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GOVERNING BODY



MARITZBURG COLLEGE

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Vision

An exceptional relevant educational environment that accommodates and challenges the individual, ensuring life-long learning and success.

Mission Statement

Maritzburg College has established itself as one of the leading South African schools whose community manifests a strong sense of pride and belonging. We strive to help each boy prepare for life, so that he may fulfil his unique potential and take his place as a responsible citizen in an evolving South Africa.

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

A Prayer for Maritzburg College

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

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

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DAYS OF YORE

From the College Archives

95 Years Ago

Extract from school magazine #53, dated December 1928

In the mid-1920s, enrolment numbers at the school had declined alarmingly, precipitating the departure of Mr EW Barns. However, by the end of 1928, the editor of the school magazine was able to comment with approval on the ever-increasing school numbers:

- "It is pleasing to be able to record another year of development. There are now 267 names on the School Roll, of which 120 belong to boarders."

As recorded in the Old Collegians' section of the school magazine, a notable sporting selection that year was of Philip Nel (Head Prefect 1921) for the Springbok rugby team:

- "PJ Nel, who is on our playing list, but owing to the long journey is unable to assist us much, had the honour of representing South Africa in every test match against New Zealand, Congratulations, Phillip!"



Future Springbok captain, Philip Nel (fourth from the left), responds to the enthusiastic encouragement of Phil Mostert (third from the right), as the Springboks deliver their war-cry, before kick-off of the first test against the All Blacks at Kingsmead in 1928. It is said that the so-called 'boere haka' had its origins in Maritzburg College's much cherished school war-cry, Jimeloyo-Jil, on which Kranskop farmboy Nel is said to have based the 1928 Bok version.

HC Farrant – a dayboy from Loop Street in town – lamented the lot of the hard-pressed Zululander, with the following poem:

Zululand's a land of pests;
 From fleas and flies one never rests.
 E'en now mosquitoes round me play,
 In fact they do so every day.
 Wasps and bees are just as bad,
 They nearly drive a fellow mad.
 There're scorpions and the centipede,
 With stinging things of every breed;
 While everyday the housewife makes
 A hot-pot out of poisonous snakes,
 With lizards in and monkeys too,
 And crocodiles and cows that moo;
 There're many kinds of rotten blight,
 And jackals howling all the night.
 And then it never rains in reason,
 There's drought one year and floods next season,
 Which sweep the farmer's crops away,
 And so his bills he cannot pay.
 Rather than live in Zululand,
 I'd die in hot Sahara's sand.

65 Years Ago

Extract from school magazine #93, dated November 1958

"The old temporary classrooms joining the old laundry (now the dayboy change-rooms) have been demolished to make way for additional temporary classrooms. This aged structure once housed the first university classes held in Pietermaritzburg."



The original 'tin shack' in which the first classes of the Natal University College (N.U.C.) (later the University of Natal Pietermaritzburg / UKZN Pietermaritzburg) were held in 1910. The gates onto Princess Margaret Drive near where the building once stood are colloquially referred to by many College boys as 'The Basketball Gates' – but they are officially 'The N.U.C. Gates'.

45 Years Ago

Extract from school magazine #113, dated April 1979

The guest of honour at the Senior Prize-giving in 1978 was one of College's most notable alumni, Lt-Gen RHD 'Bob' Rogers DSO DFC and bar (Chief of the South African Air Force). His words of more than four decades ago still ring true today:

"Never before has mankind had such capability of doing both good and evil, and never before have we required leaders with cooler and wiser heads to decide on what should be done.

"This is the world which awaits you when you leave the sheltering walls of this school: a bewildering and frustrating world, for those not trained and equipped to meet its challenges; an exciting and satisfying world for those who are.

"Therefore, make the most of the opportunities offered you while still at school: develop an inquiring mind; get to know and use the words why, what, how and when; use imagination and originality in problem solving and don't be afraid, mentally, to break new ground."



The headmaster of College, Mr K Olivier, poses on the Forder Oval with Gen. Rogers after the 1978 Senior Prize-giving.

Mr M Marwick



Staff photo 2023

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Miss Z Zweni (2022) High Performance Centre Manager
AA Landman# (2021) HPC – Personal Trainer
WJ du Plessis (2021) Recruitment Officer
Mrs SL Emerson (2014) Co-curricular Administrator
ST Sinclair# (2019) Sports Officer (cricket)

Estates
Estates Manager
KD Hackland#

Assistant to Estates Manager
Mrs SA Elliot
SA Crosson
CB Fincham

Estates Administrator
Mrs S Kanavathy

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 Gasa, Mrs TS Hlela, Ms RH Cole

Maintenance
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: School
MZ Msomi

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Welcomes

In 2023, we welcomed several new staff members. We wish them all long and satisfying tenures at Maritzburg College.

First Term



Miss Aneesha Dasrathal
Life Orientation, Technology



Mr Mark Sanders
Director of Hockey



Mrs Kim Storm
Physical Science



Miss Caitlin Mudely
EO Mathematics Intern



Mr Vedprakash Noubouth
Mathematics



Mrs Lagé Udal
Mathematics



Mr Eloff Pretorius
Visual Art



Mr Wandile Shange
Marketing Intern



Ms Maryke Bailey
English and History



Mr Hendre Marnitz
Director of Rugby



Mr Paul Gonlag
Life Orientation, EMS, PE



Mrs Sanita Deodutt
Natural Science,
Physical Science



Mr Jaco Taljaard
Afrikaans



Dr Melba Nzimande
MCOBA
Operations Manager



Ms Angela Cilliers
Afrikaans



Ms Lindy Mkhize
EO Zulu Intern

Second Term



Miss Jenna Muirhead
Geography



Mrs Belinda Sparrow
Pastoral Care Secretary :
Pupil Office



Miss Loryn Davies
School Counsellor



Mrs Charmaine Paterson
Assistant Admissions Secretary



Miss Rachael Barnard
Events Co-Ordinator



Mrs Lauren Barbour
Student Care and
Well-Being Officer



Mr Kwanda Zakwe
isiZulu



Mrs Leola Padayachee
Enrolled Nurse



Mr Lemuel Kistasamy
IT Intern



Mrs Vanessa Kanavathy
Estates Administrator

Third Term



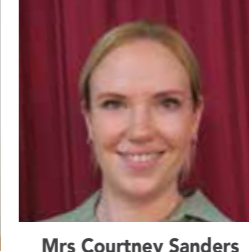
Mr David Solomon
Director of Music



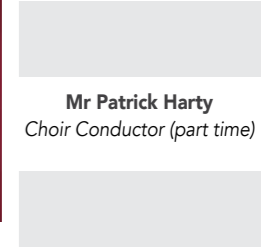
Mr Joshua White
Guitar Teacher (part time)



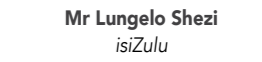
Mrs Cherize Singh
Geography



Mrs Courtney Sanders
English, EMS, Digital
Technology



Mr Patrick Harty
Choir Conductor (part time)



Mr Lungelo Shezi
isiZulu

Fourth Term



Mr Morne Morolong
Physical Education
Life Orientation

Farewells

We bade farewell to the following staff members who left the school during 2023:

First Term

Mrs Cassidy Griffiths
Mr Murray-John Smit
Mr Swelihle Mkwana

Third Term

Mr Leandros Stavrou
Mr Simon Stickells
Mrs Joni Stickells

Second Term

Mr Claude Pitout
Mrs Biddy Parker
Mr Adam Usher
Ms Cashel Hackland
Ms Samantha Paterson
Mr Matthew Stringer
Miss Thobeka Shata

Fourth Term

Mr Alan McGuigan
Mr Brandon de Lange
Mr Chris Nevay
Mr Aaqil Ebrahim
Mr Wandile Shange

Mrs Biddy Parker

Mrs Brigitte (Biddy) Parker started at Maritzburg College in February 1998, which means that she has given a little more than 25 years of service to the school. I cannot think of anyone who, in that time, has given more of their time to College.

Mrs Parker came to College having, in her younger days, been a nurse and a conveyancing secretary at various local law firms, where she no doubt honed her eye for detail.

For many years, she single-handedly ran the admissions department at College, with all the thousands of items of information and pieces of paper that that entails, and over time it became her fiefdom.

I have never met anyone so dedicated to the job at hand, whether it was dealing with boarding administration, with all its roll call lists and dormitory allocations; the thousands of documents required for admissions; or all the tasks involved in the Matric marking registration. Biddy showed an old-school dedication to her job, and followed the basic principle of working until the job was done. Often, during Matric marking, Biddy would work until midnight, tirelessly attending to every detail.

From a personality point of view, there was the public Biddy Parker – rather formidable, no-nonsense, determined and task-orientated. She was the busy mother of four boys, with a job to do, and heaven help you if you wasted her time with trivialities. But that was merely her façade.

Beneath her veneer of dedication and efficiency there lurks a very kind, generous and giving nature. If you worked closely with Biddy, you would see her attachment to some of the boys, her generosity and kindness to certain vulnerable boys and their families, and her help and mentoring given willingly to many.

Any pleasant surprise expressed at this kindness would be brushed aside, invariably with a gruff, 'I am just doing my job!' Her kindness was nonetheless noticed.

When I asked her about her retirement, she mentioned that she would like to be able to find some time to visit children who are in the local hospital for lengthy periods and don't have any family visitors. Her voice trailed off and she typically changed the subject. That was typical Biddy – no fuss, no nonsense, simply doing her bit. She is the ultimate example of a person of integrity, seeking neither reward nor recognition.

Thank you, Biddy – from College, from your many friends here and from me. You have been one of the great stalwarts of the modern Maritzburg College, and few will ever match your dedication and determination to get the job done, whatever challenges arise.

We wish you a long and happy retirement – and a well-deserved one, too – in your new home and surrounded by your loving grandchildren.

Mr M Marwick



Resounding congratulations are in order for (from left) Mrs Denise Mitchell (30 years), Mrs Vicky Chedie (20 years), Mrs Kathryn Roberts (30 years), and Mr Memory Ngcobo (20 years) for their dedication and commitment to the school. With a combined total of 100 years of service, their contributions have undoubtedly left an indelible mark on the school.

Domestic Announcements



Jenna Stoute, formerly Muirhead, married Guildford Stoute on 1 July 2023.



Vishal Rajpaul exchanged vows with Lauren on 27 August 2023.



Kelvin and Zandria Elder welcomed their first child, a daughter named Leah, on 19 May 2023.

Lagé Udal became engaged to Sewes Pieterse in February, and they plan to marry in September 2024.

In Memoriam: Mr Patrick Sithole



The College community was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of one of our staff members, Mr Patrick Sithole, on 29 May 2023.

Patrick joined Maritzburg College in August 1986 and much of his time was spent as a loyal and efficient member of the busy San team. A memorial service was held for him in the school Chapel, attended by his son and brother along with many staff members who had worked with him through the years.

Sister Ann Houghting and Mr Ken Hackland, who both worked with Patrick for many years, paid tribute to him.

"Mr Patrick Sithole had already been working at College for 11 years when I started at the San in 1997. So this was forging a new path for both of us.

My very first impression of him was his quiet courtesy as we worked together to get to know each other and develop new routines which change brings.

I quickly found that his work ethic was beyond reproach. The basic cleanliness of the San was in safe hands with him. At that time, the surrounds of the San were rather 'rustic' and Patrick, with great enthusiasm, set about helping me to develop the garden around the building.

But Patrick also had a special affection for the Boarders, and they for him. If one thing really stands out for me, it was Patrick's empathy with the inevitable first term homesickness of some new lads in Nathan House. I will always remember the first time I saw Patrick sitting on a bed with a tearful, homesick boy – just having a quiet conversation. I never quite discovered how he did it, but he certainly had a way of helping many a homesick boy adjust to life as a boarder.

Patrick was man who embodied so much of the College ethos of honest hard work, loyalty and integrity. I am proud to have worked with him for 20 years and grateful for his contribution to life in the San."

"Patrick was a stalwart. Over the years, amazingly he got to know most of the boys by name and he could also identify the shirkers. Patrick and I would often have a good laugh when a boarder would come in coughing and Patrick would tell Sister Ann that 'I saw him playing with his friends at break'. She would then give the boarder a dose of a terrible homemade cough mixture, that would be him done – he needed to get something to get rid of the vile taste.

Patrick took a lot of pride in the Sanatorium and its garden and on quiet days you would find him pottering around in the garden and surrounds. When I first arrived at College Sister Ann attended to the boarders, drove them to the doctors or the hospital and in her absence, Patrick would take charge. If he told the boarders to sit or lay down on a bed and not move, believe me, they never moved."

May he rest in peace.

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SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS 2023

Our Sports and Cultural Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday, 20 September 2023.

The guest speaker was Ntuthuko Mchunu, OC 2018 Head Prefect, and current Sharks and Springbok rugby player.



Guest speaker OC Ntuthuko Mchunu flanked by Acting Headmaster, Mr M Marwick (left) and Mr R Kyle, Deputy Head: Co-curricular.

Address by the Acting Headmaster, Mr M Marwick

Mr Mchunu, ladies and gentlemen, and young men of Maritzburg College. It is my great pleasure this evening to represent the newly minted Dr Chris Luman, PhD. On behalf of our headmaster, I welcome you all to this our annual Sport & Culture Awards evening, as we celebrate the exploits and successes of many of our leading performers and athletes.

Tonight, at this happy marriage of culture and sport at College, we acknowledge and celebrate the sweaty jocks of the sports-field and the more refined culture vultures of the stage. We also reaffirm the stated and definite aim of Maritzburg College to produce well-rounded young men, equally adept at galloping headlong into a loose maul as they are at offering up a growling bass to the Gospel Choir.

I offer a special, warm welcome to our Head Prefect from 2018, Mr Mchunu – known in his day as 'Zeus', and whose name is proudly recorded in the Kent Pavilion as Maritzburg College's international sportsman #320. One of my lasting recollections of Mr Mchunu and his time at Maritzburg College took place at an outdoor assembly on the Sixth Form Quad. Mr Mchunu was standing up near the staffroom, and, as the Head Prefect, was reading from his notes to the boys down below. Suddenly, there was an unexpected minor disturbance, that caused some of the boys to chatter and laugh. The head prefect of Maritzburg College – KZN's oldest and arguably proudest boys' high school – had been interrupted. He was displeased. Slowly and silently, his gaze lifted from his notes, and he glared down at the boys below. All went silent. Without a word being spoken, order was restored. It was a remarkable display of natural dominance and control. I must say, ladies and gentlemen, that it is the kind of dominance and control that Acting Headmasters can only dream of.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are gathered here tonight, beneath the gaze of Alan Paton – who, I add, during his four years at this school showed precisely zero talent for sport or cultural pursuits – to pay tribute to the young men who in 2023 have shown talent, skill and determination across numerous pursuits. The list tonight of young men worthy of recognition is rightfully a lengthy one, as our elite performers across an astonishing array of more than 20 sports and 20 cultural activities have in 2023 continued to challenge themselves, to strive, to serve, to develop new skills and to hone old ones, to overcome, and in many cases to triumph.

Only a few weeks ago, on a random weekend, I was amazed to see the number of different activities on the go – from a talent show and water polo on the Friday night, to 7s rugby, hockey, canoeing, cricket, football, cycling, cross-country and squash, with our Khanyisa Outreach programme thrown

in for good measure. Fortunately, there was a chapel service at 6pm on the Sunday night, to hopefully revive flagging spirits.

On the stage in 2023, the musical and thespian offerings have been of the highest calibre, with acclaimed productions of *My Fair Lady* and *12 Angry Men*, as well as a very successful Prestige Concert at the end of August.

The stellar output this year of the school's musicians – from its saxophonists, guitarists, drummers, and pianists to its multiple choirs – confirms not just an ever-growing repertoire, but a hunger to work harder and to achieve. The debating teams have in 2023 been rewarded with rare accolades – including sought-after wins over teams made up of privately-educated girls – and the chess team has continued to set the standard in these parts.

I digress somewhat, ladies and gentlemen, but it says much for the type of school that Maritzburg College is today that the captain of chess – an erudite Muslim boy who, he tells me, has little interest in an oval-shaped leather ball – is, on the day before a big rugby match, able to rouse the College boys into a bunch of wild-eyed desperados, intent on the destruction of their opponents!

While we as a school were sad to see the departure in June of Mr and Mrs Stickells for new challenges in the Far East, we were delighted to secure the services of Mr Solomon and Mr Harty, who in a short time already have made their presences known to the boys, most notably at the now weekly sessions of congregational singing, involving all the boys in Second to Fifth Form. While some of the more grizzled types remain a little reluctant to test their vocal cords (boarders – I suspect), I do hope that the boys' singing later this evening of the College anthem confirms the progress made.

On the sports-front, Maritzburg College can proudly take its place in the front rank of high schools – with its dedication to all-round success, its focus on depth and mass-participation, and the exposure of its premier teams to the very best competition in the land. College is justly proud of the wide array of sports that it offers to each boy, who is able to find his niche and to pursue something that brings happiness and satisfaction – hopefully coupled with some exercise – to his young life.

- For some months, the school has basked in the success of its high-riding football side, which continues to collect trophies in its path.
- Its basketball team is placed amongst the top two in the country, with a clutch of SA U18 selections.
- The First XV brushed off a shaky start to play some of the most exhilarating rugby witnessed for decades, with two SA Schools' selections.
- At many other sports – from swimming to squash, cricket and mountain-biking, from shooting to athletics, golf, canoeing and hockey, and many others – the College teams have competed at the highest levels and with notable success.

Earlier I referred to the fact that Mr Mchunu was College's international sportsman #320. That tally has since increased to 326. Who knows, but seated here tonight may be a future Olympic swimmer, a Rugby World Cup centre like Jesse Kriel, or a cricketering master-blaster like Dave Miller? Or a future rock-star, Broadway dancer, or persuasive litigator in the International Courts of Justice? Gentlemen, may you find inspiration in whatever you pursue, from the many examples offered to you by those who have gone before – those who also took inspiration from the 'Old Walls' of this school.

Ladies and gentlemen, as I move towards my closure, it is appropriate that we honour the 96 boys who will be awarded prizes tonight. It is also right and fitting that we pay warm tribute to all the boys and all their coaches, who in 2023 have added lustre to the noble reputation of Maritzburg College. Tonight, we rightfully celebrate the achievements of the very best of the young men amongst us, but let us be mindful too of the collective efforts of all the young men of College

- who walk out onto the stage for the first time, their knees a-tremble;
- who spend the lonely hours before breakfast pushing weights in the Ron Jury Centre;

- who venture forward, in a halting voice, for the first time to debate a topic of global affairs with some private-schooled foe;
- who, with one big breath, glide down the Ernie Pearce Weir, into the churning delights of the Msunduzi River; or
- who brave the dawn patrol at 08:00 on a misty, wintry morning on Pape's, to wage friendly war against a visiting team from Gauteng.

Let us also warmly congratulate all the young men of our proud school who, whether on the stage or on the sports-field, have participated manfully, sacrificed the leisure time so beloved by teenagers, given of their best for their club, their team and their school, and have in so many cases pursued the noble Olympic motto of *Faster – Higher – Stronger*.

To Mr Kyle and his army of directors, MICs, teachers and coaches, of all College's many sports and cultural activities, I offer the warm and sincere thanks of us all. Thank you all, for cajoling the boys, guiding them, encouraging them, at times reprimanding them, inspiring them, and reminding them of the absolute importance for any young man to practice, play, strive and sweat. Let us show our warm appreciation.

I trust that you will all enjoy this occasion and the opportunity to celebrate the year in sport and culture at our noble old school. Congratulations to all those boys who are recognised tonight, but also to those of you, who, in your supporting roles, have enabled the stars to shine.

Address by the Guest Speaker, Mr Ntuthuko Mchunu

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, invited guests and, more especially, the boys of Maritzburg College. It is always an honour to be invited back to my beloved school. As I walked along the corridor, I realised that I have been out of school for six years; time really does go fast when you are having fun!

I am honoured to be a part of a very special evening for a lot of young men who have worked extremely hard throughout the year, and displayed our values of self-discipline, honesty and commitment in their respective fields. Today we say well done to those winners, and to those who came second, we say it's a chance to work harder for next year.

My message is clear... take ownership and be accountable.

Take ownership. The English dictionary definition for ownership is the right of possessing something. In my life, in my career, as I grow from being a junior into a senior, this word has more weight and meaning each day. In all that you do, do it to the best of your ability – own it. The best leaders in the world do the boring and tedious things extremely well. It is in this process of taking ownership that we take charge of our own lives.

If you are a kicker for the first rugby team, do those extras when no one is watching, if you are a piano player study those keys like no one can, if you are a sprinter, practice those starts like Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa. Let us take charge of our own lives and see opportunity in everything we do. For when we take ownership a mistake is not a bad thing but rather an opportunity to learn and grow in experience.

A wise man once said, 'Take accountability, blame is the water in which many dreams and relationships drown'. Let no one else be responsible for your failures and misfortune.

It amazes me how the great athletes of the world will at some point say, 'the harder I worked the luckier I got'. Let luck find you ready. Don't misunderstand me, there is no substitute for hard work and it's definitely not luck, but let luck find you working at your hardest!

It is in being accountable that the process starts making sense and everything you do has meaning. I want each one of you to take a moment and look around where you are and think about who you represent. You don't just represent yourself or your family, you also represent 160 years of tradition. You represent men of courage, honesty, integrity, self-discipline, respect and commitment. Whenever you think you are outnumbered on Goldstone's or on Pape's, remember those men who have come before you who have shaped the world. We come from men who took ownership and accountability for their lives and went on to shape the world.

As I close off today, I once again congratulate every one of you for working diligently through the year as it has paid off. I encourage you all to take a moment and pay respect to the men who water our fields, the women who

prepare our hall for those cultural evenings and our bus drivers who are with us on all those trips to Gauteng and back. Let us show humility in all we do and strive for a higher purpose other than ourselves.

Men of College, men of honour, as Jesse Kriel did it for College Road and Crowded House so I will do it for Mnumzane's Khaya and the Zarm Farm.

It is only fitting today that I give back to an institution that has given me so much and from which I've taken a lot. Today I would like to present to Maritzburg College my Sharks Heineken Cup jersey in which I played against Toulouse in France earlier this year. I hope it will find a special place just as Maritzburg College has in my heart.

Pro Aris et Focis



K Mthimkhulu: Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman.



Z Desebrook: The Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture and the Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College.



T Truter: Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year.

SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL CULTURAL TROPHIES

Robertson Trophy for Outstanding Service to the Audio-Visual Society	EC Lolliot and M Pannalall
Mary-Ann Hartley Trophy for Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist	SM Msibi
Douglas Comrie Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Choir	SA Mchunu and SM Mduyana
McGibbon Trophy for Best Stage Actor	KJ Marais
Roger Heslop Memorial Trophy for Overall Contribution to Drama	SE Ender
Parklane SuperSpar Trophy for the Most Promising Musician	MM Msimango
Conor Michael Larkin Memorial Plate for the Most Improved Musician	GA Maistry
Christopher Duigan Trophy for Excellence in Music Performance	L Jackson
Music Revival Trophy for Contribution to Music	JO Conolly
Lood Muller Trophy for Contribution to the Afrikaans Society	SO Dlamini
Graham Holder Trophy for Best Debater	RJ Froise
Calder Trophy for Public Speaking	MP van Rooyen
Dustin Stevens Trophy for Best Public Speaker	KJ Marais
Maritzburg College Speakers' Circle Trophy for the Most Improved Speaker	ZI Desebrook
Armstrong Trophy for Best Prepared Speech	CM Raw
Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg Azalea Book Award for the display of qualities pertinent to the Rotary Four Way Test	A Sidimba
Kean Hemingway Memorial Trophy for Emerging Leadership and Peer Fellowship	DS du Toit

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	M Mogale
John Geekie Cup for U15 Athletics Champion	TJ Boshoff
JH Snow Cup for U16 Athletics Champion	CM Cherayi
H Johnson Cup for U17 Athletics Champion	RF Jacobsz
DJ Berry-Jennings Cup for U18 Athletics Champion, College Shield and Victor Ludorum	SR Kadira
Greenhalgh Cup for the Most Valuable Basketball Player	K Mthimkhulu
Arnold Moseya Trophy for the Best Defensive Basketball Player	MAL Chonco
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Improved Basketball Player in the 1st Team	TM Crawford
Ron Jury Trophy for Best All-Round Basketball Player	K Mthimkhulu
'Slow' Ngcobo Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Basketball	D le Roux
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for the Junior Champion Canoeist	J Worthmann
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Most Promising Canoeist	KH Vogt
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon	JO Odell
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for the Senior Champion Canoeist	J Jansen van Rensburg
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Chess Player of the Year	M Karrim
Natal Witness/Maritzburg Old Boys' Cricket Club Trophy for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Cricket XI	LD Armstrong

Oscar Servant Trophy for Best All-Round Cricketer in the 1st XI	B Brokensha
Leon Haarhoff Memorial Trophy for the Most Promising Junior Cross-country Athlete	O Zuma
Darrol Day Cup for Junior Cross-country Winner	O Zuma
Stalker Cup for Senior Cross-country Winner	ER Maynard
Ryan Clive-Smith Trophy for the Highest Placed Senior in the Midlands Cross-country League	JR Werth
Hattons Cycles Trophy for the Most Promising Junior Cyclist	K Searle
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Champion Cyclist	LA Newlands
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Improved Golfer	CJ Nelson
Johnstone Trophy for Strokeplay Champion in Golf	JA Truter
Beck Cup for Matchplay Champion in Golf	LN Akerman
Shrives Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Hockey XI	IG Mosupye
Oscar Servant Trophy for Fellowship in Hockey	S Sithembu
Dieter Schlosser Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Hockey XI	RD McKean
Carr Trophy for Player of the Year in the 1st Hockey XI	NI Holmes
Ian Rogers Trophy for the Most Competent Rugby Referee	RJ Froise
Craig Joubert Trophy for the Most Improved Rugby Referee	SS Manyoni
Skonk Nicholson Pin for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Rugby XV	LT du Toit and RW Quin
Skonk Nicholson Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Rugby XV	SR Kadira
Olivier Trophy for the Player of the Year in the 1st Rugby XV	LS Kunene
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Promising Shottist	N Naidoo
Frank Lambert Cup for the Best Overall Shottist	JE Kauffman
Shaun Olley Cup for the Most Consistent Shottist	JE Kauffman
MacLean Trophy for Best Shottist in the Standing Position	JE Kauffman
Luyanda Ntshangase Memorial Shield for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Soccer XI	ZL Makangela
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Soccer XI	LK Matshoge
Reece Tiffin Trophy for 1st Soccer XI Player of the Year	MD Horstead
Aidan Nugent Trophy for the Under 14 Squash Champion	BL Mahaye
Dan Smith Trophy for the Under 16 Squash Champion	T Nana
Smythe Trophy for the Most Improved Squash Player	TJ Kufal
Oscar Servant Trophy for Senior Squash Champion	TA Pratt
Tut Marwick Trophy for U14 Swimming Champion	J Mumford
Warren Shuttleworth Memorial Trophy for U15 Swimming Champion	MR Lock
Jimmy Anderson Memorial Shield for U16 Swimming Champion	PR Lamb
Dudley Forde Trophy for U17 Swimming Champion	J George
Bill Hendry Trophy for Open Swimming Champion	RM Lottering
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Junior Table Tennis Champion	TS Royappen
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Senior Table Tennis Champion	ET Naidoo
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Tennis Player in the 1st Team	AC Tilbury
Lucinda Lang Trophy for Junior Singles Tennis Champion	LJ Puddu
Grant Morrison Trophy for the Most Improved Tennis Player	K Hopkins

Derek Howard Trophy for Senior Singles Tennis Champion	G Roux
Roy Foster Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Water Polo Player in Form Five	JZ Jansen
Matt Kemp Trophy for the Most Improved Water Polo Goalkeeper	NI Holmes
Sean Burgoyne Fellowship Trophy for Water Polo	LT du Toit
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Water Polo Player	DJ Wright
Justin Joubert Trophy for the Most Valuable Water Polo Player	DJ Wright

Wayne Lofthouse Memorial Prize for Courage and Tenacity in Sport	B Brokensha
Headmaster's Award for the Highlight of the Year	1st XI Soccer
Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman	K Mthimkhulu
The Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture	ZL Desebrook
Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College	ZL Desebrook
Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year	TN Truter





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SPEECH DAY 2023

Speech Day took place on Friday, 13 October and marked the final official school day for the Matric Class of 2023. The guest of honour was Mr Wilhelm de Wet, an actuary, co-founder of South African Actuaries Abroad, or SA3, recruitment agency, and a trustee of the JGE Funding Trust, responsible for building the no-fee Jakes Gerwel Technical School in Bonnievale, Western Cape.

Address by Head Prefect, S Kadira

Good morning, Dr Luman, members of the school governing body, invited guests, parents, College staff and boys. To address you on this occasion is an honour and a privilege, but probably one of the hardest things that one can do. For 160 years, Maritzburg College has forged men who are courageous, hardworking and committed, men of integrity and humility, and I am proud to say that I have walked within these walls and have been a part of the Red, Black and White legacy.

College is the place that has taught me so much, helped guide me to be the person I am today, and has been my home away from home for the past five years. I can still remember that hot February afternoon when I first set foot here a young lost soul coming from Harare, Zimbabwe. As I walked into Mr Govindasamy's EGD class I could not help but feel like a small fish in a vast ocean and I had no idea what to expect. Immediately, Mr Govindasamy asked for someone to show me around. To my surprise, a hand shot up right at the back of the class. This was a moment that showed me what it meant to be part of a brotherhood and was the beginning of my love for the school.

These past five years at Maritzburg College have been the best five years of my life. Afternoons on Goldstone's supporting the First XV, the famous Cheese Zarm, the feeling of passing team testing, and finally getting to walk on Hudson Highway. To many, these things may be insignificant, but to College boys, these are the special moments that we hold close to our hearts.

As Sixth Formers, we stand on the brink of a new beginning. The cold winter mornings on Barns for gamesroom, the afternoons of touch and soccer, and late-night chats in the dorms will become treasured memories that remind us of the special bond we shared. From our early days in Second Form, tiptoeing around the Sixth Formers, to Third Form when we were finally free from long grey socks and could untuck our boarder reds, to Fourth Form when we flew under the radar and minded our own business, to Fifth Form when we celebrated our brothers' 1st team debuts and provincial colours, each phase making up our College experience and finally Sixth Form, the 'year of lasts', the last hello and last goodbye.

It truly has been a journey, and I don't believe that there's any other group of gents that I would have rather spent the last five years with.

'Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.'

As we all go our separate ways, I wish all of you the very best and ask that you keep the invaluable lessons and values we have learned with you and let us remain a tightly knit brotherhood and part of the Maritzburg College family.

To those of you who will remain within these walls, I urge you to take every opportunity that presents itself with both hands. Give your absolute best, live with no regrets, and take pride in this special place. Uphold the core values and never give up in your pursuit of excellence and remember that obstacles are just temporary distractions on the path to your goals. As you walk within these walls, always remember the greatness that has walked beside you. Maritzburg College has seen some of the world's greatest individuals pass through its corridors, and you too should strive to leave your mark.

I wish to express my gratitude to Maritzburg College for giving me the opportunity to live out my dreams, for the priceless experiences, the friendships, and the sense of family and brotherhood and I extend my thanks to every member of our community for contributing to the special place that Maritzburg College is today. Furthermore, I want to acknowledge my family and especially my mother for being my unwavering support, my rock, and for making it possible for me to achieve my dreams. Your sacrifices have not gone unnoticed, and I appreciate everything you've done for me.

In closing, I want to say that home is where the heart is, and my heart is here, at Maritzburg College. I have often been asked why I chose to come here, and my answer is simple: because it is not just a school, it's a place where dreams are nurtured, friendships forged, and legacies created. Thank you, Maritzburg College, for the memories, the growth, and the mark you've left on me.

Address by the Headmaster, Dr CJ Luman

Mr de Wet, our guest of honour, staff, parents, the Sixth Form of 2023 and boys of College returning in 2024, may I add my word of welcome to you all. Mr de Wet, thank you for very much for your attendance here today as we honour the academic achievements of the class of 2023, and we look forward to your address.

I commence my address by mentioning the wonderful Old Boys' Induction ceremony held in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall last evening when our Sixth Formers were welcomed into a 126-year-old association, one of the oldest in the country. It was indeed an auspicious occasion as they were inducted into the fold of an old boy fraternity spanning 160 years, an endless chain of brotherhood. I wish to thank the President, Mr Andrew Clayton, for his very welcoming speech in which he confirmed what it is to be a College Old Boy and to be part of a brotherhood for life. We also thank the Head Prefect of 2019, Travis van Aardt, for his pertinent message to the boys, in which he challenged them to embrace and cherish the meaning of College and its people. He shared the sage advice recommending that they needed to be adaptable to their circumstances and to leave room for growth as good things take time. The 2023 Valedictorian, Deputy Head Prefect, du Toit'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 generous support of College.

My address today focuses only on our Sixth Formers, so we will therefore acknowledge departing staff at our Second to Fifth Form Prize-giving on Friday, 1 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 core values; and to hold a significant pastoral responsibility in the both the school and BE, among others. Our Head Prefect, Kadira, has been superbly supported by his deputies Conolly, du Toit and Ganie, who along with the rest of the 2023 Prefect body and the RCL, have done sterling work during the year 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 and finishing strong. The cliched statement 'it is not how you start the job that matters but how you finish it' resonates powerfully in this instance. I also acknowledge and thank the House Leaders for the various roles that they have fulfilled within the Day Houses. I know that the Housemasters have appreciated their commitment and passion and the House competition has been a huge success.

All the achievements are clearly chronicled in the Headmaster's Addendum for further information which will be emailed to you and placed on the website. The entire College community can be collectively proud of the significant achievements of 2023 to date. Please join me in acknowledging the Sixth Form of 2023.

Today your academic achievements are being honoured at this ceremony, a wonderful way for the school to recognise and celebrate the choices and

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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 2023, namely 'to encourage each boy to strive towards realising his personal academic potential. These are the first steps to your future.'

Entering a new chapter in life after school can be an exciting and challenging time as you continue your 'good man journey'. Success in life is a multifaceted concept that goes beyond financial wealth and career achievements. Albert Schweitzer once said, 'success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.'

I would like to share with you a few essential skills and qualities that one should consider as you strive to be successful.

- **Education and knowledge:** Continuous lifelong learning, whether through formal education, reading, practical experience or online courses, is the foundation for success.
- **Adaptability:** The ability to adapt to changing circumstances, whether in your career or personal life, is crucial. South Africa's socio-economic landscape can be dynamic, so being flexible and open to change is essential.
- **Communication Skills:** Effective communication, both written and spoken, is key to building relationships, resolving conflicts, and advancing your career.
- **Problem-Solving:** Developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills will help you tackle challenges and make informed decisions.
- **Financial Literacy:** Understanding personal finance, budgeting, saving, and investing is vital for long-term financial security.
- **Digital Literacy:** In an increasingly digital world, proficiency in using technology is essential for many aspects of life, from job searches to staying informed.
- **Creativity:** The ability to think outside the box and come up with innovative solutions can be a significant advantage in various fields.
- **Resilience:** The ability to bounce back from setbacks and maintain a positive attitude is a valuable trait for personal and professional success.
- **Emotional Intelligence:** Understanding and managing your own emotions, as well as recognising and empathising with others' emotions, is crucial for healthy relationships and teamwork.

- **Leadership and Teamwork:** Developing leadership skills and the ability to work effectively in a team are important in various professional settings.
- **Cultural Competency:** South Africa's diversity means that understanding and respecting different cultures and perspectives is essential for harmonious relationships and success in the workplace.
- **Networking:** Building a strong professional network can open doors to job opportunities, mentorship, and support.
- **Time Management:** Effective time management ensures that you can balance your commitments and prioritise tasks efficiently.
- **Goal Setting:** Setting clear, achievable, measurable goals and developing a plan to reach them is a fundamental aspect of success.
- **Public Speaking:** The ability to present your ideas confidently and persuasively is a valuable skill for leadership and advocacy.
- **Health and Wellness:** Taking care of your physical and mental health is critical for sustained success and happiness.
- **Global Awareness:** Given South Africa's role in the global economy, having an understanding of international issues and cultures can be to your advantage.
- **Self-Confidence:** Belief in your abilities and self-worth is important for taking on challenges and pursuing your goals.
- **Ethical Values:** Upholding strong ethical values and integrity is crucial for building trust and maintaining good character.
- **Community Engagement:** Giving back to your community through volunteering and philanthropy can be rewarding and enriching.

In closing, please consider the words of Winston Churchill: 'Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.'

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 your lifelong journey to being a 'good man'.

Pro Aris et Focis



Mrs J Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics), guest speaker, Mr Wilhelm de Wet and Dr C Luman (Headmaster).

Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr Wilhelm de Wet

What is in your hands?

Firstly, thank you Dr Luman for the honour of being part of such a significant day on your school's calendar. Maritzburg College is a very special place with a proud history. You cannot walk around on the campus and not feel the weight of tradition on your shoulders. I really mean it when I say I am honoured to be here.

I grew up in a teacher's house. My dad was a science teacher and my mother a mathematics teacher. My dad passed away unexpectedly in his sleep three months ago, but I know he would have been super proud of me, standing in front of you today, sharing our story (in English I might add). Our story in Bonnievale, really is a story of hope for many, a story of ordinary people who got together in faith, and really saw the miraculous happen in our community.

As Luc said, my name is Wilhelm de Wet. In a nutshell, I'm married to the love of my life Helena, father of 4 beautiful children (3 boys and a princess), with the eldest in matric and the youngest in grade 1. I am a qualified actuary by trade. One other trivial fact is that on a Tuesday and Thursday (and Saturdays) I'm a rugby coach for my son's grade 1 rugby team – I had a mean team this year, only losing once the whole season and I'm purposefully not going to mention the names of my star players as I'm scared that your director of rugby will give them a call.

I've also been running an actuarial recruitment business (SA3), while being based in Bonnievale for the last 15 years.

Bonnievale is a rural town with about 12,000 people about two hours from Cape Town. It is largely dependent on agriculture, but there are a few decent-sized factories in the area, of which Lactalis (Parmalat) is our single biggest employer. They employ about a 1000 people permanently plus about 400 additional workers during peak seasons. For those who have never been to Bonnievale, it really is a beautiful place, and it played a crucial role in our decision to raise our children there.

Before I talk about the education challenges we faced in Bonnievale, let us zoom out and look at the state of our education in South Africa. What happens to our children in South Africa?

According to a study completed in 2016 by Van Broekhuizen and Van den Berg on the 2008 national matric cohort, the results are appalling. They found that for every 100 children who start school in South Africa:

- only 37 learners would go on to pass matric. Of the 37 who passed matric,
- only 12 would continue with their studies at a tertiary institution. Of the 12 who went to a tertiary institution,
- only 4 would eventually end up getting a degree within six years.

While the results might have improved slightly over the last few years it still paints a very bleak picture about education in South Africa. We faced the same situation in Bonnievale. In fact, I would argue, that in most of rural South Africa the picture looks even worse. Our biggest challenge was the need for a second high school. In Bonnievale we had 10 primary schools with roughly 2200-2500 children in primary school, and only one high school with 350 desks.

While the existing high school is a great academic school, with a 100% pass rate for the past 15 years, there was just not enough space for all the learners in our town. By the time we approached the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) in 2016, we estimated that within five years we would have 1000 children without access to a high school in our own town.

People often ask me how I got involved. I found myself as the chair of the School Governing Body of the only high school in town. And the tears, gut-wrenching stories, and heartache of the hundreds of children who did not get into the only high school in town, in many cases ended on my table, and so our journey began.

For decades we had roughly 200 children per grade who had to be bussed to the neighbouring towns of Robertson, Ashton, Montagu and Swellendam. And while it is not that far, about 15 to 30 kms, the reality was that many of our children come from broken family structures and live in poverty. In summer it is easier, but as soon as winter sets in and the buses arrive at 5am and it is cold and dark outside. The children have no family support structure, and it is just too easy for them to become part of our national statistics of children dropping out of school.

At the beginning of 2016, a small community group approached the WCED for a solution. While they could not build a school, they were willing to go into a partnership with the community of Bonnievale. They challenged us on four fronts:

- Land - they said that even if they had land that was earmarked for a school, it often ended up in a fight. If one political party supported the

construction of a new school, the opposing political party would often be against it. In many cases, construction took longer than it needed to, because of political infighting.

- Community support - they wanted us to show that the whole community backed the construction of a new school. It could not be one part of the community that was building the school for another part of the community. It had to be a joint community effort.
- Long-term sustainable plan - the education department wanted us to play a long-term role in the running of the school. They argued that they are building schools worth billions of rands every year, but if a school is not run properly, it is a waste of money.
- Money - the WCED has a mechanism where they can go into an agreement with private donors in a 40/60 relationship. For every R6 we were able to bring to the table, they were able to give us R4. We did a few rough calculations and realised that for a technical school for 600 learners, our contribution had to be about R55 million.

As we waved goodbye and drove back to Bonnievale, I think the WCED secretly thought they would never see these crazy people again. We prayed about it, and we were more convinced than ever that God wanted to heal our community and we all had a role to play in this process. Exactly one week later we drove to Cape Town and knocked on their doors with the following proposal:

- Land - one of our trustees, a local farmer, had the perfect piece of property. A 12-hectare wine farm, of which he was willing to donate half on a rent-free lease agreement for 99 years. My wife and I agreed to purchase the other half at a market rate. We shook hands and together we had the perfect property for the construction of a new school.
- Community support - during that week we spoke to 14 different people throughout our community, all willing to commit themselves to the vision of a new technical school. We were a very diverse group of people. We were black, white, and brown. We were male and female. We were young and old. We represented our whole community. The only common denominator among this group of diverse people, was our faith and the belief that God had a calling on our lives to make a difference in our own town.
- Long-term sustainable plan - this group of people all committed themselves for life. We all agreed that for as long as we live in Bonnievale, we will commit ourselves to the vision of a restored community and assist with the day-to-day running of the school.
- We had the land, but no money, yet we were convinced that God was our source and believed that He will open doors for us. Our only role was to be obedient and knock on all the doors.

Miraculously, the Western Cape Education Department agreed to this proposal. We shook hands, drove back to Bonnievale, and immediately started planning.

Our vision from the start, was a technical school of excellence and through that, the healing of our community. I will get to that in a moment. Our overarching and main aim was always the restoration of self-worth. Many of our learners grow up in poverty, have no hope, no vision and as a result do not have any value for themselves. They are stripped of their value. When you walk around in our informal settlement, there are many four to five-year-old children running around with a spark in their eyes. They have so much potential and still believe that they can become anything they want to. But when those same children turn nine, ten or eleven they start to value themselves by what they see around them. What they see around them, is filthy, broken, in ruin and does not work. And it's not a coincidence that by the time they reach Grade 8, they have very little to zero self-worth left.

At Jakes Gerwel Technical, character building is our big focus. We want to model values to our learners. We have a long school day. 7am is breakfast, and we finish at 5pm. We serve lunch, then study, do homework under supervision, hand out snacks (or fruit in season), then do sport, drama, chess, etc. Everyone leaves school at 5pm.

Our character-building sessions focus on things such as: values; relationships; the role of a father, a mother, and a healthy family structure; work ethic; and finances. These are things we parents teach our children without us knowing it. My children see me work late at night and interact

with my wife. They see me live it out. Many of the kids in our town don't have that at home.

Our group had zero construction experience to start off with – we regularly joke and say that it was a good thing, because, if we knew what we were getting ourselves into, we would probably never have started. Our gameplan was to approach the local architect, the local civil engineer, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, land surveyor, attorney, and project manager, we share the vision, hear whether they were willing to help us and then drop the bomb that we had no money to pay them. Miraculously, they all agreed to work for free.

In November 2016 we approached Moreson Earthmoving company in Robertson and without blinking, they gave us all those yellow machines for free. Mechanics, operators, transport, everything, we only needed to fill up the machines with diesel. The local farmers helped by providing diesel to the value of about R1m at today's diesel price.

But it was still a wine farm. So, we approached the two local rugby clubs.

We asked two questions to everyone who crossed our paths:

- What lives in your heart? Regardless of how you look, what you do for a living or where you live, do you have the same vision in your heart? And if you say yes,
- The second question is - What is in your hands? Many people did not have money, but in the case of the rugby clubs, they could assist us with taking out the vines for free.

It really was a community effort. We did simple things together like we picked up stones on the sports field together. We prayed together. We even had a campaign at the local Spar where you could donate R2,50 at the checkout for a brick or R80 for a bag of cement. Whether you gave time, expertise, R2,50 for a brick, or R2.5m for a workshop, this was everyone's school.

We had our ground-breaking ceremony on 10 June 2017, on 13 June 2017 we received our re-zoning approval and started with construction on 17 June 2017, exactly 6 months before completion of phase 1. Over the next 3 years we received roughly R100m donations in cash and in kind and on 14 December 2017 we had our opening ceremony. God really did something special in Bonnievale. It was there for all to see.

But the biggest miracles by far, and the most rewarding, were the changes we started to witness in children's lives. We asked the children to put their stories on paper and after the first year, 90% of the children could testify that the school had given them a new lease on life. We could see it in their eyes, their smiles, in the way they walked and the way they talked. Children who had no hope, now suddenly had hope, and started to believe in themselves and dream about what they wanted to become one day.

I want to go back to the state of education in South Africa. According to StatsSA, we sit with youth unemployment of about 60% in SA, and in my opinion the fact that 63% of our youth never pass matric, is the reason. Our youth is unemployable. In fact, it is the hopeless situation of these children that really grabbed us by the heart. When they drop out of school in our community, they don't magically disappear. They stay in our communities. Our children need to somehow survive. And in many cases, in rural South Africa, when you are a girl, you survive by getting pregnant to get a SASSA grant, while the boys survive by doing drugs and you survive by getting involved in crime. It's only a matter of time before their self-worth is crushed completely. In fact, our other observation is that - BASIC Education (the 12 years in school as we know it) is the ONLY Education 90% our children will ever get to prepare them for life.

At that stage we were sold on the idea that if we can equip our children with 1) skills and 2) the ability to make good decisions, the odds of them being able to provide for their families and break out of the poverty cycle was just significantly higher than if children were in a normal academic school. Our aim is that every child who leaves our school will have a practical skill. This really has me very excited.

Regarding the school structure, we are a No-Fee Public Ordinary School, with a fully technical curriculum. We are the only school in South Africa to offer civil, electrical, and mechanical technology with maths and science, but we also offer agricultural technology with maths literacy. On top of that, in the same workshops and training kitchens, we also offer a school of skills

curriculum. Why? Because many of our learners struggle academically. In fact, 63% of the school-going children in South Africa fall into this category.

We are also a collaboration school and what that means is that in return for the fact that we helped to build the school, we (our community group) get 50% of the seats on the governing body. Government is funding all the teachers and ongoing running expenses for the school, in line with any other No-Fee school, but the difference is that they make the payments into the school's account and the school governing body can manage it. In other words, we manage the school almost like a private school, but with public money.

In Bonnievale, we do not want a single child to fall through the cracks. At Jakes Gerwel Technical, the national statistics have names and faces. We have Ryan Stevens and Darren Kuhn, Anja Baadjies, Laurene Davids, Howard Bhukani. Just like Howard, there are many, many more.

So now that we had this amazing school, the question that we were facing was, "What happens after school?" We would also need to also ask ourselves what happens before Jakes Gerwel Technical? Our vision was never to build a school, that was just the start. Our vision was always to impact, transform and to heal our whole community. We brainstormed, consulted widely within and outside our community and eventually came up with an action plan named Bonnievale 418. We recruited and funded a team of fourteen people to transform our community to such an extent that our example can be used as a blueprint, not just benefiting Bonnievale, but to be replicated in other communities across South Africa.

The name originates from Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." We picked the name to remind us that we have good news to share and that the poor, the captive and the blind have a special place in God's heart.

Our vision is the audacious goal of 0% youth unemployment in Bonnievale by 2030. To achieve that, we set about working in four different areas: education; pathways; employment; and sharing.

We want to build character through love, we want to develop skills with humility, and we want to restore self-worth in our community. The ripple effect of the school is way bigger than we ever anticipated. We have received 250 visits in the last two years from all over the country, from communities with the same challenges as ours who want to replicate what we did in Bonnievale. Three years ago, we started assisting the Struisbaai community, about 100km from Bonnievale. Their situation was like ours in

the sense that they also did not have a high school and statistically about 80% of the learners in Struisbaai never completed school. The Struisbaai School of Skills was opened in March last year in a brand new R36m facility.

In addition to Struisbaai, we are also assisting Fisantekraal in Durbanville and the Ashton community, and the Vredendal community. All three communities have received in-principal approval from the WCED to construct schools on the same basis as Jakes Gerwel Technical. These communities aim to start construction in 2024, with a first intake in 2025. Like Ashton, Fisantekraal and Vredendal, there are many other communities across South Africa where ordinary people are moving towards building schools in their own communities.

Many people ask us, where do you start? If your quest to make a difference in your community is not personal to you, if you don't know the names and faces of the children or people that your work will impact, you will give up. The hurdles will just be too many.

I conclude with two lessons that we've learnt in Bonnievale:

Bonnievale's biggest testimony by far is the unity amongst a group of people who were previously very divided. The world and the media love to focus on our differences, but I saw that we need to celebrate differences and find common ground. We need to ask each other what is in your heart? A while ago we had a visitor at the school who was looking at ways to roll out this model to the rest of the country. He said we don't realise how special this group of people from Bonnievale are. We disagreed! It wasn't our cleverness or skills or dedication that made this succeed. We know that as we were there. We believe that the same Spirit that lives in us, lives in many of you in this hall today as well.

Throughout our journey over the past three years, we often drew the parallel with the story of Nehemiah in the Bible. The walls of Jerusalem were in ruin. The place was a complete mess and there was a lot of rubble, yet Nehemiah and the nation rebuilt the walls around Jerusalem in a record 52 days. The way they did it was every family took responsibility for the piece of wall in front of their house. Some families had big parts to build, others smaller, but every contribution was crucial. If one family slipped up, the wall would not be completed.

The question I ask each of you here today is: "what is in your hands?" The Nehemiah-wall of South Africa needs to be rebuilt. Just think about education, healthcare, transport, Eskom, corruption, our judicial system, and our economy. There is much rubble. It looks improbable to succeed. Or do you believe it is possible? Are you willing to take up your calling and start building? Each one of you has a crucial role to fulfil.



With Mrs J Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics) are T Ramdhass (2nd in Form), guest speaker, Mr W de Wet, the Dux, D Pillay, M van Rooyen (3rd in Form) and Dr C Luman (Headmaster).



L du Toit, the proud winner of three of the special prizes and the Visual Arts subject prize, with Mrs J Finnie.

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Prize-giving 2023

Prize-giving took place on Friday, 1 December 2023 and celebrated the academic achievements of College boys during the year. The guest of honour was Dr Jared Robinson (OC 2017), co-founder and CEO of Attison Global.



Guest speaker, Dr Jared Robinson pictured with Dr C Luman (Headmaster) and Mrs J Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics)

Address by the Headmaster, Dr 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, Dr Jared Robinson (OC 2017), co-founder and CEO of Attison Global, who will be formally introduced by our Deputy Head Prefect, Jikijo. Thank you everyone for taking the time to celebrate the academic endeavours of our Second 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. We are indeed fortunate to have such an impassioned 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, keen interest and significant commitment to College – his efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Also at this public occasion, it is appropriate to thank the following parent members, who are unfortunately ineligible for re-election as their sons are in Sixth Form this year: Mr Craig McKenzie – served on the SGB since 2014 and was also a former chair. Fortunately, we will not lose him as he will continue to serve on the College Board; Mrs Tabitha Lolliot – Treasurer for the past three years; Mr Rob Warr - Chair of the FDC for the past three years; and Mr Andrew Pratt - Goldstones Club for the past three years. We thank them for their collective outstanding commitment and service to College over at least the past three years. The SGB elections will take place in March next year.

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. Despite the farewells, I am very happy to report that we are almost fully staffed from January 2024.

Finally, 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.

My message to the boys is about The Good Man Journey. As part of my doctoral thesis, we conducted recent research with both you and the staff within the school, which focused on character education and mentoring.

We are also a very active participant in the research being conducted by Schools of Tomorrow, where research statistical data are shared from an international and national perspective through the current research Excellence in South African Schools project, where we are now able to benchmark how well we are doing overall as a school. Since 2013, when we embarked on the mentoring programme, it has gained significant traction thanks mainly to the buy-in by both you and the staff with recent data indicating over 90% support from both groups.

Recently we have started collaborating with Craig Carolan, a positive psychologist and founder of Intrinsic Education and the Centre for Positive Education, who will be guiding us as we take our programme to another level with the introduction of Perma-V wellbeing strategies, the essence of Dr Seligman's well-being theory. More on that at the start of 2024.

As you continue your journey towards becoming good men, I want to share a few words of wisdom and encouragement with you for the road that lies ahead:

- Integrity Matters (core value of honesty). Let your actions reflect your values. Be honest, even when it's tough, and always strive to do the right thing, even when no one is watching.
- Try to Embrace Empathy. Cultivate empathy and understanding. Try to see the world from others' perspectives and be compassionate in your interactions. A kind heart is a true mark of strength.
- Build Positive Relationships. Surround yourself with people who uplift and inspire you. Forge deep, meaningful connections, and be a supportive friend in return. The company you keep shapes who you become.

- Have respect for all (core value). Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their background, beliefs, or appearance. A good man values the inherent worth of every individual.
- Take Responsibility for your actions – be accountable. Own up to your mistakes and learn from them. Taking responsibility is a sign of maturity and strength. It shows that you're willing to grow and improve.
- Strive for Excellence. Pursue excellence in all that you do. Whether it's academics, sports, or personal interests, give it your best effort. Continuous improvement is a lifelong journey.
- Have Courage in being vulnerable (core value). It takes courage to be vulnerable and open about your thoughts and feelings. Real strength comes from being true to yourself and expressing your authentic self.
- Lead with Humility. A good leader is humble. Recognise that everyone has strengths and weaknesses and be open to learning from others. Leadership is about collaboration, not dominance.
- Be Resilient when facing Adversity. Life is full of challenges. Learn from setbacks, adapt, and keep moving forward. Your ability to overcome obstacles defines your character. Through adversity comes strength.
- Be a Lifelong Learner. The journey towards becoming a good man is continuous. Stay curious, seek knowledge, and be open to new ideas. A curious mind is a powerful tool for personal growth.

Pro Aris et Focis

- Serve Others. Servant Leadership (community service). Find ways to contribute to your community and the world. Acts of kindness, big or small, have a ripple effect. Being of service to others adds depth and purpose to your journey. Several of you have been involved this week in various projects within the community, such as the Bisley Nature Reserve, retirement homes, SPCA and Siyabonga Helping Hands and I am certain that you found much joy doing so. The clichéd statement that there is greater pleasure in giving than receiving holds true in this instance.

Remember, becoming a good man is not a destination but a continuous process of self-discovery and growth. Embrace College's core values and those that resonate particularly with you and let them continue to guide you on your journey. South Africa needs compassionate, strong, and principled young men and women as future leaders. Believe in your ability to make a positive impact, and never underestimate the influence of a good man on those around you. I wish you safe travels as you continue your remarkable journey into becoming a good man.

In conclusion, we are gathered here today to celebrate the excellent results of our many academically competent and hardworking 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.



S Bandu - 1st in Second Form



K Moodley - 1st in Third Form



J Moneyvalu - 1st in Fourth Form



J Werth - 1st in Fifth Form

Address by the Guest of Honour, Dr Jared Robinson

You have the blood of champions.

Firstly, I would like to tell you all that dreams do come true, by virtue of me standing here today as your guest of honour is a testament to this.

Before I left these hallowed walls, not too long ago, I sat in the very seats you are sitting in and I promised myself that I would do something important, important enough to have the honour of being invited back to speak to my alma mater. To be honest I did not think the invitation would come this soon, but I am both grateful and humbled. I hope that all of you can take something home from what I have to say today. I must thank Dr Luman and the executive body for this opportunity.

I promise you two things before I begin my speech, number 1 – it will not be too long, and number 2 - it is solely for you gentleman – nobody else.

Today's speech will encompass three main formulae for success – hard work, perseverance and, let God. I will use certain challenges in my life to display how this formula has worked for me and how it can work for you.

I am not going to act like I know the roads, and challenges that you must face going out into the world soon, as the ones I faced when I left school varied vastly from what you will have to conquer. What I can share is my story, and how I tackled difficult obstacles and overcame them. Take from this what you find useful, and the rest discard.

Within everyone's lifetime there are defining moments, both positive and or negative. Over time I have come to realise that the outcome of these moments will be based off your attitude, perseverance and how you decide to attack them.

One of the most defining moments of my life occurred on this very stage, in this very hall. It was when the senior prefects were selected, the first three stood up and received standing ovations, this was followed by my name which was called and not a single person stood. The most important day of my College career was met with a silence at first, no standing ovation and a sense of failure. I remember receiving my badge and standing on the stage, staring into the same sea of boys that had just rejected me. In that moment I could have let that situation break me yet I decided to let it make me.

I said a little prayer and said to myself: 'don't show them an ounce of what you are feeling, stay strong, stay stoic, let this make me.' I vowed that day on stage that I would work like never before to prove to my fellow brothers that I was worth the badge. To cut a long story short, I worked like an animal. I was no stranger to being awake at 3a.m. preparing documents and portfolios for running the prefect body and the various aspects of the school. Little did I know how learning to work on such minimal sleep would be so beneficial throughout my studies. This was all part of the preparation for my next step.

In the end I was selected as Valedictorian for 2017 and, while writing my valedictory speech, I had the sole goal of changing my peers one dimensional views about me. The fear of rejection and the prospect of a repeat of what had occurred earlier on in the induction burnt like a furnace within me.

I got up to do my speech and, in the beginning, there were mutterings like 'he doesn't love College', 'he doesn't even know his shouts', and 'stupid dayboy'. By the end of my speech the attitudes changed and I received the longest and loudest standing ovation of my life, many boys who wouldn't so much as greet me in the hallway, came up to me post the speech and apologised for their misinterpretation of who and what I was. They finally accepted me as a College boy, in my last moments at the school.

The spirit of hard work and perseverance, intertwined with my love for College turned the above defining moment from a very negative situation to that of great positivity. There are numerous other situations which I have faced where I have applied the same principles and ultimately have come out on top.

I had an interview at UCT for medicine and within 30 seconds of walking into the room, I was told that I would never study medicine at their institution.

UFSA had a student of the year competition, (by this stage they were the only university to not deny my application for medicine) I applied for the competition and out of all 88 000 applicants across all the fields, I made the top 100, then the top 50 and ultimately the top 25. After this I was promptly sent an email of regret for the rejection of my application for medicine, yet

I made the top 25 out of all the university's applicants (talk about hitting a brick wall).

I was therefore rejected by every single medical school in South Africa. I could feel my dream of being a doctor slipping through my fingers. I eventually began a BSc at TUKS and attempted to jump across into medicine, this again was unsuccessful (talk about brick walls).

Ultimately, my country did not want me. So, I was forced to go abroad. I was fortunate enough to be offered this opportunity by my loving parents and by the grace of God. I began my studies in a hardcore all Indian university, the term cultural shock was an understatement. I went from a party lifestyle at TUKS to a militant, boot camp style type of education.

I recall a particular professor, who could not stand South Africans and in one of the oral examinations one day without me being allowed to open my mouth to answer, he berated me and said I would never amount to anything, that I was a disgrace to the medical college and that I would never be a doctor.

One thing you must know about me is this: if you tell me there is something I cannot do, you best believe I'm going to prove you wrong. I may not be the smartest, the strongest or the wisest, but I burn the longest and you cannot break me.

You know what I did and my answer to the problem was simple – work harder, sleep less. In the end, I scored the highest marks in his subject that he had ever seen in his tenure.

Other examples of using this formula:

They said I could not buy my first investment property before 21 – I did it at 20.

They said I could not write research at an undergraduate level – I have over 100 publications at an undergraduate level.

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They said I could not build a business with my best friend. We turned down a multi-million-rand buyout offer from a massive Indian conglomerate within two weeks of conceptualising the business. Our company, Attison Global, is now the sole and premiere medical Artificial Intelligence provider to the leading and largest plastic surgery and medical aesthetic hospital in the Indian Ocean.

They said I wouldn't be invited back as guest of honour – well gentlemen, here I am.

A few important points before I end:

Find yourself a best friend who sticks closer than a brother, and then set the world alight. Nobody but yourself can stop you. Your circle and that one special friend can and will make or break you. I am lucky enough to have found that friend and I can tell you that there has been more growth in every aspect of my life in the last six months as compared to the last six years.

Pray, pray some more and then keep praying. To be successful, you may need to live a life for many years without balance, you can't be the best at something and try to balance everything else around your life.

Losers let it happen, winners make it happen, losers see thunderstorms, winners see rainbows.

You have the blood of champions.

One of your forefathers stood on this earth on a battlefield with a sword or assegai in his hand, your blood, your DNA. Your ancestor who either killed somebody or got killed, created a son before he died, who created a son, who created a son all the way down to you. There were men who stood next to him 1000 years ago who have no living sons today. The implication is that through all the years of wars, pestilence, disease, migration and persecution that have occurred in the last 1000 years your bloodline survived; you have the blood of champions coursing through your veins! You had that father who stood on the battlefield with blood on his hands, fierce and fearless! Yet here you are too scared to speak to that girl having a coffee, too scared to seize that opportunity.

You were put here by God for so much more than you could ever realise, fight for it, work for it, starve for it and even die for it if you have to, but make it happen.

We do it not because it is easy, but because it is hard.

PRIZE WINNERS

for the 2023 Acadmic year

Academic Progress Prizes

Third Form	S Govender
Fourth Form	SS Mchunu
Fifth Form	ET Seyoum

SECOND FORM

Merit certificates

R Badenhorst, Y Dhai, OK Gengan, EO Gould, E Hunter-Smith, NJ Mathapershad, ML Muggleton, CJ Mullen, JL Naidoo, JAJ Pembridge, LJ Puddu, HJ Reitz, NA Saville, DC Scholtz, LK van der Merwe, JD Wang and JI White

Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu	AE Hlongwa
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Mathematics	L Venter
Merit Certificate, and the Prize for Third in Second Form	R Madhan
Merit Certificate, and the Prize for Second in Second Form	JJ Baptista
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Economic and Management Sciences, Life Orientation, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences; Technology and the Prize for First in Second Form	S Bandu

Subject prizes

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Afrikaans	D Dry
Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Creative Arts	JP Culverwell
Merit Certificate and the Prize for English	A Madlala

THIRD FORM

Merit certificates

ML Askham, B Barnard, LR Becket, H Chetty, TL Chikowero, BC Cook, JA Craig, A Dladla, N Dlamini, DS du Toit, JS Gotte, DI Govender, PW Gumede, ML Kader, LA Mukorera, SZN Ngcobo, VY Ramdeen, OB Samuel, BCN Sing, T Sivenarain and CA Sweetnam.

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Social Sciences	SB Wiggill
Merit Certificate and the joint Prize for Technology	L Redman
Merit Certificate, the Prize for English; the KickstART Prize for Creative Arts and the Prize for Third in Third Form	MM Msimango
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Life Orientation, Natural Sciences and the Prize for Second in Third Form	CE Wilson
Merit Certificate, the Prize for Economic and Management Sciences, the joint prize for Technology, and the Prize for First in Third Form	K Moodley

Subject Prizes

Prize for Afrikaans	TJ Boshoff
Prize for isiZulu	SB Simamane
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Mathematics	D Pillay

FOURTH FORM

Merit certificates

A Akoonjee, TW Ambler, LN Bhengu, M Brunkhorst, KJ Ekstrand, CS Gibbs, AB Hadebe, ET Hamadziripi, AW Humphries, DC Naidoo, D Naidoo, NRK Pembridge, BI Pepu, KS Phungula, S Subreenduth and AD Taylor.

Subject Prizes

Prize for Afrikaans	E Bester	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Geography	EJ McAllister
Prize for Agricultural Sciences	PA Louwrens	Merit Certificate and the Prize for History	A Beni
Prize for Business Studies	AM Khumalo	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Information Technology	D Brunkhorst
Prize for isiZulu	L Shangase	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Orientation	S Durgaparsad
Prize for Mathematical Literacy	BL Demont	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Music	CTB Gould
KickstART Prize for Visual Arts	NY Thusi	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Accounting, Mathematics, Physical Science and the Prize for Third in Fourth Form	CM Mundell
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Computer Applications Technology	JC Steyn	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Economics, Further Studies Mathematics, Life Sciences and the Prize for Second in Fourth Form	S Naidoo
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Engineering Graphics and Design	M Naidoo	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Dramatic Arts, English and the Prize for First in Fourth Form	JD Moneyvalu

FIFTH FORM

Merit certificates

A Akoob, JK Chetty, GJ Egberink, BM Gademan, RF Jacobsz, A Mahomed, A Matshoboza, ER Maynard, RD McKean, NM Meisegeier, ER Moodley, DP Pieterse, AH Pretorius, C Robinson and SJ Tredgold.

Merit Certificate and the joint Prize for Engineering Graphics and Design	SR Norton
Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu	LA Myeza
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Sciences	J Kloppers
Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Visual Arts	OR Haasbroek
Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Computer Applications Technology and Life Orientation	LJ Walker
Merit Certificate, the joint Prize for Engineering Graphics and Design the Prize for Geography, and the Prize for Third in Fifth Form	CBI Ferraz
Merit Certificate, the Prize for Afrikaans, and the Prize for Second in Fifth Form	J van Huyssteen
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Economics, English, Further Studies Mathematics, Mathematics, Physical Science, and the Prize for First in Fifth Form	JR Werth

Subject prizes

Prize for Accounting	N Narain
Prize for Business Studies	CI Mason
Prize for History	K Hopkins
Prize for Information Technology	R Essa
Prize for Mathematical Literacy	O Da Costa
Prize for Music	EE Stafford
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Agricultural Sciences	BL Zuma
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Dramatic Arts	IO Jikijo



Academic Tie:

SR Adie, LN Akerman, MF Allen, DJ Becket, S Bridglall, N Buthelezi, D Clifton, C Curtis, O Da Costa, TB de Lange, N Deyzel, GJ Egberink, R Essa, J Foster, ZI Govender, BJ Haigh, NI Holmes, S Hoosen, K Hopkins, ME Jewaskiewitz, MA Knoetze, EP Knox, A Kritzinger, AL Leclazio, D le Roux, B Lutge, CI Mason, LK Matshoge, AA Mbambo, SK Mkandla, NL Mkhize, LJ Mohapeloa, IG Mosupye, SA Mpanza, ZTS Mpungose, LB Mqhathu, A Mthethwa, SA Munro, A Naidoo, LW Ndaba, Z Ndlovu, SM Ngcobo, LZ Nkabinde, JR O'Connor, RD Paine, HM Pelser, L Pillay, V Pillay, R Pitout, AH Pretorius, T Reddy, AB Roopai, JK Samuel, L Seshemane, NR Setipa, T Sewparsad, Sive Sithembu, Siviwe Sithembu, D Slabbert, L Swanepoel, B Thomson, J Truter, A Zuma, BL Zuma

Lapel Badge:

Choir: S Bridglall, K Makhanya, LW Ndaba, N Ndawonde
 Drama: TD Ambler, ZL Desebrook, RJ Froise, NL Mkhize, CM Raw
 Ensemble: NL Mkhize
 First Aid: SR Adie, D Clifton, D Ferguson, A Khan, K Makhanya, KNJ Peter
 Marketing: SAS Hlophe, IG Mosupye, OL Ntombela, NR Setipa
 Photography: JL Kufal
 Rugby Referees: TD Ambler, CM Raw
 Service to Basketball: N Buthelezi, S Hlophe, TM Mbhele, M Mkhize, T Mkhize, SA Ndlovu, Z Ndlovu, MJ Roberts, NR Setipa, Sive Sithembu

Large White Badge:

Athletics: CJ Higgins, R Maartens, MM Wolhuter
 Basketball: M Chonco, M Radebe
 Cricket: LD Armstrong, O Da Costa, MT Gibson, A Khumalo, CI Mason, LC Sutherland
 Cross-country: SR Adie, N Deyzel, SR Norton
 Cycling: E Kok, K Wheeler
 Golf: K Manickum, J Perumal, JM Wolter
 Hockey: LD Armstrong, R Bernstein, JR Bradford
 Rugby: RW Quin, TD Walton
 Soccer: IJ Kayembe, BJ Middleton, O Mqadi, A Ngcobo
 Swimming: BM Gademan, ER Maynard, C Robinson
 Tennis: K Hopkins, M Moreno, TL Smith, MM Wolhuter
 Water polo: J Foster, NI Holmes, JZ Jansen, JJ Mumford, C Robinson

Colours:

Academics: KJ Akeroyd, A Akoob, LD Armstrong, M Brunkhorst, JK Chetty, TM Crawford, TI Davies, SE Ender, BM Gademan, RF Jacobsz, SR Kadira, JE Kauffman, A Mahomed, S Majoji, A Matshoboza, ER Maynard, PT Mchunu, RD McKean, NM Meisegeier, JD Moneyvalu, ER Moodley, CM Mundell, D Naidoo, DC Naidoo, S Naidoo, N Narain, RT Padayachee, NR Pembriidge, KS Phungula, DP Pieterse, TA Pratt, SM Pretorius, C Robinson, Y Sha, KJ Steele, EB Taylor, XS Thabethe, NT Tsvuura, LJ Walker
 Athletics: KH Dobeyn, RF Jacobsz, JE Kauffman, ER Maynard, MJ van Selm, JR Werth
 Choir: ZL Desebrook, EC Lolliot
 Cross-country: CJ Higgins, LA Newlands, JR Werth
 Cycling: BC Foster, ME Jewaskiewitz, CA Sellick
 Debating: AA Mbambo, CM Raw,
 Drama: EC Lolliot, A Matshoboza, N Ndawonde, R Pitout, Sive Sithembu
 Ensemble: Z Benjiman, S Bridglall, ZL Desebrook, MIS Olorunda
 First Aid: SS Khumalo, EP Knox, A Matshoboza, AS Nzimande, NO Zwane
 Hockey: L Seshemane
 Marketing: DJ Becket, IO Jikijo
 Photography: ZL Desebrook
 Rugby: C Robinson
 Rugby Referees: RJ Froise, S Manyoni
 Service to Basketball: A Majoji, AO Mdladla
 Shooting: ZL Desebrook, KR Parker, R Pitout
 TechSquad: AC Zuma

Colours and Scarf:

Academics: JO Conolly, T Ganie, OR Haasbroek, SA Khumalo, KJ Mariais, LS Myeza, SR Norton, PC Schutte
 Athletics: M Kritzinger, CR Reardon
 Choir: SA Mchunu, SK Mduyana, SM Msibi
 Cricket: B Brokensha, CJ Thomas
 Debating: M Karrim
 Drama: SK Mduyana
 Ensemble: S Ender, S Hoosen, EC Lolliot, K-B Naidu
 Hockey: B Brokensha, EU Dlamini, JH Konigkramer, RD McKean
 Rugby: LT Makhathini, B Maphisa, S Mbatha
 Shooting: JK Martin
 Sound & Lighting: T Bhoola, M Pannalall, T Sewparsad
 Squash: WP Galliers

Honours:

Academics: TD Ambler, LT du Toit, BM Emberton, CB Ferraz, RJ Froise, IO Jikijo, M Karrim, J Kloppers, E Kock, J le Roux, MB Madlala, LR McIlrath, SM Msibi, TH Nuttall, A Osman, D Pillay, T Ramdhass, CM Raw, G Roux, SJ Tredgold, J van Huyssteen, MP van Rooyen, JR Werth, JR Wiggill
 Athletics: A Kritzinger, YU Mchunu, SS Oosthuizen
 Basketball: LM Dlamini, RC Hoskins, I Masinga, AM Ngcobo
 Cycling: LA Newlands
 Debating: MH Moosa
 Drama: SE Ender, IO Jikijo, J Kloppers, KJ Marais, SM Msibi, LW Ndaba
 Ensemble: JO Conolly, GA Maistry, SA Mchunu
 Hockey: BU Dlamini, KH Dobeyn, NI Holmes, IG Mosupye
 Marketing: SA Mchunu
 Photography: TD de Lange, RJ Froise, BM Gademan, CM Raw
 Rugby: A Botha, JZ Jansen, SR Kadira, P Kubheka, LS Kunene, E Mouton, K Mthimkhulu
 Shooting: JE Kauffman
 Soccer: PA Khuzwayo, ZL Makangela, LK Matshoge, GL Mentory, O Thabethe
 Squash: TA Pratt
 Swimming: J George, JJ Mumford

HEADMASTERS' CLOSED SCHOLARSHIPS

The following Grade 7 boys were awarded a Headmasters' Closed Scholarship to attend Maritzburg College from 2024:

J Greaves	Cordwalles
K Bayliss-Lane	Richard Neave Closed Scholarship (DPHS)
J Moore	Glenwood Prep School
L Bezuidenhout	Hillcrest Prep School
W Johnson	Laddsworth Primary School
R Palmer	David Beetar Closed Scholarship (Merchiston)
T Addison	Louis Botha Closed Scholarship (Pelham)
A Shandu	Scottsville Primary School
V Barnard	Umhlali Prep School



PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2023

Senior Prefects

Head Prefect	SR Kadira
Senior Deputy Head Prefect	LT du Toit
Deputy Head Prefect	JO Conolly
Deputy Head Prefect	T Ganie

Prefects

TD Ambler	K Mthimkhulu	S Sithembu	MJ van Selm
LD Armstrong	A Xeketwana	L Sithole	TD Walton
B Brokensha	RD Paine	KJ Steele	JR Wiggill
N Buthelezi	T Ramdhass	X-J S Thabethe	DJ Wright
MI Chirengende	LDD Schultz	AL van der Linde	SK Zulu
RJ Froise	L Seshemane	MR van Rooyen	

Barns House

House Captain LT du Toit
Vice-Captain TM Crawford
House Leaders
 AO Mdladla, MB Madlala, SK Mduyana, JWE Pope, LR Upton

Fuller House

House Captain X-JS Thabethe
Vice-Captain KB Naidu
House Leaders
 KMG Elliot, KC King, SA Mchunu, MG Zuma

Snow House

House Captain LD Armstrong
Vice-Captain KNJ Peter
House Leaders
 JP Clark, A Khan, KM Nyawo, G Roux, FS Simelane

Caldar House

House Captain T Ramdhass
Vice-Captain ND Swift
House Leaders
 KR Ayliffe, AM Madlala, T Madzimume, LMN Sibetha, L Swanepoel

Lamond House

House Captain K Mthimkhulu
Vice-Captain KJ Marais
House Leaders
 CR Adam, SE Ender, SA Ndlovu, HC Prinsloo, S Sithembu

Strachan House

House Captain JL Sweetnam
Vice-Captain Y Sha
House Leaders
 B Chamblor, AO Mjaja, R Pitout, MBJ Thomson, RT Warr

Commons House

House Captain MI Chirengende
Vice-Captain KH Dobeyn
House Leaders
 JE Kauffman, EC Lolliot, MC Mason, TH Nuttall, PC Schutte

Nicholson House

House Captain SR Kadira
Vice-Captain SJ Meter
House Leaders
 JR Bradford, AP Coulthard, E Kock, CM Raw

Forder House

House Captain MR van Rooyen
Vice-Captain M Roy
House Leaders
 JT Barrett, TI Davies, JO Killick, T Sewpersad, L Sithole

Pape House

House Captain RJ Froise
Vice-Captain IJ Kayembe
House Leaders
 BM Emberton, JL Kufal, CM Newman, RW Quin, HR Wells

Sport Captains

Athletics	JL Sweetnam
Basketball	D le Roux
Canoeing	CR Adam
Chess	M Karrim
Cricket	B Brokensha
Cross-country	JR Werth
Cycling	E Kock
Esports	LC Wassink
First Aid	A Khan
Golf	LN Akerman
Hockey	B Brokensha
Rugby	SR Kadira
Shooting	JE Kauffman
Soccer	MD Horstead
Squash	TA Pratt
Swimming	TN Truter
Table Tennis	ET Naidoo
Tennis	G Roux
Water Polo	LT du Toit

Cultural Leaders

Afrikaans Society	SO Dlamini
Camera Club	TB de Lange
College Choir	SM Msibi
College Cues (Drama)	EC Lolliot
Debating	RJ Froise
Enviro Club	BM Gademan
Gospel Choir	SK Mduyana
Hindu Society	M Roy
Interact	A Sidimba
Jazz Band	JO Conolly
Marketing	SA Mchunu
MC Ink	SE Ender
Media Centre	AN Khanyile
Muslim Society	T Ganie
Nguni Society	AK Duma
Sound & Lighting	T Sewpersad
Speakers' Circle	MP van Rooyen
TechSquad	AC Zuma

Shouting Captains

SO Dlamini, L Sithole, SK Zulu

Heads of Boarding Houses

Clark House	MJ van Selm
Elliott House	SJ Meter
Hudson House	LT du Toit
Nathan House	JO Conolly
Shepstone House	MI Chirengende

Boarder Prefects

L Sithole, S Sithembu, JL Sweetnam, IJ Kayembe

Leadership

The development of young leaders through their Good Man Journey programme at College is an important aspect of their time at school. All our leadership courses are run by Spirit of Adventure, and boys attend the various camps by Form in their Houses. This allows boys to not only grow individually but also to bond with the boys in their Form and House.

During the week prior to our first free weekend, we put our Fifth Formers through their paces. This year, for the first time, we ran the Survivor Camp on the banks of the Umkomaas River and the boys loved it! They raced into camp and had to build their own structure under which to sleep. The results of the race and other afternoon activities determined what the boys ate. The ingredients supplied for each meal differed depending on the results. The better their results, the more luxurious their meal. Physically and mentally tough, the boys truly had a tremendous time. The camp was only over three days, but much fun was had by all.

The Second, Third and Fourth Form camps were all held at the end of Term 3. This final week of term is ideal because our Sixth Formers are writing trial examinations, and our Fifth Formers are off on a week of work experience.

The Second Form camp took place at Spirit of Adventure's home base at Shongweni Dam. Thankfully, after a bit of rain, there was enough water in the dam to allow for a few water activities. The camp is designed to give boys new experiences that many of them would never have done before or would normally be too afraid to try. The camp runs over three days and two nights, with boys from five Houses camping at a time.

The Third Form camp is somewhat more challenging for our boys. Based around the Roselands Camp, boys walk long distances, and are encouraged to look around and be grateful for what they have. Boys feel a real sense of achievement when they reach the top of the hill christened 'Boys to Men'.

The Fourth Form camp is when we take boys completely out of their comfort zones. Boys hike in the foothills of the Berg around the Cobham campsite. They carry all their equipment and camp next to the river in the

wilderness area. They do all their own cooking, bath in the river and learn the value of a flushing toilet. One of the highlights of the camp this year, was the boys receiving a letter from their parents. Many tears were shed in camp, and hopefully when the boys returned home, they had a renewed respect and love for their parents.

Later in the year, the Leadership Workshop for those Fifth Form boys voted for as Leaders for 2024 was held at school. This workshop was run after classes on junior sport afternoons so that they did not miss any academic time. The potential leaders were taught how to deal with the boys under their care and given the opportunity to share their ideas on how they see College being led in 2024. This was followed by a round of voting and boys being invited to interview for the position of prefect. At the end of the workshop twenty-nine prefects were elected.

I would like to emphasise an important point at this juncture. I wish to address students who undergo prefect interviews but are not selected as prefects. I fully empathise with the sense of disappointment that accompanies such outcomes. It is a profoundly disheartening experience, often evoking feelings of anger, which is entirely understandable. I can relate to this personally, having experienced it during my own school years. It is crucial, however, to bear in mind a valuable perspective. Consider the analogy of a tennis match between Federer and Nadal. When one of them loses, it does not diminish their prowess as a tennis player. Rather, they were simply outperformed on that particular day. Similarly, when reflecting on the outcome of the prefect interview, recognise that not being selected does not brand you as an inadequate leader. You were merely surpassed by someone else on that specific occasion. Take inspiration from this realisation and lead to the best of your abilities. It is important to remember that leadership does not require a badge; much like Mr Bam's analogy, a tree does not need a badge to assert its identity as a tree. Next year, lead your Form with utmost dedication, whether or not you hold a formal title.

Mr J Tyler



Back row: J Kufal, K Ayliffe, K Dobeyn, J Killick, J Pope
Fifth row: C Raw, J Kauffman, R Warr, T Crawford, E Lolliot, S Meter
Fourth row: A Khan, O Mjaja, S Ender, H Wells, K Peter, J Bradford, E Kock
Third row: M Zuma, S Ndlovu, M Thomson, B Chamblor, C Adam, R Quin, B Emberton, M Roy
Second row: S Mduyana, L Swanepoel, M Mason, A Coulthard, C Prinsloo, J Clark, L Sibetha, K Nyawo, F Simelane
Front row: S Mchunu, K Marais, Mr A Sparrow, C Newman, J Sweetnam, Mr J Tyler, G Roux, Y Sha
Absent: A Mdladla, M Madlala, L Upton, T Nuttall, N Swift, J Barrett, T Davies, T Sewpersad, R Pitout, K King, K Naidu, I Kayembe, T Madzimume, P Schutte



Prefects

Back row: B Brokensha, K Mthimkhulu, M van Selm, J Wiggill
Fourth row: S Zulu, T Walton, D Wright, K Steele, X Thabethe, M Chirengende
Third row: L Sithole, A van der Linde, N Buthelezi, L Armstrong, L Schultz, R Froise, T Ramdhass
Second row: L Seshemane, M van Rooyen, S Sithembu, R Paine, T Ambler, A Xeketwana
Front row: T Ganie (Deputy Head Prefect), Mr O Kajee (HoD: Prefects), S Kadira (Head Prefect), Dr C Luman (Headmaster), L du Toit (Senior Deputy Head Prefect), Mr J Tyler (HoD: Leadership), J Conolly (Deputy Head Prefect)

From Borver Week to Basher Ridge, team-testing to tuckshop duty, portfolios to prefects' study, duty rosters to daily updates, servant leadership to sporting commitments, Monday morning teas to mocktail manias. A prefect's lot is wide and varied.

The year 2023 began with the prefects attending rigorous training, getting advice from the College community and drawing on past experiences. They had goals in mind as they started the year with a steely determination and a positive approach. Their journey took them through rocky shores and unchartered waters, where they rode the waves with grit. Well done! The prefects should be proud of their efforts.

Based on the unfortunate events of the year 2022, the 2023 prefects were certainly going to be in the limelight. With the new traditions and privileges document introduced and a welcome change to many aspects deemed not noble, the challenge was on for them to embrace these developments and still leave a legacy.

Term one started as we welcomed the Second Formers to our College community. They looked up to the prefects in awe as they were shown their new home. It was the first of many things, team-testing, compulsories,

duties and the many other commitments. The prefect body then lost two of its members for different reasons, but the body regrouped and stayed on course. We welcomed two new faces to the group at the end of term one, restoring the full complement of 27 prefects.

Term two arrived with a flurry of activities during the winter season, June examinations were on the horizon and balancing daily tasks was the order of the day.

Term three began at a frenetic pace. It was the last team test, the last quad duty, and the final address to the school. The acting prefects were announced, and our tenure began to draw to a slow conclusion. Our upcoming leaders were shown the ropes as they assumed duties.

I take this opportunity to thank each one of the prefects for their tireless efforts and unwavering support to the various activities, duties and ceremonies in which they took part. Their display of servant leadership is acknowledged and appreciated. I wish you well in your future endeavours and I am grateful for your attitude and conduct towards me and the school during the year.

Mr O Kajee



Representative Council of Learners

Back row: JR Mumford, F Kunene, J Gasarasi, J Mumford, C Robinson, L Dladla, J Samuel, B Botha

Fourth row: L Steyn, M Khumalo, C Cherayi, O Thabethe, Y Mchunu, B Demont, L Luthuli

Third row: K Mncwango, A Lembethe, J Worthmann, C Sukraj, D Naidoo, M Muggleton, H Bircher, E Dlamini

Second row: S Bernstein, D Volans, C Mwamba, I Jikijo, B Cook, S Khumalo, J Padayachee

Front row: S Ender, A Weillbach, Mr A Sparrow, A Xeketwana (chairperson), L du Toit (vice-chairperson), Mr L Shongwe, C Raw (secretary), N Buthelezi

Absent: D du Toit, J Slevin, S Hutton, T Davies, B Botha, T Mbhele, S Hadebe, F Thabethe, N Naidoo, M Mbanzaswi

The Representative Council of Learners (RCL) has played a crucial role in addressing and managing various changes around the school during the academic year 2023. This report provides an overview of the RCL's activities, highlighting key issues, achievements, and contributions of its members.

The RCL adhered to a consistent meeting schedule, convening every Wednesday, to discuss and address matters concerning the school. This regularity facilitated a structured approach to addressing school-related issues and allowed for ongoing communication among council members and gave the students a platform to voice their concerns, propose solutions, and actively participate in decision-making processes.

One of the primary challenges faced by the RCL this year was related to attendance at their meetings. Efforts were made to address this issue, ensuring that all members had the opportunity to contribute to discussions and decisions. The council recognises the importance of active participation and is committed to finding effective solutions for improved attendance in the future.

The RCL was headed by A Xeketwana as the chairperson, L du Toit as the deputy chairperson, and C Raw as the secretary. These three individuals

demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, overseeing the council's activities with excellence and integrity.

Xeketwana's appointment as the District representative for uMgungundlovu at the RCL training marked a significant achievement for both the individual and the school. This role positions the school at the forefront of district-level decision-making and ensures effective representation of student interests.

Xeketwana and N Buthelezi further made noteworthy contributions to the School Governing Body (SGB) as student representatives. Their involvement in the SGB reflects a commitment to fostering collaboration between students and the school administration, contributing to a more inclusive decision-making process.

The RCL, comprised of 50 dedicated members, has demonstrated excellent performance throughout the academic year. The council's positive interaction with the rest of the school community has been instrumental in addressing various concerns and fostering a sense of unity among students.

Mr L Shongwe

SUBJECT DEPARTMENTS

Accounting

This year marked a significant period of transition and accomplishment for the Accounting Department. Firstly, the top ten Grade 11 Accounting students had the privilege of attending the South African Reserve Bank conference at Michaelhouse. The conference provided valuable insights into the dynamic landscape of financial markets and regulatory changes, enhancing our understanding of the broader economic context and the launch of the redesigned South African money. Thank you to Michaelhouse and the SARB for a well-organised day.

It is crucial to note that our Accounting numbers have experienced a decline, primarily attributed to the change in subject lines. The shift in focus impacted on our performance especially in the lower grades, prompting a need for strategic reassessment and adaptation to ensure sustained growth.

As a department we are extremely proud of all our boys who have worked hard and passed Grade 12. We would like to acknowledge D Pillay 97%, T Ganie 85%, S Kadira 81%, J Kauffman 80%, E Kock 93%, B Lutge 83%, M Madlala 89%, R McIlrath 94%, T Pratt 93%, T Reddy 85% and J Truter 85%.

This year also marked my inaugural term as the head of the Accounting Department. I am grateful for the support and collaboration of the team, which contributed to the department's resilience in navigating challenges. I look forward to addressing the current trends affecting our Accounting numbers in the upcoming year through strategic planning and innovative solutions.

I express my heartfelt farewell and gratitude to Mr Zuma for his unwavering dedication and hard work during his tenure. His contributions have been instrumental in shaping the department's success, and we extend our best wishes for his future endeavours.

As we welcome Mr Wilcock for the year 2024, I am confident that his expertise will bring fresh perspectives and contribute to the growth and success of the Accounting Department. His dedication and commitment to excellence will undoubtedly complement the team.

In conclusion, while we faced challenges, we remain optimistic about the future. With a new subject head on board and a renewed commitment to adaptability and innovation, the Accounting Department is poised for continued success as we look forward to remarkable results from our Grade 12 Class of 2023.

Ms L Campher

Afrikaans

It has been a good 2023 for the Afrikaans Department. We have not lost many staff members this year. Mr Steyn, who joined us in term 2, has returned to Gauteng province and we are delighted that Mrs Mantle has been appointed in his place. She takes up her post at the beginning of 2024. She is an experienced teacher who will add value to the Afrikaans Department. At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Ms Cilliers and Mr Taljaard into the department. Both teachers are hard-working and dedicated to excellence. There was a change of leadership in the department. From August Ms Cilliers was appointed as GET phase subject head, overseeing Second and Third Form Afrikaans. I remain the FET subject head, in charge of the Fourth to Sixth Forms.

At the 2023 Matric Speech Day, D Pillay was awarded the prize as the top-achiever in Afrikaans. D Pillay came second in the district for Afrikaans First Additional Language, and T Ramdhass came twelfth in district. We congratulate these pupils on their excellence in Afrikaans.

The Senior Afrikaans Olympiad was written in May and 12 pupils entered this competition. The Junior Afrikaans Olympiad was written in September with 36 entries. A special mention must be made of the following senior pupils who excelled in the Olympiad and competed against more than two thousand pupils across the country: G Roux (89%), T Boshoff (80%), J Shawe (80%), A Kritzing (77%), A Pretorius (75%) and K Lubbe (70%). The Olympiads are annual activities on our calendar, and we are proud of all the boys who participated and received certificates.

Six pupils were chosen to represent our school at the External Oral Moderation. Maritzburg College once again hosted this event. Our young men, T Ramdhass, M van Rooyen, Y Sha, Z Benjiman, L Gumbi and L Clark, did us proud as they were impeccably turned out and charming 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 2023 the very best as they continue with their endeavours in 2024.

I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their dedication and hard work. Each pupil is important to us and we endeavour to teach them more than just content, we prepare them for life.

Mrs R Brunzlaff

Agricultural Sciences

Agricultural Sciences had another excellent year. Across the three grades, our boys have all given their best and produced a set of results of which they can be proud. Congratulations go to J Bradford (F6), B Zuma (F5) and P Louwrens (F4) for being the top students of their respective Forms.

Hearty congratulations to Mr Paterson on his promotion to Deputy Headmaster. This does mean, however, that the department will lose him due to his commitments as Deputy Head. We thank him for all that he has done for Agricultural Science here at College. I also thank our HoD, Mr Trodd, and Mrs Finnie for all their support and kindness over the year.

Our Fifth Form class has once again propagated plants through asexual reproductive techniques. This year the class tried propagating various plants found on campus. The Honeysuckle and the Sheena's Gold proved very successful. Boys also tried different media and different rooting hormones to see which worked better.

To the Sixth Form class of 2023, I wish you fine young men everything of the best for your future endeavours. It has been a pleasure teaching you and getting to know all of you over the past few years. I look forward to catching up with you on Reunion Day.

Mr J Tyler

Business Studies

The 2023 academic year started on a very positive note, our Business Studies Class of 2022 excelled and were ranked first in the Umgungundlovu District, achieving a 100% pass rate coupled with 22 subject distinctions. The pupils are to be applauded for their outstanding accomplishment.

Our department welcomed two new faces for the 2023 academic year, namely Mrs Khan and Mr Gonlag. Mrs Khan is an experienced teacher and was a welcome addition to our team, sharing her expertise with our Sixth Form students. Mr Gonlag embraced the new challenge of Business Studies and looked to upskill our Fourth Formers with his knowledge.

Term one saw our boys get back into the swing of things as teaching and learning were the order of the day. Our new Fourth Formers were introduced to the fundamentals of running a business as well as the practical elements of business in South Africa. The teachers displayed energy and commitment throughout the term and boys were treated to lessons filled with interest and excitement.

The highlight of the year certainly had to be our inaugural 'Street-Store Initiative, the world's first rent free, premises free pop-up store for the poor'. Donations were received from all our Business Studies students as well as staff. Our Sixth Formers were given a random bag of donations and had to set up their store, serve their customers and provide a shopping experience for the underprivileged. We partnered with Jika-Joe informal settlement

and although we cannot change the life of a street dweller forever, our College Business Studies boys certainly changed their lives for a few hours. A wonderful initiative which was well received by all!

Term three saw a major emphasis on the preparatory and final NSC examinations which loomed large. We invited Mr B Madiya, the author of Flora Study Guides, to share his analysis of Business Studies in a bid to equip the boys with the best possible techniques to perform at an optimal level. The Sixth Form teachers went beyond the call of duty and created a learning environment which ensured our boys thrive. The Class of 2023 performed at an acceptable level for the NSC examinations, and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

The progress displayed by our Fourth Form and Fifth Form students is admirable and a testament to their hard work and dedication throughout the year. As they continue their Business Studies journey over the next few years, we are hopeful that they will take on board the knowledge gained and assist in curbing the unemployment issue that exists in our beloved country.

It is also that time of the year when we bid farewell to two of our department staff who will not be part of the 2024 team as they seek a fresh adventure with their new roles within the school. We thank Mr Wilcock and Mr Gonlag for their efforts in the moulding of our young minds in the subject over the last few years. Their commitment is sincerely appreciated and acknowledged. In the same breath, we welcome Mr K Elder to our department, and we wish him everything of the best for the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Finnie and Mr Pillay for their unwavering support offered to our subject during the year. To my staff, please accept my sincere appreciation for your efforts and endeavours during the 2023 academic year, it has certainly been a memorable one. To our Business Studies boys, do continue your Business Studies journey with pride and fulfilment, and remember 'work hard in silence, let success make the noise'.

Mr O Kajee

Computer Applications Technology (CAT)

It is only natural that Computer Applications Technology (CAT) would play a significant role in the educational system, given its pervasiveness in modern life. As a field of study, CAT is flourishing, and more and more students are showing an interest in mastering the essentials that will give them the cutting-edge technological proficiency of the future. Students' preference for CAT at the school suggest that it has grown in popularity.

CAT is the study of how computers (hardware and software) work together and how to effectively put that knowledge to use in solving real-world issues. Problems are solved by designing, managing, and processing solutions in end-user applications, and then communicating those answers via suitable information and communication technologies (ICTs). ICTs are the means by which information, knowledge, and data can be processed, managed, and shared using a variety of networks, hardware, and software.

In contrast to certain other subject areas, the skills and knowledge acquired throughout the three years of a CAT programme are cumulative and build upon one another. Some students make the switch to CAT at the end of Grade 10 and struggle, so it's crucial that they make well-informed subject selections at the start of the year. Students should also have access to a computer at home to do any assigned practical work or projects and practice what they have learned in class.

Various resources and activities are freely available for learners on Microsoft Teams and on Moodle. Extra support lessons are available daily.

In the National Senior Certificate examinations, we had a 100% pass rate and one student achieved an A symbol; the long hours of studying paid off.

I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their loyal support and commitment to ensuring that the CAT and Digital Technology Departments run efficiently. For their help in keeping our department running well, I also officially thank Mrs J Finnie, Mr J Maistry, Mr V Rajpaul, and Mr T Tshabalala. In 2024, we anticipate many new and exciting opportunities and challenges.

Ms K Moul

Dramatic Arts

Giving voice to characters that have no other voice — that's the great worth of what we do.

Oscar-winning film actress Meryl Streep.

This year, the above quotation could not have held more relevance for the Dramatic Arts Department, as the staff and boys tackled the curriculum with the aim of 'giving voice to characters that have no other voice'. The department achieved its aim through the varied activities that took place with the positive, enthusiastic participation of the students. The academic year began in full force with auditions for the inaugural major school's productions of 12 Angry Men and My Fair Lady, commemorating College's 160th Anniversary. The auditions were excellently supported by the school generally and the producers had the unenviable task of settling on the final cast list for both productions.

What better way to develop skill sets and get a hands-on experience of working drama activities and tasks while live performances were in the rehearsal process? The benefits of preparing for a major production could be clearly seen with the Second Form classes. Many of the Second Formers had a rudimentary understanding of Dramatic Arts and for them to observe the preparation stages of the productions in action was invaluable. They presented choral poetry and dramatised a range of story genres, while learning the skills of co-operation and negotiation.

Third Form, on the other hand, experienced how the development of group skills or lack thereof, impacts on performances. The Third Formers worked on 10-minute Shakespearean plays and learnt first-hand the level of commitment required to see a production through from auditions to performance, albeit a 10-minute performance.

During the third term, all senior pupils participated in College's first musical theatre residency facilitated by Mr Brandon Loelly (OC 2016). Mr Loelly is a skilled performing arts practitioner and was generous with his time, sharing his knowledge and skills with the seniors. The seniors benefited from this experience, and they are now well equipped to tackle the demands of being in a musical theatre production which requires the performer to be skilled in acting, singing and dance. The participants honed their workshop theatre skills to create mini musical theatre performances using excerpts from the much-acclaimed musicals Hairspray and Hamilton.

Dramatic Arts as an eighth subject continued to grow in an encouraging, affirming manner with the 2023 intake. It is pleasing to note the disciplined way our eighth subject pupils apply themselves to the course. So far, these pupils have coped admirably with the demands of the syllabus and are producing results of an excellent standard.

The 2023 NSC Dramatic Arts Theory and Performance Examination sees the first of the department's eighth subject students sit for these demanding assessments. Both the mainstream and eighth subject pupils were required to present group theme programmes for the first time since the onset of Covid-19.

This format of the performance exam is rigorous and tested the mettle of our pupils group work skills in many ways. The class overall performed their theme programmes to an outstanding level and left the audience reflecting on messages emerging from the monologues, group scenes, poetry, and physical theatre pieces.

The NSC final results showed improvements across the board for Dramatic Arts, with K Marais placed first, achieving 90%. In 2023, distinctions rose by 23%, B symbols increased by 18%, and the grade average was up 12% on the results from 2022. All students achieved a D symbol or above, which is well done.

The opportunity to watch live performances of the Sixth Form prescribed texts and participate in performances greatly enhanced and consolidated the learning experience. This year too, the Dramatic Arts Department made it possible for the seniors to attend Jongozo – the school's festival of the Hilton Arts Festival. Our boys watched live theatre performances that not only inspired them but also presented concepts that could potentially provide catalysts for their own work

Mr K Thaver

Economics

The year 2023 was as successful as previous years for the Economics Department. The year was quite challenging with the departure of the experienced Mr Thembela in 2022. We welcomed back Mr Zuma into the Economics team. Central to the success of the department was the commitment and collegiality of the staff, namely Messrs N Pillay and S Zuma, and Mrs N Singh.

Academically, our performance was good when compared to 2022. Of the 48 learners, 27% of the boys achieved A symbols and 46% of the boys achieved B symbols. Overall, the results were commendable when compared to the other subjects. The median mark was 69 which was very encouraging and compared favourably with our performances over the years. The quality results placed Maritzburg College as the best performing school in the district.

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange Schools Challenge is a game in which students from Grades 8 to 12 can learn about the stock exchange, the economy and have a 'real world' experience of share trading. The aim of the challenge is to educate, encourage and allow the youth of South Africa to understand the JSE and its role in wealth generation. 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 from across the country participated in the competition. Over the years we have been remarkably successful in the challenge, but unfortunately our teams did not fare well this year.

This was the second year that College's Grade 12 pupils participated in the Reserve Bank Challenge. The team had to examine economic data during the year and present a monetary policy committee report to the Reserve Bank in which they 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, but unfortunately did not reach the finals. The team did receive special laptop bags for their efforts.

This is the fourth year that the school has taken part in the Economics Proverto Olympiad. Z Mabunda and A Hadebe from Grade 10 excelled, achieving 73% and 77% respectively. In Grade 11, G Egberink (73%), W Galliers (73%) and E Taylor (70 %) also achieved commendable results.

The 2023 Grade 11 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, who each added a personal touch by inspiring the boys with their life stories. They also shared valuable words of wisdom and encouragement with the boys, and stressed the importance of having confidence, working hard and networking. Some of the Old Collegians who addressed the boys were George Kirby (Group Treasurer of Nedbank), Kelvin Watt (CEO of Trans Africa Media), Rene de le Peyre (Steinweg Shipping), Mark Jury (CEO of SuperSport), Modise Sefume (who runs his own law firm) and Alan Keep (managing partner at Bowman and Gillfillan). Other places we visited included the Apartheid Museum, Mandela House in Soweto, Standard Bank and the Sterkfontein Caves. 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, J Werth and R McKean, as the top two performing economics students, were given the opportunity to ride in a Rolls Royce Ghost through the streets of Sandton. A special thank you to Mr S Zuma for sharing the tour responsibilities with me.

I express my sincere gratitude to Mrs N Singh and Mr S Zuma for their tireless efforts, zeal and commitment to the teaching of Economics.

Mr N Pillay

Engineering Graphics & Design (EGD)

Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD) is a graphical language used to convey ideas, thoughts and design. The emphasis in EGD is to teach boys to draw within the context of civil, electrical and mechanical engineering. While the subject content presents a fair amount of difficulty, we are blessed to have the calibre of pupils who live up to this challenge. Across the Department of Education, our school is recognised as an important

contributor to the success of the subject at the NSC level. Our results have always been among the best in the country.

The success we achieve in preparing our boys for the careers of their choice in the various fields of engineering and related fields is testament to the quality being taught in the classroom. This benefit extends itself beyond our school, into tertiary institutions as well as industry. It is pleasing to note that most of our boys use their knowledge of EGD for real life experiences.

This year we welcomed Mr L Smorfitt to our team. While Mr Smorfitt is relatively new to the subject, he is deeply knowledgeable of the content, and we do believe he will add value to our team. He brings into the classroom some fresh ideas and the latest teaching techniques.

Part of the learning experience we offer is to make the content we teach relevant to real life situations. Our boys are exposed to engineering developments throughout the world which are then incorporated into the classwork. Current events related to the subject are reflected in our daily teaching. Research in technology and engineering always brings a new dimension to the content taught. Hence, we are always introducing different and newer perspectives. These new challenges make for some vibrant class discussions.

Our Computer-Aided Design (CAD) classes are once again gaining momentum. Boys who show a flair for drawing and are excelling in EGD are offered to work with the CAD package which always sparks a fair amount of interest from the boys. Those interested in the CAD package provide their own devices and selected drawings are completed on CAD. We are mindful that all examinations and tests are still to be written on the usual drawing board.

We have acquired three new 3D printers which will increase the number of boys who are able to print their designs. Boys will have the assistance of their teachers in preparing their designs. We shall direct our attention towards the design component because understanding design principles is fundamental to effectively using 3D printing technology and it fosters creativity and problem-solving skills among students.

We hope to embrace more renewable and sustainable energy topics in the new year as part of the content to which we expose our pupils. This will then be incorporated in the drawings done by our boys.

My sincere thanks and appreciation go to my staff and the boys who work so hard to keep the name of our school and the subject at the forefront in the DoE. It is indeed a privilege to work with such a committed team.

Mr G Govindasamy

English

The English Department had a productive year and welcomed the restoration of the school routine, post-Covid. The year kicked off with the Grade 12s attending an exciting production of *Othello* produced by ThinkTheatre at Hilton College.

Maritzburg College has a long-standing and productive involvement with the De Beers English Olympiad. This year there were 22 participants, six of whom received merit certificates. A further eight pupils received bronze certificates. Special mention goes to J Moneyvalu, for receiving a silver certificate. We look forward to the 2024 participants being as successful.

Maritzburg College, in association with the English Academy of Southern Africa, held the fifth Maritzburg College English Academy of South Africa (MCEASA) Conference for English Language teachers on 15 August 2023. The conference focused on encouraging discussion about educational practice and pupils needs, and the theme for this year's conference was Building Bridges – linking learner engagement and literacy. We had a range of speakers who presented exciting papers and facilitated discussions on textual analysis, literacy issues and using technology in the English classroom. A number of our own teachers from the English Department – Ms Gumede, Mrs Harding, Mr Brill and Mr Croeser – offered presentations and our Headmaster, Dr Luman, offered a keynote presentation. We also hosted over 200 attendees from across the country and representatives from the Department of Education (Mrs Fortunate Dlamini, Circuit Manager), Mr Bulara Monyaki (CES), Mr Mpumelelo Thobela and Ms Nonhlanhla Mzila (SACE) and various other stakeholders. Professor Mbongeni Malaba (former President of EASA)



has been pivotal in spearheading this initiative and we acknowledge his valuable support, along with Professor Rosemary Gray and other members of the Academy. Mrs R Govender, co-ordinator of the conference and the Head of Languages and Arts at the school, said 'the issue of literacy and English language teaching is a concerning one and it is our hope that, by opening the conversation, we can inspire engagement and innovation in this area. We hope to continue with this exciting collaboration in the years to come.'

The English Department has had minimal changes in staffing. We welcomed Mrs C Sanders this year and she has settled in well with her spirited junior classes. Sadly, we wish Mr A McGuigan and Mr B de Lange a fond farewell. Both have been an integral part of our dynamic team.

Our teachers continue to address the gaps presented by schooling post-Covid and the literacy gaps identified nationally and globally. We believe that our support systems and thorough implementation of CAPS has benefitted in this regard. We will continue to address concerns and explore new avenues to promote English language teaching in our school.

We were most pleased with our results for the 2023 National Senior Certificate Examinations. The class of 2023 achieved seven As for English Home Language with a respectable 99,2% achieving a pass in the subject. Our deviation between the overall SBA results and the NSC results is within a 2% range indicating that our assessment at school yields highly credible results. Our aim for 2024 is to boost the top end, and to ensure that every one of our boys crosses the threshold confidently.

We look forward to a year of growth and determination in 2024!

Mrs R Govender

Geography

The academic year of 2023 has gone by in a flash due to the many activities and changes that the Geography Department witnessed over a short period of time (geographically speaking, of course). Even though there have been changes to the staff of the department, the Geography Department at Maritzburg College has consistently good teaching and assessment from qualified and ardent individuals working collectively to inspire future geographically responsible citizens.

At the end of term 1, Mr MJ Smit resigned to pursue an agricultural career and Mr C Pitout assumed duty at a private school. In term 2, Mr A Usher relocated with his family to the north coast. During this time, Mrs C Sanders competently stepped in as a locum for these positions. Thankfully, the gentlemen of the Geography Department – Messrs N Sutherland, G Dorling, R Kyle, K Emerson, S Suwila and A Ebrahim – remained constant in their fervour and presence, carrying the load uncomplainingly to the end of yet another frenetic year.

With the change of staff in the department, Mrs M Kritzinger was absorbed full-time into the subject of Geography, where she has been providing a wealth of skills and knowledge to the junior Forms and will continue to be a full-time Geography teacher to a greater variety of forms in 2024. The department also gained two more enthusiastic geographers, Mrs J Stoute and Mrs C Singh, who have both introduced technological geography skills and high energy to the department. The department is excited to have such dedicated staff join the team.

In the flurry of activity at the school, both academic and co-curricular, the Geography Department was able to facilitate the 2023 South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO). The Geography Olympiad was once again completed online, and 20 of our boys were awarded a Certificate of Participation for Round 1. Three pupils, S Adie, B Gademan and M Brunkhorst, placed in the top 15% of candidates in South Africa and were awarded bronze certificates. Six pupils were placed in the top 10% in South Africa and were awarded silver for their efforts: J Wiggill, G Egberink, J Foster, C Goslett, E Maynard and Z Ndlovu. Four pupils placed in the top 5% in South Africa and were awarded gold for their outstanding efforts: G Roux, P Schutte, J van Huyssteen and C Gould.

Finally, the Maritzburg College Geography Department is very proud of the two geography pupils who placed in the top 1% of candidates in South Africa and were awarded Platinum for their exceptional performances, not only in round 1, but also in round 2. For being placed joint 29th in South Africa, congratulations to D Denton, and for being placed 21st in

South Africa, congratulations to S Tredgold. These accomplishments are remarkable, and the department is extremely proud of these pupils.

There has been a marked improvement in each level of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Final Examination results for Geography in 2023. Special mention is made of E Kock who achieved 91% in his exam, reinforcing the fact that he was worthy recipient of the Geography Prize at Speech Day in 2023.

I thank the entire department for the roles they played in the 2023 results. Each one of them has added value and insight into how a Maritzburg College Geography pupil performs, and the boys' minds and academic ability have been enriched by the enthusiastic Geography teachers.

Mrs K Bartholomew

History

This year was business as usual, and more of 'getting back to usual' both for the staff and the boys. The hangover from the Covid years could still be felt and will for one more year I feel. However, the staff and boys knuckled down, rolled up our sleeves and gave it their best shot.

I believe the Sixth Form of 2023 coped better than the class of 2022 (after two Covid years). We are always happy to see a 100% pass rate in our department and hope to achieve this as a minimum. We are very proud of the 2023 History matriculants. The boys' focus and dedication throughout the year were recognised in their results, with 24% of the 72 candidates achieving a distinction, and 33% attaining a B symbol. Congratulations to C Raw who received 94%, closely followed by T Crawford (92%) and T Ramdhass (91%). They have set a very good standard, and we hope that this will inspire the class of 2024 to uphold, and possibly even surpass it.

At the conclusion of 2023 I bid the department and College farewell. After six wonderful years as a teacher and two years as Subject Head, my family and I leave for New Zealand. The wonderfully organised and talented Ms M Bailey takes over the reins as Subject Head in 2024. The department is in very capable hands, and I wish her the very best.

As always, a department runs on the success of its staff. Messrs Orchard, Barbour, Myburgh, Maritz and Marwick, and Ms Bailey contributed to a highly successful year. I know 2024 will be bigger and better for the department.

Mr C Nevay

Information Technology (IT)

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

The 2023 Information Technology class consisted of four boys from College and six girls from PMB Girls High. We would like to congratulate the boys on their achievement of two As and two Bs. We wish the class of 2024 all the best.

In 2024 the pupils will be given access to an IT shared folder on MS Teams, google drive, one drive and Moodle. Resources such as notes, past papers and lessons will be uploaded to Moodle and Microsoft Teams. Pupils also have access to YouTube lessons which are uploaded to the Maritzburg College YouTube channel. We are also looking forward to introducing Coding to our junior classes.

Special thanks to Ms Moola, Mr Jeewan and Mr M Dibben who teach Computer Application Technology and Computer Literacy to all 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. We look forward to an exciting and challenging 2024. Lastly congratulations to our matriculants on their outstanding results.

Mr J Maistry

Life Orientation

The year 2023 in the Life Orientation Department saw significant activity, with updates and enhancements made to learning materials to keep the program relevant locally and globally. Teachers not only had to teach prescribed material but also develop new materials from scratch, requiring commendable effort. Special recognition goes to Mrs Dasrathlal, Mrs Singh, Mr Ebrahim, and Mr McGuigan for their dedicated contributions. Independent research skills, crucial in modern society, were emphasised, aided by Mr Gutteridge's expertise in addressing plagiarism issues and guiding students in proper academic referencing.

Collaboration with the Media Centre focused on teaching APA (American Psychological Society) referencing, part of a broader digital rollout providing electronic resources to students. Partnership with TeenActive promises a blended learning approach, ensuring updated materials aligned with the curriculum. The diverse academic backgrounds of teachers enriched discussions in the programme, fostering engagement and understanding of important issues.

It would be impossible to run any academic programme, let alone a school-wide one without the buy-in, fervour and resilience of a very special group of teachers. The relationship a class has with their Life Orientation teacher will always be a little different, as the aim of the subject is not just to teach content but to create opportunities for discussions, debate and developing better understanding of important issues. New additions to the department include Mr Marnitz, Mr Morolong, Mrs Singh, Mrs Dasrathlal, and Mr Pretorius, while farewells were bid to departing staff members. Despite changes, the department remains committed to the holistic development of students, aiming for engaging and informative lessons. The programme aligns with national academic standards while offering enriched content and practical skills.

The programme contributes to the holistic development of the young men of College. The challenge will remain to make the material engaging, informative and interactive for boys to actively participate in lessons. We aim to achieve this by introducing more interactive media resources that will enhance the LO experience for all the boys in the school. Some issues discussed in the Life Orientation programme will always be contentious and as a school we aim to educate our pupils to understand the world they live in, which we believe will enable them to impact positively on their own life but also on the lives of others.

The Class of 2023 achieved a commendable aggregate mark of 76%, with special recognition for 94 students scoring 80% or above. Looking ahead to 2024, anticipation is high for further progress and success.

Mr F Maritz

Life Sciences

The Life Science Department enjoyed a successful and productive 2023, in which our enthusiastic group of young biologists were introduced to diverse content and experienced the study of life through classroom lessons and practical work. Life Science is a content heavy subject, and a significant amount of time and effort is needed to achieve good results. Across all Forms, we managed to finish the syllabus early enough to allow time to adequately revise and give tips on how to best prepare for examinations.

Fourth Form serves as a valuable introduction to Life Science, covering a range of topics including cellular biology, plant and human anatomy, ecology, biodiversity and the history of life on Earth. This broad range gives the boys a strong basis on which to build on in the coming years. The top performers in Fourth Form this year were S Naidoo with 93%, M Naidoo with 88%, and S Durgaparsad and L Bhengu with 87%.

The academic rigour required in the subject takes a step up from Fourth to Fifth Form. Students cover biodiversity of micro-organisms, plants and animals, life processes in plants and animals, population ecology and the human impact on the environment. This work is varied and challenging but prepares the young men for the interesting and detailed content in their matric year. The top achievers in Fifth Form were J Kloppers and J van Huyssteen with 89%, I Jikijo with 86%, and N Meisegeier and H Pelser with 83%.

Sixth Form sees the syllabus become more detailed with extensive time spent covering topics like DNA and genetics, plant and human response to the environment and evolution. We were extremely proud of our 2023 matric group who not only improved on the number of distinctions received in Life Science, but also improved the grade average by 5% when compared to the previous year. Our top performing boys were T Nuttal with 88%, D Pillay with 87%, closely followed by T Ramdhass and M van Rooyen who both achieved 86%.

This department is one in which high value is placed on collaboration and this has resulted in an effective and pleasant working environment that positively benefits the young men under our care. Our boys are blessed to have a dedicated group of qualified professionals guiding them and I offer my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Finnie, Mr Paterson, Mr Stopford, Mr Greying and Mrs Kyle for their innovative and intense approach to teaching and learning. The department remains unchanged for next year, and this continuity will benefit the boys in the subject. I am grateful to the boys and especially the staff for their support and guidance this year and I look forward to the challenges and successes that 2024 will bring.

Mr M Warr

Mathematics

The global decline of Mathematics literacy and academic performance in Mathematics and literacy among school-going children is a growing concern. Factors contributing to this deterioration include inadequate teaching methods, a lack of resources, and socio-economic disparities in access to quality education. Insufficient emphasis on foundational mathematical skills and a failure to adapt teaching approaches to individual learning styles further contribute to this issue. As mathematics literacy is crucial for future success in a rapidly evolving world, addressing this decline demands collaborative efforts among educators and parents to implement effective strategies that promote a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts and enhance overall literacy skills among students.

At Maritzburg College, we have recognised this global crisis and have been pro-active, together with other leading schools in KwaZulu-Natal, in trying to fill the gaps where homeschooling during the Covid years failed the children. In the second half of the year, College invested a considerable sum of money into Reflective Learning. This is a computer programme implemented with the Second and Third Form boys. The programme includes a set of mini tests and games, in both an English and Mathematics profile, that encourage the boys to fill the gaps in their foundational knowledge that may not have been picked up. We are optimistic that this is the way forward and will improve results across the subject spectrum, if the boys invest themselves in the programme by participating. This project has been funded by an outside beneficiary for next year. We hope the boys make the most of this opportunity.

Maritzburg College responded to an invitation from The Wykeham Collegiate by sending ten of the top Grade 8 achievers to participate in the Maths Fest. This was an evening of problem solving and fun mathematics with pupils working in groups to share and learn together. The South African Mathematics Olympiad is the biggest Olympiad in the country. We are delighted that in 2023 we had 73 boys competing in the second round of the Olympiad. The best 100 senior and junior learners from round two qualify for the third round. Five of our boys qualified for the finals of the Olympiad. Congratulations go to all our boys who competed in this challenging Olympiad.

Regarding staffing, there were two changes this year in the Mathematics Department. Mr V Noubouth became subject head of the GET phase and Ms L Udal became subject head of the FET phase. We hope their roles will assist in a smooth transition of the department, support the excellence the department is already producing, and assist in fostering a positive work environment. Also, we welcomed back Mr M Zuma who was on sick leave, in the fourth term.

This year we also started implementing shorter tests across all Forms. We have noticed an increased trend of continual learning across all Forms. The results have been pleasing and this has encouraged the boys to try harder. Well done, young men. In the FET phase, College has a strong set of boys competing for top place in all the Forms. Online revision videos were sent out before exams, which helped the boys.

The provision of extra academic support after school is to bolster pupils' understanding of mathematics, reinforce learning, and enhance overall academic performance. However, a notable trend has emerged where boys are not fully capitalising on this opportunity, potentially hindering its intended benefits. Some factors contributing to under-participation are lack of awareness and extra-curricular commitments. Boys are encouraged to start academic support from the beginning of the year, and not just before an examination. Also, online lessons and videos are provided for the Fourth to Sixth Form boys to provide accessible support outside of school times.

Comparing June 2022 to June 2023, Sixth Form Mathematics results showed a decline of failures from 20% to 5%. We hope this will continue and are striving for a 100% pass rate in Mathematics once again.

College is in collaboration with Epoch Optima. As such, we are fortunate to have three interns in the Mathematics Department to assist with teaching. Our department places a strong emphasis on mentorship, recognising its pivotal role in the professional development of educators.

The Class of 2023 performed very well in their NSC exams. There were 16 A candidates and College achieved a 96% pass rate. The top achiever was D Pillay who also achieved 96% in the IEB AP Mathematics exam.

We would like to encourage the boys to continually strive for excellence in Mathematics. It opens the door to many career options.

Mrs L Udal

Mathematics Literacy

The year has shown a consistent performance, characterised by the successes and favourable overall outcomes of the pupils.

The team comprising of Mr Ntenezi, Mr Sherriff and Mr Zuma has effectively engaged students in various components of the Mathematical Literacy curriculum, resulting in notable academic achievements among the students they have supported. Throughout the year, our team received valuable assistance from Mr Whatmore and Mr Maharaj. During the year, Mr Zuma's illness necessitated his absence, prompting Mr Whatmore to assume responsibility for his classes and effectively oversee them until Mr Zuma's eventual return. When the timetable was altered, Mr Maharaj assumed responsibility for Mr Jeewan's Grade 11 class.

A cohort of 94 students participated in the 2023 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination, with 10 achieving A symbols and 23 achieving B symbols. The percentage of students who successfully passed Mathematical Literacy was 99%. The school can take pride in these remarkable results. There is optimism over the anticipated performance of the matriculants in the year 2024.

As we anticipate the year 2024, there is an optimistic outlook that events will unfold as intended. As the number of students taking the course grows, we are making preparations to guarantee that every student can utilise Microsoft Teams and that all relevant resources are easily accessible. We will also be offering academic support to pupils who continue to encounter difficulties with this subject matter.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the teachers, including our Head of Department, Mr J Maistry, and Deputy Head: Academics, Mrs J Finnie, for their invaluable support over the duration of this academic year.

Mr M Jeewan

Music

Music has continued to grow as a subject at College. The years 2022 and 2023 have both had a good increase in class numbers. Mr Harty has joined the staff to teach the subject Music. He brings with him years of experience and a wealth of knowledge.

Regular concerts have continued to be a strong feature of the department this year, with the matric Music students constituting a reliable part of events at the school. As a result, this year's matric students were a strong performing group who also did well academically.

In terms of external exams, College fielded many boys playing and writing external theory exams. Eight boys out of twelve received a distinction for their UNISA external theory exams during this year. College boys learning musical instruments have built a reputation over the years for performing well, and this year was no different. S Bridglall, J Knock, and S Wiggill all received distinctions for their practical music exams. Bridglall also achieved a 94% mark for Grade 6 Trinity College exam.

The number of boys learning a musical instrument has also increased this year, especially those learning to play saxophone and piano. The strings programme has started to grow, and we look forward to more string players joining the school music programme in the coming years.

The matric music Class of 2023 was the biggest subject Music class in several years and delivered strong academic and practical music performances for their final NSC exams. S Msibi distinguished himself in his class, placing at the top of the class with his music exam results. Of the seven boys who wrote, three achieved distinctions, three achieved a B symbol, and one attained a C. It is thanks to the hard work by Mrs Stickells and Mr Heyns that the music students performed so well.

Mr D Solomon

Physical Science

The 2023 academic year marks a triumphant return to normalcy after the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the energy and enthusiasm of the boys and staff has been contagious.

The Physical Sciences 2023 National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examinations was undertaken by 90 boys and the results were a very pleasing improvement on the 2022 NSC results. There were 16 students who achieved an A symbol while 22 attained a B symbol. These achievements underscore the dedication of the students and the teachers.

This academic year marks a significant milestone with the introduction of Further Studies Physics, a programme benchmarked by the UK ENIC (United Kingdom Education National Information Centre). The programme has been considered comparable to the GCE Advanced (A) level standard. Taught and examined by the reputable external company, Advantage Learn, Further Studies Physics opens new avenues for students and challenges them to delve deeper into the complexities of the subject.

The addition of Mrs Deodutt and Mrs Storm has been seamless and positive. Both teachers have quickly integrated into our team bringing fresh perspectives and contributing to the vibrant learning environment that defines the Physical Sciences Department.

Mrs Kyle, our dedicated Laboratory Technician, has undertaken the monumental task of spring cleaning and organising the extensive collection of equipment amassed over the past 160 years. Her commitment to maintaining a safe and organised laboratory reflects her passion for creating an optimal learning space for students. Mrs Kyle's efforts have not only streamlined our resources but have also unearthed historical artifacts, providing a fascinating glimpse into the evolution of scientific education at College. Her hard work is much appreciated by all.

Mrs K Storm

Visual Art

Pablo Picasso said, 'I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.' This is so true of the activity that happens in the art rooms over the course of the year. As artists, the boys learn to probe the unknown, both in terms of learning new techniques, and in thinking deeply and conceptually.

Our focus with junior artists is to give them the tools to express themselves visually, as well as a vocabulary to articulate their response to art. We want their time in the art room to be industrious but filled with enjoyment. The Second Form were introduced to the fundamentals of drawing and observation in their first term, and then thrown the challenge of creating 3-dimensional soap carvings in the second term. Third Formers experimented with water-colour paint and woodcut printing.

Senior boys have the advantage of smaller classes and individual attention. In Fourth Form, we continue to broaden the boys' range of skills, exposing them to acrylic painting, charcoal and intaglio printing. In art history, they looked back at the origins of art in pre-historic rock painting and sculpture and learned to treasure our unique San Rock Art on a day trip up the Kamberg. We explored the art from Egyptian times to the Middle Ages.

Fifth Form artists learnt linocut printing and oil painting, and towards the end of the year, were given the freedom to choose their own medium. Their topics encouraged them to move beyond literal replication of the world, towards a more personalised, expressive vision. Their final topic 'Boys will be boys' encouraged an examination of gender stereotyping that was very valuable. Their art syllabus swept from neo-classical art in 18 Century France to pop art in America in the 1950s. To broaden their idea of art as a concept and career, we enjoyed a day at the Hilton Arts Festival, where pupils got to experience how graphic designers create animations, as well as theatre and art.

Matric learners explored the topics 'Inside, Outside, all sides in-between' and 'Everything they said' in the mediums of their choice. Some exciting art was produced. They enjoyed visiting the Tatham Art Gallery to view the permanent collection which includes relevant artworks pertaining to their syllabus of South African Art, as well as the display of 2022 matric art works from the district.

Our matrics performed well in the 2023 NSC examinations with a 100% pass rate. S Ender achieved 88% in his final results, which was a magnificent achievement.

We have noticed a growing number of boys choosing art and design related studies after school and returning boys have spoken of the good grounding they received from their art studies at College.

We were joined this year by Mr E Pretorius, who has a Masters degree in Fine Art, specialising in printing, and our students have benefitted from new techniques and the expertise he has brought. Overall, the Art Department has been a remarkably busy and fertile place for creativity.

Mrs S Osborne



Business Studies 'Street Store' on campus



isiZulu

The year 2023 was a very unstable year for the isiZulu Department as we were regularly changing teachers. Having filled all our vacant positions, we are hoping for an exceptional year with good stability. After employing Mr Zakwe and Mr Shezi, both well experienced and dedicated teachers, we empowered Miss Mkhize from being an intern to a part-time teacher and are hoping to have her on a full-time basis soon.

The growth of the isiZulu Department is amazing. As always, the results produced are always wonderful as we are hoping for only the best once our matrics have written their exams. Our current matrics did well during the year. Their good conduct was also evident. We are convinced that they are leaving a sound, holistic legacy for our boys.

Our department is not only about how to read and write but goes further than that. Culture is part of our life. We do our best to make sure that our youth do not forget their roots. We are disappointed that the Ecabazini Cultural Homestead is not functioning anymore because of Covid. For the past twenty years we have been good friends with the place as it fosters our culture for our boys. It was very educational, opening the boys' ears to what they did not know about their culture. A nation without its roots is a lost nation.

Our annual isiZulu Cultural Evening is growing each year. This year our Fourth Form class were so delighted to have Mrs Hlatshwayo, the founder of this event twenty-four years ago, as their guest speaker. Her speech on the evening was very fulfilling. We extend our gratitude to all parents, staff and boys who supported the event, making it a success.

We are hoping for a stable and marvellous year in 2024. I would like to express my greatest gratitude to all members of the department, their work ethic is always amazing, and I encourage them to keep up the excellent work.

Mr J Mhlongo

Careers and Tertiary Studies

On a sweltering hot January morning, we assisted with and celebrated the release of our NSC matric results. Amid the rollercoaster of mixed emotions, this day generally brings good fortune and favourable results to most of our anxious boys returning to Forder Oval. It is always wonderful to witness the numerous success stories and to those who are disappointed, guidance is offered.

For the rest of our boys, the first term is extremely busy as returning students in Fourth and Fifth Form sometimes need to rethink their subject packages without jeopardising long-term career options. In conjunction with the LO Department, the Career Guidance Advisor also addresses every matric class on important matters pertaining to the tertiary study environment.

The month of May marked our annual Careers Expo in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall. This bustling and popular event is compulsory for all Third and Fifth Form boys. Pupils and their parents interacted with over 28 stands representing a diverse range of careers. These organisations also set up informative displays where knowledgeable staff were on hand to answer any number of questions. We have found this expo to be particularly helpful with boys' queries regarding respective career paths as well as opportunities for job-shadowing.



In late July, College held the much-anticipated Third Form Subject Information Evening. As always, this is an important event and is a compulsory drawcard to all boys and their parents as critical information is shared in the process of choosing elective subjects for the following year. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Finnie and the respective subject heads who present and participate to ensure that this is a successful and informative evening.

The last week of September saw our Grade 11 pupils participate in a compulsory work experience programme through-out all corners of the country. A few boys even managed to job-shadow in exotic locations like Mozambique and the Seychelles. As always, boys were encouraged to find work for four to five days in any career field that interests them. There are no restrictions. For the first year ever, we worked in partnership with College Connect, and Ms Buchanan-Clarke is thanked for her sterling input and assistance. From feedback received, this was an extremely successful event

enjoyed by all.

Finally, for the tenth year running and through our good relationship with UKZN, the University's scholarship committee again approved scholarships to fifteen OCs currently studying at UKZN, irrespective of which campus lectures were delivered. Each scholarship is to the value of R17 000 and is drawn from the Prof. Hattersley Scholarship fund. These scholarships are for entrant students only in the specific disciplines of Science, Engineering, Commerce and Education.

Mrs L Dos Santos

College Business



Back row: Miss N Gumede, Mrs A Gasa, Dr M Nzimande, Mr A Moodley, Ms T Mthlale, Mrs S Upfold, Miss R Barnard, Mr A Kock, Mrs C van der Merwe, Miss S Buchanan-Clarke, Ms P Cairns, Mrs N Grobler
Front row: Mrs L Barbour, Mr K Smith, Mrs J Baptista

After the turmoil of the last few years, 2023 can go down as a very successful year at Maritzburg College, not only in terms of results but also the happiness both of staff and students, and College Business was no different. A tremendous thank you to all our team members who have gelled into a happy, fine-tuned machine.

The Foundation, run by Ms J Baptista, broke new ground with the inaugural Giving Day and performed exceptionally in all other aspects of the department. Our Events section welcomed Miss R Barnard to the role, and she has been a shining light of organisation, always sporting a happy smile. The MCOBA office was excellently run by Dr M Nzimande, with top class support from Ms T Mthlale. Mrs L Barbour came on board as the new Scholarship Support Mother and has proved to be an absolute gem. Her understanding of the boys and the link she provides with their financial benefactors has been a huge success and she continues to grow the role with great ideas and empathy. The College Connect project has grown exceedingly over the last year in the very capable hands of Ms S Buchanan-Clarke. She has taken an idea and made it happen. We can only imagine what she is going to do over the next few years, judging by the energy and expertise she has brought to the role in her first year.

The College Shoppe has grown in stature under the management of Mr A Moodley, ably assisted by Mrs A Gasa and Ms P Cairns. Our thanks to Mr Moodley, for his constant efforts to take the Shoppe to new heights. The Food Court and Tuckshop, an essential service to the students, staff and visitors to the school, have been excellently manned by Mr A Kock and his team.

A big thank you to Mrs S Upfold and Mr W Shange for their support and ingenuity in the Marketing Department. In a school the size of Maritzburg College, the marketing requirements are always considerable, and we truly appreciate the assistance given to the team and associations.

The Khanyisa Outreach Programme (High school and Primary school) welcomed Miss N Gumede to the co-ordinator role. Her drive and motivation have already shone through in a very short period, and we know the future of the Khanyisa students is safe under her guidance. The Goldstones Club continues to grow under Mrs S Calmeyer's guidance and

the remarkable effort from Mr R Quin (chairman). Plans are in place to make this association even bigger and better in the future. The potential is there for all to see, and we encourage all friends of College to participate.

Some major successes for the team of 2023 were the opening of the CoffeeBox, Reunion week, Giving Day, Family Day, Craven Week, College Golf Day, various sports festivals, the Chamber Relay, Chamber Women's Day, SuperSport Schools, backup power to Goldstones, staff housing developments, and many, many more events and initiatives.

A very special thank you goes to all the non-executive positions, ably manned by people who give of their precious time so freely. S Colenbrander, C MacKenzie, W Smith, A Clayton, R Evans, J Hoatson, R and T Quin are just a few of these wonderful people. We also thank all our sponsors, external bursary donors and every donor who has helped Maritzburg College stay relevant and shoot for the stars. We cannot wait to get stuck into 2024 and elevate our objectives to greater heights.

Mr K Smith

College Museum/Archives

The Maritzburg College museum and archives provide an important but understated service to the broader school community. Regular queries were received throughout 2023 from Old Collegians around the world and their families, as were donations of College memorabilia, photos and other knick-knacks.

The Reunion Weekend in May 2023 was a great success for the museum. We saw lots of foot traffic from OCs old and new, and 24 new plaques were set up on the Wall of Remembrance. Special mention must be made of the Class of 1983, who set up 15 new plaques in honour of fallen comrades.

The museum displays are developing. The Skonk Nicholson artwork was framed and mounted in the museum. The Isandlwana assegai, so generously donated by the Colenbrander family, was framed and mounted in the war section of the museum – its accompanying assegai was also very gratefully received. In 2024 we remain determined to set up a display on Philip Nel, given his great standing as a Springbok rugby captain.

A display on 'Reunion through the Years' was a huge success amongst OCs. At the start of 2024, we will repeat the Rugby World Cup display, now that we are RWC winners again. It will, of course, have a strong focus on Jesse Kriel's role. We will be creating three new displays to replace and add to the museum's current cultural display. The first board will be a brief introduction, the second will focus on the cultural clubs and societies, and the third on the cultural subjects that College offers. Submissions have been requested from the College community for an academic achievement board, and the initial draft has been put together. It will be a digital board that we will be able to regularly update. The popular touch-table will be updated shortly, with new photos and videos.

Another successful Remembrance Day ceremony was held on Friday, 10 November 2023. The theme this year was 'College and the Carbineers' and focused on the links dating back to the 1860s between KZN's oldest boys' school and South Africa's senior regiment. Notably, the first soldier killed in battle from both noble institutions was killed on 4 November 1873, and the precise 150th anniversary of the death of Foundation Scholar, Tpr Robert Erskine, at the Langalibalele Pass, high in the Drakensberg, was acknowledged at the ceremony, as well as the many other sacrifices made by Carbineers educated at College. The chairman of the archives committee, Mr M Marwick, and his family trekked up to the Pass, on the precise anniversary, alongside veteran Carbineers.

The archives committee enjoyed a breakfast meeting earlier on Remembrance Day, and as always, it was a delight to host these distinguished veterans of the College community.

In line with the school's desire to acknowledge distinguished and long-serving former staff members, College has honoured Mrs M-A Harley and Mr AJ Wiblin. The school held a cocktail party on 16 November 2023, before which the Mary-Ann Hartley Art Suite and the AJ Wiblin Boardroom were named, in honour of these two stalwarts of the staffroom who collectively have 60 years' service to College.

Mrs H Strachan and Mr M Marwick

Counselling

In February of 2023 the Counselling Department bade farewell to our much-loved Mrs C Griffiths, who served as our school psychologist for three years. This left the Counselling Department with a great void that was felt in her absence. In May 2023, Maritzburg College welcomed Ms L Davies as school counsellor. Ms Davies is a registered social worker and therapeutic practitioner.

The Counselling Department's vision of breaking the stigmas and myths of mental health, continues to forge forward. The department sees boys presenting with a variety of difficulties and severity of issues, ranging from social matters, identity formation and self-awareness to more serious psychological conditions. The Counselling Department aligns closely with teaching staff, the boarding establishments, Housemasters, mentors, and the SAN to take on referrals identified within the school system. Boys often self-refer themselves to the school counsellor or are referred by their parents. The department prides itself in seeing to every boy and referring more serious psychological conditions out to external psychologists with the consent and support of the boy's parents.

In 2023 we continued to experience the on-going impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The implications of lock-down, youth being out of school for periods of time in 2020 and being out of a schooling environment, has evidently had an impact on how our adolescents are coping in ever-changing times. Recent research conducted by UCT, has shown that higher-income schools are seeing an alarming use of vaping (electronic cigarettes) among school pupils. The finding suggests this has become a coping mechanism for youth who are struggling with the stress of daily life, with some parents possibly believing this to be less harmful than drugs and turning a blind eye to it. We continue to tackle this matter, among the many others, in helping boys find appropriate ways to manage stress and anxiety with a holistic approach to healthy daily living.

The Counselling Department embraced the second year of 'Go Green' for mental-health awareness, with College quite literally going green for the month of October, this being mental-health awareness month. Our estate staff take pride in wrapping our trees in green fabric, greeting all who enter the College premises with an awareness of the importance of mental-health and wellness. The Green Ribbon Project was another wonderful success, where boys and staff were encouraged to make donations and wear a green ribbon on their blazers throughout the month. Various initiatives were conducted to bring light to the mental-health crisis South Africa is experiencing and to break the stigma associated with mental-health matters, particularly among our young men. Initiatives involved inviting experienced guest speakers to address the College boys about mental wellness, concerns to look out for and how to live a life of balance to enhance happiness.

The Counselling Department, together with the Wellness Department pulled off another spectacular 'colour-run'. This event brings people together for a day of fun, movement and play as we run a 5km route around the school with surprise bursts of green powder paint being tossed among the participants at every turn. This event promotes the necessity of movement, exercise and play in our day-to-day living to enhance mental wellness. All funds raised are for the benefit of Pietermaritzburg Mental Health Society, a non-profit organisation that supports our community members in need of mental-health services and support.

The Counselling Department recently welcomed our beloved therapy dog, Jesse, to the team. Ms Davies has trained in animal-assisted therapy and Jesse has partnered alongside her in working with children for the past six years, in her private practice and various schools in the Western Cape. Jesse is an Australian Shepherd, a very fluffy boy, with a gentle nature. He



takes his role seriously, bringing smiles and cuddles to anyone who needs a bit of extra nurture and care. Animal-assisted therapy is rooted in the bond that develops between people and animals. Research has found that animals bring a sense of calm, comfort, and safety to people. Jesse helps divert our boys away from stressful situations and towards more pleasing ones. Jesse loves to please people and offers the boys a sense of autonomy as they talk to him and give him commands with which he happily complies. Interactions with animals also combat the sense of isolation or loneliness that boys may feel at times, and promotes social-skills, self-awareness, and self-worth. Perhaps most importantly, a great deal of research has shown that petting and stroking animals has proven to reduce anxiety by helping people self-regulate as they become attuned to the animal's calming demeanour. We are delighted to offer the boys the privilege of a therapy-dog which they can call their own.

Ms L Davies

Estates



Back row: Mr M Seager, Mr V Munemo, Mr E Rajah
Front row: Mr P Govender, Mr D Veitch, Mrs S Elliot,
Mr C Fincham, Mrs V Kanavathy

As usual, the Estates teams have been exceptionally busy this year. We did much work in three of the boarding houses, upgraded the staff accommodation in Verbena Road and renovations to the SAN. Some sports facilities required our attention, as well as the academic block. This is all in addition to the day-to-day maintenance and repairs, as can be expected on a campus the size of Maritzburg College.

There are always desks and other furniture that need to be moved to accommodate teachers' requirements, and to populate the various halls for examination seating. Broken furniture had to be repaired and, in some cases, replaced. Similarly, the fittings and fixtures around the school required our attention, fixing broken doors, handles, locks and cupboards. With all the rain we had, Messrs V Munemo and M Seager, our electricians, were kept busy fault-finding and repairing. Of course, with all the rain the grounds needed a lot of clean-up, including cutting, weeding and flower bed maintenance. Plumbing issues needed to be attended to, both in the school block and the boarding houses. The boarding houses need constant maintenance and repairs, especially to beds, cupboards and door handles.

Gutters were replaced in the academic block. The Margaret A'Bear Media Centre had serious roofing issues which needed to be addressed which was tantamount to replacing the existing roof. Further, the roof trusses were exposed and painted, providing a lighter, more spacious feel.

A lot of attention was paid to Hudson House where five eight-man dormitories and seven prefect dormitories were created. Each of these was filled with custom-made furniture, such as beds with large built-in storage spaces. The bag room and common room were revamped with much extra shelving installed. Clark House similarly received a bag room and common room revamp, again with extra shelving installed. A new tuck shop was also built at Clark's. Nathan House saw a refurbishment of the common room and study area.

Staff accommodation on Verbena Road had the parking area retarred, and carparks were constructed. The dwellings had inverters and JoJo water

tanks installed to alleviate load shedding and water outages in the area, ensuring our teachers could mark and prep for classes. The San senior sister's flat was renovated. In the San itself, new cupboards were installed, and the consultation area was refurbished.

An anomaly on our campus is that the High-Performance Centre and Goldstones precinct run off a different power source, and indeed even have a different load-shedding schedule from the rest of the school. To bring a constant supply of electricity to those areas, the Estates team ran (and buried) an electric cable down to them to ensure that these areas of College always have electricity, especially during Saturday sport matches.

On Pape's, the dugout was revamped, including replacing the old worn-out roof. Installation and preparation for the hockey lights was begun, a project that should be finished in February 2024. Two tennis courts were converted to two basketball courts and a third was converted to a volleyball court. The remaining tennis courts were all resurfaced.

New stairs were built on the terraces adjacent to the swimming pool, while probably the most sought-after project was completed at the other end of the terraces. Building and electrical work on CoffeeBox allowed for it to be opened to the public this year. Staff, boys and the greater community particularly appreciate this project.

The Estates team also spent time on the soccer field, but these were no easy journeys. We played two stand-alone matches and a tournament hosted by our counterparts at Epworth School. At the tournament we beat the hosts in our opening match and made it through to the finals. The final match went to penalties which we won. We also beat the Municipal Nursery team but lost on penalties to the College teaching staff team. Unfortunately, the game was refereed by a schoolboy who was heavily influenced by his teachers on the team. Also, the teaching staff team clearly had no Mathematics teachers as they could not get their numbers right when making substitutions. All good fun, and we look forward to next year's matches.

Mrs S Elliot

Finance

In the heart of Maritzburg College lies the Finance Department, a hub of record-keeping, financial management and unwavering commitment to the school's financial well-being. Here, a team of dedicated individuals diligently oversees the financial lifeblood of the institution, ensuring that every cent is accounted for, and every decision contributes to the school's long-term sustainability.

At the core of the department's responsibilities lies the meticulous tracking and reporting of all income and expenditure. This encompasses a myriad of tasks, from managing fee exemptions and non-payment of school fees to ensuring that all work done at and for the school is paid for and accurately recorded. The team's dedication to this process ensures that the school has a clear and comprehensive understanding of its financial standing, providing a solid foundation for informed decision-making.

In the second half of the year, the department shifts its focus to the preparation of the following year's budget. This involves a rigorous analysis of income and expenditure, carefully examining past trends and anticipating future needs. The goal is to strike a balance between ensuring that the school has the financial resources to meet its obligations and minimising the burden on parents through excessive fee increases. The resulting budget, presented to the parents at the AGM each October, reflects the department's commitment to transparency and accountability.

As the year draws to a close, the department turns its attention to finalising the financial year-end and preparing for a full audit. This meticulous process involves scrutinising every financial transaction, ensuring that all records are accurate and compliant with regulatory requirements. The team's unwavering attention to detail ensures that the school's financial statements are a true and fair reflection of its financial position.

Simultaneously, the department looks ahead, preparing for the start of the new school year. This involves setting up systems, processes, and procedures to ensure a smooth transition and continued financial oversight. The team's proactive approach ensures that the school is well-positioned to navigate the financial challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The Finance Department of Maritzburg College is not merely a cog in the machinery of the school but is the driving force behind its financial stability and growth. Through its unwavering commitment to accuracy, accountability, and strategic planning, the department ensures that the school has the financial resources to fulfil its mission of providing an exceptional education for its students.

Mr W Evans

Information, Communications and Technology



(left to right) Messrs J Maistry, T Tshabalala, M Dibben,
L Kistasamy, V Rajpaul

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 school academic block, boarding houses and indoor centre.
- Learner Management System (Moodle) which consists of past papers, PowerPoints, video links to lessons, examination timetables, examination breakdowns and sporting highlights.
- Microsoft Teams, a classroom management system that is accessible from computers, tablets, iPads and smart phones. Microsoft Teams allows the following benefits to the class:
 - File Storage for resources.
 - Communications platform for Classroom Chats.
 - Video lessons to reach students who are absent.
 - File storage for PowerPoints, worksheets and 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 computer and mobile devices.
- Senior network administrator, junior network administrator, IT development assistant and a TechSquad to assist students and staff.
- Regular staff training and network sessions pertaining to 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.

In 2024 we will be launching our Netbook project to all Second Form boys and two classes in Third Form. This initiative is aimed at enhancing the learning experience, promoting digital literacy, and providing students with essential skills for their future endeavours. To assist the staff and boys with this project we have employed an educational technologist, Mr L Smorfitt. We wish him all the best in his new role at College.

Every teacher has access to either a laptop, iPad or desktop computer. At least 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

Margaret A'Bear Media Centre

At the start of 2023, our Media Centre underwent a revamp of the interior. A fresh, bright palette of colours enhances an eye-catching entrance lobby with the theme of discovery which welcomes everyone to a world of tropical plants and creatures. The newly created puzzlers' corner has proved to be immensely popular with boys returning each tea break to continue with their favourite puzzle. Social chess and board games increased in popularity while other boys just enjoyed sinking into beanbags and couches to read at their leisure.

After careful consideration, an additional renovation project to expose the trusses above our ceiling was tackled in July. Our interior now boasts a complex network of trusses all painted white in dramatic contrast to the ceiling (above the rafters) which was painted a midnight blue. The expansive ceiling space now resembles an abstract painting and is particularly striking when all the lights are switched on. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Elliot and the Estates team for their dedication and hard work on this challenging project.

This year also saw our opening hours being extended to 17:00 from Monday to Thursday, as well as two evening openings a week to accommodate our busy boarders.

As reading is so immensely beneficial, particularly to adolescents, all outstanding book fines were dropped. The Media Centre now supports a zero-fine stance which seems to have stimulated and encouraged further reading among our boys and staff.

In striving to celebrate a sense of inclusivity and to embrace College's community, we supported and hosted the following events during the year:

- Early February saw a teatime talk by Blane Spiers (OC 1994) who works for Microsoft Global. Later that day 120 prospective new boys and their parents visited our space in tour groups for the Marketing Department's Open Day.
- From 20 February to 24 March, numerous concession boys and their readers/scribes were accommodated during the extensive common test programme. This same group of students also wrote their mid-year exams in the Media Centre.
- In March, 32 boys wrote the English Olympiad and then in May we accommodated 36 senior boys who participated in the online SA National Geography Olympiad.
- During March we hosted three tertiary presentations by the Universities of Pretoria, Stellenbosch and KwaZulu-Natal. These presentations were held after school and were attended by interested senior boys who were able to interact with the tertiary representatives.
- On 23 March, we hosted the measles vaccination programme when the Department of Health visited us to vaccinate 40 junior boys wanting this injection. That same afternoon, 25 Khanyisa junior boys and their five teachers joined us to celebrate College's official #SpreadingKindness week. They were encouraged to select books to take home from



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Jack Pope

'My name is Jack Pope and I was part of the Maritzburg College class of 2023.

I chose Stenden South Africa because it offers the perfect fit for Disaster Management, which matches my interest in studies. Student life at Stenden includes beach days and movie nights to unwind after classes and since I love fishing, Port Alfred is the perfect location for me.

When I graduate, I'd like to become a First Responder and the management thereof.

If you're looking for a hands-on degree, Stenden South Africa is the place to be.'



Fergus Johnstone

'I'm Fergus Johnstone a Maritzburg College graduate from the class of 2021.

I chose Stenden South Africa because it offers the unique BBA in Disaster Relief Management degree. I've always been intrigued by disasters – how they happen, where they go, and how to help people before and after.

At Stenden, student life strikes a great balance between work and fun. What I love most about studying Disaster Management is the hands-on field work we do in Port Alfred.

If you're outgoing and enjoy teamwork, Stenden South Africa in Port Alfred should be your first choice!'



Tye Crawford

'I am a Maritzburg College Old Boy, class of 2023 and I chose to study the Disaster Management degree.

Student life at Stenden is full of various kinds of fun, balanced with class work and practical assignments. What I enjoy most about Stenden is the tight-knit family feel between students and the homely environment that the campus provides.

After graduating, I would like to coordinate emergency response teams in the field of National Disasters.

Stenden offers the most practical degree related to my chosen field, assuring I am prepared to work in the real world!'

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- previously withdrawn library stock. We welcomed this group back again in August to an afternoon of playing chess and other brain games.
- In April, our media monitors and TechSquad members joined forces to host a social tea and activities afternoon with the Girls' High media monitors.
- We participated in a second Marketing Open Day on 24 August when we showcased our renovated space to visitors at the school.
- In celebration of World Literacy Day on 8 September we supported our local Municipal Library with their community outreach programme to disadvantaged schools. Our donation of discarded books and bright new book bags was greatly appreciated.
- Finally, in September we hosted the Pietermaritzburg and Midlands Librarians quarterly meeting where librarians from surrounding schools get together for an afternoon of creative problem solving and professional networking.

A book is a magical thing that lets you travel to far-away places without ever leaving your chair. – Katrina Mayer

Mrs L Dos Santos



Puzzler's Corner



Board games



Quiet reading on the bean bags



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Khanyisa Outreach Programme

Back row: S Khumalo, A Sidimba, A Matshoboza, N Mkhize

Middle row: K Makhanya, S Mduyana

Front row: Mrs S Kritzinger, Miss N Gumede, N Ndawonde, Mr H Ntenezi, Mrs L Mtembu

In 2023 the Khanyisa Outreach Programme marked another significant stride in its commitment to fostering educational development in under-resourced schools within our district. With the primary focus on enhancing Mathematics, Physical Science and English competencies, the programme continues to be a beacon of hope both for teachers and pupils.

This year's cohort, comprising of Grade 11 students who will transition into their matric year, has been a testament to the programme's impact on the academic trajectory of these young minds. The sustained investment in educational resources, mentorship and skill development has contributed to a noticeable improvement in the overall academic performance of the participants.

One of the highlights of this year's Khanyisa Outreach Programme was the provision of scientific calculators to students. Recognising the pivotal role these tools play in mastering complex mathematical and scientific concepts, the initiative aimed to empower pupils with the necessary resources to excel in these critical subjects. The distribution of scientific calculators not only addresses a practical need but also symbolises a commitment to bridging the resource gap that often hinders the academic progress of students in underprivileged schools.

Beyond the distribution of resources, the programme continued its comprehensive approach to teacher development. Workshops, training sessions and collaborative activities were organised to equip teachers with the latest teaching methodologies, subject-specific knowledge and effective classroom management strategies. By investing in the professional growth of teachers, the programme seeks to create a sustainable and lasting impact on the educational landscape of the district.

Looking ahead, the Khanyisa Outreach Programme remains steadfast in its mission to cultivate an enthusiasm for learning and academic excellence. As the Grade 11 cohort progresses into their matric year, the programme anticipates witnessing the fruits of its efforts as these students further demonstrate their capabilities and potential.

The Khanyisa Outreach Programme for 2023 stands as a beacon of educational empowerment, fostering a positive change in the lives both of learners and educators. Through targeted interventions and the provision of essential resources such as scientific calculators, the programme continues to pave the way for a brighter academic future in under-resourced schools.

Miss N Gumede



SOCIAL AWARENESS COUNCIL (SAC)

The Social Awareness Council (SAC) continues to play an integral role in the school. In the past two years, the advisory panel of the SAC has dealt with a number of matters reported by either staff or boys. This transparency and trust in the processes available in the school suggests that College is leading in promoting a culture of diversity and positive transformation. Whilst we understand the highly sensitive nature of investigating such matters, we pride ourselves in the objectivity, impartiality and altruistic manner in which we have dealt with issues.

In summary, the SAC advisory panel (Chair: Mrs R Govender, Deputy for Pastoral Care: Mr A Sparrow, HoD Pastoral well-being: Mr L Shongwe, Senior Deputy Headmaster: Mr M Marwick and Deputy for Behavioural Management: Mr R Paterson) is tasked with investigating matters concerning staff and boys and making a recommendation to the Headmaster and/or the SGB 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 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 e.g. the Social Media Policy Policy), recommend 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 handled so that we continue to ensure fairness and lack of bias moving forward.

Matters that we deal 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.

This year, Mrs Govender participated in the social awareness and diversity-training workshop for the prefects, to provide them with the tools to deal with sensitive matters and also to initiate a spirit of servant leadership and tolerance in a diverse SA community. We also hosted interesting and lively speakers like Mr Pete Jugmohan (retired lecturer: UKZN School of Education and former teacher) and Mr Andrew Birch, who spoke to the boys about addiction. The newly formed College Youth Council (CYC) under the leadership of Mr L Shongwe and Ms N Gumede hosted and attended several school diversity workshops.

Once again, we would like to acknowledge the continued support of the school SGB in supporting a culture of social justice in our school. We have an exciting calendar planned for 2024 which includes dynamic speakers, presentations and workshops.

Mrs R Govender

College Youth Council



Left to right: A Hadebe, I Jikijo, Mr L Shongwe, L Seshemane (captain), Miss N Gumede, E Moodley (vice-captain)

The College Youth Council (CYC), a dynamic social awareness forum, has made significant strides in fostering awareness and inclusivity among students. Throughout the year, we organised a series of impactful workshops and sessions to address pertinent issues. This report highlights our key activities, focusing on the fishbowl sessions conducted in 2023.

In September, the CYC hosted a thought-provoking fishbowl session on 'Artificial Intelligence in schools: real applications and addressing ethical and privacy concerns.' The session, facilitated by Mr S Brill, attracted participation from The Wykeham Collegiate, St Charles College, Maritzburg Christian School and Russell High School. Mr Brill delved into the practical applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in educational settings and engaged attendees in a discussion on the ethical considerations and privacy implications associated with AI technologies.

Continuing our commitment to fostering understanding and inclusivity, the CYC organised an internal fishbowl session focused on the significance of cultural inclusion in schools, emphasising the importance of diverse perspectives when addressing issues affecting young people. Participants

engaged in meaningful discussions, fostering a sense of cultural awareness and sensitivity.

The final fishbowl session for the year took place in October. Ms Davies, the school counsellor, and Mr Ndlovu, a clinical psychologist from Mountain P Psychological Services, led an insightful presentation on 'Creating the right space for our peers to be vulnerable.' This session explored the importance of establishing supportive environments where individuals feel comfortable expressing vulnerability. Attendees gained valuable insights into building connections, empathy and understanding within the school community.

The CYC's commitment to social awareness and inclusivity was evident in the success of our fishbowl sessions throughout the year. These sessions not only facilitated dialogue on crucial topics but also encouraged active participation and collaboration among students from various schools. We look forward to continuing our efforts in creating a positive impact on the youth and promoting a culture of empathy, understanding and social responsibility.

Mr L Shongwe

CREATIVITY AT COLLEGE

ENGLISH WRITING

Echoes of Days Passed

The birth of a child washed with purity, life starting anew with charm and innocence all equally housed in a mould filled with limitless potential. The fragility of the mould, being morphed into any shape desired by the man with the authority. The ability to clear her of all her innocence and leave her broken, a mere husk, empty and void of all that once was. I still see him every day.

There's nothing left. I hate how he has such a firm grip over me. I can feel his presence every day. I'm reminded of who he is whenever I see her. He is now part of me and it's revolting. Why would a man be so void of love and compassion, yet disguise himself as the very opposite? What went wrong for him to seek such pleasures? It's not fair that it is the ones left behind who must live with his chaos!

I am not alone in my suffering and in that there is comfort, yet the complexity of it all arouses such broken vessels that I am afraid his actions will never fade. There is ignorance in me even hoping that the damage would fade, because the pure evil of his actions could never be undone. And it is this simple truth that eats away at me. He will never leave, he may be physically gone from her life and mine, yet he has left a shadow so daunting that it stretches over my very being.

I see the echoes of his misery on her. My sister was full of joy and love, yet now she is hurt and his lengthy feast on her innocence is scattered throughout her husk. I see his bite marks on her neck, I see the cuts from his claws, gashing deep into her stomach. I see her afraid.

I wish she had someone to go to, yet I was never there. Our mother brought him into our lives in the first place, so swept away by his charm and blind to the dangers brought with his attention. It is now clear to see why she never went to our mother for help, she was too afraid for she loved him too much. A man like that lurked in the shadows threatening her. Just the thought of the things he did to her disgust me, and I quickly become filled with anger and grief. She is my sister! Who are you to take away her innocence? Who are you to threaten her? She's just a child and you wish to violate her in so many ways?

The aftermath of his evil left my family torn apart, broken and triumphed over. I am very numb now, and I still live in the same house where he rejoiced with his acts of sin. I still see her room where he had his way with her. I still see the destruction he left in his wake. A grave dug for such a sweet child, too early to be exposed to such carnage.

I can only hope that time will heal our family for it is hard to see my mother so distraught. I cannot imagine the betrayal and confusion that she feels. I see a deep sadness within her and it's all because of him. The reach of his insanity is sweeping my family away and even though it is just the echoes of his actions left for me to live with, hollow memories to eat away at me, vile casks of every emotion all taking me for a ride, I am still broken. The magnitude of his twisted ways will never be far from my sister. He managed to morph her concept of love so violently that she will never be the sweet innocent sister I once knew. Yet we must stay strong because he does not deserve to have this victory over us.

K Akeroyd (Sixth Form)

Following Footsteps

The white, sandy beach of Milibangalala in southern Mozambique stretched up the coast for as far as the eye could see. I was just an eight-year-old boy jumping from one of my father's footprints to another, completely unaware of the beauty around me. I was focused on following my father.

Initially, my father was unaware of his little minion behind him. He just loped down the beach one step after another. He did not know that every step he took was being mimicked by a little Luc, a few steps behind.

It did not take him too long to realise that his actions were being copied. I saw him look back at me and smile. I knew my walk down the beach was

about to get interesting. My dad started off by shortening his stride to try to catch me being too hasty. I was quick to react and kept pace. My dad turned around and said, 'be the tortoise not the hare.'

Next, my father took a giant leap to the left. I had to be careful not to fall short of his big step. I built up some courage (and some power) and made the jump across to my father's footprint on the left. I fell quite some distance short, but my dad was not fazed. He just said that I should know my limits.

Another leap to the right followed soon after. That one was a bit shorter, and I was certain I could make it. With my limits checked and my ego in my pocket, I made the jump across. As I landed a firm grip prevented me from falling over. 'I've got you, my boy.' At that moment I was filled with an overwhelming sense of security and safety. I felt like nothing could stop us.

Next, we hopped from left to right and back again, dodging any crabs that lay in our path. I watched in awe as my dad danced through a cluster of crabs. I followed soon after, feeling safe and secure, landing exactly where my father had been in order to avoid the crabs. As I was about to land in my dad's last few steps a wave washed his prints away. I was in shock, completely lost and with no one to follow. My father had stopped 50 metres up the beach. He shouted back to me, 'come on Luc you've got this. Just dance as if no one is watching.' And dance I did. I spun, I twirled, I jumped, I ran. I nimbly made my own way through the crabs and continued past my dad. Dancing my way down the white, sandy beach of southern Mozambique.

I will never forget that feeling of freedom and independence rushing through my body. With an endless stretch of beach in front of me, I turned around to see my father waving goodbye, with a huge smile on his face. Behind him, I saw a clear path of footprints. A reminder to be the tortoise not the hare, to know my limits and to dance like no one's watching rushed all over me. I felt a sense of security as I turned back to face a long, untouched stretch of beach, to start my own path.

L du Toit (Sixth Form)



J Slevin (Third Form)

My Parents!

The time has now come for me to exit my protective and caring cocoon of love and support and venture off into the vast and monstrous world. How am I going to make it without my parents by my side? The feelings of fear, uncertainty and anxiety engulf me, but contradictory to them are the feelings of excitement and adventure as I leave the clutches of my parents and move on to the next chapter of my life.

Many ambivalent thoughts flood my brain like water gushing out of a burst pipe. Am I going to make them proud and live up to be at least half the person and parents they are? My parents are the epitome of love, discipline, respect, cultural traditions and honesty, so the bar is set quite high.

The memories of my dad enveloping me in a bear hug and my mother's sweet smile which is my jewel of reassurance linger on my mind. I could always go to my parents' house whatever problem I faced, and they would be my 'chill pill', easing my worries away. Only now do I realise the sacrifices they made to see to my every whim. Reality has now hit me like a boulder storming down a hill, and I am now left to do or die by myself.

The thought of whether I will be able to do it adds an additional weight on my shoulders, which are already bearing a lot. Yet I am reassured that I can, and I will make it by following the teachings and values that my parents have instilled in me, to always be kind, brave, adventurous, truthful and maintain a balanced life. I look up to my dad and aspire to be someone's role model one day just as he is to me, teaching me the dos and do nots and always reminding me to give back to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. I aspire to carry out my mother's teachings of, 'do unto others as you would like done unto you', in my daily life as I set out into the next phase on my journey of life.

I aspire to have the relationship and bond with my kids like the beautiful one my parents and I share, where my children can come to me with any problem, to dissect with them without any hesitation or fear. I hope they can feel free to be themselves and share their experiences openly and where I will learn from them just as they will learn from me. Together we can grow as a team who have each other's backs and find a place of comfort in one another.

I will keep my head up and strive to be great and at least half the people, parents and human beings that my parents are because I want to make them proud and give them a reason to one day beam with pride and joy and scream out 'that is our son!'

T Ganie (Sixth Form)

He Who Conquers Himself is the Mightiest Warrior

I had not realised I was smiling until my jaw ached, a beautiful pain that reverberated through my soul as laughter filled the air. I laughed like me again, and he laughed like you.

My youth had been a long journey of battle, defeat and acceptance. Each day I fought an enemy I craved to defeat, an enemy I needed to conquer. I would do anything to be mighty, anything to be heralded as a warrior. To do so I would have to kill him.

We wrestled for years, my hands gripped his flabby flesh, white knuckled as I tried to tear. He wailed, high pitched and agonised. Each day I did so, the more flesh he would lose. Our quarrels were bloody, my fingers were ripping at his hair, my teeth maiming his face, and each day he would return, looking to me for help.

Over time he stopped his wailing, yet his drive to hold me never left. He grabbed at my perfect form with weak hands, suffering the impact of my blows. Brutality took over my soul as I pushed him closer and closer to death. She wailed for him, I was doing this for her, for all those in the stands urging me to stop.

We entered the arena as we always did, he pleaded as he always did, and I engaged without mercy once more. He crumpled to the floor before I had even begun my slaughter. His frail body rising and falling with each strained breath. He had little hair, his face gaunt and scarred. He was a shell of the enemy I had known. I was so close, so close to becoming what I needed to be.

Yet when his eyes fell upon me, they had not changed, the light still sparkled like foaming waves, even amongst a deathly pale breath. His hands cupped my face tenderly, stroking my jaw, I had to force myself to pull back. The hushed voices around us had stopped. His wailing that I had grown so used to was gone, and in its place was the shallow breath that escaped my parted lips, trembling and cold.

I eased myself to the earth, lying beside him as we both so desperately clung to life. He was so young, his body not yet grown. We stared at each other, tracing moles, pale, scarred skin, and thinned hair as we tried to recognise the person from so long ago. A smile began to tug at his lips, soft but it grew until his laughter filled my ears, and I could not help but join his song.

I laughed for a while, my voice trailing as I continued. As I lay alone, altered and deformed. My song felt less and less foreign, it sounded like me, like him, it sounded like the boy who was not yet dead. I was unable to defeat him, I failed to conquer the boy, but if I accepted him, I could be something better than the mightiest warrior, I could be me.

K Marais (Sixth Form)



M Gcumisa (Second Form)

Every Dark Cloud has a Silver Lining!

I sat in that ominous examination hall, eyes closed and feet gently tapping the floor beneath me. It felt like an age waiting for those fateful words of 'you may begin'. My life had led up to this moment. Years of incredible sacrifice had led to this moment. It was the beginning of the end.

It was my final Mathematics examination. I had been preparing for weeks. Long, uneventful nights spent at my desk looking over equations and sums that seemed so important at the time. As the day of the examination grew ever closer it felt as if a dark cloud was developing over me, clouding my thoughts and weighing me down. The only way to make the weight of it subside was by doing more work. I wanted to do well so badly, I had to.

The clock struck 9 o'clock and the examination began. I flipped over the first page and felt instantaneous joy. I was in my comfort zone at the sight of those formulas and array of numbers. I began working through the questions, developing a rhythm. My pen was flowing like water over the page, creating streaks of blue over a white canvas. This was art to me. As I progressed, my confidence slowly grew and I felt unstoppable. The weeks of onerous preparation had paid off.

I turned over the page excitedly and inspected it. My brow began to crease in confusion and my heart sank at the realisation that I did not know how to answer that question. It was nothing like I had ever seen before. Panic started to rise within me, suffocating me and my thoughts.

After that my mind went into a downward spiral. My frustration grew after each futile attempt at solving that seemingly impossible question. I could not comprehend how I had never seen a question in any relation to that one before. The dark cloud that I thought had dissipated over me when I began writing, came back, darker than ever. Thunder rolled and lightning struck over me. I couldn't control it. My mind was a mess. I believed Mathematics was the one place I could find refuge, with reason and logic. Not anymore.

The rest of that examination went by in a blur. I scrambled to finish it in time, constantly jerking my head towards the clock that was going to seal my fate. I had wasted too much time on that question, time I would never get back.

I left that exam hall with a feeling of ineffable sadness. I had lost all hope within myself. All that time poured into preparing, all that sacrifice, for nothing. I did not think I would ever emotionally recover from the events of that day.

With time, I did recover. That ordeal was a terrible time in my life, but a lesson was learned from it. Failure is inevitable. No person can go through life with a perfect run and no failures. We must embrace our failures otherwise they will forever haunt us. What I learned about failure was the silver lining to that dark and draconian day.

T Nuttall (Sixth Form)

Gratitude Towards Our Parents

It changed me forever. A single event had altered the way I perceived reality, shedding light onto the blind spot that restricted me from seeing the world from a different perspective. It made me eternally grateful for what I possess.

We strolled down the freshly mopped tiles of the mall with inconspicuous steps. We peeked through windows of boutiques in fleeting glances, as my mum and I knew we would not be purchasing much, as usual. Amongst the crowd of people walking towards us, were ladies who wore five-inch heels that clicked importantly on the floor, and clothing that shone with elaborate designs. Men strode past with the sharp scent of their cologne trailing behind them.

An unfamiliar feeling started to settle in my chest. Unknowing of what it was, I tried to push it out, but once it took root, it refused to be removed. As I gazed down at my mum walking alongside me, I immediately realised what it was.

My mum is a short, thin and plain lady. She wore cheap, ragged clothing with seams torn, and shoes with soles worn down. Her face wore heavy lines around her eyes that etched deep into her skin, without the exorbitant creams to ease them away. Unlike the other women in our neighbourhood, who worked in high class positions, my mum was nothing more than a general worker. Her work comprised of washing dishes for a local catering company. Her heavy, tired eyes and wrinkled hands bore testimony to the extensive hours she worked with water. I could deny it no longer, I was ashamed of my mother.

My mother was nothing extraordinary and it was for this reason that, at that moment, she stood out because she was so plain. Mumbling that I would meet her at a clothing outlet nearby, I hurried to the bathroom. My mind flooded with emotions of anger and embarrassment at the thought of being seen with her. I regained my composure and refreshed myself before heading to the clothing outlet.

With grudging steps, I found that she was not where we agreed to meet. Contributing further to my anger, I was forced to scour the other stores looking for her. I dreaded returning to her side, already experiencing the second-hand embarrassment that came with being with her.

Eventually I found her at a high-end fashion boutique. I stormed in with a frown. I halted in my step; my frown rose as I saw her holding a sweater that looked much too expensive. She turned to me, told me that it would look good on me and asked if I wanted it. In front of me stood a short,



O Kosani (Second Form)

weary woman with a smile that stretched across her narrow face, holding a sweater, happy to be buying something for me. My words died in my throat as I realised that my mother wore old, tattered clothing because she spent her money buying clothes for me. She was tired and her hands were shrivelled because she worked to provide for me. She wore no jewellery, no scented perfume, she was just content with me. It was at that moment that my mother became extraordinary and beautiful in my eyes. I was no longer ashamed of her, but of myself.

My mother repeated her question. I replied politely, 'no, thanks.'

This event changed my perceptions as I realised that through thick and thin, a mother will stand by your side. No matter how tough life may be, she will do anything in her power to provide her child with a life that she never got to experience. She will walk beside you every step of the way. I am eternally grateful for her.

D Pillay (Sixth Form)



T Chikwero (Third Form)

Unchained from Man

Like a sprawling fortress, choking on its own overgrown branches, it barricaded the earth from the warmth of the sun and blue of the sky. Every step traversing through the dense foliage across covered rocks, accompanied by the cacophony of rustling leaves and the mumbled whispers of the wind with a faint scent of dew on its tail. Leaves of orange and green slowly cooled and twisted, as they cascaded down into soggy piles. My backpack pulled me down and my feet squelched and squashed along the abandoned path, expertly woven around and inbetween huddled oaks.

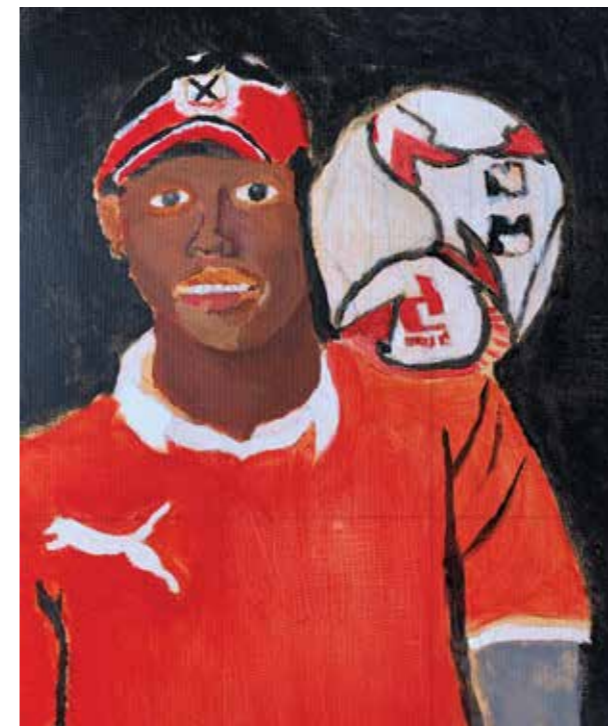
Their bark cracked and crooked due to the test of time, almost jealous as they were rooted into the soaked earth while they glared at me along the path. With each new step forward, the transition became tangible. An expansive clearing, a piece of untouched tapestry, a collection of vibrant hues of green dotted with jewels of wildflowers across the rolling landscape. Evergreen needles tickled my ankles, as a symphony of songbirds and crickets in the overgrown shrubbery welcomed me. An arrowhead of geese, as if chained together, clanged as they pierced across the azure expanse above. A gentle breeze caused the few thin trees to slowly sway from side to side, bathing in the warm sunlight, as if nature was breathing. The last remaining crooked arms of trees behind me acted as a luminous crown to this newfound freedom in contrast to the labyrinthine embrace of Mother Nature.

As the sun slowly sank in retreat behind the horizon, the heavens were washed with swirls of warm oranges and reds, like a furnace ablaze, a fleeting golden moment. The moon then steadily climbed to take its throne above, draining every swirl into a dark vacuum of nothingness, only to be replaced by the celestial treasures of the cosmos dotted across the night sky.

A beauty given to us all, yet only appreciated when it is nearly destroyed.

Away from the constructs of modern society, in order to connect with the natural masterpiece gifted to us by Mother Nature, rather than the brick monoliths and tall glass facades, only a mere reflection of the sky. Away from the ethereal glow of neon lights, and the chaos of the daily commute of hooting horns and synchronised signals, as buildings bellow clouds of smoke, and their inhabitants weave in and out, heads buried in artificial beauty, hot springs of dopamine and a sense of entitlement, ignorant to the world around them, while I seek refuge and solace in her embrace, unchained from man.

T Ramdhass (Sixth Form)



S Dzanibe (Fourth Form)

The Great Sacrifice

The bright yellow sun lit up the previously dark, ominous and distinctively dark, red, bloody night of yesterday. We were still alive, well most of us. Yes, alive but dead inside, the remaining bruised and battered. Two thousand Zulu warriors, including myself, gathered for our last meal as we knew what was coming. A war we could not win.

Whilst in the midst of eating the unseasoned, cold and raw looking beans, Rachel my wife, started racing through my mind. Her red glossy lips and clear, burnt umber skin just would not leave my troubled mind. Reminiscing, a conclusion came to mind before General Sithembu called us, as it was time for preparations for the battle. I wanted her face to be the last I see before I perish from the face of the earth.

Preparing for battle, we sang a billion songs which were all led by my skinny looking companion, Jabu. With tears rushing down all our faces whilst singing the infamous traditional Zulu song about our heritage and being proud of it, we came together for our last prayer, knowing very well that our measly swords had no chance against the heavy artillery of the Afrikaners. We knew the only outcome would be to our despair and ending in genocide and carnage, but we knew the great sacrifice was needed. We still had to fight.

With no slight hesitation, the 2000 warriors rushed over the mountain towards the pale looking opposition. Forty feet out, we drew out our hand-crafted swords against the 6000 soldiers of the Boers and fought. I closed my eyes and all I could see was Rachel, with her red glossy lips and bright smile.

I opened my eyes which were filled with the most pleasant image but in the most unfortunate predicaments which was war. The bright yellow sun lit the sky once more but this time I was alone. While sitting in a field with all kinds of baby blue, purple and even pink flowers, the indefinite thought arose. I was dead, and we had lost the battle but won the hearts of my people.

N Setipa (Fifth Form)

The Day the Bombs Came

Boom! The shockwave of a bomb jerked me awake and scattered my belongings all over my apartment floor. Boom! Another bomb rocked the building, and I heard crying from the other room. My son! I leapt from my bed and hurried to find him. As his door opened, I looked around and saw him, face dusted with plaster, with streaks from his tears. I picked him up and threw just the necessities into a bag.

The second I closed the bag, an old, worn, leather travel bag, pieces of the ceiling began to fall, like crumbs from a biscuit. I grabbed a water canteen and sprinted with my son, down the six flights of stairs, racing against the crumbling building. When we finally reached the exit, I looked around the street. Every building was no more than rubble, dust filled my nose and mouth, and screams echoed through, even above the explosions.

I knew who was responsible for this - Russia. My country, Ukraine, was the only other country left in the world, the rest had been bombed into oblivion. Therefore, our only option was to hope for an empathetic Russian family to find us after we crossed the border. Our trek began.

My son, Alexei, and I wandered through many wheat fields for which Ukraine is known, until we eventually stumbled across a dirt road in the direction we were headed. We passed many others seeking refuge, most of whom asked for food. Selfishly I responded, 'no', every time. The long walk gave me plenty of time to think. I thought of Alexei's mother, my beloved wife, who had been killed while covering a news story in Peru. I knew I had to keep our son safe, in her honour.

My legs burned, my back ached, and my feet blistered, but still I trudged forward. Wheat fields turned to open, empty ones, which turned to rocky hills, which turned to tall, spiky grass. It remained as grass for most of the walk, until I looked up at the road and saw a wall. It was tall, guarded, and went on for as far as I could see. I fell to the ground. Too tired and dehydrated to cry, I just lay there. The border was protected, we would never get in. I hoped a passer-by would look after my son. I knew what was about to happen to me. I drifted into a sleep, from which I would never awake.

S Tredgold (Fifth Form)

My Kaleidoscope of Memories

As one goes through hardships and happiness in one's, life a plethora of antithetical and similar memories mould us into the people we eventually become. A kaleidoscope of pure prismatic illusion, each colour woven to create a unique tapestry-like pattern.

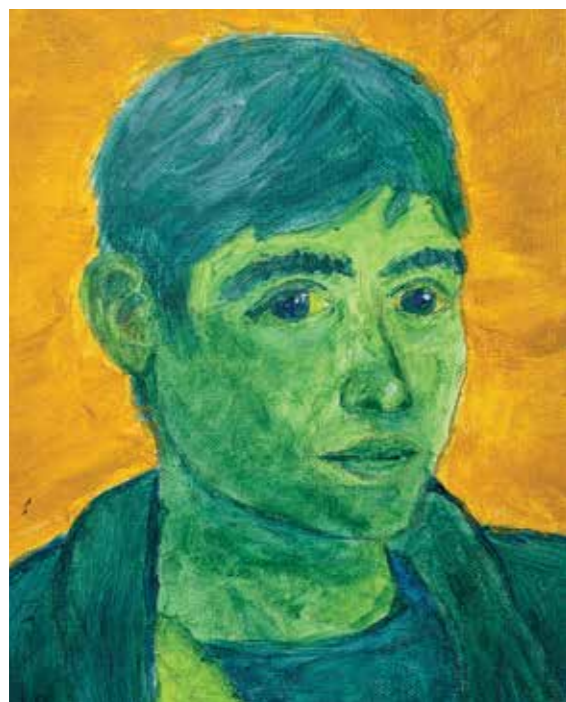
You start your life as an infant, birth from your mother's ever-protective womb, waited on hand and foot for the first few years of your life, rarely gathering memories for your kaleidoscope. It is first when you are a young child that your kaleidoscope starts taking form. Often the most blissful time of your life because your days are filled with care-free, rowdy play with friends and irreverent games. It is the first time you are able to recall the wondrous stories which engrossed you for insurmountable hours, your kaleidoscope filled with bright colours which evoke a sense of pure joy and fulfilment untarnished by worldly foes.

When you reach primary school, a huge task lies ahead, coping with your stress. Your days still filled with rowdy play but now accompanied by lessons, homework and studying. After a long day of dealing with supercilious teachers, managing your time seems too strenuous a task for your now tired hands. You witnessed your mother getting shoved against a basin and the blurry lenses of your glasses focus again as you notice worldly issues you seem too weak to tackle, crime, rape, corruption and gender-based violence become a part of your vocabulary. Your kaleidoscope becomes scathed but somehow still yours, filled with sombre blues and bruised purples, but still in there lies a gleeful yellow.

As you reach high school you know how to better cope with stress and your father's drunken escapades. You try to focus on your future and to which universities you will apply. Standing in front of you, you have exams, NBTs and then finals. Your life is filled with studying, cooking and cleaning, and you have no time to relax or spend with friends out of school, but you try your best to rise above it all. Your mother will leave your father and for some unknown reason that is difficult. Some repressed love for an abuser escapes you, and you are confused. Your kaleidoscope still has some space and is not yet complete, but now also has complex browns, caring reds some melancholic violets and a few broken blues.

Your kaleidoscope will never be complete, but it has shaped you into the dynamic, caring, glad-handing, tree-hugging young man you are today. Though your kaleidoscope is filled with more sombre hues you are a uniquely bright person. Your kaleidoscope formed who you are today and what you will do tomorrow. It is memories which make us, and yours should not be traded for the world.

J van Huyssteen (Fifth Form)



C Ender (Fourth Form)

South Africa Awaken, Sikhusele!

Awaken Rainbow Nation! We need you
You were built from fragments of violent memories
Fragments that bolster our present miseries.
Oh, blossom once more, our temperate Protea!

Where is that split second when life seemed happier?
Crime is a tattoo on life's hand, a sculpture of its travesties
Beating and bruising, a badge for masculinity
And life remains a question forcing us to succumb to fear.

Through hell and high water, peace proves untrue...
But you, my lioness, with fur of gold, kneels before no one.
You grab the eyes of wanderers from the peaks of Ukuhlamba
Your diversity makes you glisten apart from the few

With all the hatred of the past you showed your people mercy
I beg you almighty one, Sikhusele, awaken from your slumber!

A Matshoboza (Fifth Form)

South Africa, 2023

Madiba! You should be living today:
South Africa needs you. He is a smudge
Of darkness in the day. Incompetence,
Dishonesty, only you can change His ways.
Confusion over the taxes we pay...
Leaders of our country refusing to budge
from their place of comfort, still they bear a grudge.
Madiba! Oh, how much we need you now!

Sprung hope like a springbok in the proud green
and gold. A unity we never had seen.
Protea fire born from a lifeless seed.
The potential of our land is beyond
unknown. Like a jailed man, He must be freed but
Oh Madiba! You died and took the keys!

R McKean (Fifth Form)

The tapestry of friendship and family

In the tapestry of life, they stand so dear,
Friends and family, forever near.
With bonds stronger than roots of a tree,
Together, we create a beautiful symphony.

In the gardens of love, they are the bloom,
Chasing away the shadows of gloom.
Through our storms, they are the light,
Guiding us through the darkest of nights.

Family, the anchor in life's rough sea,
A shelter in the storm, a refuge to be.
Their love, a river that forever flows,
Through all of life's highs and its discouraging lows.

Friends, the stars that grace our night sky,
With laughter and joy, teaching us to fly.
Through every season, they are standing by our side,
In their embrace, we find comfort and pride.

In the tapestry of life, they are the threads,
Weaving a story that truly never ends.
Through trials and conquests, they share our quest,
In the warmth of their love, we are truly blessed.

R Anderson (Fourth Form)

In sickness and in health

Her smooth pale hand felt familiar in my own. The connection of our hands flooded me with the feeling of safety and comfort from deep within my heart. A feeling I could no longer experience as long as I live.

My name is Alex Quinn. I have jet black hair and a tanned, toned body, as well as blue eyes that glow in the sun. For three years, I was married to my wife, Ashe, who is 23 years old. She had long black hair and pale skin with green eyes that sparkled in light. She smelled of sweet lavender and early spring days with the voice of an angel. She secretly fought a battle against mental health problems and a traumatic past. She made sure to keep these issues unnoticed which resulted in dire consequences, which led to the call from the hospital.

I stood at the side of the pale blue hospital bed and held my wife's hand as she lay down. My vision was blurry, and my messy black hair got in my eyes. I could hear the bustle of the busy hospital around me while doctors tried to console me. Through the noise of the hospital, I heard as my wife's heart monitor went from a rhythmic beeping to a singular high-pitched note. I could taste warm water in my mouth as tears fell from my eyes, it was a salty and nauseating taste that unsettled my stomach. I felt as my wife's hand slowly went cold in my grasp as she faded away. The feeling of shock and despair filled me to my bones, as the truth dawned on me.

The smell of the sweet hospital air fooled my lungs as I tried to catch my breath. As the leading doctor spoke all else went quiet. He explained how my wife had died due to an overdose and how she had struggled with depression. I let go of her soft fragile hand as I made a promise to myself.

'In sickness and in health I will always love you'. At that moment I could only think about the importance of seeking help if you struggle with mental health and how the consequences can be very dire and, in my case, life-taking.

C Finlayson (Fourth Form)

Teenage Pressure

People do not acknowledge how a lot of teenagers struggle with their mental health, yet those who do are not doing much to help.

I have always been a good student. I would always engage in class discussions, help around the school if needed and have never once

inconvenienced any of my teachers with bad behaviour. I always put my studies and other school-related responsibilities first over everything because that was what was expected of me. Tests and projects were being handed out around the same time. Nonetheless I still made the top 20 and performed well in sports as well. Until one day it all came crashing down.

Slowly, over time, everything changed for the worse. After all the late-night study sessions, trying to fulfil their expectations and after-school activities I had finally burnt out. I stopped speaking up in class, got a lot more tired and performed poorly in everything. So much so that I stopped playing sports and passed with mere 50s and if I was lucky a 60%. It continued to go on like that for months, until October had come around.

October, also known as Mental Health month, had begun and it was a turning point in my life. My school is going all out for this. They have been holding assemblies, bringing in professionals and everything. It annoyed me that all of a sudden, mental health matters, but as soon as October is over, they will continue to disregard our health as usual.

My anger then slowly started to dissipate because during one of the assemblies I had an eye-opening moment. In that moment I realised I must take matters into my own hands. I sought out guidance from the school psychologist. Gradually, over time I had slowly improved and learnt to take the pressure off.

It is important that we put our health first because without it we will not be able to live a healthy life.

S Khumalo (Fourth Form)

The childhood home

As I drove by in my matte black Dodge Caliber, on a peaceful Friday evening, I saw it. A piece of me that I had long forgotten about, the place that held the keys to many of my fondest memories and many of my worst nightmares. I saw the home I grew up in, I saw my childhood home.

I parked my car on the side of the quiet road in Palm Springs, just to take a moment and admire my old home. I rolled down the window of my car and parked outside in the direction of the house. It was just as beautiful as we left it. I had always, from a young age, liked the slick geometric architecture of the house, the clean, sharp edges and shapes which made up the face of the house, but now I had a greater admiration for the house. It seemed as though it sparkled, as the sun's rays shone on the bright shen white paint on the exterior of the house. The grass was freshly cut, and its sharp blades



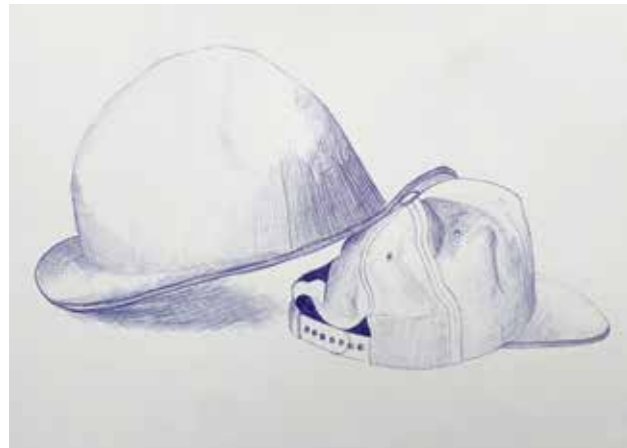
Wood Carving Assemblage

looked a dark green. The vibrantly coloured flowers in the front garden not only enhanced the theme of the house, but they released fresh aromas which pierced my nostrils with every breath I took. The birds sang sweet songs as they rested on the tall oak tree that overlooked the swimming pool, which looked like it had crystals dancing on the surface due to the sun reflecting off its clear water.

I was still admiring the beauty of the house when I was overwhelmed by the childhood memories which rushed through my head and the feeling of childhood nostalgia completely overtook my emotions. I felt my heart beating harder and harder as I began to recollect my old memories in this house, like the time my dad taught me how to ride a bike, and the Sunday lunches we used to have with my family where Mom would whip up the most mouthwatering dishes.

As I started the car and slowly began to drive off, I thought to myself, if only I could go back to the good old days in my childhood home and live freely without a single stress in the world, but I had to let those thoughts go.

B Pepu (Fourth Form)



J Tilbury (Fourth Form)

No longer a genius

The genius. That is what everyone calls me. From the furthest of my relatives to the closest of my friends. That's what they think of me, or at least that was what they thought of me.

After getting accepted in a prestigious high school using my exceptional grades from primary school, I was filled with joy, excited for my coming high school adventures thinking they would be filled with amazing stories to tell and great academic feats to brag about, not knowing that my actual path would be far more disappointing.

My journey started in my first year of high school. I thought I would do well enough to come somewhere in the top five, but I came seventh. Shocked at first, but I thought to myself that I wouldn't let it bother me and I would try harder next term. What followed was an ever-recurring wave of disappointment, each term my name dropped lower on the list, until it wasn't even there anymore.

It was at this point I realised that I'm no genius. I'm just someone who is above average and who has never interacted with actual geniuses. I was frustrated at myself and felt sour toward my parents who weren't frustrated at me. As the next year arrived, I'd come to accept the fact that I am average. To deal with these strong negative feelings I still had, I decided to play a sport which happened to be tennis. Playing tennis felt great. I would vent my frustrations on the ball, and it helped with my stress. The coach even mentioned I had potential, which made me happy, making me believe I could still be a genius at something.

That dream was short lived as I started to fall behind. Even the newcomers were getting placed on higher teams than I. That was my breaking point and I quit the club and barely applied myself academically. I was tired and

burnt out, I just wanted to do things I wanted to do. I wished to escape from all the pressure I gave myself thanks to a nickname from primary school. In the end, I did just that.

In my third and current year of high school, I've just been doing things at my pace. I never aim for the highest mark anymore. Anything above average is enough. I started hanging out with my friends more and I am the happiest I have ever been these last three years. I am no longer a genius, but I would rather be a happy average high schooler than someone who has been unsuccessfully chasing his former glory over a nickname he had in primary school.

N Thusi (Fourth Form)



A Barnes (Fourth Form)

The most important person in my life

Growing up, my mother was very close to me and taught me many important things, but personally, my foundation to becoming a good man, was laid by my father.

My father has always been there for me. He has also taught me many important life lessons and skills that school did not. He taught me how to ride a bike, tie my shoelaces, and how to treat a woman with respect. He always supports me through tough times and is my light to lighten up a dull day. He also always makes me feel safe and protected whenever I'm around him.

From a young age, my father taught me the difference between right and wrong. Whenever I did something wrong or misbehaved, he disciplined me, but whenever I did a good thing, he rewarded me, and that made me feel good, as if I had accomplished something. He did this to make sure I do more good than bad in my life. He also, very importantly, taught me how to stand up for myself and not to give in to bullies.

My dad has sacrificed so much for me. Every single rugby game I played, he would be there, every single athletics meeting I took part in, he has watched it. He has even sacrificed so much for me to be in College, and he has done it, because he thinks it is the best school in the world. Having such a wonderful dad makes me feel so loved and protected.

C Sweetnam (Third Form)

Courage in a dark time

We had to be courageous and strong, otherwise we wouldn't survive. The Holocaust was sickening, fatal and unfair. Why should someone have to lose their life? Because they were weaker, older, slower, but mainly because of their race?

On the train, we didn't know if we could trust the Germans, who said we were going to a work camp and would be able to go back home. We were anxious and worried. We should have been more worried though. The Nazis were sick people, for lying to us and torturing the Jews.

The Nazis didn't care about any Jews. They split us up and even separated children from their parents. They asked about jobs that we could perform and people who were strong with jobs went one way, and the others went the other way. Older, weaker and pregnant people were told to take a shower and sent straight into the gas chambers. Those people had all the right to live, why should their lives be taken away from them?

If it were not for courage in that very dark time, I would not have flicked the switch to lighten up the dark. If I was weak at any stage, I would end up as just another Jew who had died, unrecognised and forgotten by the world and dumped into a pit to rot.

If it were not for courage, I would not be able to start a family of my own and raise my kids, who I hope will never, ever have to go through the same treatment as I did.

I had to go through this and was very lucky to not end up like most of the Jews. This shows what courage in a dark time can do.

B Cook (Third Form)

The day my parents punished me unfairly

Looking back at my life, I was a carefree and quiet person. I did have slip-ups every now and then, but I was generally well-behaved. I believe that my parents moulded me to be like this.

My parents were not very strict, and I could get away with practically anything without punishments. I do, however, remember when I thought they took it a bit far. This took place when I was a teen, who was trying new, idiotic things.

My parents had a rule that I couldn't get in a car with a driver who was drunk. One day, however, I climbed out of the window of my bedroom at night and drank beer with friends. I got home safely at midnight, but just as I climbed back through my window, my parents were standing there, waiting for me.

Not even hell's fury could be compared to their faces. Their look of disappointment made the hairs on the back of my neck tingle. I knew I was in massive trouble when the excuses began. They could smell the alcohol on my breath. I had been caught.



L Mkhize (Fourth Form)

My punishment was that I couldn't go out with friends, I had all my devices confiscated and I couldn't play on my Xbox. I absolutely despised my parents for this and thought that they were being very dramatic for such a small issue. For the entire punishment, the tension was so thick that you could cut it with a knife.

Now that I look back at the incident, I understood why they reacted the way they did. They were only trying to protect me, and I would do the same for my children. I also learned a very important lesson, don't disobey your parents.

L Redman (Third Form)

Drumming

The rhythm in my head
The beat in my bones
It all comes together in interesting tones!

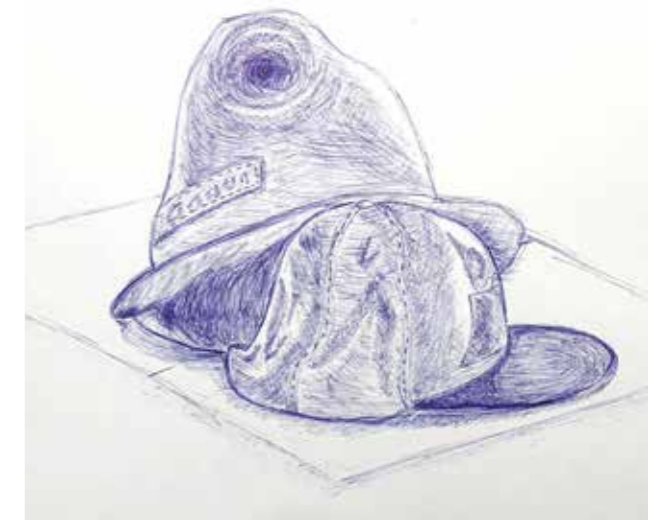
The taps in my hand
The jig in my feet
It all results in a tantalising beat!

The drums speak a language of their own
A friendship no one has ever known

Bones, tones
Feet, beat

This thing called drumming is an interesting feat.

E Gould (Second Form)



R Padayachee (Fourth Form)

The Clever Fox

In twilight's gentle, amber glow,
A fox emerges, sly and low,
With fur of russet, cunning bright,
He weaves through shadows, out of sight.

His eyes, like lanterns, gleam with fire,
In night's embrace, he's a proper liar,
A thief of moments, in the moon's embrace,
His silent paws, a dance of grace.

A creature of both dusk and dawn,
Of nature's pencil, he is drawn,
A brush of life, where secrets keep,
The clever fox, burrowing deep.

N Saville (Second Form)

Spring is nigh

Yesterday, today and tomorrow, purple and white
Orchids in full bloom, what a sight!
Woolly-necked storks soaring high above
Frisky pigeons showing some love.

The smell of jasmine hanging heavy in the air.
Flat crowned Albizia fully shed and looking bare
Trees are budding and waiting for more light
Croaking frogs keeping me up at night

Lawns and hedges waking from their slumber
September 1st is usually the right number
Days slowly starting to get longer
Change of season sees the winds stronger

Yellow-billed kites flying way up high
A sure sign that spring is nigh

J White (Second Form)

It Starts Here

Dribbling, shooting, soaring high
On the court, where dreams touch the sky
With every bounce, the rhythm flows,
In the game, where true passion glows.

Jumping high, reaching for the hoops
Teamwork and skill, a winning group
The sound of sneakers on the floor
The thrill of victory, wanting more.

From layups to dunks, the crowd roars
As players give their all, and so much more,
Basketball, a game of grace and might
Where legends are made, shining bright.

W Mbanjwa (Second Form)

A Brush with Death

Have you ever had a heart attack, or a panic attack and drift in between consciousness? No? Well, I had that fun experience. To this day I have no idea why I let my sister talk me into it.

My sister Sheila had always been an adrenaline junkie, and always made the most dangerous decisions she could. She made that decision just like any other when she bought those skydiving tickets. Sheila could sell ice to an Eskimo, that's how good she was at convincing people. She roped me into this thing.

Sheila and I drove to the place where the guide taught us all the guidelines and made us sign an indemnity the size of a dictionary. After that we suited up.

The plane looked like it had been taped, glued and held together with a prayer. After I said a few of my own we boarded and next thing I know the submarine with wings is at 30,000 feet! I was terrified. Let me emphasise this bit, I did not jump. I was pushed!

I'm hurtling to the ground and that is where I received the symphony of assaults on my body and consciousness. I tried pulling up, but it was no use. My parachute was jammed. Fortunately, Sheila caught up to me and yanked my parachute. I was saved! Sheila then pulled up too and that was the end. When we landed, I hugged Sheila and we were both happy to be alive. That was my brush with death.

J Naidoo (Second Form)



J Anderson (Fourth Form)

A New Me in 2023

I find that 2023 is already hard. I left my small private school, where I was a day boy, to now come to a big government school, where I'm a boarder. Boarding is hard and all of us hate it, especially me. It will get easier, though.

In 2023 I am giving it my all to academics and sport. I'm trying hard to get 75% and above for all subjects. I have already done well this year in sport, making the U14A team for water polo. Now I am pushing myself into making either U14B or U14A for rugby. I am working very hard for that. I also have had early morning swimming on Tuesdays and Thursday. We start at 05:00 in the morning!

Being a boarder, I now realise how much my parents do for me. I love them so much and I cherish the time I spend with them over the weekend. I want to build an even stronger bond with my parents this year. I am a lot more grateful for my parents now. I hope I make them very proud of me this year. I am going to do my very best this year and I'm going to give it my all.

D Volans (Second Form)

Sky Diving

Suddenly I felt a rush in my body. I feel motionless, as I fall through the sky. Clinging onto my parachute as if my life depended on it and feeling the wind in my face as I get thrown back to earth like a ball.

Let me get back to how it all started. It was a fresh Saturday morning. I was driving in my car to the airport because I had decided to go skydiving! When I arrived, I was greeted by my fellow idiots who have no reason to live. Eventually, it's time to take off.

I feel uncomfortable in this 'Oros-man' suit with a backpack with what is going to save me from death. I stand nervously at the door of the plane, ready to jump. My heart breaking a couple of ribs in its mission to leave my body. I then take a leap of faith and jump. It's a feeling I can't explain.

I start to pray for my life as I fall back to Earth. Then suddenly, I hear a beeping noise and it's time to deploy the parachute. I yank on the cord aggressively in order to live. My parachute deploys and I glide back to Earth like an eagle that is stalking his prey. The view is something spectacular.

When I got back to the ground, I realised it was all just a dream.

J Worthmann (Second Form)

AFRIKAANSE SKRYFWERK

My laaste dag op skool

Daar kom 'n tyd in 'n mens se lewe wanneer 'n hoofstuk afgesluit word en 'n nuwe een begin. Vir my was dit die laaste dag by die skool. 'n Dag wat gevul was met soveel emosies: hartseer, vrees, gepaardgaande met opgewondenheid.

Die oggend het begin met die klanke van skoolklokke wat hard lui. 'n Klank wat ek jare en jare lank gehoor het. My hart het met 'n mengsel van blydschap en weemoed geklop. Almal het daardie dag by die skool aangekom. Sommige was vrolik met glimlaggende gesigte en sommige was hartseer met tranen in hulle oë. Persoonlik het ek nie geweet hoe om te voel nie.

Die tyd het vinnig verbygevlug. Die laaste les se klok het gelui. Die tyd het aangebreek om vir die laaste keer my geliefde onderwysers en skoolmaats te groet. Selfs die streng onderwysers van wie ek nie gehou het nie, het ek nog steeds gaan groet en hulle bedank vir hulle harde werk en omgee. Ek was verpletter. Om die onderwysers te sien huil, het my laat huil. Om my vriende vir die laaste keer te sien, het my hart gebreek.

My laaste dag by die skool sal ek nooit vergeet nie. Dit was 'n dag van afsluiting, maar dit was ook 'n dag van 'n nuwe begin. Ek was opgewonde oor die avonture wat voorlê. Dit was die begin van my eie onafhanklike en verantwoordelike lewe. Ek sal altyd die lewenslesse wat my onderwysers my geleer het, koester en toepas om suksesvol te wees in die harde wêreld wat voorlê.

Die laaste dag was 'n dag van afskeid, maar ook 'n dag van dankbaarheid vir al die mense wat my deur die jare ondersteun en geïnspireer het. Hierdie skool, Maritzburg College, sal altyd 'n baie spesiale plek in my hart hê.

T Buthelezi (Sixth Form)



J Slevin (Third Form)

As jy droom, kan jy dit doen. Is dit waar?

Verby is die dae, die dae van inkleurboeke en kaalvoet rondhardloop, die dae van kleilatgooi op ons familieplaas en wegkruipertjie in die tuin speel. 'Jy is nou 'n man', sê hulle, 'die wêreld is jou oester!' Maar hoekom moet ek 'n sekere pad kies? Ek wens ek kon net my ma vra 'Ma, wat moet my toekoms wees?'

Die druk van skool is besig om my siel te vernietig en laat my drome sommer net in die niet verdwyn. Hoe kan ek my drome volg? Die verwagting is om 'n kantoorwerk te hê en 'n goeie salaris te verdien. Hoe kan ek my drome volg? Hoe is dit moontlik dat ek so vinnig 'n volwassene geword het?

'Ma, wat moet my toekoms wees?'

My broers en susters studeer of werk. Hulle weet presies wat hul toekoms gaan wees maar ek is nog baie onseker. Hoekom is hulle drome so normaal? Hoekom word myne as abnormaal beskou? Ek droom om my passie te volg, maar dit voel asof die wêreld nee uitskree!

'Ma, wat moet my toekoms wees?'

Wil ek my drome volg, of wil ek rykdom najaag? My passie of die geld? Ek wens om my musiekdrome te verwesenlik en om vir die Here te speel. Ek droom, ek droom, ek droom en dit voel asof die wêreld nee, nee, nee sê.

'Ma, wat moet my toekoms wees?'

Ek droom om meer tyd in die natuur te spandeer. Ek wens om saam met laggende mense te wees. Ek wens om elke aand na die son te kyk as hy agter die horison verdwyn. Ek kan myself nie voorstel om daaglik in 'n kantoor weggesteek te sit nie. Ek droom om 'n gelukkige lewe te hê al is dit nie 'n volmaakte lewe nie. Ek wil nie soos 'n skaap sy trop volg nie.

'Ma, wat moet my toekoms wees?'

Noord, suid, oos en wes, alles is dieselfde binne-in my kop. Die wrede wêreld is te groot maar my punte is te laag. Ek is 'n verlore kind in 'n groot woud, waar die drome van 'n kind soos die drome van 'n hanswors voel.

Ek bid, nag en dag, vir rigting in my lewe. Here, ek is bang, hoekom is die pad so toegroei? Ek kan probeer om my drome te volg, maar dit gaan een van die moeilikste besluite in my lewe wees.

Ek mis die dae toe my ouers in beheer van my lewe was. Ek mis die dae toe ek my ma kon vra.

'Ma, wat moet my toekoms wees?'

J Conolly (Sixth Form)

Iets tragies het gebeur...

Terwyl ek daar onder die sand op my maag met my arms voor my uitgestrek gelê het, het ek die gevoel in my bene begin verloor en begin sukkel om asem te haal. Ek het toe geweet dat my tyd aangebreek het.

Ek en my broer het by my geliefde oma wat op die Suidkus gaan aftree het, gaan kuier. Dit was die Paasweek en ons was so opgewonde om by die see te kon vakansie hou. Ons het elke dag in die heerlike son gebaljaar en gehoop dat ons spesiale tydjie nooit sal eindig nie. Maar op die laaste dag het iets tragies gebeur.

Dit was 'n helder somersoggend en die lug was potblou. 'n Sagte briesie het my nek gekielie. Ek en my broer was besig om 'n tunnel in 'n sandduin te grawe. Ons twee het uitbundig gelag van opgewondenheid terwyl ons al dieper en dieper gegrawe het.

Die tunnel was nou baie diep. My hele liggaam was nou ver binne-in die tunnel terwyl ek probeer het om al die sand met 'n grafie uit te haal. Ek het dieper en dieper binne die toneel ingekruip om nog meer sand uit te grawe. Net toe ek vir my broer geskree het dat ek 'n groot oordeelsfout gemaak het, het die kante van die sandduin onverwags begin inval en die tunnel het stadig in mekaar begin tuimel. Ek kon nie omdraai nie. Ek kon nie vorentoe beweeg nie. Ek was onder 'n hoop sand vasgevang. Ek het probeer om myself los te wikkkel, geskop, gekrap, maar dit was alles verniet. Die sandduin het my verswelg.



L Mkhize (Fourth Form)

Die golwe wat teen rotse gebreek het, was die enigste geluid wat ek in die verte kon hoor. Ek was alleen en so bang om dood te gaan. My veglus om te oorleef het stadig begin verdwyn. Ek was totaal en al uitgeput.

Skielik het ek iets bokant my kop hoor grawe. Iemand het my probeer help. Dit was my broer! Hy het gelukkig vinning gereageer en toe die tunnel my ingesluk het, het hy onmiddellik begin grawe. My broer het my gered!

Toe ek uiteindelik my kragte herwin het en opgestaan het, het ek vir my broer die langste drukkie ooit gegee. Ons altwee het met rooi gehulde oë huis toe gestap. Ons het altwee besef hoe ontsettened lief ons vir mekaar is en hoe kosbaar die lewe is. Ek is vandag dankbaar dat ek nog 'n kans in die lewe gekry het.

L du Toit (Sixth Form)



J Craig (Third Form)

Die dag wat ek nooit sal vergeet nie

Uiteindelik! Na wat soos 'n ewigheid gevoel het, het ek die wonderlike geleentheid gekry om weer in die majestueuse Drakensberge te gaan stap. Die gedagte om weer daardie pragtige, ruie paadjies te kan klim, het my weer eens uiters opgewonde en vol afwagting laat voel.

'n Maklike, ontspannende driedaelange-ekspedisie saam met 'n paar van my spesiale vriende was net wat ek nodig sou hê. Die klimtog sou 'n geleentheid skep om te ontspan asook om die skoonheid te waardeer en rustigheid van die natuur te ervaar.

Hoe verkeerd was ek! Ons vertrekdag het op 'n helder- en sonskynsdag aangebreek en die motorrit van Hilton na Injasuthi, geleë in die voorheuwels van die Drakensberge, het vir ons 'n voorsmakie gegee van die opwindende tyd wat voorlê. Met ons aankoms het ons vrolike, opgewekte groep gou ons veters vasgemaak en ons rugsakke op ons rûe vasgemaak. Met 'n huppel in ons stap was ons gou op pad, maar nie vir lank nie.

Net toe ons die kruin van 'n besonderde steil paadjie bereik het, het ek 'n paniekbevange gil gehoor. Ons genotvolle uitstappie het pas 'n drastiese wending vir die ergste geneem. My beste maat, Dan het op 'n los rots getrap wat onder sy voete padgegee het, en hy het dadelik teen die steil bergkant afgeval. Benoud het 'n paar van ons ons rugsakke op die grond neergegooi en ongemaklik teen die helling na ons vriend geskarrel terwyl die ander probeer het om 'n selfoonsein te vind om die bergreddingspan te ontbied. Toe ons uiteindelik by Dan aankom, was hy in 'n slegte toestand. Sy kopwond het baie gebloeï en sy been was sigbaar gebreek. Dit het soos 'n ewigheid gevoel voordat ons die vertroostende geluid van 'n helikopter gehoor het en minute later was ons beseerde vriend stadig en versigtig na veiligheid gevlieg.

Ek en my vriende was totaal en al verslae oor wat gebeur het en het vir ure daarna in skok verkeer. Dit het 'n geruime tyd gevat voordat ons in staat was om voort te gaan met ons staptog. Nie na die grot soos ons aanvanklik beplan het nie, maar terug na die motorparkeerplek waar ons so gou as moontlik by die hospitaal wou uitkom. Ons het in geskokte stilte gery en niemand kon praat oor wat pas gebeur het nie totdat ons deur die verpleegster verseker is dat Dan volkome sou herstel.

Dit was beslis die skrikwekkendste ervaring van my lewe en 'n skerp herinnering aan hoe vinnig ongelukke kan gebeur.

R Froise (Sixth Form)

Sjuut, of ek skiet!

Nee! Ek skree terwyl my kop met 'n sak bedek word. 'Sjuut, of ek skiet!' sê 'n man in 'n vreemde stem. Terwyl ek stoei en om hulp skree, maal duisende gedagtes deur my kop. 'Word ek ontvoer? Wat gaan hulle met my doen? Wil hulle my doodmaak?'

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

Voordat ek tot verhaal kon kom, word ek in die wêreld se ongemaklikste stoel geprop. My polse en enkels is vasgebind en daar is 'n slegte, klam reuk in die lug.

'n Geluid dring deur my malende gedagtes. Hierdie geluid het my laat vergeet van die slegte situasie waarin ek my bevind. Ek onthou hierdie geluid – dit het geklink soos die lieflike stem van my beste vriend wat ek in 2022 verloor het.

Al die herinneringe van ek en Thomas se vriendskap speel in my kop af. Die kere toe ons die wiskunde onderwyser met papierballe geskiet het en ook toe ons elke Vrydagaand vir 'n roomys na 'Milky Lane' toe gegaan het.

My herinneringe is versteur toe ek harde voetstappe hoor naderkom. Die deur word oopgeruk en ek word van die stoel afgepluk. 'Eina!' skree ek, 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 verrassingspartyjie gereël.

'Seun, ons almal sien hoe jy meer en meer in jou dop kruip omdat jy vir Thomas so mis. Vandag begin 'n nuwe fase in jou lewe en Thomas het gevra dat ons hierdie liedjie wat hy vir jou geskryf het speel', sê my pa met 'n stem vol emosie.

Die vertrek vul weer met die lieflike stem van Thomas en ek het gevoel dat my beste vriend, my broer, saam met my was!

T Ganie (Sixth Form)

Hoe steek ek dit weg?

Kardoe! Dit was die klank wat daardie noodlottige dag deur ons dorp weergalm het. Ek het instinktief geweet wat dit was. Ons is deur ons buurland aangeval. Elkeen was nou aan sy eie lot in hierdie speletjie van lewe en dood oorgelaat.

Ek en my beste vriend, Ben, het met die trappe afgeskarrel. Ons moes dringend by die ondergrondse skuiling uitkom. Ons het ook veiligheidshelms, vir beskerming teen vlieënde rotse van die ontploffings, gedra.

Terwyl ons in die straat afgehardloop het, het ons mense hoor skree en hulle het verbouereerd rondgehardloop. Die oorweldigende angs en stres het mense laat hiperventileer, en die verstikkende rookreuk het nie veel gehelp nie.

Ontploffings was oral rondom ons hoorbaar. Geboue het begin vlamvat en mense moes vinnig ontruim.

Ons het deur 'n baie traumatiese en grusame toneel gehardloop. Ons het bomme in die verte gesien ontplof, gevolg deur rooi stofwolke. Stukke weefsel van dooie liggames het oral gestrooi gelê en die grond was met bloed bevlek. Kinders het hysteries geskree en hulle het hulle oë en ore met hulle hande toegedruk terwyl hulle liggaampies van angs gebewe het. My hart het in my keel geklop toe ek 'n klein kindjie oor 'n liggaam van sy geliefde ma sien lê het en haar naam roep, onwetend dat sy nie gaan antwoord nie. Daardie oomblik het my hart in flarde geskeur en dit spook nou nog, na al die jare, by my.

Ons was net 30 meter weg van die ondergrondse skuiling toe iets onverwags gebeur het. 'n Granaat het sowat 10 meter van ons twee af geland. Ons het vinnig omgedraai en probeer weghardloop.

Skielik het die bom ontplof! Ek het met 'n swaar slag op die grond neergeval, terwyl ek my ore gegryp het en van die ondraaglike pyn geskree

het. 'n Bomskerf het my getref! Toe ek my bewussyn herwin het, het ek dadelik vir Ben gesoek. Ek het hom gevind en met skok besef dat die onderste deel van sy lyf onder 'n yslike stuk beton vasgevang was. Ek het die beton probeer skuif maar my krag was nie genoeg nie. Ek het van al die bloedverlies swakker en swakker begin voel.

Ek het gesien dat Ben met bloed bedek was. Ek het besef dat dit my finale oomblik saam met hom was. Daar was 'n vreemde roggeluid in sy keel en sy oë het begin terugrol.

Hy was nou verlos uit sy ongemak en onuithoudbare pyn maar ek het met 'n gebroke hart lank by hom gestaan en huil en gehoop dat hy sy oë weer sal oopmaak.

Hoe steek ek dit weg? Die antwoord is: Ek kan nie. Die pyn bly in my geheue, maar Ben sal verewig in my hart voortlewe.

D Pillay (Sixth Form)

Daardie dag sal ek nooit vergeet nie

Doef! Doef! Doef! My hart het so hart in my bors geklop dat ek dit selfs in my ore kon hoor. Op daardie noodlottige dag was elke mens vir homself in 'n spel van lewe en dood gewikkel.

Die Rolandkanaal was versteek in die hartjie van Suid-Amerika. Met die helder sonskyn en die sagte Augustusbriesie teen ons gesigte was ek en my beste maat, Ethan, alleen in die natuur. Ons boot het heen en weer gewieg terwyl die water op die oppervlak gekabbel het. Die lyne van ons visstokke het roerloos in die water gelê. In die verte het die muur van bome verveeld gelyk. Hulle het lank gestaan en kyk hoe die jare verbygegaan het. Die klein kleurvolle voëltjies het trots op die takke gesit om die natuur se musiek te maak.

Die wind het soos klam mos en nat gras geruik. Ek het die staptog op die naaldbedekte paadjie onthou. Dit was ons brugjaar, 'n tyd om na 'n strevolle jaar te ontspan. Stadig het die son begin om agter die blaredak weg te kruip en die lug met rooi en goud gekleur.

Uit die bloute het die weer skielik opgesteek! Die hemelruin het na 'n grys kleur verander terwyl donker wolke ingerol het. Die snepende wind het deur die bome gejaag. Mis het die kanaal soos 'n kombers bedek en die donderweer het in die verte gerammel terwyl ons boot hoog oor die onstuimige golwe gesprong het.

Skielik het die boot gekantel en ons is wreed oorboord gestoot. Ons is deur die ysige water ingesluk. Instinktief het ek terug na die boot probeer swem. Toe my kop uit die water gebars het, het ek myself in die boot opgetrek en vir Ethan geskree, maar die donderweer was oorverdowend. Ek het hom gesien en so vinnig as wat ek kon, na hom gesnel om en sy koue liggaam in die boot in te trek. Desperaat het ek hom geskud, maar niks nie. Ek het vir hom geskree. Nog steeds niks nie. Koue rillings het teen my rug afgerol.

Toe ek die plas bloed rondom hom opgemerk het, het ek besef dat dit my laaste oomblikke saam met my vriend was. 'n Roggeluid het uit sy keel ontsnap en sy oë het teruggerol. Hy het stadig die doodsang ontlip en in die hiernamaals (life after death) weggedryf terwyl ek sy lewlose liggaam vasgehou het.

Hierdie herinneringe sal altyd in my geheue ingebrand wees. Daardie dag sal ek nooit vergeet nie.

T Ramdhass (Sixth Form)



M Msimangi (Third Form)

Die dae van toe...

Die walmreuk soos die van gebrande papier van die opgehoopte glasbakke vol van ou, gebruikte sigarette vul my woonstelkamer. Nie eers die voëls met hul tjirpgeluidjies wil my meer besoek nie. Teen my gevlekte mure, kruip daar nog ou fotorame met familie – en skoolfoto's agter die stof en spinnerakkies weg. As ek so daarna staar, word ek oorweldig deur die geheue en herinneringe van toe. Hulle gryp aan my en ek word teruggetrek na die ou gekleurde fotos. Terug, na daardie dae toe.

Binne 'n stil klaskamer, my ou klasmaats van tevore wat aandagtig vorentoe staar, diep gefokus en die stamp-stamp – geluid van meneer Engelbrecht se dik, swart skoene op die houtvloer. 'Oom Dikkes', het ons altyd gefluister. Dit was altyd een of ander uitveër of potlood wat teen ou Dikkes se bleskop sou beland. En dit is waar die lesse eers opwindend geraak het. Die aanhoudende draibeweging van sy nek terwyl hy op die groot witbord probeer skryf het of wanneer hy skielik omgeswaai het en ons aangegluur het terwyl ons gesukkel het om ons lag in te hou.

Dan was daar die dae sonder enige verantwoordelijkheid!

Ek lê op my bed om te rus na 'n opwindende dag by die skool sonder enige probleme. My ma is daar. En Pa is op pad terug van sy werk af. Ek spandeer die res van my middag met my oë vasgenaël op my helder selfoonskerm, terwyl ek allerhande boodskappe vir vriende stuur. Niks kan verkeerd gaan nie.

'n Ligte briesie gevul met rook neem my terug na die woonstel. Ek staar steeds na die foto's. Al wat ek kan doen is om te hunker na die goeie ou dae. Die dae van toe. Daardie dae is verby. Kon net sê 'n droom gewees het. Maar my dae van drome is ook verby. So daar is nou niks meer oor nie.

G Roux (Sixth Form)

Die laaste eksamen van my hoërskoollewe

Dié spesifieke dag was Donderdag, 30 November 2023. Die laaste dag van die Nasionale Senior Sertifikaat eksamens. Ek het by die eksamenlokaal ingestap. Die atmosfeer was gespanne. Ek kon my hartklop in my keel voel klop. Ek het soveel gemengde emosies belewe terwyl ek na my lessenaar toe gestap het. My hele liggaam het erg begin bewe en sweetdruppels het op my voorkop geblink. Ek was angsbevange! Wat het ek geskryf? Afrikaans! Vraestel drie! Die eksamenlokaal was doodstil en ek kon myself hoor asemhaal. Ek het innerlike konflik belewe. 'Hoekom is jy so bang? Dit is dan die laaste vraestel van die jaar!' het ek met myself geredeneer. Maar ek weet hoekom. Dit is Afrikaans, my moeilikste vak en dan nog vraestel drie daarby, my ergste vraestel. Ek het nie geweet hoe om te voel nie. Ek het omtrent die hele woordeboek die dag voor die eksamen probeer leer! Maar was dit genoeg voorbereiding?

Ek het die vraestel ooggemaak. Ek het gebid vir 'n onderwerp waaroor ek kon skryf. Ongelukkig was daar nie een onderwerp waarmee ek kon identifiseer nie. Wat nou? Maar ek het my pen stadig opgetel en begin skryf. Ek het geskryf en geskryf maar die tyd het stadig verbygegaan. Twee ure het soos 'n leeftyd gevoel. Net die klank van die toesighouer se hoëhakskoene op die vloer wat op en af tussen die lessenaars beweeg het, asook die geluid van die muurhorlosie se tik-tok, tik-tok was hoorbaar. Ek het by die venster uitgekyk en die tyd omgewens. Die bewegende bome, kalm soos die see het in kontras met my antwoordboekie, 'n inkwarboel, gestaan. Woorde en sinne was doodgekrap en Tipex was op elke bladsy sigbaar.

'Nog net tien minute', word deur die toesighouer aangekondig. Die laaste tien minute tot ons vryheid ervaar. Die laaste tien minute van angs en slapelose nagte.

'Sit julle penne neer!' Vier woorde wat ek nooit sal vergeet nie. Hierdie woorde het die einde van ons magteloosheid en die begin van ons vryheid aangekondig!

N Tsvuura (Sixth Form)

'n Nagmerrie-ondervinding

Ek het wakkergekrik met my hande op die koue, kaal sementvloer. Ek het nie komberse of beddegoed om my warm te hou nie. Ek het net my ma se lyk wat styf teen my lê. Ek kan hoor hoe mense skree en kerm. Wat gaan aan?

Ons verroeste eenvoudige sinkdakhuisie staan op 'n verlate stuk grond. Hierdie eenslaapkamer- huisie lyk eintlik heeltemal normaal. Ek kyk by die een vierkantige gaatjie in die muur uit. Dit is ons venster maar dit het nie glas nie. Buite heers daar chaos. Mense jaag ander mense en iemand slaan 'n ander persoon. Dit voel soos my ergste nagmerrie wat voor my afspeel. Wat gaan aan?

Skielik swaai ons voordeur oop. Wit mense in uniforms storm sonder 'n uitnodiging by die deur in. Hulle skree vir my ma en hulle vra haar soveel vrae. 'n Man spoeg sommer in haar gesig. Hulle toon geen respek nie. Sy huil en hulle sleep haar by ons huisie uit. Waarheen vat hulle my ma?

My hart klop vinniger en vinniger. Sweet en tranes stroom by my wange af. My kop maal van angs. Dit voel of ek gaan flou val van skok. Dit is alles net te veel. Wanneer sal hierdie nagmerrie- ondervinding eindig? Ek besef dit is nie 'n nagmerrie nie want die pyn is te werklik. My magie gor want ek het twee dae gelede geëet. My ma is belangriker. Waar is sy? Ek weet nie wat om te doen nie. Wat gaan aan?

Sy sal terugkom! Sy moet terugkom! Sal sy terugkom? Ek hoop met my hele hart dat ek weer haar mooi oë sal sien. Ek moet bly glo. Ek moet glo dat sy sal terugkom terwyl ek vir haar wag.

Toe sit ek my hande op die koue, kaal sementvloer. Hierdie keer sonder my ma.

K Hopkins (Fifth Form)

Daar is niks so lekker soos 'n Kaap vakansie nie

Ek is nie een om die aap uit die mou te laat nie, maar kan ek net sê dat die Wes-Kaap die beste vakansieplek in die land is.

Ek het vir 'n week na die beroemde Kaapstad gereis. Dit was my eerste keer in die Wes-Kaap en dit was ongelooflik. Die eerste dag het ons na die yslike Tafelberg geneem. Al my vriende het my vertel dat Tafelberg so plat soos 'n pannekoek was, maar ek was skepties. Ons het die kabelkarretjie tot bo geneem en toe kon ek eers sien dat hulle nie gelieg het nie.

Die volgende vyf dae het ons wynlande, marke en kaasplase besoek. My ouers het selfs wyn en geskenke vir die res van ons familie gekoop. Ek en my boetie kon ongelukkig nie enige van daardie wyn geproe het nie omdat ons nog te jonk was. Die laaste dag van die vakansie het ek en my pa besluit ons wil Leeukop gaan klim. Ons het my boetie uitgenooi, maar hy kon die kat uit die boom kyk en kon sien hoeveel werk dit sou wees. Ons het in totaal ses ure op en af geklim en dit was besonders om die spierwit golwe en die potblou see te sien.

Al was ek net 'n week in die Kaap was dit tog die beste vakansie van my lewe.

E Bester (Fourth Form)

My buitengewone ervaring in Kaapstad.

My vakansie in Kaapstad was die wonderlikste ervaring. Die berglug van Tafelberg was so vars en die uitsigte om elke draai was asemrowend.

Ek en my gesin het die stad van Pietermaritzburg se gedruis agtergelaat en onself in die rustige omgewing van die berge bevind. Toe ons op die Kaapstad lughawe geland het, het die dag net begin met die son wat agter die bergtoppe van Tafelberg opgekom het. Ons het die dag met opgewondenheid begin om die omgewing te verken.

Ek en my gesin het op die klipperige staptog van Tafelberg gegaan. Die geluide van voëls en die reuk van vars aarde, het ons gemoed tot ruste gebring. Terwyl ons die berg geklim het, het ons die helderblou water van die strand gesien. Ek was egter nie voorbereid op wat ek gesien het nie.



B Botha (Fourth Form)

Op die piek van Tafelberg was ons deur 'n kristalhelder waterval begroet en die asemrowende uitsigte van die natuurskoon van Kaapstad en Tafelberg. Die sonsondergang was 'n uitsig wat ek nooit sal vergeet nie.

My vakansie in die Kaap het my hart sielsvreugde gebring. Dit was 'n buitengewone ervaring en ook my gunsteling vakansie. Van die asemrowende uitsigte tot die kristalhelder blou water. Niks kan hierdie vakansie klop nie.

S Naidoo (Fourth Form)

Sport Gee my balans

Skoolwerk, my ouers en my vriende sit my onder so baie druk, ek wonder partykeer hoe ek nog lewe. Wel die antwoord is sport. Deur al die druk is sport weer wat asem in my insit.

Van die minuut wat ek opstaan in die oggend tot die laaste klok by die skool lui, is ek onder baie druk. So baie druk en ek wonder soms of ek nog lewe, maar soos ek gesê het is dit rugby of sport wat my lewendig hou. Sodra ek my toks aantrek en die rugbybal optel, is al die druk wat ek het, weg. Sport laat my vry voel asof niks in die wêreld my kan raak nie. Sport help nie net vir my nie, maar my familie en vriende sê ook dat sport hulle gehelp het om druk te hanteer.

In my geval was sport die liefde van my lewe. Ek hoef nie elke week 'n sjokolade te koop nie. Al wat sport vra is dat ek my alles gee en nooit opgee nie, maar die beste van alles is dat ek net myself kan wees.

Ek sal graag sport of rugby as 'n loopbaan wil volg as ek met skool klaar is. Sport gee my balans in die lewe.

L Sinkfontein (Fourth Form)

ISIZULU IMIBHALO YOKUZIQAMBELA

Uhamba Nomndeni Wami Engingasoze Ngalukhohlwa

Uhamba lwami nomndeni olwaletha injabulo eningi kumina. Into ekumele yenzeke noma kanye nonyaka ngoba ilapha uzijabulisa khona nomndeni wakho.

Savuka ekuseni nomndeni wami silibhekise eThekwini ebhishi lapha siyozijabulisa khona. Safaka yonke impahla yethu emotweni saqeda lapho sayogeza, sagqoka sashaya imoto sahamba. Endleleni eyakhona eThekwini sasixoxa ngohambo esike salujhamba eminyakeni edlule. Sakhumbuzana ngezinto ezenzeka kulolu hambo lwethu ezaaletha ukuhleka emotweni. Safike sama endleleni sathenga okuncane okuya ngasethunjini.

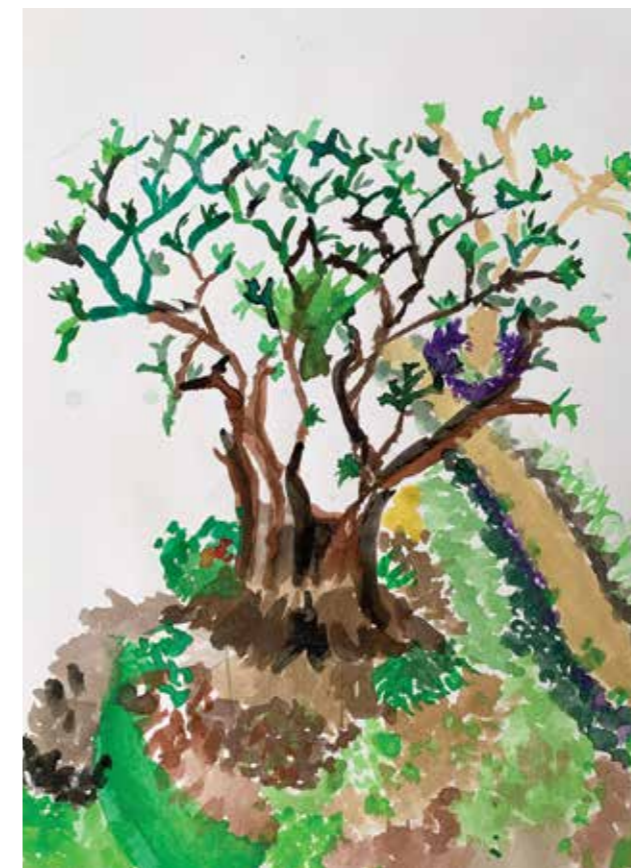
Safika qathatha ngehora lokuqala emini ebhishi. Sakhhipha imithwalo yethu yonkew saqala sahamba ngezinyawo siyobhaka indawo yokuhlala ngoba kwakugcwele ngendlela emangalisayo khona ebhishi. Sayithola indawo yokuhala sabeka phansi izimpahla zethu kahle sashona khona emanzini. Umuntu wabhukuda isikhathi eside emanzini bese ethatha ikhefu aphindele khona futhi emanzini.

Ngabhukuda ngakhathala ngagcina sengizidlalela ibhola lezinyawo nomngani wami engizitholele yena khona ebhishi. Sadlala laze layozilahla kunina ilanga umama wami wangibiza wathi sekuyisikhathi sokuphinda ekhaya ngoba kwase kuqala ukuba mnyama. Ngavalelisa kumngani wami, ngaphatha izimpahla esasifike nazo ngazifaka emotweni.

Sasuka ngehora lesithupha ebusuku saphindela ekhaya. Endleleni ebuyela ekhaya samisa imoto esitolo esidayisa izibiliboco safike sathenga izinto ezimnandi. Ubaba wasimemeza nomama wami wathi sekuyisikhathi sokuhamba. Ngafika emotweni ngadla izibiliboco zami ngalala ngaze ngafika ekhaya. Ngehlisa izimpahla ngikhathele nginjalo ngashona egumbini lami lokulala.

Sengiphetha, ngifuna ukusho ukuthi kumele sizijwayeze ukuzikhipha nemindeni yethu ngoba kuletha injabulo emangalisayo Phakathi emndenini.

F Simelane (Sixth Form)



M Manyathi (Third Form)

Usizi Esabhekana Nalo Mhla Ubaba Elahlekelwa Umsebenzi

Mhla ubaba elahlekelwa umsebenzi kuvele kwaba mnyama yonke into. Nasekhaya kwagcine sekothiwa ukhuni lwedungamuzi. Kanti vele akukho muzi ongathunqi ntuthu.

Wonke umuntu ebese dumele ngenxa yaso lesi simo sababa. Bekungekho kuhle neze neze ukubona umzali ephatheke kabi, lokho kugcine sekusithelele sonke endlini. Bese kucaca ukuthi igudu selishe amanzi, inhlupheko bese siyibona ingqongqoza emnyango. Kungekho ndlela yokuyixosha.

Izinkinga zaba ziningi, izivunguvungu zahlasela, kwagcwala izikweleti. Isimo bese sibucayi ngampela bekungathi inkomo iwe ngophondo. Nasemphakathini bese kubonakala ukuthi ekhaya kukwangcede omhlophe, kodwa into eyangimangaza kakhulu ukuthi belungekho uzwelo obelukhona kubona bekungathi yibona ababesifisela okubi empilweni.

Usizi ebesebhekene naso belulubi ngale ndlela engachazeki, kuze kwafika kulesi sigaba sokuthi sicele komashonisa ukuthi basixhase ngenkece. Ngebhadi nathi besingakwazi ukubakhokhela le mali abasiboleka yona, bagcine sebesithathela izimpahla zethu endlini. Kwathathwa umabonakude, osofa bethu abakanokusho, ifiriji yonke nje ifenisha ebesebese yavesane yanyamalala ngokucwayizwa kweso.

Besizama zonke izindlela zokudla izambane likapondo. Kungalungi lutho sagcina ngakho ukudla imbuya ngithi. Kukubi futhi kugqilaza umoya ukubona ezinye izingane zijabule emakubo, zingasokoli. Ugcine usufisa ngenhliziyi yakho yonke ukuba sezicathulweni zazo lezo zingane eziphila ntofo ntofo.

Besingenalo ithemba ukuthi siyoke siphume kuleli lifu elimnyama, kanti into esingayinakanga ukuthi ukuwa kwendlu ukuvuka kwenye. Ekugcineni intendele iwe enkundleni emndenini wakithi ubaba wagcine ethola omusha sha umsebenzi obungcono kunawo lo wokuqala. Yonke into yagcina ibuyele esimweni sayo sakuqala. Nathi izinto zagcine sezisikhanyela, singasaphili ngendlala nangokufisa izinto.

Usizi yinto embi ngampela futhi siyinto engingasifiseli nanesitha sami ngoba kunzima ukuphila ngosizi ngifisa sengathi wonke umuntu angashaya umbalane ngendlela enhle futhi ethokozisayo.

M Zuma (Sixth Form)



Z Moses (Fourth Form)

Mhla ngifika endaweni entsha

“Sizo hlala endaweni eku” Umama wangitshela lokhu loku ngo Masingana. Ngangijabule kakhulu. Ngacabanga ukuthi izobe injani lendawo entsha, abantu bakhona banjani futhi kwenziwani uma ufuna isikole esikahle. Kulendawo esasihlala kuyona kwaku umama, ubhuti omdala kanye nami. Ubhuti omdala wayezosala ngoba waya enyuvesi manje waye ngakwazi ukushintsha inyuvesi ngokushesha. Lokho kwasho ukuthi useyoqedela izifundo zakhe khona. Umama wangitshela ukuthi zizosuka uma sekuvalwa izikole ngoZibandlela.

Lolu suku lwafika ngavalelisa ebanganeni bami Kanye nabafundi. Abantu base sikoleni banginikeza izipho, ukudla Kanye nokunye. Indlela okwakukuningi ngayo ukudla ngathi babeqinisekisa ukuthi ikati lingalali eziko. Saphuma isikole ngabona imoto kamama ima ngasesikoleni ngangena emotweni sangena indlela silibhekise eManzimtoti. Umama wayehamba ngesivinini esikhulu. Okwakwenza ukuthi agijime ukuthi kwaku kude Emanzimtoti. Sama endaweni yokuthela upetiloli sagwalisa sathenga nokudla. Sathenga ukudla okuningi ungafunga ukuthi sinezambane likapondo ngendlela esasifinya ngendololwane ngayo. Yasuka imoto kwasuka izintuli.

Safika endaweni entsha. Umizi omusha wawumuhle kakhulu ngase ngijahe ukungena ngaphakathi ngibone ukuthi kunjani. Ngesikikhathi ngingena angiphoxekanga. Safaka izinto esasiziphethe ngaphakathi. SASijabule kakhulu. Ngesonto lokuqala ngazihlalela ngaphakathi ngangazula ngibuka umabonakude. Ngesonto lesibili umama wathi kumele ngiyofuna abangani ngidlale ngaphandle. Ngangibona abantu engingadlala nabo abaningi kodwa ngingafuni ukuthi ngiye kubona ngoba ngicabanga ukuthi bazithi ngiyaphapha. Ngenhlanhla beza kumina bangikhulumisa bangisa ezindaweni eziseduze. Ngemuva kwalolo suku angizange ngiphinde ngihlalel ekhaya ngisho kukhona izivakashi, ngasengihlezi ngihleli nabangani bami.

Kwafika uMasingana kwavilwa izikole. Ngangijabule kakhulu ukuya esikoleni. Into eyayinkinga ukuthi ngangingazi muntu, abantu ababehlala ngasekhaya babefunda kwezinye izikole. Kwakufanele ngiqalemaphansi. Ngagcina ngimtholile umngani fithi ngathola abanye abahlal ngasekhaya ekade ngingabazi.

Ngijabula kakhulu ngalolushintsho olwenzeka empilweni yami futhi sengisizakale ezintweni eziningi. Bengisada kuxoxla ubaba ukuthi ngiphatheke kanjani. Ngiyayithanda indawo yami entsha engihlala kuyona.

M Mncwabe (Fifth Form)



W van Dyk (Third Form)



T Crawford (Sixth Form)

Ukubaluleka komshado empilweni

Umshado yilapho khona abantu ababili behlanganiswa futhi beba umndeni omunye. Umshado ukwazi ukusiza abantu ukuthi bakwazi ukuthembana nokuthandana kakhulu. Umshado uyakwazi ukwenza abantu ukuthi bajabulise abazali babo ngendlela elungile. Abantu abaningi abanaso isiqiniseko sokuthi bangashada nini nalomuntu abathandana naye.

Umshado into ebalulekile empilweni zethu futhi futhi kubalulekile ukuthi sikwazi ukubona uma sekuyisikhathi sokushada. Kubalulekile nokuthi abantu bangasheshe bafune ukushada, kufanele baqale bamazi kahle umuntu abafuna ukushada naye ukuthi unjani. Kumele ukwazi ukumthanda umethembe, umhloniphe wazi zonke izinto ngaphambi kokushada naye. Lokho kuzokwazi ukuxazululwa kwezinkinga eziningi obanazo uma senishadile.

Okubalulekile ngomshado ukuqinisekisa ukuthi ukushada kuzobasiza yini ezimpilweni zabo. Eshadweni zifa ngamvunye uma senishadile uma uthatha isinqumo esingalungile Umshado akuyona into yokudlala into ebalulekile empilweni. Umuntu oshadile kumele akwazi impilo yakhe yonke ngeke isafana izoshintsha futhi izoba nesikhathi esiningi Kanye nezingane eziningi abe nezinto ezining ezinhle.

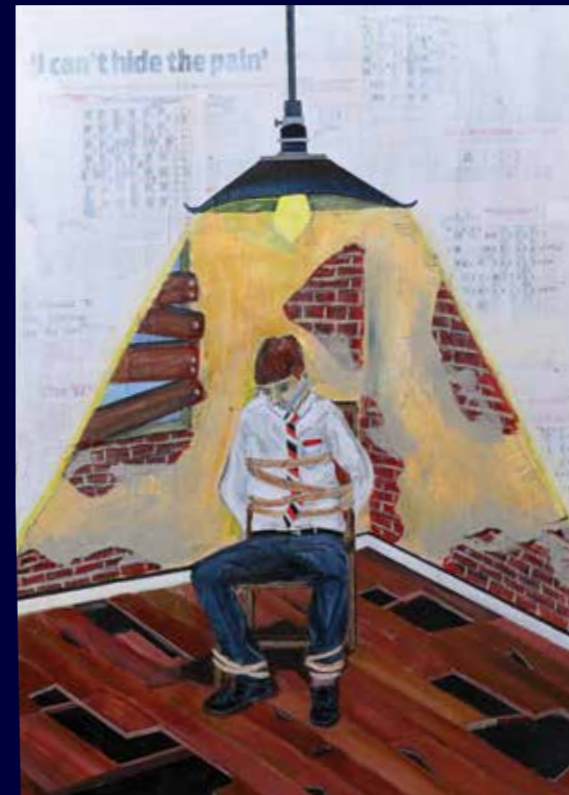
Zikhona izindlela zokushadisa abantu, kukhona umshado wesingisi bese kubakhona umshado wesintu oyisiko. Kubalulekile ukuthi umuntu akwazi ukuzikhethela umshado awufunayo ozmujabulisa futhi ujabulise nabazali. Imindeni yomibili kufanele ukuthi ijabule. Eshadweni kumele kube nomfundisi ngoba uyena ozokwazi ukushadisa labantu ababili abashadayo, abafisa ukuzibona bobabili empilweni yonke.

Kumele bathandane baze bahlukaniswe ukufa. Umshado into enhle kakhulu futhi ekwazi ukhlomosa abantu ukuthi babe munye.

P Ndlovu (Fifth Form)



M Howells (Fifth Form)



L Coetzer (Sixth Form)



M Chonco (Sixth Form)



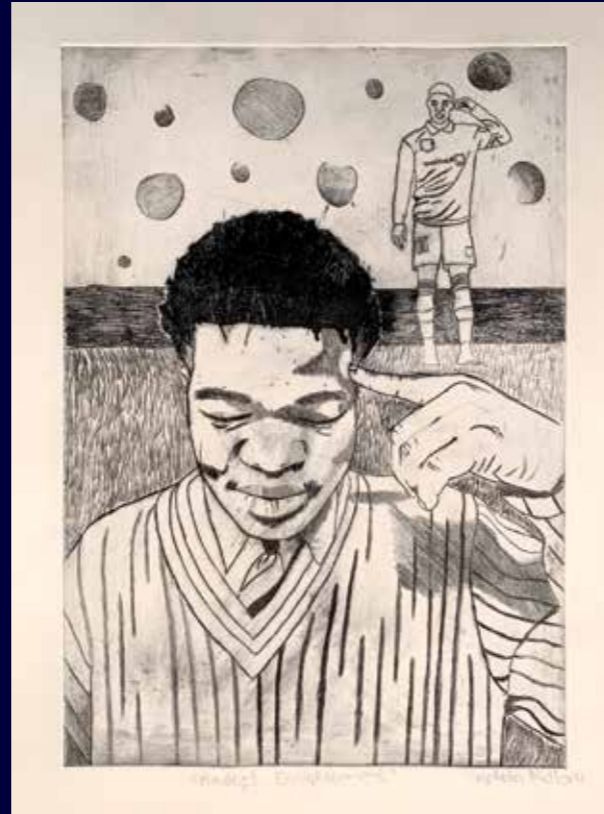
M Radebe (Sixth Form)



L Mqhathu (Sixth Form)



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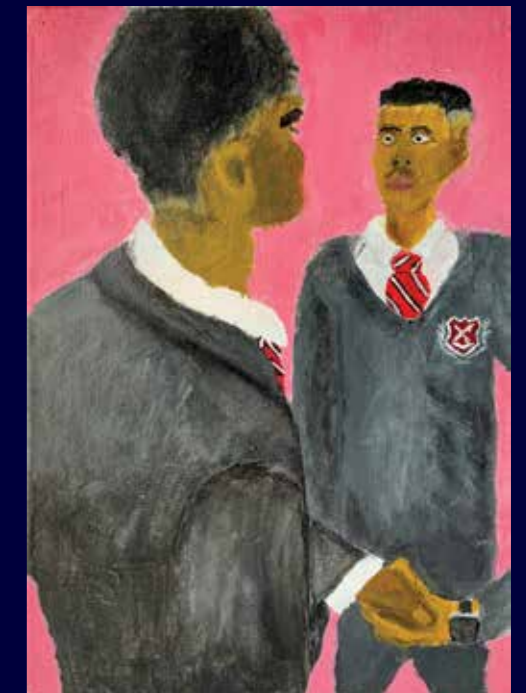
L Dlamini (Fifth Form)



Z Mfeka (Fifth Form)



B Gademan (Fifth Form)



N Dumakude (Fifth Form)

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC



School Choir

Back row: E Moodley, T Haviside, B Hlophe, N Breedt, Q Heyns, N Mntungwa, D Denton, S Khumalo
Fifth row: L Luthuli, T Boshoff, C Zondi, M Rubuluza, E Sobwe, S Dlamini,
Fourth row: S Zondi, A Sidimba, N Moyo, S Shabalala, M Khambule, N Zingeni, M Mfusi, A Madlala
Third row: I Zwane, K Makhanya, N Mkhize, S Sithembu, A Myeni, M Msimango, L Dlamini
Second row: L Ndaba, G Mnyaiza, B Mguni, T Chikowero, A Hlongwa, N Ndawonde, P Mncwabe, M Shabalala, B Zakwe, I Jikijo
Front row: Z Desebrook, Mr D Solomon, S Mchunu (vice-captain), Mr P Harty, S Msibi (captain), Mr J Heyns, S Mdyutana



Jazz Band

Back row: E Stafford, J Knock, G Jordan, S Mkhize
Third back: C Harrichand, J Gasarasi, N Mntungwa, D Colenbrander
Second row: S Govender, N Mkhize, S Dlamini, Y Mchunu, R van Rensburg, S Bridglall
Front row: S Ender, J Conolly (captain), Mr D Solomon, S Mchunu, S Hoosen
Absent: G Maistry



Gospel Choir

Back row: A Madlala, L Luthuli, A Sidimba, S Khumalo, C Zondi, N Zingeni, S Sithembu
Middle row: G Mnyaiza, I Zwane, K Makhanya, A Myeni, N Ndawonde, B Zakwe
Front row: L Ndaba, S Mdyutana (captain), Mr SM Ngcobo, S Msibi, N Mkhize
Absent: Y Ndamase, H Jongisa, S Mchunu



Jazz Ensemble

Left to right: Z Desebrook, S Mchunu, Z Benjiman, Mr D Solomon, J Conolly, G Maistry

MUSIC

This year has been another strong one for the Music Department of Maritzburg College. The Jazz Band continued to impress audiences with their sound and variety of music. Both the school choir and jazz band put on an impressive number of performances, ensuring that they are in the middle of the live music scene in and around Pietermaritzburg.

The Music Department bid an emotional farewell to several staff members this year. Most notably, Mr and Mrs Stickells, who have left the school to join an international school in China. The growing Music Department and excellent music exam results are a testament to the dedication and hard work that they have invested into Maritzburg College over the last nine years. Mr and Mrs Stickells have left behind an indelible mark on the music

of the school at all levels, and Maritzburg College wishes them the very best for their new venture. Also leaving the staff was Mr Stavrou, who relocated to the South Coast. Mr Stavrou will be sorely missed as a long-standing teacher in and around Pietermaritzburg.

The Jazz Band continued to be the flagship band of Maritzburg College and is the only full-sized Big Band Jazz Band in the region. We had a particularly strong group of matric music boys in 2023, who distinguished themselves on their individual instruments, and by their performances at the Standard Bank National Jazz Festival held in Makanda, formerly Grahamstown. The National Jazz Festival has become the highlight on the musical calendar for the boys of the Jazz Band and the Jazz Ensemble. The band was busy this year, with the third term featuring a full lineup of concerts: the Prestige Concert, the 160th anniversary music festival, final matric music performances, and concerts with Pretoria Boys High School, and Affies to name a few.

Joining the music staff in 2023 is Mr P Harty, Mr J White, and Mr D Solomon. Mr Harty will continue working with the choir through to 2024. Mr White is a Maritzburg Old Boy and will pick up where Mr Stavrou left off. Mr Solomon joins the staff as the new director of music.

The choir worked hard this year preparing for the ATKV Applous Festival, which was held in May. They entered the 'Pop' category for the first time, and although they were delighted to be awarded a 'Gold', they were unfortunately not invited to participate in further rounds of the competition.

At the start of Term 3, the choir joined the school bands on the College cultural exchange to Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool in Pretoria, or 'Affies' as they are affectionately known. They were royally hosted by the Affies choristers, alongside whom they shared an unforgettable evening of great performances. At the end of July, the choir held its musical dinner. Traditionally, the new captain and vice-captain are announced at this event, however, because of the imminent departure of Mrs Stickells, the dinner was held earlier than usual.

The exchange concert with Pretoria Boys High School was another happy evening of song and dance, as well as the final performances of Mr and Mrs Stickells as conductors of the school bands and the school choir respectively. They left shortly thereafter for their new adventures at a school in China accompanied by our very best wishes for a successful and happy future.

In August the school hosted a 160th anniversary music concert. Bands and ensembles from all schools in and around Pietermaritzburg were invited to attend. The choir also participated in concert as their first performance under the baton of Mr Harty. The concert was a good programme showing the broad range of musical talent at College, alongside other guest schools. The headline event was the performance of Rubber Duc, a Gauteng based group. Rubber Duc gave an outstanding concert to an enthusiastic audience on Barns' field as the final curtain call of the evening.

Performances 2023

During this year the Drama and Music Departments were involved in several performances that formed part of College's 160th celebrations.

The initial theatrical production was Reginald Rose's *12 Angry Men*. The play dealt with the deliberations of twelve jurors on a hot summer afternoon, who must decide the fate of a young man facing the death penalty for killing his father. The production was directed by Mrs K Thaver with a cast of fourteen that included the twelve jurors of the title, as well as a judge and foreman. It was performed in the round in the Victoria Hall. The intimacy of the venue meant that the audience surrounded the performance and felt privy to the thoughts, prejudices and pre-conceptions of this diverse group of men. The cast remained on stage throughout the play, challenging the young performers who were required to immerse themselves fully in their characters in order to sustain authenticity during the two-hour performance. The result was an immersive theatrical experience seldom seen in live performance.

The cast was led by C Raw and L Ndaba as the two principal jurors who are diametrically opposed at the start of the piece. Raw offered a dynamic performance as the juror who, over the course of the play, convinces the other 11 men of the potential innocence of the accused. The play calls for ensemble performance and the eleven remaining performers all fulfilled vital roles as they worked together to steer the performance towards its dramatic conclusion. Under Mrs Thaver's direction, they achieved subtle and nuanced performances.

This year's musical production was *My Fair Lady*, under the direction of Mr Stickells and Mr Orton, with musical direction by Mr Kisbey-Green and choreography by Caitlyn Saville. The cast were led by K Marais as Professor Henry Higgins, E Lolliot as Colonel Pickering and Hanna Theron in the titular role of Eliza Doolittle. Other stellar performances included J Kloppers as Freddy Eynsford-Hill, S Msibi as Alfred P Doolittle and E Moodley and L Luthuli as his two sidekicks. S Ender managed to turn the

Review: My Fair Lady

The musical *My Fair Lady* is based on George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* which explores the impact of the spoken word on the class hierarchical system of British society. It was written in 1913 and one may question whether, 120 years later, it is still a relevant production that brings joy to a South African cast and audience.

From the moment that the orchestra opened with a delightful selection of the musical score, the audience knew that they would be treated to a wonderful evening of entertainment. The set for the production was most effective and seemed to move seamlessly between different locations – quite a remarkable feat for a school production. Lighting was also used to great effect, providing nuance to the mood and atmosphere and highlighting the performance of certain characters. This was particularly evident in the poignant scene at the end of Act II when Higgins sings 'I've grown accustomed to her ...'. The costumes were authentic and lent a feeling for the era while remaining true to the character of the young actors. Of particular interest was the gown for the race day, as those of us who are familiar with the 1964 movie production will recall vividly the astonishingly beautiful ensemble worn by Audrey Hepburn. Eliza's charming and youthful gown was entirely suited to this production and to the actress, Hanna Theron.

K Marais, as Henry Higgins, was superb in the role. His performance held together the complex strings of the production – he was funny, charming, arrogant and composed – representing Henry Higgins with aplomb and dramatic skill. E Lolliot was very endearing as the Colonel and especially in

The pace of music events for the year slowed in the fourth term with the onset of exams. The final concert of the year was the annual Carol Service held in the Victoria Hall. This is the first time in recent memory that it was held in this venue. The evening was a resounding success, and a crowning end to another musical year at College.

Mr D Solomon

cameo role of Zolton Karpathy into a memorable comic performance. A large cast of College boys, and girls from various Pietermaritzburg schools played the supporting roles or formed part of the ensemble cast. Together they created a rousing, memorable, feel-good production.

Mr Stickells designed a versatile set consisting of three large movable structures. This was manipulated and turned by the able-bodied stage crew to provide all interior and exterior settings from Higgins' study to the pubs and streets of London. The resulting show was slick and professional and had the audience applauding loudly and occasionally singing along.

During the first week of Term 3, College Cues hosted a Musical Theatre Workshop led by OC Brandon Loelly, as their contribution to the 160th celebrations. The workshop was opened to other schools and pupils were divided into groups featuring representatives from all the schools involved. They spent two afternoons learning skills and perfecting extracts from 'Hamilton' and 'Hairspray'. Such was their enthusiasm that an informal concert of their work took place on 25 July complete with costumes and lighting. A great deal of fun was had by all, but even more importantly many of the participants realised their dream of trying out their musical skills, potentially sowing a seed for future careers.

This year, *Night of 1000 Stars*, traditionally the platform for the boys and staff to informally display their talent, expanded its participation as part of the 160th celebrations and a number of OCs and past performers returned to their alma mater to perform alongside current pupils. The evening, compered by R Froise and Mr Orton, included original compositions, ballads, a variety of musical items and drama. The show included OCs Brandon Loelly, Caleb van Rensburg, Josh White, Seth Hutton and Davian Thaver. It culminated in a performance of the school song featuring both the pupils and OCs.

Mr J Orton

the Second Act, he moved between the comic and more sensitive scenes with ease and grace. S Msibi, as the philosopher/father Doolittle, along with his side-kicks Harry and Jamie (played by E Moodley and L Luthuli) brought a joy and vibrancy to the production with their enchanting song and dance. The role of Doolittle is not without its challenges for such a young actor, but Msibi beguiled the audience. The beautiful voice of J Kloppers in 'On the Street Where you Live' was perfectly suited to the song. The female characters supported and interacted with the male characters, but in the 'I Could have Danced all Night' scene, their talent and voice came to the fore. Both male and female choruses were essential and integral to the success of the production, their sound and movement delighted the audience throughout. In the lively 'With a little bit of luck' and Ascot scenes, they were particularly vivacious and entertaining.

For some members of the audience, the power dynamics between the male and female characters could have been offensive. It is possible, however, that Shaw, by highlighting the prevailing patriarchy of the era was, in a highly witty voice, gently prodding his audience to interrogate this dynamic more carefully. Similarly, by penetrating the veneer of the hierarchy of society, the show may illicit a more sensitive insight of how, even today and in South Africa, there is pressure to conform to a certain mode of communication in order to succeed.

Congratulations go to Messrs S Stickells and J Orton and their fine cast on a wonderful production of *My Fair Lady*.

Mrs T Harding

12 Angry Men



My Fair Lady



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Afrikaans Society

Back row :
T Boshoff, M Muggleton, J Steyn

Middle row:
J Wessels, B Cook, S Bernstein, B Nguni

Front row:
D Colenbrander, S Dlamini (captain), Mr L Kruger,
E Bester, B Demont

There was much excitement in the air after the Cultural Assembly at the beginning of the year, and this was evident with a record number of 126 sign-ups for Afrikaans Society! This large group of members is led by Mrs Elder, Mr Kruger and the Afrikaans Society captain, S Dlamini.

The aim of the meetings is to practice conversing in Afrikaans. Some boys, especially the Second Formers, were a bit hesitant conversing in Afrikaans, but this hesitation was soon a thing of the past when new friends were made, and fun was had. A favourite game among the boys is a variation of 30 Seconds. The variation was that communication could only happen in Afrikaans. Lots of laughs were enjoyed!

The highlight of the second term was the Afrikaans Society social with Epworth when boys and girls were treated to a delicious cake, mini milk

tarts and music by a professional DJ to celebrate College's 160th birthday. The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed the social and danced the night away before mid-year exam preparation started.

At the beginning of the third term, the top performing members in the June Afrikaans exams in each Form were invited to a braai to celebrate their achievement. The top performers braaied, listened to music and chatted around the fire. The remainder of the year's meetings saw the society bidding farewell to our organised, passionate and caring captain, S Dlamini. Mrs Elder will be stepping down as MIC of the society to take on an administrative and planning role. Mr Kruger will take over as MIC in 2024.

Mrs Z Elder



Art Club

Left to right: F Kunene, Mr E Pretorius, B Gademan, K Shezi
Absent: E Mitewu, J Makepeace

Art Club

The Art Club at Maritzburg College has been a nurturing ground for artists, providing a platform for creativity to flourish. Every Tuesday students gather to share their passion for artistic expression. The year commenced with a strong focus on honing technical skills, delving into the intricate world of life drawing across various mediums. As the months progressed, the club's members participated in two art contests. Relooking Homelessness was a fundraising contest dedicated to supporting the PMB Homeless Network. F Kunene made a noteworthy contribution to this event with his donated artwork "United by Warmth" fetching an impressive price at auction. Three of E Mitewu's works were selected for the Central Applications Office's inaugural KZN High School Art Competition marking a significant milestone in the club's journey, solidifying its presence on the broader artistic stage. We look ahead to 2024 and the creative opportunities that await.

Mr E Pretorius





Camera Club

Back row: E van der Merwe, T Kufal, J Mumford, R Warr, L During, G Jordan
Third row: C Zondi, T Haviside, D Davies, S Hoosen
Second row: B Govender, K Peter, L Khambule, M Thomson, D Nadasan, J Planteau de Maroussem
Front row: J Kufal, Z Desebrook, C Raw, Mrs D Gademan (MIC), T de Lange (captain), R Froise, B Gademan

The Camera Club said farewell to the loyal matrics who had been in the club for many years. They leave a legacy of puns and jokes, outstanding quality photos and general banter that has made the club the family it is. This year saw the arrival of some young members who showed impressive talent early on. They quickly showed their keen eyes with a few club wins and thorough consideration for the school magazine.

Our new members immersed themselves in the national Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA) competitions. This was a good year for Maritzburg College's standing within the national schools' clubs. We won the monthly competitions in the DSLR category of 'toys' in March, as well as the cell phone categories of 'a picture in a picture' in May, 'natural

frames' in June, 'emotions' in September, and runner-up in 'monochrome' in October. Our two first places at the Kearsney competition cemented our place as a force to be reckoned with in KZN.

Camera Club is made possible by the boys who see more in the world around them than friends and selfies. They notice clouds and sunsets and the way light falls through the window onto a sleeping cat. They observe the beauty in the sparks from a lighter and the possibilities of experimenting with the panoramic function. It is a pleasure to run this exciting and diverse club.

Mrs D Gademan



Various winning photographs from the 2023 year.



College Cues

Back row: S Ender, T Cox, L Dlamini, S Mpanza, A Matshoboza
Third row: E Moodley, M Khambule, S Khumalo, L Ndaba, C Zondi, L Luthuli, T Ambler
Second row: K Makhanya, I Jikijo, T Ambler, N Mkhize, Z Desebrook, N Ndawonde
Front row: C Raw, E Lolliot, Mr J Orton, S Mdutyana, S Msibi

This year the two facets of College Cues chose to concentrate on the performances for College's 160th celebrations. Cues Drama boys were cast both in *12 Angry Men* and *My Fair Lady*. Cues Captain, E Lolliot, played Colonel Pickering and K Marais filled the role of Henry Higgins. Members of Cues Dance were involved in the ensemble of *My Fair Lady*. Both groups contributed to various concerts, including the 160th Anniversary Music concert on Barns'.

In term 3, Cues Drama hosted a Musical Theatre Workshop led by OC Brandon Loelly, who has performed internationally. Various Pietermaritzburg schools were invited. Alexandra High and Girls High attended, joining 30 pupils from College, to perform extracts from *Hamilton* and *Hairspray*. Such was their enthusiasm that an informal concert of their work took place on 25 July, complete with costuming and lighting. A great deal of fun was had by all, but more importantly many of the participants realised their dream of trying out their musical skills, potentially sowing a seed for future careers.

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Mr J Orton





College for Christ (CFC)

Back row: C Zondi, J Konigkramer, W Galliers, J Wiggill, D Denton
Middle row: L Shangase, L Wassink, C Adam, C Raw, R Froise, S Adie
Front row: M Chirengende, Mr A Sparrow, S Zulu, Mr R Barbour, A Xekwana

As we reflect on the past year, it is with immense gratitude that we celebrate the remarkable journey of College for Christ. The year has been nothing short of a testament to the faith, dedication, and servant leadership of our boys. The believers have grown in their spiritual journeys, with a notable increase in their commitment to living out the values of the Kingdom of God.

One of the most inspiring aspects of this year has been witnessing our boys' deepening faith. Through weekly meetings, prayer sessions, and engaging discussions, boys have embraced their spirituality, fostering a stronger connection to their belief in Christ. This growth is a testament to the society's dedication to providing a nurturing environment for spiritual development.

A heartening development this year has been the initiative taken by our young leaders. Empowered by their faith, they've embraced the role of preachers and mentors within the society. It has been incredible to witness boys confidently sharing their insights, leading discussions, and encouraging their peers to reflect on their beliefs. This step towards taking ownership of their faith journey is a clear indicator of their dedication to being active contributors to the Kingdom of God.

Central to our College for Christ's ethos is the concept of servant leadership, and this year has been a shining example of that philosophy in action. The qualities of humility, compassion, and empathy have been exemplified

by our boys as they have selflessly served both within the society and the wider school community. Their desire for involvement in various charitable initiatives such as bread buddies, and other community service projects and outreach efforts underscores their commitment to making a positive impact, just as Christ taught us.

Looking ahead, we are filled with hope and excitement for the future of College For Christ. The seeds of faith and servant leadership that have been sown this year are bound to yield a bountiful harvest. As these boys continue to grow in their spiritual walk and live out the values they hold dear, we can confidently say that the future of the College for Christ is promising.

A special word of thanks to Mr Myburgh, Mr Sparrow, Mr Kruger, and Mr Abrahams for all their assistance this year in sharing with and leading the boys.

In conclusion, this year has been a resounding success for the believers and the Kingdom of God. The journey of growth, preaching, and servant leadership has set a solid foundation for the years to come. As we celebrate these achievements, we are reminded of the profound impact that faith and community can have in shaping the lives of our boys and the world around them.

Mr R Barbour

Debating Union



Debating – Senior

Back row: M Karrim, T Ambler, C Raw, Ms A Maistry, A Mbambo, M du Toit
Front row: M Moosa, MV Soni (the mascot), R Froise (captain)

Rebranded as the Maritzburg College Debating Union, this year we experienced the most productive involvement in interschool league debating to date, with a total of six competing teams (two teams per league - Grade 8, Junior and Senior), and numerous new boys signing up. Debating captain, R Froise, and M Karrim trained as junior adjudicators.

College 1 (Grade 8 team) progressed to the finals of the Pietermaritzburg District League but were knocked out. In the senior section, College 1 and 2 advanced to the semi-finals, where College 1 lost by a very small margin. College 2 progressed to their finals against Hilton College, where they had to concede defeat. K Moodley, A Mhlanzi, M Moosa, Froise and Karrim were all recognised for their achievements at the league final awards ceremony, with Froise receiving a special award for contributions to debating.

As part of the cultural celebrations of College's 160th anniversary, we hosted the Maritzburg Open Debating Championship tournament. Held over three days in March, with 15 KZN schools competing, the tournament aimed to develop interest in schools currently unaffiliated with the debating league.

College senior debaters were involved as organisers and adjudicators, while junior debaters participated in actual debates. We hope to reprise this event in 2024.

Provincial debating selection took place in July at St Henry's Marist College in Durban. College had four debaters selected: Moodley and Froise have been selected to represent KZN at National debating in December, while Mhlanzi and Moosa have been selected for the KZN reserve team.

On the first exchange held in Pretoria, College seniors won against their PBHS rivals, College juniors lost. The second exchange, held at College, saw a reversal of fortunes as the College juniors tasted victory while College seniors lost to the PBHS boys, a fair outcome.

The senior boys continued to hone their skills by entering the World School's Debating Championship. In this international competition with 144 participants, Raw placed 25th, Moosa 44th, Froise 84th and Karrim 117th. Moosa and Karrim participated in the Rhodes Pre South African Universities Debating Championship tournament, both breaking to semi-finals. Moosa ranked 2nd while Karrim ranked 3rd. M Moosa also participated in the After Freedom KZN tournament and ranked 1st in the competition.

In October, College participated in a Model UN debate, which took place at UKZN Howard College campus. We registered two teams, representing Russia (D Gademan and K Moodley) and Palestine (J Moneyvalu, M du Toit and M Moosa). Both teams acquitted themselves well, with team Palestine receiving awards for second best speaker (M du Toit) and best delegation.

College continued to support debating by hosting the first training session for the KZN provincial team. Comprised of debaters from Pietermaritzburg, Empangeni, Durban Central and Phoenix leagues, the KZN team was warmly welcomed for a day of intensive training.

Ms A Maistry has been ably assisted this year by coaches and adjudicators, Mrs T Harding, Mrs W Khan. In addition, Mr C Quail, a KZN provincial coach and adjudicator, has been coaching the debaters on an ad hoc basis to supplement the more advanced debaters' training.

With their matric year drawing to a close, we bid a fond farewell to senior debaters, T Ambler, R Froise, M Karrim, A Mbambo and C Raw. We thank them for all they have contributed to College debating, many hours of incisive discussion and laughter. They leave behind giant footsteps for the upcoming debaters to fill.

Ms A Maistry



Debating – Junior

Back row: K Moodley, P Desebrook, D Gademan
Middle row: L Naicker, M Singh, L Luthuli, E Hunter-Smith
Front row: V Ramdeen, A Phakathi, Mrs W Khan, A Mhlanzi, J Padayachee
Absent: J Moneyvalu



Debating – Grade 8

Back row: L Phakathi
Front row: U Zweni, A Ngcobo, B Zakwe, Ms A Maistry, S Gumede, A Madlala
Absent: Ms A Harding (coach)



Enviro Club

Back row:
D Pillay, E Knox, D Haines, O Thabethe, M Naidoo

Middle row:
L Myeza, A Matshoboza, N Zwane, E Moodley

Front row:
D Pieterse, B Gademan (captain), Mr J Tyler, I Jikjo, E Maynard

Absent:
B Fourie

The environment in which we live is under ever-increasing pressure. With the need for houses, land is being rapidly swallowed up for housing developments. Here in Pietermaritzburg, we are privileged to have Bisley Nature Reserve on our doorstep.

The boys and I took an afternoon walk through the reserve for a bit of birding. Without stopping for everything that fluttered, we were, in a short space of time, able to see 22 different species of bird. This included a Malachite Kingfisher and a juvenile Greater Honeyguide. Along the

route we also encountered a small group of giraffe. Bisley has the highest population density of giraffe of all the reserves in KZN.

I would like to think that the little bird walk helped to foster a love for Bisley and nature. It was wonderful to see a few Enviro Club boys join in the snare patrol, organised as part of the College Enrichment/Outreach programme. As a collective we were able to remove 14 snares and save two Wildebeest from snares!

Mr J Tyler



First Aid Society

Back row:
D Ferguson, E Knox, T Nankan, S Redman, D Clifton, L During

Third row:
SS Khumalo, T Sivenarain, C Zondi, T Cox, N Zwane

Second row: S Khumalo, E Moodley, A Matshoboza, C Finlayson, KB Peter

Front row:
L Pillay, A Khan, Mr L Kruger, KNJ Peter, T Ramdhass

Absent:
Mrs R Brunzlaff

First aid was very busy this year with many fixtures and events. The hosting of U13 Craven Week was an exciting event that enabled first aiders to gain valuable experience, dealing with a variety of injuries. We would like to thank the following doctors who gave of their time pro bono: Dr Cayley Jonk (Craven Week), Dr Hugh Akerman, Dr Su Akerman, Dr Gregory van Osch, Dr Paul Hatfield, Dr Ian Cochrane and Dr James McAllister. The SAN sisters, under the leadership of Claire Olivier, together with the doctors on duty meant that patients were able to receive medical attention on site in

the first aid room. Our thanks go to the doctors, SAN sisters and first aiders who give up their time to provide care to the injured and sick players of the sporting codes.

Several of the boys received awards for their contribution to First Aid. These are reported in the Awards section of the magazine.

Mrs R Brunzlaff



Hindu Society

Back row: S Subrenduth, T Sivenarain, T Nankan, S Maharaj, T Naidoo

Fifth row: R Madhan, A Naidoo, D Naidoo, K Manickum, R Khan, A Roopai

Fourth row: M Soorajdin, S Maharaj, R Padayachee, K Singh, M Singh, D Heeralal, A Ramlal

Third row: W Naidoo, S Bandu, D Naidoo, J Sewlal, S Govender, A Bharath

Second row: V Ramdeen, A Anthony, S Ince, J Theeralingam, V Charan, M Chetty, V Premchund

Front row: M Pannanlal, T Bhoola, M Roy (captain), Mr M Jeewan, L Pillay, T Ramdhass

Absent: T Reddy, T Nana, A Hukum, S Ramdhass, A Sewpersad, R Singh

The Hindu Society meets twice a week, and the schedule consists of songs, a speech, a discussion, and an opening prayer. The topics that have been addressed thus far encompass the rationales behind fasting, the significance of various fasting practices, the observance of religious festivals, and the process of adaptation for recently enrolled students at school.

At the conclusion of term 1, the members of the society demonstrated enthusiastic engagement in the Holi Festival, which was organised by the Midlands Hindu Society. The event drew significant attendance, with students from College actively aiding and engaging in various activities. The members were invited to participate in diverse activities organised by external organisations, which were facilitated by those who supported us.

In August, members of the society actively engaged in the medical camp organised by the Hayfields Hindu Society. The students assisted in various elements of the camp, including patient care and nutrition. Throughout the academic semester, the Hindu Society, in collaboration with Ms Moula and the Muslim Students Association, initiated a fundraising event known

as 'The Cupcake of Hope' with the aim of generating financial support for children afflicted with cancer. This involved the task of operating the pancake stand at Family Day, as well as participating in the initial sale of cupcakes at school. This initiative successfully generated funds for the pertinent organisation. Towards the conclusion of the academic term, the society embarked on a journey to the Drakensberg region with the purpose of contributing signage for the Murthis (statues) located at Dragon's Peak. This event constituted a component of the society's 10th year anniversary commemoration and College 160th birthday.

The members of the society engaged in ongoing outreach efforts throughout the year, which encompassed packaging of food hampers for the 'Rise against Hunger' initiative at Payne Street Mediclinic and the Diwali Cheer Society. In addition, a total of 20 food hampers were successfully packed and distributed to families in need during the month of November.

Mr M Jeewan



Hindu Society students assisting at the Midlands Hindu Society Medical Camp held at WA Lewitt Primary School.



Interact Club

Back row: N Zwane, J Marais, D Clifton, J Murekezi, E Knox, A Acoonjee
Third row: A Nzimande, S Khumalo, T Cox, A Matshoboza, M Khambule
Second row: N Ndawonde, S Khumalo, A Ngcobo, L Myeza, E Moodley, N Mkhize, K Makhanya, P Mncwabe
Front row: S Sithembu, L Ndaba, A Sidimba (captain) Miss S Kunene, O Thabethe, M Duba, S Mduyana

The Interact Club has been involved in several projects this year. We meet every Monday to discuss the plans for the week and any upcoming events we are required to assist in. The interactors started the year off with a presentation from the ladies from Singakwenza, which was to introduce the new boys to the project as well as remind the old interactors how the toys are put together. The boys continue with toy making and have completed a substantial number of toys throughout the course of the year.

The Interact Club dedicated the Fridays in term 1 and half of term 2 to visit an old age home to help with the home improvements, and we also had the gospel choir join us to sing for them while they were in the garden in the afternoon. We also used a few of the Fridays to visit the Salvation Army to spend the afternoon playing with the toddlers and mostly soccer with the teenage boys. We also did an Easter egg and hot cross bun delivery for them at the end of term 1 as part of happiness week. The interactors also took part in bread buddies making sandwiches and packing them.

With the start of the winter sport season, we made pancakes for every home game, with the boys coming in at 7:30 am until about 3:30-4:00 pm each Saturday. Reunion weekend was a resounding success as the boys outdid themselves with their pancake making skills.

With the few Saturday home games that we had we managed to raise money for the Interact fund and this allowed us to send two interactors,

A Ngcobo and J Maria, to attend the Rotary leadership course that took place during the term 3 school holidays, in Port Shepstone. The boys came back with positive feedback on their experience, the skills they learnt and the people they met. They felt the leadership course equipped them with things they can apply in their own lives as well as their continued service in the Interact Club and the school.

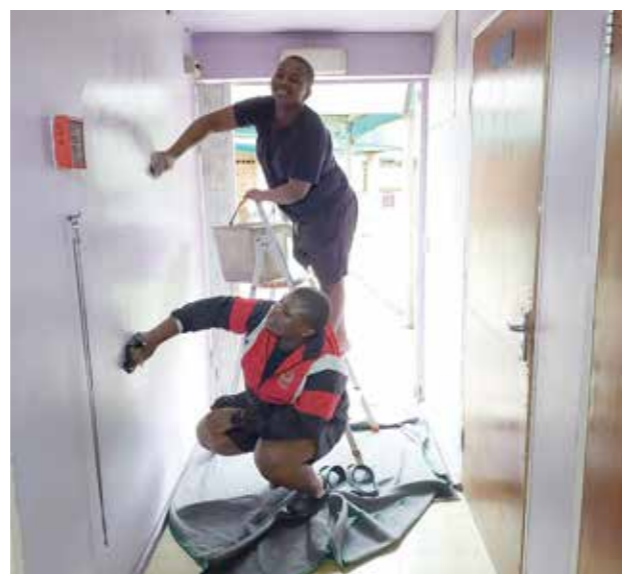
To close off the year the Interact Club put together Christmas gift pack for SAVF Old Age Home and these were received with appreciation by the manager of the home.

The Interact Club would like to thank our outgoing captain, A Sidimba, for his leadership in serving and giving back to those who need it the most. He led by example and stepped up whenever he was called to do so. We wish him all the best as he continues to be a loyal servant of the club.

Miss S Kunene



Toy making



Helping at the SAVF Old Age Home



Marketing Team

Back row: L Dlamini, J Gabriel, N Breedt, J Murekezi, C Nohiya, F Thabethe
Fifth row: S Ngobese, B Pepu, O Ntombela, E van der Merwe, S Mpanza, N Mtungwa, C Zondi
Fourth row: M Khambule, N Dumakude, A Leclezio, L Nkabane, O Ntuli, N Brown
Third row: M Maphanga, S Zungu, S Mazibuko, O Ntombela, A Hadebe, A Mncwango, K Horwill
Second row: B Mnguni, H Mdabe, A Hlongwa, S Khumalo, J Padayachee, K Khawula
Front row: N Meisegeier, D Becket, S Mchunu (captain), Mrs S Upfold, I Jikijo, I Mosupye, S Hlophe

This year was very productive for the Marketing Team led by S Mchunu as captain, with D Becket and I Jikijo serving as vice captains. The team worked in two broad areas, events (such as Open Days, school visits and tours as well as our Boarder Sleepover), and Media (digital and print). We are also very grateful for the acting prefects for 2024 who stepped up and supported several marketing events in the second half of the year.

This year we have also welcomed Mr Wandile Shange (OC 2021) to the team as a Marketing Intern and he has worked well with the boys, providing guidance and mentorship.

Recruitment activities this year included the Boarder Sleepover in February, where we welcomed around 90 Grade 7 #FutureCollegeBoys to the campus. We also ran two Open Days with the marketing team playing an important role in welcoming and hosting parents and boys. The second Open Day was held in a completely different format, that saw visitors conducting self-guided tours of the campus assisted by willing marketing team members. In November we hosted a Sports Excellence Weekend with 170 Grade 6 boys enjoying coaching sessions covering our six main codes led by the sports directors and coaches.

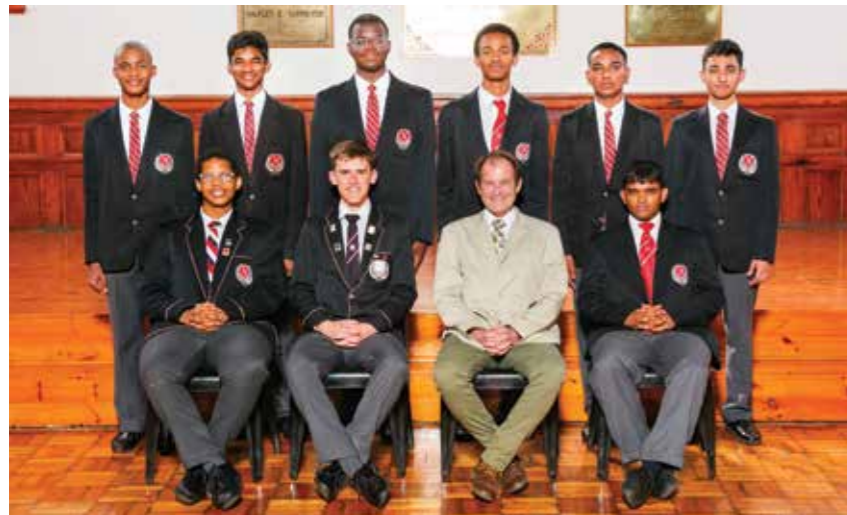
Weekly meetings have focused on exploring some of the principles of communication and marketing with a key objective being to encourage the boys to contribute their 'voice' in the form of stories and images to the College marketing process. There have also been some very good interactive discussion sessions. This year the first marketing service awards were given in recognition of this role being recognised a full co-curricular code.

With the onset of a busy winter sports programme in term 2, the marketing team again fulfilled roles of photographing Saturday fixtures as well as supporting our hydration sponsor, Thirsti, at all home games. They also assisted on Reunion Day, conducting tours, handing out programmes, as well as producing excellent video reels and photographs of the day.

Recruitment roadshows have added a new dimension to marketing with several boys joining us at these events and presenting their view of 'Why choose College'.

Thank you to all the 'Marketing Boys' for your excellent service to our school - we look forward to another great year in 2024.

Mrs S Upfold



MC Ink

Back row:
L Khambule, P Desebrook, F Kunene, L Dladla, S Maharaj, M Soorajdin

Front row:
S Khumalo, S Ender (captain), Mr R Gutteridge (MIC), Z Desebrook

Absent:
J Moneyvalu

S Ender (Lamond) captained the group during 2023.

MC Ink continue to meet on Friday afternoons and share poems. The boys have been submitting poetry through our WhatsApp group, and some fine poetry that has been. We spend three quarters of each session on an activity which requires the boys to write a poem in response to a prompt, and then we share those poems, or any other poems the budding poets may have written, in the last part of the session. These sessions have gone well, and although the boys are stretched in some activities, they enjoy them.

Given the rise of generative AI this year, we also considered how it could help improve our poetry. We considered how AI, such as ChatGPT, could provide writing prompts and help brainstorm ideas, provide feedback on our poems, and provide editing and proofreading. The latter is very useful, as most of us dislike reviewing and editing our own work.

Maritzburg College MC Ink started Night of the Writers some years ago (pre-Covid) when we invited Pietermaritzburg Girls High, St John's DSG, and Hilton College to a writers' workshop, an evening of writing activities and an open mic session for the poets to share their own poetry. This year Maritzburg College hosted Night of the Writers in term 2. The theme was 'Nostalgia Trip' and honoured Maritzburg College's 160th birthday. We had visiting poets from Pietermaritzburg Girls High and Michaelhouse.

In term 3 half a dozen MC Inkers returned to words@Kearsney where pupils from several schools from Durban, Pietermaritzburg and beyond have the opportunity to present their poetry. This year's theme was 'Great Expectations'.

Overall, we have had a productive year and look forward to more of the same in 2024.

Mr R Gutteridge

Some samples of MC Ink poetry:

Untitled by L Dladla

The raging storm within, a tempest wild,
A tumultuous sea, a turbulent tide.
Dark clouds of doubt, thunderous thoughts collide,
A hurricane of emotions, feelings piled.

The mind's a maze, a labyrinth of fear,
Lost in the darkness, the end nowhere near.
An endless battle, a war without end,
Fighting demons that refuse to bend.

Anxiety, a relentless storm surge,
Depression, a heavy fog that does urge,
To drown in sorrow, to lose all hope,
In the whirlpool of despair, to blindly grope.

But amidst the chaos, a glimmering light,
A beacon of hope, a ray so bright.
The warmth of love, a guiding star,
A hand to hold, from afar.

A friend's embrace, a soothing touch,
A listening ear, that means so much.
A gentle word, a kind embrace,
A lifeline in the darkest place.

With time, the clouds begin to part,
The storm subsides, a mended heart.
A renewed spirit, a sense of grace,
The sun breaks through, a smiling face.

Mental health, a journey to be made,
With patience, care, and timely aid.

The storms may come, the clouds may loom,
But with support, we can weather the gloom.

So let us be mindful, let us be kind,
To those who battle in the mind.
For in the depths of struggle and pain,
Lies the strength to rise again.

The arrow by S Maharaj

The arrow's flight, a dance of fate,
In the quiver, it does patiently wait.
As it's drawn, and takes to the air,
Hindrances tremble in despair.

With unerring precision, it finds its mark,
Piercing through the day, through the dark.
No storm can dim its searing vision,
In thunderous silence, it completes its mission.

In the end, death follows its course,
Like a sparrow returning to its source.
My skill speaks through the arrow's glide,
As it strikes, enemies can't hide.

The wind, my ally in this quest,
Aids the arrow, on a swift behest.
It returns to the quiver, ready to deliver,
Making foes shiver and quiver.

With each sunrise, a new start,
A fresh string added to my target.
The dragon within ignites its fire,
Facing storms, never to tire.

Rising sun, drifting tides, and the wind's embrace,
Accompany me, as I leave my past in trace.
The storms that once raged have been overcome,
In the young day's bloom, I wonder what's to come.

Yet, the blackest night will surely fall,
As darkness reigns, engulfing all.
But this cycle, it will renew,
Just like life's nurturing dew.

The arrow, steadfast in its quiver,
I stand ready to make my foes shiver,
With this deathblow, I shall deliver.

Political friends by J Moneyvalu

Oh, my friends, my faithful friends!
How we've overcome society.
With our wiful minds
And our pockets of money
We've won the election entirely!

With our shrewd gerrymandering,
We began bread pandering,
To the ducks of high society,
Feeding the public with fungus of lying.
It seems obscene but we're not the ones crying!

We friends skipped on the democratic infrastructure
How incredibly politically mature.
Now we look forward to truckloads of money
The days ahead are looking sunny
And this to us political partners is... funny



Media Centre Monitors

Back row:
B Fourie, S Dube

Middle row:
L Khumalo, S Wiggill, L Redman

Front row:
S Makhanya, A Khanyile (captain), Mrs L Dos Santos (MIC), P Mncwabe

Absent:
J Bragin, B Mnguni, S Pretorius

When our doors swung open in January to welcome boys back, the bright and revamped interior seemed to generate a new energy and interest in the Media Centre.

Our monitors met every Thursday afternoon and a duty roster ensured that each monitor participated during a break or after-school slot. With Covid firmly on the backfoot, it was also decided to open the issue desk to all monitors irrespective of their standing as seniors or juniors. This decision was received with much enthusiasm, and everyone was trained in the basic skills of issuing and returning titles. A 'return' slot was also created at the entrance to our library which has allowed people to return material via an open slot whereby the item is dropped into a large box on wheels. The monitors also took turns to empty this box and shelve books accordingly.

We record our appreciation and thanks to A Khanyile, Head Monitor for 2023, and the rest of the small team for their energy and hard work throughout the year.

On the social side, we hosted 30 Girls' High monitors on the 19 April. For this event, we decided to join forces with our TechSquad brothers. The afternoon was most enjoyable, and everyone had a great time. Following the success of this day, GHS then invited us at the start of third term to a 'Mad Hatter's Tea' in their Media Centre. Although it was an exceptionally cold day, the energy and excitement were palpable, and we were treated to a delicious spread and warm Girls' High hospitality.

Mrs L Dos Santos



Muslim Students' Association

Back row:
Y Hansrod, A Acoonjee, U Hoosen, R Moosa, B Parak

Middle row:
M Osman, Z Dawood, Y Dhai, R Khan, F Moula, M Ahmed

Front row:
A Mahomed, T Ganie (captain), Ms K Moula, A Khan, Y Sha

Absent: A Osman, E Essack, M Vayani

The Muslim Students' Association had a very productive year, with meetings, outreach programmes, assisting school groups, and giving back to the community.

The society met once a week. The routine consisted of learners conducting their Zuhr Salaah, which was conducted by a senior student, followed by talks in which learners engaged in robust conversations on various issues in Islam, which interrelate with their morals, beliefs and College teachings. Boys were encouraged to take on facilitator/leadership roles, in which they wrote speeches on pertinent issues and delivered them to the group, which was followed by a discussion. Quranic verses were read and interpreted, and the exchange of information proved to be an enlightening event.

During the holy month of Ramadaan, students helped SANZAF (South African National Zakah Fund) cook, pack, and distribute meals to the community on Saturday mornings. The students dug deep into their pockets to gather R20,000, which was subsequently given to SANZAF. The funds were utilised to prepare ten large pots of Mutton Akni (rice dish), which were donated to the poor and needy on EID day.

During Happiness Week, the society contributed items and took part in a successful 'Bread Buddies' campaign, in which sandwiches were made and handed to needy communities.

The students raised R30,000 for the victims of the Turkey-Syria earthquake, which was presented to Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, of Gift of the Givers Foundation, during a special assembly.



The MSA, Afrikaans, and Hindu Society decided to raise donations for cancer-stricken children. This was accomplished with three minor fundraising events. On Family Day, popcorn, pancakes, and slush puppies were sold, as well as hair spray painting. On Bokke Friday, popcorn was sold. A cupcake sale was held on September 20. Cupcakes that did not sell were given to the Salvation Army. The total amount raised was R15,295.89.

Special thanks go to the outgoing captain, T Ganie, who did a sterling job.

Ms K Moula



Nguni Society

Back row:
L Myeza, A Nzimande, O Thabethe, L Dlamini,
O Ntuli, A Ngcobo

Middle row:
N Mkhize, Z Hulani, B Pepu, S Mchunu,
V Wosiyana, S Khumalo

Front row:
S Mchunu, A Duma (captain), Mr J Mhlongo,
M Zuma (vice-captain), A Ndlela

The Nguni Society is the cultural movement started three years ago. It came up as an idea from the College boys of 2020 who were very passionate about the Nguni cultures. The idea received amazing support from other young men. The society was started in 2020 which was the pandemic year, and that hampered the growth of the society.

For the past two years the society has been led by A Duma as the captain and his deputy M Zuma. These two young men played a pivotal role in the society leaving it at a much better level. Their contribution to the society is significant. We express our gratitude to all matric young men who were part of this amazing society. They will always be missed and we also wish them all the best in their exams as well as in their future endeavours.

The main objectives of the society are to see a young man grow within his culture. The main part of the Nguni culture is respect which the society instils every day, and we want to see all our members commit to this objective. We hope that the new leaders of the society will do their utmost best to take the society forward as did their predecessors. We are also hoping for new ideas once these young men assume their duties as leaders. We are hoping for a better growth and lots of educational activities for our College community.

Mr J Mhlongo



Sound and Lighting Society

Back row:
L Khambule, C Zondi, J Gasarasi, V Kasambala

Middle row:
S Hlophe, J Stead

Front row:
T Bhoola, T Sewparsing (captain), Mr R Kyle,
M Pannalall

The Sound and Lighting team continues to support the school with sound and lighting for various events. The year commenced on a high note as they were involved in the two productions, *My Fair Lady* and *12 Angry Men*, which commemorated College's 160th Anniversary.

Term 3 was particularly busy for the society. Mr Daivyan Thaver, OC 2017, took over the society from Mr S Stickells. He is assisted by Mr J White, OC 2021. They work closely with Second and Third Formers who are keen to be part of the technical and backstage side of productions. To date the team has had a range of events at which to provide sound and lights. These included workshops, district meetings, assembly, talks by visiting speakers, live theatre performances by outside production companies, sports events

such as the cycling race held at Maritzburg College, additional sound support at the Open-Air Music Concert, the House Plays and Cultural Evenings.

These platforms have provided this young team with a variety of experiences, and they are developing valuable technical skills. The boys are enjoying the experience and conduct themselves in a professional manner. The team can look forward to a series of skills development workshops planned for sound mixing, programming of lights and backstage management in the new year.

Mr D Thaver



Speakers' Circle

Back row: J Gasarasi, K Steele, S Kadira, J Samuel

Third row: M du Toit, A Leclizio, S Msibi, C Raw, L Dladla, D Denton, R Froise

Second row: Z Desebrook, I Jikijo, A Mntungwa, S Adie, L Ndaba, D Pillay

Front row: J Mumford, M Moosa, M van Rooyen, Mr J Orton, K Marais, T Ganie, C Robinson

Absent: N Setipa, J Barrett, L Sithole, T Nuttall, Mrs K Thaver

Speakers' Circle had a fulfilling year. We were delighted to welcome fifteen new Fifth Form members. They took to their Project One speeches with ease and settled into the public speaking decorum and meeting procedure admirably. Speakers' Circle was involved in the PBHS Cultural exchange for the second time. The competition required the team to present unprepared speeches. The College team all received distinctions with K Marais tied in first place.

At the Second Term Dinner meeting in May, M Moosa was awarded Best Prepared Speech for the evening and K Marais was the Best Impromptu Speaker. Moosa presented his speech titled 'Children Don't Play' at assembly.

In term 3 College competed against PBHS during the sport and cultural exchange. The top two speakers were separated by one-point, highlighting the intense competition and the exceptional skill of the participants. K Marais received Gold+ and M du Toit, Gold. The Inter-School Evening of Public Speaking, held in celebration of College's 160th Anniversary, brought together talented speakers from four schools: Michaelhouse, Kearsney College, Hilton College, and Maritzburg College. Speakers drew a topic and presented an impromptu speech of 3 to 5 minutes. These were excellently structured, thought provoking and insightful. Distinguished Toast Masters, David and Ruth Varrie, served as the adjudicators and provided valuable feedback. R Froise emerged as the winner, securing a double gold award for his captivating delivery.

During the final sport and culture exchange, Speakers' Circle pitted their public speaking skills against a King Edward VII School team. Both teams featured four worthy orators who displayed exceptional skills, lateral thinking and thought-provoking content. M Moosa was placed second, receiving a Gold + award. C Raw (F6) presented Project Eight in August 2023 and received the Best Prepared Speech for the evening.

The Passing of the Gavel Dinner Meeting took place on 9 October and saw the handover of leadership to the 2024 team. C Robinson was elected Chairman, M Moosa, Vice Chairman and J Mumford, Secretary.

This year we are delighted to announce that three senior members of Speakers' Circle completed the Public Speaking Course which follows the Toastmasters International Speech Manual to structure the progression of Public Speaking skills. Our heartiest congratulations go to D Denton, Z Desebrook and C Raw, who successfully completed all nine projects based on the copyrighted educational material of Toastmasters International. At the final meeting held on 27 November 2023, each of the Project Nine speakers presented outstanding speeches which showed depth, insight and left the discerning audience with much to reflect upon. Each speaker was awarded a Certificate of Recognition endorsed by Toastmasters International to acknowledge this achievement and his contribution to Public Speaking at Maritzburg College.

All in all, Speakers' Circle had a full and enriching year.

Mrs K Thaver



TechSquad

Back row: T Royappen, D Gademan, T Nankan, A Mkhize, B Hlophe, P Desebrook
Third row: A Dladla, N Thusi, L Khumalo, A Khumalo, T Naidoo, L Khambule
Second row: K Phungula, A Hlongwa, M Naidoo, A Mhlanzi, S Dube, S Mnguni
Front row: J le Roux, A Zuma (captain), Ms C McLellan, C Zondi, T Murugen
Absent: L Naicker, S Makhanya, Y Ndamase

We had an excellent start to the New Year. With the help of our captain, A Zuma, we were able to recruit many new boys, as well as to establish two terms filled with training and learning. TechSquad has been busy, with the Media Centre opening on certain evenings for boarders, our boarding TechSquad members were kept very busy, but did an exceptional job keeping things in order and running smoothly. We also joined the Media Centre monitors in the second and third terms at their socials with Girls High School. The gents were excited, this was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, venue

and day availability we were not able to do the Games Evening this year with Esports. We will book well ahead for next year, so all boys get to enjoy it with us. With the start of trials, the time had come to select a new captain to keep everything running at the same level of quality that is expected. This has been an exciting year, with our member numbers going up astronomically, as well as all the new responsibilities the TechSquad has taken on. We look forward to another successful year in 2024.

Ms C McLellan



The TechSquad captain, A Zuma, trains a new squad member.



Borver Week



A memory activity on the Adventure Race that proves difficult when you're hot and tired.

Borver Week was instituted in 2015 so that all new Second Formers would undergo a rite of passage that sees them let go of their primary school allegiances and embrace their new alma mater, Maritzburg College. This year's Borvers have undergone an orientation of their new school, staying together with their day boy counterparts in the boarding houses, learning College's war-cries, as well as the school's system of privileges and traditions, and its hierarchical structure. They travelled to Tala Game Reserve for a gruelling three-hour Adventure Race in extreme heat and returned to College a few hours later exhausted, but ultimately triumphant. They arrived as mere 'Borvers', or 'low-class fellows', to use the actual College definition from over 100 years ago, but after Borver Week they can call themselves College boys or 'Collegians' and have earned the right to wear their Second Form ties.

An 86-year-old rugby ball returns home



Maritzburg College received a very special gift in January 2023 – the leather rugby ball used in the 1937 third and final test between the Springboks and the All Blacks at Eden Park in Auckland. College's link to the famous match is through Philip Nel, College's head prefect and First XV captain of 1921, and captain of that 1937 Springbok team, arguably known as the 'Greatest Springboks'. The two teams were level pegging on one test each, with all to play for. The Springboks duly won that all-important test, 17-6, in Auckland in front of 55 000 New Zealanders, and with it the test series. Ian Cairns of the Class of 1968 who travelled from Auckland, presented the ball to the Headmaster and Mr Bruce Lesur, from the Old Boys' Association executive – a very special gift in this our 160th year.

Maritzburg College 160th Anniversary

The official 160th birthday of Maritzburg College, the oldest boys' school in the province was marked on 2 March 2023. On this date in 1863, Mr William Calder opened the doors of the new school on old Longmarket Street. The 36 students he taught that day became the foundation scholars of the then Pietermaritzburg High School. From such humble beginnings, Maritzburg College has flourished to stand alongside the greatest schools in the country as an educational institution of the highest calibre.

To so many, Maritzburg College is more than a school and remains a source of immense pride, a place of lasting friendships, loyalties and memories, and an enduring symbol of excellence. On 2 March 2023, we saluted our proud school and all those who have contributed in some way to our alma mater for more than a century and a half!

Our milestone was celebrated by a special birthday party with a stunning display on Barns' field and a birthday cake, the production of a 32-page supplement in The Witness, a 160th tribute video and various other activities throughout the year.



The 1270 boys and 170 staff members formed up in a 160 shape on our top field, Barns', to commemorate this special event, which also featured a live performance by OC and talented musician Matt Gardiner.

Ann McLoughlin Maths Centre



College honoured a former member of staff who has given great service to our school. Ann McLoughlin retired at the end of 2013, after an incredible 33 years of commitment and dedication to College and fulfilling numerous roles during this time. She ran the Mathematics Department for several years, only relinquishing the post when she was appointed as Director of Academics. Therefore, it is justly deserving that the Epoch and Optima Room at College should be renamed the Ann McLoughlin Maths Centre.

Revamp and naming of Clark House 'Nigel Sutherland' Common Room



The Nigel 'Kamuthi' Sutherland Common Room acknowledges a long-serving teacher who has influenced so many lives at College. When Mr Kelvin Elder was appointed as Housemaster of Clark House, he envisaged a welcoming space where boys could relax and spend quality time together. The common room was transformed and brings a sense of belonging and unity within the house. The boys certainly are proud of this space and to be part of the flagship house of Maritzburg College.

Opening of the College CoffeeBox

A highlight of this year has been the opening of CoffeeBox on our campus just before Reunion. Working together with the Malherbe family on this exciting initiative has been extremely rewarding, resulting in a stunning new popular venue on our campus, and for boys and staff on cold winter mornings it has become a regular stop-off.



The first customers at the CoffeeBox were (left to right) Dr Melba Nzimande (MCOBA Manager), Jenny Baptista (Foundation Administrator), Andrew Clayton (MCOBA President and Foundation Director) and Kevin Smith (College Business Director).

Friends of College Ceremony



In August Maritzburg College welcomed five new members into our Friends of College group at a special evening event attended by over 70 current members and guests: Messrs Sven Jager, Gavin Lambooy, Gerrit 'Tiny' Coetzee, Jeffrey Finnie and Keith Guise-Brown.

Passing of the Drum



This year saw the twelfth annual Passing of the Drum Ceremony on the Maritzburg College campus, a treasured ceremony first introduced in 2012, to celebrate the appointment of the school's pupil leadership for the next year. The culmination and highlight of the ceremony is the Passing of the Drum from our out-going Head Prefect to the new incumbent, symbolising the passing of authority from the outgoing leadership of 2023 to the incoming leaders of 2024. In keeping with the tradition, the outgoing Head Prefect places a written message of support to his successor in the old drum.

Nathan House Common Room named in memory of Mr Dave Commons



The boys of Nathan House are revelling in the vibrant atmosphere of their newly refurbished and renamed David Commons Room, filled with the latest entertainment amenities and cosy seating. We were honoured to have members of the Commons family at the official opening.

Naming of the AJ Wiblin Boardroom and the Mary-Ann Hartley Art Suite

The AJ Wiblin Boardroom and Mary-Ann Hartley Art Suite were named in honour of these two former stalwarts of the staffroom who collectively gave 60 years' service to College.



Remembrance Day

Maritzburg College staff, boys and old boys gathered with special guests in front of the campus's World War I Memorial outside Clark House for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony. In this time-honoured tradition the school community remembers the 261 Old Collegians and three staff members who have died in battles and wars, since the first Old Boy died serving the Carbineers exactly 150 years ago. Robert Erskine, one of the first old boys, lost his life in a skirmish involving the regiment on 4 November 1873 during a Hlubi ambush at Langalibalele Pass. He is buried on the Pass alongside two of his Carbineer comrades and two guides.

The theme for this year's event, 'Maritzburg College and the Carbineers', honoured especially the hundreds of Old Collegians who served in South Africa's oldest regiment, now known as the Ingobamakhosi Carbineers, named for one of King Cetshwayo's great regiments from 1879.

After the speeches and wreath-laying, guests moved to the Wall of Remembrance for the unveiling of ten new plaques, and to join with family and friends of these members of the College community whose lives we honoured.



The Class of 2023 and their partners were resplendent in their finery as they arrived for 'A Night in Paris'. The Alan Paton Memorial Hall had been transformed, by a team of Sixth Form mums, into a dazzling Parisian scene. The evening was a chance to celebrate the end of their high school careers, and was a fabulous way to wish the Leavers well for their forthcoming examinations.



LEAVERS' DINNER DANCE



Staff Wellness

The Wellness Department aims to create awareness of the wealth we have in health and celebrate this in the workplace. In 2023, the focus was on improving staff's physical health, knowledge and the upliftment of the staffroom, resulting in a fruitful year with many successful programmes.

Other stress-reducing initiatives included tea-time bouts of the board game 30 Seconds, an art workshop hosted by Mrs Saskia Osborne during exam times, and the High 5 board, a space to commend colleagues for their exceptional work ethic, kindness or dedication.

Enhanced Physio conducted a sports massage workshop, teaching staff to attend to painful muscles, while Mrs Courtney Sanders offered vibrant Latin American dance and Pilates classes.

One of the final events of the year was Teacher Appreciation Day, when CoffeeBox staged a 'staffroom takeover'. Academic staff enjoyed a Freezo and muffin or croissant, a highlight of the year.

The Wellness Department looks forward to another busy and successful year at College, with new and exciting initiatives on the way.

Mrs M Kyle



The year kicked off with the Step Challenge, promoting the importance of physical activity. Team members spurred each other on, creating camaraderie and competitiveness in the staffroom. Bi-annual prize-givings rewarded hard-working staff for their commitment to health. This is the English dept hamming it up having won the 30 Seconds comp.



In October, the Wellness Department partnered with Ms Loryn Davies (school counsellor) to raise funds for PMB Mental Health. Green ribbons were sold, and Mr Tim Barry gave a talk. Green mugs filled with treats were distributed among staff, and the month ended with the successful annual Go Green for Mental Health Colour Run.



Hilton Life Hospital offering free blood sugar level testing to staff.



Diabetes was a major focus, with educational talks and free blood sugar testing in October for World Diabetes Day, supported by Hilton Life Hospital. Staff participated in this initiative by wearing blue denim to work.

Farewell to College - Pumphouse Jump



After their last exam, the Sixth Form class jumps from the swimming pool pumphouse into the water – and an exciting new life beyond College.

Barns House

- Housemaster:** Mr S Brill
- Assistant Housemaster:** Mr S Botha
- Mentors:** Mr B Dodd, Mrs D Gademan, Ms A Phillips, Ms L Mthembu, Mrs M-A Rembold
- House captain:** L du Toit
- Assistant House captain:** T Crawford
- House leaders:** A Mdladla, M Madlala, S Mduyana, J Pope, L Upton



As 2023 ends, the Barns House boys can finally hang up their 'Greys' and put their feet up for a few sweet weeks of holiday. This year has witnessed numerous exciting and commendable performances from the Barns House pupils and staff. Unfortunately, we bade farewell to Mrs Gademan, as she took up the role of Assistant Housemaster for Commons House, and the matriculants of 2023.

The year 2023 was a successful one for the Barns House family. Students continued to embody the Barns credo of 'Acta non Verba' ('deeds, not words') as they navigated a busy year of exam sessions, sporting fixtures, special routines, inter-house challenges, and all the other enjoyable aspects that school life offers. We strive to build 'men of character and men of virtue', and we emphasise 'finishing strong', so I commend the boys for their valiant efforts both in the classroom and on the sports field.

Barns House was led by an exceptional group of young leaders this year. Under the impressive leadership of L du Toit and T Crawford, the House maintained steady progress, striving for the Forder Cup title. Unfortunately, the title remained elusive once again. However, Barns House did secure the Cock House Shield, awarded to the top-ranked house for sports, the Critch Cup for junior rugby, Lindup Cup for house rugby, and finished in 6th place on the overall points table; a steady and respectable improvement from last year, well done. The participation in House competitions was impressive, and I commend those who got involved.

There were both highs and lows for the Barns boys this year. This year provided many boys with an outlet to express their talents and encouraged them to leave their mark in the sand. To those who achieved greatness both in and out of the classroom, well done on a marvellous effort. To those who experienced disappointment, do not be discouraged. Reflect, understand, accept, and move on with a vision to be better next year.

To the mentors of Barns House, thank you! You are a tremendous group of teachers, but more importantly, you are all good people. You are respected not because it is obligatory, but because you have earned it through hard work, dedication, and (a lot) of patience. I cannot express my gratitude enough for all that you do for the boys of Barns House. You are all wonderful role models for the boys, and I thank you for the efforts you have made this year.

To the new House leaders and prefects for 2024, 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 an example of excellence, showing us the true definition of a leader.

Mr S Brill

Calder House

- Housemaster:** Mr G Dorling
- Assistant Housemaster:** Mrs K Bartholomew
- Mentors:** Mrs L Udal, Mrs C Singh, Mr M Ngcobo, Mr S Maharaj, Mrs J Stickells/Mr Solomon
- House captain:** T Ramdhass
- Assistant House captain:** N Swift
- House leaders:** L Swanepoel, K Ayliffe, T Madzimure, A Madlala



This year has been a tremendous one for Calder House, in the classroom, on the sports field and in the cultural sphere. We welcomed several new staff members to the Calder House family; Mrs Singh became a mentor of A2, Mr Solomon who took over in A5 from Mrs J Stickells and Mrs L Udal who joined us at the beginning of the year. Mrs Bartholomew was promoted to Assistant Housemaster in the third term.

We certainly took on the challenge in the inter-house competition, thanks to all the enthusiastic House leaders and young men of Calder and won the Forder Cup for the Champion House. T Ramdhass and his team of leaders are to be commended for their service. We managed to field sides in every inter-house competition this year, winning the gala, cross-country competition and the Virtus Challenge.

We had a number of outstanding individual performances during the year, and the following deserve a special mention: T Ramdhass was awarded a Merit Certificate, the prize for English, the Olley prize for History and English and the Nedbank Proxime Accessit for second in Sixth Form, L Kunene was awarded Honours for rugby and the Olivier Trophy for player of the year in the 1st XV, and represented the South African U18A against France and England, L Walker is the Champion cross-country motorcycle rider in the J1 class, both J van Rensburg and K Vogt have excelled in surf ski competitions and A Tilbury came 19th in the national tennis championship. Well done to all these young men.

We look forward to the challenges next year to maintain the number one spot in the inter-house championship. Well done, Calder House.

Mr G Dorling



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House captain: I Chirengende
Assistant House captain: K Dobeyn
House leaders: T Nuttall, E Lolliot, M Mason, J Kauffman, P Schutte



The year 2023 was a packed and energetic one as usual. Congratulations to the departing Mr de Lange who was promoted to Housemaster of Nicholson's. Mrs D Gademan was appointed as the Assistant Housemaster for 2023 in Commons House.

Unfortunately, Mr A McGuigan (OC) left in term 4 for a post at Epworth and we welcomed in his place Mr M Morolong from Garsfontein as a mentor. We wish him and his family a long and fruitful stay at the

school. In and among the comings and goings, the House continued to tick over like clockwork. As always, a big thank you to the house leaders, class leaders and mentors.

Sincere thanks to the very hardworking mentors for their effort. The inter-house programme is an integral part of life here at College, and they ensured sporting, pastoral, cultural and academic matters were diligently managed. I believe that proved pivotal in our success. We were steady and consistent. A very big thank you to Mrs Gademan for her 'behind the scenes' efforts. Her excellent administrative work is greatly appreciated, and she will be an asset to the incoming Housemaster.

After winning the Forder and Cock House trophies last year, we came third in the inter-house competition this year. Only six points separated the top three Houses. A big thank you to the boys and staff for pushing the boys to compete in the inter-house events. I have no doubt the House will again be near the top of the leader board next year.

I leave Commons House (and College) with wonderful memories as my family and I relocate to New Zealand. I wish the incoming Housemaster everything of the best.

Mr C Nevay

Forder House

Housemaster: Mr N Croeser
Assistant Housemaster: Ms K Moula
Mentors: Mrs S Deodutt, Mr L Smorfitt, Mr S Stopford, Mrs Z Elder, Mr A Ebrahim
House captain: M van Rooyen
Assistant House captain: M Roy
House leaders: J Killick, J Barrett, L Sithole, T Sewparsad, T Davies



As we look back on another bustling year, Forder House takes pride in the accomplishments of our young men. The academic, sporting, and inter-house competition arenas were alive with the vibrancy and enthusiasm that characterises our House. The boys continue to shine as confident, dream-pursuing, resilient, and adaptable individuals. This year, our overarching goal has been to recognise the paramount importance of student well-being in fostering academic and personal success. Forder House remains committed to cultivating a safe and

supportive environment where boys can not only thrive but also reach their full potential.

Under the leadership of M van Rooyen as house captain and M Roy as vice-captain, Forder House has seen a year marked by commitment and enthusiasm. Van Rooyen, leading by example, has guided the house with great enthusiasm. Special commendation goes to M Roy for his outstanding organisation and efforts in the house singing event. Our house leaders, J Killick, J Barrett, L Sithole, T Sewparsad and T Davies, have been efficient, willing, and motivating during various house competitions. Heartfelt thanks are extended to them for their contributions throughout the year.

This year we have been privileged to experience a year of stability with no staffing changes. We extend our warm appreciation to Ms L Mkhize, who assisted with Mrs Z Elder's mentor class during her maternity leave.

The mentors of Forder House have played a vital role this year, contributing to the lives of our boys and the African proverb, 'it takes a village to raise a child', lies at the core of our pastoral care ideology. This proverb encapsulates the essence of a united community working together, always in the best interest of each boy. We express our sincere gratitude for their input and the indispensable role they play.

As we bid farewell to Ms K Moula, who leaves to take up the role of Housemaster of Lamond House, we acknowledge her as an asset to Forder House. She will be dearly missed both by staff and boys. We wish her success in her new role.

When it came to the inter-house competitions we took pride in the full participation of our boys in all aspects of the competition, resulting in a commendable seventh-place finish overall. The spirit and dedication displayed by our young men are truly commendable.

Congratulations to all the boys who achieved their academic, cultural and sporting goals for the year. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and we celebrate your accomplishments.

In the fourth term, we welcomed our new house leaders and prefects for 2024, led by J Marcus as captain and J Galtrey as vice-captain. The leaders have already shown purpose and determination, and we eagerly anticipate the achievements they will bring in 2024.

As we conclude this academic year, Forder House expresses gratitude to all students, staff and mentors for their unwavering support and dedication. Together, we look forward to another year of growth, achievements and the continued development of exceptional young men within the Forder House community.

Mr N Croeser

Fuller House

Housemaster: Mr T Orchard
Assistant Housemaster: Mrs L-A Moffatt
Mentors: Mr A Budhoo, Miss S Paramanand, Mr W Greyling, Mr J Taljaard, Mr S Sinclair
House captain: X Thabethe
Assistant House captain: K Naidu
House leaders: K King, K Elliot, S Mchunu, M Zuma



We found 2023 to be a relatively successful one from an inter-house perspective for Fuller House when we fell short by just seven points from the number one spot.

The 2023 Second Formers have fitted in well and have now completed their first full year of College life. We look forward to welcoming the new boys of 2024 and hope that they feel right at home from day one.

The mentors are thanked for their input into our boy's lives. They have a very important role to play in mentoring boys, which in our day and age is becoming more and more important and difficult to do. In-between all the administration they must complete, it is good to see the relationships they have been able to form. The mentors of Fuller are a special group of hard-working people who make the role of housemaster much easier.

We say farewell to only one mentor this year, with Mr Budhoo departing us to become a deputy-Housemaster. He is thanked for his diligence and the way he deeply cared about his boys in his mentor class.

Well done to all those boys who achieved their academic goals at the end of 2023. We wish the Sixth Form Class of 2023 well for the future, may you ever remain hard-working College men.

Fuller House has a new leadership team for 2024 ably led by A Botha and assisted by J Walter as his deputy. The House is in strong hands as they are a very capable pair, and the House looks forward to seeing what they can accomplish.

Mr T Orchard

Lamond House

Housemaster: Mr S Siwila
Assistant Housemaster: Mr J Wilcock
Mentors: Miss C Mhlongo, Mr C Myburgh, Ms A Cilliers, Mrs N Singh
House captain: K Mthimkhulu
Assistant House captain: K Marais
House leaders: S Ender, S Sithembu, S Ndlovu, C Adam, C Prinsloo



As we conclude 2023, and I write this report last report as Lamond Housemaster, I am extremely proud and honoured to have served 'the house of grey'. It has been an extraordinary journey, and I am proud of the achievements and growth we have experienced together. However, I am not bidding farewell entirely, as I am excited to share that I will be taking on the role of Assistant Housemaster within Lamond House. This transition marks a new chapter, and I am confident that Lamond will continue to thrive under the capable leadership of our new Housemaster, Ms Moula.

As we welcome Ms Moula, we must bid farewell to Mr Wilcock, our dedicated and caring Assistant Housemaster. Mr Wilcock consistently prioritised the interests of the house and will be dearly missed. We wish him all the best in his new role within the school and express our heartfelt gratitude for his invaluable contributions to Lamond House.

This year has been a testament to the strength and unity of Lamond House. Our leaders have shown exceptional dedication in ensuring active participation in inter-house competitions, cultural activities and maintaining discipline – all of which have contributed significantly to the house's overall morale. Coming second in the play competition and third in the house singing and band competition are notable mentions. Academic and sporting achievements have not gone unnoticed, and we proudly celebrated the success of our Sixth Form boys at the recent awards ceremony, namely S Ender, K Mthimkhulu and K Marais.

Congratulations are in order for our 2024 House leaders, J Knoetze (Head of House) and C Higgins (vice-captain). May your leadership usher Lamond into a prosperous and successful year ahead.

As the year comes to a close, I extend my gratitude to each member of Lamond House for their commitment, hard work and unwavering spirit. It has been an honour to serve as Housemaster, and I look forward to continuing to contribute to Lamond's success in my new role.

Mr S Siwila

Nicholson House

Housemaster:	Mr B de Lange
Assistant housemaster:	Mrs F Deyzel
Mentors:	Ms A Maistry, Ms N Gumede, Mrs K Storm, Mr L Tshabalala, Mr P Gonlag
House captain:	S Kadira
Assistant House captain:	S Meter
House leaders:	C Raw, A Coulthard, J Bradford, E Kock



Taking over the reins of Nicholson House meant stepping into some big shoes of those who had gone before me, not to mention the admiration of the man after whom the house is named, Mr JM 'Skonk' Nicholson. I quickly learnt that a supportive team of mentor teachers, a dutiful assistant housemaster, and a team of responsible and committed Sixth Form leaders were awaiting me.

In Term 1 of 2023, Nicholson House celebrated some great victories in the inter-house competitions, rising into the top half of the house standings. In addition, the House was awarded bonus points for the House Spirit that was shown during the inter-house gala. This indicated the passion and pride that the 'Red Bulls', as my predecessor fondly dubbed them, had for their house. The 'Red Bulls' of Nicholson House continued to rally behind their captain, S Kadira, and vice-captain, S Meter, and produced solid

results in all spheres. This was seen from the rugby field in the inter-house competitions to the house plays in Term 3. While we narrowly missed out on making the top three in house standings, Nicholson House can be proud of their efforts and determination during the year. Well done, gentlemen!

We have a sterling group of young men. The future of Nicholson's looks bright with new leaders ready to guide the house in 2024 and a committed and enthusiastic group of Second Form boys eager for their second year at Maritzburg College.

My thanks go to Mrs Deyzel whose experience and level-headedness as assistant housemaster were reassuring. Thank you to Ms Maistry, ever supportive and passionate for her house; she really is a master of the house newsletter and was a brilliant director for the house plays. Thank you to Mrs Storm, Ms Gumede and Mr Tshabalala for their commitment to the house and, more importantly for me, their guidance and care of the Nicholson House boys. A final note of thanks to Mr Gonlag who provided much encouragement to our boys and galvanised them into action for the inter-house competitions.

While I am departing from Nicholson House, I trust that the new leadership of Mr Sanders will be sure-footed and continue to take the 'Red Bulls' from strength to strength in the pastoral, sporting and cultural realms.

Red is considered by some to be the most powerful colour of all, it can represent courage, sacrifice, and love, or danger, anger and war. Whether the red brings about feelings of vigour or the bull sparks thoughts of determination and strength, there is something special about the character of Nicholson House that leaves its mark on one's heart.

Mr B de Lange

Pape House

Housemaster:	Mr M Kritzinger
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr F Maritz
Mentors:	Mrs S Kritzinger, Mr V Noubouth, Mrs A Dasrathlal, Mr L Shezi and Mrs J Stoute
House captain:	R Froise
Assistant House captain:	I Kayembe
House leaders:	B Emberton, J Kufal, C Newman, R Quin, H Wells



As we reflect on the past academic year, 2023, it is with great pride that we present the annual report for Pape House. This year has been marked by collaboration, dedication, and commitment to the pursuit of excellence. Pape House has truly demonstrated its commitment to fostering a supportive and thriving community where students feel confident and inspired and teachers' efforts are valued.

The year 2023 has been a year of growth for Pape House. Through the collective efforts of students and mentors, we have grown into a tight knit unit. Many of the challenges and goals we set for ourselves were met throughout the course of the year, and we have made good progress on some of our long-term goals such as encouraging boys to break free from the lingering effects of Covid-19. Boys were encouraged to come out of self-imposed isolation and participate fully in the many House events as well as to honour their commitment to team sports.

Our pastoral focus was on peer tutoring and the overall improvement of Pape House's participation and performance. Students embraced the opportunity to support one another academically, and as a result many friendships were formed.

The leadership team played a pivotal role in guiding Pape House through the challenges and triumphs of the academic year. Under the capable leadership of House Captain R Froise, Vice-Captain I Kayembe, and House Leaders B Emberton, J Kufal, C Newman, R Quin, and H Wells, Pape House flourished as a cohesive unit. The house leaders diligently performed their duties and led by example.

The guidance and support provided by our dedicated mentors – Mrs S Kritzinger, Mr V Noubouth, Mrs A Dasrathlal, Mr L Shezi and Mrs J Stoute (nee Muirhead) – have been instrumental in the personal and academic development of our pupils. Their commitment to the well-being of Pape House boys is exemplary. Mr F Maritz has been a great support, taking on a lot of responsibility and he has performed exceptionally well under pressure.

While the year may have started at a measured pace, Pape House finished strongly by clinching victories in both the inter-house shooting and debating competitions during Term 3. These small victories bear testament to the hard work the boys were willing to put in to achieve their goals.

Pape House has excelled in inter-house competitions and made notable strides in academics, culture, and sports. Our students have demonstrated exceptional prowess in the classroom, exhibited their talents in cultural events, and displayed sportsmanship and a never say die attitude on the sports field.

As we bid farewell to the academic year 2023, Pape House stands united and determined to build on the momentum we have gained this year. We look forward to the coming year and are equipped and ready to face the challenges of 2024.

Mr M Kritzinger

Snow House

Housemaster:	Mr J Mhlongo
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr J Orton
Mentors:	Mrs M Bailey, Mrs C Sanders, Mr L Shongwe, Mr J Pillay, Mr J Naidoo
House captain:	J Konigkramer
Assistant House captain:	J Mumford
House leaders:	I Masinga, J Marais, E Moodley, O Thabethe, S Zungue



This year proved to be a wonderful one for Snow House. The growth of the house is very evident. All this stems from the conduct of boys, mentors who give life to all the daily activities of the House and the excellent working relationship between the Housemaster and the Assistant Housemaster. The collaboration of all stakeholders makes life very easy for each member of this wonderful family. There is a culture of enthusiasm and great spirit among mentors and boys, as mentors lead the boys to greater achievements. The boys are so easily motivated by mentors through great relationships between the two groups.

The house is blessed with five wonderful mentors. Their commitment and dedication to the house duties is remarkable. In whatever they do they always put the boys first as they are the reason for them to be at work. Our mentors are very easy to work with as they are always willing to do whatever

is expected of them and it is always fulfilling to lead such a group. I refer to the mentor comments and matric testimonials which are always done to a good standard and on time. Their commitment to house competitions and supporting their boys is always evident. Our mentors are very committed to their boys as well as making an effort to know each boy in their mentor classes. This came up in the appraisal meetings and was very evident. When appropriate, parents are promptly contacted, and timely follow-up is provided in response to parental communication and requests.

There are wonderful boys who complete this large family of Snow House. They always strive to be the best in all they do, and they respond positively to all that is assigned to them. Our house leaders, Thabethe, Masinga, Moodley, Marais and Zungu should take pride in themselves for willingly taking the struggle on their own shoulders. We look forward to taking the house forward and improving our position in the rankings in house competitions.

Snow House is very active academically. Every term we have a healthy number of representatives in the top ten line up in each grade. We are proud of them, and they are encouraged to keep up the excellent work.

We wish the boys and their parents, a restful and rejuvenating time over the festive season, as you take time to be with family. We look forward to seeing them return and their influence on the school and community next year.

Mr J Mhlongo

Strachan House

Housemaster:	Mr M Warr
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr A Budhoo
Mentors:	Mrs R Brunzlaff, Mrs S Webley, Mrs M Kritzinger, Mr M Jeewan, Mr N Whatmore
House captain:	J Sweetnam
Assistant House captain:	Y Sha
House leaders:	B Chambler, A Mjaja, M Thomson, R Pitout, R Warr



This year was a successful and rewarding one for Strachan House, full of opportunities for the boys to express themselves, display their strengths and work on their weaknesses. As always, the young men of Strachan House displayed diligence and determination and continuously put their best foot forward to fulfil their potential.

We saw a number of changes during the year, starting with the departure of Mr D Sherriff as a mentor as he embraced his role as a sports director. We welcomed Mr N Whatmore to take over the T2 mentor class and, being an Old Boy, he immediately took to the role and successfully integrated himself into our house. We also sadly said goodbye to Mr M Zuma who, due to circumstances out of his control, sadly had to step down as Housemaster. His time as the leader of Strachan House was characterised by his firm yet empathetic approach to the boys, and he will be sorely missed. He leaves behind a legacy of excellence and the high standards he set for the house will stand us in good stead in the future. Mr M Warr was promoted from his role as assistant housemaster to Housemaster and Mr A Budhoo was welcomed into the house as our new assistant housemaster.

The inter-house competition was fiercely contested, and highlights of the year include our first places earned in the house plays and leadership, and top three finishes in cross-country, debating, basketball, academics, Borver week, soccer, table tennis and squash. All this culminated in Strachan House finishing in a commendable fifth place overall. My heartfelt gratitude goes to all the boys who sacrificed their time to the house competition. We have our sights on a top three finish next year.

Strachan House was capably led by our team of house leaders who led from the front, volunteering their time and effort in the day-to-day running of the house as well as the organisation and implementation of the various inter-house competitions. The house leaders of 2023 can be truly proud of their efforts, and it can be honestly said the house would not have seen any success without them. They have set the bar high for future generations and the house leaders and prefects of 2024 are challenged to build on this solid foundation. We wish all our matrics of 2023 the best for their future endeavours.

The boys of Strachan House are to be commended for their academic, sporting and cultural efforts over the course of the year. We had many individuals achieve some incredible accomplishments, detailed in other places in this magazine, but every single member of this house contributed in some way to a successful year. My thanks and appreciation go to every boy who is part of our Strachan House family. I also extend my thanks to the parents of our boys for their support during the year.

Lastly, my gratitude goes to the house staff for their commitment and dedication. Strachan's would simply not function without this team of incredible people, and I strongly encourage our returning Strachan House boys to show their appreciation to their mentors next year.

I hope and pray that all members of our Strachan House family enjoy a restful break spending quality time with friends and family and that we all return to school rejuvenated and excited to make the most of the opportunities that 2024 holds.

Mr M Warr

2023 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 the opportunity to do something for their House and to build the much-needed camaraderie and brotherhood that ensures a strong House culture. It also provides 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 sporting 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. This year Calder House were the worthy winners of the Forder Cup, winning by over four points from second placed Fuller House. Calder won four competitions which included two of the biggest for the year, the swimming gala and athletics. Commons again showed great consistency coming third overall. 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. A special mention must go to Fuller House for improving by nine places from their 10th place in 2022.

Mr A Sparrow

HOUSE	Borver Week	Gala	House Singing	Debating	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Leadership	Shooting	Table Tennis	Basketball	House Plays	Cricket	Tennis	Cross-country Championships	Cross-country - Virtus	Athletics	Squash	Virtus Challenge	Academics	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
Calder	14	34	28	4	5	3	9	5	5	3	6.5	6	8.5	2.5	10	17	34	5.5	10	1		211
Fuller	8	12	34	7	3	7	5.5	1	3	2	12	2	14.5	6.5	5.5	10	28	7	18	3.5	17	206.5
Commons	11.5	10	24	5.5	8	8	10	3	4	5	9.5	1	14.5	8	1	14	18	9	34	7.5		205.5
Nicholson	9	24	16	3	1	5	2.5	8	9	9	6.5	8	8.5	4.5	8	9	14	3	24	6	17	195
Strachan	11.5	28	12	9	2	4	8	10	7	8	9.5	10	6	6.5	3.5	5	22	8	12	9		191
Barns	6	18	14	2	6	10	5.5	3	8	6.5	17	5	8.5	4.5	9	12	16	5.5	28	5		189.5
Forder	17	20	20	1	4	9	7	8	2	10	9.5	4	5	9	7	8	24	2	14	2		182.5
Lamond	10	14	22	5.5	9	1.5	1	8	6	1	14	9	14.5	1	5.5	6.5	20	4	18	10		180.5
Pape	7	16	18	8	7	1.5	2.5	6	10	4	5	7	8.5	2.5	2	6.5	12	10	22	7.5		163
Snow	5	22	10	10	10	6	4	3	1	6.5	9.5	3	11	10	3.5	11	10	1	18	3.5		158

Inter-House Trophies

Freakes Shield for Cricket	Commons, Fuller and Lamond House
Brian Edwards Cup for Hockey	Snow House
Critch Cup for Junior Rugby	Barns House
Lamond Cup for Senior Rugby	Commons House
Lindup Cup for House Rugby	Barns House
Sixth Form Cup for Shooting	Pape House
Bob Lambert Cup for Squash	Pape House
College Cup for Inter-House Culture	Fuller House
Cock House Trophy	Barns House
Forder Cup for Champion House 2023	Calder House

Report by the Deputy Headmaster: Boarding

The boarding establishment

Our goal in the boarding establishment is to create a safe and happy place for boys to thrive. I am proud when I reflect on the year the boarding establishment has had. I have seen boys grow, excel in their areas of interest, and apply themselves to their studies, attend extra lessons and improve their academic marks during the year. I have seen boys support their school with vigour and zeal. I have seen boys realise that they have much to offer and that with increased effort they can reach their potential. We have made strides in improving the look and feel of the boarding houses to allow our boys to feel the belonging and pride in their house which we desire.

At the start of the year, we welcomed a few new staff members to the boarding team which increased our staff complement to 45. Mr K Elder began the year as the new Housemaster of Clark House. He led this house with distinction as he paid special attention to the culture that exists in the house and spent much time cajoling the boys to live up to the high standards which we expect of a Clark House boy. Mr W Greyling assumed the role as deputy housemaster in Clark House and the two of them have done a fine job in creating a strong reputation in the house. This year we introduced a brand-new role in the boarding establishment, that of Housemother of Nathan House. Ms A Cilliers did an outstanding job in her first year and was a huge support to the Nathan House team and the boys themselves. We also introduced the role of 'stooges', being young varsity students doing duty in the boarding establishment and as sports coaches. We had six of these gentlemen this year who carried out various duties around the school and boarding establishment.

The number of severe discipline cases we needed to deal with in the BE were far fewer than in previous years. I believe this was due to the changing of culture and a buy-in from the boys to live to the standard that their boarding house expects of them. Having said that, we still had the unpleasant task of making some boys leave our boarding establishment due to serious breaches of the code of conduct.

The focus in the BE for 2023 was about improving the aesthetics of the houses. This is no easy and quick task, and it is an expensive one, too. We embarked on the first of many projects which would see us lift the look and feel of the boarding houses, a project that will continue for the next three years. Mrs Stacy Emerson was given a new role in the BE to oversee the improvement of the houses and she made her mark in no time at all.

The Clark House Common Room was renovated, including a lovely space that was created for the boys to enjoy plus a kitchenette and the addition of a prep room in the house. The second major task was the renovation of the Fifth Form Hudson House dormitories. This is a project that spanned seven months and gave the boys larger, more spacious, and modern dormitories. At the beginning of the new year, their new common room will be complete, and this will be a pleasant area for the boys to relax.

The third project was the renovation of the Nathan House common room. It was aptly named after the late David Commons, a particularly generous and proud OC, and it is now called the David Commons Room. The room was remodelled and enlarged to include a prep room where the boys can do late prep and have extra lessons in the evenings.

The meetings of the Boarder Parents Committee were well attended and created fruitful debate on various important topics. The committee was ably led by Mr Hermann Goslett who was a huge source of support to me and the boarding establishment.

We said farewell to a few parents who leave the committee at the end of the year, due to their sons finishing their College career. I would like to thank Lance Luffingham, Glen Meter, and Guy Emberton for the years of service to the committee.

In July we sadly said goodbye to Mr S Stickells, who was the deputy housemaster of Shepstone House. He left our shores with his family for China. At the end of the year, we were sorry to have a few more departures. Mr C Nevay emigrated to New Zealand with his family and left us after six years. Mr Nevay was a much-admired boarder master in Hudson House and I am sure the boys will miss his 'pearls of wisdom' which he would share when on duty. Mr S Zuma resigned as the housemaster of Shepstone House, after two years of service. His warm rapport and ability to connect with the boys in the house will be missed.

I say a heartfelt thank you to the boarding staff who have given so freely of themselves to ensure that each boarder is looked after. We have a wonderful team of committed people, from the housemasters to our San nurses, the catering team led by Mrs Heather Lawson, the ground staff and cleaners and each boarder master.

Mr K Emerson





Clark House

Housemaster:	Mr K Elder
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr W Greyling
Boarder Masters:	Messrs O Kajee, M Ngcobo, R Paterson, S Stopford, K Zakwe, J McCabe, S Sinclair
Head of House:	M van Selm
Prefects:	K Steele, D Wright, L Seshemane, S Sithembu, L Armstrong

I am pleased to report the successful results and accomplishments we have achieved, which have cultivated a robust sense of belonging, discipline, respect, and appreciation among our stakeholders.

As I reflect on my first year as Housemaster, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and enrichment. The journey has been a remarkable tapestry of experiences, challenges, and triumphs that have left an indelible mark on both me and the vibrant house I am privileged to lead.

Navigating the complexities of fostering a nurturing environment for the students has been a fulfilling endeavour. Witnessing their growth, not just academically but also as individuals forging their paths, has been both inspiring and humbling. The camaraderie that has blossomed within our house reflects the bonds that make a community strong, even through trying times.

One of our primary goals has been to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that nurtures a strong sense of belonging for all residents. We are thrilled to report that our efforts have been successful. Through various community-building activities, mentorship programmes, and open communication channels, our boarders have developed a deep sense of belonging. Boarder master surveys indicate that most students feel at home and well-integrated within the boarding house, and they value the relationships they have formed with their peers.

Discipline is the foundation of a productive and harmonious boarding house. We have maintained a strong commitment to instilling good discipline in our boys. Our clear and consistent rules and guidelines, as well as regular monitoring, have contributed to an environment in which students understand the importance of personal responsibility and accountability. Incidents of disciplinary issues have decreased significantly this year, demonstrating the positive impact of our approach. As a team of masters and prefects, we hold the belief that discipline without a foundation of positive relationships can lead to rebellion.

The culture of mutual respect is a key element in our boarding house, and it has been promoted through various educational initiatives and role modelling. The boys of Clark House have shown tremendous growth in this area, and we are proud to report a substantial reduction in conflicts and

incidents of disrespect among the boys. This environment of respect has enabled students to learn from each other, share ideas, and collaborate effectively.

Our boarding house thrives due to the support of various stakeholders, including parents, estates, fellow housemasters and boarder masters, and the broader community. Our boys have been actively encouraged to acknowledge and express gratitude for the opportunities they have been provided. This has led to a stronger connection between the boarding house and its stakeholders. Moreover, we have initiated community service programmes, fostering a sense of social responsibility among our students, making them not only grateful for what they have but also more inclined to give back.

In conclusion, it is evident that Clark House has seen significant positive developments in the past year. We have a lot to brag about with our recent developments. Our boarding house has taken a significant step forward with the addition of a brand-new common room, upgraded Wi-Fi infrastructure, and a state-of-the-art prep room which is being planned and will hopefully be completed in the months to come. These enhancements not only improve the quality of life for our residents but also demonstrate our commitment to providing a top-notch living and learning environment. We are excited about the positive impact these improvements will have on our community and look forward to enjoying the benefits of these additions.

The boys have embraced the values of belonging, discipline, respect, and gratitude. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, as well as the willingness of our students to embrace a positive community spirit. As we look forward to the coming year, we remain committed to further enhancing the boarding experience for all boys. We will continue to build upon the foundation of belonging, discipline, mutual respect and gratitude with the aim of creating an even more nurturing and supportive environment.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our stakeholders for their unwavering support and trust in Clark House. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to another year of positive growth and achievement.

Mr K Elder



Elliott House

Housemaster:	Mr S Bosch
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr L Smorfitt
Boarder Masters:	Messrs M Sanders, R Kyle, A Sparrow, M Kritzinger, H Ntenezi, H Marnitz and R Coutts
Head of House:	S Meter

Elliott House has a special and long-lasting place in the hearts of our boarders. It is the house that becomes a home in a very short space of time. It concludes the College journey of the boarders, those who find themselves together under one roof yet again. The journey taken is one to be cherished. This experience sees our young men forge new relationships and solidify existing ones. It sees them defend their school colours in the sporting and cultural arena with pride. I am pleased to report that the Elliott House boarders, yet again, have achieved various successes from all spheres within the life of the school. This year the house was home to an average of 64 boarders who witnessed one another grow as humans.

The annual calendar delivered a full year of fixtures, either home or away from the campus. Our boarders were put through their paces while representing their school in various sporting and cultural codes. The annual calendar provides the chance for personal development and the building of memories, while negotiating the academic challenges every term. Found and recorded in the appropriate sections of this magazine are the awards for activities from the different spheres in which boarders were involved. The Elliott House boarders were challenged but achieved the realistic goals set for their last year as a College boarder.

For our Elliott House boarders to achieve, in their very busy year, a communal living structure which forms the backbone of the life as a boarder, is set in place. It is important that our boarders feel safe and cared for while under our roof. A boarder who experiences a positive living environment will not only achieve but thrive towards becoming the best version of himself. Each boarder made the house his home, enjoying to the full every possibility for personal growth. A daily schedule drove home an expected pattern in behaviour. During the important examination, study schedules were designed and became the reference for academic discipline. The guidance provided by core group leaders proved invaluable as each boarder's best interests were at heart. A good night's rest combined with healthy living conditions and ample study time was the recipe used to face challenges and succeed together. The structure provided at Elliott House guided decision-making towards finding a fine balance for each boarder's academic, sporting and cultural demands. As goals were achieved, well deserved accolades followed.

The pride in being an Elliott House boarder grows as time passes. The boarders become accustomed to their new living environment. They adjust to the freedoms provided. This year the involvement of our boarders in the life of the school was impressive. The holistic development of our young men is key and was driven with passion for their school. The Elliott House boarder had the opportunity to relax within the confines of the house as well. Enjoying the independence and privilege of each having their own room, the boys could design their living area which best suited their needs. The Piet Snyman common room, sporting a television on which the World Cup Rugby was keenly followed also held a table tennis table as well as a pool table. These were well used during free time and there was some great banter and friendly competition. The non-competitive boarder kicked his feet up and relaxed on the comfortable couches. Weather permitting, the boarders enjoyed playing touch rugby, soccer and games of ultimate frisbee on Barns' field. The newly refurbished tennis courts became a hive of activity while the release of pent-up energy and exam frustration allowed decent tennis talent to be on display during exam down time. The healthy body and mind concept was promoted and fully enjoyed.

At the end of every term a boarder braai, build-a-burger evening and finally the formal dinner, in term 4, were enjoyed. Mrs Lawson and her kitchen staff never fail to deliver the delicious food which is well known by College boarders and others. We thank her and her dedicated team for their fine efforts this year.

The recipe which forms the backbone of the house is reinforced by the Elliott House team. A dedicated group of skilled members who only have our boarders' best interests at heart. The effective use of time and efficient running of the daily schedule is important, and our boarder masters made good use of the guidelines and ensured consistency of routines throughout the year. I thank the boarder masters of Elliott House for their fine efforts this year, namely Messrs L Smorfitt, M Sanders, R Kyle, A Sparrow, M Kritzinger, H Ntenezi, H Marnitz and R Coutts.

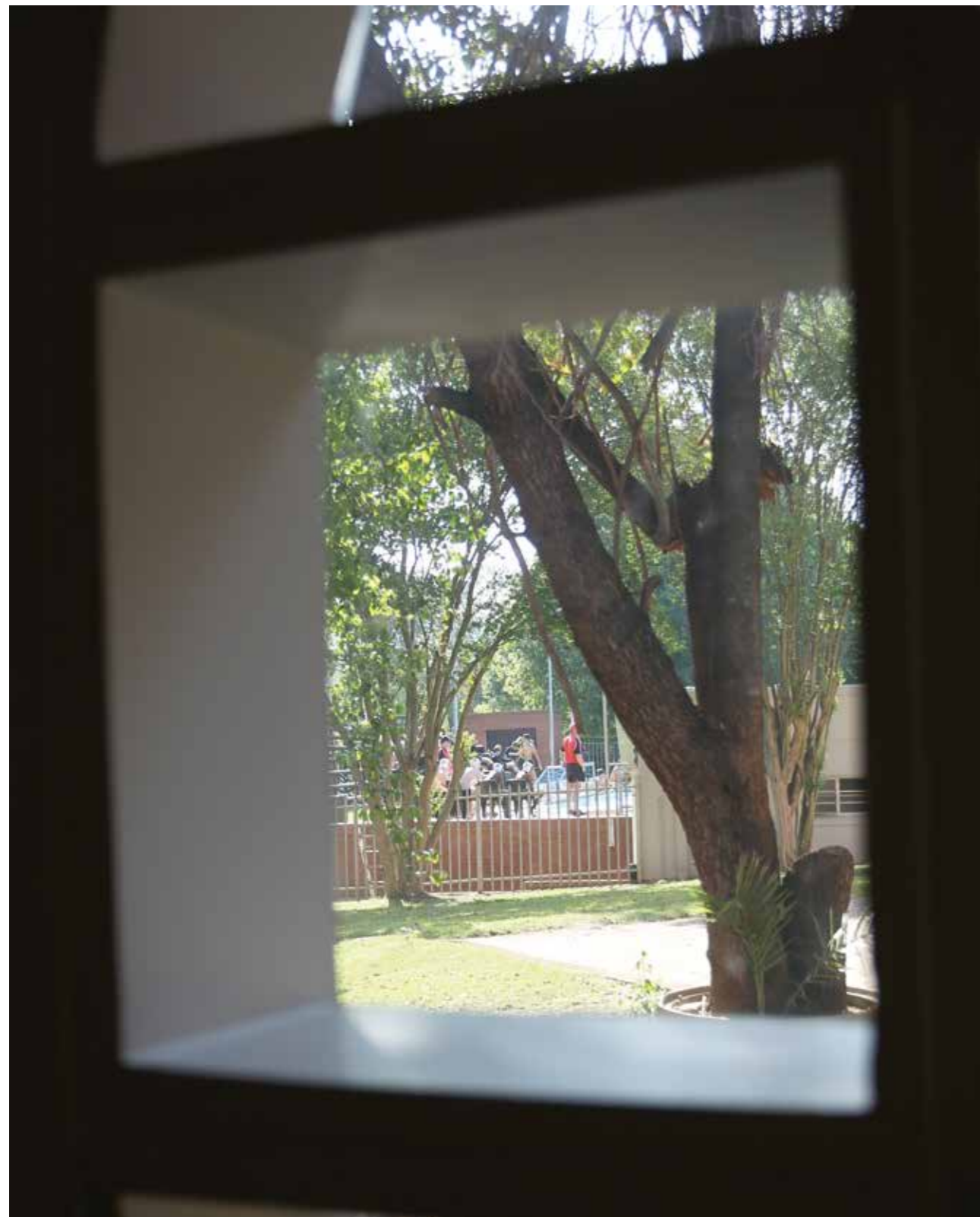
The core group's break-away sessions saw boarders enjoy thought-provoking discussions as well as some free time with their brothers while sharing some tasty treats. Regular deliveries of chocolate donuts by Mr Bosch would provide the necessary sugar to push through prep times.

Braai nights broke the mid-week tension as a chop, wors and steak pack satisfied the craving for a braai. The time spent by the masters in providing a guiding structure is immense and their commitment to being a listening ear or guiding voice was well-appreciated by the boys.

Sincere thanks go to Mrs S Elliot supported by Mr K Hackland and the estate staff for their efforts in keeping Elliott House facilities well maintained. Our San sisters, once again, were absolutely amazing this year. The care shown and the lengths to which they go to ensure boarder health is maintained, no matter what time of day or night, is remarkable, as is their love and concern for our boys. My sincere thanks to them for their commitment.

Lastly, I thank the parents for their continued support and team effort. The Elliott House parent knows all about the challenges faced and what it takes to support their sons. The buy-in and cooperation of a parent is an important part of the successes experienced by the boarder. It forms an integral part in making a boarder's final year enjoyable and successful. The parents worked well with the Elliott House team in keeping communication lines open as well as allowing their boys to experience all that was on offer during their last year at College. It is comforting to know that parents want their boys to continue being fully involved and support the life of the school – ultimately making their final memories of their alma mater special.

Mr S Bosch



Hudson House

- Housemaster:** Mr W du Plessis
- Deputy Housemaster:** Mr K Nipper
- Boarder Masters:** Messrs T Orchard, T Tshabalala, C Nevay, L Barnard, L Smorfitt, S Brill, A Mthiyane
- Head of House:** L du Toit
- Prefects:** A van der Linde, K Mthimkhulu, T Walton, L Schultz, L Sithole

Hudson House was ably led by the Head of House, L du Toit, who enjoyed the respect of the boys and staff alike. One key focus area for the house in 2023 was the mentor programme. Each boarder master had a group of between 12 to 15 boys in his care. This provided an opportunity for the boys to chat about real issues, be it school related or personal. The motto for the BE is a safe environment to live in. With nine masters and six prefects looking after the 124 Hudson House boys, it was evident to see the positive impact that they had.

There are many exemplary students who plough hours into their studies and in so doing achieved great results in 2023. The consistently high achievers in Third Form were D du Toit, B Cook, L Becket and R Motshoane. In Fourth Form were C Gould, M Borchers, D Cruickshank, J Thackwray, P Louwrens, A Hadebe and V Kasambala. In Fifth Form we congratulate C Ferraz, I Mosupye, S Ngcobo, L Matshoge and D Becket and for Sixth Form we would like to make a special mention of L du Toit. These top set boys supported the rest of the house with academic support, whereby the stronger boys in the House assisted those who needed some extra attention and help.

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 presents. Some stand out achievers this year on the sporting front are P Kubheka and L Kunene for making the SA Schools rugby side, D Jackson for being selected for the SA U16 hockey squad and P Louwrens for his selection to the SA fly-fishing team. We have a host of Provincial selections across many codes, as well as several cultural leaders, actors, debaters, singers and musicians. We celebrate and share in the boys' success in the house dinners and termly newsletters. The involvement of all the boys in the house is noteworthy as it ensures that they spread the balance of their time at school.

A note of thanks must go to Mr Emerson in his role as Deputy Headmaster: Boarding. The number of hours he spends ensuring that our BE is efficiently run, are countless. Thank you for the effort to get the upgrades to the Fifth Form dormitories, Besters Quad and the new common room. He is committed to making the College BE a better place and this is evident in the work he does. He is to be commended for another successful year.

The running of an efficient house must also be accredited to numerous other groups of people. Mr Hackland, Mrs Elliot and the entire estates staff who take care of the maintenance, cleaning and laundry are to be commended for 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 boys 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 massive thank you to the SAN sisters who are the mothers of the BE. They take care of all the boarders with such dedication and compassion and are on call twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

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's. They have added to the rich history of the biggest House in the school, and we hope that 2024 will be a happy year for them in Elliott House.

The 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 remain disciplined, diligent and respectful towards others. Hudson House remains a proud part of the College BE and all is set for an enjoyable year in 2024.

Confido et Conquiesco

Mr W du Plessis



Nathan House

Housemaster:	Mr R Barbour
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr P Gonlag
Boarder Masters:	Messrs R Abrahams, D Sherriff, M Morolong, A McGuigan, L Shongwe, C Myburgh, L Kruger
House mother:	Ms A Cilliers
Head of House:	J Connolly
Prefects:	S Kadira, M van Rooyen, J Sweetnam, A Xektwana

As the academic year draws to a close, with the sound of 'Oh boys of Nathans' drifting off into the night sky for the last time, it's time to reflect on the incredible journey embarked upon by the resilient young men of Nathan House. Their inaugural year at high school marks a testament to the unyielding spirit of unity and camaraderie.

Embracing the corridors of high school for the first time, the boys of Nathan House faced an array of challenges. The transition from the warmth of home to the vast unknown of high school living often sparked homesickness. These boys found strength in each other, lending support, wiping away tears, and planting the seeds of an unbreakable bond. The challenges forged the foundation of a brotherhood. From the initial homesickness to the adjustments of communal living, these young men stood by one another through highs and lows. Through trials came triumphs. The boys of Nathan House formed a bond that transcended friendship, late-night study sessions, laughter echoing in the dorms, or mutual encouragement during exams, they emerged as a united front and became an inseparable brotherhood.

Their solidarity was not confined to the hostel walls but extended to every facet of their high school lives. The shared experiences have knitted them together, creating a tapestry of unforgettable moments. Their mutual support during Second Form exams exemplified the strength in unity, as they stood shoulder to shoulder, ensuring each member felt empowered and uplifted.

As the year draws to a close, the achievements of these young men stand as a testament to their character. Throughout the year, Nathan's boys have dealt with games room, team testing, learning and applying the privilege system, greeting, waiting at doors, and various other challenges as Second Form boarders. From academic success to personal growth, the journey through the first year at high school has not just been about individual accomplishments but a collective victory of the Nathan House brotherhood.

The invaluable lessons learnt and the bonds formed within the walls of Nathan House have laid the foundation for the years to come. The friendships and support system created during this transformative year are poised to endure, serving as a guiding light through the rest of their high school endeavours and beyond. The tale of Nathan House is not just about conquering challenges, it's a narrative of fortitude and unwavering camaraderie. Their story speaks to the strength found in unity, the courage to face adversity, and the creation of brothers for life.

Within these walls of Nathan House, the heartbeat of our Second Form hostel, resides a unique cadre of boarder masters and prefects. Their presence embodies a harmonious blend of firmness, fairness and consistency. These remarkable individuals have woven a tapestry of discipline, counsel and support. They stand as pillars of strength, offering guidance with a firm hand, nurturing with fairness and maintaining consistency in their approach. Through their dedication, the house management team have not only overseen the growth of these young men but have also set a remarkable example of balanced leadership, shaping the character and resilience of the boys in their care. On this note a key man in this regard, was Mr McGuigan, who left us at the end of term 3 for the other side of the hill, Epworth. Thank you for all your care, sir. And the heartbeat of the house this year was the introduction of our dear house mother. Ms Cilliers is an endearing soul, who both loves and instructs her charges with a nurturing warmth, and a deep strength, and it is a wonder how we ever survived without her.

Here's to Nathan House boys of 2023 and the indelible mark they have left on the canvas of high school life, a year of triumph, growth, and the forging of bonds that shall last a lifetime.

Mr R Barbour



Shepstone House

Housemaster:	Mr S Zuma
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr M Sanders
Boarder Masters:	Messrs F Maritz, W Shange, A Landman, A Walstrom, M Zuma, J Taljaard, M Dibben
Head of House:	I Chirengende
Prefects:	R Froise, S Dlamini, I Kayembe, S Zulu

Shepstone House continues to thrive as a nurturing environment for its boarders, fostering discipline, academic excellence, and sporting achievements. This report aims to highlight the commendable aspects of our boarding house, celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of our boys in various fields.

Discipline within Shepstone House remains a cornerstone of our ethos. The boys consistently display a strong sense of responsibility and respect for one another, creating a positive and supportive community. The collaborative efforts of staff and students contribute to the maintenance of a disciplined and harmonious living environment.

Shepstone House takes immense pride in the remarkable achievements of its residents in the realm of sports. J Jansen and A Botha's selection for Craven Week, and B Maphisa's inclusion in the Academy week, serve as a testament to the dedication and talent that our boys bring to their respective teams. Additionally, K Sibankulu's achievement in being selected for the U18 Eastern Cape basketball team highlights the diverse sporting talents nurtured within our boarding house.

The academic accomplishments of our boys are equally noteworthy. J Steyn's first place standing in the house during Fourth Form, and M Msimango's top position in the grade for Third Form in the third term, underscore

the commitment to academic excellence within Shepstone House. These achievements reflect not only individual dedication but also the supportive academic environment cultivated within the boarding community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parents for their unwavering support. Your encouragement and involvement in your sons' lives contribute significantly to the overall success and well-being of Shepstone House. The partnership between parents and the boarding house remains a vital element in creating a nurturing environment that enables our boys to thrive.

In conclusion, Shepstone House stands as a beacon of excellence in discipline, academics and sportsmanship. The achievements of our boys are a source of immense pride, and we look forward to further successes in the future. The continued support of parents is invaluable, and we appreciate the role they play in shaping the remarkable individuals emerging from Shepstone House.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care and development of your sons. Finally, to the Shepstone House boys, always endeavour to hope. *Zama, Themba* (try, hope).

Mr S Zuma





Clark House Prefects

Back row: S Sithembu, D Wright, K Steele, L Armstrong, L Seshemane
Front row: Mr W Greyling (deputy housemaster),
 M van Selm, Mr K Elder (housemaster)



Nathan House Prefects

Back row: M van Rooyen, J Sweetnam, S Kadir, J Conolly, A Xekwana
Front row: Mr P Gonlag (deputy housemaster),
 Mr R Barbour (housemaster), Miss A Cilliers (house mother)



Elliott House RCL

L-R: B Emberton, Mr L Smorritt (deputy housemaster),
 S Meter, Mr S Bosch (housemaster), R Quin



Shepstone House Prefects

L-R: I Kayembe, Mr S Zuma (housemaster), S Zulu, I Chirengende,
 Mr M Sanders (deputy housemaster), S Dlamini
Absent: R Froise



Hudson House Prefects

L-R: L Schultz, K Mthimkhulu, Mr W du Plessis (housemaster),
 L du Toit (head of house), T Walton, A van der Linde

Sanatorium



Mrs L Padayachee, Mrs C Olivier, Mrs N Steenkamp, Mrs N Hansa

The Sanatorium was again a busy place in 2023. There were further upgrades to our office, the clinic, dorm kitchen and isolation room, which were very welcome. New cupboards were installed in these areas, improving the aesthetics and functionality. The linoleum flooring which had seen much traffic was replaced with harder wearing tiles in the treatment room, corridor, clinic area and our second shower was redone. Windows were installed in our isolation room, which now also boasts its own kitchenette making it more comfortable for the boys.

We were joined in May by Mrs Leola Padayachee who came to us from SANBS. She was familiar with College having taken part in the donor clinics on campus. She is a very capable and welcome addition to our team. We

are finally back to four nurses in the San with a team we hope to keep for many years to come. We very sadly lost our San Assistant, Mr Patrick Sithole, to a sudden illness. He was a member of staff for 37, much of this time, working in the San. A memorial was held for him in the chapel and was attended by his son and brother along with many staff who had worked with him through the years. His sense of humour, easy-going manner as well as his caring attitude towards the boys, is missed. Mr Thulani Mjwere has joined us to fill this position and has proved to be a great fit for the team.

The rugby season, although busy, saw us host fewer home games than last year. Our doctors were in attendance in First Aid; Drs Su Akerman, Hugh Akerman, James McAllister, Greg van Osch, Paul Hatfield and Ian Cochrane ever helpful, delivering an excellent standard of care to our boys and all who were seen in First Aid. Our thanks go to Mrs R Brunzloff and her team of first aiders, and ER24 for their medics who were on the ground. This year, College hosted Junior Craven Week, a huge undertaking. We were assisted by Dr Cailey Jonk, a doctor from Mediclinic Casualty. For those four days, we surpassed our normal First Aid statistics, seeing a total of 163 patients comprising boys, visitors, visiting coaches and staff. In total, 16 patients were transported to hospital by ER24. It was an extremely busy four days with some unusual injuries.

The flu vaccine numbers were slightly up on last year. We vaccinated 53 boys. This is voluntary, done with the consent of the parents. We hope to see our numbers climb a little next year as it is worthwhile.

We are fortunate to have three doctors who see boys in the San, Dr Hugh Akerman, Dr Su Akerman and Dr Mark van Staden, and we are grateful for their services. As we come to the close of another year, we look back with gratitude for the wonderful team that we work with, across the board. It has been a year of growth, experience and memories.

Mrs C Olivier



SPORT



Athletics

Back row: C Sweetnam, J Kauffman, S Jansen, K Dobejn, N Breedt, J Pope, M van Selm, F Kunene
Fifth row: S Xaba, C Reardon, L Dladla, D du Plessis, A Kritzinger, J Gasarasi
Fourth row: R Jacobsz, M Wolhuter, M Mogale, C Francis, B Andrews, M Chirengende, T Ekerold, S Oosthuizen
Third row: M Moodley, E Hamadziripi, D du Toit, Y Mchunu, M Kritzinger, T Boshoff, E Maynard, C Higgins, I Kayembe
Second row: Mr L Shabalala, Mr J Taljaard, Mr B de Lange, Mrs S Kritzinger, J Sweetnam (captain), Mr M Kritzinger, Mrs M Kritzinger, Mr L Kruger, Mr A Sparrow
Front row: S Ngcobo, L Shangase, M van Rooyen, R Maartens, J Werth, C Pillay, S Ismail

The Maritzburg College inter-house meeting was highlighted by the performances of J Sweetnam, in the shot put U19, with a new record of 16.8m.

At the KZN Championship, College accrued 12 Gold, 3 Silver and 8 Bronze medals:

- Gold:** M Mogale (U16 100m and 200m), I Kayembe (U20 100m), B Andrews (U16 high jump), A Kritzinger (U18 long jump), T Boshoff (U16 shot put and hammer throw), J Sweetnam (U20 shot put, discus and hammer throw), G Mulder (U18 hammer throw) and C Sweetnam (U16 javelin).
- Silver:** L Kunene (U20 high jump), T Boshoff (U16 discus) and S Jansen (U16 hammer throw)
- Bronze:** Y Mchunu (U18 400m), L Kunene (U20 long jump), C Sweetnam (U16 shot put and discus), G Mulder (U18 discus), I Shahaan (U16 800m), N Breedt (U16 hammer throw), T Ekerold (U18 hammer throw).

At the interprovincial ASA meeting five Maritzburg College athletes represented the KZN team: J Sweetnam 11th in U20 shot put, B Andrews 6th U16 high jump, T Boshoff 11th U16 hammer throw, G Mulder 8th U18 hammer throw and M Mogale 8th U16 100m.

Maritzburg College also had 10 athletes representing the KZN Schools team this year: I Kayembe (3rd), J Sweetnam (3rd), together with M Mogale, B Andrews, Y Mchunu, A Kritzinger, G Mulder, T Boshoff, L Kunene and C Sweetnam.

This year saw the start of the aQuellè Athletics series, where five meetings between the top schools in KZN were held. College won all five meetings

and were crowned series winner. During the fourth term, three more aQuellè meetings took place which served as preparation for the 2024 season, starting in January.

Mr M Kritzinger



At the inter-house athletics meeting

Review by the Director of Basketball

Basketball at Maritzburg College continues to grow by leaps and bounds and the 2023 season was no different. We had enough boys to fill 26 teams although not many competing schools could match that, so they would play internal games. Furthermore, we run one of the most prestigious basketball tournaments in the country which has elevated our status as a basketball powerhouse school in South Africa.

The core emphasis this year was a change in coaching philosophy at the junior level. Emphasising a paradigm shift from winning to learning, our coaching philosophy centred on nurturing basketball fundamental skills and prioritising a holistic approach to the game. Beyond the scoreboard, our emphasis on enjoyment, fun and the integration of core basketball values has yielded a profound impact on both players and coaching staff. Focusing on learning rather than winning at the lower levels allows both coaches and players to participate without the fear of failure. This is particularly important as the environment for learning becomes conducive once fear is eliminated.

The Jenny Orchard Invitational (JOI) tournament was the perfect place to put our philosophy to the test. Our U14A and B teams participated in this prestigious tournament in the hopes of replicating the feats of teams from the previous year. The U14Bs, competing in the A division, exhibited commendable resilience, concluding their efforts with a narrow loss to Westville (40-42) and securing a 10th-place finish. Meanwhile, the U14A team, played six games, won two and lost four to finish in a sixth place.

The 1st team also participated in the Jenny Orchard Invitational tournament. Playing six games, winning four and losing two to finish fourth. Although disappointed with the outcome, the boys showed glimpses of what was to come during the year.

The 1st team lived up to its potential as the year progressed and was ranked as the second-best basketball team in the country. The team narrowly missed securing the top position, falling short to St Charles by a mere 0.2% in the rankings. College and St Charles battled it out in the season-ending game to decide the number one team in the country. In a packed Alan Paton Memorial Hall with thousands of people watching online, College

played their best basketball of the season. Maritzburg College led the game for three and a half quarters, narrowly losing in the final stretch by nine points. Our Leavers team can be proud of their achievements. Winning the Kearsney Invitational Stayers Basketball Tournament (KISBT) tournament made sure that they ended their tenure with silverware.

Notably, four of our players earned spots on the national U18 team: K Sibankulu, I Masinga (KZN U18), A Ngcobo (KZN U18) and R Hoskins (KZN U18). KZN representatives included L Dlamini, who missed out on national team selection, and K Mthimkhulu. The Stayers Team, a beacon of consistency, went undefeated in the league, triumphing in all seven games. Across 23 games played, the team incurred only three losses, with two of those occurring in the gripping finals of the Kearsney Stayers Tournament and the Kearsney Independent Schools Tournament.

The enormity of these achievements cannot be overstated. Maritzburg College has not only asserted its dominance on the national basketball landscape but has also set new benchmarks for representation at the highest level of the sport.

Credit must go to Mr Wilcock, our MIC, for his steadfast leadership over the past three years. Miss Mnguni, responsible for officiating first-team games and contributing to marketing efforts and Miss Gumede, overseeing table officials, have been invaluable to our programme as well as Miss Zweni our strength and conditioning coach. Mr Tshabalala's contributions to the Spring League and his assistance with IT-related matters is also highly appreciated.

Lastly, to our coaches, who are the bedrock of our programme, thank you for your dedication and care for the boys under your care. The time and effort do not go unnoticed. Your dedication and love for the game continues to shape these young men and equip them with valuable life lessons.

Looking ahead to 2024, we anticipate the fruition of the seeds planted this year, and we remain committed to the pursuit of excellence within our basketball programme.

Mr S Siwila



Basketball 1st Team

Back row: L Dlamini, M Radebe, I Masinga, R Hoskins, J Gasarasi, N Mkhulisi
Front row: T Crawford, D le Roux (captain) Mr S Siwila, K Mthimkhulu, M Chonco
Absent: N Gwala, S-J Mkhize, A Mtolo, A Ngcobo, N Ngobese, V Ojo, N Setipa

The 2023 basketball season was remarkable, and Maritzburg College continued on its quest of being a basketball powerhouse in South Africa.

Our Leavers Team's dedication and hard work were rewarded on court with a 75%-win percentage of their games. Their stellar performance propelled them to finish the season ranked second in the country, a remarkable achievement that displays the exceptional talent and commitment of our players. Furthermore, their outstanding efforts at the Jenny Orchard Invitational Tournament (JOI) resulted in a commendable fourth place finish, solidifying their reputation as one of the top teams in the country.

The Stayers Team, who finished the league unbeaten demonstrated unmatched prowess on the court. Their collective achievement of winning 20 out of 23 games, including two tournament final appearances, is a testament to their resilience, teamwork and unwavering commitment to the game. While the team faced rare defeats at the hands of St Benedict's College in the final of the Kearsney Invitational Stayers Basketball Tournament (KISBT) and Northwood in the Kearsney Basketball Tournament (KBT) final, they finished strong by winning the remaining league games.

Our players also did exceptionally well individually. K Sibankulu, I Masinga, R Hoskins and A Ngcobo were chosen for the U18 National Team squad. Their inclusion is not only a testament to their individual skills but also a reflection of the calibre of our programme. L Dlamini, undoubtedly our best player and JOI all-star team member was unfortunate not to make the SA team but was selected for the KZN U18 team.

Our Stayers Team concluded the season ranked second in the country, narrowly missing the top spot to St Charles, a team they convincingly defeated during the season, 75-57. Despite the outcome, the boys can take immense pride in their achievements on the court. Their representation of the school with honour and pride is a true reflection of the values instilled in them through their dedication to the sport.

As we bid farewell to 2023, we eagerly anticipate the promise of a new year. The accomplishments of this season lay a strong foundation for continued success in 2024.

Regular players:

D le Roux (captain), K Mthimkhulu, T Crawford, M Chonco, M Radebe, I Masinga, L Dlamini, A Ngcobo, F Ojo, J Gasarasi, A Mtolo, N Mkhulisi, N Ngobese, N Gwala, N Setipa, S-J Mkhize, N Ngcobo

Results:

Leavers' team: vs Westville 91-67, Michaelhouse 62-41, Hilton College 76-59, Heronbridge 56-6, Glenwood 64-34, St Charles 47-56

JOI Tournament: vs Queens College 72-5, Clifton 55-27, Enjabulweni 77-18, St David's 54-43, Michaelhouse 28-37, Kearsney 53-61

Stayers Team: vs Kearsney 67-39, Northwood 81-71, DHS 41-30, St Charles 75-57, Clifton 88-47, Glenwood 96-20, Westville 79-60

KISBT: vs Meridian Karino High 47-45, St Stithians 57-42, Kingswood 59-27, Kearsney 41-35, Michael Mount Waldorf School 58-42, St Alban's 46-45, St Stithians 42-38, St Benedict's 43-55

College finished 2nd.

KBT: vs PBHS 59-45, Westville 58-50, Kearsney 49-29, Westerford High 57-25, Jeppe High 56-43 (quarter final), DHS 47-41 (semi-final), Northwood 35-49 (final)

College finished 2nd.

Mr S Siwila



The Maritzburg College 1st basketball team at the Jenny Orchard Invitational – during the early game against Queen's College.

2nd Team

The 2nd team, or 'Leavers' as they are known, had an enjoyable season. The Sixth Form players showed outstanding commitment to the sport, especially considering that they were writing their final exams in the fourth term. It was particularly impressive to see how much the boys have improved throughout their time playing basketball at College, and how they applied all they have learnt in their final term playing sport for the school. Their maturity in leading themselves and their team and indeed supporting the ongoing success of our 1st team was always evident. It was both a privilege and an honour to work with this group of young men in 2023.

Regular players:

K Mthimkhulu, L Mkhize, V Chili, M Choncho, Z Makangela, T Mkhabela, A Sclanders, D le Roux, L Ntsi, T Crawford, S Zulu, J Kayembe

Results:

vs Kearsney 24-34, Northwood 38-26, DHS 33-40, St Charles 19-25, Clifton 56-12, Glenwood 66-25, Westville 26-27

Mr N Haswell

3rd Team

The 3rd team had an eventful season and saw many ups and downs in our quest to achieve an adequate season and one enjoyable for all the boys who presented themselves to play this year. The boys were committed to the practice sessions and their efforts paid off throughout the first term. The promotion of many boys from the year prior, coming from the U16B and 4th teams, meant a strong revitalisation of the team but more of a challenge to create a strong team chemistry. A very big thank you to our captain, C Ndlela, who spread his infectious energy to the team and helped them to settle in. Practices were always enjoyable with the boys consistently eager to learn more, specifically different types of plays and variations of defence and offence. Their work rate was rewarded by their results.

In the 4th term, the emphatic energy of the boys saw us make a great comeback against DHS. A great effort, from the starting lineup to the bench, saw us win that game. A special mention must be made of J Kloppers who



A Ngcobo dictating play.

was called up to play for the 1st Team during the Kearsney Invitational, an achievement of which he can be immensely proud.

Regular players:

C Ndlela (captain), M Gwala, J Murekezi, L Hlela, T Nuttall, J Kloppers, M Roberts, A Mjaja, T Mhlongo, S Mazibuko, A Majozi, A Mdladla

Results:

vs Westville 29-18, Michaelhouse 18-25, Hilton College 30-29, Glenwood 42-12, Northwood 25-34, St Charles 38-31, Kearsney 27-34, Northwood 37-20, DHS 21-19, St Charles 22-19, Clifton 64-9, St Charles 20-37, Westville 34-28

Mr M Siwila



R Hoskins going up for a put-back.

4th Team

The 4th basketball team had a good and challenging season. The team started very well, although the game against Kearsney College ended in a draw, which is very rare in basketball. However, after two overtimes were played, the coaches accepted the draw.

The team practised well in collaboration with the 3rd team. The players showed dedication and passion for the game during practice and on the match days. Most players were promoted at some stage to the 3rd team. The team had a difficult game against DHS and had a good come back against Hilton College on our home court.

The second fixture against Northwood was a highlight of the season, as we had lost against them in the first game. The team managed to beat them by ten points in the second fixture. It was a blessing in disguise for the team when the rugby players came to play basketball and their athleticism came to our rescue. As a result, the team did very well with the combination of the regular players and the new players. We are looking forward to 2024 with this team.

Regular players:

A Mthethwa (captain), O Thabethe, L Johnstone, A Mtungwa, V Cele, A Leclezio, B Zuma, N Sithole, L Makhathini, K Kunene, C Reardon, P Kubheka, S Mbatha, V Sibisi, C Nohiya, P Ndlovu, N Brown

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 12-32, Kearsney 31-31, Northwood 21-54 and 37-27, DHS 19-41, St Charles 29-25, 19-21 and 30-33, Hilton College 29-17 and 25-12, Westville 22-17 and 29-23

Mr M Ngcobo



U16A

Back row: O Ntombela, C Siyongwana, N Ngobese, S Mkhize, J Fincham
Middle row: A Ngcobo, M Zakwe
Front row: N Zingeni, C Sukraj, Mr T Tshabalala, N Ngcobo, O Radebe

The energy and hype around the sport of basketball was evident before the season even started. The boys were keen and excited for the season to start. We participated in the St Stithians Tournament, a crucial opportunity to gauge our skills and measure ourselves against formidable opponents. Losing four out of five games served as a humbling experience, highlighting the areas that demanded immediate attention and improvement. The term began with the stark realisation during our first game that our energy was not up to par, and that significant work was needed. This was a wake-up call, prompting the team to acknowledge the hard work and dedication required to make a comeback from the setbacks faced in term one. As we progressed through the term, the lessons learned from the tournaments served as a catalyst for improvement. We harnessed our setbacks to propel us forward, fostering a team culture that valued hard work, accountability and a shared goal. The fourth term became a transformative period, solidifying our commitment to proving ourselves on the court and working towards becoming a formidable force.

Regular players:

M Mabunda, C Siyongwana, C Sukraj, M Zakwe, B Thornton-Dibb, M Thompson, O Radebe, S Mazibuko, N Zingeni, S Mkhize, O Nala, J Fincham

Results:

vs Westville 19-39, Michaelhouse 30-26, Hilton College 21-24, Northwood 43-15, St Charles 44-23, Kearsney 22-27, DHS 41-38, St Charles 34-33, Clifton 57-21, Glenwood 53-38, Westville 25-48

St Stithians Tournament: vs St David's 34-38, St Stithians 24-45, Westville 31-42, Kingswood College 42-11, St George's 14-29

Mr T Tshabalala

U16B

Our team displayed remarkable consistency throughout the season, securing some good results during the games. The players' commitment to training and their relentless pursuit of excellence was displayed in a tremendous degree of improvement in skills and cohesion, and as a result, they played much better than they initially did at the beginning of the season. Maritzburg College's basketball culture played a pivotal role in shaping the team's identity and fostering a competitive mentality. The camaraderie among team members was a driving force behind our success. The players' strong bond, both on and off the court, fostered effective communication and trust. This cohesion was evident in the seamless execution of plays, swift transitions and the ability to adapt to various game scenarios. While the season had its fair share of challenges, our team displayed resilience and perseverance. Overcoming adversity became the hallmark of our journey, with players stepping up when needed most. Memorable victories against formidable opponents underscored the team's ability to thrive under pressure.

Regular players:

V Kasambala, M Shabalala, S Msimango, R Motshoane, F Thabethe, P Shuttleworth, L Ngubane, H Modi, B Makhoba, O Ntombela, N Rulumeni

Results:

vs Westville 15-36, Michaelhouse 22-24, Hilton College 14-16, Glenwood 18-35, Northwood 20-27, St Charles 35-20, Kearsney 27-26, Northwood 32-38, DHS 26-28, St Charles 25-27, Clifton 31-23, Glenwood 28-22, Westville 16-43

Mr B Monakali

U16C

The U16C boys had an outstanding season, as they went undefeated in the fourth term and only lost two games in the first term. They played extremely well as a unit with every player understanding and accepting his role, even if it meant giving up points or game time for the team to win. The boys played exceptional defence throughout the season, and it was their defensive efforts that led to such a successful season. A great example of their heart and defensive efforts would be when we matched up with St Charles for the second time. At the end of the first quarter St Charles was up 2-8, but the boys then proceeded to hold St Charles to two points for the rest of the game and ended up winning 19-10. Our captains, M Mholi and C Zondi, were inspirations to the team, never giving up even when it seemed all was lost. Their enthusiasm and effort on the defensive end inspired the rest of the team to leave everything on the court.

Regular players:

L Mgojo, D Davies, D Barrett, B Botha, Z Mazibuko, E Phoenix, C Zondi, N Mntungwa, M Miya, A Mdleleni, B Zote, M Qasha

Results:

vs Westville 24-23, Michaelhouse 16-18, Hilton College 13-12, Glenwood 6-28, Northwood 30-16, Kearsney 27-26, Northwood 27-26, DHS 23-7, St Charles 20-15, Clifton 63-3, St Charles 19-10, Westville 28-17

Mr Z Mtshatsha

U16D

The U16D team had a brilliant season and a very consistent and positive set of results throughout, even though towards the end we were affected by final examinations. Their attendance and commitment to practices translated into positive outcomes on and off the court. It was very pleasing to see the growth and development of these boys throughout the season. The passion and spirit they displayed during games was energising and comforting to see as a coach. A well-deserved positive record and fun season was had. It was a pleasure coaching the boys and seeing them enjoy themselves and creating an unbreakable bond of brotherhood.

Regular players:

S Khanyile, S Mshengu, A Zuma, K Phungula, M Cullum, E Xulu, L Mseleku, A Khumalo, M Maphanga, S Gwala

Results:

vs Westville 23-12, Michaelhouse 11-12, Hilton College 7-6, Carter U16A 21-28, Glenwood 10-11, Northwood 11-10, St Charles 27-3, Kearsney 41-17, Northwood 10-9, DHS 13-9, St Charles 28-19, Hilton 18-37, St Charles 17-42, Kearsney 19-21

Mr K Zakwe

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U15A

Back row: N Dlamini, C Mountfort, R Mustard, A Ndlela, L Mukorera
Middle row: T Qhobosheane, A Makhaye, L Hadebe, S Nhlapo
Front row: M Askham, C Fynn, Mr Tshabalala, T Sehlako, L Sishi

The U15A team of Maritzburg College had a solid season, both on and off the field. Throughout the season, the team showed a strong commitment to improvement and a competitive spirit. Our goal was to dominate every match while maintaining a disciplined and skilful style of play, and we not only achieved that but exceeded expectations. The standout moment of our season was undeniably the St John's Tournament, where the boys played with remarkable enthusiasm and heart. Securing the 5th position out of 24 top schools, the team represented the school with immense pride.

The players' dedication during training was exemplary, evident in their on-field performance. Their intense training routine translated into impressive results in several matches. Special mention goes to our captain, C Fynn, for demonstrating excellent leadership during games and influencing the team's overall demeanour along with being named in the all-star team at the St John's Tournament. I want to thank the parents for their unwavering support, which was a constant motivation for the team. Their consistent presence and encouragement at matches contributed to our achievements. To the players, best wishes for your future endeavours, and thanks for your contributions that have created lasting memories for the team.

Regular players:

L Mukorera, L Paveley, R Mustard, T Lekhobo, C Fynn, T Sehlako, L Hadebe, N Dlamini, L Sishi, C Mountfort, A Makhaye, M Askham

Results:

vs Westville 16-46, Michaelhouse 11-24, Hilton College 22-18, Glenwood 45-14, Kearsney 32-33, Northwood 29-45, DHS 27-18, St Charles 32-26, Glenwood 46-25, Clifton 46-14, Westville 26-34

St John's Tournament: vs St Peter's 36-25, St Andrew's 18-10, King's Linbro 26-38, St John's 26-38, Michaelhouse 33-30, St Benedict's 22-15

Mr M Mkhize



U15B

The U15B team had a good 2023 season. They had a rough start to the year but managed to pull it together near the end of the season. The team is filled with enthusiastic players who want to play and want to get better at basketball which made it a delight to coach this team. At practice nearly every player was fully focused and had the right intensity. This resulted in the players having a newfound confidence when playing and provided more energy to the team, which they did not have at the start. The highlight of the season was beating St Charles. Even though it was a close game, it was their first big win. They played hard and played a more structured game. This gave them the confidence to go on a winning streak.

Regular players:

S Nhlapo, E Mpapa, K Mngwengwe, T Mofunga, C Hackland, S Khoza, T Qhobasheane, L Dreyer, M Myaka, T Chikowero, V Ndlovu

Results:

vs Westville 20-35, Michaelhouse 18-19, Hilton College 22-31, Glenwood 42-8, Northwood 23-27, St Charles 25-35, Kearsney 32-33, Northwood 17-35, DHS 24-26, St Charles 27-25, Clifton 50-2, Glenwood 69-22, Westville 17-20

Mr C Henman

U15C

With the start of the 2023 season, it was great to see the boys back on the court and ready to compete again. This now being their second year at the school, it was wonderful to see the growth they had gained as teammates, and also in the approach they had to the game. The enthusiastic attitude throughout the year and willingness to always improve made sure practices and games were always competitive yet enjoyable. The team most definitely made sure to always stay above their competition, winning games all through the year while staying grounded and keeping the College way going forward. I hope to see each and every individual doing even better, by keeping the same focus and growing even more in every aspect by reaching their own personal goals in the sport.

Regular players:

O Samuel, A Hadebe, K Bishop, S Zondi, C Coetzer, B Zuma, C Pillay, R Gudzikwa, D Gudzikwa, Z Hulane, M Moodley, L Mkhize, M van Amsterdam

Results:

vs Northwood 28-26, 24-20, St Charles 25-18, 44-14, Westville 30-4, Kearsney 24-22, Hilton College 21-1, Clifton College 44-27, DHS 30-2, Carter High 32-17, Michaelhouse 20-10, Westville 48-24, Scottsville Primary 1st team 82-12

Mr S Nsele



A Ngcobo interviewed for SuperSport Schools channel

U15D

The U15D side had a great season, losing just two matches out of 12. They worked very hard during the season. The boys achieved an amazing feat against Michaelhouse by scoring 38 points and conceding zero, something that is unusual to see in basketball. I felt honoured to coach these dedicated players. They trained and played with passion and good team spirit. Their support for each other helped them to overcome their opposition time and again.

Regular players:

L Mabande, S Mbatha, S Hlophe, E Mongoato, C Khumalo, S Xaba, N Ngcemu, O Khoza, S Sibanyoni, L Nzama, T Caluza, N Dube

Results:

vs Westville 40-31, Michaelhouse 38-0, Hilton College 31-9, Westville 15-13, Northwood 27-24, St Charles 22-26, Kearsney 27-20, Northwood 20-16, DHS 39-12, St Charles 27-17, Scottsville Primary 2nds 39-5, Westville 8-38

Mr S Ntenezzi

U15E

The U15E team had a very successful season in which they put together a remarkable set of results. It has been rewarding seeing the players improve and enjoy playing basketball. The young men represented the Red, Black and White with great pride. The team lost only two matches. It has been an absolute pleasure working with these dedicated young men.

Regular players:

S Simamane, A Dladla, S Shezi, Z Tsabedze, R Ayisa, M Manana, L Ndwalane, M Somi, S Khuzwayo, Z Msane, S Ndlovu, J Blose, K Mchunu

Results:

vs Westville 21-8, Michaelhouse 16-13, Hilton College 36-4, Westville 6-10, Northwood 43-10, St Charles 23-25, Kearsney 23-21, Northwood 14-10, Hilton College 45-0, Kearsney 44-16, Hilton College 23-14, St Charles 39-9, Westville 43-23

Mr L Mkhize



L Dlamini dribbling through the defence



U14A

Back row: M Mdhuli, P J Fransman
Middle row: A Ngcobo, M Modi, B Smith, C Mullen
Front row: J Planteau De Maroussem, R Badenhorst, Mr J Wilcock (coach), W Mbanjwa, A Ndadane
Absent: J Baptista

A new year rolled around which meant the injection of new and energetic Second Formers into the programme. It was a challenging start to the team's time at College as they began learning the 'College way'. The team took part in the JOI U14 tournament where they placed 6th, having lost only three games. There was a change in coaches from term 1 to term 4, and this meant a new style of coaching to which the boys had to adapt. There was great development by the team due to the improvements made on an individual level. I look forward to seeing the continuing growth of these young men and hopefully, one day, they will represent the school at 1st team level.

Regular players:

W Mbanjwa, R Badenhorst, J Baptista, C Mullen, A Ndadane, P-J Fransman, M Mdhuli, A Ngcobo, J Planteau De Maroussem, N Manana, M Mohlomi, S Phungula, M Modi

Results:

vs Westville 21-15, Michaelhouse 15-14, Hilton College 28-36, Glenwood 52-17, Northwood 18-28, St Charles 32-28, Kearsney 33-39, Northwood 31-33, DHS 20-32, St Charles 32-21, Clifton 36-18, Glenwood 55-17, Westville 25-35

JOI Tournament: vs Kearsney 36-46, Westville 47-9, St David's 39-41, Clifton 46-15, DHS 45-40, Bishops 36-40

Mr J Wilcock

U14B

2023 brought in a fresh crop of excited Second Formers to the basketball programme. The season began on a positive note with strong wins in the first three games of the season which placed them well for the Jenny Orchard Invitational tournament. Unfortunately, the tournament did not go as well as expected with the team facing tough opposition and it was placed tenth. The second half of the season was a challenge as the team had to adjust to basketball again after a couple months off. In true College fashion the team rallied together and finished the season with outstanding results against some of the province's biggest schools. I hope to see this group of players develop and break into the A team in the future.

Regular players:

M Modi (captain), T Mupfumi (vice-captain), A Phakathi, Z Pienaar, O Gengan, K Mthembu, S Msomi, N Breedt, J Mbanzaswi, L Makhoba, A Mnqadi, Q Heyns, B Smith

Results:

vs Westville 22-13, Michaelhouse 16-13, Hilton College 13-23, Glenwood 47-3, Northwood 19-16, St Charles 35-32, Kearsney 20-38, Northwood 15-20, DHS 12-13, St Charles 19-15, Clifton 43-7, Glenwood 45-6, Westville 26-17

Mr L Luthuli

U14C

The team began a successful season with a great game against our friends and rivals, Westville Boys' High, when the boys earned a hard fought victory. The team started to pick up momentum with great wins against Michaelhouse, Hilton College and Glenwood. The team had a slow start to the second half of the season, with losses against Kearsney and Northwood. However, the boys proved to be resilient, going on to resume their winning ways in the following week against DHS and St Charles. The boys had a successful season overall and are to be commended.

Regular players:

B Makhaye (captain), W Khumalo, O Zondi, Z Mchunu, M Gumede, S Magutshwa, H Ndwandwa, J Peters, J Naidoo, C Balkisoon, R Pillay, A Ngubane

Results:

vs Westville 21-13, Michaelhouse 29-5, Hilton College 15-9, Glenwood 52-3, Northwood 14-21, St Charles 28-8, Kearsney 9-32, Northwood 17-23, DHS 17-10, St Charles 32-25, Clifton 20-17, Glenwood 38-15, Westville 42-18

Mr S Zuma



S Chonco attacking the rim



During the Jenny Orchard Invitational

U14D

The U14D team had a very good season in term 1 and term 4, displaying remarkable growth and teamwork to win nine out of the twelve matches played. The players demonstrated exceptional dedication to skills development and embraced a strong work ethic. Their commitment to learning plays and strategies translated into consistent on-court success. The team's resilience was evident in hard-fought victories, displaying a positive attitude even in challenging moments. Each player's improvement is commendable, boding well for the team's future. Overall, the season was a triumph of determination, camaraderie and passion for the game.

Regular players:

L Vyambwera, S Glover, A Haasbroek, L Dladla, K de Bruyn, B Tyali, A Ngcobo, T Taylor, S Maphumulo, S Makhanya

Results:

vs Westville 12-13, Michaelhouse 28-3, Hilton College 18-2, Carter High 6-14, Northwood 14-24, St Charles 31-5, Kearsney 9-27, Northwood 34-18, DHS 35-4, Clifton 57-7, St Charles 26-10, Merchiston Prep 1st team 51-37, Westville 35-21

Mr A Budhoo

U14E

A stand-out moment this season was the team's stellar victory against Kearsney. The boys' contagious enthusiasm and collaborative spirit were pivotal, underscoring the team's evolution and unity. Thanks to T Motsoeneng, the captain, for leading the boys this season. The season witnessed remarkable strides in individual player development. From refined technical skills to an enhanced tactical understanding, each player's commitment to personal improvement significantly contributed to the team's success. Beyond wins and losses, the team displayed admirable sportsmanship and a positive team culture. Their camaraderie and support for one another created an environment conducive to both personal and collective achievement. As we reflect on the season, we express gratitude for the unwavering support of parents and guardians.

Regular players:

L Dlamini, T Motsoeneng, L Gamede, O Ndlovu, N Ashton, B Dodson, T Mofokeng, V Nkwanyana, O Ndlovu, E Gould, L Phakathi, K Horwill

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 58-3 and 22-2, Hilton College 14-1, Westville 4-12, Northwood 20-0, Kearsney 12-18, 27-18, Northwood 2-15, Hilton College 19-21, St Charles 8-6, Scottsville Primary 1st team 16-50, Merchiston Prep 1st team 3-52, Westville 30-26

Mr S Moya

U14F

The U14F team had a wonderful 2023 season. The boys were new to me and to one another, so they did their level best to combine as a team. At least we were able to fulfil our main goal of promoting the potential players to higher levels of the U14 teams.

They behaved very well on and off the court. Even when we were playing away games, the squad did not present challenges. They were always on time and dressed the way they had been told to for games, even bringing their relevant equipment. I really enjoyed my time with the team. The second game we played, against Kearsney, was the highlight of the season. The boys came from behind in the last quarter of the game to draw 14-14 and the game had to go to overtime – and we won it.

Regular players:

K Khwela, S Zama, A Mbatha, M Rawson, G Ngcobo, G Adjei, P Ndaba, R Quin, S Gumede, T van Staden, F Starling, Y Hoolasi

Results:

vs Kearsney 27-2 and 16-14, Northwood 17-20, Hilton College 26-18, Scottsville Primary 2nd team 10-34, Merchiston Prep 2nd team 19-23, Kearsney 6-28

Mr L Shezi



Canoeing

Back row: K Vogt, J Odell, S Venniker, S Norton
Second row: J Gotte, J Worthmann, M Rawson
Middle row: N Curry, J Jansen van Rensburg, B Cook, D Kleingeld, L O'Connor, H Reitz
Front row: S Adie, Miss B Hartley, C Adam (captain), Mr S Bosch, M van Heerden

This year our canoeists had the opportunity to compete in many of the disciplines with a full schedule of competitive events including river racing, surfski, flatwater marathon, flatwater sprints and Canoe polo. College has benefitted by having Miss Hartley employed as the canoeing head coach for a second year, producing some excellent results among the younger age categories. The next few years promise to be exciting.

The highlight of the river canoeing schedule is the Dusi Canoe Marathon. It was a K2 competitive year, however, a few of our younger and less experienced boys helped second their coach and Epworth paddlers to learn how the three-day event is run. Our K1 Dusi competitors were J Odell and C Adam. The K2 paddlers, who are more experienced and showed them the ropes, were S Norton, S Adie and L O'Connor.

Special mention is made of M van Heerden who represented a junior team at an international canoe polo tournament in Ireland during July this year. A few of our boys also took part in a canoe polo tournament in Knysna where they played some successful games. Our canoe polo teams also finished first and third in an interschools event held at the UKZN pool.

College canoeists took part in the local KZN Marathon Championship and the Sprint Championship this year, bringing home some 'bling' to add to their collection. At the KZN Sprints J Worthman won gold in all eight events entered. O'Connor and J Janse van Rensburg took a combination of gold, silver and bronze medals between them. The KZN Marathon Championships was a great confidence booster for our boys. K Vogt and Janse van Rensburg achieve podiums in the U16 and U18 categories, with J Worthman taking the U14 honours. The SA Sprint Championships

gave our boys some more superb results with Wortmann taking silver and bronze, while Vogt won two bronze medals in team boats.

The South African Marathon championships held at St Francis Bay was a true test and our boys raced an incredible K2 event to finish second U16 crew and third U18 crew.

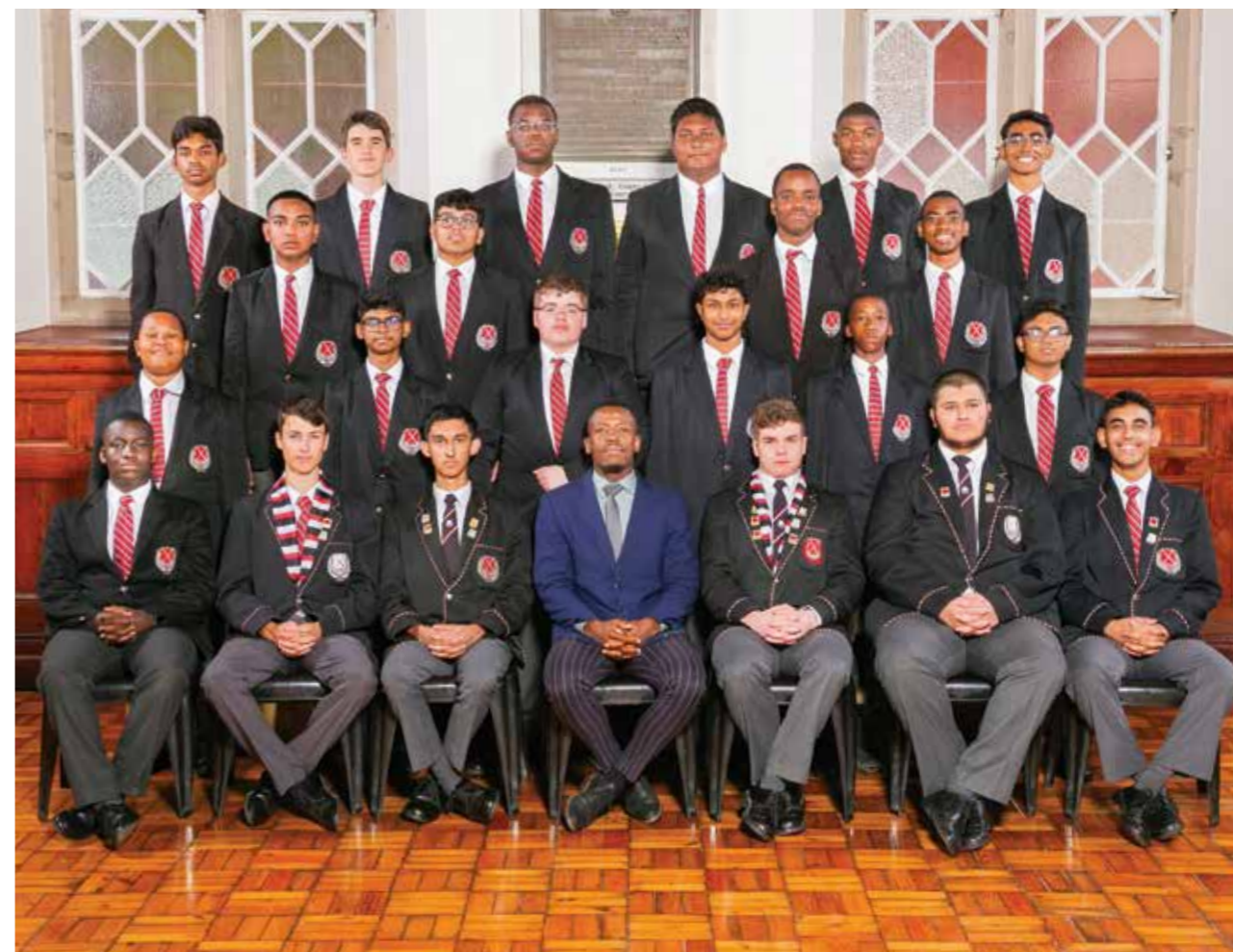
As the Marathon season ends, we turn our efforts and focus to a favourite on the canoeing calendar, the Fish Canoe Marathon. This race, which is still to be held, is regarded as the race that tests all facets of one's canoeing ability. This is followed by the Pete Marlin surfski race which is prominent on the calendar for many of our boys.

The following College canoeists have achieved and were recognised in 2023:

- M van Heerden – represented South Africa at a Junior Canoe Polo Tournament in Ireland
- K Vogt and S Venniker received their KZN provincial colours from Canoeing South Africa for paddling in the U14 year
- J Worthmann, K Vogt, J Odell and J Janse van Rensburg received prizes at the Sport and Cultural Awards

C Adam, who captained the canoeing team this year, had an excellent performance in the Dusi Canoe Marathon, and he has been willing to lend a helping hand both on and off the water for canoeing events and fundraiser activities.

Miss B Hartley



Chess

Back row: P Desebrook, C Ender, F Kunene, T Naidoo, C Zondi, K Moodley
Third row: S Maharaj, D Naidoo, A Mkhize, A Mhlanzi
Second row: G Ngcobo, L Naicker, T Ambler, O Gengan, S Gabuza, V Ramdeen
Front row: R Motshoane, J Martin, M Karrim (captain), Mr L Shongwe, T Ambler, M Moosa, E Moodley

Maritzburg College has been actively participating in various sports events from April to July, showcasing commendable performances in multiple encounters. In April, Maritzburg College faced off against Pretoria Boys' High in a challenging chess match. The teams played a total of 24 games, with Maritzburg College securing a remarkable victory. The final tally stood at 12 wins, 2 draws, and 10 losses, resulting in an overall victory for Maritzburg College.

During the same month, our chess team competed in the uMgungundlovu Chess Association's U19 League. College played a total of 15 games, clinching victory in 11 matches.

May brought a challenging chess encounter against Westville. A total of 36 games were played, with College securing victory once again. The final count showed 22 wins, 3 draws, and 11 losses, resulting in an overall triumph.

In June, three of our talented chess players had the honour of representing the uMgungundlovu District in the KZN Chess Tournament held in Durban. Although the competition was fierce, one of our players reached the final round, displaying the exceptional skills of our chess team.

In July, Maritzburg College embarked on a challenging journey to play against Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies). A total of 16 games were contested, resulting in 4 wins, 1 draw, and 11 losses, culminating in an overall loss.

Later in that month, College faced PBHS once more. A total of 16 games were played, with Maritzburg College securing 7 wins and conceding 11 losses, ultimately ending in an overall loss.

Our final encounter in August was with King Edward VII School. A total of 18 games were contested, resulting in 5 wins, 1 draw, and 12 losses, concluding in an overall loss.

Maritzburg College has demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and determination this year, achieving victories while also facing some challenging opponents. We commend our chess players for their dedication and look forward to continued success in future competitions.

Regular players:

M Karrim, T Ambler, S Mncube, R Motshoane, S Maharaj, J Martin

Mr L Shongwe



1st XI

Back row: A Khumalo, C Ferraz, C Smith, R Quin
Middle row: L Sutherland, O Da Costa, M Gibson, M Thomson, R McKean, S Dzanibe
Front row: J Wiggill, C Mason, Mr R Couetts, B Brokensha (captain), L Armstrong
Absent: C Thomas

Review by the Director of Cricket

In a year filled with exciting moments and remarkable achievements, the Maritzburg College cricket programme concluded its 2023 season on a high note. The dedicated efforts both of players and coaches have not only enhanced individual skills but have also strengthened the team spirit, making it a memorable year for all involved. Throughout the year, the school's cricket programme prioritised player development through training sessions and matches. Coaches focused on refining techniques, enhancing fitness levels, and instilling a deep understanding of game strategies. The commitment and hard work put in by the players during these training sessions undoubtedly contributed to their success on the field.

Several of our cricket teams participated in various prestigious festivals around the country, none more so than our 1st XI attending our very own Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week. Facing tough competition from rival schools, our players demonstrated not only their cricketing prowess but also their ability to handle pressure situations.

As the 2023 cricket season ended, the Maritzburg College cricket programme is already setting its sights on future challenges. With a strong foundation in skills development, teamwork and community engagement, the programme aims to continue its success in the coming years. The dedication of the players and the unwavering support from coaches, parents and the school administration ensure that Maritzburg College remains a strong cricketing school in South Africa.

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. I thank the following people:

- Mr Hackland, Mr Veitch and the dedicated Estates Team for the great facilities that the boys get to train and play on every week.
- Mrs Lawson and the catering team for the wonderful lunches and teas that the boys and staff are spoiled with every weekend.

Mr K Nipper

- Mr Luman, Mr Kyle, and the whole sports department for their continued support of the cricket programme and for all the behind-the-scenes work.
- The coaches who make this programme a success. I thank you for your time and dedication in ensuring that our boys have the best chance to succeed no matter what team they play in.

In conclusion, the 2023 cricket season has been a triumph for the Maritzburg College cricket programme, marked by achievements on and off the field. The programme's commitment to holistic development bodes well for its future, promising even greater success in the seasons to come.

Provincial Selections:

KZN Inland U19:

B Brokensha, C Thomas, A Khumalo (non-travelling reserve), C Mason (non-travelling reserve)

KZN Inland U16:

S Dzanibe, D Nadasan, D Naidoo (non-travelling reserve)

1st XI

As the year drew to a close, we reflected on another year of cricketing achievements at Maritzburg College, and the journey of our 1st XI cricket team filled me with immense pride.

The crack of the bat, the thunderous applause from the Kent Pavilion, the unwavering determination were all elements that demonstrate the spirit of our cricketers who have displayed sheer dedication, skill and sportsmanship throughout the season.

From the meticulously maintained pitches to the fervent cheers echoing across the grounds, cricket at Maritzburg College embodies the essence of teamwork, resilience, and passion. The 1st XI has left an unforgettable mark on the cricketing scene this year, carving a path laden with triumphs, challenges and extraordinary moments.

In the pursuit of excellence, our 1st XI cricketers have not only exhibited their prowess on the field but have also demonstrated unwavering sportsmanship, humility and camaraderie. Their relentless commitment to honing their skills, coupled with the guidance of our coaching staff, have been the driving forces behind their rousing performances.

This report delves into the riveting victories, nail-biting encounters and the inspiring stories that have defined the journey of our 1st XI. It celebrates the sweat, sacrifices and sheer determination that have propelled our team to attain unparalleled heights in the realm of school cricket.



B Brokensha drives aggressively in the September game against Northwood School on Goldstone's.

Player critique:

B Brokensha (captain, Colours and Scarf): He is an exciting all-round cricketer, with exceptional skills and great ability to win games for his team. His versatility on the field is one of his most notable strengths, be it batting, bowling or fielding. As a batsman, he can adapt to the different formats of the game and can score all around the wicket. As a bowler, he can generate good pace and, with the ability to swing the ball both ways, is a threat to opposition batsmen. He is a quality fielder with a good arm and a safe pair of hands, taking several fantastic catches at slip.

C Thomas (KZN Inland U19, Colours and Scarf): He has been one of the stalwarts of the first team. With close on 900 runs and averaging in the mid-40s, it is unsurprising that he was selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Inland U19 team. It was the way he went about his work, across all formats, that really impressed, as he showed an innate ability to adapt to any situation. He has a safe pair of hands and took many sharp catches.

O Da Costa (Large White Badge): He is a unique cricketer with the ability to bat in multiple batting positions. He has opened the batting in T20 and batted in the middle-order for 50 over cricket. He can accelerate the run rate and move the game forward for his team. With the ball, he either opens or is used as a change bowler, often bowling in the power play. An off spinner with skill and guile, he can get through overs very quickly, putting opposition batsmen under pressure. He has a safe pair of hands and an accurate throwing arm and can field anywhere on the field.

L Armstrong (Large White Badge) Known for his powerful yet elegant stroke play, he made a significant impact with the bat at the St David's Festival, scoring two centuries and 76 not-out. He contributes with the ball at practice, bowling an array of deliveries from leg spin to medium pace. He has made steady improvement in the field and has a genuine love for the game. This can be seen every time he takes to the field.

C Mason (Large White Badge): He is a versatile player who made a significant mark in the College 1st XI. He has the potential to achieve great success in the world of cricket and is undoubtedly a young talent to watch. As a leg spinner he brings a unique skill set to the game. He has worked hard on his googly, and this unpredictability in his bowling makes him a potent weapon in any format. He performed well at the top of the batting order, possessing the technique and temperament required to bat for long periods of time. He has an impressive batting average of 42 across all formats.

M Gibson (Large White Badge): He was a dependable middle order batsman known for his ability to stabilise the innings and contribute crucial runs when the team needed them most. His additional ability as an inswing bowler added another dimension to his cricketing skills, making him an asset to the team. His knack for taking key wickets and providing crucial breakthroughs added depth to his cricketing repertoire. His ability to contribute to the team's success both with bat and ball will make him a key player for the 1st XI in 2024.

R McKean: He is a promising young cricketer who combines his skills as a middle order batsman with his medium pace bowling. McKean demonstrated glimpses of his batting potential with a highest score of 78 at the St David's Festival. His talent with the bat suggests that he can be a reliable contributor to the team's total. McKean's journey as a medium pace bowler is a work in progress, particularly in terms of adding variations to his bowling arsenal. With continued dedication, he has the potential to become a significant contributor to his team's success in 2024.

A Khumalo: (Large White Badge) He is a versatile all-rounder, known for his skills as a right-arm opening bowler, his contributions with the bat in the lower order and his exceptional fielding abilities. While primarily known for his bowling, Khumalo is also proficient with the bat. One of his standout attributes is his exceptional fielding skills. Whether patrolling the boundary or fielding in the inner ring, his quick reflexes and precise throwing made him a game changer in the field.

S Dzanibe: He is a young and dynamic all-round cricketer with a passion for the game that shines through in every aspect of his play. First selected for the 1st XI as a Third Form player, Dzanibe has never been out of his depth. As a bowler, he possesses a varied repertoire. His accurate line and length, combined with the ability to swing the ball, consistently troubled opposition batsmen. He has a sound batting technique and was particularly punishing on the short ball.

J Wiggill: He is a versatile and well-rounded cricketer, excelling as an off spin bowler, showcasing a sound batting technique and being one of the standout fielders in the team. His off spin bowling is characterised by his adaptability and a range of subtle variations. His ability to exploit conditions and build pressure with his accuracy made him a significant asset for the team. He has a sound batting technique and can frustrate opposition bowling attacks with his ability to score all around the wicket. He is a dynamic presence in the field, known for his agility, quick reflexes, and precise throwing.

C Ferraz: Taking on the vital role of wicket-keeping, he brought a fresh perspective and energy to the squad. His development as a wicketkeeper was steady and he showed great improvement. He added depth to the batting lineup as a lower-order batsman and his ability to contribute crucial runs in the later stages of the innings was invaluable.

L Sutherland (Large White Badge): He is a versatile cricketer known for his ability to hit the ball hard and for his contributions as a right-arm medium pace bowler. As a top-order batsman, Sutherland's knack for picking the length well set him apart. This skill allows him to adapt to different pitches and play the short ball well. He offered an extra dimension to the team as a right-arm medium pace bowler, demonstrating a steady line and length. As he continues to develop and gain experience, he is poised to make significant contributions to the team's success in 2024.

C Smith: His hallmark as an opening batsman is his elegance and finesse in stroke play. He possesses the gifts of timing and placement, which allows him to thread the ball through gaps and find boundaries. His positive presence and energy in the field were infectious. His positive attitude on the field served as a source of motivation for his teammates.

R Quin: His energetic wicketkeeping, his talent to score rapidly in the middle order and his spirited banter made him a unique and valuable member of the team. He brought a unique combination of skills to the team and was a source of energy and positivity that inspired the team to perform at its best.

M Thomson: He was a late introduction into the team after some superb performances for the second team. Thomson has great ability with the ball and can swing it prodigiously into the right-handed batsman. His consistency in his line and length always put the batsmen under pressure. Thomson is a good fielder with a safe pair of hands and a good throwing arm. He unfortunately did not have many opportunities with the bat.



Keeping fielders guessing, C Thomas played strongly all around the wicket.



L Armstrong enjoying the game



O Da Costa bowling against Hilton



C Mason drives strongly on the off side for 57 against Grey College.

Match Reports

Saturday Fixtures

vs Westville Boys' High School (50 overs) (Goldstone's)

The Westville captain won the toss on the Goldstone's and had no hesitation in electing to bat on a hot Pietermaritzburg morning. The wicket was dry and looked like it would get lower and slower as the day progressed.

College started well and a mix of good bowling and poor shot selection never allowed the Westville batsmen to settle. The visiting team was unable to put together any significant partnerships. The best of the bowlers was leg spinner Mason, who bowled his 10 overs for 22, picking up three wickets. Westville were all out for 168 in the 50th over.

College started well and made steady progress to 87 for 3 off 28 overs. Westville continued to apply pressure through dot balls, but a 35-run partnership for the 5th wicket between Quin and Da Costa ensured College were still in the game. Quin's run-out changed that, College going from 142 for 5 in 42 overs to 153 all out, giving Westville a 15-run win.

Westville 168 all out College 153 all out
Mason 3 for 22

Westville won by 15 runs

vs Michaelhouse (50 overs) (Goldstone's)

On a hot and dry Saturday morning, College captain Brokensha won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bat on a pitch that looked like getting lower and slower in the afternoon.

After being in a precarious position of 26 for 2 after 6 overs, Armstrong and Brokensha put together a 65-run partnership, Brokensha getting out for 32, with the score at 91 for 3 after 20 overs. Armstrong and Da Costa changed the momentum of the game in the closing overs, as the pair added 68. Armstrong was unfortunate to get out just three short of what would have been a well-deserved century. Ultimately his 97 off 130 balls saw College to a defendable 242 for 8.

Michaelhouse got off to a great start and at tea were in control at a 124 for 3, needing 119 to win in 25 overs. The introduction of off spinner Wiggill slowed the scoring rate, and it was Wiggill who made the breakthrough. This spurred on the College team, and they never allowed the opposition batsmen to settle or any partnerships to develop. With the pressure on the Michaelhouse lower order increasing, the College team upped a level with their fielding, not allowing Michaelhouse any singles. Brokensha picked up 3 wickets to finish off the game.

College 242 for 8
Armstrong 97, Da Costa 40
Brokensha 32

Michaelhouse 211 all out
Brokensha 3 for 33

College won by 31 runs

vs Hilton College (50 overs) (Goldstone's)

College captain Brokensha won the toss on Goldstone's and had no hesitation in electing to bat on a good pitch. Hilton started well and a mix of good bowling and poor shot selection never allowed College to settle, resulting in the home team being unable to put together any significant partnerships. The biggest partnership of the innings was 42, between captain Brokensha (34) and Mason (24). The pair, unfortunately for their team, both got run out with the score on 99. Wickets fell at regular intervals after tea, with College being bowled out for 140 in the 46th over.

College came out firing with opening bowler Brokensha bowling the Hilton opener with the first ball of innings. Brokensha made it 2 in the 3rd over, another bowled. Khumalo made it 13 for 3, Brokensha this time taking a good catch on the fine leg boundary. Hilton got themselves back into the game with a 48-run partnership. The partnership was eventually broken by off spinner Da Costa who bowled tightly keeping his team in the game, picking up another 2 wickets, and his spell of 10 overs only going for 15. College was very much in the game with Hilton on 98 for 8. The ninth wicket on 134, but the last pair managed to handle everything that College threw at them and a thick edge to the third man boundary off the second last ball of the game gave Hilton an exciting win.

College 140 all out
Brokensha 34

Hilton 143 for 9
Brokensha 3 for 12, Da Costa 3 for 15

Hilton won by 1 wicket

vs Glenwood High School (50 overs) (away)

Glenwood won the toss and sent College in to bat on a pitch that would assist bowlers. The Glenwood attack thrived in the conditions, taking wickets at regular intervals. College was unable to put together any meaningful partnerships, the biggest partnership of the innings being 37 for the third wicket between Brokensha and Smith. Da Costa batted intelligently, running well and punishing any loose deliveries, and managed 24 off 21 balls getting College to a defendable 143 for 9.

The Glenwood innings got off to a reasonable start and they were quickly ahead of the game. Opening bowler Khumalo picked up two wickets in his opening spell to get College back into the contest. The introduction of the College spin attack never allowed the Glenwood batsmen to settle and any partnerships to develop. The College fielding was impressive and, backed with disciplined bowling, ensured Glenwood was always under pressure. Glenwood lost wickets at regular intervals and the game ended with Brokensha taking a spectacular one-handed catch off Dzanibe to ensure a well-deserved 57 run win.

College 143 for 9
Brokensha 30

Glenwood 86 all out
Da Costa 3 for 15

College won by 57 runs

vs Northwood School (away)

The College 1st XI won a comfortable victory, putting together arguably their best all-round performance of the season. Northwood won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bat on a used wicket that would get lower and slower as the day progressed.

An undisciplined start by the College bowling attack allowed the Northwood batsmen to settle, but after Khumalo took the first wicket, left arm seamer Dzanibe ensured the Northwood batsmen were always under pressure, picking up two quick wickets. Northwood were never able to put

together any partnerships of value and were dismissed for 104. The College spinners, Da Costa, Mason and Wiggill, bowled a combined 29 overs for only 45 runs, picking up 6 wickets.

College got off to a steady start, getting to 44 before Armstrong was out caught. Two smaller partnerships of 21, the first between Smith and Brokensha and the second between Smith and Thomas ensured College comfortably won the game by 6 wickets in the 36th over. Smith unfortunately lost his wicket with the scores tied for a well-played 51.

Northwood 104 all out
Wiggill 3 for 15
Dzanibe 2 for 14, Da Costa 2 for 13

College 105 for 4
Smith 51

College won by 6 wickets

vs St Charles College (50 overs) (Goldstone's)

College elected to bat on a good pitch but slumped to 39 for 6. Brokensha and Khumalo batted intelligently, putting on the biggest partnership of the match, that of 93. College batted their 50 overs ending on 144 for 9.

St Charles started well, losing their first wicket with the score on 47 in the 16th over. Leg spinner Mason bowled with good control and picked up two wickets in two overs - and in between an excellent throw from Brokensha executed a run out. Unfortunately, in the 21st over the lightning siren went off forcing the players from the field. The umpires called for an early tea but during the tea break persistent rain ensured the players would not return. The match was abandoned with St Charles on 61 for 3.

College 144 for 9
Khumalo 47, Brokensha 59

St Charles 61 for 3

Match abandoned

vs Northwood School (50 overs) (Goldstone's)

College won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bat on a wicket and in conditions that would offer the bowlers early assistance but would become difficult to bat on later in the day.

At the start of the innings, the Northwood bowling attack put College under pressure with some well-disciplined bowling, picking up three early wickets. But a great partnership of 132, between Brokensha and Gibson set up the game for College, setting the visitors a target of 210 for victory. Brokensha top scored for his team with a well-played 104. Gibson with 52 and Khumalo with a quick fire 20 were the other main contributors.

Northwood got off to a brisk start, getting to 59 in 9 overs before McKean took an impressive caught and bowled to break the opening partnership. Northwood were never able to put together any substantial partnerships after that and with two wickets falling in the next over, went from 59 for 0 to 61 for 3 in the 11th over. The spin attack produced some exceptional results. Mason and Wiggill bowled well in tandem, bowling their allotted 20 overs for only 38 runs. Wiggill was unlucky not to pick up a wicket but bowled his 10 overs for just 14 runs. Mason bowled with excellent control picking up 4 wickets for just 24 runs. Northwood was all out for 151, giving College victory by 58 runs.

College 209 for 8
Brokensha 104
Gibson 52

Northwood 151 all out
Mason 4 for 24
Da Costa 2 for 21

College won by 58 runs

vs Durban High School (50 overs) (away)

Brokensha won the toss on the Theobald Oval in Durban and elected to bat. College started well with openers Armstrong and Thomas putting on

64 for the first wicket. This was College biggest partnership of the innings. A mix of good bowling and poor shot selection never allowed College to settle and they were unable to put together any significant partnerships. Wickets fell at regular intervals after tea, and College was disappointingly bowled out for 158 in the 44th over.

DHS started well, the College new ball attack allowing the DHS opening batsmen to settle in. Leg spinner Mason gave his team some hope with a good spell of leg spin bowling, picking up 4 wickets in his spell of 10 overs. Unfortunately for College, a combination of good running between the wickets by the DHS batsmen and poor discipline in the field let them down and allowed DHS too many easy singles in the inner ring. DHS got home in the 40th over with 4 wickets in hand.

*College 158 all out
Thomas 54* *DHS 159 for 6
Mason 4 for 31*

DHS won by 4 wickets

vs St Charles College (50 overs) (away)

The St Charles captain won the toss and sent College in to bat on a pitch with a considerable amount of grass. The College openers started slowly, working hard to see off the new ball. Thomas was the first to go with the score on 41. A mix of good bowling and poor shot selection saw College slump to 72 for 3, Mason and Gibson batted intelligently, putting on the biggest partnership of the innings, that of 53. Mason and Dzanibe added 41 for the 8th wicket before Mason, in the quest for quick runs at the end of the innings, was unfortunate to get out for a well-played 84. Dzanibe and J Wiggill added an unbeaten 16 in the last two overs to get College to a defendable 214 for 9.

St Charles started well, losing their first wicket with the score on 55 in the 12th over. The introduction of the College spinners, leg spinner Mason and off spinner Da Costa, slowed the run rate down. The pair bowled with good control, picking up two wickets in five overs, giving away only 11 runs. The College bowling unit was disciplined, not giving the St Charles batsmen anything, and bowling only 2 wides in 42 overs. The dot ball pressure started resulting in regular wickets falling and St Charles was 136 for 6 in 41 overs. The 42nd over bowled by off spinner Wiggill proved to be an eventful over, with a run out off the second ball and a good catch in the deep by Thomas was followed by the lightning siren, taking the players off the field. The match was abandoned shortly afterwards with St Charles on 146 for 8.

*College 214 for 9
Mason 84
Dzanibe 23** *St Charles 146 for 8
Mason 3 for 12*

Match abandoned

vs Clifton College (50 overs) (Goldstone's)

Match abandoned without a ball being bowled.

vs Glenwood High School (50 overs) (Goldstone's)

On a warm and muggy Pietermaritzburg morning, College won the toss and had elected to bowl in conditions that would offer the bowlers early assistance. From the start, the College bowling attack put Glenwood under pressure with some well-disciplined bowling, yet the visitors however were able to absorb the early pressure and with some good running between the wickets ensured the scoreboard ticked over. College picked up wickets in the seventh and eighth overs through Brokensha and Gibson. Thereafter College took wickets at regular intervals and Glenwood was never able to put together any meaningful partnerships. Leg spinner Mason once again bowled with excellent control picking up 3 for 17 in 9 overs, while Dzanibe and Wiggill took 2 wickets each to bowl Glenwood out for 108.

College got off to a fast start, getting to 48 in 5 overs before lunch. Openers Thomas and Armstrong were patient when necessary but harsh on anything loose. After lunch the pair needed another 12 overs to get their team past the Glenwood total. College were comfortable winners by 10 wickets.



M Gibson on 50 *A Khumalo pulls the ball on Goldstone's.*



J Wiggill bowling on Goldstone's. *S Dzanibe at St Charles*

*Glenwood 108 all out
Mason 3 for 17
Wiggill 2 for 11
Dzanibe 2 for 12* *College 111 for 0
Thomas 53*
Armstrong 43**

College won by 10 wickets

vs Westville Boys' High School (50 overs) (away)

The Westville captain won the toss and sent College in to bat on a wicket with lots of grass and in overhead conditions that would help the bowlers. The decision was the right one with wickets falling at regular intervals. Uneven bounce and lateral movement made batting very difficult. The most important partnership of the day was one of 43, between Mason and Da Costa. Unfortunately for College, Da Costa was run out on the first ball after tea, and wickets fell at regular intervals. College was quickly bowled out for 109 in the 42nd over.

Gibson took an early Westville wicket, but they settled in to put on 49 for the second wicket, and at 58 for 2 after 22 overs, Westville were in a commanding position. The College bowlers were extremely disciplined, bowling only 4 wides and making scoring very difficult for Westville. The game was changed by the College spinners, Mason, Da Costa and Wiggill, who picked up a collective 6 for 53 in 25 overs. With a thunderstorm fast approaching, College put the Westville batsmen under pressure and they still needed 17 runs with 3 wickets in hand, when the game was unfortunately ended by heavy rain.

*College 109 all out
Mason 25* *Westville 93 for 7
Wiggill 3 for 17*

Match abandoned

Festivals

Maritzburg College Pre-Season Festival

The College 1st XI hosted a January festival for the first time in many years, the festival was attended by Clifton College, Potchefstroom Gimnasium, Hoërskool Kempton Park, Parktown Boys' High and an iLembe Invitation Team.

On day one College played against Clifton in a 50 over game on Goldstone's. On a very warm Maritzburg morning. Smith and Armstrong made the most of the excellent batting conditions and then that Brokensha scored the first century of the year, a magnificent 115 not out off 110 balls. His innings included 8 fours and 6 sixes. The College team ended their innings on a respectable 245 for 7.

Clifton started their innings positively and maintained a steady run rate, putting the College bowlers and fielders under pressure. The introduction of the College spinners changed the game in College's favour and wickets began to fall at a regular rate. Off spinner Da Costa and leg spinner Mason bowled a combined 20 overs, taking 4 wickets for 60 runs. Clifton was unable to maintain their start and was bowled out for 199, giving College an excellent 46 run win.

*College 245 for 7
Brokensha 115*, Smith 40* *Clifton 199 all out
Mason 3 for 38*

College won by 46 runs

The Kempton Park captain won the toss on day two and had no hesitation in electing to bat in hot and humid conditions. The College team stuck to their tasks and took wickets at regular intervals ensuring the opposition never took control of the game. The Kempton Park lower order managed to put together some meaningful partnerships to get the visitors to 155 for 9 in their 50 overs. Gibson and Da Costa picked up two wickets each.

The College reply did not start well, losing two quick wickets and, at 13 for 2, the target of 155 looked far away. Captain Brokensha and opener Smith ensured there would be no upset, running well between the wickets and hitting the bad ball to the boundary. The unbeaten partnership of 142 meant College passed the opposition score in the 37th over, Smith with a well-played 89 not out and Brokensha with 63 not out.

*Kempton Park 155 for 9
Gibson 2 for 31
Da Costa 2 for 19* *College 165 for 2
Smith 89*
Brokensha 63**

College won by 8 wickets



B Brokensha bats aggressively on his way to 115 against Clifton College in the first game of the Pre-Season Festival on Goldstone's.*

Day three saw College taking on Parktown. It was once again a very hot and humid day, and Parktown elected to bat first. The College bowling attack quickly put the Parktown batsmen under pressure, not allowing any partnerships to develop. The wickets were shared between Brokensha, Khumalo, Wiggill and Mason, picking up two wickets apiece. Parktown was bowled out for 103 inside 33 overs.

College made hard work of the chase, losing 6 wickets in the reply. Brokensha and Mason ensured there would be no upset, combining well to get College home in the 31st over.

Parktown 103 all out *College 104 for 6
Brokensha 2 for 16, Khumalo 2 for 11
Wiggill 2 for 23, Mason 2 for 28*

College won by 4 wickets

The festival finished with a T20 match against Potchefstroom Gimnasium. The College bowlers were put under pressure, with the Potchefstroom batsmen not afraid to go over the top. The College bowling attack was able to hold their nerve and picked up wickets before any substantial partnerships developed. Dzanibe bowled with excellent control picking up 3 wickets for 11 runs in 3 overs, and Potchefstroom was restricted to 145 for 9 in their 20 overs.

The College reply started slowly with opener Smith out in the second over, but that was the only wicket to fall. Brokensha and Mason put on an unbeaten 135 to get their team home in the 17th over. Brokensha was unbeaten on 74 off 49 balls and Mason achieved 54 from 50 balls, ensuring a 9-wicket win.

Potchefstroom Gimnasium 145 for 9 *College 146 for 1
Dzanibe 3 for 11* *Brokensha 74*
Mason 2 for 25* *Mason 54**

College won by 9 wickets

St David's Fasken Time Cricket Festival

Match 1 vs St David's Marist Inanda (2-day match)

Brokensha won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bat in almost perfect batting conditions. Openers Armstrong and Thomas made merry of the conditions, with both players going past the 100-mark and putting on an incredible 250 runs for the first wicket. Thomas was the first wicket to fall, for an impressive 159. Armstrong was dismissed for 115. The College middle order scored quickly getting the team to 359 for 3.

The St David's reply started slowly with the home team happy to bat time, and it was only on the second morning that there was any urgency shown by the home team. The St David's lower order put the College bowling attack under pressure, and the compulsory declaration coming with St David's on 269 for 9.

The St David's team slowed the game down bowling 12 overs an hour, making it difficult for the College team to set up the match. Thomas and Armstrong once again thrived in the batting conditions, putting on 122 for the first wicket. McKean batted well with the middle order scoring a run a ball 78 to set up the College total of 264 for 6. St David's required a massive 354 for victory in 55 overs.

The St David's reply started well with partnerships for the 1st and 2nd wickets setting up the chase. The College bowlers threw everything they had at opposition, but the excellent batting pitch made it difficult to create any chances. When bad light stopped play after 51 overs, St David's were 246 for 5 ensuring the match ended in a draw.

College 359 for 3
Thomas 159, Armstrong 115
Brokensha 38*

St David's 269 for 9
Mason 3 for 59, Wiggill 2 for 17

College 264 for 6
Armstrong 76
Thomas 60, McKean 78

St David's 246 for 5
Da Costa 2 for 48

Match drawn

Match 2 vs St John's College

Brokensha won the toss and had no hesitation in electing to bat first, with Thomas and Armstrong once again enjoying the bat friendly conditions. Thomas was first to go with the score on 137 for a well-played 65. Armstrong was joined by Mason and the pair added 83, before Mason was out for 42. Armstrong was joined by his captain, Brokensha and the pair upped the run rate with the compulsory declaration approaching. Armstrong went to a second century at the festival, a well-played 109 while Brokensha hit the last ball of the innings to the boundary for an unbeaten 50.

The St John's team replied strongly with an opening stand of 72, but off spinner Da Costa made the breakthrough. Four wickets fell on 179, Da Costa with two, a run out and a wicket for leg spinner Mason. St John's got to 244.

Unfortunately, the College team batted poorly in their second innings, with only Thomas getting any meaningful runs, top scoring with 38 in his team's 118 all out. College came out fighting and put St John's under pressure, with wickets falling at regular intervals At 97 for 5 still needing 60, College was very much in the game, but St John's batted maturely and got home with 3 wickets in hand. Mason was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 4 for 46.

College 293 for 5
Thomas 65
Armstrong 109
Brokensha 50*

St John's 244 all out
Mason 3 for 50
Da Costa 4 for 64

College 118 all out
Thomas 38

St John's 168 for 7
Mason 4 for 46

St John's won by 3 wickets



Early success: the College cricket 1st XI relax after their T20 9-wicket win on Goldstone's against against Potchefstroom Gimnasium on 14 January 2023.

Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week

Match 1 vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool

The Affies captain won the toss and sent the College team into bat on a hot Maritzburg morning, a decision that surprised College. The opening partnership of Thomas and Armstrong got College off to a slow yet steady start. After Thomas and Armstrong were dismissed, Mason and Brokensha combined for the biggest partnership of the innings, that of 67, with Mason ending on 64. Brokensha added the much-needed impetus towards the end of the innings, with a well-constructed 82 not out off 91 balls to get his team to a defendable 228 for 5 off their 50 overs.

College started off well with the ball, creating a chance in the second over, but unfortunately the benefit of doubt went to the batsman. The Affies opening batsmen made the best of the chance and put on a 100 for the first wicket. Seamer Gibson and off spinner Wiggill kept their team in the match, picking up two wickets each. Unfortunately for College it was a little too late, and with a missed chance at square leg, Affies were able to get home by 3 wickets.

College 228 for 5
Mason 64, Brokensha 82*
Armstrong 28

Affies 232 for 7
Gibson 2 for 16, Wiggill 2 for 35

Affies won by 3 wickets

Match 2 vs Grey College

The teams arrived on Goldstone's to overcast and cold conditions. The Grey College captain won the toss and sent College in to bat on a pitch that would assist the bowlers. The Grey College bowling unit bowled well in the first session, restricting the home team to 110 for 5 at tea. College was unable to put together any meaningful partnerships and was eventually bowled out for 173, Mason top scoring with 59.

Grey College absorbed the early pressure and through many small partnerships put themselves in a strong position at tea. Off spinner Wiggill bowled well for a second day in a row picking up 2 for 30, while Mason bowled with good control and was unlucky not to pick up a few more wickets, finishing with 2 for 48.

College 173 all out
Armstrong 25, Mason 59

Grey College 177 for 5
Wiggill 2 for 30, Mason 2 for 48

Grey College won by 5 wickets

Match 3 vs Pretoria Boys High School

The weather was once again perfect for cricket, although rather hot. The PBHS captain had no hesitation in batting first in almost perfect batting conditions. PBHS put together several partnerships to set up a big total, but College was able to take wickets at crucial times and eventually bowled the opposition out in the last over restricting Pretoria to 232. Da Costa and Mason bowled well to keep their team in the game.

College lost quick wickets up front and found it difficult to build any significant partnerships. Thomas batted well, but when he lost his wicket for 34, College was in the precarious position of 55 for 4 in 11 overs. Da Costa, Gibson and McKean steadied the College innings and at tea, College found themselves back in the contest at 119 for 5. Gibson top scored with a well-played 54 and when McKean got out shortly after Gibson for 20, PBHS were back in control of the game, with College 149 for 7, still needing 83 for victory. Dzanibe, firstly with Khumalo and later with Wiggill, batted with maturity beyond his years. He scored a match winning 47 off 45 balls to almost get his team home, unfortunately losing his wicket with his team needing 6 runs to win off 7 balls. Wiggill ensured that there was no last-minute drama, reaching the target with three balls to spare.

Pretoria Boys High School 232 all out
Da Costa 3 for 32, Mason 2 for 49

College 235 for 9
Gibson 54, Dzanibe 47

College won by 1 wicket

Match 4 vs Cornwall Hill College, Gauteng

Brokensha won the toss and elected to bat first, in the final twenty 20 game of the Michaelmas Week. The batting unit were never able to accelerate in the innings and were never able to put the Cornwall Hill bowlers under any pressure. Brokensha top scored for his team with a patient 51, College setting the visitors a victory target of 124 in their 20 overs.

It was always going to be a difficult target to defend for College, although College remained disciplined in the field, the Cornwall Hill batsmen were able to keep up with the rate required. Cornwall Hill won the game by 5 wickets at the end of the 18th over. Brokensha and off spinner Da Costa picking up 2 wickets each.

College 124 for 5
Brokensha 51

Cornwall Hill 128 for 5
Brokensha 2 for 13
Da Costa 2 for 26

Cornwall Hill won by 5 wickets

"One Insurance" 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. College was in a tough pool with Michaelhouse and Westville Boys' High School.

Trial examinations once again influenced the composition of the team, with some of the Sixth Formers missing some of the matches. The loss in the first game against Michaelhouse meant that the second game against Westville was a must win game to have any chance of playing in the semi-finals. The tight match went College's way with a narrow 8-run win. A disappointing team performance against Hilton in the semi-finals meant that College would play Westville in the third/fourth playoff. It was another exciting game with College holding on for the win, once again by 8 runs.

Match 1 vs Michaelhouse
Michaelhouse 173 for 7
Dzanibe 3 for 21

College 162 for 9
Mason 61

Michaelhouse won by 11 runs

Match 2 vs Westville
College 160 for 6
Thomas 82
Brokensha 38*

Westville 152 for 6
Brokensha 3 for 21

College won by 8 runs

Semi Final vs Hilton
College 145 for 4
Thomas 57
Brokensha 33

Hilton 148 for 4
Gibson 3 for 18

Hilton won by 6 wickets

3rd / 4th Playoff Match vs Westville
College 137 for 9
Da Costa 35

Westville 129 for 8
Mason 2 for 26

College won by 8 runs

1st XI Statistics - BATTING

Name	Matches	Innings	Not out	Runs	Average	Strike Rate	Highest Score
L Armstrong	19	19	1	377	20,94	53,32	97
T20	3	3	0	21	7	60	13
Time	2	4	1	301	100,33	67,79	115
C Smith	9	9	1	269	33,63	54,67	89*
T20	1	1	0	7	7	100	7
C Thomas	18	17	2	392	26,13	66,89	108
T20	6	5	0	201	40,2	135,81	82
Time	2	4	0	322	80,5	84,51	159
L Sutherland	7	6	1	17	3,4	38,64	12
B Brokensha	19	18	4	641	45,79	70,83	115*
T20	6	6	2	211	52,75	113,44	74*
Time	2	4	2	93	46,5	125,68	42*
M Gibson	16	14	2	231	19,25	61,11	54
T20	6	4	1	31	10,33	88,57	12
Time	2	3	0	24	8	66,67	12*
C Mason	19	17	2	494	32,93	90,64	84
T20	6	6	2	138	34,5	114,05	61
Time	2	3	0	75	25	64,1	42
R Quin	9	7	1	65	10,83	59,63	24
T20	1	0	0	0	-	-	-
O Da Costa	19	15	0	182	12,13	76,79	40
T20	6	5	0	72	14,4	150	35
Time	2	3	1	16	8	80	12*
S Dzanibe	16	9	4	134	26,8	157,65	47
T20	6	4	3	55	55	122,22	24
Time	2	1	0	24	24	88,89	24
A Khumalo	18	14	1	144	11,08	98,33	47
T20	6	5	1	25	6,25	65,79	9
Time	2	0	0	0	-	-	-
J Wiggill	19	11	7	59	14,75	98,33	21*
T20	6	2	1	5	5	166,66	4
Time	2	1	1	0	0	0	0*
C Ferraz	10	8	2	24	4	55,81	6*
T20	5	2	0	8	4	80	6
Time	2	2	0	23	11,5	43,4	12
R McKean	16	10	1	88	9,78	96,7	20
T20	5	1	1	2	/	50	2
Time	2	2	0	78	40	96,39	78
M Thomson	5	1	1	4	/	200	4*
T20	2	1	0	5	5	62,5	5
Time	2	1	0	2	2	33,33	2

1st XI Statistics - BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Strike rate	Economy	Best Bowling
B Brokensha	101,2	11	318	20	15,9	30,36	3,14	3 for 12
T20	22	1	155	8	19,375	16,5	7,045	2 for 13
Time	25	4	111	1	111	150	4,44	1 for 8
C Mason	157,5	29	495	35	14,143	27,063	3,135	4 for 22
T20	20	0	162	5	32,4	24	8,1	2 for 25
Time	54	5	239	11	23,9	32,4	4,4	4 for 44
O Da Costa	146,2	22	410	24	17,08	36,55	2,8	3 for 15
T20	20	1	128	4	32	30	6,4	2 for 26
Time	63	11	210	8	19,09	34,36	3,33	4 for 49
S Dzanibe	67,5	4	266	18	14,778	22,61	3,92	2 for 6
T20	15	0	95	7	13,571	12,857	6,33	3 for 11
Time	11	0	50	3	16,66	22	4,5	2 for 14
M Gibson	53,1	5	204	10	20,4	31,82	3,85	2 for 16
T20	9	1	64	6	10,667	9	7,11	3 for 18
Time	8	1	26	0	/	/	3,25	0 for 11
A Khumalo	70,5	3	322	12	26,83	35,43	4,54	2 for 11
T20	8	0	77	2	38,5	24	9,625	2 for 27
Time	12	0	64	2	34	36	5,33	2 for 9
R McKean	30	1	143	2	71,5	90	4,76	1 for 18
T20	5	0	64	0	/	/	12,8	0 for 14
Time	4	0	16	1	16	24	4	1 for 16
M Thomson	13	1	54	4	13,5	19,5	4,16	2 for 7
T20	11	0	52	1	52	66	4,7	1 for 12
J Wiggill	109	15	413	18	22,94	36,05	3,81	3 for 15
T20	13	1	86	2	43	39	6,62	1 for 8
Time	22	0	87	2	43,5	66	3,95	2 for 15
C Thomas	7	1	38	1	38	42	5,43	1 for 17
Time	1	0	4	0	/	/	4	0 for 4



B Brokensha 104 (3rd from the left) and next to him, C Mason (with his 4/24) seem especially pleased as they lead the College cricket 1st XI off Goldstone's after their 58-run win against Northwood School on 23 September.



2nd XI

The 2023 season was a year of two very different seasons. The first term turned out to be a season of the boys not applying themselves, as results will show. The team included many of the U16A players from 2022 who had a stellar season. There was certainly enough firepower to really score big runs and take plenty of wickets, but poor in both disciplines, the team struggled for any consistency of form. However, the term four results showed what the boys could do.

The team faced changes in the term four season, as matrics play when their exam timetable allows, and the U16A team folds into the open age group. The team was led by J Bradford and when his matric commitments were too much, the young D Nadasan (Form 4) took the reins. Mention must be made of Nadasan, L Sutherland, N Pembridge and J Konigkramer, who had very strong finishes to the year. There were several players who could make the 1st XI in the new year, so it will be very interesting to see how the balance is achieved. The evergreen M Thomson played right up to the bitter end as a Sixth Former.

The team enjoyed a successful U17 festival hosted by Michaelhouse. They beat PBHS by 9 wickets (Goslett 4/20, Konigkramer 6/9), St David's Marist Inanda by 4 wickets, whilst losing to St Alban's College (their 'Stayers') by 8 wickets and Hilton College by 2 wickets (Currie 75, Dedekind 3/37, Naidoo 3/38).

This year has been a bittersweet one, as it is my last with College. My family and I leave for New Zealand. It has been a pleasure leading the team throughout the year with the energetic R Coutts and F Fourie. I have every belief that the team will enjoy a successful start to 2024. Lastly, to the Director of Cricket, Mr K Nipper, many thanks for your support over the six years we have worked together at College.

Regular players:

D Nadasan (captain), N Narain, B Hosking, L Miller, W Beauclerk, K Dedekind, J Currie, D Naidoo, J Marcus, N Jackson, C Goslett, L Sutherland, J Konigkramer, R McKean, C Ferraz, D Warren, M Thomson

Results:

Term 1

- vs Michaelhouse lost by 92 runs (Hosking 21, Konigkramer 22)
- vs Hilton lost by 6 wickets
- vs Glenwood rained out (Thomson 6/26)
- vs Northwood lost by 106 runs
- vs St Charles rain stopped play

Terms 3 and 4

- vs Northwood won by 57 runs (Dedekind 4 for 18, Nadasan 92*)
- vs Kearsney rain stopped play (McKean 51)
- vs St Charles lost by 83 runs (Pembridge 3/32, Konigkramer 3/27, Hosking 37, Konigkramer 49)
- vs DHS won by 4 wickets (Nadasan 41, Sutherland 40)
- vs Glenwood won by 9 wickets (Sutherland 4/23, Sutherland 64*, Nadasan 58*)
- vs Westville won by 23 runs (Konigkramer 82, Sutherland 39, Narain 29, Thomson 3/42)

Messrs C Nevay, R Coutts, F Fourie

3rd XI

The 3rd cricket team season saw a blend of spirited performances and valuable learning experiences. Despite facing challenges and some tough losses, the team played with great determination and energy throughout the season. The squad displayed true College grit in all these matches and a growing passion for the sport.

After a tough start to the first term, the team bounced back in true College fashion to put in some stellar performances and gained some well-deserved victories. With the combining of the U16 and Open age groups in terms three and four, the team changed significantly, with many of the matrics choosing to focus on academics towards the end of the year. This proved to be a challenge, but the team played an exciting brand of cricket and lost just one game in the second half of the year. Each player contributed with his skills, be it batting, bowling or fielding.

The boys are commended on their year, and I wish them all the best for 2024.

Regular players:

T Armstrong, W Beauclerk, E Bester, K Botha, C Erasmus, T Fulton, M Gwala, S Hughes, J Thackway, C van Rooyen, R Venter, J Knoetze, L Miller, N Narain, J Samuel, K Dobejn, M Knoetze, R Pitout, R Tocknell, C van der Merwe

Results:

- vs Westville lost by 39 runs
- vs Michaelhouse lost by 5 wickets
- vs Hilton lost by 48 runs
- vs Glenwood won by 78 runs
- vs Northwood won by 30 runs
- vs St Charles won by 80 runs (J Knoetze 5/0)
- vs Northwood won by 4 wickets
- vs Northwood won by 8 wickets (Gwala 6/18)
- vs DHS lost by 9 wickets
- vs St Charles won by 7 runs (N Jackson 54, Hughes 4/19)
- vs Glenwood won by 7 wickets

Mr A Walstroome

4th XI

The 4th team had mixed results in the first term, owing to some indifferent performances. In the third term the U16 and Open age groups combine and with many of the matrics choosing to focus on academics towards the end of the year, the team changed significantly.

In a remarkable display of skill and determination, the team emerged victorious in all six of their matches in terms three and four. Undeterred by their lower team status, these budding cricketers displayed exceptional teamwork and talent on the field, consistently outperforming their opponents.

Their journey to improvement began with a convincing win in the opening match in a stagger against the Kearsney 3rd team, setting the tone for the subsequent triumphs. The batting lineup exhibited resilience and precision, accumulating impressive scores, while the bowlers demonstrated their prowess by consistently taking wickets and restricting the opposition. Fielding was a standout feature, with agile catches and precise throws contributing to their unblemished record.

This flawless run not only reflected the team's cricketing prowess but also their sportsmanship and dedication to the game. As the Fourth Team revelled in their well-deserved success, they set a shining example for aspiring cricketers across the school.

We thank the parents for their support throughout the year.

Regular players:

C van Heerden, T Ekhooff, J Martin, R Bernstein, N Ryan, T Sewparsad, S Hutton, K Dobejn, D Simpson, N Deyzel, L McIlrath, G Egberink, T Armstrong, G Askew, K Botha, E Clark, T Ekerold, C Erasmus, T Fulton, D Jackson, M Knoetze, D Naidoo, B Parak, K Singh, J Thackway, R Tocknell, R van der Vliet

Results:

Term 1

- vs Westville won by 161 runs (van Heerden 67, Martin 69, Sewparsad 3/17, Hutton 3/11, Dobejn 3/6)
- vs Michaelhouse won by 3 wickets (Ryan 3/22, Dobejn 3/10, Dobejn 38*)
- vs Hilton lost by 25 runs (McIlrath 3/20, Hutton 3/20)
- vs Hilton U16B lost by 8 wickets
- vs St Charles won by 23 runs (Ekhooff 39, Simpson 28*)

Term 4

- vs Kearsney 3rds won by 20 runs (Botha 52*)
- vs Northwood won by 62 runs (Knoetze 64)
- vs DHS won by 10 wickets (Askew 3/4, Botha 3/2)
- vs Michaelhouse won by 9 wickets (Askew 6/18)
- vs Glenwood won by 8 wickets
- vs Westville won by 4 wickets (Askew 3/14)

Messrs G Dorling, T Cloete and A van der Kruit

5th XI

In the first term the 5th team started the year off with a great win against Michaelhouse, with some fine individual performances. The second game was a bit of a mismatched stagger when we took on the Howick 1st XI. This was a bridge too far, but the boys stuck it out and learned some valuable lessons in that game.

Unfortunately, owing to injuries and changes in numbers higher up in the age group, many of these boys moved up in the ranks and the 5th team dissolved. The handful of boys that remained must be commended for their dedication to training although not always being given a game on the weekend.

Due to the number of young men who signed up for cricket for the third and fourth terms and the joining of the U16 and open age group, there was a large squad for the 5th team in the latter half of the year. The coaches chose to rotate the team to play all the boys as often as possible. There were some very disappointed young men as they were not playing for a higher side. In general, the attendance at practices varied during exam time. This added to the coaches' problems in making up teams for all the matches.

The team's results were somewhat mixed due to the strength of the team on the day, winning only one of the three matches played.

The highlight of the season was the match against DHS, played at Collegians Club. College won the toss and elected to bowl first. DHS were bowled out for 40 runs, including 22 extras! College reached this total for the loss of only 1 wicket.

The low point of the season was the match away at St Charles. College won the toss and elected to bat first but were all out for 119. St Charles reached this total in 16.3 overs.

I thank parents for their support during the matches and Mr Noubouth for volunteering to umpire these matches while I scored on the sideline.

Regular players:

T Ekerold, D Simpson, D Naidoo, N Deyzel, A Cumming, B Cumming, M Borchers, D Ferguson, D Moodley, S Tredgold, J Martin, M Martin, W Naidoo, C van Heerden, G Egberink, W Strachan, C Wilson, R Maartens, Tristan Thompson, H Maluleka, L O'Connor, H Briggs, M Barnado, L Hart, J Killick, D Moran, Travis Thompson, H McIntyre

Results:

Term 1

- vs Michaelhouse won by 84 runs (Killick 42 and 4/8, Briggs 4/24, Travis Thompson 41)
- vs Howick 1sts lost by 111 runs

Term 4

- vs DHS won by 9 wickets (Wilson 3/5)
- vs St Charles lost by 7 wickets
- vs Michaelhouse lost by 34 runs

Messrs G Dorling and V Noubouth



C Smith strokes yet another sublime off-drive – on Goldstone's.



U16A

Back row: R Venter, K Dedekind
Middle row: N Pembridge, J Thackwray, J Currie, C van Rooyen
Front row: M Gwala, E Bester (captain), Mr S Sinclair, D Nadasan, D Naidoo
Absent: E Clark

The cricket season of 2023 proved to be a rollercoaster ride for our team in terms of results. While the outcome on the field may not have lived up to our expectations, the brotherhood, hard work and sheer enjoyment of the game made it a memorable experience for all involved.

Despite the disappointing results, the season displayed the true spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie among a group of dedicated and enthusiastic young boys. Throughout the season, our team exhibited a remarkable level of unity and determination. Despite facing numerous challenges, including tough opponents and unfavourable conditions, our boys never lost their spirits. They worked tirelessly in training sessions, honing their skills and refining their strategies. The team's commitment to hard work was evident in their relentless efforts during practice sessions and their unwavering focus during matches.

While winning matches was undoubtedly a priority, our team never lost sight of the fact that cricket is a game meant to be enjoyed. The bond shared among the players was truly remarkable, as they supported and encouraged each other both on and off the field. Regardless of the match outcome, the team always found a way to uplift spirits, whether through light-hearted banter, post-match celebrations, or team outings. Their ability to find joy and laughter amidst the disappointments was a testament to their positive attitude and strong camaraderie.

Despite the lack of favourable results, our team learnt valuable lessons throughout the season. They discovered the importance of perseverance, teamwork, and resilience in the face of adversity. Each match became an opportunity for growth, allowing the players to identify their strengths and weaknesses, and strive for improvement. The disappointing results served as motivation to work harder and set higher goals for future seasons.

While the cricket season of 2023 may not have yielded the desired results in terms of wins and losses, it was undeniably a season filled with hard work, determination and an unwavering spirit. The young boys comprising our team showed their commitment to the game, their unwavering support for each other, and their ability to derive joy from the sport, regardless of the outcome. The disappointments faced during the season served as valuable lessons and opportunities for growth.

Regular players:

E Bester, D Naidoo, J Currie, D Nadasan, R Venter, C Dedekind, E Clark, C van Rooyen, S Hughes, J Thackwray, M Gwala, N Pembridge

Results:

vs Westville lost by 8 wickets (Nadasan 38, Currie 38)
 vs Michaelhouse lost by 59 runs (Naidoo 44)
 vs Glenwood won by 9 wickets (Gwala 4/13, Currie 62*)
 vs Northwood lost by 160 runs
 vs St Charles match abandoned due to rain (Dedekind 3/21)

Messrs S Sinclair and C McKean

U16B

The U16B team had an up and down season, winning two games and losing three. We aimed to create a positive culture and attitude in the team, attempting to be aggressive in our approach; however, an ever-changing side and a lack of self-belief counted against us in tight games. After a closely contested win versus Westville we encountered two very good bowling attacks, against Michaelhouse and Hilton. Unfortunately, middle order collapses made it difficult to post defendable totals. A clinical showing against Glenwood meant an early day for the boys in a dominant win. However, we were outgunned in a 50-over game versus Northwood, which would be the final game of the season.

A highlight of the year was E Clark's dogged innings against Michaelhouse, when he kept the innings together, and this eventually resulted in a call-up to the A team. R van der Vliet bowled well throughout the season picking up a five-wicket haul against Glenwood. It was a tough learning curve of a season for everyone. Credit must go to the boys for all the hard work they put in. I hope that they reap the benefit going forward.

Regular players:

K Botha, G Askew, D Naidoo, E Clark, D Jackson, R van der Vliet, A Nqayi, T Ekerold, B Parak, A Barnes, K Jones, C Wilson, K Singh, W Strachan

Results:

vs Westville won by 18 runs (Naidoo 28, van der Vliet 4/17, Clark 3/18)
 vs Michaelhouse lost by 5 wickets (Clark 30, Nqayi 2/13)
 vs Hilton College lost by 5 wickets (Botha 45, Singh 3/33)
 vs Glenwood won by 10 wickets (Ekerold 20*, van der Vliet 5/13, Jones 3/2)
 vs Northwood lost by 165 runs (Botha 24, Parak 2/47)
 vs St Charles cancelled by St Charles – Swine flu

Mr S Stopford

U16C

The 2023 season got off to a wonderful start. Practices were well attended and fiercely contested as these young men not only tried to establish themselves in the team but also aimed at being promoted to a higher team. Although we had very few fixtures, the team took the opportunity to play some good cricket. They must be commended on working together, showing leadership skills and putting the team first. These attributes were the foundation of what would end up being a successful season.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the boys for the way they represented themselves, their school and the game of cricket. I wish them all the best in the Open age group.

Regular players:

J Steyn, T Ekerold, C Hurson, H Maluleke, A Cumming, B Cumming, F Pillay, C Viljoen, M Martin, C Wilson, M Borchers, T Mason, K Govender

Results:

vs Westville won by 30 runs
 vs Michaelhouse won by 1 wicket
 vs Howick U16A lost by 36 runs
 vs Glenwood won by 10 wickets
 vs St Charles won by 91 runs

Mr M Zuma



C Ferraz keeping for the cricket 1st XI on Goldstone's.



Moved up from the U15A side, T van Niekerk kept for the 1st XI side during the Michaelmas Week game against Grey College on 1 October.



With a feel of village cricket, and late in the U15A game on Barns' field, J Thompson helps the ball on its way to the Princess Margaret Drive boundary during his knock of 54 – against Glenwood High School on 4 November – which College won by 5 wickets.



U15A

Back row: C Francis, S Wiggill, J Jordaan, E Fabre, N Naidoo
Middle row: A Bharath, K de Bruyn, T Katz, A Barnes

Front row: R Schirge, T van Niekerk (vice-captain), Mr M Ebrahim (head coach), R Willson (captain), Mr L Barnard (assistant coach), J Thompson, D du Toit

The Maritzburg College U15A side had a season of growth not only for the players but also for me as a coach. Countless lessons have been taught, learned, and repeated. It was definitely a memorable group of young men that I have been involved with as a coach. The captain, R Willson, starred in many games with the ball in hand, collecting five-wicket hauls and displaying his growing maturity in his approach as a captain and batsman in the 4th term. The vice-captain, T van Niekerk, is to be commended on his selection for the First XI tour, which can be seen as a reward for his hard work and dedication to the game. This was a very special group of characters who pushed themselves to new limits during the season and especially at pre-season. It is, however, unfortunate that a few of them did not have the success they deserved. Our top order batsmen included the likes of E Fabre, a strong character and a balanced individual; A Bharath, calm in approach; K de Bruyn, destructive on his day; R Willson, a steady figure in our batting line up; and T Van Niekerk, a boy with the potential to take the game away from the opposition.

Our middle order included, T Katz, a jovial character who kept everyone smiling; R Schirge, a hardworking and determined boy; D du Toit, driven to take the team over the line and always ready for the opportunity; J Thompson, the patriot, dedicating his mind and body to carrying the team when needed with the bat and ball; and S Wiggill who displayed his all-round ability in a very calm and collected manner.

Our bowling attack included the likes of A Barnes, showing good pace and a big smile to go with it. He was joined by the previously mentioned, Willson, Thompson, and de Bruyn. Leg spinner N Naidoo made positive impact in the team after being included for our tour in September.

Special mention should be made of Mr L Barnard, who joined me in coaching the U15A side. An absolute genuine person on and off the field, he brought a vibe with a few words and lifted the energy in the practices. He was truly respected and appreciated by the boys.

Our results unfortunately do not fully reflect the potential and ability of the boys, but the memories and life lessons of the season will stick with us forever. A huge thank you goes to the parents for their constant support.

Regular players:

R Willson, T van Niekerk, E Fabre, J Thompson, D du Toit, K de Bruyn, R Schirge, A Barnes, A Bharath, T Katz, N Naidoo, S Wiggill, J-P Jordaan

Results:

- vs Westville lost by 82 runs
- vs Michaelhouse lost by 7 wickets
- vs Hilton College won by 115 runs (Bharath 93, du Toit 6/15)
- vs Glenwood no result (Thomson 3/29)
- vs Northwood lost by 4 runs (Willson 7/28, van Niekerk 62)
- vs St Charles match abandoned
- vs Kearsney match abandoned
- vs DHS won by 35 runs (du Toit 3/25)
- vs PBHS match drawn (du Toit 56)
- vs Affies lost by 143 runs (Willson 41, de Bruyn 48)
- vs Waterkloof lost by 5 wickets (De Bruyn 91, Wiggill 2/21)
- vs St Alban's (T20) lost by 28 runs (Willson 53)
- vs Clifton match abandoned
- vs St Charles lost by 120 runs (Willson 3/51)
- vs Glenwood won by 5 wickets (Wiggill 6/39, Thompson 54)
- vs Westville lost by 8 wickets

Mr A Ebrahim

U15B

The 2023 campaign for College's U15Bs was a delightful one. Our first four games, in the first term, were up and down. We were shaking the team around, looking for combinations that worked well. These changes included J Pay, a former A-team leg spinner, becoming a part-time leg spinner and a full-time opening batsman in the longer formats. Another change was J Armstrong going from a full-time swing bowler and part-time batsman to full-time top-order batsman who did not touch the ball in the latter part of the year.

In the second half of the year, we came up just short against Kearsney and Northwood, losing by 4 runs and 27 runs respectively. After a narrow win against DHS, we grew into some form with the return from injury of our opening batsman, D Jursa. We finished the year off very well, racking up a four-game winning streak. Everything came together especially well in two games, against St Charles and Glenwood. In the St Charles match we scored 204/4 after 35 overs and bowled them out for a mere 70 runs in 18.4 overs. After an uncharacteristically loose fielding performance against Glenwood, we chased down their 187 in only 23.1 overs with 6 wickets to spare. By the end of the season we were a confident and oiled team and would have loved to take on the same Michaelhouse team that taught us a lesson at Balgowan earlier in the year. Overall, it was an exciting and hard-fought season. Stand out performances include Jursa's 94 against St Charles and C Wood's '6-for' and hat-trick in the final over to beat DHS by 4 runs.

Regular players:

J Pay (captain), D Jursa, J Armstrong, D Palmer, T Katz, T Kruger, N Barnard, C Wood, M Smith, C Francis, JP Jordaan, M Smith, S Pedlar, N Ngcemu

Results:

- vs Westville won by 18 runs
- vs Michaelhouse lost by 110 runs
- vs Hilton College won by 3 runs
- vs Northwood lost by 6 wickets
- vs Kearsney lost by 4 runs
- vs Northwood lost by 27 runs
- vs DHS won by 4 runs
- vs St Charles won by 134 runs
- vs Glenwood won by 6 wickets
- vs Westville won by 63 runs

Messrs C Myburgh and J McCabe

U15C

A team of consistency, the U15C side was blessed to see very few changes this season. A few lads got the opportunity to move up – D Palmer managed to post his highest score for the U15Bs in his jaunt at the higher level. Palmer was an inspired leader, out front all the time commanding respect, wielding authority and his bat valiantly. He was outstanding behind the stumps always speaking words of encouragement and displaying that old fashioned College grit. He was often assisted by a very able partner in Lotter, who always seemed to get his eye in very quickly, but unfortunately at times gave his wicket away with little fight. When called on to turn over his arm, he made a very decent spinner as well.

The first term saw us unbeaten, all the way up to our final fixture against St Charles, when the wheels fell off. We lost 4 wickets in the first two overs of our innings, playing on what should have been a very easy wicket to

make a lot of runs. St Charles set the pace, but we could not keep up and although really giving it our all, we lost in the dying overs despite not looking like we would make it to drinks. The year ended on a very high note, as we claimed victory over Westville, on Leach's, by 8 wickets. The atmosphere all year in our squad was one of very high spirit, amongst boys and staff. Thank you to Mr Taljaard for his assistance and company.

Regular players:

D Palmer (captain), C Machwane, S Maharaj, E Sobwe, S Shabalala, O Hoatson, T Brande, D Clark, R Sheik, B Bryant, L Lotter, J Theeralingam, T Padayachee, W Nzuza, B Fourie, M Chetty, J Padayachee

Results:

Term 1

- vs Westville won by 5 wickets
- vs Michaelhouse won 3 wickets (Smith 3/24, Lotter 3/11)
- vs Howick won by wickets (Palmer 43)
- vs Glenwood won by 10 wickets

Term 3/4

- vs Northwood won by 8 wickets (Smith 40)
- vs DHS (20 overs) won by 48 (Brandt 46, Lotter 3/33)
- vs St Charles lost against (Machwane 3/32)
- vs Glenwood won by 265 (Lotter 144*, Francis 59, Barnard 50*)
- vs Westville won by 8 wickets (Armstrong 44*)

Messrs R Barbour and J Taljaard

U15D

Although the boys only played two matches, they played with gentlemanly conduct and showed great sportsmanship both on and off the field. The two matches were one against Glenwood and a stagger against Hilton U15C. The third game of the season was unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather. Unfortunately, due to many injuries in the teams above them and the team themselves, many were absorbed into the U15C squad where the boys continued to show their cricket skills and love and passion for the game.

Regular players:

B Bryant, V Charan, H Chetty, D Clark, A Dladla, D Garrell, J Grunewald, A Hukum, C Machwane, S Matshisa, A Naidoo, D Naidoo, T Netsianda, J Padayachee, T Padayachee, J Theeralingam

Results:

- vs Glenwood won by 4 wickets (Garrell 3/17)
- vs Hilton U15C lost by 5 wickets
- vs Northwood cancelled due to rain

Mr J Taljaard



U14A

Back row: W van Rooyen, L Puddu, M Meyer
Middle row: L Venter, M Bisset, N Lessing, J Pembridge
Front row: L Marcus, G Hosking (captain), Mr O Kajee (coach), L van der Merwe, O Mhlanga

The 2023 year began at a frenetic pace as Maritzburg College welcomed the new Grade 8s. Our U14 cricketers arrived at the cricket fields to display their skills through the trials process. There was an abundance of talent, making it difficult to select the best 11 players to represent the U14A cricket team. After much debate and deliberation, a squad was assembled to represent the school.

As the boys settled into life at Maritzburg College, they were also introduced to the cricket ideologies and philosophies that exist at our school. Term one saw the boys perform admirably with good performances along the way. Although all results did not go our way, the boys never gave up and displayed grit in most of their encounters. It was pleasing to note the progress throughout the season as individuals grew into their different roles and responsibilities. The term concluded with much optimism, and we looked forward to new season with bated breath.

As the curtains drew on the winter season, our cricketers dusted off their boots and geared up for the cricket season that lay ahead. Our boys started decently as preparation for the Hilton Cricket Festival reached finality. The highlight of the year had to be our performances during the four-day festival, picking up victories against powerhouses Wynberg and Rondebosch, drawing with Grey College and losing narrowly by six runs to St Alban's. Our boys were excellent ambassadors for the Red, Black and White both on and off the field and certainly served the school with distinction and pride at the festival.

Term four followed suit with how the year started with a mixed bag of results. There were some outstanding and mediocre performances during the term, but the boys displayed determination and courage in most of their encounters. It must be noted that our U14A cricketers developed throughout the year and learnt valuable lessons that will stand them in good stead for the future.

It has indeed been a privilege and a pleasure coaching such a dedicated and committed bunch of boys. I wish to record my appreciation to Mr Nipper, Mr Sinclair and the U14A parent community for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the year.

Regular players:

G Hosking (captain), M Meyer, M Bisset, R Schoeman, L van der Merwe, L Venter, W van Rooyen, O Mhlanga, L Puddu, J Pembridge, N Lessing, L Marcus

Mr O Kajee

Results:

Term 1

- vs Westville lost by 5 wickets
- vs Michaelhouse won by 2 wickets (van der Merwe 4/13, van der Merwe 49)
- vs Hilton lost by 6 wickets (Puddu 45, Hosking 44)
- vs Glenwood won by 5 wickets (Hosking 4/23)
- vs Northwood lost by 2 wickets (Hosking 3/23)
- vs St Charles match abandoned due to rain (Puddu 110)

Term 3

- vs Kearsney match abandoned due to rain
- vs Northwood lost by 9 wickets

Hilton U14 Festival

- vs Grey College match drawn (Hosking 3/25, Puddu 50)
- vs St Alban's lost by 6 runs (van der Merwe 67)
- vs Rondebosch won by 14 runs (Meyer 4/28, Schoeman 3/14)
- vs Wynberg won by 5 wickets

Term 4

- vs DHS won by 5 wickets (Meyer 5/24, Mhlanga 3/16)
- vs St Charles lost by 9 wickets (Meyer 60)
- vs Clifton match abandoned due to rain
- vs Glenwood won by 6 wickets (Hosking 3/28, Bisset 41)
- vs Westville match abandoned due to rain (Hosking 3/56)

U14B

The U14B cricket team learned many lessons this season and experienced a bag of mixed results. We had some very good wins, where the team had to dig deep and fight for a victory. This was especially evident in our result against St Charles in the fourth term, where we defended a very low total against a strong team. In other games, we made careless errors which resulted in our losing matches that we should have won. Many lessons were learned by the boys in their first year of high school cricket and one of the praiseworthy features of this team was their teamwork and the ability to never give up until the very end. This again was evident in the narrow losses that we had this year, when the matches went down to the last wire. The boys were very well led by our captain, S Schirge, who was strongly supported by his team-mates.

Thanks go to both Mr Smit and Mr Stopford who coached the team in the first and fourth terms respectively. They both had a huge impact on the team and their advice and motivation of the boys helped develop them as cricket players. I hope that the boys will use the lessons they have learned this year in their bright cricketing futures. This team has loads of potential and I am looking forward to how they develop and grow as cricketers next year.

Regular players:

S Schirge (captain), C Barnard, J Ferguson, J Thomas, N Seakeco, T Bhatt, T Killick, J Dunne, R Schoeman, L Marcus, JL Hendriks, H Kyle, T Bolton, Q Langford

Results:

- vs Westville lost by 4 wickets (Thomas 73, Schoeman 5/17)
- vs Michaelhouse won by 8 runs (Marcus 3/18)
- vs Hilton lost by 2 wickets (Marcus 34, Marcus 5/27)
- vs Glenwood won by 8 wickets (Dunne 5/18, Barnard 34)
- vs Northwood lost by 3 wickets (Seakeco 71, Killick 5/32)
- vs St Charles lost by 2 wickets (Hendriks 4/14)
- vs Kearsney won by 123 runs (Seakeco 54, Killick 3/6, Schoeman 2/1)
- vs DHS won by 50 runs (Dunne 3/12, Bhatt 3/11)
- vs St Charles won by 17 runs (Schirge 39, Schoeman 4/19)
- vs Clifton match cancelled
- vs Glenwood lost by 114 runs
- vs Westville lost by 3 wickets (Langford 50)

Messrs M-J Smit and S Stopford

U14C

The U14C cricket team had a very productive 2023 season. The boys always gave 110% on the field, at games as well as at practices. It was only owing 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, and it soon became evident that they were developing in 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:

T Bolton, J Ferguson, Q Langford, K Lubbe, B Mnguni, J Moodley, D Rajarathnam, D Scholtz, T Smith, T Stead, E Woodroffe, B Zakwe

Results:

- vs Westville won by 3 wickets
- vs Glenwood lost by 4 wickets
- vs Michaelhouse won by 5 wickets
- vs Northwood won by 31 runs
- vs St Charles won by 6 wickets
- vs Northwood lost by 28 runs
- vs Northwood lost by 1 run
- vs DHS won by 88 runs
- vs Michaelhouse won by 130 runs
- vs Glenwood won by 116 runs
- vs Westville won by 1 run

Mr R Pillay

U14D

The U14D played twelve games this season and won seven of them. The team was well captained by D Matthee. Stand-out bowlers were K Gregory, K Hellberg, J White, and D Dry, with top batsmen being K Hellberg, D Matthee, J White, K Gregory, and M Hadebe. The latter only played in the fourth term. There were also many boys who only played in the first term and stopped owing to other commitments. There was a core of boys who saw the season through.

Regular players:

D Matthee, S Bernstein, M Vayani, D Scholtz, J Shawe, B Nguni, L Kubheka, B Zakwe, K Hellberg, K Khawula, H Ndwandwa, L Makhoba, K Gregory, J White, D Dry, J Carle, J Schwikkard, M Volans, M Hadebe

Results:

- vs Westville lost by 5 wickets
- vs Michaelhouse won by 51 runs
- vs Hilton College won by 4 runs
- vs Glenwood won by 78 runs
- vs DHS lost by 12 runs
- vs St Charles won by 9 wickets
- vs Northwood lost by 79 runs
- vs Northwood lost by 64 runs
- vs DHS won by 4 runs
- vs St Charles won by 29 runs
- vs Glenwood won by 157 runs
- vs Westville lost by 5 wickets

Mr S Botha



G Hosking commands the game in an August friendly against Hilton.



With the Nicholson Arch and jacarandas as a backdrop, the Maritzburg College cricket 1st XI show their delight at the early-afternoon 10-wicket victory over the visiting Glenwood XI on 4 November on Goldstone's.



Cross-Country

- Back row:** S Norton, M Jewaskiewitz, J Odell, B Foster, L Newlands, C Adam
- Fourth row:** D Gademane, Z Dladla, E van der Merwe, C Gould, D Denton, R Kleinhans, C Wilson, L Luthuli
- Third row:** M Singh, K Singh, D Becket, N Deyzel, J Gotte, J Maharaj, V Wosiyana
- Second row:** L Makhoba, K Searle, O Zuma, E Hamadziripi, S Ismail, L Shangase
- Front row:** S Adie, Mr H Ntenezi (coach), J Werth (captain), Mr B de Lange (MIC), C Higgins, Mr L Tshabalala (coach), E McAllister
- Absent:** B Fourie, Y Mohammed, K Phungula, S Redlinghuys, J Gray, D du Plessis, B Dillon, C Dillon, L Becket, P Mncwabe

The 2023 cross-country season was a successful one by many accounts. The highlight of the season was the Maritzburg College senior and junior teams winning the overall championship for the Midlands Cross-Country League. This showed that the boys were consistent in their efforts and that even in an 'individual sport' there is a sense of teamwork to be found.

The top ten positions in the senior results of the Midlands Cross-Country League were as follows: J Werth 4th, L Newlands 6th, E McAllister 9th, and C Higgins 10th. The junior results were as follows: O Zuma 4th, K Searle 5th, and S Ismail 10th. Several of our boys filled in the top 30 positions as well, securing our overall win in both categories.

The competition was fierce this season, as could be seen from Werth being pushed out of the top three. However, the young men of the Red, Black and White did not give up and maintained their determined efforts throughout. We were also fortunate to travel up to Pretoria to face Affies, where our boys battled it out at high altitude, straight off the bus ride. The Affies boys really showed up and made a strong statement of their ability on the cross-country scene. Nonetheless, the cross-country boys enjoyed their weekend and the chance to be hosted and see a different part of

our country. Two weeks later we hosted our Johannesburg rivals, KES. The course was changed from last year, as well as the format to two-man relay teams, and saw the seniors hold their own, taking second place and the juniors managing to bring home third.

Finally, R Kleinhans and L Shangase took on the Rhino Peak Challenge in September to help raise awareness and funds for the conservation of our wildlife and natural environment. The event was a gruelling task that saw the two boys and Mr de Lange climb over 1300m of vertical ascent in 10km. Shangase managed to be the fifth high school boy home with a valiant effort on an extremely demanding trail. At the end of the day, the team was pleased with their efforts but left more determined to support the worthy cause in the future.

A big thank you to the cross-country boys, the coaches Mr Tshabalala and Mr Ntenezi, and J Werth who captained the team this year. Your efforts and commitment to the sport and to Maritzburg College are appreciated and admired.

Mr B de Lange



Cycling

Back row: C Sweetnam, M Rowe, J Anderson, J Jankovich, M Barnardo
Middle row: K Searle, B Fourie, C Wood, A Naidoo, D Janneker, R Quin
Front row: M Jewaskiewitz, L Newlands, E Kock (captain), Mrs K Bartholomew, K Wheeler, B Foster, C Sellick

This year, Maritzburg College Cycling has been a great example of teamwork and collaboration between many stakeholders who are passionate about getting more boys competing in mountain-biking events. A good relationship formed between the parents, cyclists, Tipping Point Brink Cycling Academy, KZN Schools Cycling organisation, and sponsors of Maritzburg College Cycling.

The cyclists have trained hard throughout the year and participated in numerous 45km mountain bike events such as Eurosteel Drak Descent two-day stage race, Wartburg Classic, Shongweni Classic, Karkloof Classic, Eston Classic and the aQuellé Tour Durban MTB race, Curry's Post Gravel Growl race, and Scottburgh Classic – some of these races ending with the likes of B Foster, C Sellick and L Newlands placing in top three positions. Many of the top riders also participated in the Provincial XCO series as well as the school exchange races, the first being in Gauteng hosted by PBHS in term 2, and then again at Affies in term 3.

We were privileged to host the PBHS cycling team at The Knoll Guest Farm which allowed the cyclists to test their stamina on the large elevation stretches and to shine on the technical aspects of the course. Maritzburg College also hosted the third event of the KZN Schools Cycling Interschools' Series and stakeholders involved produced unique track elements such as a floating bridge across the pool, tabletop ramps, and single-track XCO paths on steep banks.

Two cyclists who have consistently done well are Newlands and Sellick, who often placed on the podium at the KZN Schools Cycling Interschool Series. Several of the other Maritzburg College cyclists placed in the top five in all four races. Four of these top riders participated in South African XCO Cup Series: Newlands participated in three of the four SA Cup races, and Sellick, Foster and K Searle participated in the SA Cup Final at Cascades against other provinces and neighbouring countries. For their admirable results and consistent efforts in the KZN Schools Cycling Interschool Series and SA Cup XCO Series, the following boys were congratulated on their selection to

the KZN School Cycling team that travelled to Brits: L Newlands, C Sellick, B Foster, M Jewaskiewitz, K Searle and D Janneker. The KwaZulu-Natal Schools Cycling Team was awarded second position overall. Newlands filling the second step of the podium for the U17 Final Race on the Sunday was a highlight for the team. It is pleasing to note that Maritzburg College was acknowledged as the fifth boys' school for cycling in South Africa.

To end the season, the Amashova Race from Pietermaritzburg to Durban was used to support a worthy awareness campaign. Sellick rode the 106km with Billy Macleod, a recipient of a heart transplant the year prior. M Barnardo, C Wood, A Naidoo, C Sweetnam, and J Jankovich all rode in support of Hero777 Organ and Tissue Awareness Organisation.

Special thanks go to the families of each of the cyclists who give so generously of their time.

Mrs K Bartholomew



The cyclists set off on the College campus in the KZN Schools Cycling series.



Esports

Back row: E Mongoato, L During, R Hadden, T Naidoo
Middle row: M Khanyile, N Khoza, S Chili, M Makhanya
Front row: P Khumalo, L Wassink (captain), Mr T Tshabalala, P Gumede, S Mkhize
Absent: N Mthembu, R Geers, C McDonald, N Phungula

One of the major issues we faced this year has been the impact of loadshedding on online games. Loadshedding, with different areas having different schedules for power cuts, has made it difficult for teams to coordinate and play their matches effectively. As a result, many games have had to be forfeited, causing frustration among players and teams.

While the few games that were successfully played have been somewhat satisfying, there remains a level of discontent within the esports community. In response to these challenges, there are plans in motion to revise the fixture schedule. This adjustment aims to address the loadshedding issue and improve the overall experience for esports participants, ensuring a more stable and fair competition environment.

In the realm of esports, we find ourselves in a significant period of growth. This year, our team was predominantly comprised of talented youngsters, and we anticipate substantial development.

We would also like to introduce new games to our school, fostering increased competition and nurturing the growth of esports. As we expand our gaming horizons, we aim to provide our students with diverse opportunities to display their skills and passion for esports. By embracing new titles and genres, we hope to inspire innovation, teamwork and a deeper sense of community within our esports programme.

Regular players:

R Geers, N Khoza, S Mkhize, S Chili, M Khanyile, S Makhanya, T Naidoo, P Gumede, L Wassink, L During, C McDonald, N Phungula, S Xolo, R Hadden, R Mongoato, N Mthembu

Mr T Tshabalala



Golf

Back row: C Nelson, K Manickum, J Wolter, J Perumal, F Pillay
Front row: J Truter, L Akerman (captain), Mr D Trodd (MIC), C Newman, L Sibetha

In a sense, it has been a positive year for golf at Maritzburg College as the team performed well at both major team events. The team finished second at the Nomads Team tournament and thus qualified for National School Championship for the fifth successive year, which was impressive. College has now been ranked in the top two in the province for the last five years.

At the SA Nomads tournament, the team did not perform at their best, they struggled with the weather conditions as well as a firm golf course, which is a little foreign when travelling to Gauteng.

At the KZN Schools tournament the team finished third, which was pleasing. Looking ahead to 2024, much work is required to remain in this good position as some key players are leaving College. This means new players need to step up and fill the void. This is possible if the boys moving up make more time for more practice and most of all they must participate in as many tournaments as possible during the holidays. Individual stroke play tournaments are very important for the development of good players as they test character and the ability to play under pressure, which is essential to the game of golf.

Our league results were not as good as they could have been, and this was slightly disappointing. The team let some important results slip between their fingers owing to the availability of all our players in the league.

The School Stroke Championship was played at Maritzburg Golf Club and was won by J Truter. The Matchplay Champion of the year was L Akerman.

Akerman and Truter gained selection to the KZN Schools Golf (A) team and travelled to Pretoria to play at the SA Schools ITP. Truter was also selected for the SA Schools team.

Members of the first team:

L Akerman (captain), J Truter, C Newman, L Sibetha, F Pillay, C Nelson, K Manickum, J Perumal, J Wolter

Results:

- vs Michaelhouse lost
- vs Hilton halved
- vs St Charles won
- vs Michaelhouse lost
- vs Hilton lost
- vs St Charles won
- vs Affies lost
- vs PBHS won (H) lost (A)
- vs KES won

Mr D Trodd



1st XI

Back row: R Bernstein, L Armstrong, J Bradford
Third row: P Dlamini, Siwaphiwe Sithembu, J Konigkramer, R McKean, H Askew, B Dlamini
Second row: U Dlamini, I Mosupye, K Jenkins, Siviwe Sithembu, L Seshemane
Front row: R Dobeyn, Mr K Emerson, B Brokensha (captain), A Khumalo, Mr M Sanders, N Holmes

Review by the Director of Hockey

2023 is my first year at Maritzburg College and I walked into this illustrious school filled with hockey accolades and multitudes of international and provincial hockey players ranging from U14 to senior men. The daunting nature of such a position has created a challenge to return Maritzburg College to its former glory. Stepping into a new position such as this requires a large amount of respect for the current programme and the history that has laid the significant platform. My job for 2023 was not to make wholesale changes but to observe and manage the programme so that we improve in 2024.

The pre-season allowed all our coaches to select teams and begin to develop their technical and tactical processes as well as to develop set pieces. Fifteen teams would proudly step onto the field to represent their school against the best KZN has to offer as well as our rivals from over the Drakensberg, in the form of exchange fixtures.

The hockey club played 216 games, winning 50% and losing 30% of those fixtures. The percentage of games won and drawn resulted in a 70% non-loss ratio. The U16A team was the standout A team for the season, winning 14 games and losing just three. Five of our A and B teams toured to various parts of South Africa. The first I participated in was the annual Nomads Festival held at Grey High School (PE) as well as the St Stithians Festival where they played another five games, going unbeaten by winning three and drawing two. The U16A team also played in the Nomads festival held at Wynberg in Cape Town. They played five games, winning four and drawing one.

The rest of the hockey club performed admirably with the U14C and 5th team losing only three games between them throughout the season. College produced 36% of Inland selections in 2023. Not only were 35 of our boys selected for Inland teams, but we also had five national selections.

SA U17 High Performance Squad: N Holmes

SA U16A Squad: D Jackson, S Sithembu

SA U16B Squad: K Jenkins, B Thornton-Dibb

KZN Inland U18A: N Holmes, K Dobeyn, I Mosupye, B Dlamini, P Dlamini

KZN Inland U18B: R McKean, A Khumalo, A Zuma, U Dlamini, S Sithembu, S Ndlovu, J Konigkramer, B Brokensha

KZN Inland U16A: G Askew, C Francis, D Jackson, K Jenkins, A Mthlale, R Schirge, S Sithembu, M Smith, B Thornton-Dibb

KZN Inland U16B: C Le Court De Billot, A Dlamini, E Fabre, A Lembethe, K Mngwengwe, V Ndlovu, L Sishi

KZN Inland U14: S Mchunu, L Seshemane, S Schirge

KZN Inland U14B: G Hosking, J Wang

The KZN U16A team played in the final of Inter-provincial Tournament (IPT) where they managed to earn the silver medal. Maritzburg College is extremely proud of the boys who played at IPTs in 2023.

Maritzburg College is also extremely proud of all the Old Collegians who represented South Africa, South Africa U21, South Africa 5s, as well as various provinces and clubs around the world in various leagues. The strength of the Old Collegians is an inspiration to all our young hockey-playing pupils.

This year certainly has seen its ups and downs, but for the most part it has been a good season with an extremely bright future ahead. The entire coaching and management staff of College hockey proved that dedication and hard work can and will pay off.

Thank you to everyone who played, coached and supported the entire hockey programme throughout the 2023 season. I look forward to 2024 and the continuing journey of Maritzburg College hockey.

Mr M Sanders



B Brokensha surveys the field for a pass in the mid-week afternoon fixture against Kearsney College on Pape's.

1st XI

There are many aspects to consider when evaluating a season of sport. Results should not be the defining thing, but at 1st Team level they certainly do matter, and they are magnified. We set out to achieve good results this year, but a big focus was also on how we played the game and, with a relatively young team, to build towards the following seasons and make sure we played a brand of hockey that spectators would enjoy and that the players would be upskilled. The process is much more important than the result. We make no apologies for the way we push our players in their pursuit to be as good as they can be, and this year was no different. It is not easy going into a season being Maritzburg College. The pressure that comes with it and the desire of the opposition is always strong to get a result over College. At times this desire was not successfully met by the 1st XI and would mean we squandered a lead or were unable to find that extra goal which would give us the victory.

Sport is not just about playing the game in front of you. It is also about character, leadership, creating unity, putting the team first, learning to take instruction and working towards a common goal.

This was a challenging year. The reality is that it was not great from a results perspective. We did not lose much yet we just did not win enough. The thing that caused most of the frustration in the season was that we were unable to find the back of the net often enough. The opportunities were created, and some really good hockey was played for long spells in a game, but it was the ability to be clinical in front of goal which sometimes let the team down. Some good lessons were learnt; however, some took too long to learn.

We had the opportunity to go on a nine-day tour, which included the annual Nomads Festival in Gqeberha and the St Stithians Festival in Johannesburg. This was a good opportunity to tour the country and enjoy some bonding time away together as a team. At Nomads we enjoyed an exciting and very competitive match under lights against the hosts, Grey High, and managed to win a close encounter. We also beat St John's, but lost to Grey College, Jeppe and Wynberg. Following this festival, we flew to Johannesburg for a couple of days off before starting the St Stithians Easter Festival. This began with an exciting match against the hosts, which ended in a thrilling draw. We then beat Helpmekaar, Menlopark and Waterkloof, and drew with St Andrew's to end the festival unbeaten.

The season started with many away games, and the team found it difficult to dominate opposition away from home. One of the goals the team set out

to achieve was to be undefeated on Pape's, something we would manage to do. To sum up the season, I think it would be fair to say that we were our own worst enemies sometimes, allowing soft goals to be conceded, after an error by a player or a silly mistake. The hard work would be done for most of the game and a moment where concentration would be lost, or bad judgement would be made would be the difference between keeping a clean sheet and conceding. At the other end of the field, the lack of maturity in decision making and the execution of a skill set in front of goal would let us down, and not allow us to turn our dominance into goals and allow the scoreboard to tick over. This would come back to bite us many times as we would allow the opposition back into the game.

The future of College hockey is bright when we look at the younger players in the team who will remain behind for next season. Thank you to the matrics who enjoyed five years in the College hockey programme. We thank them for their contribution and wish them well as they move on to their future endeavours.

I thank the parents for their constant support, for travelling with us on tour and believing in your boys. I make mention of the effort and work that Mr Ford, our strength and condition coach, put in through many months. His expertise allows us to play at our best and be in top physical shape. As a team we are indebted to his commitment, and I thank him for the contribution he made this year.

Mr Sanders joined us this year as Director of Hockey, and I thank him for his input into the team. He assisted on match days and with training, and his insight and desire to make College hockey the benchmark is evident.

Most improved player:	R McKean
Most committed player:	I Mosupye
Fellowship in hockey:	Siviwe Sithembu
Player of the year:	N Holmes



SA U17 goalkeeper, N Holmes, on the astro at Hilton College

Player Critique:

B Brokensha (captain, forward, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf): He did his best to bring the team together and lead by example. He was unlucky to have injury and sickness during the season which held him back. His effort and drive were never in question.

P Dlamini (vice-captain, midfield/forward, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): An exciting player to watch when he played with motivation. He needs to find an inner drive and hunger and to trust those in his team. When emotions did not affect him, he was influential in the game and made telling contributions.

A Khumalo (vice-captain, defender, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf): Has great skill and ability on the field and his drag-flicking got more and more impressive as the season went on. Enjoys the limelight, and if he had played with simplicity and trusted his teammates, would have been more effective for long periods.

Siviwe Sithembu (midfield, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf): He worked so hard on the field and never stopped running. His speed and skill were hard to defend, and he allowed the team to break lines with his passing ability.

K Dobeyn (defender, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): Was very cool under pressure and has the ability to hold onto the ball when in a tight spot. When he made the right decision, he was threatening going forward. He has a good ability to win ball from the opposition in the defensive third.

J Bradford (defender, Large White Badge): As his confidence and his understanding of his role grew, he became a solid base at the back. His overloads caused chaos for the opposition and his fight and drive were exemplary. He is a wonderful boy to coach as he takes instruction on board and is willing to learn.

N Holmes (goalkeeper, KZN Inland U18A, South Africa U17, Honours): He is a superb shot stopper and showed great reflexes and reaction time to make many important saves and keep us in a game. He learnt a great deal during this season and is an exciting prospect for next year.

I Mosupye (midfield, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): Defensively solid, he created many turnovers and allowed the team to launch attacks. He controlled the midfield and distributed well. Next season we hope he will be more threatening and control the midfield.

J Konigkramer (forward, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf): He pressed with intelligence and created many turnovers. He never stopped running in matches and training and could always be relied on to give his best. He put himself in the right areas to score.

U Dlamini (midfield/forward, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf): Played within himself at times this season. When he went forward with speed and allowed himself to back his skill, he could tear up defences. He needs to develop a strong mind so that he can go harder for longer periods. His drag-flick will be a weapon to use next season.

B Dlamini (forward, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): An exciting player with the ball and his ability to run makes him hard to defend. He started as a midfielder and began to understand his role better and pressed with intent and put himself in good areas in the circle. As he manages his emotions, he will be a real threat to the opposition next season.

R McKean (defender, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf): Defensively sound and gave us confidence at the back. His ability to go forward was a threat and he tackled well and stifled many opposition attacks.

D Jackson (defender, KZN Inland U16A, SA U16 HP Squad): He has great ability and skill to dominate defensively and with the ball. Sometimes over complicated things and needs to trust his first thought and action and back himself.

R Bernstein (forward, Large White Badge): He could always be relied on to give his best and run hard. The speed and pace of the game was a big adjustment from last year. His good work ethic will allow him to continue to improve.

L Armstrong (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.

L Seshemane (forward, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf): He was influential in the first few games of the season but struggled to maintain a standard of play that would keep his place in the team.

Siwaphiwe Sithembu (midfield, KZN Inland U16A, SA U16 HP Squad): Earned a few caps later in the season and made good contributions, including a great goal vs Affies. Very good on the ball and has an ability to break the line.

H Askew (midfield, KZN Inland U16A): Has a massive engine and a calm demeanour on the field. Adjusted to the open age group and made good contributions when he came off the bench. He played with true desire and hunger.

K Jenkins (midfield, KZN Inland U16A): Earned a few caps later 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



I Mosupye making a pass to launch an attack.

Match Reports

vs Michaelhouse (away) lost 2-3

The first game of the season saw College travel to Michaelhouse to play their rivals whom they had not played in a fixture since 2019. It was an exciting fixture which included five goals, and there could have been more.

The energy was high and both schools had good support from their boys on the stands. College enjoyed most of the possession in the first quarter, and in fact throughout the match, but were unable to use this early possession to threaten the Michaelhouse goal. Michaelhouse opened the scoring in the eighth minute when a ball was slapped into the circle and the loose ball fell to a Michaelhouse forward who was unmarked, and he pushed it into the corner of the goal. This seemed to wake up the College team and they moved the ball forward with more purpose, but without success on the scoreboard. Shortly before half-time, Armstrong, Khumalo and Dlamini combined to level the score. But Michaelhouse regained the lead with a far post deflection on the stroke of half-time. College continued to create chance after chance but were unable to add to the scoreline in the third quarter. With seven minutes to play, Michaelhouse put away a stroke to make it a 2-goal lead. College finally found their second goal with a short corner scored by Brokensha with four minutes left on the clock. It was an exciting game of hockey which could have seen the result go either way, but it was Michaelhouse who made the most of the opportunities they created.

vs Durban High School (away) lost 1-2

This was the first time that DHS would host College at their newly laid astroturf. The conditions were tough, very hot and humid and a spongy turf meant that the boys would have to adapt to the conditions.

The best chance of the first quarter fell to College when Khumalo was on the back post but was unable to direct the ball goalwards. DHS opened the scoring after earning their second penalty corner five minutes before half time. Shortly afterwards College earned a penalty corner but were unable to hit the target. DHS played with a high intensity and high press which College found difficult to get out of and stifled the visitors from asserting themselves. However, they created enough opportunities to get on the scoreboard but were unable to convert. In the third quarter DHS found the goal that they needed to secure the result with another flick. College would not give up and fought hard to get onto the scoreboard. Just three minutes after conceding, College scored their goal from a penalty corner but, despite a few opportunities, could not further add to their score.

DHS did well to earn their first win over College in many years. Their intensity and ability to win the one versus versus would be the difference on the day.

vs Clifton College (away) lost 1-2

College started the game well as they executed the game plan and were able to negotiate their way around Clifton's zonal press with ease. College created two good scoring opportunities in the first quarter but both times the ball was missed by a College forward in the circle. Early in the second quarter College earned a penalty corner and after a well-worked variation, Khumalo flicked the ball into the goal to make it 1-0. College continued to dominate possession and territory and had another penalty corner just before half time but could not make the most of the opportunity to extend their lead. Clifton gained some momentum in the third quarter and started to create some opportunities of their own. College had multiple chances to extend their lead, but the Clifton goalkeeper made save after save. Clifton launched a counterattack and a circle entrance on the right brought their first goal. Shortly afterward, Clifton scored from a stroke making the score 2-1 to Clifton. College continued to create chances but could not pull a goal back to level the scores.

vs Pretoria Boys High School (away) drew 1-1

Travelling to Pretoria to take on PBHS is never easy. The determination and fight with which 'Boys High play is difficult enough, and to do it at altitude is a tough adjustment.

The game started at a high pace as both teams pressed each other high up the field. Both teams moved the ball well and played with good structure as they tried to break the other team down. PBHS earned two penalty corners in the first half but could not get a shot off and threaten the goal. It was in the third quarter that College really began to assert themselves on the game and were able to create some good chances but were unable to convert. Early in the fourth quarter PBHS opened the scoring after a

goalmouth scramble. This only got the College men more fired up and four minutes from time a good ball was played into the circle by Khumalo who found Dlamini and, after skilfully beating two defenders, he flicked the ball into the net. College earned two more penalty corners in the dying minutes but were unable to score. The game ended 1-1, with College feeling that they had done enough to earn the win but could not convert opportunities.

vs Glenwood High School (Pape's Astro) won 3-1

College hosted its first game of the 2023 season and welcomed Glenwood to Pape's. College asserted their dominance on the game early on and created many opportunities in the first quarter. The team was good on the counterattack and the way they transitioned from defence to attack was hard for Glenwood to stop. However, College could not take their opportunities, and chance after chance went a-begging and they did not make the most of the momentum that was so clearly in their favour. College earned the first penalty corner of the game, and opened the scoring when Khumalo flicked it past the goalkeeper. Glenwood began to enjoy some possession in the second quarter and they were able to earn a penalty corner, from which the ball rolled to the injector and he found the net from close range. This made the score 1-1 going into half time. A slight tactical change in the third quarter allowed College to turn Glenwood over higher in the field and this was the quarter when they put the game to bed. Dlamini finished off a good build up with a rocket of a backhand into the roof of the net to beat the Glenwood goalkeeper early in the third quarter and then Dlamini scored from a penalty stroke. The game ended 3-1 to College but they knew that they were a good five or six goals short of their potential.

vs Westville Boys' High School (Pape's Astro) drew 2-2

It is always exciting playing on Reunion Day and the bigger crowds encourage more excitement and a greater desire to win. College asserted their dominance on the game early on and created many opportunities in the first quarter. Their ability to move the ball around the Westville press allowed many circle entries. Westville struggled to get out of their own half while the College press pushed them back into their half and turned over lots of ball.

Khumalo opened the scoring with a brilliant drag flick into the net of the goal, but Westville then evened the score after they turned the ball over high in the field and a quick counterattack allowed them to roll the ball into the goal. A few minutes later, after a good passage of play down the left-hand side of the field, Konigkramer was able to show great composure and flick the ball past the goalkeeper from about ten yards out. The second and third quarters were tactical battles, as Westville pressed higher and did not allow College to move the ball as easily in the first half. Westville evened the scoring once again after a ball was hit into the circle and fell to a Westville forward who pushed it into the goal. The match ended in a draw, with both teams probably feeling that they could have won the game. It was a good spectacle of schoolboy hockey as both teams played with structure and good tactical awareness.

vs Kearsney College (Pape's Astro) drew 2-2

Kearsney travelled to Pape's for a mid-week fixture, something we do not play often. It is sometimes difficult to turn it on after a long day of school. However, the 1st XI made their intentions clear at the start of the game and started at a blistering pace. College opened the scoring early in the first quarter with a penalty corner when Khumalo flicked the ball past the 'keeper. College continued to turn Kearsney over high up the field and the constant pressure earned them another penalty corner. Khumalo made no mistake and doubled College's lead with another drag flick to the other side of the goal. In the second quarter Kearsney began to find some rhythm and, after a College error, they found a man free in the circle and he reduced the deficit to one goal. The second half saw a big momentum shift and the high press which Kearsney played made it more difficult for College to move the ball. With five minutes to play before full time, Kearsney earned another penalty corner and were able to flick it past Holmes in goal to even the score. College continued to try to find the winning goal and earned two penalty corners at the stroke of full time, but the match ended in a 2-2 draw, and it was another frustrating afternoon for College when they would again see that they needed to take opportunities presented to them.

vs St Charles College (away) drew 0-0

We travelled to St Charles to play on a Friday night. The atmosphere was exciting and both teams rose to the occasion to entertain the crowd. St Charles did a good job in pressing College high in the first quarter, but College were able to move the ball out of their own half and created many circle entries. The first penalty corner of the match saw Khumalo's flick miss the goal by a few centimetres. The half time score was 0-0 and College felt that they should have taken the lead. The second half started in St Charles' favour, but as the match progressed St Charles tired and College were able to dominate both territory and possession. Chance after chance went over the goal or was well saved by the St Charles goalkeeper. With three minutes to go, College earned consecutive penalty corners but were unable to beat the 'keeper. The game ended in a 0-0 draw with neither team able to take an opportunity. It was a good match, in which College would, once again, regret not being able to take at least one of their opportunities.

vs Hilton College (away) lost 0-3

Two well-structured teams met on a cold Saturday morning at Hilton College. College started the game well and created the first scoring opportunity through open play. Soon after College earned a penalty corner after some good build up play, but the drag flick from Khumalo was well saved by the post man after the goalkeeper had been beaten. College would regret not taking their chances, and in the second quarter Hilton were able to take the lead after a right sided circle entry. A few minutes later, some poor defending allowed the Hilton to enter the circle and have enough time to take a shot and beat Holmes at his near post. The half time score was 2-0 to Hilton. College began to create more opportunities in the second half but were unable to turn their possession into meaningful opportunities. Another defensive error, when the ball was turned over deep in College's half, allowed Hilton to quickly counter-attack and easily score their third goal. College continued to try to find their opener but two of their penalty corners were saved and one was flicked wide. Hilton College were deserved winners as they were the team which was able to take their chances and turn possession into outcomes.

vs Northwood School (Pape's Astro) drew 0-0

Northwood arrived at Pape's on Saturday feeling confident they could get a result after a few weeks of good form. They came out firing and put College under pressure early on, creating two penalty corner chances. Their high press and intent to win the ball back quickly proved difficult for the College players to deal with. College did well to keep Northwood from scoring and see off the early pressure and, as College started to have more of the ball, they created chances of their own, but could not convert them. College created most of the chances in the third quarter, but the goalkeeper and the defence of Northwood was resolute in not allowing the home side time to capitalise on their counter-attacking ability. Northwood had a few chances of their own in the fourth quarter and earned several penalty corners. Holmes, the College goalkeeper, was equally as solid in

denying the Northwood forwards a chance to score. The College 1st XI showed good fight and desire to take the lead but were unable to find that moment which would break the deadlock. The match ended in a 0-0 draw but was in no way as dull as the scoreline suggests. A draw was probably a fair result after an entertaining and tough battle on Pape's.

vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (away) drew 2-2

College travelled up to a cold Pretoria to take on Affies. The 1st XI played to a game plan that worked well in the opening minutes and allowed them to turn the ball over high in the field multiple times and it led to a few goal scoring opportunities, none of which was successful. Affies weathered the storm and after a good outlet, earned a penalty corner which was converted with a drag-flick. College were one nil down and would regret not taking their early chances. College continued to dominate and create chance after chance but could not beat the Affies goalkeeper. Four minutes into the second half College registered their first goal after Dlamini finished off a build up play in the 9-yard area. Six minutes later College pulled the Affies defence apart with a great piece of interplay, which ended in Konigkramer passing to Siwe Sithembu who dived and pushed the ball into the goal to allow College to take the lead. Affies continued to try to catch College on the break, and it paid off when they earned a penalty corner at the end of the third quarter and were able to find the back of the net after the first shot was saved onto the cross bar. The momentum in the fourth quarter was firmly in College's favour but they slowly started to run out of legs and struggled to hold on to their structure. A few penalty corners were not converted, and it would again be a case of not taking opportunities that meant College did not get the winning result they felt they deserved. Affies did well to hold on to a draw after soaking up so much pressure on their goal.



J Konigkramer evades the close attentions of a Pretoria Boys High player.

vs Pretoria Boys High School (Pape's Astro) drew 1-1

Competing with PBHS always brings out the best in a College team. After the first fixture at PBHS earlier in the year ended in a draw, both teams were keen to get one over their rivals. The game started at a frantic pace and College created two early opportunities in the opening minutes. College earned the first penalty corner, but the goalkeeper was up to the task. The College press and defence discipline stifled PBHS' main strength, which is their midfield. They were unable to find the space and freedom to play as they are used to. The opening goal came towards the end of the first quarter when Konigkramer did well to beat his defender and pop the ball over the sliding goalkeeper. College had some chances to extend their lead but could not make the most of these chances.

The second half saw PBHS start to build some momentum and it was through a drag flick at a penalty corner that they were able to level the scores. Both teams continued to search for a winner, but they could not be separated, despite PBHS earning two penalty corners on full time, which they could not convert. This match was played in a strong fighting spirit from both teams, who displayed their skill on both defence and attack and proved that they were evenly matched.



A Khumalo (N° 6 left) strikes for a second time off a penalty corner in the afternoon match against Kearsney College to take the early score to 2-0.



vs King Edward VII School (Pape's Astro) won 1-0

The College 1st XI played their penultimate game, and final home game of the season, against KES. They were defending their home turf, and a result would see them go unbeaten at home this season. For KES, it was their final game of the season, so they had everything to play for. The match started at a high pace and College created some early chances. The KES goalkeeper proved he was up for the challenge. KES's direct approach was stifled by College's defensive structure, and it allowed College to maintain and dominate possession, but KES did well to defend their circle. The score was 0-0 at half time and it was in the third quarter that College started to create more meaningful circle entries down the right-hand side of the field. College won the first two penalty corners but could not convert them and it seemed like a familiar tale for College who would play good hockey but were unable to convert it into a goal. It was with eight minutes to go that College found the match winner. From a penalty corner and a good variation saw Konigkramer deflect Khumalo's flick into the roof of the net. The scoreboard did not reflect the dominant performance by the home team, but a victory on Pape's was a great way for the 2023 1st XI to defend their unbeaten status at home.

vs Glenwood High School (away) won 6-1

The final game of the season always has much emotion attached to it, especially for the matric boys in the team.

Many chances were created by College in the opening quarter, but the only success came when Konigkramer rolled the ball past the advancing goalkeeper after a great ball was passed down the line by Dobein. Glenwood were unable to secure a meaningful circle entry in the first half but would only need one to bring the scores level. A long ball was hit from deep in their own half and the College defence was punished for switching off. Chance after chance went a-begging for College and the fourth quarter began with the teams still all square at 1-1. But the momentum was firmly in College's favour and they scored five goals in the final quarter through Khumalo (2), Brokensha, Konigkramer and Dlamini. Glenwood did well to take the game deep and made College work for their goals, but it was a good result to close off the season.

Nomads U18 Festival

Several of KwaZulu-Natal's leading boys' schools were in action at the Nomads Hockey Festival for 1st teams, played at Grey High School in Gqeberha from 31 March to 3 April.

vs Grey High School 2-1, St John's 2-1, Wynberg 0-2, Jeppe 1-3, Grey College 0-3

St Stithians Easter Sports Festival

College came away from the festival with an unbeaten record.

vs St Stithians 2-2, Helpmekaar 4-0, Menlo Park 2-0, St Andrew's 1-1, Waterkloof 3-0

Mr K Emerson

2nd XI

The season got off to a disappointing start with two losses and two goalless draws in the first four matches. The first home match against Glenwood ended the goal scoring drought with a convincing 9-0 victory. Arguably the performance of the season was on Reunion Day against Westville, the team played well structured hockey, dominating from start to finish, winning 4-0.

The team played their best hockey when they used space and let the ball do the work; unfortunately, players were too often guilty of selfish play. Although when asked to score goals, and tempted with Oreo ice creams, the boys always stepped up to the mark.

The top goal scorer of the season was B Hosking with six goals, most of which were quality back stick shots that gave the opposition 'keeper no chance. Two players from the 2nd XI, captain A Zuma and vice-captain S Ndlovu were selected for the Inland U18B team at the Inter-Provincial Tournament held in Bloemfontein.

The most exciting fact is that seven of the players will be returning to College in 2024, which bodes well for the future of College hockey.

Regular players:

A Zuma (captain), S Ndlovu (vice-captain), G Aranky, L Armstrong, R Bernstein, M Barnardo, T Fulton, M Gibson, B Hosking, N Jackson, E Maynard, H McIntyre, L Seshemane, A Sithole, M Thomson, C van der Merwe, L Zembe

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 0-2, DHS 0-2, Clifton 0-0, PBHS 0-0, Glenwood 9-0, Westville 4-0, Kearsney 1-0, St Charles 2-0, Hilton College 0-2, Northwood 1-1, Affies 1-1, PBHS 1-0, KES 2-1, Glenwood 9-0

Mr R Coutts

3rd XI

The 3rd team hockey players of Maritzburg College enjoyed a remarkable season both on and off the field. Throughout the season, the team demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improvement and a strong competitive spirit. Our guiding principle for this season was to establish dominance in every match while upholding a disciplined and skilful style of play, a mission that was not only achieved but surpassed.

The dedication displayed by the players during training was nothing short of exemplary, with their relentless pursuit of growth and excellence evident in their performance on the field. Their high-intensity training regimen translated into impressive results, as reflected in the scores of several matches. Noteworthy was the exceptional leadership displayed by our captain, S Gabu, who exhibited great influence both during the games and in the team's overall demeanour.

Central to our success was the dynamic midfield unit composed of Gabu, S Mazibuko, N Nkabinde, and N Collins. Their mastery of the game allowed us to consistently dictate the tempo and flow of matches, resulting in an aesthetically pleasing and effective brand of hockey throughout the season.

While our record remained impressive, a single setback was experienced in the final home game against King Edward VII School, where our only defeat of the season materialised in a close-fought 1-0 match. Despite this loss, the players displayed one of their best performances, a testament to their growth and determination. The subsequent 7-0 victory over Glenwood in the following week aptly concluded a season characterised by resilience and triumph.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the parents whose loyal support was a constant source of motivation for the team. Their consistent presence

at matches and unwavering encouragement undoubtedly contributed to our achievements. To the players, I express my best wishes for their future endeavours and extend my gratitude for their contributions that have resulted in indelible memories for the team.

Regular players:

S Gabu (captain), C Higgins, S Mkandla, N Deyzel, C Mason, S Mazibuko, T Ekhooff, J Wolter, N Collins, L Sutherland, P van Heerden, D du Plessis, N Nkabinde, M Mkhize

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 2-2, DHS 0-3, Clifton 6-2, PBHS 1-1, Glenwood 7-0, Westville 0-0, St Charles 2-2, KES 0-1, Affies 1-1, PBHS 1-1, KES 0-1, Glenwood 7-0

Mr M Mkhize

4th XI

The 4th team had a long and good season. The team showed passion and commitment during training and during the matches. The team had three tough matches against Howick 1st team, Affies, and PBHS on home soil. The team played 12 games, won 7, drew 1 and lost 4. M Mkhize and R Marion led the team with commitment. It was good to see S Mkhize and L Nkabinde promoted to the 3rd team. It was evident that the team was doing a great job. L Mtsi was the top goal scorer. I was proud of this team, and it was good to see them being there through thick and thin.

Regular players:

M Mkhize (captain), R Marion (vice-captain), T Pratt, A Ndlela, A Khanyile, SJ Mkhize, L Mtsi, N Ngcobo, T Motaung, S Sithembu, J Werth, D Ferguson, N Brown, J Martin, G Roux

Results:

vs Westville 3-1, 3-0, Howick 1st 1-4, Clifton 3-0, PBHS 1-1, 1-2, Kearsney 2-1, St Charles 4-0, Hilton College 0-1, Northwood 2-0, Affies 0-2, KES 3-1

Messrs M Ngcobo and S Ntenezi

5th XI

It is rare for an Open age group team to retain a large number of players in successive years, but this year was the exception. The majority of the 5th hockey squad of 2022 returned for the 2023 season and continued to uphold the high standards they set for themselves. Joined by some capable new recruits, this team grew in technical and tactical acumen throughout every practice and match, achieving an impressive set of results and an even more impressive sense of camaraderie. Captain J Kufal led from the front, giving his absolute best at every opportunity, inspiring with his unwavering commitment and infectious passion. He was effectively complemented by vice-captain B Gething who, despite missing the second half of the season due to a broken arm sustained during our fiery game against Westville, was able to refocus and re-energise the team through his intense and ardent approach to the game. Through a diligent and committed attitude towards training, this team formed a cohesive unit that played an attractive brand of clinical hockey which prioritised the team over the individual, perhaps best exemplified during the game against St Charles in which seven different players scored goals.

Special mention is due to G Roux who scored 10 goals during the season, contributing heavily towards the 26 total goals accumulated, while our defence was outstanding in only conceding six goals. My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation go to every single player who brought his own unique talents and personality to the side, ensuring plenty of banter and fun was had at every opportunity. This season was only successful, both on and off the field, because of the remarkable young men who came together for a brief time and who, I am sure, will reminisce about the 2023 hockey season fondly at future gatherings and reunions.

Regular players:

J Kufal (captain), B Gething (vice-captain), C Adam, T Clowes, L Dladla, D Ekstrand, D Ferguson, R Gething, K Hurson, J Jackson, R Kleinhans, M Knoetze, F Macleod, E Moodley, S Munro, N Narain, C Nohiya, R Pitout, S Pretorius, G Roux, S Tredgold, N Tsvuura, K Walker, R Warr

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 1-0, Howick U16A 1-2, PBHS 1-0, Westville 1-0, St Charles 12-0, Hilton College 1-0, Northwood 4-1, Affies 1-1, PBHS 0-2, KES 4-0

Mr M Warr



In the lowering sun, the Red Army prepares for the final chukka against Kearsney College.



U16A

Back row: C Francis, K Botha, B Thornton-Dibb, E Fabre, C De Billot
Middle row: K Jenkins, (vice-captain), S Sithembu (vice-captain), R van der Vliet, R Schirge, M Smith
Front row: A Mthlane, Mr M Sanders (director of hockey) G Askew (captain), Mr C Nevay (coach), H Hackland
Absent: D Jackson

The U16A team enjoyed a very successful season. The season started off with a very successful trip to Wynberg Boys' High School in Cape town for the annual Nomads festival. The team went unbeaten, winning 4 and drawing 1 of their games. This really set the tone for the regular season.

The season was packed with incredible performances by the boys. The College programme demands the very best from the boys and coaching staff alike. A superb ten clean sheets by SA U16B goalkeeper B Thornton-Dibb ensured that we were always in the games. Good, structured play, coupled with individual flair and brilliance in the midfield and forwards ensured we scored the goals to win matches.

The records will state played 19, won 14, drew 2 and lost only 3 matches. It is always an incredible privilege to be appointed as a coach to such a team. The boys were well marshalled by captain G Askew and his two deputies. A very big thank you to them for leading from the front.

A big thank you to the parents who supported their boys throughout the season. Lastly, a big show of gratitude must go to the Director of Hockey,

Mr M Sanders, for his tireless help and input. A big part of the team's success is due to his effort.

Regular players:

G Askew (captain), S Sithembu, B Thornton-Dibb, A Mthlane, E Fabre, C Francis, R Schirge, D Jackson, K Botha, A Lembethe, K Jenkins, H Hackland, M Smith, R van de Vliet, C De Billot

Results:

Nomads Festival: vs Grey High 0-0, Wynberg 2-1, Jeppe 3-2, KES 3-0, St John's 1-0

vs Michaelhouse 2-1, Clifton 3-1 PBHS 2-0 (a) and 4-0 (h), Glenwood 3-0 (a) and 3-0 (h), Westville 1-0, Kearsney 2-0, St Charles 1-0, Hilton 2-3, Northwood 2-5, Affies 0-0, KES 2-1

Mr C Nevay



Coach Nevay gives advice to the U16A quad ahead of the game against Hilton College.

U16B

The U16B season started with a disappointing loss to Michaelhouse, but we followed that up with a very good win over DHS, when we played some good counter-attacking hockey. In the April holidays, we went on tour to the Mercian U16B Hockey Festival held at Jeppe High School for Boys, where we played some good hockey in stages and managed to win a game and draw four. Lots of lessons were learned and the potential of this team was starting to develop. A big thank you to Mr Sanders who accompanied us on this tour; the boys and I gained so much hockey knowledge from him. Unfortunately, after the holidays, we played Clifton and were very complacent, which resulted in a poor loss. This was the turning point of our season and after a video session at the following Monday's practice, the boys decided that we were a much better team than the one that played at Clifton. The energy and type of hockey they played at practice that week, gave me the feeling that this team was going to fire in the second half of the season. Despite two narrow losses to PBHS, which was our toughest opposition this season, the boys played great hockey.

During the second half of the season, we won eight matches, lost two and drew one in those eleven matches, and the team scored 47 goals. The type of hockey the boys played and how they played as a team was the winner this season and made me a very proud coach. It is very difficult to single out individual players, as I feel all the boys contributed to the success of this team. I do, however, acknowledge the captain, J Currie, who led the team with enthusiasm and commitment this season. I thank the parents of the team members for their positive and enthusiastic support this season; it is greatly appreciated. It has been an honour coaching this team of talented hockey players who have a bright future ahead of them and I wish them all the best for the future.

Regular players:

J Currie (captain), A Dlamini (vice-captain), V Ndlovu, K Botha, R Willson, J Armstrong, M Smart, M Cameron, N Westerdale, N Mpanza, K Mngwengwe, L Becket, L Sishi, C Coetzer, M Borchers, S Deane, L Greyling

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 0-4, DHS 4-1, PBHS 1-1, St Alban's 1-1, Jeppe 2-0, St Benedict's 1-1, St John's 1-1, Clifton 0-2, PBHS 1-2, Glenwood 9-0, Westville 0-0, Kearsney 8-0, St Charles 5-0, Hilton College 6-1, Northwood 4-2, Affies 3-0, PBHS 0-1, KES 3-0, Glenwood 8-0

Mr P Gonlag

U16C

The season started off on a neutral note, with the team drawing their first two games of the season. However, once the boys started to get the feel for playing with each other, the team began to gel well. After losing narrowly to PBHS, the U16Cs won their following four games, amassing a whopping 25 goals. Unfortunately, Hilton College managed to break their momentum, narrowly beating College. However, the boys continued to perform at a high level over the remainder of the season, finishing strong by thoroughly beating Glenwood in the final match of the season.

The team was led by captain M Lancaster and vice-captain T Mason. Both these young men performed their duties valiantly and are commended on their performance and dedication. A special note must be made of C Wood, the U16C's top goal scorer of the season, with 24 goals. Furthermore, the team is commended for scoring a whopping 56 goals in 14 games this season.

Regular players:

M Lancaster (captain), T Mason (vice-captain), S Deane, C Wood, B Cumming, S Zondi, J Tilbury, J Haug-Lyons, S Wiggill, T Kufal, L Dlamini, S Khumalo (goalkeeper), D Leclizio

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 4-4, DHS 2-2, Clifton 4-1, PBHS 1-2, Glenwood 13-0, Westville 2-0, Kearsney 3-0, St Charles 7-0, Hilton College 0-1, Northwood 3-3, Affies 6-1, PBHS 1-1, KES 1-2, Glenwood 9-1

Mr S Brill

U16D

The U16D team had a very productive and enjoyable season in which they put together an excellent set of results. Despite my many challenges as a new coach, the boys showed strength and commitment and made this season memorable. The record states: played 13, won 9, lost only 3 matches and drew 1. As their coach, I was extremely impressed by their fighting spirit and never give up attitude. I would like to highlight R Sheikh as our top goal scorer of the season, managing to score two hat tricks. Each of these players ultimately brought something special to this team.

Regular players:

K Ekstrand (captain), N Moyo (vice-captain), D Dillion (goalkeeper), A Hadebe, N Moyo, C Zondi, L Nzama, S Nhlapo, A Dladla, L Wassink, R Sheikh, K Mchunu, B Fourie, D Palmer, C Nadasan, L Doring, L Dlamini, S Shabalala, C McDonald

Results:

vs Westville 1-0, DHS 5-0, Clifton 2-0, PBHS 2-1, St Charles U14C 6-1, Westville 1-1, Kearsney 5-0, St Charles 0-2, Hilton College 4-0, Northwood 2-4, Affies 3-1, PBHS 2-0, KES 1-2

Mr L Kruger

U16E

The U16E season began slowly, with a sequence of draws and losses. However, as the season went on, the team showed a significant improvement, culminating in a string of impressive victories. Among these, the win over Clifton stands out as a watershed moment that sparked a rebound in the team's spirit and commitment. The win against Hilton College was also a catalyst, instilling in the players a fresh sense of confidence and purpose. From that point forward, the team showed unwavering resolve and improved performance.

The season's success can be attributed to the combined efforts of every individual on the squad, each of whom performed his respective role with passion and proficiency. The strikers distinguished themselves by scoring key goals, often in spectacular fashion, and therefore considerably contributing to the team's victory.

The steady support play and proficient ability of the midfield players to disrupt the opposition's rhythm with continual turnover ball assured the team's control and domination on the field. The defensive line showed outstanding tenacity and perseverance. They not only repelled countless opposing attacks, but also effectively pressed opponents into making mistakes, thereby ensuring the team's objectives.

J Shuttleworth deserves special recognition for his exceptional leadership qualities, which were instrumental in navigating the team through various problems with composure and competence. Furthermore, J Gray's unwavering support, both on and off the field, demonstrated his admirable dedication to the team's mission, exemplifying the culture of teamwork and camaraderie that distinguished the U16E's triumphant season.

Regular players:

J Shuttleworth (captain), J Gray (vice-captain), L Dladla, W Nzuza, T Caluza, B Bryant, C McDonald, J Grunewald, C Viljoen, L Khoza, E Sobwe, N Gumede, D Nadasan, O Zuma

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 0-4, DHS 0-0, Clifton 2-5, PBHS 2-3, Westville 2-3, St Charles 4-0, Hilton College 5-1, Northwood 3-1, Affies 1-6, PBHS 3-3, KES 0-0

Mrs M Kritzinger

U16F

The U16F hockey team embarked on a challenging season. An impressive feat was achieved with a triumph against arch-rivals Pretoria Boys High School. This victory was secured in a close-fought match on PBHS grounds, displaying the team's tenacity and skill.

The season began in March with a match against Michaelhouse and concluded in August with a much-anticipated encounter against King Edward VII School, from Johannesburg. There was an initial period of rustiness among the players as they adapted to the season's demands, but hard practice and unwavering dedication quickly revealed the team's hockey skills.

The season provided numerous challenges, with the team constantly adapting to the addition of new players. The ever-changing team makeup

required players quickly to alter their playing approaches. Despite these hurdles, team members maintained their togetherness and brotherhood.

Throughout the season, the main objective was to master the fundamental aspects of the game. This targeted focus led to a massive improvement in our strength in defence and being clinical in attack. The team's season included highs and lows but their resilience, adaptability, and commitment to improvement stand as a testament to their dedication to the sport and to one another.

Regular players:

K Govender (captain), D Pillay, A Hukum, J Blose, D Murekezi, R Lamb, K Shezi, A Khwela, F Erskine, K Moodley, N Naidoo, N Curry, Z Tsabedze, T Netsianda, R Ayisa

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 0-0, PBHS 3-2, Westville 1-2, St Charles 2-1, Hilton College 1-1, Northwood 0-2, Affies 1-3, PBHS 0-4, KES 1-1

Mr W Shange



U14A

Back row: K Hellberg, N Lessing, L Puddu, W Mbanjwa, J Worthmann
Middle row: J Pembridge, U Zondo, G Hosking, J Culverwell, E van Aswegan, S Johnson
Front row: J Wang, S Mchunu (captain), Mr A Walstroom (coach), S Schirge, L Seshemane
Absent: N Seakeco, L Shelembe

The U14A boys showed true character and brotherhood for each performance, on and off the field, exemplifying the College hockey culture. They were a group of fine young men with stern values, good morals and enthusiastic relationships, hardworking and always expecting better from themselves no matter what circumstances they were in. Objectives that they themselves set were met and they always strove for greater heights, individually and collectively. The group was responsible and held each other accountable for all experiences that took place on the field and off the field, and they managed to become efficient hockey players and better human beings, which is a culture that they can grow on together moving onto their next challenge in higher age groups. They should be proud of their accomplishments and should build on them, and it is a privilege to wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Regular players:

S Mchunu (captain), K Hellberg, L Puddu, J Culverwell, N Lessing, S Schirge, J Wang, J Pembridge, L Shelembe, W Mbanjwa, N Seakeco, U Zondo, E van Aswegan, G Hosking

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 2-2, Northwood 0-6, Glenwood 6-0 and 2-0, Hilton College 1-5, KES 2-1, PBHS 1-0 and 1-0, St Charles 0-0, Clifton 2-4, Affies 0-3, Kearsney 0-1

Nomads U14 Festival:

vs St John's 5-0, Jeppe 1-2, Wynberg 3-2, Selborne 1-3, Grey High 0-3

Messrs L Barnard and A Mthlane

U14B

The U14B team had a very exciting season, an enjoyable one on and off the pitch. When I joined them at the back end of the season, we wanted to close it off with a very consistent finish. They were pushed very hard to develop every aspect of their hockey skills at practice and matches. Our captain, J Schwikkard, led from the front, proving that by not giving up in tough situations our team could go forward through hardship, putting the team ahead of each other. After losing to PBHS earlier in the season, they came back the second time around.

As the new coach of the team, I was impressed with the standard of hockey the boys could play with the right mindset, showing great courage and spirit in the game. It was a pleasure to watch them express themselves and enjoy playing hockey. I wish all the boys the best of luck for the future.

Regular players:

J Schwikkard (captain), K Khawula (vice-captain), S Bernstein, B Mnguni, L Seshemane, J Ferguson, N Manana, J Moodley, S Makhanya, J Naidoo, S Johnson, R Holmes, H Reitz, J Worthman

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 0-5, DHS 0-3, Montana High 0-2, Jeppe 1-0, Paul Roos 0-10, Ashton College 0-1, Affies 0-5, Clifton 1-0, PBHS 0-2, Glenwood 2-1, Westville 0-5, Kearsney 2-3, St Charles 0-2, Hilton College 0-3, Northwood 0-5, Affies 0-1, PBHS 4-1, KES 6-0, Glenwood 1-6

Mr A Mthlane

U14C

The U14C hockey team's season was a triumphant journey marked by 11 wins and one loss across 12 matches. S Glover emerged as the top scorer with an impressive seven goals, complemented by S Payn's six assists, demonstrating their essential roles in the team's success.

A portrait of dedication, the team exemplified their commitment to improvement. Their hunger to learn and determination were unwavering, displayed in every match they played. With each passing week, their hockey skills underwent remarkable enhancements, underscoring their ability to adapt and thrive.

Under the leadership of captain A Madlala and vice-captain S Glover, the team fostered unity and growth. Their relentless spirit, openness to learning, and burgeoning skills paint a promising future for this dedicated U14C team. A special thank you goes to the parents who were always present at matches and ready to assist where needed.

Regular players:

A Madlala (captain), S Glover (vice-captain), Q Haines, C Ncwane, L Shaw, Z Mchunu, S Gumedede, Z Pienaar, C Scholtz, A Anthony, O Zondi, LD Dlamini, S Payn, R Pillay, J Naidoo

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 1-0, DHS 2-0, PBHS 3-0 and 2-1, Glenwood 8-0 and 4-0, Westville 2-1, Kearsney 4-0, St Charles 1-0, Hilton College 2-1, Northwood 1-2, Affies 1-0

Mr N Croeser



R McKean in the game at Hilton College

U14D

The U14D team began as a group of strangers who had never played together. As the season progressed the boys slowly began to build a strong bond between themselves through their victories, losses, laughter, frustration, as well as the odd tear. With captain B Zakwe and vice-captain U Zweni at the helm, the lads of the U14D team soon found their groove and become a force to be reckoned with. An honourable mention goes to Q Langford for setting the tone for a mighty victory over the St Charles U16E team, having returned from 0-2 down to winning 3-2. This band of brothers has grown from strength to strength with each match, be it a loss or victory. They have built each other up and always made every effort out on the pitch without relent.

The players desire to improve their skills, fitness and tactical abilities has been an absolute delight to see, on and off the pitch. The enthusiasm, energy and playful banter shared between these boys on the pitch and off will ensure that many of the friendships made will stand the test of time.

Regular players:

B Zakwe (captain), U Zweni (vice-captain), M Volans, T Motsoeneng, A Hlongwa, Q Langford, S Brijmohan, T Marimuthu, K Horwill, K Khwela, T Bhatt, B Makhaye, S Zama, D Rajarathnam, A Ramlall, E Mshengu, Q Heyns

Results:

vs PBHS 3-0, Westville 1-2, St Charles U16E 3-2, Kearsney 0-2, St Charles 3-0, Northwood 3-1, PBHS 2-2, Affies 0-4, KES 5-2

Mrs J Stoute



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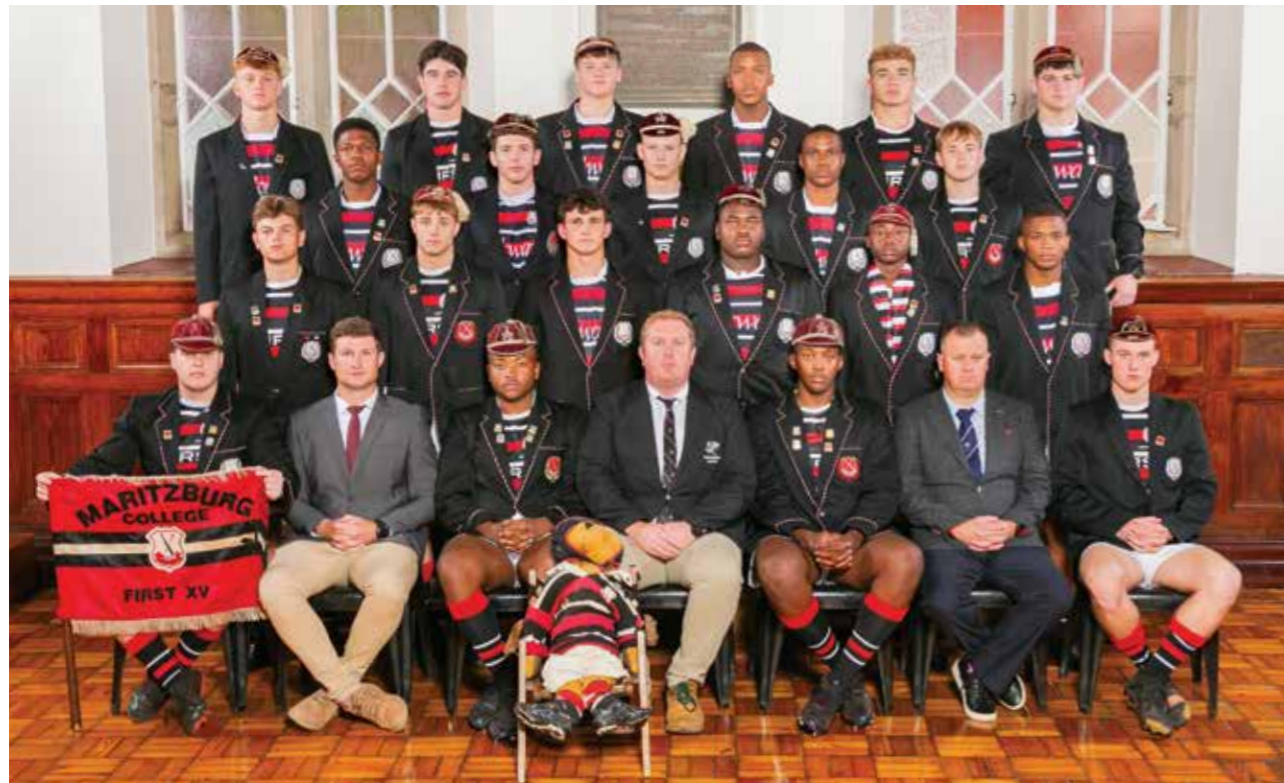
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1st XV

Back row: L du Toit, K Ayliffe, J Jansen, B Maphisa, C Robinson, A Botha

Third row: N Sithole, T Walton, R Quin, S Mbatha, L Schultz

Second row: L Swanepoel, A van der Linde, S Oosthuizen, P Kubheka, L Kunene, L Makhathini

Front row: E Mouton, Mr K Elder (assistant coach), S Kadira (captain), Mr T Orchard (coach), K Mthimkhulu, Mr H Marnitz (director of rugby), C Reardon

The 2023 season promised to be an exciting one for Maritzburg College and the College faithful were not disappointed. Monday to Friday, College fields were filled with big 1st team players eager to help coach U14F boys and help them work on skills and strategy. Home fixtures were greeted with a full Basher Ridge, the smell of boerewors rolls, with young and old watching the College boys playing with passion and pride.

The annual exchanges with PBHS (home and away), Affies (away) and KES (home) were also a highlight for the boys. These games were played with some serious fortitude and the intent to attack was apparent with some wonderful long-range tries being scored by the College boys. The College 1st XV created history by beating Affies in Pretoria for the first time ever! Another special achievement by the 1st XV was an undefeated record at home, something that has not been done in the last 10 or more years.

Five College teams travelled to festivals across South Africa. The 1st and 2nd XV's participated in the Noord-Suid Tournament held at Affies, while the 1st XV also took part in the annual St John's Easter Rugby Festival and Wildeklawer Rugby Festival. The U15s took part in the Francois Swart Rugby Week at Affies, while the U14s and U16s played in our own Skonk Nicholson Rugby Festival; both teams were undefeated in the tournament. The U14s, U15s and U16s also joined the 1st XV at Wildeklawer. All teams gave a good account of themselves and built some character for the long season that lay ahead.

The statistics for the season are: played 281, won 187, lost 67, drew 7.

Provincial and National selections:

U18 Craven Week: A Botha, S Kadira, P Khubeka, L Kunene, E Mouton, K Mthimkhulu (selected but injured), J Jansen

U17 Sharks: B Maphisa, S Mbatha, L Makhathini, N Sithole

U16 Sharks: C Cherayi, L Sinkfontein, W Vyambwera

U16B Sharks: A Ngubane, I Mlotshwa, S Stevens, L Damons

U15 Sharks: R Stanton, O Kosani, E Mpapa

U15B Sharks: T Boshoff, A Cahill, D Colenbrander, JP Jordaan, L Mabanga, C Mountfort, M Pretorius

SA Schools U18: P Khubeka, L Kunene

SA U18: P Khubeka, L Kunene

Rugby 7s

College participated in three Sevens events – the Glenwood and DHS Festivals, and the Nashua Maritzburg College Sevens. Both teams played in their age-group finals at the Nashua Maritzburg College Sevens.

Mr H Marnitz



With the College 1st XV mascot in his care, S Kadira leads the team from the changeroom.



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1st XV

Overview

The Maritzburg College 1st XV's rugby season will go down as one of the most exhilarating in recent memory. It was one that really illustrated what College rugby is all about with some truly memorable tries being scored and fine rugby to be savoured by the schoolboy rugby enthusiast. The 2023 season brought with it several coaching changes for the side with Mr Hendre Marnitz becoming the Director of Rugby and Mr Kelvin Elder the new backline coach for the season. From the outset of pre-season, a new way of playing the game was emerging, one that had the boys excited for what was to come.

The season started with fixtures against Michaelhouse and Durban High School (DHS), both away from home. The fixture at Balgowan was one of three stanzas, the first completely dominated by College's ruthless rolling maul, the second by a Michaelhouse team who refused to die and the last by a desperate College team trying to mount a dramatic fightback. Michaelhouse ultimately prevailed in this fixture with College ruing the movement away from the dominant lineout drive for large chunks of the second half. The next match saw College play on the Berea against our oldest and dearest foes, Durban High School, in furnace-like conditions. The ball became like a greased pig in the high humidity which accounted for the large number of errors from both sides. Ultimately, College's unforced errors proved to be their downfall falling agonisingly close in what would have been a memorable victory at DHS.

The 1st XV were then on the road again for the entirety of the Easter holiday, making their debut at the Noord-Suid Rugby Festival and then back to the St John's Easter Rugby Festival for the first time in a long while. College would play five games in quick succession against Noordheuwel, Grey College, the Lions XV, Nelspruit High and finally Jeppe. The first match against Noordheuwel at Noord/Suid was an absolute humdinger with both sides trading tries during the match. College's opponents raced away to a large lead but in true indomitable fashion, College slowly suffocated the life out of their opponents with a dominant lineout maul doing most of the destruction. The next match was against the juggernaut that is Grey College. College traded blows with a strong Grey side, with the lead changing hands several times during the match. Ultimately, Grey prevailed but it was the plucky team from College that walked away with the plaudits. The St John's Easter Festival was a success for College with easy wins against the Lions XV and Nelspruit. In damp and stormy conditions, College saw off a very strong Jeppe side which brought an end College's Easter holiday tour.

The second term started with College's first-ever game at first-team level against Clifton College. This match was played in Durban where College emerged the victors after some nervy moments early on. The next match was against Pretoria Boys High in Pretoria, with College once again playing some marvellous attacking rugby to put the opponents away. College then departed for Kimberley to take part in the Wildeklaar Festival where they took on Stellenberg and Framesby. The match against Stellenberg was a brutal, physical affair with both schools going toe to toe, and Stellenberg shading the physicality stakes to emerge victorious. The match against Framesby was a very nervy affair, but College did just enough to walk away with the victory.

Next up was the first fixture against Glenwood, played on Goldstone's with College looking finally to break the 13-year drought of consecutive losses against their foes in green. The match started very quietly but burst into life with a 50m maul try doing the damage and, from then on, College put Glenwood to the sword to record a memorable 42-15 win. Westville were up next on Reunion Day with College tails very firmly up and an expectant crowd on Goldstone's waiting for more of the same against a Westville team looking to upset the home crowd. It was not to be for our opponents as College were rampant, putting their opposition to the sword to record another memorable win against Westville.

The final three fixtures of the second term were against St Charles, Hilton College and Northwood. St Charles at Harwin Road were simply overwhelmed in the second half by a College side who blew their opposition away to record a 46-8 win. Hilton up at Hilton was the one that truly got away as nothing seemed to work for College. College tried to hammer their way through a resolute Hilton defence but could not find a chink in

their armour. Hilton recorded a good 29-14 win against College who were not good enough on the day. Northwood were next up and College, who were hungry to avenge their defeat against Hilton, recorded another good win against KZN opposition with a fine mix of running rugby and physical forward play doing the damage.

The third term started with an away trip to Pretoria to play Affies, which has always been the undoing of good College teams in the past, with no College team ever before emerging victorious there. The match started with Affies scoring twice to take an early lead, but College kept on striking back. The second half was all College as they stunned their opposition with some fine rugby being played. The scoreboard read 50-31 to College, a sight which brought a tear to the eyes of one of the grizzled staff members in attendance who never expected to witness such a sight. Pretoria Boys High were next at home, and College proved too strong for their opposition recording another comfortable victory. King Edward VII was the last fixture at home, and they were also a side who had played good rugby during the season and came to Pietermaritzburg intent on recording a victory away from home. The match itself was an epic affair with both sides trading blows but College took the points on offer at every turn – which ultimately proved to be enough allowing the College 1st XV to remain unbeaten on Goldstone's for the first time in a very long while. The last game of the season was the return fixture against Glenwood away from home against a side that was intent on avenging their large defeat on Goldstone's. Glenwood played like men possessed and College had to do well to stay in the match at first. College took the lead, but a rampant Glenwood ultimately proved too motivated and scored in the dying moments of the game to record a win.

The 2023 Maritzburg College 1st XV ultimately lost six matches the entire season, recording one of the better seasons in recent memory. They broke several voodooos along the way, recording their first win against Glenwood at home since 2010, their first win away from home against Affies, the first College 1st XV to score 50 points against Affies and the first unbeaten team on Goldstone's for many a year. In scoring 23 tries in 2023, Reardon equalled a celebrated try-scoring record first set by future Springbok Andy van der Watt in the great 1963 team, and since equalled by Glen 'Spade' de Graaf in 1978 and Jonno Brayley in 1992.

The team was ably led by S Kadira, who proved to be one of the finest captains the school has had for many years. The way he led the side was truly remarkable and the way the team carried themselves throughout the season was down to his fine leadership.

My thanks go to Messrs Marnitz and Elder for their valued support throughout the season and congratulations for having such a massive impact in their debut seasons with the 1st XV.

Mr T Orchard



C Reardon scored tries and broke records – and visitors' hearts.



R Quin had his fair share of in-goal flying visits.

Player Critique:

Forwards:

P Kubheka: A powerful carrier of the ball, Kubheka was always relied upon to get the necessary go forward. His efforts against Grey College will be remembered for a long time as his performance in that game was truly incredible. His selection for the SA Schools and SA U18 teams was just reward for a fine season.

E Mouton: A fine thrower of the ball, Mouton had a never-say-die approach throughout the season. His tenacious attitude throughout the season was justly rewarded with his selection for the Sharks U18 Craven Week team.

A Botha: An U17 tight head in the 1st XV is a rare thing, and one that plays an entire season at first team level is even rarer. He handled the jump from junior to senior rugby with aplomb. His fine form during the season was rewarded with his selection for the Sharks U18 Craven Week team.

J Jansen: A tremendous line-out forward, Jansen was more than adept at set-piece time. Very strong with ball in hand, he quickly became a key member of the forward pack. His efforts were rewarded with selection for the Sharks Craven Week team.

K Mthimkhulu: A fine player who was in good form until an injury at practice curtailed his season abruptly. His selection for the Sharks Craven Week side was just reward for his efforts but injury prevented him from representing his province at the national week.

T Walton: The unseen heartbeat of the team, his work often went unnoticed, but he was always counted on to get the job done.

K Ayliffe: The donkey of the team, Ayliffe was a fine line-out forward who was more than proficient with ball in hand.

S Kadira (captain): A tremendous ball carrier, but his role as captain was even more crucial during the season. One of the finest captains Maritzburg College has had for many years, his style of leadership has left an indelible mark on the school. His selection for the Sharks Craven Week team was just reward for a fine season.

L Swanepoel: Gave of his best when called upon. Swanepoel could always be trusted to finding his jumpers and showed a never-say-die attitude with ball in hand.

B Maphisa: Ably stepped into the team after the injury to Mthimkhulu. A decent jumper at the line-out, his biggest asset was his strength with ball in hand. His selection to the Sharks U17 Academy Week side was due to some fine performances throughout the season.

S Oosthuizen: A tenacious tackler, his ability to blunt the opposition at the breakdown was his biggest asset. A nuggety player who could always be relied upon when called into action.



Mostly found in the scrum, S Oosthuizen was also formidable with the ball.



L du Toit in a well-judged play against a strong King Edward VII side.

Backs:

R Quin: Quin was a feisty scrumhalf who didn't back down from anyone. His burst of speed made him an asset on attack and added great value on defence. He was able to make the right decisions, and this became more evident as the season went on. He was the well-deserved joint recipient of the Most Improved Player in the 1st XV award.

L du Toit: Arguably the best flyhalf in KZN for the 2024 season. He had the ability to play a good territorial game but could seriously turn it on in attack. His ability to read play and put those around him into space was a pleasure to witness. He was very unfortunate not to have made a provincial side. He was the well-deserved joint recipient of the Most Improved Player in the 1st XV award.

C Reardon: A hard-running wing with tremendous pace, he had the ability to beat players in the air or out wide, one on one. To my knowledge he was the leading try scorer in the province with 23 and equalled a long-standing record at College. He is a hard-working individual who set high standards for himself and those around him.

N Sithole: A powerhouse of a centre, Sithole made his presence felt on the park. After a late change to 12 from 7, he adapted quickly and made that position his own. He combined his size with the ability to handle the ball with ease and could make a meaningful contribution with the boot as well. He represented the Sharks at the U17 Academy Week.

A van der Linde: Van der Linde was an integral part of the backline, with the ability to create space out wide and put the players on his outside away. He was named as vice-captain and led with distinction. His ability to read the attack and make good defensive reads often provided us with an opportunity to turn the ball over and counterattack.

L Makhathini: Makhathini impressed as the season went on. His ability to make defensive reads provided him with some scoring opportunities. His pace and quick feet made him a valuable asset in attack. His hard work and positive attitude were rewarded with selection to the Sharks U17 Academy Week.

L Kunene: Kunene's ability to identify space and execute a run is amazing. He is a well-balanced runner who had the confidence to counter from anywhere and bring our attack to light. His attacking game is well complemented with the ability to kick off both feet and provide a solid last line of defence. His brilliant season and hard work were well rewarded with selection into the SA U18 Schools team. Kunene was also awarded Player of the Year in the 1st XV.

S Mbatha: He is an elusive well-balanced runner with an exceptional skill set. He is a lethal attacker and did not shy away from putting a shoulder in on defence. His versatility enabled him to cover multiple positions, thus being a valuable member of the squad. He was selected for the Sharks U17 Academy Week.

R Maartens: He is a bubbly young man who goes about his work with a smile. He has the ability to play the ball at speed and punches well above his weight on defence. He is a hard worker who grew tremendously as the season went on. He made a valuable contribution whenever he came on during the game.

L Schultz: A passionate individual who would always give his best. He prided himself on his work ethic and positivity and he was a leader in the squad. He always strove for perfection. He was a hard running centre who didn't shy away from putting a shoulder in.

I Chirengende: A physical young man, big in stature, Chirengende knew only one way to the try-line and tested many oppositions' tackle technique. He is a natural born leader who says little but relies on his actions to motivate those around him. He approached every session with a smile and positive attitude.



I Chirengende drags a Pretoria Boys player across Goldstone's.



K Ayliffe has secure hands and fine control in lineouts.

Match Reports

Festivals

Toyota Menlyn Noord/Suid Rugby Festival

At the beginning of the Easter holidays, Maritzburg College participated in the Toyota Menlyn Noord-Suid Rugby Festival. The two matches were against Hoërskool Noordheuwel and Grey College.

The first match against Noordheuwel was a frenetic affair where defence was not the operative word. The first half was all Noordheuwel as they put College to the sword with some elusive running. The second half was all College as they utilised their powerful line-out drive to good effect. In total there were thirteen tries scored in the match, with Maritzburg College breathing a sigh of relief.

The next match was against the mighty Grey College, with many not giving Maritzburg College much of a chance. Grey started well, but College refused to lie down, and took the lead during the first half. Maritzburg College made two costly errors either side of halftime which ultimately proved to be the winning margin. That said, the Maritzburg College boys stayed in the fight for the entire match and earned many plaudits owing to their doggedness and aggressive style of play.

vs Noordheuwel 47-45, Grey College 24-37

St John's Easter Festival

Maritzburg College participated in the St John's Easter Festival where they played the Lions XV, Nelspruit High and then Jeppe High School for Boys.

The first match was a relatively easy affair with College putting their opponents to the sword. It was an opportunity to see how the boys on the fringes of the 1st XV would go and they handled the opportunity comfortably.

The next match was against Nelspruit who would be a tougher opponent but in the end College's sharpness on attack was the difference, allowing for a comfortable win. The last match would be College's toughest opponent, as Jeppe is a proud rugby school with similar values to Maritzburg College. The game was played in very damp conditions, with the match being halted for lightning at one stage. Maritzburg College once again had their attack as the point of difference to record a fine win against Jeppe.

vs Lions XV 50-5, Nelspruit 43-19, Jeppe 26-22

Wildeklawer

At the beginning of May, Maritzburg College departed for Kimberley to take part in the Wildeklawer Festival where they played Stellenberg and Framesby.

The first match against Stellenberg was a tight affair with the Stellenberg forwards doing most of the damage. College mounted a fight-back but unfortunately it was not to be.

The match against Framesby was an error-ridden game but College did enough to walk away with the win.

vs Stellenberg 24-36, Framesby 19-13

vs Michaelhouse (away) Lost 20-27

Maritzburg College returned to Balgowan for their first fixture there since 2018. This year's fixture was enthralling, with both sides looking to begin their domestic seasons in earnest. College started excellently with early set-piece dominance, earning points in the form of two tries from well-worked lineout drives and a penalty. At 15-0 with their tails very much up, College looked full of rugby. But momentum began to shift when College was reduced to fourteen men and this allowed the home team to claw back their way back into the match with two tries to produce a 15-14 score at half-time. In the second half, Michaelhouse took the lead with two penalties. College eventually managed to get some field possession which allowed them to revert to their dominant maul and barge over to put the score at 20 all. The match ebbed and flowed but ultimately the home side managed to score a try right at the death to put the match to bed and win 27-20. For College, it was a match that they let slip from their grasp through numerous unforced errors which can be attributed to early-season rustiness, but ultimately their decision making let them down.

Tries: Botha, Mouton (2)

Penalty: du Toit

Conversion: du Toit

vs Durban High School (away) Lost 7-14

College travelled to Durban to take on their long-standing rivals, DHS. The match was not only for bragging rights but also for the Skonk Nicholson Trophy that was up for grabs. In very blustery conditions match swung back and forth but DHS had the best of the opening exchanges with the stiff breeze at their backs forcing College to retreat deep into their own half every time they lost possession. DHS scored their first try after sustained pressure on the College line. College fought bravely to get back into the match, but a miskicked touch finder gifted possession back to the host team. DHS punished a toiling College team to score their second try – College now had to overcome a fourteen-point deficit if they wanted to win the match.

With the wind at their backs for the second half, College had an opportunity to triumph over their foes, but mistakes cost them dearly. After a five-minute period where DHS could not leave their 22-metre area, Kubheka showed tremendous power to rumble over the try-line for College's first try of the match. College's mounting pressure began to take its toll on the DHS defenders who were pinned deep in their half by a College team who would not go away. The last five minutes of the match was all College as they fought to overcome the deficit. After a succession of rumbles close to the line, it appeared that captain Kadira, with a smart low pick-and-go had pierced the defence, but no try was awarded. College attempted a final assault on the DHS try line but to no avail. DHS held on to win the match by a seven-point margin.

Try: Kubheka

Conversion: du Toit

vs Clifton College (away) Won 33-5

The first official fixture between Maritzburg College and Clifton College was played at the Riverside Sports Grounds. Maritzburg College had just returned from a gruelling Easter holiday schedule but managed to outscore their hosts by five tries to one. The first half was a lively affair with Clifton charging hard out of the gates, but renewed College pressure eventually was converted with Reardon scoring his first try of the match. The match fell into an uneasy rhythm where College was dominating proceedings but could not translate that ascendancy into points as they were often penalised for numerous breakdown infringements. College struck again with Reardon crossing the whitewash after a strong finish to score his second try of the day. Clifton scored before the halftime whistle to put the score at 14-5. The second half started off in a similar manner to the first. College recorded three more tries in this half, without ever establishing any rhythm to their attacks. Chirengende's final try put a gloss on what was a very frustrating half for the College faithful in attendance.

Tries: Reardon (3), du Toit, Chirengende

Conversions: du Toit (4)

vs Glenwood High School (Goldstone's) Won 42-15

For 13 bleak and barren years, the Maritzburg College 1st XV have had little joy against Glenwood on Goldstone's. Numerous times they have come close to grabbing that elusive win, with a draw being the closest they have managed in that period. The first half was a cagey affair. College had the lion's share of possession and territory in the half but could not shift through the gears quickly enough to capitalise on their opportunities. Glenwood refused to lie down, and College went into the break 6-3 with the match very much in the balance.

The second half resumed in glorious fashion for the home side, with Reardon touching down for the first of his four tries in the game in the left hand corner. The College forwards now took over, dominating possession and giving Reardon the opportunities to score three further tries. In addition, College was awarded a penalty try after a 50-metre rolling maul was illegally brought down just short of the try-line. Glenwood scored a consolation try with the final play of the match. College scored 36 points in the second half, a fine way to end the thirteen-year winless streak on Goldstone's.

Tries: Reardon (4), Penalty try

Conversions: du Toit (3)

Penalties: du Toit (2)

vs Westville Boys' High School (Goldstone's) Won 28-8

Reunion Day is sometimes a day when the occasion gets the better of the home team, but not this weekend. College started like a house on fire, with the forwards dominant, and scored tries through Kadira and Quin. But the home team was very wasteful in possession, and had the ball turned over numerous times with the try line beckoning. Westville did gain some traction when they scored a try and kicked a penalty late in the half to make the score 17-8 to the home side.

The second half started in very much the same manner as the first with College dominating proceedings from the outset but could not convert this pressure into points. The dam-wall eventually burst when Kadira finished off a well-worked rolling maul to extend the lead. Westville doggedly hung in there and prevented College from running away with the game with some resolute defending at times. College, however, had the final say when speedster Reardon finished off a well-worked try to score. This made the score 29-8 and the wider College community could breathe a sigh of relief, as it was the first Reunion Day victory since 2017.

Tries: Kadira (2), Quin, Reardon

Conversion: du Toit

Penalty: du Toit

vs St Charles College (away) Won 46-8

Maritzburg College proved to be too strong for a plucky St Charles team. In a match that College dominated from the first whistle to the last, College blew their opponents away in a fine display of high-tempo rugby with the score somewhat flattering the hosts. The first half was a relatively low scoring affair with Maritzburg College only in front by twelve points with the scoreboard reading 15-3. College scored three unconverted tries during the half, with the speedsters out wide finishing off very well-worked movements. Reardon and Makhathini, with a brace, were the try scorers. College was very careless with ball in hand as they became complacent and spilled the ball several times where it looked like a certain try was going to be scored.

The second half began extremely brightly when College caught the St Charles defence napping and ran 95 metres to score a wonderful coast-to-coast try. Four further tries followed as College ran their hosts ragged. A mistake gifted St Charles a try, but it was College's day.

Tries: Makhathini (3), Reardon (3), Robinson, Ayliffe

Conversions: du Toit (2) Slevin



vs Hilton College (away) Lost 14-29

This was billed as a heavyweight clash between Hilton College and Maritzburg College to see who would be rated the number one school in the province. College inexplicably started the game very poorly and gifted Hilton an early try when a pass was made which was snaffled by a delighted Hilton player. From this moment on, the game was all Hilton as this error seemed to leave the College team in a state of shock. When they recovered from it, Hilton were nineteen points ahead. The first half was all Hilton as College could not get any purchase in the match.

The second half started with College attempting to find the necessary gears to enable them to take the fight to their opposition. Unfortunately, Hilton was too far ahead and added ten further points to their total to take it to twenty-nine. College sparked into life deep in the second half, but it was too little too late, and while they added two converted tries and physically dominated their opposition, Hilton recorded a fine win on Gilfillan.

Tries: Kubheka (2)
Conversion: du Toit

vs Northwood School (Goldstone's) Won 36-14

In a match that Northwood re-scheduled, Goldstone's played host to a game full of running. Maritzburg College and Northwood seemed intent on spreading the ball as wide as possible and playing the game at a frenetic pace. In the early exchanges it was all Maritzburg College as they scored two quick tries before Northwood gained a foothold in the match. Northwood, when they had possession, seemed intent to play the game at a fast pace with the ball being flung wide on every occasion. Maritzburg College used their forwards to generate go forward ball to allow their backs to finish off the job. In the first half College scored two rapid fire tries through Kubheka and Mbatha which immediately put the visitors on the back foot. Kubheka finished off a well-worked rolling maul and Mbatha finished a very smart interchange on the right-hand side of the field. Northwood scored a try of their own in the half to put the score at 14-7 at half-time.

The second half started as the first one began. College placed their opponents under tremendous pressure and Quin scampered over to extend the lead. College then scored two tries by their outstanding fullback Kunene who had a tremendous season with ball in hand. These tries did not deter Northwood as they fought back gamely with a consolation try at the end of the match. The game was an enthralling example of thrust and counterthrust by two very attack minded teams.

Tries: Kubheka, Mbatha, Quin, Kunene (2)
Conversion: du Toit
Penalty: du Toit

vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (away) Won 50-31

Over the past 25 years, Maritzburg College has faced off against Affies 26 times, securing only three victories, all on home turf. No College team had ever managed to beat Affies on their own ground, with the closest attempt being a one-point loss in the early 2000s. The match started with Affies taking the lead within ninety seconds. After two College penalties, a further try extended Affies lead to 14-6. Undeterred, College responded brilliantly, displaying inventive play by their backs. This yielded two tries and brought a 23-14 half-time lead.

In the second half, College continued their dominance, controlling territory and possession. Affies rallied with two tries, but further College tries, including a brilliant solo effort by du Toit and a Makhathini intercept try, and accurate kicking by du Toit culminated in a historic victory by 50-31.

Tries: Kunene, Jansen, du Toit, Makhathini, Mouton
Conversions: du Toit (5)
Penalties: du Toit (5)

vs Pretoria Boys High School (Goldstone's) Won 43-12

Goldstone's played host to the return fixture against Pretoria Boys High School. College, coming off a historic win against Affies in Pretoria, seemed to pick up from where they finished off there and raced away to a significant lead in the first half but PBHS, as is their way, refused to lie down and made life very uncomfortable for Maritzburg College. Despite dogged PBHS defence, College powered to a 31-0 half-time lead, including five tries.

The second half started off with PBHS showing great commitment and they were rewarded with a fine try to open their account. College hit back straight away with Walton finishing off a wonderful sequence of carries which left the PBHS defence grasping at thin air. With PBHS looking to keep the ball alive, their scrumhalf made a sniping break from next to the breakdown and raced away to score a fine try to cap off a very good performance by the young man. College was not finished though, as Kunene made another of his incisive runs and set up Makhathini with an excellent pass to take the final score to 43-12 in College's favour. The second half was not as exhilarating as the first, as College made several changes which affected the pace and flow of the game, but the damage had been done in the first half.

Tries: Kunene, Kubheka, Quin, Kadira, Reardon, Walton, Makhathini
Conversions: du Toit (4)

vs King Edward VII School (Goldstone's) Won 33-24

Maritzburg College's 1st XV secured another victory on their home ground, Goldstone's, ending the season unbeaten at home after a hard-fought win against their rivals, KES from Johannesburg. The first half was characterised by a lack of momentum, with both teams struggling to find their rhythm. The only points came from penalty kicks by the respective fly-halves, leaving Maritzburg College with a narrow 6-3 lead at half-time.

The second half began with a surge in intensity as both teams sought to gain an advantage and the points came quickly – 48 in all. The score seesawed back and forth until College took control to extend their lead beyond KES's reach. College scored four tries and KES three. A feature of the match was Kunene's brilliant running from the back, which often split open KES's defence and led to tries. Notably, this match marked the final appearance of the season for Maritzburg College's SA Schools representatives, Kunene and Kubheka, who would miss the upcoming match against Glenwood owing to national team commitments. In addition, the win ensured Maritzburg College's unbeaten record at Goldstone's for the season, a feat not achieved in twenty-three years.

Tries: Reardon (2), Kunene, Kadira
Conversions: du Toit (2)
Penalties: du Toit (3)

vs Glenwood High School (away) Lost 24-27

The match against Glenwood High School marked the final fixture of the Maritzburg College rugby season. The match started with Glenwood having the lion's share of possession as College battled to get out of their own half owing to a combination of a stiff breeze and profligacy with ball in hand. After fifteen minutes, College rumbled on from a line-out maul for twenty metres for the first points in the match. From a five-metre scrum, Glenwood spread the ball wide and scored the equalising try. The half-time score was 7-7.

In the second half Glenwood took a 12-7 lead, before College scored a wonderful try on the blind-side. Glenwood charged down a clearance kick for a further try, but a penalty conversion and another maul try brought College a 24-17 lead. College seemed in control, but good Glenwood play and some sluggish defence brought the hosts two further tries for an exciting victory.

Tries: Mouton (2), Makhathini
Conversions: du Toit (2)

Mr T Orchard

2nd XV

It was a privilege and honour to coach the College 2nd XV in 2023. The drive and ambition to succeed was always evident and the boys reaped the rewards of all the hard work they had put in. 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 team had the privilege of playing at the Noord/Suid tournament. This tournament represents most of the top playing rugby schools in the country. It was good to match ourselves against arguably the country's strongest rugby school, Grey College.

The team worked very closely with the 1st XV this year. Much of their coaching and training was a replica of the 1st XV training. The team would be disappointed with the latter half of the season where they failed to capitalise on their ascendancy at times and lost games that they could have and probably should have won.

Many players had the opportunity to play for the 1st XV during the season and that remained a primary objective as a group. L Schultz did a fine job leading the team, and he always led from the front.

I thank all the players for the way they played and for what turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable season.

Regular players:

L Schultz (captain), C Robinson, K Nyawo, L Swanepoel, B Thomson, R Mackenzie, S Oosthuizen, D Wright, N Buthelezi, S Nyathi, M Kweyama, I Kemka, A Duma, B Maphisa, R Maartens, J Slevin, V Chili, M van Selm, M Chirengende, C Smith, S Mbatha, R Jacobsz, K King, K Jeje

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 20-28, DHS 7-7, Noordheuwel 35-13, Grey College 12-31, PBHS 25-14, Glenwood 22-13, Westville 22-15, St Charles 33-7, Hilton College 18-19, Northwood 57-26, Oakham 1st XV (UK) 38-39, Affies 15-33, PBHS 21-26, KES 24-3, Glenwood 8-22

Mr R Kyle



L Schultz thanks the referee after the 2nd XV game at Hilton College.



M van Selm kicks for the 2nd XV.

3rd XV

The 2023 3rd XV, or 'Bavula', rugby season was nothing short of spectacular, filled with thrilling moments, outstanding teamwork, and immense dedication. As I reflect on the season, it is very evident that the team's hard work and determination were the driving forces behind their remarkable success. We finished the season with just two losses and two draws as well as being unbeaten on Goldstone's which is a testament to our hard work at training.

The season began with an electrifying performance, setting the tone for what was to come. The team displayed incredible discipline and skill, winning several early matches and earning the respect of their opponents around the country. Our defence was an absolute rock throughout the season. The team's commitment to defensive structures, tackling and line speed allowed us to hold our ground in crucial moments and turn the tide in our favour. The attacking structure of the team was a sight to behold. Exceptional ball handling, crisp passing, and strategy allowed us to score consistently and put immense pressure on our opponents' defences. Of the two losses, both were hard-fought battles. The loss against Hilton was disappointing as we had not played to our ability although the Affies loss was probably the best game of rugby we had played all season. These games served as valuable learning experiences, motivating our players to improve their skills. The two draws were emblematic of the team's never-say-die attitude. Even when faced with adversity, the boys displayed incredible resilience and determination, fighting to the very end.

The culture within the team was inspiring. The players shared a deep bond, both on and off the field, which undoubtedly contributed to our success. They lifted each other up, celebrated together, and learned from one another.

Congratulations to every member of the team for his hard work and dedication. This season has been a remarkable chapter in our school's rugby history, and we eagerly anticipate the next season. Thank you to everyone who supported us, and here's to a bright future for College rugby.

Regular players:

K King (captain), M Nkwanya, J Clark, M Zuma, C Stead, D Haines, J Galtrey, M Nel, L Gumbi, L Coetzer, M Kritzingler, K Wichman, S Hutton, K Jeje, J Marcus, B Madikizela, L Mkhize, N Mthiyane

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 34-29, DHS 12-10, Clifton 2nds 26-0, PBHS 22-21, Glenwood 21-12, Westville 27-7, Kearsney 24-24, Voortrekker 1st 22-14, Hilton College 7-34, Northwood 21-12, Affies 3-37, PBHS 32-0, KES 21-8, Glenwood 29-29

Messrs S Sinclair and W Greyling

4th XV

At the commencement of the season, our team set a clear objective: to hone the fundamental aspects of rugby, emphasising control, physical dominance and the strategic foundation needed to advance the ball out wide. The team was united by a collective determination to play for each other and create a memorable season. This resolute approach laid the groundwork for a season characterised by growth, resilience and remarkable achievements. The team remained undefeated on Goldstone's, secured victories in 12 out of 15 matches and experienced three losses.

Under the initial guidance of R Paine, our team embarked on this journey with a shared vision. Unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances resulted in his injury, leaving B Emberton to assume leadership responsibilities. As the season progressed, Emberton also faced injury, which then promoted K Steele to take up the captaincy for the concluding matches. This smooth transition in leadership displayed the depth of character within the team.

Several individuals stood out as vice-captains, contributing significantly to our success. D Simpson, D Wright, J Gous, and R Watson stepped up, demonstrating exceptional leadership qualities and ensuring that the team's momentum was never compromised.

Notably, our team's environment fostered growth, and this was evident as numerous players progressed to represent the 3rd, 2nd, and 1st teams, a testament to the foundation laid during the season.

Regular players:

K Steele, R Watson, B Madikizela, H Prinsloo, D Simpson, M Breedt, J Staples, T Paine, R Paine, S Meter, O Da Costa, M van Rooyen, N Mthiyane, J Foster, Y Mchunu, O Luffingham, K Bester, B Emberton

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 12-18, DHS 33-0, Howick 1sts 21-0, PBHS 12-0, Glenwood 41-0, Westville 50-0, Kearsney 17-7, Howick 1sts 37-7, Hilton College 14-18, Northwood 57-0, Oakham School 2nd 28-5, Affies 5-21, PBHS 31-3, KES 15-7, Glenwood 28-5

Messrs S Sinclair and W Greyling



L Swanepoel on the drive, supported by S Nyathi.

5th XV

The trials this year displayed the depth available in the senior division and promised much. The 5th and 6th teams, known as the 'Bush Pigs', produced an exciting brand of rugby throughout the season with the 5th finishing with an 80%-win rate.

The first match against a well-drilled Michaelhouse team resulted in a 21-0 victory, the only game that Michaelhouse lost during the season. The following match against DHS was comfortably won (56-5) and with the holidays looming we looked forward to a successful season.

The first match of the second term was against the Clifton 3rd XV side when the team played good expansive rugby to win 43-0. With the stage set we travelled to PBHS the following weekend with the promise of a hard match on their main field. With the score at 19-0 it appeared as though the boys had done enough to win the game. With a great effort the PBHS boys turned it on towards the end and with the team tiring we managed to hold them out to win 19-12.

Playing on Goldstone's, we took on the Howick 1st team in a scrappy encounter winning 17-7. The following weekend was Reunion Day with an encounter against Westville, scheduled for Goldstones. Westville were unbeaten at that stage and the encounter was always going to be keenly contested. Both sides got stuck in with the 'Pigs' winning 26-5. A mid-week fixture against Kearsney on Lamonds turned out to be a real eye opener as the kicking for territory plan proved difficult to counter resulting in the high final score of 50-0.

The next weekend, an away match against St Charles 3rds, proved to be the first test of the season. Trailing at halftime the team lifted their game to squeak through 12-10 after the St Charles boys opted for a quick tap instead of going for poles towards the end of the game. The 'Pigs' defended like Trojans with the final whistle bringing a closely contested match to an end.

At this stage the team were undefeated after eight matches and clearly the pressure was on. The away match against Hilton was fiercely contested with the non-contested scrums working against us and it was a disappointed team that left the field losing 12-14. Another close encounter on Goldstone's led to a 15-8 win against Northwood and then on to Affies for the second away exchange. With the score at 7-10 at halftime we were in

the game but three quick tries towards the end resulted in a 7-38 loss. The boys are commended for their gutsy defence. The return match against PBHS was a humdinger with the Pretoria side scoring the winning try with a minute remaining. The score line of 15-19 accurately reflected this tough encounter. KES are notoriously difficult to dominate but the team rose to the occasion playing the best rugby of the season to win 21-0 on Goldstone's.

The last match of the season against Glenwood started at a furious pace. Once the game slowed down a bit the structure came to the fore and some very good tries were scored. The score was 38-12, a fitting end to a most enjoyable season.

Regular players:

T Davies (captain), O Da Costa, L Mbentse, G Van Laun, L Sithole, Y Mchunu, T Wolhuter, R Wichmann, S Manyoni, G Egberink, B Clark, M Breedt, M Zuma, J Marsh, S Msibi, J Conolly, B Luffingham, C Stead, J Killick, A Mdladla, S Meter, C Goslett, A Madlala, S Kapotwe, D Warren, S Norton, C Potgieter, B Sithole, S Hutton, A Pretorius, J Staples, B Gous, M Zuma, T Paine, J Foster, K Steele, L Coetzer

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 21-0, DHS 56-4, Clifton 3rds 43-0, PBHS 21-12, Howick 1sts 17-7, Westville 26-5, Kearsney 51-0, St Charles 3rds 12-10, Hilton College 12-14, Northwood 15-8, Affies 7-38, PBHS 15-19, KES 21-0, Glenwood 38-12

Mr N Sutherland

6th XV

The season for the 6th XV started off rather poorly, with the loss of four of the first six matches. However, the team turned it around and won seven of the next eight matches. The young men certainly gelled as a team, showing cohesion and an unmatched team spirit, which allowed them to overcome a great deal. In the first few games the team had to play two first XV teams, where one always finds a few really good players which made the difference at 6th team level.

The 6th team had 47 young men play for them, which is a huge adaptation for any rugby team. It was a pleasure to see some of our players progressing to the 3rd team by the end of the season.

The highlight of the season, strange as it may seem, was the loss to Affies, up at Affies, where a great deal of self-belief became evident. The team really put their bodies on the line, fighting well above their weight. To lose only 29-0 against much larger, taller and faster boys was a great achievement. I was certainly proud of their efforts. Another wonderful victory was the return match against PBHS, where the team took revenge for their loss in Pretoria.

It was a pleasure to coach these young men of College who also gave up a great deal of their time representing College. Thanks go to all the parents who supported the team both at home and away.

Regular players:

B Sithole, I Jikijo, M Zuma, C Goslett, C Stead, J Staples, R Wichman, E Erasmus, T Davies, D Warren, M Baca, R Tocknell, G van Laun, W Beauclerk, S Mchunu, J Killick, C Henderson, A Mdladla, S Meter, S Manyoni, L Mthimkhulu, B Clark, T Paine, A Pretorius, J Conolly, S Msibi, J Stead, O Da Costa, L Miller, L Johnston, M Roberts, J Knoetze, G Egberink, Z Ndlovu, S Norton, E Taylor, S Redman, R Boshoff, L Mbentse, J Marsh, M Canham, C Ferrar, D Botha, O Haasbroek, Z Mfeka

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 17-21, DHS 45-7, Voortrekker 1sts 14-24, PBHS 11-13, Glenwood 5th 36-0, Linpark 1sts 5-12, Kearsney 31-0, Academy 1sts 22-21, Hilton 54-7, Northwood 38-5, Affies 0-29, PBHS 17-0, PBHS 26-14, Glenwood 41-5

Mr G Dorling

7th XV

This year saw incredible depth in the open age group at the start of the season. All the players at 7th team level had the basic skills of passing, catching, running and tackling. At the start of the season Mr Ndlela and I could focus on directing players toward a game plan. Later in the season we found we needed to focus on communicating well on attack and defence and controlling the pace of the game. We found that our tackle technique had become sloppy and needed reinforcing. These basics gave us a plan upon which we could and should have built a commanding attacking game and a solid, rigid defence. However, with the constant changes, especially toward the end of the season, this did not happen as well as it could have. With teams only being finalised on a Thursday afternoon, and even then, having some changes imposed upon us, game preparation often involved getting new players into the plan, when we should have been introducing variation on attack and honing our defence skills.

We had some excellent games. The hard fought 10-10 draw against old rivals Kearsney 6th XV as a season opener comes to mind as a highlight. The games that were narrowly lost by a score of two are always the bitterest pills to swallow. We learned from these games where our weaknesses were, where we could improve and how to lose well – for it is in losing that our character is tested.

It has been a pleasure to coach these gentlemen this season, but the support and enthusiasm from key players is what really stood out. A Madlala, our captain for many games before his promotion, is a rare breed of thinking front rower. His strategy and in-depth analysis stood the team in excellent stead. O Haasbroek was a powerhouse at No. 8 when freed from the shackles of the front row. W Beauclerk kicked us into many try-scoring positions and equally feared no one on defence. We had incredible depth at wing and saw many blindingly fast runs down the touchline and cuts inside to score tries all season.

Regular players:

A Madlala, I Jikijo, D Naidoo, B Haigh, J Barrett, J Stead, S Manyoni, A Jackson, A Ferraz, R Boshoff, J Gasarasi, Y Ndamase, J Kloppers, L Mthimkhulu, Z Mfeka, M Roberts, J Conolly, T Mkhize

Results:

vs Kearsney 6ths 10-10, Amanzimtoti 1sts 5-19, Clifton 4ths 32-0, PBHS 31-7, Glenwood 6ths 29-0, Westville 6ths 53-0, St Charles 4ths 10-6, Linpark 1sts 15-21, Michaelhouse 6ths 5-7, Affies 0-47, PBHS 19-8, KES 24-5, Glenwood 38-0

Messrs R Paterson and S Ndlela

8th XV

Few schools are blessed with the depth of rugby players that College has. The 8th team proved to be a force to be reckoned with. We needed to set a standard practice routine from early on as our team changed dramatically from week to week. Thursday's practices were committed to finalising the team list and getting everyone on board with the way we had decided to play; whereas Tuesday's practices were focused on skills development, often determined by areas in which we battled in the preceding game. This solid grounding in the basics gave us a blueprint which we could and should have built an impressive game plan upon. However, with the constant changes, especially toward the end of the season, this did not happen as well as it could have.

We had some excellent games. A hard fought 0-0 draw against local rivals Voortrekker 2nd XV stood out as a resolute defensive display and a determined and sometimes desperate attacking show. This came after an earlier 12-24 loss to the same team. The losses were difficult to bear at times, but also sparked the biggest growth in the team. This is true character, to be able to turn a defeat into growth. To turn around a 0-47 thrashing dished out by Affies and bounce back to beat PBHS 44-5 a week later is an accomplishment. The mighty 8th team won well and when we lost, we lost well too.

It has been a pleasure to coach this wonderful team this season with Mr Ndlela, but the support and enthusiasm from the players is what made it so. Our captain for some of our games, L Miller, was a great find at No.8 and could not be held back from higher teams. T Smith grew throughout the season and became a fixture for a full game in the front row. J Pope and A Weilbach were as steady as they come at lock and the backline rose to meet every challenge. In our final game, seven of the starting players were wings, the result was electrifying pace from almost everywhere. The wings who made huge impacts throughout the season were T Mafunga, L Myeza, and T Mkhize – some of the smallest men on the field, but how they could run and tackle.

Regular players:

L Miller, T Smith, B Kent, A Majozi, E Landman, B Clark, K Lamb, M Mkhize, J Pope, J Gregory, T Braithwaite, E Kloppers, T Pearson, H Wells, K Akeroyd, R Berriman, B Sithole, S Manyoni, T Mkhize, M Chonco, J O'Dell, T Mafunga, L Myeza

Results:

vs Kearsney 7ths 10-12, Voortrekker 2nds 12-24, PBHS 17-0, Glenwood 7ths 30-5, Michaelhouse 7ths 12-15, Kearsney 7ths 28-19, Voortrekker 2nds 0-0, Michaelhouse 7ths 19-24, Affies 0-47, PBHS 44-5

Messrs S Ndlela and R Paterson

9th XV and 10th XV

The 9th and 10th XV's each enjoyed a short season, hamstrung as usual by the fact that no school in KZN could quite match College's depth at Open level – even if strides have clearly been made of late at some private schools, to their great credit.

The 9ths played four matches between March and May, winning all of them, and playing a brand of attacking rugby that often took opposing sides by surprise. Two highlights were the double-stagger, 19-10 win on Holley's over a determined Michaelhouse team and the handsome win in Pretoria over our friends from PBHS.

The 10ths started off with an ill-disciplined display against Kearsney at Botha's Hill, which they deservedly lost 5-15, after giving away two late yellow cards. However, the boys redeemed themselves early in the 2nd term, with a stylish 34-7 win over PBHS in the nation's capital. Sadly, however, that proved to be the last match played by the team in 2023 – although many of the boys did continue to turn out in the red-black-white for higher teams.

Our thanks go to all the boys for their efforts and loyalty in 2023 – especially to the two respective captains, H Wells and A Nzimande – and we wish the returning boys all the very best with their rugby in 2024.

Regular players:

H Wells (captain of 9ths), D Naidoo, E Landman, B Clark, L Miller, J Pope, T Braithwaite, K Akeroyd, P Ndlovu, O Haasbroek, N Gwala, T Blackburn, S Redman, Z Mpungose, K Lamb, M Mkhize, T Mngomezulu, J Nelson, L Mqhatu, L Myeza, T Pearson, A Leclizio, H Anderson, A Majozi, D Moran, C Adam, D Botha, C Ndlela, K Khumalo, A Galassi, A Nzimande (captain of 10ths), T Mafunga, D Govender, A Khumalo, E Kloppers, V Rulumeni, T van Heerden, L McClrath, T Mbhele, B Kent, M Geach, E Taylor

Results:

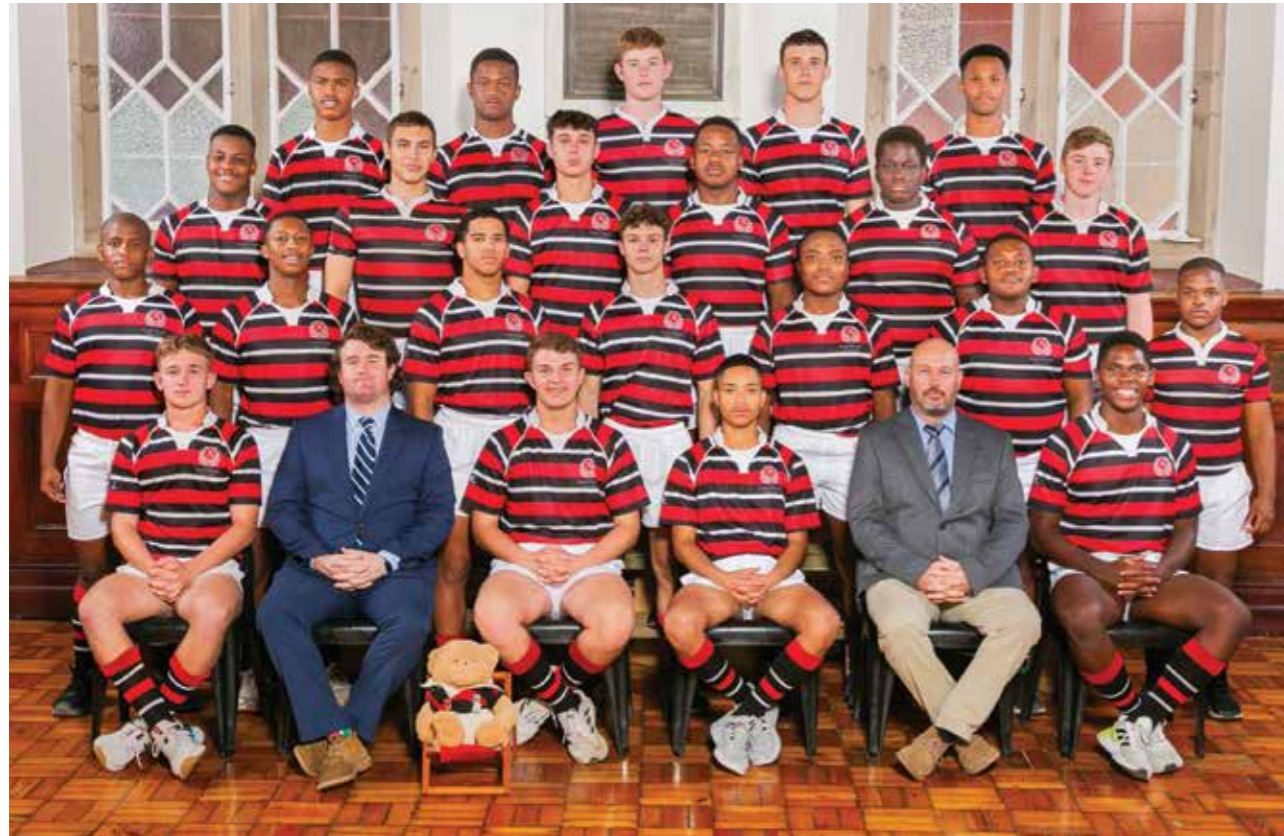
9ths:

vs Michaelhouse 7ths 19-10, PBHS (A) 33-0, Michaelhouse 8ths 58-0, St Charles 5ths 15-5

10ths:

vs Kearsney 7ths 5-15, PBHS (A) 34-7

Messrs M Marwick and C Mchunu



U16A

Back row: Z Mabunda, A Ngubane, T Foster, C Morewood, B Botha
Third row: L Khumalo, B le Roux, W Trodd, C Cherayi, I Mlotshwa, N Pembridge
Second row: L Bhengu, A Hadebe, L Sinkfontein, D Cruickshank, N Mkize, M Gwala, Z Canham
Front row: J Thackwray, Mr S Stopford, E Bester (captain), R Armoed, Mr F Maritz, M Vyambwera

The season got underway with a set of very competitive trials for players wanting to make their mark early at U16 level. With some combinations not confirmed during trials, the first official fixtures would be very important for players to cement their places in the squads who would participate in the Skonk Nicolson and Wildeklawer Festivals.

Because of the Covid pandemic, the first fixture of the year away to Michaelhouse, was the first time the boys in the two sides had ever played against each other. The fixture lived up to expectations with Michaelhouse being awarded a penalty five metres from the College try-line in the dying seconds. The hosts managed to barge over and claim a last gasp 28-25 victory. Our team once again lost out narrowly against DHS in the second fixture of the year after having numerous opportunities to kick for goal near the posts. A mistake from the last kick-off of the game gifted DHS a try to seal the match with no time remaining.

After the disappointment of the first two matches, the team managed to gather themselves in time for the three matches that were to be played at the Skonk Nicolson Rugby Festival, held at College. Three good wins over Zwartkop, Garsfontein and Brandwag from Benoni gave the team a much-needed boost and a marked improvement became visible in the team's play. After a comfortable victory over Clifton in Durban and another win in Pretoria against Pretoria Boys High, a squad of 23 players left for Kimberley to participate in the Wildeklawer Rugby Festival. Here our team won both fixtures, first beating Stellenberg and then getting a slightly more comfortable win against Framesby.

Expectations were once again riding high when returning to Goldstone's for the regular KZN season and a visit from Glenwood for the first home fixture of the year. It was a nervous outing for the team on a day where nothing would work, no matter how hard we tried. Unfortunately, we lost this match 7-11 with the disappointment clearly visible amongst the players. The rest of the season was characterised by either outstanding

play, with the side scoring some amazing tries or moments where the side struggled to gel as a unit. We did, however, still manage to improve on some of our results from last year, drawing against Westville and getting a win against Northwood after going down to them in 2022. The highlight of the KZN season certainly came during the last match of the season when we travelled to Glenwood, desperate to seek an improved performance after losing out so narrowly to them in the first fixture on Goldstone's. The boys played with passion and commitment and defended like Trojans to secure a 21-10 victory to end the season on a high.

As always, the players showed courage and determination throughout the year, even in times when the ball was not always bouncing our way. Some valuable lessons were learnt, not only about rugby but just as importantly, about life.

Regular players:

E Bester (captain), R Armoed (vice-captain), I Mlotshwa, M Gwala, A Ngubane, T Foster, C Morewood, C Cherayi, W Vyambwera, J Thackwray, S Stevens, A Hadebe, L Mocha, L Damons, L Sinkfontein, N Pembridge, L Khumalo, Z Mabunda, D Cruickshank, Z Canham

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 25-28, DHS 6-17, Zwartkop 36-8, Garsfontein 23-5, Brandwag (Benoni) 23-5, Clifton 48-12, PBHS 26-19, Stellenberg 26-19, Framesby 19-5, Glenwood 7-11, Westville 26-26, St Charles 50-0, Hilton College 10-31, Northwood 32-29, Affies 14-70, PBHS 33-13, KES 18-26, Glenwood 21-10

Messrs F Maritz, S Stopford and N Breedt

U16B

The 'Soldiers', as they are affectionately known, had a relatively slow start to the season, losing a sloppy game to DHS. It was not until a titanic battle against Westville when they started to live up to their name. The courageous performances did not end there; they ground Hilton into the luscious mud and outplayed Northwood on Snow's in frosty conditions. The boys came unstuck against Affies, but many lessons were learned in that wonderful exchange. We had a bit of an arm wrestle against our good friends from Pretoria Boys High. The final two games captured the soul and fight of this team. With many injuries after a long, hard-fought season, the 'Soldiers' faced a formidable test from KES. Some boys made their first start for the team (working their way up from the D team). The boys really showed what it meant to work as a team, every single young man on the field showed true guts and determination to end it with a win. The last game of the year was an emotional one. The trip down to Umbilo is never an easy one. The boys slugged it out against quality opposition and survived a 10-minute siege on their own try-line, eventually winning the game 6-0.

This capped a great season but also a great journey as young men. In their age group years, this B team only lost four games in three years. This season was a testament to the character and grit of these young men. They really bought into the philosophy and showed a great amount of growth as rugby players, but more importantly as men. It was an absolute privilege to have the opportunity to coach these young men.

Credit must go to N Mkize, D Cruickshank and C Siyongwana for leading this team with distinction. Everyone who was part of this team was a credit to himself, his school and family.

Regular players:

N Mkize (captain), D Cruickshank (vice-captain), C Siyongwana, L Bhengu, N Pembridge, N Tshabalala, B le Roux, B Watts, L Khumalo, J Combrink, W Trodd, R Mhlongo, P Louwrens, Z Msomi, N Koller, K Jones, Z Mabunda, Z Canham, M Thomson, A Bhengu, B Botha

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 7-0, DHS 7-14, PBHS 31-10, Glenwood 22-12, Westville 15-12, Kearsney 43-5, Voortrekker U16A 43-0, Hilton 45-5, Northwood 28-0, Affies 0-40, PBHS 20-0, KES 10-5, Glenwood 6-0

Messrs F Maritz, S Stopford and N Breedt

U16C

Maritzburg College U16C team had an extraordinary and exciting season. They had a great time on exchanges to Pretoria Boys High School and Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool, where many new friends and memories were made. The biggest win was over Howick A team with a win of 48-0 and they only lost one game, against Affies. Plenty of these players also played for the B team, working hard towards their goals. There has been some great teamwork with great respect for one another, the referee and the other teams. The boys did not just play to win but for the enjoyment of the game, showing good sportsmanship. The best overall player in the team was A Bhengu. The best forward was T Ekerold and the best backline player was K Dedekind.

The team changed a few times during the year with the following players playing more than three of the games.

Regular players:

J Steyn (captain), T Ekerold, J Harris, D Suter, A Humphries, J Fryer Dudley, M Ndlovu, G Thomson, A Bhengu, O Ntombela, N Jaftha, K Dedekind, Z Mazibuko, O Nala, R Venter, N Ngobese, S Mkhize, A Cumming, D Nel

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 26-0, DHS 31-5, Howick U16A 38-3, PBHS 29-7, Glenwood 25-0, Westville 11-3, Howick U16A 48-0, Hilton 34-5, Northwood 12-12, Affies 15-52, Pretoria Boys 22-0, KES 7-7, Glenwood 33-7

Messrs M Kritzinger and J Taljaard

U16D

This team had a magnificent season losing only three games, against Kearsney at the start of the year and later against Affies and KES. The team won all their other games, with the highest score being against Kearsney U16C team. The boys enjoyed their exchanges with Affies and PBHS when many new friends and memories were made. There was some good teamwork, with great respect shown for one another, the referee, and the other teams. Boys did not just play to win but for the enjoyment of the game, showing good sportsmanship. The best overall player in the team was C Hurson, who was also the best backline player. The best forward was C van Rooyen.

Regular players:

B Demont (captain), L Baptista, C van Rooyen, A Cumming, N Rulumeni, P Elliot, C Gibbs, C Mundell, R Upfold, Q Ngubane, N Mntungwa, M Murgatroyd, C Hurson, M Olorunda, J Petersen, T Ambler, D Davies, E Phoenix, Z Mazibuko, O Nala, D Nel, L de Jager

Results:

vs Kearsney U16B 7-47, DHS 37-0, Voortrekker U16A 15-12, PBHS 36-7, Glenwood 50-0, Kearsney U16C 58-7, St Charles U16B 12-7, Hilton 36-0, Northwood 27-5, Affies 0-22, PBHS 29-21, KES 19-20, Glenwood 45-0

Messrs M Kritzinger and J Taljaard

U16E

We had a strong U16E team for the 2023 season with several fine players coming through the ranks and excelling throughout the season. There were great performances throughout the 10 games, winning seven out of these games in the process, a strong 70%-win rate, with several players being recognised and called up to a team higher up the ladder. Playing difficult games, often against higher teams, they went against all odds often to swing the result go in their favour. Many of the players put the team before themselves and committed to the cause by throwing their bodies around to do whatever it took to stop opponents from getting a chance to score. Many players would play in unusual positions, in which they had never played before, to meet the team's needs on the day. Throughout the season the boys accumulated a total of 187 points, with the standout match of the year being the game against a strong U16A Development side, where a last-minute try scored by R Upfold led to our 19-17 victory.

Regular players:

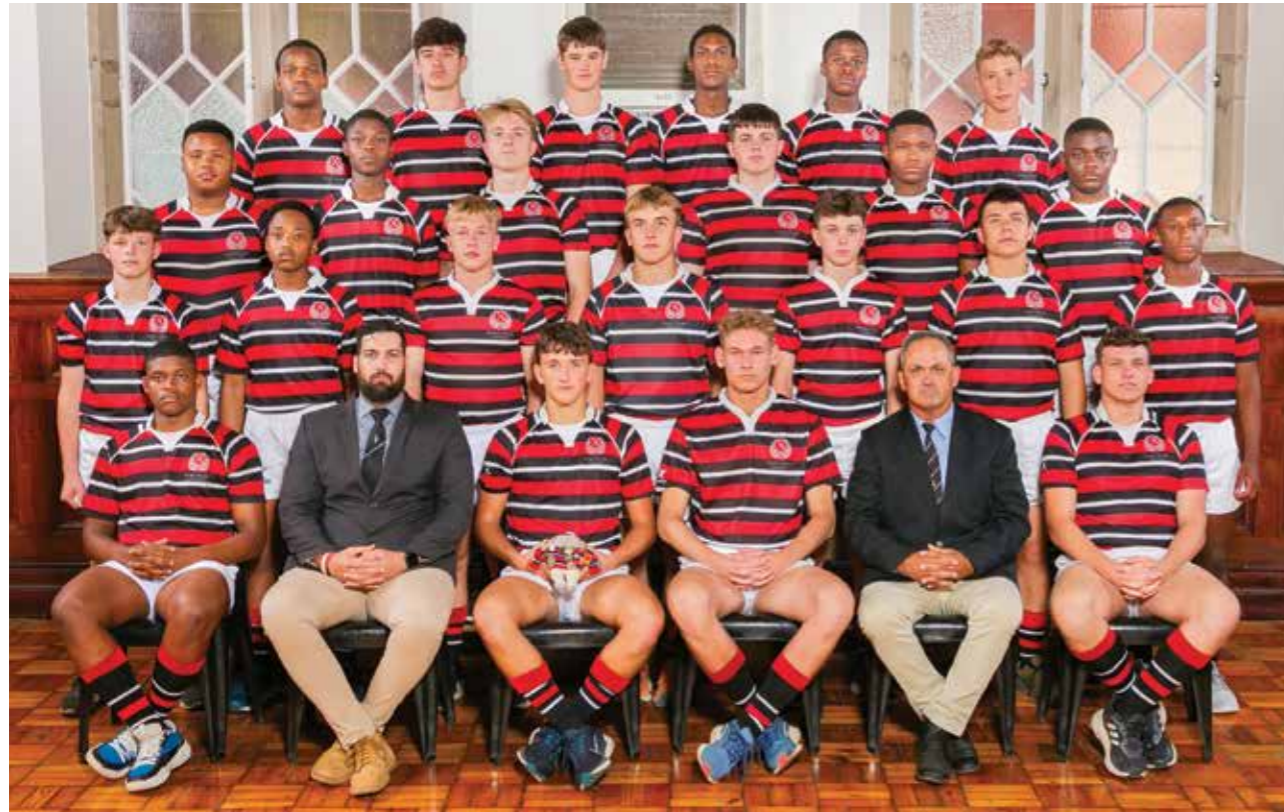
S Gwala (captain), A Cumming, R Upfold, Q Ngubane, S Ngobese, C Wilson, K Phungula, E Phoenix, C van Rooyen, M Maphanga, O Ntuli, L de Jager, W Strachan, S Mazibuko, S Ngcobo, N Ngcobo, D Nel, N Rulumeni, R Launder, P Elliot, J Shuttleworth, R Anderson, M Murgatroyd, M Shabalala, E Clark, D Davies, A Taylor, C Mundell, A van Wyk, S Makhaye, A Zuma, T Ambler, D Barrett, M Olorunda, J Loumeau, A Khumalo

Results:

vs Michaelhouse U16D 20-10, Amanzimtoti U16A 0-12, Voortrekker U16A 15-12, PBHS 28-7, Glenwood U16D 50-0, Linpark U16A 17-15, Development U16A 19-17, Linpark U16A 7-31, Affies 0-46, PBHS 31-0

Mr J McCabe



**U15A**

Back row: T Sehlako, C Mountfort, J Thompson, C Fynn, S Xaba, K de Bruyn
Third row: L Mabanga, B Pepu, D Colenbrander, B Botha, E Mpapa, M Manana
Second row: M Oosthuizen, S Khuzwayo, A Cahill, M Harris, D du Toit, T Boshoff, S Hadebe
Front row: O Kosani, Mr D Sherriff, R Stanton (captain), J Jordaan, Mr S Botha, M Pretorius

The 2023 season began with a fixture against Michaelhouse away, which was a good start to the season and the team enjoyed a hard-fought victory. The following fixture against DHS saw the team's first loss of the season and it was the only defeat for the majority of the season. This year's U15A saw some great success, enjoying unbeaten tours to the Francois Swart and Wildeklaar festivals. This team grew from strength to strength as each game came their way and was able to overcome the challenges that faced them. One of the team's biggest challenges came when they travelled to Pretoria to face a strong Affies side. In a game that could have gone either way, a well-drilled and tough College side eventually went 10-17 down. This team had attributes to be something special and showed signs of being a great team. Their biggest disappointment came against KES, who were able to win with a last-minute try. Much was learned from this game and a lot of College commitment shown. What will be seen as a very successful season by this team ended in a way that can only be seen as fair for both teams that ran out on the park. College played Glenwood away and after beating them at home, the Glenwood side came out to prove a point. The game ended in a 7-7 draw, the end of a wonderful season. This team showed great brotherhood and College grit and they managed to finish ranked tenth in the country and the top-ranked KZN team.

Regular players:

R Stanton (captain), L Mabanga, T Boshoff, E Mpapa, C Fynn, C Mountfort, D Colenbrander, M Pretorius, D du Toit, J Jordaan, A Cahill, S Xaba, O Kosani, S Hadebe, M Harris, S Khuzwayo

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 26-24, DHS 12-27, Kemptonpark 29-22, Garsfontein 34-13, EG Jansen 20-14, Clifton 57-0, PBHS 29-0, Stellenberg 24-22, Framesby 26-10, Glenwood 17-8, Westville 31-12, St Charles 48-3, Hilton College 25-5, Northwood 19-14, Affies 10-17, PBHS 19-0, KES 3-7, Glenwood 7-7

Messrs D Sherriff and S Botha

U15B

The U15B had a successful season, only losing three games. The team can be very proud of the efforts that they put in during the rugby season. The team was ably led by B Pepu. Their first loss came eight games into the season, a one-point loss against Northwood, and this was something the team took to heart. Their other losses came in the third term against Affies and KES. The culmination of a very good season came in the return Glenwood fixture at College. College won 24-0, the same scores as down at Glenwood. This was a talented group of boys and I look forward to seeing what their College rugby career holds in store for them.

Regular players:

B Pepu (captain), T Sehlako, B Botha, S Sibanyoni, J Thompson, T Katz, J Zunckel, M Manana, M Oosthuizen, K de Bruyn, S Pedlar, L Kosani, N Ngcemu, A Barnes, R Dreyer, Z Hulane, T van Niekerk, C Dickason, S Venniker, A Ngcobo, S Mchunu, C Potgieter, O Pritchard

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 27-19, DHS 28-7, Clifton 57-0, PBHS 15-0, Glenwood 24-0, Westville 32-5, Kearsney 54-0, Development U15A 64-5, Hilton College 36-7, Northwood 28-29, Affies 3-27, PBHS 15-7, KES 13-20, Glenwood 24-0

Messrs D Sherriff and S Botha

U15C

The U15 rugby season was set to be a very interesting one with a wide variety of skill sets to develop. The boys were hungry to learn, which always sets the scene toward success. The U15C team boasted a strong and sizeable forward pack which was eager to take on any opposition standing in their

way. They soon had to learn that fitness plays a big part in success, while practising their techniques in passing, rucking and running a pure back-line ball hand-to-hand. The back line eagerly dabbled in different variations and found their favourite moves to develop their try scoring momentum. The season came with many challenging games, enough to build character and to put the practised moves to the test. While they played with heart, I commend their efforts towards managing their own emotions and actions on the field to portray those of a true College boy. Mention is made of the fly-half, T van Niekerk, who with a golden boot and a steady step added points to the board. More painful blows were dished out by the captain, C Potgieter, who had a stern physical presence toward the opposition. The way he led the powerful forward pack inspired and unified the members through example. While T Mafunga could carry the ball securely and fleet footedly pace himself through opposition vulnerabilities, C Dickason found the pockets of space straight ahead of him, creating match play with forceful driving and making the ball readily available. The backline relied on the pinpoint passing of O Hoatson and strong running from S Venniker. Once the College U15C 'tails were up', there was no stopping their eagerness for the try-line. The team boasted 12 wins out of 13 games for the season.

The U15C of 2023 will never forget the match against Northwood at home. College was caught unaware after leading by a narrow margin for all of the match. A Northwood interception caused College to concede a try and trail by two points. In the dying moments of this game, College only had a kick off to depend on while time counted down. The College outfit had to dig deep, depending on the encouragement from C Potgieter and their character. A mistake by Northwood found them facing a penalty and the golden boot of T van Niekerk who safely slotted the ball between the uprights allowing a College victory by one point. Well done College U15C, you showed true character, growth and understanding of the game. May you continue to strive to be better and show the willingness to learn.

Regular players:

C Potgieter (captain), S Dlamini, Z Hulane, J van der Merwe, C Dickason, N Khanye, T Mafunga, C Sweetnam, O Pritchard, O Hoatson, T van Niekerk, K Goddard, K Vogt, M Steel, S Venniker, L Tafeni, S Mchunu, T Kruger

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 27-0, DHS 48-0, Howick 15A 57-0, PBHS 15-5, Glenwood 44-5, Westville 32-0, Voortrekker 15A 15-9, Hilton College 53-0, Northwood 20-19, Affies 8-56, PBHS 17-12, KES 29-10, Glenwood 34-0

Mr S Bosch

U15D

I was very excited at the prospect of coaching this team and the season lived up to that expectation. The group consisted of players who knew and loved the game and had the skill and capacity to play it at a very decent level. There were many highlights to choose from, but my favourite game was the 47-6 loss against Affies. I saw fifteen boys working their fingers to the bone with a lot of grit and guts. Although the score line does not reflect it, you would have been hard pressed to find a team that worked harder and played with more courage on the day.

Regular players:

J Craig (captain), D Jursa (vice-captain), A Ngcobo, C Khumalo, R Harley, J Nettleton, P van Rooyen, H Modi, M Lock, C Williams, B Cook, C Pillay, B Barnard, D Galtrey, C Machwane, S Ncula

Results:

vs Kearsney 55-5, DHS 39-5, Clifton 15B 48-0, PBHS 12-0, Glenwood 46-5, Westville 40-0, Kearsney 15C 50-0, St Charles 15B 7-31, Linpark 15A 41-0, Northwood 27-12, Affies 6-47, PBHS 26-5, KES 5-12, Glenwood 58-0

Mr C Myburgh



L Kunene finds a half gap

U15E

The U15E rugby team's season was defined by their unwavering effort, the joy they found in the game, and the strong camaraderie among teammates. Some highlights included a massive victory over DHS and a tightly fought battle against Northwood, but the big revenge game against PBHS was the top memory of the season. Despite an ever-changing team, the true victory for this team lay in the bonds formed and the enjoyment they brought to the sport. Many memories were made throughout the season and on the exchanges up to Pretoria.

Regular players:

D Gunning, K Madlala, R Harley, Z Msane, T Brande, D Clark, C Pauw, N Gosling, T Foster, L Mackay-Leslie, L Mabande, B Andrews, N Dube, S Mbatha

Results:

vs Michaelhouse U15D 17-21, DHS 75-7, Voortrekker U15A 0-50, PBHS 20-21, Howick U15A 20-26, Northwood U15D 26-29, Kearsney U15D 31-17, Howick U15A 19-31, Affies 0-50, PBHS 24-14, KES 0-37

Mr G Poswa

U15F

In a season filled with challenges and an ever-changing team, the U15F rugby team certainly won many friends with their true College spirit. Their resilience and positive attitude throughout the season were a testament to their character. They never gave up and never stopped having fun on the field. Every tackle, pass and try was a celebration of their love for the game. The season started with a bang with a closely contested match against Kearsney U15D. The highlight of the season was a well-fought win over Glenwood.

Regular players:

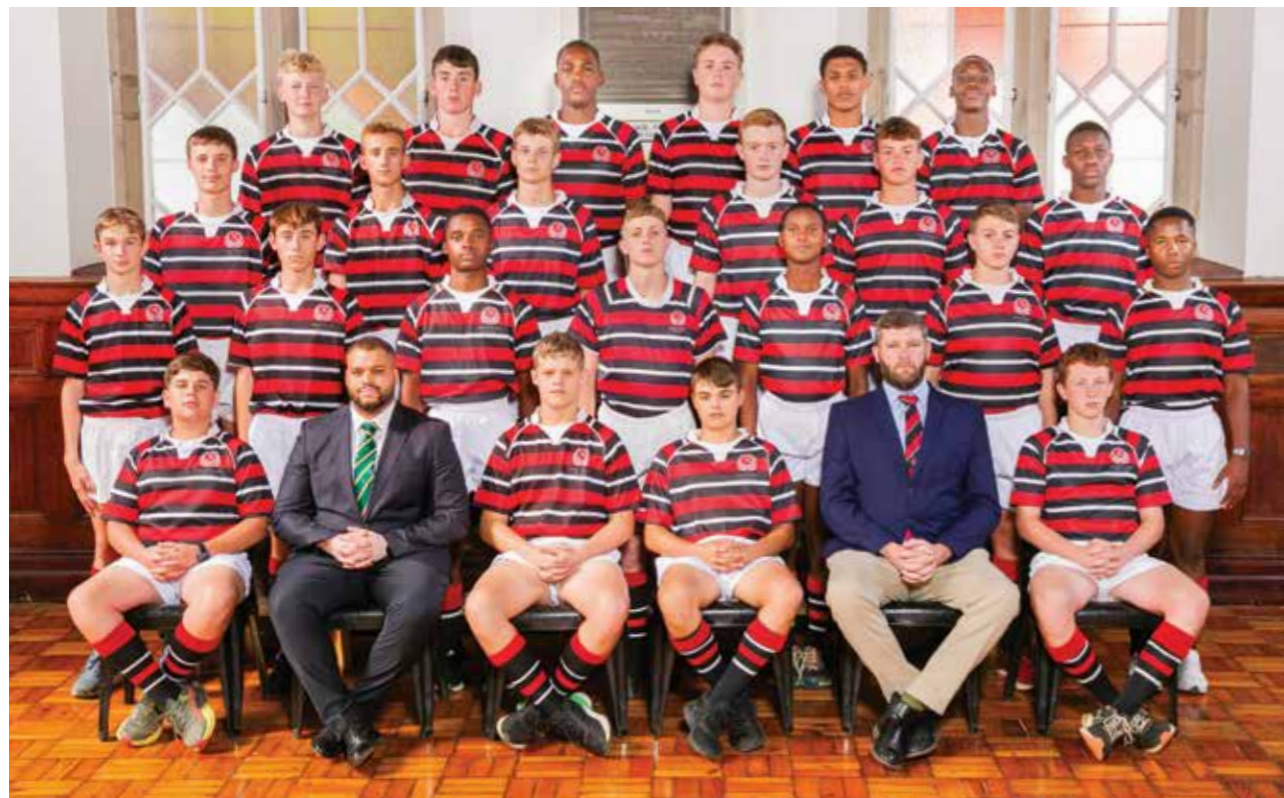
S Ndlovu (captain), F Kunene, S Simamane, R Slabberts, M Truter, M Zulu, C Pauw, J Wessels, J Padayachee, R van Rensburg, P Khumalo, N Adam, A Mncwango, J Slevin, A Themabela

Results:

vs Kearsney U15D 31-29, PBHS 22-12, Glenwood 54-25, Northwood U15E 12-0, Voortrekker U15A 0-60, Affies 0-47, PBHS 19-25

Mr G Poswa





U14A

Back row: T Stead, S Jansen, M Mbanzaswi, N Breedt, PJ Fransman, L Vyambwera
Third row: M Meyer, K Lubbe, T van Staden, L Hendricks, W Todd, M Mogale
Second row: W van Rooyen, L Marcus, L Dladla, M Muggleton, S Maphumulo, B Dodson, K Ngantweni
Front row: D Mathee, Mr M Ebrahim (coach), R Badenhorst (captain), L van der Merwe (vice-captain), Mr W du Plessis (coach), B Smith

The U14A rugby team enjoyed a successful season with a playing record of 15 wins and four losses. The team scored a total of 649 points and conceded 226 points for the season.

The team was captained by R Badenhorst, who played his debut season at inside centre, with B Smith and L van der Merwe, who both played loose forward, as the vice-captains for the season.

After a successful pre-season the boys were ready to take the field and they did not disappoint with the opening game against Michaelhouse at Michaelhouse, winning comfortably. It was proved that the strength of the forward pack would make it difficult for many opposition teams.

The highlights of the season must be the record win over rivals PBHS and attending the prestigious Wildeklawer festival when they had the opportunity to play against the top rugby schools in the country. This experience led to College achieving some dominant victories over Hilton College, Kearsney, Westville, PBHS and KES. The results at the end of the season showed just how much these young men grew as a team.

Regular players:

R Badenhorst (captain), S Jansen, D Mathee, J Mbanzaswi, W Todd, T Stead, L van der Merwe, B Smith, JL Hendriks, K Ngantweni, W van Rooyen, K Lubbe, L Dladla, L Vyambwera, S Maphumulo, M Mogale, L Marcus, M Hadebe, N Breedt

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 29-10, DHS 8-20, Zwartkop 22-12, Garsfontein 15-7, Sasolburg 70-12, Clifton 73-0, PBHS 92-5, Stellenberg 7-15, Framesby 38-10, Glenwood 14-15, Westville 24-12, Kearsney 36-19, St Charles 57-7, Hilton College 19-12, Northwood 31-19, Affies 10-38, PBHS 34-8, KES 19-14, Glenwood 23-19

Messrs W du Plessis and A Ebrahim

U14B

The U14B team had a very productive season and the main goal was to create depth in the age group and develop the players. They played 13 matches with a record of eight games won, four games lost and one drawn. The team was captained by M Muggleton who played on the flank.

The U14B started their season with a victory over Michaelhouse. They also recorded great victories over PBHS, Voortrekker A, Glenwood, Hilton, Kearsney and Westville. As part of the development of the players many of them were rewarded with selection into the A side.

Regular players:

B Dodson, J Shawe, A Mini, M Bissett, S Sutherland, M Muggleton, C Barnard, T van Staden, B Tyali, L Marcus, S Myeza, D Dry, D Volans, P Ndaba, M Meyer, N Breedt, T Mupfumi, P-J Fransman, M Hadebe

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 36-10, DHS 12-19, PBHS 24-7, Glenwood 17-0, Westville 15-14, Kearsney 22-0, Voortrekker A 50-0, Hilton College 36-0, Northwood 17-17, Affies 0-61, PBHS 24-0, KES 7-12, Glenwood 12-17

Messrs W du Plessis and A Ebrahim

U14C

The U14C rugby team displayed remarkable growth and unity throughout the season, steadily improving their performance with each match. Demonstrating unwavering camaraderie and exceptional teamwork, they achieved an impressive record, winning 12 out of 13 matches. Highlights of their victories include triumphs against Kearsney, DHS and Hilton College. However, it was their game against Development U14A that truly encapsulated the essence of rugby. In a display of sportsmanship and commitment to the game's growth, the team exchanged jerseys and mixed up their lineups, fostering an environment of inclusivity and mutual development. This act underscored their understanding of the sport's core values. While their season experienced a single loss, their overall performance reflects their dedication and progress, making them a force to be reckoned with on the field.

Regular players:

D Lewis (captain), H Kyle, R Swart, T Mupfumi, K van Aswegen, A Haasbroek, S Sutherland, R Quin, C Barnard, M Mdhului, T Bolton, J Dunne, P Fransman, L Venter, M Mohlomi

Results:

vs Kearsney 30-10, DHS 50-0, Howick U14A 50-0, PBHS 20-5, Glenwood 27-21, Westville 17-5, Development U14A 50-0, Hilton College 68-5, Northwood 61-0, Affies 0-50, PBHS 40-15, KES 7-5, Glenwood 26-12

Messrs L Smorfitt and D Steyn

U14D

Throughout the season, the U14D rugby team exhibited a remarkable evolution, growing stronger and more cohesive with each passing game. Their unbreakable camaraderie and seamless teamwork were the cornerstones of their success. Many players stood out with their relentless determination and displayed their innate talent, earning well-deserved promotions to higher tiers. Of the 12 matches, they dominated with an impressive record of nine wins, one draw, and two losses. Victories over DHS, Clifton U14B, and PBHS left an indelible mark. A challenging face-off against Glenwood fuelled their resolve, leading to a triumphant redemption in the re-match that exemplified their improvement.

Regular players:

S Mtetwa (captain), Y Moodley, N Phungula, A Mbatha, J Burger, J Mumford, J Makepeace, L Powell, U Khan, L Horner, K Mthembu, E Gould, M Mqadi, D Fish, L Makhoba

Results:

vs DHS 39-5, Clifton U14B 26-7, PBHS 29-5, Glenwood 24-38, Westville 56-0, Kearsney C 54-5, St Charles U14B 52-10, Northwood 60-0, Affies 0-50, PBHS 47-12, KES 12-12, Glenwood 37-12

Messrs L Smorfitt and D Steyn

U14E

The U14E rugby team had an eventful season, playing a total of 13 games. It was a rollercoaster of results, with five victories and eight losses. They kicked off the season with a tough game against Michaelhouse U14C, falling short. However, they bounced back strongly with a dominant win against DHS and a gritty performance against Voortrekker U14A, even though they lost. The team faced some challenging opponents, including PBHS and Affies, but managed to secure impressive wins against Howick U14A, Westville, PBHS, KES, and Glenwood. Their hard work and determination

were evident in their last game against Glenwood, when they secured a nail-biting victory. Overall, it was a season filled with learning experiences and moments of triumph for the U14E team.

Regular players:

G Adjei, N Ashton, J Baptista, S Chili, L Gamede, M Gumedede, T Haviside, M Jansen, W Khumalo, O Mhlanga, S Mhlongo, T Mofokeng, N Nkwanyana, M Rawson, N Saville, J White, S Robertson

Results:

vs Michaelhouse U14C 14-26, DHS 46-0, Voortrekker U14A 5-19, PBHS 0-17, Howick U14A 17-24, Westville 56-0, Howick U14A 15-17, Northwood 0-7, Northwood 26-38, Affies 0-50, PBHS 34-12, KES 26-14, Glenwood 17-5

Messrs R Abrahams and B Goliath

U14F

The U14F rugby team had an eventful season, with a total of 11 matches played. They displayed their determination and skill, securing victory in eight games, drawing one, and experiencing two losses. Notably, the team triumphed over formidable opponents such as Kearsney, PBHS, and KES, displaying their impressive prowess on the field. Despite facing some challenges, including a tough loss to Affies, the team's commitment to improvement was evident in their hard-fought battles throughout the season. Congratulations to the U14E team on a season filled with growth, teamwork and spirited play.

Regular players:

H Bircher, D Bornman, J Carle, K de Bruyn, S Hlophe, B Mshengu, N Mthembu, A Myeni, O Ndlovu, H Ndwandwa, G Ngcobo, A Ngubane, V Nkomo, A Phakathi, J de Marussem, L Phakathi, R Schoeman, F Starling, E Xaba, S Xolo

Results:

vs Kearsney U14D 45-15, Amanzimtoti U14A 0-50, PBHS 31-5, Glenwood 19-7, Northwood 10-7, St Charles U14C 10-22, Northwood 46-0, Northwood 12-17, Affies 0-50, PBHS 23-17, KES 17-15

Messrs R Abrahams and B Goliath



N Sithole surveys the field



The Shouting Captains, L Sithole, S Zulu, and S Dlamini, charge across Goldstone's to direct the College boys on Basher Ridge.

Rugby Referees



Left to right: T Ambler, C Raw, R Froise, Mr S Sinclair, S Manyoni, L Lekwa

The Maritzburg College rugby referee society successfully concluded yet another season, marked by exceptional commitment and continuous learning among the boys. Throughout the season, the society witnessed remarkable dedication from its referees, resulting in an overall successful and enriching experience for all involved. The cornerstone of the season's success was the unwavering commitment displayed by the boys, particularly the young boys within the society. From the onset, they exhibited a

high level of dedication towards honing their skills and fulfilling their responsibilities on the field. Their punctuality, discipline and eagerness to learn greatly contributed to the smooth functioning of matches and events.

One of the most commendable aspects of the season was the emphasis on continuous learning. The society provided various platforms and resources for referees to enhance their knowledge and expertise in officiating rugby matches. Workshops, training sessions and mentorship programmes were regularly organised, allowing referees to refine their understanding of the rules, improve decision-making abilities and develop effective communication skills on the field.

The dedication and hard work of the referees resulted in a noticeable improvement in officiating standards throughout the season. Matches were conducted with precision and fairness, earning praise from players, coaches and spectators alike. Many referees, especially the younger members, experienced significant personal growth over the course of the season. They gained confidence in their abilities, learnt to handle pressure situations with composure and developed a deeper appreciation for the nuances of rugby officiating.

The society can look back on the season with pride and satisfaction. The commitment displayed by its members, particularly the boys, and their relentless pursuit of excellence have been instrumental in the society's success.

Mr S Sinclair

Rugby Sevens

U17 Rugby Sevens

After a long 15-man season the boys were still filled with enthusiasm to enjoy the shortened format of the game. The boys had little time get use to the different format of rugby and gave their all for the three weeks. This gave boys the opportunity to display their special awareness, attacking skills and flair.

Maritzburg College participated in three tournaments and the goal for the Sevens season was to go from strength to strength. Maritzburg College fielded one U17 side that participated in three tournaments for the U17A side and one for the U17B side respectively. These tournaments were also used as KZN trials where they would pick a KZN U17 side.

The boys, under captains C Cherayi and A Mornet, performed to the best of their ability reaching two semi-finals and the final of the Nashua Sevens tournament hosted by College.

Regular players:

C Cherayi (captain), A Mornet (captain), R Maartens, M Kritzinger, B Maphisa, K Jele, B Maphisa, D Haines, J Thackwray, S Oosthuizen, W Vyambwera, Z Canham, Y Mchunu, R Armoed, B Botha

Results:

Glenwood 7s tournament:

vs Glenwood 0-29, Kearsney 2nds 24-5, Northwood 5-50, Northwood 2nds 19-24, Kearsney 2nds 0-10

DHS 7s tournament:

vs Esikhaweni 39-0, Kearsney 2nds 67-7, St Charles 28-12, Northwood 5-26, St Charles 19-40

Nashua 7s tournament:

1st team

vs Linpark 65-0, Hilton 27-12, Northwood B 39-5, St Charles 32-12, Glenwood (Cup semi-final) 28-7, Northwood (Cup final) 10-12

2nd team

vs Northwood 12-27, Michaelhouse 12-15, Howick 27-5, Glenwood 12-20, Northwood 12-22

Messrs W du Plessis and M Kritzinger



S Kadiria celebrates a try on Goldstone's against KES.

U15 Rugby Sevens

The U15s had a very successful 7s season. We competed in the Glenwood, DHS and Maritzburg College Nashua 7s tournaments. The team was captained by R Stanton.

Regular players:

R Stanton (captain), M Pretorius, D Colenbrander, L Dladla, A Cahill, S Xaba, C Fynn, C Mountfort, M Manana, M Mogale, L Hadebe, M Harris, T Boshoff, L Vyambwera, O Kosani, T Seh laku

Results:

Glenwood Tournament:

vs Kearsney B 41-5, DHS 17-22, Northwood B 33-0, Westville (Cup semi-final) 12-21, Glenwood (Plate final) 29-24

DHS Tournament:

vs Michaelhouse 31-5, Esikhaweni 46-0, Northwood B (Cup quarter-final) 22-19, Michaelhouse (Cup semi-final) 14-0, Northwood A (Cup final) 14-21

Maritzburg College Nashua 7s tournament:

vs St Charles 12-0, Northwood B 36-0, Linpark 60-0, Michaelhouse 38-19, Kearsney (Cup semi-final) 24-10, Michaelhouse (Cup final) 26-17

Mr S Botha



N Sithole supports C Reardon in a storming run against KES.



J Killick performed a vital role in transporting injured players.



Shooting: Seniors

Back row:

Z Desebrook, J Martin, R Pitout,
M Naidoo

Front row:

D Hoyle (coach), J Kauffman (captain),
Mr G Govindasamy (MIC), K Parker,
Mr J Naidoo (coach)



Shooting: Juniors

Back row:

W van Dyk, N Naidoo, L Redman, W Parker

Second row:

N Mathapershad, L Shaw, T Haviside, S Raju

Front row:

D Hoyle (coach), J Kauffman (captain),
Mr G Govindasamy (MIC), K Parker,
Mr J Naidoo (coach)

Absent:

L Mshudulu, P Khumalo, Q Heyns, Z Dawood

Once again it is encouraging to report that shooting at College is growing stronger each year. During the year, we have had a lot of interest shown by the new boys who started at College this year. However, not all who show interest can be accepted into the team because of the limited space at the range. Safety of our shottist is another consideration that limits the number of boys we can have at the range.

The junior group of 2023 have all the attributes of becoming competitive shottists later in their school careers. This bodes well for College shooting especially in ensuring we still dominate shooting in SAARA at school level. Our senior boys rate amongst the best shottists in their age group.

Almost all the senior boys and some of the juniors showed significant improvement in their scores in the competitions – a reflection of the hard work put in at practice. The practice sessions serve as the platform for some healthy competition between the boys.

The league competitions still serve as the platform for our boys to test their talent against the very limited competition we have in KZN. Our boys always post very good results in these competitions. Some of our shottists took advantage of the opportunity to participate in the competitions held in the neighbouring provinces.

It is heartening to know that while there are a limited number of schools participating in the league we have managed to captivate and maintain the interest of our boys. College, by far, fields the greatest number of shottists.

Our captain, J Kauffman, performed consistently well throughout the year. His leadership style and attention to detail motivated our team to always be ahead of their game. It is no coincidence that he was the recipient of the three senior school awards, namely the trophy for best shottist in the standing position, the best overall shottist and the cup for the most consistent shottist. M Naidoo distinguished himself by receiving the trophy for the most promising shottist.

Internal school awards are always a priority for our boys. The following awards were awarded this year. J Kauffman was selected as a member of the KZN team and received school Honours. J Martin received Colours and Scarf. K Parker, Z Desebrook and R Pitout received their Colours.

On Reunion Day this year we hosted a shooting competition to create an awareness of our sport amongst our guests. Teams were comprised of a College boy and a member of his family. All who participated enjoyed the competition and more especially the many prizes on offer. The overall winner was J Kauffman and his teammate with second place going to M Naidoo and his father as teammate. Third place also went to M Naidoo with his mother as teammate.

This year College hosted the SAARA SA Championship. This was a mammoth undertaking and a first for College shooting. The successful completion of this competition must be attributed largely to the efforts of Mr D Hoyle who was tasked with setting up the venue and ensuring that the logistics were taken care of. By all accounts, the participants and organisers enjoyed true College hospitality.

Once again thank you to Mr Hoyle our coach for all he does for our shooting team. His attention to detail and commitment to the sport has ensured that we stay ahead of our game. Mr Hoyle has opted to resign from his position from College shooting. We wish him well and trust the friendship with our school will continue.

A special word of appreciation to Mr J Naidoo my assistant. Mr Naidoo joined shooting at the beginning of the year and has developed a special relationship with our boys, always ensuring that they feel welcome and safe in the range. His support of the boys is appreciated.

The following boys participated in shooting this year:

Seniors:

J Kauffman (captain), J Martin, Z Desebrook, R Pitout, K Parker

Juniors:

P Khumalo, Z Dawood, C Dickason, T Haviside, Q Heyns,
N Mathapershad, L Mshudulu, A Murugan, D Naidoo, N Naidoo,
W Parker, S Raju, L Redman, L Shaw

Mr G Govindasamy



1st Team

Back row: S Zulu, T Hlope, J Kayembe, M Qasha, J Marais

Middle row: S Mncwabe, P Khuzwayo, L Matshoge, B Middleton, M Mncwabe, O Mqadi

Second row: A Ngcobo, M Momple, O Thabethe, O Mkhwanazi, C Sukraj, T Myeni, Z Makangela

Seated: T Madzimure, C Petersen (coach), M Horstead (captain), A Cele (vice-captain), N Haswell (director), G Mentory

Overview from the Director

Maritzburg College soccer had an outstanding year, with our U16A and 1st teams in particular performing very well. Our year kicked-off with the first ever live broadcast of a high school's soccer game on SuperSport Schools new DSTV channel 216 and we defeated Westville 2-0 in this game to get the ball rolling. In the KZNHSFA 2nd term leagues, all our teams performed admirably. Our U16A and 1st teams won the Coastal and Inland Leagues respectively. Our 1st XI winning their league final on Barns was a momentous occasion in our schools' 160th year.

The full soccer programme in the third term was also a very successful one, with College fielding 16 teams in total and proving more than a match for any opposition school.

Maritzburg College had 22 players selected for the PMB District teams and 17 players selected for the KZN Provincial teams – a remarkable achievement for the school.

KZN U19: G Mentory, L Matshoge, O Thabethe, P Khuzwayo and Z Makangela

KZN U16: L Mkhize, C Sukraj, M Momple, M Qasha, S Sibiyi T Hlophe and T Myeni

KZN U15: A Makhaye (Pape), A Mkhize (Commons) and T Maduna (Snow)

KZN U14: E Mchunu (Pape) and S Msomi (Snow)

A total of 140 soccer matches were played throughout the year, with College winning 76, drawing 26 and losing 38. It was a watershed year for our flagship 1st XI who won a treble – the KZNHSFA Inland League, the Primo Big 10 Tournament and the PMB & Midlands FA Cup for the first time in our school's history.

A special thank-you to all staff and coaches who gave their time and efforts in adding value to a busy and ultimately very successful year of soccer.

Mr N Haswell

1st Team

The 2023 1st team soccer season for Maritzburg College will be etched in the annals of College history as nothing short of spectacular. With an astonishing 80%-win rate and a triumphant haul of three prestigious titles, this season was a masterclass in soccer excellence. Testament to this was the team ending the season ranked number one in South Africa by SA School Sports.

The pre-season kicked off on a very positive note, with our 1st team winning against Westville in the first ever live broadcast high schools' soccer game on the SuperSport Schools DSTV channel.

This year the Wildeklawer Tournament was hosted at the impressive Sol-Plaatje University campus, with two pristine artificial surface fields. Our boys found the conditions and the going tough and some hard lessons were learned which would stand the team in good stead.

The season kicked off well and College dominated the KZNHSFA 2nd Term Inland League. Match after match, they displayed their possession-based style, determination and an unbreakable team spirit. Their consistency throughout the league was remarkable. A semi-final win against rivals Alex High set up a final match against Linpark and the boys marked the occasion with a hard-fought victory and clinched the Inland League title on Barns, in front of their enthralled peers, affirming their position as a force to be reckoned with.

With momentum from their success in the league, our 1st team performed well in the Kloof Tournament, falling just short in the semi-final against HTS Louis Botha.

Next up was the Primo Big 10 Tournament, a showcase of some of the best soccer schools throughout KZN. College's journey through this competition was a testament to their tactical acumen and composure under pressure. Each game was a spectacle, with the team's attacking prowess and defensive solidity on full display. The final produced a tough encounter with a strong Glenwood side, and our boys again emerged victorious, hoisting the Primo Big 10 Trophy aloft as champions and further cementing their



reputation. To win six consecutive games in just two days was a testament to the team's hard work and ability.

As the season progressed, the excitement reached a fever pitch with the PMB & Midlands FA Cup. Facing competition from across the region, College embarked on their mission to win a trophy that had eluded them for many years. Throughout the tournament the team's impeccable teamwork, precision passing and clinical finishing set them apart from the rest. The final match was a heart-stopping affair against a formidable Carter side, but College held their nerve and finally secured the prestigious title, having won five out of five games. The PMB & Midlands FA Cup joined their growing collection of silverware, a testament to their dominance in the soccer landscape.

The Maritzburg College 1st team soccer squad's journey this season was nothing short of a fairy tale. The boys' commitment to excellence, sportsmanship and tireless work ethic were exemplary. Their incredible journey will inspire generations to come, serving as a shining example of what can be achieved through dedication and teamwork on the soccer field. I would like to give particular thanks to our MIC Mr M Dibben, whose experience and constant efforts behind the scenes were outstanding and to the team's head coach, Mr C Petersen, whose tireless efforts and exceptional training sessions really created a professional atmosphere and environment in which the players could thrive.



M Horstead playing in the Raw Cup on Barns' field at College.

Player Critique:

M Horstead (captain, Honours): He is the midfield maestro and an impeccable leader with an exceptional work-rate and passing range. He was the team's player of the season.

A Cele (vice-captain, Colours): The midfield general, Cele is a solid and tactically astute player. He has great traits of discipline and stamina.

T Hlophe: A young and very promising centre-back, Hlophe possesses great skill and composure on the ball.

P Khuzwayo (Honours): The team's creator-in-chief. He has superb footballing ability and is particularly adept at finding space. With an excellent eye for a pass, he had a hand in many of the team's goals.

I Kayembe (LWB): A forward with phenomenal pace. He scored the winning goal in the FA Cup final.

Z Makangela (Honours): The team's most improved player. A wing-back with remarkable skill, speed and stamina, he created numerous chances and assists with his energetic performances.

L Matshoge (Colours): A most committed player, Matshoge is an exceptional central defender who reads the game well. A stalwart in defence who is also very composed on the ball.

G Mentory (Honours): An exceptionally fast and dangerous forward who possesses great shooting ability with either foot. Despite difficulties with injuries, he scored numerous important goals for the team throughout the season.

O Mkhwanazi (Colours): A very reliable and consistent performer for the team. A wing-back who added great value both on attack and in defence.

S Mncwabe (LWB): A very skilful and creative midfielder. A great team player who contributed well both on and off the field.

M Momple: A very young but important member of the squad. A versatile player with immense potential. He improved greatly throughout the season and scored some of the team's best goals with his exceptional left foot.

T Myeni: A young and very promising midfielder. He possesses skill and vision in abundance and did very well when called up to the 1st team.

O Mqadi (LWB): A versatile and composed player with great potential. Although injuries hampered his progress throughout the season, he performed well when called upon.

A Ngcobo (LWB): A tireless midfielder, eager to learn. He proved his worth throughout the season, always giving his best for the team.

A Ngcobo (LWB): A powerful and versatile player with great potential. He always added value when selected for the team.

P Schutte (LWB): A reliable performer for the team. Kept many a clean sheet, particularly during the 2nd Term League campaign.

C Sukraj: A very young goalkeeper who improved immensely throughout the season. A fantastic team-player. He was named goalkeeper of the tournament for the FA Cup.

O Thabethe (LWB): One of the most improved players in the squad. He played a vital part in the team's successes, particularly in the cup competitions.

S Zulu (LWB): An uncompromising central defender. A true team player whose leadership skills also contributed greatly to the team's successes.

Results:

Pre-season: vs Westville 2-0

Wildecklauer Tour (Kimberley)

vs Homevale 1-2, Paul Roos 2-0, Brebner 2-5

2nd Term League

vs Newton 4-0, Linpark 2-1, Carter 2-1, Alex High (semi-final) 2-1, Linpark (final) 1-0, Old Boys XI 5-3, Michaelhouse 6-1

Kloof Tournament

vs JG Zuma 4-4, Ferrum 3-0, Rondebosch 4-1, Pinetown 1-0, Louis Botha 1-2, Kearsney 1-0

Primo Big 10 Tournament

vs Hilton College 3-2, Clifton 3-0, St Charles 5-0, Michaelhouse (quarter-final) 2-1, Hilton College (semi-final) 1-0, Glenwood (final) 1-0

PMB & Midlands FA Cup

vs St Nicholas 8-0, Voortrekker 1-0, Heritage Academy (quarter-final) 2-0, Alex High (semi-final) 5-1, Carter (final) 3-2

3rd Term

vs Kloof 6-1, Alex 4-4, Hillcrest 1-0, DHS (Raw Cup) 0-1, Heritage Academy 6-1, Westville 1-0, Northwood 2-3

Mr N Haswell

2nd Team

The 2nd team soccer played beautiful football but had a few problems with finishing. We achieved some positive results but there were also some negative ones. Most of the players were very committed and had great energy, which made them keen to come to practice and play all matches. Their understanding of the game was an advantage to the chemistry of the team and thank you to Mr Wilcock from whom I inherited the team.

The team showed love and dedication to the game and the badge. We had a medium to successful season playing 12 games, winning five, losing five and drawing two. A lot of potential and growth was shown when some of the boys from U14 and U15 were called up to play for the team and they did very well, also pushing other players in the team to work extra hard.

It was a great pleasure working with these individuals and it was a great season. I wish them well in their ever-growing journey and careers as footballers at College. May they keep the composure and maturity they have adopted and take it to greater heights.

Regular players:

K Mthembu, A Nzimande, A Ntanzi, S Msomi, J Marais, T Nutall, B Middleton, T Madzimure, M Dlomo, L Seshemane, A Songca, M Thabethe, S Zungu

Results:

vs Alex High 3-0, Haythorne 2-0, St Nicholas 5-0, Kloof 4-0, Port Shepstone 2-3, Etham College 1sts 1-1, Alex High 8-0, Hillcrest 2-0, DHS 1-4, Westville 1-3, Michaelhouse 4-2, Northwood 0-0

Mr K Zakwe

3rd Team

The 3rd team soccer boys started the season on a high note and rode that high until the tantalising conclusion to our short yet fruitful season. The dynamic trio of Bernstein, Chili and Zuma who stayed up front, left us terrorising the back lines of teams and capitalising on the efforts of the entire team to win the games in the fashion we did. The boys always gave 100 percent commitment to every practice and kept the same game intensity for each opponent. Our biggest thanks go to the matrics who endured to the end of the season and came to all the practices despite the looming presence of their Trial examinations.

Our season started with a thrilling win over DHS, with great effort and vision to capitalise on the mistakes and weaknesses of our opponents.



The jubilant College 1st Team after winning the PMB & Midlands FA Cup against a strong Carter High School XI on the Zungu field at Hilton College.

Our next fixture was away to Westville, where the boys took an early lead, but succumbed to communication errors between the goalie and the defenders, leading to an equalising goal. After settling into the game and following an outstanding goal from Zuma, we took the game into our stride and converted our chances to win. The last game of our season was against Michaelhouse. The game was off to a great start, with an early lead which resulted in our biggest win of the season, concluding our unbeaten season on a high note and cementing our legacy as the 'Mighty 3rds'. A huge thank you to our captain, V Chili, for his efforts and constant involvement in the team and its remarkable success.

Regular players:

V Chili (captain), K Mthembu (goalkeeper), P Dlamini, F Nzimande, K Zuma, R Bernstein, S Mpanza, S Mkhize, Z Ndlovu, A Msimang, S Mazibuko, T Mhlongo, O Shabalala, A Mthembu, A Ntombela

Results:

vs DHS 4-1, Westville 3-1, Michaelhouse 5-2

Mr M Siwila

4th Team

The 4th team had a mixed season, with a trio of results that reflected their season. The team were an eager group that sought fun and entertainment in the training sessions and fixtures they played. Our first game, being a draw with DHS, would be a slump that the team would have to overcome at the next practice. Practice makes perfect and it did help invigorate the players to be more excited at the prospect of winning. They did win their next game, against Westville, in a thrilling match that saw penalties missed and excellent saves being made, courtesy of our goalkeeper, K Mthembu. Our final match saw our heightened spirits crushed by the force of the Michaelhouse 4th team, who in all fairness looked better in the second half and we ended up losing despite an early goal in the second half. Special thanks to the boys for their efforts on and off the pitch and for being a pleasure to coach.

Regular players:

C Higgins (captain), K Mthembu (goalkeeper), T Mkhabela, S Jama, F Nzimande, S Mazibuko, T Mhlongo, A Ndlela, M Khumalo, J Makalima, V Cele, S Mbanjwa, C Nohiya, L Myeza

Results:

vs DHS 1-1, Westville 2-1, Michaelhouse 1-4

Mr M Siwila



U16A

Back row: LN Mkhize, O Ndaba, F Thabethe, A Lewis, Z Moses, S Msomi
Middle row: K Jenkins, L Mgojo, S Sibiya, S Ngcobo, W Zondi, O Radebe, T Myeni
Front row: H Mdabe, Mr L Zondi, S Dzanibe, B Parak, Mr S Zuma, LYA Mkhize

This group of young boys started the season as underdogs, but they turned out to be a most feared and respected team that dominated and dictated every single game. Credit must be given to the hard work, consistency, commitment and fighting spirit in training, and having fun while doing so. The team's ethos was to constantly improve day by day. The team improved drastically throughout the season and many of the boys were rewarded with personal accolades.

The team played a total of 19 games and scored a total of 68 goals. We were unbeaten in the second term and won the KZN U16 Coastal League. Early in the third term, after the loss to DHS in the knockout Cup quarter final, the team went on to win every single remaining game in the season. This group of players was an entertaining team to coach and watch, with every game filled with passion. I am proud of how these boys grew and conducted themselves throughout the season. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Regular players:

C Sukraj, S Ngcobo, S Msomi, P Bilal, F Thabethe, O Radu, Z Moses, H Mdabe, A Lewis, S Dzanibe, T Myeni, W Zondi, S Sibiya, L Mgojo, B Ndaba, LN Mkhize, LYA Mkhize, K Jenkins, L Mgojo, L Motha, B Zote

Results:

2nd Term League

vs Alex High 6-3, Umpire FC 3-1, Glenwood 3-2, Maritzburg City 2-2, Sastri 2-2, Westgate Academy 3-1, Bechet 3-0, Ashton 5-1, Sastri 3-2

Third term

vs Kloof 4-0, Port Shepstone 2-2 (8-7 pen), DHS 0-1, Port Shepstone 2-0, Etham College 7-1, Alex High 2-1, Hillcrest 3-0, DHS 4-2, Westville 3-1, Michaelhouse 5-1, Northwood 1-0

Mr L Zondi

U16B

After a very successful second term for our U16 A side, our boys were keen to take part and share in that success. The team started off with a great game against our friends and rivals, DHS. Although the match ended in a draw, there was a lot of hope for the U16B side. The team started to gain momentum, but unfortunately drew again against Westville, this time not

able to find the back of the net. The boys started to build momentum, showing incredible intensity in training sessions, and recording wins against Michaelhouse and Northwood. The U16Bs had a fine season overall.

Regular players:

E Bester, B Makhoba, S Ngcobo, H Mdabe, S Sithembu, A Dlamini, H Maluleke, L Mgojo, B Mhlongo, O Mhlongo, F Thabethe, Z Mabunda, R van der Vliet, N Zingeni, B Zote

Results:

vs DHS 1-1, Westville 0-0, Michaelhouse 1-0, Northwood 3-1

Mr S Zuma

U16C

It was a good season for the team, and they enjoyed themselves. They were enthusiastic at training and responded well to coaching strategies. They behaved very well on and off the field and were always on time and appropriately dressed.

The season was not bad, considering the short time we had to prepare. The boys played very well, and they gave their all. They were hungry to win all games but unfortunately did not manage to get a win. They started with a loss, where the boys were still adapting to the philosophy. The second game was also lost and the third game drawn, where they missed so many chances. Unfortunately, in soccer, if you fail to convert the chances you get, you will not win the game. We again lost the last game. They boys played well and managed to create chances but did not convert them. All in all, I really enjoyed coaching this team.

Regular players:

Z Mazibuko, E Xulu, V Gwala, L Mavimbela, S Ngobese, M Borchers, M Osman, K Singh, T Peters, M Maphanga, M Khumalo, R Venter, S Dean, E Phoenix

Results:

vs DHS 1-2, Westville 0-1, Michaelhouse 0-0, Northwood 2-4

Mr L Shezi

U16D

It was an enjoyable couple of weeks for the U16D soccer team. Once the team had found their identity, it was evident that the boys enjoyed themselves. At times there were over 20 boys who were all keen to play. It says volumes for the culture of the team that everyone showed accountability and love for the badge.

Regular players:

B Cumming, A Cumming, J Steyn, C Siyongwana, M Mfusi, K Dedekind, W Naidoo, M Shabalala, D Pillay, S Pillay, B Demont, K Phungula, Y Hansrod, N Rulumeni, B Hlophe, L Shangase, B Watts, E Bester, A Zuma, K Singh, S Redlinghuys, S Danisa, N Mkize, N Ngobese

Results:

vs DHS 0-1, Westville 0-1, Michaelhouse 4-1, Northwood 2-0

Mr S Stopford



O Mkhwanazi playing against DHS in the Raw Cup



U15A

Back row: L Mukorera, O Samual, R Mustard, A Ndelela
Middle row: T Katz, M Askham, M Moodley, M van Amsterdam, N Ngcemu
Front row: T Chikowero, T Qhobosheane, J Pay, T Maduna, A Makhaye, L Ndwalane
Seated: S Ngcobo, A Mkhize (captain), Mr J Wilcock (coach), T Lekhobo (vice-captain), S Mchunu

What a fantastic season of football! The season began at a rather slow pace as the boys drifted out of holiday mode and back into the intense and compressed season of the third term. This group of young men are not afraid of hard work even when it comes to their dreaded nine cones. The ability of these boys, along with their desire to succeed and be the very best, made coaching that much easier. Having played a total of twelve games in the term and losing only twice, with one being a cup final, speaks volumes about the skill of this group. A definite highlight for the team would be beating their unofficial enemies, Westville, which saw them end that team's almost two-year unbeaten run. Five players played for the PMB U15 team with three of them being selected for the KZN U15 team. I am proud of these young men and hope they keep up their hard work so that they can represent the school at first team level sooner rather than later.

Regular players:

A Mkhize (captain), T Lekhobo (vice-captain), S Ngcobo, R Mustard, T Qhobosheane, M Askham, T Katz, M Moodley, J Pay, T Chikowero, L Mukorera, T Maduna, A Makhaye, N Ngcemu, L Ndwalane, M van Amsterdam, S Mchunu

Results:

vs Kloof 3-0, Port Shepstone 5-2, Alex 2-0, Hillcrest 0-1, DHS 1-1, Westville 1-0, Michaelhouse 0-0, Northwood 2-2

U15 KO Cup

vs Carter 2-0, New Forest 2-0, Northwood 0-0 (5-4 on penalties), Westville 1-2 (Final)

Mr J Wilcock

U15B

U15B had a short but fruitful season. The team showed great team spirit during training which was also displayed during matches. The goal of being unbeaten was stopped in the last game of the season by Northwood. Out of four games played, the team worked hard to win three games and lose one against Northwood, when the team should have won. A Ndlela led the team with commitment and dignity and was respected by the team. It was great to see some players in this team, who played for the U14C team last year and have improved and now played for the U15B team. S Mchunu was promoted to play for the U15A team. O Khoza and S Mkhize were both promoted from the U15C and showed some skills. I am so proud of this team.

Regular players:

A Ndlela (captain), S Shabalala, O Samuel, M Chetty, K Chetty, Z Tsabedze, M Msebe, S Mkhize, P Makhaketsa, K Teletsane, O Khoza, K Mngwengwe, E Sobwe, S Zondi, S Mchunu, M Madzimure.

Results:

vs DHS 2-1, Westville 2-1, Michaelhouse 1-0, Northwood 1-2

Mr M Ngcobo

U15C

The U15C team enjoyed a season of entertaining and hard-fought games. The boys showed a lot of heart in some very challenging matches and fought with true College spirit. Although results did not go our way, the boys continued to show great enthusiasm and never dropped their heads.

Such an attitude will hold them in good stead for the future. It was an honour to coach this team.

Regular players:

R Gadzikwa (captain), T Caluza, I Khuboni, M Chuma, L Mabande, S Hlophe, C Coetzer, C Francis, V Ndlovu, P Gumede, P Ngobese, T Pillay, A Madlala

Results:

vs DHS 2-2, Westville 2-2, Michaelhouse 1-2, Northwood 0-2

Mr H Ntenezi

U15D

The College soccer season a very short one, but the boys nonetheless played their hearts out. Having played only four games, the boys showed a lot of growth and gained confidence with captain S Matshisa commanding from the back and being one of the best players. All in all, it was a pleasure coaching them.

Regular players:

S Matshisa (captain), H Chetty, L Gumede, A Hukum, B Mhlanzi, G Mnyaiza, D Naidoo, L Nzama, R Sheikh, S Simamane, J Theeralingam, M Zulu, O Zuma

Results:

vs DHS 2-2, Westville 0-4 Michaelhouse 0-0, Northwood 4-2

Mr H Ntenezi



During the afternoon Raw Cup match the College boys came out to support their team.



Massive encouragement from coach, Mr N Haswell, late in the PMB and Midlands FA Cup final against Carter High School.



U14A

Back row: K Gregory, S Ndlovu, S Mthembu, S Chili
Third row: U Zuma, C Balkisson, A Mlaba, N Phungula
Second row: S Magutshwa, J Jingela, A Mqadi, S Hloba, M Nkwatsi, L Mbewu
Front row: S Msomi, Mr N Haswell (director of soccer), E Mchunu (captain), Mr O Kajee (coach), T Taylor
Absent: Mr C Garaba

This season was both special and highly successful. I felt privileged and honoured to coach this remarkable group of players. The boys were committed, dedicated, passionate, and eager to learn. We didn't just build a team, these boys became a family.

Using the SMART acronym – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-based – the boys set clear goals and objectives for the two terms. By creating a culture and environment focused on goal setting, we improved performance, influenced motivation, and helped the boys reach their potential. We redefined winning, emphasising giving our best effort, winning tackles, excelling in one-on-ones, assisting, scoring goals, and most importantly, having fun.

With clear goals and objectives in place, we saw significant improvement both individually and collectively. This focus helped the boys concentrate on what was important, gave them a sense of control and positive self-direction and boosted their confidence and belief in their abilities. One memorable highlight was our comeback victory against Fairview, earning notable recognition on the SuperSport school app.

The season's highlight was witnessing the boys' improvement in technique, skills, and personal growth. It was more than just a game of football. After the first match, their attitude and mentality were transformed. Our motto became, 'practice like you have never won and play like you have never lost.' The team embraced and applied the College football culture throughout the season.

Regular players:

E Mchunu (captain), M Manyathi (vice-captain), S Msomi (vice-captain), A Mlaba, S Ndlovu, S Hloba, C Balkisson, M Manyathi, K Chili, J Jigela, A Mqadi, M Moloko, E Mchunu, S Magutshwa, L Mbewu, T Taylor, S Mthembu, N Phungula, K Gregory, Z Zuma, A Mdadane

Results:

vs Sastri 1-4, Westville 3-3, Fairvale 3-2, Glenwood 0-1, Highway 1-1, Kloof 9-0, Port Shepstone 5-0, Alex High 0-2, Etham College 10-0, Hillcrest 4-0, DHS 0-1, Westville 2-2, Michaelhouse 1-1, Northwood 1-1

U14 KZN KO Tournament

vs New Forest 4-2, Durban Academy 2-2 (quarter final) (lost 5-4 on penalties)

Mr C Garaba



Further evidence of College's coaching success.

U14B

As term three approached, soccer fever gripped the fields of Lamond's and Leach's and the U14 trialists began their football journey for the Red, Black and White. Talent was in abundance, making the selection of the teams fiercely competitive. After much debate and deliberation, the sides were chosen, and we welcomed DHS as the first opponent.

Our boys started off the game rather slowly and were trailing 2-0 as we headed into the break. After regrouping during half-time, our boys clawed their way back into the game levelling up at 2-2 with ten minutes to play. Unfortunately, indecision at the back and a lack of concentration saw DHS grab two late goals, securing a victory in the process.

Next up was a trip to Westville, where our boys gave a good account of themselves but were outplayed by a strong Westville outfit who claimed an emphatic victory. A trip to the meander awaited us as we matched our skill set against Michaelhouse. In what was a hard-fought encounter, our boys played a good brand of football and gained a spirited draw, bolstering their confidence for the last encounter.

The 'last dance' saw us away to Northwood. Our boys were determined to end the season on a high note and started the game on the front foot with an early lead. As the game grew so did our control of the game resulting in an emphatic win to close the season.

Special thanks to all players for their dedication and commitment to the season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them well in their future endeavours.

Regular players:

S Bernstein, M Gcumisa, M Modi, S Mthembu, E Naidoo, J Naidoo, A Ndadane, S Ndlovu, A Ngcobo, M Nkwatsi, L Seshemane, L Venter, L Xaba, S Xolo, U Zondo

Results:

vs DHS 2-4, Westville 0-4, Michaelhouse 1-1, Northwood 5-0

Mr O Kajee

U14C

The first game of the season was against DHS at home. The College boys played with heart and enthusiasm and could not be faulted for their unwavering spirit, even though the match ended in defeat. The second game was against Westville away and once again the boys displayed excellent football skills and sportsmanship. The game also ended in defeat,

but this did not get the lads 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 Michaelhouse away. The College boys played very well in this game, however, poor decision-making while in control of the game resulted in a third straight loss.

The last game of the season was against Northwood, away. The College boys outplayed their opponents in every facet of the game resulting in a resounding victory for College. M Mogale scored two superb goals. The team spirit of the boys really shone through.

Regular players:

K Peter, N Mathapershad, J Peters, S Mtetwa, T Marimuthu, N Saville, K de Bruyn, K Kawula, B Zakwe, B Makhaye, A Ngubane, J Moodley, L Gamede, U Zweni

Results:

DHS 0-1, Westville 2-6, Michaelhouse 0-3, Northwood 3-0

Mr A Budhoo

U14D

The U14D soccer team had a tough run in 2023 yet despite the results not going our way, there were a few highlights. The overall best performance came against DHS, when we scored two goals, one of which was a free kick scored by goalkeeper and captain, S Glover. It was a beautifully struck ball, over the wall and into the back of the net. We drew the match. Despite a rather unsuccessful season, the U14D will all agree on one thing – they were fitter when they finished the season than when they started it. The boys held out well with the fitness and their hard work paid off in a narrow loss to Michaelhouse which could easily have been worse. There was a good spirit throughout the short four-week season and I am confident that the boys enjoyed the opportunity to run out for some *ibhola lezinyawo!*

Regular players:

A Anthony, S Brijmohan, S Gabuza, S Glover (captain), M Gumede, W Khumalo, K Khwela, Q Langford, T Mofokeng, T Motsoeneng, O Ndlovu, L Ngxekisa, V Nkomo, V Nkwanyana, A Phakathi, L Phakathi, Z Pienaar, J Sewlall, M Vayani, E Xaba, S Zama

Results:

vs DHS 2-2, Westville 0-10, Michaelhouse 0-1, Northwood 0-5

Mr C Myburgh



After their victory in the PMB and Midlands FA Cup, the College 1st Team take a well-deserved nap.



Squash: 1st Team

Back row:

T Nana, K Jones, S Kleu, T Kufal, V Premchund

Front row:

M Mason, Mr S Brill, T Pratt (captain), Mr A McGuigan, W Galliers



Squash: juniors

Back row:

S Johnson, B Mahaye, O Hoatson

Front row:

B Fourie, J Maistry (captain), Mr S Brill, C Wood

Absent:

O Pearson, B Pearson, A van Wyk

Our squash players enjoyed another successful year on the court. Our 1st team were kept busy during term 1 as they participated in the annual St Andrew's Squash Festival, followed by traditional head-to-head fixtures against local rivals. They went on to participate in the KZN Inter-Schools' Tournament during Terms 2 and 3, the winner of which was crowned champion of KZN. College recorded impressive victories against St Charles and Westville before narrowly losing out to top seeds, Michaelhouse. An impressive and gutsy final fixture victory over Kearsney ensured that College was placed second overall in KZN and, once again, earned an invitation to participate in the prestigious SA Top-Schools' Tournament. Amongst the top teams in the country, our College boys showed true College fight and tenacity, ultimately finishing in eighth position overall in South Africa.

Our Junior team proved to be just as impressive during their season. They went undefeated in all their fixtures and claimed their status as the 'team to beat' in KwaZulu-Natal.

The 2023 Squash Champion was T Pratt.

The boys put in a tremendous amount of hard work throughout the year, with numerous boys achieving awards and representing their province:

KZN U19A: T Pratt

KZN U19B: W Galliers

KZN U16A: T Nana

KZN U16B: V Premchund and T Kufal

KZN U14A: B Mahaye and S Johnson

Mr A McGuigan



Swimming

Back row: M Chetty, C Robinson, L du Toit, P Lamb, J Burger, J Steele
Third row: J van der Merwe, M Lancaster, B Gademane, C Potgieter, C Gibbs, J Mumford
Second row: J Makepeace, R Khan, K Vogt, B Haigh, M Lock, T Pillay, M Madlala
Front row: M Marillier, Mr D Sherriff, T Truter (captain), J George, Mr N Croeser, J Mumford
Absent: R Lottering

The Maritzburg College swimming team has had an exceptional year, displaying remarkable talent and sportsmanship throughout the various competitions. Our dedicated swimmers demonstrated their commitment, discipline and passion for the sport, resulting in outstanding achievements and notable milestones. The fact that many of our boys also swim for swimming clubs, has certainly helped with the results at this year's galas.

The team participated in several prestigious competitions, achieving commendable results that reflect their hard work and determination, the results are as follows: 1st at the Hilton Gala, 7th at the Alan Burt Gala, 6th at the Nestor Pierides Memorial Gala and 4th at the Top Schools Gala.

The swimming team is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our individual swimmers. We are proud of the achievements of M Marillier, J George, P Lamb, T Pillay, C Potgieter and J Mumford, who were all selected for the KZN Schools swimming team.

T Truter's record-breaking performance, achieving the historic feat of breaking the 41-year-old breaststroke record at the Annual Championship Gala, not only demonstrates his personal excellence but also adds a new chapter to the rich history of our swimming programme. R Lottering and Truter had the honour of representing the South African Junior swimming team in Israel. Their selection for this prestigious international event is a testament to their skill and dedication. Truter finished sixth in the 100m breaststroke final.

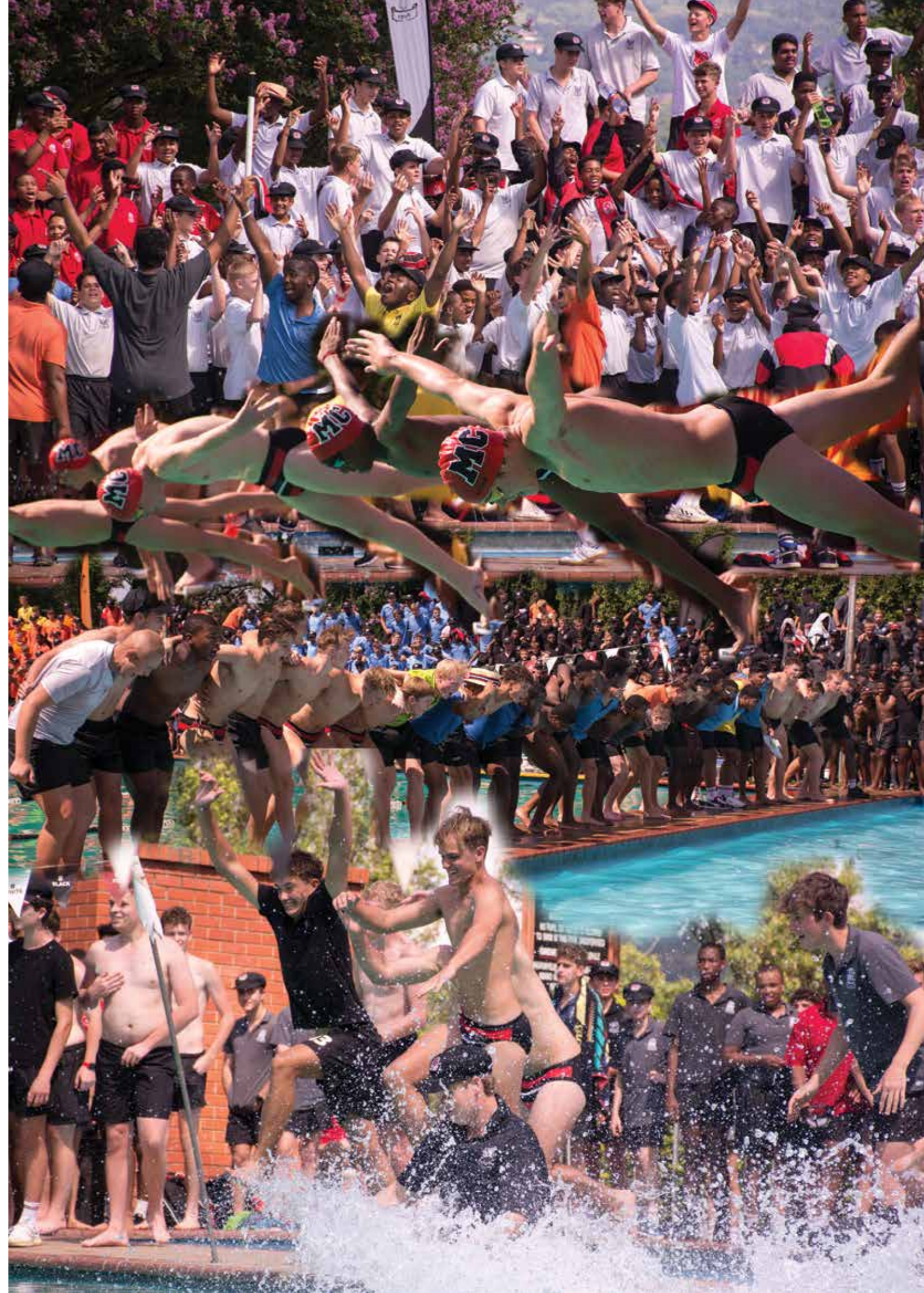
The success of our swimming team would not be possible without the unwavering support of our coaching staff, parents and the entire Maritzburg College community. We extend our gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the growth and success of our swimmers.

As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, we also look forward to the opportunities and challenges that the upcoming season will bring. With a strong foundation and a team of dedicated athletes, we are confident that the swimming team will continue to excel in the pool and uphold the values of sportsmanship and excellence. The swimming team's performance in the past year has been remarkable and we are excited about the future prospects of our talented swimmers.

Results of the Inter-House Championship gala:

Open Champion	R Lottering (Strachan)
U17 Champion	J George (Pape)
U16 Champion	P Lamb (Snow)
U15 Champion	M Lock (Nicholson)
U14 Champion	J Mumford (Snow)
Overall relay results:	1st Nicholson; 2nd Calder; 3rd Strachan

Mr D Sherriff





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Table Tennis
1st team (senior)

Back row:
M Chetty, Y Singh, T Murugen, J Maharaj

Middle row:
D Pillay, R Padayachee, T Royappen, M Singh

Front row:
J Wiggill, Mr M Jeewan, E Naidoo (captain), Mr N Pillay, S Redlinghuys



Junior team

Back row:
N Mthembu, R Madhan, Y Dhai, R Pillay

Front row: B Govender, T Royappen, Mr M Jeewan, S Bandu

After ten years as an official school sport, table tennis continues to grow in popularity. Our 1st team remains very competitive in the school exchanges, beating a strong PBHS team and narrowly losing to Affies.

The highlights for the year have been:

- T Royappen was selected to represent KZN U18 at the National Top Schools' Tournament.
- T Royappen and S Redlinghuys were selected to represent Umgungundlovu (U15 age group) at the South African Junior Table Tennis Championship in October 2023.
- S Redlinghuys and T Royappen (U18) and S Bandu (U14) were selected to represent the District at the KZN Provincial Top Schools trials.

The following boys represented College in the Schools league:

A League: E Naidoo, T Royappen

B League: M Chetty, Y Singh, S Ramdhass, S Redlinghuys, J Maharaj, R Padayachee, T Murugen

C League: M Osman, D Pillay, R Pillay, Y Dhai, S Bandu, R Madhan, D Rajarathnam, S Ince, B Govender

Boys who excelled in the league matches were:

A League: E Naidoo won 10 of 11

B League: R Padayachee won 8 of 8, S Redlinghuys won 7 of 7, M Chetty won 9 of 10 matches

C League: M Osman won 11 of 11, S Bandu won 8 of 8

Junior Table Tennis Champion: T Royappen

Senior Table Tennis Champion: E Naidoo

Mr N Pillay



Tennis

Back row: T Mason, K Hopkins, T Smith, M Moreno
Middle row: A Tilbury, L Puddu, M Borchers, S Deane
Front row: Mr F Maritz, G Roux (captain), M Wolhuter, Miss C Mhlongo

College tennis is growing faster and very much improved. We started the year with three teams and ended with six teams. The first four teams participated in the Midlands league this year and made College proud with their great sportsmanship and respect for their teammates and for the game. In April, six of our players participated in the St Stithian's Sports Tournament (tennis) and everyone was so proud of how they improved from the previous year. We also played in the inter-provincial exchanges against Affies and KES. I am pleased with how the teams played, and every single boy gave of his best. Our 2023 captain, G Roux, led the teams with so much passion and the boys respected him.

A Tilbury was selected for the KZN team, and he represented the school very well. We welcomed a new coach, Mr M Shaw from CF Tennis. He did a great job in teaching our boys new tennis skills and working on their serves.

2023 Tennis Awards:

Most committed player in the 1st team: A Tilbury

Most improved player: K Hopkins

Senior Champion: G Roux

Junior Champion: L Puddu

Miss C Mhlongo



Volleyball

U19 1st Team

Back row:
 S Mpanza, B Gademane, J Murekezi,
 N Meisegeier, L Dlamini

Middle row:
 M Singh, R van der Merwe, J Samuels,
 A Mntungwa

Front row:
 I Jikijo, A Mbambo (captain), Mr A Budhoo
 (coach), D Naidoo (vice-captain), J Mumford



U15

Back row:
 A Mhlanzi, R Hadden, D Pillay, M Chetty,
 L Kader

Middle row:
 H Chetty, R Mongoato,
 P Desebrook, D Naidoo

Front row:
 J Theeralingam, Mr V Noubouth (coach),
 K Chetty (captain), Mr A Budhoo (MIC),
 D Gademane

Maritzburg College's inaugural participation in the volleyball league at Westville Boys High displayed remarkable debut performances. The 1st team, displaying grit and skill, secured an impressive fourth place among 11 competitive teams, leaving a lasting impact. Meanwhile, the U16A team, showing promising potential, claimed the fifth spot in their category, a commendable achievement for their first outing with ten participating teams. Both squads demonstrated a quick adaptation to the game, emphasising the school's commitment to excellence in sports. These results speak volumes about the dedication and collaborative spirit within Maritzburg College's volleyball programme. The journey has just begun, and the future looks promising for these budding talents.

The 1st Team participated in Umgungundlovu U19 District selection tournament and five of College's players were selected for the District team, which comprised of eight players. They were D Naidoo, J Samuel, J Mumford, J Murekezi and R van der Merwe. The Umgungundlovu team participated in the KZN Schools' Provincial selection tournament, where Murekezi was selected for the KZN Provincial team that participated in the SA Schools Inter-Provincial Games held in Gauteng. The 1st Team coach, Mr A Budhoo was also selected as a South African Schools Volleyball Association (SASVA) referee for the Games.

Regular players

S Mpanza, B Gademane, J Murekezi, N Meisegeier, L Dlamini, M Singh, R van der Merwe, J Samuels, A Mntungwa, I Jikijo, A Mbambo (captain), D Naidoo (vice-captain), J Mumford

Results:

vs George Campbell 2-0, Northwood 0-2, Port Shepstone 2-0, Northwood 2nd 2-0, Westville 3rds 2-0, Westville 2nds 1-2, New Forest 2-0, Westville 0-2

U15 team

In an exciting new chapter for our school's sports programme, volleyball was introduced for the first time in 2023. Despite being newcomers to the game, the U15 team demonstrated remarkable skill and tenacity throughout the season, achieving a commendable record of 4 wins and 5 losses.

The team's performance was particularly impressive given their lack of experience in competitive volleyball. Each match saw the players grow in confidence and capability, ultimately leading them to narrowly miss out on the semi-finals. This close miss serves as a testament to their rapid improvement and potential for future seasons. Among the standout players were K Chetty (captain), D Gademane, H Chetty and M Chetty.

The team's debut season has laid a strong foundation for the future of volleyball at our school. With continued dedication and practice, there is no doubt that they will achieve even greater success in the coming years. The entire school community is proud of their achievements and looks forward to supporting them in future competitions.

Messrs A Budhoo and V Noubouth



1st Team

Back row: J Harley, J Jansen, C Robinson, N Holmes
Middle row: N Koller, J Combrink, J Mumford, K Steele, R van der Merwe, J Foster
Front row: C Reardon, L du Toit (captain), Mr D Sherriff, D Wright, B Haigh

1st Team

The 2023 water polo season started off with a good camp before the term started and preparation for the term went well. The team had some tough fixtures before the culmination of the term's tournament up at KES. We played against Westville, Hilton, Michaelhouse and Glenwood. The team played well against Glenwood, pulling off an impressive win before leaving for KES. Our pool at KES was tough, playing games against Grey High, SACS and Clifton. After losing against all three teams, we played Jeppe and narrowly lost. It was the same when coming up against PBHS. Our final game saw us take on Grey High again, after losing in the pool stages. The team dug deep and pulled off a great victory.

Term 3 began with preparation for the Clifton Tournament and the team participated in the KZN winter league. These games help prepare for all upcoming tournaments. In the Clifton Tournament, College was placed in a pool against St Andrew's, Reddam Constantia and Hilton College. We had a close game against St Andrew's, only losing 5-6, and a good win against Reddam Constantia. Winning only one of our three pool games left us to play Kearsney in the cross pool. College had two very good wins against Grey College and KES before losing our last game against Affies. College finished 10th at the tournament.

The Top 10 tournament was at the beginning of the fourth term and we played against Westville, Hilton, Glenwood and DHS in the pool stages of the tournament. The team managed a win against Glenwood and then came up against the invitational team, which we comfortably won. Our final match of the tournament was against Michaelhouse which we eventually lost and finished eighth at the tournament. The 1st team then participated in the Northwood Stayers Tournament, and we played Kearsney, Northwood, Clifton, Glenwood, Reddam Helderfontein and DHS. We managed close wins against Glenwood and Reddam and placed sixth at the tournament.

The team was led extremely well by captain L du Toit and great commitment and effort was shown by D Wright, who had an unbelievable season, being top goal scorer. Ending his season with five goals against Glenwood in the team's 14-5 win was a great achievement. As much as the season had its ups and downs, the team can be very proud of some of the successes

that they have achieved, beating Grey High, Reddam Constantia and KES. I look forward to seeing what they can do in 2024.

Regular players:

L du Toit (captain), D Wright, C Reardon, B Haigh, K Steele, N Holmes, C Robinson, J Jansen, J Mumford, J Foster, J Harley, N Koller, R van der Merwe, J Combrink

Results:

vs Westville 9-19, St Charles 22-3, Glenwood 18-7, Hilton College 7-21, Michaelhouse 9-13, Kearsney 4-20, Westville 4-18, Northwood 8-16, Glenwood 14-5

KES Tournament: vs Grey High 10-17, SACS 6-27, Clifton 3-25, Jeppe 4-6, PBHS 3-5, Grey High 8-6

Clifton Tournament: vs St Andrew's 5-6, Hilton College 3-13, Reddam Constantia 8-7, Kearsney 6-14, Grey College 16-5, KES 8-7, Affies 7-10

Top Ten Tournament: vs Westville 6-13, Glenwood 7-6, Hilton College 4-13, DHS 6-11, Invitational 11-3, Michaelhouse 6-7

Northwood Stayers Tournament: vs Kearsney 1-19, Northwood 4-7, Glenwood 13-12, Clifton 6-16, Reddam Helderfontein 9-8, DHS 11-12

Mr D Sherriff



The College 1st Team water polo players in full voice after their 14-5 home win over Glenwood.



D Wright dribbles up the pool.



L du Toit drives the ball at the back of the net.

2nd team

The 2nd team experienced a transitional year when many new members joined the ranks. This relatively inexperienced side took some time to find their feet, but they continually endeavoured to improve their skills. They approached every game and practice with determination, ready to make every effort to find success. Throughout a long season, which included a tournament, the team remained committed to forming a cohesive and effective unit to perform at their best. The camaraderie and humour that characterised this group was appreciated and contributed significantly to the enjoyment of the season. A sincere word of thanks must go to the departing Sixth Formers who freely gave of their time and expertise to mentor and guide the younger members of the squad. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and they set a high standard for the returning class of 2024 to live up to. The boys who will become senior members of this squad next year are challenged to live up to the benchmark of those who have gone before and to recommit to building a legacy of excellence.

Regular players:

M van Selm (captain), M van Rooyen (vice-captain), D Becket, B Gademan, J Galtrey, C Gibbs, D Haines, J Harris, C Henderson, M Lancaster, E Maynard, S Meter, M Moreno, S Redman, J Tilbury, B Watts, H Wells, K Wichmann

Results:

vs Westville 3-10, Michaelhouse 4-11, Hilton College 2-13, Glenwood 7-8, Northwood 4-18, Kearsney 3-11, Glenwood 11-2, Northwood 4-9, Hilton College 3rds 8-3, St Charles 1sts 12-8, Clifton 3-7, Westville 5-6

Logan Stanley 2nd Team Tournament: vs Curro 5-4, Reddam Helderfontein 3-7, KES 1-10, Affies 1-8, St Charles 1sts 4-9, Westville 3-9, Michaelhouse 3-6

Mr M Warr

3rd Team

As the ripples of the water echoed the efforts of each stroke, our third team water polo produced a season brimming with intensity, dedication and remarkable growth. The players, with unwavering commitment, transformed the pool into an arena where individual skills were honed and a profound sense of unity flourished. Beyond the scores and victories, this team became a tight-knit group, supporting each other through every splash and dive.

One unforgettable moment that encapsulates the team's spirit was captain M Roberts' awe-inspiring shot. Playing as goalkeeper, he executed a shot from one goal post to the other, leaving spectators in awe. Such moments not only added to the team's triumphs but also became a source of inspiration for their teammates.

These young men have embodied humility and a thirst for learning. Their journey was not just about victories, but about the lessons learned in every defeat and the personal growth that accompanied each challenge. Most of the players will be returning next season and I look forward to seeing them continue to develop and grow.

Regular players:

R Anderson, L Baptista, L de Jager, B Demont, K Ekstrand, A Jackson, S Kleu, J Kufal, R Launder, M Murgatroyd, M Roberts (captain), L Shangase, J Stead, D Suter, A Taylor, E Taylor, G van Laun, R Wichmann, J Wolter

Results:

vs Westville 2-3, Michaelhouse 4-8, Hilton College 5-5, Glenwood 13-3, Northwood 4-7, Kearsney 4-5, Northwood 2-8, Hilton College 4ths 9-3, St Charles 2nds 4-4, Clifton 3-9, Westville 4-9

Mr W Greyling

4th and 5th Teams

The 4th and 5th teams comprised of a combined squad whose members, in some instances, were happy to play more than one game every weekend. Their enthusiasm and positive approach to training was never dulled, despite the relative lack of games due to not many schools being able to match College for depth. Their focus on the simple enjoyment of the sport and the maintenance of high spirits and camaraderie amongst teammates ensured this season will be fondly remembered for years to come. With most of these boys being in Matric, these teams fell away in the 4th term with the commencement of the final examinations. My thanks go to the departing Sixth Formers for the many years of fond memories forged at the side of the pool and the returning boys are encouraged to continue playing with the same positive ethos next year.

Regular players:

D Ekstrand, E Erasmus, T Foster, J Fryer Dudley, O Haasbroek, K Lamb, J Marsh, O Mhlongo, E Moodley, C Mundell, H Schmahl, J Shuttleworth, J Staples, C Stead, B Thomson, G Thomson, R Warr

Results:

4th Team

vs Westville 2-5, Michaelhouse 3-11, Hilton 4-6, Michaelhouse 9-11, Northwood 1-8

5th Team

vs Michaelhouse 7-8, Hilton College 5-10, Northwood 5-5, Michaelhouse 1-7

Mr M Warr



U15A

Back row:

K Vogt, S Venniker, J van der Merwe

Middle row:

O Pritchard, H Goddard, C Potgieter, L Mackay-Leslie

Front row:

M Harris, M Lock (captain), Mr L Smorfitt (coach), R Stanton (vice-captain), M Cameron

The U15A water polo team's 2023 season was a compelling journey filled with highs and lows, demonstrating the team's resilience and skill in the pool. In regular season matches, the team exhibited their prowess with notable victories against Westville and Glenwood, securing a commendable 4-2 win-loss record. The Dallas Hutton Tournament presented formidable challenges, yet the team held their ground, finishing sixth out of ten teams with a 3-4 record. The Ian Melliar Tournament saw them facing tough opponents, concluding the tournament with a 3-4 record and a 14th-place finish out of 24 teams. The Top 10 Tournament provided thrilling encounters, and the team clinched the 4th position with a 3-4 record. Overall, the U15A water polo team's dedication, teamwork and skill were on full display, making the 2023 season a memorable chapter in their sporting journey.

Regular players:

M Lock (captain), R Stanton (vice-captain), J van der Merwe, L Mackay-Leslie, S Venniker, M Harris, K Vogt, M Cameron, C Potgieter, O Pritchard, H Goddard

Results:

vs Westville 9-2 and 8-5, Michaelhouse 4-15, Glenwood 19-3, Hilton College 6-14, Northwood 7-6

Dallas Hutton Tournament: vs Northwood 4-7, DHS 13-4, St Charles 17-1, Michaelhouse 2-8, Kearsney 2-15, Invitational 10-1, Northwood 4-5

Ian Melliar Tournament: vs Paul Roos 1-8, St David's Marist 6-8, St Alban's 8-3, Selbourne 3-9, Woodridge 5-4, St Andrew's 8-2, St David's Marist 6-10

KZN U15 TOP 10 Tournament: vs Glenwood 20-1, Westville 5-3, Hilton 4-5, Clifton 4-9, Michaelhouse 7-6, Hilton 3-9, Kearsney 1-13

Mr L Smorfitt

U15B

The U15B team had an improved year winning only two games but having many games where the team led into the second chukka only to end on a close loss. The boys played with a great deal of heart. Even though we lost a few soldiers along the way to various injuries, the team stood together and pressed on. A goal scored by the late addition goalie, S Colenbrander, in our last game of the season from the one side of the pool in one long throw to the other, was a highlight. They always played right till the final whistle no matter the scoreline and never moaned at the end of any match. They took the losses on the chin and all returned to training the following week with much enthusiasm.

Although the boys did provide a few challenging circumstances, I appreciated their unadulterated honesty and, most of all, commitment. I wish them all well as they move into the senior teams in 2024.

Regular players:

N Adam, B Botha, R Harley, T Naidoo, J Slevin, B Balmer, L Becket, D Colenbrander, J Craig, D Dillon, T Foster, N Gosling, C Mountfort, J Nettleton, M Pretorius, C Sweetnam, P van Rooyen

Results:

vs Westville 10-3 and 6-9, Michaelhouse 7-12, Hilton College 3-9, Glenwood 12-2 and 4-9 (U15A), Northwood 6-9 and 6-7, St Charles Jnr A 6-9, Clifton 3-11

Mr A Sparrow



U14A

Back row:

J Worthmann, R Holmes, J Burger, D Fish, J Mumford

Middle row:

M Jansen, J Culverwell, Mrs J Stoute (coach), E Balmer, A Madlala

Front row:

D Volans, S Mhlongo, J Makepeace (captain), M Muggleton, S Johnson

This year the U14A water polo team was faced with a long season of strong competitors. Without fear or hesitation, J Makepeace led the team into every game with pride, determination and heart. An honourable mention goes to J Mumford for scoring five goals against Michaelhouse. The team focused on fine tuning their skills and developing into stronger water polo players mentally and physically, with insight and forethought.

The team's drive to improve their skills individually and as a collective has drawn them together as a stronger team and they have proved they should not be underestimated.

After long tournament weekends in sunshine and torrential downpour, this band of brothers has grown from strength to strength with every game, victory or loss.

Regular players:

J Mumford (captain), M Jansen, C Culverwell, J Makepeace, D Volans, E Balmer, J Burger, A Madlala, S Mhlongo, R Holmes, J Worthmann, D Fish, M Muggleton

Results

vs Westville 6-18 and 1-18, Michaelhouse 8-20, Hilton College 2-27, Glenwood 16-1, Northwood 5-11

Ken Short Tournament: vs Glenwood 5-4, PBHS 1-4, Grey College 1-10, Affies 1-8, St Alban's 4-9, Jeppe 3-9, St Benedict's 3-6

Top 10 Tournament: vs Kearsney 3-18, DHS 4-5, Northwood 3-13, Clifton 0-20, Glenwood 4-2, DHS 7-4

Northwood Tournament: vs Michaelhouse 3-7, Glenwood 5-1, Kearsney 2-8, Westville 1-9, Hilton College 3-1, Clifton 2-5, Northwood 2-3, DHS 3-2, Glenwood 2-3

Mrs J Stoute

U14B

Water polo is not a high-profile sport at College and few of the boys who arrived at the first practice had ever seen a water polo ball before. The core group who attended practice day in and day out improved remarkably and by year end were really getting stuck in and thoroughly enjoying their polo.

Playing a total of 11 matches they lost four and showed that heart and a 'never say die' attitude was enough to be competitive against more fancied sides. The Clifton team, with a strong centre forward, was the only match in which we struggled. However, even then, we managed to score five goals against them.

The centre forwards, D Lewis and R Harley, scored some delightful goals, with D Kleingeld wrapping up the opposition at hole guard. The quick off the mark wings C Williams, E Hunter-Smith, K van Aswegen, W Todd and H Bircher never gave up and often swam themselves to a standstill.

At fetch, B Pearson, O Pearson, E van Aswegen, K van Aswegen, J Wang, S Sutherland, T Haviside, S Robertson, M Mqadi and T Spiers (from Merchiston) improved by leaps and bounds and were dropping and pressing with ease by the last match against Westville.

There is usually no captain of a water polo team, however, K Mncwango stepped up and took on this role. As goalkeeper, his improvement since the first practice was exceptional and he pulled off some dramatic saves. His contribution against Westville, coupled with D Lewis's goals, ensured a thrilling 7-7 draw.

I hope to see some of these players putting up their hands again next year and, who knows, maybe even playing for the A team.

Regular players:

K Mncwango (captain), S Robertson, E Hunter-Smith, H Bircher, M Mqadi, D Kleingeld, K van Aswegen, E van Aswegen, B Pearson, O Pearson, J Wang, S Sutherland, T Haviside, T Speirs, D Lewis, C Williams, R Harley, W Todd, T Spiers

Results:

vs Westville 4-4 and 7-7, Michaelhouse 5-5, Hilton College 4-7, Glenwood 18-1 and 6-5, Northwood 6-4 and 3-7, St Charles Jnr 7-7, Clifton 5-14, Kearsney 6-9

Mr N Sutherland



R Stanton in action at the water polo.

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
BMX racing	B van Wyk (Third Form)	KZN Colours
Fly fishing	D Cruickshank (Fourth Form)	KZN A (Colours)
	P Louwrens (Fourth Form)	KZN A (Colours)
	L de Jager (Fourth Form)	KZN B
Karate	D Heeralal (Fifth Form)	Protea National team (Colours) Sub-Saharan Champion, Gold medal- Kata, Silver medal – Kumite SA National Championship (1st in Kumite, 2nd in Kata) KZN provincial tournament (1st in Kumite, 1st in Kata)
	L Walker (Fifth Form)	2023 South African Cross-Country High School Champion
	D Peckham (Fifth Form)	National Cross-Country Championship (high school) 3rd position
Polocrosse	J Bragin (Sixth Form)	SA U21 Development team
Touch Rugby	J Foster (Fifth Form)	KZN U17A Boys' team



NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Back row: P Lamb (swimming), M Moosa (debating)
Third row: L Kunene, (rugby), J George (swimming), JJ Mumford (swimming), M Mogale (athletics), P Louwrens (fly-fishing), T Pillay (swimming), B Thornton-Dibb (hockey)
Second row: S Sithembu (hockey), T Nana (squash), K Jenkins (hockey), B Govender (table tennis), D Heeralal (karate), R Padayachee (karate), M van Heerden (canoe polo)
Front row: R Hosking (basketball), I Masinga (basketball), J Truter (golf), Dr C Luman (headmaster), M Marillier (swimming), Mr R Kyle (deputy head: co-curricular), N Holmes (hockey)

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Seventh row: O Thabethe (soccer), C Francis (hockey), S Mbatha (rugby), C Cherayi (rugby), P Khuzwayo (soccer), S Norton (canoe polo), J Konigkramer (hockey), M Howells (fishing), R McKean (hockey), K Wichman (club rugby), S Oosthuizen (rugby), J Foster (touch rugby), L Sishi (hockey), L Matshoge (soccer), N Sithole (rugby), G Askew (hockey), J Martin (shooting)
Sixth row: L Newlands (cycling), J Kauffman (shooting), T Kufal (squash), G Jordan (music), C Potgieter (swimming), V Ndlovu (hockey), A Kritzinger (athletics), O Kosani (rugby), R Stanton (rugby), C Sweetnam (athletics), E Fabre (hockey), J George (swimming), S Venniker (canoe polo), T Hlophe (soccer), A Lewis (soccer), B Thornton-Dibb (hockey), W Galliers (squash)
Fifth row: J Truter (golf), N Ngcobo (basketball), N Naidoo (shooting), K Vogt (canoeing), A Tilbury (tennis), C Sellick (cycling), T Pillay (swimming), M van Heerden (canoe polo), T Boshoff (athletics, rugby), K Moodley (debating), C de Billot (hockey), M Jewaskiewitz (cycling), Y Mchunu (athletics), C Sukraj (soccer), P Louwrens (fly fishing), E Mpapa (rugby), L Akerman (golf), SA Ndlovu (hockey)
Fourth row: T Maduna (soccer), T Pillay (athletics), L Kunene (rugby), L Makhathini (rugby), R Schirge (hockey), A Makhaye (soccer), R Padayachee (karate), D Heeralal (karate), M Momphe (soccer), M Naidoo (shooting), A Mhlanzi (debating), K Mngwengwe (hockey), J Gotte (canoe polo), S Sithembu (hockey), A Lembethe (hockey), D Cruickshank (fly fishing), S Sibiya (soccer)
Third row: W Zondi (soccer), A Jacobs (hockey), K Searle (cycling), E Janneker (cycling), I Mosupye (hockey), T van Dyk (shooting), V Premchund (squash), A Dlamini (hockey), M Mkhize (soccer), M Smith (hockey), W Parker (shooting), A Mthalane (hockey), Z Makangela (soccer), T Miyeni (soccer), U Dlamini (hockey), B Dlamini (hockey), T Nana (squash), S Mchunu (hockey)
Second row seated: A Khumalo (hockey), P Dlamini (hockey), K Parker (shooting), R Froise (debating), R Pitout (shooting), Mr T Orchard (rugby), E Mouton (rugby), Mr R Kyle (deputy head: co-curricular), S Kadira (rugby), Dr C Luman (headmaster), B Brokensha (hockey), Mr N Haswell (soccer), Z Desebrook (shooting), M Marillier (swimming), G Mentory (soccer), A Zuma (hockey), T Pratt (squash), K Mthimkhulu (rugby, basketball)
Front row seated: S Msomi (soccer), E Mchunu (soccer), B Dodson (club rugby), S Sutherland (club rugby), S Johnson (squash), T Stead (club rugby), S Schirge (hockey), B Govender (table tennis), J Wang (hockey), M Mogale (athletics), S Bernstein (hockey non t res), L Seshemane (hockey), J Worthmann (canoeing), JJ Mumford (swimming), G Hosking (hockey), T van Staden (rugby), B Mahaye (squash)



Barns House

Back row: M Marillier, J Pope, M Steel, M Abdool, T Mahomed
Third row: M Duba, L Upton, Y Ndamase, N Buthelezi, A Mdladla, L Mohapeloa, D Wright, A van Dyk, T Thompson
Second row: V Chili, S Mdutyana, V Pillay, M Horstead, Z Desebrook, P Dlamini, M Madlala, G Mentory
Front row: Mr E Pretorius, Mrs L Mtembu, Mr S Botha, T Crawford, Mr S Brill (housemaster), L du Toit (house captain), Ms A Phillips, Mrs D Gademan, Mrs M Rembold



Commons House

Back row: J Kauffman, T Nuttall, P Schutte, M-J van Selm, M Mkhize, B Dillon, J Gous
Third row: M Essack, E Lolliot, J Wiggill, B Luffingham, O Luffingham, C van der Merwe, H Schmah, D Denton, S Hutton
Second row: M Mason, N Kubheka, L Mqathu, A Xeketwana, G Maistry, B Sithole, A Majozi, C Talbot
Front row: Mr L Kruger, Mrs W Khan, Mr H Ntenez, I Chirengende (house captain), Mr C Nevay (housemaster), K Dobein (house vice-captain), Mr B de Lange (assistant housemaster), Ms T Harding, Mr A McGuigan
Absent: M Kweyama



Calder House

Back row: R Kleinhans, S Ndllovu, T Mkhabela, R Watson, K Mokhantso
Third row: L Swanepoel, T Madzimure, M Allen, T Adam, T Bhoola, K Walker, B Winrow, K Wheeler, L Sibetha
Second row: T Reddy, A Madlala, T Mohlakoana, S Ndllovu, J Jackson, V Wosiyana, T Buthelezi, T de Lange
Front row: Mrs J Stickells, Mr S Maharaj, Mr G Dorling, N Swift, (vice-captain), Mr A Usher, T Ramdhass (house captain), Mr M Ngcobo, Mrs K Bartholomew, K Ayliffe



Forder House

Back row: J Killick, D Slabbert, T Pascoe, D du Bois, S Manyoni, J Barrett
Third row: D Moran, E Naidoo, N Tsvuura, G Aranky, S Msibi, M Karrim, F Nzimande, T Ganie, T Sewparsing
Second row: A van der Linde, R Ramseyer, L Nkabinde, S Dlamini, R Marion, T Davies, A Nzimande, L Sithole
Front row: Mr L Smorfitt, Mrs S Deodutt, Ms K Moola, M Roy, (vice-captain), Mr N Croeser (housemaster), M van Rooyen (captain), Mrs Z Elder, Mr S Stopford, Mr A Ebrahim
Absent: J Truter, H Jongisa





Fuller House

Back row: B Brokensha, J Nel, Z Mpungose, A Naidoo, J Marsh
Third row: L Mkhize, K Elliot, S Mchunu, T Masikane, T Pratt, T Ekhooff, M Khoza
Second row: O Ndlela, K King, T Tamsen, M Zuma, A Ndlela, A Duma, S Hoosen, L Jackson
Front row: Mr W Greyling, Mr J Taljaard, X Thabethe, Mr T Orchard (housemaster), K Naidu, Miss S Paramanand, Mr A Budhoo
Absent: Mrs L Moffatt, Mr S Sinclair, J Conolly



Nicholson House

Back row: S Munro, L Gumbi, B Haigh, C Reardon, C Smith
Third row: M Chonco, C Raw, A Coulthard, M Mbanjwa, Z Benjiman, L Findlay, J Bradford, R Padayachee, A Sithole
Second row: A Khan, C Comrie, N Mkhize, H Anderson, T Mkhize, J le Roux, S Mncwabe, E Kock
Front row: Mrs K Storm, Ms N Gumede, Mrs F Deyzel, S Kadira (house captain), Mr R Barbour (housemaster), S Meter, Mr L Tshabalala, Ms A Maistry, Mr P Gonlag



Lamond House

Back row: H Briggs, S Ender, N Ryan, B Robertson, D Naidoo
Third row: C Curtis, T Walton, K Bester, A Mbambo, C Adam, S Ndlovu, S Gabu, L McIlrath, A Sclanders
Second row: D Ekstrand, A Carey, S Chetty, S Sithembu, T Ambler, S Mazibuko, H Prinsloo, R Paine
Front row: Miss A Cilliers, Mrs N Singh, Mr C Myburgh, K Marais, Mr S Siwila (housemaster), K Mthimkhulu, Mr C Pitout, Mr J Wilcock, Miss C Mhlongo
Absent: L Akerman



Pape House

Back row: S Pretorius, R MacKenzie, J Kufal
Third row: R Quin, H Wells, S Mncube, P Mchunu, M Pannalall, A Khumalo, R Hart
Second row: E Mouton, C Thomas, B Emberton, S Khumalo, L Zembe, Z Govender, K Mthembu, B Lutge
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Absent: A Khanyile



Snow House

Back row: A Weilbach, G Roux, B Clark, O Shabalala, J O'Connor, D le Roux
Third row: S Chonco, L Schultz, J Clark, J Staples, A Khan, S Zulu, K Akeroyd
Second row: A Cele, K Nyawo, F Simelane, L Seshemane, D Pillay, A Osman, A Zuma, O Mkhwanazi
Front row: Mr R Pillay, Mr J Orton, Mrs M Bailey, K Peter, Mr J Mhlongo (housemaster), L Armstrong, Ms S Kunene, Mr M Stringer, Mr J Naidoo



Strachan House

Back row: C Stead, B Thomson, B Chamblor, L Coetzer
Third row: R Berriman, M Thomson, T Truter, S Mkandla, R Gething, T Clowes, R Warr
Second row: B Gething, M Wolhuter, K Parker, B Mabaso, L Pillay, E Geere, R Pitout, J Bragin
Front row: Mr M Warr, Mrs M Kritzinger, Mr N Whatmore, Y Sha (vice-captain), Mr M Zuma (housemaster), J Sweetnam (captain), Mr M Jeewan, Mrs R Brunzloff, Mrs S Webley
Absent: A Zuma, A Mjaja, M Radebe

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- Kosani, O
- Kunene, SZ
- Mchunu, K
- Mchunu, ZN
- Mdladla, B
- Mini, A
- Mnguni, BA
- Naidoo, EA
- Ngcobo, A
- Phakathi, AL
- Rajpal, K
- Sewlall, J
- Sutherland, ST
- van der Merwe, LK
- van Staden, T
- Williams, CK

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- Bandu, S
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- Leclezio, DJ
- Makhanya, SN
- Mbatha, AW
- Mohlomi, MB
- Naidoo, JL
- Ngubane, AL
- Nkomo, V
- Pembroke, JAJ
- Rajaratnam, D
- Robertson, SH
- Schirge, SM
- Schwikkard, JC
- Vyambwera, L
- White, JI
- Worthmann, J
- Zondi, O

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- Bolton, T
- Chili, SH
- Dlamini, L
- Fransman, P
- Gould, EO
- Hendriks, J
- Hosking, GP
- Khan, UA
- Khanyile, ML
- Lessing, NR
- Magutshwa, S
- Manana, NS
- Mbanjwa, WKL
- Mbanzaswi, M
- Modi, MK
- Mupfumi, TN
- Naidoo, D
- Ngobese, PS
- Pillay, R
- Rawson, MJ
- Smith, BL
- Smith, TR
- Taylor, TA
- Zama, SS

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- Bircher, HW
- Culverwell, JP
- Dry, D
- Dunne, JJ
- Govender, BS
- Hlongwa, AE
- Hlophe, SA
- Khawula, KA
- Mathapershad, NJ
- Mnyaiza, G
- Moodley, JJ
- Msebe, AB
- Mtembu, KZ
- Mthembu, NL
- Ncwane, CS
- Ndwandwa, HN
- Pearson, B
- Pearson, OB
- Planteau De Maroussem, JJ
- Sithole, AS
- Starling, FN
- Wang, JD
- Woodroffe, EC
- Zweni, UT

Snow

- Badenhorst, R
- Barnard, CJ
- Basi, O
- Benamro, MA
- Bornman, DJ
- Gengan, OK
- Gregory, KD
- Hadebe, MS
- Ince, SL
- Madlala, A
- Makepeace, JW
- Mhlongo, SN
- Msumi, SM
- Mumford, J
- Nkwanyana, VS
- Peter, KB
- Phungula, NK
- Phungula, SS
- Pillay, T
- Seshemane, L
- van den Berg, WJM
- Volans, MJ
- Xaba, LS
- Zuma, U

Calder

- Ahmed, MZ
- Balkisson, CD
- Budhu, Y
- Burger, J
- Gabuza, S
- Gamede, LP
- Horner, LR
- Jingela, JK
- Khwela, K
- Kubheka, LN
- Makhoba, L
- Meyer, MJ
- Mncwango, AK
- Mshengu, B
- Mtewa, SO
- Ngantweni, K
- Peters, J
- Phakathi, LL
- Pillay, RY
- Powell, L
- Raju, S
- Scholtz, DC
- Swart, RM
- Vayani, MA
- Venter, L
- Zuma, O

Forder

- Brandt, TM
- Breedt, N
- Dladla, LOT
- Dlamini, LY
- Dodson, B
- Geers, R
- Govender, LC
- Haasbroek, AD
- Horwill, KM
- Johnson, SR
- Killick, TJ
- Kyle, HD
- Langford, QD
- Makhaye, BM
- Marcus, LP
- Mbewu, LQ
- Ndadane, AO
- Ngxekisa, LS
- Ramlall, A
- Rampersadh, K
- Todd, WJ
- Tyali, B
- Vengai, E
- Xaba, EO
- Zondo, UM

Lamond

- Anthony, AE
- Brijmohan, S
- Dawood, Z
- Glover, ST
- Haviside, TWS
- Jansen, MA
- Lewis, DT
- Malila, W
- Mofokeng, TS
- Motsoeneng, TN
- Muggleton, ML
- Mullen, CJ
- Myeni, AN
- Myeza, SN
- Ndlovu, O
- Ngcobo, GN
- Ngubane, AN
- Padayachee, TG
- Reitz, HJ
- Schoeman, R
- van Aswegen, EJ
- van Aswegen, KD
- van Rooyen, WJ

Pape

- Carle, JA
- Cassim, R
- Ferguson, JS
- Gasa, SAV
- Govender, K
- Harley, RM
- Heyns, QR
- Hloba, SM
- Khoza, NQ
- Lubbe, KJ
- Madhan, R
- Mahaye, BLA
- Maphumulo, S
- Marimuthu, TL
- Mchunu, EM
- Mdhluli, MS
- Mhlanga, OZ
- Mthembu, S
- Ndlovu, SS
- Pienaar, ZD
- Puddu, LH
- Quin, RJ
- Rowe, M
- Saville, NA
- Shaw, L
- Thomas, JM
- Zakwe, BL

Strachan

- Bhatt, T
- Bisset, MJ
- de Bruyn, KP
- Dlamini, US
- Fisher, CM
- Hoolasi, Y
- Kleingeld, DE
- Knock, J
- Mathee, D
- Mlaba, ASA
- Mogale, M
- Moodley, Y
- Mqadi, AS
- Mqadi, MS
- Mshengu, EL
- Mthembu, KL
- Ndaba, P
- Ndaba, V
- Ngcobo, A
- Nkwatsi, MI
- Payn, SG
- Shawe, JH
- Stead, TR
- Volans, DW
- Xolo, SS



THIRD FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Charan, VS	Ayisa, RK	Botha, B	Barnard, B	Armstrong, JM
Chetty, KK	Balmer, DK	Bryant, BLC	Curry, NA	Benamro, FB
Clark, DJ	Bishop, KM	Burnie, KJ	de Beer, RW	Coetzer, CC
Cox, TA	Cahill, AS	Cameron, MK	Gosling, NJ	Craig, JA
Desebrook, PL	Dillon, DK	Davidson, S	Gumede, PW	Dladla, AM
du Toit, DS	Dladla, A	Essack, AN	Jursa, DE	Dlamini, N
Grunewald, J	Dlamini, L	Francis, CJ	Khoza, SS	Garrell, DR
Gunning, DP	Govender, S	Gumede, LN	Kosani, L	Goatley, JC
Hackland, CK	Hoatson, OS	Hlophe, SK	Lock, MR	Gotte, JS
Khetsi, P	Hukum, A	Lotter, L	Machwane, C	Hadebe, SH
Khuzwayo, SS	Jankovich-Besan, JC	Mabande, LA	Mngwengwe, K	Khan, R
Lamb, RJ	Khumalo, PM	Mabanga, LN	Mohamed, SA	Khanye, NS
Lekhobo, T	Maharaj, S	Mahomed, M	Msane, ZN	Khoza, OL
Madlala, MM	Mkhize, AA	Mbatha, SM	Mudely, T	Maduna, TS
Mafunga, T	Mkhize, SN	Mchunu, SM	Myaka, MN	Matshisa, SB
Manyathi, MS	Mountfort, C	Naidoo, A	Naidoo, TC	Moodley, K
Mongoato, RT	Ndlovu, SO	Nelson, CJ	Nhlapo, SM	Myeza, LS
Mukwamba, A	Ndwalane, L	Nettleton, JE	Nyoka, MM	Naicker, L
Ndlela, A	Ngcemu, NO	Searle, K	Padayachee, J	Palmer, DM
Netsianda, TO	Ngcobo, SZ	Shezi, K	Paveley, LR	Pedlar, SG
Nxumalo, SB	Nqayi, A	Simamane, SB	Pritchard, OD	Pillay, T
Nzuza, WB	Pay, JS	Sing, BC	Rulumeni, N	Ramiah, R
Qhobosheane, TT	Pillay, D	Sobwe, EK	Samuel, OB	Seakeco, N
Themabela, A	Schirge, RM	Stanton, R	Tshabalala, N	Smart, M
van Amsterdam, MD	Sehlako, TK	Wood, C		van Niekerk, T
van Rooyen, PL	Shabalala, SS	Zuma, BA		van Wyk, BM
Venniker, SA	Wiggill, SB			Zondi, SM
Willson, RG				Zote, BP

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Becket, LR	Colenbrander, DS	Adam, NC	Canham, ZS	Askham, ML
Bharath, AR	Dlamini, SN	Andrews, B	Cook, BC	Caluza, TP
Boshoff, TJ	Fabre, E	Blose, JJ	Dreyer, LG	Fourie, BJ
Chetty, ML	Fynn, CN	Chetty, H	Govender, DI	Gademan, DG
Dickason, CM	Gadzikwa, R	Chikowero, TL	Hulane, ZM	Hackland, HR
Jaftha, NF	Galtrey, DR	de Bruyn, K	Khumalo, CA	Hadebe, AA
Khumalo, B	Goddard, HD	Erskine, FS	Kruger, TR	Harris, MC
Khwela, A	Hadden, RA	Foster, T	Lutge, A	Khuboni, IL
Kota, SQ	Kader, ML	Janneker, DE	Mackay-Leslie, LE	Madlala, KE
Le Court De Billot, CT	Katz, TL	Jordaan, JP	Madlala, A	Mhlanzi, A
Lembethe, A	Khumalo, SS	Khan, FY	Makhaye, A	Mhlongo, BZ
Lewis, LS	Manana, MF	Kunene, FN	Makhaye, ST	Mpapa, EM
Madzimume, M	Murekezi, MD	Mchunu, SN	Msimango, MM	Naidoo, N
Maharaj, S	Murugan, AS	Moodley, M	Naidoo, D	Nankan, T
Maistry, J	Ndlovu, MJS	Motshoane, R	Ndlovu, VU	Nzama, LL
Mhlanzi, BE	Ngcobo, AS	Mshudulu, LJ	Oosthuizen, MC	Parker, WM
Mncwabe, P	Potgieter, CB	Mtambo, M	Pillay, CJ	Pauw, CD
Moyo, N	Sibanyoni, SS	Mukorera, LA	Pretorius, MA	Royappen, TS
Mustard, RK	Sishi, LS	Naidoo, D	Sheikh, R	Sivenarain, T
Ngubane, AU	Slabberts, RD	Rawat, I	Shezi, JA	Somi, MA
Ramdeen, VY	Smith, M	Redman, L	Sibankulu, KZ	Steel, MS
Ramdass, S	Theeralingam, J	Tafeni, L	van Dyk, WM	Sweetnam, CA
Slevin, JD	Theletsane, KA	Tsabedze, ZK	Viljoen, C	Truter, MH
Thompson, JG	van der Merwe, JM	van der Merwe, EW	Xaba, SL	van Rensburg, RD
Vogt, KH	Wessels, JN	Wilson, CE		van Wyk, AP
	Zikhali, UL	Zunckel, JH		Zulu, MV

FOURTH 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	de Jager, LJ
Bhengu, AK	Dillon, CW	Clark, ERC	Gibbs, CS	Duma, S
Bhengu, LN	Dzanibe, S	Combrink, JL	Hlophe, TA	Finlayson, C
Currie, JM	Galassi, AE	Elliot, PEG	Hughes, SJ	Hadebe, AB
Foster, TM	Gray, JJ	Gould, CTB	Jenkins, KR	Haug-Lyons, JZ
Gwala, MW	Kauffman, MJ	Hlophe, BN	Khambule, LM	Lamb, PR
Khanyile, SS	Kent, BJ	Hoosen, U	Khumalo, LG	le Roux, B
Khumalo, SN	Luthuli, L	Humphries, AW	Koller, NP	Mavimbela, LL
Loumeau, J	Mason, TC	Jordan, GLR	Lewis, AJC	Mkhize, A
Mazibuko, ZS	Mkhize, LYA	Kleu, SP	Louwrens, PA	Mlotshwa, IL
Mitewu, EM	Mkhulisa, SA	Majola, ET	Maharaj, J	Moses, ZR
Mundell, CM	Moneyvalu, JD	Mchunu, SS	Maluleke, HM	Mseleku, L
Ngcobo, SMT	Mshengu, SPF	Modi, HC	Miwa, MM	Murgatroyd, MB
Petersen, JC	Myeni, TT	Mwamba, CP	Moodley, DT	Nadasan, DC
Pillay, KH	Naidoo, TD	Naidoo, D	Msimango, S	Naidoo, M
Singh, K	Pembridge, NRK	Nel, D	Naidoo, D	Ngcobo, BS
Sukraj, CJ	Redlinghuys, SM	Ngcobo, AN	Naidoo, W	Nkabane, L
Thackwray, JJ	Singh, Y	Pepu, BI	Nala, OM	Osman, M
Thompson, TH	Suter, DK	Shangase, L	Odell, JO	Padayachee, RD
Thomson, MR	Taylor, AD	Shuttleworth, JW	Rulumeni, V	Sibiya, SM
Thornton-Dibb, BJ	van der Merwe, R	Singh, M	Shabalala, MMP	Thabethe, F
Thusi, NY	Vyambwera, MS	Sinkfontein, LH	Shuttleworth, PJ	Trodd, WJ
Uhlmann, L		van der Vliet, RM	Singh, R	van Rooyen, C
			Upfold, RG	Westerdale, ND
			van Heerden, CPJ	

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Barnes, AB	Askew, GA	Ambler, TW	Canham, MU	Fincham, JJ
Bester, E	Barrett, DA	Botha, KH	Cumming, AA	Harris, JC
Damons, LP	Boshoff, R	Dedekind, KL	Cumming, BM	Jackson, DC
Dlamini, EUA	Botha, BJ	Demont, BL	Dlamini, A	Lauder, RG
Fryer Dudley, JD	Brunkhorst, D	Durgaparsad, S	Greiff, MW	Martin, MD
Govender, K	Brunkhorst, M	Ekerold, TB	Greyling, LR	Mazibuko, ST
Jansen van Rensburg, J	Chetty, M	Ekstrand, KJ	Harley, JF	Mgojo, LE
Khan, R	Davies, DB	Hurson, CT	Hurson, CT	Mhlongo, ORM
Khumalo, AM	Deane, SJ	Khumalo, AA	Khumalo, AA	Moula, F
Mkhize, SK	Dladla, ZV	Kufal, TJ	Kufal, TJ	Mthalane, AT
Msomi, SS	During, LM	Maphanga, MM	Maphanga, MM	Naidoo, S
Msomi, ZC	Gamede, UO	McDonald, CG	McDonald, CG	Ngcobo, NB
Ngubane, LQB	Gwala, SV	Mfusi, ML	Mfusi, ML	Ngobese, S
Ojo, CF	Hansrod, Y	Mkize, N	Mkize, N	O'Connor, LD
Peters, T	Jones, KK	Momple, MB	Momple, MB	Perumal, A
Pillay, FC	Mabunda, ZM	Morewood, CJ	Morewood, CJ	Pillay, S
Pillay, TS	Mdabe, HL	Mpanza, NA	Mpanza, NA	Premchund, V
Tilbury, AC	Mkhize, LN	Murugen, T	Murugen, T	Radebe, OA
Tilbury, JL	Ntombela, O	Naidoo, DC	Naidoo, DC	Steyn, JC
Venter, R	Parak, B	Nana, T	Nana, T	Strachan, WG
Zakwe, MA	Phoenix, EZ	Phungula, KS	Phungula, KS	Thomson, GN
Zondi, C	Sewparsing, A	Raichund, R	Raichund, R	van Wyk, AD
Zwane, I	Siyongwana, C	Sithembu, S	Sithembu, S	Zingeni, N
	Stead, JR	Stevens, SD	Stevens, SD	Zondi, W
	Wassink, LC	Subreenduth, S	Subreenduth, S	
		Tshabalala, ZA	Tshabalala, ZA	



FIFTH FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Bernstein, R	Akoob, A	Botha, A	Aurets, JA	Armstrong, TO
Breedt, MP	Brown, NW	Burger, L	Beauclerk, W	Erasmus, E
Cele, VSA	Clifton, D	Deyzel, N	Bridglall, S	Essa, R
Dlamini, BU	Dladla, L	Dlamini, L	Dube, S	Foster, BC
Egberink, GJ	Dlomo, MA	Geach, MJ	Gasarasi, JM	Govender, MJ
Fulton, TC	Galliers, WP	Harrichand, CL	Henderson, CGS	Joubert, H
Govender, E	Govender, S	Heeralal, D	Kapotwe, SC	Khumalo, KN
Jackson, NJ	Grove, JA	Hosking, BN	Knox, EP	Khumalo, SS
Jekwa, LN	Haines, DT	Hoskins, RC	Leclezio, AL	Kloppers, E
Johnstone, LJ	Hlophe, SAS	Jele, KU	Maartens, R	Konigkramer, JH
Kubheka, P	Holmes, NI	Khan, MI	Maphisa, B	Marais, JI
Lamb, KWD	Khuzwayo, PA	Mashaba, SV	Mayeni, S	Masinga, I
Macleod, FCC	Makalima, J	Mbatha, S	Mchunu, P	McKean, RD
Mafunga, T	Mathonsi, A	Mchunu, YU	Miller, LM	Mngomezulu, TF
Makhanya, K	Middleton, BJ	Mfeka, ZL	Moosa, MH	Moodley, ER
McIntyre, HA	Mkhize, M	Mornet, A	Mthembu, AL	Mqadi, O
Mtolo, SA	Mkhulisi, NA	Mthethwa, A	Naidu, R	Mthimkhulu, LN
Ndlovu, Z	Mntungwa, AM	Ndlovu, PS	Ngcobo, AM	Mtolo, AL
Nohiya, C	Ndawonde, N	Nzimande, KS	Ngcobo, SE	Mumford, JJ
Norton, SR	Olorunda, MI	Roberts, MB	Nkwanyana, MEB	Ndlovu, Z
Nzimande, A	Parker, CG	Roberts, MJ	Pearson, TR	Newlands, LA
Slevin, JP	Pieterse, DP	Sibisi, VN	Rossouw, MJ	Ntanzi, AA
Songca, A	Seyoum, ET	van Heerden, MC	Sidimba, A	Sutherland, LC
Trollip, K	Taylor, EB	Warren, D	Sithole, NS	Thabethe, O
	van Laun, GN	Williams, EL	Smith, TL	Tocknell, RJ
	Wichmann, R	Wolter, JM		Zulu, MNS
				Zungu, SNU

SIXTH FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Abdool, MF	Chirengende, MI	Brokensha, B	Anderson, HD	Akeroyd, KJ
Buthelezi, N	Denton, DW	Conolly, JO	Benjiman, ZP	Armstrong, LD
Chili, VS	Dillon, BR	Duma, AK	Bradford, JR	Cele, ATL
Crawford, TM	Dobeyn, KH	Ekhoff, TL	Chonco, MAL	Chonco, SB
Desebrook, ZL	Essack, M	Elliot, KMG	Comrie, CL	Clark, BM
Dlamini, PA	Gous, J	Hoosen, S	Coulthard, AP	Clark, JP
du Toit, LT	Hutton, SC	Jackson, L	Findlay, LR	Khan, A
Duba, MM	Kauffman, JE	Khoza, MB	Gumbi, LN	le Roux, D
Horstead, MD	Kubheka, N	King, KC	Haigh, BJ	Mkhwanazi, O
Madlala, MB	Kweyama, MA	Marsh, JP	Kadira, SR	Nyawo, KM
Mahomed, TA	Lolliot, EC	Masikane, TA	Khan, AA	O'Connor, JR
Marillier, MP	Luffingham, BJ	Mchunu, SA	Kock, E	Osman, A
Mdladla, AO	Luffingham, OR	Mkhize, LLS	le Roux, J	Peter, KNJ
Mdutyana, SK	Maistry, GA	Mpungose, ZTS	Mbanjwa, M	Pillay, D
Mentory, GL	Majozi, AB	Naidoo, A	Meter, SJ	Roux, G
Mohapeloa, LJ	Mason, MC	Naidu, K	Mkhize, NK	Schultz, LDD
Ndamase, YS	Mkhize, MN	Ndlela, AE	Mkhize, TRS	Seshemane, L
Pillay, V	Mqathu, LB	Ndlela, OC	Mncwabe, SM	Shabalala, OU
Pope, JWE	Nuttall, TH	Nel, JG	Munro, SA	Simelane, FS
Steele, KJ	Schmahl, HR	Pratt, TA	Padayachee, RT	Staples, JG
Thompson, TR	Schutte, PC	Tamsen, T	Raw, CM	Weilbach, AA
Upton, LR	Sithole, BV	Thabethe, XS	Reardon, CR	Zulu, SK
van Dyk, A	Talbot, CJ	Zuma, MG	Sithole, AO	Zuma, AC
Wright, DJ	van der Merwe, C		Smith, CM	
	van Selm, MJ			
	Wiggill, JR			
	Xeketwana, A			

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Bagirathi, AS	Adie, SR	Botha, DW	Barnardo, MJ	Dumakude, NA
Becket, DJ	Chetty, JK	Dlamini, LM	Braithwaite, TR	Gademan, BM
Blackburn, TB	Collins, N J	du Plessis, DS	du Toit, MM	Gibson, MT
Cox, TT	Galtrey, JA	Durgaparsad, S	Erasmus, CM	Goslett, CJ
Da Costa, O	Gwala, N	Dyasi, KE	Ferguson, D	Jackson, AJ
Ferraz, CBI	Haasbroek, OR	Foster, J	George, J	Jacobsz, RF
Keartland, ES	Hansrod, I	Govender, T	Hart, LC	Jewaskiewitz, ME
Kunene, LS	Howells, EC	Higgins, CJI	Hlela, LT	Khumalo, MMS
Maynard, ER	Howells, ME	Jama, SE	Hopkins, K	Lottering, RM
Mbentse, L	Jikijo, IO	Jansen, JZ	Hurson, KJ	Martin, JK
Mhlongo, TN	Kritzinger, A	Khumalo, MP	Kemka, IC	Matshogae, LK
Mkhize, NL	Kritzinger, M	Knoetze, JD	Kloppers, J	Mkhize, SL
Msomi, SS	Madikizela, B	Knoetze, MA	Mahomed, A	Mncwabe, MA
Mtsi, LA	Makangela, ZL	Landman, EL	Majozi, S	Mthiyane, NG
Ndaba, LW	Makhathini, LT	Manickum, K	Mbatha, SL	Myeza, LA
Ngcobo, SM	Marcus, JA	Mason, CI	Mbhele, TMB	Nel, MP
Ntombela, OL	Moreno Mancilla, MJ	Matshoboza, A	Mohammed, YV	Ntuli, OS
Ojo, FV	Mpanza, SAA	Meisegeier, NM	Mosupye, IG	Ollerhead, BG
Peckham, D	Murekezi, JN	Msimang, AU	Motaung, TK	Pelser, HM
Samuel, JK	Nyathi, SM	Ngcobo, A	Mthembu, K	Perumal, J
Soorajdin, M	Potgieter, CC	Paine, TL	Narain, N	Robinson, C
van der Merwe, E	Setipa, NR	Pretorius, AH	Nelson, JG	Roopai, AB
Walker, LJ	Simpson, DK	Prinsloo, HR	Ngcobo, N	Sithole, AS
Wichmann, KC	Werth, JR	Redman, SG	Oosthuizen, SS	Tredgold, SJ
		Rubuluza, ML	Stafford, EE	Zuma, BL
		Sellick, CA	Thabethe, MJ	Zwane, NOS
		Sithembu, S	van Huyssteen, J	

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Adam, TJ	Aranky, GR	Adam, CR	Emberton, BM	Berriman, RP
Allen, MF	Barrett, JT	Akerman, LN	Froise, RJ	Bragin, JR
Ayliffe, KR	Davies, TI	Ambler, TD	Govender, ZI	Chambler, B
Bhoola, T	Dlamini, SO	Bester, K	Hart, RN	Clowes, TD
Buthelezi, TN	du Bois, DL	Briggs, H	Kayembe, IJ	Coetzer, LR
de Lange, TB	Carey, AB	Carey, AB	Khanyile, AN	Geere, EJ
Jackson, J	Jongisa, HO	Chetty, S	Khumalo, A	Gething, BP
Kleinbans, RW	Karrim, M	Curtis, C	Khumalo, SA	Gething, RW
Madlala, AM	Killick, JO	Ekstrand, DK	Kufal, JL	Mabaso, B
Madzimume, T	Manyoni, S	Ender, SE	Lutge, B	Mjaja, AO
Mkhabela, TL	Marion, RM	Gabu, SJ	Mackenzie, RD	Mkandla, SK
Mohlakoana, T	Moran, DJ	Marais, KJ	Mchunu, PT	Parker, KR
Mokhantso, KO	Msibi, SM	Mazibuko, SB	Mncube, S	Pillay, L
Ndlovu, S	Naidoo, ET	Mbambo, AA	Mouton, E	Pitout, R
Ndlovu, ST	Nkabinde, LZ	McIlrath, LR	Mthembu, KS	Radebe, MMK
Ramdass, T	Nzimande, AS	Mthimkhulu, K	Newman, CM	Sha, Y
Reddy, T	Nzimande, FMN	Naidoo, D	Pannalall, M	Stead, CG
Sibetha, LMN	Pascoe, TA	Ndlovu, SA	Pretorius, SM	Sweetnam, JL
Swanepoel, L	Ramseyer, RP	Paine, RD	Quin, RW	Thomson, BC
Swift, ND	Roy, M	Prinsloo, HC	Thomas, CJ	Thomson, MBJ
Walker, KJ	Sewparsad, T	Robertson, B	Truter, JA	Truter, TN
Watson, RD	Sithole, L	Ryan, NM	Slabbert, DJ	Warr, RT
Wheeler, KR	Truter, JA	Sclanders, AC	Truter, JA	Wolhuter, MM
Winrow, BL	Tsvuura, NT	Sithembu, S	van der Linde, AL	Zuma, AK
Wosiyana, VN	van Rooyen, MP	Walton, TD		





After a very successful and memorable 125th year in 2022, the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association (MCOBA) continued to celebrate through to 2023, alongside the school, as Maritzburg College itself marked its 160th birthday in a year filled with success, both in the classroom and on the sports fields.

I am pleased to report that:

- Dr Melba Nzimande, who joined the MCOBA on 1 January 2023, taking over as the operations manager from Ms Sue Buchanan-Clarke, excelled in 2023, and thoroughly immersed herself in all things "College".
- Melba has bedded down core operations into a proverbial 'well-oiled machine'. This, after two years of significant change, implemented through 2021 and 2022 driven by Sue, when digital systems and platforms as well as communication tools, were rolled out.
- Following the addition to the MCOBA office of Ms Thandekile Mthlale, an understudy graduate, the Association in 2023 had a very capable team, ensuring that it was strongly resourced with capacity that could make significant impacts, deliver into our MCOBA strategy, and secure results.
- The MCOBA is financially sound and in 2023 contributed almost R500 000 to CollegeConnect, one of its core strategies. This was partly funded by a drawdown in 2023 of R300 000 from our investments.
- The MCOBA strategy session, hosted at College in January 2023, concluded to open the CollegeConnect technology platform to all stakeholders which now includes Old Collegians, staff, parents, pupils, friends of College, vendors etc.
- CollegeConnect is delivering meaningfully into all facets of College and remains a fundamental core strategy to build our online 'College community' and to be relevant to all stakeholders in College.
- Fundamental to all of this was Ms Buchanan-Clarke, who returned in March 2023 to head up CollegeConnect, adding firepower to our team and the capacity to commercialise CollegeConnect which is fundamentally critical to secure enduring success and to reduce dependency on the MCOBA for funding.

The MCOBA has continued to host an increasing number of events. This remains a core strategy, and in 2023 the events included:

- The Reunion Day on 13 May, with the following events:
 - Golf day and prize-giving dinner at the Victoria Country Club.
 - Special Reunion assembly on Barns' for Old Collegians.
 - Reunion bowls at the Collegians Club.
 - Old Collegians vs College 1st team basketball and football matches.
 - Traditional Friday night Reunion Dinner, with signature year dinners for 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003.
 - Memorial Chapel Service, with a special dedication, noting the passing of Honorary Life Member and Past President, Mr HLG Howard-Browne, followed by the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at the First World War Memorial and the unveiling ceremony at the Wall of Remembrance.
 - Reunion Luncheon in the Victoria Hall.
 - Saturday sports against Westville Boys' High School.
 - The Veterans' Open Day, with a tour of the school and a three-course meal in the Victoria Hall.
- Branch events across the country and abroad including Zululand, Underberg, Pretoria, Johannesburg, KZN Midlands, Highway, North Coast, Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg and the United Kingdom (London).
- A rugby match hosted by Affies in Pretoria featuring an MCOBA 'Old Crocks' team vs their burly local counterparts.
- The Sixth Form Induction Evening, with almost 100% of the Class of 2023 being inducted into the Association. Very pleasing was the fact that about 440 parents joined us on the evening, confirming that this event has become one of the most popular on the school's annual calendar.

Reunion 2024 is set for 9-11 May 2024, with fixtures against Michaelhouse. This strategy to host the Reunion Week in early May each year is working very well, especially for our former Old Collegians, given that 'fire season' is found in the dryer months, later in the year.

The MCOBA AGM was held on the 10 June 2023, in person and via Zoom, and many Old Collegians joined in from around the globe.

A warm and sincere 'Thank you' goes to my hard-working executive committee, who took on portfolios to drive our core outcomes and who, in 2023, again freely gave of their time, energy and wealth of knowledge, coupled with experience.

To the staff in College Business, the engine room behind the scenes, who have made the past few years so productive and enjoyable, 'Thank you' for the professional way that you went about servicing our Old Collegian needs. These ranged across a plethora of topics for which passion exudes from every Old Collegian, depending on what is important to him and the fact that their ages range from 18 to 101 years old. It is truly a diverse stakeholder group to service.

Finally, as I enter my final few months (written in early 2024) as the President of our esteemed Old Boys' Association, I want to thank our Patron and Headmaster, Dr Chris Luman, with whom I have enjoyed a wonderful working and fun relationship. The MCOBA has enjoyed the full support of the Headmaster and his staff. Truly, the school allows the Old Boys' Association to be fully invested and engaged into our school across so many varying facets.

My sincere wish is that this continues for many years, and I thank Dr Luman – who in 2023 completed his doctoral thesis on the very relevant topic of "Mentoring through character education at Grade 8 level in South African schools".

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Pro Aris et Focis

Andrew Clayton • MCOBA President



Mr A Clayton (President) addresses the assembled Old Collegians at the 2023 Reunion Dinner, held on Friday 12 May 2023.



Six Past Presidents of the MCOBA gathered with current President Mr A Clayton (second from the left) at the 2023 Chapel Service on Reunion Day that honoured the much-loved Mr Lesley Howard-Brown – Messrs M Marwick, M Hellberg, D Wimble, P Rodseth, T Reed and D Randles.



The President of the MCOBA (centre) was joined at the 2023 Reunion Dinner by an enthusiastic bunch of classmates from the Class of 1991.



Honorary Life Member, Mr "Doc" O'Connor (right), was a discerning presence at the annual Reunion Bowls Day, held at Collegians Club.

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