



Dear Parents

Welcome to this the first Parents' Council newsletter of 2011; the economic climate remains somewhat gloomy, yet we find that the hard work and commitment of all at TMC continues unabated.

We have a new, strong, committee this year that will enable us to both achieve and exceed the fundraising targets. (See page 4!)

The 150 Club continues to successfully enable one lucky parent per term to have one term's fees paid for their child. The inimitable Long Walk was a great success and once again highlighted the great *esprit de corps* of the school. Many thanks to the team of organisers and generous helpers!

The science laboratory upgrade for the High School is proving its worth daily and is enabling far greater practical learning opportunities for our children. These opportunities are also being enhanced in the Primary School by the additional Smart Boards, all paid for by your generosity and support of last year's fundraising efforts.

The Country Fair will be held on 30th July this year and it will be a fantastic day for all. With Dean Swift at the helm it promises to add yet more professionalism to the high standards already set, albeit with a deal of levity. Dean is leading a dedicated team to facilitate this great fundraiser.

In the 3rd term we will be bringing two new initiatives to the parent body that we are really excited about. So watch out for our next communication.

On behalf of the Parents' Council, we hope that your children have had a good break and all the best for the new term.

Be blessed and well.

Wayne Jaggard
Chairman

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Capital Developments Allocation 2011:

As Parents' Council we have committed financial contributions in 2011 for the following: -

- Revamp of SP Ablutions Block- R200 000.00
- Habberton Hall Sound System - R200 000.00

Fun-draising in 2011!

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

We thank the parents of Thomas More for their support so far, and aspire to inspire yet more!

We feel it is important to share how things are going (very well it seems!):

ACTIVITY YTD:

150 Club
Golf Day

AMOUNT RAISED YTD:

R 90 000.00
R 75 000.00



No sore feet yet!!

The Parents' Council, in conjunction with the College, decided to allocate funds raised on a triennial basis, the sectors being: sport, cultural & academic. In 2009, the construction of the Music School; in 2010, PS smart boards and HS science lab upgrade; and for 2011 we are upgrading the SP ablutions block and putting a new sound system in the Habberton Hall.



New Parents Liaison

Liesl Kriegisch continues in this role for the PC; she has already made contact with virtually every new parent, assisting them in finding their feet, the ropes and indeed their children!

Liesl is truly a font of all things at TMC, and would welcome all parents who need a few pointers on how to get this, that or the other done the TMC way. She is available on: 082 460 4880, or email: kriegisch.family@telkomsa.net

Parents in Business Forum



What is the purpose of gathering?

To invite parents in business and business owners to take to the floor and present what they do for a living. When you know and understand the business owner and the business you are more likely to make the referral and by so doing build a bigger client base. We also invite speakers to talk on business related subjects.

When and where will we meet? We meet in the Robin Savory Pavilion at the Coffee Shop. Our starting time is 7.30am.

Term Three: Fri 19 Aug

Term Four: Fri 4 Nov

Dates will be advertised on the School's Communicator and the School's Electronic Board well in advance of each meeting. The charge for breakfast is R60 per person. Contact Karen Colvin (kcolvin@thomasmore.co.za)



The Long Walk- facts

The tedious stats:

	Total	Adult/non TMC	Student
Walkers	1477	615	862

Not so tedious stats:

R35 000 for the course

R45 000 in food & drink

R 11 500 for the medics

R11 000 for the bling

1477 Walkers

100% Fun!!!!

*"Friends are like feet, walked upon
& oft forgotten"- Anon
NOT AFTER THE LONG WALK!*

Events & communications

The Country Fair is coming!!!! 30th July is the big day! This year the objective is to be better not bigger; essentially all the food will be at the Beer Tent, bringing together many of the best features of the Fair.

Preparations have been in full swing for several months, with every aspect reviewed, improved and where appropriate removed! The Arena is smaller this year, due to the cricket pitch being relaid, thus enabling Fair-goers not to have to complete a marathon from one side to the other, and also facilitating a more cosy feel overall.

The Excitement Zone will be fabulous, with more great blow-up things than you can shake a stick at! The Class Mums are proving very creative in providing excellent stalls for the little ones.

What will be best of all, will be you, the Thomas More family helping, supporting and bringing this magnificent fundraising event to life; without family all is nothing!

We would all especially like to thank Dean Swift and his team for organising what we believe will be the best Country Fair TMC has ever had. Thanks!!

Here's a date to diarise, **Tuesday 4th October 2011....** Why? It's the TMC Parents Council Race Day! We've got the best suite in the house and tables for plenty...more details nearer the time!!

NEW ATTRACTION AT THE COUNTRY FAIR – GO KARTING



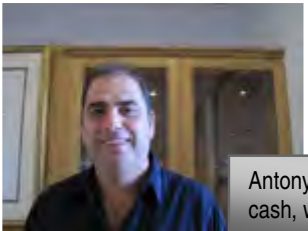
The Parents' Council crew - the good, the bad and the editor (Miles!)



Wayne Jaggard - Chairman and all round champion



Miles White - Vice Chairman, Communications and CF Beer Tent, what can we say! Nothing good anyway...



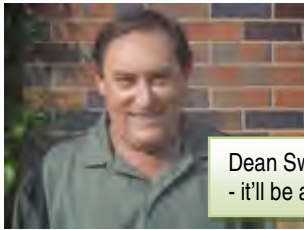
Antony Kerdachi - Treasurer and CF counter of cash, who ate all the pies?



Harmen Gonggryp - perhaps the most spectacularly difficult name to say, but this masks a fantastic team player.



Craig Mackie - master builder, organiser and hospital deliverer! Also Past Pupils Liaison and CF karting supremo.



Dean Swift - Lunatic. Also Chairman of Country Fair - it'll be a good one!



Philippe Renard - really rather cool, full of Gallic charm and great ideas! Plus his tie matches his eyes?!?!



Alison Lilly - Parents Resources and CF Expo organiser, so organised it's scary.



Sunet De Kock - Facilities and CF Food organiser, Good food fundi too!



Liesl Kriegisch - New Parents' Liaison and CF Excitement Zone organiser - font of all knowledge.



Rae Griesel - PC Secretary, our lifesaver extraordinaire, plus looks after Past Pupils too!



Tracy Maharaj - Country Fair Events - brings sanity to the PC through vast experience and excellent insight!



Vuyo Motsoahae – Country Fair Excitement Zone – dynamite comes in small packages.

150 Club Draw - 2nd Term

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Dronca, parents of Daniel Dronca in Grade 3, who are the lucky 150 Club draw winners. Mr and Mrs Dronca win **a term's free school fees**. (To qualify for the termly 150 Club draw, please contact our Accounts Department on **031 764 8662**)



Daniel Dronca - A happy 150 Club winner, well his parents were!

Let us not forget the mysterious appearance of a dose of portable 'Mock Tudor'; yes, the new prefabricated, authentic (honest guy!) Tudor ablutions are to be sighted near the Astroturf hockey field. See pic!

