga, SAX
Mchunu, BL
Mlotshwa, AS
Mtshali, ZL
Mundell, AR
Naicker, C
Nuttall, BD
Osborne, CD
Pretorius, SJ
Seyoum, NT
Shaik Mahomed, J
Surian, NC
van der Merwe, B
Verwey, SD
Westermeyer, S

FORDER

Aranky, RM
Bhikraj, N
Brummer, CJ
Collins, BW
Daniel, J
Dlongolo, AA
du Preez, RJ
Haasbroek, JA
Hansen, KN
Hartley, KJ
Hlatshwayo, SD
Ismail, A
Jenman, JL
Joubert, CM
Khanyile, L
Kilburn, BS
Matyolo, YV
McFarland, NA
Mdanda, M
Naidoo, RC
Palmer, MR
Pascoe, CD
Pitout, Q
Squires, JA
Theletsane, T
van der Watt, DA
van der Werff, MD
Whyte, MJ

FULLER

Chetty, K
Cocks, JM
Conolly, TS
Dorning, BG
Ellison, M
Gwala, YM
Hibbert, CM
James, KH
Jansen, JC
Khan, A
le Roux, JR
Mafanya, MA
Mamba, SN
Mbambo, AAS
Naidoo, N
Ngcobo, M
Serafim, LM
Shezi, PR
Smith, NS
Taylor, KS
Tedder, AN
van der Merwe, EW
Verbiest, LW
Walsh, EP
Woodhead, MN
Zikalala, N
Zikhali, S

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Ambler-Smith, L
Biffen, ED
Delport, SG
Desai, U
Els, BN
Goble, CK
Goble, JG
Goble, RI
Govender, Ka
Harper, DR
Higgins, OL
Hlengwa, KL
Howard, MP
Kingham, RC
Lalor, JM
Lurwengu, ST
Mdladla, W
Memon, NY
Naidoo, TK
Nkosi, TA
Padayachee, S
Pretorius, W
Roets, J
Sellick, AC
Squires, JA
Walden, JR
Zondi, TN

NICHOLSON

Beauclerk, JO
Brown, LD
Cele, OW
Coulthard, EH
Crookes, RJ
Farla, TS
Ferrar, DB
Harvey, SD
Jansen, JCR
Klapprodt, JS
Lee, CG
Lee, JC
Mabinza, M
Mcoyi, LNK
Mnikathi, K
Mohanlal, R
Muthuraymuthu, JC
Nsengiyumva, SIG
Pakkari, TJ
Pedzayi, SS
Raw, BS
Sekgonyana, OT
Sithole, LJ
Towani, E
van der Merwe, JL
Westwood, BJ
Whiting, Chase
Willemse, WJ

PAPE

Bullock, KE
Chetty, TT
Chowdhury, AM
Cook, NC
Dippenaar, AR
Emberton, GB
Field, OG
Govender, EI
Hammar, KJ
Henman, JR
Hlatshwayo, MB
Khumalo, NJ
Laitswaite, MP
Luthuli, L
Maphumulo, UPJ
Mhlongo, A
Moosa, I
Naidoo, K
Paulus, CC
Pillay, Y
Radu, S
Schütte, JC
Shaw, Z
Sheik, Z
Takata, WM
Whitaker, KJ
Wilson, JA
Wilson, SM

SNOW

Brown, TR
Dick, AM
Dube, MR
Finlayson, BS
Gace, GK
Guise-Brown, TJ
Hulloowan, B
Lushaba, ET
Makhathini, SE
March, EL
McDaniel, CD
McKean, CJ
Motana, KN
Ndlovu, AS
Parak, Y
Ramdhani, KH
Reddy, S
Schultz, CEA
Spooner, MJ
Strydom, SW
Trodd, CN
Trodd, WA
White, J
Williamson, C
Zungu, AHK

STRACHAN

Chili, SS
Daly, M
du Plessis, S
Essack, D
Esterhuizen, GL
Harvey, BR
Higgins, OI
Hutton, SD
Jacobsz, DP
Keith, AZ
Magwaza, L
Maharaj, LL
McKay, JL
Meyer, JJ
Mkhulise, NL
Moosa, MU
Mthlane, AT
Mthethwa, NAD
Naidoo, S
Ndlovu, BM
Nxumalo, NMS
Ramlall, T
Sims-Handcock, BC
Thompson, NC
Thomson, DA
Whitehead, RP
Winlock, GD
Zondi, NM



FIFTH FORM

BARNES

Akerman, RJ
Anderson, RM
Cele, SPBM
du Toit, T
Duckham, B
Elliot, PJD
Hlongwane, SS
Hlophe, WL
Hoyle, JP
Hyde, RJD
Jackson, BD
Janse van Rensburg, L
Kelly, MJ
Kruger, WJ
McClarty, JR
Molefi, ULY
Mundell, MD
Naidoo, ND
Nkalakata, NB
Nqezo, A
Patel, IM
Pretorius, X
Price, RR
Rasmussen, TGF
Sellick, KJ
Shaw, CB
Uhlmann, M
Vincent, RJ

CALDER

Allen, NJ
Alli, H
Arokiam, AT
Botha, ST
Brown, MS
Desplace, CA
Dowell, CR
Hall, T
Haridass, M
Herman, SM
Joubert, M
Khuboni, MT
Kippen, TC
Maharaj, S
Masvikeni, M
Mbanjwa, BM
Mbatha, TKM
Mitchell, CM
Mkhize, O
Moseya, T
Naidoo, P
Poole, CDG
Radana, L
Sclanders, RT
Smith, LA
van de Venter, AJ
Wessels, CJ
Woodburn, TM

COMMONS

Anderson, HB
Behrens, D
Bowen, BAJ
Brink, DB
Dhanilal, YP
Dlamini, P
Els, ML
Emms, B
Gibbons, TM
Hadebe, KM
Jansen van Vuuren, L
Kidsingh, S
Lawrence, RA
Lowe, JE
Mosiea, LV
Ndlovu, S
Ntuli, AHB
Parker, DJ
Phiri, TJI
Putuma, L
Sewram, Y
Smith, MH
Stubbs, CH
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van Heerden, C
van Selm, CN
White, CS
Xaba, GL
Zondo, N
Zuma, NSN

FORDER

Askew, HM
Barrett, JL
Bezuidenhout, L
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Haffejee, A
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Joshua, VLK
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Mawela, L
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Müller, LP
Pepworth, BN
Reece, NK
Trollip, TK
Veenstra, MC
Werth, BM
Wood, AN

FULLER

Akoonjee, MA
Brokensha, R
Charton, S
Ebrahim, A
Fuller, RD
Graham, MJC
Groeneveld, CH
Heydenrych, A
Katzenellenbogen, TM
Kisbey-Green, CM
Koekemoer, SH
Martin, YQ
Marx, J
Msomi, NA
Mthethwa, UI
Mthombeni, NTU
Nandh, CD
Ngcobo, N
Ngubane, BS
Phillips, A
Robinson, JH
Seedat, AR
Tedder, KM
Westley, AJ
Whiteman, TK
Williams, JJ
Woolridge, WH
Wynn, BJ

LAMOND

Bruyns, DL
Curtis, L
du Toit, JR
Freemantle, WR
Freemantle, GR
Gumede, N
Haasbroek, AJ
King, MJ
le Roux, B
le Roux, R
Madikane, M
Manyathi, S
Mbatha, SW
Mohabir, TV
Moosa, HM
Moses, JI
Muggleton, JP
Pillay, K
Rajah, JT
Ross, T
Shongwe, SL
Simmonds, C
Tshabalala, SL
van Blerk, CE
Whatmore, N
Zunckel, MH

NICHOLSON

Beauclerk, OW
Branquinho, S
Claassen, ML
Culverwell, JD
de Wit, E
Deighton, WJ
Dry, BL
Gold, CM
Hardy, K
Janse van Rensburg, LS
Khumalo, SN
Loretz, A
Maharaj, I
Masembe, VDSK
Mazwi, S
Mohantal, S
Moosa, M
Mtsi, UN
Muli, IJ
Ntuli, A
Nzimande, ZT
Qwabe, NS
Sampson, TL
Singh, B
Thenjwayo, A
Tullis, KA
Unsworth, AD
van Dam, AC
van Dam, MC
van Niekerk, DOQ

PAPE

Bense, JM
Burton, E
Chetty, K
Cumming, JW
de Rose, LJ
Dickson, AJ
Greeff, NH
Horn, WA
Khuzwayo, SB
Kweyama, U
Lamprecht, EL
Lind, BA
Maher, JC
Mhlaluka, T
Morsink, KS
Mulligan, A
Ndlovu, N
Nelson, JD
Pretorius-Spires, DJ
Sibisi, AS
Thompson, B
Thulsie, T
Vally, I
van Zyl, RA
Vilakazi, CL
Watson, JD
Will, RA

SNOW

Arnold, LMC
Atwaru, YS
Bhengu, N
Bolton, KR
Darch, MCC
Dorlly, MC
du Preez, A
Foster, MS
Hadden, LL
Hassim, R
Hlatshwayo, KT
Hough, K
Klusener, RS
Mahlambi, Z
McCabe, JM
Mkhize, NM
Mlotshwa, OML
Moodley, D
Moodley, S
Ndlovu, NS
Njimi, J-WA
Nyawo, LN
Osman, Z
Roberts, LG
Stanton, SNM
Trodd, HC
Venter, CM
Wilken, RA
Ximba, S

STRACHAN

Bouguenon, JJ
Brooks, B
Charfaray, MS
Dlamini, CV
Gxarisa, ZI
Hodgkinson, WRC
Joubert, GL
Kennedy, DF
Mazoue, BJ
McCleary, MM
Mewalall, H
Mkhize, UT
Mngadi, SS
Mnguni, N
Mnyani, S
Naidoo, Y
Nel, GB
Ngcobo, UA
Ningiza, SSN
Parsons, TM
Pride, OJ
Shandu, KM
Skhosana, LL
Stephens, C
Strydom, B
Thomas, MA
van Rooyen, CL
van Straaten, AR
Zondi, SA

SIXTH FORM

BARNES

Abdool, A
Badat, M
Baker, TD
Baldrey, BT
Beckerling, M
Breedt, AH
Dladla, P
Emslie, CD
Harischandre, K
Kekana, SSM
Lawson, BD
Lutchman, D
Maharaj, A
Martin, CDG
Mbanjwa, NS
Mfeka, NL
Mkhize, WP
Mtirara, AG
Nene, BP
Siwila, M
Tedder, BLW
Thornton-Dibb, KS
Upton, CG

CALDER

Akoo, Y
Ayliffe, JR
Baijoo, AD
Barnard, LJ
Bourne, LR
Cheatle, TA
Dlamini, AP
Dlamini, MTK
Fortmann, C
Govender, JT
Hartley, JW
Johnson, TC
Khoza, ZD
Mendes, LGC
Mncwabe, W
Ndlovu, PS
Ngwenya, S
Phenyane, N
Prinsloo, T
Sewnarain, NB
Sitaram, A
Symons, BK
van der Walt, JJ
van Herzezeele, MTC

COMMONS

Akoob, MY
Andriessen, J
Andriessen, W
Brink, JS
Budke, A
Chetty, KD
Diedricks, LA
Dlangalala, KM
Khan, MH
Khumalo, MN
Kirsten, KJ
Kubheka, SN
Maharaj, M
Makanya, NT
Menezies, LH
Mngadi, KS
Ndlovu, OUS
Ngcobo, SP
Ngcobo, ZS
Pretorius, B
Raw, KD
Scheepers, JJ
Watson, TJ
Zimasa, EM

FORDER

Bhika, YY
Brummer, BJ
Downs, MJ
Dube, K
Essa, A
Evans, DM
Groenewegen, A
Gunkel, KR
Heuer, EC
Huizinga, KF
Kheswa, M
Kunene, LM
McFarland, JR
Meuwese, DB
Mingay, KBJ
Moloi, T
Naicker, K
Nel, M
Nell, JJ
Nzimande, TT
Phala, P
Reece, CM
Rhodes, TD
Schultz, CG
Sibisi, SL
van der Merwe, CN
Westerdyk, S

FULLER

Butler, SG
Chetty, R-L
Cloete, TP
Duma, A
Duncan, JR
Essack, M
Francis, TJ
Heeralal, H
Hollenberg, KC
Jacobs, U
Khoza, TMN
Lehloeny, TA
Mabizela, SM
Meier, BA
Msiya, N
Naidoo, K
Ngcobo, O
Nsuntsha, NB
Reintges, NJ
Rousseau, HAB
Smith, NA
Tamsen, T
Taylor, CJ
Webster, BC
Wilkins, JCO
Zuma, UBM

LAMOND

Bennett, R
Chenery, M
Furmage, DJ
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Gounder, S
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Hanekom, IJM
Harper, CC
Howard, KR
Jamieson, BA
Lenz, L
Little, SW
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Mahomed, F
Mazwi, W
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Mthethwa, O
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Naidoo, Keaav
Ryan, MD
Shimelis, A
Swartz, RS
Theron, AF
Volker, LX
Zondo, LLT
Zunckel, SR

NICHOLSON

Bester, J
Cooke, JP
Gouws, TA
Green, MR
Gumbi, B
Gumede, BS
Hendrikz, JR
Himwanth, RR
Hlela, LS
Karrim, A
Kheswa, NC
Maphumulo, K
Moses, JB
Munro, LB
Nzimande, A
Odell, DP
Reddy, TI
Saayman, Z
Shaw, CD
Stephenson, ND
Whiting, Chad
Zakwe, NT
Zondi, J

PAPE

Bezuidenhout, K
Collocott, J
Cooper, D
Dickason, CR
Dyer, DKH
Gates, KC
Govender, KH
Govindsamy, TS
Grewan, KC
Hankinson, HI
Holgate, TK
Hughes, TE
Jooma, SA
Khumalo, NC
Lutge, S
Maphanga, SN
Matsheke, AM
Mpurwana, POM
Mtolo, L
Patterson, CT
Soni, V
Stander, LH
Todd, AD
Toich, MDS
Zondi, TEJ
Zungu, SK

SNOW

Assumani, NGJ
Bodmann, MA
Bushell, SA
Dlamini, SS
Engelbrecht, JB
Hlongwane, AA
Jordaan, DC
Knight, CW
Landsberg, LC
Louch, RM
Maharaj, JM
Mahomed, E
McKenzie, CC
Moodley, NN
Myeza, SAS
Paxton, SM
Pio, GO
Qwalela, E
Roberts, CT
Singh, S
Soorju, ST
Thomas, CM
Trodd, N
Trollip, SD

STRACHAN

Anastasis, DT
Boone, RA
Bouguenon, MT
Drummond, TR
Elam, TB
Ismail, Z
Jacobsen, JHE
Jali, ZT
Keith, JV
Kgoroge, BOT
Lachman, T
Mbanjwa, SL
Merrington, BS
Mntungwa, SE
Mothebe, B
Mthethwa, K
Ngcongo, S
Pinkiney, SB
Reddy, BD
Robinson, L
Salim, OHS
Simamane, PB
Smith, KN
Stopforth, DW
van Aardt, T
Zondi, LN



Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association



That great orator, Sir Winston Churchill once said, "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." Well, 2019 certainly was a landmark and eventful year for the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association (MCOBA), as it continued on its 122-year journey.

The vast majority of Old Collegians (OCs) are not actively or directly involved in the affairs of either their Alma Mater or its Old Boys' Association, and indeed many members of the broader College community also remain largely unaware of

the intimate goings-on at one of the oldest and proudest organisations of its kind in South Africa. The following, then, is somewhat of a "State of the Nation" for 2019. (As an aside, I also encourage OCs to get involved in the MCOBA, by attending a local function, returning for a Reunion or being active in one of the many MCOBA initiatives.)

- **Strategy Indaba:** We started 2019 with a very successful Indaba that included inputs from no less than seven Past Presidents of the MCOBA. The summary of the Indaba was circulated widely among the OC community and provided the Association with a clear vision and direction for the next few years. It also provided the philosophical foundation for a no. of the key decisions that were implemented by the members of the Executive Committee during the year and guided their activities and various portfolios.
- **Subscriptions:** The Association relies wholly on contributions from its paid-up members to cover the costs for the various activities that are held annually, of keeping the database active, and of supporting the College community in various ways. I encourage all OCs to make the contribution of the subscriptions so that the work carried out by the MCOBA can be expanded and more benefits can be passed on to the OCs.
- **College Business:** With Maritzburg College becoming more business-focused, a new division, christened "College Business", was established to drive the commercial and business development aspects of the school. Part of this initiative was to offer a centralised shared service and operational efficiency hub to the associated bodies, including the MCOBA. By the end of 2019, and after a lengthy and in-depth process, this process was complete, and saw the MCOBA office sharing the office space provided by College Business and utilising its shared services. The autonomy of the MCOBA as an independent and stand-alone entity remained, however. In terms of the service agreement signed with the school, the MCOBA office was managed by College Business for most of 2019, and by the end of the year we were starting to see the fruits of this closer collaboration with the school.
- **R100million4College:** The MCOBA is fully supportive of this innovative initiative that is aimed at increasing the resource base available to the school (incorporating the Trust, the Foundation and MCOBA fund-raising initiatives). This is potentially a game-changing programme that will provide College with the opportunity to set itself apart from many of the other schools in South Africa and be in a position to remain one of the leading educational institutions in the region.
- **"Engagement" with College boys:** In order to foster a stronger personal connection between current College boys and OCs, an "engagement" programme was successfully launched with the boarders by OCs led by Grant Crawford (1985) and his team, in liaison with Abrie Brouwer and One Life Church. The initiative started off in the second term, when over 80 OCs from the greater Maritzburg area (with some coming from as far afield as Greytown, Richmond, Durban and Impendle) joined the boarders for an address by a guest speaker followed by personal, group-chats between delegated OCs and small groups of boys. Over the course of the year, the speakers included a cancer survivor, two Sharks rugby players, an ex-drug addict, a convicted criminal and even the survivor of a spearfishing



accident! Over time, the smaller group interactions with the boys fostered some longer-term relationships, with some of the OCs watching the boys' sports matches, sending encouraging words around exam time etc. At the inaugural "engagement" with the boarders, the MCOBA President, surrounded by appreciative young boarders, regaled the boys with battlefield tales from the fabled Class of 1985! (photo above)

- **Social Media:** The need to keep the OC community aware of OC news, of the achievements of other OCs etc. remains a core service provided by the MCOBA. The level of engagement in 2019 of the MCOBA social media pages proffered testimony to the dedication of the MCOBA staff and the keenness of OCs for news from the school or about fellow alumni. The stories and tales were varied and interesting, and covered business, personal and sporting news and achievements from across the globe.
- **Standardisation of the MCOBA logo:** After the MCOBA again developed memorabilia for sale on Reunion Day, it was noticed that there was an at times striking difference in the various badges, tie designs and colours of blazers and logos. A team made up of Executive Committee members, fellow Old Boys and other important stakeholders was commissioned to ensure that a standardised logo based on the First World War Memorial (right) in front of Clark House would henceforth be used. By the end of 2019, this task had been completed.
- **MCOBA Office:** It was with regret that the MCOBA announced the resignation in December 2019 of Mrs Linda Laubscher, after 21 years' service to the MCOBA. We thank her for her dedicated service to the MCOBA and wish her well for her future.



With the 125th anniversary of the MCOBA looming in 2022, we look forward to an exciting time in the life of the Association and trust that each OC will play an active part, to a greater or lesser extent, in the activities of their proud Association over the coming year.



The President of the MCOBA, Mr G Little, addresses the assembled guests at the 2019 Veterans' Luncheon, held in the Victoria Hall on 11 May.

Pro Aris et Focis

Grant Little
Class of 1985
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