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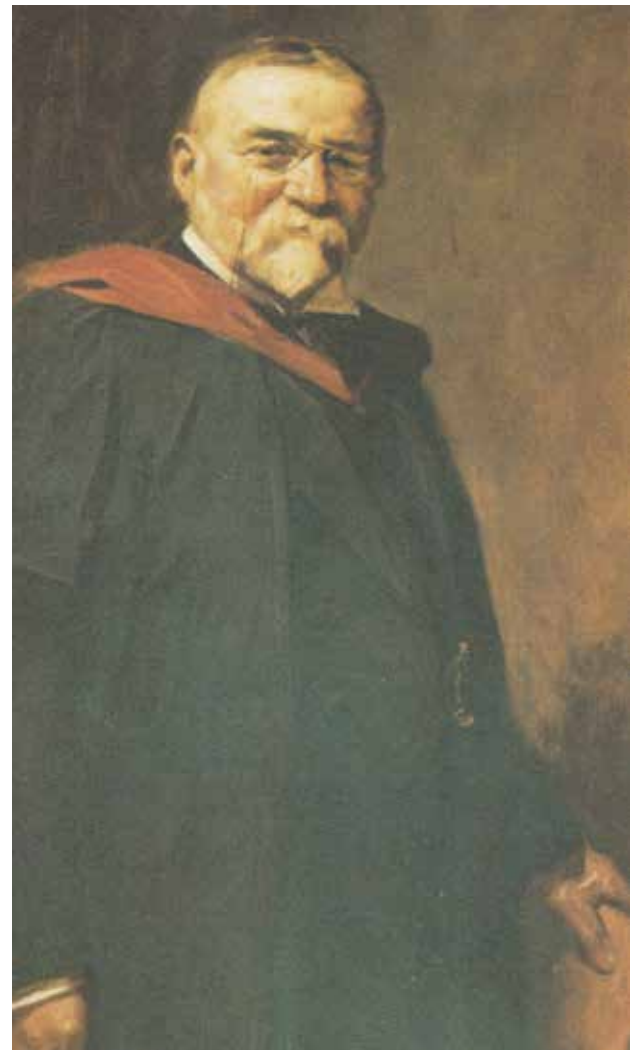


DAYS OF YORE

From the College Archives

120 Years Ago

Extract from College Magazine #11, dated June 1902



School magazine #11 addressed the departure in early 1902 of Mr Robert Clark, the much-admired 'Father of Maritzburg College', who felt compelled to retire due to failing eyesight and poor health, after nearly 23 years' distinguished service. The following is an extract from the warm tribute paid to Mr Clark in that publication:

"All of us who have been under his guidance and followed whether it has led have much to thank him for. His unerring instinct engaging worth, his sympathetic encouragement of any signs of better things in the great unlicked, and his unstinted commendation of correct effort, are recognised unreservedly by all who have come into contact with him. Kindness, courtesy and tact have ever distinguished his reign, and no Collegian worthy the name has ever found him other than deeply interested in his career. He has believed in, and carried out thoroughly, the principle of giving another chance, whenever it has been possible. At the same time, he has ever been the enemy of the 'loafer' and 'bully', and the absence of these things of little worth is the best testimony that can be offered. A history of Mr Clark's connection with the College and old High School would be well worth having. His coming saw the close of the Zulu War [1879] and his going sees that of the Great Boer War. To Collegians his name will be connected with both history making episodes."

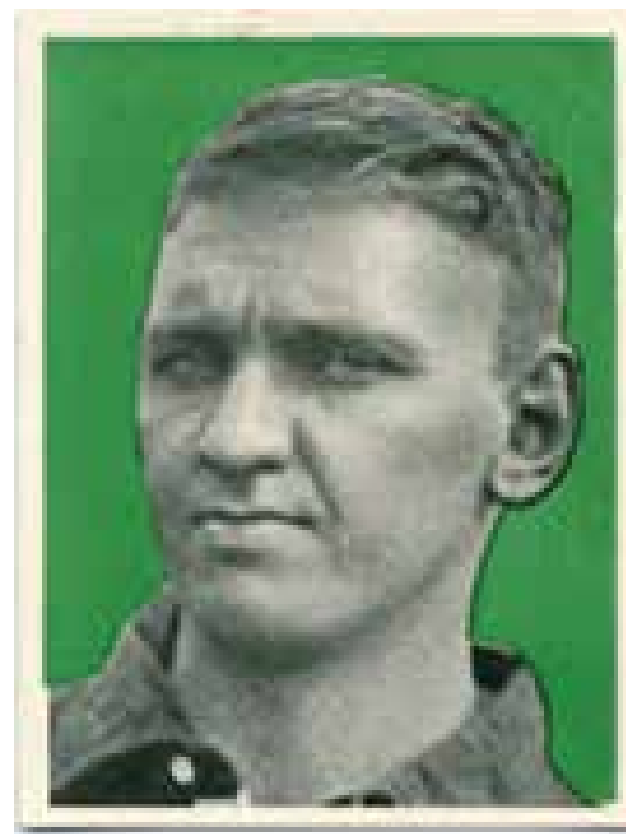
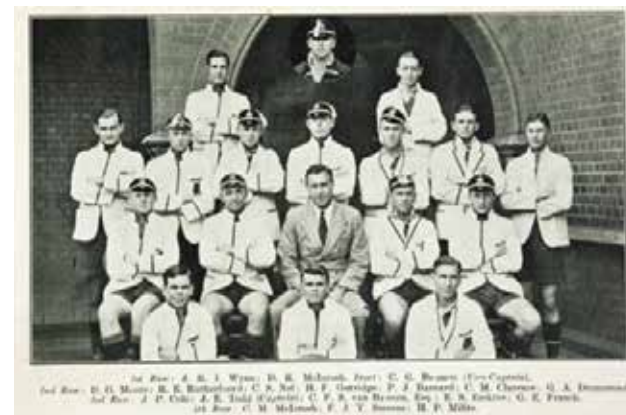
The above photograph is of the portrait of Mr Clark by the celebrated Scottish artist, George Fiddes Watt (1873-1960), commissioned in 1911 by the school and paid for by Old Collegians. It hangs in the Victoria Hall.

90 Years Ago

Extract from College Magazine #57, dated December 1932

Magazine #57 celebrated the exploits of the unbeaten (in schools' circles) First XV, captained by JE 'Jacko' Todd. Of particular interest to the archivist is the fact that the photograph below is the ONLY photo in the entire magazine – underlining the status at the school of Todd and his team. The following is the 'critique' of the team's captain offered by the coach, Mr C van Reenen:

"TODD. – Captain. Has played behind the scrum for four seasons, and will be sorely missed when he leaves. Always level-headed, he never does anything showy. By his quick thinking and clever judgement he laid the foundation of every victory – now a swift straight pass to his threes, then a quick break round the scrum, and his wing would be careering for the line. The best scrum-half produced in recent years. Awarded his [Honours] Cap three seasons ago."



Jacko Todd later became a regular in the Natal rugby team, narrowly losing out to Danie Craven in the 1938 Springbok team versus the touring British Lions. The photograph is a playing card of him from 1938.

40 Years Ago

Extract from school magazine #177, dated April 1983, for the 1982 calendar year

A notable event that year was the re-naming ceremony that saw the former Shepstone House, completed in 1957, renamed 'Hudson House':

"At a short ceremony on Friday 26 November 1982, the boarding establishment building which has been known as 'Shepstone House' since it was opened in 1957 was re-named 'Hudson House' in honour of former headmaster, J.W. Hudson [1941-1953]. Present at the function were the late Mr Hudson's children: Denys Hudson and his wife Joan; Gwenyth and her husband Nixon Montgomery; Joan and her husband Mark Hosking; and Gail with her husband Don Crawford.

"Frequent requests had been received from Old Boys to restore the name 'Shepstone House' to the building originally occupied by Henrique Shepstone and which, after being acquired by the school, was used as a home for junior boarders from 1919 to 1957. The decision to transfer the name 'Shepstone House' to the new boarding premises opened in 1957 stemmed from its intended use as a junior hostel. In fact, however, this policy did not work well, and more recently the 'old' Shepstone's reverted to its original function of housing the youngest of the new boys and is thus no longer used as The Sanatorium. Moreover, following the handsome restoration of the property by Provincial Building Services, it is possible too that the old Shepstone family home may be declared a National Monument; hence a return to its original name was considered historically desirable.

"Clearly, also, the school wished to acknowledge that the strong impetus for the increase of boarding accommodation at College during the 1950s had originated with Mr Hudson, culminating in the completion of new premises in 1957, a few years after he had retired. The name 'Hudson House' was thus considered fitting recognition of the outstanding services of one of College's great headmasters."

In the photographs below, boarder prefect, Richard 'Blackjack' Oats, is seen posing with a sign pointing out the new name, and Headmaster, Mr Keith Olivier (1978-1985), addresses the guests gathered at the special assembly held in November 1982. The third photograph is of Mr John-Willie' Hudson himself.



The Headmaster delivers his address at the renaming ceremony. Special guests included J.W. Hudson's son Denys and his three daughters, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Hosking and Mrs Crawford.



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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)]

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Hudson House
Nathan House
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D Hoffman
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Finance Clerks
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Ms ZD Mhlongo
Ms ST Sewell
PK Zuma# (2022)
BBA (UKZN)
NDip Taxation (DUT)
BSocSc (UKZN), BA Hons (UKZN)

Human Resources
Manager
Ms V Chedie
BBA (UKZN)

HR Admin Assistant
Miss CA Naidoo

School Administration

Mrs SM Calmeyer Mrs B Parker Mrs R Ramdeen Mrs EA Dewes	Headmaster's PA Admissions Secretary Assistant Admissions Secretary Editor - School Magazine, Administration Secretary Pupil Affairs Receptionist Administrative Assistant Senior Administration Clerk Operations Assistant BSocSc (UKZN), PGCE (Varsity College)
Ms CM Hackland Mrs D Mitchell TL Masiko Ms KM Roberts Mr B Somaru	

IT Department
MJ Dibben# (2012)
V Rajpaul (2019)
T Tshabalala# (2019)
ICT Manager
BA (UKZN)
Network Administrator
BBA (UKZN), CompTIA A+, CompTIA N+
IT Technician
Networking/System Support, MCSE, MCSA,
MCP

Sanatorium
Mrs M-CL Olivier
Mrs U-H Arbee
Mrs N Hansa
Mrs N Steenkamp
Senior Sanatorium Sister
Registered Nurse
Enrolled Nurse
Enrolled Nurse

Sports Department
D Sherriff
S Siwila
KB Nipper#
R Jones
HJ Kriek
NJ Haswell#
Director of Aquatics
Director of Basketball
Director of Cricket
Director of Hockey
Director of Rugby
Director of Soccer

Miss Z Zweni
AA Landman#
WJ du Plessis
Mrs SL Emerson
Ms NS Ngcobo
ST Sinclair#
High Performance Centre Manager
HPC – Personal Trainer
Recruitment Officer
Co-curricular Administrator
Sports Administrative Assistant
Sports Officer (cricket)

Estates
Estates Manager
KD Hackland#

Assistant to Estates Manager
SA Crosson
CB Fincham#

Estates Administrator
Mrs SA Elliot

Dormitories
AM Kheswa, OB Ngcobo

Driver
PP Govender

Grounds
DJ Veitch# (Senior Grounds Foreman), Ms CB Dlamini, MA Duma, MA Khumalo, HM Mthembu, MA Zondi, T Zondi

Kitchen
WH Mbense

Laundry
CN Gasas, Mrs TS Hlela, Ms RH Cole

Maintenance
EP Jafta, SR Makhaye, BM Mkhize (caretaker/keyholder), V Munemo (electrician), E (Eddie) Rajah, M Seager (electrician), WP Zuma

Cleaning: High Performance and Multi-purpose Centre
SA Zondi

Cleaning: Sanatorium
BP Sithole

Cleaning: School
MZ Msomi



Welcomes

In 2022, we welcomed several new staff members. We wish them all long and satisfying tenures at Maritzburg College.

First Term



Ms Toni Harding
English



Miss Shenisse Paramanand
English



Mrs Waasia Khan
English



Miss Julia McGrath
Mathematics



Mr Kelvin Elder
Afrikaans



Miss Naomi Nel
Afrikaans



Mr Alan McGuigan
English, Physical Education, Life Orientation



Mr Aaqil Ebrahim
Physical Education, Life Orientation



Mr Joshua Harvey
Physical Education, Life Orientation



Mr Simon Brill
English



Mrs Umme Arbee
Registered Nurse



Mr Joash Naidoo
Epoch Optima Intern



Mr Wayne Evans
Commercial Director



Mr Henry Ntenezi
Mathematics



Miss Samantha Paterson
Marketing and Events Co-ordinator



Mrs Reshmee Ramdeen
Assistant Admissions Secretary

Second Term



Mr Liam Smorritt
Mathematics, EGD, water polo



Mrs Zandria Elder
Business Studies, Economic Management Science



Mrs Neetha Singh
Economics, Economic Management Science



Mrs Naasera Hansa
Staff Nurse



Miss Zama Zweni
High Performance Centre Manager



Mr Anil Budhoo
Accounting, Economic Management Science

Third Term



Mrs Myrlin Kyle
Laboratory Assistant



Mr Wynand Greyling
Life Sciences



Mr Matthew Stringer
Aquatics coach



Ms Zamokuhle Mhlongo
Finance Clerk

Fourth Term



Mrs Kerry Bartholomew
Geography



Mr Laurian Kruger
Afrikaans

Farewells

We bade farewell to the following staff members who left the school during 2022:

First Term

Mr Gareth Els
Ms Zinhle Cele
Mr KG Shezi

Second Term

Mr Ngcebo Thembela
Mr Graeme Stewart
Mr Evasen Rajah
Ms Shanice Sewell

Third Term

Mrs Brigitte Harris
Mr Mike Reed
Mr Gerhard Steyn
Miss Naomi Nel

Fourth Term

Mr Graeme Waters
Mr Brent Dodd
Mr Robin Jones
Mr Drikus Hoffman
Mrs Annelee Kriek
Mr Hein Kriek
Mrs Julia Harvey
Mr Joshua Harvey
Mrs Nolwazi Shezi
Mr Sikhulile Sokhela
Mrs Umme Arbee
Mrs Arlene Trout

Ms Ailsa Greyling



pupil. On Reunion Day the Old Boys would stand in queues to greet her. She has a way of making everyone feel special.

She was not only involved in First Aid but also ran the athletics for many years too. She was as a senior teacher and one of the pillars in the Afrikaans Department. As Head of Department of Second Formers for many years she knew each Second Former's background and circumstances. She played the mother figure for many Nathan House boys.

Ailsa left College knowing that she had given everything that she could, she had a positive impact on the many boys whom she coached and taught. Our loss is Howick's gain.

Mrs Dee Dickens



During her time at College, Dee taught Natural Sciences, Life Sciences and Life Orientation. Dee is an immensely versatile teacher, willing to try her hand at a variety of subject areas, and she also taught Visual Arts for a brief period. A very intelligent individual, she has an immense fascination and love for the natural world.

Her presence and lively conversation lift the mood in what could be a very dull and dreary room. Dee's co-curricular involvement has been varied and meaningful, and it always involved helping others. She has run an excellent programme in the Interact Club, co-ordinated the blood bank donations, and has also involved herself in the Enviro Club. This woman does not just sit on good ideas but implements them with enthusiasm.

Dee is a person of substance and integrity, and always remains positive, resilient and energetic. Her heart for caring for others is her trademark. Most of us know, however that Dee shoots from the hip, and she does not mess around sugar coating anything. Her quick and often humorous retorts are legendary. She treated boys as men and expected them to rise to her expectations. The young men in her charge appreciated her sometimes brutal honesty and they respected her passion for education and learning. We salute her as an educator of significance, for her relentless fight towards instilling moral fibre and courage in the boys of this school.

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Mr Ernest Jafta

Ernest joined the College family 27 years ago when he was hired as a painter. Moreover, he is a fine glazier and is able to fix most window problems. Over the years he also became adept at finding leaks in roofs. When the SAN driver was unavailable, he would also drive the SAN vehicle, ferrying pupils to and from their doctor's appointments.

Ernest was a hard worker with a great work ethic. He was renowned for never taking short cuts. In his line of work, it helped that he had no fear of heights and would happily climb a ladder to the third floor.

Ernest is always friendly and happy and would help wherever and however he could. He will be fondly remembered for his deep naps during his lunch break.

Mr Drikus Hoffman (OC 2007)

Drikus, an Old Collegian, joined the staff in 2012 as an astute Mathematics and Physical Science teacher. He has fulfilled the roles assigned to him over the years with aplomb: boarding establishment master, Housemaster of Nathan House and Clark House, Head of Prefects, assistant 1st XV and cricket coach, and mentor.

Drikus was supremely professional and committed. He pushed himself to be better in whichever role he found himself, be it teacher, boarder master, Housemaster, or coach. Because he was so collegial, many sought his advice on any number of topics. As the father of three boys, he modelled to many what it means to be a great father and husband.

He leaves College to pursue his career at Paul Roos Gymnasium, Stellenbosch and his passion, wisdom and expertise will be greatly missed by the College boys and staff alike.

Mr Graeme Waters (OC 1975)

Graeme Waters joined the staff in 2012 and has filled many roles during his time at College, including teaching, coaching, duty master in the boarding establishment, and mentor of boys and staff alike. He was a well-liked teacher of History, Life Orientation and Physical Education, where the pupils looked up to him as a respected teacher and Old Collegian. In the co-curricular sphere, he has been Director of Sport, and an enthusiastic and highly experienced water polo and rugby coach. More recently he was a Day House mentor, as well as a duty master in Nathan House.

In all his roles Graeme was highly appreciated for his experience, knowledge, and friendly nature. As such, he became a mentor to many staff to whom he provided sage advice and a willing ear.

Mr Waters is retiring and will be spending more time with his family in Durban, and assisting at Glenwood High School. We thank him for his tremendous dedication and commitment to College and wish him a blessed and healthy retirement.

Mrs Marie Troveri

Marie joined the staff in 2006. In her 17 years at College, she has been a highly experienced and loved Afrikaans first additional language teacher, a class mentor, coach and master in charge of tennis. She was loved and respected by the boys and colleagues alike.

Marie was always the calm in the storm and nothing seemed to trouble her. An eloquent lady, she would calmly negotiate the difficulty into a more serene situation. As she always said, 'swem borsslag, suster, swem borsslag!' She was motherly to the boys, both in the classroom and on the tennis courts which endeared her to them. She was always approachable, both for staff and pupils, offering caring advice when needed.

We thank her for her dedication and commitment to College and wish her a blessed and healthy retirement with time to spend with family and friends.

Mrs Liesl Couperthwaite

Liesl joined the staff in 1995 and has been on the staff for the past 28 years fulfilling several roles over the years: teacher of Natural and Physical Science, tennis coach, enthusiastic mentor, MIC debating, and subject head of Physical Science. Very hardworking herself, she expected boys to knuckle down and get on with it, and she was reluctant to accept laziness. Sloppy work and a lacklustre work ethic very quickly incurred the wrath of Mrs Couperthwaite. However, if a boy was trying and working hard, Liesl would do all that she can to guide and teach him as patiently as possible. She was recently awarded two certificates of recognition for inclusive education by UKZN.

She has always enjoyed extending the boys and introduced Expo into the Second and Third Form syllabus and became a prominent judge in the programme. She also introduced bridge building, steam cars and the Mintek quiz into the science programme. She loved experimentation and making Science come to life in the classroom. For years, she has said goodbye to her classes by making loud explosions, horrid smells, puffs of purple smoke and mini bombs in the Fourth Form quad.

She is retiring and will hopefully have the time to spend with her family and we thank her sincerely for her incredible commitment and passion to College and the boys in particular.

Mrs Cindy Sewmungal

Cindy joined the staff as a laboratory assistant in 1982 and has worked diligently in the department for the past 40 years. She was always well prepared, which meant that the boys' laboratory sessions were flawless.

Cindy is a most gracious, spiritual and giving person. She is a calm island in a sea of turmoil; nothing is too much for her and she willingly goes the extra mile. A loyal friend and trustworthy confidante, Cindy lives her faith, and she is an example to all of us, never saying an unkind word about anyone. Beneath that cool and calm surface, however, is an extraordinarily strong woman of integrity who will not shy away from a challenge. She is an organised individual, planning well ahead, to ensure that things run smoothly. She prefers to be in the background and is very humble, but

when you get to know her, you can appreciate what a difference she makes in the Science Departments. A much loved and valued member of the Life Sciences and Natural Sciences departments, College is truly privileged to have had her devote her working life to our school.

A devoted mother, Cindy's love and care for her own family, as well as her extended family is noteworthy. This is where she will now devote her energies.

Mr Lawrence Masiko

Baba Thulekwazi Lawrence Masiko joined the Maritzburg College staff in October 1982, as a humble member of the cleaning staff of the Estates Department. He was then a young man in his mid-20s and he joined his late father on the College staff.

Mrs Parker has worked alongside Bab' Mdlankomo in the administrative department, especially in admissions, for more than 25 years. She tells us that 'he has a sharp eye and picks

up even the smallest of admin errors. He has a wonderful sense of humour and is a devout family man and adoring grandfather. He is a hugely valued member of our admissions team.' In the Finance Department Mr Masiko assisted as a calm and collected translator during quite a few fee-related meetings with isiZulu-speaking parents of College boys. This ensured that clear, respectful two-way communication and understanding prevailed. His quiet yet firm demeanour sometimes went a long way to keeping difficult meetings on an even keel. Fondly referred to as Lorenzo by Mrs Mitchell, he set the bar high in terms of work-ethic, reliability, friendliness, integrity, determination, willingness, and enthusiasm.

We pay tribute to a dedicated, humble and kind human, who has worked quietly and without fuss amongst us for so long, in the service of our school. Bab' Mjoli, siyabonga kakhulu for your nearly 40 years' service to Maritzburg College.

Acomplishments**Long service**

Two members of staff, **Mrs Cindy Sewmungal** and **Mr Lawrence Masiko**, were acknowledged for their remarkable 40 years of service to the school.

Domestic Announcements**Weddings**

Alan and Hayley McGuigan (formerly Morgan) were married on Saturday 25 June 2022.

Births

Finley Brent was born on 2 February 2022 to Caitlin and Roddy Brent and proud big brother, Jackson.

In Memoriam – Mr Bongani Khumalo

It was with heavy hearts that we laid to rest Mr Bongani Khumalo this year, a remarkable individual who touched the lives of many. As we reflect on his life, we are reminded of the profound impact he had as a coach and teacher. However, his legacy extends far beyond his professional roles, for he was a loving father who cherished his children dearly. Mr Khumalo will always be remembered for his unwavering dedication to the youth and his profound passion for basketball.

As our school's first team basketball coach, Mr Khumalo's dedication to the sport was unparalleled. His infectious enthusiasm inspired every player who stepped onto the court. He understood that basketball was more than just a game; it was an avenue for personal growth, teamwork, and the development of essential life skills. With patience and unwavering support, Mr Khumalo moulded us into skilled athletes and resilient individuals ready to face life's challenges head-on.

Mr Khumalo was an Epoch Optima intern; an Epoch Optima internship prepares the student teacher to be a fulltime teacher. It is a great opportunity to become fully immersed and integrated in the school system: teaching, marking, coaching, and in Bongani's case, he was also a boarder master. Because he taught isiZulu, Mr Khumalo was mentored by Jabulani Mhlongo, subject head of isiZulu, and a wise and experienced teacher.

Mr Khumalo himself was a passionate isiZulu teacher. He recognised the importance of preserving the Zulu cultural heritage and language, and he endeavoured to instil that same appreciation in his students. With a vibrant teaching style, he made learning isiZulu a joyous experience, fostering a deep connection to Zulu roots and allowing us to embrace the richness of our heritage.

But Mr Khumalo's impact reached far beyond his professional roles. He possessed an unyielding belief in the potential of every young person he encountered. He saw the power and promise within each of us, and he dedicated himself to nurturing our talents, igniting our passions, and encouraging us to fearlessly pursue our dreams. His unwavering support and genuine interest in our well-being were constant sources of motivation and inspiration.

We honour him by carrying forward the values he embodied, by embracing our passions, and by supporting the youth in their pursuits. Rest in peace, dear coach, teacher, and father. Your spirit remains with us, guiding us as we strive to make a difference in this world, just as you did during your time with us.

UNkulunkulu uphile, uNkulunkulu uthathile.

God has given and God has taken.

Pro Aris et Focis



SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS 2022

Our Sports and Cultural Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday, 21 September 2022. The guest speaker was Mr Siya Nolutshungu, OC 2013, AFCON Hockey Champion, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Squad and KZN Midlands Youth Choir



Guest speaker and Old Boy of the Class of 2013, Mr Siya Nolutshungu, flanked by Headmaster Mr C Luman (left) and Deputy Head: Co-curricular Mr R Kyle (right).

Headmaster's Address

Mr Nolutshungu (OC 2013), our guest of honour, invited guests, staff, parents and boys, a warm welcome to this special evening of celebration. We have two ceremonies at College which laud academic achievements – Prize-giving and Speech Day, but tonight's function enables us to honour those boys who have excelled in the cultural arena and on the sports fields. It is a blessing that we have been able to experience a comprehensive co-curricular programme after two years of very little activity.

A few weeks ago I was fortunate to attend our annual Public Boys Schools Heads' Conference at Selborne College who are celebrating their 150th with the theme being 'Hope for the Future'. One of the keynote speakers was Kim van Kets and her topic was 'Survive, Adapt & Thrive' (grin and bear it!). Kim is an attorney by profession and an endurance athlete. She recently completed the circumnavigation of South Africa, 67 772km in 148 days by foot, bike and kayak. She named her journey 'Tri the beloved country'.

Kim, whose mantra is 'it always seems impossible until it is done', shared a few pertinent points and life lessons that we could all take on board. Surround yourself with the right people; reward yourself but only when you deserve it; have a strategy but be flexible enough to change it; self-deprivation to drive oneself; get out of your comfort zone; even good change is hard – plan for it; focus on the positive (hope); translate the dream into a goal (never the right time); develop discipline and routine in the good times; take care of the important things (broken window syndrome) Fix It; don't be immobilised by the enormity of your goal (navigate your way over stones and you will eventually cross the mountain); listen to your heart; and probably the most important is to have FUN.

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 two superb productions, namely 'By Jeeves' and 'Sophiatown', both of which were thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences. The Afrikaans Society followed up their productions with the Tienertoneel group who participated in two high-standard competitions, one being placed third in KZN. The Music Department performed across the province and nationally with schools like Affies, KES, PBHS, Michaelhouse, St John's College (as part of their 125th celebration), Epworth and St Anne's. We resumed our inter-school cultural exchanges with Affies, PBHS and KES which included the choirs and jazz band as part of the annual exchange in which almost 850 boys were involved. A truly memorable occasion was had by all, and our boys received a standing ovation at both PBHS and KES. The College Choir excelled at the ATKV Applous competition and received a gold award for being placed first in the non-Afrikaans boys' school Merit

section. Our debaters continue to do well with six of them chosen for the KZN team. R Froise was selected for National Debating representing KZN, and MH Moosa was a member of the reserve team. The year will conclude with the annual Christmas Carol Service which resumes at One Life Church in collaboration with Merchiston and hopefully one or two other 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 will be chronicled in the Headmaster's Addendum which will be available at Speech Day at the start of next term.

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

- Maritzburg College has in total 320 boys and old boys who have secured international selection – more than any other school in the country. This is certainly something of which we can be proud. Two of the most recent are Ntuthuko Mchunu, the rugby Springbok, and Bafana Bafana player, Bandile Shandu.
- N Mosebi [men's athletics], L Bester [SA U19 rugby], S Mbonambi [SA U18 rugby], I Kayembe [SA champs athletics], L Kunene [SA champs athletics], J Sweetnam [SA champs athletics], A Simelane [SA U19 cricket], I Hemingway [canoeing], J Glyn-Cuthbert [canoeing], R Stockhill [SA champs athletics], T Nana [squash], M Mason [squash], S Redelinghuys [table tennis], T Royappen [table tennis], R Marais SA U19 hockey], L Walker [SA National Enduro], B Kent [SA U16 polocrosse], D Heeralal [SA Karate], S Venniker and K Vogt [canoeing], J Bragin [SA Men's Polocrosse Champs runner up and U21 horse manager] have all excelled nationally.
- Our participation level is one of the best in the country, College boasting the greatest number of teams in basketball, cricket, hockey, rugby and soccer.

Because of the many achievements of our boys, it is very 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 broaden and enrich their experience of life and enhance their personal development. At College one would possibly like to attribute that success largely to the core values, culture and, more recently, our College credo – instilled in them while in the corridors, classrooms, on the sport fields and on the stage that is College and, thereafter, the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association which forms 'Brothers in an endless chain'. They celebrate their 125th birthday this year, one of the longest associations in the country.

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. While College has a policy of appointing teachers who will take part in the co-curricular dimensions of school life, we are exceedingly fortunate to also have some outstanding external 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, you 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 Ryan Kyle, Deputy Headmaster in charge of our co-curricular programme, and all the directors, MICs, coaches and managers for their endeavours and the way they have promoted, so positively, these important areas of school life in our striving for an all-round holistic education.

I take this opportunity to thank the College Estates team, under the leadership of Mr Ken Hackland, for all their hard work. The 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 their ability unless they are well nourished. To this end, I would like to pay tribute to Mrs Heather Lawson and her catering staff who look after the culinary needs of our boys, staff and guests with aplomb.

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

Finally, a vote of thanks to Mr Ryan Kyle, Mr Simon Stickells, Mesdames Stacey Emerson, Nolwazi Ngcobo and SupersportSchools for today's awards ceremony.

Thank you.

Guest Speaker's Address

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you very much for the warm welcome and the honour of allowing me to be the guest speaker at this year's Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony. I remember being a recipient of such an award back in 2013. It was quite a special moment because the award was shared between my best friend, Max Mthiyane, and me. I was the lucky one who got the award. Things were tense for a while, but nothing a zarm couldn't solve. We're still best friends today.

This place brings back such special memories, growing up in this environment that shaped me to be the person I am today. The core values this great institution has held in its 159 years of history: Honesty, Integrity, Courage, Self-Discipline, Commitment and Respect; I only remember these because of Mr Ngcobo's blessing us with five pages back-to-back by the next lesson.

A brief background and lessons I learnt at Maritzburg College:

I was fortunate to be a member of the School and Gospel Choirs from Second Form to Sixth Form. I didn't make the Chamber Choir until Fourth Form. We started our own a capella group called the 'Septet', made the KZN Midlands Youth Choir in 2012 and 2013, which included a performance at Westminster Abbey at the late Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, and I also competed in the Llangollen Eisteddfod in Wales.

I played sports in each season, moving between cricket, basketball, water polo, soccer and even tried out canoeing. My main focus was hockey, and I made SA U16 from age 15, U18, U21 to Junior World Cup. I took time to focus on music in 2012 so I played Second Team. I only got my First Team cap in matric, even though I'd been training with the First Team from Third Form which was a blessing in disguise. I made my debut for the SA Men's Senior team in January 2017 under the late Fabian Gregory U21 Junior World Cup 2016, the Commonwealth Games in 2018 and 2022, the AFCON Champion from 2017 to 2019, FIH Men's Pro League 2022, 2019 European Hockey League KO16 Barcelona, SA Men's Olympic Squad, but I was injured before the Olympics took place. I did not pursue music seriously after high school but will look to getting back into it after the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

So much has changed over the past nine years since I was a schoolboy. A lot of things that happened in high school have taught me valuable life lessons. I'm sure some students here can already relate to this. A lot of the time you feel that you are consistently being disciplined by teachers and you're following a whole lot of rules. Your life is run by a school bell. Teachers are consistently on your case about homework. Prefects are telling you what to do daily. Mark my words: these become moments you miss when you're out in the real world. Once school is done you have all the freedom in the world to take control of your life and make your own decisions. It is all a balancing act.

I managed to balance all my commitments in high school by preparing, sticking to my set schedule and mentally fortifying myself in any scenario. I taught myself never to feel entitled to what wasn't mine. I had to work for every accolade that I wanted to achieve. For the longest time in high school I wanted to be a prefect, but I didn't make the cut. I refocused my energy towards achieving the next best thing. I told myself that I was going to lead without a badge and I would make a mark by letting my actions speak louder than words. We are in a world that requires leadership without titles. This helped in ways I couldn't believe once I was at university.

One thing you must understand is that 'with great power comes great responsibility'. There is a huge element of sacrifice we have to make in

our lives as adults and children. I chose to create a very simple concept for myself that I still use today called the 'Vicious Triangle'. You can only pick two activities or responsibilities at a time to give them consistent energy.

High School: Academics, Sport & Culture, Social life (Can only pick two)

University: Degree, Sport, Social life, Work (Can only pick two)

'Adulting': Work, Sport, Social life, Responsibilities, Family (Can only pick two)

'We don't do these things because they are easy. We do them because they are hard.'

'Adulting' is like crossing the road and getting hit by a plane, then you get up and shake it off and keep walking. You will understand the reference a little later on in life. Life will throw merciless challenges at you. You have to ensure that you remain persistent and push through it the best way you know. We have just overcome a pandemic. Many people have faced adversity and challenges. What a time to be alive! We have come out of one of the toughest periods in human history. It is our duty to ensure that we live our lives to the fullest and embrace with both hands any opportunities that come our way.

To all of you students: get up and make your bed as it develops a good habit; work hardest when no one is looking, as it creates resilience; be on time (punctual); humble yourself always (humility); there is no entitlement because no one owes you anything; do not start what you cannot finish (art of action); it's okay to fail, just never give up (art of consistency); don't burn bridges, but rather build lifelong relationships both with young and old (be kind to people).

To the parents: communicate with your kids as independent people, as one day they will be adults. Develop a rapport with your children (their vulnerability) and keep on being their biggest supporters.

To the teachers: be the teachers that you would have wanted when you were a student. You are heroes without capes. Develop the bond between teacher and student and create safe spaces for students to become the best versions of themselves.

To Everyone: in the words of the late Princess Diana, 'Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.'

Thank you for your time.

Pro Aris et Focis



The Headmaster's Award for the Highlight of the Year was awarded to N Mosebi, who broke the 48-year Open 100m record, running a time of 10.22s. He went on to run in the senior men's SA Athletics Championships where his best time of 10.18s for the 100m placed him in the top three U20 100m sprinters in the world.



SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL CULTURAL TROPHIES

Robertson Trophy for Outstanding Service to the Audio-Visual Society	S Mbonambi
Mary-Ann Hartley Trophy for Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist	T Monametsi
Douglas Comrie Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Choir	N Madide
McGibbon Trophy for Best Stage Actor	K Marais
Roger Heslop Memorial Trophy for Overall Contribution to Drama	N Madide
Parklane SuperSpar Trophy for the Most Promising Musician	S Dlamini
Conor Michael Larkin Memorial Plate for the Most Improved Musician	B Gous
Christopher Duigan Trophy for Excellence in Music Performance	L Jackson
Music Revival Trophy for Contribution to Music	A Ntuli
Lood Muller Trophy for Contribution to the Afrikaans Society	T van Heerden
Graham Holder Trophy for Best Debater	R Froise
Calder Trophy for Public Speaking	K Mthimkhulu
Dustin Stevens Trophy for Best Public Speaker	K Marais
Maritzburg College Speakers' Circle Trophy for the Most Improved Speaker	A Khumalo
Armstrong Trophy for Best Prepared Speech	K Mthimkhulu
Azalea Rotary Club Book Award for the display of qualities pertinent to the Rotary Four Way Test	L Hlophe
Kean Hemingway Memorial Trophy for Emerging Leadership and Peer Fellowship	A Hadebe
Graham Holder Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Media Centre	M Sheik and R Uren

INDIVIDUAL SPORT TROPHIES

Hayden St John Ward Memorial Trophy for the Top Achiever in a Non-Official School Sport	D Heeralal
Tregarthen Memorial Cup for U14 Athletics Champion	T Boshoff
John Geekie Cup for U15 Athletics Champion	C Cherayi
JH Snow Cup for U16 Athletics Champion	R Maartens
H Johnson Cup for U17 Athletics Champion	M van Selm
DJ Berry-Jennings Cup for U18 Athletics Champion, College Shield & Victor Ludorum	S Mbonambi
Greenhalgh Cup for the Most Valuable Basketball Player	C Henman
Arnold Moseya Trophy for the Best Defensive Basketball Player	S Mbonambi
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Improved Basketball Player in the 1st Team	T Sithole
Ron Jury Trophy for Best All-Round Basketball Player	W Hadebe
'Slow' Ngcobo Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Basketball	O Mlambo
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for the Junior Champion Canoeist	S Venniker
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Most Promising Canoeist	J Jansen van Rensburg
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon	J Goble
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for the Senior Champion Canoeist	J Glyn-Cuthbert

Maritzburg College Trophy for the Chess Player of the Year	S Cele
Natal Witness/Maritzburg Old Boys' Cricket Club Trophy for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Cricket XI	P Jacobs
Oscar Servant Trophy for Best All-Round Cricketer in the 1st XI	J van Zyl
Leon Haarhoff Memorial Trophy for the Most Promising Junior Cross-country Athlete	L Shangase
Darrol Day Cup for Junior Cross-country Winner	L Shangase
Stalker Cup for Senior Cross-country Winner	J Werth
Ryan Clive-Smith Trophy for the Highest Placed Senior in the Midlands Cross-country League	J Werth
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Champion Cyclist	L Newlands
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Improved Golfer	K Manickum
Johnstone Trophy for Strokeplay Champion in Golf	L Akerman
Shrives Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Hockey XI	A Styan
Oscar Servant Trophy for Fellowship in Hockey	M Ponter
Dieter Schlosser Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Hockey XI	K Dobeyn
Carr Trophy for Player of the Year in the 1st Hockey XI	M Ponter
Ian Rogers Trophy for the Most Competent Rugby Referee	T Sithole
Craig Joubert Trophy for the Most Improved Rugby Referee	J Barrett
Skonk Nicholson Pin for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Rugby XV	K Mthimkhulu
Skonk Nicholson Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Rugby XV	A Knoetze
Olivier Trophy for the Player of the Year in the 1st Rugby XV	L Bester
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Promising Shottist	L Redman
Frank Lambert Cup for the Best Overall Shottist	N de Villiers
Shaun Olley Cup for the Most Consistent Shottist	N de Villiers
MacLean Trophy for Best Shottist in the Standing Position	N de Villiers
Luyanda Ntshangase Memorial Shield for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Soccer XI	W Nxumalo
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Soccer XI	M Horstead
Reece Tiffin Trophy for 1st Soccer XI Player of the Year	S Myende
Aidan Nugent Trophy for the Under 14 Squash Champion	T Nana
Dan Smith Trophy for the Under 16 Squash Champion	W Galliers
Smythe Trophy for the Most Improved Squash Player	W Galliers
Oscar Servant Trophy for Senior Squash Champion	M Mason
Tut Marwick Trophy for U14 Swimming Champion	C Potgieter
Warren Shuttleworth Memorial Trophy for U15 Swimming Champion	T Pillay
Jimmy Anderson Memorial Shield for U16 Swimming Champion	C Robinson
Dudley Forde Trophy for U17 Swimming Champion	R Lottering
Bill Hendry Trophy for Open Swimming Champion	S Gibson
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Junior Table Tennis Champion	M Chetty
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Senior Table Tennis Champion	E Naidoo
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Tennis Player in the 1st Team	S Mbentse
Lucinda Lang Trophy for Junior Singles Tennis Champion	A Tilbury
Grant Morrison Trophy for the Most Improved Tennis Player	K Hopkins
Derek Howard Trophy for Senior Singles Tennis Champion	A Styan

Roy Foster Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Water Polo Player in Form Five	L du Toit
Matt Kemp Trophy for the Most Improved Water Polo Goalkeeper	N Holmes
Sean Burgoyne Fellowship Trophy for Water Polo	L du Toit
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Water Polo Player	D Wright
Justin Joubert Trophy for the Most Valuable Water Polo Player	T Roux and T van Heerden

Wayne Lofthouse Memorial Prize for Courage and Tenacity in Sport	G Winlock
Headmaster's Award for the Highlight of the Year	N Mosebi
Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman	S Mbonambi
Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture	S Mbonambi
Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College	A Ntuli
Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year	L Bester



A Ntuli proudly displays the Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College.



S Mbonambi received the Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman as well as the Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture.



L Bester with his well-deserved trophy for the Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year.

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SPEECH DAY 2022

Speech Day took place on Friday, 14 October and marked the final official school day for the Matric Class of 2022. The guest of honour was Dr Erna de Lange, KwaZulu-Natal CEO: Governing Body Foundation.

Address by Deputy Head Prefect, S Mbonambi

Good morning Dr de Lange, invited guests, Headmaster, staff and men of College.

As I stand before you today parallel to the walls and perpendicular to the floor, I ask you, what makes Maritzburg College, Maritzburg College?

Two words that mean so much to so many people out there: an oasis loved by few, hated by many but respected by all. What is within these walls that gives these two words so much respect and so much weight when one announces that one is a scholar at this great institution?

It is not the pride, glory, passion or the ability to bring together a group of boys like no other way of doing so. It's the men, women and boys who walk through these doors every day that makes this place what it is. How can 120,000 square metres of land and buildings combined with tradition create something so beautiful that would mean so much to a young man?

No establishment is perfect; a year in the life of any will always have its ups and downs, highs and lows, sunny days and cloudy days. 2022 has proved to be a year that has enabled us to bear a good harvest from the seeds in which we've planted over the past years. No man has ever received a good harvest by just sitting around and expecting the seeds to plant themselves. Hours of preparation are put in: early mornings, late nights and sacrifices are made. After all, we reap what we sow, for if one does not sow prosperously, one's good harvest will be nothing less than of an unweeded garden.

Maritzburg College is nowhere near to being an unweeded garden because of the men from the past and those in the present who have sown their seeds prosperously from which a good harvest is borne. Every year that goes by we question whether this place that we treasure so much is changing, with the fear that the place we love so dearly might not be as we left it when we return. However, change is necessary. For something to get better and evolve it must change and that is where College is now; better than ever because the more College changes the more it remains the same.

College was once largely feared for its rugby dominance alone, but Maritzburg College has shown to be more than just its rugby dominance. I say this with great confidence and pride that between the years 2018-2022 College has produced numerous South African National Colours through its variety of diverse sporting codes. Our school has found itself able to produce one of the best choirs and drama productions in the country. Our academic excellence continues to grow as our boys excel and win prizes throughout KZN. Saturday mornings have ceased to be just about sporting excellence as we see boys and teachers working tirelessly in the Khanyisa Programme helping to create a brighter future for those less fortunate. To the staff who give so freely of their time for the betterment, not only of our school but our country, we say thank you.

We arrived at Maritzburg College in Second Form as 260 strangers from across all parts of the country who had no idea what respect, honesty, commitment, integrity, courage and self-discipline meant. We often questioned everything and anything that was not to our own understanding and many times tried to go against a system that has lasted for 159 years. Our egos clashed countless times as we fought over which primary school was better, or over who was talking after lights-out in D dorm so that we would not get 'guarding'.

We questioned having to say 'Please' at the end of each sentence and why we had to make our beds and stand at attention next to them. We learnt that having to make your bed to a state of perfection each morning gives you a better chance of having a great day as you would have already achieved something in that day. It means appreciating the little achievements in life in preparation for the greater ones to come.

We complain about certain traditions and privileges and yet continue to have our differences, whilst forgetting where we are. The badge we wear so proudly over our chest slowly starts to pull us closer together as one. The

three colours start to be embedded in our DNA, and slowly the time comes to sing 'Oh Boys of Nathan's' and say 'please' for the last time, and in a blink of an eye time passes and our first College chapter has come to an end.

Years go by as we start to reminisce about the tough days when we stood and admired men like uMchunu, the Reddys, the Stainbanks and the Oberholzers who without a doubt ensured that we learnt everything we needed to about College life. Those memories are forever embedded in our hearts and will last a lifetime. At Maritzburg College you take a rising star from Umlazi, a Ballito surfer and a farmer from Eston, give them core values to live by, give them three colours: RED BLACK WHITE, give them five years and you get a College Boy.

My brothers, we have come a long way. We started off as insignificant bystanders: getting lost in corridors, picking up litter after sports matches, standing to attention, and steering clear of the general direction of the prefects' study which was very much a part of our everyday lives. Along the way we lost some soldiers, but certainly gained more. From the days of being called 'trash' and being told the grass had more privileges than we did, going on to the days of being told that we would be the future leaders of this school, finally to the days when we are the leaders who run this school.

Simultaneously, we also stand as a class that faced and conquered a global pandemic; a few lost their loved ones during that time, yet they still stand strong, even one of our very own has endured and overcome cancer. We have shown that what lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. The longer we have gone through College, the more we have grown to understand its noble traditions and why they exist. We have come to appreciate College's uniqueness and how it stands out from any other school.

As time draws near to pack our bags and bid farewell to a place we call home, it is that moment when we realize that we have left parts of ourselves behind and that parts of this place are within us too. College is so much more than just five years but a lifetime never to be forgotten.

To the Sixth Form class of 2022 our time at College has come to an end. In life there is a time for everything: a time to say hello, a time to laugh, a time to cry, a time to break, a time to build, a time to remember, a time to miss, a time to hate, a time to love. And right now, it is time to say goodbye: goodbye to much we call life, goodbye to running in the prefects' study, goodbye to the crossovers in the indoor courts, goodbye to the Saturday afternoons on our beloved Goldstone's, goodbye to the goose steps of the stepfather, goodbye to the extraordinary 'saves' on Pape's, goodbye to Friday night 'shouts', goodbye to the Pater Noster of assemblies and the Benedictus Benedicat of grace before meals, goodbye to sprinting on Hudson Highway, and long walks to the dining room from Elliott House.

But one thing is certain: we will meet again, and we will share stories ignited by our passion and once again we will reminisce about the memories we hold most dear. We will have returned to our home and our cries, our laughter and our prayers which have been preserved within these walls will once again be echoed.

For some of us this will be last time we spend time with each other, but that is life. We might not know the plan God has for us, but I know that somewhere, somehow, we will reunite again as College boys. We are like branches of a tree: we all grow in different directions, but our roots forever remain the same. All good things must come to an end, Maritzburg College is no longer ours, it is time to hand over the baton to the forthcoming class.

However, it is also my sincere hope that you gentlemen who are staying behind realize how blessed you are to be given the unique opportunity to leave a legacy that will forever be remembered. It is not the importance of the legacy itself but the 'how' and 'why' the legacy is left behind.

To be called by your surname is a great sign of respect, but never forget that your surname does not only represent who you are. It represents your family and the values they have bestowed upon you. It represents



generational wealth and those who lived long before you. It represents power and strength, and with great power comes great responsibility. As the class of 2022 we have done all that lies within our power to leave a worthy legacy.

Do not take your time here for granted, seize every opportunity made available to you, don't limit your challenges but always challenge your limits, because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion. Today marks our time to move on to the next chapter, the next step in our life journey. We will embrace the future knowing that we will always have a place to call home because College is not merely just a school, it is a journey that creates a strong bond of brotherhood, College is not just for five years, but for a lifetime.

Wherever life may take you, no matter the circumstances, regardless of the outcome, never forget that you are not just any ordinary boy, but you are a College boy; we do not do things because they are easy, but we do things because they are hard! So, when the going gets tough, there will always be a College boy standing right beside you waiting to for an opportunity to uplift his brother.

Being a teacher is not just a job, but a calling, a lifelong passion to help people grow in the hope that one day they will reach their full potential. Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together. You, the staff of Maritzburg College, have without a doubt shown us that! Where do I begin? A simple thank you is not enough to express the gratitude one will have for all the years you have impacted on our daily lives not only as your students but as your children away from home. A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge and wisdom. Although some of us may think teachers are a pain, remember that NO PAIN! NO GAIN! I'm sure we can all agree that we certainly gained a lot from this team of incredible staff members in this institution.

Thank you for making a difference every day, thank you for guiding us, inspiring us and making us what we are today. We may not remember the things you taught us in class, but we will always remember how special you made us feel. Why you kept at it when you first met us or after you first graded us, we do not know. Why you singled us out for extra lessons, we have no idea. You saw potential where we saw none, and you did not stop till you had fanned it into flames. There's just 'thank you' to say and more 'thank you', we love and appreciate you.

To our estate staff (they will not be present unfortunately, but we will share this with them)

Omama nobaba bethu, ngokukhulu ukuzithoba Siyabonga ngakho konke enisenzele khona. Umsebenzi wenu uyacomeka kakhulu, siyazi ukuthi esikhathezi esiningi asikukhombisi ukubonga kodwa namhlanje sifisa nazi ukuthi siyanithanda futhi Siyabonga asiphezi izandla zidlula ikhanda.

In summary, we say 'thank you'. I ask the class of 2022 to stand and show how we appreciate our teachers and ground staff.

To be appointed as a College prefect is one of the highest honours that the school can bestow upon a pupil, and along with the honour comes accountability and responsibility. Being elected as a Senior Deputy Head prefect of Maritzburg College has been both a privilege and a blessing. Arriving as a young boy who struggled to find his place and who felt he did not belong, to developing into the young man and leader of such a prestigious school is truly a dream come true. I am forever grateful for all the lessons I have learnt and the mistakes I have made, and I am thankful for all the trust and support that you continuously gave me because umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu.

I also say thank you to my family for always being the backbone that has always kept me in check, thank you for your words of encouragement and your words of wisdom, I will forever continue to make you proud to have me as a son.

We all have heard the saying 'you only arrive once you have left'. My Brothers, I can confidently say that after five of the greatest years of our lives that we, the class of 2022, have finally arrived.

Marianne Williamson once said: our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. Never allow the fear of what others may think of you to stop you from reaching your full potential, for thoughts cannot be seen.

Maritzburg College, thank you and God bless.

Pro Aris et Focis



Guest speaker, Dr Erna de Lange, addresses the Sixth Form.

Address by the Headmaster, Mr CJ Luman

Dr Erna de Lange, our Guest of Honour, Staff, Parents, the Sixth Form of 2022 and Boys of College returning in 2023, may I add my word of welcome to you all.

Dr de Lange, thank you for very much for your attendance here today as we honour the sporting, cultural and academic achievements of the class of 2022. We look forward to your address. Dr de Lange, former principal and currently Governing Body Foundation Chief Executive Officer of KZN, will be formally introduced by Deputy Head Prefect, K Kisten.

I commence my address by mentioning the wonderful Old Boys' Induction ceremony held in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall last evening, when 260 Sixth Formers were inducted – the largest number yet to attend this ceremony. It was indeed an auspicious occasion as they were inducted into the fold of an old boy fraternity that goes back 159 years – an endless chain of brotherhood.

The Old Boys' Association is of course celebrating 125 years, quasiquintennial, this year, which in itself is an incredible milestone – one of the oldest such associations in South Africa. I thank the President, Mr Andrew Clayton, for his very welcoming speech in which he confirmed what it is to be a College OC and to be part of a brotherhood for life, while also acknowledging the Sixth Formers in such a positive light.

Ntuthuko Mchunu – the Head Prefect of 2018, affectionately known as Zeus – delivered a pertinent message to the boys, when he challenged them to embrace and cherish the meaning of College and its people. He shared advice, recommending that they needed to be adaptable to their circumstances and to leave room for growth as good things take time.

The 2022 Valedictorian, Deputy Head Prefect, Shongwe's valedictory speech, reflected on the past five years and what it is to be a College boy and being part of a unique brotherhood while experiencing their College journey. He also thanked the President and members of the Old Boys' Executive, for their unending and generous support of College concluding with a standing ovation.

The format of my address today is to focus only on our Sixth Form, so we will therefore acknowledge departing staff at our Second to Fifth Form Prize-giving in December.

At this point I wish to recognise the significant contribution by the senior leaders of the school. The leadership role for the prefects is an onerous one – an inexperienced 18-year-old has to perform a balancing-act between

that of setting the benchmarks in all that they do; being a mentor to their peers and lower formers; being a policeman to ensure good order; being the custodian of appropriate College tradition; and to hold a significant pastoral responsibility in the school and BE, amongst others.

This year, due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the trials and tribulations of 2022 have made their roles more demanding and complicated than ever! Our Deputy Head Prefects, Kisten, Mbonambi, Mthimkhulu, Ngubo and Shongwe, as well as the rest of the 2022 Prefect body and the RCL, have done sterling work in extremely difficult circumstances and have led from the front in all aspects of College life. Thank you for your commitment and endurance in seeing things through to the end – it has not been easy and your resilience has certainly been tested: the statement, 'it is not how you start the job that matters but how you finish it' resonates truthfully in this instance. You took up the challenge with gusto and you have certainly finished strong.

I wish also to acknowledge and thank the House Leaders for the various roles that you have fulfilled within the Houses. I know that the Housemasters have appreciated your commitment and passion. All the achievements are clearly chronicled in the Headmaster's Addendum for further information which will be emailed to you and also placed on the website. The whole College community can all be collectively proud of the significant achievements in 2022 to date.

Please join me in acknowledging the Sixth Form of 2022. Today your academic as well as your co-curricular achievements are being honoured at this ceremony – a wonderful way for the school to recognise and celebrate the choices and sacrifices that you have all made. However, I challenge you not to be idle, but to continue to strive to be the best that you can be in your NSC final exams, confirming one of the goals for 2022, namely "to encourage each boy to strive towards realising his personal academic potential". These are the first steps to your future.

Many of you may have heard of Stephen Covey, who was an American educator, author, businessman and keynote speaker whose most popular book is 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. His son, Sean Covey, emulated his father, and wrote 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers which has been a phenomenal success in helping teenagers, selling over 40 million copies in 40 languages worldwide. My message today focuses on sharing with you these seven key habits and a simple approach to help improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve your goals, and appreciate your parents, as well as tackle the challenges of society, namely pandemics



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(stress, Covid-19), cyberbullying and the influence of social media to name but a few.

Habit 1: Be Proactive

Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind

Habit 3: Put first things first

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood

Habit 6: Synergise

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

In conclusion, Covey emphasizes the importance of personal responsibility, nurturing your relationships, and keeping yourself in balance to achieve the synergy that comes from mastering the seven habits. You have the ability to choose your behaviour, but not the consequences. Decisions that you make could change your lives forever. These are valuable life lessons.

[The Headmaster concluded with the poem 'Who am I?' author Anonymous, before his closing comments.]

Gentlemen, I congratulate you on your resilience, determination, effort and achievements. I commend your parents, teachers, mentors, coaches and all who have supported you on your College journey and pay tribute to them. I wish you a bright future as you continue on your lifelong journey.

Pro Aris et Focis

Address by the Guest of Honour, Dr Erna de Lange

This is my favourite school – and trust me, I say that to all schools.

There is so much that one could talk about, so I have tried to narrow the field down a bit. I was advised that I.T. would be a good topic for young men but I decided not to venture into that. I grew up in a world without calculators and am still making quantum leaps trying to get a speech onto my laptop.

I decided not to go near gender equality even though it seems to be the flavour of the decade. I have a serious and very fundamental problem with this concept. I did my first degree and a teaching diploma concurrently. I was very interested in what I would be earning. When I asked the clerk, just like they do today when I go to the circuit office, a finger pointed towards a list. Don't look under A, I was told. It turned out that A was meant for male teachers. B was meant for females. I would be earning the same as a male educator with a three-year diploma (no degree). Despite this, I will always have a problem with percentages and quotas. If 50% of the workforce has to be from a specific gender, there is a problem. I want a position because I am the best person for that position and not because of my gender.

After much consideration, I thought I would share with you some of the things my mother said in passing – we never had any mother-daughter talks. Parents didn't care about that sort of thing back then. Nobody cared about our mental health. Mental health, then, was connected to the 'seat of learning' and my father had a strong left hand.

At the wonderful age of 16, I thought my mother had no clue, but I must acknowledge by the time I turned 25 I realised she must have learned a lot. She often said to me: 'What you learn today you will need tomorrow'. This had nothing to do with schoolwork. Nothing at all. She was talking about what was not in the curriculum and would not be assessed according to outcomes. She was talking about the learning that would have far more impact than any curriculum would ever have. Like Einstein, my mother was convinced that education is what remains after one has forgotten what was taught in school. Toffler tells us that the illiterate of the future will not be those who cannot read and write, it will be those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn.

My mother was never allowed to drive our car – mothers just did not do that. Fathers owned cars and kept the car keys. I was determined to get my driver's license as soon as legally possible, and it happened. At the age of 18 I could drive my father's Mini without being told what to do next. That freedom of driving on my own was surreal. Just me and the little Mini Minor. Bliss. I took myself shopping in the main street of Pretoria and did perfect

parallel parking. One can hardly get it wrong in a Mini Minor. I checked my side view mirror, and I was the perfect distance from the curb stone. Back then a traffic officer could well pull out a ruler to ensure the distance was 30 centimetres. I had just turned the ignition off and was still pulling up the handbrake when I became aware of a movement in front of me.

An old lady with a car twice the size of the Mini was trying to manoeuvre into the parking space in front of me... and was doing it too quickly and as I was watching she knocked into the front of my car (I mean my father's car). I was astounded. To my even bigger surprise, she jumped out of her car and started screaming while running towards me. I got out of the car and in those days Pretoria had no shortage of traffic policemen. One appeared and listened to the screaming. I tried to explain that my car was stationary when she knocked into me. He was as deaf as our department officials when they hear a school has vacancies. He declared that the driver of the car at the back was always guilty! The old lady walked away with great satisfaction written all over her and I learned three things that day: (1) The bigger the car the worse the driver, (2) It helps to jump out of the car the fastest and scream the loudest, and (3) That life is not fair.

Take my word for it, if you think Mr Luman and the staff have been unfair, I wish you good luck with your boss. Get used to the idea that life is not fair and that nobody ever promised you that it would be. Learn from your mistakes and from what you hear around you. You will need that knowledge at some stage, probably sooner than you think. Get your eyes and ears off your cell phone and be in the moment. That is where you will learn what you will need in the tomorrows to come. Take part in the conversations around you and say what you think. Free speech is a great teacher. An unknown author said: always argue as if you are right but listen as if you are wrong. That is education. Forbes, who writes prolifically about education, reminds us that the purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one. What you learn today, you will need tomorrow.

I think I have enough time left to share with you my mother's instruction to me: never be dependent on anybody. This was also done in passing but frequently so. I found that superfluous at the time because I was an only child and had to rely on myself for backup anyway. If one has a car and employment, it is not too difficult to be independent, but I must admit it is rather nice to have someone else mow the lawn on occasion. I shared my mother's instruction with my children and my daughter-in-law is eternally thankful that my son irons his own shirts, and she is in total agreement that she could not do it nearly as well. She is a clever lady!

I don't think shirts were exactly what my mother had in mind. Over many years I have seen what dependence can do to people. I have seen people die rather than end their dependence on some form of stimulant, opioid, or a variety of other things that they allowed to control their lives. Dependency means you have a boss. Very often dependency results in a belief that their locus of control is outside of themselves to the extent that it becomes an excuse for their misconduct. 'I was under the influence' does not make it better, it only exposes the coward for what he/she is: a dependant.

There is an even deeper side to this dependency, and I had an encounter that brought my mother's words to mind very sharply. In my line of work, I interact with schools daily, and I often find myself in school foyers. Fascinating places. One learns everything you want to know about a school in the foyer. A couple of weeks ago I was asked to attend a meeting with the SMT of a school. I was early. It was drilled into me never to be late. In the foyer, I found a boy who later told me he was in Grade 11. He looked troubled. If there is anything that a teacher can diagnose at a distance, it is a troubled look. Allow me to give you a short summary of what happened next.

I greeted the boy to which he mumbled something inaudible. After a few minutes of looking at this rubbing of hands and covering of eyes, I asked him if he was in trouble... to which he did not reply. I asked if he wanted to talk about it and he said no. That is the cue to let it ride. There was an uncomfortable silence and then he suddenly said that he is in trouble because he was going to commit suicide. My best reply was 'Really?' This was not the time to be shocked or look shocked. That is the expected reaction. Years of training later I know it is best to say as little as possible but encourage the conversation to continue. I told him it was his choice but why would that get him into trouble? He became quite overcome and said the principal wants to see him. I did not find that strange but told him that it really had nothing to do with the Principal so not to stress about that. He agreed with me and said that the Principal's girlfriend didn't dump him for

his best friend so he would not understand. I agreed and wondered what this girlfriend was like. He then told me that she was his life, his big love and that he did not see himself in a future life without her. I am making light of this because suicide is not a topic for an occasion like this, but I want to make a point. I was immensely saddened by the situation in which this young man found himself. I must admit that this was by no means the normal way a boy would share his inner feelings with a stranger and I had a moment of wondering where this was going, but in the world we are living in, is it not perhaps easier to talk to some stranger that you would never see again? Someone who would not remind you of this moment? I told him that I understood there was a problem but would suicide solve his problem? If he committed suicide would the girlfriend dump his best friend? He was not sure about that. As this is probably not going to happen it seemed to me that he might have to relook the outcome he was expecting. There is a reality here that he needed to consider. They would have the opportunity to have an adult life and buy a nice car and a nice house which he would be depriving himself of. While he was considering the different angle, I realised just how dependent he was on this arbitrary girl for his happiness, so dependent that he had no idea how to continue without her. That is the epitome of dependence. He is considering suicide to protect his dependency.

I have since asked myself: are we so focused on mental health that we forget to give our children a solid grounding, and roots into reality. Too often parents allow, even encourage their children to be dependent on them. Misconduct in our schools is at an all-time high. Fighting their battles for children will make you the parent of the year for a very short time. Giving into their every wish is fertiliser to making your children dependent. Daniel Pink tells us that the future belongs to storytellers and big-picture thinkers, leaders with compassion and empathy, and certainly not to those reliant on others for their happiness. Independence is happiness. Independence is freedom and our choice not to be reliant on anybody or anything to the extent that it takes over our very existence. Parents are supposed to provide their children with two things in life: roots, and wings to fly. Don't clip their wings!

Sixth Formers, you are the ones to insist on your independence. I know you still need your parents for further studies, but you need to start moving away from that ATM in your backyard. Financial independence comes with hard work.

The guest speaker at an occasion like this must leave the matrices with good wishes, which I do. My best wishes as you approach your last exam. Life will not be fair, so do not expect it to be. Learn as you travel into a new way of life on a road that you have not travelled before and don't ever be reliant on anybody for anything, least of all for your happiness. Independence can be scary but is most fulfilling. You have been fortunate to become part of the brotherhood of College. That is your springboard to a great future and I wish you well.

Thank you.



Deputy Head Prefects (from left) K Mthimkhulu, K Kisten, Z Shongwe and S Mbonambi with Mr Luman and Mrs Finnie. (M Ngubo was not present)



Dux of Maritzburg College 2022 – T Abramia



T Abramia (Dux), U Essa (2nd in Form) and Y Malani (3rd in Form) pictured with the Mr C Luman (Headmaster), Mrs J Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics) and guest speaker, Dr de Lange.



SIXTH FORM PRIZE WINNERS 2022

Merit Certificates

SN Cele, MO Chapman, MB Fihlela, KB Goddard, TM Govender, CI Hankinson, C Hohls, K Kisten, NS Kubheka, A Mdimma, P Mncube, KCC Nsimbi, S Osman, AAT Suliman, TL Zimu, TV Zuma	
The Ian McAllister Prize for Academic Progress	PJA Brits
A Merit Certificate and the Val Harley Trophy for Creative Writing	JB Peens

Sixth Form Subject Prizes

The Prize for Agricultural Sciences	PK Hauff
The Prize for Dramatic Arts	DR Plumb
The Prize for EGD	DJ Thornton-Dibb
The Prize for Mathematical Literacy	JG Fraser
The Prizes for Afrikaans and Music	B Gous
Merit Certificate and the Prize for CAT	MI Todd
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Geography	KL Subiah
Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Visual Arts	RF Marais
Merit Certificate, the PKF Trophy for Economics and the Prize for Mathematics	N Chetty

Special Prizes

Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association Prizes for Service to the School	K Kisten, SS Mbonambi, KN Mthimkhulu, MQB Ngubo and ZZ Shongwe
The Mike Brown Five Pillars Award	RJ Finnie
Merit Certificate and the Charles Taylor Award for Good Fellowship	MQB Ngubo
Merit Certificate, the Prize for Achievement in Academics and Culture	K Ramharak
Merit Certificate, the Prize for Business Studies, the Prize for Achievement in Academics and Sport	N Moodley
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for History and isiZulu, the Olley Prize for History and English and the Nora Cook Trophy for Altruistic Service	KN Mthimkhulu
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Information Technology, Physical Science and the Colenbrander Accountants Prize for THIRD IN FORM	Y Malani
Merit Certificate, the PWC Prize for Accounting, Prizes for Life Sciences, Life Orientation and the Nedbank Proxime Accessit for SECOND IN FORM	U Essa
Merit Certificate, the Prize for English, the FNB Prize and the Levinsohn Trophy for the	
DUX OF MARITZBURG COLLEGE	TE ABRAMIA

Prize-giving 2022

Prize-giving took place on Friday, 2 December 2022 and celebrated the academic achievements of College boys during the year. The guest of honour was Mr MD Jury, CEO of SuperSport.



Guest speaker, Mr Marc Jury pictured with Mr C Luman and Mrs J Finnie.

Address by the Headmaster, Mr CJ Luman

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, invited guests, parents and boys of Maritzburg College. May I extend a special word of welcome to our Guest of Honour, Mr Mark Jury, an OC 1999 and son of former headmaster, Mr Ron Jury, who will be formally introduced by our Deputy Head Msibi. Thank you, one and all, for taking the time to celebrate the academic, sporting and cultural endeavours of our Second Form to Fifth Form boys.

It is appropriate at this public occasion to thank the Chairman, Mr Steve Colenbrander and members of the School Governing Body for their commitment and service to College over the past year through this very difficult time. We are indeed fortunate to have such a passionate group of people looking after the best interests of the boys and staff. I wish to single out the Chairman, Mr Colenbrander for his support, passion and significant commitment to College - his efforts are sincerely appreciated. I wish to thank our Chairman of the College Board, Mr Craig McKenzie, for his focus on the long-term sustainability of College, working on our strategy. Also at this public occasion, it is appropriate to thank Professor Jeff Finnie, former deputy and chair, who is unfortunately ineligible for re-election as his son is in Sixth Form this year. We thank him for his outstanding commitment and service to College over the past five years. Fortunately, we will not lose his services as he will continue to serve on the College Board. The SGB by-election will take place early next year. Please join me in acknowledging the School Governing Body members.

Generally, the end of an academic year at a school brings much excitement with it, but there is a downside in terms of staff farewells. Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to staff members who are embarking on new chapters in their lives. At the final dedication assembly yesterday, we acknowledged all the departing staff, but I would like to formally mention the most senior and long serving of them at this occasion as well and thank them for their significant contribution to College: Mr Drikus Hoffman, Mr Graeme Waters, Mrs Marie Troveri, Mrs Liesl Couperthwaite, Mr Lawrence Masiko and Mrs Cindy Sewmungal

Please join me in thanking and acknowledging all the staff who are departing. I am very happy to report that we are almost fully staffed from January 2023.

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

Over the past three years, when one considers the overall impact of Covid-19 and the July protests of 2021, amongst other personal family situations, I am uncertain whether parents and boys are fully aware of the huge sacrifices and commitment that our staff make daily to ensure 'what is best for their boys' at all times. 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 eternally grateful and indebted to them for what they do for your boys.

As part of my doctoral thesis, we recently conducted research both with the boys and staff within the school which focused on character education and mentoring. We are also currently part of Thriving Schools and Schools of Tomorrow where research statistics are international, national and regional, as well as Excellence in South African Schools, and we are in a position to benchmark how well we are doing overall. Whilst many of the statistics are very pleasing, there are a number that are cause for concern. Added to these are the social media threats and the potential severe health impact of vaping.

These concerns need to be taken on board and acted upon by parents, staff and the boys, who are ultimately making the decisions. We, that is, the parents and teachers, as the adults need to provide guidance and support, but at the same time, inform them of the consequences of poor decision making.

A recent study revealed that e-cigarettes are most popular among the 15 to 24 age group, that 30% of these youngsters vape within an hour of waking, a quarter of them cannot get through a school day without



vaping and that 40% of matrics are vaping. There is no age restriction on buying vaping products, which offer pleasant flavours with exceptionally high nicotine levels. Nicotine can interfere with the adolescent brain's synaptic plasticity, which hinders learning development. A growing body of evidence confirms that e-cigarette use is linked to severe health conditions including cancers, respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, chest pains, mouth ulcers, asthma, and a high risk of strokes. Vaping is a gateway to other devices and substances. At College, we recently had an amnesty on vaping and associated products. Approximately a hundred vapes were handed in, thirty from Elliott House. We have had 18 disciplinary cases this year, of which eight have been in fourth term. There were five BE learners who have been suspended for use or possession. Learners need to ensure that they make good, healthy, and informed choices about what they put into their body and parents need to monitor what their sons are doing and immediately deal with concerns and seek advice and guidance.

The dangers of social media were shared with parents, boys and staff by Ms Herselman, who recently addressed the school. Mobile devices cause harm to our bodies through a dopamine surge, which impacts negatively on brain-wiring and sleep, which in turn has an adverse effect on both academic and sporting performance. They can lead to anxiety and depression, hostility and hate, and toxic relationships, isolating the youth from real relationships. They can also lead to underdeveloped social skills and the objectification of other humans.

One of the biggest issues facing your son's generation's sexual health and freedom is online porn, as it affects our brain and shapes the way we view sex. Porn provides a super-normal stimulus with huge surges of dopamine. The average age that a South African child is exposed to porn is eleven, 57% of teens search out porn at least monthly, and 80% of porn is viewed on a mobile phone. In a US survey, 89% of 18 to 25-year-olds thought porn was fine – it has been normalised by social media. Furthermore, 88% of porn contains physical aggression and 90% of that violence is against women,

of which 95% of those women have a neutral or pleasurable response to that violence.

Nothing is deleted on the internet, and what you post can impact on your future by leaving an indelible digital footprint. What you post on social media shapes how others view you. What you post can also have legal implications, remembering that the age of full criminal capacity is fourteen.

As a student you need to take control of your digital life and get help when you need it by involving your parents or caregivers. There are many filtering software apps to put on your phone, like Safesurfer, Bark, or Google Family. Parents need to be present in their son's lives. Show that you care by installing an app to monitor his screen-time and have those difficult conversations. College will continue to guide and inform boys of the dangers and punish boys who contravene the Code of Conduct. Furthermore, all BE boys are to have a filtering app installed by start of 2023 – the minimum being Google Family. We all need to work together in keeping our boys safe and informed.

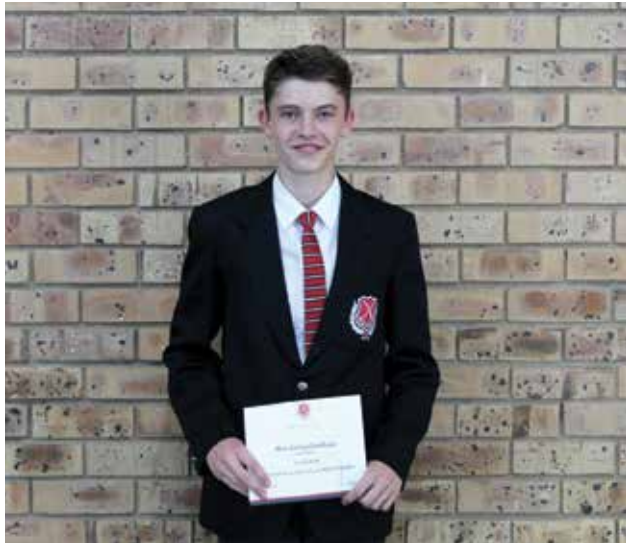
In conclusion, we are gathered here today to celebrate the excellent results of a large number of our most academically competent and hard-working boys. You and your parents can feel collectively proud of these achievements. Those of you receiving awards today have certainly seized your opportunities 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.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe holiday, a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Stay safe and healthy.

God Bless

Pro Aris et Focis



1st in Second Form - C Wilson



1st in Fourth Form - JR Werth



1st in Third Form - S Naidoo



1st in Fifth Form - D Pillay

Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr Marc Jury.



Good morning Mr Luman, members of staff, parents and most importantly, boys of Maritzburg College.

Thank you for that very kind introduction. What a privilege it is to be able to stand in front of you today, proudly donning my Old Boys Blazer. I haven't been back to College for a few years but every time I do, I'm struck by what an amazing institution this is and how special it feels to be part of the College community.

When Mr Luman asked me to address you today, I had to double check that he was sure he had the correct Jury brother. My elder brother, Andrew, is on the Dux Honours Board behind me and thus to speak to you today at an academic Prize-giving is indeed a fine honour! This is definitely the closest that I ever got to the Prize-giving stage during my time at College.

My relationship with Maritzburg College started just over 40 years ago when I was welcomed into the world at Greys Hospital to my folks, Ron and Pat Jury. Back then, Ron or RJ as he is affectionately known, was a Mathematics teacher at College who fancied himself more as a rugby and cricket coach and so much of my early years was spent kicking a ball or holding a bat somewhere on the school grounds.

RJ would go on to be Headmaster at College and spend almost his entire working career here in amongst these walls. The staff at Maritzburg College are one of, if not the most important differentiator for making this such a fine school to develop boys into balanced young men. One of the messages that I would like to leave you with today is to 'follow your passions' and this rang true for RJ, who always felt that he never worked a day in his life, such was his love for education, Maritzburg College, his fellow staff members and beers after a weekend sporting fixture (in no particular order of preference).

My Dad was never one to give too much advice, but he drummed four rules into us as kids that remain a key part of my values today. These were:

- When you walk into a bar, always buy the first round
- Always polish your shoes
- Never cheat at golf
- Make a decision

Like my Dad did for me, in preparing for today, I was wondering what pearls of wisdom I might be able to share with you. This reflection led me to think hard about my time at Maritzburg College and the journey I've taken since I too was sitting in the same chairs as you are now. My College journey was epitomised by a friendly rivalry between Day Boys and Boarders. 1995 to 1999 was so similar and yet so different from what I see before me. It was a time when we first heard about the internet and this thing called email; Nelson Mandela was leading a newly established democracy; the

Boks had just won the World Cup on home soil; privileges like sprinting past Clark's and not walking on higher ground; Pape's was a rugby field with almost no blade of grass; bashers being launched into the air; sitting on broken cement stands under the big jacarandas on Goldstone's; a time when playing music and being in the choir was deemed to be uncool; we laughed at the thought of a cell phone and used to carry Telkom cards to call home if we needed; and we did everything we could to avoid growing our own intellect.

Looking at my personal journey, I asked myself what I would have liked to hear when I was at this stage of my school career. Knowing what I do now, what would I say to my 14-year-old self-starting out on his Maritzburg College career? I've realised one thing. No one has all the answers and that's a good thing, because it gives each of you the freedom and platform to develop ideas and thoughts of your own. To become your own people. The sooner you understand that you don't have to have it all figured out at this age, the better. I have always been mad about sport, but there is no way I knew I would go on to work at SuperSport when I was in school. And certainly not, given my inability to understand the periodic table as mentioned earlier!

In no particular order, the advice would look something like this:

- Attitude is everything
People want to surround themselves with positive energy. Be that person rather than someone who drains the energy from a room. Most of the greatest organisations around the world hire on attitude first, skills second.
- Be a good human being, and surround yourself with great people
Talent takes you places but being a genuinely good human at heart keeps you in those places. As humans, we will always dig a bit deeper for the person we know would do the same. We gravitate towards positive energy. Be a good person. Small acts of kindness speak volumes about your character. Make them, often. Especially when no one is watching, because that is true character. Spend time with the people who allow you to be yourself (most often that is your own family). Being able to build a family of my own (I have a wonderful wife and three incredible kids) has been one of the greatest privileges.
- Be yourself, not someone that is trying desperately to fit in
The ages of 13 to 17 can be such a difficult period for any youngster. I can remember desperately wanting to fit in and be accepted by my peers, often at the expense of acting in a manner that was not a reflection of my true self. You'll soon realise that there is space in this world for everyone and people will respect you more for just being you, and you will also get further by just being you!!
- Stand up for what you believe is right (and call out what is wrong)
We've got ourselves into a situation where we tiptoe around each other and are too afraid to call things as they are. Don't fall into that trap.
- Ask questions, be curious (and most importantly listen!)
This is the best way to learn. Ask as many questions as you can, as it will help you to find your way. There is no such thing as a stupid question. You have two ears and one mouth, so listen twice as much as you speak.
- Be kind
One of the most, if not the most important lesson to remember: be kind to people. Being kind is the new 'brave' and it costs you nothing.
- Be patient
You will naturally want things to happen as quickly as possible but take your time and don't get frustrated if it doesn't happen for you immediately. Stay focused on long-term goals.
- Follow your passions, not what others want you to do
This will always lead you to success. Play to your passions and naturally that will feed into your strengths. Playing to your strengths is playing to win. Be aware of your weaknesses but don't obsess about fixing them.



- Trust your instinct (gut feel)
99 times out of 100 you will be spot-on; back your own judgement.
- Do it, don't wait for others
If you want it badly enough, simply be proactive and do it yourself.
- Make it count everyday

This might sound cliched, but we actually don't realise how much we take for granted until it is taken away from us. Last year my younger sister was sadly taken from us after a long and brave battle against cancer. She was everything I could have ever wanted to be and more. When you walked into her house she had the letters M.I.C.E on the wall as a reminder to her that no matter how she felt, she would make it count every day, and she did!!

I've been fortunate enough to travel extensively over the past few years to places like London, San Francisco, Zurich, Paris, Monaco and many others, places that carry such a reputation, and where you think that the grass must be greener. I can assure you it isn't. There is no better place to live and

bring up children than right here in South Africa. Schools like Maritzburg College will produce the future leaders of our country.

Of the Rugby World Cup winning squad of 2019, only two players out of the squad of 30 came from private schools. Don't ever let anyone tell you that private schools breed winning national sports stars, it simply isn't true. In Test Cricket, since re-admission, only 6% of Proteas have come from private schools.

For the interim, I will keep living by the same lessons that I have shared with you today and do my best to ensure that SuperSport remains the best sports broadcaster in the world, one that invests heavily in South African and African sport to ensure that we remain relevant on a global stage! Sport matters, in South Africa probably more than most other countries.

Well done to all the prize winners today.

Here's to making each day count!

Thank you.

PRIZE WINNERS

for the 2022 Acadmic year

Academic Progress Prizes

Third Form	T Peters
Fourth Form	CG Parker
Fifth Form	GR Aranky

SECOND FORM

Merit certificates

H Chetty, JA Craig, A Dladla, JS Gotte, DI Govender, ML Kader, D Naidoo, SZN Ngcobo, VY Ramdeen, L Redman, OB Samuel, BCN Sing, T Sivenarain, M Smith, CA Sweetnam and BA Zuma.

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Orientation	K Moodley
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Social Sciences	BC Cook
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Technology	ML Askham

Subject prizes

The Prize for isiZulu	P Mncwabe	Merit Certificate, the Prize for Mathematics, and the Prize for Third in 2nd Form	DS du Toit
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Afrikaans	JP Jordaan	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for EMS, Natural Sciences, and the Prize for Second in 2nd Form	D Pillay
Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Creative Arts	SB Wiggill	Merit Certificate and the Prize for First in 2nd Form	CE Wilson
Merit Certificate and the Prize for English	MM Msimango		

THIRD FORM

Merit certificates

TW Ambler, LN Bhengu, S Durgaparsad, CS Gibbs, CTB Gould, ABHadebe, PR Lamb, PA Louwrens, EJ McAllister, ML Mfusi, EM Mitewu, GR Mulder, DC Nadasan, DC Naidoo, D Naidoo, M Naidoo, NRKPembridge, JC Steyn and JJ Thackwray.

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Social Sciences	ET Hamadziripi
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Technology	DJ Cruickshank
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Mathematics and KickstART Prize for Creative Arts	CM Mundell

Subject Prizes

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Afrikaans	E Bester	Merit Certificate, the Prize for English and the Prize for Third in Third Form	JD Moneyvalu
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Orientation	SJ Naidoo	Merit Certificate, the Prize for isiZulu and the Prize for Second in Third Form	L Shangase
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Natural Sciences	JT Drimie	Merit Certificate, the Prize for EMS and the Prize for First in Third Form	S Naidoo

FOURTH FORM

Merit certificates

N Deyzel, GJ Egberink, BM Gademan, RF Jacobsz, ME Jewaskiewitz, J Kloppers, S Majozi, ER Maynard, RD McKean, ER Moodley, IG Mosupye, LS Myeza, DP Pieterse, AH Pretorius, C Robinson and SJ Tredgold.

Subject Prizes

Prize for Business Studies	A Mthethwa	Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu	SM Ngcobo
Prize for History	JD Knoetze	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Music	S Bridglall
Prize for Information Technology	R Essa	Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Visual Arts	OR Haasbroek
Prize for Life Orientation	A Matshoboza	Merit Certificate, the Prize for Geography and the Prize for Third in Fourth Form	CBI Ferraz
Prize for Maths Literacy	MJ Rossouw	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Afrikaans, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and the Prize for Second in Fourth Form	J van Huyssteen
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Accounting	A Akoob	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Economics, English, Further Studies Mathematics, Mathematics and the Prize for First in Fourth Form	JR Werth
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Agricultural Sciences	BL Zuma		
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Computer Applications Technology	LJ Walker		
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Dramatic Arts	IO Jikijo		
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Engineering Graphic and Design	SR Norton		

FIFTH FORM

Merit certificates

TD Ambler, TM Crawford, TI Davies, BM Emberton, T Ganie, SR Kadira, M Karrim, JE Kauffman, A Osman, RT Padayachee, SM Pretorius, T Ramdhass, X-JS Thabethe and JR Wiggill.

Subject prizes

Prize for Agricultural Sciences	BJ Haigh	Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Business Studies and Economics	MP van Rooyen
Prize for Maths Literacy	L Swanepoel	Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Computer Applications Technology and Engineering Graphic and Design	J le Roux
Prize for Music	JO Conolly	Merit Certificate, the Prize for isiZulu and the Prize for Third in Fifth Form	MB Madlala
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Afrikaans	G Roux	Merit Certificate, the Prize for Information Technology and the Prize for Second in Fifth Form	TH Nuttall
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Dramatic Arts	CM Raw	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Accounting, English, Further Studies Mathematics, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Physical Science and the Prize for First in Fifth Form	D Pillay
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Geography	E Kock		
Merit Certificate and the Prize for History	RJ Froise		
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Mathematics	LR McIlrath		
Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Visual Arts	LT du Toit		



Academic Tie:

KJ Blunt, D Cassim, MO Chapman, GT Cooke, JGG Fraser, JR Goble, YP Katide, NH Lawson, T Lutge, S Manack, NZ Masilela, AS Mfeka, N Ndlovu, KT Ngcobo, AEV Ngubo, S Pillay, S Ramdeen, SC Thabethe, DJ Thornton-Dibb

Lapel Badge:

Choir:	ZL Desebrook, EC Lolliot, SA Mchunu, SK Mdutyana, OL Mlambo, SM Msibi, MP van Rooyen
College for Christ:	SS Mbonambi
Debating:	M Karrim, AA Mbambo, CM Raw
Drama:	EC Lolliot, KJ Marais, OL Mlambo, RG Pillay
Marketing:	AT Chiliza, SS Mbonambi, AS Mfeka, OL Mlambo, KN Mthimkhulu, MSC Mtungwa, N Ndlovu, CU Zondi
Media Centre:	JL Barlow, AN Khanyile, RG Pillay, MJ Webley
Service to Basketball:	U Gina, NZ Masilela, AS Ngobese, TN Sithole
Service to Drama:	M Sheik
Service to Hockey:	OL Mlambo
Sound & Lighting:	T Bhoola, M Pannalall, T Sewparsad

Large White Badge:

Athletics:	SS Mbonambi
Basketball:	TM Crawford, WLP Hadebe, CS Henman, D le Roux, SS Mbonambi, LLS Mkhize, ZZ Shongwe, TN Sithole
Canoeing:	J Glyn-Cuthbert, IR Hemingway, KW Rhodes, JS Sharpe
Chess:	TD Ambler
Cricket:	AR Bharath, B Brokensha, OW Currie, GH Delport, C Hohls, PDL Jacobs, MK Ponter, RW Quin, CM Smith, CJ Thomas, JR Wiggill
Cross-Country:	RJ Finnie, CJI Higgins
Golf:	LN Akerman, CM Newman, LMN Sibetha, JA Truter
Hockey:	B Brokensha, PA Dlamini, A Khumalo, JP Le Court de Billot, L Seshemane
Rugby:	DM Antoniades, KR Ayliffe, PJA Brits, MI Chirengende, LT du Toit, EE Everton, KB Goddard, B Luthuli, JWD Munn, CL Prinsloo, TP Roux, LDD Schultz, L Swanepoel, KH van den Berg, AL van der Linde, KJ Wilken
Shooting:	M Pieterse
Soccer:	SSM Bukhosini, ATL Cele, MD Horstead, AE Isaacs, T Madzimure, LLM Mdletye, GL Mentory, O Mkhwanazi, SM Mncwabe, TL Mthembu, ST Myende, KS Nene, WN Nxumalo, JC Powell, SK Zulu
Squash:	MC Mason, TA Pratt
Swimming:	LT du Toit, TP Roux, KJ Steele
Table Tennis:	ET Naidoo, LS Pepeta, JR Wiggill
Tennis:	JO Conolly, BM Emberton, RCD Goncalves, NN Mazibuko, S Mbentse, G Roux, NN Sosibo, TG Wolhuter
Water Polo:	LT du Toit, BJ Haigh, CJ Kirby, CR Reardon, KJ Steele, DJ Wright

Colours:

Academics:	SN Cele, ABI Ferraz, J Glyn-Cuthbert, PK Hauff, C Hohls, ED Kleu, NH Lawson, RF Marais, A Mdima, A Monametsi, MQB Ngubo, AAT Suliman, TV Zuma
Athletics:	MI Chirengende, MSC Mtungwa
Canoeing:	JR Goble, IR Hemingway
Choir:	NNL Mbatha, TT Motaung
Drama:	BL McGregor, SM Msibi, N Ndlovu, TL Zimu
Ensemble:	JO Conolly, SE Ender, S Hoosen, NH Lawson, EC Lolliot, GA Maistry, SS Mbonambi, SA Mchunu, K-B Naidu
First Aid:	LAO Hlophe, ASM Khumalo, S Maharaj
Golf:	CM Newman
Hockey:	KH Dobeyn, RDC Graham, CL van der Vliet
Media Centre:	M Sheik, RS Uren
Music:	K Ramharak
Service to Basketball:	OL Mlambo, ZZ Shongwe, MN Somi
Shooting:	M Pieterse
Soccer:	SSM Bukhosini, JC Powell
Swimming:	BJ Haigh, JMJ Scruby
Table Tennis:	ET Naidoo

Colours and Scarf:

Academics:	K Kisten, NS Kubheka, KCC Nsimbi, KL Subiah, MI Todd
Athletics:	LS Kunene
Basketball:	CS Henman, CB Janse van Rensburg, SS Mbonambi
Canoeing:	J Glyn-Cuthbert, JR Goble
Chess:	SN Cele, AS Mfeka
Choir:	JGG Fraser, B Gous, NN Mazibuko, T Monametsi, KN Mthimkhulu, N Ndlovu, ASV Ntuli, K Ramharak, TL Zimu
Ensemble:	B Gous, NQN Madide, ASV Ntuli, K Ramharak, TV Zuma
Hockey:	AC Carter, AT Chiliza, KH Dobeyn, SM Hamilton, A Khumalo, L Seshemane, S Sithembu, AD Styan, GD Winlock
Rugby:	LS Kunene, MA Kweyama, E Mouton, K Mthimkhulu
Soccer:	LLM Mdletye, GL Mentory, KS Nene
Squash:	MC Mason, TA Pratt

Honours:


Academics:	KB Goddard, CI Hankinson, P Mncube, N Moodley, KN Mthimkhulu, S Osman, JB Peens, K Ramharak, TL Zimu
Athletics:	IJ Kayembe, RJC Stockil, JL Sweetnam
Basketball:	K Mthimkhulu
Cricket:	JW van Zyl
Cycling:	NA Burczak

Debating:	RJ Froise	Rugby:	L Bester, MI Chirengende, SR Kadira, SS Mbonambi
Drama:	NQN Madide, ASV Ntuli	Shooting:	NA de Villiers, CE Vahey
Golf:	LN Akerman, JA Truter	Soccer:	SSM Bukhosini, MD Horstead, ST Myende, WN Nxumalo
Hockey:	PA Dlamini, CJ Fulton, RF Marais, MK Ponter	Swimming:	RM Lottering, MP Marillier, TN Truter
Music:	JO Conolly, L Jackson		

HEADMASTERS' CLOSED SCHOLARSHIPS


The following Grade 7 boys were awarded a Headmasters' Closed Scholarship to attend Maritzburg College from 2023:

K Dwenga	Cordwalles
L Venter	Cowan House
M Jansen	Richard Neave Closed Scholarship (DPHS)
L van der Merwe	Glenwood Prep School
N Breedt	Hillcrest Prep School
M Meyer	Howick Prep School
M Muggleton	Laddsworth Primary School
R Badenhorst	David Beetar Closed Scholarship (Merchiston)
D Dry	Louis Botha Closed Scholarship (Pelham)
B Govender	Scottsville Primary School



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Leadership

Guiding our boys along their ‘Good Man Journey’ is what drives the Leadership programme. It is our aim and focus to help our boys grow and develop through their years at College into fine young men who will become pillars of their wider communities. One of the tools we use to achieve this is our leadership camps. We could never run these camps by ourselves, and we rely heavily on Spirit of Adventure to aid us in facilitating them. Each year the boys go to a different Spirit of Adventure venue, each with its own unique facilities. The camps are themed and planned to ensure that boys will get the most out of every experience while on camp. We thank Spirit of Adventure for their continued support.

Boys attend each camp grouped according to their Day House. This helps to solidify bonds and build unity within the Day House system. Boys are accompanied by a House teacher and a Spirit of Adventure guide throughout the camp.

Our Second Form camp was held at Shongweni Dam, the ‘home base’ of Spirit of Adventure. Even with dam levels at an all-time low, our boys participated fully in the activities and really enjoyed themselves. The Third Formers took on the rigours of Roselands and emerged victorious!

This year our Fourth Form boys went on a four-night, five-day hike in the wilderness area near Cobham just outside Himeville. This camp seriously pushes the boys beyond their comfort zones. Carrying all their own equipment, sleeping in a tent, cooking for themselves, and getting close

to nature are all activities that many of our boys have never experienced before. This year our boys received a motivational letter from home which pulled on many a heartstring. By all accounts this will certainly become a regular on future hikes.

Selecting pupil leaders is a task that is not taken lightly at College. The process is transparent, meticulous, and stringent. It began with the Fifth Form camp in the first term and progressed to the leadership application process in the second term. Once appointed, the Acting Prefects attended a two-day training programme run at school. The boys set goals for the following year and accepted their portfolios. Discussions were held in a mature manner, our new leaders showing much promise and enthusiasm.

The Passing of the Drum ceremony went off smoothly. From the applause of the audience, I believe the correct boys have been selected. For the first time a Senior Deputy Head Boy has been elected. This brings the structure of the Prefect body into line with the management structure of College.

Mentorship is a key leadership principle and is something that we intend to continue to formalise in the mentoring of younger boys. In the Boarding Establishments the Fifth Form will be mentoring Second Formers. In the Day House system, a Sixth Former will be mentoring a Second Former in his mentor class.

In conclusion I applaud all our young leaders who have shown leadership in both formal and informal settings. I also thank the School Executive and the Governing Body for their full and continued support.

Mr J Tyler • HoD: Leadership

PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2022		Prefects	
Senior Prefects			
Deputy Head Prefect	SS Mbonambi	TE Abramia	S Maharaj
Deputy Head Prefect	KN Mthimkhulu	LA Dashwood	W Pillay
Deputy Head Prefect	ZZ Shongwe	RJ Finnie	MK Ponter
Deputy Head Prefect	MQB Ngubo	JM Godleman	L Prinsloo
Deputy Head Prefect	K Kisten	YP Katide	TP Roux
		YD Katide	TL Zimu
		B Luthuli	NC Zwane
Barns House		Fuller House	
House Captain	KN Mthimkhulu	House Captain	M Ponter
Vice-Captain	S Maharaj	Vice-Captain	YP Katide
House Leaders		House Leaders	
J Goebel, C Fulton, P Laurens, J Campbell, A Mfeka		SN Cele, DA Craig, AJ Knoetze, AC Woolridge, CL van der Vliet	
Calder House		Lamond House	
House Captain	ABI Ferraz	House Captain	RJ Finnie
Vice-Captain	BI Mc Gregor	Vice-Captain	L Prinsloo
House Leaders		House Leaders	
A Ahmed, AT Chiliza, MS Douglas, NL Khumalo, JP le Court de Billot		GH Delpont, TM Govender, S Malila, RF Marais, WKG Muggleton	
Commons House		Nicholson House	
House Captain	T van Heerden	House Captain	B Luthuli
Vice-Captain	NC Zwane	Vice-Captain	K Kisten
House Leaders		House Leaders	
RW Barker, E Dhoda, MS Mbambo, SM Nkosi, J Jansen van Vuuren		A Barnard, MO Chapman, GT Cooke, MB Fihlela, TI Koller	
Forder House		Pape House	
House Captain	KB Goddard	House Captain	CI Hankinson
Vice-Captain	AC Carter	Vice-Captain	JW van Zyl
House Leaders		House Leaders	
LLM Mdletye, AM Pieterse, SS Shezi, D Steyn, KCC Nsimbi		MJ Hendricks, N Masilela, TT Motaung, JW van Zyl, WC Viljoen	
Snow House		Strachan House	
House Captain	W Pillay	House Captain	ZZ Shongwe
Vice-Captain	S Pillay	Vice-Captain	SJ Gibson
House Leaders		House Leaders	
EE Everton, S Pillay, TN Sithole, GH Westerdale, KH van den Berg		SJ Gibson, D Naidoo, NN Mazibuko, CN van Rooyen, TV Zuma	

Sport Captains

Athletics	NJ Mosebi
Basketball	CS Henman
Canoeing	JS Sharpe
Chess	AS Mfeka
Cricket	JW van Zyl
Cross-country	SRK Arnold
Cycling	NA Burczak
Esports	JS O'Brien
First Aid	S Maharaj
Golf	GH Delpont
Hockey	MK Ponter
Rugby	AJ Knoetze
Shooting	NA de Villiers
Soccer	LLM Mdletye
Squash	S Maharaj
Swimming	T van Heerden
Table Tennis	LS Pepeta
Tennis	S Mbentse
Water polo	T van Heerden

Cultural and Public Forum Leaders

Afrikaans Society	T van Heerden
Camera Club	DJ Thornton-Dibb
College Choir	ASV Ntuli
College Cues (drama)	DR Plumb
Debating	RJ Froise
Hindu Society	A Premchund
Interact Club	MO Chapman
Jazz Band	ASV Ntuli
Marketing Team	SS Mbonambi
MC Ink	RS Uren
Media Centre	RS Uren
Muslim Society	TE Abramia
Nguni Society	TT Motaung
RCL	MQB Ngubo
Sound & Lighting	SS Mbonambi
Social Awareness	KN Mthimkhulu
Speaker's Circle	KN Mthimkhulu
Tech Squad	CU Zondi

Shouting Captains

TI Koller, NR Mokoena

Heads of Boarding Houses

Clark House	-
Elliott House	JW van Zyl
Hudson House	MQB Ngubo
Nathan House	SS Mbonambi
Shepstone House	N Mosebi

Boarder Prefects

AT Chiliza, JP Le Court De Billot, J Jansen van Vuuren



Prefects

Back row: L Prinsloo, YD Katide, J Godleman, YP Katide, T Roux, R Finnie
Middle row: S Maharaj, B Luthuli, T Zimu, Mr A Sparrow, N Zwane, L Dashwood, W Pillay, T Abramia,
Front row: K Kisten, K Mthimkhulu, Mr C Luman, S Mbonambi, Mr N Sutherland, Z Shongwe, M Ngubo
Absent: M Ponter

As the curtain closes on 2022, I look back on one of the most tumultuous years at College. It was a year which few could predict in January that would affect the prefect group to the point where some of the prefect body would no longer wear the prefect's badge by the end of the year. The remaining prefects rallied and fulfilled the roles they were elected to carry out.

This year was the last year of my involvement with the prefect body as I approach my pension date in 2023. The whole approach of the prefects has changed significantly over the years and College is today a far more user-friendly school than it was back in the '80s. The hierarchy is still in place, yet without some of the heavy handedness which was so prevalent then. However, a prefect today needs to find a balance between what the school expects from him and what those who have gone before, and his peers, are expecting from him. All traditional schools have recently taken a step back and analysed what needs to be done to keep the conservative nature of our schools relevant. To this end a task force of teachers who are Old Boys and those who have been at the school for many years, recently met and thrashed out the values and traditions which must be maintained at all costs at our school. A subsequent meeting was held with the 2023 prefects at which their input was added to the final document. This is exciting as for the first time all of us at College can stand up and be proud of a document outlining the hierarchy and the traditions which have been agreed upon. With respect being the corner stone, clear direction has now been given.

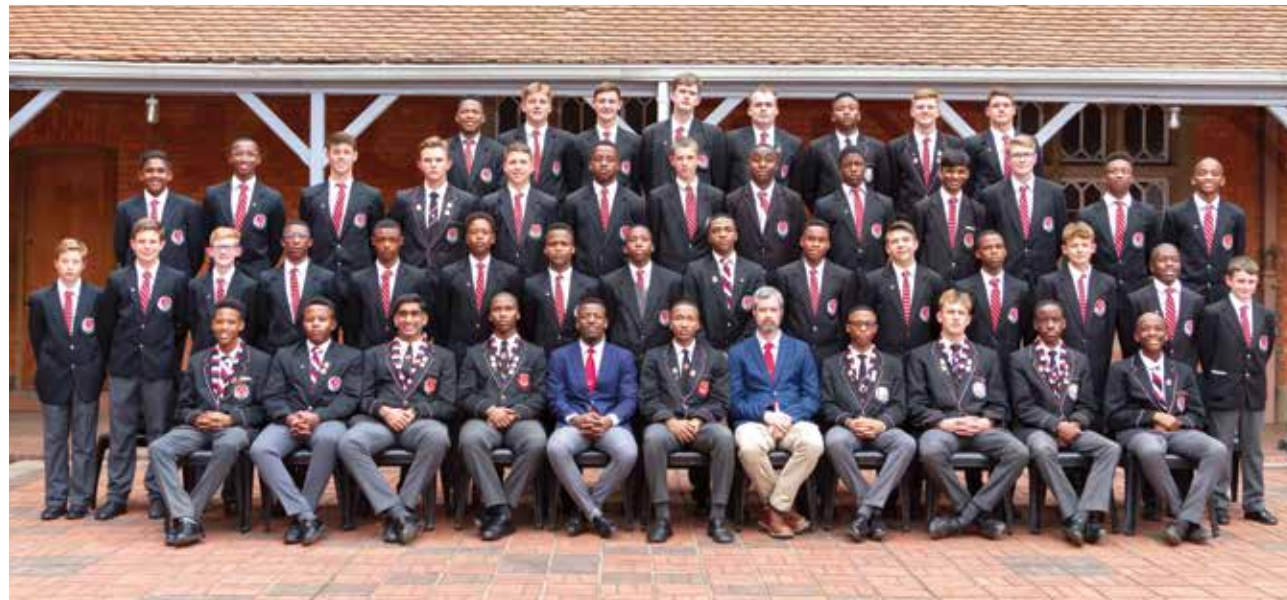
The year for which the prefects are appointed is inevitably too short to achieve measurable goals. However, much was achieved as the different Forms looked to them to show the way and it was gratifying to hear the junior boys speaking about the positive effect they had had on their daily lives.

All the prefects were very involved in co-curricular activities and some exceptional academic results were achieved with T Abramia receiving the Dux of the school award. The senior deputy head prefect, S Mbonambi was a decisive leader and was well supported by his deputies Z Shongwe, K Kisten, K Mthimkhulu and M Ngubo. Their opinions were well-respected, and they set an example when true leadership was called for.

I extend my appreciation to this prefect body who continued to soldier on despite their clear unhappiness earlier in the year. Our morning prefect meetings were always cordial, and we enjoyed a healthy mix of laughter and frank discussion. We certainly did not have all the answers, but in the daily school life one will never know the effect one has on so many boys. I could not have asked for a better team of prefects to work with in my final year. We hope to see you back at next year's Reunion Day when we can relive some of your prefect experiences. In the meanwhile, go well and thank you.

Mr N Sutherland





Representative Council of Learners

Back row: F Nzimande, M van Selm, N Holmes, A Weilbach, K Marais, S Kadira, L du Toit, J Mumford
Third row: N Naidoo, J Gasarasi, B Gademane, R Froise, T Kufal, C Cherayi, C Mason, S Sibanyoni, Y Mchunu, P Desebrook, C Raw, A Hadebe, A Bhengu
Second row: C Nelson, J Steyn, J Jackson, S Hadebe, U Dlamini, L Luthuli, I Jikijo, A Duma, S Ndaba, V Kasambala, T Boshoff, I Mosupye, L Mackay-Leslie, L Shangase, N Curry
Front row: T Monametsi, U Gina, K Kisten, K Mthimkhulu (deputy chairman), L Shongwe, M Ngubo (chairman), Mr A Sparrow, A Khumalo (secretary), R Marais, M Fihlela, N Mbatha
Absent: N Jackson, J Samuel, N Swift, C Zondi, A Cahill, J Campbell, B Botha, T Ganie, F Caden, R Uren, R Pitout, N Mazibuko

The Representative Council of Learners (RCL) is an integral part of the running of any school. It is a legal requirement by the Education Department for a school to elect an RCL. It is a sub-committee of the School Governing Body. Fifty members are elected by the boys at the start of each year, ten from each House. There is a representation of two from each Form. Three members of the RCL are elected as chairman, vice-chairman and secretary and these three then become members of the School's Governing Body.

Being a member of the RCL allows boys to experience how a committee works, how proper nominations and elections are carried out and how the different processes regarding proposals work. They also are exposed to robust debate which will enhance their communication skills. Even more importantly they work and build relationships with a number of key leaders and supporters of the school. Being a member of the RCL allows for the growth of important leadership skills.

This year the newly elected RCL members attended a three-hour training session at which they learnt about the inner workings of an RCL.

This body is the voice of the boys and this year there was a great deal that the boys had to say. We met once a week. Subjects raised and discussed included the school's leadership selection policy, racism in schools, school traditions, school policies and many other important issues.

The RCL must be commended for the work that they have done this year. All matters that were brought to the RCL body were always professionally addressed and several changes to our policies have been adopted by the RCL. A special thank you to M Ngubo (chairman), K Mthimkhulu (vice-chairman) and A Khumalo (secretary) who excelled at running the committee this year.

Mr L Shongwe

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SUBJECT DEPARTMENTS

Accounting

Accounting is a very demanding subject that requires consistent application-based work throughout the year. Assessments vary between formal tests, examinations and various types of projects. The subject has maintained consistent numbers among top pupils who go on to undertake studies in commerce at tertiary institutions.

The Accounting Department runs a six-week Investment Challenge for our Sixth Formers, in which each boy has virtual funds to invest with live traders on the JSE. Congratulations to T Lutge who generated a profit of R100 000 over the period.

We said a very sad goodbye to Mr G Stewart, our subject head, who departed at the end of the first term. I undertook the position of subject head and welcomed Mr Anil Budhoo who joined us from Howick Secondary School. Mr Budhoo took over all Mr Stewart's classes and has become a valued member of staff.

Accounting Academic Support continues to grow and is available to all accounting students four days a week. The final NSC results of 2021 were the best achieved in the past decade which is a testament to the excellent work-ethic of both staff and students. Accounting achieved an average of 77%.

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As a department we would like to congratulate the Matric Class of 2022 and make special mention of the following boys who achieved outstanding results: T Abramia (93%), N Chetty (90%), U Essa (96%), Y Malani (96%), K Ramharak (91%).

I would like to thank Mr Pillay, Mrs Finnie, Mr Zuma and Mr Budhoo for their tireless efforts, enthusiasm and commitment to the Accounting Department.

Ms L Campher

Afrikaans

2022 has been a sad year for the Afrikaans Department. We have lost many staff members over the past two years. Several teachers accepted positions in other provinces or retired. Staff turnover has been very low over the last ten years, and College was privileged to have many experienced teachers, as well as young, zealous teachers in the Afrikaans Department. These young staff members benefitted from the excellent organisation, the exceptional academic standards, as well as the mentoring systems that are very much part of College. We have been fortunate to welcome back Mrs Landsberg from retirement. She is well-loved by our pupils and was also prepared to assist with extra Afrikaans lessons for junior and senior pupils. Fortunately, she has agreed to stay on for another year to help with the senior classes, especially the Sixth Form.

We sadly bade farewell to Miss Ailsa Greyling at the beginning of the third term when she took up a position at Howick High School. Her expertise as a senior Afrikaans teacher will be sorely missed after 24 years in our department. Mrs Marie Troveri who has lovingly served the Afrikaans Department, is retiring after a tenure of 17 years. We wish her a prosperous retirement. Mr Gerhard Steyn left Maritzburg College at the end of the third term after three years. In the short time at the school, he left big shoes to fill. He exposed pupils to Afrikaans culture by entering pupils in the ATKV competitions like Tienertoneel. In 2022, he managed the Afrikaans Society very successfully, developing it into a popular co-curricular activity among many different cultures at the school. We were very fortunate to appoint Mr Laurian Kruger who came from Gauteng at the start of the fourth term. Miss Naomi Nel joined the Afrikaans Department at the beginning of 2022, but unfortunately had to return to Mpumalanga after three terms, as her transfer was never granted by the Education Department.

At the 2022 Matric Speech Day, B Gous was awarded the prize as the top-achiever in Afrikaans. On the last day of school, the following pupils received the Afrikaans prizes for being the top-achievers in their respective forms: G Roux in Fifth Form, J van Huyssteen in Fourth Form, E Bester in Third Form, and J Jordaan in Second Form. We congratulate these pupils on their excellence in Afrikaans.

The Taalbond exams were written in April. This is probably the only forum in which a pupil can obtain a certificate that will confirm his standard of bilingualism in both English and Afrikaans. Eleven senior and 14 junior candidates entered, and pleasing results were achieved, despite the challenging standard of these exams. Entrants must achieve distinctions in both Afrikaans and English to qualify for these exams, and we are very proud of the pupils who were prepared to meet this challenge.

The Senior Afrikaans Olympiad was written in May and 37 pupils entered this competition. The Junior Afrikaans Olympiad was written in September with 14 entries. A special mention must be made of the following senior pupils who excelled in the Olympiad and competed against more than 2000 pupils across the country: H Pretorius (82%), G Roux (80%), L Jacobs (77%), B Gous (75%) and T van Heerden (71%). The Olympiads are annual activities on our calendar, and we are proud of all the boys who participated and received certificates.

In August, our Afrikaans teachers attended a workshop sponsored by the Pietermaritzburg branch of Office National. Many Afrikaans colleagues from all over KwaZulu-Natal were present at this event. A course presented by Corné Oelofsen on the new Grade 12 poems for 2023 was particularly helpful, and teachers felt enthused and positive about the new poetry syllabus. An online seminar on Creative Writing was offered by the author Theresa Hulme. Her inspiring talk, 'Hoe kry ons leerders aan die skryf', based on her book, 'Praat Jy', offered many practical ideas for teachers on how to inspire their pupils to write exceptional essays. Kathy Viljoen offered a course on the new graphic literature which challenges the young readers' visual literacy. As this form of literature is new to the Afrikaans educator, teachers enjoyed being presented with different techniques of teaching this genre. Edu-Expo was also available, offering teachers the opportunity to peruse the different teaching aids, stationery, and modern literature on display.

Also in August, one pupil per matric class was chosen to represent our school at the External Oral Moderation. Maritzburg College once again hosted this event. Our young men C Prinsloo, J Sharpe, A Monametsi, S Mbonambi, L Singh and S Maharaj did us proud as they were impeccably turned out and gracious hosts. The Afrikaans Department would like to thank them for their willingness to work hard at the different prepared oral components to maintain College's high Afrikaans academic standard.

The Afrikaans Department would like to wish the Class of 2022 the very best as they continue with their endeavours post-school. We are proud of the 24 pupils who achieved A and A+ symbols in their final examinations. The top achievers were B Gous (91%) and W Pillay (90%). We congratulate them and all the boys for their sterling effort and thank their Afrikaans teachers who remain committed to completing the syllabus and offering full support throughout the year. We are certain that the skills learnt will stand them in good stead in the years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their loyal support and commitment to me as subject head over the past ten years. I have been blessed with dedicated and passionate Afrikaans teachers who always went the extra mile to support me. I have decided to step down as subject head and to enjoy my last three years before retirement focusing on my first love – teaching senior College boys. I am handing over the reins to an accomplished, experienced colleague, Mrs Robyn Brunzlaff. I wish her well in her new endeavour as she takes the Afrikaans Department to new heights.

Mrs C de Wet



Agricultural Sciences

Agricultural Sciences has soldiered on through a more 'normal' 2022 since the disruptions of the Covid pandemic. Our boys continue to expand their agricultural knowledge and general zeal for the subject. From 2023 there will be only one class per year. This will limit the numbers slightly, but at the same time it will hopefully motivate boys to perform well academically to gain access to the subject. Boys must always remember Agricultural Sciences is very much a 'science' subject.

Our Fifth Form class this year produced some astounding plants through asexual reproductive techniques. These will be a welcome addition to the gardens around College and this will hopefully continue in years to come.

It was indeed a pleasure to teach and get to know the fine young men in the class of 2022 over the past few years. Sadly, our end of year results saw fewer A's than we would have liked, but the class still performed well overall. I wish these men ever success as they hopefully continue their studies in the incredible field that is Agricultural Science.

I would be remiss not to congratulate our subject prize winners of 2022. Congratulations to B Zuma (Fourth Form), B Haigh (Fifth Form) and P Hauff (Sixth Form) on their outstanding results.

I would like to thank Mr Paterson and Mrs Finnie for their continued support. I also thank and bid farewell to Mrs Cindy Sewmugal. She has been at College for almost as long as I have been alive which is quite an achievement and an example to us all.

Mr J Tyler

Business Studies

With many Covid-19 restrictions lifted and a glimpse of 'back to the old normal', the 2022 academic year was filled with purpose. As the dust settled after the December vacation, our Business Studies boys and teachers prepared for the year ahead. The department saw new faces, Mr J Wilcock and Mrs Z Elder, brought energetic minds with great enthusiasm for the subject. We sadly bid farewell to Mr M Shezi who relocated to Midrand at the end of term one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedication and commitment to the subject and to the boys in his care.

Our Fourth Formers began a new chapter in their school life, and we were grateful to notice the increase in numbers of Business Studies pupils from previous years. The boys gave an excellent account of themselves and mastered key fundamentals, which is an integral part of their three-year Business Studies journey. We thank Mr C Nevay for his efforts with his Fourth Form class and we congratulate him on his appointment as subject head of History. The Fifth Formers continued to engage with the subject content but found a far greater emphasis on examination techniques in order to equip them to meet the demands of the Grade 12 year which is fast approaching.

The pride and joy of the subject, our Sixth Formers, went about their task with due diligence and set high personal goals. They had made steady progress throughout the year and were rewarded for their efforts by achieving a 100% pass rate in the NSC examinations, as well as being the best performing school in the District. Our Business Studies boys certainly made the school proud.

As we settle into the traditional school year with minimal restrictions and disturbances, our short-term vision is to bring the 'real world of business into the classroom'. We aim to introduce our boys to successful entrepreneurs and businesses where key concepts learnt in class can be seen in practical operation.

The 2022 business studies group certainly embodied the saying 'work hard in silence, let success make the noise'. It has been a pleasure to teach young gentlemen who adopted a diligent approach to their studies at all times. As regards Business Studies staff, it has been an honour and a privilege to lead a group of individuals who go beyond the call of duty and who epitomise the phrase that 'teaching is not a career but rather a calling'.

Mr O Kajee

Computer Applications Technology (CAT)

Computer Applications Technology (CAT) has invaded almost every sphere of our lives and it is, therefore, inevitable that it will feature as a major component of education. CAT continues to grow as a subject, with some pupils taking an interest in learning the fundamentals required to equip them with the new technological skills that are needed in today's world. From the number of students who are choosing CAT, one can deduce that it has become a popular subject choice at College.

Computer Applications Technology is the study of the integrated components of a computer system (hardware and software) and the practical techniques for their efficient use and application to solve everyday problems. The solutions to problems are designed, managed and processed via end-user applications and communicated using appropriate information and communication technologies (ICTs). ICTs are the combination of networks, hardware and software as a means of communication, collaboration and engagement that enables the processing, management and exchange of data, information and knowledge.

CAT is considered a three-year curriculum, and unlike some other learning areas, each year builds on the previous one, and the skills required are cumulative. There are pupils who change to CAT at the end of Fourth Form, and they do find it difficult. It is therefore imperative that they choose their subjects carefully at the end of Third Form. It is also important that students have a computer to work on at home to be able to complete any practical task and to reinforce skills learned during class. Various resources and materials are readily available for pupils on MS Teams and Moodle.

The Computer Applications Technology prizes this year were awarded to: M Todd (Sixth Form), J le Roux (Fifth Form), L Walker (Fourth Form).



Our matric results boasted one pupil obtaining an A symbol, many hours of studying resulted in a pleasing outcome.

Special thanks to Mr Jeewan who teaches CAT (Fourth Form to Sixth Form) and Mr Dibben, who teaches Digital Technology in Second Form, for their sterling work in keeping the department running efficiently. I would also like to place on record our 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. We look forward to an exciting and challenging year in 2023.

Ms K Moula

Dramatic Arts

Helen Keller said: 'What can be accomplished alone can never be compared to what can be achieved together.' Over the last few years performers and teachers of the Arts have witnessed the truth of this statement. At the start of 2022 we were allowed to return to performance spaces after the restrictions imposed by Covid and to cautiously reintroduce certain aspects of ensemble work without the protective face mask.

Second Form benefitted from presenting choral poetry, learning the skills of co-operation and negotiation, while Third Form were able to experience how corporate and group performance is an important part of festivals and celebration. All senior learners participated in College's first Movement Theatre residency. Ms Arum Bydowell, an experienced choreographer and movement-theatre specialist, was the resident teacher. Our learners benefitted from this experience, and they are well equipped to tackle the physical and movement theatre component of the performance syllabus. The Fifth Form class performed their choreographed piece at Dance@Kearsney.

The status of Dramatic Arts as an eighth subject is growing in an encouraging, affirming manner with the 2023 intake of pupils. Furthermore, we are pleased with the way in which our eighth subject learners apply themselves to the course. They have coped admirably with the demands of the syllabus and are producing results of an excellent standard. Together with the present group, we eagerly anticipate the challenges of eighth subject Dramatic Arts in Sixth Form, 2023.

The NSC exam once again required the presentation of an adapted solo theme-programme. This format of the performance exam is exacting and tested the mettle of our learners in many ways. They rose to the challenge and developed many valuable soft skills, which will become more relevant in the tertiary education sector and beyond. For the first time since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, the class was permitted to watch and analyse the performances of their peers during development of the solo programmes, and this proved mutually beneficial. Fifth Form learners also benefitted from watching the programmes under examination conditions, as well as listening to the feedback given by the external examiners. This experience will stand the 2023 Sixth Form class in good stead, as they are aware of the demands of the performance examination.

The ability to once again watch and participate in performance greatly enhanced and consolidated the learning experience. We were able to attend 'Jongozi' – the festival of the Hilton Arts Festival. Our boys watched two physical-theatre performances that not only inspired them, but also presented concepts that could potentially act as catalysts for their own work next year.

On the home front College performed 'Sophtown' in the Olivier Cultural Centre during May. Directed by Mrs Thaver with vocal coaching by Mr Ngcobo and choreography by Mrs Brooker from Chislehurst, the show created an opportunity to work collaboratively with girls from a number of local schools. Three of the female roles were double cast, offering additional performance opportunities. The College production featured an ensemble cast performing songs previously sung by a cast of eight. In addition to providing more pupils with the opportunity to perform, this innovation allowed us to celebrate the vibrancy of the jazz era in South Africa while remaining true to the serious content and themes of the plot.

The piece was well received and created an opportunity to present a 20-minute version as 'street theatre' at the 30th Anniversary of Hilton Arts Festival. Our edited script featured the core elements of the original show and extracts from several of the vocal numbers. The audience was exposed to the entire storyline, with all its emotional arcs. All four performances in the Amphitheatre were excellently received.

We look forward to producing the drama '12 Angry Men' which tells the story of a jury of twelve men as they deliberate the conviction or acquittal of a teenager charged with murder on the basis of reasonable doubt. Written by Reginald Rose for Studio One in 1954, the piece was originally broadcast as a television play. A year later, Rose adapted the teleplay for the stage and, in 1957, wrote the screenplay for the film adaptation with Henry Fonda playing Juror Eight. College's production of '12 Angry Men' will be staged in March 2023.

'If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself,' Henry Ford.

Mrs K Thaver

Economics

The year 2022 was just as successful as previous years in the Economics Department. It was quite challenging as well with the departure of Mr Thembela and the difficulty experienced in replacing him. This required a re-organisation of the timetable to accommodate a new teacher, Mrs N Singh. Central to the success of the department was the commitment and collegiality of the staff, namely Messrs N Pillay and Mrs N Singh.

Academically, our performance was slightly less successful when compared with 2021. Of the 59 students 30% of the boys achieved A symbols and 19% boys achieved B symbols. These results were commendable. The median mark was 70% which was very encouraging and compared favourably with our performance over the years. Five students achieved more than 90%, with T Abramia obtaining 96%. These results placed Maritzburg College as the best performing school in the district.

The JSE Schools Investment Challenge is a game in which students from Grades 8-12 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. Each team of four members is given R1 000 000,00 in virtual money to invest on the stock exchange to produce the highest growth. This year 22 000 students across the country participated in the competition. Over the years we have been remarkably successful in the challenge. Unfortunately, our teams did not fare well this year.

This was the second year that College's Grade 12 pupils took part in the Reserve Bank Challenge. The team had to examine economic data during the year and then present a monetary policy committee report to the Reserve Bank, in which they had to explain the reasons for their decision to increase, decrease or keep the repo rate unchanged. The team presented an excellent report and received positive feedback. Unfortunately, they did not reach the finals. The team did receive special laptop bags for their efforts.

This is the fourth year of the Economics Proverto Olympiad. Eight boys from Grade 10, nine from Grade 11 and nine boys from Grade 12 made it through the second round of the competition. U Desai achieved a commendable 70%.

The economics tour for Fifth Formers was revived after two years in abeyance due to Covid restrictions. The 2022 Economics Tour to Johannesburg and Pretoria 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, each of whom added a personal touch by inspiring the group 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. Among the Old Collegians who addressed the boys were Mike Brown (CEO of Nedbank), Kelvin Watt (CEO of Trans Africa Media), George Kirby (group treasurer for Nedbank), Rene de le Peyre (Steinweg shipping) and Alan Keep (managing partner at Bowman and Gillfillan). Places of interest that we visited included the Apartheid Museum, Mandela House in Soweto, and the Cullinan Mine. 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, B Thompson, R Froise and M van Rooyen, as the top 3 performing economic students, had the opportunity to go for a ride in an Aston Martin through the streets of Sandton. A special thank you to Mr S Zuma for sharing the tour responsibilities with me.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr N Thembela and Mrs N Singh for their tireless efforts, enthusiasm and commitment to the teaching of Economics.

Mr N Pillay



Engineering Graphics & Design (EGD)

Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD) is a subject that teaches internationally acknowledged principles which have both academic and technical applications. The emphasis in EGD is on teaching specific basic knowledge and various drawing techniques and skills so that the EGD learner will be able to interpret and produce drawings within the contexts of Mechanical Technology, Civil Technology and Electrical Technology.

As Head of EGD it gives me great pleasure to work with staff who are passionate about sharing their knowledge and expertise with our learners. We presently work with a staff of five educators who dedicate much of their time in the education of our boys in EGD. Our boys not only perform well in the subject but their general knowledge allows them to comprehend subject related concepts more easily. College has the reputation of a school that produces excellent results in EGD at the NSC level. We hope to continue this proud tradition.

Our boys are exposed to computer aided drawing. While the syllabus that we offer does not allow for drawings to be done on computer-aided design (CAD) it gives our boys an edge in their future. Interested pupils are tutored in CAD outside normal lesson time. However, boys are exposed to CAD because some of our teachers use CAD as the system of teaching in our classrooms. This gives boys the opportunity to grasp some basic concepts. CAD knowledge is pivotal for those who hope to enter the fields of engineering and architecture.

3D printing will take on a new dimension in 2023. We have structured a syllabus that will allow our students to be competitive in the application of 3D printing. Printers will be set up for the use of interested boys with a tutor who will assist in this regard. Our intention is to enable learners to design and print items of their own choice which are relevant to needs in society.

I trust that 2023 will be a better year for us all and am looking forward to helping to create future engineers.

Mr G Govindasamy

English

The English Department has had a productive year and welcomed the restoration of the school routine, post-Covid.

The nationally-recognised De Beers English Olympiad is an annual activity on our calendar and we were immensely proud of all the boys who participated. Many received certificates and were commended for their participation. J Peens was one of the top 50 candidates in this Olympiad who was awarded a scholarship to cover the cost of his first year of tuition at Rhodes University.

The following teachers, Mr Alan McGuigan, Mrs Toni Harding, Mrs Waasia Khan, Ms Shenisse Paramanand and Mr Simon Brill, joined the department at the beginning of 2022. They have had a positive year at College and we are most pleased to have few staff changes in our English Department as we enter 2023. We warmly welcome Mrs Maryke Bailey (Roedeian School for Girls) and Mr Matthew Stringer (Michaelhouse), who will be teaching some English classes to make up for the reduced teaching loads of Mr Croeser and Mr Brill, who were recently appointed as Housemasters.

Our teachers continue to address the gaps enforced by schooling disruptions during Covid and we believe that our support systems and thorough implementation of CAPS have benefitted in this regard. We will continue to address concerns and explore new avenues to promote English language teaching in our school.

The Class of 2022 performed excellently in English Home Language. We achieved 12 As and were exceptionally pleased with the number of boys who achieved firm B and C symbols in the exams. Our top English Home Language (HL) pupil was Y Malani. The average mark for English HL was 64% which was only 1% higher than the School-based Assessment. Our quality of results continues to be the pride of our department and the

district. Such results cannot be achieved without a dynamic, engaged and motivated team of teachers who start prepping our boys for this significant year in their school careers. We take this opportunity to wish the Class of 2022 the very best as they continue with their endeavours post-school. They have shown tremendous commitment and dedication during the year and we are confident that the skills learnt in our subject will stand them in good stead in the years to come.

On this note, we look forward to a year of reflection, positivity and focus in 2023!

Mrs R Govender

Geography

Maritzburg College's Geography Department comprises a diverse set of qualified and enthusiastic individuals who have successfully worked as a dedicated team. This department has worked diligently for the betterment of the pupils' academic geographical knowledge yet has also striven to produce responsible citizens who can make a difference in the physical and social environment beyond the classroom.

The Geography Department was headed by Mrs B Harris before she departed halfway through the third term for a promotion position at Eaton International School in Malaysia. Her efficiency and exceptional investment in the subject have been missed, but her colleagues have been constantly updated on her progress overseas and we are pleased to note that she is gaining invaluable skills from Eaton International School.

Thankfully, Mr N Sutherland, vastly experienced and knowledgeable, stepped with ease into the subject head of Geography position and continued to guide the department. His years of wisdom and geographical experience meant that the pupils were still being directed to their full potential and the Geography Department was being properly supported in their busy academic schedule.

Two new staff members joined the large geography department in the latter part of the year, namely Mr M Stringer and Mrs K Bartholomew. Mr Stringer was allocated several junior classes and Mrs K Bartholomew was appointed as senior geography teacher and as subject head of Geography. In 2023 an additional teacher, Mr A Ebrahim, will also be joining the Geography Department in the capacity of junior geography teacher.

It is pleasing to know that even though staff of the Geography Department is so diverse, each teacher brings so many different strengths which are all used to develop the subject. This has been evident in the results attained by the students this year. Many pupils have needed additional guidance and extra care after the tumultuous years of Covid-19 and owing to the determination of the geography teachers, many of the boys managed to achieve to the best of their ability. It is necessary to mention that Geography is no longer the 'easy option' or filler subject but is now considered an 'Earth Science' because of its stringent curriculum and assessments.

The Geography results of 2022 are very pleasing considering the rigid marking at the National Senior Certificate Marking Session and the national downward adjustment of the subject. Of the 120 candidates who wrote Geography there was a 100% pass rate, 25 candidates achieved B symbols, and 5 worthy candidates achieved A symbols. Special mention must be made of P Hauff, J Peens and K Subiah who tied for top position in this examination.

2023 will present new and exciting things such as participating in the South African National Geography Olympiad, inviting specialised guest speakers and, hopefully, an opportunity to take the geographical content outside of the classroom into the dynamic world in which we live. The Geography Department has engaged in progressive planning, that involves short-term, mid-term and long-term goals.

A sincere thank you to each one in the Geography Department for the role they have played in the success of this past year. Between juggling other portfolios such as Leadership, Director of Sport, Head of Boarding, Housemaster, and being a member of various other subject departments, each has continued to display sound geographical teaching and inspired the boys to be responsible citizens.

Mrs K Bartholomew

History

The year 2022 was 'getting back to usual' for the staff and the boys. After the two Covid years, being back in class full-time was a welcome relief. I took over the reins from Mr Marwick in the second term and thank him for the hard work he put into the first term. It has been a pleasure to lead the department staff who have worked tirelessly this year.

We said a fond farewell Mr Graeme Waters. He is retiring and will be moving closer to Durban to be with his family. A giant of a man, in so many ways, this proud OC and passionate teacher will be sorely missed. In the same breath, we welcome Mrs Maryke Bailey from Rhodéan School to the department. She comes in to teach History and English at College in 2023.

The Sixth Form of 2022 worked diligently and persistently, adapting to 'how school used to be' before the Covid experience. It was a challenge for some to find their routine and their stride again, but we are very confident that they will acquit themselves well. I wish them all the best for their futures. The matric results were very unfortunate. It was disappointing to see that the number of A symbols was far fewer than anticipated. While this could be attributed to external factors, we hope that the number of distinctions will be significantly higher in 2023.

I thank the staff for supporting me in my first year as Subject Head. Messrs Orchard, Barbour, Myburgh, Maritz, Waters and Marwick made for a wonderful year of teaching. I look forward to what 2023 will bring.

Mr C Nevay

Information Technology (IT)

Information Technology is the study of the various interrelated physical and non-physical technologies used in the capturing and processing of data into useful information, and the management, presentation and dissemination of data. Information Technology studies the activities that deal with the solutions of problems through logical and computational thinking.

In 2023 learners will be given access to an IT shared folder on Google Drive, OneDrive and Moodle. Resources such as notes, past papers and lessons will be uploaded to Moodle and Microsoft Teams. Learners also have access to YouTube lessons which are uploaded to the Maritzburg College YouTube channel. We are looking forward to introducing coding in our junior classes.

Special thanks to Ms Moula, Mr Jeewan and Mr Dibben who teach Computer Application Technology and Computer Literacy from Second to Sixth Forms. We would also like to place on record our thanks and appreciation to Mrs J Finnie, Mr Rajpaul and Mr Tshabalala for their assistance in ensuring that our department runs efficiently. A warm welcome to Mr Stringer who will be joining our department next year. We look forward to an exciting and challenging 2023.

Mr J Maistry

Life Orientation

With no Covid-related restrictions in 2022, it was business as usual in the Life Orientation Department. Thanks to a mixture of youth and experience among the staff complement, the department was fortunate to have a variety of skills and experience to draw upon to ensure an enriching learning experience for all our students. In terms of the general administration of the department, various requirements were put into place by the Department of Education to ensure a more structured approach especially in the Grade 12 programme. This once again called for innovation and careful time management to ensure all requirements were met. In a challenging end of year national exam, our Sixth Form pupils rose to the occasion and achieved some outstanding results.

As with any subject, it is the staff members who bring life to the curriculum and nurture a desire to learn and specific topics amongst pupils. We were privileged this year to welcome Mr Waters to the Sixth Form course, bringing with him many years of teaching and mentoring experience which certainly contributed positively towards their Life Orientation experience. We also welcomed Mr McGuigan, whose previous experience as a primary

school teacher and Old Collegian, stood him in good stead when he joined the Second Form teaching team. He will also be taking over from Mr Waters to co-ordinate this course in 2023. We further welcomed Mr Ebrahim and Mr Harvey who, as the new kids on the block, were exposed to teaching in all grades (8-11) to facilitate their wider understanding of the programme. While Mr Ebrahim has been appointed to co-ordinate the Grade 9 course in 2023, we unfortunately had to bid farewell to Mr Harvey who departed for Ashton College on the KZN North Coast. Finally, it is necessary to note that much needed and important stability within the department was once again ensured thanks to mainstay teachers who continue to make invaluable contributions, not just through their ardent teaching, but also through their commitment to the practical details of setting, marking and moderating papers and projects. The appreciation of these efforts cannot be understated.

Within the wider context of the programme, the Department of Education requested that certain structural changes be implemented, especially in the Grade 12 curriculum. These changes helped teachers to work through the course in a more systematic way and contributed to the quality of teaching and learning by improving assessment and moderation procedures. Within the department, certain important changes were also identified in most grades. Updates and upgrades have been made to workbooks and course materials to ensure that all courses remain both challenging and relevant to the needs of our students, while still being delivered within the framework of the CAPS curriculum. We look forward to continuing to identify areas in the programme that can be improved and to upgrade materials to facilitate them.

Although 2022 was an extremely busy year with pupils pursuing many co-curricular opportunities denied to them by the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, our matric classes still produced many outstanding results. Congratulations to the Grade 12 group of 2022 who achieved a final grade aggregate of 77%. A special word of congratulations goes to the 104 boys who achieved an A aggregate for Life Orientation in 2022.

Well done to all the students and teachers in a busy but successful year.

Mr F Maritz



Life Sciences

The Life Science Department bade farewell to a stalwart, Mrs Cindy Sewmungal; our laboratory assistant retired at the end of a 40-year tenure! She has certainly witnessed and contributed to transformation in education and the Life Science Department in those 40 years. We also acknowledge Mr Michael Reed, who moved to teach on foreign shores. In his stead we welcomed Mr Wynand Greyling. Mr Greyling joins us on his return to South Africa from the UAE and has vast teaching experience both in South Africa and abroad. We also bade Mr Hein Kriek farewell from our group of intrepid biologists this year. Mrs Sewmungal, Mr Reed and Mr Kriek will be missed and are thanked for their fine contribution to the subject and the department.

Life Science is definitely not a soft option, and this year has seen some necessary adjustment post Covid. We have managed to return to the full syllabus, with a full set of examinations at the end of the year. This has been a shock to the system for many boys, but the increased workload will stand them in good stead in future. The practice and experience of writing full examinations, completing practicals, projects and assignments has been invaluable in preparing our boys for their matric year and we were glad to have the opportunity to prepare them for this hurdle.

In Fourth Form the basics of Life Sciences are covered, including topics like an overview of bio molecules, plant and animal cells and tissues, basic biological processes, ecology and the history of life on Earth. This gives pupils a firm foundation to examine life at a deeper level in Fifth and Sixth Form. Top performers in Fourth Form Life Sciences were I Jikijo and J van Huyssteen, both with 88%, followed by L Myeza with 84%.

Our Fifth Form focuses in more detail on micro-organisms and disease, the diversity of life, life-processes in plants and animals, population ecology and man's impact on the environment. While this work is both challenging and interesting it sets the stage for more detailed studies in Sixth Form. The top performers in Fifth Form were D Pillay with 89% followed by T Ramdhass and T Tuttall each with 84%.

In Sixth Form the focus shifts to look at life processes such as human genetics and reproduction, how plants and animals respond to the environment and the history of life on Earth in more detail. Our top performing Sixth Formers were U Essa with 89%, A Suliman with 86% and N Chetty with 83%. Our number of A symbols was down from previous years to just four, with 13 Bs and a class average of 58%. This leaves much room for improvement in the coming years.

Practical work remains a highlight in Life Science as it enhances the boys' understanding and enjoyment of the theory and processes learned. This would not be possible without the assistance of a competent and organised laboratory assistant. Mrs Sewmungal has seen to this in the past and Mrs Myrlin Kyle joins our team in this role. We look forward to her enthusiasm and efficiency and hope she has a long and happy stay with us.

It is with reluctance that I step down as subject head to focus on other aspects of the school, but I do know that Mr Matt Warr will do a sterling job as he takes over.



Grade 12 extraction of strawberry DNA

Grade 11 Photosynthesis practical

Mr R Paterson

Mathematics

It has been a privilege to lead this department again this year. The Mathematics Department consists of a group of highly qualified, committed and enthusiastic educators. It was good to see the whole department rise again to the challenges that Covid-19 presented this year. I am sure that we have all gained tremendous experience in our extensive use of technology and on-line teaching and learning. This has been the seventh year that we have had Mrs. Moffatt as a remedial Mathematics teacher at College and we are confident that her service has contributed positively towards improving the results of under-achieving boys.

We are grateful to the Epoch Optima Trust who 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 pupils who have access to quality mathematics education and increasing the quality of our results.

We entered 150 boys in the South African Mathematics Olympiad (SAMO) this year. Unfortunately, we could not take part in the second round because of Covid-19. Although we registered a group of Grade 12 pupils with the IEB to write Advanced Programme Mathematics, unfortunately none of them wrote the final examination, but our new Grade 12s are a much bigger group which we believe will make us proud. There were also Grade 10 and 11 students who committed themselves to an internal Advanced Mathematics course. 177 boys wrote Mathematics in the NSC Examinations with fourteen boys obtaining A symbols and 22 achieving B symbols. The pass rate for Mathematics was 96%.

Unfortunately, we had to bid farewell to the following staff: Mrs Annelee Kriek, who will be moving to Cape Town, Ms Julia Harvey, who will be teaching at Ashton and Mr Drikus Hoffman who will be joining Paul Roos Gymnasium. We thank them for their 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 your hard work, positive attitude and energy.

Mrs A Kriek

Mathematics Literacy

The year started with all educators and students optimistic that the pandemic was behind us and that we were going to have a 'normal' year. Our team of Mr Els, Mr Sherriff and Mr Zuma have actively involved all the boys in the different aspects of the Mathematical Literacy curriculum, and many have accomplished good results with their assistance, especially as the Department of Education has changed the format of all Mathematics Literacy Examinations. During the course of the year our team was also assisted by Mrs Kriek when the number of classes in Fifth Form increased. Unfortunately, we had to bid farewell to Mr Els during the first term. He was replaced by Mr S Ntenezi from Limpopo Province.

A total of 89 boys wrote the 2022 NSC Examination, 15 obtained A symbols and 26 obtained B symbols. The pass rate for Mathematics Literacy was 100%. These are exceptional results of which the school can be proud. We are hopeful that the 2023 matriculants will perform equally well.

As we look forward to the coming year, we are hopeful that everything will go according to plan. As the number of pupils in the subject increases, we are planning ahead to ensure that all pupils are able to use MS Teams and that all possible resource materials are readily available on Moodle. We will also start to provide academic assistance to those boys who are still finding this subject challenging.

I would like to thank all the teachers, our HoD, Mr J Maistry, and Deputy Head: Academics, Mrs J Finnie for all their support during the course of this year.

Mr M Jeewan

Music

It has been an excellent year for the Music Department. There has been a big focus on the boys performing as part of their music programme, and events and concerts have played a major factor in this. One of the newest concert additions is the Café Concert hosted in the Art Quad in 2022. This allowed musicians who would not usually be in the Prestige Concert a chance to perform.

One of the major achievements this year was the participation of two of our solo musicians in the Roedean School Music Competition. Both L Jackson (classical guitar) and J Conolly (alto saxophone) fared very well – Conolly achieved an A++ and Jackson placed second in the strings section. Currently there are over 80 boys taking lessons with our five music teachers, on various musical instruments. We are very proud of our three matric boys of 2022 who achieved not only a clean sweep of distinctions but also a very high average.

Our increase in subject numbers is a testament to the fine results in our music programme. We now have the three biggest subject music classes in the history of the school. The number of boys who are learning a musical instrument as an extra-curricular subject has also increased.

Mr S Stickells

Physical Science

After some excellent results from the 2021 group of matrics, the Physical Science Department got off to a very positive start. The Fourth Form was a very big class and other classes were very full. In contrast, the Fifth Form had shrunk considerably and was a small group of 91 pupils by October.

The curriculum was still the reduced Covid syllabus and a fair amount of usual work was omitted. Nevertheless, we still struggled to complete our work owing to many interruptions. Sadly, we did not write the National Science Olympiad because it was postponed from its original date to a time when the Sixth Formers were still writing Trial examinations. Three boys did write the online Physics Olympiad: T Abramia, S Osman and U Essa. They were placed 29th, 32nd and 36th respectively out of 119 candidates. Mrs Rembold continued with her extra tuition for Fifth and Sixth Form while Mrs Couperthwaite helped the weaker matric strugglers and the Fourth Formers.

For the first time in many years the Physical Science Department has had staff changes. Mr D Trodd became the HoD of the Sciences, Mr D Hoffman moved to Paul Roos and Mrs Couperthwaite retired. We did gain a new technical assistant, Mrs M Kyle. The two new teachers stepping into the vacant posts are Mrs K Storm (subject head) and Mrs S Deodutt.

Mrs E Couperthwaite

Visual Art

This year, our school participated in the Visit/Revisit Art Competition organised by the Tatham Art Gallery in collaboration with Epworth School. The competition required that pupils visit the Tatham and view six selected works which form part of the gallery's collection. Their task was then to create an A4 artwork in response to one of these. Our Fourth and Fifth Form students submitted an excellent collection of etching works that reflected deep thought and an ability to engage with a variety of older but also contemporary works by South African artists. Four of the boys were awarded prizes: K Marais, B Gademan, L Coetzer and O Shabalala.

An indication of the success of our own art programme is the increasing number of boys who are pursuing art-related studies after school. These include information design, fine art and architecture. This year we began a module on architecture in Grade 11 which will be expanded in matric. The boys really enjoyed coming to grips with some architectural concepts and this will give them a good grounding should they wish to pursue design or architecture as a career.

We were proud to have ten artworks selected from the efforts of our 2021 matrics for the annual Tatham Exhibition of Midlands Matric Art. This is a tribute to the courage and sincerity of our boys' art. Our senior boys enjoyed viewing this exhibition on one of our art excursions. Our 40 matric art boys achieved a remarkable grade average of 74%, with ten boys achieving distinctions.

The Second Form boys were excited to participate in a soap-sculpting project which they found very challenging. However, there is enormous benefit in learning to conceptualise a thing in 3-D, and we feel that they really grew through the process. Third Form boys undertook the complex process of woodcut printing which involved learning to use wood-cutting tools, reversing images and understanding that the marks made by carving would become the white, not the black part of the image.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mr Dodd who has been a wonderful source of energy, enthusiasm and skill. As a practising artist, he has brought his love of painting into the classroom, and many boys have become as enthusiastic about oil and acrylic painting as he is. He also set up an astonishing welding workshop, and the sculpture garden in the art quad displays some of the products. This medium has become an incredible voice for self-expression for a great variety of boys, while also teaching a practical skill.

Mrs S Osborne

isiZulu

The Zulu Department has grown immensely. We started with only twelve boys writing the matric examination. Today we have a hundred pupils, four teachers and the help of an intern. This year went smoothly although we hit a bad patch closer to the end of the year. The department tragically lost Mr Khumalo in a car accident. Mr Khumalo had become a full member of the department and will be sorely missed. He had an impact on many boys' lives at College as a teacher as well as a coach. May his soul rest in peace.

Activities within the Zulu Department are a highlight and make the department what it is. The excellent working relationship amongst teachers impacts positively on the boys and makes the process of teaching and learning go smoothly. The clear understanding of boys, more especially their culture, is crucial. As teachers in the department who understand the boy's background, we play a father figure role when it is necessary. We do not only teach how to create sentences, but we also help the youngsters as they grow up to be real and good men. We try to walk with them on the 'good man journey' reaching where their parents cannot reach.

Our activities were hindered by the Covid pandemic. The Fifth Form Cultural evening, Fourth Form excursion and Zulu Olympiads were affected. With the country getting back to normality, we are also hoping to return to our usual annual activities. This year, after two years, we managed to hold our cultural evening. The performance was amazing as boys had been waiting for this wonderful opportunity to display their talents and showcase their culture. Well done to our Fifth Form boys for making us proud. I want to express a big thank you to parents for their excellent support. Without the parent's support, that evening would not have been such a success.

We are immensely proud of our matrics and hope for the best results come early next year. College produces supporters and old boys who want to give back to their school even after they have left. A big thank you to Mondli Mdlalose, an OC of 2001, who was a member of this tradition in 2002. Out of his kindness he brought in all his cameras and equipment to add value to the cultural evening. isiZulu is a language that can be mastered easily by speaking it and with the necessary support. I therefore urge all those willing to learn to come and enjoy the language and its culture with us.

Mr J Mhlongo



Careers and Tertiary Studies

With the decline in Covid lockdown measures, numerous opportunities emerged for a fuller and more interactive range of career services to offer to our learners. The first term was particularly busy with several amendments made to boys' subject packages. This is especially relevant to Fourth Form who, after receiving year-end reports, like to rethink and tweak their initial subject selections. To a similar extent, there was also a smaller group of Fifth Form boys who needed to refine a subject or two along the way. It is interesting to note, that the greatest cause of stress amongst subject selection discussions, always comes down to the following two concerns:

- Should I drop Maths Core to Maths Literacy?
- Is it advisable to continue with Physical Science into my matric year?

The department continued to provide and support matric and senior boys with a range of information regarding individual career and tertiary programmes. It is worth mentioning that all matric boys are addressed by the Career Guidance Advisor in the first term on matters about post-matric and tertiary options both in South Africa and abroad.

In May, and for the sixth year running, we hosted our annual Careers Expo in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall. This event is compulsory for all Third and Fifth Form pupils. We invited parents and boys to meet and interact with the 25 stands of corporates that took part. Representing a wide range of careers, these organisations set up informative displays and had qualified staff in attendance to chat and answer questions. We were very pleased to introduce several new exhibitors as well as welcoming back our more long-standing exhibitors.



In July, we held our much-anticipated Third Form Subject Information Evening. It was encouraging to see a packed hall again as parents and boys crowded in to listen to Mrs Finnie's address as well as TO interact with the respective subject heads of every elective subject. It proved to be a most enjoyable and informative evening at which numerous boys were able to satisfy their subject queries.

The last week of September saw our Fifth Form boys participate in a compulsory Work Experience Programme through-out South Africa. Boys were encouraged to actively seek work for four to five days in any career field of their choice. Feedback received from the corporates and individuals involved was very informative. It confirmed the fact that 'job shadowing' is both a crucial tool and determining factor in shaping one's career path.

Following the earlier success of the Career Expo, Clifford Engineering extended an open invitation to our senior students to visit their factory. A group of 28 Fifth Form students, accompanied by the Career Advisor, took up the offer and spent a couple of hours at their plant in Mkondeni for a worthwhile and interesting tour. We look forward to visiting them again next year.

Finally, for the ninth year running and through our good relationship with UKZN, the University's Scholarship Committee again approved scholarships to 15 College Old Boys (who matriculated in 2021) currently studying at UKZN in their first year. Each scholarship is to the value of R12 000 and is drawn from the Professor Hattersley Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are for entrant students only, who are in the specific disciplines of Science, Engineering, Commerce or Education.

Mrs L dos Santos • Career and Tertiary Studies Advisor

College Business



Back row: Ms T Shata, Mrs J Baptista, Mr W du Plessis, Mr A Moodley, Mrs H Strachan, Mrs A Gasa
Front row: Mrs C van der Merwe, Mrs C Brent, Mr K Smith, Mrs S Upfold, Miss S Buchanan-Clarke
Absent: Miss S Paterson, Mrs P Cairns

College Business team members had a busy and successful year following tough Covid conditions during the previous two years. The central services formula has become an essential part of the school, especially for Associations and school events. The team is ever reliant on each other and the adage 'all for one and one for all' certainly rings true for this dynamic group of people. The Foundation has been excellently administered by Mrs Chantall van der Merwe with top support on the fundraising side from Mrs Jenny Baptista.

Unfortunately, the Maritzburg College Old Boys Association (MCOBA) will be losing its multi-talented Manager, Miss Sue Buchanan-Clarke, who will be following her dream of practicing law. We wish her well in her new venture and thank her for her huge contribution to the team. Mrs Sally Upfold heads up the Marketing division and is ably assisted by Miss Thobeka Shata, who also runs the Khanyisa Outreach Programme. The Marketing team has been extremely busy with many new campaigns such as the 'Roadshows' in outlying areas. Well done. Samantha Paterson is now the Events Manager for Maritzburg College and has been superb in her first year of operation. Mr Anand Moodley completes the team in his capacity as School Shoppe Manager. The Shoppe is showing growth since he took over, with even greater expansion on the cards.

The College Business portfolio has grown exponentially since the school has returned to normal after the threat of Covid. We look forward to an even busier year in 2023, as the school celebrates its 160th birthday.

College Business is all about service and performance, and the financing of the new First Aid building and changeroom revamp on Goldstone's is a direct result of what can be achieved by the Old Boys and the team working together. Thank you all. 2023 will kick off with the new Coffee Box being built and opened on the Terraces, a top initiative which will hopefully be a meeting place for many Old Boys, parents, staff and boys.

Mr K Smith • Director: College Business

College Museum/Archives

The year 2022 was a successful one for the Museum and Archives, with many highlights. The first Archives Committee meeting of the year was held on College's 159th birthday. Discussions continued regarding the existing cultural and drama display in the museum and the need for this to be updated and expanded. The research and planning of this began in 2022 and will be completed in 2023.

The Archives Committee was involved in honouring one of Maritzburg College's longest-serving members of staff, Mr Enock Sithole. To honour his service to the school, College named the gate at the Food Court facing Princess Margaret Drive the 'Enock Sithole Gate'. As part of the naming ceremony, talented artist and staff member, Mr B Dodd, created a stunning plasma depiction of Enock, which has been erected on the gate pillar, next to the plaques paying tribute to his service.

This year saw the first Reunion celebration since the onset of Covid-19, with the museum experiencing increased foot traffic, as many Old Collegians

popped in to view the exhibits and to reminisce. For the occasion, a temporary display was set up under the title 'Reunion through the years'. It displayed many photos of Reunion celebrations from the past to the present. The research and planning of a digital academic board is in the final stages. This digital board will showcase the academic successes of boys during their time at College and of Old Collegians.

Twenty-seven new plaques were added to the Wall of Remembrance on Reunion Day, honouring and remembering Old Collegians, staff members, parents and friends of College who have died. On Remembrance Day, the ceremony bore the proud theme of 'Three New Fallen', as the school honoured and remembered three Old Collegians whose deaths in 1900 during the South African War remained a secret to Maritzburg College for 120 years. Their links to the school were brought to our attention during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mrs H Strachan • Museum and Archives Curator

Counselling

The Counselling Department at Maritzburg College continued this year with their determined effort to spread awareness about mental health in the College community. It is pleasing that so many boys across all Forms are still regularly making appointments with the College Psychologist and working on their individual mental health journeys.

With the overarching goal in mind of fighting to break down stigma associated with mental health issues, the department launched the #GoGreenforMentalHealth campaign. This campaign built on the Green Ribbon Project that was started at College in 2021.

With the help of Mrs Myrlyn Kyle (who joined the College staff in a wellness support role this year) and significant input from Mrs Sally Upfold in Marketing, the campaign was a great success. We wrapped the trees around College with green ribbon, continued with the Green Ribbon

Project, and even wangled it so that we turned the College badge green across all media platforms for the month. The campaign was well supported by boys and staff with staff email signatures going green and many a green ribbon adorned the boys' blazers.

A highlight of the campaign was the Colour Run for Mental Health, when, instead of the traditional colour runs which use all colours, our participants were doused only in green coloured powder as they ran, walked, and danced along a 5km route around the school. Participants literally went green for mental health and an enjoyable day was had by all!

We were most excited that as a result we were able to double our donation to the Pietermaritzburg Mental Health Society, handing over an unbelievable R17,500.00 to the organisation. Mental health is anything but static and we look forward to growing the #GoGreenforMentalHealth campaign in dynamic ways in the coming years.

Mrs C Griffiths • School Psychologist



Counselling : The Colour Run for mental health.



Estates



Back row: Mr D Veitch, Mr T Zondi, Mr B Mkhize, Mr E Jafta, Mrs C Dlamini, Mr E Rajah, Mr S Seagar, Mr S Zondi
Front row: Mr V Munemo, Mrs S Elliot, Mr K Hackland, Mr S Crosson, Mr C Fincham

The Estates Department is always busy, whether it is general maintenance around the school or preparing the fields for the weekend's sport. However, they also manage to enhance the school through many varied new projects.

All 75 classrooms were fitted with air conditioners, making a much more pleasant learning environment both for the staff and pupils. Both the Fourth Form and Second Form quads were revamped. The Fourth Form quad had new steps built leading to the Q block, with a paved section to keep the boys out of the rain or sun. The Second Form quad had astroturf laid and a section covered, again to provide shade from the sun and protection from the rain. Two new classrooms were built where the old tuck shop used to be, and a new meeting room built where the Zarm Farm was.

There have also been a number of developments and upgrades around Goldstone's. A new first aid room has been constructed, together with a private suite and viewing deck. This has been named the Philip Nel Pavilion, paying tribute to College's head prefect and captain of the First XV in 1921, and later captain of the 1937 'Greatest Springbok' team. New change rooms for the 1st XV rugby team on Goldstone's have been revamped, creating a special space to get ready for the big match. There has been an upgrade to the toilets at the Kent Pavilion, and the stands on Basher Ridge and at Pape's Astro have been extended.

In the July holidays Nathan House was redecorated, floors sanded and varnished and a new coat of paint applied. The demolition of part of Hudson House was begun, making room for five new dormitories, and a large, covered verandah for meetings or recreation. A tennis court was converted into a volleyball court, while another was converted into a basketball court. A water reservoir has been erected, which will ensure we have water for five days in the event of a water outage.

In the Olivier Cultural Centre an orchestra pit has been built just below the stage, accommodating our musicians without detracting from the performance on stage. The Victoria Hall suffered extensive damage from rain flooding in December, and the parquet flooring had to be patched, sanded and varnished.

The staff room has been extensively refurbished, providing a larger space for the seating, larger kitchen area, a copy room with computers, and Messrs Maistry and Somaru acquired their own offices. The staff ladies' toilet was also revamped.

Work began on the two new staff housing units in the Verbena Road complex, and a wall topped with electric fencing for added security was erected between the AB Jackson fields and staff housing. A new Grounds Workshop and under cover storage area was started, which will be used for the tractor and other College vehicles, together with large sports equipment like cricket covers.

Mr K Hackland • Estates Manager

Finance



Miss Y Sarawan, Ms Z Mhlongo, Mr P Zuma, Mr W Evans, Mrs O Roets, Mrs A Trout
Absent: Mrs L Roets

Some years ago, two young teachers had been searching for the finance offices for a while (when the office was located in an obscure corner of the school) to request petty cash. When they finally found their way to us, they were amazed, exclaiming that they had absolutely no idea that this department even existed. One young man turned to the other and said, 'dude, this is the engine room of the school.'

Without the Finance Department bringing in the school fees, and paying for all that the school does, this enormous 'ship' would grind to a halt. No large, busy institution could ever survive without an efficient Finance Department to control the finances. Maritzburg College is no exception and has never lacked a solid Finance Department – it would not be the successful school that it is without tight control of its finances.

Twenty years ago, the school's Finance Department was made up of just a bursar and four ladies taking care of business: a debtors' clerk, a bookkeeper, a secretary and a payroll officer. Since then, as the school has expanded, the Department has too, and is now made up of a commercial director, (instead of a bursar), an accountant, a debtors' manager and two debtors assistants, two creditors' clerks and a clerk to administer boarder insurance claims.

Here in the Finance Department, all income and expenditure is tracked and reported on. The debtors' administration section includes handling the fee exemptions and non-payment of school fees; the creditors clerks ensure that all work done at and for the school is paid for and meticulously recorded. The team is answerable to the Finance Committee of the school, which makes all the financial management decisions on behalf of Maritzburg College.

From July onwards, the team prepares the following year's budget, analysing income and expenditure to ensure that the fee increase required will cover the following year's needs, and will not be excessive. The budget is presented to the parents at the AGM each October. At the beginning of each new year, the department finalises the financial year end of the previous year, and prepares for a full audit, whilst at the same time setting up everything for the start of the new school year.

Since 2021, the Finance Department has been situated in a pleasant suite of offices opposite the Olivier Cultural Centre, making it part of the College Business building. This location has been far more suitable and accessible for visitors. It has also ensured that these days new teachers find us without any problem.

Mr W Evans • Commercial Director

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 establishments 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 is a classroom management system that is accessible from computers, tablets, iPads and smart phones. Microsoft Teams affords the following benefits to the class:

- File Storage for resources
- Communications platform for Classroom Chats
- Video lessons to reach students who 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.

- 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 TechSquad to assist students and staff.

- Regular staff training and network sessions on the integration of technology in the classroom.

- Student and Parent portal available on the Edana app.

- 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. 80% of the teachers 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 • Deputy Headmaster: Operations

Media Centre

The Media Centre is the academic hub of any school and Maritzburg College's Margaret A'Bear Media Centre is no different. We continue to provide services that support teachers in their teaching and students in their learning. We have almost sixteen thousand books, a number of newspapers, specialist and general interest magazines, a common use computer lab, Wi-Fi hotspot and numerous device charging points. As projects and assignments become due, the printer is also very hard at work. We continue to add new titles weekly, as well as new additions to the eLibrary, including audiobooks.

At the beginning of this year we had the bookshelves moved into the new space, creating much more room for pupils to sit in the Media Centre to study, complete homework or read. We are now able to seat over 120 boys in the library and they are enjoying the new six-seater tables. Since the pandemic restrictions were lifted after the winter holiday, social chess has also returned.

The Media Centre remains a haven of warmth in the winter, cool in the summer and a comfortable venue to enjoy recreational reading.

Mr R Gutteridge • Library and Information Resources Manager

Sanatorium



Mrs N Steenkamp, Mrs C Olivier, Mr K Emerson, Mrs U Arbee

The San had eventful as ever in 2022 and is always a busy place to work. The upgrade and changes to the office and clinic space, which was done in the September holidays of 2021, and the changes we made to many of the systems allowed the San to function more effectively. We had a new nurse join us in January, Mrs Umme Arbee, as part of our three-nurse team.

The Second Formers who came in this year seemed to adjust better than the 2021 group, largely because they had a more 'normal' year than the boys who lost so much school time due to the pandemic. This really brought home the importance of the boys being able to interact with their peers, take part in sport and get back to life as we knew it pre-Covid.

The rugby season was busy with the San staff in attendance in our new, improved First Aid Room down on Goldstone's. We were assisted by our school doctors: Dr Hugh Akerman, Dr Su Akerman and Dr Mark van Staden, as well as Dr Ian Chochrane, Dr Greg van Osch, Dr Paul Hatfield and Dr James McAllister, all who very kindly give up their time to assess and treat boys during our home games. We are fortunate to have doctors of this calibre working with us.

In May we were joined by Mrs Naasera Hansa which brought our number back up to four nurses. Both ladies, who brought a variety of experience, were welcome additions to our team. Mrs Hansa took a few months off when she went on maternity leave, and we then welcomed our San mascot, Alaina, into the world. Sadly, at the end of the year, Sister Arbee left us to take up a position at St Charles. Her dedication and enthusiasm were missed, and we thank her for her contribution to the boarders and the San team.

The annual flu vaccines were given, that being at the consent of the parents. We vaccinated 43 boys and would strongly encourage more parents to allow their sons to take part in this.

Some statistics for 2022 include 7,764 assessments done (staff, day boys, boarders and visitors) and 530 on-site consultations in our weekly clinics by our San Doctors. There were 930 transports from the San, of which eleven were emergency in nature. We admitted 327 day-cases and 383 overnight admissions – these are not individual cases but bed occupation. We had six hospitalisations.

All in all, it was a busy but successful year with excellent teamwork across the board from the school to the boarding establishments, estates, Granny Macs Catering, our housekeeping, laundry and security staff, Patrick Sithoile, our San assistant, which is the only way we can do what we do – together. Special thanks to Mr Kyle Emerson for all his care and support of the Sanatorium.

Mrs C Olivier • Senior Sanatorium Sister





Khanyisa Outreach Programme

Back row: N Moodley, K Kisten, A Mfeka

Middle row: C Zondi, Mr H Kriek, Mrs C Griffiths, Mrs L Dos Santos, Mr R Jones, W Pillay

Front row: Mr N Haswell, Mrs S Kritzinger, M Ngubo, Miss T Shata, K Mthimkhulu, Mrs S Upfold, Mrs L Mtembu

The Khanyisa Outreach Programme was established at Maritzburg College in 2009 with the aim of addressing the difficulties of teaching Mathematics. The objective of the programme is to equip teachers from under-resourced schools with the skills and tools needed to take their teaching and thus their students' learning to the next level. The programme has since grown tenfold, now including Physical Science and English. The programme runs for two years, catering for pupils in their Grade 11 and 12 years as well as for their teachers.

Once the Department of Education has selected the beneficiary schools, the principals of said schools are tasked with the job of selecting one educator and five students to take part in the programme. With teacher lessons taking place every fortnight and student lessons running over six Saturdays, every term is a busy one. All the hard work is well worth the snowball effect that these lessons have, as participants in the programme then share what they've learned with their colleagues and fellow students in their respective schools. That snowball effect is what allows the reach and impact of the Khanyisa programme to be so immeasurably wide.

Although Covid-19 threw a spanner in the works, as it did with many things across the world, the Khanyisa Programme was able to keep the light of education shining brightly. With the help of the programme's exceptionally generous sponsor, Hulamin, Khanyisa was able to continue running smoothly despite the disruptions caused by both the pandemic and the social unrest that took place in the province.

This year for the very first time since Khanyisa was established at Maritzburg College, we had the privilege of sponsoring and awarding the Top 5 Umvuzo learners their Academic Excellence blazers. The pupils had to achieve an average of 80% and higher to receive the blazers. The Umvuzo learners were invited to Maritzburg College's assembly, the entire school, for the award of the blazers, to underscore the objective of symbolising that Khanyisa learners are a part of Maritzburg College family.

As a result of the success of the current High School Khanyisa Programme, we wanted to utilise this assembly to address and bridge the content gaps created by the pandemic and unrest in the province. Maritzburg College, in partnership with the Durban Education Trust, Standard Bank and Simone Dowens, established the Maritzburg College Primary Schools Outreach Programme, which follows a similar format to the existing High School's programme. However, it is further developed, as we seek to grow these boys holistically, because we believe that this is especially necessary at this time. The programme seeks to address some of the Covid after-effects

in our boys, as we build them up again, not only academically, but also in terms of their emotional well-being. Over the two-year programme, the students will be exposed to far more than just academics. Our Sport Directors, Clinical Psychologist and other key members of the College staff will have a role to play. Through sport and social engagement, as well as classroom activities, we aim to develop and support engaged young men filled with hopes and dreams.

For us as a school, the Khanyisa Programme is not simply about supporting others, but it is also about teaching our boys to involve themselves in the meaning of outreach and to become practically aware of the difference that it can make to the others. Maritzburg College boys will be involved in the peer tutoring of these primary school boys, which will provide a valuable opportunity to forge relationships and a positive brotherhood.

Khanyisa, as an outreach programme, has evolved exceedingly. In the third term, we launched our Extended Learning Programme. The strategic intention of Maritzburg College is to share the rich educational resources of the school with leading supporters within the community. These include adult students, to nurture a vibrant learning community, to nourish the life of the mind, and to promote the pleasures of intellectual exploration.

The Extended Learning Programme recognises the importance of the different forms of post-secondary education learning activities within the continuous education domain, including degree-credit courses by non-traditional students; non-degree career training; matric remediation; work-force training; formal and informal personal enrichment courses (both on-campus and online). Generally, the Extended Learning Programme is intended for adult learners (18–70-year-olds).

In September 2022, in partnership with Standard Bank, we held our very first Extended Learning Training for 30 schools, including Principals, both from high schools and primary schools as well as their financial team representatives. The training was conducted by Standard Bank, and it focused on how to bank and better manage the schools' financial resources. The training was a great success as the attendees requested and suggested more training sessions around different topics.

We thank Mrs Dudu Dlamini, our Circuit Manager, for all her involvement in our outreach programmes, the Khanyisa facilitators for both the Primary School Programme and the High School Programme, the Estates team members, Granny Macs and the boys who play a critical role as peer-tutors.

Ms T Shata • Khanyisa Programme Co-ordinator

SOCIAL AWARENESS COUNCIL (SAC)

The SAC is an integral part of the school and the focus of much of this year has been the implementation of our ADP (Anti-discrimination Policy). It is extremely positive for the SAC that our boys, staff and wider school community have become more transparent and vocal about issues of discrimination that they have identified at school, either personally or from a broader perspective. This, however, means that the number of 'cases' that we had to deal with this year has increased exponentially. Further, we have had to constantly remind ourselves of the highly sensitive nature of investigating such matters and our absolute need to remain impartial and objective when dealing with them.

In summary, the SAC Advisory Panel (Chair: Mrs Rodelle Govender, Exco: Mr Anthony Sparrow, HoD Pastoral Well-being: Mr Lethu Shongwe and any other knowledgeable other) is tasked with investigating matters concerning staff and boys and making a recommendation to the Headmaster on the way forward. The Headmaster has the final decision to act and is, at most times, bound by his responsibilities to the Department of Education. The investigative report that the panel presents to the Headmaster documents the school's adherence to procedure and fairness for all concerned. It outlines all evidence collected, the way such evidence is collected and, based on the policies that apply (SASA, SACE Code of Ethics, and the internal policies of the school, for example the Social Media Policy), the actions that should be taken by the school to address the matter. It also allows us to keep a record of how matters were resolved so that we continue to ensure fairness and lack of bias in the future.

Matters that to be dealt with are brought to our attention via email, on the anonymous reporting app or by meeting with one of the SAC Panel members. A matter is only pursued if the complainant provides a written account of their complaint to the SAC using the channels provided.

The SAC also offers 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, but 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 have continued to offer insight into matters relating to social diversity and work closely with many school committees such as Discipline, Leadership, Employment Equity, and the RCL.

Finally, we thank Mr Craig MacKenzie (SGB) and all school stakeholders for the on-going 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 2023 that includes dynamic speakers and presentations and many changes to the Social Awareness Forum structure. Parents, pupils 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 • Head of Social Awareness

Social Awareness Forum (SAF)



Back row: S Sithembu, L Myeza, J Gasarasi, N Setipa, N Ndlovu, M Ngubo, N Gwala, S Hlophe, S Mpanza, I Jikijo

Front row: L Hlophe, A Chiliza, S Mbonambi, Miss N Gumede, K Mthimkhulu (chairperson), Mr L Shongwe (MIC), T Zimu (secretary), T Motaung, S Cele

2022 has been a year of exploring once again and presenting new strategies to deal with issues that have arisen from Covid-19. As a forum we have made it our priority to look after the boys at Maritzburg College and neighbouring schools. One of our successes of the year was a Youth Day event that was hosted by our SAF boys.

Five schools participated, which were St John's DSG, Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School (GHS), The Wykeham Collegiate and Alexandra High School. The discussion considered the challenges young people are currently facing and how we should go about resolving such issues. There was much

to discuss, and the session proved that the future of our schools is in the right hands.

GHS also invited us to a fishbowl session that saw twelve of our boys participating, the topic for the session was 'Conversations for change'. The discussion was about how we are meant to talk about change in our everyday lives, what the rules of engagement are and how we spark interest in people about things that matter to us.

Mr L Shongwe



CREATIVITY AT COLLEGE

ENGLISH WRITING

Magic of a South African Summer

“Silence!” voiced the game ranger with his fist in the air, signalling for me to bring the safari vehicle to a sudden halt. He sensed something... Murmurs of concern could be heard three rows back between the American tourists. I could feel it, the hairs on my arms were raised. Some call it the sixth sense, a feeling one gets when one knows one is vulnerable... How vulnerable were we?

The sky above glowed a beautiful orange, and it had been a great sight-seeing opportunity, but now as the sun began to set, something felt off. We scanned the thick bush which surrounded us, searching for clues. It was quiet, almost too quiet. I looked over my right shoulder towards Phil, the lead game ranger and my mentor, in whom I felt a feeling of comfort as he knew this territory like the back of his hand. This feeling soon fizzled away as Phil reached over for his rifle, which in his thirty years of experience, had only needed to be used once. He knew something I didn't, and the answer was behind the wall of bush beside us. Using hand gestures, he signalled for me to put the vehicle in reverse, which I hurriedly obeyed. He then pointed to the small gap between two branches, that's when we made eye contact.

A stare so strong it pierced through my soul. Its eyes were wild, wilder than the lions we had seen earlier. The vegetation bristled, breaking the horrifying silence, but its gaze on me still never broke. It was a giant, a giant home to the wilderness. As it moved ever so slightly forward, as if drawn to me, its figure became more and more apparent. Standing at around four metres tall, with legs that resembled tree stumps and ears big enough to act as wings, a sheer feeling of panic ran down my spine. Its left ear had holes through it, confirming that he has only had negative encounters with humans. That's when it occurred to me, he thought we were the bad ones, the ones who caused him to be alone in the bush.

I shifted the gear lever back and accelerated hard, panic screams could be heard behind me, the elephant charge over the shrubs with ease, clearly seeking revenge. The vehicle swerved, Phil attempted his shot on the wild beast, but it didn't work. The vehicle swerved back onto the pavement as the mighty elephant trumpeted just metres behind us. It was an escape close enough to keep tourists away for good, and an experience which keeps us South Africans coming back for another thrill.

C Hohls (Sixth Form)



A Khumalo (Third Form) Abstract watercolour

Beauty prevails

Magnificent hues of warm amber and ultra-violet crest the hazy horizon. A tinge of royal purples and azure blues contest where the night sky meets the fiery, glowing ember of the looming gas giant. The sun grows larger as it crawls its way higher into the air. Its crown of wispy clouds and rising air distort its image as it looms above, but its dominant presence is inescapable. Up above, in the far reaches of our fragile atmosphere, clusters of cotton wool clouds drift lazily along, highlighted by refracted light. They float with the flow of the cool morning breeze.

A lone Acacia tree stands stoic and tall. Its neighbours have long since perished, all victims of time and drought. Twisted fingers of bone-dry timber clutch at the illusion of safety that the sky provides. Atop it sits a tangled mesh of razor-sharp thorns and the very leaves that sustain its life. One by one they are methodically picked and plucked. The long-necked invader, awoken from his deep slumber, now feasts upon the unsuspecting prey. As its life begins to fade, the Acacia bitterly begins to accept its fate, only to be saved by this very bitterness the soulless giraffe finds distasteful. He moves on to greener pastures as the tree is once again left alone, until the next unwelcome visitor.

The golden strands of wiry grass carpets every free spot of dirt, stretching in every direction. The unrelenting pattern is only broken by crude grey rocks and shallow watering holes. Opportunistic predators lurk in the murky depths, waiting patiently for breakfast to arrive. An entire kingdom lurks in the shadowed reprieve, both above and below the churning soil.

The day is announced by all who are near. Mighty cries of buck and elephants are accompanied by the rumbling thuds of stampedes. A cacophony of melodic songs and mesmerising avian prayers echoes across the majestic African wildlands as birds leap to the skies and take flight. Dodging and weaving amongst each other in the morning frenzy.

The sweet scent of wildflowers permeates the scene, occasionally it becomes interrupted by the smell of freshly cut grass. These wildflowers are few and far between in such a harsh landscape but their simple beauty never ceases to amaze all who bear witness to their existence.

In the rich and rolling hills and valleys of Southern Africa, throughout the constant fight for survival and violent struggles for power, beauty prevails.

M Pieterse (Sixth Form)

Searching for a smile

He was surrounded by strangers. All in striped clothes and shaved heads. He presented a similar appearance but was a quarter of their size. His wide, glistening eyes matched the soft, brown fur of his special cat, Blue – his special cat because only he could see it.

They stared through two large, wooden slates at the back of the crowded cattle truck and searched the many passing marching circles for his mother's comforting face. He longed to see her smile again. It made him forget about the strangers around him and the stench that clung to them like dung. He wanted to see the smile that turned into a screaming hole when the men in uniforms ripped him away from her protective grip. He remembered that she had a name for those men. “Nasties”, or something like that.

He never worried about never seeing her again because Blue was going to find her. He had followed Blue onto the cattle truck and would follow him when they got off.

The truck's brakes screeched as it came to a stop. The boy looked around and saw people standing in lines instead of marching in circles. One of the men in uniforms opened the large gate at the back of the truck while another grabbed the boy before the crowd of strangers pushed him off the edge.

As the boy was lowered to the ground he realised that he had never seen that side of the camp before. There were large, smoking chimneys

that seemed to touch the sky. There was a smell that was so revolting, it managed to overpower the stench of the strangers. The boy pinched his tiny nose in a desperate attempt to block out the scent but he could still feel it in his wide eyes, as if it was coating them.

He kept his eyes on Blue now who seemed to be following the strangers toward one of the buildings, but then suddenly changed course and ran towards one of the other lines of strangers. The boy watched as Blue brushed up against the ankles of one of the women. The boy's eyes followed the woman's figure up to her familiar face.

He had found his mom.

She was walking towards a different building. With no emotion. No smile.

The boy tried to get to her but a “Nasty” grabbed him and gave him to one of the strangers to hold. He began crying and screaming, “Mommy! Mommy!”, but she couldn't hear him. The stranger turned to boy to face him and offered him a sad yet comforting smile that made the boy stop crying. It looked like his mother's smile.

He stared at the smile. It made him deaf to the rest of the world. He didn't notice the door shut behind the crowd. He didn't hear their fearful screams. And he didn't feel the gas as it filled his lungs.

J Peens (Sixth Form)



A Cele (Fifth Form)

A Light in the Darkness

As my boss looked at me with tired eyes and a weak smile, I realised that this was just my luck. It was just my luck that after five tedious, late afternoon filled years doing a job that I absolutely adore, I had to be “let go”. Today is a perfect summary of exactly how my week had been.

My week started off with a normal Monday. I spent my morning enjoying every second of my job, data analysis, and managed to get work done exceptionally quickly. It was the next day that my week of misery ensued.

Losing a loved one is never easy, somehow everyone actually thought that I handled it well, but how could I? He was by far my favourite cousin, ever since we sat and decided to eat together almost 22 years ago. Receiving that phone call left me in absolute shock. It spurred the creation of a black, dark cloud in me. A cloud that left me gloomy, that stuck with me while making me all the more aware of my empty apartment. Tuesday had hit me hard.

The next two days flashed by in a blur of familiar work faces, avoided conversations and more analysing. I pushed through both days trying to ignore the swirling darkness growing inside me. The hardest part was trying to pretend that I was not falling apart, that I was really okay, but today had managed to completely shatter me.

As he paced up and down his office, my boss tried to find the words to explain the reason why I was being let go, something along the lines of

Covid-19 majorly impacting the number of employees the company could pay. His voice faded away as the darkness enclosed around me. It clouded and dulled my mind, it felt like I was merely existing, not living. It managed to make the drive home seem twice as long.

As my key turned and my door opened, I looked up in awe. My suitcase thudded to the floor as a sudden feeling of warmth flooded me. After a week of gloomy days spent all alone, a light shone through the darkness. This single beam guided me out of my clouded mind, just as it does any week the darkness finds me. I am sure she was tired from the seven-hour flight and wanted to tell me every detail of her six-day trip, I could not help but smile. My incredible wife of five years was finally home, my shining light in a week of darkness.

S Osman (Sixth Form)

African Sky Blue

African, Sky, Blue. These are three words that are able to encapsulate and capture the beauty, power, wonder and intrigue that forms part of our iconic African landscape.

This landscape is one that is barren, a dry wasteland without salvation for any form of life. Yet, uncomplainingly this landscape is able to form a wonderfully diverse and vast canvass of Mother Nature's finest works.

Our renowned African landscape is one that has struck a fine balance between two stark contrasts. One of peace, serenity and raw beauty, contrasted with death, conflict and suffering, as the duels of Mother Nature's creations rage on.

Unbeknown to the eye, a cruel war of resources thrives and unfolds right before us. A war that we are too naïve to comprehend.

We may marvel at what is presented to us in our African landscape, use it as symbols of peace and simplicity, yet a war that flares on does not conform to this simplicity. Mother Nature is a cruel battle, one in which many perish and few survive.

As we watch on, still oblivious to the events that transpire before us, a brief ceasefire is a time when all the beauty and awe that could ever exist is exhibited for all mere mortals to see. The end of the day signals the opening of this exhibition, one that is open for all.

After sitting on its mighty throne and surveying the world below, the chirping of birds and clicking of insects signal the departure of the sun's ceremonial journey down below the horizon. The sun's departure brings an end to the hustle and bustle of the world below, as all stop to bask in the wonder that is unfolding. Colours that are so intense it causes the pupils to dilate, are emitted onto the landscape below. All members of the vast African landscape pause to pay respect to Mother Nature herself, depicted in the beauty of a sunset. The sunset acts as a declaration from Mother Nature herself, one that brings the day to an end and life to rest.

Once night has fallen on our beloved African landscape, surrounding it in darkness, power and beauty still radiate from its core. A moon and star lit night is all that we are afforded. The din of the living landscape is all that is heard and is a symphony to the senses.

The temporary ceasefire in the battle against Mother Nature is signed and all comes to rest. One final exhibition of beauty is enjoyed as the day closes, one that effortlessly reminds us of Mother Nature's power and magnificence. The night's darkness engulfs all that remain below and all beings wait in anticipation for yet another wonderful rendition of African Sky Blue.

R Finnie (Sixth Form)



The Realisation

When we were young, we thought the world was flawless but as life moved on, we started to realise the world's imperfections. Our only problem was which flavour ice-cream to choose, now it is which bills we should choose to pay.

When we were children, our eyes were only half open, blinded to the struggles that had been endured to put us in the privileged position we are in. But as the world evolves and the seasons change, the image of those perfect do-gooders start to fall away. We start to see them for what they truly are, just people, people who belong to a generation that will never truly understand. Or maybe just don't want to understand us?

Everything in life happens for a reason but when we struggle to find the reason, we are left speechless, and astonished and sometimes lost. We ask ourselves the question, "why is this happening to me?" where in fact someone else had been more severely affected. There are 7.8 billion people in this world and you think you are having the worst day in your life, how insensitive.

Life has its pros and cons but it would not be a good day if every day was good. You need the negatives to cancel out the positives in order to have a neutral and blissful life.

History is a pivotal reminder to us all. It is there to ensure that what we have done in the past is not repeated in the future, or so we thought. History has a habit of repeating itself despite our trivial efforts. Such is the circle of life. We are born, we live, we die. Life is the beautiful lie but death is the painful truth, a truth that we spend our entire lives running away from. Life is not about the destination but about the journey you have travelled.

There comes a point in time in everyone's life when they have asked that oh so pertinent question, "what is life?" and thereafter spend the entirety of that same life trying to find the answer. This is the bitter truth. We spend our lives searching for answers that we are not prepared for.

L Pillay (Fifth Form)

“Why me, oh Lord?!”

I am a man who has experienced pain. There are many types of pain: bodily pain, emotional pain, the pain of a memory, yet they all leave scars. Pain creeps over our souls like a vindictive slime, acidic and gnarled. Yet we can always find solace knowing that there's an afflicter, right? A courser of pain who can be punished. But today as I stare at the setting sun, embalmed by ocean tides, I can only blame God, for who else can I blame?

The doctor. Yes, maybe I should blame him! He was the one who had to bring the dreaded news. He failed, bringing disgrace upon his medical degree (as useful as kindling). His fake sorrow – surely it was fake! Surely he's the villain of the story, with malicious intent. He wanted Isabela to die. He watched both of them die. Maybe he laughed maniacally, enjoying the agony. Maybe then, I could be angry at someone.

Truth be told, I know that my anger isn't directed at the white suit, stained by the blood of my wife. It's directed at nothing, only at a God I now suddenly believe in.

Maybe I could blame Isabela Junior, in all her unseen existence. She was the parasite that killed my wife, wasn't she? Maybe abortion could have saved Isabela. I wouldn't be here, knees in the gritty sand, yelling at the ocean. If God doesn't exist, then who else can I blame?

I'm alone then, tears mixing with the salty sea breeze, stinging my wretched eyes. Why me? Why me God? Why am I alive? I know it's selfish to be angry at the so-called privilege of life rather than their deaths, but Death is selfish. Isabela Junior was selfish.

“Isabela Junior.” She had said the name with a spark in her pupils. “It has a nice ring to it.” That is what we would have named her. We would have cradled her in our arms for hours. We would have showed her off to the rest of the family, and made her the first of many to come. Hopefully. We'd dance with her to our favourite songs. We'd have watched her grow up. She would be as stunning as her mother, I'd say, a hand caressing her smiling cheek. Why, only now, do I suddenly hate something I was so excited for?

The sun finally disappears under opalescent waters. My pain evaporates as I watch cascading stars stare back at me. A glimpse of a smile graces my lips. She's up there. Both of them are, dancing with a God I've been yelling at for so long. Maybe I should wait until sunrise, and let it remind me that things that disappear don't go away for good. I'll see them again someday, glowing like the rising sun. Thank you God.

S Ender (Fifth Form)



C Kirby (Sixth Form) The Tree as Metaphor

The lingering flashbacks of that unforgettable day

Run! That was the only thought that engulfed my mind. I had to keep running or else my life would be lost forever. My feet pounded against the raw earth as the icy wind whipped my skin. Beads of sweat covered my forehead, my mouth was parched and my feet were aching. Whilst my body screamed at me to stop, my mind would not let me.

I dared a glance back and caught a glimpse of my hunter, clasping a rope in his muscular hands, his dark eyes fixed on me and determined. I swirled back around and refocussed my gaze on the approaching forest. I had to keep running or else I would be taken away from the only place I had ever known. It was too late. I tripped over a fallen branch and fell to the ground with a heavy thud. I could only think about the fast-approaching hunter. I quickly scrambled to my feet, only to have a hefty hand force me back down again. I was caught!

I lost consciousness thereafter, but the last thought I had was an image of my mother before I left her that morning.

I awoke suddenly to an unfamiliar environment. I looked around to see hundreds of people, some old, some young and others just children. They all had one thing in common, their hands were tied and their necks were held between fork branches. I looked down and noticed that my hands too were tied.

I decided to close my eyes and rest for a while, but I was suddenly awoken by the cracking of whips.

We left the site early that day. For days we waded through forests and battled through ferocious rivers. I rarely got any sleep, fear of the unknown kept me awake. The conditions were brutal and there was a shortage of food. Many of the captured people died from starvation. I too felt as if I was going to die. I lost weight and my skin clung to my bones.

Every time the men in power cracked their whips I was scarred, both physically and mentally. My back was covered in deep wounds, which was a reminder of the miserable life I was destined to live.

After what seemed like an eternity, we arrived at the slave trade. We were quickly shoved into lines, ready to be sold to the highest paying trader. As I gazed upon the men in power, my eyes locked with one of the traders. I quickly looked away in fear. When it was my turn to be auctioned, I stood on the platform, stripped of my dignity. The trader whose eyes I had locked with earlier had placed the highest bid. I now “belonged” to him.

I was escorted to him with my hands tied behind my back. As I stood before him I cringed. Fear infiltrated my body, yet all he did was smile.

Later that day he pulled me aside and told me he was going to let me free! I looked at him flabbergasted. He said that he believes that no person should be put through torture to serve another human being. As he said that, he cut the rope binding my hands, and told me to run. I was free, but flashbacks of the trauma I endured will haunt me forever.

D Pillay (Fifth Form)

Our voice: a musical instrument, and our mind; the musician

A great scholar once described the human voice as an instrument. It is a powerful instrument whose melody could build men up, or break them down, create glorious nations, or lead to mass destruction. The following essay will study that instrument, the musician behind it, and the impact the two together can have.

Music is powerful. It conveys feeling to a place deep within our being and can shake us to our core. Music crosses culture gaps and language barriers to reach all people and touch their hearts. The voice, however, is unique. It specialises in one language at a time, to not only share feeling, but meaning. Words can change how we view the world and how we experience reality. One who speaks more languages has many different ways to understand any single concept and as a result is more enlightened.

But how does an instrument make sound without a musician to strike its strings? It simply does not. The saying goes “dead men tell no tales” and this is true. Every voice-instrument is played by a mind. For the voice to emit intelligible tones, there must be an experienced and skilled artist in control. Otherwise the voice babbles like an infant. There are some, highly gifted musicians every once in a while, who take the world by storm and cause great change to occur. There have also been “great thinkers” who compose magnificent symphonies, despite shortcomings in their ability to play their instrument well. To this day, the work of some great thinkers is still being interpreted, explored and built upon.

The human brain can be manipulated. The greatest rulers knew this and used it to construct the glorious world empires of the past.

With great power comes great responsibility. Our voices can set enormous dominoes into motion, and it can be done by mistake. As such, put thought into what you say, because while the fist is strong, and the pen mightier, the most dangerous weapon, the tongue, is a double-edged blade.

S Pretorius (Fifth Form)



A Khumalo (Third Form)

“Looking Back, I can say, it was worth it”

The stranger's eyes bore through me, judging me. The gaze they cast stank of a false sense of superiority. She was nowhere near superior. She was fake. The monstrous creation of different doctors around the globe, a collaboration, melded with plastic and flesh.

I did not say anything to her, I did not want to. She was filthy. Her forehead was bloated, no creases ran across it. The line that bound her golden dyed hair was stitched perfectly, but so easily recognisable. She loathed me for analysing it, as if I had torn a scab that had never truly healed. I recognised the way her eyes darted as my gaze travelled across her body. The way her cheeks sunk, her neck tensing and her arms folding. She hated herself.

Her lips were stiff, not from emotions but from the Botox, clearly identifiable for even the dimmest of people. Her breasts heaved against her dress, the same dress she worried over, her eyes staring at my own.

Her waist was strangled by a corset. She looked hungry, not for food. She was hungry with greed. A greed for perfection, a need for it. How sad her life must be, passing from bar to bar, feasting on nothing but the affirmations of men half her age.

We both took a step forward, no words exchanged. She opened her mouth, pursing her fleshy, swollen lips to rub at her teeth. Rubbing away the lipstick, like blood being cleaned off bathroom tiles. The way her gums shifted gave her dentures away.

“Look how you’ve destroyed yourself, are you satisfied?” she muttered, as if I wasn't asking her the same thing. Her voice was hoarse, cigarettes to cope with her anxiety. She was an open book. Her question hung in the air like a noose around my neck. I needed to justify myself, I needed to be better than her, to have the last laugh.

She stood there stoically, her bony fingers clutching at her purse, her knuckles whitening as we stared each other down. We were strangers by every meaning of the word, and I was not going to let some stranger get the satisfaction of silencing me. “Looking back, I can say, it was all worth it,” I retorted, only to find her mocking me again, repeating me. But her expression was miserable, she was lying.

I turned away from her, not being able to handle her gaze any longer, shutting my apartment door behind me. I couldn't deal with how her eyes bore into me anymore. I needed to gain as much distance between myself and that mirror as I could.

K Marais (Fifth Form)



B Kent (Third Form)

Beyond these walls

One random thought can change your life forever. This is my random thought ...

Have you ever just taken a step back and looked at your past and where you are now? Well, today I changed it up a bit and instead, I looked back and realised that I haven't accomplished half of what 10-year-old me wanted to accomplish. Not these adult dreams but small things as in enjoying life with friends or going swimming at the beach or even spending time outside the house. Why haven't I done these things? Well, it's pretty simple actually.

My whole life I have been held back by something. But what is it. It feels as if I have been locked up in a cell with nothing but my needs. I only have a limited space to do things and to enjoy life but it feels so normal.

Although I cannot go out or even put a foot out the cell it still feels familiar. The reason for this is anxiety. I have always known I had it but never knew how bad or severe it is. Anxiety has always made me feel like I should never try new things or meet new people because I don't know the feeling of these things. I have always felt like I am trapped in the same daily routine and lifestyle yet I have never tried to escape it.

Although I have never changed it I still like having a set routine, always knowing what I'm doing next. It makes me feel safe and better like I'm at a hospital. It feels much nicer to be in your own company knowing you can't feel judged or attacked or uncomfortable but feels like a normal person. This is because of insecurity. I have always preferred staying in the comfort of my own home. Better yet, even my bedroom. That is the only place I feel normal, those four walls. But it's time to do all the things I have dreamed of. How do I do that if I still can't get out of my bedroom?

The only place you need to feel safe is the walls of your mind. If I can get comfortable myself and stop debating myself, that is when I get to do what I've always wanted to. But it all starts in the walls of my mind.

H Joubert (Fourth Form)





A Monametsi (Sixth Form)

An African thunderstorm

Fear and anxiety rushes into the minds of all forms of life. The devastation which may be caused by the unknown creates a sense of unrest in the quiet village. An African thunderstorm has the ability to affect the senses of the innocent with its eternal power and unpredictability.

The first stage of this external force has begun, silence. The short moment of panic can sometimes feel like an eternity. Everything seems to stop, except for the advancing shadows in the sky. The atmosphere is warm from the humidity in the air as the first icy raindrops leak from above. The admired smell of rain spreads across the dark horizon. The small dimples in the dam become larger as the light fades away. The calm before the storm has come to an end.

The frightening light of a distant beam startles the eager viewers of the show. A sharp crack of thunder follows and is felt in the ears and souls. The mighty wind whistles through the tall trees and the gaps in the shelters. The dark cumulonimbus clouds get into position to cause havoc below. The taste of a warm cup of coffee comforts the people hiding from the external being.

Suddenly, everything intensifies at a drastic rate. The plummeting raindrops cause the tin shelters to sing. The deadly beams in the sky multiply as they shoot towards the ground. The deep intimidating voice of thunder amplifies to another scale. Objects begin to shake as the afternoon breeze turns into a raging wind, uprooting trees and tearing down houses. The buckets of rain flood the dry plains where overgrazed land transforms into landslides. Nothing can be heard as the soundwaves are flooded with radiating thunder and rain.

The African thunderstorm has resolved into a peaceful moment in time. The birds begin to sing as they return to their damaged trees. The aftermath of the catastrophic thunderstorm creates relaxation as the sun peeps its way through the cracks of the clouds. The children begin to play in the wet fields and the animal life goes back to normal after this brief, yet influential pause in reality.

J Werth (Fourth Form)

The Chase

“Hurry up and take a video!” exclaimed my mom as I took my first steps. Take me back to that day. When life was as simple as sleep, eat, cry, poop and repeat. From walking, I learnt how to jog and inevitably I found myself running. I have been running for what now seems like eons and I am exhausted. Fighting for every breath.

Running became second nature; I can’t pinpoint an exact date but I found myself doing it in every situation. Whether I was running away from my parents’ expectations, towards my own goals, away from my own problems, or simply due to the fact that I was late for class and Mr Dorling was patrolling the hallways. Running became my survival mechanism and I have now realised it was all in preparation for this chase. The chase in which I am the prey. To condition my body for the torment it is yet to experience as this beast hunts me down with unwavering determination.

My feet have blistered and hardened. Every tendon, ligament and muscle in my body has cramped then healed. Even my heart has threatened to collapse on many occasions. My body has broken and repaired itself more times than the moon has changed phases. I run alone, however, it is not I alone who runs. Almost everyone I know runs; all at different paces and all with the desire to breathe. Breathing is an easy process for some. Finding breath in love. Others in spending time with family. For some it is in music and others in a good book.

I have tried it all. Even abandoning those luxuries and searching in the depths of validation, flavoured ethanol and even drugs. These have sped up the process of my lungs failing rather than aiding with respiration. The beast that hunts me is one of my own creations and with every pitiful breath I manage, it draws nearer. A creature which has manifested from the feelings I fail to escape. Claws and teeth derived from severe anxiety, body and limbs built from overwhelming stress and a head forged in depression.

I have run through forests, deserts and swamps but to no avail. My heart will soon implode and I have accepted that. I am tired of running and my legs feel heavier with each step. Only a permanent rest could heal my mind, body and soul. The finish line is now visible. I hope the grass really is greener on the other side.

I Jikijo (Fourth Form)

The blinding of beauty

“This is the final barrier between man and boy. Only fools and cowards cannot represent the honour of the family.” This is what has been drilled into my skull for the past few months. This voyage, seemingly the meaning of my young life, would bring pride to my family of Kakothule. I must continue on.

The sunset is beautiful this evening. The sunset is beautiful this evening. The Earth, a dark monster, engulfing the flaming ball of the sky into its belly, and spewing out flicks of white paint onto the black canvas once he is finished. Odd, how us humans find this beautiful. The smell of the old wood reminded me of my youth, playing around in the sailing boats of our tribe. Memories that now seemed so insignificant due to this journey.

The boat walked calmly over the water, like an ice dancer with elegance, making only small footsteps in its wake. I looked over into the glassy mirror, and my reflection was the man that I was becoming. Many nihilists and stoics believe nothing in this world matters. But even they cannot ignore the beauty of Mother Nature.

A ripple in the water. No, two. No, three. The boat swayed as the glass cracked like a chain reaction. I swivelled around, as I heard its roar. The green lion jumped out of the shattered lake. He flashed his sharp teeth and focussed his slit eyes on me. This is no beautiful summer’s evening. No, this was a dog fight.

I grabbed the sticks to my right and left and heaved against the angry water. He lunged with his long nose and broke off a chunk of the vessel. Like a matador, I worked and weaved my way around the beast, tearing its way through the savannah. Poking and marauding with my paddle, the crocodile and I fenced for what seemed like hours. I then remembered the sacred weapon on my back. “If ever the tides turn, turn with them,” my late father always said. I turned around and grabbed my bow from its sash. In one smooth movement, arrow loaded, I let go of the string to allow it to whistle through the air. Straight through its seeing organ it fell, and the dragon was slain.

I vow, from this day forward, never to let my vision be blinded by beauty. Perhaps the philosophers were correct. However, for the pride of my family, I must continue on.

J Kloppers (Fourth Form)

Neat

On June 18th, 1992, John had woken up at the crack of dawn, filled with excitement and joy that awaited his group of friends and himself in the coming hours of the day. John referred to this group of friends as the ‘famous five’. The famous five were finally leaving their apartment in 8th Street to travel to a long-awaited trip, the African Safari.

A year of savings, planning and a lot of hoping had gone into this adventure. The vast grasslands and deep jungles of Angola Hunting Resort awaited the crew. The famous five boarded the plane with bellies full of excitement.

Fourteen hours of flight had come to an end and John and his crew had stepped out into one of Africa’s most deserted countries, Angola. A hostess arrived in an old Land Cruiser. Nina was her name, she was an old African lady who spoke impeccable English. A slight shock came off John’s crew’s faces as Nina continued informing the crew of what awaited them in the upcoming days, as they travelled along the deserted roads back to the resort.

The resort was on top of a hill, viewing over the lush grasslands, beautiful animals and priceless African sun. The staff insisted the crew head to bed early and to return well rested, for the hunting expedition that awaited them required energy.

John woke that morning to a majestic sunrise and sweet scent of breakfast. An hour later the crew set off with the trusted hunting guides on a long trip. In the heat of the day they had already come across some of Africa’s well-known beasts like the daunting buffalo.

In the afternoon, a great turn of events occurred as dark clouds emerged over the grasslands, bringing to them the famous African thunderstorm. The guides led the crew to cover in the bushveld. Suddenly, what the crew thought was thunder was actually a herd of beautiful elephants. John stood in awe of the moment that he had just experienced.

The famous five had enjoyed many days like this on the rest of their trip. Returning home, they continued to talk and laugh about their adventures. Africa will always be special to this adventurous crew.

J Slevin (Fourth Form)

In the garden

It’s nine o’clock at night. Another typical warm summers evening in Pietermaritzburg. Max is taken outside by his grandpa to witness something majestic.

They step of their lavish porch and walk straight in grandpa’s big, green garden. At this point young Max fancies himself as a non-nature lover and chooses to just stand by. He notices a small green light, he follows it and then another appears and another. Soon the night sky is lit with these little bugs that illuminate a bright green light.

Max is baffled. He stands boldly, surrounded by the artwork of the true Creator. All around him are rough barked trees, fine smooth grass and poky twigs. He has now entered a different realm. One without modern technology and the smell of hot curry. Out here in the majestic garden is the smell of freshly cut grass. The smell of fresh, living plants finds its way up to his small nostrils. He opens his mouth wide to let out an explosion of a sneeze and just then the bitterness of the air seeps in too.

Croak. Tom hears the loud sound of croaking frogs in the small distant pond. Hoot hoot! There up in an oak tree sits a gorgeous brown spotted, light grey owl with its head rotated at 90°.

Right there as Tom has his feet rooted deep in the soft garden grass with his head facing the spotted owl, and the green lights, the croaking sounds, the fresh smells and the bitter tastes, he finally understands the beauty of nature.

In that special moment Tom feels a connection with oneself and nature. He feels the spirit of the open green and right there learns to appreciate her beauty.

L Luthuli (Third Form)



B Masinga (Sixth Form) Tomorrowland

The Garden

As they drew nearer to the garden, the tall trees slowly come into view, as though they were coming out of hiding, gently swaying to the rhythm of the wind. As though welcoming them to this discrete place. The young boy, antsy to see what the garden held, tugged at his limping grandfather’s hand, begging him to move quicker. As they tread up the hill their heads reached the summit and as if they were a reward for reaching the top, the hill unveiled quite a sight to behold.

In marvelled awe, the two gazed into the distance, in absolute silence. Indistinct figures of animals could be seen behind the tress, curious and anxious to see the two new creatures that had appeared in their home, before vanishing in the sea of trees. As the two generations walked through the garden they came to a sudden halt. Time stopped for them as they stared, awestruck at the ancient oak tree that loomed erect over them in the centre of the garden.

Like moths drawn to a flame, they slowly walked, as though in a trance. The ancient tree beckoned them closer, its leaves whispering words of wisdom to them. As they stood there, the grandfather was reminded of himself at a tender age, when his grandfather took him to the same oak. It was a bittersweet moment for him, for seeing his grandson on his youth made him wish he was young again.

As the night began his reign, and the forest began to sleep, the wolves could be heard in the distance, howling at the moon with a desperate wish to someday be united with her mate. A gentle breeze tussled the young boy’s hair as he danced in the moonlit garden, inviting the sleepless beasts of the forest to watch his unique performance.

As midnight drew nearer, the two lay on the luscious grass, while the old man shared wisdom and knowledge with his grandson; from one generation to the other. The stars glistened in the sky like ornaments of light decorating the night sky, like a dark blanket spread across the heavens. The night sky covered the two, as they rested at the mercy of the beast that prowled and ruled the night, but in the comfort of the luscious garden, in the protection of the moonlight under which they bathed.

The animals dreamed and the trees waltzed to the rhythm of the wind. The God of heaven smiled down upon them, for everything, in all their beauty, are His and His alone.

E Mitewu (Third Form)





C Kirby (Sixth Form) *The Tree as Metaphor II*

If I have ever seen magic, it has been in Africa

A place where the sun greets you with the warmest smile. A place where the wind's motion embraces you in a spiral of tranquillity and freedom. A place where every grain of sand and living creature is connected. A place that can transform a frozen and broken heart into an eternal flame of gratitude and peace. A place called Mother Africa.

My gaze cast upon the eastern sky where the sun blessed me with its presence. The land was an endless ocean of golden grass. The mountain was wrapped in a fluffy white blanket where far below the evergreen canopy bowed to its superior named Kilimanjaro. The great waterfall signified Mother Africa's tears from human oppression and greed but unlike us, she never apologises for her beauty.

The birds sang cheerful songs that could lift the most sorrowful of spirits. The fields of dandelions danced to the wind's melody. The air was fresh and crystal clear but soon the smell of rotting vegetation imprisoned my nose into a state of disgust.

The thunder spoke in a demanding and ominous voice. The blood moon glared at me with a pernicious look that gave me a feeling of trepidation and prayer for mercy. Gruesome yet beautiful and magnificent.

A place that is untamed and untouched. A place of hope, resilience and wonder. A place where nature echoes far and wide. A place where your appreciation and gratitude for life comes to fruition. A place called Mother Africa.

K Moodley (Second Form)

"It was the wildest, untouched Africa and it was beautiful" - Jane Goodall

An orange haze rises like a thick mist over the savannah. It is followed by the sun, a glowing orb in the sky. The river is speaking softly as it flows over the rocks. The African bush is coming to life.

The lilac-breasted rollers singing in the trees above. We watch as they soar from tree to tree with their incredible colours, as a contrast to the dry savannah bush. The smell of the thatch grass that excites your senses and reminds you that you are in the bush.

A silent surprise when the gentle giants of Africa appear from out of the bushes to quench their thirst in the river. The elephants send droplets of water, like diamonds reflecting in the sun across their bodies whilst cooling off. We move off to give the herd their space. There is much more to see.

As we drive along the dusty dirt road, we feel the scorching heat of the day upon us. We are amazed to see the amount of different antelope that are enjoying the shade of acacia trees that are scattered along the grass plain. From Kudu to Duiker, the bushveld has it all.

We relax at the next campsite as the golden sun begins to hide behind the hills until the next morning. The calls of the nocturnal animals begins to sound. The call of the nightjar and the chatting of bush babies in trees, this is how a day in untouched Africa ends.

D Cruickshank (Third Form)

If I could turn back time just once...

If I could turn back time just once, where would I go? Maybe that time I broke my brother's arm, or when I beat up my friend for stealing my lunch back in Grade 3. I think I've got one... the time I gained weight during lockdown.

Sometimes you reminisce and look back on stupid things you have done when you were young. This was one of those things. In 2020, on March 17, all schools and workplaces were due to close, due to the spreading corona virus or Covid-19. The government called it the level 5 lockdown, and the levels decreased and increased according to the gravity of the situation, with the highest being 5.

During that period work packages were sent to parents in the hope of continuing education. This was not the same learning as at school. It was easy to get out of the work and just go to sleep which is what I would do. Just sit around and watch TV, whilst eating four to six slices of pizza.

When we started going to school, my friends made me aware of the weight gain. I recognised it as well but I did not take the necessary steps to lose all the fat.

Nearing the end of that school year I weighed around 90 to 95 kilograms. Every time I looked in the mirror I was revolted, disgusted, disappointed at what stared me in the face. Just a fat, lazy bum whose only redeeming qualities were his intellect and kindness.

Although I kept telling everyone that I would get my old self back, the only thing I gained was pounds. The December holidays which everyone took as a time to relax, I was on the grind.

Currently I weigh approximately 59 to 63 kilograms so I wish I did not let all that happen to me as I lost some friends along the way but I am happy for now.

H Modi (Third Form)

The sounds echoed through my mind

The sounds echoed through my mind. The battle still tormenting me in my dreams, I tossed and turned all night.

There was a large group of us; training in the forest clearing that day, when someone spotted the ominous, glistening scales of the Outcasts, hurtling towards us at speed.

Within moments they were upon us. Fippi, Sora, Blaze, Reed and I had all formed a protective circle around some of the younger Fliques. Everyone was caught off guard. We had not had time to summon our gifts. We were not ready.

The Outcasts decimated our troops, slaughtering any defenceless Flique they came across. They were aggressive, ruthless dragons, trained to kill. They could breathe scorching fire, fly at unimaginable speeds and had a venomous barb at the end of their tails. As the Fliques began to summon their gifts though, the tides changed. We surged, killing hundreds of Outcasts.

They were still killing off our troops at an alarming rate though, so my siblings and I split up to heal the wounded and dying.

It was a gruesome battle. Hundreds of Flique corpses littered the ground, burnt, stabbed or murdered. The worst were the screams which made my blood curdle. Suddenly, Sora screamed my name. I whipped around to see an Outcast slice perfectly through Reed's throat with its barb. Reed screamed, but only a gurgle of blood came. Then, he crumpled to the ground, dead ...

J Gotte (Second Form)

The way back home

The sweet sounds of family joining together to enjoy a meal, the soft warm embrace of a mother's touch and the joy experienced from time with your siblings and father, all suddenly faded in a span of time.

As the memories lie scattered, attempting to be reconnected, struggling to find its way back, hoping one day to reunite with those who made it. The spirit, a fortified piece of the puzzle, flows peacefully through the world, secretly to discover the way back. A broken silhouette voyaging on a journey for the emotions it once endured that now feel like a figment of his imagination.

The brain, unable to recall how it was split from the rest, desperately trying to function as memories and knowledge it once contained, seemingly vanished as it cries out for support in the barren lands. The heart, the final piece of the puzzle, the one who provides life into every living being, is the most durable of all as it receives and carries out every known emotion. The heart, however, cannot escape the feeling of loneliness as it wishes for compassion and security. The closer these pieces travel to each other, the warmer the feeling of comfort grows, the closer they get to the objective.

What is this objective? Let's just say it is a little place called home.

L Naicker (Second Form)



C Kirby (Sixth Form) *Useless gold*

The sounds echoed through my mind

I lay awake in my bed, hiding under my feather-duvet, feeling as if I was chin deep in a pressure-cooker. Gosh how can it be so hot at such a late hour; I can feel my sweat trickling down my armpit. I never sleep early because there is almost always something on my mind. Things only got worse as I heard and felt my fan slowly dissipate; I mean I did not need to use a 100% of my brain to realize that it was load shedding because it is like a routine nowadays. There was a spark of disappointment and then I attempted to fall asleep.

I was at the point where you feel hallucinogenic and close to unconsciousness. When I was at the home stretch, out of the pure silence there was an impulsive smash of glass that echoed from my kitchen. I jerked into an alert state as if I had been attached to a revving car battery and thought: well, if sleep is not an option then I might as well explore what that is. I slid my chunky body out of my bed, when I heard my contracted mattress springs release, the sound of 1000 tons, I realised that sneaking wasn't an option. I walked out of my room with a lion's pride with no light source, although I thought "no problem, I have light switches". Feeling the concrete walls of my passage, I knew I was approaching the kitchen "weird no further sound, whatever, no biggie." At this moment I felt the arch of the doorway. As I was looking for motivation, I came upon the memory of what Gandhi had once said, "now or never". Boom! Reaching the light switch with my glorious wingspan, I flipped the light switch 90 degrees with a force of a million suns... Wait, where are the lights? Oh, my heavens, it is load shedding. A concoction of dread and panic hit me like a full capacity semi-truck, it was lethal.

In the midst of the chaos, I heard a ghastly gagging sound and with all good musical performances, it was followed by a climax with a strain of the throat, and a splat sound. While processing what I had just heard I felt a sizeable fur coat brush through my legs around my ankles. Whilst jumping straight into the low hanging doorway with a sense that no words can describe, I was hit with a light similar to a flash band. "Yes, Jesus, take me!"

Wait, I can see! The strobing light bulb is on, the lights are on! My feet were contacting the solid, frigid, sedimentary tiles, which snapped me back into my predicament. Thrusting my head downwards to see the demonic beast... Wait, BOOTS! "You stupid cat, I am going to taxidermy you with the amount of vomit, glass, and terror you have laid so nicely on the floor for me. I hope you know I like Simba better than you!"

R Slabberts (Second Form)

A Weekend to Remember

It all started two weeks before the trip: preparing gun licences, packing ammo, tents, firewood, food and so on. What I didn't know was that I was the one, along with my brother, who would be shooting the buck. Fast forward about 10 days and we left for the hunting trip, but only then did I start to feel nervous and by the time we left, my nerves really started to kick in and I started to worry about missing the shot and letting my dad down.



C Kirby (Sixth Form) *Useless silver*

We arrived at Nyala Pans and headed towards our side of the camp, very well known as Nkonka Valley. We unpacked and settled in. Later on in the evening the adults had a few beers and for the kids, including myself, we had quite a lot of juice. The braai started at about 9pm but I was too focused to eat. Eventually, however, I gave in to that amazing smell of medium rare steak with melted golden garlic butter and safari spice.

The next morning at about 5am we set out to find some Blesbok in the -5°C with the blinding sunlight guiding our path. At this point my socks were soaking wet and my toes were frozen solid, not literally, but it definitely felt like it. Just then we saw a huge, beautiful bull leading the most glorious herd.

We stalked them on foot for about an hour and as I was about to give up, the perfect shot lined up. I rested my finger on the trigger as our guide set up the tripod in absolute silence. With the deer at gun point and no wind, I had a one-way ticket to some fresh meat and the pride of being added to the family hunt.

I put my crosshair over my shoulder and pulled the trigger! Before I could pull my eye away from the scope I heard my dad shout "Daars hy!!! Dood! In die blad, gaan droom aan lekker meisies my seun." And with the biggest smile on my face and 100kgs lifted off my shoulders, I HAD DONE IT!... Now that's a weekend to remember!

A van Wyk (Second Form)



AFRIKAANSE SKRYFWERK

Ek wens dat ek alles kon verander

Ek wens dat ek alles kon verander. My lewe, my toekoms, maar grotendeels my verlede. Ek wens ... elke dag, elke nag, elke oomblik.

Ek wens ek kan elke verskoning, al die nee's, ek is nie lus daarvoor nie, ek is te moeg net uitvee. Ek wens ek kon my verlede net oorhê. Waar sou ek nou gewees het? Wat sou ek nou al bereik het? Ek wens ek het 'n bietjie ekstra gedoen, 'n bietjie meer omgee en 'n bietjie langer vasgebyt. Ek wens ek het geweet hoe ek nou sou voel, hoe alles uitgedraai het, en hoe alles verander het. Ek wens ...

Ek wens ek het dit nooit gedoen nie. Ek wens ek was sterk genoeg om "nee" te sê. Ek wens ek was nooit daar nie. So 'n klein ou foutjie wat my hele lewe verander het. Hoe mense my nou beskou, met my praat, na my kyk het verander. So 'n klein dingetjie het so 'n groot impak op my lewe gehad. Ek wens ek kan die horlosie terugdraai. Ek wens ek het dit nooit gedoen nie. Ek wens...

Die wens wat my kop nooit wil verlaat nie, is die wens waarvoor ek die hardste innerlik baklei om te verander. Die spesifieke dag spook nou nog by my. As ek net kon teruggaan. Haar vir nog 'n laaste keer sien en een laaste keer hoor sê: "Ek is trots op jou," en een laaste "Ek is lief vir jou, my seun". Een laaste oomblik saam met haar. Ek wens dit het nooit gebeur nie. Ek wens jy het nooit siek geword nie. Ek wens ek kon jou weer sien en meer tyd saam met jou deurgebring het.

Ek wens ek kon dit weer beleef ... jou sagte hande, warm drukkies, jou stem, jou glimlag, jou oë en jou liefde. Net nog een keer, net een keer. Ek wens jy kon sien wat ek bereik het. Hoe trots sou jy nie gewees het nie. Ek wens jy kon sien hoe groot ek geword het, en hoe alles verander het. Ek wens ek kon ervaar hoe ons lewens sou gewees het as alles reg verloop het en jy nog hier was.

Ek wens, elke dag, elke nag, elke oomblik, maar dit sal net 'n versugting van my hart bly. Ek wens dat ek alles kon verander het.

Ek wens ...

T van Heerden (Sixth Form)



C Ollerhead (Sixth Form)

Daar is 'n tyd vir alles

22:00

Moedeloos na werk kom Niel by die huis aan en gooi homself op die bank voor die televisie neer. Geïrriteerd verwerp hy sy vrou se halo-soen en kyk verby haar na die televisieprogram voor hom, asof sy nie voor hom staan nie, asof sy nie eens bestaan nie.

23:00

Kwaad vir die wêreld ignoreer Niel sy vrou wanneer sy vir hom om hulp vra. Op haar eie dek sy die tafel en haal die laaste stukies vleis uit die pan uit. Sy skep vir hom 'n bord kos in en sit dit op die tafel neer. Niel staan op en stap na die tafel toe. Hy stoot sy stoel in en neem sy bord kos saam met hom terug na die bank toe. Sy vrou bly alleen by die tafel sit.

23:45

Sy eet haar bord kos hal-fklaar en verskoon haarself om na die badkamer toe te gaan. Na 'n ruk wonder Niel vlugtig waar sy vrou met die koffie bly, maar bly op die bank sit, verdiep in sy televisieprogram. Hy wag tot die advertensies begin draai voordat hy opstaan en sy bord kombuis toe neem. Op pad van die kombuis af, stap hy 'n draai deur die huis om te kyk waar sy vrou dan is.

00:05

Hy klop aan die badkamerdeur, maar daar is geen antwoord nie. Hy klop weer, maar daar is steeds geen geluid nie. Nou, bekommerd, maak hy die deur stadig, saggies, oop en loer om die draai. Daar lê sy, bewegingloos ...

Sou jy anders geleef het as jy geweet het wanneer dit jou tyd was om te gaan? As Niel geweet het dat hy net twee uur en vyf minute oorgehad het om saam met sy vrou te spandeer, sou hy anders in haar laaste oomblikke op aarde opgetree het? Sou Niel haar groetsoen met liefde en dankbaarheid aanvaar het en haar gehelp het met aandete?

Daar is 'n tyd vir alles. Die tyd saam met ons geliefdes is kosbaar.

M Todd (Sixth Form)

n Dag om te onthou

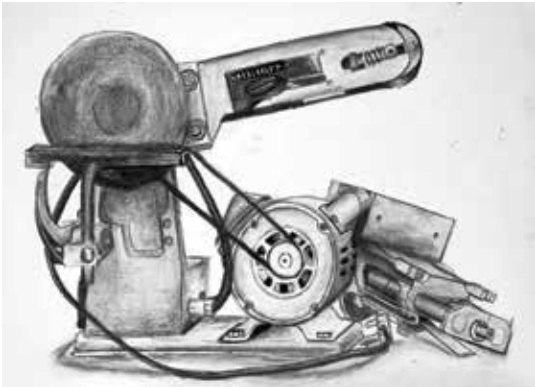
Dit was 'n tipiese vroeë somersoggend waar die son nog agter die heuwels gelê en loer het. Die voëltjies wat in die bome gekwetter het om die nuwe dag aan te kondig, het my wakker laat skrik. Ek was so opgewonde, want daardie dag sou ons die strand aandurf. Dit was my geliefkoosde plek op aarde. Ek was in die sewende hemel!

Die lang motorrit het my laat dagdroom oor die dag wat voorlê. Ek het so uitgesien na 'n dag vol sonskyn, spierwit strande en die warm potblou seewater. Toe ons by die strand aankom, was die lug met 'n sterk soutreuk gevul, dus het ek geweet ons het gearriveer. Die fyn sand het tussen my tone gekriewel. Die water was kristalhelder en klein brandertjies het skuim op die sand gegooi. Die son wat toe hoog in die lug was, het soos 'n spieël van die glinsterende water af weerkaats. Die dag was gevul met ure se baljaar in die oseaan en ure se lê in die son. Die son op my vel en die afkoel in die klotsende golwe was net pure genot.

Toe die dag tot 'n einde gekom het, en die son begin sak het, was die natuurskoon nog asemrowender. Die gety het teruggetrek en die golwe wat op die sand gebreek het, het kleiner en kleiner geword. Die geluid van golwe wat teen die rotse geslaan het, het sagter en sagter geword. Die water het in 'n pragspel van glimmerende goud verander en dit het die pragtigste goudgeel kleure weerkaats.

Die strand met sy pragtige natuurskoon is my gunstelingplek in die hele wêreld. Dit is waar 'n mens spierwit sand, glashelder water en pragtige sonsondergange sien en beleef. Die strand is enig in sy soort en beeld die skoonheid van die natuur uit. Ongelukkig moet goeie tye ook tot 'n einde kom. Maar my dag van genot het weereens onvergeetlike herinneringe geskep wat ek vir altyd sal koester.

R Finnie (Sixth Form)



E Keartland (Fourth Form)

Die wiel draai

'n Paar jaar voor my pa gearreesteer is, het hy sy werk as 'n onderwyser by 'n gesogte skool verloor. My pa was die enigste broodwinner, dus het die enigste bron van inkomste in ons gesin toe verdwyn. Daardie dag was die begin van oneindige swaarkry en die verbrokkeling van gesinsverhoudinge.

Ek en my suster moes van skool verander, omdat my ouers nie meer die vorige skool se skoolgelde kon bekostig nie. Die huis is verkoop en die spens het al hoe leër en leër geraak. Die ergste van alles was die onophoudelike bakleiery. My ouers het dag en nag oor ons finansiële situasie gestry. Toe my pa uiteindelik werk buite die stad gekry het, was dit al klaar te laat. My ma het 'n nuwe "vriend" ontmoet, wat ons na die troue "Oom" moes noem. Die enigste rede hoekom ek die "Oom" aanvaar het, was omdat hy my ma weer regtig gelukkig gemaak het, en dit was iets wat my eie pa vir my geleer het - om altyd my ma se geluk voor myne te stel.

'n Paar maande na die troue het vreemde goed snags in ons huis begin plaasvind. Elke aand het 'n angsbevange kreungeluid my laat wakkerskrik en die persoon se stem het baie bekend geklink. Die stem was nooit hard nie. Dit het geklink asof iemand probeer skree, maar om een of ander rede nie 'n woord kon uiter nie. Dit was altyd 'n fluistering van pyn: "Moenie! Asseblief los my uit!" Dit was my suster se stem! Hy! Hy het met sy kragdadige hande haar gedwing om sy seksslaaf te wees, terwyl ek in die aande wakker gelê en wonder het of dit net my verbeelding was. Hierdie "Oom", nee MONSTER, het my suster, sy eie stiefdogter, verkrag.

My pa het die nuus sleg hanteer. Dis juis hoekom hy nou met snywonde en steke in 'n tronk se hospitaalbed lê. Hy verdien nie om daar te wees nie. Hy het gedoen wat enige pa in die wêreld sou doen. Hy wou my suster se pyn wat sy aand na aand moes verduur het, uit hierdie monster wurg. My pa moet nou boet vir 'n ander man se wandade. Die skade wat die monster aan my pa se eie bloeddogter gedoen het, kan hy nog steeds nie verwerk nie. Hy verdien nie hierdie vonnis wat hom opgelê is nie.

Jou dag sal aanbreek "OOM"! Die lewe het 'n vreemde manier om 'n mens terug te betaal. Die wiel gaan draai en jou uurglas gaan uitloop ...

W Pillay (Sixth Form)



E Moodley (Fourth Form)

Niemand glo my nie!

Dit het gister gebeur ...

Alles voel nog so vars in my geheue. Hoe kon dit met my gebeur het? Ek is gewoonlik altyd bewus van alles wat om my aangaan, maar gister, gister was die slegste dag van my lewe. Ek weet ek moet daarvan vergeet, maar hoe is dit moontlik? Hoe kan 'n mens so iets vergeet? Dit gaan my hele lewe verewig en vir altyd verwoes. Ek sal nooit weer dieselfde persoon wees nie.

Ek voel leeg. Ek voel stukkend. Ek voel niks.

Dit was 'n normale skooldag en ek het genoeg gehad van die vervelige, ingewikkelde, Engelse gedig wat ek probeer verstaan het. Ek het gevra om

badkamer toe te gaan net om my bene te rek. Toe ek badkamer toe stap, het iemand skielik agter my begin loop. Te naby In so 'n mate dat ek ongemaklik begin voel het.

Toe gebeur dit ...

Hierdie leerling het my gegryp en my by die badkamer ingesleep. Ek was bang. My hele lyf het in skok verkeer en ek het onbeheerbaar begin bewe. Ek het my mond probeer oopmaak om te skree, maar ek kon geen geluid uiter nie. Hy het aan my lyf gevat. Dit het gevoel asof hy my siel met elke handbeweging uit my lyf geruk het. Ek het die hele tyd bly dink dat, as ek geskree het, sou dit nie gebeur het nie. Ek het net daar gelê en aanvaar wat hierdie leerling aan my lyf gedoen het.

As ek net kon geskree het ...

Vandag het ek probeer om met mense daaroor te praat, maar wat help dit as hulle my nie glo nie? "Hoe kon dit met 'n seun gebeur?" "Jy soek net aandag!" "Daardie persoon sal nooit dit aan ander mense doen nie."

Niemand glo my nie!

Ek skryf hierdie laaste brief om my storie te vertel. Miskien sal iemand my dan glo.

Ek voel leeg ...

Ek voel stukkend ...

Ek voel niks.

B Gous (Sixth Form)

Bloed is dikker as water....

Haar ooglede fladder soos haar snikkende, fluisterstem al hoe swakker word. Ek kyk na die vrou op die hospitaalbed: rooierige hare en potblou oë. Dit is asof n spieël voor my is. Maar nee, die gesig is oud, vol plooië wat tekens van swaarkry wys. Die mond ken baie mistroostige winters soos die een wat buite sigbaar is. In daardie potblou oë verloor ek myself in die pynvolle herinneringe.

Ek was nie ouer as vyf toe die duisternis op my lewe toegesak het nie. My pa is deur die lewe se getye van sy verantwoordelikhede af weggeruk. Eendag het hy nie by die huis opgedaag nie. Die gevolg was dat 'n sukkelende toekoms ons voorland was. My ma het sonder 'n beroep en sonder 'n heenkome 'n gevangene van 'n ondraaglike bestaan geword. Sy kon nie die swaarkry verduur nie, en het 'n drankprobleem ontwikkel. Elke dag het ek gekyk hoe sy haar sorge probeer wegdrink het. Die alkoholmisbruik het haar in 'n monster verander en ek het haar nie meer geken nie. Haar ellende en ontevredenheid het gevoel soos 'n ewige storm wat nooit uitwoed nie. Sy het alles op my uitgehaal. Die fisiese mishandeling kon ek verduur, maar haar woorde dat die lewe nie vir haar genoeg was nie, dat ek nie vir haar genoeg was nie, het my wese totaal vernietig.

Op vyftienjarige ouderdom het ek, sonder drome, sonder hoop en sonder lus vir die lewe, die huis verlaat. Orals het ek skaduwees teëgekom, en die eggo van my gebroke kinderjare het my roekeloos van bitterheid gemaak. Ek kon net nie op my eindbestemming fokus nie, maar slegs op hoe om uit my verlede te ontsnap. My lewe was amper soos stukke van 'n murasie wat nooit weer herbou kan word nie.

Vandag staan ek, met 'n hart wat met vergifnis gevul is, voor hierdie tingerige en sieklike vrou. Sy kyk op, herken my en haar skielike glimlag bereik die hoeke van haar oë. Stille heers ... Daardie glimlag dra 'n wêreld van berou. Daarin sien ek die verskoning wat woorde nie kan beskryf nie.

Daar is brandende herinneringe van pyn, alkoholmisbruik, mishandeling en 'n lewe van struikelblokke en swaarkry waaroor ons nie beheer kan uitoefen nie. Ek verstaan dat daar woorde bestaan wat kan opbou, en dat daar woorde bestaan wat verwoes. Dis waar, bloed is dikker as water.

U Essa (Sixth Form)



Dit was ‘n groot fout

Dit was nie Johan van der Merwe se skuld nie. Dit was ‘n groot ongeluk waaraan ek niks kan doen nie. Sy seun is dood en Johan het hom vermoor.

Almal het in die hof gesit en luister. Daar was geen geluid nie, almal het tjoepstil gebly en gesit. Ek het in die groot stoel voor in die hof gesit, want ek was die regter. Johan van der Merwe se lewe was in my hande.

Johan se storie was waterdig. Hy het beweer dat hy en sy seun op ‘n staptog in die Drakensberg gegaan het, want hulle was moeg vir die stad. Toe hulle klaar gepak het en gereed was om te gaan, het Johan en sy seun Ryneer in Johan se motor na die berg toe gery.

Johan en Ryneer het hulle avontuur begin en alles het skynbaar perfek gelyk. Die son het geskyn, die lug was blou en die paadjie plat en egalig. Johan se storie het geloofwaardig geklink, maar ek het net geweet iets was nie reg nie. Dit het net nie lekker geklink nie, dit was nie die waarheid nie.

Johan se weergawe van die gebeure was dat hy en Ryneer lekker gesels het en toe ‘n woordewisseling gehad het oor dieselfde ou ding waaroor hulle altyd stry: Ryneer se ma.

Ryneer se ma, Johan se vrou, het blykbaar die twee manne verlaat toe Ryneer nog klein was. Johan het net die breë trekke van die storie gedeel. Die twee se woordewisseling het oorgegaan in fisiese geweld en Ryneer het Johan in die gesig geslaan. Johan het toe kwaad geword en Ryneer in die maag geslaan waarna Ryneer by die krans afgetuimel het. Johan het gesnik terwyl hy die storie vertel het.

Ek het twee geheime gehad.

Die eerste was ‘n geheim wat ek alleen geken het: ek was opgewonde en ongeduldig om vir Johan te vonnis.

Die tweede geheim, en Johan kon niks daaraan doen nie, was dat ek en Johan jare gelede getroud was en dat hy my amper doodgeslaan het. Ek het as ‘n gebroke vrou van hom af weggevlug en moes Ryneer, my seuntjie, agterlaat. Dit is hoe ek geweet het dat Johan se storie ‘n leuen was en dat hy verseker skuldig was.

T Crawford (Fifth Form)

Staan stil of ek skiet

“Aaaa!” Ek skree terwyl my kop met ‘n sak bedek word en ek in ‘n motor gedwing word. “Staan stil of ek skiet!” sê ‘n man met ‘n vreemde stem. Terwyl ek stoei en om hulp skree, maal duisende gedagtes deur my kop. “Word ek ontvoer, en wat gaan hulle met my doen?” “Wat as hulle my doodmaak!”

Wanneer my nuttelose geskreeu om hulp stil raak, kon ek hoor hoe die motor stadiger ry en dan afgeskakel word. Bekommerd oor wat gaan gebeur, begin my brein weer oortyd werk. Ek besef dat ons nog nie ver van die skool af wegger by die skoolhekke toe hulle my gegryp het.

Voor ek tot verhaal kan kom, word ek in die wêreld se ongemaklikste stoel geprop. My polse en enkels is seer van die vasbind en daar is ‘n slegte, klam reuk in die lug. ‘n Geluid dring deur my malende gedagtes. Hierdie geluid laat my vergeet van die benarde situasie waarin ek myself bevind. Ek onthou hierdie geluid - dit klink soos die lieflike stem van my beste vriend wat ek in 2021 verloor het.

Al die herinneringe van my en Thomas se vriendskap speel hulleself in my kop af. Die kere toe ons die onderwyser met opgevoemde papierballe gegooi het en ook toe ons na die kaskar-resies toe gegaan het.

My herinneringe word versteur wanneer ek harde voetstappe hoor naderkom. Die deur word oopgeslaan en ek word van my stoel afgepluk. “Aaaa!” skree ek weer maar niemand antwoord nie. Ek loop en struikel voordat die sak van my kop verwyder word.

“Wat? Nee!” Ek glo dit nie! My familie en vriende het vir my ‘n groot verassingspartytjie gereël!

“Seun, ons almal sien hoedat jy meer en meer in jou dop kruip omdat jy Thomas so mis,” sê my pa. My pa sê verder: “Vandag begin ‘n nuwe fase van jou lewe. Thomas het hierdie brief vir jou gelos.” My pa gee vir

my ‘n skootrekenaar met ‘n geheuestokkie in. “Hierdie liedjie het Thomas spesiaal vir jou uitgekies en gevra ons moet dit vir jou speel as jy in jou dop kruip en sukkel om te verwerk wat met hom gebeur het.”

Die vloeiende klanke van ons gunstelinglied vul die lug en ek voel hoe die hartseer in my gemoed skietgee.

T Ganie (Fifth Form)

Dit was ‘n groot fout

Ek leef die ideale lewe. ‘n Wildbewaarder in die Krugerwildtuin. Wat kan ‘n mens dan nou meer wil hê?

My gunstelingdier is ‘n leeuwyfie en jy mag wonder hoekom. Die rede is eenvoudig ... sy beskerm haar welpies ten alle koste. My my passie is egter renosters.

Doef, doef ... doef, doef! Ek hoor die skote. Die klank van geweerskote eggo deur die klowe en laat my wakkerskrik. Was dit ‘n droom? Nee, dis nie ‘n droom nie en ek spring regop in my bed. Ek pluk my klere aan en spring in die Jeep. Ek jaag na die omgewing waarvandaan die geweerskote geknal het, maar ek het ‘n hol kol op my maag, want ek weet wat vir my wag.

Terwyl ek soos ‘n besetene in die wildtuin rondjaag, hoor ek die klap van nog geweerskote. Ek jaag in die algemene rigting van die klank, maar kan die die presiese omgewing waarvandaan dit kom, vind nie. Die enigste uitweg is om die Jeep te parkeer en dan te voet verder te gaan soek.

Ek kom by ‘n oop stuk veld. Daar sien ek die Krokodilrivier se stadigvloeiende water rustig verbygaan. In teenstelling met die rustigheid van die rivier se vloei, is die plantegroei op die rivieroewer platgetrap en plasse en smeersels bloed is plek-plek sigbaar. Ek kan nie verstaan watter dier dan so gemartel is nie.

‘n Ent verder lê die liggaam van ‘n dier wat skaars herkenbaar as ‘n renoster is, op sy maag, asof sy bene net ingegee het. Sy vorm het verander, want sy majestieuse, ikoniese, horings is verwyder. Sy bek hang oop en sy tong steek uit. Terwyl ek naderstap, sien ek dat die lig in sy oë nie gebreek het nie ... hy is nog lewendig!

Nog nooit tevore het soveel verskillende en teenstrydige emosies deur my gemaal nie. Moet ek hom van sy lyding verlos? Moet ek dadelik die veeartse en kundiges kontak? Die polisie? Deur dit alles heen weet ek, hierdie renoster het genoeg swaarkry beleef aan die hand van mense ... ek gaan alles in my vermoë doen om hom te probeer red.

Hy begin kreun en steun en sy pyn is aanvoelbaar. Ek ly saam met hom. Ek besef dis onvermydelik. Hierdie kosbare dier se lewe is deur mensemonsters kortgeknip. Ek sal die mens moet wees wat hom genade betoon. Ek sal hom moet verlos van sy ondraaglike pyn ... Met ‘n hart wat te groot voel vir my borskas en trane wat stofstrepe op my wange maak, trek ek die pyl vol dwelmiddel. Al wat ek vir die ou grote kan doen, is om vir hom sy laaste oomblikke op aarde rustig en pynloos te maak. My hart pyn, maar ek skiet hom met die pylgeweer. Die rooi veertjie steek uit sy boudspier ... ek staar daarna ...

Getraumatiseer loop ek terug na my Jeep toe, maar iets trek my aandag. Dit is ‘n leeuwyfie met twee welpies, en langs haar op die grond lê n man met ‘n outomatiese geweer langs hom. Ek kan sien die man is dood en ek het gemengde gevoelens daaroor. Ek is seker veronderstel om hom jammer te kry, hy is immers ‘n mens. Ek sukkel, dit voel asof dit sy verdiende loon is. Lank na die voorval blameer ek myself nog – moes ek nie vinniger by die toneel uitgeklim het nie? Dan was mens en renoster dalk nog lewendig.

D Pillay (Fifth Form)

Verandering begin by my

Die flikkerende ligte van die televisie affekteer my nie. My oë is al te gewoond aan die helder skerms waarna ek dag na dag staar.

Hier sit ek, ‘n man van vyf-en-twintig jaar, op ‘n ou, gekraakte leerstoel in die middel van my sitkamer. Vuil klere en skyfiepakkes lê op die vloer sodat ‘n mens skaars die mat kan sien. Die vrugtebak is seker al ‘n jaar lank leeg. Alles om my, van die vloer, die kombuis opwasbak (wat versmoor word deur stapels skottelgoed) en selfs die mure is vuil tot teen die plafon.

My brein kom stadig terug tot die besef van die werklikheid, soos ‘n advertensie wat op die televisie verskyn en tot my brein deurdring. Die advertensie adverteer ‘n gesondheids- of fiksheidsklas, maar ek is nog nie seker nie. In groot letters verskyn op die skerm: “Die lewe is te kort om mis te loop”, “Neem beheer van jou eie lewe” en “Verandering begin by jou!” Ek probeer om van die woorde te vergeet, maar dis te laat ... my brein begin onthou, begin terugdink ...

Die beelde van my verlede spring in my kop rond. Ek sien my hoërskool se gebou in my geestesoog. ‘n Fikse jongman wat in ‘n groep saam met sy vriende staan en lag. Dan verander die beeld na blou en rooi ligte wat flits. My ouers wat buitekant die polisievangwa se venster staan en met trane en vrae in hulle oë na my kyk. Die emosies wil-wil my oorweldig, maar ek knyp my oë styf toe teen die dreigende tranedal.

Toe ek weer terug in die hede is, gryp ek die afstandsbeheer en slinger dit teen die muur vas. Dit laat die pleister teen die muur spat, maar dis ook maar goed so. Die verf onder die pleister skyn spierwit deur die grys van die vuil muur.

My oë beweeg na die televisie. Woorde om jou aandag te trek en te inspireer, maak my woedend! Soms is dit te laat, soms kan daar niks aan gedoen word nie, soms het die geleentheid vir hulp vra en gesond word verbygegaan.

Verandering begin by my ... watter bog! Die stem in my kop wat soos my pa klink, was reg. Ek is pateties en ek is alleen. Ek glo nie dit kan verander nie, maar wie weet? Dalk is hoop soms al wat ons oorhet.

G Roux (Fifth Form)

‘n Dag in die natuur

Dit het die vorige aand gereën. Die dou het op die bleek, groen gras gelê. Ek onthou dat ek die herhalende geluid van sagte tromslae op my vensterbanke gehoor het. Terwyl ek op my klein voetjies se tone op die ysige stoepteëls gestaan het, het die hitte van my voete stadig in die teëls ingesypel.

Alles lyk ongelooflik na die reën, asof al die struik in die nag verruil is vir jong, lewenslustige plante wat tot barstens toe vol lewe is. Pêrels dou glinster optimisties in die sagte oggendlig. Die blomkoppies groet my kordaat en die insekte wat die nag in die plantegroei geskuil het, kom te voorskyn en haal diep asem voordat dit die dag aanpak.



G Cooke (Sixth Form)

Ek gaan sit plat op die gras en probeer die tuin sagkens van my teenwoordigheid bewus maak. Ek sit stil en haal diep asem en, bewus van die hede, trek ek gulsig die lug vol beloftes van lewe en voorspoed in my longe in. Dit is die perfekte oggend.

Later die aand sit ek op my tuinstoel en luister na die die opgewonde geluide van verskillende soorte voëltjies wat ‘n slaapplekkie vir die nag uitkies. Dit klink behoorlik asof hulle sonde met die bure het soos hulle vir mekaar skree.

Die laaste strale van die son skep ‘n anderwêreldse gevoel waar wonderwerke moontlik is en goeie nuus net om die draai is.

Ek sit doodstil op my stoel, my sintuie oorweldig deur die reuke, klanke, gesigte, gevoel en soet toekomstrome van hierdie oomblik. Nooit weer sal ek lewe asof dit ‘n straf is nie. Nooit weer sal ek dink ‘n ander persoon se lewe is beter nie. My lewe is deur God self vir my gegee ... ek gaan dit nie op ongelukkighede vermors nie, ek gaan lééf!

M van Rooyen (Fifth Form)

Stilte

6 uur...

Dit is ‘n warm herfsnag op ons plaas in die Oekraïne. Ek en my familie eet aandete en luister na die geskree van die windpompe daar buite. My pa se selfoon lui. Hy antwoord, praat, en skree vir ons: “Hulle kom! Hulle kom!” Ek hardloop na my kamer toe, haal die sak onder my bed uit en sit al my belangrike boeke en klere daarin.

7 uur...

Ek skakel die lig af, maak die deur toe en ons begin hardloop. Buite is daar pandemonium! Babas huil, honde blaf en mense skree. Almal weet wat die plan is, maar dit is asof niemand dit meer kan onthou nie. Ons sien die eerste ontploffings voordat ons die Russiese vliegtuie kan hoor. Ek duik instinktief onder ‘n boom in asof dit sal help, maar spring weer op en hardloop verder. Ek kan nou die bomskuiling se ingang sien. My hart pomp bloed na die spiere in my bene toe en ons hardloop vinniger.

Ma en Sussie klim eerste in, en Pa gooi die sakke vir my om in die skuiling in te gooi. Die volgende oomblik is daar ‘n ontploffing omtrent twintig met van ons af weg. Ek word deur die lug teen die muur van die bomskuiling vas geslinger, en alles word pikdonker om my.

8 uur...

Ek maak my oë oop en besef dat ek nie my bene kan voel nie. Pa is langs my. Nee! Dit kan nie pa wees nie! Die helfte van pa se kop kleef aan my broekspyp vas. Ek gooi die inhoud van my maag op totdat daar niks meer oor is nie, dan laat sak ek my kop op my knieë neer, met my hande oor my gesig. Daar is niks oor nie, net ‘n oorverdowende...

Stilte.

S Norton (Fifth Form)



28°32' 55" S; 42°52'15"O

“Word wakker slaapkous, jy gaan laat wees!” sê my ma met ‘n vriendelike glimlag. Vandag is die dag, vandag is die dag waarop die top-vyf kandidate al ses maande lank gewag het. Hierdie kandidate neem aan die fotokompetisie met ‘n wenprys van R25 000 deel. Ek is een van hulle!

Die bestuurder tik die koördinate van ons bestemming in, terwyl ons almal in die bussie klim: 28°32'55"Suid en 42°52'15"Oos, ATKV, Klein Kariba. Die pad daarheen is stil en die busbestuurder is haastig. Uiteindelik hou ons voor die hek stil, teken in en elkeen stap na hulle eie huisies toe.

Wanneer ons die volgende oggend wakker word, drink ons elkeen ‘n lekker koppie boeretros. Gister se lang busrit het ons uitgeput, maar die manne van Klein Kariba laat nie op hulle wag nie. Elke deelnemer neem hulle groot kameras en lense en vaar die bosse in. Nog voordat ek my kamera kan opstel, hoor die gids iets. Die takke kraak hoorbaar.

Ek is op my senuwees. Daar staan hy! Groot, sterk, solied met sy gekreukelde grys vel en lang slurp. Ek neem ‘n paar vinnige foto's van die ou grote, voordat hy ‘n paar bome en takke uit sy pad forseer en dieper in die bos inloop. Die gids vertel ons dat dit een van die laaste groottand olifantbulle is.

Ons stap verder ... Ek ruik die suur reuk van Mopaniebome en dit laat my terugdink aan my kinderdae saam met Oupa en Ouma. Die gids buk skielik af en beduie woes dat ons plat op ons hurke moet gaan sit. Ek skrik my boeglam wanneer ek besef ek kyk na ‘n leeu mannetjie wat op sy maag lê en water uit die dammetjie voor ons drink. Dit voel onwerklik, ek was nog nooit so naby aan ‘n roofdier sonder dat daar ‘n tralie of doringdraad tussen ons is nie. ‘n Mens kan nie help om te wonder of die leeu een van die berugte mensvreters is nie ...

Die leeu begin brul. Die klank daarvan is ontsettend hard en ‘n mens kan dit in jou organe voel bewe. Dit laat ‘n mens besef hoe weerloos en kwesbaar ons sonder ons tegnologie is. Hier is die natuur baas.

Die aand geniet ons ‘n smullekker ribbetjie, perfek gebraai, en ons almal se monde blink van die vet. Die naweek is ‘n ervaring en ‘n half. Al het ek nie die geldprys gewen nie, het ek ‘n ervaring gehad wat jy nie in geldwaarde kan meet nie.

H Pretorius (Fourth Form)

Ek wens dat ek die tyd kon terugdraai

Baie mense sê dat hulle wens om ouer te wees, maar nie ek nie. Ek wens dat ek kan teruggaan na die tyd toe ons nog skollies was, met geen bekommernisse oor wat die toekoms inhou nie. Geen leerder vir angsekkende eksamens of stres oor jou punte nie ... die dae toe ons nog waarlik gelukkig was.

Die tyd het my verbygevat. Ek is hartseer om dit te sê, maar ons het van die gelukkigste wesens verander na dié wat selfmoord probeer pleeg. In ‘n kwessie van ‘n dekade het ons ons ware self verloor en daarvoor gaan ek nooit die ou lewe vergewe nie.

Nou's dit net lang opstelle skryf, vol vreemde woorde wat ek self nie glo nie en ‘n gejaag om by al die huiswerk uit te kom voor ek dit môre alles weer van voor af moet doen.

Nou gedra ek my soos ‘n psigopaat met bipolêre gemoedsversteuring, maak almal vir wie ek lief is, seer soos wat ek probeer om die spanning wat ek ervaar te verwerk.

Eksamens raak net al hoe moeiliker en tyd om saam met jou familie te spandeer al hoe minder. Om tyd saam met jou familie te spandeer, is nou ‘n luukse wat ek kwalik kan bekostig, want skool moet nou my eerste prioriteit wees. Ek het nie meer ‘n lewe nie, die skoolwerk het dit gesteel.

Dink dus mooi, en weer ‘n keer, voordat jy sê: “Ek wens dat ek al ouer is!” Die tyd hardloop saam met jou weg en dan herken jy nie meer jouself of jou eie lewe nie. Grootword is nie lekker nie, al dink jy dit is wat jy wil hê.

J van Huysteen (Fourth Form)



H Mdabe (Third Form)

Hoekom het dit met my gebeur?

En daar lê my held, dood op die vloer.

Dit was ‘n doodgewone warm dag in Boksburg. Ek het soos gewoonlik wakker geword en alles was soos dit moes wees. My oupa was daardie oggend effens siekerig, maar hy was nog altyd ‘n sieklike mens wat gou weer herstel het.

Daardie dag het ek saam met my vriende raak-rugby by die skool se sportveld gaan speel. Ons het vanaf elfuur tot eenuur gespeel. My neef het uit die bloute gebel en gesê dat ek dadelik terug huis toe moes gaan.

Ek het vinnig terug huis toe gedraf. Naby die huis, het een van my ooms by my verbygery en vir my geskree om vinniger te stap. Ek het so groot geskrik dat ek begin huil het terwyl ek huis toe hardloop. Toe ek nader aan die huis kom, kon ek die flitsende ligte en vinnige, paniekbewegings van die paramedici in die oprit voor die huis sien. Sonder om enigiemand te groet, het ek reguit by die voordeur ingehardloop.

In die huis het ek reguit na my oupa se kamer toe gehaas en tot my ewige skok het ek my held daar op die koue vloer sien lê. Hierdie beeld is vir ewig in my brein vasgebrand.

My ma het my ‘n druk gegee, maar ek het gedink dat sy haarself net soveel probeer troos as vir my. Ek het na my kamer toe gehardloop en begin bid. Ek het kwaad vir die Here gevra hoekom dit dan nou met my familie gebeur het. Ek het deurmekaar gehuil en gebid en wou by God weet hoekom hy die enigste pa wat ek ooit geken het, gevat het. Ek het gevra of hy my oupa vir my kon teruggee.

Ek het geweet die Here sal nie my oupa teruggee nie, want dit is nie hoe dit werk nie, maar ek het nogsteeds bly vra hoekom dit met ons familie gebeur het.

K Jele (Fourth Form)



K Hopkins (Fourth Form)

En toe gaan die lig skielik af

Dit is ‘n besige Saterdagoggend. Die gras is steeds wit van die dou en die mis hang soos ‘n kombers oor die berge.

Dit is ‘n groot wedstryd en ons span kort net nog een drie om te wen. Die sweet tap my af en ek staar na die horlosie, daar is vier minute van die wedstryd oor. Dit is dan wanneer ek die bal in my hande kry. Ek nael teen die kantlyn af, op pad na die doellyn toe, en dit is wanneer dit swart voor my word ... net so ... wanneer my lig afgaan.

Ek sien ‘n klein spikkeltjie lig aan die einde van die tunnel. Is dit my tyd om te gaan? Is ek dood? Dit voel asof ek op wolke loop, asof ek in ‘n ander realiteit is. ‘n Koue wind waai my hare deurmekaar, die wind waai my rond, eers links, dan regs, dan reguit en vinnig in die rigting van die lig. Ek kry hoendervleis op my arms, want ek weet daar is mense hier, ek hoor hulle stemme, maar wanneer ek probeer praat, hoor ek net die eggo's van my gedagtes in my kop, en ek kan nie my gedagtes uitspreek nie.

My oë is oop en ek het nie meer tonnelvisie nie. Ek sien al hoe meer dinge om my raak – ek hoor baie stemme om my, maar ek kan nie die mense sien nie. Ek dink ek word mal! Wat gaan met my aan?

Skielik voel ek iets koud op my voorkop drup en ‘n verblindende wit lig skyn in my oë. Ek knip my oë om op die lig te probeer fokus en dit is wanneer die hede tot my deurdring. Ek lê op die koue, nat rugbyveld en my spanmaats kyk bekommerd na my.

Ek het my kop teen my opponent se knie gestamp toe hy my by die kantlyn uitgeduik het. Ek was blykbaar vir negentig sekondes so uit soos ‘n kers.

Met ‘n yspak op my kop en die trofee wat ons gewen het, loop ek en my spanmaats van die veld af. Daar is baie blydschap, al is my kop seer en wil my oë nie regtig fokus nie. Niemand kan ons stop nie, ons is wenners.

A Kritzinger (Fourth Form)

Die wêreldstad

New York is verseker die wêreld se nommer een stad. Dis ‘n betonoerwoud, ‘n wildernis, en ons is die ontdekkingsreisigers.

Die eerste dag van ons besoek aan hierdie wêreldstad moes ons eers ons voete vind. Ons het ons toer begin deur die museum te besoek, waar ons geleer het hoe New York oor die eeue heen ontstaan en ontwikkel het.

Na ons besoek aan die museum het ons na die bekende Wallstraat toe geloop. Ek kon skaars glo dat ek in die straat staan waar die meeste van die wêreld se geldtransaksies plaasvind, waar rykdom verower en verloor word, en ook waar die groot depressie van 1933 begin het. Dit was waarlik ‘n geskiedkundige ervaring. Die mense het soos verwilderde skape rondgehardloop, haastig om iewers heen te gaan. Hulle was nie vriendelik nie, en hulle het net voor hulle uitgestaar en vining gestap. Ons het warm, vars pretzels gekoop wat eintlik net driehoekige broodjies is, terwyl ons na die chaos om ons gekyk het.

Die volgende besoek was aan die standbeeld van “Lady Liberty.” Ons moes op ‘n bootrit gaan om daar uit te kom. Dit was enorm groot. Ek kon sien waarom sy ‘n ikoon van die VSA genoem word.

My gunsteling avontuur was “Time's Square”. Dit was ‘n belewenis! Daar was reuse televisies teen die geboue wat inligting en advertensies vertoon het. Ek kon sien waarom dit ‘n gewilde plek is om die ou jaar te groet en die nuwe jaar in te wag.

Ek kan dit maar sê – dit was seker die lekkerste vakansie waarop ek seker ooit in my lewe sal gaan.

E Bester (Third Form)

Die hartklop van die Midde-Ooste

Dubai is ‘n wonderlike stad. Die hoogste gebou, die grootste binneshuise sneeupark en die grootste inkopiesentrum in die wêreld kan daar gevind word. Dit is ‘n beroemde en opwindende wêreldstad.

Dubai het iets vir almal. Daar is sportwedstryde, perderesiese, interessante kos en baie geskiedenis ook. Die enigste probleem wat ek gehad het,

is dat dit vuurwarm is. Natuurlik het ek na die binneshuise sneeupark gegaan. Dit was ‘n fantastiese ervaring. Selfs die plek waar ons tuisgegaan het, was so mooi en gemaklik gewees. Dit was silwerskoon en ruim met ‘n groot swembad om in af te koel.

Ek het ook die sogenaamde “Arabian Tea House” besoek waar ons heerlike soet tee gedrink het. Dit was verbasend verfrissend ten spyte van die hitte van die dag. By die reuse inkopiesentrum het ons lekkergoed, roomys, koel klere, koeldranke en hamburgers gekoop. Dit was peperduur en ek kon nie glo hoe duur alles daar was nie. Ons het ten duurste hondervleis gekoop wat ons daardie aand gebrui het.

My besoek aan Dubai was voorwaar ‘n ervaring wat ek nooit sal vergeet nie. Ek het ‘n fantastiese avontuur gehad en baie nuwe ding gesien, geproe, en gehoor. Ek sal graag eendag weer daarheen wil gaan.

H Maluleke (Third Form)



K Jones (Third Form) Abstract watercolour

Dubai, die beste stad in die wêreld

Gedurende die laaste Desember vakansie het ek en my gesin na Dubai toe gegaan. Ons het per vliegtuig gereis en ek was so opgewonde, want ek was nog nooit voorheen in ‘n vliegtuig nie. Die dertien uur-lange vlug was uitputtend. Terwyl my gesin in hulle sitplekke geslaap het, het ek by die venster na die wit wolke en die potblou see daaronder uitgekyk. Ons het uiteindelik op Dubai-lughawe geland.

Almal was honger na die reis, omdat die kos op die vliegtuig nie lekker was nie. My pa het vir ons burgers gekoop, maar dit was peperduur. Dubai is ‘n groot wêreldstad, dus is daar baie mense van verskillende lande en ‘n mens hoor al die verskillende tale wat gepraat word. Ek was verstom oor al die blink, blitsvinnige motors wat aan die ryk mense behoort.

Die Burj Khalifa is die hoogste gebou ter wêreld. Ek sal nie graag daar wil bly nie, want daar is gereeld sandstorms. Wat sal gebeur as die gebou omwaai?

Ons het in ‘n bloedrooi taxi saam met ander mense rondgery en die stad verken. Daar is twee dele van Dubai, die ou, tradisionele deel met kleurvolle basarens en stalletjies waar mense speserye en materiaal verkoop, dan is daar ook die moderne Dubai wat vol duur motors, goue juweliersware en ontwerpersklere is om te koop. Die nuwe deel van Dubai is baie duur.

My Dubai-ervaring was baie lekker gewees, en my droom is om eendag in Dubai te werk en te woon.

D Naidoo (Third Form)



Dié dag sal ek nooit vergeet nie

Ek was op pad na my vriend se huis toe. Terwyl ek in die straat afgestap het en nader aan ons huis gekom het, het ek gesien dat ons bure se hek oopgestaan het. Ek het aanhou loop omdat ek geweet het dat hulle nie gevaarlike honde wat my sal jaag en byt, aanhou nie.

Ek het verby die oop hek geloop en, toe ek my kop draai, het ek in 'n baie fris Bulteriër vasgekyk. Hy het op die sypaadjie langs die nuwe bure se huis gestaan. Ek het geskrik, maar het net my kop weer vorentoe gedraai en gewoonweg aanhou loop.

Skielik het ek mense hoor skree en gesien hoe mense uit hulle huise hardloop om te kyk waarom die bohaai gaan. Almal het gestaan en kyk hoe die Bulteriër 'n arme straathond uitmekaar geskeur het. Ek het by my vriend se huis ingehardloop en vir hom gesê dat hy die polisie moet bel want daar was twee honde in die straat wat mekaar vermorsel. Die mense het kookwater oor die hond gegooi sodat hy ophou baklei, maar dit het nie eens gehelp nie.

Vyf minute later, toe die polisie daar aangekom het, het die honde nogsteeds baklei.

Die polisiemanne het ook probeer om die honde uitmekaar te skei, maar hulle kon dit ook nie regkry om die hondegeveg stop te sit nie. Op die ou einde het die polisiemanne altwee die honde geskiet. Dit is 'n dag wat ek definitief nooit sal vergeet nie.

S Stevens (Third Form)

Die dag wat ek nooit sal kan vergeet nie

Wat 'n ervaring was dit nie om by die grootste seunsskool in KwaZulu-Natal te wees nie. Dit het so snaaks gevoel om by 'n nuwe skool te wees. Ek was baie opgewonde om my hoërskooljare te begin.

Al die Vorm Tweetjies het so verlore in die groot skool gelyk. Almal het rondgeloopt asof hulle in 'n dwaal is en nie mooi weet waar alles was nie. Niemand het ook geweet wie jy is nie. Al het almal in die laerskool jou naam geken, was jy net een van baie nuwe gesigte.

Toe ek in Nathan-huis ingeloop het, het ek sommer dadelik geweet dat hierdie plek vir my is. My ouers het my gehelp om my bed op te maak en my klere uit te pak. Terwyl ons my slaaparea reggekry het, het ons ons laaste gesprek vir 'n lang ruk gehad. Ons het klaar uitgepak en dit was tyd vir my ouers om sonder my huis toe te gaan. My oë het begin traan en ons almal was 'n bietjie hartseer om totsiens te sê.

Nadat my ouers gery het, het ek net in die groot gebou tussen 'n klomp nuwe mense rondgeloopt. Ek het 'n paar ouens ontmoet en hulle name leer ken. 'n Rukkie later het die prefekte vir ons College se reëls geleer. Dit was tot dusver die grootste dag in my lewe en ook die dag wat ek nooit sal vergeet nie.

J Steyn (Third Form)

Die wrede waters

Ek is so verveeld. Stoksielalleen sit ek by die huis met niks om te doen nie. Dit is doodstil in hierdie huis, almal is by die werk. My broer het al vir my gesê dat hy gewoonlik na die dam toe gaan as dit so stil word. Dis drie-uur die middag en dit is bewolk.

Ek besluit dat ek wel na die dam toe gaan stap. Dit is winderig terwyl ek deur die bos op pad na die dam toe stap. Dit is daardie tyd van die jaar: blare val van die takke af en lê diep op die grond. Ek besluit om rondom die dam te stap as ek daar aankom. Toe ek aan die oorkant van die dam kom, sien ek 'n voorwerp op die wal wat met blare bedek is.

Ek stap stadig daarheen en strek my arm stadig uit om daaraan te vat. Toe dit nie beweeg nie, vee ek die blare af. Dit is toe ek 'n bootjie sien. Ek is dadelik opgewonde oor die vonds.

Ek dop die bootjie om, stoot dit die water in en begin roei. Die bootjie is nie baie stabiel nie en ek sukkel om dit reguit te hou, want ek het net een spaan. Die water begin ontstuiumig raak en die golfies wat die wind op die

dam maak, is skielik so sterk dat die skuitjie omval. Die water waardeur ek swem, is vuil en modderig, want die wind maal die water deurmekaar. Toe ek in die vlak water naby die wal kom, voel ek iets teen my arm. Dit is 'n mens se liggaam! 'n Lyk! Ek weet sommer dadelik dit is sy bootjie waarin ek was.

Ek strompel uit die water uit en val langs 'n boomstam neer om my asemhaling onder beheer te kry. Ek het nog nooit daarvan gehou om deur modderige water te swem nie. 'n Mens weet nooit wat daaronder skuil nie. Water, storms en winde is nie kinderspeletjies nie. Dit is gevaarlik.

J Jordaan (Second Form)

Die mooiste boomhuis

Ek het verveeld in my huis gesit, totdat ek skielik 'n idee gekry het. Ek wou die bos waarlangs ek woon, gaan verken. Terwyl ek in die bos gestap het, het iets my oog gevang. Dit was 'n boomhuis! Die mooiste een wat ek nog ooit gesien het.

Ek het dadelik in die boomhuis geklim. Dit was indrukwekkend! Gelukkig was niemand tuis nie. Dit het vir 'n paar weke lank my speelplek geword. Ek het alles in hierdie boomhuis gedoen. Daar was beddens, dus het ek en my vriend naweke daar oorgeslaap. Dit was alles perfek tot die een dag ...

Ek het soos gewoonlik na skool na die boomhuis toe gestap, maar toe ek daar aankom, het ek 'n vreemde skaduwee deur die venster sien beweeg. Ek was skielik vreeslik bang. Ek wou gaan kyk, maar ek het nie 'n wapen gehad om myself te verdedig nie. Ek het 'n tipe kierie uit 'n tak gemaak en in die huis ingestorm. Dit was doodstil en niks het beweeg nie – totdat die deur stadig oopgekraak het. Ek het die deur oopgeswaai en met toe oë blindelings begin slaan.

Ek het gevoel asof ek iets raakslaan, maar het nie geweet wat dit was nie. Ek het gekyk en gesien dat dit 'n mens was ... nie net enigiemand nie ... dit was my pa van alle mense!

My pa het toe gesê dat hy dit laat bou het vir my verjaarsdag, maar ek 'n te goeie speurder was en die huis voor my verjaarsdag ontdek het. Ek het baie dankie gesê en die res van my vakansie daar geniet. Dit was die beste boomhuis ooit, want dit was myne.

B Barnard (Second Form)

Die R200-noot wat ek opgetel het

Het jy al ooit geld van die grond af opgetel? Die meeste van ons het al geld opgetel. Jy sal nooit raai wie se geld ek eendag opgetel het nie.

Ek was Durban toe vir die vakansie. Ek en my broer het op die strand geloop toe ek die R200-noot op die grond sien lê en dit toe opgetel het. Ek en my broer het toe na 'n roomswinkel gesoek om roomys te koop. Dit het lank geneem, maar uiteindelik het ons 'n roomswinkel opgespoor.

Ek was besig om te bestel toe Siya Kolisi ingestap het. Hy wou roomys koop, maar het nie geld by hom gehad nie. Ek het 'n bietjie skuldig gevoel en toe vir hom die R200-noot wat ek opgetel het, gegee. Hy was dankbaar en het vir homself 'n roomys gekoop. Ek het saam met my broer uitgeloopt toe Siya ons stop en sê dat dit 'n toets was wat hy en sy gesin gedoen het, om te sien of mense nog goed is. Hy was so beïndruk met ons dat hy vir ons een van sy wedstrydtruië gegee het, 'n getekende een nogal.

Ek het daardie dag 'n groot les geleer en probeer nou altyd om die regte ding te doen, al is dit parykeer moeilik.

C Sweetnam (Second Form)

ISIZULU IMIBHALO YOKUZIQAMBELA

Ngasiza Ngalalela Abazali

Kusukela ebuncaneni bethu sikhula ngesandla sabazali bethu. Konke esikudingayo sikuthola ngokucela abaabazali. Abazali bethu benza konke okusemandleni abo ukuthi basikhombise uthando futhi baqiniseke ukuthi siphephile ngaso sonke isikhathi.

Kwakuwusuku oluhle futhi ilanga liphumile futhi kushaya umoya. Isikhathi sasesishaye amahora ayishumi nanye. Ngezwi lephimbo lamngani wami u-Ayanda engibizela phandle. Ngaphuma phandle ukuyomnika indlebe wangicela ukuthi ngihambe naye siyodlala ibhola enkundleni eyayibizwa nge-Eric.

Ngabuyela ekhaya ngacela ubaba ukuthi ngihambe nomngani wami, wavuma kodwa wabeka umbandela wokuthi uma ngihamba ngishiye ifoni. Ngaphuma ngejubane ngjabulela ukuhamba nomngani wami. Singakasuki u-Ayanda wangibuza ifoni yami ngiyiphethe yini na? Ngaphendula ngamshela ukuthi ngiyishiye wangincenga ukuthi ngiyithathe. Ngabuyela ngaphakathi ngacela ubaba ukuthi ngihambe nefoni wanqaba ngolaka inkukhu yanqunwa umlomo kimina. Ngaphatheka kabi kodwa ngabona ukuthi angibe indlela isikhathi singakahambi.

Sahamba sixoxa no-Ayanda, samiswa abanye obhuti abadala, ababebade futhi benebala elimnyama, bobabili babenamhlo abovu sengathi baqeda ukuthatha isihlwathi. Ngephimbo elibhodlayo basibuza ikhathi. U-Ayanda wakhapha ifoni wabatshela. Ilapho inhlanzi yashelwa ngamanzi, labo bhuti babhusha u-Ayanda wawa phansi. Nami ngathi ngiyasondela bangiphushela ngasesihlahleni, ingalowo mzuzu babona ithuba lokuntshontsha ifoni ka-Ayanda. Indlela ababenamandla ngawo labo bhuti wawungazitsheli ukuthi benza imikhalambazo.

Emva kwesikhashana sasukuma no-Ayanda. Umngani wami wahlala amehlo aze aba yizinsungulo nami ngangihafuzela okomuntu oqeda ukuqwala igquma. Umngani wami wacweba izinyembezi sesiphinda emuva kodwa ngangikhona ukumumisa idololo. Saqhuba izinyawo zethu siya ekhaya la-Ayanda ukuze sibike lolu daba. Safika itshe lome inhlama kungekho naphawu labazali ba-Ayanda. Sasuka saya ekhaya lami satshela ubaba yena saya ekhaya lami satshela ubaba yena wabika emaphoyiseni ukuthi sibanjwe inkunzi. Nefoni sazama ukuyifonela kodwa lutho ukuthi iphendulwe.

Ngalolu suku ngabona ukuthi ukulalela abazali kubalulekile ngoba ukube ngaqhuba inkani ngabe nami ngaphucwa ifoni. Ngafunda ukuthi ukulalela nokuhlonipha imiyalelo yabazali iyakusindisa ezingozini zomhlaba.

S Cele (Sixth Form)

Ngazisiza Ngalalela Abazali

Kuye kuthiwe indlela ibuzwa kwabaphambili ngoba iso lilodwa kwabaphambili. Lezi zisho zichaza impilo yami kahle-hle ngiseyihlongandlebe, ngingazi ukuthi lokhu engangikwenza nomuntu engangithi umngani wami, kuyobeka impilo yami engcupheni, kodwa akubanga njalo ngoba nje ngisadla anhlamvana kungenxa kweziluleko engazithola kubazali bami.

Impilo yami yaqala ukubheka phansi mzuwana ngihlangana noMzekezeke, owawubona kahle ukuthi yimbuka ekhala ngamayiko amabili, ngoba ngangiyinkomo esengwa ilele ngaqala ebangeni leshumi nanye.

Sasesihlala ndawonye esikoleni ngesikhathi sekhefu siphinde futhi uma sekuphunywa. Lapho saqala ukwenza izinto ezingalungile, njengokudla izidakamizwa, saphuza amanzi amponjwana saphinde sagila imikhuba. Kwakuyileso sikhathi singasezwani nezinga zikathisha. Kwavela obala, mzuwana kuphuma imiphumela yokuphela konyaka ngingaphumelelanga kahle neze, ukuthi ngasengiyigeza liphambe impangele.

Kwaqhubeka isikhashana ukuba ikhanda limtshela okwakhe, sengidayisa ngisho nezingubo zikanokusho ukuze ngikwazi nokuthola okuzoqeda ukuquleka. Ngikhuluma ngomthunzi wezinkukhu phela, engangiwubhema sengathi alikho ikusasa. Wathi umama nobaba bengibona sengehlile esikoleni, nokuba namhlo abomvu klebhu sekwaba insakavukela umchilo wesidwaba. Kwakuyilapho sebebona ukuthi sengaba insumansumane imali yamakhanda.

Babona ukuthi sekwaba zimbili zantabanye noMzekezeke, ngakho-ke sekufanele bengenelele. Yize ngase ngilahlwe abangani nabantu engakhula nabo, angizange ngilahlwe abangiletha kulo mhlaba. Sebebona ukuthi sengibagibela ekhanda njengenja, bangifaka induku bangishaya ngamazwi ahlaba inhliziyi. “Akukho ngcweti konke ngamaphelela phansi”, kusho ubaba, kodwa elangenza ngicwebe izinyembezi elashiwo umama ethi, “Zonke iziziba zagcwala inhlabathi, ngikushiswa ukuthi siyokushiya ndodana.”

Bathi bengipha lawa mazwi ngabona ukuthi bebubila ngambizanye. Impilo yami yaguquka mzuwana ngilalele abazali, ngakwazi ukuyeka izidakamizwa ngagcina sengiphumelela nasesikoleni. Phela ngaqopha umlando kumatikuletsheni ngenkathi ngithola o-distincion abayisikhombisia. Ngakwazi ukuthi ngilezthe umfundaze wokuyofunda ubunjiniyela bamaholide eNyuvesi yasePitoli.

N Kubheka (Sixth Form)



L du Toit (Fifth Form)

Izinto Engizithanda Kakhulu Ngomngani Wami

Empilweni sihlangu abantu abaningi abahlukile. Abanye siyabayeke ngoba bezama ukusenzisa imikhuba emibi abanye bazame ukusicekelela phansi, kodwa abanye siyabagcina ngoba bayasithanda futhi basenzela okuhle paphinde basifisele okuhle. Umngani engizoxoxa ngaye u-Aphiwe, uyidlale kahle indima yobungani empilweni yami.

Uyini umngani? Umngani umuntu enisuke nizwana naye futhi nakhe ubudlelwane obuhle naye. Umuntu ongasho ukuthi usuke ewumngani wakho ngumuntu omuthandayo naye okuthandayo akulekelele kuko konke odlula kukona empilweni. Umngani ukhusela igama lakho uma abantu bekhuluma kabi ngawe.

U-Aphiwe uyikho konke lokhu engikubalile, yingakho ngimukhonze kakhulu. Uyinsizwa ende njengendlulamithi, ngimushiya ngeminyaka emibili kodwa ungafunga ukuthi uyena omdala phakathi kwethu. Uyathanda ukudlala ibhola lezinyawo kodwa akuthanda kakhulu ukudla kwesiZulu kanye nomculo wamaskandi. Ungafunga ukuthi wakhulela emakhaya kanti cha, akunjalo. Umngani wami uyabahlonipha abantu abadala futhi uyathanda ukusiza ezintweni eziningi. Wangifundisa name ukuthi kubalulekile ukukhuthala nokuba usizo ekhaya.

Noma singafundi esikoleni esisodwa kodwa sixoxa zinsuku zonke. U-Aphiwe ufunda esikoleni la kufunda khona izingane zezecebi eGoli, eSt Stithians. Izindaba angixoxela zona ngabafundi afunda nabo ziyamangaza, omunye wabafundi afunda nabo wake walethwa esikoleni ngendizamshini.

Engikuthanda kakhulu ngomngani wami ukuthi name ungikhonze kakhulu. Ongiphathisa okomfowabo omdala futhi iyangithokozisa kakhulu leyo yinto.



Okunye engikuthanda ngaye ukuthi akaziphakamisi ngezinto abanazo kubo njengoba ephuma emndenini ocebile. Uzithobe kakhulu futhi uyazithulela. Uma ngimuvakashela kubo ungenza ngizizwe sengathi kusekhaya. Into engiyifisayo ukuthi engashintshi, aqhubeke nokuba nomoya ophansi ahloniphe. Njalo ngoZibandlala ngiyajabula ngoba sisuke sizobonana sense izinto ezifana nokuya olwandle kanye nokuzikhipha siyozijabulisa.

Sengiphetha, ngingasho ukuthi ngibusisiwe ukuba nomngani onjengaye. isiZulu sithi “izandla ziyagezana,” ngakho-ke nawe uma uthola umngani weqiniso, kubalulekile ukuthi umphathe ngendlela efanelengoba naye uzokwenza into efanayo.

M Mbambo (Sixth Form)



S Ender (Fifth Form)

Ngazisiza Ngokulalela Abazali

Kubalulekile ukulalela abantu abadala emhlabeni ngoba kuningi okuzuzayo uma ulalela. Kuningi okuzuzayo uma uhlonipha abazali ngoba basisiza ngezinto eziningi empilweni. Nebhayibheli liyasho lithi “hlonipha uyihlo nonyoko ukuze izinsuku zakho zande ezweni.”

Ukuhlonipha abazali bakho kubonakala sengathi umyalo olula ukuwulandela. Ngezinye izikhathi abazali bethu bakwenza kube nzima futhi ngezinye izikhathi sibheke kakhulu ekuphileni kwethu noma lokho esikufunayo sikhohlwe ukuthi ukuhlonipha abazali bethu kufana nokuhlonipha uNkulunkulu. Ukuhlonipha abazali bakho kuyingxeny ebalulekile yokuphila kwethu kwansuku zonke. Kuyiqiniso ukuthi abazali bazi kangcono kunathi, yingakho uma besitshela okuthile kugfanele sibalalele. Akuyona inhloso yabazali ukusilawula nokusitshela ukuthi siyiphile kanjani impilo yethu. Inhloso yabo ukusibumba ukuze sibe ngabantu abangcono kusasa ngokusibonisa indlela eqondile okufanele siyihambe. NesiZulu sithi indlela ibuzwa kwabaphambili.

Kwangisiza kakhulu ukulalela abazali bami ngoba kwangenza ngavuleka amehlo, ngafunda nokuziphatha kahle. Ngilapha eMaritzburg College ngenxa yabazali ngoba yibona ababengikhuthaza ngokubaluleka kwemfundo nangekusasa lami. Kunentsha engondingasithebeni ngenxa yokungabalaleli abazali ngoba bezitshela ukuthi sebehla kaniphe badlula abazali, kepha aboqaphela ngoba kuthiwa “isalakutshela sibona ngomopho.”

Inyoni ishayelwa abadala, konke okwenzayo kumele abazali baziqhenye ngakho ngoba lokho kuletha izibusiso empilweni yakho. Akumele ukhohlwe izinto abazali bakho abakufundisa zona usakhula noma kungathiwa usucebe kangakanani. Umama wami wangitshela ukuthi ngingamubukeli omunye umuntu phansi ngoba uNkulunkulu uyapha aphinde athathe, kanti futhi okungapheli kuyahlola. Lokhu engatshelwa kona ekhaya kungenza ngikwazi ukuphilisana nazo zonke izinhlanga zabantu.

Angakushayi ndiva ukulalela abazali ngoba basuke befuna uthole impilo engcono kunabo, kanti futhi singakhohlwa ukuthi uthando lokuqala esilutholayo emhlabeni luqhamuka kubona abazali bethu.

S Ngcobo (Sixth Form)

Okwangenza Ngazizwa Ngiziqhenya Ngalolu Suku

Lolu suku kuyohlala kuwusuku engingasoze ngalukhojlwa empilweni yami kanye ngiziqhenya ngalo ngoba ilapho engathokoza abazali bami. Ngisho phela labo abadlale indima enkulu empumelelweni yami. Umndeni kanye nabangani angibashiya ngaphandle kulolu hambo. Lolu suku yilapho ngathola khona iziqu zami zaseNyuvesi zokuba udokotela.

Ukwazi imvelaphi yami nanokuthi ngiphuma enhluphekweni, emndenini odla imbuia ngothi nalapho ikati lilala eziko. Yize inkemane idla umunyu kulo mndeni kodwa uthando uthando abangithanda ngalo luyamangalisa ludlula olokuthanda imali. Abe emancane kakhulu amathuba okuthi ngifike lapha ngikhona namhlanje, uthando nokusekelwa umndeni kanye nomusa kaNkulunkulu okungibeke lapha ngikhona.

Ukwazi imvelaphi yami nezimo ekade ekade ngibhekene nazo kwakuyindlela yokungigqugquzela ukuze ngibe sesicongweni. Ukuphakamiseka kwami kwenza ukuthi ngithulise labo ababekhuluma kakhulu bethi angisoze ngizithole iziqu zami. Namhlanje sengiphumelele, ngibavale imilome mbe. Yingakho-kho ngithi lolu suku yilapho ngazizwa ngiziqhenya kakhulu. Izifungo izinto okungadlalwa ngazo ngoba abantu abaningi bayalimala ngaphakathi ngokubathembisa izinto ezingekho. Yingakho kwakumele ngisigcine isifungo sami engasenza kubazali bami sokuthi ngizozimisela ngizikhandle kukho konke engikwenzayo enyuvesi.

Kuyangithokoza kakhulu ukuthi lesi sifungo ngasigcina sekuthokoze abazali bami kakhulu ngoba angibashayanga ngemfe iphindiwe. Yingakho futhi ngithi lolu suku yilona elangenza ngizizwe ngiziqhenya kakhulu ngobumina.

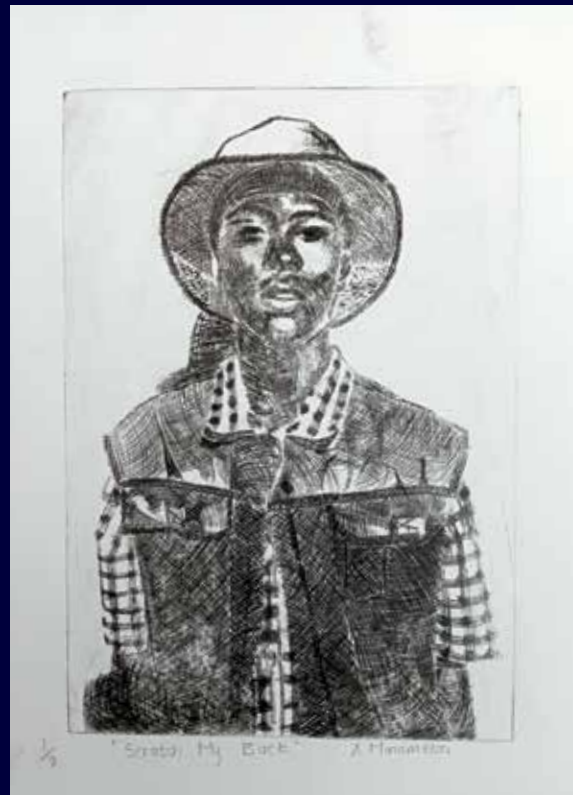
Lokhu esengikwenzile ngikwenzele abamndeni wami, kungithokoza kakhulu emoyeni wami. Kuphinde kwangilethela injabulo ukubona engibathandayo bejabule ngisho noma sesidlule ebunzimeni obungaka. Namanje ngisasho ngithi lolu suku lwangenza ngazizwa ngiziqhenya ngalo futhi luyohla lusenhliziyweni yami. Yilapho kwahlangana khona ukujabula kanye nokuzikhandla kwami okwenza kwajabula sonke isizwe soMphemba. Bonke babesho ngazwi linye bethi umfana wethu usiphakamisile wayibeka induku ebandla.

Lokhu engikwenzile vngisizwa ukwesekwa umndeni, ngifisa sengathi nalabo abenza emuva kwami babone ukuthi le Ndelela iyahambeka kuphela ifuna uqine futhi ube nempokophelelo wazi ukuthi uyaphi futhi ufuna. Empilweni ngifunde ukuthi ngeke ube nakho nkonke kodwa kumele kube khona okuyekayo ukuze kuphumelele lokho okubona kuzokuphakamisa futhi kukuyise phambili nempilo. Sukumani nonke boGodide indlela eya phambili ivuthiwe futhi iyahambeka.

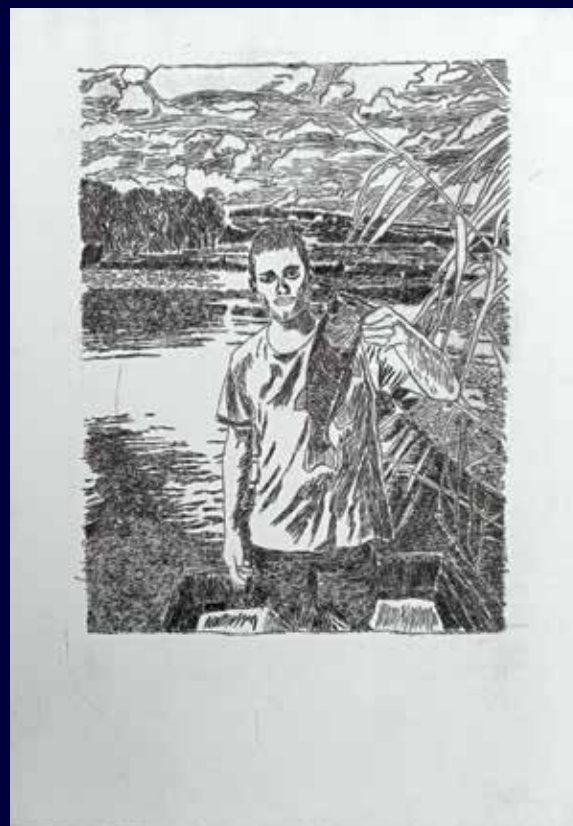
S Ntuli (Sixth Form)



T Crawford (Fifth Form) Linocut



A Monametsi (Sixth Form) Scratch my Back



D Craig (Sixth Form) Sure Haven

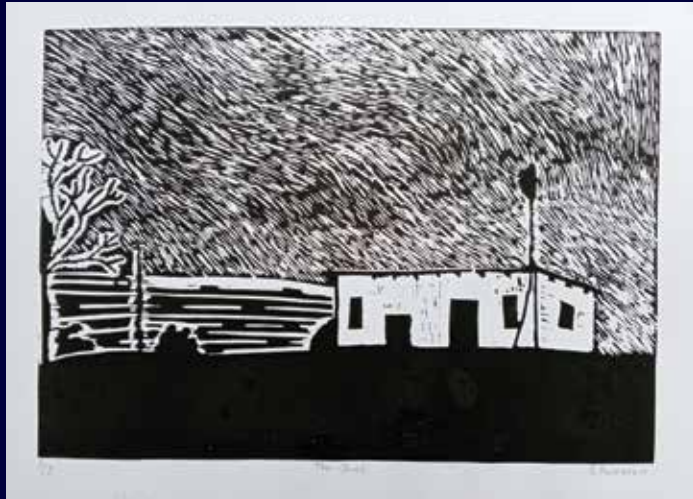


C van Rooyen (Sixth Form)



G Cooke (Sixth Form) Rhino City





G Hampson (Sixth Form) The Shack



J Campbell (Sixth Form) Zebra Head



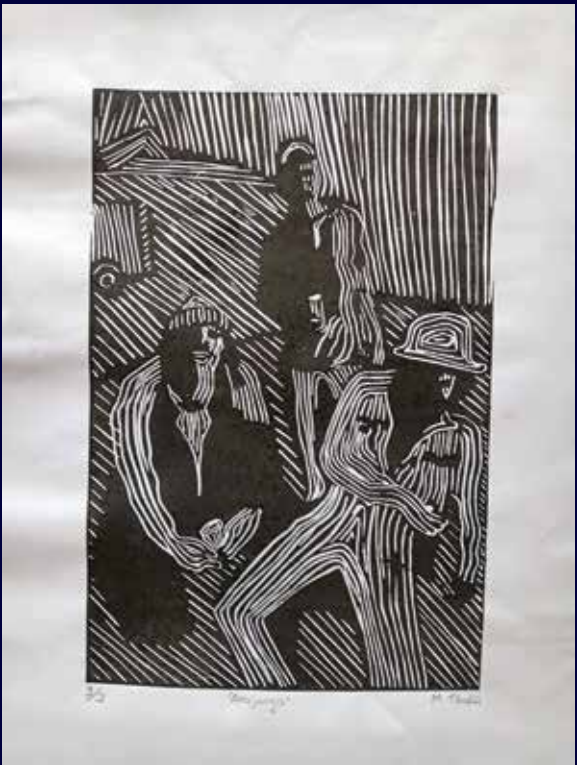
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R Marais (Sixth Form)



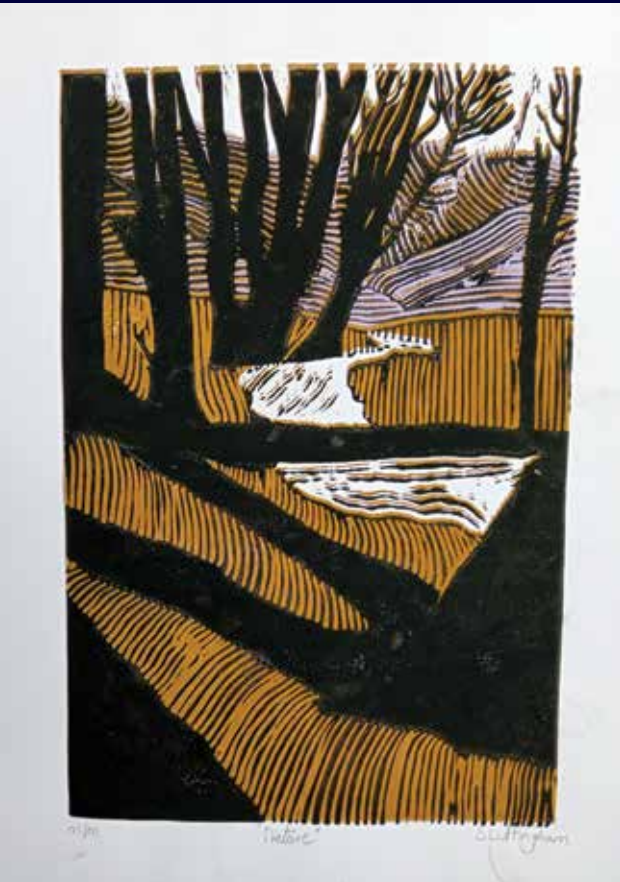
K Wilken (Sixth Form) A Mother's Love



M Tshaka (Sixth Form) Amajongo



S Cassimjee (Sixth Form)



S Luffingham (Sixth Form) Nature

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC



School Choir

Back row: C Gould, D Denton, L Wassink, L Hadebe, L Khumalo, R Anderson, A Mthimkhulu, C Cherayi, J Kloppers, E Lolliot
Third row: N Zingeni, A Mkhize, L Luthuli, M Rubulaza, N Mkhize, L Ndaba, M van Rooyen, C Wood, S Mdutyana, S Bridglall, A Habede, E Sobwe, B Hlophe, C Zondi, M Mfusi
Second row: M Maphanga, I Zwane, N Moyo, S Sithembu, P Mncwabe, S Zondi, L Dlamini, M Murgatroyd, M Shabalala, L Shangase, T Ndawonde, S Mbatha, M Msimango, K Makhanya, L Ngubane, Z Desebrook
Front row: S Mbonambi, S Mchunu, B Gous, J Fraser, N Mbatha, N Madide, Mrs J Stickells, A Ntuli (choir leader), Mr J Heyns, K Mthimkhulu, T Zimu, N Ndlovu, K Ramharak, T Monametsi, S Msibi
Absent: N Mntungwa, N Mazibuko, O Mlambo, T Motaung, P Xaba



Jazz Band

Back row: B Naidu, E Lolliot, J Gabriel, Y Mchunu, S Mchunu, J Gasarasi, S Ender, S Mkhize
Middle row: C Harrichand, S Hoosen, N Dlamini, N Mkhize, S Bridglall, S Govender, S Redlinghuys, J Drimie, G Maistry, D Colenbrander
Front row: S Mbonambi, N Madide, Y Ramharak, S Ntuli (captain), Mr S Stickells, B Gous (vice-captain), N Zuma, N Lawson, J Conolly
Absent: L Dlamini



Gospel Choir

Back row: B Gous, A Mthimkhulu, T Monametsi
Middle row: S Msibi, C Zondi, N Mkhize, S Mdutyana, N Ndawonde, N Zingeni, L Luthuli, S Mchunu
Front row: S Mbonambi, N Madide, A Ntuli, Mr SM Ngcobo, N Mbatha (captain), Mr S Mkhwanazi, T Zimu, N Ndlovu, T Zuma
Absent: Q Ngubane, M Mtungwa



Jazz Ensemble

Back row: Z Desebrook, M Olorunda, J Conolly, S Mchunu
Front row: Z Benjamin, Mr S Stickells, G Maistry

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS AT COLLEGE

Every year when writing the magazine report, I always think that we could not outdo the previous year. However, in 2022 the Music and Performing Arts at Maritzburg College continues to grow. There has been a lot of work done behind the scenes to make sure that we are constantly developing our depth and excellence within the department.

Our year started with the production of 'By Jeeves'. This Andrew Lloyd-Webber musical, while being one of his lesser-known productions, was the perfect way to shake off the restrictions of the Covid years. The production was well received by our audiences and reminded the community that live theatre is so important (this being our first musical since 2018). This musical was also a part of the National Arts Festival on the Online vFringe Platform.

Later in the year, Mrs Thaver produced 'Sophiatown' which was also invited to the Hilton Arts Festival, albeit in a reduced format suitable for street theatre. Both productions and casts received high acclaim from their audiences, and this encouraged the school to attempt more productions in the future.

Music at Maritzburg College has grown exponentially over the last few years and the fruits of this investment really came to the fore. The department achieved at a very high level. Two of our boys took part in the Roedeian Music Competition in 2022. Both boys did very well. J Conolly achieved an A++ symbol while L Jackson progressed to the final and placed second in the strings section. We will be extending the number of boys participating in this wonderful event in the future.

The Maritzburg College Jazz Band enthralled their audiences this year. Being one of the few full Big Bands in KZN they are a sight to see and hear. The band performed 14 times this year in KZN and Gauteng. Their first major concert of the year was the St John's DSG 125th celebration. At this concert the band performed a rendition of 'Feeling Good' sung by S Ntuli, our Jazz Band Captain. This set the standard for the year and the bar was set high! From performing at the ATKV Finals to our Exchanges with Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool and Pretoria Boys High School, to concerts at Michaelhouse, Epworth School, St John's DSG and the Old Boys Assembly, to a memorable concert at King Edward VII High School, it was an excellent year and one to remember. The College Jazz Band have finally grown into a force of music in KZN.

The College Choir has also set a high bar this year. They took part in the ATKV Applous competition in 2022. Having achieved gold in the past three years, they outdid themselves by also making the final at UNISA in Pretoria. For the choir this was a wonderful experience and lined up with our tour to Pretoria for the PBHS exchange. The choir performed, as a part of the tour, at KES, PBHS and at the ATKV final where they placed first in the Non-Afrikaans Speaking Merit Section for High School Boys choir. This is an excellent achievement for the choir and shows how the investment in the choir over the last five years has paid off. These matric boys were the Grade 8s who attended the World Choir Games in 2018. Besides this massive achievement the choir also performed with the Jazz Band on the cultural exchanges and an incredibly special concert at St Anne's DSG. Tribute needs to be paid to the work that Mrs Stickells and Mr Heyns have done over the year keeping the choir at an excellent standard.

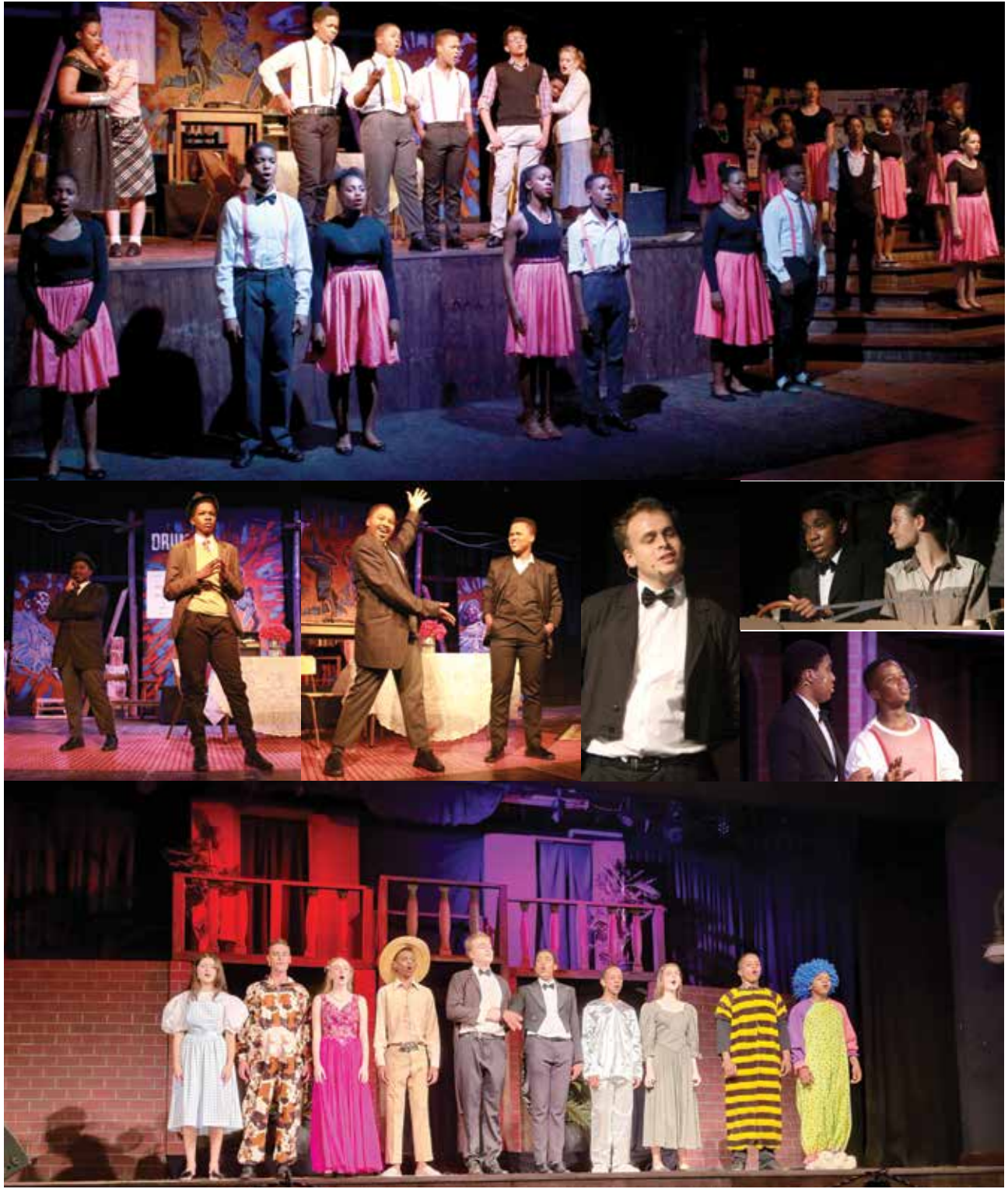
The Music Department has also introduced some new ensembles as a part of the programme. The String, Saxophone, Brass, and Jazz Ensembles have started to develop, and we look forward to them being a feature of the music programme in future. Special tribute has to be paid to Mr Kisbey-Green and Mrs Stickells for these initiatives. The Jazz Ensemble, featuring some of our more senior musicians, has already performed this year at the Hilton Train Stop. The Brass Ensemble were one of the feature ensembles at the College Carols in 2022.

As a part of the normal year of concerts we hosted our own standard series of concerts. Our newest addition to this is the Café Concert hosted in the Art Quad along with the Art Department. To end off the year and celebrate an excellent year within the Music Department we had the first ever Music

Dinner. This gave our boys the chance to thank the school and teachers on a more personal level. The matrics participated in their final concert for the year, The Prestige Concert. This occasion always shows off the best the Music Department has to offer both in our soloists and ensembles.

Our final performance for 2022 was the College Carols at the One Life Church. We were very blessed that the church hosted this event in 2022. This year Merchiston Preparatory School and Epworth School joined us as guest choirs. Donations raised were donated to the One Life Foundation in aid of the Lifeboat Project. We hope that we can host this event each year at the One Life Church. A recording of the event is available on the Maritzburg College Music and Performing Arts YouTube Page.

Mr S Stickells



"By Jeeves" and "Sophiatown"



Choir and Jazz Band performances

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Afrikaans Society

Back row: L Shangase, C Zondi, R Boshoff, S Pedlar, T Kruger, C Mountfort, A Botha, J Jordaan, J Nettleton, M Mkhize, K Botha, C Adam

Middle row: J Wessels, R Schirge, H Goddard, L Dreyer, T Boshoff, D Colenbrander, M Lancaster, S Oosthuizen,
 R Bernstein, T van Niekerk, H Hackland, K Jenkins, D Galtrey

Front row: M van Rooyen, A van der Linde, S Mbonambi, T van Heerden, Mrs Z Elder, G Delpoit, R Goncalves, B McGregor, C Prinsloo

This year over a hundred enthusiastic boys were members of the Afrikaans Society (a growth of 30 more students since 2021). Under the guidance of Mr G Steyn (MIC and Tienertoneel), Miss N Nel and Mrs Z Elder, an exciting and diverse programme kept the boys busy. The weekly Thursday evening activities included: boeresport competitions, line dancing, sokkie, breadbuddies, word games and Happiness Week.

There was also a first for Afrikaans Society and College – the 'Trots Afrikaans Talent Aand' (Proud Afrikaans Talent Evening). Epworth School joined College and the whole endeavour was a huge success.

What a great year it has been for the Tienertoneel. College took part in the following festivals: the Digi Online monologue festival, ATKV Tienertoneel and FAK Allegretto Toneelfees. Four of our pupils participated in the FAK Monolog Fest (Digitoneel). G Delpoit wrote his own monologue

and did very well. The boys achieved the following combined awards for their productions: 18 bronze, 2 silver and 2 gold awards. College staged the production 'Kaperjol' at the ATKV Tienertoneel and FAK Allegretto Toneelfees. First was the FAK Allegretto Toneelfees which took place at Hugenote High School in Springs. The production did outstandingly well and there was very good feedback.

The second competition we took part in was the ATKV Tienertoneel Fees. There were over 170 productions from around South Africa. Our group did exceptionally well and made it through to the regional finals in Durban, where they placed third in KZN.

We are extremely proud of B McGregor, who was awarded Colours for Drama.

Mr G Steyn

Art Club

For an hour after school on Tuesdays, the Art Department becomes a space for both artists and non-artists alike to become creative. With the growing realisation that workplaces are looking for artistic interpretation, we push the theory that it is important to make art, but more important to be creative. The class is not prescriptive, just inventive. Boys draw storyboards for screenplays and stick-figure sequences for comic strips. Replications are made from the old masters in different media. Unbroken attendance of three masters themselves, J Peens, B Gademan and E Mitewu, lights the way for others to follow.

The boys find the peaceful space both rewarding and rejuvenating. Hence, we turn a blind eye to the occasional maths homework or science project. In the words of painter Gil Dellingier, 'Art is important. We tend to think it is a luxury, but it gives people deep pleasure because beauty is the personification of hope that something grander is at work.' We remain delighted that the perception of art as a subject continues to evolve from that of making artists to that of making creative thinkers and problem solvers.

Mr B Dodd





Camera Club

Back row: J Jackson, S Hoosen, B Gademan, B Thornton-Dibb, J Kufal, R Warr, T Kufal, C Zondi, M van Heerden
Front row: R Froise, T de Lange, D Thornton-Dibb (captain), Mrs D Gademan (MIC), J Peens, C Raw, Z Desebrook
Absent: S Cassimjee, M Thompson, R Doige

Our Camera Club became a member of the Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA) at the beginning of the year. This opened up the opportunity for the boys to regularly enter national competitions. The standard of the club is very high, and we achieved much success in the national competitions. B Gademan (visual art) and J Kufal (portraits) were runners up in the youth division of the PSSA monthly competitions. T de Lange was awarded his PSSA certificate of excellence with distinction and C Raw was awarded his PSSA certificate of excellence with merit. These achievements really show the wealth of talent that Maritzburg College has in being able to compete so successfully against schools countrywide.

We continued to do well in the Kearsney competition. Z Desebrook was highly commended for 'Sleepy Music' and C Raw came second with the photo of 'Canoeists'. T de Lange took first place with his collage of 'Farm Work'. The club competitions are well supported and there is a definite growth in quality as the boys learn techniques of this art form. We were privileged to be invited to put up a display in the Kent Pavilion for the 7s Rugby family fun day which was very well received by the public. It has been a pleasure to run a club of such enthusiastic boys.

Mrs D Gademan



T de Lange's 'Farm Work'- winner in the Kearsney competition

C Raw's 'Canoeists' – runner-up in the Kearsney competition



B Gademan, runner-up in PSSA – category visual art



College Cues

Back row: A Nzimande, M Khambule, A Mthimkhulu, A Matshobozo
Middle row: N Ndawonde, I Jikijo, N Mkhize, M Sheik, M Webley, R Uren, L Ndaba, S Sithembu
Front row: T Ambler, S Mdutshana, Mr J Orton, N Mbatha, Mrs K Thaver, S Ender, E Lolliot
Absent: D Plumb (captain)

Cues (Drama)

Many of the College Cues: Drama participants were involved in the ensemble cast for Sophiatown. The show, which was performed in May, featured several innovations. College utilised a large ensemble performing the songs, originally sung by the cast of eight. This and the use of two female casts created opportunities for a greater number of performers. College was invited to perform a twenty minute 'extract' at the Hilton Arts Festival. A carefully edited script was created, featuring the core elements of the plot as well as some of the vocal numbers. The show was given four performances in the Amphitheatre and was very well received.

In preparation for 'Sophiatown', College Cues hosted a workshop led by Mpilo Nzimande, an OC and professional actor. The workshop equipped performers with a greater knowledge of the historical period in which 'Sophiatown' took place and instructed them in the differing 'physicality' of movement during the 1960s. They were given initial coaching for the diction and differing accents used by township residents during this period. This was consolidated during rehearsal.

Participants were involved in extensive singing and dance workshops with Mr Memory Ngcobo (College) and Mrs Yvette Brooker (Chistlehurst). The invaluable dance and performance skills acquired will undoubtedly equip our cast members well for future performance.

College Cues hosted an 'Artist in Residence' workshop for our Drama students from 25 July to 4 August. Each class in Fourth to Sixth Form participated in six 45-minute workshops. They were taught basic lifts and movement techniques. These skills were then integrated into a performance. The Fifth Form performance was chosen for presentation during Dance@Kearsney.

Cues members as well as other College boys participated in 'Night of a Thousand Stars' and 'Encore', our two talent evenings in 2022. 'Encore' was presented on 5 August as part of the KES Sports and Cultural exchange. It was hosted by Mr Orton and various members of Cues. A number of KES students also chose to perform.

Cues (Dance)

College Cues: Dance participated in #digiFunk during May. For the second consecutive year the show was presented on a digital platform. The College participants travelled to St Anne's Diocesan School to film their performance and contribution to the finale. A live viewing and official launch were held at St Anne's in June. This was attended by dancers and coaches from all participating schools. The show, which was launched that evening, is now available on YouTube.

Many previous participants in College Cues: Dance matriculated in 2021. Consequently 2022 saw the consolidation of a new 'core' group of performers under the tutelage of Mr Sizwe Hlope, a professional choreographer. He was tasked with developing the necessary skills in many choreography workshops, finally choreographing the #digiFunk performance. College's performance was a fusion of contemporary African dance but included more traditional elements.

College participated in Dance@Kearsney on 11 August along with twelve other schools. Most of the schools were from the Durban area. College and Epworth, as well as an independent dance group, were the only Pietermaritzburg performers. The Fifth Form performance created during the Dance Workshop held in July/August was chosen as College's contribution. The dancers performed a piece entitled 'Crossing out the Day'. The performance used movement and dance to explore the trauma and camaraderie of war as experienced by young men.

Mr J Orton



College for Christ (CFC)

Back row: J O'Connor, W Galliers, D Denton, J Conolly, M Ponter
Middle row: J Wiggill, N de Villiers, R Froise, L Wassink, L Shangase, C Zondi, C Adam, J Konigkramer
Front row: A Nkubungu, M Chirengende, Mr C Myburgh, M Chapman, Mr R Barbour, S Mbonambi, S Zulu

College for Christ, as always, has been a safe haven for so many boys at College. We have had some marvellous times of praise, worship and fellowship. Boys who have preached have spoken from the heart, based solidly on the Word of God. Scripture has been at the forefront, with no compromise on the Gospel. In a world where there is so much compromise on morals of any kind, it is comforting for all who have experienced College for Christ this year that we will not compromise. The Truth will be told, no matter the cost.

Our leaders have taken their roles, and the place they hold within the spiritual lives of the boys seriously at College for Christ. We are so blessed with the personal revelations and testimonies of the boys and teachings from the likes of Mr Myburgh - College for Christ has found a solid theological foundation in Mr Myburgh's learned messages, and also Mr Sparrow, with his valuable experience. Boys have found themselves very bible based, in both Connect groups and in the preparation of messages. The boys have held each other accountable in accordance with the scriptures.

Some boys have been attending Youth meetings at Onelife Church while some boarders have attended the occasional service at Openskies. We look forward to times of praise and worship with Youth pastor leaders from Openskies. During exams our matric leaders moved on to Trials and our young leaders stepped up and have started preaching the name of Jesus boldly and with conviction, as they testify to Him as their personal Lord and Saviour. Also, during exams at the end of the year, Bible studies were run in the separate boarding Houses with very positive reports of their success. We look forward to an anointed, and revival-driven 2023!

Mr R Barbour

Debating Society



Debating – Senior

Back row: A Mbambo, C Raw, M Moosa, M du Toit
Front row: R Froise (captain) Mrs A Maistry, M Karrim

In 2022 Maritzburg College experienced a more productive involvement in Interschool League Debating as the removal of Covid restrictions in the second term allowed for a return to in-person debating at various schools. Both Grade 8 teams progressed to the quarter-finals of the Pietermaritzburg District League but were unfortunately knocked out. The junior debaters also made it to their quarter-finals which they lost. In the senior section, the College Team 1 advanced to the semi-finals, before losing by a very small margin. The College Team 2 was unfortunately knocked out in round five.

K Moodley, J Moneyvalu, M Moosa and R Froise were all recognised for their achievements at this year's league final awards ceremony.

Senior and Junior Provincial debating took place in July at St Henry's Marist College in Durban. College had two junior debaters selected: Moneyvalu and L Luthuli. Luthuli's team reached the quarter-finals and Moneyvalu's team advanced to the finals and came second.

Three senior debaters were selected for provincial debating: Froise (debating captain), C Raw and Moosa. Froise and Raw's team reached the semi-finals before being knocked out. Froise and Moosa have been selected for the KZN team for National debating, taking place in December 2022.

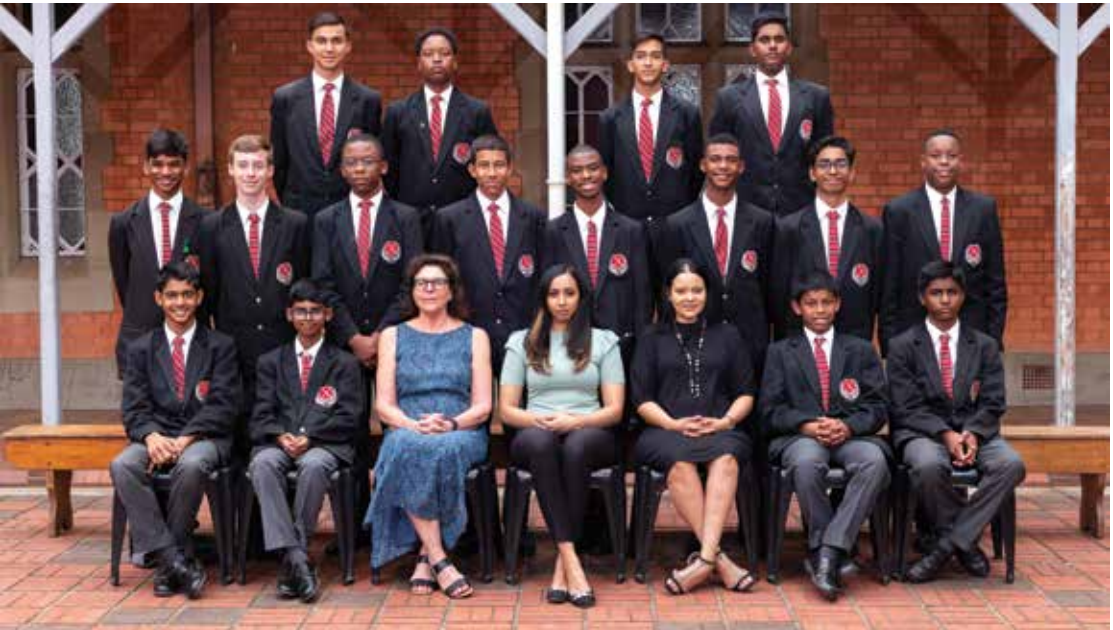
Both senior debating teams took on Pretoria Boys High School during the inter-school exchange at College. One of our teams won and the other lost to the PBHS boys, a fair outcome. In the third term, PBHS hosted College. The senior team took on PBHS seniors and beat them on home territory. Karrim was named Best Speaker. Although the junior team lost, Moneyvalu was named best speaker. The boys continued to hone their skills by entering the DKMS Derby. Moosa placed 16th, Raw 25th, Karrim 26th and Froise 36th.

The UKZN Debating Union held a tournament in November, in which the seniors participated. A five-person team consisting of R Froise (captain), M Karrim, A Mbambo, C Raw and M Moosa represented College and the Midlands League at the competition. Unfortunately, they lost the semi-final debate but nevertheless gave an excellent account of themselves and ranked in the top ten as follows: M Moosa - 1st, C Raw - 5th, M Karrim - 10th.

As part of on-going training and coaching, the senior debaters are now working with the Grade 8s and juniors. We are using this time to engage in friendly debates with league schools in our district in preparation for Nationals and next year's debating season.

Mrs A Maistry has been ably assisted this year, with coaching and adjudicating, by Mrs A Harding, Mrs W Khan and Miss S Paramanand. In addition, Mr L Ngobese, a provincial coach and adjudicator, has been coaching the debaters on an ad hoc basis to supplement the more advanced debaters' training.

Mrs A Maistry



Debating – Junior

Back row: R Singh, L Luthuli, M Singh, D Moodley
Third Row: P Desebrook, D Gademan, E Mitewu, S Naidoo
Second Row: A Mhlanzi, S Khambule, K Moodley, E Sobwe
Front Row: J Moneyvalu, L Naicker, Ms T Harding, Miss S Paramanand, Mrs W Khan, J Padayachee, J Theeralingam



Enviro Club

Back row: O Thabethe, B Gademan, N Gwala, N Setipa, F Thabethe, E Moodley

Front row: L Myeza, B Gous, Mr J Tyler (MIC), L Hlophe, I Jikijo

Absent: D Haines, A Motshoboza, D Pieterse, N Zwane

The College Enviro Club have had a magnificent year. Sadly though, we lost a most important asset in Mrs Dickens. We thank her for her years of service and guidance, and for helping to foster and develop a real interest in conservation in many of our young College men. We will most certainly miss her, and we wish her well in her retirement.

Our boys took part in the Johnny Lowe Memorial Trust trips to the Weenen Nature Reserve. Here the boys interacted with like-minded students from other schools and learned about the importance of conservation for the future, not only of our country but the planet itself.

The Enviro Club have in the past raised funds to help improve the Bisley Nature Reserve. These funds were used by the 'Friends of Bisley' to purchase timber for the construction of a bridge. A group of our boys gave up a Sunday and helped to construct the bridge. The Friends of Bisley were astounded by the work-ethic and the manners of our boys.

We look forward to more exciting adventures in 2023!

Mr J Tyler



First Aid Society

Back row: D Slabbert, K Peter, E Knox, C Adam

Middle row: J Gotte, A Nzimande, S Khumalo, N Zwane, S Hoosen, H Baber, M van Heerden

Front row: A Khan, S Maharaj, A Hlophe, Mrs R Brunzlaff (MIC), A Khumalo, A Matshoboza

Absent: T Ganie

With sport resuming after the disruptions caused by Covid we had a very busy year. We were assisted by Doctors H Akerman, S Akerman, J McAllister, G van Jaarsveld and K O'Connor, and we were able to assist many injured boys in the first aid room. We thank these medical professionals for their willingness to assist us pro bono and for giving up their limited free time. The San Sisters, under the leadership of Claire Olivier, also gave up their time to see to our sportsmen. We would like to thank them for their efficiency and kindness in treating injured players.

Med-24 paramedics and ambulances were at the ready to take those in need of further medical care to hospital. We thank our sponsors, the

Hoatson family, for our new first aid room, and Mr Ken Hackland for putting up shelves, cupboards and a deck.

The first aiders are a team of caring, helpful young men who are generous with their time. Under the leadership of L Hlophe and A Khumalo, they worked hard to ensure that all sportsmen were well taken care of. Their willingness to work long hours is much appreciated.

Mrs R Brunzlaff



Hindu Society

Back row: T Naidoo, D Moodley, D Naidoo, S Maharaj, T Ramdass, R Singh, T Bhoola, M Pannalall, S Subreenduth, T Nankan

Third row: T Reddy, R Khan, R Padayachee, A Hukum, D Heeralal, S Naidoo, M Soorajdin, K Singh, M Singh, K Manickum, T Sivenarain

Second row: D Naidoo, A Naidoo, J Theeralingam, M Chetty, V Charan, V Premchund, V Ramdeen, T Nana, S Ramdass, S Maharaj, K Pillay, Ak Bharath

Front row: L Pillay, S Maharaj, K Subbiah, K Kisten, Mr M Jeewan (MIC), A Premchund (captain), Miss Y Sarawan, Ab Bharath, N Moodley, S Pillay, M Roy

Absent: A Roopai, A Naidoo, S Govender

The Hindu Society meets twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The routine includes an opening prayer, songs, a discourse and discussion. The discourse is organised by Sixth Form pupils, with the present leaders from Sixth Form and Fifth Form giving the talks. We have now adopted a more interactive approach in which more pupils are involved when discussions are held. Topics discussed to date include the reasons for fasting, and the importance of the different fasts, the religious festivals that have taken place thus far, and how the newer boys are adjusting to College.

The Midlands Hindu Society has continued with its programme to empower youngsters at monthly meetings, with many of the society members actively involved in the structures that have been set up. After completing a successful feeding scheme for the Aryan Benevolent Home at the end of last year and sponsoring the Siva Nyana Sabha Feeding Scheme, we are hoping to continue in this way, as the members feel that we can make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. A highlight of the second term was the visit to three temples in the Durban area. Members were enlightened on the history of each institution and the mission of the different organisations running them. The excursion was enjoyed by all and we look forward to planning a similar one next year.

After being postponed for the past two years because of Covid, we held a very successful Cultural Evening during August. Society members worked long hours perfecting their dance routines and learning their lines for the play. We also had the pleasure of guest performers which included The Hindu Society from Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School. The organising committee was ably assisted by Ms Sarawan and Mrs Thaver directed the play. Ms Moola and the Muslim Society also assisted with tickets and ushering guests. The staff, parents and guests were all entertained by the programme, and we received many exceptional reviews.

Society members continued with their outreach during the year. This included packing food hampers for the 'Rise against Hunger' programme at Payne Street Mediclinic and at The Golden Horse Hotel. We were assisted by members of the College Interact Club. Members also assisted with packing food parcels for the Deepavali Cheer Society.

The new leaders of our club were announced at this event and they have already started planning for 2023. We wish them well for the New Year.

Mr M Jeewan

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Interact Club

Back row: A Mthimkhulu, A Khan, K Peter, N Gwala, F Kunene, F Thabethe, O Thabethe, A Sidimba
Middle row: N Ndawonde, S Khumalo, L Ndaba, N Mkhize, L Myeza, N Brown, E Moodley, I Jikijo, K Makhanya, S Sithembu
Front row: N Mbatha, W Pillay, N Kubheka, M Chapman, Miss S Kunene, C Hankinson, B Gous, M Fihlela, L, Hlophe
Absent: J Murekezi, P Mcwabe, B Fourie

The Interact Club has grown, mainly through the intake of very enthusiastic Fourth Formers and, during the course of the year, Second Form boys. These boys have shown commitment in wanting to help and ‘give back’ to the community, sacrificing their time whenever they are called upon to assist.

The main project for the year has been the creation of toys made from recycled plastic products. Some of the toys created are skipping ropes which are made from recycled bread bags, and as pull-along trolley cars from recycled margarine tubs, plastic lids and bread bags. This project is for Singakwenza which is an early childhood education organisation. Toy-making takes place every afternoon after school.

The Interact Club has also made contributions towards Happiness Week by putting together hampers for the families under the care of Thandanani. The boys also assisted with Bread Buddies by making sandwiches for the less fortunate. The boys also made Easter egg collections for the Joseph

Baines Salvation Army Home and, together with Granny Macs Catering, provided build-a-burger and ice cream for 75 children at the Home.

With the easing of the Covid-19 regulations and the reinstatement of the full sporting programme, the Interact Club was able to get back to pancake-making during the winter sport home games. The boys outdid themselves in flipping pancakes, making it a successful fundraiser for the club. The Interactors have assisted at the SAVF Old Age Home in town where boys helped to prepare the walls for painting and have contributed to collections to create Christmas Boxes for the residents of the Home.

The club would like to thank Mrs Dickens for all her contributions, commitment, and her love for the boys. We would also like to thank M Chapman for being such a gracious servant leader as well as the outgoing 2022 Interact matrics for their contribution. We wish them all the best as they venture into the big world.

Miss S Kunene



Pancake cooking in action in the Kent Pavilion



Easter egg and hot cross bun delivery at the Salvation Army Home.



Happiness week: Build-a-burger and ice cream delivery at the Salvation Army Home.



Marketing Team

Back row: S Hlophe, F Thabethe, O Mlambo, S Mpanza, L Mavimbela, F Kunene, N Setipa, O Nala
Middle row: N Dumakude, M Khambule, T de Lange, L Ndaba, M Maphanga, S Sithembu, I Jikijo, D Becket, N Brown, E van der Merwe
Front row: S Mchunu, M Mtungwa, K Kisten, S Mbonambi (captain), Mrs S Upfold (MIC), K Mthimkhulu, N Ndlovu, A Mfeka, C Zondi
Absent: M Borchers, A Chiliza, L Damons, D Davies, M Hendricks, S Majosi, S Mazibuko, Z Mazibuko, E McAllister, I Mlotshwa, I Mosupye, Z Msomi, S Ngcobo, S Ngobese, S Norton, O Ntombela, M Rubuluza, L Seshemane, W Zondi

The year 2022 was busy one for the Marketing Team at College. The team was led by S Mbonambi as captain, with O Mlambo serving as vice-captain. The teamwork may be divided into 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.)

Recruitment events this year included the Boarder Sleepover early in the year, when we welcomed around one hundred Grade 7 #FutureCollegeBoys to the campus. We also ran two Open Days during the year, at which the Marketing Team play an important role in welcoming and hosting parents and boys, as well as leading tours of the school. Some of the senior boys have also assisted by giving presentations.

Weekly meetings have focused on exploring the different social media platforms, a key objective being to encourage boys to contribute their

‘voice’ in the form of stories and images into the College marketing process. This year has seen good growth of the school’s TikTok channel with support from the Marketing Team helping to produce video reels.

With the onset of a busy winter sports programme in the second term, members of the team fulfilled roles such as photographing Saturday fixtures as well as supporting our hydration sponsor, Thirsti, at all Home games. They also assisted on Reunion Day, leading tours, handing out programmes, as well as producing excellent video reels and photographs of the day.

Thank you to all the Marketing boys for your excellent service to our school – we look forward to another great year in 2023.

Mrs S Upfold

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MC Ink

Back row: L Seshemane, Z Desebrook, S Ender, F Kunene, S Khumalo, S Maharaj

Front row: J Peens, R Uren (captain), Mr R Gutteridge (MIC), J Barlow

Absent: P Desebrook

R Uren (Pape's) captained the group during 2022. MC Ink continue to meet on Friday afternoons to share poems, although we did lose quite a few Fridays due to public holidays. We spend three quarters of each session with an activity which requires the boys to write a poem in response to a prompt. Then we share those poems, or any other poems the boys may have written, in the last part of the session. These sessions have gone well, and although the boys are stretched in these activities, they have enjoyed them.

Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School hosted Night of the Writer, a writers' workshop that is attended by ourselves, GHS, St John's DSG and Michaelhouse. It used to be a regular event pre-Covid but has not been on

our calendar for three years. It was an enjoyable evening, and the aspiring poets all had a chance to present their own poetry during the open mic session. In the third term the students returned to Words@Kearsney where pupils from several schools from Durban, Pietermaritzburg and beyond have the opportunity to present their poetry.

Last year I mentioned that the boys were urged to enter poetry competitions. Right at the end of last year R Uren won the High School category (Written Poetry) of the 2021 IAC/PeaceJam/Chaeli Foundation Poetry Competition.

Below is a selection of MC Ink poetry.

Mr R Gutteridge

Saturday
By R Uren

It's bright in the mornings,
And for once I don't mind.
With night finally vanquished,
Light was easy to find.
I rose with the sun,
For me it was early.
Yet for him it was late,
But he started to rise surely.
The dogs in their baskets,
Still captives of sleep.
And the birds started their anthems,
Taking their first leap.
Though without me noticing,
The light had seem to spread.
So the darkness fled inside,
A place of fear and dread.
I continue eating breakfast,
Watching all of this unfold.
The dogs begin to stir,
Neglecting the stories I told.
They must think I'm a madman,
With light flooding the air.
The darkness inside,
Won't last long if you care.
And so they chased their morning
run,
Barking as they ran.
I asked them why they do it,
And they said because we can.
By the time my cigarette's done,
Life has spread to the city.
And for the first time in a while,
I'm glad to be me.

Vindict
By Z Desebrook

I am bitter and spiteful
Become sour and resentful
To consider a stifle
Or bower a fundamental

A prideful splitter
Or the power hungry supplemental?
The rightful sitter
Or the incremental tower?

One frightful titter,
One vengeful scour,
Worthless direful litter
Wakeless revengeful flower

Shapeless idol glitter
Weightless eyeful fitter

Oh foolish human idolatress
Why do you build ornamental
towers with duffers?

Ghoulis unending conscienceless
You emitter my recital, muttered
You who brutish commonness
You entitle me a spitter, uttered

You who shrewish dominance
You who are delightful and puffer
that I am bitter.

I'll became a pitter,
I'll gut you like a bluefish,
I'll use your blood for trifle,

Yet your incompetence rounder.
Yet your self-confidence flounder.
Yet your improvidence chowder.

Can you not taste how tough?
Feel how rough?
Hear how buffed?
Just who the duffers are?

Can you not see?
We all suffer the same.

Rain
By J Peens

Some find rain scary
Or dangerous
Or gloomy
They think it's unsettling
Like an inconvenient problem
Hanging heavily over their heads.

Some find it comforting
They call it 'cuddling weather'
It's a time to stay inside
Procrastination is forgiven
And all time stops for a while.

I view rain as a cleansing
Of the earth and the mind
As it washes away the dirt in the
streets
It washes away bad thoughts.
I find that I favour loneliness
Whenever the heavens cry

Its tears run down
The glass cheeks
Through which I view the wet
world outside.

I watch the silence
And feel the light
That reaches out to me
From the gloom.
The trickling and the dripping
Clear my head
Of all barriers to thought.

As I look at the transparent image
of myself
Staring back at me in the window,
I am reminded to reflect on my life
as a whole
And all that it means to be me.

The thunder roars
And the lightning flashes
But none of that seems to
distract me
In fact it makes my trance
grow stronger
And my thoughts become deeper
And deeper.

As the rain returns to a trickle
I emerge from my hypnotic state,
Feeling better about all of
my troubles
Which now seem to have
been washed away.



Media Centre Monitors

Back row: S Pretorius, M Mkhize, A Khanyile, M Moosa

Middle row: A Khan, P Desebrook, S Maharaj, I Rawat, A Dladla, Z Desebrook, T Ambler, L Khumalo

Front row: J Barlow, M Webley, Ms C McLellan, R Uren (captain), Mr R Gutteridge (MIC), M Sheik, S Dube

Absent: J Braggin, Z Dladla, B Fourie, C Nohiya, R Pillay

Our Head Monitor for 2022 was R Uren (Pape's), assisted by M Webley (Lamond's) as the deputy. Media Centre monitors meet every Thursday and this year there were full duties during breaks and after school due to the relaxing of Media Centre Covid protocols and the reopening of all the Media Centre facilities. The Media Centre staff have appreciated the input and assistance of the monitors who shelve the returned books and keep the stacks looking neat and tidy – thank you to them!

For the first time since February 2020, we were able to have a social meeting with the library monitors from Pietermaritzburg Girls High. The theme was

mythology, which is a broad enough topic to allow for a wide spread of activities, including a 'mythology' general knowledge quiz and a 'quest hunt' through our stacks and books. Although we had to limit numbers to comply with Covid protocols, there were sufficient participants to allow for good interaction and it seemed that a great time was had by all. As usual (well, back in pre-covid times), the GHS pupils were late for their bus which is an indicator of their reluctance to leave. Our monitors are enjoying the return to normalcy after the Covid years.

Mr R Gutteridge

Muslim Students' Association



Back row: A Khan, Y Sha, A Akoojee

Middle row: A Osman, H Baber, F Moula, I Rawat, M Osman

Front row: Y Malani, Ms K Moula (MIC), T Abramia (captain), S Osman

Absent: T Ganie, M Essack, A Essack, S Mohamed, M Mahomed, L Kader

The Muslim Students' Association, which meets weekly, had a very productive year which included meetings, outreach programmes, helping other societies at school and 'giving back' to the community. The routine included: students performing their Zuhr Salaah which was led by a senior member, followed by discussions in which pupils engaged in robust conversations on various aspects of Islam; these interrelate with their morals and values, as well as the teachings at College. Boys were encouraged to engage in facilitator or leadership roles – they prepared speeches on relevant topics and presented them to the group, followed by discussion. Verses from the Quran were read and explained, and the sharing of knowledge proved to be an insightful experience.

During the holy month of Ramadaan, students assisted at SANZAF (South African National Zakah Fund) on Saturday mornings to prepare, pack and distribute meals to the community. Our boys dug deep into their pockets and raised R5400.00 which was handed over to SANZAF. The money was used to prepare three huge pots of Mutton Akni (rice dish) that was distributed on EID day to the poor and needy.

The Society donated items and participated in a successful Bread Buddies initiative organised during the school's Happiness Week, when sandwiches were made and distributed to underprivileged communities. The true spirit of brotherhood was seen when they selflessly assisted the Hindu Society in various ways during their cultural evening. Students donated six dozen cupcakes on National Cupcake Day to raise funds for 'kids with cancer' which were sold at Liberty Midlands Mall. Ms Moula and one of our students also volunteered their services in October at the Cupcakes of Hope stand at Liberty Midland Mall.

I thank the outgoing captain T Abramia, and wish the captain of 2023, T Ganie, all the best.

Ms K Moula





Nguni Society

Back row: L Dlamini, F Thabethe, S Zulu, O Thabethe, A Mthethwa, N Buthelezi, A Sithole
Third row: M Zuma, O Ntuli, A Nzimande, A Mdladla, S Ngcobo, S Mchunu, A Majozi, O Ntombela
Second row: S Mpanza, I Jikijo, A Ndlela, N Mkhize, A Duma, V Wosiyana, S Sithembu, L Seshemane
Front row: N Kubheka, N Mbatha, N Zwane, Mr J Mhlongo, T Motaung, Mr S Mkhwanazi, K Mthimkhulu, S Ndaba

The Nguni Society was formed three years ago. It seems to be growing each day as more boys commit themselves. It is named the Nguni Society as it is designed for all the Nguni born boys but is also open to other clans. The first year was not the best as a result of the Covid pandemic, however we are hopeful that the years to come will be happier. A big thank you to our boys, especially our matrics, and our captain (T Motaung) who have laid a solid foundation and have left a legacy for younger brothers.

Plans for next year are simple and practical as well. The society wants to increase in members and commit itself to educate and alert the young men about the importance of their culture. A nation that ignores its roots is a lost nation. The role of young men as they grow up should be emphasised.

They should take it as their responsibility to protect women and to show respect and proper morals to others.

We wish to promote the necessary bonding relationship between boys and their fathers or their father figures. As teachers we also want to play a mentor role to our boys as they grow up. We want to emancipate the boys and fathers from the old cultures which created divisions between them. To achieve all these things, we will be relying more on boys and their parents, as we are also planning to convene sessions for boys with their fathers in one room, talking and debating certain points in a respectable manner. We hope to establish a society which is morally strong and with an excellent grounding.

Mr J Mhlongo



Sound and Lighting Society

Back row: T Nankan, L Khumalo, J Gotte, M Msimango, V Kasambala, C Zondi, M Moosa

Front row: J Stead, S Mbonambi (captain)
Mr S Stickells, M Panallal, Z Benjiman

Absent: T Bhoola, T Sewparsad

The Sound and Lighting Society has had a good year as all theatre and school events were able to take place after the hiatus caused by Covid-19. The membership of the Society has increased, especially among junior boys, with some excellent young men joining the Society. The role of the Society is to manage theatrical productions and also special school events.

The Society's first task of the year was to manage the production of 'By Jeeves' in the first term. This was a great technical challenge, and the boys really became involved. The new backstage communication system was one of the highlights for them and for the first time they were able to communicate, as in a professional theatre, between the backstage, follow-spots and sound and lighting box.

One of the other upgrades in 2022 was a wireless digital desk installed in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall. This means that the sound controller is run from an iPad, making the hosting events in the hall far more user-friendly.

We look forward to another successful year and thank the team of boys who help to make all this happen. Special mention must be made of S Mbonambi, the captain in 2022, who has significantly contributed to the society over the past five years.

Mr S Stickells



Speakers' Circle

Back row: K Steele, L du Toit, K Maris, J Barrett, M van Selm, S Kadira, D Denton
Middle row: M van Rooyen, N Mkhize, C Raw, R Froise, N Madide, B Luthuli, S Msibi, L Sithole, Z Desebrook
Front row: D Naidoo, M Ngubo, A Khumalo, K Kisten (secretary), K Mthimkhulu (chairman), K Thaver, R Finnie (vice-chairman), T Abramia, T Zimu, M Hendricks

'The success of your presentation will be judged not by the knowledge you send, but by what the listener receives.' – Lilly Walters.

Speakers' Circle enjoyed a positive start to the year. The first meeting was held on 1 February in the Epoch Optima room. The Sixth Form speakers for the evening presented an excellent range of prepared and impromptu speeches. The weeks following saw the executive committee led by K Mthimkhulu (chairman), R Finnie (vice-chair) and K Kisten (secretary), hard at work preparing for the new members application process. There was an overwhelming response from Fifth Form, which was most encouraging. Applicants were invited to a formal interview, thereafter each applicant participated in an impromptu speaking session. The new applicants acquitted themselves excellently. Following the application process, the first full Speakers' Circle meeting, which took the format of a dinner meeting, was held on 8 March 2022 in the Kent Pavilion.

Special mention must be made of the executive committee. These young men led by example, not only through their leadership, but through their conduct and sense of decorum, during meetings and elsewhere. It was always an eye-opening experience to watch this group of young leaders in action. They were proactive in the running of meetings and of the society in general. Their organisational skills were exemplary, and this allowed all sessions to proceed smoothly. The general format of a meeting includes both prepared and impromptu speeches. Kisten was commended for his handling of the educational section of the meetings. This section provided invaluable guidance and covered topics such as how to prepare a speech to influence the audience's thinking, evaluating a speech and general decorum and procedures. Kisten's ability to break down concepts and deliver points succinctly was excellently received. He took every opportunity to remind the society that the aim of an evaluation was to ensure relevant feedback to the speaker, that evaluators played an important role in ensuring fair and consistent evaluations of the speeches and that after each evaluation, the level of the speeches following should be higher. The varied range of projects presented in 2022 together with the level of preparedness, insightful, thought-provoking content is an indication that Speakers' Circle is on an upward trajectory.

Speakers' Circle participated in a cultural exchange with Pretoria Boys High School. Four members had the opportunity to compete against the PBHS Public Speaking Team. The College Team comprised: K Steele, K Marais, M Ngubo and A Khumalo. Marais won the competition and was awarded Gold ++, while, Steele, Khumalo, and Ngubo were all awarded Gold+ awards. Congratulations to these gentlemen.

Speakers' Circle follows the Toastmasters International Speech Manual to structure the progression of public speaking skills. Two senior members of Speakers' Circle, K Mthimkhulu and A Khumalo, successfully completed all nine projects based on the copyrighted educational material of Toastmasters International. They will each receive a Certificate of Recognition endorsed by Toastmasters International to acknowledge this achievement and their contribution to public speaking at Maritzburg College.

The final dinner meeting, held on 11 October, brought to a close the tenure of the 2022 executive committee. We place on record our thanks and appreciation to the outgoing committee for serving the Society with distinction. The Chairman's gavel for 2023 has been passed to M van Rooyen, and K Marais (vice-chair) and T Ganie (secretary) will assist him.

'Think like a wise man but communicate in the language of the people.' - William Butler Yeats

Mrs K Thaver

TechSquad



Back row: R Singh, M Moosa, T Nankan, T Murugan
Middle row: Z Desebrook, P Desebrook, L Khumalo, J le Roux, A Mkhize, C Zondi
Front row: M Singh, M Naidoo, CU Zondi, Ms C McLellan, A Zuma, A Mhlanzi, D Moodley

The TechSquad captain for 2022 was C Zondi, who did a sterling job. This year has been very busy for TechSquad, as we had a large number of boys in the computer room doing their assignments, research and printing. TechSquad undertook a number of external and internal training sessions, which included participation in Happiness Week, and giving of their time and knowledge to help other pupils at Maritzburg College.

We held a total of six training sessions this year, as well as the successful Games Evening which we hosted with Esports. We have started working on a new strategy for next year, to get boys more motivated and educated within the TechSquad. The society is a home for many of our techno-savvy boys as well as those who wish to serve the school and learn more about software and hardware.

Ms C McLellan



Hazel Miller Food Court



In February we welcomed back to campus a person who has given College 40 years of service and endeared herself to current and past College boys and staff, in her role of running our 'Zarm farm'.

Mrs Hazel Miller returned to College, on her birthday, to unveil a plaque in our new Food Court, which commemorates this special role she played for so many years.

After the speeches and formalities, some of boys gave Mrs Miller a rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday' before enjoying traditional cheese 'zarms'.



Friends of College



Maritzburg College welcomed four new members into its 'Friends of College' ranks this year. Started in 1994, this initiative was created to recognise, honour and celebrate people who have gone 'above and beyond' in giving service to the school and to education, in a variety of ways. To date we have 125 members of our 'Friends of College', some of whom joined us on Friday, 19 August in the Victoria Hall, to welcome the newest members: Dr Dudley Forde (former Headmaster of College), Mr Rob Evans, Mr Mark Johnson and Mr David Leisegang.

Philip Nel Pavilion

On Wednesday 26 October, College held a very special event on our campus, the naming of the beautiful new First Aid facility on Goldstone's as the 'Philip Nel Pavilion'. This paid tribute to College's head prefect and captain of the First XV in 1921, and later captain of the 1937 'Greatest Springbok' team.

Many of the extended Nel family and friends gathered at the pavilion above Goldstone's for the unveiling by Piet Nel, son of Philip Nel, and College's headmaster, Chris Luman.



Enock Sithole Gate



Mr Enock Sithole (1974 – 2019) gave 46 years' service to Maritzburg College. He lives on at the school at the Enock Sithole Gate. The school bestowed this honour on one of Maritzburg College's longest-serving members of staff by naming the gate at the Food Court facing Princess Margaret Drive the Enock Sithole Gate. As part of the naming ceremony, talented artist and staff member, Mr Brent Dodd, created a stunning plasma depiction of Enock, which has been erected on the gate pillar, next to the plaques paying tribute to his service.

In his 46 years at Maritzburg College, Enock got to know thousands of Old Boys, including many current pupils' fathers, and he has touched all of us with a friendly greeting or cheerful comment. Enock started working at College in February 1973, when Mr Commons was Headmaster, and since that time he has seen forty-three Head prefects come and go, and seven Headmasters.

He was known throughout the College community, and many an Old Collegian, when popping by for a quick Zarm or a tour of College, made a point of looking for Enock. He remembers so many of them by name, and Mr Hackland recalls that, after chatting to a particular Old Boy, Enock often comes back and tells him how 'naughty' that Old Boy was. Throughout the years, Enock has practiced the core values of the school, and his honesty and integrity have been outstanding.

Reunion

After a two-year Covid-induced hiatus, our campus was abuzz as we welcomed hundreds of Old Collegians from near and far to Reunion 2022. It was a time for OCs to reconnect with old friends, reminisce about their school days and admire their 'modern' Alma Mater. Our boys showed great pride in themselves and their College as they welcomed the OCs.

Highlights of the weekend are always the parachute jump, the OC shout – which this year included OC Jesse Kriel – and the College blazer display. (See page 208.)



Zulu Evening



A wonderful celebration of Zulu, Xhosa and Basutho culture took place in our Olivier Cultural Centre in August, with storytelling, song, dance and, of course, gumboot dancing.

The Fifth Form IsiZulu class led this special event, guided by Messrs Mhlongo, Ngcobo and Mkhwanazi.



Leavers'



The Class of 2022 turned out in all their splendour for their Leavers' Dinner Dance on the last evening of the third term. It was a night to remember as the boys' five-year journey at College drew to a close.

Passing of the Drum



S Mbonambi (right) passes the drum to S Kadira

On Friday 21 October, the eleventh annual Passing of the Drum Ceremony was held on our campus, a formality first introduced in 2012, to celebrate the appointment of the school's pupil leadership for the next year. These include our Head and Deputy Head prefects, prefects, shouting captains, and House leaders.

A very special part of this assembly at College is the passing of the drum from our outgoing Head Prefect to the new incumbent, symbolising the passing of authority from the outgoing leadership of 2022 to the incoming leaders of 2023. For many years it is the tradition that an outgoing College head prefect places a written message of support to his successor in the old drum. While this long-established tradition continues, the original old Thrash Drum that was used is now housed in a permanent case on display in the Victoria Hall, and a side-drum from the old school cadet band is used to symbolise the passing of authority from the prefects of 2022 to the prefects of 2023. At the 2022 ceremony, Senior Boarder Prefect, S Mbonambi placed a personal message of support in the old drum, and handed the custodianship of the drum to S Kadira, the 2023 Head Prefect, as a symbol of the passing of this authority.



The appointment of the Shouting Captains, S Dlamini, L Sithole and S Zulu, was very well received by the boys.



The 2023 prefects recite their pledge

Remembrance Day

Once again, as is part of our proud 159-year College history, staff, boys and old boys gathered in front of the World War I Memorial outside Clark House for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony. With the sounds of the Last Post and Reveille echoing across the campus, the ceremonial laying of wreaths and the lowering of flags, the College community gathered to honour and remember.

This year, the ceremony bore the proud theme of 'Three New Fallen', as the school honoured and remembered three Old Collegians whose deaths in 1900 during the South African War remained a secret to Maritzburg College for 120 years. This was until their links to the school were brought to our attention during the Covid-19 pandemic. Grateful thanks are extended to Mr Kevin Jordan, historian from Glenwood High School, who in 2020, provided College with this information. College can finally pay proper tribute to them.

After the wreath-laying, guests moved to the Wall of Remembrance for the unveiling of seven new plaques, and to join with family and friends of these members of the College community whose lives we honoured. The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of a plaque inside the Victoria Hall to commemorate the three additional names of Old Collegians who lost their lives in the South African War.



The Headmaster and Mr W Smith (representing the MCOBA) lead the wreath party, followed by S Msibi (acting prefect) and then Old Collegian Maj. E Pascoe (Ingobamakhosi Carbineers), Mr E White (Merchiston Prep. School) and Sgt J Barbour (Umvoti Mounted Rifles).



The Headmaster and the longest-serving member of the archives committee, Mr TB Frost, admire the new plaque honouring the three additions to the school's roll of honour for the South African War (1899-1902), as displayed in the Victoria Hall.



Two stalwarts from the Class of 1977, Messrs Anton Smith and Trevor Mitchell, lay a wreath in tribute to their fallen classmates honoured on the Wall of Remembrance.



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Barns House

Housemaster:	Mrs M-A Rembold / Mr S Brill (from third term)
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr S Botha
Mentors:	Mr B Dodd, Mrs D Gademan, Ms A Phillips, Ms L Mthembu, Mrs M-A Rembold
House captain:	K Mthimkhulu
Assistant House captain:	S Maharaj
House leaders:	J Goebel, C Fulton, J Laurens, J Campbell, A Mfeka



2022 finally ended and the Barns House boys can officially hang up their 'Greys' and put their feet up for a few sweet weeks of holiday. This year has seen many exciting and commendable performances by the Barns House boys and staff. We bade farewell to two humble, talented, understanding and kind mentors, Mr Brent Dodd and Mr Evasen Rajah, as well as the Matriculants of 2022.

Although a fairly stable year with regard to Covid, the opposite can be said about the requirements from both boys and staff. This year saw students complete full exam sessions, sporting fixtures, special routines, inter-House challenges, as well as all the other enjoyable things that school offers when following the 'normal' routine. We preach about 'finishing strong' and I commend the boys on their valiant efforts in their attempts to achieve both in the classroom and on the sportsfield.

Barns House was led by a marvellous group of young leaders this year. Guided by the impressive K Mthimkhulu, the House showed steady progress

as they battled their way towards the Forder Cup title. Unfortunately, the title remained out of our grasp and we finished the year in seventh place. Furthermore, a high bar has been set for next year and the Barns House family of 2023 will come out with their guns blazing.

There were a number of highs and lows for the Barns boys. Mrs Rembold stepped down as Housemaster of Barns but she will continue her role and influence as a mentor teacher. Mr Simon Brill took up the reins from the third term, immersing himself in the traditions and ethos of Barns House. We wish him the best of luck.

This year's return to 'normality' encouraged many boys to leave their own mark. To those who achieved well in and out of the classroom – well done, a splendid effort. To those who experienced disappointment – do not be discouraged; keep your heads held high, chest out and stomach in. Move with purpose and learn from your mistakes.

To the mentors of Barns House – thank you! You are an extraordinary group of teachers, but more importantly, you are all good people. You are respected, not because it is expected, but because you have earned it through hard work, dedication and (a lot of) patience. You are all wonderful role models to the Barns boys, and we thank you for the efforts you have made this year.

To the new House leaders and prefects for 2023, I have no doubt that you will fulfil your duties with honour, grace, honesty and determination. You have been chosen by your House and will now have to set the example of excellence, as you show us the true definition of a leader. Congratulations and have a wonderful holiday.

Mr S Brill

Calder House

Housemaster:	Mr M Reed / Mr A Usher (from second term)
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr A Usher / Mr K Elder (from third term)
Mentors:	Mrs B Harris / Mrs Bartholomew, Mr M Ngcobo, Mrs L Campher / Mr S Maharaj, Mrs J Stickells, Mr G Dorling
House captain:	A Ferraz
Assistant House captain:	B McGregor
House leaders:	A Ahmed, A Chiliza, M Douglas, N Khumalo, J Le Court de Billot



2022 has been a tremendous year for Calder House - on the sports field, in the classroom and culturally. We have welcomed a new House staff member, Mr Maharaj, who took over as a Mentor from Mrs Campher in the third term, Mr K Elder as Assistant Housemaster who took over my responsibilities as Assistant Housemaster. Mrs K Bartholomew has also joined the ranks and took over from Mrs Harris.

We have continued to go from strength to strength through the enthusiastic and committed attitudes of the mentors, House Leaders and the boys

of Calder House. The House captain, A Ferraz, and his leadership team are commended for their dedicated service. They finished the year well, leading from the front, ensuring that they were involved in many of the inter-House events.

We enjoyed a pleasing result in the inter-House competition, finishing second in the overall rankings. However, we are disappointed that we could not maintain our position at the top of the table, and we are committed to ensuring that we regain the top rank in 2023. We managed to field sides and participate in every inter-House event during the year. Calder House claimed top spot in the hockey inter-House competition and won the Brian Edwards Cup for Hockey. We managed to achieve some good results in other inter-House events.

We were also delighted with the number of individual performances by our Calder House boys during the year and the following deserve special mention: L Bester – Olivier Trophy for the Player of the Year in the 1st Rugby XV, Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year and for his selection to the U18 South African team. S Mbentse – Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Tennis Player in the First Team, R Goble – Oscar Servant Trophy for the Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon, AC Tilbury – Lucinda Lang Trophy for Junior Singles Tennis Champion.

We are looking forward to the challenges that next year will bring and the mentors, the newly elected House Leaders and I are going to do all in our power to reach the top spot in 2023. Through hard work and ensuring that everyone gets involved, we will endeavour to achieve our goal.

Mr A Usher



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Commons House

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Mentors:	Mr G Els / Mr H Ntenezi, Mr G Steyn / Mr L Kruger, Mrs W Khan, Ms A Harding, Mr A McGuigan
House captain:	T van Heerden
Assistant House captain:	N Zwane
House leaders:	R Barker, E Dhoda, M Mbambo, S Nkosi, J van Vuuren



The year 2022 was a first for many of us starting new positions in the House, with the exception of Messrs Els and Steyn. I was promoted to Housemaster in place of the departing Mr Trodd, who took up his new position as Head of Department. Mr B de Lange (OC) joined as the new Assistant Housemaster, and we welcomed Ms A Harding, Mrs W Khan and Mr A McGuigan (OC) as mentors.

Unfortunately, Mr Els left in first term, and was replaced by Mr H Ntenezi. We experienced another departure when Mr Steyn left for Cape Town at the end of the third term, and we welcomed Mr L Kruger into the House in the fourth term. Despite the comings and goings, the House settled down into a well-oiled unit. A big thank you must go to the House leaders, class leaders and mentors.

Sincere thanks also to the very hardworking mentors whom we thank for their efforts to ensure that sporting, pastoral and academic matters were diligently looked after which proved pivotal in our success. We were steady and consistent, largely owing to Assistant Housemaster, Mr de Lange, whose leadership, calm demeanour and 'do anything' attitude, is much appreciated. It is also most useful and pleasant to be able to lean on Mr Trodd from time to time for advice after all his years at the helm of the House.

Lastly, we took the 'Crown' back! Well done to boys and staff who were ever-present at inter-House events. Winning the Forder House Cup was especially deserved after the efforts made throughout the year.

Mr C Nevay

Forder House

Housemaster:	Mr G Stewart / Mr N Croeser (from second term)
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr O Kajee / Ms K Moula
Mentors:	Mrs A Kriek, Mr O Kajee / Mr L Smorfitt, Mr S Stopford, Mr T Zuma / Mrs Z Elder, Mr A Ebrahim
House captain:	K Goddard
Assistant House captain:	A Carter
House leaders:	L Mdletye, K Nsimbi, A Pieterse, S Shezi, D Steyn



We have come to the end of another busy but fulfilling year at Maritzburg College. The Forder House boys were called to display true grit and determination and are to be commended for answering this call with distinction. As always, it has been an extremely busy year with the return to a 'normal' academic year for the first time in three years after Covid restrictions, as well as a jam-packed co-curricular programme. We have continued to live the values of Maritzburg College and have made every effort to expand the stature of Forder House.

K Goddard proved to be a committed House Captain and led by example. A Carter, our assistant House-Captain, did a wonderful job. House leaders, S Shezi, L Mdletye, D Steyn, K Nsimbi and A Pieterse fulfilled their roles efficiently and performed excellently, organising and motivating boys participating in the inter-House competitions. We thank them for all they have done during their five years in Forder House.

The 2022 Second Formers have fitted in well and it is hard to believe that they have already been at College for a year.

Forder House experienced several staffing changes. During the second term our Housemaster, Mr G Stewart, left College on promotion. We thank

him for his service to the House. Mr O Kajee departed to take up the HoD of Prefects position at the end of the second term. Mr T Zuma was promoted to Head of Shepstone House and was replaced by Mrs Z Elder. In addition, we welcomed Mr L Smorfitt to the House.

We thank the mentors for their input into our boys' lives. They have a vital role to play, one which is becoming more and more important. The relationship that we have formed as mentors, Housemaster and assistant-Housemaster has been wonderful to see, and we certainly have become more than colleagues but a 'family'. We say farewell to Mrs A Kriek, after three fruitful years in Forder House where she quickly became a well-loved person. Her mentor class adored her, and her class and the House will miss her greatly. We wish her every success in her new venture in the Western Cape.

As we reflect on this year, we are reminded that no one began this year on a 'full tank'. Given what we have faced over the past two years, most of us dragged ourselves across the finish line of 2021. We crawled into 2022 still carrying the shock, trauma, grief, heaviness and disbelief. Then came the fastest whirlwind of a year that we could ever have imagined. Whether we have consciously processed it or not, it has been a year of more pressure, more stress, and a race to 'catch up' in all spheres – Academics, sports, relationships, and life.

Our attempts to re-create some form of normal has left our collective spirit exhausted, a condition we have noticed in many of our boys. This difficult year has shown that your sons and our students need a little extra love and care. Amid the abnormality we need to find small pockets of silence to reflect on 2022, find compassion and allow the healing our boys need. Most of all this year has been about being kind.

Well done to all those boys who achieved their academic, cultural, and sporting goals.

We thank the parents, the boys, and the mentors for their continued support of Forder House and the unwavering efforts that they have made for the House, without which Forder House would not function as successfully as it does.

Mr N Croeser




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Fuller House

Housemaster:	Mr T Orchard
Assistant Housemaster:	Mrs L-A Moffatt
Mentors:	Mr de Lange, Mr M Kritzinger, Mr S Siwila, Mr S Sinclair, Miss S Paramanand
House captain:	M Ponter
Assistant House captain:	YP Katide
House leaders:	S Cele, D Craig, A Knoetze, C van der Vliet, A Woolridge



The year 2022 was a difficult one for Fuller House. We are therefore looking forward to a fresh start in 2023 with a new set of leaders in place, committed to making a difference. The performance of Fuller House in the various inter-House activities, although peppered with a few minor triumphs, reads as a tale of frustration.

The 2022 Second Formers have fitted in well and have now completed their first full year of College life. Well done!

The prefects of 2022 and the House leaders are thanked for their efforts in leading the boys. It is not always easy to lead others, especially one's peers.

Thank you to the mentors for their input into our boys' lives. They have a particularly important role to play in mentoring boys, which in these times is becoming increasingly important and difficult. Despite all the administration they must complete, it is wonderful to see the relationships they have been able to form. The mentors of Fuller are an exceptional 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 2022. We wish the Sixth Form Class of 2022 well for the future. May you ever remain hard-working College men.

Fuller House has a new leadership team for 2023 ably led by X Thabethe and assisted by K Naidu as his deputy. The House is in strong hands as they are a very capable pair, and we look forward to seeing what they can accomplish. We also look forward to welcoming the new boys of 2023 and hope that they feel right at home from the first day.

Mr T Orchard

Lamond House

Housemaster:	Ms A Greyling / Mr S Siwila (from third term)
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr S Siwila / Mr C Pitout
Mentors:	Miss C Mhlongo, Mr C Myburgh, Mr J Wilcock, Mrs N Singh
House captain:	R Finnie
Assistant House captain:	R Marais
House leaders:	G Delpont, T Govender, S Malila, W Muggleton



In a year when normality was abnormal, Lamond House has again stood steadfast and risen to the occasion under the formidable leadership of R Finnie and his leadership team. In 2022 Lamond House has experienced various movements of staff. There were two promotions: Mr Siwila to Housemaster, and Mr Pitout to Assistant Housemaster. Mrs Singh joined Lamond in the third term, and we said goodbye to a Lamond legend, Ms Ailsa Greyling.

Taking over the House mid-year was a daunting task. Replacing the much-loved Miss Greyling – a mentor and friend – was even more difficult. Her down-to-earth, no-nonsense attitude, both in the classroom where she was an excellent teacher, and at every College sporting fixture in charge of first aid, was

very much understood and appreciated by everyone. Her kindly personal approach with regard to the boys was completely genuine and showed that the nickname, "Liefie", which she carried for very nearly a quarter of a century of service to College, was a very accurate one. I am extremely grateful to her for putting her faith in me. She will be sorely missed.

Fortunately, we are keeping the core group of mentors next year which will bring about some stability and continuity in our House. I take this opportunity to thank our mentors for the work they do each year, settling the Second Formers at the beginning of the year, mentoring Fifth Form boys into future leaders and assisting Sixth Form to navigate their final year of school. Added to the mix are the administration and support during House competitions. Our mentors get this done by sheer determination and dedication. For that we thank them.

In the fourth term we welcomed our new House leaders and prefects for 2023. We commend the new House leaders who have started off their tenure with vigour, showing the true spirit of servant leadership. We look forward to 2023 under the House leader, K Mthimkhulu.

The school's co-curricular programme is back in full swing and our boys are becoming fully involved in all spheres of College life. This year saw our first Reunion Day since 2019 and it was an unforgettable experience. It was wonderful to see the excitement in the build-up to this auspicious occasion.

Lamond House stands because of the collective effort of every individual who makes up the House. May we go from strength to strength each year.

Mr S Siwila



Nicholson House

Housemaster:	Mr R Barbour
Assistant housemaster:	Mrs F Deyzel
Mentors:	Mrs A Maistry, Mrs E Couperthwaite, Mr L Tshabalala, Ms N Gumede, Mr J Harvey
House captain:	B Luthuli
Assistant House captain:	K Kisten
House leaders:	A Barnard, M Chapman, G Cooke, M Fihlela, T Koller



We were glad that 2022 was a ‘normal’ year after the Covid restrictions. A full array of sports returned, including the inter-House competition. Our ‘Borvers’ (Second Formers) displayed true grit during their orientation week, which created momentum for the Virtus Challenge and inter-House gala and athletics. The level of enthusiasm and involvement was clear in Nicholson House boys. The second term, and winter sports, brought renewed vigour and unified spirit to the House.

The ‘Red Bulls’ of Nicholson House, the boys, gave so much of themselves and were admirably led by B Luthuli and K Kisten, who set excellent examples for the House.

Thank you to Mrs Deyzel, my trustworthy second in command, who was often my saving grace. I appreciate all she has done throughout the year. I thank the mentors: Ms Maistry, for her upbeat, positive attitude, and beautifully presented newsletters; Mr Harvey was the stoic voice of the law when it came to reading out the ‘name and shame’ list for detentions every Friday, and sometimes even Saturdays. I express my gratitude to Ms Gumede and Mr Tshabalala for the great care they took regarding the lives of the boys in their charge.

Proudly sporting the name of Mr JM ‘Skonk’ Nicholson, former inveterate schoolmaster, deputy headmaster, and 1st XV rugby coach of nearly four decades, we are a House associated with success. Success is a subjective term, defined in different ways. For some, being number one in the House competition may be success, alternatively, success can be a sense of belonging, House pride and most importantly, a sense of fun. At Nicholson House, we have our own view of success.

Mr R Barbour

Pape House

Housemaster:	Mr S Mkhwanazi
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr M Kritzinger
Mentors:	Mr G Waters, Mr S Sokhela, Mrs S Kritzinger, Mr F Maritz, Ms N Nel
House captain:	C Hankinson
Assistant House captain:	J van Zyl
House leaders:	M Hendriks, Z Masilela, T Motaung, W Viljoen



The past two years have been challenging, however, with Covid restrictions suspended, we are gradually getting back to our old selves.

The Second Formers were fortunate to have experienced what our Third and Fourth Form boys could not when they entered College: the Virtus Challenge proved to fill the void which the pandemic had created.

It was bittersweet to say goodbye to Mr Tyler when he departed from the House to take on a new role as the Head of Leadership; we wish him well and thank him for all his hard work. His were big shoes to fill but we were fortunate to have his Assistant, Mr Mkhwanazi (OC 2010), step in and take on the role of Housemaster. During the year we welcomed Mr Kritzinger as our Assistant Housemaster. His experience and contribution to the House have been sound and we look forward to more of it in the years to come.

Pape House achieved fine results in all the inter-House competitions. Our athletes excelled and were rewarded for their efforts on the track.

Furthermore, Pape boys put on quite a show at the inter-House singing, some showing off their talents on stage. The energy and excitement made this event a highlight for all the boys.

Our leaders have gone beyond the call of duty and have worked hard to make sure that they serve the House to their full potential. Their discipline and immaculate appearance set the tone as they were good examples of how a true Pape House boy carries himself. We wish the 2022 Pape House leaders well in all their future endeavours.

Leadership camps play a vital part in our mentoring system, as they help to build character and help boys overcome fear and doubt. Our Fourth Form boys headed to the Drakensberg, where they hiked and camped for a week. The Third Form group went to the famous ‘Boys to Men’ camp and showed great courage and commitment in every challenge they faced. The Second Form boys were excited to go camping at Shongweni ‘Spirit of Adventure.’ We thank all our staff and camp instructors for all their hard work and efforts.

We bade farewell to a legend, Mr Graeme Waters, who has been a valuable mentor in Pape House. We thank him for all the wisdom and his topical, observational wit and humour. We also bade farewell to the young and vibrant Mr Sokhela, who has been a favourite among the boys. We wish them both well for the future.

A special mention should be made of our unsung heroes, the mentors who give of their time in moulding the character of these young men. Mr Waters, Mr Sokhela, Mrs Kritzinger, Mr Maritz and our Assistant Housemaster, Mr Kritzinger, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the House and the boys.

May Pape House have a successful 2023 and continue to build splendid young men for the future of our school and our society.

Mr S Mkhwanazi





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Snow House

Housemaster:	Mr J Mhlongo
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr N Croeser / Mr J Orton (from second term)
Mentors:	Mr L Shongwe, Mr J Orton, / Mr M Stringer, Ms S Kunene, Mrs M Troveri
House captain:	W Pillay
Assistant House captain:	S Pillay
House leaders:	E Everton, T Sithole, K van den Berg G Westerdale



2022 has been a most satisfying year for the Snow House family. As with previous years, challenges will always keep us on our toes. There have been changes within the House. One may safely say that Snow House is made up of quality mentors and boys. So many mentors within the House have moved to leadership positions, which is testament to the quality of Snow House; it is a House in which leaders are born.

We saw many promotional changes in 2022, which is a sign of growth, but also means we lose pillars of our family. Mr N Croeser was appointed Assistant Housemaster for some months until he was promoted as Housemaster of another House. Mr S Brill was promoted from being a mentor to Housemaster in his very first year at College. Mr L Shongwe was also promoted from being a mentor to Social Awareness leadership. We wish them all well in their new roles.

These changes led to other changes within the House. We saw Mr J Orton promoted from mentor to Assistant Housemaster where he is doing very well and seems to be happy on his new journey. New mentors had to come

in, replacing those who had been promoted. Messrs R Pillay and J Naidoo joined our family and we welcome them. We trust that they will enjoy their stay at Snow House.

Sadly, changes are inevitable. At the end of 2022 we bade farewell to Mrs M Troveri who has been the backbone of this House since the inception of the mentoring system in 2012. Mrs Troveri served College for seventeen years and was a committed and caring mentor in Snow House for over ten years. She was wonderful with her mentor classes; she easily developed a close relationship with each of the boys in her mentor class, based on respect and positive affirmation. She has a deep understanding of the development that young men go through during their time at College and adapts her approach to best suit the individual. She has been a valued teacher and mentor and will be sorely missed.

Snow House boys made us proud. Very few serious punishments were imposed on our boys. I would like to express my gratitude to them on their behaviour during the year. Credit goes to their parents for bringing up such wonderful young men with morals and excellent grounding. *Inyoni ishayelwa abadala*, for all good things done by the children, parents take the glory. Our students kept us on the school map as we always had members representing the House in the academic sphere. Congratulations to D Pillay for garnering so many awards and being placed first in Fifth Form. Well done, we are all proud of you. We are third in the House Competition, and that confirms the dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm our boys have for the House. The House leaders of 2022 were extremely effective in their responsibilities, and we wish them and all the matrics the best of luck in their exams, and in all their future endeavours.

We wish all the Snow House family a well-deserved break and hope to meet in 2023 well recharged and ready to tackle the year. *'Inkosi inisikelele nonke, iniphe umusa, inivikele ezingozini'*. (May God bless you all, give you grace, and protect you from harm.)

Ngiyabonga.

Mr J Mhlongo

Strachan House

Housemaster:	Mr M Zuma
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr M Warr
Mentors:	Mrs R Brunzlaff, Mr D Sherriff, Mr M Jeewan, Mrs M Kritzing, Mrs S Webley
House captain:	Z Shongwe
Assistant House captain:	S Gibson
House leaders:	N Mazibuko, D Naidoo, C van Rooyen, T Zuma



Finally, a 'normal' full school year after the Covid disruptions. It has been a busy four terms, but very much worth every day at school. The boys might not admit it, but it has been grand to be back at school on a full-time basis. The year has been both challenging and exciting for everyone. Thanks to all the boys who have knuckled down and got on with business both in the classroom and in co-curricular aspects. Your input, support and unwavering commitment have been much appreciated. A very

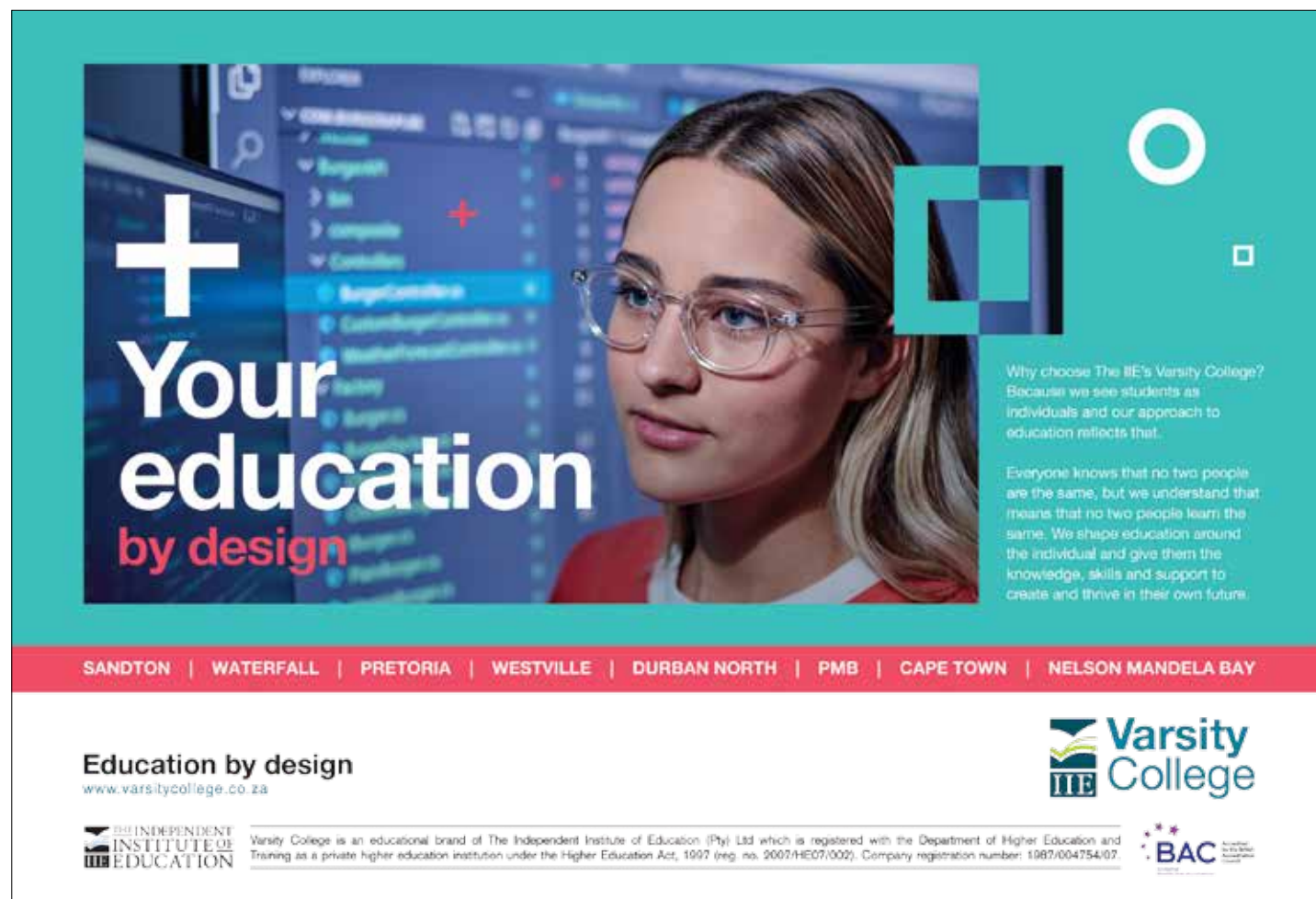
big thank you to the Strachan House staff for their assistance in running the House throughout the year. Thank you also to the parents for the support of your sons and of the school. We look forward to 2023.

Well done to the 2022 House leaders and Prefects for an excellent job. Strachan House was run by confident, committed and dedicated young men who showed great servant leadership. Ngiyabonga Madoda. I wish our newly elected House leaders all the best in 2023 as they take the House to new heights. You all deserve it, and you will maintain a high standard and raise the bar. We are confident that your commitment, dedication, diligence and perseverance will continue next year.

The school honoured the boys who achieve in the classroom during the annual Prize-Giving. Well done to the Strachan House boys who were recognised for their academic efforts.

Strachan boys showed great commitment throughout the year and made a great effort during House competitions. Swimming was our strongest sporting code. Well done and thank you, Strachan House.

Mr M Zuma



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2022 Inter-House Competition

Reintroduced in 2014, the House Competition is an important part of life at Maritzburg College. It is designed to provide College boys with opportunities to develop skills such as sportsmanship, appropriate behaviour and fair play, and opportunities to display the core values of the school: honesty, integrity, self-discipline, commitment, courage and respect. Moreover, the challenge and enjoyment of participating in a wide range of sport and other activities makes significant contributions to the overall pride each boy has in his House.






The Houses compete each year in a range of activities for the Forder Cup, which is awarded to the Champion House at the annual Speech Day, held at the start of the fourth term.

After a 2-year Covid-interrupted competition which ran with far fewer competitions it was great to get back to a full-strength competition between the Houses.

This year Commons House were the worthy winners of the Forder Cup. Winning by over 14 points from second placed Calder House (winners in 2021), Commons showed great consistency throughout the year. They only won three competitions outright but managed to stay within the top few places in many others. Great organisation and House spirit paid off for them in a big way.

Special mention is made of Snow House for improving by six places from their ninth place in 2021.


Mr A Sparrow

	POSITION in 2022	HOUSE	Borver Week	Swimming	Culture House Singing	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Leadership	Shooting	Table Tennis	Chess	Cross-country	Athletics	Squash	Virtus Challenge	Academics	OVERALL POINTS
	1	Commons	7	2	6.5	7.5	8	9	10	8	10	5	5.5	4	8.5	9	5	105
	2	Calder	3.5	8.5	9	10	1	6	2	4	5.5	7	10	10	4	9	1	90.5
	3	Snow	9	7	6.5	2.5	9.5	7.5	7.5	5	2	7	8	8	1.5	1	7.5	89.5
	4	Forder	10	3.5	5	9	6.5	2	9	7	7	2	7	6	5	2	7.5	88.5
	5	Lamond	2	5	3	7.5	2	3.5	7.5	10	3.5	10	2	7	3	5	9	80
	6	Strachan	5	10	1	2.5	4	5	1	9	3.5	3	4	3	10	7	10	78
	7	Barns	1	3.5	2	5	9.5	7.5	6	6	5.5	9	3	2	8.5	6	2	76.5
	8	Pape	8	6	8	4	4	10	4	0	9	4	1	1	7	4	5	75
	9	Nicholson	6	8.5	4	1	4	3.5	3	3	8	7	9	9	1.5	3	3	73.5
	10	Fuller	3.5	1	10	6	6.5	1	5	0	1	1	5.5	5	6	9	5	65.5

Inter-House Trophies

Freakes Shield for Cricket	Barns House
Brian Edwards Cup for Hockey	Calder House
Critch Cup for junior Rugby	Snow House
Lamond Cup for senior Rugby	Commons House
Lindup Cup for Rugby	Barns and Snow House
Sixth Form Cup for Shooting	Lamond House
Bob Lambert Cup for Squash	Strachan House
College Cup for Culture	Fuller House
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Report by the Deputy Headmaster: Boarding

Change can be daunting, but it can also bring fresh energy and perspective. 2022 saw many changes in the leadership of the boarding establishment. All five boarding houses had a new Housemaster, and there were four new deputy BE Housemasters. In the Sanatorium, Sister Claire Olivier assumed a new position as the first year and welcomed two new San sisters. All this uncertainty and difference could have been a factor that slowed down the juggernaut that is the mighty boarding establishment. However, the year was successful and much of the success can be attributed to the dedication and hard work of our boarding staff. The Housemasters assumed their roles with distinction and commitment and looked after their boys with the care we expect. They were ably supported by their boarder masters who ensured that discipline was well monitored and that the College boys were giving of their best. The Sanatorium weathered the last few months of Covid protocols, stomach bugs, homesick boys and gastro bouts that swept across the BE.

Meetings of the Boarder Parents Committee were well attended and elicited fruitful debate on various important topics. The committee was ably led by Mr Rhodes and Mr Hermann who did a fine job of supporting the BE staff in their various roles. Mr Goslett was a huge source of support and came to the assistance of the SGB on many occasions to sit on disciplinary and interview panels. We said farewell to several parents who left the committee at the end of the year, due to their sons finishing their College careers. We thank Mr Rhodes, Mr Hampson and Mrs Arnold for their service on the committee these past few years.

At the end of the year, we were sorry to have to witness other departures. Mr Sokhela left to continue his teaching and coaching career at Durban High School. Mr Kriek, the director of rugby, moved to Stellenbosch, to extend his rugby coaching career. Mr Jones, the director of hockey, moved north to St Alban's in Pretoria. Mr Jones was a much-admired boarder master and deputy Housemaster of Elliott House. Mr Hoffman, who was the Housemaster of Clark House, moved to Paarl Gimnasium in Stellenbosch. Mr Hoffman has served the College boarding establishment for the past ten years and, before taking the lead at Clark's, he was the Housemaster of Nathan House. His commitment, wisdom and expertise will be missed by all.

A fair amount of my time this year was taken up by the unpleasant task of disciplining some boarders. It was concerning to discover how many internal and external hearings were needed to address the behaviour of boys who broke the Code of Conduct. During the year, there were far too many boys suspended and expelled from our boarding establishment. We have drawn a hard line. Something which we will not compromise is the safety and integrity of our much-loved boarding establishment. We will endeavour to make it a place where boys can feel safe, happy and have an opportunity to excel in whatever direction their talents lead them. There is absolute clarity about what is expected from a College boarder, even in the small things like being neatly turned out, being punctual, having a proper haircut, and always being honest.

2022 was a year in which we brought back consistency and attention to such small things that may have been missed and forgotten over the past couple of years. I took over the as the Head of Boarding at the start of this year and this boarding environment, the campus, the staff who reside here, and the boys who are our primary focus, hold a special place for me. I have called this beautiful campus home for the past ten years and I am exceptionally proud to be one of its drivers into the future. At the end of this year, we started renovations to Hudson House, and the plan is for all our boarding establishments to have further improvements.

When I reflect on the year the boarding establishment has had, I am proud because I have seen boys grow. I have seen boys excel in their areas of interest. I have seen them apply themselves to their studies, attend extra lessons and improve their academics. I have seen them support their school with vigour and dedication. I have seen boys realise that they have much to offer, and with increased effort, they can realise their potential. I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to the boarding staff who have given so freely of themselves to ensure that each boarder is cared for. We have a wonderful team of committed people: Housemasters, San nurses, the catering team led by Heather Lawson, the ground staff and cleaners, and each boarder master.

Mr K Emerson





Clark House

Housemaster: Mr D Hoffman
Assistant Housemaster: Mr S Sinclair
Boarder Masters: Messrs W Greyling, O Kajee, L Kruger, C Myburgh, M Ngcobo, R Paterson, S Stopford
Prefects: L Prinsloo, NC Zwane, S Ngcobo

The College Boarding Establishment holds an extremely special place in the heart of many a College boarder. The boarding house in which a boy finds himself stirs a sense of belonging. It becomes the boarder's home, his shelter and place of comfort after another long and busy day on the College campus. It is a place where many memories are shared with other College brothers. It becomes a place one will fight for and defend during friendly, and sometimes more heated debate. Having been a College boarder myself, and after spending a decade working in the BE, I can certainly relate to this.

As a Physical Science teacher, there are often lessons that I can learn from my subject and apply them to various aspects of life. In Fifth Form Chemistry there is a section about gases in which boys learn about an ideal gas and how it behaves. The interesting thing about an ideal gas is that it does not exist, it is purely hypothetical. So, the question is, why do we have such a thing as an ideal gas? We use it as a standard, so that we can clearly see when other gases deviate from this standard at different temperatures and under different pressures.

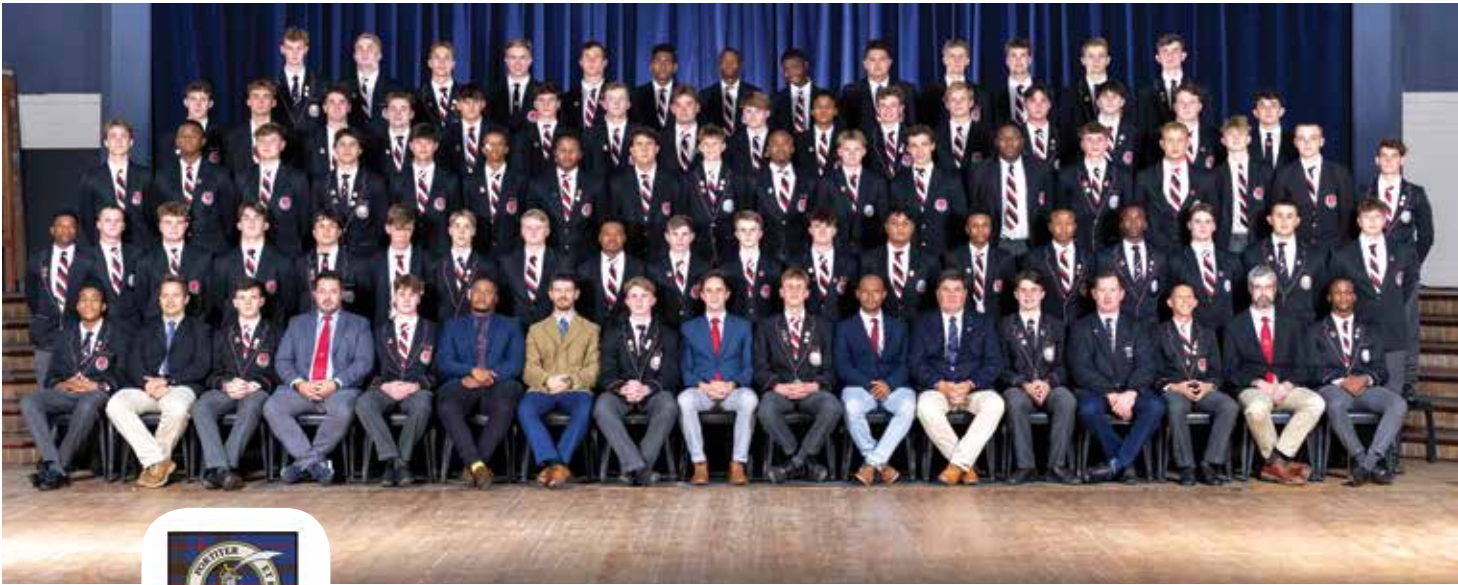
Similarly, there is such a thing as an ideal College boy. The ideal College boy is always honest, always acts with integrity, is always courageous, always self-disciplined, always committed and always respectful. In essence, he always abides by the core values that we hold so dear. But do any of us consistently adhere to these? To be honest, I would have to say that such an ideal College boy does not exist. The reason for this ideal is that it creates a standard by which we, collectively, choose to live by. It becomes easy

to see when one of us deviates from this standard. It is extremely hard to maintain this behaviour, but if it were easy, we would not be true College boys. Just because we do not always maintain the standard, does not mean we are not true College boys. No, a true College boy does everything in his power to strive toward that benchmark. A true College boy will fall short, will get it wrong and will fail. But he will never ever give up striving to be the best he can be.

This is what I have loved about this school and about Clark House boys – we do not claim perfection, but we try very hard. Thank you for that, gentlemen. Please keep that spirit alive. Strive toward this ideal and to be the best you can be.

I thank all the boys for the wonderful memories this year. It was not always plain sailing in Clark House. There were some challenging moments. There were, however, many more times of happiness, fun and laughter. I wish the Fifth Formers all the best as they move toward their final year at College. Prefects, keep the Clark House flag flying high. To all the boys in every Form, make every moment you have left in this great House count. Before you know it, you will be spending your last night on the quad reminiscing about all the good times you had. I encourage you all to continue pushing yourselves to make the most of the opportunities on offer at this great school. Continue to push yourself to be better today than you were yesterday. Continue to be a true College and Clark House boy.

Mr D Hoffman



Elliott House

Housemaster: Mr S Bosch
Assistant Housemaster: Mr R Jones
Boarder Masters: Messrs H Kriek, R Kyle, A Sparrow, M Kritzinger, S Sokhela, R Coutts
Head of House: J van Zyl

It is pleasing to report that the Elliott House boarders achieved various successes in all spheres of the life of the school. 2022 did not fail to challenge Elliott House. It was home to an average of 76 boarders throughout the year. The adjustment from the new 'normal' back to the old was quickly felt when numerous events were reintroduced into the annual calendar. It was good to have parents back on campus to again support various sporting events. These were the experiences College boys had been craving during the previous Covid-19 years. The sense of responsibility and commitment towards achieving academic, sporting and cultural, as well as personal goals became a priority. The seriousness of the final boarding and academic year at College led our senior young men to follow a realistic study schedule. The adjustment to becoming proud of Elliott House did not take long, and they soon forged old and new friendships. Boarders who previously had been divided in separate Houses, had the opportunity to spend one more year under the same roof, face the same challenges and succeed together.

Recorded in the appropriate sections of this magazine are the awards made for activities in different spheres in which boarders were involved. The young men of Elliott House represented the House very well. It is always stressed upon the boys how important it is to involve themselves in the life of the school and gain a holistic experience. As it is the last year of their schooling career, it is certainly one way to make special memories. Finding the fine balance between important academic demands and sporting or cultural events proves to be a challenge. Such accolades were well deserved.

Every term was rounded off with a boarder braai, 'build a burger' evening and finally a formal dinner in the fourth term. These occasions allowed boys to wind down, appreciate and reflect upon what had been experienced. Some wise words were shared, and fine dining was experienced thanks to Mrs Lawson and her kitchen staff, who never fail to deliver scrumptious, delicious food. It is well known by College boarders and others, that Mrs Lawson's food is simply superb. The thought and effort applied by the kitchen staff to secure a tasty meal every day is quite a feat and will be missed by many matriculants when they leave.

Elliott House boys had the opportunity to relax within the confines of the House too, a House which became a home away from home. Enjoying the independence and privilege of having their own room, boys could design

their living area to that which best suited their own needs. The Piet Snyman Common Room housed table tennis tables as well as a pool table. These were well used during our boarders' free time and some great banter took place during friendly competition, while the less competitive boarder kicked his feet up and relaxed on comfortable couches. Weather permitting, Elliott House boarders enjoyed playing touch rugby, soccer and many games of ultimate frisbee on Barns field. The healthy body and mind concept was promoted and fully enjoyed.

The House would not run effectively and efficiently without our dedicated boarder masters. Our gratitude goes to Messrs R Jones, H Kriek, R Kyle, A Sparrow, M Kritzinger, S Sokhela and R Coutts for their fine efforts this year. The core groups within the House enjoyed thought-provoking discussions as well as some free time with their brothers while sharing some tasty treats. The time spent by masters in providing a guidance structure is immense, and their commitment to being a listening ear or guiding voice was well appreciated by the boys. Each boarder master guided his group through what was a terribly busy year. We bade farewell to Messrs R Jones, H Kriek and S Sokhela as they left our beloved grounds in pursuit of further experience. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours and we know that College will remain a special part of their life journey.

Sincere thanks go to Mr Hackland and the Estate staff for their efforts to keep Elliott House well maintained. The well-run laundry facilities never failed us and provided a better standard of living for the boys. Our San sisters are exceptional. The care shown to our boys and the lengths they go to ensure that boarder health is maintained, no matter what time of day or night, is astounding. Our sincere thanks go to them for their commitment.

Last, I thank the parents for their continued support and team-effort with the Elliott House team. The buy-in and co-operation of a parent is an important part of the successes experienced. It is integral in making a boarder's final year enjoyable and successful. It is comforting to know that through busy times, good reason will prevail while we strive to keep the school's and boys' best interests at heart. It is wonderful to know that parents want their boys to continue being fully involved and support the life of the school, making their final memories of their alma mater special.

Mr S Bosch





Hudson House

Housemaster:	Mr W du Plessis
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr K Nipper
Boarder Masters:	Messrs T Orchard, T Tshabalala, C Nevay, L Barnard, L Smorfitt, S Brill, M Stringer
Head of House:	M Ngubo
Prefects:	J Le Court de Billot, T Roux, M Ponter

Hudson House continues to remain a proud part of the boarding establishment system. We demand exacting standards of our boys which will make them gentlemen. This is in our Hudson House ‘DNA’, and we will continue to strive to maintain such standards for many years to come.

Hudson House had four prefects this year and nine masters who did duty in the House. 2022 saw the number of boys in the House climb to 125, justifying the number of boarder masters and prefects. This dedicated and efficient team ensured that the daily running of the House was seamless and that the boys were well looked after and encouraged to be disciplined, diligent, and respectful towards others. Each boy, regardless of his Form, is expected to be organised, self-disciplined and mindful of his fellow man.

The House was ably led by Head of House, M Ngubo, who enjoyed the respect of the boys and staff alike. We welcomed a fresh team of boarder masters. Mr Kyle Nipper joined us from Shepstone House as Deputy Housemaster, Mr Simon Brill joined Hudson House in January. Mr Luke Barnard came in February. Mr Liam Smorfitt joined us in April, replacing Mr Gareth Els. Mr Matt Stringer arrived in October from Michaelhouse.

One focus area for the House in 2022 was the mentor programme. Each boarder master had a group of between 12 to 15 boys in his care. This provided an opportunity for boys to chat about significant issues, school related or personal. The aim of the BE is to be a safe environment in which to live.

The House will be going through a major make-over at the beginning of the new year. The renovations will start with the Fifth Form dormitories being extended to accommodate seven boys in each. This will take some time and will be done steadily throughout the first term.

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 within

a team present. Some remarkable achievers this year on the sporting front were D Jackson who was selected for the SA U16 Hockey squad and P Louwrens for his selection to the SA fly-fishing team.

In the House we have a host of Provincial selections across many codes, as well as a number of cultural leaders, actors, debaters, singers and musicians. We celebrate and share in their success at House Dinners and in termly newsletters. The involvement of all the boys in the House is noteworthy, as it ensures that they are able to balance their time at school, weighing academics against sporting or cultural commitments.

A note of thanks goes to Mr Emerson in his role as Director of Boarding, who spends countless hours ensuring that our BE is efficiently run. He is committed to making the College BE a better place and this is evident in the work he does. He is commended on another successful year.

The running of an efficient House must also be credited to numerous other groups of people: Mr Hackland and his estates’ staff who take care of the maintenance; cleaning and laundry are commended on doing a superb job throughout the year. Mrs Lawson and her team in the kitchen ensure that the boys enjoy tasty meals. The food that our boarders receive is arguably the best in the country, backed up by the compliments we receive from many schools that visit our BE for festivals and tours. A huge thank you to the SAN sisters who are the mothers of the BE. They take care of our 450 plus boarders with dedication and compassion, and are on call 24/7.

We wish our Hudson House Fifth Form leavers all the very best for their final year and thank them for the contribution they have made during their three years in Hudson. They have added to the rich history of the biggest House in the school, and we hope that 2023 will be a happy year for them in Elliott House.

Confido et Conquiesco

Mr W du Plessis



Nathan House

Housemaster:	Mr M-J Smit
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr S Mkhwanazi
Boarder Masters:	Messrs C Pitout, D Sherriff, G Waters, A McGuigan, L Shongwe, K Elder
Head of House:	S Mbonambi
Prefects:	B Luthuli, Z Shongwe, M Chapman

On 2 December 2022, the boys of Nathan House enjoyed their very memorable and final singing of ‘Oh, Boys of Nathan’s’ together. It was a special moment, marking the end of a year that seemed to fly by. It was a lovely event to witness, with many parents capturing a moment that will one day be looked upon with considerable pride and reminiscence. The five-year transformation from Second Form to Sixth Form is unbelievable. The changes that these young men will experience are often hard to imagine, but this year was the start for Nathan’s youngest men. Nathan House is a very special boarding house. It is the foundation of what we define as their ‘five years for life’ experience as Maritzburg College students, and now, they have four years to go. They will go more quickly than the boys realise.

It is important to mention a group of men who make the Nathan House experience both possible and complete. The boarder masters of Nathan House are of a different kind, having to go beyond the norm to ensure that these young boys are well looked after. It was very good to share this year with them. They are all top boarder masters and their commitment to the boys is plain to see. Added to their efforts, the prefects of Nathan House accept a huge task at the end of their Fifth Form year when they are asked to become Nathan House prefects. The four gentlemen were unwavering in their service to the school and Nathan’s in particular. S Mbonambi, Z Shongwe, B Luthuli and M Chapman played an especially significant role in moulding the ‘Borvers’ into ‘proper’ Second Formers. S Mbonambi, the Head of Nathan House, did an excellent job in leading his team and embodying what we all want to see in every College boy. We wish them every satisfaction and fulfilment as they close this chapter at College and we know they will make a success of what lies ahead.

This year, we said goodbye to Mr Waters, a Nathan House stalwart, who started his duties in 2014, and a College legend to many. We thank him

for his immense efforts, enthusiasm and devotion to boarder mastering, coaching and teaching. He has had a significant impact on those who have been privileged to experience his tutelage or to have been his colleagues.

When the boys of Nathan’s arrived in the first term, they were strangers in a strange environment, adjusting to a new life and all its nuances. By the end of the term, the boys had endured some difficult and significant disruptions, some of which were beyond what many Second Form boarders have ever had to deal with. With support, they gritted through. They shouldered that take-off well, finding themselves on top of the Kent Pavilion, celebrating the end of the first term.

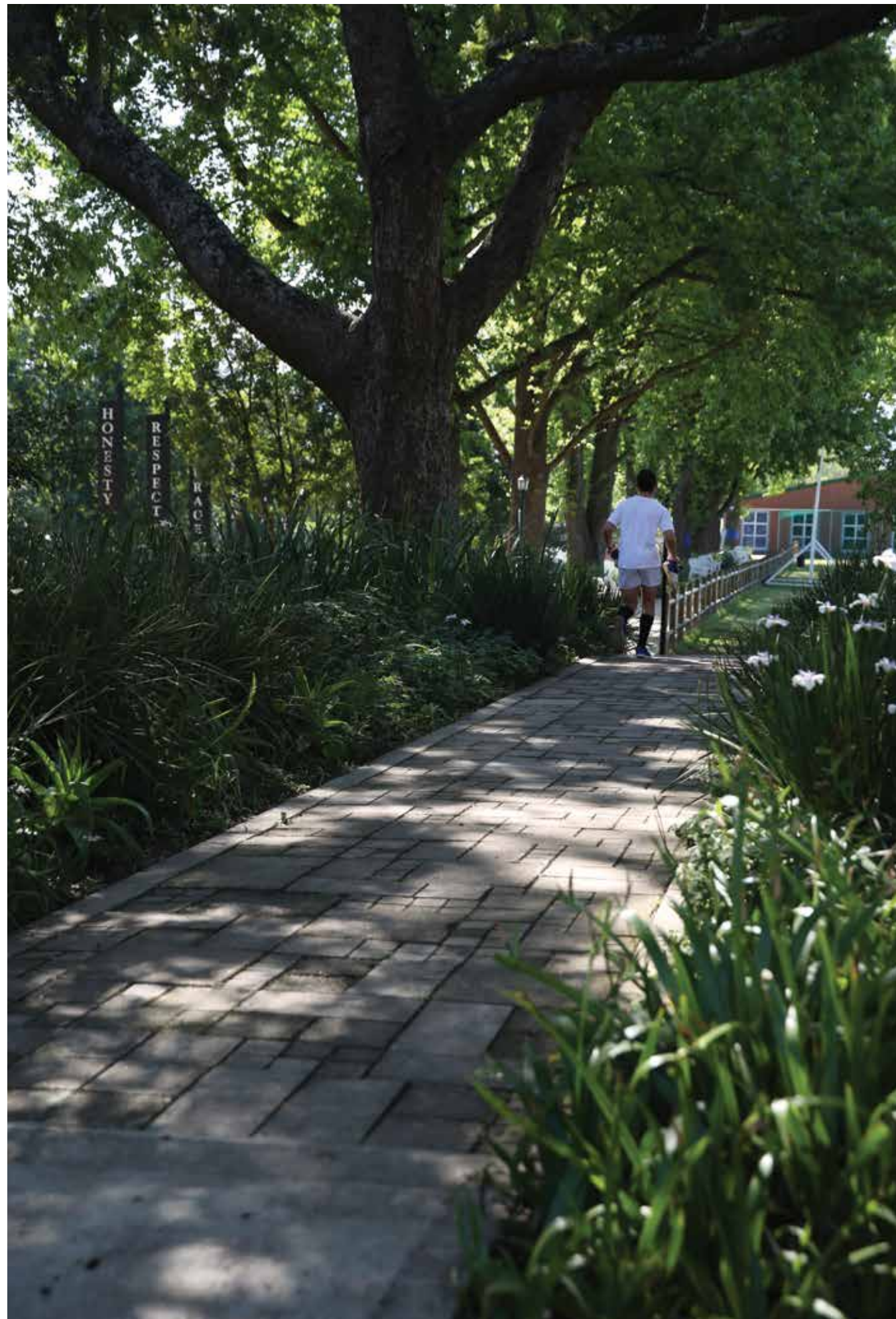
Through the year, Nathan’s boys have dealt with games room protocols, team-testing, learning and applying the privilege system, greeting, waiting at doors, and various other challenges as Second Form boarders. They have developed independence, character and ‘people skills’. Their strength and resolve have been refined by the daily life of boarding. This is true of any boarding school, but, as we know, the Maritzburg College boarding experience is unique. We know enough to believe that these experiences will give the boys grit and determination. To sum it up, their Nathan House year is special because it is, as Mr Elder once said, ‘the start of greatness.’ Whatever motivated them and whoever inspired them to persevere, the Nathan’s boys of 2022 can hold their heads high as the next generation of Maritzburg College boarders, and all that that entails.

Having looked back, it is now time to look forward. We wish the boys well in the years ahead and we will follow their progress with interest.

‘Until next we meet...’

Mr M-J Smit





Shepstone House

Housemaster:	Mr S Zuma
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr S Stickells
Boarder Masters:	Messrs F Maritz, R Barbour, A Landman, A Walstroom, M Zuma, B Khumalo
Head of House:	N Mosebi
Prefects:	J Jansen van Vuuren, A Chiliza, L Bester

Shepstone House had a difficult start to the year with a change in Housemaster and losing prefects in the House. We did our best to continue and pick up the pieces. The team of boarder masters and remaining prefects are to be commended on their tireless efforts to ensure our boys' well-being. We had other difficulties this year, which unfortunately meant that some boys would not be returning to the BE owing to poor decision making and certain misbehaviours.

In most respects however, it was a successful year with our boys achieving in various disciplines. Mosebi, who has since left us to pursue his career as a sprinter in the United States, was remarkably successful in his endeavours as a sprinter, and led the House very well, always leading from the front and setting a good example for the boys: we extend our gratitude to him. We equally thank the prefects who remained after his departure and ensured that the House still functioned efficiently.

The first term began with some difficulty in the change of leadership in the House. However, we all worked together to ensure that we kept the House going. The House was more stable by the second term, with the much-anticipated winter sports programme; the boys had not played a full winter season since 2019 owing to Covid restrictions. Their excitement was palpable.

The second term was an exciting one, several of our boys achieving in a number of disciplines. Some stand out, such as prefect L Bester who was selected to play in the Craven Week Sharks' side, subsequently being selected to the SA Schools rugby side. A number of our Fourth Form boys were also selected for the Grant Khomo and Inland Hockey sides. Our Soccer boys did very well, several of them were involved in the squad that played in the games that won us the Raw Cup, the Cowie Cup and were ultimately crowned KZN Champions of Champions. It is impossible to name

all the achievements of our boys, however all are congratulated, and we thank them for their effort and dedication in representing the Red, Black and White.

The third term is unfortunately known as 'silly season', since it is the time when boys generally get themselves into a fair bit of trouble. Several boys broke the Code of Conduct. Some were expelled from the BE. This was, we hope, a good lesson to those who remain, because a smart man learns from his mistakes, but a wise one learns from the mistakes of others. We wish the boys who left us under unfortunate circumstances well, and we wish them every success.

The fourth term was another difficult term, as we tragically lost one of our most beloved boarder masters, Mr Bongani Khumalo, in a motor vehicle accident. His loss was particularly difficult for our basketball boys, who were coached and mentored by him. Our hearts go out to his family, and particularly his two young children by whom he is survived.

I would like to thank the Shepstone House team of boarder masters, their dedication and concern for our boys and their well-being is exceptional. They regularly go beyond the call of duty, and it has been a tremendous honour to serve with them this year.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our Head of Boarding, Mr Kyle Emerson, who has been tremendous in leading a fairly new team and always providing support. Thank you to the SAN sisters, to Granny Mac's, our catering team, and to the estate staff; without them this great boarding establishment could not function.

Finally, to the Shepstone House boys, always endeavour to hope. *Zama, Themba* (Try, Hope).

Mr S Zuma



SPORT



Athletics

Back row: J Sweetnam, J Gasarasi, A Kritzinger, M Moodley, J Pope

Middle row: L Dladla, M Mntungwa, C Higgins, J Werth, L Shangase, E Hamadziripi, M Kritzinger, Y Mchunu

Front row: S Mbonambi, Mr A Sparrow, Mrs S Kritzinger, Mr M Kritzinger, Mrs M Kritzinger, Mr B de Lange, I Kayembe

Absent: N Mosebi (captain)

The College inter-House meeting was highlighted by the performances of R Stockill in the high jump with a new record of 2.10m; N Mosebi in the 100m U19, breaking a 48-year-old record in a time of 10,22sec; and I Kayembe who, in similar fashion, won U17 100m and broke the record in a time of 10,84sec. The inter-House meeting was won by Calder House.

The following boys won medals at the KZN Championships:

Gold medals: N Mosebi (2), S Mbonambi (2), I Kayembe (2), J Sweetnam (2), L Kunene (1)

Silver medal: S Xulu

Bronze medals: T Boshoff (2)

At the inter-provincial meeting five Maritzburg College athletes represented the KZN team:

N Mosebi (2nd in the 100m in 10,18sec and 2nd in the 200m); R Stockill (2nd in high jump); I Kayembe; J Sweetnam and L Kunene.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly Mosebi earning a bronze medal at the Senior South African Championships.

In the third and fourth terms our athletes participated in three pre-season relay meetings, hosted by Michaelhouse, Voortrekker and College respectively. College's sprinters comfortably won the Voortrekker and College meets.

KZN athletics has truly turned a corner and we look forward to another successful season.

Mr M Kritzinger



Review by the Director of Basketball

Maritzburg College basketball had a remarkable year despite not being able to travel outside the province owing to Covid-19 restrictions. The teams played a total of 145 games, winning 96 and losing 49. These impressive results reflect the teams’ dedication and hard work throughout the season.

The highlight of the year was the performance of the 1st team, who managed to win two tournaments: the Jenny Orchard Invitational Tournament (JOI) and the Kearsney Stayers’ tournament. This is testament to the team’s skill and teamwork on the court.

The U16 team also performed outstandingly, finishing second in the Michaelhouse tournament, while the U14s won the JOI tournament. These results indicate the depth of talent within Maritzburg College basketball.

Furthermore, we are proud of C Henman, S Mbonambi, C Janse van Rensburg, and K Mthimkhulu, who were selected for the KZN U18 team. They were deserving of this selection due to their hard work and talent. They will undoubtedly make the club proud in representing KZN.

We were saddened by the loss of our 1st team basketball coach, Mr Bongani Khumalo, who played a huge role in turning College basketball around. Mr Khumalo also coached the U15A team and will be remembered as a loving father, servant to basketball and dedicated member of the Zulu department. His legacy will live on through the players he coached and the impact he had on the Maritzburg College basketball club.

Overall, Maritzburg College basketball had a successful season, demonstrating its ability to overcome challenges and achieve outstanding results. The dedication and hard work both on and off the court has paid off and they should be commended for their loyalty to the sport.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Heather Lawson for her unwavering support for the sport, Mr Fincham and his team for ensuring that the Alan Paton Memorial Hall is in ship-shape condition for both practices and the Saturday fixtures. Thank you, too, to Mr Kyle and Mr Luman for their commitment to and support of the sport.

On a more personal note, I thank Mr J Wilcock, the MIC, for his hard work and loyalty both to me and the sport.

Mr S Siwila



1st Team

Back row: D le Roux, N Buthelezi, L Coetzer, M Chonco, T Crawford, N Sithole, N Ngcobo, I Masinga
Front row: K Mthimkhulu, C Henman (captain), B Khumalo, Mr J Wilcock, Mr S Siwila, S Mbonambi, Z Shongwe
Absent: W Hadebe, C Janse van Rensburg

The school’s 1st basketball team had a fantastic season, winning ten games and losing only three, while also winning two major tournaments, the JOI and Stayers tournaments. The team’s success was a result of the combination of talent and commitment displayed by the players, who worked together tirelessly throughout the season. As Dean Smith once said, ‘basketball is a beautiful game when the five players on the court play with one heartbeat.’ This quote perfectly captures the team’s dynamic and their ability to work together as a cohesive unit. This was evident in every game that they played.

Furthermore, we would like to extend a special thanks to the team’s captain, C Henman, for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the team’s success. Henman led from the front and was an inspiration to his teammates both on and off the court. His hard work and dedication played a crucial role in the team’s success, and we are incredibly grateful for his contribution.

The season was not without its challenges. The team was hit by the loss of their head coach, Mr B Khumalo who was killed in a car accident. Despite

this setback, the team remained focused and determined, pushing through difficult times and overcoming adversity. Their ability to do so is testament to their character and resilience.

Overall, it was a great season for the basketball team, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for this talented group of players, and we are confident that they will continue to make us proud both on and off the court.

Regular players:

C Henman (captain), Z Shongwe, S Mbonambi, W Hadebe, Z Sithole, C Janse van Rensburg, A Ngcobo, L Dlamini, K Mthimkhulu, D le Roux, T Crawford, M Rabede, I Masinga, M Chonco

Results:

vs Westville 71-56, St Charles 81-66, Hilton College 66-75, Northwood 42-49, Westville 76-39, Kearsney 76-70, Northwood 62-64, St Charles 40-63, Michaelhouse 45-51

3rd team

The team’s efforts throughout the year were admirable and served as a way for the boys to bolster themselves throughout the year. The first term was a tough and gritty season that caused many ups and downs, but the commitment from the boys was to be commended. A few losses and wins summed up our season as the boys were at least able to take revenge on their foes, Northwood, to whom they suffered their first loss but were able to claw back a two-point win later in the season. The boys attended their practices and only a few issues with some boys needed to be dealt with and ironed out with the help of our captain, A Mdladla, a helpful and diligent leader who attended all the practices and showed promising leadership qualities and commanded those around him with patience and tolerance..

The fourth term saw a festival of wins for the team muddled by a painful loss to Westville in the beginning. The boys carried forward a winning mentality throughout the season and their valiant efforts saw them win all but two of their games. Exam season pulled some of our players away from the sport, but the stayers carried our defence, even with the recent additions. It was a great pleasure working with the boys and a joy to work with the captain of our team as well.

Regular players:

A Mdladla (captain), K Akeroyd, J Barret, A Sclanders, S Mazibuko, S Zulu, N Buthelezi, A Majosi, C Ndlela, M Roberts, X Thabethe

Results:

vs Northwood 20-27, St Charles 31-30, Hilton College 21-23, Northwood 36-33, Westville 23-38, Kearsney 35-20, Northwood 40-13, St Charles 24-9, Glenwood 48-19, Treverton 36-42, Michaelhouse 51-24

Mr M Siwila



The 1st team celebrate their victory at the Jenny Orchard Invitational.

Jenny Orchard Invitational Tournament:

vs Kearsney 95-55, Linpark 111-18, Port Shepstone 61-13, Westville 92-67, SCC 66-53, Northwood 91-67 (final)

Kearsney Stayers’ Tournament:

vs Westerford 53-36, Northwood 57-38, PBHS 47-45, KES 61-58, Grey High 78-33, PBHS 47-34, KES 53-45 (final)

Messrs B Khumalo and S Siwila

2nd Team

The 2022 leavers’ side has had a successful season, only losing to St Charles and Michaelhouse in very tightly contested games. This is the first time that we have had a leavers team in several years. The team was made up of matric boys who really love basketball, and not just players who played for the 1st team. Boys committed to at least one practice a week as they faced the daunting task of studying and writing their final matric examinations. Their commitment right to the end of the season is to be commended. V Kuzwayo captained the team and always led from the front and was easily the most committed player during the season. C Henman, T Sithole, W Hadebe and Z Shongwe were the core of the team and their contribution to the scoreboard is noteworthy. It was an absolute pleasure coaching these young men, and I hope they will continue to enjoy basketball as they leave College.

Regular players:

V Kuzwayo (captain), C Henman, T Sithole, W Hadebe, Z Shongwe, T Monametsi, S Phungula, A Ngubo, L Bester

Results:

vs DHS 43-40, Glenwood 70-37, St Charles 37-41, Northwood 37-21, Kearsney 44-35, Glenwood 70-37, Michaelhouse 41-42

Mr A Usher



L Sithole

4th team

The 4th team had a successful 2022 season. The players practised and played with much enthusiasm. As it was a new season, we had a new group of players coming into the fold and they all performed exceptionally well as the 4th team basketball proved once again to be a resilient team. The team saw the best of the boys at practice as it was not easy for a few of them to adjust to the intensity of the training, but in the end they held it together and we accomplished our goals. In the fourth term the team showed some progress as we stayed unbeaten.

The game against Howick 1st team was the highlight of the season. The team was behind in the first three quarters but managed to come back in the last quarter and win the game. It was also good to see that some of the players were promoted to the 3rd team.

Regular players:

M Hendriks, T Monametsi, U Gina, O Mjaja, C Ndlela, S Manyoni, D Moran, N Kubheka, F Simelane, L Seshemane, S Sithembu, A Khanyile, S Mncube, S Gabu, S Mkandla

Results:

vs Northwood 32-20, 40-14, St Charles 23-29, Westville 19-27, 28-15, Kearsney 11-6, Glenwood 16-14, Howick 1st 36-26, Michaelhouse 35-18

Mr SM Ngcobo



T Crawford



Wild gymnastics at the basketball - Shouting Captain, T Koller, gets a close-up view.



U16A

Back row: R Hoskins, L Mtsi, SJ Mkhize, N, Setipa
Front row: N Mkhulisi, Z Makhangela, Mr S Sokhela, J Gasarasi, A Mtolo
Absent: A Msimang, B Dlamini, K Nzimande, J Kloppers, I Masinga

What a fantastic season! The team continued their great progress from their U15 season by only falling short of victory on two occasions throughout the year. There was great camaraderie among the players as they played their third season together. I am proud to have coached such outstanding individuals who worked so hard and showed dedication. I have no doubt that they will achieve their goal of playing for the 1st team in the future.

Regular players:

R Hoskins, L Mtsi, SJ Mkhize, N, Setipa, N Mkhulisi, Z Makhangela, J Gasarasi, A Mtolo, A Msimang, B Dlamini, K Nzimande, J Kloppers, I Masinga

Results:

vs Westville 24-18, St Charles 32-12, Hilton College 36-30, Carter 65-6, Northwood 29-41, Westville 28-23, Kearsney 31-27, Northwood 43-15, SCC 36-25, St Nicholas 49-17, DHS 51-33, Michaelhouse 16-30

Mr S Mkhwanazi

U16B

The season saw an enormous effort by the team as they displayed great skill and hard work to earn their results. It was a pleasure working with this group of players as they were willing to learn and develop their skills as well as being committed to the programme we tried to implement as a sport. The overall results were outstanding as we only suffered defeat on three occasions, a testament to their skill level and team performances. I look forward to watching them grow further in their last few years at College and believe they could don the special 'white badge'.

Regular players:

L Matshoge, L Hlela, T Mhlongo, N Gwala, J Murekezi, F Ojo, J Kloppers, S Nyathi, Z Ndlovu, A Manci, B Maphisa, K Nzimande

Results:

vs Westville 27-15, St Charles 22-17, Hilton College 19-20, St Nicholas 21-4, Northwood 17-18, Westville 39-32, Kearsney 17-19, Northwood 25-16, St Charles 26-19, MCS 50-8, DHS 59-11, Michaelhouse 24-17

Mr J Wilcock

U16C

The first term season started very abruptly midweek as the boys were returning for the new year full of excitement and ambitions for the upcoming year, and they definitely had good energy. Our season started with a very back-and-forth game against Westville, which we unfortunately lost 18-26. After being able to get some more training time and working on what we needed to, the boys returned with a great 26-18 victory versus one of our hometown foes, St Charles College. The remainder of the season saw the boys grow as a team and they closed it off with aspirations of having an even better fourth term.

The second half of the season started off near the end of the third term and it was great to see the boys coming back rejuvenated and keen to improve where they had fallen short. As their coach, I was glad to see they had put in the time and energy during the off-season as they had promised they would. The season began with a return fixture against Westville, to whom we had initially lost in the first term. This time we pulled off a great 35-24 victory and then a very close encounter with Northwood ended in a 23-22 win for College. Going forward, I hope the boys keep putting in the extra



hours in their spare time. Nothing gives more satisfaction and pride to a coach than seeing a player fully commit to a sport and see it all the way through. I look forward to seeing how they will do in the future.

Regular players:

V Cele, L Dlamini, I Jikijo, A Mathonsi, L Mbentse, T Motaung, O Ntuli, O Thabethe, S Zungu, L Johnstone, S Mpanza

Results:

vs Westville 18-26, St Charles 26-18, Hilton College 13-22, Northwood 7-14, Westville 35-24, Kearsney 27-31, Northwood 23-22, Treverton 11-17

Mr S Ntsele



L Sithole



Taxi Time

U16D

The U16D basketball team had a rollercoaster season. There were times when they played like the best team in the world and times when they let themselves down. The last team of the age group, there have been times when having a full side was near impossible and times when the young men pulled through and represented the red, black and white with great pride. They can be proud of what they have achieved this season. They have grown as a team, and it has been gratifying to watch.

Regular players:

B Zuma, N Brown, V Sibisi, S Majoji, A Mntungwa, A Mthimkhulu, I Olorunda, P Ndlovu, N Dumakude

Results:

vs St Charles 29-05, Hilton College 32-24, Northwood 16-23, Kearsney 10-20, Northwood 22-24, Linpark 33-19

Mr S Sokhela



L Mkhize



C Henman



U15A

Back row: S Mkhize, F Ojo, N Ngobese

Middle row: I Mlotshwa, C Cherayi, M Zakwe, C Siyongwana, A Ngcobo, C Sukraj

Front row: O Radebe, Ms J Cupedo, S Mazibuko, Mr B Khumalo, O Ntombela

The U15A season started on the back foot as we lost our first two games. The boys had much to learn about attitude, teamwork and commitment, both on and off the court. As the boys got to know each other on the court and began to fully understand their roles as individuals and within the team, progress started to be made. The boys held their ground in the following weeks and won the last five games. They had their ups and downs, but despite the lows, they worked together and fought to win. Grade 9 is a difficult year, and I am proud of their progress, not only on the court but off the court too. I am excited to have helped them grow as players and facilitate a journey in which the College values can be carried with them throughout their schooling career and, most importantly, into young adulthood.

Regular players:

C Cherayi, S Mazibuko, S Mkhize, I Mlotshwa, A Ngcobo, N Ngobese, O Ntombela, C Ojo, O Radebe, C Siyongwana, C Sukraj, M Zakwe

Results:

vs Westville 13-43, Kearsney 25-36, Northwood 36-24, St Charles 38-27, Glenwood 41-29, DHS 34-31, Michaelhouse 34-38

Ms J Cupedo and Mr B Khumalo

U15B

This season proved to be very successful, with the season coming to a halt against one of our toughest rivals, Michaelhouse, when both teams struggled to dictate the victor of the match. The red, black and white army was determined to finish off the season not only for themselves and the team but also for Mr Khumalo. They showed much courage on the court and managed to achieve a 27-16 wrap-up against their opponents.

The players were knowledgeable about the style of basketball we play which in turn evolved into team chemistry, built about teamwork, leadership, and many other interpersonal skills. The season kicked off on a high, when they destroyed their opponents in the first term. The fourth term arrived, and they thought it would be as easy, only to discover that the other teams worked twice as hard to get to where we were, resulting in us going back to the drawing board and changing our style of playing.

Overall, I have seen a tremendous improvement in each one of the players, and I can proudly say that each one has improved from the start of the season to the end. Having some banter during practice has also helped us to bond – they now do not miss as many layups and can occasionally score free throws on a good day.

Regular players:

Z Mabunda, L Mkhize, B Botha, F Thabethe, O Nala, M Thomson, J Fincham, B Makhoba, H Modi, Z Tshabalala, W Zingeni

Results:

vs Westville 20-25, St Charles 27-12, Hilton College 55-31, Northwood 35-28, Kearsney 26-16, Northwood 36-38, St Charles 33-10, Glenwood 53-8, DHS 38-32, Michaelhouse 27-16

Mr T Tshabalala



A Ngcobo

U15C

The U15C boys had a challenging season in terms of results, only winning three out of eleven fixtures. However, the boys displayed persistence, a solid work ethic and a true love for the game. Week after week they would come to practice and give it their all. As a result, the boys improved considerably both skill-wise and in their understanding of the game of basketball. This consistent hard work and dedication to the game saw a handful of boys being promoted to higher teams. It has been an honour to work with this group of boys who have also taught me a lot about the game. I wish them nothing but luck and success as they progress to the next age group and I hope their love for the sport, enthusiasm and work ethic never changes.

Regular players:

L Mkhize, B Botha, C Gould, V Kasambala, M Miya, S Mpungose, R Motshoane, L Ngubane

Results:

vs Westville 18-28, St Charles 28-4, Hilton College 8-16, Northwood 17-7, Northwood 15-25, Westville 14-27, Kearsney 14-21, Northwood 29-36, MCS 26-13, DHS 23-35, Michaelhouse 16-29

Mr Z Mtshatsha

U15D

This year was a good one for the U15D team. The boys showed tremendous improvement from the beginning of the season, and that led to most of the players moving up to the C and B teams. The boys were disciplined and determined to learn and become better players at every training session and that added to the team chemistry and morale. M Maphanga took on the role of captain and did very well to lead his team to a few hard-earned victories. I really enjoyed coaching this team and believe we all learned a lot from one another.

Regular players:

M Maphanga (captain), A Zuma, S Ngcobo, B Zote, L Mseleku, N Mntungwa, L Mgojo, S Ncengwa, S Khanyile

Results:

vs Westville 18-15, St Charles 30-0, Hilton College 16-24, Westville 6-41, Kearsney 7-20, Michaelhouse 20-26

Mr M Masondo

U15E

The U15E team began the season by setting primary goals of improving their skills while having fun by reaching an achievable target for each game and then identifying the next target to conquer. Throughout the course of the season the players played with high intensity and commitment while upholding good sportsmanship. We reached our goal of improving each player's skills and the boys grew in stature, leading to unity within the team. Leading from the front, the captain M Mfusi, set the tone for the rock-solid defence led by A Mdleleni and the comfortable lay-up baskets scored by our top scorer, D Barret. I wish each of these boys all the best for their basketball adventures at Maritzburg College.

Regular players:

M Mfusi (captain), S Gwala, D Barret, S Mshengu, K Phungula, D Davies, Y Hansrod, A Mdleleni, K Singh, A Galassi, Z Mazibuko, L During

Results:

vs Westville 27-02, Kearsney 8-18, Hilton College 0-0, Westville 0-22, Kearsney 13-23, Merchiston 1st 6-8, Scottsville 1st 13-2, Michaelhouse 24-11

Mr W Greyling



U14A

Back row: M van Amsterdam, C Mountfort, R Mustard, C Fynn
Middle row: L Mukorera, L Sishi, S Nhlapho, A Makhaya, T Sehlako, N Dlamini
Front row: S Ngcobo, T Qhobosheane, Mr S Siwila, M Askham, A Mkhize

U14A

Congratulations to the U14A basketball team for their excellent performance in 2022! Winning 85% of their games is a remarkable achievement, and the team should be proud of their hard work and dedication. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the JOI 2022 tournament, when the team put on a spectacular show of skill and teamwork to win every game, culminating in a thrilling victory over Northwood in the finals. The team's ability to perform under pressure and come out on top is a testament to their talent and mental toughness.

While the last term may have been a bit disappointing due to the two losses out of seven games played, it is important to remember that setbacks are a natural part of any sport. The fact that the boys gave it their all and continued to compete with enthusiasm and commitment is a testament to their resilience and character.

As coach, I am extremely proud of the U14A basketball team's accomplishments this year. Their hard work and dedication have clearly paid off, and their success reflects their talent, teamwork, and commitment to excellence.

Regular players:

A Mkhize, M van Amsterdam, L Mukorera, L Sishi, R Mustard, C Mountfort, M Askham, T Sehlako, N Dlamini, S Nhlapho, C Fynn, A Makhaye, T Qhobosheane

Results:

vs Westville 20-8, SCC 45-7, Hilton College 35-27, Carter High 35-5, Westville 15-24, Kearsney 24-26, Northwood 35-27, St Charles 29-19, DHS 34-28, Michaelhouse 24-29

Mr S Siwila

U14B

The team began the season with great gusto and determination and showed enormous tenacity against Westville, winning 21-4. As the season progressed, the boys showed true College spirit, attending practices and playing with determination. Their efforts earned them an unbeaten first half of the season. Upon the return of basketball in the third term, the boys were weary after a long and gruelling winter sports season, and this resulted in a narrow loss against our old friends and rivals from Westville. The College boys were not disheartened, however, as they picked themselves up and managed to fight for the victory against a very competitive and skilled Kearsney side. This proved to be the motivation that the team needed as they bulldozed a string of convincing victories, most notably against St Charles College, winning 40-9, and Glenwood, winning 61-4. They have shown true grit and College fire throughout the year at their practices and their resolve was rewarded by a very successful season. It has been a true pleasure coaching such a committed team.

Regular players:

T Chikowero, M Myaka, V Ndlovu, L Hadebe, O Khoza, S Mchunu, O Samuel, A Ndlela, L Tafeni, L Kosani, S Ngcobo, R Mustard, M Manana, S Nhlapho

Results:

vs Westville 21-4, St Charles 29-19, Hilton College 26-19, St Nicholas 19-4, Westville 17-24, Kearsney 26-24, Northwood 29-26, St Charles 40-9, Glenwood 61-4, DHS 29-16

Mr S Zuma

U14C

The U14C boys started off the season on a high note in the first term, winning every game played and showing immense love for the game and always looking to improve in all aspects. When the team got back together for the fourth term, enthusiastic for the season ahead, they had a rough start by suffering a narrow loss to Northwood. After that loss, the boys put in a lot of work during the season, going back to the fundamentals of the game. The team achieved a massive and much needed win against Glenwood, winning 48-7, as the whole team contributed equally and that boosted their confidence going forward. We had a stellar season and an

overall good performance, only losing one game the whole season. I am extremely proud of the boys and how they performed, and I wish them the best for their future endeavours. Several individuals should look to play in higher teams next year and I am confident they can do that.

Regular players:

S Zondi, T Mafunga, R Gadzikwa, S Mkhize, E Samuel, D Janneker, A Ngcobo, L Dreyer, B Zuma, S Khoza

Results:

vs Westville 22-06, St Charles 37-2, Hilton College 17-9, Northwood 27-16, Kearsney 22-18, Westville 25-19, Northwood 16-27, Glenwood 48-7, DHS 24-17, Michaelhouse 39-23

Mr S Ntsele

U14D

The U14D had a successful year and produced good results, especially in the first term. The group arrived at each practice session with zeal and the desire to do well. In the first term they played three matches, winning all, with the victory over bitter rivals, St Charles College, being the highlight. In the fourth term the boys came back with hunger and determination. Even though the results were not forthcoming, the commitment was commendable. It was a pleasure to coach these young, talented individuals.

Regular players:

M Ndlovu (captain), K Bishop, L Nzama, L Paveley, M Moodley, C Pillay, K Mngwengwe, C Coetzer, A Mthimkulu, A Hadebe, S Sibanyoni

Results:

vs Westville 21-4, St Charles 13-3, Hilton College 14-3, Westville 14-15, Kearsney 9-19, St Nicholas 13-18, Treverton 20-22

Mr H Ntenezi

U14E

Being a new teacher at Maritzburg College, joining only in the third term, it was indeed an honour and privilege to inherit the U14E basketball team. I have never met boys who displayed such enthusiasm for the sport of basketball. Whether it was at training sessions or at matches, these boys could not be faulted for their level of commitment. This was most notably evident during the game against Kearsney, when the boys were 4-16 down at the end of the third quarter and then made a stirring comeback in the fourth quarter to win the game 20-16, scoring 16 unanswered points in the final quarter. It was indeed a real pleasure to coach such willing and enthusiastic boys.

Regular players:

C Khumalo (captain), S Makhaye, Z Msane, D Mukezi, L Mabande, R Ayisa, S Hlophe

Results:

vs Westville 24-06, St Charles 28-0, Westville 22-18, Kearsney 20-16, DHS 20-22

Mr A Budhoo

U14F

The U14F team had an enjoyable season in 2022. As the season progressed, the boys improved in terms of skill and teamwork. They were all eager to play and displayed both heart and fire. Offence posed the biggest challenge to the team, due to a lack of communication and inaccurate and unnecessary passes being made. The defence looked good, but there was room for improvement. The team got the hang of the defence structure and executed quite well in the game as well.

Regular players:

L Gumede, F Benamro, I Khuboni, J Blose, T Nankan, R Khan, A Madlala

Results:

vs Kearsney 10-18, Kearsney 38-8

Ms Z Zweni





Canoeing

Back row: K Vogt, C Adam, S Venniker, S Norton, D Gademan
Middle row: L O'Connor, J Gotte, C Ollerhead, K Rhodes, R Finnie, M van Heerden, J Jansen van Rensburg, N Curry
Front row: J Goble, Mr J Tyler (coach), J Sharpe (captain), Mr S Bosch (MIC), J Glyn-Cuthbert, Ms B Hartley (coach), I Hemingway

This year our canoeists had the opportunity to make up for lost time after the COVID years starved the boys of opportunities. It was refreshing to have a full schedule of competitive events this year. It served as a reminder of how privileged we are to have access to rivers nearby on which to improve our skills.

College has benefited by having the revered Miss Hartley employed as the canoeing head coach. Miss Hartley, who is also a safety officer, comes with a wealth of experience.

The highlight of the canoeing schedule is undoubtedly the Dusi Canoe Marathon. The much anticipated and revered event saw nine College boys take part in the U18 category. In the U18 K2 event J Goble and his partner achieved 3rd position, followed by J Sharpe partnered with J Glyn-Cuthbert in 5th place. In the U18 K1 event K Rhodes posted 1st position, followed by C Adam in 2nd place.

Special mention must be made of I Hemingway, the only College boy to travel to the Cape and participate in the Berg River Marathon, where he posted the top result in the U18 age category.

College canoeists took part in the KZN Marathon Championships this year. S Venniker partnered with K Vogt to achieve 1st position in the U14 K2 event. J Jansen van Rensburg and K Ward claimed 2nd position in the U16 K2 event. The U18 K2 event boasted College boys in 2nd and 3rd positions – J Goble and J Glyn-Cuthbert respectively. All mentioned went on to compete at the South African Marathon Championships where our U18 K2 entrants Glyn-Cuthbert and Goble achieve the 3rd and 4th positions respectively. Venniker and Vogt partnered and achieved 2nd position. It was wonderful to see the boys excel at these events – their hard work had paid off.

As the Marathon season drew to a close, many boys applied their efforts and focused on a favourite on the canoeing calendar, the Fish Canoe Marathon. This race is regarded as the race that tests all facets of one's canoeing ability. The boys posted the following results: J Goble who was partnered with L O'Connor achieved a 5th position in the U18 K2 category, I Hemingway achieved a 4th position in the U18 K1 category, J Sharpe and J Glyn-Cuthbert achieved a 3rd and 2nd position respectively in the U18 K1 category. This event saw Glyn-Cuthbert achieve enough points to award him his Colours and Scarf for canoeing at College. J Jansen van Rensburg participated and applied his brave efforts to complete this technical river race.

The efforts made by the College canoeing management, coaching team and parent community are much appreciated. They applied every effort to see our boys succeed, arranging extra transport to Midmar Dam when the local river could not be used for training, providing a weekly training schedule for boys to follow, and by simply being present next to the rivers cheering the boys on. The successes are evident. A special mention of recognition is made of J Sharpe who captained the canoeing team. He led from the front, building a good rapport with all canoeing members, junior and senior. He showed them the ropes and fostered an attitude of growth and enjoyment for the sport among all involved. This is part of the reason our current paddlers continue to show enthusiasm and commitment to achieve their personal and team goals.

Mr S Bosch



Chess

Back row: Mncube, Y Singh, T van der Merwe, D Naidoo, F Kunene, C Dillon, S Maharaj
Middle row: L Naicker, J Moneyvalu, TD Ambler, R Motshoane, E Moodley, K Moodley, Z Desebrook, M Naidoo, A Mhlanzi, TW Ambler
Front row: M Karrim, T Naidoo, E Mitewu, S Cele, A Mfeka (captain), Mr L Shongwe (MIC), C Zondi, M Zuma, C Ender

Chess is a board game believed to have been invented by Han Xin in 200 BC, who developed the game as a battle simulator. Over the years it has been enjoyed by people who enjoy analytical and critical thinking. College is fortunate to have chess as a sport in which our young men of College can engage.

After two years of no challenges, fixtures or friendly games, we finally saw some brain action from the boys this year. We started our year nicely with the participation of approximately 40 boys who registered for chess. This was a good number, considering all the sports codes have been on full blast this year.

Our biggest games started with the district chess competition where Maritzburg College played against Linpark High School and came out victorious. Four of our boys were selected for the uMgungundlovu team that would compete in regional competitions. The boys were A Mfeka (captain, Sixth Form), S Cele (Sixth Form), J Moneyvalu (Third Form) and R Motshoane (Second Form). The competition comprised close to 1000 learners from other districts. This gave our boys an opportunity to improve their game and plan for future games. Cele proceeded to the final round of the competition where he had a challenge accumulating the points to proceed to provincial.

Inter-school exchanges were our next challenge. We played against Affies, where we suffered a narrow defeat, although our boys nonetheless enjoyed every moment of the competition that was presented to them. We then

played against KES and also suffered a narrow defeat, but this gave the boys more confidence to participate and apply themselves more in our next games. We went to PBHS where we gave them a tight competition, but they had an advantage over us because of their ongoing chess league in Pretoria.

Our boys were excited to participate in the inter-House chess in the third term when each House was represented by two junior and two senior boys. The juniors played first and Lamond's came at the top. The following day the seniors played and the top spot was shared between Barns', Lamond's and Nicholson's. By combining results, Lamond's achieved overall first place.

We look forward to another successful year of chess with our team getting stronger.

Chess members:

D Naidoo, Z Desebrook, S Chetty, L Seshemane, M du Toit, T van der Merwe, TW Ambler, TD Ambler, C Dillon, M Askham, C Zondi, A Mfeka, S Cele, S Malila, M Karrim, S Mncube, E Moodley, N Parmanand, D Heeralal, M Moosa, S Ramdhass, L Kader, L Naicker, M Msimango, S Maharaj, K Moodley, N Curry, C Zondi, R Motshoane

Mr L Shongwe



1st XI

Back row: L Armstrong, O Currie, C Smith, R Quin, A Bharath, C Mason, C Thomas
Front row: C Hohls, B Brokensha, G Delport, Mr R Coutts (coach), J van Zyl (captain), Mr K Nipper (director of cricket), P Jacobs, J Wiggill, M Ponter

Review by the Director of Cricket

The beginning of 2022 for the Maritzburg College cricket fraternity was a great one as we were back to 'normal'. For two years the boys had missed so much, so to be back into a full programme was magnificent. We had a full set of fixtures in Term 1, with only one being unduly affected by rain. College cricket managed to put out a good number of teams each weekend, which makes it challenging to find fixtures for all teams. We are very lucky to have a few tier two schools willing to give us fixtures to ensure that all our boys get a game every weekend.

Term 3 saw the school play two weekend fixtures as well as a T20 Night Series tournament, hosted by Eston Club. Our 1st XI made it through to the final which unfortunately did not go the way of the College boys.

During the holiday break three of our teams attended festivals – the U14As at Hilton College, the U15As at Grey High School (PE) and the 1st XI at the 62nd Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week.

The Michaelmas Week was a great success again this year, as we hosted nineteen other prominent schools from around South Africa. This festival is the oldest schoolboy cricket festival in the country and takes a great amount of effort for it to be a success. I would like to thank all the staff who played their part in this process.

The second half of the year was extremely frustrating as the rain caused havoc with a number of fixtures and training. As much as this ruined a part of the season, it made the boys more excited to get onto the park. The fixtures against our KZN rivals always provide a great challenge across the board. In the second half of the year, the U16 age group merges with the Open age group with the exception of the U16A team who played together for the whole year.

I commend all the cricketers who have carried themselves extremely well throughout the year and flown the College flag high.

If it were not for the staff involved in all areas of the programme, this year would not have been the success that it was. Grateful thanks go to: Mr Hackland, Mr Veitch, and the dedicated Estates Team for the excellent facilities that the boys get to train and play on every week; Mrs Lawson and the catering team for the delicious lunches and teas that the boys and staff are spoiled with every weekend; Mr Luman, Mr Kyle, and the entire sports department for their continued support of the cricket programme and for all the behind-the-scenes work; and the coaches who make this programme a success. I thank them particularly for their time and dedication in ensuring that our boys have the best chance to succeed, no matter for which team they play.

National and Provincial Selections:	
KZN Inland U19	J van Zyl, B Brokensha (non-traveling reserve), C Thomas (non-traveling reserve)
KZN Inland U16	C Mason, O da Costa, S Dzanibe, D Nadasan (non-traveling reserve)

Mr K Nipper

1st XI

There is always the question of whether cricket is a team or an individual game. I wish I could explain the complexity involved, how despite coaches, administrators and players reiterating that there is 'no I in team', it is still not that simple. Cricket can be thought of as a series of confrontations between individuals, how every delivery can be seen as a curious face-off between a bowler and a batsman, how each run, each wicket, each century and each five-wicket haul is as much a celebration of individual achievement as it is a fragment of the collective success. While there are benefits to both team and individual sport, we all know they differ vastly. In team sports like cricket, success or failure in competition depends on many variables. With few exceptions, it sometimes doesn't matter which team has the best player, the final result hinges on the entire team.

We had many individuals who performed exceptionally with both bat and ball. It is not often that a batsman scores over 1 000 runs in a calendar year or that a bowler takes nearly 50 wickets. There were four hundreds and two six-wicket hauls, but unfortunately, we did not perform well enough as a team and the results were disappointing.

Player critique:

G Delport (Large White Badge): He is hard-hitting batsman who can completely dominate an opposition bowling attack. He will be disappointed with his statistics for the year as he did not reach his full potential and struggled to convert his starts into big scores. He contributed well to the team in T20 matches, batting in the top 3. He is a committed member of the team who adds value. His energy on the field ensured there was a buzz.

J van Zyl (Honours, KwaZulu-Natal Inland U19, Dolphins Cubs): He is an accomplished left-handed top order batsman, with an outstanding work ethic and the necessary drive to succeed at a high level. He finished the year as the leading run scorer in the school and perhaps even the province, scoring over 1000 runs in the year. Had it not been for an emergency appendix operation just before Michaelmas he would have come close to breaking the school record for the most runs in a year.

C Thomas (Large White Badge): He has a superb technique and could play all around the wicket. He worked extremely hard at his game this year and through his determination to succeed and his love for the game, he made the number 3 spot his own. His innings against St Sithians was certainly the highlight of his year. He is a good all-round fielder, comfortable fielding close to the bat or on the boundary.

O Currie (Large White Badge): He is a clean-striking top order batsman who was never afraid to go over the top. He had a frustrating start to the year, often getting himself out. He has ability in which he needs to believe. There are not many players who can hit the first ball they face for 6 and I believe he is one of those players.

P Jacobs (Large White Badge): He has the potential to be a quality all-round player. He is a powerful hitter and was destructive at the back end of an innings. He lacked consistency with his line and length and often dropped the ball short. Although expensive at times, when he hit his areas, he was a very tricky bowler to face and his spell against Northwood was evidence of his capability. He is a good fielder who needs to back his ability. He received the award for the most improved player of the year.

M Ponter (Large White Badge): He was often the player who changed the game in College's favour with the ball. He is able to bowl with good pace and swings the ball prodigiously into the right-handed batsmen. A quiet, almost unassuming player, he nevertheless has a deceptive aggression and edge to his game. He is a good fielder with a strong arm and a safe pair of hands. He was unlucky not to be selected for the Inland U19 team, but we look forward to following his progress at university.

B Brokensha (Large White Badge): His contribution to the team was invaluable, be it with bat or ball. He worked hard on his bowling action throughout the year and it showed with improved bowling performances in the fourth term. He is a technically correct batsman who can adjust his batting to suit the situation. His hundred against a strong Hilton team in the T20 competition was undoubtedly his innings of the year.



Playing on the AH Smith oval at Kearsney College, the Maritzburg College cricket captain, J van Zyl, pulls the ball towards the Chapel Road boundary

C Hohls (Large White Badge): He is a quality swing bowler who is able to move the ball both away and into the batsman. His consistency in his line and length always put batsmen under pressure. He is a quality fielder who has a safe pair of hands and a good throwing arm. He also contributed well to the team as a lower order batsman.

L Armstrong (Large White Badge): He is a technically correct batsman who worked on his batting throughout the year. His innings of 95 against Michaelhouse, the last game of the year, was superb and ensured the team finished the year with a win.

C Mason (KwaZulu-Natal Inland U16): He was the leading wicket taker in the year with 45 wickets and bowls his leg spin with excellent control. He is an accomplished batsman who has a sound technique, but he did not have sufficient opportunity to show what he could do. His time will come.

C Smith (Large White Badge): He opened the batting throughout the year in fifty over cricket and contributed well at the top of the order. He needs to work on rotating the strike, which will effectively make bowlers bowl to his strengths. He has a safe pair of hands and a good throwing arm.

J Wiggill (Large White Badge): He worked hard on his bowling action and developed several variations throughout the year. He can turn the ball sharply into the right-hand batsman and with more consistency will be a key bowler in the 2023 team. He is a good fielder with a safe pair of hands and a good throwing arm. He is an under-rated batsman who will frustrate opposition bowling attacks.

R Quin (Large White Badge): A hard-hitting middle-order batsman who can take a game away from opposition bowlers, he runs well between the wickets and hits anything loose to the boundary. He has worked hard on his wicket keeping skills but needs to develop the boring basics which will ensure his 'keeping improves.

A Bharath (Large White Badge): He has a good understanding of the game and an ability to bowl with control and accuracy. He is a good fielder, both close to the bat and on the boundary, has a safe pair of hands and a good throwing arm. He is a capable batsman who unfortunately did not have many opportunities to showcase his skills.

A Simelane (Honours, SA U19): He left College in the middle of the year to take up a contract with the Dolphins. He is a talented all-round cricketer who is able to dominate all aspects of the game.



Match Reports



The team cheers in the last-over thriller at the pre-season Kearsney Festival

Kearsney Festival

The 1st XI started their year at the Kearsney Festival. Matches were played against Kearsney, Michaelhouse, Futura Cricket Academy and a Coastal Invitation team. The Academy and Invitation teams included players with franchise and first class experience.

The team played typical pre-season cricket, playing well in patches but then making basic errors at key times. College was on the way to victory against the Coastal Invitation team when rain stopped play, with College needing 19 runs to win. The team held their nerve to win a last over thriller against hosts Kearsney and lost their remaining games to the Futura Academy and Michaelhouse.

St David’s Two-Day Festival

In early September the 1st XI attended the St David’s Festival in Johannesburg. The squad included a number of younger players as some of the Sixth Formers had opted not to travel due to trial exams being written at the same time as the festival. College played fixtures against King Edward School and St Stithians.

In the first match against KES, captain van Zyl won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first on a wicket that looked like it would take turn as the match progressed. College declared on 264 for 5, Van Zyl top scored with a well-played 91, and Delpont also passed the 50 mark. KES started off slowly, but key dropped catches allowed the opposition batters to build partnerships and bat long, KES declaring on 350 for 5, a lead of 86. College were quickly in trouble at 48 for 5, still 38 runs behind, but excellent partnerships between Jacobs and Armstrong and then Jacobs and Quin helped College to 288 all out, a lead of 202. Astonishingly KES thought they had an opportunity to chase the score down in 17 overs. College bowled excellent lines and lengths picking up wickets at regular occasions. When bad light stopped play KES were 55 for 5.

College 264 for 5 Van Zyl 91	College 288 all out Jacobs 89 Delpont 57, Quin 70
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King Edward 350/5 Bharath 3/43	King Edward 55/5
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Match drawn

In the second match, against a St Stithians team that included three South African U19 players, the Saints captain won the toss and elected to bat first. The decision was justified, with the 100 coming up in the thirteenth over. To lengthen the game, College maintained an excellent over rate, almost bowling 65 overs before lunch. St Stithians declared on a massive 423 for 3. In reply, Delpont was out for 0 in the first over. Smith and Thomas steadied the innings and then captain Van Zyl played the innings of the year and, with Jacobs, took the game to St Stithians, College declaring on 400 for 5.

Disappointingly, in the St Stithians second innings, the home team were not prepared to declare and were quite happy to bat the remaining time left in the game. Good bowling from Mason, Jacobs and Wiggill ensured College bowled the opposition out for 253, a lead of 286. College batted sensibly in the second innings and at the close of play were 102 for 2. Match drawn

St Stithians 423/3 Mason 4/80	St Stithians 253 all out Jacobs 3/28
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College 400/5 Van Zyl 179*, Jacobs 112, Smith 67	College 102/2 Thomas 51*
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Match drawn

“One Insurance” High Schools’ T20 Night League

Day night twenty/20 cricket was back at the picturesque Eston Club. Any opportunity to play cricket is exciting, but under lights and in coloured clothing makes it extra special. Trial exams once again affected the composition of the team. With all the Sixth Formers missing, a Stayers team took on a strong Hilton College team. College captain on the night, B Brokensha, led from the front with an excellent 100, getting his team to a defendable 188 for 4. Inexperience in the field let the College team down and allowed Hilton to get home, 6 wickets down. Dzanibe showed his potential in the middle overs, picking up 4 wickets.

With the full-strength team available against the Inland HUB team, College were far too strong for the composite side. Van Zyl led from the front with an excellent 154 not out, College scoring 254 for 4 in their 20 overs. Ponter and Wiggill bowled excellently, picking up 7 wickets between them to bowl the HUB out for 72, giving College a massive 172 run win.

College were scheduled to play Westville in the semi-finals, on a very different pitch. College won the toss and elected to bat first and Van Zyl once again led from the front, with a hard fought 53. He was well supported by Delpont, who scored a run a ball 29. College reached 126 for 6 in their allotted 20 overs. College had the worst possible start with Westville getting to 27 without loss in the first 2 overs. Ponter once again was the man to bring College back into the game. He and leg-spinner Mason, backed by excellent fielding, ensured Westville were bowled out in the 19th over for 100, giving College a well-deserved 26 run win.

Disappointingly, the first final against St Charles was cancelled due to a storm, with a number of buses of excited boarders waiting in the parking lot. The positive of the reschedule was that it was hoped that the injured

Van Zyl would be fit and ready to play after his emergency appendix removal. Unfortunately, it was not to be. In an entertaining game that could have gone either way, College will rue the fact that they did not get to the 150 mark after being well set at the half way stage. St Charles won in the last over by 5 wickets.

Pool game vs Hilton College	
College 188/4	Hilton 189/6
Brokensha 102,	Dzanibe 4/17
Hilton won by 4 wickets	

Pool game vs HUB	
College 254/4	HUB 72 all out
Van Zyl 154*	Ponter 4/14
Brokensha 39	Wiggill 3/5
College won by 172 runs	

Semi Final vs Westville Boys’ High School	
College 126/6	Westville 100 all out
Van Zyl 53	Ponter 3/11
Delpont 29	Dzanibe 3/15
College won by 26 runs	

Final vs St Charles College	
College 139/9	St Charles 145/5
Delpont 37, Thomas 34	
St Charles won by 5 wickets	



B Brokensha celebrates a century agansit Hilton on 8 September



Maritzburg College T20 team at Eston



The Eston cricket ground – during the game against the Pietermaritzburg HUB side

Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week

Match 1 vs Grey College

Stand-in captain, G Delpont, won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket. The new opening partnership of Smith and Armstrong got College off to a slow start. Smith batted well with Thomas and Delpont to get College to 140 for 3 in the 39th over. Brokensha added the much-needed impetus for College to reach 208 for 7 off their 50 overs.

College bowled and fielded well to have Grey College 154 for 7, leg spinner, Mason, bowling with great control to pick up 5 wickets. Unfortunately, one of the better innings by a schoolboy got Grey home by 2 wickets, the batsman farmed the strike for almost 15 overs to score 70 not out.

College 208/7 Grey College 212/8
Smith 50, Brokensha 48 Mason 5/27

Grey College won by 2 wickets

Match 2 vs Pretoria Boys High School

The teams arrived on Goldstone's with beautiful sunshine, clear skies and little chance of rain. The Pretoria Boys captain won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bat first. The College bowling unit bowled well in the first session, restricting the opposition to 110 for 5 at tea. Pretoria Boys batted well after tea, putting together a string of partnerships, to reach 217. Ponter was the pick of the bowlers, picking up 6 wickets.

College absorbed the early pressure and put themselves in a strong position, Armstrong top scored with 49, just missing out on a maiden half century for the 1st XI. Poor shot selection from set batsman put College under pressure and disappointingly, from a winning position College were bowled out for 189, giving Pretoria Boys a 28-run win.

PBHS 217 all out College 189 all out
Ponter 6/48 Armstrong 49, Mason 32*, Jacobs 31

Pretoria Boys High School won by 28 runs

Match 3 vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies)

Day 3 - The weather was once again perfect for cricket, although rather hot. The Affies captain had no hesitation in batting first in almost perfect batting conditions. College started off well, restricting Affies to 36 for 4 in the first power play. Unfortunately, an injury to Ponter in his 4th over, after he had already picked up 3 wickets, gave the Affies batsmen some respite. College were still very much in control after 30 overs, with Affies in the precarious position of 152 for 8. The heat and College being a front-line bowler short allowed the Affies lower order to flourish, eventually all out for 232.

College lost quick wickets upfront and found it difficult to build any meaningful partnerships. Brokensha top scored with 43, with Delpont and Smith getting out in the 20s. College was restricted to 166 all out.

Affies 232 all out College 166 all out
Ponter 3/18, Mason 3/42 Brokensha 43

Affies won by 66 runs

Match 4 vs St Alban's College

Finally, some cool weather greeted the teams on Goldstone's. College captain on the day, Brokensha, won the toss and elected to bat first, in the final twenty/20 game of the week. The batting unit absorbed a lot of pressure early on, and on a difficult wicket, set the game up for College. Contributions from Smith, Thomas, Delpont and Brokensha got College to a defendable 163 for 6.

It was always going to be a difficult run chase for St Alban's. College remained disciplined in the field and won comfortably.

College 163/5 St Alban's 120/6
Brokensha 41*, Delpont 37

College won by 43 runs

vs St Charles College (home) (limited to 50 overs)

The Maritzburg College captain, Van Zyl, won the toss and elected to bowl on a wicket that had a good covering of grass. At 17 for 2 in the 8th over the decision seemed to be justified, but the College bowlers lost their patience, and the combination of bowling too straight and good batting allowed the third wicket partnership to flourish. At 144 for 2 in the 39th over, the game was well set up for St Charles, but College never allowed the visiting batsmen to accelerate and took wickets at crucial times to limit the opposition to 216 for 6 in their 50 overs. Hohls and Ponter both picked up 2 wickets.

Delpont was the first batsman to be dismissed in the fourth over. C Smith and C Thomas steadied the College innings with a 68-run partnership and at tea College were well placed on 101 for 2, needing 116 runs in 25 overs. Once again, the inability to rotate the strike in the middle overs ensured the required run-rate climbed. College, from being well set at 144 for 3, collapsed to 152 for 6 in the 42nd over. Wickets fell at regular intervals as the pressure to hit boundaries intensified and the game ended in the 50th over with the last College batsman being run out.

St Charles 216/6 College 188 all out
Hohls 2/36, Ponter 2/43 Smith 36, Thomas 44, Brokensha 34

St Charles won by 28 runs

vs Glenwood High School (away)

Match abandoned without a ball being bowled.

vs Hilton College (away) (time cricket)

The College 1st XI travelled up Town Hill to take on Hilton. Hilton won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bowl on a dry wicket. The decision did not disappoint College captain Van Zyl. At the start of the batting innings, the College openers, Smith and Delpont, were ruthless on anything loose, racing to 29 in the first four overs. Thereafter wickets fell at a regular rate, a combination of variable bounce and poor shot selection. Poor batting after tea put College under pressure and allowed the Hilton bowlers to dominate the post-tea session, College being bowled out for 132 in the 46th over.

The College bowling attack of A Simelane and B Brokensha bowled a bit short and this allowed the Hilton batsmen to settle and rotate the strike. Ponter took two wickets in two overs to give College a glimmer of hope and two more wickets followed quickly, but the College first innings of 132 was never going to be large enough to defend. Hilton passed the College total in the 34th over and batted on, eventually being bowled out for 189, a lead of 57.

College needed to bat out 18 overs to avoid an innings defeat and, with two wickets in the 7th over, a nervy finish was on the cards. Van Zyl and Delpont batted smartly to avoid any late innings drama and College finished on 59 for 2.

College 132 all out Hilton 189 all out
Delpont 28 Ponter 3/23, Mason 3/58

College 59/2
Van Zyl 31*

Hilton won by 5 wickets on first innings

vs Durban High School (DHS) (away) (limited to 50 overs)

The College 1st XI won an exciting victory despite being under pressure for a large portion of the match. College captain Van Zyl won the toss and had elected to bat on a pitch that looked like it may break up in the afternoon. The DHS bowling attack thrived in conditions that assisted the seam bowlers, taking two early wickets. College were in a precarious position of 28 for 2 after the power play and Van Zyl and Smith worked hard in the difficult conditions for a 56-run partnership. Van Zyl combined well with Brokensha after tea and the College middle order, through Jacobs and Brokensha, changed the momentum of the game in the closing overs, the pair adding 66 off 51 balls for College to get to a defendable 226 for 6.

DHS got off to a great start with an opening partnership of 42 off 6 overs, and there was very little opportunity for College in the next 12 overs, the DHS batsmen punishing anything loose. At tea, DHS were in total control at 136 for 2, needing 90 to win in 25 overs. The introduction of off spinner Wiggill slowed the scoring rate and Hohls changed the game in the 38th over, taking two wickets, both LBW. The breakthrough spurred the College team on and they never allowed the opposition batsmen to settle or develop any partnerships. Brokensha returned in the 39th over and continued where Hohls left off, to pick up another wicket, the score going from 181 for 3 to 181 for 6. With the pressure on the DHS lower order, the College team upped the level of their fielding, not allowing DHS any singles. Brokensha picked up 2 more wickets in the 43rd and 45th overs, before Jacobs finished the game by bowling the last batsman, to give College a thrilling 13 run win.

College 226/6 DHS 213 all out
Van Zyl 64, Brokensha 77* Brokensha 3/30

College won by 13 runs



C Mason bowls on the Hart-Davis oval at Hilton



G Delpont puts the ball away at Eston in a T20



vs Northwood School (away) (limited to 50 overs)

The College 1st XI gained a comfortable victory, putting together arguably their best performance of the season. College won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket that would offer the bowlers early assistance but would quickly become easier to bat on. College were never able to completely take control of the game but kept themselves in the contest with many small partnerships. The biggest partnership of 69, between Van Zyl and Jacobs, set the game up for College, setting the hosts 197 for victory.

Northwood got off to a steady start but were also unable to put together any substantial partnerships. With three quick wickets in the 19th and 20th overs, Northwood were under pressure at 81 for 6. Spinners Mason and Wiggill bowled well in tandem, their allotted 20 overs costing only 45 runs. After tea, the College bowlers, in searching for wickets, bowled too straight and allowed Northwood to put together the biggest partnership of their innings, that of 54. The reintroduction of Jacobs ensured there would be no late innings drama, as he picked up four wickets with some excellent seam bowling. Northwood were all out for 150, giving College a 46-run win.

College 196/8
Van Zyl 82, Jacobs 30
Thomas 35

Northwood 150 all out
Mason 2/20, Jacobs 6/19

College won by 46 runs

vs Kearsney College (home) (limited to 50 overs)

College captain Van Zyl won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bat on a wicket that looked like it would get lower and slower as the day progressed. A mix of good bowling and poor shot selection never allowed College to settle and the home team were unable to put together any significant partnerships, other than one of 83 between Van Zyl and Brokensha. The pair, unfortunately for their team, got out just before the tea break. Wickets fell at regular intervals after tea and College were quickly bowled out for 152 in the 37th over.

After Kearsney started well and at lunch were on 39 for 1 after 10 overs, Hohls picked up 3 wickets in a 5-over spell. Kearsney were still well in control of the match at 78 for 4. Through off spinner Wiggill, who was particularly tidy, bowling his 8 over spell for 15 runs, the Kearsney batsmen came under pressure and wickets fell at regular intervals. At 141 for 9, College had fought their way back into the game. The Kearsney last pair knuckled down and absorbed a lot of pressure from the College team but got their team home in the 41st over.

College 152 all out
Van Zyl 47, Brokensha 39

Kearsney 153/9
Hohls 3/21

Kearsney won by 1 wicket



P Jacobs bowling on Goldstone's

vs St Charles College (home) (50 Overs)

Match abandoned without a ball being bowled.

vs St Charles College (away) (50 Overs)

Match abandoned without a ball being bowled.

vs Glenwood High School (home) (50 Overs)

The College 1st XI gained a comfortable victory, putting together arguably their best performance of the term. College won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bat on a wicket that would offer the bowlers early assistance but with the outfield damp from the previous day's rain would quickly become easier to bat on. The Glenwood bowling attack put College under pressure with some well-disciplined bowling and College were never able to completely take control of the game. Many small partnerships set Glenwood a target of 211 for victory.

Glenwood got off to a steady start but then lost three quick wickets to come under pressure at 30 for 3 after 11 overs. They lost wickets at regular intervals as Mason and Hohls bowled tightly, keeping Glenwood under pressure from both ends. The College fielding was outstanding all afternoon and Thomas took an excellent catch in the deep to end the innings, much to the joy of the boarders watching from the Kent Pavilion.

College 210/9
Van Zyl 31, Thomas 34
Brokensha 30

Glenwood 100 all out
Brokensha 3/14, Mason 3/26

College won by 110 runs

vs Durban High School (DH5) (home) (50 Overs)

College 146/3 (37 overs) match abandoned
Smith 50* Van Zyl 63

vs Michaelhouse (away) (50 Over)

The College 1st XI travelled up to Balgowan to take on Michaelhouse on the picturesque Roy Gathorne Oval. Michaelhouse won the toss and elected to bat on a dry pitch with very little grass. The College bowlers started well, hitting good areas, and Michaelhouse, with some luck, absorbed the early pressure and put on their two biggest partnerships of their innings for the second and third wicket. After the reintroduction of Ponter broke a 93-run partnership, Michaelhouse were never able to capitalise on the base that they had built and collapsed from 221 for 6 to 228 all out.

College lost an early wicket and at 70 for 3, the game was evenly poised. The game was still in the balance at 154 for 5 in the 35 over. Armstrong then combined well with Quin to put on 46 for the 6th wicket, but the dismissal of Armstrong for a well-played 95 once again opened the door for the hosts. Mason and Ponter however ensured there would be no late drama, scoring the remaining 18 runs and getting College home to an exciting 3 wicket win with 10 balls of the innings remaining.

Michaelhouse 228 all out
Brokensha 3/43, Ponter 2/37
Mason 2/30

College 229/7
Armstrong 95, Brokensha 26

College won by 3 wickets

Mr R Coutts

1st XI Statistics - BATTING

Name		Matches	Innings	Not out	Runs	Average	Strike rate	Highest score
G Delport	50 over	15	14	0	182	13.00	62.98	49
	Time	3	6	1	115	23.00	55.29	57
	T20	6	6	0	151	25.17	131.30	46
C Smith	50 over	15	14	1	281	21.62	44.11	50
	Time	3	5	0	116	23.20	48.54	67
	T20	4	3	1	51	25.50	87.93	25
C Thomas	50 over	12	11	0	239	21.73	69.85	59
	Time	3	6	1	131	26.20	67.53	51
	T20	7	7	2	114	22.80	118.75	34
B Brokensha	50 over	15	14	2	398	33.17	60.76	77
	Time	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	T20	8	7	2	205	41.00	119.88	102
J van Zyl	50 over	11	11	0	417	37.91	60.76	82
	Time	3	5	2	341	113.67	93.94	179
	T20	5	5	1	261	65.25	151.74	154
O Currie	50 over	6	6	0	41	6.83	82.00	20
	Time	3	4	2	37	18.50	59.68	15
	T20	7	6	1	43	8.60	113.16	14
R Quin	50 over	6	4	1	91	45.50	68.42	42
	Time	2	2	0	84	42.00	92.31	70
	T20	4	4	2	57	28.50	109.62	21
L Armstrong	50 over	8	8	0	204	25.50	55.28	95
	Time	2	3	0	87	29.00	60.42	29
	T20	2	1	0	8	8	80.00	8
C Mason	50 over	15	9	3	103	17.17	56.91	33*
	Time	3	3	1	11	5.50	39.29	9*
	T20	8	2	1	11	11.00	122.22	7*
P Jacobs	50 over	12	11	0	266	24.18	78.47	61
	Time	3	4	1	235	78.33	87.69	112
	T20	7	6	0	63	10.50	71.59	26
M Ponter	50 over	12	10	5	54	10.80	72.97	28*
	Time	1	1	1	16	-	48.48	16*
	T20	5	4	1	10	3.33	83.33	6*
J Wiggill	50 over	13	6	2	38	9,5	59.38	24*
	Time	2	1	0	12	12	60.00	12
	T20	3	1	0	7	7	175.00	7
A Bharath	50 over	8	3	3	11	-	23.91	7*
	Time	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
C Hohls	50 over	13	7	3	42	10.50	47.73	13*
	Time	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	T20	4	2	1	5	5	50.00	3
A Simelane	Time	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	T20	1	1	0	10	10	142.86	10



1st XI Statistics - BOWLING

Name		Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Strike rate	Economy	Best Bowling
B Brokensha	50 over	76.5	6	344	17	20.235	26.998	4.497	3 for 14
	Time	4	0	26	0	-	-	6.5	0 for 26
	T20	18	0	132	4	33	27	7.33	1 for 21
J van Zyl	50 over	26	3	127	3	42.333	52	4.88	2 for 21
	Time	5	0	45	0	-	-	9	0 for 45
	T20	3	0	22	0	-	-	7.333	0 for 22
C Mason	50 over	102.33	10	358	26	13.769	23.623	3.497	5 for 27
	Time	61	2	304	11	27.636	33.273	4.983	4 for 89
	T20	13	1	68	4	22.667	26	5.23	2 for 14
P Jacobs	50 over	44.666	5	173	9	19.222	29.777	3.87	6 for 19
	Time	36.666	1	214	4	53.5	54.999	5.836	3 for 28
	T20	12	1	58	3	19.333	24.00	4.833	1 for 13
M Ponter	50 over	76.5	2	364	17	21.412	27.009	4.756	6 for 48
	Time	6	1	23	2	11.5	18.00	3.833	2 for 16
	T20	13.5	0	71	10	7.1	8.1	5.259	4 for 14
J Wiggill	50 over	85.33	1	324	6	54	85.33	3.797	1 for 11
	Time	26	1	158	4	39.5	39	6.0769	3 for 53
	T20	7	1	34	5	6.8	8.4	4.8571	3 for 5
Bharath	50 over	35	1	194	2	97	105	5.543	2 for 40
	Time	17	1	79	3	26.333	34	4.65	3 for 43
	T20	5.833	0	30	3	10	11.66	5.143	2 for 14
C Hohls	50 over	74	3	367	21	17.476	21.143	4.96	3 for 21
	Time	4	0	16	0	-	-	4	0 for 16
	T20	10	0	82	2	41	30	8.2	1 for 15
A Simelane	Time	11	1	35	2	17.5	33	2.7	2 for 35
	T20	3	0	12	1	12	18	4	1 for 12



R Quin turning defence into attack against Glenwood on Goldstone's



L Armstrong hits a sublime cover drive towards the Kent Pavilion



2nd XI

The 2022 season was a relatively successful one with the team losing only five matches the entire year. This success was built on some wonderful camaraderie between the players which translated into a series of fine performances on the field. The team was a blend of seasoned veterans and fresh youngsters, all held together by a fine skipper. The players backed up their fine spirit with serious effort during the week at practice.

In the first term there were several excellent performances, with the wins over Hilton and St Charles being the most pleasing to the eye. The match against St Charles was a notable example of College determination wearing down an opposition and triumphing in the end. The innings of O Currie was particularly pleasing as the cavalier nature of the innings was bewildering to the St Charles bowlers, while L Armstrong's bowling performance was just too good on the day. Hilton was undone by a wonderful team performance. T Pascoe set the tone early on, with a fine knock with the bat which allowed College to set a target for their bowlers to bowl at. Hilton's run chase was undone by a combined bowling onslaught, most of the bowlers grabbing a pair of wickets each.

Terms 3 and 4 brought a raft of changes to the team, as several Sixth Formers placed their academics ahead of cricket, and the amalgamation of the U16 age group into the seniors brought a fresh look to the team. The only constant was the skipper A. Woolridge, who admirably continued to fight the good fight and lead the 2nd XI until the end of the year. The match against Westville was a particular highlight, as a fine knock from Armstrong, who scored a maiden century on Goldstone's, set a particularly challenging total for Westville to chase. Unfortunately, inclement weather put paid to what would have a thrilling end to the game.

The 2022 2nd XI was an absolute pleasure to be a part of as the boys were a delight to coach. They were always up for the challenge and their outlook on life never changed. This in no small way can be attributed to the way A Woolridge led the team throughout the year. He never got flustered and always had the team's best interests at heart, both on and off the field. The way he conducted himself during the year allowed him to become a fine role model for the junior members of the team and a splendid example of how captaincy can bring the best out of a person. My thanks also go to Mr R Coutts who provided valuable assistance throughout the year.

Regular players:

L Armstrong, A Woolridge, O Currie, A Bharath, A Khumalo, S Mchunu, L Nkabinde, T Pascoe, R Quin, J Sparks, D Steyn, M Thomson, J Wiggill, R Goncalves, J Bradford

Results:

vs Westville	won by 4 wickets (Quin 52, Woolridge 40)
vs St Charles	won by 3 wickets (Armstrong 4/51, Nkabinde 3/26, Currie 73)
vs St Charles (T20)	won by 5 wickets (Pascoe 3/24, Khumalo 29)
vs Hilton College	won by 38 runs (Pascoe 71, Bharath 37)
vs Michaelhouse (T20)	won by 6 wickets (Wiggill 3/17, Armstrong 32)
vs DHS	won by 7 wickets (Mchunu 3/13, Khumalo 43)
vs Westville	match abandoned (Armstrong 138, Pascoe 70, Quin 40)
vs Kearsney	lost by 14 runs (Bradford 4/29, M Thomson 3/28, Armstrong 35)
vs Northwood	lost by 4 wickets (Sparks 64, Pascoe 32)
vs Glenwood	lost by 147 runs (Khumalo 67)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 3 wickets (Bradford 46, Thomson 46, Khumalo 37, Goncalves 3/25)

Messrs T Orchard and R Coutts



3rd XI

The third cricket team performances demonstrated a mixed pattern in the first term, reflecting two wins, two losses, and a tie in the five matches played. The team's versatility was evident as they secured victories with strong batting and bowling displays. In a closely fought contest, the team managed to secure a tie which was probably the highlight of the season. The boys showed a real sense of enjoyment while on the cricket field and played with passion and true College pride.

The second half of the cricket season got underway with the U16 age group joining the open age group, except for the U16A team. This made things interesting as the U16 boys got their first taste of open cricket. The term started with a very close contest against Westville. A strong Kearsney side was met the following weekend and showed their class by putting a large T20 score on the board. The College boys showed admirable fight but fell short in the end. Playing Glenwood on a small field in Durban was a fun day for the batsmen, with College making full use of it by batting first. After putting together the biggest total of the season, the bowling attack did well to limit Glenwood and led the team to a comfortable victory.

With many players unavailable the following weekend, major changes were made to the team for the match against DHS. We batted a bit slowly for a T20, but the score turned out to be more than enough against a DHS batting outfit that never looked like achieving their target. The comfortable victory may not have helped us as our next fixture was against a strong Michaelhouse outfit. Too many runs were leaked early on in the Michaelhouse innings, which made our total all the more difficult to defend at the death. Credit must go to Michaelhouse, who used their opportunities to win a tight affair on their home turf.

The boys enjoyed a fun, yet competitive season together. Sinclair did well to lead the side as the only matric boy in the team. I wish the boys well with the rest of their cricket careers at College.

Regular players:

L Sinclair (captain), R Barker, J Bradford, R Goncalves, J Laurens, S Luffingham, K Meisegeier, J Miller, R Murray, B Thomson, C van der Vliet, F Worthy, D Simpson, C Goslett, C Erasmus, D Warren, M Knoetze, J Knoetze, A Botha, C Stead, T Armstrong, T Ekhoff, J Samuel, C van der Merwe, S Hutton, R Pitout, K Dobeyn, M Barnardo

Results:

vs Westville	won by 7 wickets (Thomson 50)
vs St Charles	lost by 21 runs (Worthy 58)
vs Michaelhouse	won by 4 wickets
vs Hilton	lost by 5 wickets (Murray 72)
vs Northwood	match drawn
vs Westville	won by 8 runs (Erasmus 4/25)
vs Kearsney	lost by 19 runs (Armstrong 3/26)
vs Glenwood	won by 39 runs (Goslett 50)
vs DHS	won by 55 runs (Stead 3/15)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 7 wickets (Pitout 71)

Mr D Hoffman

4th XI

The 4th XI basically had two completely different teams. The one was in the first term and the other in the third and fourth terms. This was due to the matrics not playing in the last term, when they started exams, and thus the U16s were added to the open age group.

The 4th XI had a very successful first term of cricket. The young men were very enthusiastic and produced some good wins over the opposition. The team were, for the most part, all-rounders with nearly everyone being able to bowl and bat. It was rather difficult to find a specialist opening batsman. The team was competently led by J Miller who was also the wicketkeeper. The match against DHS in Hilton was not the easiest match, played in thick mist and drizzle which made good cricket very difficult. It was only a ten over match. We were due to play Hilton again on that same day, but conditions prevented that ten-over match from happening.

During the 3rd and 4th terms, the team only played a few matches as several were called off owing to rain. The first match the team played was against Kearsney, which lasted until the very last over. The bowling let the team down by giving away 33 extras, which probably cost them the match. The second match, against Glenwood, was won with ease by College. In the third match, against DHS, College lacked the bowling attack to bowl DHS out and thus were defeated. In the last match, against Michaelhouse, the number of extras conceded was again decisive.

Thank you to the parents for their support during the year.

Regular players:

R Bernstein, M Clemmans, N Deyzel, K Dobeyn, T Ekhoﬀ, G Egberink, O Haasbroek, S Hutton, J Killick, P Laurens, R Maartens, J Marsh, J Martin, B Mc Gregor, L McIlrath, J Miller, E Moodley, W Muggleton, S Munro, D Naidoo, J Odell, S Pillay, R Pitout, J Samuel, A Sithole, T Sewpersad, D Slabbert, C Stead, T Thompson, R Tocknell, C van der Merwe, C van Heerden

Results:

vs Westville	won by 3 wickets (Stead 4/14, McIlrath 3/7, Laurens 3/12)
vs St Charles	won by 9 wickets (Hutton 3/9)
vs Hilton College	won by 4 wickets (Stead 5/12)
vs DHS (10 overs)	won by 23 runs (Sewpersad 3/8)
vs Kearsney	lost by 4 wickets (Pitout 54, J Samuel 3/15)
vs Glenwood	won by 171 runs (Fulton 113, Pitout 58, Barnardo 3/15, Clemmans 3/7, Deyzel 3/7)
vs DHS	lost by 3 wickets (Martin 51)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 6 wickets (T Ekhoﬀ 40)

Mr G Dorling



C Hohls bowling at St Charles



C Smith vs Hilton at Eston 8 Sept 2022



J Wiggill bowling on Goldstone's

5th XI

The team was two different teams, in term 1 and term 4, owing to the U16s joining the open ranks in term 4. This proved to be a challenge in terms of selection but the boys must be commended on their commitment to the team and the kind of cricket that they played. There were some great team results as well as some individual performances that stood out. Unfortunately, due to many schools not being able to field a 5th team, several of the games either had to be played internally or against other schools on the stagger. The boys must all be commended on their attitude and discipline during the season and I wish them all the best for 2023.

Regular players:

H Briggs (captain), P van Heerden, J Killick, R Bernstein, J Martin, M Barnadu, G Egbrink, R Maartens, E Moodley, S Tredgold, N Deysel, O Luffingham, T Thompson, D Slabbert, C Comrie

Results:

vs College U16D	lost by 136 runs (Roux 3/33, Munroe 2/38)
vs Howick 1st XI	lost by 9 wickets
vs Michaelhouse U16C	won by 10 wickets (Munroe 4/29)
vs College 6th	lost by 10 runs (Clemmans 65)
vs College U15B	won by 55 runs (van Heerden 31, Killick 37, Briggs 37, Thompson 29)
vs Voortrekker 1st XI	lost by 6 wickets

Mr S Botha



C Thomas batting during Michaelmas Week



U16A

Back Row: C Ferraz, R McKean, J Konigkramer, L Sutherland, J Marcus, L Miller
Front row: B Hosking, N Narain, Mr C Nevay (coach), O Da Costa (captain), Mr S Sinclair (coach), M Gibson, W Beauclerk

The U16A cricket team of 2022 was a talented group of boys who could never be faulted on their energy and work ethic, either at practices or on hot Saturdays. These boys enjoyed a rather successful first term, when we beat St Charles in 50- and 20-over games. They then played Michaelhouse in a T20 game where we put on a brilliant all-round performance and beat them by 97 runs. We slipped up in our games against Northwood and Hilton, when we did not play good enough cricket on the day, and twice came up short.

The boys were extremely eager to continue their cricket in the third term when we started the season against a very good Westville team at Westville. This was our best performance of the year with everyone playing their part and we gelled properly as a team. We beat them after losing the toss and being put into bat. A fired-up College team then came out to field and created a buzz that never allowed the Westville batsmen to settle. McKean took apart their top order and the fielding from the boys was exceptional. We unfortunately had no luck with the weather and two fixtures were cancelled because of rain. We played Howick 1st team and were well in command when, unfortunately, the weather again intervened. Our Glenwood fixture saw our first centurion of the year, when Gibson played superbly to score 115 not out. Our final fixture of the year was against Michaelhouse. We were once again too strong for our opponents, with Sutherland and Da Costa demolishing the Michaelhouse bowling attack.

This group of boys has matured through the year and they all brought their own unique characters to the surface. Our team really was a unit of eleven brothers who took to the field every weekend and our opposition felt it right from the warm-up. It was an honour and privilege to coach these fine young men of College and I am proud of each and every one of them for their cricket and personal development this year.

We expect great things from these boys as they continue through life in cricket and in general. Never give up, boys.

Regular players:

O da Costa, N Jackson, N Narain, B Hosking, L Sutherland, L Miller, M Gibson, W Beauclerk, C Ferraz, J Konigkramer, J Marcus, A Botha

Results:

vs St Charles T20	won by 5 wickets (McKean 4/16)
vs Michaelhouse T20	won by 97 runs (Marcus 50*, McKean 42)
vs Hilton College	lost by 4 wickets (McKean 50)
vs Northwood	lost by 125 runs (Gibson 4/66)
vs Westville	won by 41 runs (Hosking 47, Gibson 52, McKean 4/16)
vs Glenwood	won by 256 runs (Gibson 115*, Sutherland 58, da Costa 42)
vs Howick	match drawn due to weather (da Costa 51)
vs Michaelhouse	won by 7 wickets (Konigkramer 3/10, Sutherland 63*, da Costa 48*)

Messrs S Sinclair and C Nevay

U16B

The U16B team had a short, but enjoyable season. There was a lot of promise among the players that could have been placed on display in a longer season. The boys played mature and talented cricket.

Regular players:

C Goslett, C Erasmus, D Warren, M Knoetze, J Knoetze, R Tocknell, J Samuel, D Simpson, A Mornet, A Botha, T Armstrong

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 9 wickets
vs St Charles	won by 7 wickets
vs St Charles	won by 87 runs
vs Northwood	lost by 19 runs

Mr C Myburgh



U16C

We managed to complete four cricket matches in the first term, with some hotly contested matches. The first one was against Westville on Nicholson’s. The visitors put up a very competitive total, which we had to work very hard to reach. Bernstein was the standout performer, scoring an exhilarating 80 runs not out and leading us to victory in the final over. The following weekend, at Howick, we once again bowled first, but this time managed to limit our opponents much more. This made life a lot easier for our batting line-up which stumbled to victory with a performance below the team’s usually high standards. We were back at home the next weekend, with Simpson and Van Heerden putting up a good partnership against Michaelhouse. The visitors did very well to keep the batsmen at bay and limited us to a low total. The College bowlers did their utmost to do the same, but were hamstrung by the low target, ultimately resulting in defeat. Our final match of the season was against DHS, who opted to bat first and were reduced to a mere 87 runs thanks to a superb bowling display by the College attack. G Egberink was particularly effective with ball in hand with exceptional figures for his efforts.

Although the prevailing weather meant the amount of cricket played was limited, it was nonetheless an enjoyable season. Egberink did well to lead

the team by example with his excellent work ethic and passion for the game. I wish the boys all the best for their future in the game and hope that they all reach their potential.

Regular players:

G Egberink (captain), R Bernstein, O Haasbroek, J Samuel, D Ferguson, J Martin, T Pearson, R Wichmann, S Mbatha, N Deyzel, E Moodley, R Maartens, C van Heerden

Results:

vs Westville	won by 4 wickets (Bernstein 80*)
vs Howick	won by 2 wickets
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 5 wickets
vs DHS	won by 4 wickets (Egberink 4/10)

Mr D Hoffman



U15A

Back Row: D Naidoo, C van Rooyen, R Venter, J Thackwray, K Dedekind, S Hughes, D Jackson, J Currie, D Naidoo, A Nqayi
Front row: M Gwala, N Pembridge, Mr L Barnard, E Bester (captain), Mr A Ebrahim, D Nadasan, S Dzanibe

The season started off with a bit of a wobble. Being new to the school as a coach and learning each boy’s personality was a bit of a challenge. However, some boys stood out from the beginning. Captain Ewald Bester, a mature young man with great leadership qualities, held the boys together. As the season progressed, the boys were tested in practice and introduced to what we expected as our new standard. The first term was up and down with regards to results, but each game a different boy put his hand up to contribute to the team’s result.

The highlight of the year for me was our tour to Port Elizabeth. We participated in the Grey High U15 Cricket Festival. This was the turning point for the boys as they started to see their potential as a team and individually. Winning three out three 50-over games and narrowly losing a T20 game on the final day, we felt we had a successful tour. Our mindsets started to change, and the positive team culture was evident. Star performances were spread across the team throughout our fixtures. Our top order included D Nadasan, J Currie, E Bester, C van Rooyen, J Thackwray and Deron Naidoo. All-rounders were K Dedekind, S Hughes, Deolyn Naidoo and S Dzanibe. Our bowling attack consisting of M Gwala,

N Pembridge, D Jackson, A Nqayi and R Venter. Our season did not have the fairy-tale ending we hoped for, but the smiles at the end were more than enough. Well done to the boys on a successful year. I am very proud to have been part of this team.

Regular players:

E Bester, D Nadasan, S Dzanibe, M Gwala, R Venter, J Currie, C van Rooyen, S Hughes, K Dedekind, Deolyn Naidoo, A Nqayi, Deron Naidoo, D Jackson, J Thackwray, N Pembridge

Results:

vs Westville	won by 8 runs
vs St Charles (50 over)	match abandoned
vs Glenwood	match abandoned

vs St Charles (20 over) lost by 3 runs

vs Hilton College lost by 135 runs

vs Northwood lost by 56 runs

vs DHS lost by 7 wickets

vs Westville lost by 156 runs (Dedekind 49)

vs Kearsney won by 9 wickets (Hughes 4/9, Deolyn Naidoo 3/3)

vs Grey College won by 36 runs (Nadasan 89, Dedekind 67, Pembridge 4/31)

vs Paul Roos won by 3 wickets (Dzanibe 52, Van Rooyen 43, Gwala 4/30)

vs Selborne won by 5 wickets (Gwala 4/26, Dzanibe 61*)

vs SACS (20 over) lost by 26 runs

vs Northwood match Abandoned

vs Helpmekaar won by 4 wickets (Bester 45, Deolyn Naidoo 4/38, Pembridge 3/22)

vs St Charles match Abandoned

vs Glenwood won by 55 runs (Bester 55, Gwala 3/30, Pembridge 4/28)

vs Michaelhouse lost by 1 wicket (Gwala 5/31)

Messrs A Ebrahim and L Barnard

U15B

While I only took over this group of boys halfway through the season, the energy that the team displayed was tremendous. We had our ups and downs as the season progressed, but one thing that never wavered was the pure enjoyment and enthusiasm that the team demonstrated. Our practices were never dull, as each player brought their unmistakable personality and added to the group dynamics.

We played such great cricket in some matches and the players really took their opportunities to stand up and show their capabilities. Even though our season ended on a loss, it was a tremendous game that came right down to the very last ball of the match. It really was a showcase of how this team never stopped fighting till the end and some excellent batting by Jackson and Botha ensured that we were close to that victory in the final over.

I am so excited to see where all these young cricket players go in the future, as they are all so full of potential and I know that through hard work and perseverance this potential can grow into outstanding talent. I wish all of them the best as they take on their next cricketing challenge in the U16 age group.

Regular players:

G Askew (captain), A Barnes, K Botha, E Clark, S Deane, K Jones, T Kufal, D Naidoo, W Strachan, W Trodd, N Tshabalala, R van der Vliet, R Venter, D Jackson, A Nqayi

Results:

vs Michaelhouse	lost by 5 runs
vs DHS	rained out
vs Glenwood	won by 169 runs
vs St Charles	rained out
vs Northwood	lost by 7 wickets
vs College 5ths	lost by 38 runs
vs Kearsney	rained out
vs Westville	won by 6 wickets
vs Northwood	lost by 19 runs
vs Hilton College	lost by 7 wickets

Messrs J Harvey and A Peters

U15C

There is a certain amount of pressure that boys and coaches in higher sides have to contend with and that can take the fun out of the game we love just a tad. However, the team and I have thrived this year, with much laughter and fun, team spirit and then even some cricket, if the rain allowed for it. We lost a lot of time to inclement weather this year, but this just made us even more hungry to get on to the field and play the game. And when we did, we took full advantage and ended on a very nice high note by convincingly beating our first term foes from Balgowan.

We can honestly say that the team’s results were secondary to playing the game that we all so love. Thank you to all involved, the parents and friends and family on the side of the ground, in the heat. And mostly to the players, thank you for always arriving keen, enthusiastic and on time, ready to get involved and have fun. Never lose the love of the game.

Regular players:

K Singh (captain), J Steyn (captain/vice-captain), A Cumming, B Cumming, S Deane, T Ekerold, C Hurson, H Maluleke, M Martin, C McDonald, A Mthalane, L O’Connor, F Pillay, G Smythe

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 4 runs
vs Howick	match drawn
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 40 runs
vs Northwood U15C	won by 50 runs B (Cumming 4/18)
vs Voortrekker	won 40 (Steyn 63, Maluleke 3/16, Hurson 3/7, Steyn 43)
vs Glenwood	won by 170 (Ekerold 79*, Maluleke 3/3, Smythe 3/3, Sewparsad 2/6)
vs DHS	match abandoned: lightning
vs Michaelhouse	won by 8 wickets (Hurson 2/6, Ekerold 45)

Mr R Barbour

U15D

The U15D team had a relatively frustrating season. The boys played their best and their attitude towards their cricket must be commended but they unfortunately missed out on several fixtures owing to weather and schools not being able to field the same number of teams. However, this did not stop the boys from training hard and looking to improve on their skills. A couple of really good results and two losses on a stagger was a great effort from the team. Even though there were a few good individual performances, the team relied heavily on all the players in order to get onto the right side of the result.

Regular players:

M Borchers, Z Canham, J Fryer Dudley, K Govender, J Gray, C Hurson, M Kauffman, T Mason, D Moodley, L Shangase, P Shuttleworth, T Thompson, H Maluleke, C Elliot, C McDonald

Results

vs St Charles U15C	lost by 76 runs
vs DHS	won by 10 wickets
vs Northwood	won by 8 wickets
vs Westville	lost by 6 wickets (Thompson 55*, McDonald 40)
vs Linpark U15A	lost by 9 wickets

Messrs M Khumalo and A Walstrooom





U14A

Back Row: A Bharath, S Gasa, K de Bruyn, E Fabre, J Thompson, C Francis, T Katz, J Pay
Front row: T van Niekerk, Mr O Kajee (coach), R Willson (captain), Mr K Nipper (director of cricket), D du Toit
Absent: C Le Court De Billot

The 2022 cricket season began with much hope and anticipation as the U14 age group began their high school cricket journey. With many new faces in the College family and fiercely competitive trials, the year ahead was filled with promise and belief. After much debate and deliberation, an U14A team, led by R Willson was selected to represent the school in the age group.

The first term saw the boys adapt to high school cricket and the new way of school life. The team provided spirited performances in all their encounters, but a completely clinical performance was not the order of the day. The team showed glimpses of their considerable potential by registering an emphatic victory over local rivals St Charles on Snow's during early February. Although the results were not always favourable, the boys can be proud of their dedication and the exemplary nature in which they conducted themselves during the term.

With the U14 boys now settling into school life, the term three early warm-up showed signs of maturity as the tail end of the year beckoned. The highlight of the year came during our game against Westville, when our boys defeated the highly ranked team by 6 runs in a game where a total of over 650 runs was scored by both teams.

The Michaelmas holidays saw the U14A cricket team travel to Hilton College for the U14 festival where schools from all over the country showcased their talents. Our boys started the four-day tournament on a positive note, registering a 'winning draw' against Rondebosch in a declaration game. The next three encounters were lost to tough opposition in the form of St Stithians, Wynberg Boys and Grey College. Nevertheless, the boys were great ambassadors for the school at the festival and adopted a diligent approach to all scenarios with which they were faced.

The term four cricket season was sadly curtailed due to inclement weather. It was heartening to see the boys personal and team progression as they produced a pleasing brand of cricket, claiming victories over Glenwood and the touring Helpmekaar team. The year culminated with a loss to Michaelhouse in a game that had many ups and downs, a match typical of the U14A cricket year with many positives but areas that require improvement as well.

We thank the players for their dedication and commitment to the year. Special mention must go to the coaches for their tireless efforts throughout

the year. It is also worth noting that 17 boys were afforded the opportunity to represent the U14A cricket team at some stage during the year, great exposure for the boys! We are certain that they will take on board all the knowledge imparted throughout the year and become a force to be reckoned with during the upcoming U15 year.

Regular players:

R Willson (captain), A Bharath, T van Niekerk, E Fabre, K de Bruyn, C Francis, J Thomson, D du Toit, J Pay, T Katz, S Gasa

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 90 runs (de Bruyn 39)
vs St Charles	won by 24 runs (de Bruyn 60, Gasa 4/28)
vs Glenwood	no result: inclement weather
vs Hilton College	lost by 61 runs (Willson 3/32, Willson 38)
vs DHS T12	lost by 14 runs
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 51 runs (van Niekerk 55)
vs Northwood	lost by 3 wickets (Bharath 51)
vs Westville	won by 6 runs (de Bruyn 130, Willson 60, 3/52)
vs Kearsney	lost by 7 wickets
vs Northwood	cancelled due to rain
vs Helpmekaar	won by 89 runs (Fabre 55*, Willson 53)
vs St Charles	cancelled due to rain
vs Glenwood	won by 4 wickets (du Toit 3/10, Bharath 41)
vs DHS	rain stopped play (Wiggill 3/17)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 91 runs (du Toit 4/33)

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vs Rondebosch	match drawn (van Niekerk 76, Bharath 51, de Bruyn 41)
vs St Stithians	lost by 4 wickets (du Toit 47*)
vs Wynberg	lost by 69 runs
vs Grey College	lost by 39 runs (de Bruyn 64*)

Mr O Kajee

U14B

The U14B cricket team of 2022 experienced a mixed bag of results. At times the team dominated the opposition, while during other games, the boys let their focus slip, allowing a few opposition teams to achieve big wins against us. The team was comprised of a good balance, however, with aggressive batsmen, pace and spin bowlers, great fielders and reliable keepers.

Ably led by J Armstrong, this team certainly achieved some memorable victories. Losing to Michaelhouse in the first term, the boys showed true heart and hard work to enjoy a strong victory over their age-old foes in their last game of the year. What a way to wrap up the season. This nail-biting win was testament to this team's hunger to improve their bowling consistency, batting discipline, strategic thinking and fielding excellence. These goals, I believe, they did achieve. May they take these lessons into the future. Wicket-keeping often goes unnoticed, so we are grateful for the efforts of L Becket in term 1 and T Kruger in term 4. They kept wicket with focus and commitment. I sincerely hope that all these young men continue with their endeavours as College cricketers, as they are truly some of the most enjoyable experiences of their high school years. I will follow their progress with interest.

Regular players:

J Armstrong (captain), B Cook, C Wood, R Schirge, T Kruger, S Wiggill, C Le Court De Billot, N Ngcemu, J Jordaan, N Naidoo, S Pedlar, O Hoatson, M Smart, B Barnard, D Jursa, L Becket

Results:

vs Westville	won by 7 wickets (Schirge 3/4)
vs St Charles	won by 4 wickets
vs Hilton College	lost by 29 runs (Pedlar 3/13, Wood 36)
vs DHS	won by 7 wickets (Jordaan 3/10, Schirge 35)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 6 wickets
vs Northwood	lost by 6 wickets
vs Westville	match drawn (Le Court De Billot 6/12, Schirge 46)
vs Kearsney	won by 8 wickets (Wiggill 76*)
vs Northwood	lost by 7 wickets
vs Glenwood	won by 8 wickets (Le Court De Billot 4/38, Kruger 61*)
vs DHS	match abandoned (Jursa 41)
vs Michaelhouse	won by 13 runs (Barnard 65, Le Court De Billot 5/28)

Mr M-J Smit and Mr C Myburgh

U14C

The U14C cricket team had an impressive time in 2022, going unbeaten through the entire year. All the credit goes to the boys. An impeccable attitude, great work ethic and plenty of natural talent made coaching this group an absolute pleasure. Several boys got a deserved chance in the higher teams. The step up was seamless as they continued their great form by performing excellently in the B and A teams. A highlight was the match against Michaelhouse in the first term which went down to the last

couple of overs, but the boys showed real determination and came through with some clutch bowling and fielding to secure the win. An unbelievably successful season and all thanks must go to the boys.

Regular players:

S Wiggill, M Smith, M Smart, D Jursa, B Barnard, N Ngcemu, J Jordaan, J Zunckel, H Hackland, D Palmer, L Lotter, C Maud, S Maharaj, S Shabalala, T Pillay, W Botha

Results:

vs Westville	won by 7 wickets (Kruger 11*, Smith 2/4, Botha 2/1)
vs St Charles	won by 9 wickets (Kruger 22*, Smart 2/11, Botha 2/2, Pedlar 2/6)
vs Glenwood	no result – rained out
vs Hilton College	won by 19 runs (Smart 30*, Canham 2/4)
vs DHS	no result – rained out (Barnard 33*)
vs Michaelhouse	won by 20 runs (Jursa 77, Palmer 49, Smith 2/21)
vs Northwood	won by 71 runs (Wiggill 47*, Smart 46*, Jordaan 2/12, Smart 2/21)
vs Westville	won by 68 runs (Barnard 67*, Smart 87*, Maud 2/24, Smith 2/2)
vs Kearsney	won by 10 wickets (Jursa 55*, Barnard 50*, Lotter 2/13)
vs Northwood	won by 9 wickets (Smart 45*, Jursa 33, Smart 2/9)
vs Howick U15A	no result – rained out
vs Howick U15A	no result – rained out (Jordaan 1/3)
vs Glenwood	won by 9 wickets (Barnard 38*, Palmer 35, Smith 4/8, Maud 2/17)
vs DHS	no result – thunder/lightning (Smith 3/22, Zunckel 2/19)
vs Michaelhouse	won by 9 wickets (Palmer 23, Shabalala 4/13, Lotter 2/2)

Mr S Stopford

U14D

The U14D cricket team had a very productive 2022 cricketing season. The boys always gave 110% on the field, at games as well as at practices. It was only due to their commitment and dedication that they were able to reach greater heights in their cricketing prowess. The boys learned each other's strengths and weakness. They began to develop the ability to 'read' each other. It soon became evident that they were developing by leaps and bounds – not just in an individual capacity, but as a team. This bodes well for the future as cricket is, after all, a team sport.

All in all, it was a great season for the boys, and it was a joy and privilege to work with such a promising and enthusiastic group of young cricketers. I wish them the very best in their future cricketing endeavours.

Regular players:

D Clark, M Chetty, B Fourie, A Lambeth, C Machwane, E Mpapa, J Nettleton, W Nzuza, R Sheik, E Sobwe, J Theeralangam

Results:

vs Westville	won by 8 wickets
vs Inland HUB Team	lost by 77 runs
vs DHS	game called off due to poor visibility
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 5 runs
vs Northwood	lost by 31 runs
vs Westville	won by 8 wickets
vs College U14E	won by 179 runs
vs Glenwood	won by 10 wickets

Mr R Pillay





The Cricket Dinner, held on the evening of Friday 19 November 2022, in the Victoria Hall, was a generous celebration of the 2022 year in cricket. The table décor was cricket-themed in colour and subject: large biscuits with appropriate icing, used cricket balls made into candles with placemats showing the faces of the 1st XI cricketers. In addition each player received a hard-covered, 26x26cm, 32-page book of photographs from the year. A sometimes boisterous evening was enjoyed by all. In the last photo, above, the captain's parents, Tracy and Warren van Zyl, enjoy the fun.



Cross-Country

Back row: D Denton, J Gray, S Norton, C Wilson, N Deyzel, C Dillon, B Dillon
Middle row: C van der Merwe, S Khumalo, M Singh, E McAllister, L Shangase, E Hamadziripi, D Gademan, Z Dladla
Front row: L Newlands, R Finnie, Mr L Tshabalala (coach), S Arnold (captain), Mr H Ntenezi (coach), C Higgins, J Werth
Absent: Mr B de Lange (MIC), C Zondi, R Kleinhans, J Odell, D Becket, E Maynard, B Fourie, T Buthelezi, S Redlinghuys, L Mavimbela, L Luthuli, S Adie, S Malila, A Ndlovu, O Ntombela, V Wosiyana, C Gould

This year's cross-country saw the return of the Midlands League meetings in a full attendance format – a wonderful spectacle. The College boys performed to a high standard and made the Red, Black and White proud in their efforts against neighbouring schools. Several boys featured in the final top 10 for the season. In the senior category we had J Werth in 3rd place and S Arnold in 7th. In the junior category L Shangase placed 3rd, with E McAllister in 4th, and E Hamadziripi in 8th position.

School exchanges were welcomed back this year which meant that Maritzburg College was able to host a cross-country meet against Gauteng rivals, King Edward School (KES). The KES contingent was dominant, especially in the junior category, and won the day. However, a few seniors put in solid efforts to see a commendable result. We look forward to a rematch.

Our inter-House cross-country event took place in the third term. The overall House winner was Calder House while the individual senior winner was J Werth (Forder House), and the junior winner was L Shangase (Fuller House).

In addition, Werth was chosen to represent KZN in the U16 category for cross-country. He raced in the South African Cross-country Championships in Rustenburg in September in hot and dry conditions against a massive field, finishing 63rd.

Overall, 2022 has been a great year for our cross-country runners and we look to grow and develop the boys in the future. Thank you to S Arnold who has been the captain of cross-country this year and to Mr L Tshabalala and Mr H Ntenezi for their coaching.

Mr B de Lange





Cycling

Back row: L Newlands, E Kock, C Sellick
Front row: N Burczak (captain), Mr J Tyler (MIC), J Jankovich-Besan
Absent: M Jewaskiewitz, P Hauff, I Hemingway, D Naidoo, B Frodsham

KZN Schools Mountain Biking has pulled out all the stops this season to ensure that our inter-schools series continues to grow and thrive. Their events have seen many of our young College men perform well, as well as some of our new young cyclists start to take a keen interest in the sport.

2022 also saw our team cycle in some school exchanges, which is always fun for all our riders. We had exchanges with Pretoria Boys High, Jeppe, and Northwood. Our boys rode well, showing true College grit and determination on the track, and they were always friendly and polite off the track.

L Newlands must be commended on an outstanding season on the bike, performing well in both the KZN Schools MTB Series and the ROAG series.

This season was my last as the MIC of cycling. It has been a pleasure to get to know the College cyclists and I thank them and their families for all their efforts. Taking over from me in 2023 is Mrs Kerry Bartholomew. I know that the College cyclists will give her all the support that they gave to me and continue to do College proud.

With Spur pulling out as the headline sponsor for the schools' cycling series, KZN Schools MTB did a tremendous job of trying to fill the gap and

organise events. Although our numbers have decreased since the Covid pandemic, our cyclists all did their best to keep the College flag flying high at these events. Newlands and N Burczak were often seen on the podium.

We were privileged to host two races of our own this season. The first was against our rivals from Pretoria Boys High, and then a combined race between College, Northwood and Jeppe. Both races took place at the Karkloof Country Club, and our boys left nothing on the route. Against PBHS we won convincingly but sadly, against Northwood and Jeppe, too many riders missed markers, turning the ride into an afternoon of fun rather than a competitive race.

PBHS hosted us to a wonderful afternoon of racing at the Buffelsdrift MTB Park. College may have been outnumbered, but quality triumphed over quantity with N Burczak, our captain, leading by example by winning the race.

L Newlands must be commended on his outstanding season in the ROAG series both on the bike and out on the running trail.

Mr J Tyler



Esports

Back row: P Gumede, R Hadden, P Khumalo
Front row: L Wassink, Mr T Tshabalala (MIC)
Absent: J O'Brien (captain), A Barnard, L Cassim, C Miller, L During

Esports, also known as electronic sport or competitive gaming, is a form of organised, multiplayer video game competition. It has grown significantly in recent years, with boys coming in just to watch the esports boys practise and compete in various games. Esports proved to be a challenge at the beginning of the year, with a slow start coming out of the Covid pandemic. The boys struggled to get back into a routine.

Compared to the past years, this year was different as we only had boys interested in Rocket League, which was a very successful year as well. We managed to get both our A and B team to compete and make it to the qualifiers. This was the first time both our A and B Rocket League team made the qualifiers since we have started esports here at College. However, they fell short of participating at the Comicon in Johannesburg. The esports tournaments are typically organised into leagues, with players or teams

competing for cash prizes and sponsorship. Some of the most popular games in esports include League of Legends, Dota2, Counter Strike and Rocket League. The esports team also hosted a Games Night with FIFA being the primary game being played. The winner of the tournament was C Mwamba who also won a cash prize.

Regular players:
J O'Brien (captain), A Barnard, L Cassim, C Miller, L During, L Wassink, P Gumede, R Hadden, P Khumalo

Mr T Tshabalala





Golf

Back row: F Pillay, C Newman, L Sibetha
Front row: J Truter, Mr D Trodd (MIC) G Delport (captain), Mr C Pitout, L Akerman
Absent: J Barnard, R Graham

It has again been a positive year for golf at Maritzburg College, as by far the largest number of new golfers started at College. Although quality players are still hard to find, in many ways Covid-19 had a positive effect on golf in general, as it was one of the few sports which could be played when lockdown restrictions were eased. However, much hard work lies ahead for the new golfers as no competitive golf has been played over the past two years. The best way for boys to improve is to play as many tournaments as possible since there is no substitute for experience. In two years time, hopefully many of our players will fulfil their potential.

Local league results have been disappointing this year, with College winning two and halving one of our six inter-school matches in the first term. The poor win rate can be ascribed to a lack of depth and experience in the team. This should improve next season as the younger players mature and gain in both confidence and proficiency. Next year sees most of our current first team returning, which should bring positive results.

On the other hand, inter-provincial results with a smaller 4-man team have been very good as we won three out of four meetings. Three of the boys in this team gained selection to the KZN Schools A or B teams. This team also travelled to Humewood to play in the SA Schools team event, but unfortunately, they did not perform as well as expected.

However, the boys selected for KZN Schools performed well and KZN A and B teams came first and second respectively at the SA Schools ITP tournament in the October holiday.

The annual golf tour to the south coast during the July holiday was again a great success with the boys playing in three KZN foundation tournaments and posting some good individual results.

The Maritzburg College Golf Championship, held at the Maritzburg Golf Club, was won by L Akerman. For the first time, a match play championship was held with the top four players going through. This was also won by Akerman, making him a double champion.

KZN Schools selection:

A Team	L Akerman and J Truter
B Team	C Newman

Members of the first team were:

G Delport (captain), L Akerman, J Truter, L Sibetha, J Barnard, F Pillay, C Newman, R Graham.

Results:

vs St Charles	won
vs Michaelhouse	lost (A)
vs Hilton College	halved (H) and lost (A)
vs KES	won (H)
vs PBHS	won (H) and won (A)
vs Affies	lost (H)

Mr D Trodd



1st XI

Back row: A Khumalo, S Hamilton, R Graham, K Dobeys, B Brokensha
Middle row: L Seshemane, C van der Vliet, G Winlock, J Konigkramer, J Le Court de Billot, Siviwe Sithembu, P Dlamini, I Mosupye
Front row: C Fulton, A Styan, Mr R Jones (assistant coach), M Ponter (captain), Mr K Emerson (coach), R Marais, A Carter

Review by the Director of Hockey

The year 2022 will certainly be remembered as the year in which school sport returned. Despite the year feeling like a very long one, it was wonderful to see the boys compete in full fixtures again. The season was a good one and College hockey can be proud of its achievements.

College fielded 16 hockey teams in 2022 which included roughly 210 players on any given weekend. They played a total of 206 games (including staggers), winning 120, drawing 41 and losing 45. At A team level, the teams only lost 14 matches and won 36, meaning that 64% of A team matches resulted in wins with just 25% losses.

Six of our teams toured in 2022, which included all A and B teams in each age group. These tours were a huge success with some very good results. The 1st XI toured to the annual Nomads event, which took place in East London, where the 1st XI played 5 matches, winning 3 and losing 2, as well as the St Stithians Easter Festival, which saw 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. The U16s had a tough start to their year, when they won 1 of their 5 games at their Nomads at King Edward School in Johannesburg. The U14A team were certainly the standout team in 2022. They went unbeaten at their Nomads tournament and did not lose a single game throughout the year. Our B teams did extremely well, often playing against A teams from other schools. Our U14B lost just one game, to an invitation team, at the U14 Ken Florens event at Northwood and our 2nd XI lost just one game (against an opposition 1st team) out of seven at the Keith Fairweather Festival. The U16B team toured Jeppe and played four games, losing one, drawing two and winning one.

The College programme provided 43% of Inland selections in 2022. Not only were 40 of our boys selected for Inland teams, we also had five national selections in 2022.

KZN Inland U18A:	R Marais, M Ponter, C Fulton, P Dlamini
KZN Inland U18B:	A Styan, A Khumalo, M Barnardo, K Dobeys, A Chiliza, A Carter, S Hamilton, Siviwe Sithembu, L Seshemane
KZN Inland U16A:	N Holmes, I Mosupye, E Dlamini, T Fulton, D Jackson, T Fulton, B Dlamini, J Konigkramer
KZN Inland U16B:	K Jenkins, A Dlamini, N Jackson, R Bernstein, A Mthlane, R McKean
KZN Inland U14A:	R Shirge, M Smith, A Lembethe, C Francis, C de Billot, L Sishi, Siwaphiwe Sithembu, E Fabre
KZN Inland U14B:	K Mngwengwe, L Becket, H Hackland, R Willson, V Ndlovu
M Ponter, A Styan, S Hamilton, I Mosupye and N Jackson all had leadership roles at their respective national events.	
SA U16 High Performance Squad:	I Mosupye, E Dlamini, D Jackson and N Holmes
SA Schools B:	R Marais

All three KZN Inland A teams received medals at the respective IPTs as well as a gold medal for the combined KZN U14 team, which included five College boys, at the SA games.

Maritzburg College is extremely proud of the five Old Collegians who represented the South African men's hockey team at the most recent Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. The team narrowly missed out on a medal after losing to India in the semi-final and England in the bronze



medal match. The Old Collegians included M Guise-Brown, S Nolutshungu, P Lembethe, T Paton and T Kok. Guise-Brown also achieved his 50th test cap in 2022. A Mthalande was also included in the SA U21 team which took part in the 2022 senior IPT and toured Malaysia at the end of the year.

It has been a positive return to hockey for Maritzburg College and one that puts us in a good position for the next few years. We are extremely excited about our juniors coming through and look forward to seeing these boys reach greater heights.

A massive thank you goes to all internal and external coaches, as well as medical staff, who contributed to the success of this hockey season. Your time and effort, as well as leadership of our boys, is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Mr Kyle and Mr Luman, for your ongoing support of hockey, as well as the parents for their enormous efforts in supporting our boys.

Mr R Jones



Captain of the 1st XI, M Ponter, scans the field in search of his next pass to launch an attack.

1st XI

I have had the privilege of coaching, through the age groups, many of the boys who made up the 1st XI this year. The matric boys began their journey with me as U14A coach and watching them develop over the years has been exciting. It allowed me an opportunity to get to know the boys well.

At the start of the year, it was evident that this was not the strongest and most talented group that had worn a large white badge in the last few years. It was going to be important that the squad pulled together in every game. The thing that was going to get us over the line in a game was not a moment of brilliance, an individual effort, it was going to be that eleven players on the field at the time were working together, doing the same thing, that the four or five on the bench were paying attention and ready to make a difference as they crossed the white line.

The process is much more important than the result. We make no apologies for the way we push players to be better in their pursuit to be as good as they can be, and this year was no different. When we arrived at the end of this journey in August, the players could look back and be proud of their efforts. It was not always easy, there were many frustrating moments and at times things flared up with the different personalities on the team. But the coming together of these boys and the belief which they had is what impressed me most.

It is not easy going into a season being Maritzburg College. The pressure that comes with it is tangible, everyone wants to beat College. No one expects to beat College, but they dream and hope that they can. "Pressure is a privilege." These words were uttered many times and were something that the team embraced.

Thanks go to the special group of parents we had this year. Their support of their sons has been paramount to their success, and I hope the boys are able to see it and value it. The spirit in which they supported their sons made us proud and we thank them for their trust placed in the coaching staff.

I must make mention of my excellent coaching staff, Mr Jones and Mr Ford. Without what these men, individually and collectively, bring to this team we would not have achieved and developed these hockey players the way we did. As a team we are indebted to your commitment, and I thank you for the contribution you have made, and for your friendships.

We had the privilege of attending two festivals, Nomads hosted by Selborne College and the St Stithians Festival. The highlight of the season was taking on a very fancied and strong Hilton College team on Pape's. Being underdogs is not something College boys are used to. We dominated many parts of the game and were unfortunate to concede a goal which took a massive deflection off a defender's foot and found its way into the goal in the last few minutes. The courage, teamwork and fight that the boys put into that game were a great example of their capabilities.

Awards:

Most improved player:	K Dobeyn
Most committed player:	A Styan
Fellowship in hockey:	M Ponter
Player of the year:	M Ponter



Vice-captain, A Styan, gets down low to slap a ball down the line.

Player Critique:

M Ponter (captain, defender, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): Defensively sound and gave us confidence at the back. He did well to transition into playing as a screen and developed his skill set. Led the team by example and rose to the occasion when he needed to.

A Styan (vice-captain, KZN Inland U18B, Colours & Scarf): Defensively solid, he created many turnovers and allowed the team to launch an attack. He controlled the midfield and distributed well to threaten the opposition. He was the engine room of the team.

R Marais (vice-captain, Goalkeeper, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): He is a superb shot stopper and showed great reflexes and reaction time to make many important saves. Comes off his line quickly and effectively to make it difficult for strikers to find time in the circle.

J Konigkramer (forward, KZN Inland U16A): Earned a few caps late in the season. He is an athlete who does not stop trying. He adjusted well to the demands of the game at a higher level and made important contributions. He allowed pressure to motivate him and push him to do better.

Mr K Emerson

Match Reports

vs St Charles College (Pape's Astro). Won 1-0

College was excited to host their local rivals, St Charles, in a fixture on Pape's to get the 2022 season underway. College opened the scoring with their second opportunity of the game, resulting from a long corner. Currie rolled the ball to Graham who made no mistake with a first-time finish. College continued to create chance after chance, but they could not add to the score line.

The second half saw College dominate possession, but they were not able to create enough opportunities with it. As the game went on and both teams became a bit fatigued, the standard of play dropped and both teams made many unforced errors. St Charles received two yellow cards in the fourth quarter, but College could not make their numerical advantage count and they had a penalty corner saved. College finished the game feeling that they should have done more with the possession and opportunities which they created but were happy with the clean sheet.

Nomads U18 Festival

The 1st XI travelled to Selborne College for the annual Nomads Festival.

The first match was against St John's College who played a very different style of hockey. It seemed like every outlet was a high ball thrown into the attacking half from their centre back who threw 60m overheads. We went down two goals early on and could not fight back to even the scores, losing the game 2-1.

The second game was against a very talented and skilled Jeppe High School team. College dominated the first half and did not take their chances to bury the game. In the third quarter ill-discipline saw College go down to ten men and Jeppe made their numerical advantage count, scoring 3 goals in six minutes. Jeppe ended up winning 4-1.

On day two of the festival, College hit their straps. They outplayed a spirited Wynberg Boy's High School team and won convincingly 2-0. We faced Selborne later that day and won 3-0.

On the last morning College faced a tough match versus Grey College who are typically a well-drilled and physical team to play against. The boys were tired and the tanks empty. However, College lifted their game and played the type of structured hockey we had been expecting. We scored in the opening minutes of the game and did well to control the rest of the game. The score ended 1-0 in College's favour.

vs Pretoria Boys High School (Pape's Astro). Lost 1-2

Hosting Pretoria Boys is always a highlight in the sporting calendar and having them back on Pape's after a two-year break was enjoyable. They are a relentless opposition who bring an energy different from any other team we play against. It was College with the first chance to open the scoring in the game; both teams had their opportunities, but the score was deadlocked at 0-0 at half time. There had been no shortage of excitement.

College once again had chances early in the second half, but it was PBHS who went ahead when an unmarked striker did well to deflect the ball which was passed to him from the baseline. PBHS used their momentum to find a second goal, after earning a penalty corner, to make the score 2-0 with ten minutes remaining. College pressed hard to find a goal and Styan beat the keeper on his far post to make the score 2-1. PBHS held out for the last six minutes to earn a hard-fought victory on Pape's.

C Fulton (midfielder, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): An exciting player to watch when he keeps things simple and works with his teammates. He made many important contributions in matches to get us a result.

A Carter (defender, KZN Inland U18B, Colours & Scarf): Always keen to contribute and the most passionate player on the team. He does not take himself too seriously and provided many laughs. He was not easy to get past in defence and gave us a good option going forward.

C van der Vliet (forward, Colours): He pressed with intelligence and created many turnovers. He never stopped running in matches and during training. Understood the game well and always popped up in the right places in the circle.

R Graham (forward, Colours): A hard worker on the field. Pressed well and made it difficult for opposition to outlet. He grew in confidence as the season went on and never stopped trying.

G Winlock (midfielder, Colours & Scarf): A miracle and success story after his brave fight with cancer the year before. Once he understood his role, he dominated the opposition and made telling contributions. He was a true fighter and role model for the other boys in the team.

S Hamilton (defender, KZN Inland U18B, Colours & Scarf): Took a while to catch up after the unfortunate injury to his thumb, but he was a solid defender and tackler and stopped many counterattacks.

P Dlamini (midfielder, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): An unpredictable player with the ball. He needs to back himself more and allow himself to threaten the opposition with his speed and skill.

K Dobeyn (KZN Inland U18B, Colours & Scarf): Relaxed and calm, he had an ability to get out of a tight press. His defensive effort and understanding grew this season and will be a major asset next year.

A Khumalo (defender, KZN Inland U18B, Colours & Scarf): A good passer and penetrator of the opposition's press. He can play long balls through the lines and pick out the forwards leads. When his emotions are in control and challenged in the right way, he is a competitive and skilled athlete.

S Sithembu (midfielder, KZN Inland U18B, Colours & Scarf): An exciting player to watch for next year. As his belief grew, he was unpredictable on the ball and was a good link from the defenders to the forwards.

J de Billot (defender, Large White Badge): He gave his best efforts and was a true team player. His relaxed attitude made him well liked by his teammates.

B Brokensha (forward, Large White Badge): Worked his way into the team after playing rugby for a few years. He is a passionate and hard-working player who listens to the detail and grew in his understanding of the game. He scored a few very important goals owing to being in the right place.

I Mosupye (midfielder, KZN Inland U16A, SA U16 HP Squad): Did well to adjust to the demands of the open age group. He has a good 'hockey brain' and will dominate the midfield for the next two years.



G Winlock carries the ball and attempts to pass it by a KES defender



St Stithians Easter Sports Festival

The 1st XI travelled to Johannesburg, to attend the St Stithians Easter Sports Festival. It was the first time post-Covid that this festival took place, and the College boys were extremely excited to compete again.

vs St Andrew’s College. Won 2-1

The College 1st XI controlled possession and tempo well and gained numerous circle entries early on but could not convert them. College started the second period brightly and Chiliza took College into the lead. Moments before the end of the half, St Andrew’s earned a penalty corner and slotted one into the College goal. The score was 1-1 going into the second half. In the second half College had to defend resolutely against numerous St Andrew’s attacks until Fulton scored the winning goal.

vs St Benedict’s. Won 2-1

College conceded an early and rather soft goal and struggled to find any sort of rhythm. and would have welcomed the quarter break to reset. In the second period, College gained some much-needed confidence and rhythm, but still trailed by a goal at half time. In the second half, first Seshemane then Graham put the ball into the net for a 2-1 win.

vs Parel Vallei High School. Drew 1-1

Graham rolled the ball into the net for an early goal, but College let their lead slip through a lapse in concentration, which saw Parel Vallei earning a penalty stroke. They were a well-organised and disciplined opposition. But College was unlucky not to snatch victory towards the end of the game, with two high quality circle entries which were not converted.

vs St Stithians. Lost 1-2

The match got off to a fast start and in the first minute of the match College took a 1-0 lead through Fulton. St Stithians equalised soon after through a penalty corner and took the lead early in the second quarter from a stroke after a bad foul. St Stithians did well to take their chances in the game and earn a well-deserved victory.

vs St Alban’s. Won 5-1

This was a tactical battle and the result came down to who was able to create better chances in the game. Five minutes from half time Chiliza did well to flick the ball over the St Alban’s goalkeeper for a 1-0 lead. In the third quarter College asserted their dominance. Seshemane, Winlock and Currie increased College’s lead to 4-0. St Alban’s pulled a goal back at the start of the fourth quarter before De Billot sealed a good performance with a fifth goal for College after a well-worked penalty corner variation.



Hockey 1st XI on Pape’s

vs Durban High School (DHS) (Pape’s Astro). Won 2-1

The College 1st XI knew that they would have a skilled and energetic opponent in the DHS 1st XI and would have to be at their best to claim a victory on Pape’s. The match got off to a fast start with both teams securing a few circle entries and Van der Vliet flicked the ball over the keeper for the first goal of the game. The score remained 1-0 until a few minutes before half time, when DHS found the equaliser after a drag-flick was put into the back of the net. DHS carried this momentum into the second half and were able to create a number of chances, but Marias made some superb diving saves to keep his team in the game. Eight minutes from time College took the lead once again. Debutant Konigkramer ran into the circle, brilliantly drew the keeper and rolled the ball across the face of goal to the far post, where Van der Vliet tapped it in. College then took the ascendancy and created a few more chances which the DHS keeper was equal to. Ponter’s flick went centimetres past the wrong side of the post, but the College 1st XI did enough to hold on to the win.

vs Northwood (Pape’s Astro). Lost 0-2

The Northwood 1st XI arrived with a hunger and expectancy which was not matched by the College 1st XI. College made too many mistakes and were not clinical enough in a game that did not create many scoring opportunities. Northwood scored the opening goal just before half time in what was a debatable goal as the College defenders had stopped playing, expecting the whistle to blow for a foul. A Northwood striker took advantage and beat a few defenders before pushing the ball at goal. The first shot was saved well by Marais, but another Northwood striker managed to tap the ball over the line. Winlock hit a backhand shot at goal moments before the half time hooter sounded, but it only managed to find the side netting of the goal. College struggled to remain patient and build phases and this meant they did not create enough meaningful opportunities. The best College chance of the game fell to Fulton who received the ball in the circle and managed to get a forehand shot off at goal, but it was saved. In the fourth quarter Northwood scored the second goal with a good drag flick after a penalty corner was conceded. Northwood were deserved winners as they made the most of the opportunities they had.

vs Glenwood (away). Won 2-0

College travelled down to Durban to play Glenwood on their Old Boys’ Day which was sure to bring some added energy and passion from the opposition. Playing under lights always brings more of an atmosphere and the first quarter got off to an electric start which saw both teams pressing high up the field. College created a few chances in the first half but not enough to beat the Glenwood goalkeeper and there was no score at half time. College opened the scoring in the third quarter when Van der Vliet chased down an overhead and put the ball past the goalkeeper in a one-on-one. The momentum was definitely in College’s favour. The second goal came after a good turnover in midfield. The ball was played into the circle and Fulton flicked by the ball into the net. College continued to dominate and a penalty corner was well saved after a drag-flick by Ponter, and shortly afterwards Graham hit the crossbar, but there was no change to the scoreboard. College did well to play a structured game and dominate possession in a match that saw eleven cards handed out by the umpires.

vs Hilton College (Pape’s Astro). Lost 0-1

The match on Pape’s on Reunion Day did not disappoint. It was going to be a tough encounter against a good Hilton team, and a solid performance was needed. A tactical battle ensued which saw College stifle and frustrate Hilton as they did not allow them to play their usual free flowing game. Hilton struggled to match the high tempo and physical effort with which College started the game. Both teams had opportunities in the first half but good saves by the keepers kept the score at 0-0. Such was the strong defence by both teams that there were very few clear chances in the game, except for penalty corners. Five minutes from time, a slapped ball through the midfield found a Hilton forward inside the circle. He pushed the ball wide of goal but it deflected off the foot off a College defender to change its course and bobbled over the goal line. College pushed hard

for the equaliser and in the last couple of seconds had a circle entry, but Brokensha’s backhand shot was deflected just over the cross bar.

It had been a memorable game.

vs Kearsney (Pape’s Astro). Won 3-2

College came up against a very spirited and determined Kearsney on their Founders Day. They certainly started the game with a passion and drive which the College team struggled to match. Kearsney’s pressure allowed them to open the scoring in the tenth minute with a good left-sided circle entry which was rolled across the face goal and the ball was deflected in. In the 14th minute, a penalty corner was flicked hard and high into the back of the College net. For a 2-0 Kearsney lead inside the first quarter. Both teams continued to have chances and College replied a few seconds before the end of the first half when Brokensha flicked the ball past the goalkeeper at his near post. This gave the College players the boost they needed. College equalised in the twelfth minute of the third quarter, when Seshemane flicked the ball past the goalkeeper. College continued to threaten and at the start of the fourth quarter College took the lead. Graham received the ball ahead of his defender and found Fulton in the circle who calmly flicked the ball past the Kearsney goalkeeper’s shoulder. With College now in the lead, they were able to control the game and the tempo and there was no further scoring. To come back and win from being 2-0 down in the first quarter is not an easy task. The College 1st XI showed grit and patience and it was their ability to stick to a game plan that saw them get the result which they deserved.

vs Westville (away). Won 2-1

For the second week in a row, College found themselves behind on the scoreboard. Westville opened the scoring after their midfield did well to get out of the College press after a defensive error. A pass into the circle hit the post of the goal and stayed in play for a Westville striker to roll the ball into the goal. College continued to look for the equaliser and both teams created some scoring opportunities. College stayed true to their game plan and were patient in keeping the ball and working to break down the Westville defence. Brokensha hit a quick backhand past the goalkeeper for the equaliser and the momentum shifted. Early in the second half, College earned a penalty corner and Ponter buried a drag-flick, to give College the lead. Westville stepped up the pressure but could not achieve another goal

vs PBHS (away). Lost 2-3

Travelling to Pretoria to take on PBHS is never easy. The determination and fight which ‘Boys High’ play with is difficult enough, and to do it at altitude is a tough adjustment. College started the game well and had the ascendancy early on as they broke the high PBHS press on numerous occasions to earn multiple circle entries in the first quarter. There were too many missed chances during this phase which the team would regret. The opening goal came in the 13th minute when a high ball led to Brokensha scoring on the far post. College continued to dominate the first half but could not extend their lead and a few minutes before half time College went down to 10 men after receiving a green card. PBHS capitalised and earned a penalty corner which they flicked into the goal. Their second goal came just before half-time when the College defence got lazy in their marking and a good backhand deflection beat the College keeper. In the fourth quarter College had six penalty corners in a row which were kept out by the PBHS defenders, but eventually were awarded a stroke which Styan slotted in the goal to bring the scores level with nine minutes to play. But PBHS scored from a penalty corner to take the lead. College searched for the equaliser but a penalty corner on the stroke of full time was well saved.

vs King Edward VII School (KES) (Pape’s Astro). Won 3-0

KES took on our 1st XI and hoped to cause an upset on Pape’s. The game got off to a fast start and KES earned an early circle entry but were unable to get a shot off. This would be one of the few times they threatened College’s goal. College increased the intensity in second quarter and found their first goal through a right-hand side circle entry which found Van der Vliet on the far post. He swept the ball into the back of the net with a backhand



shot. Three minutes from half-time, College had another penalty corner which saw a good variation fall to Ponter, who made no mistake from close range. It took just 30 seconds after that, to make the score 3-0 after brilliant interplay between Ponter and Styan which allowed them to break the press line. The first shot was saved but Fulton picked up the rebound and squeezed the ball into the back of the net. College searched for more goals in the second half, but the KES team did well to keep the score unchanged. The score was 3-0 after a dominant performance by College's 1st XI.

Mr K Emerson

2nd XI

The 2nd XI hockey team, which was known for its hard work and dedication, endeavoured to be better hockey players on the field as well as good humans off the field. The balance between on and off the field showed their characters as it prevailed through the tough times when their morals and values were tested. As a collective group they always managed to test themselves and always aimed for positive outcomes. Their commitment to the game made life easier for them throughout the season and their accountability skills for taking responsibility were remarkable since they had the ability to take care of matters off the field that became a struggle.

The team achieved many objectives, both individually and as a group, which was an outstanding foundation for the results that they achieved, based on the quality hockey they produced. The boys were consistent over the season and that was made possible through their parents who deserve immense gratitude for the element which they provided in keeping the boys on the path to efficient progress.

Regular players:

J Jansen van Vuuren (captain), J Bradford, M Thomson, A Sithole, S Hamilton, S Gibson, J De Billot, L Armstrong, G Aranky, L Nkabinde, A Makhanya, S Sithembu, A Chiliza, L Seshemane

Results:

vs St Charles 4-0, PBHS 0-2, DHS 6-0, Northwood 1-0, Glenwood 1-0, Hilton College 2-2, Kearsney 2-2, Westville 0-1, Affies 1-0, PBHS 2-1, KES 0-0, Glenwood 4-0

Mr A Walstroom

3rd XI

After a rocky start to the season, the lads came back with a remarkable 10-0 victory over Durban High School. This was the first of two of the double-digit wins they had this year. They also ended off strong in our last game, against Glenwood, beating them 10-0 on Pape's. We were privileged to have many big wins during the season: the 4-0 win against PBHS on their home turf. During the 2022 season, we scored 48 goals, and conceded only eight, which made the 3rd team the second highest scoring College team of the year. J Barnard was the top scorer for the team. Other players that stood out this season were P Mncube, and the team's captain, D Naidoo.

Regular players:

D Naidoo (captain), C Higgins, C van der Merwe, T Shaw, R Finnie, L Zembe, G Cooke, P Mncube, J Conolly, M Mason, B Walter, J Barnard, J Naude, T Abramia, B Luffingham

Results:

vs St Charles 1-2, PBHS 1-2, DHS 10-0, Northwood 3-1, Glenwood 7-0, Hilton College 1-2, Kearsney 5-0, Westville 1-1, Affies 2-2, PBHS 4-0, KES 2-0, Glenwood 10-0

Ms N Nel

4th XI

The 4th hockey team had a very busy, outstanding and unbeaten season. It was a great achievement to have 10 matches played, one drawn and nine won. The team had great spirit during practices and during the games. They played a great game against the Affies team which had been unbeaten before playing against us. We had a tough game against the Howick 1st team, but we managed a draw at the end of the game. Having

two matriculants in the team, namely E Kleu and J Campbell, gave the team the support structure required when we played against tough opponents such as Westville, PBHS and KES. Kleu led the team with dedication and commitment. I was so proud of this well-mannered team.

Regular Players:

E Kleu (captain), F Simelane (vice-captain), J Campbell, A Khanyile, S Mazibuko, S Gabu, B Chambler, R Marion, T Ekhoﬀ, S Mkandla, O Mjaja, M Mkhize, E Geere, T Pratt, J Conolly

Results:

vs St Charles 5-1, PBHS 3-0, 3-1, Howick 1st 0-0, Northwood 3-1, Hilton 3-1, Westville 4-2, Affies 4-0, KES 2-0, Estcourt 13-0

Mr M Ngcobo

5th XI

The 5th team of 2022 experienced a successful and enjoyable season both on and off the pitch, in which they met the high standards expected of them. They were pushed hard in every facet of the game during practices and matches, and they continually displayed perseverance and true College spirit in their determination to do themselves and our school proud. Capably captained by C Norman, these players committed themselves admirably throughout the season and, to a man, they showed great improvement in fitness and skill. As a team, they complemented each other's strengths and united well, putting the team ahead of the individual. Highlights of the season include winning every game played against higher-ranked opposition, as well as a hard-fought victory over Hilton College after losing to them earlier in the season.

The players never wavered in their desire to become better hockey players and men, and they have set a lofty benchmark for the teams that will follow them. The camaraderie and banter shared by this group will ensure that this season will live fondly in our memories for years to come and our heartfelt thanks goes out to the players who made this all possible.

Regular Players:

C Adam, N Brown, T Clowes, L Dladla, S Ender, B Gething, R Gething, J Jackson, J Kufal, S Munro, A Ndela, C Norman, G Roux, N Tsvuura, R Warr

Results:

vs St Charles 0-0, PBHS 0-3, Carter 1st 2-0, Northwood 0-1, Howick 2nds 2-1, Hilton College 0-2, Kearsney 4ths 4-1, Hilton 2-1, Westville 1-1, Affies 3-2, PBHS 0-4

Messrs M Warr and K Hope-Johnstone

6th XI

The 6th team experienced a thoroughly enjoyable season both on and off the field, managing to find the balance between competitiveness and fun. Although the season was not characterised by many matches, this group of players must be commended on their commitment to practices, constantly improving upon their fitness and skills. Due to a variety of injuries, the team was constantly changing and often relied on players from the 5th team, for which we are grateful. Despite the relatively fluid nature of the team, they worked well as a unit and played some excellent hockey, particularly in the first game against PBHS. We would like to thank the players for constantly displaying true College spirit and always giving of their best, no matter the circumstances. Humble in victory and gracious in defeat, these players can look back on this season and be proud of their accomplishments, both individually and as a team, ensuring that it will be a season that will remain in our collective memories for years to come.

Regular players:

D Denton, A Khan, G Naidoo, S Ndlovu, C Norman, S Pillay, S Pretorius, M Rasalanavho, L Upton, J van der Merwe, A van Dyk, K Wheeler

Results:

vs PBHS 3-0, Northwood 1-0, Affies 0-1, PBHS 0-3

Messrs M Warr and K Hope-Johnstone



U16A

Back row: N Holmes, R McKean, T Fulton, R Bernstein, G Askew, E Maynard, M Gibson, J Konigkramer
Front row: B Dlamini, A Mthlane, I Mosupye (captain), Mr C Nevay (coach), A Zuma, U Dlamini, B Hosking

It has been a privilege to be involved in hockey at Maritzburg College, and in particular, with the U16A team of 2022. A core theme that I wanted the boys to buy into was 'always be upgrading'. I firmly believe that they, with the help of Mr Jones (Director of Hockey), are going to be wonderful servants to the College hockey programme in the very near future.

The season started off in earnest with the squad playing three warm up games at Michaelhouse before our first fixture against St Charles. A very good win was what the boys needed before heading to Nomads at KES. The competition at Nomads, not unexpectedly, proved to be tough, with the team able to score goals, but regularly conceding, too. The team lost their games against Jeppe High, Wynberg, Grey College and Grey High and won against St John's College.

The season was littered with results we inflicted on ourselves. This will be highlighted in the KZN Inland and SA High Performance squad representations versus our win/loss ratio. It is a side oozing talent and ability, but the team made elementary errors at times when we had been easily dominating play.

Losses to Hilton College, Northwood and Affies were countered with wins over Glenwood (home and away), PBHS (won at home and drew away), KES and Westville. Rounding out the seasons results were stalemates against Kearsney and DHS.

KZN Inland and SA High Performance representation:

SA U16 High Performance squad:

D Jackson, I Mosupye, N Holmes, E Dlamini

Inland U16 A:

T Fulton, D Jackson, E Dlamini, B Dlamini, I Mosupye, D Jackson, J Konigkramer, N Holmes, K Zuma

Inland U16

B: R Bernstein, R McKean, N Jackson

These boys have worked hard and been rewarded with provincial and national honours that would be the envy of many a hockey programme and

coach. Their progression to the open age group is widely anticipated, and they will no doubt light up Pape's in the coming seasons.

A big thank you to Mr Robin Jones, our departing Director of Hockey. He led not by instruction, but by influence, encouragement and inspiration.

Regular players:

I Mosupye (captain), K Zuma (vice-captain), D Jackson, N Holmes, E Dlamini, B Dlamini, J Konigkramer, N Holmes, R Bernstein, R McKean, N Jackson, M Gibson, G Askew, T Fulton

Results:

vs St Charles 4-0, Jeppe 3-4, Wynberg 0-4, Grey College 2-4, Grey High 0-2, St Johns 2-1, Hilton College 0-2, Northwood 1-2, Affies 1-2, Glenwood 8-0 and 5-0, PBHS 2-1 and 2-2, KES 3-0, Westville 2-0, Kearsney 2-2, DHS 2-2

Mr C Nevay

U16B

The hockey season of 2022 was a successful one for the U16B hockey side. This season returned a sense of stability and normality to the Astro turf. The boys were thrown into the deep end with a new coach, Mr Simon Brill, who made it no secret that he was going to coach them in a way that they had never been coached before. The boys seemed eager to get training and were keen to get the season underway.

Led by their captain, T Braithwaite, the boys made their way to Pretoria to play in the Jeppe High Hockey Festival. After a mixed bag of results, and some rusty play, the boys returned home feeling humbled, but motivated to improve. Unfortunately, soon after the second term began, Braithwaite broke his ankle and was forced to retire for the rest of the season. E Maynard took up the mantle of captain and led the boys for the rest of the season.

After a decent start to the season the boys found themselves feeling frustrated. But with a few new additions to the team, things began to click. The return of K Botha brought stability to the defensive line, and the introduction of A Mthlane to the link line added some much-needed speed to the team.

After a convincing victory over Glenwood, things were looking up. The boys began to play as a team, started taking risks and produced impressive results. They finished the first half of the season with their confidence high. A number of the boys, including K Jenkins, Mthlane, and A Dlamini, were selected to play for the KZN provincial side, and performed well at the IPT.

The team returned for the second half of the season with their minds set on one thing – victory – and they wanted to finish the season unbeaten. They got off to a wonderful start, convincingly defeating Affies and PBHS. The boys were playing beautiful hockey and were dominating their opponents. However, the KES U15A side, who were also on a hot streak, had the boys tasting a bit of their own medicine. The two powerhouses ended an intense game of hockey in a 1-1 draw. College then cleaned up the rest of season with another convincing victory over Glenwood and an impressive nine-game unbeaten streak, including one draw and eight wins. The boys ended the season with 9 wins, 4 draws, and 3 defeats.

Some standout performers this season include Jenkins, Mthlane, Maynard, Botha, and our keeper, B Thornton-Dibb. The team finished off with a total of 44 goals scored over the course of the season, conceding only 13. I congratulate the boys on a ‘gutsy’ season and commend them on their excellent performances.

Regular players:

E Maynard (captain), B Thornton-Dibb, P van Heerden, N Westerdale, J Currie, K Botha, J Wolter, A Mthlane, K Jenkins, C Mason, A Dlamini, R van der Vliet

Results:

vs St Charles 1-0, PBHS 1-1, DHS 1-0, Northwood 3-0, Glenwood 8-0, Hilton 4-1, Kearsney 3-0, Westville 1-0, Affies 2-0, PBHS 6-0, KES 1-1, Glenwood 12-1

Mr S Brill

U16C

The U16C, captained by B Foster, had a highly successful season, playing an exciting brand of hockey which was enjoyed by all who watched them. They started the season well with wins against St Charles, Northwood, PBHS and Hilton College. The team then began struggling to convert territorial dominance into goals, causing us to draw a number of fixtures. They finished the season strong with a 12-0 win against Glenwood at home, which was probably the highlight of the season. They showed their adaptability by playing a number of formations and our keeper, Thorton-Dibb, managed eight clean sheets. Each of the players must be complimented on their dedication and commitment to the team and on a very successful season.



A Carter throws an overhead up the field in search of a forward.

Regular players:

B Foster (captain), B Thornton-Dibb, A Tilbury, J Tilbury, N Deyzel, S Deane, N Mpanza, M Borchers, T Mason, L Greyling, C Ferraz, M van Heerden, D du Plessis, J Nelson, L Shangase, S Sithembu

Results:

vs Northwood 1-0, Glenwood 3-0, PBHS 2-0, St Charles 4-0, Kearsney 0-0, DHS U16B 0-0, Westville 0-1, Hilton College 2-1, Affies 1-1, PBHS 1-1, KES U15C 0-0, Glenwood 12-0

Mr M Reed

U16D

The U16D's season started slowly with some draws and losses but the team ended on a high note with a few good wins. We were particularly proud of the win against Affies. This victory turned the season around and the boys started playing a more structured game, winning the last few matches in succession. The strikers scored many valuable goals. Our midfielders were versatile and tenaciously supportive players, forcing turnover ball and stepping up the offence, and the defenders were steadfast and fearless.

Regular players:

B Cumming, J Martin, L Hart, E McAlister, L Mtsi, J Clemmans, K Ekstrand, A Sewpersad, M Rossouw, M Lancaster, D Ferguson, W Zondi, J Haug-Lyons, F Ojo, G Smythe

Results:

vs St Charles 0-0, PBHS 1-1, DHS 0-2, Northwood 0-4, Howick U16A 1-1, Hilton College 4-2, Kearsney 3-1, Westville 1-4, Affies 1-0, PBHS 1-0, KES 2-1

Mrs M Kritzinger

U16E

Although the U16E team did not have many fixtures, they did have a successful season. The team achieved good wins against DHS and Northwood and drew the rest of their games except for one loss. Well done to the boys.

Regular players:

J Drimie, L During, A Galassi, S Mazibuko, C McDonald, A Mntungwa, N Mpanza, Z Msomi, L Mtsi, J Shuttleworth, T Thompson, L Wassink

Results:

vs St Charles 0-0, PBHS 0-0, DHS 3-0, Northwood 3-1, Hilton College 2-3, Westville 1-1, Affies 0-0, PBHS 0-0, KES 0-0

Mr S Manyathi

U16F

The U16F team had a great season, losing only one game despite all efforts to remain undefeated. S Jama showed great leadership skills as captain and was well supported by T Motaung, as his vice-captain. It was most enjoyable to coach and to watch the U16F side, given the amount of fun all the boys had, and winning games while at it.

Regular players:

S Jama (captain), T Motaung, N Mkhulisi, L Dlamini, A Ngcobo, A Msimang, AM Ngcobo, L Hlela, N Dumakude, T Mbhele, S Tredgold (keeper)

Results:

vs Westville 7-0, Hilton College 7-0, St Charles 3-0, PBHS 2-1, Affies 2-0, KES 1-2

Mr B Khumalo



U14A

Back row: E Fabre, V Ndlovu, M Smart, C Francis, K Mngwengwe
Middle row: M Smith, R Willson, L Sishi, H Hackland, R Schirge, L Becket
Front row: S Sithembu, Mr L Barnard (coach), A Lembethe (captain), Mr K Nipper (assistant coach), C Coetzer
Absent: C Le Court de Billot

The U14A hockey team had an impressive unbeaten season, playing 17 games, of which they won 15 and drew two and scored a total of 49 goals, conceding only seven.

The team was captained by A Lembethe with assistance from S Sithembu, who both played in the midfield boasting composure and skill on the ball while being a brick wall in defence. With changes to the team throughout the season due to injuries, some of the boys showed their class by playing out of their comfort zones in different positions and proved how valuable it was for us to work together as a team to achieve our goals.

While it was their first year at College the whole team showed the grit and the passion of any normal College boy to fight back when they were behind and to keep the pressure on throughout every fixture. At practices the boys pushed themselves to become better and it showed week in and week out on matchdays. The boys began the season well at the Nomads Hockey Festival which was hosted by Maritzburg College. They won four of their five matches and drew one game.

With the boys having an unbeaten season, they were ranked the number one U14 hockey team in the country by the SA Schools Sports website, a remarkable feat and a stepping-stone to what this team can achieve in the future.

Regular players:

A Lembethe (captain), S Sithembu (vice-captain), V Ndlovu, R Schirge, C Francis, E Fabre, R Willson, M Smart, M Smith, L Becket, L Sishi, H Hackland, C Coetzer, C de Billot

Results:

vs St Charles 2-0, PBHS 3-0, Jeppe 4-0, KES 4-0, St John's 2-2, Wynberg 4-0, Grey College 2-1, DHS 3-1, Northwood 5-0, Glenwood 2-0, Hilton College 2-0, Westville 1-0, Kearsney 1-0, Affies 3-1, PBHS 3-2, KES 1-1, Glenwood 7-0

Messrs L Barnard and K Nipper

U14B

The U14B team had a very successful season in which they put together a remarkable set of results, losing only one fixture, 2-0 to DHS, in a match where the result could have been very different had we taken our goal scoring opportunities. The players worked hard on their basics but also thrived on learning new skills, it was a delight to see the occasional overhead thrown or eliminating an opponent with a well-executed over the top. The team produced some exciting and entertaining hockey and can be pleased with the progress they made during the season.

The boys are to be praised for their regular attendance at practice although attendance at short corner sessions was not as good. They developed a well-structured style of play which suited their individual strengths and this ensured the favourable results. During the course of the season we managed to score 44 goals, conceding only four. The regular back four of Wiggill, Cameron, Palmer and Searle as well as goalkeeper Nettleton must be commended on their excellent defence in keeping 13 clean sheets.

Regular players:

S Wiggill (captain), J Armstrong, M Cameron, L Dlamini, L Gumede, D Janneker, A Lutge, K Mngwengwe, J Nettleton, D Palmer, K Searle, C Wood, S Zondi

Results:

vs St Charles 4-0, Parktown 6-0, Montana A 3-0, Glenwood 3-0, Affies 4-0, PBHS 3-0, DHS 0-2, Northwood 0-0, Glenwood 6-0, Hilton College 1-0, Kearsney 4-0, Westville 1-1, Affies 1-1, PBHS 0-0, KES 2-0, Glenwood 6-0

Mr R Coutts

U14C

The U14C team had a wonderful season during which they achieved some great results, with only a few narrow losses along the way. The record states: played 12, won 5, drew 4 and lost 3. As a coach it was wonderful to see the team gel from the very first practice session and they showed true dedication and spirit. They 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 much potential, and I hope they will work hard to reach it. D Balmer and R Sheikh ably led the team throughout the season. Thank you to the parents of these boys, who were always present at matches.

Regular players:

D Balmer (captain), R Sheikh (vice-captain), L Nzama, N Naidoo, J Gotte, B Fourie, C Nelson, A Dladla, L Lotter, S Shabalala, W Nzuza, V Charan, C Maud, N Moyo

Results:

vs St Charles 3-0, PBHS 1-0 and 0-0, DHS 0-1, Northwood 1-0, Howick U14A 0-2, Hilton College 1-0, Kearsney 0-0, Westville 1-2, Affies 2-1, KES 1-1, Estcourt U14A 0-0

Mr N Croeser



B Brokensha 1st XI



S Sithembu 1st XI

U14D

It was a privilege to coach the U14D hockey side this year. The boys were always enthusiastic and eager to learn. It was wonderful to see the improvement that was displayed throughout the season. The boys made good friends and played well as a team. They showed a fighting spirit, even when the game was not going their way. I look forward to seeing them continue to grow in the future.

Regular players:

R Ayisa (captain), D Murekezi, S Hlophe, A Hukum, D Dillon, B Bryant, A Dladla, R Lamb, N Curry, B Mhlanzi, A Khwela, F Erskine, J Blose, T Theeralingam

Results:

vs St Charles 2-0, PBHS 0-0, DHS 2-0, Northwood 1-3, Hilton College 5-0, Kearsney 0-5, Westville 0-2, Affies 2-2, PBHS 3-0, KES 0-5

Mrs F Deyzel



C Fulton 1st XI



J Konigkramer U16A



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1st XV

Back row: E Mouton, M Chirengende, S Kadira, K Goddard, M Kweyama, K Mthimkhulu, A Pieterse, K Ayliffe, L du Toit, T Walton, T Roux
Middle row: B Luthuli, K Wilken, A van der Linde, E Everton, P Brits, K van den Berg, L Schultz, C Prinsloo, L Swanepoel, D Antoniadou
Front row: S Ngcobo, Mr S Sinclair (MIC), L Prinsloo, Mr T Orchard (coach) A Knoetze (captain), Mr D Hoffman (coach), L Bester, Mr H Kriek (director of rugby), S Mbonambi

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Overview from the Director of Rugby

With the first 'full' season back after two years of Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, 2022 promised to be an exciting season for the College rugby programme.

In the 2022 season College played 297 games, winning 201, drawing 7 and losing 89. This includes all tours, festivals and staggers in fixtures. Within the local eight KZN fixtures, 132 games were played with 115 wins and 17 losses. A winning percentage of 87% within KZN shows that Maritzburg College is still a mighty rugby force to be reckoned with.

The season started with a home fixture versus local rivals St Charles College. This fixture also serves as the annual Pietermaritzburg Day when all schools in the area join to fill up fixtures versus College. The first full set of matches since 2019 was a great success for the boys of College and laid the foundation for a great year.

The annual exchanges with Pretoria Boys High School (home and away), Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies) and King Edward VII School (KES) were also highlights for the boys, after two years of Covid-19. The games were played in a competitive spirit, with College coming out on the winning side, more often than not.

No fewer than six College teams made their way to festivals across South Africa in 2022. The 1st and 2nd XV participated in the Hoërskool Fichardtpark Rugby Festival, while the 1st XV also took part in the annual St Stithians Easter Rugby Festival and Wildeklawer Rugby Festival.

The U15s travelled to Pretoria to take part in the Francois Swart Rugby Week at Affies, while the U14s and U16s participated in the relaunch of our own Skonk Nicholson Rugby Festival. The U14s, U15s and U16s also joined the 1st XV at the Wildeklawer Festival. All teams gave a good account of themselves and built some character for the long season that lay ahead.

Our age group teams all performed very well to lay a foundation for growth, considering they had played next to no rugby over the past two years. The U14 age group had a tremendous season with some great results and a winning percentage of 72%. As the foundation age group, this bodes well for the future of College rugby over the next five years.

The U15s are building a formidable unit that is turning out to be a gritty bunch of boys with a 'never say die' attitude. While the results might not have always gone their way, there are some very special, talented boys within the group, building depth for the future.

Our U16s gelled well as a unit and are an exciting group of players who will be joining the senior ranks in 2023. With a 77% winning record and great performances against some of the top schools in the country, they will be a force to be reckoned with come 2023 and 2024.

The senior boys performed admirably in 2022, with the programme now aiming at participation across South Africa and not solely focusing on fixtures within KZN. With fixtures for our 1st XV against nine of the Top 20 teams in South Africa, the foundation was laid for 2023 and onwards to be bumper years, competing at the top level in South African schoolboy rugby.

As in 2021, specialists were brought in to do development with our coaches. Henning van der Merwe spent a week with us assisting with kicking and the kicking game, while Andre Tredoux (Kovsies Varsity Cup Head Coach) spent some time educating our coaches on 'Coaching Chaos' and the attacking game.

2022 also saw the start of our in-house Referee Development Programme under the guidance of Mr Claude Pitout. Eleven boys have been drafted into the programme and will referee weekly games or assist as assistant referees, while developing their skills to become top class referees.

The success of the greater programme also produced several Sharks and South African representatives in 2022.

U16 Grant Khomo

The following players represented the Sharks at the U16 Grant Khomo Week in Kimberley making it all the way to the final: A Botha, I Kemka, J Jansen, P Kubheka, S Oosthuizen, and S Mbatha. Mr Kelvin Elder was a selector for the U16 Sharks Grant Khomo Team.



U18 Academy

The following boys represented the Sharks U18 Academy Week team in Wellington, which was crowned the unofficial champions of the week: S Kadir, L Kunene, M Kweyama, E Mouton, and K Mthimkhulu. Mr Tim Orchard was the Assistant Coach for the U18 Sharks Academy Team.

U18 Craven Week

The following boys represented the Sharks U18 Craven Week team in Cape Town, which ended the week in the third ranked position: L Bester, AJ Knoetze, S Mbonambi, and S Ngcobo. Mr Hein Kriek was the Head Coach of the Sharks U18 Craven Week Team.

The following two boys were also rewarded with higher honours: L Bester played for the SA Schools team and SA U18 team versus France and England, while S Mbonambi was selected for the SA U18A squad.

As usual, Maritzburg College also participated in three Rugby 7s events after the normal season. Our U17 and U15 teams acquitted themselves well with the U15s wining the Plate section at both the Glenwood and DHS Festivals and the U17 team bowing out in both tournaments in the Cup semi-finals. In the Nashua Maritzburg College Rugby 7s Tournament, both teams unfortunately fell short at the last hurdle, claiming the runners up spot.

A full season cannot happen without the many people who make the Maritzburg College Rugby wheel go round. Our thanks to:

- Messrs Ken Hackland, Dave Veitch and the ground staff for keeping the fields in great condition.

- Miss Ailsa Greyling, the first aiders and the San staff under the guidance of Sister Claire Olivier for the medical care they give to the boys.
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- Mr Luman and Mr Kyle for their support of the rugby programme.
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H Kriek: Director of Rugby

1st XV

Overview

The consensus prediction for the 2022 Maritzburg College 1st XV was that the backs would be electric, and the forwards would battle due to lack of experience. While at times this perception was accurate, often the (mainly) Fifth Form pack punched way above their weight. The season began well with good wins against St Charles and an unbeaten trip to the Fichardt Park Festival in Bloemfontein, which gave the boys some much needed confidence going into the second term. The victorious home fixture against PBHS was a good run out for the lads. The St Stithians Easter Festival would be a good marker of where the side was in terms of its standing in the greater scheme of things. Although the side lost two of the three fixtures, with the only win being a come from behind victory against Grey High, the rugby was at times scintillating, but more accurate goal-kicking would have produced a better set of results.

The rest of the term was a daunting set of fixtures with a trip up to the Wildeklaar Festival in Kimberley added to the mix, College returning to the Festival for the first time in eight years. The contest against DHS was the one that jarred the most out of the losses this year, as it was a match where everything that could go wrong went wrong. The matches in Kimberley against Paarl Boys’ High and Helpmekaar were good learning moments for the side as some head scratching refereeing decisions cost the team the win against Helpmekaar. The first game back on Goldstone’s was against Northwood, who proved a far tougher encounter than was expected. An away fixture against Glenwood was next with College feeling quietly confident that they could get the job done away from home. This was not to be as Glenwood managed to slot a penalty kick for a nail-biting one-point victory. The Reunion Day fixture was against Hilton College, who proved much stronger than the game College team who refused to back down. The term ended with wins against Kearsney and Westville, with the win against Westville being one of the highlights of the year. College scored a staggering 35 unanswered points in the second half and recorded a truly remarkable win away from home. The attacking verve that was on display in that half was a reminder of what this team was capable of with ball in hand and it boded well for what was to come in the third term.

The third term brought its usual set of traditional fixtures, none of which were easy games. The first match was against Affies at home, who were ranked in the top five in the country and whose pack was much vaunted. A trip up to Pretoria was next, to take on PBHS – never an easy fixture at

home. In conditions that suited running rugby, the College side recorded their biggest win of the season in magnificent fashion. KES at home was next with the KES side punching above their weight nationally and looking to further extend their winning streak against College. In a nail-biting finish, College managed to emerge victorious against their foes from Johannesburg for the first time in a number of years. The last match of the season was against Glenwood at home, with College looking to avenge their narrow one-point loss from earlier in the season down in Durban. Unfortunately, College threw away some gilt-edged opportunities which allowed Glenwood to record a narrow six-point win on Goldstone’s, much to the disappointment of the home fans.

This was a record-breaking season for the 1st XV as they played twenty-one matches in all, a return to Wildeklaar after a long hiatus and the first match against Paarl Boys’ High in many years. The boys can be extremely proud of their efforts this season as they broke new ground for the school and through their dogged determination reaffirmed College’s place as a rugby institution in this country. Special mention is made of captain A Knoetze and the vice-captain L Bester for the way they marshalled the troops throughout the season. Congratulations also to Bester for attaining SA Schools and SA U18 selection and S Mbonambi for being selected for the SA Schools Academy side.

Mr T Orchard • 1st XV coach

Player Critique:

Forwards:

D Antoniades: A nuggety player, he truly did not lie down during the season and only got better as the season went on. He is a strong scrummager who never shied away from taking the ball into contact.

B Luthuli: An incredible team man who could always counted upon to do what was best for the side. Luthuli was a powerful ball carrier who often got the team across the advantage line.

P Brits: He was an effective scrummager on the tight-head side, his short stature causing many looseheads to struggle against him.

K Goddard: He was an extremely important player for the team, but unfortunately an injury cut his season short and he was sorely missed. Highly effective with ball in hand, he could also always be counted upon to smash the opposition backwards in defence.

K Mthimkhulu: He was an incredible player during the course of the season and he only got better as the year went on. He grew in confidence and stature and we look forward to his return in 2023. He attained Sharks Academy Week selection for his efforts this year.

K Wilken: He is the epitome of a nuggety, determined College flanker who certainly proved many of his detractors wrong this season. Due to his stature, he proved to be extremely effective at turning the ball over at the breakdown, where he was likened to a ‘limpet’ by an opposition coach.

S Kadir: A fine young man, he often proved a handful to the opposition both on attack and on defence. He will be looked at to be a senior in the team next year. His selection for the Sharks Academy Week team was deserved for his contributions this season.

S Mbonambi: He was a highly effective member of the team who could be relied on to guide his more inexperienced forwards through the tougher games. His work ethic was incredible, and he deservedly attained both provincial and national selection for his efforts.

L Swanepoel: He never let the side down when called upon and he always put his body on the line for the cause.

K Ayliffe: He forced his way into the team through his incredible efforts at training and always was relied upon to do the ‘donkey’ work for the team. He will be returning next year when it is hoped he will continue his good form.

T Roux: He played for the 1st XV on several occasions during the season in 2022 and was a valuable and versatile player. His strength, work rate and willingness to do the dirty work were evident.

M Pieterse: He represented the side on several occasions this season, where his big frame was put to good use. Unfortunately, injury cut his season short but nonetheless his efforts for the team were welcomed.

E Mouton: He forced his way into the team on the back of several sterling performances on tour. His ability to regularly hit his jumpers stood him in good stead. He was extremely effective with ball in hand and could always be counted upon to give of his best. He deservedly gained selection for the Sharks Academy Week side.

M Kweyama: He had a baptism of fire this year. Being an U17 tight head is an extremely daunting proposition and the way he improved as the year progressed was testimony to his eagerness. He will be back next year, and we look forward to seeing how he will embrace the opportunity. He was deservedly selected for the Sharks Academy Week team.

T Walton: He was another proud example of what hard work and dedication can achieve. He forced his way into the team on the back of some barnstorming performances and we look forward to more of the same next year.

P Kubheka: He was only an U16 player but when Boksmart regulations allowed, managed to string several strong performances together for the 1st XV which belied his age. He has two more seasons, and the sky is the limit for this impressive young man.

Backs:

A Knoetze (captain): He is a very talented scrumhalf. On attack he consistently provided the team with quality service, whether from set piece or general play. He is also an excellent kicker of the ball, in all forms of kicking. He was also the team’s goal-kicker and managed an impressive record for the season. Knoetze showed exemplary commitment, particularly in leading his team both on and off the field and did not miss a single match for the entire season – a remarkable feat given the length of the season. He was also an integral part of the Craven Week side as the starting scrum half.

C Prinsloo: In some ways he was unlucky to have the first team captain ahead of him in the first team, as he is a solid scrumhalf and played with much passion. He played an important role, particularly when Knoetze moved to flyhalf for some of the early matches in the season.

A van der Linde: He worked hard to start many first team matches in the pivotal flyhalf position, with some time spent at centre too. He has a diverse skillset, with the ability to distribute effectively. He is also a very elusive runner who is quick off the mark, often catching defenders unawares. 2023 promises to be an exciting year for him and he is set to play a senior role in the team.

L du Toit: He had an impressive growth curve and was given an opportunity to run on for the 1st XV relatively late in the season. He seamlessly took to the role of first team flyhalf, immediately showcasing the quality he brings to the backline. He is an excellent distributor of the ball, clear communicator and has an impressive right boot.

K van den Berg: An exciting winger offering incredible acceleration as well as serious pace, he is also a very powerful ball carrier in close exchanges, often requiring several players to bring him to ground. Defensively he also never backs down from a challenge.

L Prinsloo: A colossus in the midfield, he certainly was no slouch either, often beating defenders for pace. More often than not he got the team across the advantage line. His ability to distribute the ball developed throughout the season.

L Bester: He is an extremely talented rugby player. Whenever he is involved in any given match, something special invariably happens, running an exceptional line into space, putting other players into space with an unexpected offload or collecting a high ball clean out of the air. He is just as potent on defence, particularly in his ability to read the opposition attack and nullify any of their attempts. His selection for the Craven Week side was well deserved and he was subsequently selected for the South African Schools team and later for the South African U18 team as well. He certainly has a bright future in the game which we will be watching with interest.



M Chirengende: He worked hard to earn his place in the starting team midway through the season. He is a very powerful ball-carrier, with a strong hand-off, often resulting in him making many meters. He is also a devastating tackler who enjoys hitting the opposition backwards.

J Munn: A young man with all the capabilities to be a very good player, he has a versatile skill set which means he can fulfil a number of roles in the backline. With the right mind-set, commitment and drive, Joshua has the potential to play a lot more rugby in future.

E Everton: He did well on the wing in the early parts of the season. He is a strong ball carrier who has no trouble getting across the advantage line. He is a good tackler and when in position he often made some devastating hits.

S Ngcobo: An exciting and talented player, he often beat first and even second defenders with his unmatched ability to step off either foot, coupled with an immense burst of speed. His performances were duly rewarded with selection to the Craven Week team. Despite his relatively small stature, he is also not a shy defender, bravely holding his own in the last line of defence.

L Schultz: He is an incredibly committed young man who is willing to work exceptionally hard to reach his goals. It was this mind-set that earned him several caps for the first team when injury forced another player to the sidelines. He puts his body on the line, particularly on defence, regularly making telling tackles and running some hard lines in the midfield.

L Kunene: A natural athlete with immense pace, he is also an elusive runner who is most dangerous when given space and time. He enjoyed counter attacking from the back. When he backs himself and plays with confidence, he is a force to be reckoned with.



L Bester beats the last line of defence

Match Reports

Festivals

Fichardtpark Rugby Festival

Results:

vs Fichardtpark 63-5, HTS Ligbron 47-13

St Stithians Rugby Festival

vs Michaelhouse. Lost 32-33

College played their first match at the festival against Midlands rival Michaelhouse in what was a mouth-watering encounter for the large number of Old Boys from both schools in attendance. Michaelhouse started the better side and as a result dominated the opening proceedings. College took time to get back into the match and this,

combined with many individual errors, prevented them from asserting any form of control on the match. The scoreboard swung between the sides but in the end, Michaelhouse prevailed in a tight affair which was an exhilarating encounter for the neutral observer.

Tries: Van den Berg, Bester, Ngcobo (2)

Conversions: Knoetze (3)

Penalty: Knoetze (2)

vs Bishops Diocesan College. Lost 10-31

On the second day of the festival, Maritzburg College played Bishops on a damp, dreary morning. The conditions had an impact on proceedings as several mistakes occurred which could be attributed to the wet conditions. College came out firing and had Bishops under pressure early on, but unfortunately could not convert that pressure into points. Bishops held a 14-3 lead at halftime and the second half was all Bishops as they scored 16 points to College's 7 winning the match 30-10.

Try: Van den Berg

Conversion: Knoetze

Penalty: Knoetze

vs Grey High School. Won 36-27

The final day of the Festival saw Maritzburg College face Grey High School in a must win for both sides. The first half was all Grey High, who undoubtedly played the better rugby, but College managed to hang in there with the lead being 24-12 to Grey. Several changes were made at half time, the most important being the shift of Ngcobo to flyhalf from fullback. This allowed the College side to be more direct on attack and placed huge pressure on a Grey defence which started to creak. If the first half belonged to Grey, then the second half definitely belonged to College. College scored 24 points to Grey's 3 in a scintillating display of what the team is capable of on attack.

Tries: Ngcobo, Van den Berg, Prinsloo, Bester, Mbonambi

Conversions: Knoetze (4)

Penalty: Knoetze

Wildeklaar Rugby Festival

Results:

vs Paarl Boys' High 3-28, Helpmekaar 16-25

vs Durban High School. Lost 14-38

The match was an enthralling spectacle for the away set of supporters but a gut-wrenching one for the home fans. College had much of the territory and possession in the game but somehow contrived to give the ball away needlessly to a DHS side which needed no encouragement to punish a wasteful College team.

DHS started the game quickly. They took advantage of College errors, and produced a slick line-out move, to score 19 points in the first half, while College could only record a converted try, spurning a couple of gilt-edged opportunities. The second half brought more of the same. DHS scored another three tries, exploiting poor defence and further College errors, while College's only consolation was a late try. DHS were much the better side on the day and deserved their largest win on Goldstone's in the history of this fixture.

Tries: Kunene, Goddard

Conversions: Knoetze (2)

vs Northwood. Won 29-21

Goldstone's played host to our visitors from Northwood for the first time since 2020. The match itself was a somewhat chaotic affair with both sides attacking from deep within their own half. College grabbed the initiative early on and raced away to an early lead with Northwood clinging on for dear life. Three tries brought a 19-0 lead before Northwood responded with a converted try before the half-time break. College started the second half as they did the first and Knoetze darted away from a scrum for a superb solo try. This proved to be College's final try of the day as they allowed Northwood back into the match. College had to withstand a late flurry of tries from their opposition as Northwood hit back with two converted tries which put the score at 26-21 with minutes left on the clock. To College's relief, Knoetze slotted over a penalty goal with the final kick of the match.

Tries: Chirengende (2), Prinsloo, Knoetze

Conversions: Knoetze (3)

Penalty: Knoetze

vs Glenwood High. Lost 22-23

The match started off as a very cagey affair with both sides trading field possession in pursuit of drawing first blood. This went to Glenwood, who scored a converted try after a defensive error close to the College line. The match see-sawed with regard to possession and territory until College's line-out drive started to assert some dominance. A penalty kick and a try shortly before half-time meant College held a slender 8-7 lead at the break.

The second half started with College dominating the territory statistics until a well-worked move allowed Glenwood to wriggle out of the College stranglehold. This allowed Glenwood to gain some momentum and they crashed over to regain the lead. They followed this with a penalty to stretch their lead to 17-8. College once again went to their maul to lay an attacking platform, and a converted try made the score 17-15. Glenwood hit back with a penalty. However, momentum swung firmly onto the side of College and with their maul dominating, Glenwood were hemmed in deep in their own half. After a further series of mauls, Prinsloo made a break and an off-load in contact allowed Kunene to score under the uprights, to put College back in front, 22-20. With minutes remaining, Glenwood managed to regain possession and slowly marched up field, winning a penalty within kickable range. To the rapture of those in green, this was kicked successfully for a one-point win.

Tries: Knoetze, Munn, Kunene

Conversions: Knoetze (2)

Penalty: Knoetze

vs Hilton College. Lost 11-33

Maritzburg College played host to the 125th Anniversary celebration of its Old Boys Association with the main game between Maritzburg College and Hilton College. After a couple of penalties to each side and a converted try to Hilton, the match was finely balanced. College appeared to be gaining some momentum with strong mauling leading to a scrum near the Hilton line. But a Hilton back made an excellent read of the College attack and raced away for an intercept try when it looked certain that College would

themselves score. This was the decisive moment in the match, with College now facing a 14-point deficit. The second half was a helter-skelter affair. College desperately tried to reduce Hilton's lead, but a Hilton penalty kick and try from a defensive error nullified a try by Munn in the right-hand corner. College kept bashing away, but lost possession and conceded one last penalty to leave Hilton 33-11 victors.

Try: Munn

Penalties: Knoetze (2)

vs Kearsney College. Won 31-20

On Saturday Maritzburg College made the short trip down to Botha's Hill to take on Kearsney College on their Founders Day. The last time these teams faced off was in 2019, when College won the game with the last kick of the match in thick mist. Both teams were coming off a bad run and were desperate to turn the tide. Kearsney struck first with a penalty kick to take an early lead, but College soon hit back with a try on debut by Mohamed. Then Knoetze spotted a gap and dived over under the crossbar for a converted try to further extend the College lead to 12-3. Kearsney refused to lie down with some tremendous carries by their forwards in midfield and scored a converted try of their own to reduce the deficit to two points (12-10). Prinsloo scored a wonderful set-piece try but Kearsney had the last say with a penalty goal to reduce the half-time deficit to a mere four points at 17-13.

The second half started with College once again dominating the early proceedings and scoring another set-piece try with Prinsloo bagging a brace from a solid platform at scrum time. Kearsney responded with a try of their own to reduce the gap to four points, at 24-20. Kearsney was in the ascendancy and both time and momentum were on their side as College held on for dear life. College slowly stemmed the tide and a Kearsney miskick allowed Ngcobo to race away for the decisive try. College returned to Pietermaritzburg with a 31-20 win, much to their delight.

Tries: Mahomed, Knoetze, Prinsloo (2), Ngcobo

Conversions: Knoetze (3)

vs Westville Boys' High. Won 42-26

Westville's Bowden Field was the venue for a mouth-watering encounter between Maritzburg College and Westville. This was Westville's last game of the season and they were eager to finish off with a flourish. Westville, with a strong wind at their back, started the match much the better team and raced away to a comfortable 26-7 lead at halftime with College looking all but dead and buried. The second half was an exact mirror image of the first, with College having the ascendancy and playing all the rugby. In what was to become a famous come from behind victory, Prinsloo barged over to get the ball rolling with a wonderful solo effort which was converted by Knoetze. In the fiftieth minute, van der Berg scored the first of his brace of tries to put in motion a juggernaut performance by the College team who now smelled blood and were dominating proceedings. Goddard scored next after coming on as a second half replacement to put College in the lead for the first time during the match. The score, incredibly, now stood at 28-26 and College looked set to score more points in the half. Van den Berg went over for his second try, to further extend the lead to 35-26, and Mbonambi scored at the death to bring down the curtain on a fine College second half performance.

Tries: Mbonambi (2), Prinsloo, Goddard, van der Berg (2)

Conversions: Knoetze (6)

vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies). Lost 12-29.

Goldstone's played host to the premier Interscholls clash between Maritzburg College and Affies. The match started in a very frenetic manner with Prinsloo coming close to scoring for the hosts before Affies began to exert their dominance at the set piece, which became a hallmark of the first half. College was unable to stop the Affies maul which allowed Affies to quickly race away to a 19-0 lead. The Maritzburg College players did not lie down and manfully stood up to the Affies onslaught with some resolute defending. They hit back eventually with a try of their own, with SA Schools player Bester finishing off a trademark backline move for a converted try. In the second half, a wonderful kick and chase brought Ngcobo a superb solo try and made the score 19-12. College hammered away at the Affies

defence in search of the next try, which they felt could lead to a remarkable comeback. Several penalty kicks and two clear cut opportunities for tries were missed. But in the closing minutes of the game, Affies restored some order, kicking a penalty and scored a converted try to take the match away from College. At 29-12 the scoreboard did not reflect the match as for long periods in the second half the Maritzburg College players were in the ascendancy and looked like they would walk away with a famous victory.

Tries: Ngcobo, Bester
Conversion: Knoetze

vs Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS). Won 52-26

Maritzburg College travelled up to Pretoria to take on Pretoria Boys High School for the second time in the season. College was looking for a bounce back performance after their loss at home to Affies where they showed glimpses of what they can do with ball in hand. After an early exchange of converted tries, the game ebbed and flowed for several minutes until College seized firm control with three further tries and a considerable half-time lead. The second half started with PBHS hitting back with a try of their own. It took College until the 57th minute to score their next try from a well worked set-piece which allowed Chirengende to crash over in the right-hand corner. This score now put College firmly in control of the match and they scored a further three tries by Ayliffe, Wilken and Bester. PBHS refused to lie down, but could only record one more try, from a smart line-out move. The final College try was spectacular. Ngcobo, took a quick tap penalty inside College's 22m and raced away, carving up the disorganised PBHS defence. Bester was on hand for the final pass and dived under the uprights, much to the delight of the College supporters present.

Tries: Ngcobo, Mouton, Prinsloo, van den Berg, Chirengende, Ayliffe, Wilken, Bester
Conversions: Knoetze (6)

vs King Edward VII School (KES). Won 34-30

In an absolute humdinger of a match, Maritzburg College emerged the victors by the slimmest of margins against their foes from Johannesburg. It was a match that was always going to be a tight affair, but no one imagined that it would be a high scoring one as well. Both sides were intent on playing a high-tempo game, much to the delight of all in attendance.

The first moments of the match belonged to KES, but stoic defence held them at bay and then College scored two excellent tries for a 12-0 lead within the first ten minutes of the match. KES hit back with a penalty and then a try after a well-executed line-out drive. A high tackle allowed College to kick the penalty to the corner and set up a line-out drive of their own. Theirs was also successful and College extended their lead now to nine points, 17-8. KES hit back soon after with a penalty kick of their own to reduce the deficit to 17-11.

In the second half, Ngcobo, with the smallest of margins to work in, used his trademark acceleration and rapid footwork to leave the KES defence for dead and race away for his second try of the match. From the kick off, Prinsloo scooped up a loose ball to score in the right-hand corner. College now had a healthy twenty-point lead with twenty-six minutes remaining on the clock. The match was not over by any stretch of the imagination as KES looked dangerous with ball in hand and hit back soon after with an extremely well worked lineout drive of their own. The score now stood at 30-16 and KES had their tails up. Two further KES tries, both converted, reduced the margin to one point and some very nervous glances were being shared by the College spectators. College hit back with a penalty from the boot of captain Knoetze to make the score 34-30 with a mere five minutes left in the match. KES won a crucial tight head at a scrum and looked to break out from deep within their own half, but College managed to get sufficient numbers back in defence and win a penalty at the breakdown. College opted to kick at poles and the ball struck the upright and off went KES again. With mere seconds remaining, KES were adjudged to have gone off their feet at the breakdown and once again College had a kickable penalty to seal the match. The penalty was again missed, but this proved to be the last moment of an enthralling match.

Tries: Ngcobo (2), Bester, Wilken, Prinsloo
Conversions: Knoetze (3)
Penalty: Knoetze

vs Glenwood High. Lost 22-28

Glenwood held out against a late comeback from Maritzburg College to continue their dominance of this fixture in Pietermaritzburg. Having led 22-5 at half time, Glenwood were made to sweat on defence and Maritzburg launched a brave comeback effort, scoring three late tries to see the game end 28-22 to the visitors.

Two converted tries and a penalty gave Glenwood a 17-0 lead in the first half, before a further try brought their half-time tally to 22. College's only reply came from a well-executed maul. The second half started with Glenwood extending their lead with a penalty kick before College hit back, with Mouton crashing over in the left-hand corner after a smart line-out move. The game was all College at this stage, but a series of breakdown infringements resulted in Glenwood extending their lead with another penalty, to take the score to 28-10. Centre Bester crossed the whitewash to make it a contest and the hosts then piled on the pressure, winning penalty after penalty in the final five minutes. No. 8, Kadira, burst over from a quick tap penalty, but it was too little, too late as time ran out on the clock.

Tries: Wilken, Mouton, Bester, Kadira
Conversions: Knoetze

Mr T Orchard



What a 34 – 30 victory on Goldstone's over King Edward VII School (KES) looks like

2nd XV

The second team had a roller coaster of a season. They managed to obtain some hard-fought victories along the way, but also had some losses about which they would have been disappointed. It was, however, how the team grew in stature throughout the season which was impressive. They got the season off to a winning start against St Charles at home. A second team squad was taken to Fichardtspark High School for two tough fixtures against first teams from HTS Ligbron and Hentie Cilliers. The boys fought valiantly but could not come away with a win. This proved to be a good test for the team as they returned home having learned valuable lesson which propelled them to four successive victories. Their first was against PBHS in a game where they kept the opposition from crossing the whitewash. The following match was won against a highly rated DHS outfit. A very exciting high-scoring match was won against Northwood at home. The team's winning ways continued with a superb effort from the boys to win comfortably against Glenwood on their own field. Unfortunately, the winning streak came to an end on Reunion Day against a well-coached and disciplined Hilton outfit. This was, of course, a disappointing moment for the team, but they showed huge character to end the term with two excellent wins. The first was against Kearsney, in a match that proved to be a real arm-wrestle, ultimately resulting in a one-point victory. One of the highlights of the season must have been against Westville, when the team trailed by 19 points at one stage, only to fight back and win the game by five points. That performance was testament to the second team's never-say-die attitude.

The season continued after the July holidays with our respected foe from Pretoria, Affies. The team worked hard to stay in the game, but Affies proved to be too strong and showed once again why they are a highly respected rugby school. It was our turn to travel up to Pretoria for another round of fixtures against PBHS. Sadly, the team performed below their usually high standards and suffered a one-point defeat to a determined PBHS side. Back home the following weekend against KES, the team put on one of its best performances for the season on Goldstone's to beat their opposition in convincing fashion. Glenwood, our familiar foe from Durban, got their revenge in the final match of the season. It wasn't the way the boys wanted to end their season, but rugby can be a humbling game. In the end the boys can be very proud of their efforts this season. They showcased some very exciting rugby at times and always fought right to the end. They can hold their heads high knowing that they have left the jersey in a better place.

Regular players:

C Prinsloo (captain), B Luthuli, C Hankinson, L Swanepoel, TT Motaung, B Brits, T van Heerden, T Mahomed, K Hattingh, L Mkhize, T Roux, D Craig, K King, L Kunene, A van der Linde, L Schultz, Z Shongwe, J Munn, M van Selm, M Chirengende, C Reardon

Results:

vs St Charles 21-10, HTS Ligbron 1st 12-32, Hentie Cilliers 1st 5-35, PBHS 17-0, DHS 18-5, Northwood 40-19, Glenwood 14-3, Hilton College 17-26, Kearsney 6-5, Westville 29-24, Affies 12-43, PBHS 24-25, KES 32-17, Glenwood 8-10

Messrs T Orchard, D Hoffman, H Kriek



Messrs D Hoffman, T Orchard and H Kriek

3rd XV

The 3rd XV had a very successful season and could have been unbeaten if their hands had not let them down against Hilton and if they could have overcome some unusual decisions in Pretoria at Boys High.

Even though the plan was to have an U17 side as the 3rd XV, as a feeder side for next year's 1st XV, the 3rd XV provided three players who ended playing in the 1st XV in the last match.

After losing three captains to higher teams (K Hattingh, Z Shongwe and L du Toit), T Koller was appointed and led the team with distinction. He motivated the team and led by example, a true captain. The team was full of go-getters and played with pride for the Red, Black, White.

The season started off against PBHS at home, which was narrowly won. It did set the platform for the rest of the season. The season started after some players enjoyed a tour to Fichardtspark, in Bloemfontein, over the April holiday. The regular season was started with a fixture against PBHS at home.

The Amabovu played some exciting rugby at stages, but the constant player movement was a spanner in the works, although it did give players the opportunity for higher honours.

Regular players:

C Hankinson, K Nyawo, D Nel, TT Motaung, R Murray, M Chapman, J Goebel, R Barker, A Duma, L Mkhize, K Hattingh, Y Katide, T Walton, N Buthelezi, R Quin, L du Toit, L Coetzer, J Sparks, C Reardon, T Koller, J Miller, O Luffingham, C Zondi, V Chili, E Everton, K Steele, C Smith

Results:

vs PBHS 11-0, Voortrekker 7-0, DHS 33-5, Northwood 56-7, Glenwood 43-19, Hilton College 14-19, Kearsney 20-5, Westville 31-27, Affies 10-10, PBHS 7-22, KES 24-17, Glenwood 13-12

Mr S Botha

4th XV

The 4th XV had a successful season, with a few mishaps here and there costing them a game or two. As a coach I believe that it's important to filter the players capable of playing in higher teams and I encouraged that throughout the season. Week in and week out the boys displayed great resilience and started to thrive in the trenches, led by guys who knew how to bring the boys together in heated moments of the game. Through the captaincy of strong charactered players like J Gous and R Concalves, senior players including S Msibi, T Motaung, T Adam and K Steele contributed to creating that vibe for players to feel welcomed and supported by one another.

As the season progressed the boys found their feet and rhythm. The boys gave their best in each game and displayed the skills taught at practice. The fourths loved a running game with a hard defence, and that is how they played throughout the season. Credit is given to those boys who reached higher teams, especially those who made their first team debut from starting in the 4ths or lower. I am very excited to see how many players put their hands up to represent their school's first team next year.

Regular players:

TT Motaung, K Nyawo, YP Katide, J Gous, R Goncalves, R McKenzie, B Thomson, C Sweetnam, T Crawford, L Gumbi, X Thabethe, A Coulthard, T Walton, N Buthelezi, S Msibi, D Plumb, L Coetzer, S Hutton, C Smith, V Chili, C Zondi, J Miller, C van Rooyen, R Paine, B Emberton, J Sparks, T Adam, K Steele

Results:

vs Linpark 31-5, PBHS 10-8, Greytown 1st 14-14, Curro 43-14, Glenwood 47-0, Hilton College 22-13, Linpark 10-7, Westville 24-5, Affies 5-39, PBHS 20-8, KES 5-10, Glenwood 10-15

Mr A Ebrahim

5th XV

The 5th team had an exceptional season both on and off the field. The boys showed character and grit in tough moments, leading to memorable wins over our KwaZulu-Natal rivals. Running the ball from all over, throwing passes in contact and just allowing the boys to play the rugby that they wanted to, really brought out the best in them. The forwards were immense. Whether it was bone crunching tackles from the likes of R Barker or running over the opposition like X Thabethe, the forwards truly dominated. The boys showed great composure in critical situations that led to some special tries. The forwards truly were the engine room of the team and can be proud of every bit of their season. The skill shown by the backline throughout the season was brilliant. On defence, the opposition was left with no answers, rarely tasting the gain line. On attack we brought some flavour to our set pieces, scoring tries of which even Rassie Erasmus might have been proud. There was never a dull moment for the backline, whether it was during story time or practising some rather over-the-top set moves at training.

Our best performance of the season was certainly our win at PBHS where we turned around a narrow defeat in the second term at home to win very convincingly up in Pretoria in the third term. We had one disappointing result which was against Kearsney where we didn't stick to the game plan and the bounce of the ball just didn't go our way - but that is rugby.

It was an incredibly rewarding season for us as coaches and, I'm sure, for the parents who watched their sons take some giant leaps to become true gentlemen! We can't wait to see where the boys end up. Thank you all once again for such an amazing season and good luck for everything to come!

Regular players:

M Zuma, C Stead, J Clark, S Meter, A Ferraz, T Sewparsad, M van Rooyen, O Mhlongo, R Watson, T Davies, K Meisegeier, L Gumbi, C Harvey, C van Rooyen, A Ngobese, J Williams, T Crawford, A Madlala, N Khumalo, L Sithole, L Sinclair, P Jacobs, R Barker, D Wright, B Emberton, S Mchunu, J Sweetnam, B Winrow, S Hutton, B Thomson, X Thabethe, K Bester, R Paine, N Buthelezi

Results:

vs St Charles 3rd 19-12, PBHS 3-8, DHS 4th 50-0, Howick 1st 12-10, Glenwood 31-0, Hilton College 17-3, Kearsney 4th 15-17, Westville 34-5, Affies 10-26, PBHS 42-5, KES 19-33, Glenwood 17-5

Messrs S Sinclair and R Paterson

6th XV

This year has seen the return to full fixtures for the 'Pigs' in the 5th and 6th team squad in the open age group at College. The two-year break had not done the boys' basic skills much good, and a large portion of training sessions were spent on developing and honing the basic skills of passing, catching, running and tackling. Later in the season we could focus on the bigger picture of identifying and creating space on attack, shifting and communicating well on defence to cover space effectively and controlling the pace of the game. These basics gave us a blueprint on which we could and should have built an expansive attacking game and a solid, dogged defence. However, with the constant changes toward the end of the season this didn't happen as well as it might have, as game preparations often involved getting new players up to speed, rather than developing new attacking options and fine-tuning defensive patterns.

We had some excellent games - a sound thrashing dished out to a pumped-up Hilton College side that led us at half time comes to mind - but we also had some games where we left the field a point or two adrift. It was those close games that never went our way that taught us the most about the small things we could improve on week to week, and the all-important lesson of how to handle defeat graciously.

It has been a pleasure to coach this wonderful team this season, but the support and enthusiasm from key players is what really stood out. Our captain for many games, S Meter, was as consistent as they get. He brought a calmness and determination to get a job done well without being flamboyant or cocky. Other great finds were M Zuma at prop, who continually bashed his way forward around the fringes of the breakdown

and set the platform for many attacking moves; the original 8th team scrum half, T Davies, who scored two tries in two consecutive games with his sniping runs; and the powerful X Thabethe who couldn't be held back from the try line at No. 8.

Regular players:

J Marsh, L Mthembu, M Zuma, C Stead, S Manyoni, J Clark, Z Mfeka, S Meter, A Ferraz, T Sewparsad, S Maltman, M van Rooyen, O Mhlongo, R Watson, K Ngcobo, T Davies, K Meisegeier, A Ndlovu, L Gumbi, C Harvey, C van Rooyen, T Ambler, A Ngobese, J Williams, T Crawford, A Madlala, T Mkhabela, N Khumalo, A Mdlala, P Xaba, L Sithole, L Sinclair, M Hendricks, J Barrett, K Rhodes, B Sithole, M Wolhuter, S Malila, G van Laun, S Luffingham, T Luffingham

Results:

vs Howick 1st 5-8, PBHS 6th 29-6, Hilton College 27-6, Northwood 4th 39-0, Glenwood 22-7, Hilton College 10-0, Kearsney 5th 55-3, Westville 7-8, Affies 0-19, PBHS 20-10, KES 3-0, Estcourt 1st 22-5

Messrs R Paterson and Mr S Sinclair



S Mbonambi on the attack

7th XV

The number of players who registered and arrived for trials was very disappointing. With barely nine full teams at the start of the season, a long slog awaited the players. Due to injuries and promotions, we ended up struggling to field a 7th side in the second term.

With so many changes to the team, the first couple of matches did not go well resulting in a 5-11 loss to Pretoria Boys High. This was followed by another loss to the St Charles 4th team, 17-22.

Over the rest of the season the players upped their game and produced some good basic rugby. Even against Affies the boys got stuck in, but unfortunately towards the end leaked a couple of tries to record their third and last defeat of the season, 0-22.

The Glenwood match away produced vintage rugby with the forwards taking the ball up with aggression and purpose. The backs' defence was resolute, resulting in a 45-0 win. This fine display was followed with a 19-19 draw against St Charles, a 7-7 draw against Linpark 1st team, a 20-12 win against DHS and an emphatic 50-0 victory against Hilton. The highlight of the third term was the 22-0 win against Pretoria Boys High (away), effectively reversing the earlier loss.

Those who stuck it out to the end are thanked sincerely for their commitment. Unfortunately, a new trend is coming to the fore whereby players drop sport during the season to focus on other matters. With rugby fixtures set a year in advance we cannot allow ourselves to be in a position where we cancel fixtures due to a drop in attendance.

While the Fifth Formers will have another bite at the cherry next year, we wish the 6th Formers who played for the 7ths this year all the very best and we hope to see you along the touch line in 2023.

Regular players:

K Rhodes, A Madlala, U Gina, N Zulu, S Msomi, T Luffingham, S Luffingham, W Muggleton, A Mdlala, TM Mkhize, G van Laun, T Davies, P Xaba, J Staples, D Steyn, T Crawford, H Briggs, A Madlala, J Marsh, A Sclanders, M van Rooyen, Z Mfeka, N Kubheka, C Stead, M Tshaka, A Mfeka, M Radebe, N Khumalo, R Goncalves, M Chonco, K Ngcobo, S Mchunu, M Wolhuter, M Clemmans, J Sharpe, D Slabbert, D Naidoo, O Mhlongo, M Hendricks, T Redman, L Sinclair, J Barrett, P Laurens, B Clark, B Sithole, K Elliot, M Roberts, J Fraser, T Mkhabela, J Killick, S Malila

Results:

vs PBHS 5-11, St Charles 4ths 17-22, Affies 0-22, Glenwood 45-0, St Charles 4ths 19-19, Linpark 1sts 7-7, DHS 20-12, Hilton College 50-0, PBHS 22-0

Mr N Sutherland

8th XV

It was a somewhat difficult season for the 8th rugby team as we started out with no more than nine rugby teams, so the depth was somewhat lacking. The first few games went well against PBHS, Hilton and Linpark, winning all three. The match against Linpark was a very exciting one with the half time score being 14-10 to College and owing to the 9th team not having a match, as there were not enough players, we were able to use the reserve bench to play the second half. With the disruption of boys playing in positions that they were not accustomed to, they were still able to win by one point against a 2nd team. Well done to them.

A disappointing turnout at practice during exam time meant that the boys were not physically fit or prepared for the 3rd term rugby. The match against Affies was the worst loss of the season, where the somewhat depleted side was beaten by 52-0. After having to sub for seven injuries in the 7th side, the subs ended up playing at least an extra half of game time.



The Shouting Captains, T Koller and N Mokoena charge across Goldstone's to join the College boys on Basher Ridge

The return match against PBHS was somewhat unusual as PBHS used 34 boys as rolling subs and thus beat the team by 17-5.

Regular players:

J Barrett, B Clark, M Chonco, M Douglas, J Fraser, M Hendricks, J Kauffman, P Laurens, S Manack, S Manyoni, D Naidoo, J O'Brien, J Pope, C Pretorius, C Prinsloo, MJ Roberts, M Somi, H Wells, M Wolhuter, P Xaba

Results:

vs PBHS 17-5, Hilton College 43-0, Linpark 2nds 21-20, Alex 1st 5-17, Michaelhouse 26-5, Affies 0-52, PBHS 5-17

Messrs G Dorling and N Sutherland

9th XV

The 9th rugby team, despite having a short-lived season with only three games, played their hearts out and made College proud. We started with a full 9th team squad, however, with injuries in the higher teams, boys were moved up. At this level it was all about the love of the game and coming out to play with friends and make life-long memories. Their heart, courage and tenacity were seen when they came onto the field playing out of position due to the lack of squad depth and putting their bodies on the line.

The three games played were against PBHS, Alex 2nds, and Linpark 2nds. The first game against PBHS was a nail-biting clash where College took the win 13-10 with a penalty kick after the final play of the game. The second game against Alex High 2nds was a tough game. The boys defended like Trojans but unfortunately were no match for Alex's speed around the outside and lost 5-17. In the third and final game, against Linpark 2nds, the first half was an even match ending 5-5. However, Linpark's depth in their 35-man squad ran away with the game in the second half, winning 35-5.

Regular players:

K Akeroyd, H Anderson, R Berriman, B Clark, D Ekstrand, K Elliot, R Froise, Z Govender, G Hampson, R Hart, D Naidoo, T Redman, M Roberts, B Robertson, D Slabbert, A Weilbach, H Wells

Results:

vs PBHS 9ths 13-10, Alex 2nds 5-17, Linpark 2nds 5-35

Mr L Smorfitt





U16A

Back row: B Madikizela, N Sithole, I Kemka, C Robinson, S Kapotwe, M Nel
Middle row: S Nyathi, M Kritzinger, J Marcus, J Slevin, O Da Costa, N Mthiyane, L Makhathini, R Maartens
Front row: A Botha, J Jansen, Mr K Elder (coach) P Kubheka (captain), Mr R Kyle (coach), S Mbatha, S Oosthuizen

It was a privilege and honour to coach the College U16A side this year. The drive and ambition to succeed was always evident and the boys reaped the rewards of all the hard work they put in. The motto of the group for the year was to 'be better' in all aspects of life, as we outlined that good people become good rugby players. Although there were some disappointing results along the way, the team always remained focused and lived up to their reputation and the goals that they had set for themselves. The season started with the Skonk Nicholson tournament, held at Maritzburg College. Although the results were not what we had hoped for, losing two out of three matches against strong opposition, the boys took in what had to be learned and ensured we grew from these experiences.

P Kubheka, known to all as 'Rambo', was named as the captain for the season. His physical appearance and natural leadership capabilities certainly brought out the best of all under his leadership, which is a true testament to the individual he is. For his efforts, he was given an opportunity to represent his school's 1st XV rugby team and managed to run out on three occasions, which is a remarkable achievement for someone of his age.

The team got better and better as the season went on and they found their rhythm after the Skonk Nicholson Festival. After some impressive victories against tough opposition, the side only lost five out of 19 fixtures, four of the losses were only by a margin of three points. One victory that needs to be mentioned was against rugby powerhouse, Affies, who only lost one game this season. After trailing 0-15 at halftime, the boys had to dig deep to pull through as victors, 20-15. A day that many will remember.

Due to their dedication, commitment and ability, some players were awarded provincial colours. Nine players were selected for KZN.

Grant Khomo (KZN U16A): P Kubheka (captain), A Botha, J Jansen, S Oosthuizen, I Kemka and S Mbatha

KZN U16B: N Sithole, C Robinson and L Makhathini

We thank all the players for the way that they played and for what turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable season. It was a real privilege and honour to coach this group.

Regular players:

P Kubheka (captain), S Nyathi, A Botha, C Robinson, J Jansen, S Oosthuizen, N Sithole, I Kemka, R Maartens, J Slevin, L Makhathini, S Kapotwe, R Jacobsz, M Kritzinger, S Mbatha, B Madikizela, M Nel, P Kruse, O Da Costa, N Mthiyane, J Marcus

Results:

vs Sarel Cilliers 50-0, St Charles 75-7, Garsfontein 17-20, HTS Middelburg 38-11, EG Jansen 10-23, PBHS 16-7, DHS 13-12, Paarl Boys' High 7-10, Helpmekaar 10-10, Northwood 23-17, Glenwood 43-6, Hilton College 36-14, Kearsney 7-10, Westville 25-15, Affies 20-15, KES 12-15, PBHS 31-8, Glenwood 24-0

Messrs K Elder and R Kyle



S Ngcobo, K van den Bergh and S Mbonambi attack in numbers

U16B

It was a privilege and honour to coach the College U16B side. The drive and ambition to succeed was always evident and the boys reaped the rewards of all the hard work they put in. This side certainly lived up to their nickname, 'Soldiers'. The fight they showed this season was remarkable.

The U16B team had the opportunity to train with and against the A side which certainly put them in good stead week in and week out, delivering top-class performances. They managed to go unbeaten in KZN and lost only one game, against Affies, 12-17. They formed a strong bond throughout the season, and one could see that in the way they played. They were equipped with the necessary skill set to execute any game plan and the coaches only had to guide them and sharpen up on things during the week.

One thing that stood out for us was that they never settled for anything but the best. Often after a training session, they would stay behind to perfect things they felt needed attention. This is winning the process and thus led to them being so successful. Without a doubt we can say that some of these players will come through and achieve higher honours in the years to come.

We thank all the players for the way they played and for what turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable season.

Regular players:

N Mazwi (captain), N Mthiyane (captain), D Simpson, H Prinsloo, M Nkwanyana, M Breedt, M Nel, P Kruse, C Potgieter, A Mornet, B Madikizela, O Da Costa, J Marcus, K Jele, K Wichmann, C Segar, Y Mchunu, J Galtrey

Results:

vs Voortrekker U16A 60-0, PBHS 45-0, DHS 42-5, Northwood 40-19, Glenwood 38-7, Hilton College 60-0, Kearsney 25-17, Westville 6-5, Affies 12-17, KES 25-11, PBHS 37-0, Glenwood 20-0

Messrs K Elder and R Kyle

U16C

The U16C team boasted a very successful season, suffering only one loss, to rivals Affies. The young men represented the red, black and white with great pride and are to be commended for their commitment, enthusiasm and 'never say die' attitude.

Regular players:

Z Ndlovu, L Johnstone, L Ndaba, C Goslett, D Haines, R Wichmann, T Paine, E Landman, H Pretorius, D Warren, M Baca, J Foster, R Tocknell, J Gasarasi, R Boshoff, W Beauclerk, I Masinga

Results:

vs Howick U16A 36-6, PBHS 45-0, DHS 62-5, Northwood 38-0, Glenwood 17-5, Hilton College 50-0, Kearsney 31-11, Westville 29-17, Affies 7-39, PBHS 24-5, KES 17-10, Glenwood 15-5

Messrs S Sokhela and M Kritzinger

U16D

The U16D team boasted a very successful season, suffering only two losses. The young men represented the red, black and white with great pride and are to be commended for their commitment, passion and never say die attitude.

Regular players:

T Smith, O Haasbroek, O Jikijo, G Egberink, S Norton, N Gwala, D Botha, E Taylor, J Werth, B Gademan, L Myeza, J Knoetze, M Knoetze, L Mbentse, J Odell, J Kloppers

Results:

vs St Charles U16B 31-0, PBHS 53-0, DHS 39-0, Northwood 34-7, Glenwood 24-0, Howick U16A 22-14, Kearsney 57-5, Michaelhouse 5-28, Affies 26-29, PBHS 64-0, KES 14-19, Estcourt U16A 27-10

Messrs S Sokhela and M Kritzinger

U16E

The season kicked off with the usual excitement, with many boys turning up for trials and practice. It was apparent from the very beginning that the boys were eager to do their best, even though the scheduled fixtures were staggered and the competition very strong. Despite the challenges the U16E team were faced with, they managed to produce an excellent set of results. Despite the many changes that had to be made during the season, mainly due to injuries, the boys in red, black and white played as a cohesive unit and never gave up. A special moment I will never forget was against Glenwood U16D side, when the boys kept fighting back and kept Glenwood away from the try line to secure a 20-19 win.

It was rewarding to see players improve and enjoy playing rugby. These fine young men were a pleasure to work with and we wish them well in their rugby future.

Regular players:

K Lamb (captain), A Leclezio, M Rubuluza, P Ndlovu, K Hurson, F Macleod, L Burger, D Becket, S Redman, T Mafunga, A Khumalo, T Armstrong, E Kloppers, N Meisegeier, M Mkhize, J Stead, N Collins, N Ngcobo, C Henderson, B Kent, L Myeza, J Odell, L Mbentse

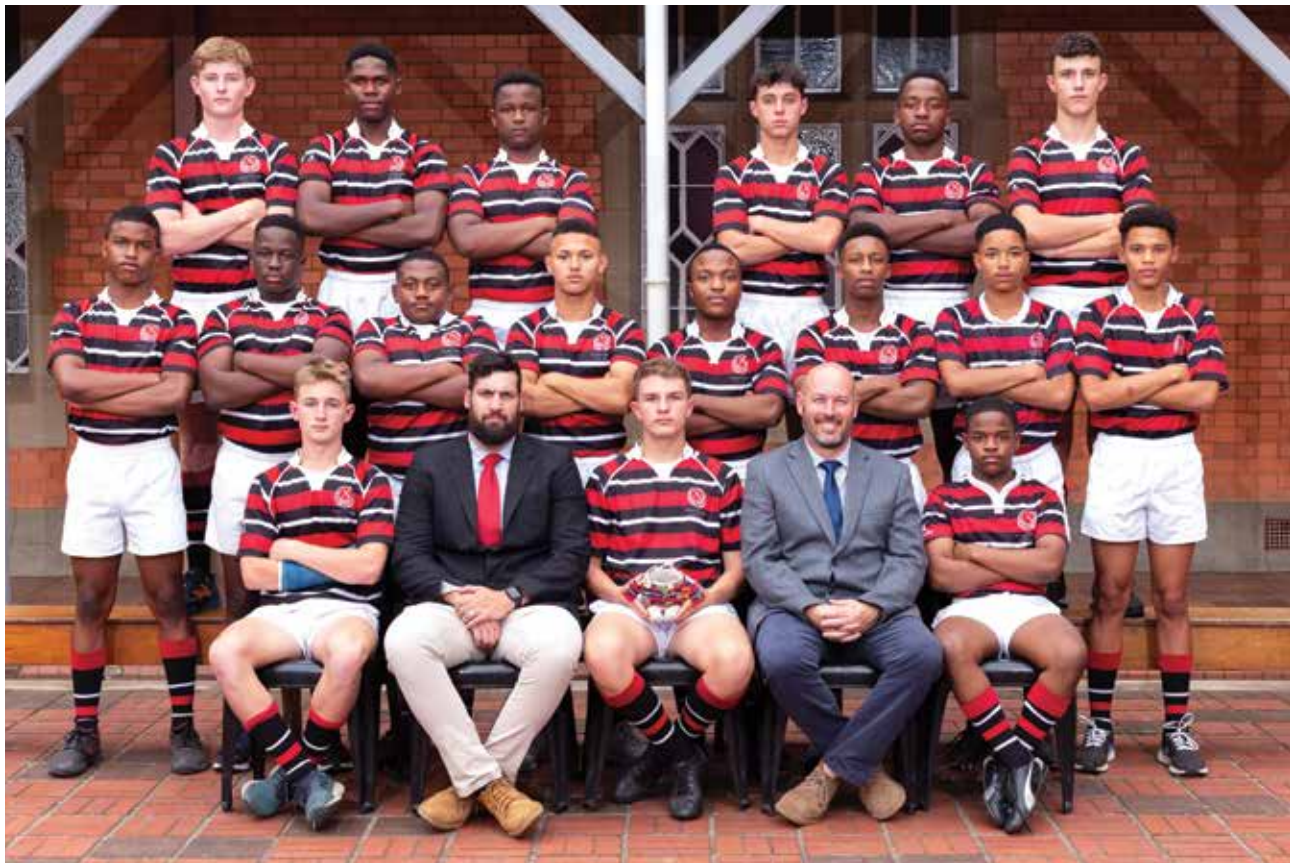
Results:

vs PBHS 34-7, Greytown U16A 19-22, Curro Hillcrest U16A 0-38, Alex High U16A 15-0, Michaelhouse U16D 24-5, Kearsney 39-22, Affies 0-50, PBHS 32-7, Glenwood U16D 20-19

Messrs G Steyn and S Hines



A van der Linde sidesteps a Pretoria Boys High player on Goldstone's



U15A

Back row: T Foster, W Vyambwera, A Ngubane, W Trodd, C Cherayi, C Morewood
Middle row: Z Mabunda, I Mlotshwa, M Gwala, L Damons, N Mkize, A Hadebe, R Armoed, S Stevens
Front row: J Thackwray, Mr D Sherriff (coach), E Bester (captain), Mr F Maritz (coach), Z Canham
Absent: L Motha

As they had not experienced a full season of rugby at College due to Covid restrictions, this season was bound to be an exciting one for the boys in the U15 group. The team got off to a solid start with a good win over our neighbours from across town, St Charles, before departing for Pretoria to participate in the Francois Swart Rugby Festival hosted by Affies. Although losing both matches on tour, the experience proved to be a great learning curve in terms of adapting to the physicality and tempo of U15 rugby. Following the Easter holidays, the team were able to implement what they had learned on tour and managed two good wins against PBHS and DHS, with the latter match going down to the wire – 7 points to 3.

The next stop on the rugby calendar was the annual Wildeklaar Rugby Tournament when our players got to match up against the boys from Paarl Boys' High as well as a second encounter versus Helpmekaar, whom the team had played at the Francois Swart Festival. In the first match, the squad put together a brave performance but unfortunately went down to Paarl Boys' High in the final minutes of the game. During the second match the team illustrated their improvement to date, narrowly losing by 15-19 after being defeated by the same opponents 0-27 a few weeks earlier.

The regular season started with fixtures against Northwood and unfortunately the trend of losing close matches continued, as we lost to Northwood by 1 heart-breaking point. Thereafter the team went on a three-match winning streak, defeating Glenwood (20-14), Hilton College (31-11) and Kearsney College (55-7), before losing away to Westville in another very tightly contested affair. The following weekend our teams faced a massive challenge when the first ranked U15 side in South Africa, Affies from Pretoria, made the trip down to Pietermaritzburg to face our boys. The team gave a very good account of themselves, playing some outstanding attacking rugby and scoring three excellent tries in an eventual 17-38 loss. The players once again learned valuable lessons from this fixture and thereafter improved in playing together as a team, winning all three of their remaining matches. The highlight of the last section of the season was certainly a last gasp victory against KES, with a massive place kick from half-way to seal the victory!

The players illustrated heart and tenacity throughout the season. With a never say die attitude they progressed through the season, constantly improving in all aspects of their game. The team rose to the challenges on their path and a strong collective spirit of camaraderie emerged within the group.

Regular players:

E Bester (captain), J Thackwray (vice-captain), I Mlotshwa, M Gwala, A Ngubane, T Foster, C Morewood, W Vyambwera, C Cherayi, R Armoed, L Motha, S Stevens, A Hadebe, L Damons, L Sinkfontein, N Tshabalala, N Pembridge, L Baptista, C Siyongwana, N, Mkize, K Jones, Z Canham, W Trodd, Z Mabunda

Results:

vs St Charles 33-0, Noordheuwel 14-31, Helpmekaar 0-27, PBHS 26-5, DHS 7-3, Paarl Boys' High 10-19, Helpmekaar 15-19, Northwood 24-25, Glenwood 24-14, Hilton 31-11, Kearsney 55-7, Westville 5-12, Affies 17-36, PBHS 24-10, KES 17-14, Glenwood 14-0

Messrs F Maritz and D Sherriff

U15B

The 2022 rugby season was bound to be an exciting one as this would be the first full season this age group would experience since arriving at College. From the start the U15B team played together as a unit and with great courage and determination achieved excellent results.

The team only played one match in the first term when they defeated Voortrekker's A team by 29 points to 5. Upon their return from the Easter holidays, and boosted by the experiences of those players who went on tour to the Francois Swart Festival, this team started like a house on fire defeating PBHS 55-0 at home. Thereafter, the boys went from strength to strength improving with every match. Victories followed against DHS,

Northwood, Glenwood, Hilton College and Kearsney, as well as against Westville. The only defeat of the season came against Affies, but this was a valuable learning curve in terms of the physicality and tempo required to play the game at future, higher age groups. The team gathered themselves for the last three matches to end on a successful note, not only in terms of results but also individual players and team development.

The team played with courage and commitment throughout the season and there were numerous players who created opportunities for themselves to gain representation at a higher level.

Regular players:

N Tshabalala, N Pembridge, L Baptista, B Botha, C Siyongwana, N Mkize, J Combrink, K Jones, N Koller, W Trodd, M Thomson, Z Mabunda, O Mhlongo, Z Canham, P Louwrens, S Harris, A Bhengu, S Kleu, L Khumalo, D Cruickshank, S Hughes, Z Msomi, Z Mazibuko

Results:

vs Voortrekker U15A 29-5, PBHS 55-0, DHS 10-0, Northwood 17-7, Glenwood 23-5, Hilton College 32-8, Kearsney 40-7, Westville 28-19, Affies 0-38, PBHS 29-7, KES 29-13, Glenwood 15-12

Mr F Maritz

U15C

This group of boys is special in that were a pleasure to work with. There were some growing pains as the boys had missed out on so much of their rugby development over the past two years due to Covid restrictions. The boys persevered through the season and it meant so much to them and the coaches to finally be out there again.

The team enjoyed some quality wins against Northwood, PBHS (home and away) and ended the season on a high with a hard-fought win against Glenwood. A memorable day was against Affies when the boys showed fight and belief in themselves. They were in the game for most of it but eventually went down. This was a clear turning point in belief and attitudes among the players.

Regular players:

Z Mazibuko, I Olorunda, Z Msomi, J Fincham, K Ward, A Barnes, S Hughes, N Koller, L Khumalo, G Thomson, A Bhengu, T Ekerold, D Nel, N Ngobese, L Bhengu, J Harris, D Suter

Results:

vs Linpark U15A 43-5, PBHS 45-0, DHS 32-5, Northwood 15-7, Glenwood 43-0, Hilton College 50-0, Howick U15A 36-12, Westville 12-19, Affies 10-36, PBHS 36-14, KES 12-14, Glenwood 29-12

Messrs S Stopford and S Bosch

U15D

This was a true team in every sense of the word, always up for a challenge and always keen to learn. The growth shown by every boy was immeasurable. The season was one of which to be immensely proud and it was a pleasure to have been a part of this group's journey.

The boys enjoyed a successful season, dominating all D teams in KZN by considerable margins. Many of the games were stopped before full time. The highlights of the season included wins over PBHS (home and away), the loss against Affies (lessons were learned) and the performance against KES.

Regular players:

R Venter, O Nala, B Makhoba, C Hurson, S Mazibuko, N Jaftha, O Ntombela, K Dedekind, J Steyn, R Upfold, V Kasambala, C Gibbs, F Thabethe, C van Rooyen, A Humphries, B Watts, S Mkhize, L Bokveldt, O Ntuli, R Anderson, T Ambler

Results:

vs St Charles U15B 29-5, PBHS 33-5, DHS 41-0, Northwood 45-0, Glenwood 56-0, Howick U15A 12-19, Kearsney U15C 32-0, Westville 50-7, Affies 3-50, PBHS 32-7, KES 38-7, Glenwood 50-0

Messrs S Stopford and S Bosch

U15E

E team level rugby is often a place where boys with a love for the game come to have some fun. This year we not only had boys with that desire, but with talent as well. We had players who went up to the D team and did more than simply pull their weight. Team selection was often difficult because of the commitment of this age group and it was a happy problem to have.

The boys faced off with some giants when they held their own and played bravely and the more evenly matched battles were well contested and ended in some memorable moments. My two personal favourites were the 10-7 win over Linpark's A Team and a cross kick from T Kufal to D Davies which was caught in the pouch and carried into the corner, beating his outside man for a spectacular try to finish off the season.

Regular players:

R Anderson, B Demont, R Launder, V Kasambala, J Fryer Dudley, C Gibbs, C van Rooyen, R van der Merwe, A van Wyk, T Kufal, J Petersen, M Murgatroyd, E Clark, C Gould, P Shuttleworth, S Mazibuko, C Hurson

Results:

vs Howick U15A 0-43, PBHS 29-0, DHS 52-12, Curro Hillcrest U15A 19-25, Linpark U15A 10-7, Linpark U15A 0-29, Michaelhouse U15D 0-15, Affies 0-50, PBHS 31-7

Mr C Myburgh

U15F

The season began with many enthusiastic young men eager to take to the field. They quickly bonded under a common goal. This team was full of character and belief.

With College having a lot of depth in this sporting code, fixtures against equal strength teams were difficult to come by. Our first fixture was a stagger against Westville E and the team lost after a valiant effort. Playing staggered fixtures would prove to be the trend for most of the season, with only one fixture against another F team.

I would like to commend and thank the boys for playing with all their might and for never giving up against some rather strong opposition. They showed true College grit, determination and a 'never say die' approach and spirit. Well done to all and I wish them the best as they move up to the next age group.

Regular players:

R Anderson, C Mundell, A Ndleleni, T Craig, C Ojo, E Majola, A Taylor, L de Jager, P Elliot, N Zingeni, Q Ngubane, W Strachan, E Clark, L Mkhize, N Mntungwa, K Dedekind, K Phungula, M Maphanga, S Ngobese, D Davies, M Miya

Results:

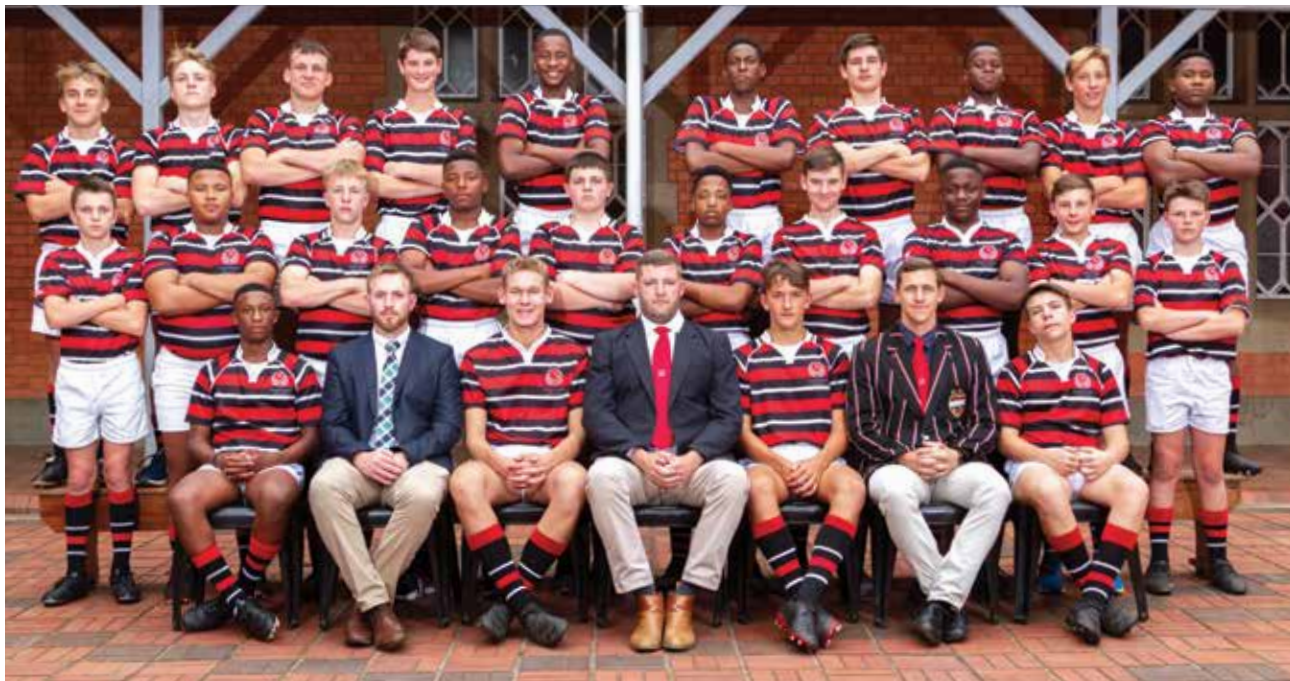
vs Westville U15E 0-50, Greytown U15B 4-43, Howick U15A 3-49, Voortrekker U15B 20-22, Affies 0-50

Mr M Zuma



L Kunene goes over for a try against Pretoria Boys High





U14A

Back row: M Harris, D Colenbrander, M Pretorius, J Thompson, L Tafeni, C Fynn, C Mountford, S Xaba, K de Bruyn, E Mpapa
Middle row: D du Toit, L Mabanga, A Cahill, N Ngcemu, B Botha, S Khuzwayo, S Pedlar, M Manana, T van Niekerk, M Oosthuizen
Front row: S Hadebe, Mr W Greyling (coach), JP Jordaan, Mr W du Plessis (head coach), R Stanton (captain), Mr M-J Smit (coach), T Boshoff
Absent: O Kosani

The U14A rugby team enjoyed a successful season with a playing record of 17 matches, of which they won 12 and lost 5. The team scored a total of 387 points and conceded 227 points for the season.

The team was captained by R Stanton who covered as a utility forward in the second row, with JP Jordaan who played flyhalf as the vice-captain for the season.

After the two years of Covid-19 the boys were eager to take the field and they didn't disappoint with the opening game against St Charles on Maritzburg Day, beating our neighbours 56-14. It was proved in that game that the forward pack would give many teams an uphill battle in the rest of the season. After some changes in the team, particularly moving O Kosani to inside centre, the team found their balance and rhythm.

The highlight of the season must be the team's participation in the prestigious Wildeklaar Festival when they had the opportunity to play against the top rugby schools in the country. This experience led to College recording some dominant victories over Hilton College, Kearsney, Westville, Pretoria Boys and King Edward. The massive 38-0 win over Glenwood to end of the season showed just how much these young men had grown as a team.

Regular players:

R Stanton (captain), M Manana, T Boshoff, E Mpapa, L Mabanga, B Botha, C, Mountford, J Thompson, M Pretorius, D Colenbrander, O Kosani, D du Toit, M Oosthuizen, T van Niekerk, J Jordaan, K de Bruyn, A Cahill, S Pedlar, S Xaba, L Kosani, S Hadebe

Results:

vs St Charles 58-14, Garsfontein 31-0, Middelburg 35-0, EG Jansen 11-7, PBHS 20-14, DHS 0-28, Paarl Boys' High 13-26, Helpmekaar 10-21, Northwood 20-21, Glenwood 12-10, Hilton College 22-14, Kearsney 24-15, Westville 28-5, Affies 12-34, PBHS 36-3, KES 27-12, Glenwood 38-0

Messrs W du Plessis and M-J Smit

U14B

The U14B team had a very productive season, their main goal was to create depth in the age group. They played 15 matches with a playing record of 10 games won and 5 games lost. The team was captained by C Sweetnam who played on the flank.

The team began their season with a 45-7 victory over Voortrekker and they went on to end their season undefeated in KZN. They recorded great victories over Sasolburg 14A, PBHS, DHS, Northwood, Glenwood, Hilton, Kearsney and Westville. They also participated in the prestigious Skonk Nicholson Rugby Festival.

Regular players:

B Botha, C, Mountford, J Thompson, D du Toit, M Oosthuizen, T van Niekerk, K de Bruyn, S Pedlar, B Pepu, T Sehlako, C Potgieter, T Katz, L Tafeni, L Dreyer, C Fynn, N Ngcemu, S Ncula, C Khumalo, C Dickason, S Sibanyoni, M Harris, B Barnard, S Mchunu

Results:

vs Voortrekker 45-7, Sasolburg U14A 38-12, Potchefstroom 5-15, Zwartkop 0-35, PBHS 14-0, DHS 26-7, Northwood 40-19, Glenwood 12-10, Hilton College 56-5, Kearsney 33-0, Westville 55-0, Affies 7-26, PBHS 12-14, KES 14-15, Glenwood 22-5

Messrs W du Plessis and M-J Smit



L Prinsloo outpaces the St Charles backs

U14C

The U14C rugby side had an amazing season and worked well in the squad system that included the U14Ds. Players were able to move between the two sides when required. They were fully committed to the structures and the game plan that were put in place. Practices were physical and required the players to be fit and strong. This group of boys took on the challenges that lay before them during the season. They were disciplined and really enjoyed their season.

Regular players:

C Dickason, C Khumalo, N Dlamini, J Van Der Merwe, H Modi, M Steel, T Mafunga, S Sibanyoni, A van Wyk, B Barnard, K Vogt, L Dreyer, D Galtrey, C Fynn, B Cook, B Pepu, J Wessels, J Craig, S Venniker

Results:

vs Linpark U14A 22-10, PBHS 15-17, DHS 26-5, Northwood 42-0, Glenwood 31-0, Michaelhouse 38-7, Kearsney 50-0, Westville 28-0, Affies 0-52, Glenwood 22-14, PBHS 31-16, KES 31-16

Messrs A Usher and C Pitout

U14D

The U14D rugby team had a tremendous season and worked exceptionally well in the squad system, which included the U14Cs. The players showed grit and determination in times of true difficulty and hardship on the rugby field. They were fully committed to the structures and the game plan implemented during the course of the year. Before the end of the season arrived, this group of boys became brothers and enjoyed their camaraderie on the field and in the classroom. They had a very successful season, and we wish them the best of luck next year.

Regular players:

Z Hulane, L Paveley, A Ngcobo, V Ndlovu, S Maharaj, M Lock, J Zunckel, J Craig, T Foster, H Goddard, C Pillay, J Slevin, B van Wyk, J Wessels, O Hoatson, T Kruger, D Clark, O Pritchard

Results:

vs St Charles U14B 38-29, PBHS 35-0, DHS 50-0, Northwood 29-0, Glenwood 55-7, Hilton College U14C 40-5, Kearsney U14C 50-0, Westville 56-0, Affies 0-52, PBHS 29-10, KES 5-3, Glenwood 24-0

Messrs A Usher and C Pitout



M Kweyama on the drive

U14E/F

This team, like every team, faced their ups and downs during the long season. One of their main successes was the sheer number of players who rose through the ranks to higher teams. We had players shoot all the way up into the U14C team, which was a tremendous achievement. We also found ourselves on the winning side on several occasions, even when we were faced with U14A teams, which is a testament to the will and determination of the players in the group.

We also pay tribute to our coaching legend, Mr G Waters, who had his final season coaching at Maritzburg College. He always brought such enthusiasm and experience which the boys were incredibly lucky to have. We all wish him the very best in his future endeavours.

Overall, the season was a great success and the boys progressed by leaps and bounds, ending the season much more accomplished rugby players through their sheer resolve and grit. I am very proud to have been a coach for this side.

Regular players:

F Kunene, C Pauw, A Madlala, R van Rensburg, J Jankovich, N Gosling, M Zulu, L Mabanda, L Mackay-Leslie, S Mbatha, C Machwane, N Adam, K Bishop, B Khumalo, T Pillay, Z Hulane, D Oakley, A Mthimkhulu, M Myaka, L Myeza

Results 14E:

vs Howick U14A 43-18, PBHS 24-17, DHS 53-0, Curro Hillcrest U14A 5-50, Glenwood 36-7, Howick U14A 17-15, Linpark 14-10, Michaelhouse U14D 0-50, Affies 0-50, PBHS 12-31, KES 5-5, Estcourt U14A 0-48

Results 14F:

vs St Charles U14C 29-20, PBHS 24-10

Messrs J Harvey, G Waters and E Robertson



Together as one – prior to the televised match against King Edward VII School (KES) game on Goldstone's



Rugby Sevens

U17 Rugby Sevens

After a long 15-a-side season, the boys were still filled with enthusiasm to enjoy the shortened format of the sevens game. They had little time get used to the different format and gave their all for the three weeks. This gave boys the opportunity to showcase their special awareness, attacking skills and flair.

College participated in three tournaments and the goal for the sevens season was to go from strength to strength. College fielded two U17 sides. The A side participated in three tournaments and the B side in two. These tournaments were also used as KZN trials after which a KZN U17 side would be selected.

The boys, under captains A van der Linde and S Kadira, performed to the best of their ability, reaching two semi-finals and the final of the Nashua Sevens tournament hosted by College.

Regular players:

S Kadira, A van der Linde, M van Selm, I Kemka, N Sithole, C Reardon, L du Toit, L Kunene, S Mbatha, M Chirengende, L Schultz, L Makhathini, L Prinsloo, A Knoetze, K van den Berg, R Jacobsz, R Maartens, J Slevin, A Mornet, N Buthelezi, A Botha, L Swanepoel, K King, M Kritzinger, B Maphisa, J Marcus, K Jele, T Walton, L Jekwa

Glenwood 7s tournament:

vs Glenwood 14-29, Northwood 10-7, DHS B 43-0, Ixopo High 78-0
Semi-final vs DHS A 22-26

DHS 7s tournament:

College 17A:

vs Alex 82-0, Clifton 38-7, DHS A 7-14
Quarter final vs Northwood 17-12

Semi-final vs DHS A 12-14

College 17B:

vs Northwood B 7-29, Glenwood A 5-62, Wilgerivier A 36-14, Curro Salt Rock 26-0, St Charles A 12-19

Nashua 7s Festival:

College 17A:

vs Weston 65-0, Glenwood 34-14

Quarter final vs College B 45-7

Semi-final vs Westville 26-12

Final vs Hilton College 17-19

College 17B:

vs Howick 41-0, Hilton College 5-30

Quarter final vs College A 7-45

vs Michaelhouse 5-33

vs Glenwood 0-20

U15 Rugby Sevens

The U15 rugby sevens season got off to a slow start with the players taking time to adapt to the format. The squad, however, trained hard and started coming to grips with the finer technicalities of the sevens game.

During the first tournament of the three leg KZN Sevens Series College did well to win the Plate final after beating DHS B.

The second week already showed good improvement and, although the team lost out in the Cup semi-final, they went on to play two outstanding matches, first beating Clifton in the semi-final and then beating Michaelhouse in the final of the Plate competition.

The final week of competition saw College entering two U15 sides. The improvement in the A-side was evident with some dominating displays against Weston and Glenwood during the pool stages. It was good to see the B team players also getting a go. They developed their skill and understanding as the games went on with this being their first opportunity to play after three strenuous weeks of training. Having reached the semi-final of the Cup competition, College came back, from being 0-22 down, to beat Northwood 24-22 in a humdinger of a match. The final was also a very closely contested affair when College unfortunately went down to Westville.

Regular players:

W Vyambwera, N Mkize, C Cherayi, R Armoed, J Thackwray, A Hadebe, Z Canham, R Stanton, J Mountfort, L Damons, S Stevens, L Sinkfontein, Z Msomi, S Xaba, P Louwrens, N Koller, M Pretorius, S Pedlar, E Bester, M Manana, L Dreyer, B Botha, L Hadebe, S Khuzwayo

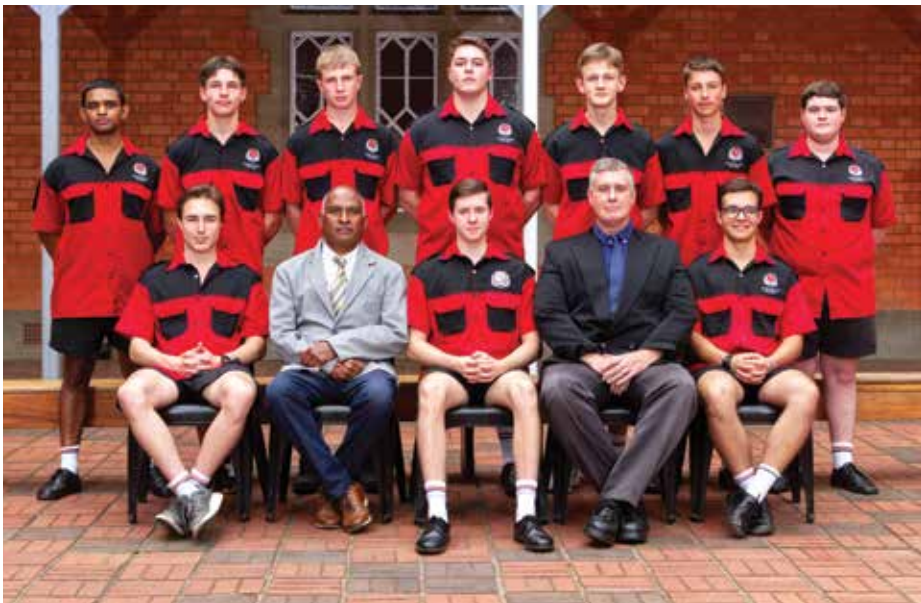
Results:

vs DHS B 19-0, Clifton 24-12, Michaelhouse 41-5, Northwood 24-22, Westville 17-19

Mr F Maritz



T van Heerden builds up pace on attack



Shooting: Seniors

Back row:

Z Desebrook, R Pitout, H Pretorius, J Kauffman, A Kritzinger, J Martin, K Parker

Front row:

M Pieterse, Mr G Govindasamy (MIC), N de Villiers (captain), Mr D Hoyle (coach), C Vahey



Shooting: Juniors

Back row:

L Mshudulu, P Khumalo, L Khumalo, L Redman, D Naidoo, W van Dyk, K Parker

Front row:

N Naidoo, Mr J Naidoo (coach), Mr D Hoyle (coach), M Naidoo

This year has been a busy and an exciting year for our boys. We participated in seven league competitions and had representation at the provincial and national tournaments. Having had this many competitions has increased the interest shown and good scores always serve as a motivation for boys wanting to join shooting. It also brought about a greater competitive spirit amongst the shooters. The impressive scores posted bear testament to the effort and the hard work put in during the practice sessions. This has become evident as we see the average scores posted by the junior boys a lot higher than when they first started.

C Vahey and N de Villiers were our most successful achievers this year and represented KZN at the SAARA SA Schools tournament.

C Vahey received his KZN provincial colours and the award for the most dedicated male shooter in our province. At the SA Schools tournament his team received the bronze medal for 10m and 3P and the bronze pin for 10m and 3P. At school he was awarded Honours for shooting.

N de Villiers received his KZN provincial colours, the sporter shooter of the year award and was nominated athlete of the year. His team won the bronze medal for 3P at the SA Schools Tournament, and he also received the bronze pin for 3P. He was awarded school Honours for shooting. At our annual Sports and Culture award ceremony he won all three senior awards: best overall shotlist, the most consistent shooter and the award for the best shotlist in the standing position.

As captain of shooting, de Villiers kept the team motivated and led from the front, both with his scores and by example. His unassuming quiet demeanour and warm personality was a good motivation for the rest of the

team. He performed his duties with aplomb and his kind-hearted nature created a wonderful spirit amongst the boys.

Z Desebrook received the award for the most promising sporter shooter of the year. At the SA Schools tournament his team received the bronze medal for 10m and 3P. K Parker won the junior sporter shooter of the year award. His team also received a bronze medal for 3P at the SA's. M Pieterse received a Large White Badge.

We once again thank Mr D Hoyle for all that he does for the shooting team. As the junior team coach, his skill and enthusiasm for the sport has had a positive impact on the team. His impact has been acknowledged within our school as well as at a provincial level.

We look forward to 2023 as a year of even greater achievements.

League results for 2022:

League 1: N de Villers 3rd
League 2: N de Villers 3rd, C Vahey 4th
League 3: C Vahey 3rd
League 4: N de Villers 3rd, C Vahey 4th
League 5: N de Villers 3rd, C Vahey 4th
League 6: N de Villers 3rd, C Vahey 4th
League 7: C Vahey 4th
SAARA SAS: C Vahey 1st, N de Villiers 2nd

Mr G Govindasamy



1st Team

Back row: T Caple, B Middleton, T Hlope, P Khuzwayo, O Mkhwanazi, T Madzimure, L Matshoge, S Zulu, M Qasha
Middle row: A Cele, G Mentory, M Horstead, W Nxumalo, A Isaacs, U Mncwabe, A Ngcobo, S Mncwabe
Front row: S Bukhosini, S Myende, Mr N Haswell, L Mdletye (captain), Mr C Petersen, K Nene, T Mthembu

Overview from the Director

Maritzburg College soccer had an outstanding year, the first full season played since the Covid pandemic. Our year kicked-off with the KZNHSFA 2nd term leagues and all our teams performed admirably, with College being the only school to feature in every age-group final. Our U15s went on to win their final against Hillcrest.

Our teams kept this momentum going into the KZNHSFA Knockout Cup tournaments, with our U15, U16 and 1st teams all winning their respective cup tournaments.

The full soccer programme in term 3 was also a very successful one, with College winning all their fixtures in terms of overall results against all opposition (DHS, Westville, Hilton College, St Charles and Glenwood) both home and away.

Maritzburg College had 32 players selected for the PMB District teams and 22 players selected for the KZN Provincial teams – a remarkable achievement for the school.

A total of 135 soccer matches were played throughout the year, with College winning 83, drawing 24 and losing 28. Along the way soccer won 6 major honours: U15A – League and Cup winners; U16A – Cup winners; 1st Team – Raw Cup, Cowie Cup and KZN Champ of Champs Cup winners.

A special thank-you to all staff and coaches who gave their time and effort in adding value to a busy and ultimately very successful year of soccer.

Provincial representation:

U19: W Nxumalo, K Nene, S Myende, M Horstead, G Mentory, S Bukhosini, L Mdletye

U16: A Ngcobo, B Middleton, O Mqadi, P Khuzwayo

U15: T Hlophe, S Dzanibe, C Sukraj, W Zondi, L Mkhize, M Momple, T Myeni, M Qasha

U14: A Makhaye, S Ngcobo, A Mkhize

Mr N Haswell • Director of Soccer

1st Team

Our 1st team enjoyed a very successful season in 2022, playing 36 fixtures in total.

The team travelled to Kimberley for the Wildeklaar Festival early into the season and learnt some valuable lessons against strong opposition. The tour really galvanised the squad and ended with a victory against Blinklip High School.

The team then finished the second term Inland KZNHSFA league at the top of the log, unfortunately losing the final 1-2 against perennial rivals Haythorne.

The third term proved to be a very successful one, with semi-final berths in both the Primo Big 10 Tournament and the PMB FA Cup. The team followed this with victories in the Raw Cup (vs DHS), the Cowie Knockout Cup Final (versus Carter on Goldstone's) and in their last game of 2022 the team won the KZN Champ of Champs Cup Tournament, defeating Westville by 2-0 to round off a very successful year.

A special thank-you to my co-coach and fellow OC, Mr Chemon Petersen, for the immense value he added to the team.

Honours won: Raw Cup, Cowie Cup (KZN U19 Knockout Cup) and KZN Champ of Champs Cup.

Overall results: played 36, won 22, drew 6, lost 8. Win percentage: 64%

Regular players:

L Mdletye (captain), W Nxumalo, A Isaacs, J Powell, K Nene, S Myende, S Bukhosini, T Mthembu, O Mkhwanazi, P Khuzwayo, G Mentory, M Qasha, M Horstead, T Hlophe, A Cele, S Zulu, S Mncwabe, T Madzimure, B Middleton, A Ngcobo, T Caple, U Mncwabe

Results:

KZNHSFA U19 2nd Term Inland League:

vs Haythorne Secondary 1-1, Alexandra High 2-1, Michaelhouse 5-0, Carter 1-0, Linpark 3-1, St Nicholas 3-0, Maritzburg Christian School 10-0, Carter 1-0 (KZNHSFA 2nd Term League semi), Haythorne 1-2 (KZNHSFA 2nd Term League final)

Wildeklawer Festival

vs Louis Botha 1-4, Rosina Sedibane 1-3, Blinklip 3-1

Kloof Tournament

vs Glenwood 0-1, Tuks 1-0, George Campbell 2-1, Westville 1-1, Empangeni 3-4

Primo Big 10 Tournament

vs St Charles 1-1, Clifton 3-0, Kearsney 2-1, Michaelhouse 1-2

Inter-schools' Fixtures

vs Port Shepstone 1-1, KES 3-0, DHS (Raw Cup) 4-2, Westville 1-1, Glenwood 3-3

Cowie Cup (KZN U19 Knockout)

vs Glenwood 2-0, Kingsway 3-0, Carter (final) 1-0

PMB FA Cup

vs Linpark 2-0, Heritage Academy 7-0, St Charles 3-1, Ixopo 2-1, Hilton 0-1

KZN Champ of Champs Tournament

vs Haythorne 1-2, Westville 2-0

Messrs N Haswell and C Petersen

2nd Team

The Maritzburg College 2nd team embarked on an exhilarating journey during the soccer season, displaying their growth, determination, and enthusiasm for the sport. Comprising a talented group of players, the 2nd team exhibited their commitment to improvement and teamwork throughout the season. In the second term league, the team demonstrated their prowess by engaging in intense matches against various 1st teams. Each game served as an opportunity for players to implement their training and display their progress. The team's consistent dedication to hard work and unity translated into some impressive victories, pushing them up the league standings.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the team's impressive victories over Michaelhouse and Maritzburg Christian School 1st teams when they came out 3-0 and 12-0 victors respectively. They followed the second term league with good results throughout the third term. Thank you and well done to the boys who played for this team throughout the year.

Regular players:

P Chamane, I Kayembe, N Khumalo, T Latha, M Madlala, N Masilela, M Mbanjwa, N Mbanjwa, K Moabi, T Mohlakoana, K Mokhantso, N Mokoena, A Monametsi, T Monametsi, O Mqadi, O Ndlela, A Ndlovu, B Nduku, M Ngubo, K Nsimbi, T Nuttall, P Schutte, O Shabalala, A Simelane, A Songca, A Nkubungu, N Zwane

Results:

2nd Term League

vs Newton 1sts 2-0, Alex 1sts 1-3, Haythorne 1sts 0-2, Linpark 1sts 1-1, Michaelhouse 1sts 3-0, MCS 1sts 12-0, Carter 1sts 0-2, St Nicholas 1sts 1-1

3rd Term

vs Hillcrest 2-0, Port Shepstone 1-4, Alex 2-0, DHS 2-2, Westville 2-1, Hilton 1-1, St Charles 1-0, Glenwood 1-4

Mr S Mkhwanazi



After the Pietermaritzburg FA Cup semi-final match against St Charles College at Hilton College on Saturday 3 Sept 2022. Won 3 -1

3rd Team

The 3rd team had a respectable season, given the limited time that they had to prepare. The boys showed grit and determination and managed two wins, two draws and a loss under the captaincy of AO Sithole. True College spirit was always shown during matches with a ‘ never say die’ attitude and a great will to win.

Regular players:

AO Sithole, O Shabalala, K Mthembu, K Mokhantso, L Swanepoel, V Chili, K Zuma, T Pratt, T Pitout, T Buthelezi, T Monametsi, M Mbambo, A Monametsi, A Mthembu

Results:

vs DHS 3-3, Hilton College 2-1, St Charles 0-1, Glenwood 2-2, Westville 5-1

Mr H Ntenezi

4th Team

Although the 4th soccer team experienced a short season, it was an enjoyable one characterised by excellent team spirit and enthusiasm for the game. This large group of players committed themselves to both practices and matches, managing to extract the most out of a truncated season. They were capably co-captained by Z Govender and V Pillay, who led the way, conducting themselves in the manner of true College gentlemen. Despite never fielding the same team twice in any of the matches played, this team always gave of their best and saw some excellent results. Special mention must be made of A Nzimande in Fourth Form who freely gave up his time to coach the team. My thanks and appreciation to all the players who made this season a successful and thoroughly entertaining one.

Regular players:

Z Govender (captain), V Pillay (captain), C Bartis, T Bhoola, S Chetty, C Curtis, K Dyasi, A Ferraz, J Fraser, S Gabu, R Graham, C Higgins, M Karrim, A Khanyile, J Kufal, R Marion, A Mbambo, P Mchunu, S Mkandla, K Mokhantso, S Munro, D Naidoo, A Ndlela, S Ndlovu, Z Njomi, AO Nzimande, A Osman, R Pitout, T Pratt, L Sinclair, N Tsvuura, H Wells, V Wosiyana

Results:

vs Westville 2-0, Hilton 0-4, St Charles 2-0, Glenwood 0-2

Messrs M Warr and A Nzimande



U16A

Back row: M Momple, O Da Costa, J Rossato, N Dumakude, M Mncwabe, O Thabethe, A Ntanzi, L Dlamini
Front row: J Marais, Z Makangela, Mr O Kajee (manager), KG Matshoge (captain), Mr L Zondi (coach), A Ngcobo, S Zungu

At the beginning of the season our goal was to always be better than we had been the day before and to strive for consistency and excellence in our football basics. I am extremely proud of the team and of how well they performed. We grew in many aspects and learnt lessons as a team, both on and off the field. Hard work in training played a major role and allowed us to reach our goal.

In total, the team played 19 games and achieved an 86% win rate, with only one loss and two draws. Dominance was displayed by the team throughout the entire season, averaging two goals per game and scoring in each game as well. The team reached the U16 KZN Schools Football Association League and Cup finals, losing the league final on penalties but later bouncing back to claim the knockout cup.

The season saw massive individual growth and major development from all players in the squad. Six players were fortunate enough to be awarded their 1st XI caps, ten made the Pietermaritzburg inter-district team and two players were selected to the KZN Provincial Team.

Overall, it was a memorable season for me as well as the team. Coaching this group of young boys was an honour and all credit goes to these young men. I wish them every success.

Regular players:

A Dlamini, L Dlamini, N Dumakude, J Gasarasi, K Khumalo, Z Makangela, J Marais, L Matshoge, S Mbatha, M Momple, S Msomi, K Mthembu, A Ngcobo, AM Ngcobo, A Ntanzi, A Nzimande, A Roopai, M Thabethe, O Thabethe, S Zungu

Results:

vs Pinetown 2-3, Holy Family 8-0, Kingsway 3-2, Eden College 3-1, Glenwood 4-2, Kloof 4-1, Glenwood 3-0, Westville 4-5 on penalties, Port Shepstone 5-1, Hilton College 1-0, Kloof 4-2, Queensburgh 3-2, DHS 2-0, Alex 1-0, Hillcrest 4-2, DHS 1-1, St Charles 2-0, Westville 1-0, Glenwood 3-0

Mr L Zondi

U16B

The season began with multiple trialists within the U16 age group, displaying their talent and skill. It made our life as selectors difficult but with the first game approaching, a squad of thirteen players was selected.

First up was a trip to Durban High School. Our team played a competitive game emerging 2-1 victors. Although they were many positives, one could see that it was the first time many of the boys had played together. Nevertheless, it was a winning start to our season. On the second weekend we entertained Westville, and the boys played a brand of football that was pleasing to the eye, totally dominating Westville and registering a 4-0 victory. The third weekend saw a short trip to local rivals St Charles. The boys were really enjoying the season at this stage and cruised to a 3-0 win with aplomb. A mid-week fixture against St Nicholas awaited us next. Our boys stuck to their tactical discipline and claimed an emphatic 4-0 win. Our last game of the season saw us welcome Glenwood to ABJ. With an undefeated season on the cards, the boys settled into the match quickly and good combination play saw our boys claim a well-deserved 5-1 victory.

All in all, it was a dominant display by the U16B soccer boys. The team enjoyed training sessions and were great ambassadors both on and off the soccer field. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr L Zondi for all his efforts throughout the season and I wish the boys everything of the best going forward.

Regular players:

J Rossato, M Thabethe, S Nyathi, F Ojo, A Ntanzi, A Msimang, L Baptista, A Dlamini, S Zungu, M Mkhize, K Nzimande, A Mthethwa, R Bernstein, SJ Mkhize

Results:

vs DHS 2-1, Westville 4-0, St Charles 3-0, St Nicholas 4-0, Glenwood 5-1

Mr O Kajee

U16C

The team enjoyed a successful season. They were a delight to work with, giving their all at practice and at games. The boys worked well with each

other and were able to identify problems and tactics during games. The boys enjoyed some good wins including a last-minute winner versus St Charles.

Regular players:

T Motaung (captain), W Beauclerk, S Mpanza, A Mtolo, O Ntombela, T Mhlongo, M Zulu, I Mosupye, Y Mohammed, Z Ndlovu, J Makalima, M Dlomo

Results:

vs DHS 2-1, Westville 1-2, St Charles 2-1, Glenwood 3-1

Mr S Stopford

U16D

The 2022 season got off to a great start. Practices were well attended and fiercely contested as the boys not only tried to cement their place in the team but also aimed at being promoted to a higher team. Unfortunately, we did not have as many fixtures as we would have liked.

These young men must be commended on working together, showing great skill and improvement until the last match. They showed true Maritzburg College spirit by playing every fixture to the last minute. These are great attributes, setting up a short but very successful season with three wins in a row.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the boys for the way they represented themselves, their school and the game of soccer. Well done and all the best moving forward to the senior age group in 2023.

Regular players:

C Nohiya, A Sithole, M Khumalo, L Myeza, V Cele, S Mtolo, S Mpanza, T Motaung, J Makalima, V Mohammed, T Mhlongo, M Dlomo, Z Ndlovu

Results:

vs Westville 1-0, St Charles 1-0, Glenwood 8-0

Mr M Zuma



M Qasha turns on the ball vs Westville



M Horstead



U15A

Back row: M Zakwe, T Hlophe, M Qasha, C Sukraj, A Lewis, O Ndaba, E Majola
Middle row: S Ncengwa, S Sibiya, L Mkhize, W Zondi, O Radebe, H Mdabe
Front row: S Dzanibe, Mr S Zuma, T Myeni (captain), Mr S Khanyile, B Ngcobo
Absent: N Ngcobo, S Ngcobo, L Mgojo

The 2022 soccer season was full of highs and the U15A team was a force to be reckoned with. I had the privilege of inheriting well-groomed young men and exceptional football players. Our statistics suggest that the 2022 Maritzburg College U15A soccer team was the best U15 high school side in KwaZulu-Natal.

The season began with the KZNHSFA U15 Coastal League. The highlight of our journey in the league was in the 3rd league game against Bechet High School. With our backs against the wall the team were 3-1 down at halftime. Never giving up was the motto and the boys came back to win the match 6-4. Another comeback story was the semi-final game against Westville. After being 1-0 down, the boys equalised just before halftime and were able to snatch a last-minute winner thanks to a great shot from Mdabe. The boys and coaching staff approached the final with a point to prove, having to face a Hillcrest side that was able to snatch a win against us in the dying minutes of the round robin fixture. Hillcrest came out guns blazing in the final and grabbed an early lead. Our intentions were loud and clear as the second half began, and we clawed our way back into the match to win the game 5-3, with Qasha scoring a hat trick and securing the trophy for Maritzburg College.

The KZNHSFA U15 Knockout Tournament was testing for the boys considering the hot weather that day. We opened the tournament against a very strong Westville side which did well to contain us in the first half. That was before the boys demolished Westville 3-0 in the second half. The quarter-final game was another encounter against Kingsway who took an early 1-0 lead, only for the College boys to spoil the party and dispatch them. The semi-finals were against an average DHS team and the College team won the game 2-0. The final, against Queensburgh, was a thrilling encounter. Qasha opened the encounter to give College a 1-0 lead, but Queensburgh were not going to give up easily and they grabbed a goal to make the game level. Both sides had the chance to seal the game during normal time but penalties would be the decider. After College had scored all 5 of their penalties, Sukraj guessed the right way to make an outstanding save to hand College the trophy.

Overall, the season was great and College football is in good hands. I am looking forward to seeing what these young men have in store for the 1st team in years to come as Qasha and Hlophe have already featured for the 1st team, paving the way for fellow teammates.

Regular players:

T Myeni (captain), C Sukraj, S Ncengwa, A Lewis, S Dzanibe, O Radebe, W Zondi, H Mdabe, M Qasha, L Mkhize, O Ndaba, L Mgojo, B Ngcobo, M Zakwe, S Sibiya, T Hlophe, N Ngcobo

Results:

KZNHSFA U15 Coastal League

vs Kingsway 1-0, Bechet 6-4, Hillcrest 0-1, Holy Family 4-1, Westville 2-1 (semi-final), Hillcrest 5-3 (final)

KZNHSFA U15 Knockout Tournament

vs Westville 3-0, Kingsway 3-1, DHS 2-0 (semi-final), Queensburgh (final) 5-4 on penalties

3rd Term fixtures

vs Port Shepstone 8-0, Alex 4-2, Hillcrest 5-0, DHS 2-0, Westville 1-0, Hilton 0-0, St Charles 1-1, Glenwood 0-1

Mr S Khanyile

U15B

The boys were quite excited to start their third term fixtures, many of them having been in various hockey and rugby teams for the winter season. The team started off with a convincing win against our friends and rivals, DHS. They continued this momentum and had an unbeaten season, only suffering a draw against Hilton College. The highlight of the season was most certainly the team's outstanding performance against St Charles when they won by six goals to nil. L Motha was the leading goal scorer.

Regular players:

E Majola, Z Moses, L Mkhize, C Siyongwana, R Jenkins, S Ngcobo, B Mfusi, S Sithembu, A Dlamini, H Maluleke, L Motha, Z Msomi, B Ngcobo, O Ntombela, Z Mabunda, L Vilakazi, A Barnes

Results:

vs DHS 4-1, Westville 3-1, Hilton 3-3, St Charles 6-1, Glenwood 4-1

Mr S Zuma

U15C

The U15C had an enjoyable season. The team was characterised by hard work and an ever-willing desire to improve. They started their season off slowly but once they found their rhythm, they produced some very good results. Well done to all the players involved throughout the season.

Regular players:

L Bokveldt, S Gwala, B Makhoba, M Maphanga, L Mgojo, H Modi, M Mpungose, S Ngcobo, N Ngobese, M Shabalala, K Singh, J Steyn, F Thabethe, R Venter, B Watts, N Zingeni

Results:

vs DHS 1-1, Westville 0-5, Hilton College 3-2, St Charles 7-1, Glenwood 4-2

Mr S Sokhela



T Caple fighting for possession



S Myende looks forward in attack



U15D

The first game of the season was against Westville Boys' at home. The College boys played with heart and passion and could not be faulted for their unwavering spirit even though it ended in defeat for College.

The second game was against Hilton College away and once again the boys displayed excellent football skills and sportsmanship. The game also ended in defeat for the College boys, but this did not get them down and at the training sessions they showed an even greater appetite to put right the wrongs of the two games played.

The third game of the season was against St Charles College away and it was during this game that the boys showed their true mettle. They played with a grit and determination that had been lacking before and the game ended in an emphatic victory for College. S Msimango scored a brilliant hat trick.

The last game of the season was against Glenwood at home. The team outplayed their opponents in every facet of the game resulting in another resounding victory. S Stevens scored five brilliant goals and I Mlotshwa compounded the misery of the opponents by scoring a hat trick. The team spirit of the boys really shone through.

Regular players:

S Msimango, A Zuma, B Hlophe, N Mtungwa, Ke Singh, Ki Singh, D Pillay, K Phungula, S Mshengu, Z Mazibuko

Results:

vs Westville 2-4, Hilton College 0-5, St Charles 6-2, Glenwood 11-2

Mr A Budhoo



U14A

Back row: M van Amsterdam, N Dlamini, R Mustard, M Moodley, L Mukorera
Middle row: T Maduna, J Pay, E Samuel, A Makhaye, T Lekhobo, N Ngcemu
Front row: M Askham, T Chikowero, S Ngcobo (captain), Mr J Wilcock (coach), A Mkhize, T Qhobosheane, A Lembethe

The change of seasons saw the start of a new football season, which for many was their first season in almost two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Most of the players showed signs of this and thus the season began slowly as the boys began to find their football skills. The team were ready to learn and develop and took every opportunity they could to improve their skills which would evidently help them in during their long season.

They competed in the second term league where they would end up losing on penalties to Westville in the final. Moving forward from the narrow defeat the boys began to show their class and went on to make the semi-finals of the KZN U14 KO Cup, when they again fell short to Westville.

The team was a pleasure to work with and I have no doubt that in a few years many of them will be playing for the 1st team. Eight members of the team represented the U14 PMB side in the KZN selections with three players being selected for KZN. They played a total of 17 fixtures with 11 wins, only four defeats and two games drawn.

Regular players:

S Ngcobo (captain), R Mustard, T Qhobosheane, N Dlamini, M Askham, T Katz, M Moodley, A Mkhize, S Gasa, T Lekhobo, J Pay, T Chikowero, L Mukorera, T Maduna, A Makhaye, N Ngcemu, O Khoza, A Lembethe

Results:

vs MCS 7-0, Maritzburg College U14B 2-0, Westville 0-4, Kingsway 4-1, Maritzburg College U14B 3-1 (semi-final), Westville 0-0 (3-4 on penalties) (final), Alex 2-0, Port Shepstone 4-0, Hillcrest 2-0, DHS 0-1, Westville 0-0, Hilton 2-1, St Charles 7-1, Glenwood 2-2

U14 KO Cup

vs Thomas More 9-1, Port Shepstone 7-0, Westville 0-2 (semi-final)

Mr J Wilcock

U14B

The U14B team had a memorable season that began with the second term league. The team did very well to reach the semi-finals of an all-A-team league and gave the College A team a good run for their money in the semi-finals despite losing 2-0.

The highlight of the season was seeing how the players improved in terms of technique and skill. This framework meant the team really improved continuously and in the third term they went on an 8-match unbeaten run, scoring 31 goals and conceding eight. Their motto was 'Practice like you've never won and play like you have never lost'.

Regular players:

S Nhlapo (captain), O Samuel, M Manyathi, A Ndelela, M Chetty, N Dlamini, M Askham, M van Amsterdam, M Madzimure, S Matshisa, T Chikowero, E Sobwe, K Theletsane, S Zondi, P Gumede, S Khoza, J Pay, S Mkhize, O Khoza

Results:

vs Kingsway 2-2, Maritzburg College U14A 0-2, MCS 1-0, Westville 0-3, Maritzburg College U14A (semi-finals) 0-2, Port Shepstone 1-2, Alexandra 3-1, Hillcrest 13-0, DHS 1-0, Westville 2-1, Hilton College 2-2, St Charles 3-3, St Nicholas 2-0, Glenwood 5-0

Messrs V Rajpaul and C Garaba

U14C

The U14C soccer team had a short, challenging but good season. They faced the challenges of playing against the B team players especially in their away games, but they came out victorious. The players showed great talent. They trained, travelled, and played well as a team and really enjoyed themselves. S Tshabalala and T Sehlako led the team with dedication. L Tafeni was a top goal scorer. As a result of their talent and enthusiasm for this sport, the team lost only one match against Westville. I really enjoyed coaching this team.

Regular players:

S Tshabalala (captain), T Sehlako (vice-captain), A Hadebe, M Zulu, S Mchunu, S Singh, K Chetty, T Pillay, C Machwane, B Zuma, S Ncula, S Simamane, S Sibanyoni, L Tafeni, K Mngwengwe, E Samuel, V Ndlovu, B Zota

Results:

vs DHS 0-0, Westville 1-4, Hilton 4-0, St Charles 3-1, Glenwood 3-0

Mr M Ngcobo



A delighted XI after their victory against Westville Boys' High



A Cele brings the ball under control



G Mentory challenges the St Charles College goal-keeper





Squash: 1st Team

Back row: T Pratt, T Nana, V Premchund, M Mason, W Galliers
Front row: N Moodley, Mr A McGuigan, S Maharaj (captain), Mr A Dippenaar, E Kleu



Squash: juniors

Back row: J Fryer Dudley, K Jones, S Kleu, B Thornton-Dibb, D Nel
Middle row: K Pillay, S Naidoo, C Hurson, A Tilbury, C Finlayson, J Maistry
Front row: C Wood, Mr S Brill, T Kufal, Mr A Dippenaar, M Greef

1st Team

A new year brought with it new beginnings and opportunities for many of our players and staff. There was much anticipation and excitement as College Squash welcomed some new faces to their coaching staff. Mr S Brill and Mr A McGuigan joined College at the beginning of the year and, with assistance from long-term coach, Mr Dippenaar, hoped to continue the growth of squash at College. A big thank you is extended to Mr Nevay, the previous MIC of Squash, for his great work in developing our squash programme these past few years.

Our 1st team jumped right into action in the first term as they participated in the annual 'Top 8' league which would determine the top team in KZN. Our committed players worked tirelessly in their pursuit of success. An excellent start to the season saw our 1st team record well-deserved victories over Westville, St Charles, Glenwood, Epworth and Kearsney. These wins would set up what was effectively a 'final' against Michaelhouse. Unfortunately, our team fell short of the title as they lost out to a strong and determined Michaelhouse side. Regardless however, number 2 in KZN is something of which our boys can be very proud and was a solid steppingstone for players as they took part in various individual tournaments during the second and third terms.

Our players flew the College flag high during term 2 and 3 – recording many pleasing individual results in a variety of KZN sanctioned tournaments. Once again, College had a healthy representation of players in relevant KZN age group teams, with no less than six of our players being selected. Special mention must also be made of T Nana, who placed inside the Top 10 in South Africa in the U14 age group as well as M Mason, who won the South African Regional Tournament (U17 division) and subsequently represented KZN at the SA National Tournament in Cape Town.

Following on from our teams' success in term 1, College received a wildcard entry to participate in the prestigious SA Top-Schools' Tournament which was hosted at Selborne College in East London. The tournament welcomed the top schools from across the country and is always a showcase of high calibre squash. Our College team finished in eighth position overall, among some formidable opposition. The tournament proved to be a valuable experience for all our players and is something our future teams will continually endeavour to be a part of in years to come.

Our fixture against Westville in the third term was the final time our three Sixth Formers would don the famous red, black and white and the result was a fitting send off for them, as College recorded a 5-1 victory. We thank S Maharaj, N Moodley and E Kleu for their contribution to College squash and wish them all the best for the next chapter of their lives.

Our year was eventually wrapped up in term 4 with two more fixtures against St Charles and Michaelhouse with our Stayers' team putting their best foot forward and illustrating the potential which the team possesses, ahead of next year. A final vote of thanks to our parents for their loyal support and encouragement during the year.

Regular players:

S Maharaj, M Mason, T Pratt, N Moodley, W Galliers, T Nana, V Premchund, E Kleu

Results:

vs Westville 5-3, St Charles 6-2, Glenwood 8-0, Epworth 8-0, Kearsney 6-2, Michaelhouse 1-7, PBHS 7-1, PBHS 6-4, Westville 5-1, St Charles 5-1, Michaelhouse 2-6

St Andrew's Squash Festival

vs Queen's College 1-4, St Stithians 3-2, Grey College 2-3, St Dominic's 5-0, PBHS 1-4

South Africa Top Schools' Festival

vs St Andrew's 0-6, Selborne 0-6, Michaelhouse 3-3, Rondebosch 2-4, Grey High 1-4

(finished in 8th position overall)

Provincial Representation:

The following players were selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal at the various Inter-Provincial Tournaments:

- U19A: S Maharaj
- U19B: M Mason, T Pratt, N Moodley
- U16A: W Galliers
- U14A: T Nana

South African Representation:

U14: T Nana finished the season with a Top 10 South African ranking in the U14 division.

2nd Team

Our 2nd team squash players showed great commitment during the course of the season. Their determination to improve has seen them learn many new skills which will put them in good stead moving forward. The 2nd team fixtures dovetailed alongside many 1st team fixtures and thank you to those 2nd team players who often stepped up to play for our 1st team when required.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year were the two sport exchanges against PBHS. Although, both fixtures ended in defeat, our boys' comradery was a very positive 'take-away' from the fixtures.

Regular players:

A Carey, M Clemmans, R Froise, S Hoosen, J Jackson, B Kent, J Kufal, D Moran, J Nel, C Raw, H Schmahl, J Stead.

Results:

vs PBHS 0-4, PBHS 5-7, Michaelhouse 2-6

U15

Our U15 or 'Junior' team illustrated a mixture of passion, determination and perseverance during the course of the season. Our aspiring players were committed to their training and through some healthy competition, the boys' ladder rankings often changed on a week-to-week basis. This level of competitiveness however, put our boys in good stead as they would go on to register a sensational and well-deserved unbeaten season, recording eight victories along the way.

The trick to our team's success was certainly their strength in depth, with many of our players recording convincing individual results during the season. Our coaching staff have worked hard to ensure that the necessary skills are being developed amongst these young men and we look forward to the prospect of many of our grade 9 boys moving up to join our senior squads in 2023 – they will certainly add much depth and competition.

Regular players:

J Fryer Dudley, C Hurson, K Jones, S Kleu, T Kufal, S Naidoo, K Pillay, A van Wyk, B Fourie, M Greef, O Hoatson, J Maistry, D Nel, J Padayachee, B Thornton-Dibb, R Upfold

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 8-2, Kearsney 4-4, PBHS 9-3, Michaelhouse 9-3, PBHS 10-0, Westville 6-3, Michaelhouse 8-4, St Charles 5-0, Michaelhouse 6-2

Squash Championships 2022:

Our annual Squash Championships were held in the third term. Matches were played in a competitive yet well-spirited manner. The winners in each section were:

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| U19 and 2022 Squash Champion: | M Mason |
| U16 Champion: | W Galliers |
| U14 Champion: | T Nana |
| Most Improved Player 2022: | W Galliers |

Mr A McGuigan



Swimming

Back row: M Marillier, B Haigh, L du Toit, J Mumford, P Lamb, C Robinson, J Jansen
Middle row: J George, K Steele, D Wright, M Lancaster, T Pillay, R Stanton, C Reardon, B Gademan
Front row: R Lottering, L Dashwood, T van Heerden (captain), Mr D Sherriff, S Gibson, J Scruby, T Roux
Absent: T Truter

Swimming at College has once again seen the school participating against both local and out-of-province schools. At the Top Schools Gala the team placed forth, at the Alan Burt Gala they finished sixth and at the Nestor Pierides Memorial Gala we placed sixth.

Club swimming is still dominating the school swim scene and a school's success is based on the number of club swimmers one has. The team was ably led by T van Heerden. T Truter, R Lottering and M Marillier were all awarded Honours this year for their swimming achievements. Marillier and J George were selected for the KZN Schools swimming team and participated in the CANA Games. Truter has had a great swimming season, taking part in the FINA World cup in Germany and the AUSC Region V Games.

We look forward to an exciting and competitive swimming season in 2023.

Results of the Inter-House Championship gala:

Open Champion	SJ Gibson (Strachan)
U17 Champion	RM Lottering (Strachan)
U16 Champion	C Robinson (Strachan)
U15 Champion	TS Pillay (Calder)
U14 Champion	CB Potgieter (Forder)
Overall relay results:	1st – Strachan; 2nd – Nicholson/Calder

Mr D Sherriff





Table Tennis

Back row: S Redlinghuys, M Chetty, A Dix
Front row: E Naidoo, Mr M Jeewan, L Pepeta (captain), Mr N Pillay, J Wiggill

Table tennis continues to grow in popularity in its ninth year as an official school sport.

Our 1st team were very competitive in the school exchanges, narrowly losing to the strong Pretoria Boys High and Affies teams.

Our boys participated in a very competitive District Singles League (A, B and C).

A League: E Naidoo won 11 matches and finished joint 4th.

B League: M Chetty excelled and finished 3rd. A Dix, R Padayachee, and S Redlinghuys won six games each and finished joint 4th.

S Redlinghuys and T Royappen represented Umgungundlovu at the South African Table Tennis Championship in the U15 age group and District at the Provincial Top Schools Games in the U14 age category. T Royappen was selected to represent Umgungundlovu at the SALGA Games.

Overall, we had a good table tennis season in both the school exchanges and the school league. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Mr M Jeewan for his unwavering support and commitment in the administration of table tennis at College.

Regular players:

1st Team

L Pepeta, J Wiggill, E Naidoo, S Redlinghuys, A Dix, M Chetty

Junior team

B Bryant, J Maharaj, N Thusi, T Murugen, M Hlope, R Padayachee, M Singh, Y Singh, S Subreenduth, S Wiggill, T Royappen

Mr N Pillay



Tennis

Back row: A Tilbury, B Emberton, R Goncalves, M Wolhuter, T Mason, T Wolhuter, S Deane
Front row: G Roux, Mr F Maritz, S Mbentse (captain), Mrs M Troveri, T Smith, Ms C Mhlongo, N Sosibo

Tennis in 2022 has been much improved after the challenges it faced the last two years. The seniors and juniors participated in their respective Midlands leagues, playing schools as far afield as Kearsney and Westville this year. In the April holiday six of our players played in the Saints Sorts Tennis Fest. We also played in the inter-provincial exchanges against Affies and KES. Our seniors continue to play on Mondays and Wednesdays. The juniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At the beginning of the year, we

welcomed a new coach, Mark de Voest, from Chris Folker Coaching and he has made a noticeable difference. S Mbentse is the 2022 tennis captain and his leadership and enthusiasm for tennis at College has been outstanding.

Senior Champion: A Styen

Junior Champion: A Tilbury

Mrs M Troveri

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A collage of four photographs showing various floral arrangements and event setups. One shows a table with many flowers, another shows a close-up of a flower, and two others show different floral displays.

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1st Team

Back row: J Mumford, N Holmes, J Jansen, B Haigh, L du Toit, C Robinson
Middle row: L Gumbi, K Steele, S Gibson, D Wright, C Reardon, J Foster
Front row: C Kirby, T van Heerden (captain), Mr D Sherriff (coach), T Roux, J Scruby

1st Team

The 2022 water polo season started with preparation for the KES tournament at the end of the first term. As we prepared, we had regular fixtures against Westville, St Charles, Hilton College, Glenwood, DHS and Northwood. The team only managed a win against St Charles, with very narrow losses against DHS and Northwood. At the KES Tournament, the team was placed in a tough pool with Paul Roos, St John's and Grey High. The team lost these three games and were then put up against host school KES. It was a hard-fought game, but the host team came out with the win. The last two games of the tournament were against PBHS and Northwood. Both games were gruelling and went down to the end but unfortunately, we narrowly lost both games.

Term 3 began with preparation for the Clifton Tournament and we were fortunate to enter the team into the KZN winter league. These games were to prepare all the KZN teams playing in the upcoming tournaments. Before playing in the Clifton Tournament, we had a regular fixture against Westville, which Westville came out as the winner. The Sixth Formers decided to not participate in the Clifton Tournament, leaving the team inexperienced. The team were put up against Michaelhouse, St Andrew's College and Paul Roos – some tough opposition and good learning experience for a young team. The team lost all their pool games and were put up against Glenwood and DHS in the cross-pool stages of the tournament. Unfortunately, these results did not go College's way. The final game was against Pearson from the Eastern Cape and it was a good final game for the young College team. College won 11-3.

We played against Westville, Hilton College, Glenwood, DHS, an Invitational team and Northwood in the Top 10 Tournament at the beginning of the fourth term. We had two good wins against DHS and the Invitational team and finished eighth. The team also participated in the Northwood Stayers Tournament when they played Glenwood, Northwood 2nd team, and Reddam Helderfontein, winning all three matches. Next was Westville which was a very tight contest as Westville made it to the finals of the tournament, and we lost 2-4. We eventually finished sixth in the tournament.

The regular season was a whirlwind of a season at the end of the year, with the team only managing to play Westville and Michaelhouse. The DHS fixture was unfortunately called off due to bad weather and the game ended with a no result. The season ended with the team travelling to Michaelhouse where the lads wanted to give it their all, and that they did. Being behind for the entire game there was an immense effort of belief and College guts, as well as stellar performance from D Wright and L du Toit who eventually scored the equaliser goal to level the scores at 9-9. This after being down 4-8 in the game. It was a great way to end off the season and shows the character and determination of this team. I look forward to seeing what they can do in 2023.



L du Toit

Regular players:

T van Heerden (captain), T Roux, S Gibson, J Scruby, C Kirby, D Wright, L du Toit, C Reardon, B Haigh, K Steele, N Holmes, J Jansen, J Mumford, J Foster

Results:

Term 1

vs Westville 3-15, St Charles 12-2, Glenwood 7-13, Hilton 2-20, DHS 10-12, Northwood 8-11

Terms 3 and 4

vs Westville 4-17, DHS no result, Michaelhouse 9-9

KES Tournament

vs Paul Roos 5-21, St John's 4-27, Grey High 7-14, KES 4-8, PBHS 4-6, Northwood 4-5

Clifton Tournament

vs Michaelhouse 4-16, St Andrew's 0-14, Paul Roos 0-17, Glenwood 5-10, DHS 4-9, Pearson 11-3

Top Ten Tournament

vs Westville 5-10, Glenwood 7-8, Hilton College 2-9, DHS 4-2, Invitational team 6-5, Northwood 2-7

Northwood Stayers Tournament

vs Glenwood 2-1, Northwood 2nds 8-3, Reddam Helderfontein 14-2, Westville 2-4, Northwood 3-10, Northwood 2nds 7-4, Glenwood 5-6

Mr D Sherriff

2nd team

The 2nd team was centred around a core group of players who had been in the team in 2021 with some new additions to the squad. The mix of experience and new blood combined well to form a cohesive unit that approached every game and practice with enthusiasm and an eagerness to improve. This team was characterised by their grit and determination to always give of their best no matter the opposition. Over the course of a long season, including a tournament, the team stayed committed and continued to refine their skills and tactics to perform to the best of their abilities. A highlight of the season was at the Logan Stanley 2nd Team Tournament when, after a shaky first game, the team fought back to record a last-minute defeat to eventual winners of the tournament, Kearsney, a feat that earned the boys a rapturous round of applause from all spectators. Another standout game was the final one in which the boys played with unabated fire, giving the matrices as well as Mr Waters an excellent win and a fond memory of their last game as players and coach respectively.

A special thank you goes to the Sixth Formers who freely shared their time and knowledge, providing guidance and setting a high standard for the younger lads to follow. The boys who will become senior members of this side next year are challenged to continue giving of their best and to reinforce the legacy of this side always displaying true College spirit.

Regular players:

A Ahmed, M Douglas, A Ferraz, B Gademan, J Galtrey, K Goddard, J Goebel, D Haines, C Hankinson, S Maltman, R Marais, E Maynard, S Meter, J Rossato, C Segar, M van Rooyen, M van Selm

Results:

vs Westville 2-10, Michaelhouse 5-9, Glenwood 14-5, Hilton College 1-14, Hilton College 2-16, DHS 11-4, Northwood 4-8, Westville 5-12, Kearsney 1-16, Northwood 5-13, St Charles 8-3, Glenwood 6-6, DHS 8-9, Michaelhouse 8-5

Logan Stanley 2nd Team Tournament Results:

vs Northwood 0-13, Kearsney 8-9, Westville 2-7, St Charles 1sts 7-8, KES 5-8, Amanzimtoti 8-3, Glenwood 9-2

Messrs M Warr and G Waters



D Wright

3rd Team

The 3rd team blended a mix of seasoned veterans and players new to the age group. Despite this, they soon managed to gel and played together as a structured unit. This team was defined by their willingness to learn and their desire to continuously improve, both at practices and matches. This approach saw the team move from strength to strength and they played some excellent, structured water polo. Their refusal to give in no matter the circumstances saw all games being closely fought affairs and many a thrilling last quarter was experienced. Their determination to succeed was admirable but never superseded their simple desire to enjoy the game.

A highlight was the closely fought final game of the season in which the team completely emptied the tank trying to give Mr Waters a memorable send off as coach. With the game in the balance, they managed to resist a late come back from Michaelhouse and earn a well-deserved draw in a game played with tenacity but in a great spirit. Most of this team will be returning in 2023 and they are challenged to continue in the same vein as this year, always giving of their best.

Regular players:

K Ayliffe, D Becket, T Blackburn, B Clark, J Clark, B Emberton, J Gous, C Harvey, C Henderson, J Kufal, M Mason, M Moreno, S Redman, E Taylor, T Walton, R Warr, H Wells, K Wichmann, K Wilken

Results:

vs Westville 2-7, St Charles 2nds 8-5, Glenwood 8-8, Hilton College 2-7, Hilton College 4-5, DHS 23-2, Northwood 1-3, St Charles 2-4, Westville 4-5, Kearsney 6-3, Northwood 5-8, Glenwood 5-5, Michaelhouse 7-7

Messrs M Warr and G Waters

4th Team

Despite the season being a short one as not many schools can match College for depth, the 4th team remained committed to both practices and matches throughout the season. Their constant desire to improve in all spheres of the game and their determination to achieve these goals can be much admired. A highlight of the season was the much-improved second showing against a very strong Hilton College team, displaying this team's 'never say die' approach. The team managed to balance a serious attitude at practices and matches without losing focus on having fun and finding enjoyment and the positives in all situations. Most of this team will return in 2023 and I look forward to them continuing to develop and see further improvement next year.

Regular players:

J Campbell, L Dashwood, R Hart, K Lamb, E Lolliot, S Manack, N Mazwi, P Mchunu, C Potgieter, H Prinsloo, M Roberts, J Staples, J Stead, M van Heerden, B Walther, G Westerdale

Results:

vs Westville 8-7, Glenwood 11-2, Hilton College 0-14, Hilton College 1-7, Northwood 1-5

Mr M Warr





U15A

Back row: J Harley, C Gibbs, J Combrink, J Tilbury, R van der Merwe, K Ward, B Watts, T Foster
Front row: N Koller (captain), J Jansen van Rensburg, L Smorfitt (coach), J Harris, M Lancaster

The U15A water polo team, despite having struggled initially, played their hearts out and made College proud. Their dedication and hard work certainly paid off and was seen in their improved results in the second half of the season. At this level, it is all about the love of the game and coming out to play with friends and make lifelong memories. Their heart, courage and tenacity were on display throughout the season

They made College proud at the U15 KZN Top 10 Tournament by causing an upset by beating a strong water polo school Clifton 2-1 in a cliff-hanging match. The team placed sixth overall in the tournament. Finally, the boys ended the season on a high note by beating Michaelhouse in the last fixture of the season.

Regular players:

J Harley, J Tilbury, B Watts, J Combrink, C Gibbs, T Foster, J Harris, N Koller, M Lancaster, A Tilbury, R van der Merwe, K Ward.

Results:

Term 1

vs Westville 3-8, St Charles 12-0, Glenwood 12-7, Hilton College 1-14

Term 3/4

vs Westville 3-7, Kearsney 5-6, DHS 6-13, Michaelhouse 3-2

KZN U15 Top 10

vs Glenwood 7-3, Westville 4-7, Hilton College 2-12, Clifton 3-2, Michaelhouse 4-11, Westville 4-11

Mr L Smorfitt

U15B

The U15B team had a difficult year winning only one of their matches. With many schools not able to field an U15B team, we had some friendly matches organised against various schools. We muddled through injuries and operations keeping the team as consistent as possible. Nevertheless, the boys played with so much heart. 'Insurmountable odds' was never part of their vocabulary and a goal scored by the goalie, S Kleu on the buzzer was a highlight. They approached each match determined to put into play skills they had learnt, and they persevered in their defence of their teammates despite the scores on the board. They played full throttle to the final whistle.

I was an immensely proud coach every weekend. I wish the boys luck in their respective senior teams as I see them making a big difference as they continue to grow and learn.

Regular players:

R Launder, M Murgatroyd, J Drimie, A Hadebe, B Demont, A Taylor, L Baptista, R Anderson, D Suter, L de Jäger, E McAllister, S Kleu, G Thomson, K Ekstrand, L Greyling, C Mundell

Results:

vs Kearsney 8-4, Hilton College 4-11 and 1-9, Michaelhouse 0-14 and 5-18, DHS 1-7, Northwood 2-7

Mrs D Gademan



U14A

Back row:

C Potgieter, S Venniker, M Pretorius

Middle row:

M Cameron, O Pritchard, H Goddard, M Harris, J van der Merwe, K Vogt

Front row:

M Lock, Mr G Waters, R Stanton (captain), Mr N Sutherland, T Foster

The U14A water polo team has grown by leaps and bounds throughout the year. With many players in the team playing water polo for the first time, the team's progress is truly to be commended. Their knowledge of the game, as well as their understanding of the game, has gone from strength to strength which is evident in the team's improved results as was seen in the fourth term. Contributing greatly to this improvement was their involvement in the Jeppe U14 Tournament in the first term, as well as the Northwood U14 Tournament in the fourth term.

With a continued high level of focus, commitment, and a good work ethic, there is no doubt that this team will only excel in terms of their personal skill level and ability, and team achievements in the years to come.

Regular players:

R Stanton, M Cameron, M Lock, K Vogt, H Goddard, M Pretorius, O Pritchard, S Venniker, M Harris, C Potgieter, J van der Merwe, N Gosling

Results:

Term 1

vs Westville 7-4, Glenwood 6-3, Hilton College 5-9, DHS 15-5, Northwood 2-11

Term 3 and 4

vs Westville 7-5, Kearsney 4-12, Glenwood 13-1, Northwood 8-9, DHS 8-7, Michaelhouse 2-7

Jeppe Festival:

vs Westville 5-0, DHS 8-1, St Benedict's 6-3, St Alban's 3-3, St John's 8-1, PBHS 2-5

Top 10 Tournament:

vs Kearsney 0-20, Glenwood 15-0, Northwood 4-5, Clifton 1-10, Invitational team 11-0, DHS 6-7

Northwood U14 Tournament:

vs Hilton College 6-7, Michaelhouse 4-7, Kearsney 1-11, Westville 3-4, Glenwood 5-2, Northwood 5-3, DHS 4-2, Northwood 5-2

Mr M Stringer

U14B

The 2022 water polo season started off 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 the enjoyment to be had from simply taking part, meant that practices were fun and matches proved to be both beneficial and pleasurable experiences. 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.

As coaches it was most pleasing for us to see the improvement made by each player as the season continued. Finally, thank you to the parents of these boys, who were always present at matches and offering unwavering support to the team.

Regular players:

D Balmer, D Colenbrander, L Mackay-Leslie, J Craig, C Sweetnam, J Slevin, T Foster, D Dillon, T Boshoff, N Adam, D Galtrey, L Beckett, B Botha

Results:

vs Westville 6-7 and 9-4, Glenwood 4-2 and 18-0, DHS 9-2 and 8-9, Michaelhouse 7-4

Messrs N Croeser and N Sutherland



J Foster

NON-OFFICAL 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 indicated below are those about whom the school has been notified.

Sport	Name and Form	Selected for / Achievement
Fly Fishing	P Louwrens (Third Form)	KZN Colours
	D Cruickshank (Third Form)	KZN Colours
Karate	D Heeralal (Fourth Form)	Won gold in two disciplines (kata and kumite) at the African Union Sports Council Karate Championships
Motorsport – Hard Enduro	R Ramseyer (Fifth Form)	KZN Regional Champion 2nd place in the National Championship
Motorsport – J1 Enduro	L Walker (Fourth Form)	SA National Enduro J1 High School Champion
		SA National Extreme Enduro J1 High School Champion



D Heeralal (middle) - karate



R Ramseyer - hard enduro



P Louwrens and D Cruickshank - fly fishing

NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL SPORT REPRESENTATIVES



NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Back row: I Mosupye (hockey), U Dlamini (hockey), N Holmes (hockey), D Heeralal (karate), T Nana (squash)
Front row: L Bester (rugby), Mr R Jones (hockey), Mr C Luman (headmaster), S Mbonambi (rugby), R Marais (hockey)
Absent: D Jackson (hockey), E Dlamini (hockey)



PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Back row: S Kadira (rugby), J George (swimming), W Galliers (squash), K Wichmann (club rugby), T Hlope (soccer), I Kayembe (athletics), A Khumalo (hockey), M Kweyama (rugby), K Mthimkhulu (rugby and basketball), M Howells (fishing), M Barnardo (hockey), M Qasha (soccer), A Ngcobo (basketball and soccer), S Oosthuizen (rugby), E Mouton (rugby), R Wichmann (club rugby), G Jordan (youth windband), J Sweetnam (athletics), S Hamilton (hockey)

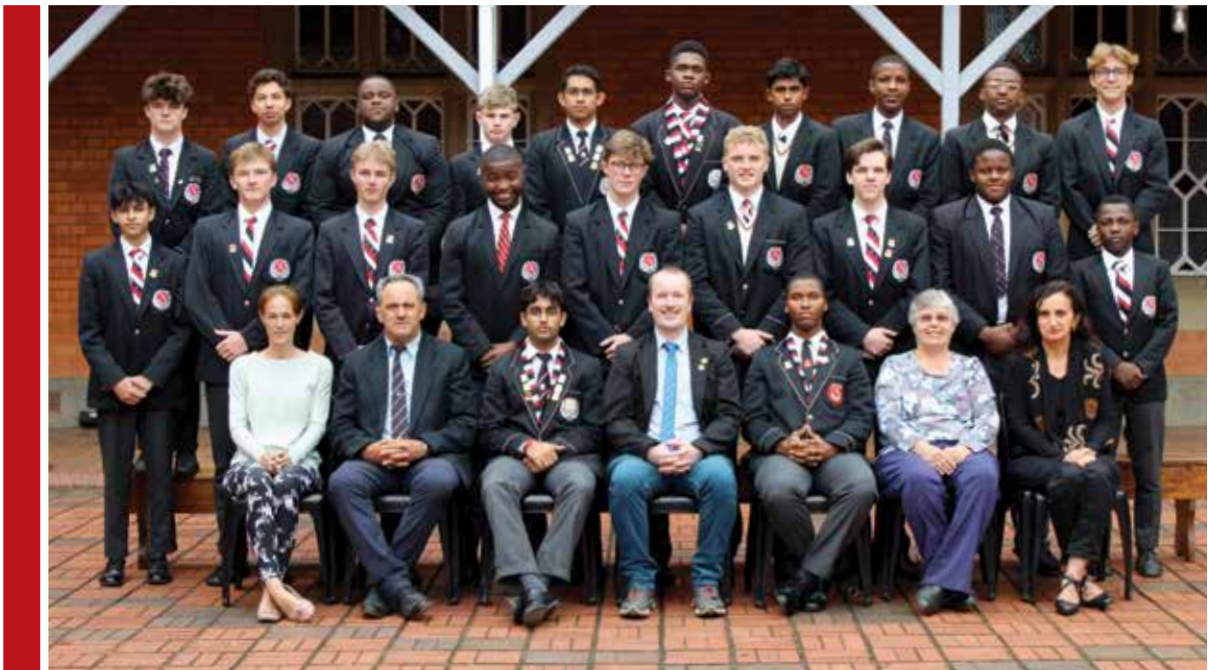
Fourth row: J Koningkramer (hockey), R McKean (hockey), C Newman (golf), T Pillay (swimming), C Sukraj (soccer), L Mkhize (soccer), D Heeralal (karate), M Momple (soccer), G Mentory (soccer), Siwaphiwe Sithembu (hockey), W Zondi (soccer) B Dlamini (hockey), Siviwe Sithembu (hockey), RD Padayachee (karate), R Froise (debating), L Ndaba (choir), P Louwrens (fly fishing), T Pratt (squash), A Botha (rugby), S Mbatha (rugby), N Holmes (hockey), J Jansen (rugby)

Third row: K Zuma (hockey), L Akerman (golf), M Lancaster (swimming), M Mason (squash), J Kauffman (shooting), K Parker (shooting), U Dlamini (hockey), Z Desebrook (shooting), I Mosupye (hockey), S Myende (soccer), A Zuma (hockey), T Nana (squash), A Mthlane (hockey), T Myeni (soccer), J Werth (cross-country), L Seshemane (hockey), P Dlamini (hockey), K Dobeyn (hockey), R Bernstein (hockey), J Truter (golf), T Fulton (hockey)

Second row: R Marais (hockey), R Goncalves (angling) , M Ponter (hockey), C Vahey (shooting), N de Villiers (shooting), M Pieterse (shooting), Mr H Kriek (rugby), Mr T Orchard (rugby), Mr N Haswell (soccer), L Bester (rugby), Mr C Luman (headmaster), Mr R Kyle (deputy head: co-curricular), Mr R Jones (hockey), L Mdletye (soccer), N Moodley (squash), S Maharaj (squash), A Knoetze (rugby), S Ngcobo (rugby), S Mbonambi (rugby and basketball)

Front row: A Dlamini (hockey), K Jenkins (hockey), H Hackland (hockey), A Lembethe (hockey), R Schirge (hockey), A Mkhize (soccer), M Smith (hockey), L Becket (hockey), C Francis (hockey), R Willson (hockey), V Ndlovu (hockey), E Fabre (hockey) L Sishi (hockey), K Mngwengwe (hockey), D Cruickshank (fly fishing)

Absent: Mr M Dibben (soccer), M Moosa (debating)



Barns House

Back row: J Campbell, M Cassim, S Nyide, P Laurens, T Abramia, A Mfeka, M Naidoo, D Hlophe, N Mbanjwa, L Sinclair
Middle row: S Ramdeen, J Egberink, K Blunt, S Mchunu, T Beachcroft-Shaw, J Goebel, D Thornton-Dibb, N Mokoena, T Zondi
Front row: Mrs D Gademane, Mr S Botha, S Maharaj, Mr S Brill (housemaster), K Mthimkhulu (house captain), Mrs M Rembold, Ms A Phillips
Absent: Mrs L Mtembu, Mr Brent Dodd, C Fulton, R Duckham



Commons House

Back row: C Miller, A Mdimba, A Monametsi, M Bassa, V Khuzwayo, J Fraser, N Dladla, R Sheosunker, T Monametsi, J Sparks, S Nkosi
Second row: M Puller, J Powell, A Isaacs, B Gous, R Barker, T van Heerden, (house captain), J Jansen van Vuuren, E Dhoda, B Frodsham, S Myende, M Mbambo
Front row: Ms T Harding, Mr H Ntenezi, Mrs W Khan, Mr C Nevay (housemaster), Mr B de Lange, Mr A McGuigan, Mr L Kruger
Absent: T Luffingham, S Luffingham, G Hampson, N Zwane, J Naude, A Brown, N Mosebi



Calder House

Back row: J Goble, A Barath, S Mbentse, M Mtungwa, U Sithole, K Ramharak, M Pieterse, N Zulu, J Le Court de Billot, Y Malani, A Ahmed, T Latha
Middle row: N Khumalo, K Zondo, D Naiken, A Chiliza, M Douglas, A Khumalo, A Ngubo, S Hamilton, J Barnard, L Bester, P Brits, C Zondi
Front row: Mr G Dorling, Mrs J Stickells, B McGregor, Mr A Usher (Housemaster), A Ferraz (house captain), Mr K Elder, Mr M Ngcobo



Forder House

Back row: P Bhengu, N Chetty, S Ndaba, S Cassimjee, N Sosibo, B Hadden, L Mdletye, S Shezi, C During, S Bukhosini
Second row: J Singh, A Noor Mahomed, C Kirby, A Pieterse, K Nsimbi, KB Goddard (house captain), S Manack, J Slabberts, D Steyn, C Hohls, O Sibisi
Front row: Mrs A Kriek, Mrs Z Elder, Ms K Moula, Mr N Croeser (housemaster), Mr L Smorfitt, Mr S Stopford, Mr A Ebrahim
Absent: J Larken, C Bartis, A Carter (vice-captain), S Thabethe





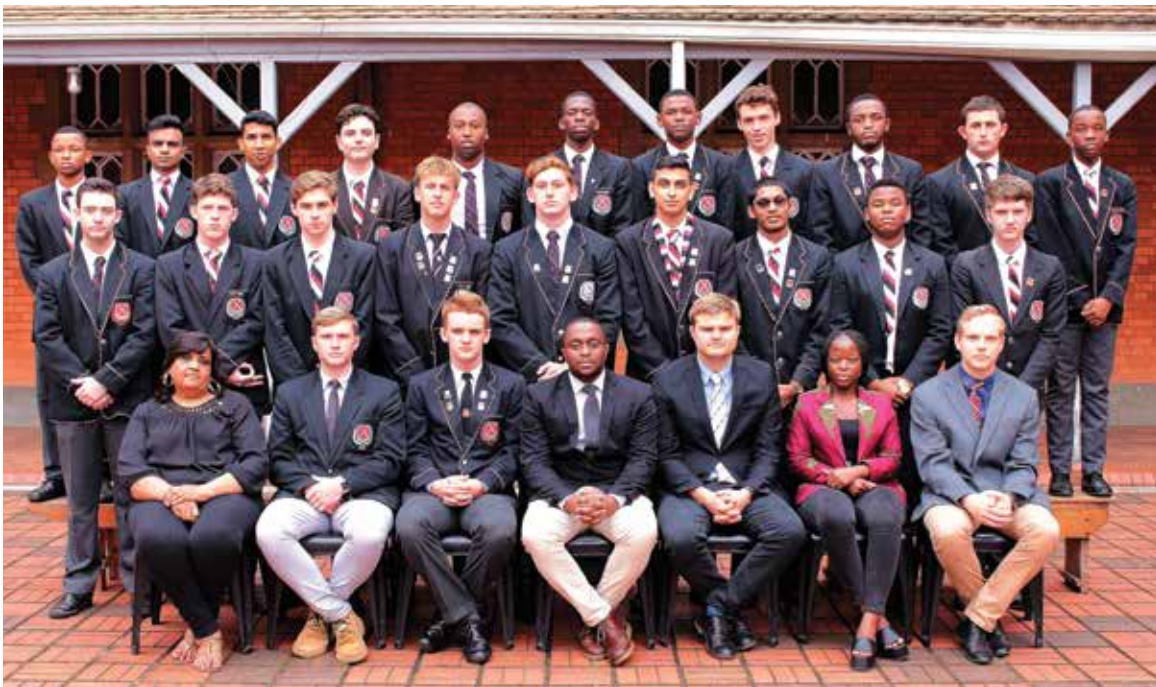
Fuller House

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Middle row: S Cele, YP Katide, D Plumb, E Kleu, YD Katide, M Ponter (house captain), D Craig, J Peens, L Singh, G Naidoo, M Dukhi, C van der Vliet, J Taylor, A Ntuli, S Ngcobo
Front row: Mr S Sinclair, Miss J Harvey, Mr T Orchard (housemaster), Mr A Budhoo, Mr W Greyling, Miss S Paramanand
Absent: A Woolridge, B Harper, Mrs L Moffatt



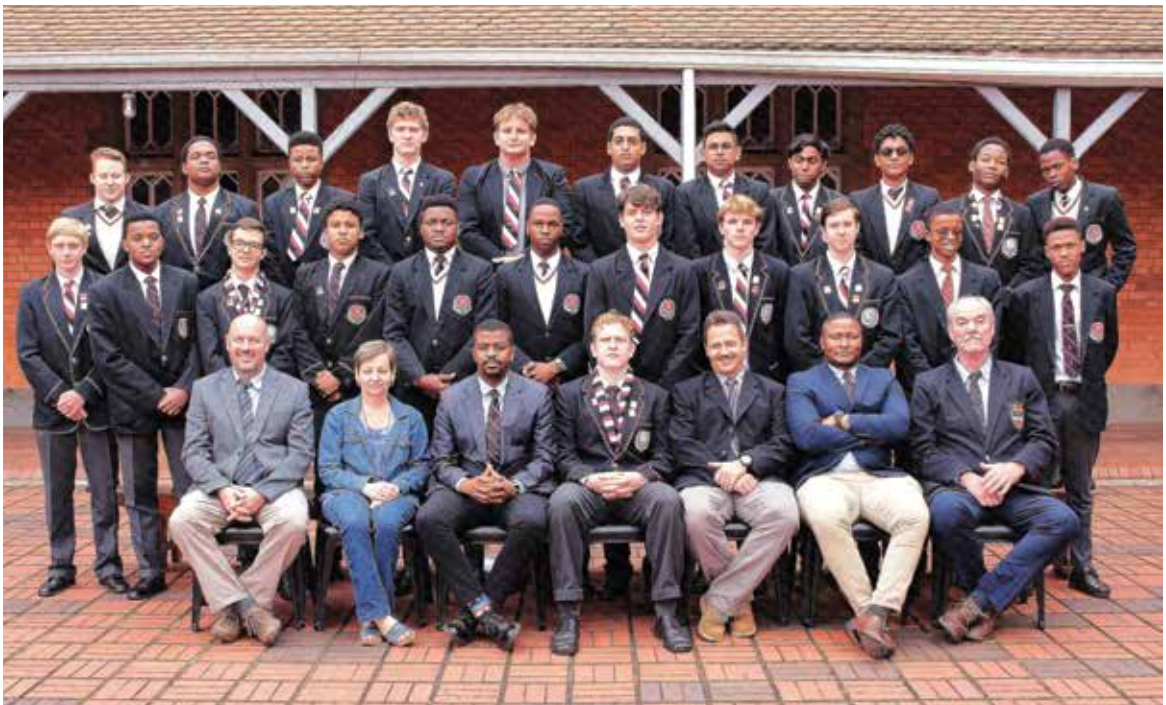
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Middle row: M Ngubo, H Meman, A Styan, J Miller, B Nduku, B Luthuli (house captain), K Kisten, M Chapman, C Norman, T Koller, U Mncwabe, P Hauff
Front row: Ms N Gumede, Ms A Maistry, Mrs F Deyzel, Mr R Barbour (housemaster), Mrs L Couperthwaite, Mr L Tshabalala, Mr J Harvey
Absent: C Janse van Rensburg, K Hattingh



Lamond House

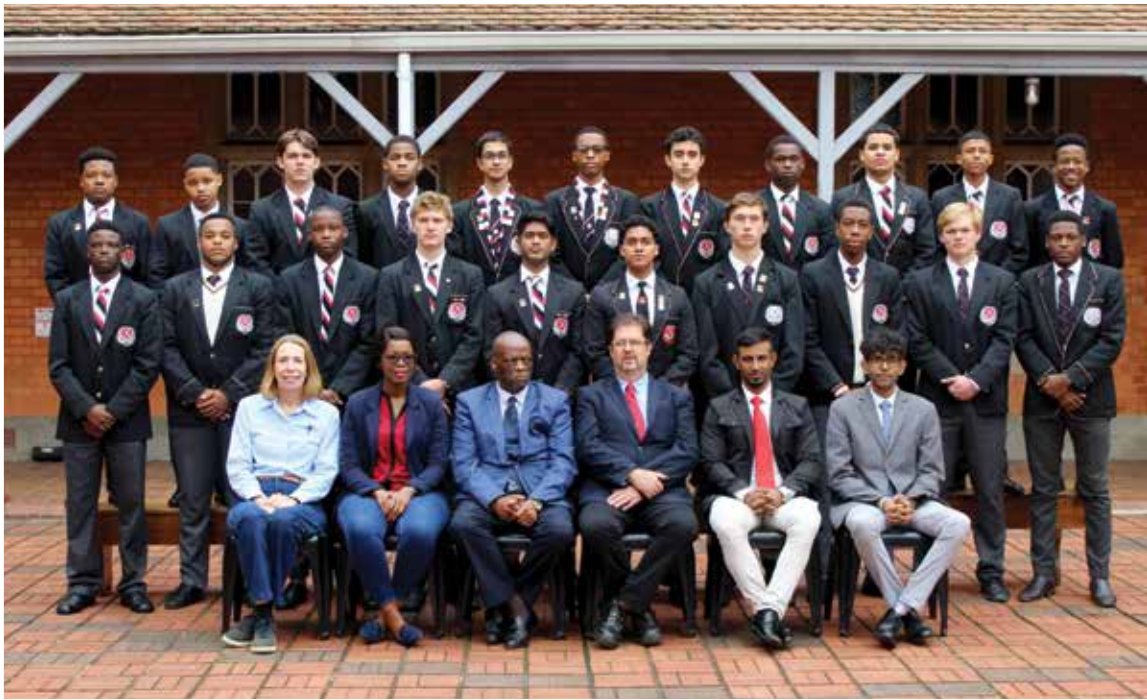
Back row: K Dwenga, R Naidu, L Kadir, N Lawson, M Tshaka, S Malila, N Ndlovu, R Ross, O Mhlongo, G Delpont, S Mbatha
Middle row: J Godleman, W Muggleton, E Kingham, R Marias, L Prinsloo, K Subbiah, T Govender, A Ngobese, M Webley
Front row: Mrs N Singh, Mr C Pitout, R Finnie (house captain), Mr S Siwila (housemaster), Mr C Myburgh, Miss C Mhlongo, Mr J Wilcock
Absent: T Freemantle, K Meisegeier, C Prinsloo, T Redman, K Rhodes, J Thring, A Vilakazi



Pape House

Back row: J O'Brien, T Motaung, L Pepeta, G Westerdale, R Goncalves, Z Matthews, R Maharaj, M Sheik, R Pillay, P Mncube, T Dlomo
Middle row: I Hemingway, B Masinga, C Vahey, M Hendricks, M Ndawonde, S Phungula, T Lutge, J Scruby, N de Villiers, N Masilela, A Xulu
Front row: Mr F Maritz, Mrs S Kritzing, Mr S Mkhwanazi (housemaster), C Hankinson (house captain), Mr M Kritzing, Mr S Sokhela, Mr G Waters
Absent: J van Zyl, R Uren, J Botha, W Viljoen





Snow House

Back row: L Mabaso, L Donolly, K Wilken, K Moabi, S Osman, A Khumalo, A Suliman, M Mathonsi, E Everton, N Parmanand, K Ngcobo
Second row: A Ndlovu, T Sithole, N Zulu, G Westerdale, S Pillay, W Pillay, J Sharpe, T Sedze, J Munn, W Hadebe
Front row: Mrs M Troveri, Ms S Kunene, Mr J Mhlongo (housemaster), Mr J Orton, Mr R Pillay, Mr J Naidoo
Absent: S Arnold, C Henman, M Ivins, R Murray, K van den Berg, B Walther, P Xaba



Strachan House

Back row: F Memon, L Hlophe, N Moodley, M Todd, T Wolhuter, N Mazibuko, N Kubheka, T Mthembu, A Premchund, M Somi, T Zimu
Middle row: G Winlock, M Rasalanavho, C Ollerhead, T Zuma, D Naidoo, R Stockil, S Gibson, Z Shongwe (house captain), S Mbonambi, K Ramlall, S Msomi, C van Rooyen, K Nene
Front row: Mrs S Webley, Mrs R Brunzlaff, Mr M Jeewan, Mr M Zuma (housemaster), Mr M Warr, Mr D Sherriff, Mrs M Kritzinger, Z Njomi (standing)
Absent: S Sikhakhane, C Harvey

SECOND FORM

Barns

Charan, VS
Chetty, KK
Clark, DJ
Cox, TA
Desebrook, PL
Dlamini, SN
du Toit, DS
Grunewald, J
Gunning, DP
Khuzwayo, SS
Lamb, RJ
Lekhobo, TJ
Mafunga, T
Makhaketsa, P
Manyathi, MS
Maud, CJ
Mongoato, RTE
Ndlela, A
Nxumalo, SB
Nzuza, WB
Qhobosheane, TT
Thembela, A
van Amsterdam, MD
Venniker, SA
Willson, RG

Calder

Becket, LR
Bharath, AR
Boshoff, TJ
Chetty, ML
Dickason, CM
Jaftha, NF
Khumalo, B
Khwela, A
Le Court de Billot, CT
Lembethe, A
Lewis, L-JS
Madzimore, M
Maharaj, S
Maistry, J
Mhlanzi, BE
Mncwabe, P
Moyo, N
Mustard, RK
Ncula, SQ
Ngubane, AUN
Ramdeen, VY
Ramdhass, S
Slevin, JD
Thompson, JG
Vogt, KHE

Commons

Ayisa, RK
Balmer, DK
Bishop, KM
Cahill, AS
Dillon, DK
Dladla, A
Dlamini, L
Govender, JZ
Govender, S
Hoatson, OS
Hukum, A
Jankovich-Besan, JCM
Khumalo, PM
Maharaj, S
Mkhize, AA
Mkhize, SN
Mountfort, C
Ngcemu, NO
Ngcobo, SZN
Pay, JS
Pillay, D
Schirge, RM
Sehlako, TK
Shabalala, SS
Wiggill, SB

Forder

Colenbrander, DS
Fabre, E
Fynn, CN
Gadzikwa, R
Galtrey, DR
Goddard, HD
Hadden, RA
Kader, MLE
Katz, TL
Khumalo, SS
Manana, MF
Murekezi, MD
Ndlovu, MJSFC
Ngcobo, AS
Potgieter, CB
Sibanyoni, SS
Sishi, LS
Slabberts, RD
Smith, M
Theeralingam, J
Theletsane, KA
van der Merwe, JM
Wessels, JN
Zikhali, UL

Fuller

Botha, B
Bryant, BLC
Burnie, KJ
Cameron, MK
Essack, AN
Francis, CJ
Gumede, LN
Hlophe, SK
Lotter, L
Mabande, LA
Mabanga, LN
Mahomed, M
Mbatha, SM
Naidoo, A
Nelson, CJ
Nettleton, JE
Searle, K
Simamane, SB
Sing, BCN
Sobwe, EK
Stanton, R
Wood, C
Zuma, BA

Lamond

Adam, NC
Blose, JJ
Botha, WJ
Chetty, H
Chikowero, TL
de Bruyn, K
Erskine, FS
Foster, TM
Janneker, DE
Jordaan, JP
Kunene, FN
Mchunu, SN
Moodley, M
Motshoane, R
Mshudulu, LJ
Mtambo, M
Mukorera, LA
Naidoo, D
Rawat, I
Redman, L
Tafeni, L
van der Merwe, EW
Wilson, CE
Zunckel, JH

Nicholson

Barnard, B
Craig, TJ
Curry, NA
de Beer, RW
Gosling, NJ
Gumede, PW
Jursa, DE
Khoza, SS
Kosani, L
Lock, MR
Machwane, C
Mngwengwe, K
Mohamed, SA
Msane, ZN
Mudely, T
Myaka, MN
Naidoo, TC
Nhlapo, SM
Nyoka, MM
Padayachee, J
Paveley, LR
Pritchard, OD
Samuel, OB
Tshabalala, N

Pape

Canham, ZS
Cook, BC
Dreyer, LG
Gasa, SAV
Govender, DI
Hulane, ZM
Khumalo, CA
Kruger, TR
Lutge, A
Mackay-Leslie, LE
Madlala, A
Makhaye, A
Makhaye, ST
Msimango, MM
Mthimkhulu, AOM
Naidoo, D
Ndlovu, VU
Oosthuizen, MC
Pillay, CJ
Pretorius, MA
Samuel, EL
Sheikh, R
van Dyk, WMM
Viljoen, C
Xaba, SL

Snow

Armstrong, JM
Benamro, FAB
Coetzer, CC
Craig, JA
Dladla, AM
Dlamini, N
Gotte, JS
Hadebe, SL
Khan, R
Khoza, OL
Maduna, TSA
Matshisa, SB
Moodley, K
Myeza, L
Naicker, LC
Palmer, DM
Pedlar, SG
Pillay, T
Ramiah, R
Smart, M
van Niekerk, T
van Wyk, BM
Zondi, SM
Zote, BP

Strachan

Askham, ML
Fourie, BJ
Gademan, DG
Hackland, HR
Hadebe, AAL
Harris, MC
Khuboni, IL
Madlala, KET
Mhlanzi, A
Mpapa, EM
Naidoo, N
Nankan, T
Nzama, LL
Parker, WM
Pauw, CD
Royappen, TS
Sivenarain, T
Somi, MA
Steel, MSS
Sweetnam, CA
Truter, MH
van Rensburg, RD
van Wyk, AP
Zulu, MV



THIRD FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Abdool, A	Baca, ME	Akoonjee, A	Cherayi, CM	Anderson, JB
Adendorff, OL	Borchers, MR	Baptista, LJ	Cruickshank, DJ	Anderson, RDM
Armoed, RM	Danisa, ST	Beni, A	Essa, Y	Clemmans, J
Baber, HS	Dillon, CW	Clark, ERC	Gibbs, CS	de Jager, LJ
Bhengu, AK	Dzanibe, S	Combrink, JL	Hlophe, TA	Finlayson, C
Bhengu, LN	Galassi, AE	Drimie, JT	Hughes, SJ	Finlayson, T
Bokveldt, LL	Gray, JJ	Elliot, PEG	Jenkins, KR	Hadebe, AB
Currie, JM	Kauffman, MJ	Gould, CTB	Khambule, LM	Haug-Lyons, JZ
Foster, TM	Kent, BJ	Hlophe, BN	Khumalo, LG	Lamb, PR
Gwala, MW	Luthuli, L	Hoosen, U	Koller, NP	Mavimbela, LL
Khanyile, SS	Mason, TC	Humphries, AW	Lewis, AJC	Mkhize, A
Khumalo, SN	Mkhize, LYA	Jordan, GLR	Louwrens, PA	Mlotshwa, IL
Loumeau, J	Mkhulisa, S	Kleu, SP	Moharaj, J	Moses, ZR
Mazibuko, ZS	Moneyvalu, JD	Majola, ET	Maluleke, HM	Mpungose, MMAS
Mitewu, EM	Mshengu, SPF	Mchunu, SS	Miya, MM	Mseleku, L
Mundell, CM	Myeni, TT	Modi, HC	Moodley, DT	Murgatroyd, MB
Ngcobo, SMT	Naidoo, TD	Mwamba, CP-J	Msimango, S	Nadasan, DC
Petersen, JC	Nqayi, A	Naidoo, D	Naidoo, D	Naidoo, M
Pillay, KH	Pembridge, NRK	Nel, D	Naidoo, W	Ngcobo, BS
Singh, K	Redlinghuys, SM	Ngcobo, AN	Nala, OM	Nkabane, L
Sukraj, CJ	Singh, Y	Pepu, BI	Odell, JO	Osman, M
Thackwray, JJ	Smythe, G	Shangase, L	Shabalala, MMP	Padayachee, RD
Thompson, TH	Suter, DK	Shuttleworth, JW	Shuttleworth, PJ	Sibiya, SM
Thomson, MR	Taylor, AD	Singh, M	Singh, R	Thabethe, F
Thornton-Dibb, BJ	van der Merwe, R	Sinkfontein, L-RH	Upfold, RG	Trodd, WJ
Thusi, NY	Vyambwera, MS	van der Vliet, RM	van Heerden, CPJ	van Rooyen, C
Uhlmann, L				Westerdale, ND

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Barnes, AB	Askew, GA	Ambler, TW	Cumming, AA	Balkissoon, P
Beste, E	Barrett, DA	Botha, KH-B	Cumming, BM	Fincham, JJ
Damons, LP	Boshoff, R	Dedekind, K	Dlamini, A	Harris, JC
Dlamini, EUA	Botha, BJ	Demont, BL	Elliot, CC	Jackson, DC
Douglas, SWS	Brunkhorst, D	Durgaparsad, S	Greeff, MW	Launder, RG
Fryer Dudley, JD	Brunkhorst, M	Ekerold, TB	Greyling, LR	Martin, MD
Govender, K	Chetty, M	Ekstrand, KJ	Harley, JF	Mazibuko, ST
Jansen van Rensburg, J	Davies, DB	Ender, CD	Hurson, CT	Mgojo, LE
Khan, R	Deane, SJ	Flanagan, KS	Khumalo, AA	Mhlongo, ORM
Khumalo, AM	Dix, A	Hamadziripi, ET	Kufal, TJ	Moula, F
Mkhize, SK	Dladla, ZV	Kasambala, VJ	Maphanga, MM	Mthalane, AT
Msomi, SS	During, LM	Lancaster, MS	McDonald, CG	Naidoo, S
Msomi, Z	Gamede, UQ	Makhoba, BC	Mfusi, ML	Ngcobo, NB
Mulder, GR	Gwala, SV	Mazibuko, S	Mkize, N	Ngobese, S
Naidoo, SJ	Hansrod, Y	McAllister, EJ	Momple, MB	O'Connor, LD
Ngubane, LQB	Jones, KK	Mdleleni, AS	Morewood, CJ	Perumal, A
Oakley, DR	Mabunda, ZM	Mntungwa, NU	Mpanza, NAB	Pillay, S
Ojo, CF	Mdabe, HL	Moosa, R	Murugen, T	Premchund, V
Peters, T	Mjwara, P	Motha, LS	Naidoo, DC	Radebe, OA
Pillay, FC	Mkhize, LN	Ngobese, NA	Nana, T	Steyn, JC
Pillay, TS	Mkhize, SK	Phungula, KS	Ncengwa, KS	Strachan, WG
Sarupen, Y	Ntombela, O	Pillay, DT	Ndaba, OK	Thomson, GN
Tilbury, AC	Sewparsad, A	Raichund, R	Qasha, MS	van der Merwe, TC
Tilbury, JL	Siyongwana, C	Shaw, SR	Singh, K	van Wyk, AD
Venter, R	Stead, JR	Sithembu, S	Watts, BEH	Ward, KL
Vilakazi, LT	Wassink, LC	Stevens, SD	Zuma, A	Zingeni, N
Zakwe, MA		Subreenduth, S		Zondi, W
Zondi, C		Tshabalala, ZA		
Zwane, I				

FOURTH FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Bautista Gonzalez, S	Akoob, A	Botha, A	Aurets, JA	Armstrong, TO
Bernstein, R	Brown, NW	Burger, L	Basson, KT	Essa, R
Breedt, MP	Clifton, D	Deyzel, N	Beauclerk, W	Foster, BC
Cele, VSAS	Dladla, L	Dlamini, L	Bridglall, S	Govender, MJ
Dlamini, BU	Dlomo, MA	Geach, MJ	Brown, RJ	Joubert, H
Egberink, GJ	Galliers, WP	Harrichand, CL	Doidge, RL	Khumalo, KN
Fulton, TC	Govender, S	Heeralal, D	Dube, S	Khumalo, SS
Govender, E	Grove, JA	Hosking, BN	Gasarasi, JM	Kloppers, E
Jackson, NJ	Haines, DT	Hoskins, RC	Henderson, CGS	Konigkramer, JH
Jekwa, LN	Hlophe, SAS	Jeke, KU	Kapotwe, SC	Marais, JI
Johnstone, LJ	Holmes, NI	Khan, MI	Knox, EP	Masinga, I
Khumalo, KM	Khuzwayo, PA	Mashaba, SV	Leclezio, AL	McKean, RD
Kruse, JPR	Makalima, J	Mbatha, S	Maartens, R	Mngomezulu, TFM
Kubheka, P	Mathonsi, A	Mchunu, Y	Maphisa, B	Moodley, ER
Lamb, KWD	Middleton, BJ	Mfeka, ZL	Mayeni, S	Mqadi, O
Macleod, FCC	Mkhize, M	Mornet, A	Mchunu, P	Mthimkhulu, LN
Mafunga, T	Mkhulisi, NA	Mthethwa, A	Miller, LM	Mtolo, AL
Makhanya, K	Mntungwa, AM	Ndlovu, PS	Moosa, MH	Mumford, JJ
Mtolo, SA	Ndawonde, N	Nzimande, KS	Mthembu, AL	Ndlovu, Z
Ndlovu, Z	Olorunda, MI-S	Roberts, MB	Naidu, R	Newlands, LA
Nohiya, C	Parker, CG	Roberts, MJ	Ngcobo, AM	Ntanz, AA
Norton, SR	Pieterse, DP	Sibisi, VN	Ngcobo, SE	Sutherland, LC
Nzimande, A	Seyoum, ET	Usayi, MG	Nkwanyana, MEB	Thabethe, O
Pretorius, C	Taylor, EB	van Heerden, MG	Pearson, TR	Tocknell, RJ
Slevin, JP	van Laun, GN	Warren, D	Rossouw, MJ	Zulu, MNS
Songca, A	Wichmann, R	Williams, EL	Sidimba, A	Zungu, SNU
Trollip, K		Wolter, JM	Sithole, NS	
Watt, JD			Smith, TL	

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Bagirathi, AS	Adie, SR	Botha, DW	Dlamini, AL	Dlamini, AL
Becket, DJ	Chetty, JK	Dlamini, LM	Dumakude, NA	Dumakude, NA
Blackburn, TB	Collins, NJ	du Plessis, DS	Gademan, BM	Gademan, BM
Chimonyo, T	Dlamini, L	Durgaparsad, S	Gibson, MT	Gibson, MT
Cox, TT	Galtrey, JA	Dyasi, KE	Goslett, CJ	Goslett, CJ
da Costa, O	Gwala, N	Foster, J	Jacobsz, FR	Jacobsz, FR
Ferraz, CBI	Haasbroek, OR	Govender, T	Jewaskiewitz, ME	Jewaskiewitz, ME
Grant, TD	Hansrod, I	Higgins, CJI	George, J	Khumalo, MMS
Kearland, ES	Howells, EC	Jama, SE	Hart, LC	Lottering, RM
Kunene, LS	Howells, ME	Jansen, JZ	Hlela, LT	Martin, JK
Makhanya, A	Jikijo, IO	Khumalo, MP	Hopkins, K	Matshoge, LK
Maynard, ER	Kritzinger, A	Knoetze, JD	Hurson, KJ	Mkhize, S-JL
Mbentse, L	Kritzinger, M	Knoetze, MA	Kemka, IC	Mncwabe, MAN
Mhlongo, TN	Madikizela, B	Landman, EL	Kloppers, J	Mthiyane, NG
Mkhize, NL	Makangela, ZL	Manickum, K	Majozi, S	Myeza, LA
Msomi, SS	Makhathini, LT	Mason, CI	Maney, A	Nel, MP
Mtsi, LA	Marcus, JA	Matshoboza, A	Mbatha, SL	Ntuli, OS
Ndaba, LW	Mazwi, NL	Meisegeier, NM	Mbhele, TMB	Ollerhead, BG
Ngcobo, SM	Moreno Mancilla, MJ	Msimang, AU	Mohammed, YV	Pelser, HM
Ntombela, OL	Mpanza, SAA	Motaupe, IG	Mosupye, IG	Perumal, J
Ojo, FV	Murekezi, JN	Ngcobo, A	Motaung, TK	Robinson, C
Peckham, D	Nyathi, SM	Paine, TL	Mthembu, K	Roopai, AB
Samuel, JK	Potgieter, CC	Pretorius, AH	Mthimkhulu, AEN	Rossato, JN
Segar, C	Setipa, NR	Prinsloo, HR	Narain, N	Sithole, AS
Soorajdin, M	Simpson, DK	Redman, SG	Nelson, JG	Tredgold, SJ
van der Merwe, E	Werth, JR	Rubuluza, ML	Ngcobo, N	Zuma, BL
Walker, LJ		Sellick, CA	Oosthuizen, SS	Zwane, NOS
Wichmann, KC		Sithembu, S	Stafford, EE	
			Thabethe, MJ	
			van Huyssteen, J	



SIXTH FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Abramia, TE	Barker, RW	Barlow, JL	Barnard, A	Arnold, SRK
Antoniades, DM	Bassa, M	Burczak, NA	Chamane, PA	Donnelly, LM
Beachcroft-Shaw, T	Brown, AO	Cele, SN	Chapman, MO	Everton, EE
Blunt, KJ	Dhoda, E	Craig, DA	Cooke, GT	Henman, CS
Campbell, JJ	Dladla, N	Dlamuka, SM	Dashwood, LA	Khumalo, ASM
Cassim, D	Fraser, JJG	Dukhi, M	Fihlela, MB	Mabaso, LN
Currie, OW	Frodsham, BN	Essa, U	Glyn-Cuthbert, J	Mathonsi, MMS
Duckham, R	Gous, B	Gina, U	Hattingh, K	Moabi, KJ
Egberink, JC	Hampson, GG	Graham, RDC	Hauff, PK	Munn, JWD
Fulton, CJ	Isaacs, AE	Harper, BC	Janse van Rensburg, CB	Murray, RR
Goebel, J	Jansen van Vuuren, J	Jacobs, PDL	Kisten, K	Ndlovu, A
Hlophe, DL	Kuzwayo, VK	Katide, YP	Koller, TI	Nemato, TJ
Laurens, PJ	Luffingham, SJ	Katide, YT	Luthuli, B	Osman, S
Maharaj, S	Luffingham, TG	Kleu, ED	Maltman, SH	Parmanand, ND
Mbanjwa, NK	Mbambo, MS	Knoetze, AJ	Memam, HS	Pillay, S
Mchunu, SM	Mdima, A	Madide, NQN	Miller, JJ	Pillay, W
Mfeka, AS	Miller, CB	Mfeka, LL	Mlambo, OL	Sedze, TB
Mokoena, NR	Monametsi, A	Naidoo, G	Mncwabe, UL	Sharpe, JS
Mthimkhulu, KN	Monametsi, T	Ndlovu, A	Nduku, BBV	Sithole, TN
Naidoo, M	Mosebi, NJ	Ngcobo, SE	Ngubo, MQB	Suliman, AAT
Nyide, SM	Myende, ST	Ntuli, ASV	Norman, CA	van den Berg, KH
Ramdeen, S	Naude, JM	Nxumalo, WN	Nzimande, AO	Walther, BK
Sinclair, LI	Nkosi, SM	Peens, JB	Roux, TP	Westerdale, GH
Thornton-Dibb, DJ	Powell, JC	Plumb, DR	Styan, AD	Wilken, KJ
Worthy, FA	Puler, MM	Ponter, MK	van der Merwe, JC	Xaba, PB
Zondi, TG	Sheosunker, R	Sing, LMJ	Vilakazi, ANS	Zulu, NZQ
	Sparks, JP	Taylor, JMS		
Calder	van Heerden, T	van der Vliet, CL	Pape	Strachan
	Zwane, NC	Woolridge, AC		
Ahmed, A			Botha, JK	Gibson, SJ
Barnard, J	Forder	Lamond	de Villiers, NA	Harvey, CN
Bester, L			Dlomo, TA	Hlophe, LAO
Bharath, AR	Bartis, C	Delpont, GH	Goncalves, RCD	Kubheka, NS
Brits, PJA	Bhengu, PM	Dwenga, KM	Hankinson, CI	Mazibuko, NN
Chiliza, AT	Bukhosini, SSM	Finnie, RJ	Hemingway, IR	Mbonambi, SS
Douglas, MS	Carter, AC	Godleman, JM	Hendricks, MJ	Memon, F
Ferraz, ABI	Cassimjee, SR	Govender, TM	Lutge, T	Moodley, N
Goble, JR	Chetty, N	Kadir, LA	Maharaj, R	Msomi, SN
Hamilton, SM	During, CWJ	Kingham, EJ	Masilela, NZ	Mthembu, TL
Khumalo, A	Goddard, KB	Lawson, NH	Masinga, BMV	Naidoo, D
Khumalo, NL	Hadden, BA	Malila, S	Matthews, ZA	Nene, KS
Latha, TM	Hohls, C	Marais, RF	Mncube, P	Njomi, Z
Le Court de Billot, JP	Kirby, CJ	Mbatha,>NNL	Motaung, TT	Ollerhead, CJ
Malani, Y	Larkan, JG	Meisegeier, KP	Ndawonde, MA	Premchund, A
Mbentse, S	Manack, S	Mhlongo, OS	O'Brien, JS	Ramlall, K
McGregor, BL	Mdletye, LLM	Muggleton, WJG	Pepeta, LS	Rasalanavho, MU
Mtungwa, MSC	Ndaba, SNN	Naidu, R	Phungula, SA	Shongwe, ZZ
Naiken, DAA	Noor Mahomed, A	Ndlovu, N	Pillay, RG	Sikhakhane, SA
Ngubo, AEV	Nsimbi, KCC	Ngobese, AS	Scruby, JMJ	Somi, MN
Pieterse, M	Pieterse, AM	Prinsloo, CJ	Sheik, M	Stockil, RJC
Ramharak, K	Shezi, SS	Prinsloo, L	Uren, RS	Todd, MI
Sithole, UL	Sibisi, OP	Redman, TR	Vahey, CE	van Rooyen, NC
Zondi, CU	Singh, J	Rhodes, KW	van Zyl, JW	Winlock, GD
Zondo, KO	Slabberts, JW	Ross, RA	Viljoen, WC	Wolhuter, TG
Zulu, NAS	Sosibo, NN	Subiah, KL	Xulu, AA	Zimu, TL
	Steyn, D	Tshaka, MM		Zuma, TV
	Thabethe, SC	Webley, MJ		



The Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association (MCOBA) finally hosted its long-awaited first Reunion Weekend in three years and celebrated its quasiquintennial in 2022 with our first ever global event.

The 125th celebration, hosted by our Patron, the Headmaster, took place on the 125th birthday, on the Forder Oval, where a wonderful birthday dinner was held on Saturday 22 January 2022. The celebration included multiple events taking place

simultaneously across the globe whereby Old Boys, at their events, joined the celebration hosted at College, live via Zoom and all connected online. This global celebration included:

- 72 registered Old Boy gatherings,
- on five continents - including Antarctica,
- in 12 countries,
- across 10 time zones,
- at 32 locations in South Africa alone.

I am pleased to report that MCOBA:

- Is financially sound, as noted by the unqualified Annual Financial Statements.
- Has focused on delivering resources and staffing into CollegeConnect, a strategic opportunity identified to ensure relevance to our members and scholars.
- Has implemented significant operational changes that are bearing fruit. This includes a new accounting system and improved operations that have gone live through 2022 and address:
 - Detailed operating processes and controls with key segregation of duties.
 - Digitised document storage of all invoices and an enhanced approval process.
 - New general ledger (Xero), which includes automated banking feeds.
 - Enhanced monthly management account reporting (Spotlight) that allows the executive committee to make decisions based on the financial information.

The MCOBA has continued to host an increasing number of events, which is a core strategy. These included:

- The 125th Reunion on 28 May 2022, including with the following events:
 - The golf day and prize-giving dinner at the VCC;
 - a special assembly on Barns' for Old Collegians;
 - The Reunion bowls event at the Collegians Club;
 - Old Boys vs College 1st Team Basketball
 - Reunion Dinner on the Friday evening with the signature year dinners (1972, 1982, 1992 and 2002);
 - Memorial Chapel service, wreath-laying and Wall of Remembrance ceremonies;
 - Reunion luncheon in the Victoria Hall; and
 - Saturday sports against Hilton College.
- Veterans' Open Day, including a tour of the school and a three-course meal in the Victoria Hall.
- Branch events across the country and abroad including Zululand, Durban, Midlands, Highway, North Coast, Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg, the United States (Texas), the United Kingdom (London), Australia and New Zealand.
- The Sixth Form Old Boys' Induction Ceremony, which was made up of a record number of 278 boys (i.e. 100% of the Class of 2022) being inducted into the Old Boys' Association.
- An MCOBA strategy session hosted at the Victoria Country Club.

- 100th Birthday visit to Mr Pieter Swanepoel to recognise our oldest Old Boy's milestone birthday.

Reunion 2023 is set for 11 to 13 May and matches will be against Westville Boys' High School. The MCOBA looks forward to celebrating the school's 160th birthday throughout 2023.

Finally, I sadly report that Ms Sue Buchanan-Clarke, who has catapulted the MCOBA into the digital age and has been instrumental in delivering change to our venerable Association, left us to pursue her legal career. I wish her well and extend much gratitude for the immense effort she has put into MCOBA. I am pleased to report that Dr Melba Nzimande joins us from 1 January 2023 and looks set to be a very capable person to take MCOBA forward from 2023 and beyond!

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Pro Aris et Focis

Andrew Clayton • MCOBA President



After the special assembly on Reunion Friday, some of the Old Collegians who were present – including special guest, Springbok Jesse Kriel (OC 2012) – joined the rest of the school in the Sixth Form Quadrangle for a fiery rendition of the school war-cry, led by the prefects.



The president of the MCOBA, Andrew Clayton (OC 1991) (centre), was joined by a number of his classmates from 1991 at the well-attended 2022 Reunion Dinner, held in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall on Reunion Friday.



Early on Reunion Day itself, the president of the MCOBA (far right) joined fellow Old Collegians Matthew Marwick (OC 1988) and Sgt-Maj Mike Bond (OC 1978) in welcoming distinguished Past Headmaster and Honorary Life Member Mr Keith Olivier (OC 1948) (second from the left) to the special service held at the Memorial Chapel.



After the chapel service on Reunion Day, wreaths were laid at the First World War memorial by Mr Marwick (representing Maritzburg College), Sgt-Maj Mike Bond (representing the Ingobamakhosi Carbineers (formerly the Natal Carbineers)) and the President of the MCOBA.

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