

LONG WALK HONOURS BOARDS

Gold and silver Long Walk Honours Boards are a recent introduction here at Thomas More College. We are looking for the names of past pupils who completed 3 or more Long Walks (80kms) during their time at TMC. The silver board will indicate names of those who completed 3 races while the gold board will indicate names of those who completed 5 or more races.

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PROVISIONAL CALENDAR FOR JUBILEE 2012 – SO START PLANNING TO COME AND VISIT TMC DURING THIS SPECIAL YEAR!

Events:

February - Jubilee Opening Ceremony on Savory Field

March – Jubilee Long walk

April – Jubilee Co-ed Independent School Sports Festival

May – Jubilee Mother's Day with KZNPO, rock band and choirs

June – Jubilee Golf Day

June – Jubilee Dinner dance and comedian/entertainer

July/August – Jubilee Country Fair

September – Jubilee Association Day/weekend

October – Jubilee Art Exhibition and Auction and cocktail party

November – Jubilee Closing Ceremony

This is early notice of the programme for our Jubilee year to be held in 2012. Nearer the time, a brochure with details of all the events, dates etc will be available.



Association Day

ASSOCIATION DAY 2008

Association Day 2008 was a great success with many matches taking place between Past Pupil teams and school teams. Various sporting codes were represented: Boys' and Girls' Hockey, Waterpolo, Girls' Netball, Boys' Touch Rugby and also full contact rugby between Old Boys' teams.

The day which had started with the AGM, ended with a braai at the Savory Pavilion. Past pupils from as far back as 1962 attended. This year an art exhibition was also held in the Savory Pavilion of both past pupils' and present pupils' art.



Old Boys' Hockey Team



Michael von Bardeleben (2007)



Glen Wanliss (parent), Tracy Sullivan (2002) and Brian Smith



Melanie Kuster (2002) and Tracy Mackenzie



Justine Coleman and Giselle van Niekerk (2007) Mellissa Harper and Elzane van Wyk (2006)



Old Girls' Netball Team



Otto Hirzel, Rene Missen, Patrick Akal



John Spencer-Smith and Glen Bruton (1966)



Old Boys' 1st Team Hockey



Past and present TMC pupils with Jes Foord



Steph Lyle (2005) Mrs Lynette Dunlop and Claudia Lyle (2008)



Melanie Kuster nee Zietsman (2002) and Tracy Mackenzie (Gr 11)



Sam Young and Nicole Purdon (gr 11)

Annual General Meeting of Past Pupils' Association held on Association Day

Association Day 2008 was held on the 24th of September, Heritage Day. The AGM, held in the Robin Savory Pavilion, was attended by many past pupils, Board members and staff. Our guest speaker was Jessica Foord, from the class of 2004. Jes spoke about her dream to establish a centre for rape victims, where they could receive medical attention, trauma counselling, support for their families and legal advice. Jes has started an organisation called P.O.W.A.R – Protect Our Women Against Rape. Her website is www.power.co.za. Rene Missen's Chairman's address focused on giving credit to all who had contributed to making the Association the success that it is. He spoke about the establishment of the Mike Leffler benefit account and thanked all who had contributed. He also referred to the highly successful Association Day in 2007, and thanked all the committee members for their ongoing energy, commitment and passion.

Rene listed the Association's future goals as including the following:

- Refining the Association's Database and the need for communication between Association Members.
- Promotion and facilitation of Matric reunions.
- Preparation for the Jubilee celebrations in 2012.
- Ongoing and greater Past Pupil involvement in the Association and their benefit to the school in general.
- An even bigger and better Association Day 2009.

Rene bade a fond farewell to the Headmaster of the Primary School, Nigel Sloane and his family who would be leaving at the end of the year to take up a position as Head at St Peter's Preparatory School in Johannesburg. He also said goodbye to Helene Steinfeldt-Kristensen, the Marketing Manager who was relocating to England via Cape Town. He thanked them for their support of the Association over the years.

Rene ended proceedings by introducing two new Honorary Life Members: Patrick Akal and Otto Hirzel.

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THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

NAMING OF THE PATRICK AKAL POOL

Patrick was the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees from 1991 until 1994, steering the school through some very difficult times. At a special luncheon, held on the day when the National Co-ed Schools' Water polo Tournament commenced, to honour Patrick, he paid tribute to the founders of the school. He said: " Fifty eight years ago I had the good fortune at my school St Charles' College to have one of those special teachers that one remembers for the rest of one's life. His name was Robin Savory. Twelve years later he founded Thomas More School, based on the ideal of the Christian gentleman.

"Today I give thanks to God for the many blessings he has given this institution and for His continued guidance and protection.

" I pay tribute to the many, many people who over the years have contributed to the building of the Thomas More Family centred on this College.

"I pay tribute to the co-founders Robin Savory and Chris Hurley, to the Chairmen and Trustees over the past 46 years, to the Principals and Staff members, to the many hundreds of parents who worked behind the scenes, and especially to all the pupils over the years.

"I pay tribute to all those presently involved in this institution. I believe it is in excellent hands.

" I congratulate you on this latest addition to the College facilities – this magnificent pool.

" I wish success on the National Water polo event commencing today.

" Thank you for the humbling honour bestowed on me. I dedicate this pool to all who have built Thomas More".

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THOMAS MORE COLLEGE HOSTS NATIONAL CO-ED SCHOOLS' WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

Thomas More College was delighted to host what is considered to be the biggest inter- schools water polo tournament in the southern hemisphere from 1-4 October 2008.

The tournament started in the early 1980's and has been running for approx. 25 years. Hudson Park High School in East London hosted it in the early years, but as the tournament grew they requested that the tournament rotate to other schools as well. Currently the rotation includes 3 provinces: the Cape region, Gauteng, and Kwa Zulu Natal. It is a unique tournament in that it is the only one for co-educational schools, one where schools enter their boys' and girls' water polo teams. There are other tournaments where only boys' or only girls' teams participate.

A record number of schools participated this year, making the tournament hosted at Thomas More College the largest to date. 20 schools sent 37 teams of boys and girls to compete. Schools participating were: Alexander Road High (Eastern Cape), Crawford College Lonehill (Gauteng), Fourways High School (Gauteng), Hudson Park High (Eastern Cape), Kingsway High (KZN), Kingswood College (Eastern Cape), Kloof High (KZN), Krugersdorp High (Gauteng), Pearson High (Eastern Cape), Pinelands High (Western Cape), Port Rex Technical High (Eastern Cape), Port Shepstone High (KZN), Randpark High (Gauteng), Scottburgh High (KZN), St Dunstons College (Gauteng), St Henry's Marist College (KZN), St Peter's College (Gauteng), Stirling High (Eastern Cape), Thomas More College (KZN), Westerford High (Western Cape).

The tournament commenced on 1st October 2008 at 12 noon in the Patrick Akal Pool, and ended on Saturday 4th October with a prize-giving ceremony at 4.30pm. Fixtures commenced daily at 7am on Thursday 2nd October and Friday 3rd October, and the final games for the day ended at 8pm.

There was a break in proceedings on the first day of the tournament, when Patrick Akal unveiled the name of the pool.

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Brian Dalberg, Dorian Swales, Carolyn Cuthbertson, Shane Cuthbertson, Jenny Akal, Patrick Akal, Roy Alderdice.



Jenny and Patrick Akal



Carolyn Cuthbertson, Jenny Akal, Shane Cuthbertson, Kathy Williams (College Sports Co-ordinator) Gavin Belman (Waterpolo coach), Patrick Akal



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PUPILS REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

As part of a Life Skills school project, Gina de Nadai, Luke Davies and Reanthe Maistry (grade 9 pupils), devised a plan for a community building programme, which they then put into practice. They approached the JP and SP school asking for clothing and toys for the needy. The response was overwhelming and they collected nearly 2000 items in 2 weeks, donated by the generous parents and pupils in the Primary School community. As this project took place at the time of the xenophobic attacks, Gina, Luke and Reanthe decided to donate half of their collected goods to some refugees (mainly from the Congo, Malawi and Zimbabwe) who were being cared for by the Dutch Reformed Church in Pinetown at the time, and the other half to Durban Children's Home. The Thomas More College pupils were overwhelmed by the gratitude of the refugees when they handed over the goods. They read to the refugee children and played with them. At Durban's Children's Home too, the response was heart-warming and the toys collected were especially welcome.

(Linda de Nadai supplied information)

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PUPIL SHINES AT HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Grade 11 pupil Danae Rau was given a riotous welcome when she visited the school in September. Danae and a MNet film and production crew paid a flying visit to the school to give a mini concert and to sign autographs for her loyal fans. The entire school body of 1150 pupils, staff members, Danae's family and friends watched as she made her way to the school stage and sang one of the songs from the show. She thanked the school and fans for their support and urged them to keep on voting for her.

Danae or "Danni" has always been musical and has starred in many productions since the age of 9. Some of her roles have included Pinocchio and Gabriella in the Westville Boys' High production of High School Musical in 2007. She has also been appearing in drama productions at Thomas More College.

Danae was selected to go to the finals of Pieter Toerien's production of High School Musical auditions for the role of Gabriella. The final concert was held at Montecasino's Il Teatro in Johannesburg in October where the winner of the much coveted role was announced. Although Danae was not selected for the role, we are very proud that she made the final 3 girl finalists.

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Richard Hardman



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Justin and Amy Engelbrecht



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Dr. Ken Cradock (1992) Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Eastern New Mexico University is still working in the Biology Department there. As part of his duties he is the Director of the SE New Mexico Regional Science Fair.

Dominique Hardy (1996) email: domzi19@orange.mu writes ... "After schooling at TMC I went for a 3 year study in electronic in Durban. Back to Mauritius after that, been working in the family business since. I got married to a Mauritian girl in 2005, and have a 1 year old girl called Alexia".

Andrew Gay (1983) writes that he moved to Cape Town at the beginning of the year.

Rod Cargill (1968) says he produces the Africa Energy Forum, which promotes the development of Africa's power sector. It's their 10th anniversary this year.

Katherine Scott (2003) did a BCom (Management and Marketing) at the University of KwaZulu Natal. After completing her degree she moved to Johannesburg where she works at Investec in the Private Bank as an internal consultant. She is currently doing her Honours through Unisa.

Alain Barker (1977) says... "I think of Thomas More College every now and then with many wonderful memories. You may remember that my father, Edo (Dr. E.M. Barker) was Chair of the Board of Trustees for a number of years. I also have siblings that went to TMC - Patrick (now in London), Pierre (now in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA), and Michele (Now in London). My mother, Paulette, still lives in the family home in Durban and my sister, Martine, lives in Cape Town and works as a managing editor with the Argus group.

I've settled in Bloomington, Indiana, USA and have been director of marketing and publicity for one of the world's largest and well-known music schools: Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. We have around 1,600 students and produce around 1,100 concerts each year (including seven fully-staged operas!) The Web site for the school is <http://music.indiana.edu>.

He writes further: Liz Rosdeitcher and I married in 1999 and we now have two amazing children, Catherine (7) and Gabrielle (5).

We'll be traveling to Durban for two weeks during the Christmas break and will visit to look at how things have changed since 1977!"

Jan Schou- Kristensen writes: "I now run the Eskom survey office in Empangeni and I am responsible for the survey of reticulation power lines from Balito to the Mozambique border."

Barry Campling writes: "I am working as a glass artist and live in the forest in the heart of Sweden's glass kingdom, a few kilometres from Orrefors where their world famous glass is hand-blown on an industrial scale and is exported world wide, including South Africa. Here also is the world famous Orrefors glass school where people from all over the world come to learn glass blowing. My partner, Tove, is a teacher at this school.

I work quite independently of the industry at my home with a family of two small children -1 and 3 years old - "painting" on window glass using enamels kiln-fired into the glass surface. I have been living in Sweden for 15 years where I started off working with handicapped adults as a gardener in the more northern half of Sweden, then moved to Stockholm area but am now

living in the southern part of Sweden since 5 years ago where I established myself as an artist.

Though we sometimes have wonderful warm summers I do much miss the South African climate and environment especially during our long cold winters.

I include a photo of my gallery/studio during winter."



For those who would like to see more of Barry's work, his website is: www.123minsida.se/barrycampling

Mark Pickering (1983) writes ... "I matriculated with the class of 1983 and have been living in Cape Town for the past 10 years with my wife Penny Mckenzie, who I met at the University of Natal. We recently had our first child, Gemma Pickering, and are completely delighted with her (pic attached). Penny is a counsellor who specialises in coaching women who are experiencing mid-life career crises. I am busy developing power stations and advising government on restructuring the electricity industry. Fortunately we both work from home so have plenty of time for Gemma. Penny recently won a competition with the Daily Times to have dinner with the Desperate Housewives, so we are off to Los Angeles in September for a whirlwind tour of the A-Class celebrities.

We get back to Durban from time to time and sometimes go for a walk around the school with my parents. I'm always amazed by how much the school has grown and developed in the last 25 years.

Regards to my surviving classmates of '83. I hope you are all thriving and enjoying your 40's."

Margit Habersack, (1981) married surname Campbell, who lives in London sent us a class photograph. She said that Bill Pickering, who was Principal at that time, had just broken his arm.



Caroline Cook (1996) emigrated to Canada in 2007. She spent 8 years working for Mr Price Group as a retail planner in Durban and has continued her career in the fashion industry in Canada, as a retail planner and is currently working for one of the top shoe companies. She has been married for 3 years to an ex George Campbell chap and they are expecting their first born at the end of July. She says that she still keeps in contact, with her very best friend Debra Richardson (1996), as well as remains good friends with Murray Smith (1994) and Grant Smith (1996).

Nick Davies (1980) has taken up a position with the Oceanic Fisheries Programme to undertake stock assessments on Pacific tunas and to liaise with the

Pacific Islands fisheries management forum. Living in glorious New Caledonia is grand!, he says.

Nikki Foster () and Ryan van Leeuwen () became engaged at the beginning of June 2008.

Steve van Mollendorf () and Jenna???????

To all past pupils who have not yet bought a brick with your name and last year of attending Thomas More on, this year's Parent Council would like to request your continued support in Thomas More College to help us fund various chosen projects by ourselves in the school. This year we are supporting the heating of our beautiful new pool. Should you be interested please forward requests with your full name, year of completion and e mail address on to Debi van Eck at dveinteriors@saol.com who will liaise with yourselves re costs etc.

Craig Sims (1981) a Springbok and SA professional champion surfer, ran a successful magazine publishing business, Atoll Media for 20 years. Last year Craig sold the business to listed media group Naspers, and relocated to the Gold Coast, Australia where he now works as a publisher of 7 youth and action sport magazines. Craig is married with two girls: Tamryn (11) and Megan (8).

Privani Moodley SEC Chairman, 2001 writes "I



would love to share this news with my extended TMC family, staff and past pupils. I married Mark Sainsbury on the 5th of April 2008. It was double celebrations all around as we celebrated a traditional Hindu wedding in the morning and a Christian Wedding in the afternoon followed by a reception at the Kloof Country Club". Mark and Privani now

live in Glenwood and Privani is employed by Unilever South Africa as an HR Business Partner; Priv and Mark's email is privandmark@gmail.com.

Genevieve (nee Dupouy 2003) and Paul Callaghan have emigrated to Auckland, New Zealand. They say it's cold but lovely and exciting! Genevieve can be contacted at: gdupouy@hotmail.com

Mark Coghlan PhD (1971 -1977) says that his family has a close relationship with the school, from the fact that Robin Savory was a maternal uncle, to their long friendship with Mike Leffler. His brother, David, and Mark were both fortunate to be Dux of our respective Matric years. Mark also has close ties to Father Boardman, who started as school chaplain at the same time as Mark started at Thomas More - 1971. Mark says they were all confirmed in his parish church in Kloof.

Marco Gardella writes "I am an ex pupil from Thomas More from 1987 till 1991. I did not matriculate at Thomas more but had a good time while I was there. I am married for ten years now, to a teacher, which would surprise most people as I was not the best student. I live in the Netherlands and work in the United Nations and my wife works in the International school of the Hague. I am busy doing my masters degree which will shock all the teachers that taught me as I did have to repeat matric after all.... ha ha."

Robert McIntyre (1969) writes that he has a business selling hand tools to the retail trade in the

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UK. They import from all over the world and brand their products Armatool.

Robert has 2 daughters aged 11 and 13 and they live in a small village in Sussex. He says: I am not in touch with anyone ex-TMC, but would certainly attend any UK reunion if anyone is interested, particularly people from around 1969 vintage, which is when I matriculated."

Dylan James Collis, (2002) studied at UKZN and UCT. He completed his degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2006 and then started working for an engineering firm up in Jhb at the beginning of 2007. He was a site engineer in Lumwana, Zambia, doing a large mill and crusher installation on a mine. The mills they installed are the biggest (physical diameter) in Africa and 2nd in the world, at this point in time. He finished that project in July and is presently in JHB in the design office, "... pushing paper instead of sand and trying to regain a social life! "

John Olsson writes "It was interesting you mentioned the Long Walk (in the last Chronicle). I recall competing in this in 1965 at the age of 13 and finishing over 40 miles. I wanted to continue but my father thought I was exhausted. We walked from Greytown towards Pietermaritzburg. Of course Mike Leffler was there and completed it easily, along with stalwarts such as Louis Conradie. I believe in my age group I walked further than anyone else".

A visitor to the campus during August was **Hans van Iersel (1971 -1975)**. He had brought his family out from Tilburg in the Netherlands to see parts of South Africa. The family was visiting Durban, Mpumalanga, Kruger Park, Drakensberg etc. Hans found the expansion to the school astounding. The first thing that he noticed, he said, was that the stables had gone.



Hans van Iersel with his wife Harriette, son Cas and daughter Margriet

Michael van Olst (1970-1973) popped into the College in August. Michael is the sub editor of the Cape Argus and lives in Kommetjie, Cape Town. Michael is married to Leigh and the couple has a son James (8) in class ii, and two daughters Caitlin (14) and Dominique (studying architecture in Spain). Michael would like to saty n touch with his classmates. His email address is: michael.vanolst@inl.co.za

Michael Lamb (1969) is Professor of Psychology at Cambridge University. His email address is: mel37@cam.ac.uk

Gareth Bolton (1997), his brother **Rohan Bolton (2003)** and their family are now living in Brisbane, Australia. Gareth says that he is now working in Nhulunbuy (Gove) in the Northern Territory. The nearest well known town is Darwin which is 700 km West of Gove. Gove is home to a bauxite mine and alumina refinery and he works there as a Project Manager in the refinery. Rohan is studying at the University of Queensland and is reading for a Commerce degree.

Calvin Masson (2005) has been selected to play for the Sharks U21 A squad. He played in their friendly

against Griquas when they won and he scored a try. He missed the second game against Free State due to a shoulder injury, but played against Border after that as No.6 open side flank. Calvin scored the Sharks U21's only two tries against Border and they won 23-13. Prior to the Springbok's test against the Wallabies in Durban, the squad played against them as part of the team's preparations.

It was a brilliant and unforgettable experience for Calvin who did well to hold his own against the likes of Schalk Burger, Pier Spies and Juan Smith etc.



Richard (Dick) Hardman 'Woodrooffe' writes "It was good to meet you briefly when my son Matthew and I brought Mike Leffler along to visit the school and enjoy morning coffee in your very nice Sweet and Savory Tearoom in July. I matriculated in 1973, having arrived at the school midway through 1968 as a day pupil and have long appreciated the less conventional education Thomas More (circa the late 1960s and into the 1970s) provided. Mike Leffler was the epitome of that ethos. From the Class of '73 I still remain in touch, though in some cases rarely, with: Matthew Brouckaert, Colin Gallow, Peter (Dozy) Kohler, Mark (Ratty) Pereira, and Chris Whitaker.

I have been in the U.K. since 1978, taught for 6 years, then joined a family export business and for the past 7 years or so have been back in the teaching world, working for Essex County Council, teaching pupils who are out of school for medical or psychological reasons on a one-to-one basis in their homes mostly - a job I really enjoy. My wife Bryony is a specialist teacher of pupils with Dyslexia, our son Matthew a primary school teacher and our daughter (just returned from travelling round the world) insistent that she won't make it four teachers in the family! My e-mail address is hardman2309@hotmail.com.

Seeing Thomas More in 2008 compared to 1973 is a real eye-opener, but somehow the spirit of the place appears to have remained intact, despite its enormous increase in size".

My name is Nicky (Nicolette) Boyd nee Farquharson. I am one of the first group of girls that joined Thomas More in 1975. I started in standard 8. I spent the next 3 happy years at the school until the end of 1977 when I had completed standard 10. I was very involved in the horse riding stables at the school.

I live in Surrey in the UK and am married with 2 children. I am a self-employed Driving Instructor

We were clearing out our loft and I came across a class photo of my last year 1977 at Thomas More School (as it was known then) and some other photos that are school related. The photo of the horse team was taken in 1977 at the Shongweni Showgrounds the event was Natal School Showjumping Team Event. The girl leading the foal mascot is Deidre Rice, carrying the School flag is Anne Mackay, the riders are Cindy Walters, Robbie (can't remember his surname) and myself. The last photo is of the Great House taken in 1975.



Thomas More Show Jumping Team 1977



Thomas More Class of 1977

Joanne Venter nee Hoogendoorn (2000) is currently living in New Zealand with her husband. She works at a skin cancer clinic in Tauranga as a dermatological nurse.

Farhana Paruk (1981) has just started a pre-doctoral year at Harvard in the USA.

Hayley Kruger (Habberton) writes ... "I am the only Habberton still living in KZN. I teach at Hillcrest Primary School (it runs in the family). I have two beautiful children - Andraya (8) and Stephen (3). My husband owns a plastic recycling company in Hammarsdale.



My parents are running an ex-missionary school just outside of Vryburg in the North West Province, called Tigerkloof. They were here for a visit in the July holidays, but sadly my Dad was very ill and spent it in hospital. Our thanks go out to all TMC old family friends who took time to visit him. It was good to see that he hasn't been completely forgotten. He is recovering slowly but still struggles with fatigue. My mom started a primary school where they are too, and is taking her pilot class into grade 5 next year. The school is growing from strength to strength. Once again the Lord is using them to do a great work.

Kirsty and Christopher both live in Rustenburg with their spouses. Kirsty and Mark are in fulltime ministry in their church, and Chris has just found out that he's going to be a Daddy! Colin is living in Cape Town and is a very successful business consultant.

Best wishes to all who remember us".

Chris Hurley (former Principal of Thomas More College) writes to wish both Fr Boardman and Mike Leffler well in their respective retirements.

