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THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The Past Pupils' Association Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Address

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2010

Welcome and good morning to the Chairman of the TMC Board of Trustees and fellow past pupil Roy Alderdice, fellow Board Trustees, Honorary Life Members of the PPA, my Committee, Association Members, fellow Past Pupils and all other visitors.

Yet another year has passed and we have all grown a year older and hopefully a little wiser.

I have taken a snapshot of the last year of the Association's activities and achievements and I am proud on behalf of the Association's Committee to say we have achieved so much.

We have endured and marked the passing of the founder and original cornerstone of our Association, Mike Leffler. Following a three-year battle with his health, Mike eventually passed on, on 15th December 2009. His on-campus Memorial Service was held on 5th February 2010 at which touching tributes were made by both Past Pupils and Staff. His legacy lives on, most recently with the construction of the Astro Hockey Field which bears his name.

Father Dominic Boardman, an Honorary Life Member of the Association, also passed away, following ill health, on 27th March this year. Having attended the Memorial Assembly held at school in the Habberton Hall on 21st April 2010, I came to realize how many hearts Father Boardman had touched. Hearing the tributes from current Primary School pupils, High School pupils, current and past Staff as well as Past Pupils spanning almost 40 years, made me realize what a truly great person he really was.

On a lighter note the school has made huge strides and achievements under the leadership of Shane Cuthbertson, Allan Chandler, Barbara Taljard and Deni Hornsey.

We have a past pupil Sihle Ntuli in the SA Men's Hockey side.

We have had a number of overseas past pupils visiting the campus, including Christine and Dominic

Dalais, Rob Grieve, Andrew Kerr, Nicholas Hofmeyer, Lucie Trojanova, and a number of Cape Town-based past pupils.

Our past pupils' men's hockey sides have been fielded in both the KZN indoor leagues (3) and outdoor astro-based leagues (2) thanks to Johann McLeod.

Sadly the ladies' side has folded but thanks go to Tracey-Lee Sullivan, back from a tour of teaching in Korea, who has undertaken to reverse this situation quickly and is already looking to assemble a summer league side. So a big thank you to Tracey.

On 14th August 2010 this year the Astro was opened on the Leffler Field by Don Leffler, Mike's nephew, and this was marked by matches between the Old Boys/Girls vs the school's 1st teams. This

surface will soon become the Association Hockey Club's home venue within the next season. Thank you to Daniel Marais for some great photos.

Association water polo grows in strength year on year. Under the overall command of Melanie Küster (nee Zietsman), the Association fielded 7 sides with one in the 1st division and 2 ladies' sides. Well done to Melanie and her committee.

The Association has taken an explorative leadership role in networking with the Old Boys' clubs and Old Girls' guilds of Hilton, Michaelhouse, St Anne's, Kearsney, Maritzburg College and St Mary's, in order to eventually workshop best policies and practices that will see the stronger association of past pupils to their former schools.

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Zuriel Naiker (Class of 2002) - AGM Guest speaker, René Missen, Rae Griesel, Roy Alderdice, Shane Cuthbertson.





Past Pupils' Soccer Team



Past Pupils' Netball Team

On an administration front our Association Secretary Mrs Rae Griesel who joined us in August last year has made huge strides in this arena:

- 6 months ago Rae opened a TMC past pupils' Facebook page and has 929 friends to date.
- An Edu Admin database of 2585 past pupils. Lots lacking contact information.
- An integrated website menu for past pupils whereby past pupils can click to obtain Association news, update their profiles, a photo gallery, past Chronicle issues and obtain a history of the Association. Try it - go to: www.thomasmore.co.za
- Most importantly we are now beginning to record new fresh faces popping out of the woodwork. Some of these are here today and to them I say "Welcome home".
- Rae, you have been an inspiration. I said to you in your interview you would have big boots to fill replacing Mike, you have risen to the challenge and your feet are growing. Thank you.

Bill Pickering will be celebrating his 80th birthday on 6th October 2010.

Last but not least to my Committee:

- Privani Sainsbury (nee Moodley), my Vice-chair, who has relocated to Johannesburg, thank you for the time you gave us and for the extent to which we benefited from your input and guidance.
- Melanie Küster (nee Zietsman) my Committee Secretary and Water polo convenor, you are tireless. There have been occasions when Melanie has attended committee meetings with wet hair, just out of the pool, clad in a tracksuit with a one-piece underneath.
- Jeremy Redding, Treasurer, thanks for being conservative and rock-solid on our finances.
- Reg Hoddinott, our constitutional guru, for your tireless dedication to the Association as a past parent and board member. You are wise and directional.
- Dinesha Maistry, thanks for being so youthful, fresh and challenging, I wish I was your age again. Seeing Deni take on and debate an issue without backing down is a credit to the type of strong and independent mind that this school breeds.
- Nic Franks, I know that business has kept you late at the office but your representation has been appreciated and you will grow in involvement when the time is right.
- Shane Cuthbertson, Kim Hooper and Karen Colvin, I thank you for your support and guidance. This input and involvement has been indispensable.
- Wayne Jaggard, Parents' Council representative, you have already made an impact. Thank you for your immediate impetus that you have lent to the Association.
- Chris Dalzell, thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Association.
- Sandro De Nadai, thanks for your long lasting and passionate affiliation with the Past Pupils' Association.
- The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Roy Alderdice, thank you for the honour of serving under you and the support that you and the fellow Trustees have given me and the importance given to the Past Pupils' Association.
- Pips Hudson, thank you for taking care of the Robin Savory Pavilion and adding value with the Coffee Shop. Breakfast was superb as always.

René Missen
CHAIRMAN



Past Pupils' Hockey



Past Pupils' Rugby Team



PAST PUPILS' NEWS SNIPPETS

Parents in Business

FORUM BREAKFASTS

Each term Karen Colvin (Fundraising: Thomas More College) holds a Parents in Business Forum Breakfast.

This year Karen decided to focus on the Past Pupils as guest speakers.



3RD TERM - Gary Green (1979)
- Entrepreneur and Author of *Mad Cows and River Spiders and Stand at Ease*



4TH TERM - Dunstan Farrell (1976)
- Attorney (Specialising in Labour Law).

Together Since GRADE 0



Back Row: Michael Hornsey, Justin Lanz, Shaun Barnett, Haydn Brooks, Duncan Greet, Slade Demosthenous, Marc Gevers, Christopher Carter, Nicholas von Klemperer.

Middle Row: Hayleigh Belman, Emily Cotterill, Kelly Bauermeister, Gabriella De Nadai, Kirsten Coetzee, Jessamy Vosper, Devon Sims-Handcock, Shannon Whitton.

Front Row: Jane Webster, Michelle Gevers, Emily Smart, Natalie van Ellewee, Camilla Batchelor.

JASON MISSEN : 2005



"ON THE CHARGE"
Jason is currently playing professional rugby (2nd contract) in Perth, Western Australia.

Congratulations



LAUREN PEEL (Class of 2004)
Lauren Peel & Devan Matthews were married on 4th September 2010 at Kelvin Grove in Cape Town.

Weddings



LAWRENCE SMITH (Class of 1990) and CHARMAINE KIRKBRIDE (Class of 1987)
Lawrence and Charmaine were married on 13th November 2010 at The Rusty Hook in Johannesburg. [A little inside information is that they met up again 20 years after school after finding each other on Facebook!]



PAST PUPILS' NEWS SNIPPETS

RYAN REDMAN : 2002

A year ago I had the opportunity of meeting Ryan Redman and it was my pleasure to include his achievements in Edition 23 of the Moorcock Chronicle – Snippets.

I am fortunate that Ryan has stayed in contact with me and I am able to give you all a follow-up article in this edition of the Moorcock Chronicle about his accomplishments for 2010.

IN RYAN'S WORDS:

My aim this year is not ultimately about results but about gaining experience in the international world of Xterra racing. This is all thanks to the backing of Team Jeep SA and my incredible family.

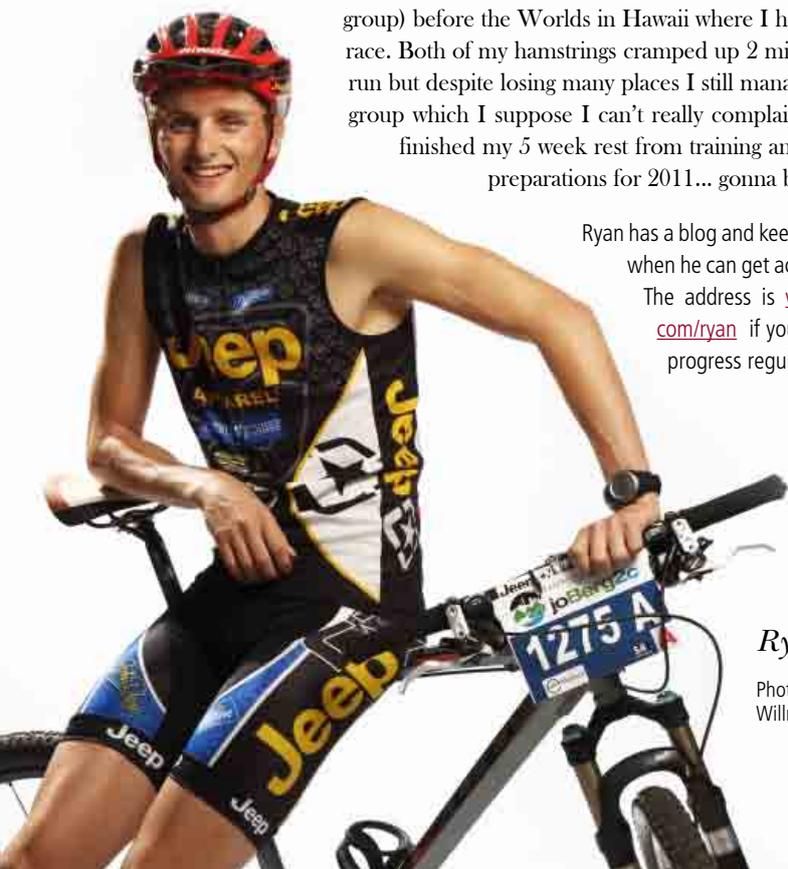
At Xterra South Africa earlier this year I was placed 2nd in my age group which qualified me to race at World Champs in Hawaii in October. This is when my grandad, Jim Redman (6 time World Motorcycle Champion), came on board and offered the financial support that has allowed me to race in the European Tour and then continue on to the US for USA Champs en route to Worlds in Hawaii.

Throwing myself in the deep end, my first race was the European Xterra Champs held in Sardinia, Italy. There I was placed 7th in the 25-29 age group and 52nd overall. I then based myself in England with some friends whilst training before heading to Xterra France where I was placed 4th in my age group, 44th overall. My next race was a part of the German Tour and was an interesting race as we started in the Czech Republic, raced into Austria on the bike and then ran to the finish in Germany. Unfortunately I picked up a head cold before the race and foolishly thought it wasn't too bad resulting in a valuable lesson learned once the race began. I have also competed in some incredibly wet weather conditions at the Czech Xterra and these conditions resulted in the following week's Germany Xterra being cancelled due to extensive damage caused in the area. I had two smaller races, one being a part of the German Xterra tour, and then I headed down to Switzerland for the final race of the tour. I hoped to improve on or at least hold my 5th place in the tour standings in the 25-29 age group. I did manage to move up from 5th and actually jumped into 3rd in my age group in the European Tour which I was really happy about. I then went on to the States where I came 2nd overall at the Utah Xterra (1st in age group) before the Worlds in Hawaii where I had a disappointing race. Both of my hamstrings cramped up 2 miles into the 7 mile run but despite losing many places I still managed 9th in my age group which I suppose I can't really complain about! I've just finished my 5 week rest from training and have started my preparations for 2011... gonna be epic! :)

Ryan has a blog and keeps it updated as and when he can get access to the internet. The address is www.redmanracing.com/ryan if you want to follow his progress regularly.

Ryan Redman

Photographer: Matthew Willman (Class of 1997)



PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

Committee

MEMBERS 2011

RENÉ MISSEN

(Class of 1978)

Chairman
Overseas, Cape Town
& Johannesburg
Chapters



MELANIE KÜSTER

(Class of 2002)

Vice-Chairperson
Mentorship
Programme and
Water Polo



RAE GRIESEL

Association and
Committee Secretary
Database, Reunions,
Association Day,
Chronicle



JEREMY REDDING

Treasurer and
TMC Bursar



COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THEIR PORTFOLIOS FOR 2011

- Wayne Jaggard – Parents' Council Representative – Interface between PPA and PC
- Reg Hoddinott – Constitution, Strategic Planning and Past Parents
- Johann McLeod – Men's Hockey
- Tracey-Lee Sullivan – Ladies' Hockey
- Dinesha Maistry – Current Pupils and Mentorship
- Zuriel Naiker – Events, Calendar and Social Networking
- Sandro De Nadai – Past Pupils and Past Parents
- Gary Green – 70s Database
- Glen Bruton – 60s Database
- Shane Cuthbertson – TMC Principal
- Kim Hooper – TMC Marketing
- Karen Colvin – TMC Fundraising



PAST PUPILS' NEWS SNIPPETS

Snap! And Matthew's dreams come true



Matthew Willman with a portrait of singer and songwriter Annie Lennox.

WITH camera in hand, Matthew Willman's life has exceeded expectations, his story akin to a fantasy tale.

A former Thomas More College pupil, he expressed his burning desire to meet Nelson Mandela and that, too, has gone beyond the realms of his dreams.

He knuckled down to his task in 2003 and, seven years later, is heavily involved with the work of the Mandela Foundation, his camera taking him around the world for commissioned photo shoots with the likes of Bill Clinton, Annie Lennox, Craig David and Nicolas Sarkozy to name a few.

"It's about my passion for people and the need to see change of attitude and development at grass roots level," he said.

For the past 10 years, Matthew has documented the work of various international NGOs, foundations and charities, transforming how the world deals with HIV and Aids, rural development and TB.

The result is Vukukhanye - Rising Up, a collection of images from more than 50 organisations across Southern Africa actively dealing with HIV and Aids.

"It's about my passion for people..."

— Matthew Willman, former Thomas More College pupil

For the past four months, Matthew has been exhibiting this work in Tromsø, Norway, garnering support from Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Annie Lennox, not forgetting major support from the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

"It's been a fantastic experience and I chose to launch the exhibition in the Arctic Circle before heading into mainstream Europe as I wanted to show solidarity with a nation that has given much support to Southern Africa in the past. There are many interlinking issues we can draw lessons from," said Matthew.

Nobel Peace Centre director Bente Erikson opened the exhibition which has been seen by thousands of tourists and citizens of Norway.

The exhibition continues to travel Europe in 2011 and beyond. Visit www.matthewwillman.co.za

MATTHEW WILLMAN : 1997

Yesterday, I sat down with a cup of tea to read the Highway Mail as I am always looking to see if I can find any Thomas More College past pupils, and on page 23 there was Matthew looking wonderful, standing next to a portrait of Annie Lennox.

THE ARTICLE READS:

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TALES OF THE

Great House

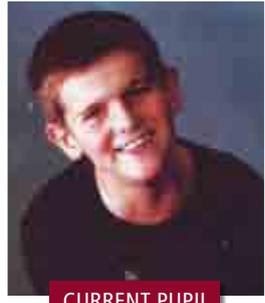
CALLING ALL PAST PUPILS !!!!!

Do you have a tale or story to tell that sticks in your mind about your time at Thomas More College???. The answer should be YES, as I have heard many a story from visiting past pupils. You don't need to be a writer or story teller, just put fingers to keyboard or pen to paper and write down the story as if you were telling a friend. We have high hopes of being able to put together a booklet of short stories written by "you" for our Jubilee year 2012.

Rae Griesel



OBITUARIES



CURRENT PUPIL

Ben Thorpe

02.09.1994 – 14.11.2010

It is with great sadness and regret that I announce the passing of one of our Grade 9 pupils, Benjamin Thorpe. Ben suffered from Barth Syndrome, but always displayed resilience, determination and courage that knew no bounds. I felt humble beside him. He was always happy and his happiness spilled out to all around him. The staff as a whole loved him, the pupils loved him, and he was a role model to all with whom he came into contact. Au revoir Ben, until we meet again.



TEACHER

Janice van Heerden

2.5.1964 – 1.9.2010

Janice is sorely missed by children and colleagues at Thomas More. She was a woman of courage who had an amazing faith right until the end, and was an example to us all. Janice showed genuine commitment to our department and taught with a love and passion for the children. Our sympathy rests with Jacques and Llewellyn. Thank you for sharing Janice with us. She has left behind many happy memories for all who knew and loved her.



PAST PUPIL

Megan Swart

19.01.1990 – 08.10.2010

Megan matriculated from Thomas More in 2007.

Megs sadly lost her battle against leukemia on 8 October this year. She fought her illness bravely and showed great courage each step of the way. She was a remarkable young lady who lived out her short time on earth serving others before self. Her cheerful smile and infectious laugh will be fondly remembered by all. Her faith in God remained steadfast to the end.



PAST PUPIL

Yorke MacKenzie 19.7.1993 – 10.10.2010

Yorke was a caring and friendly young man who always had a smile on his face. Despite a few knocks that life threw at him, I can never remember Yorke being down. He supported his friends and was always reliable to those around him.

He was an extremely helpful young man who never considered it a problem to go out of his way for anyone. One of his passions in life was competing in sport, and water was a place where he was extremely comfortable. This love for water led him to spending many hours at the beach where he became a keen surfer. Obviously the locals all knew Yorke for his great sense of humour and a ready smile.

Yorke, we miss you. You were taken from us far too soon. Go well...

1ST TEAM PRIMARY SCHOOL CRICKET TOUR BOTSWANA – SEPTEMBER 2010



Keenan Hunn, Adei Volker, Clayton Wesley, Brandon Macleod, Travis Redman, Jason Galt, Jared Harker, Travis Kriegisch, Rory Hanger, Sam Dixon, Liam Moran, Cameron Raaff.



Brandon Macleod, Travis Redman, Liam Moran, Keenan Hunn, Sam Dixon, Rory Hanger, Mr Mark Moolman, Clayton Wesley, Adei Volker, Travis Kriegisch, Jason Galt, Jared Harker, Mr Jason Brimelow.
Front row: Cameron Raaff and Cheetah!



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

Water Polo

TOUR TO SERBIA

FIRST TEAM GIRLS & BOYS - JULY 2010



It was an early morning at the beginning of June when the tour members flew via Zurich en route to Belgrade. On arrival we were met by our tour manager and transported to the city of Becej with world class sports facilities and easy access to other cities against whom we were to play many polo matches.

Our tour included personal Serbian coaches for both the girls' and boys' teams. Dragan was an ex-polo coach and was ever so keen to assist in coaching duties, and with the help of Marco, a local polo player who was fluent in English, to demonstrate moves and to translate.

Both teams responded very well to the drills and exercises. Our practices and matches were video-taped so we could watch them at a later stage to remind us of all of the information when we were back at home. Our teams travelled to various surrounding towns to be coached and to play matches. We spent time in the cities of Kikinda, Subotica, Novi Sad and Senta.

Everyone took full advantage of getting to know the locals and some long-lasting friendships were made, especially with the local polo players. It seemed that English was widely spoken and some of our children even managed to visit the local schools and introduce themselves as mad Africans.

Serbia being one of the top international Water Polo playing countries, was definitely the place for us to learn from the best. The experience gained has been invaluable.

Well done Thomas More College Water Polo Players on a fantastic trip to the other side of the world and back. You have all done your school and your family proud.

Update YOUR DETAILS

Hooray!!!! Thank you to all past pupils that have been doing my quick "update your details" on the website. Keep it up!!!!

Rae Griesel

Archive Collection

If you have pics, clothes, documents to donate. Stories to tell... Please do so...

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Mentorship

Should you be willing to have your details listed in the Mentorship Directory, please contact Rae Griesel (secretary of the TMC PPA) on rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za or 031-764 8697, or Melanie Küster (co-ordinator of the TMC PPA Mentorship programme) on melanie@steritech.co.za or 082 852 9160

PRIMARY SCHOOL TOURING TEAMS

1ST TEAM GIRLS & BOYS HOCKEY TOUR CAPE TOWN – SEPTEMBER 2010



FIRST TEAM - GIRLS: Caitlin Downes, Amanda Ntuli, Amy Balarin, Sarah Cromie, Stephanie Hollocks, Casey Houston, Courtney Edwards, Jordan Hannah, Tyla Goosen, Olivia Hamilton, Megan Dunsdon, Frankie White, Summer Robertson.

FIRST TEAM - BOYS: Gareth Davies, Jason Broomhead, Jeremy King, Benjamin Meredith, Benjamin Leigh, James Ross, Tyler Shonewolf, Karabo Malahleha, Jason Petzer, Hayden Hirst, Chris Reed, Richard Bissett, Josh Cawood, McGregor Marsh.

COACHES & MANAGERS: Mr Rogan Lang, Mrs Tracey Meikle, Mrs Sue Murphy, Mr Gary Balarin.

1ST TEAM NETBALL TOUR PORT SHEPSTONE – SEPTEMBER 2010

Back Row: Stephanie Grant, Ayla Smith, Tiyana Ramchunder, Emma von Bardeleben, Anneke Steyn, Robyn Simpson, Carla Zan.

Middle Row: Alice Gordon, Robyn-Tayla Meikle, Robyn Wheeler, Bianca Smit, Leah Sim.

Front Row: Sinegugu Khuzwayo, Rachael Hutchison, Tarryn Bell.



LONG WALK
SUNSET PROMS
COUNTRY FAIR
ASSOCIATION DAY
GOLF DAY
RACE DAY
JUBILEE

26 March 2011
TBA
30 July 2011
10 September 2011
16 September 2011
21 October 2011
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