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THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

WELCOME *Martin Easson*



Martin Easson

I would like on behalf of my wife Toni and daughters Rachael and Naomi to extend my sincere thanks to Shane, the staff, the learners, parents and past pupils for making me most welcome here at Thomas More College.

Special thanks and once again God's richest blessing go to Father Boardman, who faithfully served this community for 38 years. His legacy remains an important part of this School. I have very big shoes to fill!

Some background information about my family and myself. Toni is an accountant working part-time from home, but mostly a mum to our daughters, especially the eldest daughter Rachael, who is currently going through the "freedom fighter" stage of childhood!

I worked in the electrical engineering field for 20-odd years and during that time, besides

studying engineering at Tech, I completed a BA and BTh (Theology) at UNISA. After that I went back to university full time to accomplish a dream I had of becoming a History teacher. I then became an educator at Kloof High School, sadly enough Thomas More College's archrivals! I am also a Preacher at the Kloof Methodist Church where I have been a member for 20-odd years (and they really have been odd).

To dispel any rumours, yes I was here as a pupil at Thomas More during the late Seventies. However, I must confess I was one of the worst students academically and attitude-wise. A rebel without a clue, consequently bad marks etc. Not quite the comments you want to read on your resumé but I want to share it with you, as later on when I became a Christian, I regretted the bad attitude that I had, as it has consequences.

My hope and prayer is that we feed and nurture the spiritual side of our learner sphere at TMC. Jesus said: "Man does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" Matthew 4:4. We often neglect this part of education and emphasise the academic (mind) and sport (body). When the learners leave this community they need to be prepared for this world in spirit, mind and body. The words of the writer of Hebrews who tell us "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith". Hebrews 12:1-2. God should be the ultimate goal in our lives, as everything good flows from Him.

Martin Easson

FATHER BOARDMAN

Update



Father Boardman

Father Boardman has settled well into Nazareth House, although he had to give the kitchen a bit of a talking to at the beginning, as the food was rather bland and unimaginative. He has succeeded, and the Chef is quite impressed with Father's culinary skills! Father enjoys visits from

various staff members, and loves outings to galleries and coffee shops with these visitors. Age has not withered that incredible mind, and he keeps up to date with world news from politics to finances, enjoys watching sport, and likes nothing more than an intellectual discussion.

Past Pupil Association KEY COMMITTEE MEMBERS



RENÉ MISSEN

René Missen matriculated in 1979. He has played hockey and cricket for the TMC Old Boys since 1982. René has two sons who attended TMC and matriculated in 2003 and 2005. René has served on the Board of Trustees since 2003 and he has been the Chairman of the TMC PPA since 2005.



PRIVANI SAINSBURY

In 2001, Privani Sainsbury matriculated from TMC. Thereafter she completed her BA Honours Degree at Rhodes University. During her four years at Rhodes, Privani held numerous leadership positions, including that of an executive member of the Rhodes University Students' Representative Council, Sub-warden at Beit House as well as an Industrial Sociology tutor. After completing her Honour degree, Privani was employed as an HR Management Trainee for the Multi National FMCG Company, Unilever and where after three and half exciting years in a corporate environment, Privani is now an HR Manager at Unilever South Africa. In April 2008, Privani married Mark Sainsbury and they live in Durban.

MELANIE KÜSTER (NEE ZIETSMAN)

Secretary of the TMC PPA Committee.

- Matriculated in 2002
- Winner of the Past Pupils' Award in Grade 12
- 1st team Waterpolo captain in 2001/2002
- 1st team Netball vice-captain in 2002
- Has played in the Past Pupils' Netball and Waterpolo teams since 2003
- Secretary of the TMC Highway Waterpolo Club since 2007
- Past Pupils' Waterpolo representative on the TMC PPA committee since 2008
- Married Mark Küster (TMC Class of 2000) in July 2007.

Melanie had one sibling at TMC (Tracey Zietsman – class of 2005) and currently has four cousins spread between the four phases. Her father, Peter Zietsman, was also a member of the Board of Trustees, as well as being co-ordinator of the Long Walk for three years. Melanie has a BSc in Bio Mechanical Science from UKZN, and is currently the Product Manager at SteriTech, a company which manufactures disinfectants.



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL HEADMASTER & PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADMISTRESS

Message



ALLAN CHANDLER
Headmaster

There is a special spirit awaiting pupils at Thomas More. It is a spirit of belonging, of security, of humility, of love, and of happiness. It is a spirit of rising in the morning and wanting to go to school. It is a spirit of striving for personal enrichment and achievement, but also one of reaching out in assistance to others.

The school glories in collective image and pursuit, but relishes individuality, self-confidence and self-expression. Most Thomas More alumni are characterised by assertive oratory, lively debate, and a divergent turn of thought. The potential of each pupil is challenged at every turn, and a personal, and not group, yardstick measures achievement. Progress, diligence and strong moral fibre are revered as much as outstanding performance. All this is underpinned by a vibrant Christian ethos, with the teachings of Jesus Christ at the core.



BARBARA TALJARD
Headmistress

Thomas More Primary School offers a nurturing environment where every child is afforded the opportunity to develop to his/her potential as he/she progresses from Pre-Primary through the Junior and Senior Primary Phases to the College. Our experienced teachers recognise that children are unique and treat each child with respect while providing a balanced, holistic education. Our Christian ethos creates a sound value-base and this, plus

our superb facilities, excellent resources and environmentally friendly campus, makes our school the ideal place for a child to develop during formative years, acquiring relevant life- and inter-personal skills. Our enrichment and support programmes, and the acquisition of creative and critical higher order thinking skills, also equip each pupil for the future. We offer that value-add, where children are happy and free to learn, making school dynamic and enjoyable.

WELCOME *New Staff*



*Front: Lorna Sachs (Junior Primary), Janet La Grange (High School), Ryan Conway (Senior Primary)
Back: Kim Hooper (Marketing/PR), Kyle Gilham (High School Sport), Cathy Booyens (High School), Cate Cooper (Nursing Sister), Laurie Jensch (High School)*

MIKE LEFFLER *Update*



As most of you are aware, in April 2007 Mike Leffler's health suddenly deteriorated. Mike, the avid sports fanatic, has retired from watching televised sports, reading is no longer possible and he refrains from going for walks in the garden. Mike still, however, has his "sweet tooth" and welcomes any sweet/savoury goodies from friends and family when they call on him. Mike still resides at Kloof Rest Home and enjoys the food, company and the staff who take care of him.

MATRIC DANCE *2009*

On the beautiful, still evening of 18 April, the crowd was awaiting the arrival of the Matric class of 2009.

All forms of transport were used, from wheel chairs, vintage cars to even a boat towed behind a vehicle.

Two violin players welcomed the Matrics into the Amphitheatre where they enjoyed a fruit cocktail and awaited the arrival of their friends.

At 19:00 the 2009 Matrics entered into the world of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The hall was beautifully decorated with lots of fairy lights and flowers and two backdrops with a forestry theme. Ballet dancers entertained the guests to a very graceful dance, after which Mr. Chandler addressed the guests. The dance floor was opened by Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbertson and Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, after which the Matrics followed with the Waltz.

After an enjoyable meal, the Matrics danced the night away in their stunning evening wear and left the venue at 24:00 with stars in their eyes...



PAST PUPILS NEWS *Snippets*



4 of the students who matriculated in 2005. They received their BSc degrees together on 21st April 2009 at the University of Pretoria.

From left to right:

*Bianca Achtzehn (Veterinary Biology)
Roxanne Buck (Veterinary Biology)
with distinction
Jaqueline Harvey (Human Physiology,
Genetics and Psychology)
David Hoddinott (Genetics)
with distinction*

Neil Douglas (1978) - He has been in Sussex, UK, for the last 10 years and has two young children aged 4 and 2.

Leucio (Leo) Colarossi (1969 -1973) - obtained a BSc Eng (Civil) at Natal and went on to complete his MBA. Leo resides in Pinetown but works in Gauteng (Projects such as Gautrain, Mines and Freeway upgrades for 2010), so he commutes on a weekly basis. Any school mate who wants to contact him, can contact him at colarossi@mjvn.co.za

Donnee Standeaven (2003) - studied agriculture and is now working for a Holland company within the dairy section. She lives and works in Creighton which is in Southern Natal. She loves South Africa and is living her dream working between Creighton and the Underberg area. She calls on all the dairy farms in this area and works with her side kick "Tuli" - her beloved Australian Cattle dog. Tuli goes everywhere with her. During the course of her job she has visited Holland and New Zealand looking at dairy stock, but always loves to come home.



Ryan and Nicky van Leeuwen

Ryan van Leeuwen (2002) - studied for 4 years at KZN varsity and now works for Armstrong Construction as a Quantity Surveyor.

Nicky Foster (2003) - studied for 4 years at varsity and is now working for PWC and doing her Articles. She has already passed one Board exam, and has one more to write in November after which she will be a qualified CA.

Shaun Standeaven (2005) - studied at the International Hotel School. He has been working on a Norwegian Cruise ship since July 2008. Places he has visited include the Baltic Sea, parts of Russia, Iceland, onshore at Reykjavik, Hudson Bay in Canada, New York, and the Bahamas, after which he rounded Brazil and docked in Rio. The countries he has visited have been amazing, too many to name. He is fortunate that in every port he gets time off and is able to see as much as possible. His cruise in March was from Miami to Japan.

Jason Missen (2005) & his fiancée, Meredith van As (2006), both whom are now residents in Perth, Australia. Jason, after completing his National Diploma in Sport Management (2007), was appointed as the Sports & Social Co-ordinator at Varsity College (Westville Campus). He was selected into the 2008 KZNRU U/21 Squad in 2008, but was forced to withdraw with serious hamstring injury. In January 2009, he was signed up for a 1-year semi-professional Rugby Playing Contract with Associates RFC, in Perth - a Premier Grade Club in the WARFU. He has had a good start to the season, with his side having won all their matches thus far, and he is currently playing on the flank in the Club's 1st XV. He is working as a Marketer for the Club's Manager.

Meredith completed her Diploma in Beauty Therapy at the Academy of Beauty in Assagay in December 2008. She moved in February this year to Perth to join Jason. She is currently practising as a Beauty Therapist in Perth.

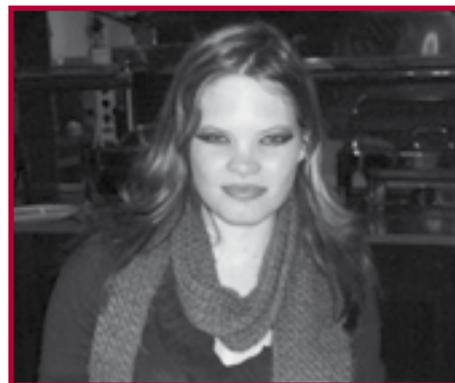


Jason and Meredith were engaged in July 2008

Graeme Selvan (2000) - on leaving TMC, he went on to study for a diploma in Fine Arts. Graeme then studied for a degree in Information Systems at Damelin College, followed by a Microsoft Design and Development course. He moved to JHB and worked as an IT manager for a small company. Graeme always wanted to break into the Web development industry but found it VERY hard to get into. He eventually got his break and has

been working for Piggs Peak Internet Casino as a senior web developer (4 years now). On arriving in Johannesburg, Graeme also broke into the DJ scene and gained a residency for Johannesburg's top night clubs (Groove Bar) playing for 4 years with some of the biggest names in the industry (Lady Lea, Ryan Dent, Mike Monday, Flash Republic and many more) to crowds of over 2000-strong. It was a fantastic experience for him, but he decided to focus more on his career and therefore last year opted to quit the music scene.

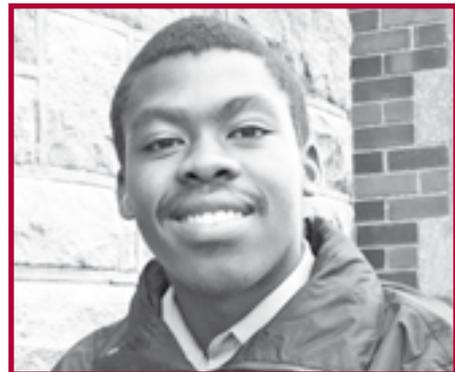
Kieran O'Brien (2008) - after leaving school, Kieran landed the part of Agnetha in "ABBA - The Legend Continues" at the Dockyard Theatre. She then auditioned for the Barnyard Theatre where she was offered a part in Route 66 which required her to move to Johannesburg for a 7-week run at the Barnyard in Fourways. From there the show is going to Durban. Kieran is hoping to get a contract to go back to Johannesburg for a few months. She also writes her own songs and has produced a CD of 10 of her own compositions which she hopes to market in the not too distant future.



Kieran O'Brien

Shelley-Ann van As (2005) - completed a diploma in Events Management and is now working for the Homemakers Exhibition. She also co-ordinates weddings in her spare time. Shelley-Ann is currently in the 2nd year of her BCom Marketing degree and will continue to finish that degree. Her contact details are Shelly-Ann van As, 074 144 3602. PO Box 1173 Linkhills 3652. Email: shellyv34@hotmail.com.

Freedom Mathonsi (2006) - took a "gap year" for two years. In 2009 he was offered a position as an intern in the Senior Primary phase at Thomas More College. He is currently studying part-time.



Freedom Mathonsi

PAST PUPILS NEWS *Snippets*

URGENT APPEAL *please*



Some of the ex-TMC "Old Boys" playing at Hillcrest Villagers Rugby Club

*Left: Anthony McCormack
Centre: Deon Ndaba - Matric 1996
(HVRC 1st XV)
Right: Murray Mork
(1996 TMC 1st XV Captain)*

Calvin Masson (2005) - has been selected into the 2008 Sharks U21 Curry Cup Squad. Calvin also played a season of Club Rugby in Brisbane, Australia, in 2006.



Calvin Masson - Shark U21

We are busy updating the Past Pupils' database. We would love to hear from you, with details of surname, address, telephone/cellphone numbers, email and fax where available, as well as your matric year. We would also appreciate receiving any photos and memorabilia that you are willing to part with for the school archives. Any news, snippets about your lives or those of your classmates will be appreciated for The Moorcock Chronicle.

As you know Mike Leffler, who used to be the secretary for the Past Pupils' Association, has now retired to the Kloof Rest Home. The PR/Marketing Department at Thomas More College is now responsible for liaising with the Past Pupils.

Please could you either email your updated particulars to Tracy Morgan on: **tmorgan@thomasmore.co.za** or fax: **031 764 4964**.

Archive COLLECTION

Thomas More has had a colourful and varied history. We are keen to preserve this history and are continually looking for items to develop the archive collection, especially as the school will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in a few years' time. We appeal to past pupils and Staff to donate any documents, programmes, photographs and clothing items they may have tucked away at home. These can be in any format, covering academic, sporting, cultural and social activities.

We are also collecting recordings of personal accounts on DVD and would welcome any contributions. These recordings can be done at school, in groups or individually, and are in the form of informal chats and recollections about your life at Thomas More.

Please contact me if you have any contributions or are able to spend some time recalling your school life. We would really appreciate any memorabilia. My contact 'phone number is 031 764 8657 or you may E-mail me at **lbregman@thomasmore.co.za**

Lynn Bregman - DALBERG LIBRARY

DURBAN DISPLAY TAKES GOLD

..... at Chelsea



Past Pupil, Chris Dalzell

Durbanites have something to be proud about. The city's come out tops in this year's annual Chelsea Flower Show. We've received a gold certificate for an exhibition centred around the 2010 World Cup and Durban as a tourist destination. It's the third time Durban has entered, but the first time we've taken gold.

Botanic Gardens Curator Chris Dalzell (Thomas More College Past Pupil, class of 1979) says the display - at 100 square meters - is the biggest the city's ever had.

"We recreated the archway that goes over the Moses Mabhida Soccer Stadium, and filled it with flowers - with Agapanthus and ferns from Durban, and then recreated the national flora of Natal and also brought in lots of baskets and pots - which we had specially made."

Dalzell says the stand was visited by the Queen, who spent about 10 minutes talking to them. He says it's been a wonderful experience.

"There are over 200 000 people who come through Chelsea over five days and, you know, I'm just standing here now just looking at the people walking by; people are asking questions. It probably is one of the most photographed stands because it is so colourful."

Congratulations to designer Francois Lenferna and the team of Christopher Dalzell, Michael Oxland and Doli Bulose and the 12 volunteers who helped make Durban proud!



Chris Dalzell with the Queen



The winning display

CLASS OF '79 *Reunion*

FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2009 AT TMC PAVILION

Hoping for a "hit rate" of 12 out of 22 ex-class mates!

Reunion Organising Committee - René Missen, Chris Dalzell, Gary Green & Mike Liebenberg.



LONG WALK

Once again Thomas More College has staged another extremely successful Long Walk. The walk was originated in 1963 by Mr Mike Leffler, a teacher at the school.

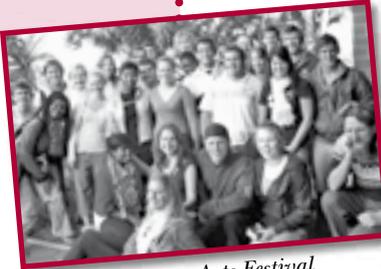
The camaraderie and *esprit de corps* generated by the walkers is very much in keeping with the spirit of caring that is epitomised within the ethos of the school. Although essentially an 80km event, there is also a 55km and 25km option.

Over 1 100 walkers took to the streets. The walk started at the school grounds in Kloof at 2am, and wound its way through the suburbs of Kloof, Hillcrest and Bothas Hill before finishing in Summerveld. There were no winners, just people who grow from taking on the challenge.



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE HOSTS A *Christian Arts Festival*

Thomas More College exploded into life when the combined Christian youth groups from Kloof and Hillcrest wowed the pupils with a host of dance, music and messages about Jesus. The week-long event, entitled "Losing or Gaining?", is about asking and answering the questions of life - the reality of Christianity amongst young people of the Highway area. During the week, the youth groups led all the Assemblies and the Religious Education classes from Grade 1 to Grade 12. Aaron McLroy, along with Megan Coleman, Albert van den Berg and Jacques Botes, shared their testimonies. Christian bands visited the school during breaks and the week ended on Friday night with the band, Spin the Flava. Even with all this activity, the youth of Kloof and Hillcrest shared their love for Jesus with others. We realize that with God, all things are possible, there is healing, hope and joy in age, where often there is no hope or meaning to life.



Christian Arts Festival Youth leaders with Martin Easson.



Left: Sharks players Albert van den Berg and Jacques Botha with Megan Coleman ex Miss SA with Principal Shane Cuthbertson and some pupils of TMC.

WE WISH OUR CRICKET BOYS BEST OF LUCK FOR THEIR TOUR!

(departing 20th June 2009)



First Row: Samantha Lister, Liam van der Merwe, Henri Strydom, Arman Kara, Teigan Erasmus, Kerin McKibbin, Luke Smith, Travis Preston.

Second Row: Gareth Davies, Alex Whitelaw, Ngobile Ntuli, Jarrid Smith, Sam Dixon, Jason Petzer, Chris Princen.

Third Row: Chris Ruddock, Tim Beghin, Jarred Sullivan, Devon Seaton, Chris Fox, Mark Bird, Devon Sims-Handcock, David Hazell, Duncan Greet, Stefan Pike,

Dean Blewitt, Robert O'Connor, Justin Lanz, Dominic Hutchison.

Back Row: Gary Balarin, Jason Brimelow, Philip Lanz, Mark Moolman, Ron Dove.



Megan Coleman, Calvin Masson (ex TMC), Jacques Botes and Albert van den Berg.

CALENDAR OF *Events*

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR FOR JUBILEE 2012

FEBRUARY	Jubilee Opening Ceremony on Savory Field
MARCH	Jubilee Long walk
APRIL	Jubilee Co-ed Independent Schools 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. *Subject to change.*

September

12th

Association Day
See you there!



THOMAS MORE PAST PUPIL *Hockey Club*



Results

OUTDOOR 2008

Team	Division	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points	Position
Men's 1	2	16	9	0	7	48	46	27	2
Men's 2	3	12	3	2	7	36	50	11	6
Ladies' 1	4	12	6	0	6	27	34	18	4

- The men's first side continues to perform well in division 2. They have finished between 2nd and 4th in this division ever since being promoted in 2004;
- The men's second side was 1 of 2 sides given the chance to play in division 3, after division 4 was the only remaining league on grass. They therefore had to adapt to playing in a higher division, and on grass, and did very well to finish 6th.
- The ladies' side now has a number of regular players, and is scoring many more goals than they did three or four years ago.

INDOOR 2008

Thomas More Hockey club again had a fun indoor season. The final results are tabulated below.

Team	Division	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points	Position
Men's 1	2	7	5	0	2	34	30	15	3
Men's 2	2	7	2	0	5	24	39	6	6
Men's 3	4	8	3	0	5	26	52	9	5
Ladies' 1	5	6	3	1	2	30	24	10	4

- The men's first side continue to perform well in Division 2. They were always in the top half of this competitive division.
- The men's second side was promoted to Division 2 at the end of last year. They found Division 2 tough going at times, especially after Stuart Keir left to go overseas midway through the season. They however finished the season clear of the relegation zone and will build on this season's experience.
- The men's third side was a better side than the results reflect. The third side had the constant predicament of being a feeder side for the other teams. This year two of their players were recruited by higher teams.
- Ladies' side did well considering that many of their matches this season were on a Saturday evening.



Past Pupils Hockey - Kearsney - May 2009

LYNDHURST 7 A-SIDE *Rugby Tournament 2009*



This year, we again entered four teams from Under 10 to Under 13. This tournament is used by our coaches as a trial to see the strength of our teams before the start of the season. 2009 proved to be a successful tournament yet again. Our Under 10s proved to be strong and this was largely due to the early start they received playing as Under 9s the previous year. They won the Under 10 section in fine style.

The Under 11 team did not disappoint and made it through to the semi-final stage. This age group had many close and hard fought encounters on the day. They were unfortunately knocked out just before the final hooter sounded.

The Under 12s caused some upsets on the day and found themselves playing in the final. The boys showed guts and determination throughout the day and were rewarded by winning the U12 section.

The Under 13 boys were out to create "history" at the tournament. Since this group of boys played as U10s four years ago, they have won the tournament. This year was no different. The team conceded 2 tries against them throughout the entire day and won their section convincingly. To top off a great run, Gareth Terblanche was also named Player of the Tournament in the U13 section.

The tournament was again a success as all the boys had fun and the final results rounded off a great day.

Jason Brimelow - HOD SPORT

PAST PUPILS *Waterpolo*

Thomas More College Highway Waterpolo Club will be running at least 4 teams in the coming KZN Aquatics Waterpolo season (beginning in October 2009), including at least one Masters' team. Pre-season training will begin towards the end of July, at the TMC Swimming Pool and the cost for the entire season will be approximately R220 per player. Practices will be held in the evening, twice a week, with matches being held at venues around Durban one evening per week (exact dates and times to be confirmed closer to the start of the season).

All are welcome. Anyone interested can contact Calum, Gregg or Melanie on: Calum Cockerill on 072 232 1088, Gregg Higgs on 082 887 8149 or Melanie Kuster on 082 852 9160.

