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THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Past Pupils' Association Day

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2011

Association Day kicked off with Breakfast at 07:30 followed by the AGM at 08:00.

The Chairman introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Louis Conradie, a founder Past Pupil, having been one of the first pupils when the School opened in 1962 and a teacher at TMC since 1997.

Louis took us on an entertaining stroll down "Memory Lane", recalling his first days at Thomas More School (as it was then called) through to the present time. He recalled that in the early years the Highway area was virtually undeveloped and was ideal for young boys to explore nature and embark on projects such as canoe building. He emphasised how the guidance, encouragement and care of the teachers had had a profound influence on his and the other boys' lives. He said that he has often been asked how the early days compare to the present times and his reply is that the world and indeed the "Highway" has seen enormous changes over the last few decades, but as far as TMC is concerned, though it has also changed the spirit and ethos still lives on.

The Chairman thanked Louis for his inspiring talk and presented him with a token of appreciation.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his report and noted that he had decided to step down after seven years as Chairman of the PPA and member of the Board of Trustees. Highlights of the past year were:

- The development of a now comprehensive electronic member data base for which he thanked Rae for her commitment and drive;
- The successful Strategy Workshop held earlier in the year which has set the foundation for a strategic approach to how the Association will function and operate in the future;
- The continued success of the Men's hockey and the revival of Women's hockey due to the efforts of Johann, Tracy and their teams. The advent of the Astro Turf has helped to attract players from other clubs and although not necessarily past pupils this has strengthened the ranks;
- The recent unveiling of the St. Thomas More bust for which the PPA has made a significant pledge towards the cost;
- From the meeting held with a number of Past Pupil organisations in the Highway area and Midlands it was clear that the TMC PPA is comparatively well organised and in some respects ahead of the pack.

In closing the outgoing Chairman thanked Rae Griesel, the individual committee members, TMC Board of Trustees members and TMC Management for their unwavering support over the years.

ELECTION OF 2012 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

René Missen confirmed his decision to step down as Chairman by reading his letter of resignation. He advised the meeting that Melanie Küster (née Zietsman - Class of 2002) had agreed to stand for election. He called for any other nominations and as there were none, Melanie was unanimously elected to the Chair.

René Missen advised the meeting that Glen Bruton had suffered a mild stroke and is not available for re-election.

Current Committee Members willing to stand for re-election:

Jeremy Redding, Shane Cuthbertson, Craig Mackie, Reg Hoddinott, Kim Hooper, Karen Colvin, Johann McLeod, Gary Green, Zuriel Naiker, Tracy Sullivan and Dinesha Maistry.

All the above-mentioned personnel were agreed to by a unanimous vote from those present.

René wished the incoming Chairman Melanie Küster (née Zietsman - Class of 2002) everything of the best during her term of office.

A vote of thanks for the outgoing Chair, Mr René Missen, was proposed by Mr. Allan Chandler. On behalf of Thomas More College and the PPA, Allan thanked René for his dedication and commitment over the past seven years as the Chairman of the PPA and representative on the Board of Trustees. Melanie seconded the vote and added that she sincerely hoped that René would continue to play an active role in the PPA's activities. René was presented with a gift as a token of appreciation from all.



2012 IS THOMAS MORE'S JUBILEE YEAR - WE CELEBRATE 50 SUCCESSFUL YEARS WITH CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT 2012. VISIT OUR NEWLY REVAMPED WEBSITE TO VIEW A CALENDAR OF EVENTS OR TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE SCHOOL TO SEE WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU WERE LAST HERE.

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ASSOCIATION DAY 2011

Sport



Past Pupils' Soccer



Past Pupils' Soccer Team



Past Pupils' and TMC Hockey Boys



Past Pupils' and TMC Water Polo Boys



Past Pupils' Netball

DEBATING

The 'Cool Kids' are Back in Town

BY CHRISTOPHER HOJEM

Association Day 2011 saw the reunion of the Thomas More Debating "Dream Team" of 2008 consisting of Past Pupils Sarah Hewitson, Amy Antoniadou and Christopher Hojem. Much rivalry, irony and wit met the epic clashing of the Past Pupils and the TMC 1st team, consisting of Emma Pottinger, Elizabeth Ross and Jordan Pfothenhauer. The motion set before the floor was 'This House believes that Liberal Democracy will fail in Africa.' with TMC proposing and the past pupils opposing. The debate was adjudicated by Mrs. Dominique de Charmoy and Mrs. Anke Bonsor. The Past Pupils, nicknamed the "University Kids" by the TMC Seniors,



launched into an all-out attack delving into the political philosophy of state-formation and systems of rule, and further delved into the characteristic detriments of improper structural and systemic governance previously implemented by African countries due to colonization and improper state-formation. TMC, in turn named the "School Children" by the Past Pupils, was quite happy to debate along the lines of historical examples of failing democracies in Africa and to extend on the political culture and attitude of African states in its structure and governance of liberal democracy that leads to its failure. Much banter, teasing and sarcasm as well as many quips and retorts followed, while each team strengthened their respective sides. After a lengthy discussion between the adjudicators, they presented a very 'diplomatic' adjudication – probably due to the obviously apparent competitive atmosphere. The tension in the air was literally tangible. The competition was tough and first place was hotly contested by both teams and it seemed that the end decision came down to which team debated more closely to the motion at hand, a technicality. TMC took the debate. Impressively, all three TMC pupils are in Grade 10. Overall a great morning was had by all. We were able to reunite, exchange banter and quip as if we had never left. It seems that the "School Children" 'schooled' the "University Kids" this time around. Until next year TMC, we'll be back!

PAST PUPILS REMINISCING IN THE DALBERG LIBRARY



Greg Courtney, Colin James (visiting from Australia) and Gary Green got together in the Dalberg Library one morning and reminisced on their days here at Thomas More College (1970s).



PAST PUPILS' NEWS SNIPPETS

ALI LANG [2003]

Ali Lang (née Kalinowski - Class of 2003) and her husband Wesley are currently living in London where she works as a Cardiology Dietician and he as a Senior Market Researcher.

RICHARD MOOLMAN [2003]

Richard Moolman and Kirstyn Fisher left South Africa and have been living and working in the UK for the past 2 years. Richard has been teaching in a Senior Primary School in Shropshire called Moor Park School. They moved back to South Africa this year and Richard is now teaching at Kloof Senior Primary. Richard and Kirstyn got engaged recently and plan to marry within the next 2 years.



GRAEME HODDINOTT [2002]

Graeme Hoddinott and Liana (nee Visser) were married on 6 August 2011 at Eden Lassie in Camperdown. The wedding was attended by close friends and family including a number of Graeme's fellow Mandela Rhodes Scholars.

Graeme and Liana met at the SA Junior Chess Championships in 2000 as members of the KZN Junior Chess Teams. Liana partnered Graeme to the Thomas More Matric dance in 2002, so will be remembered by many of the Class of 2002.

The couple lives in KwaMbonambi and Graeme, a PhD student of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, is a Researcher at the Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies in Hlabisa. Liana works in Hluhluwe and is in the final throes of her studies towards a LLB degree.

We wish them well in their future lives together and all happiness in the years that lie ahead.

JESSICA MACLEOD [2010]

Vega Durban's Jessica MacLeod grabs first prize in an international photography contest!

ISSUED BY: VEGA SCHOOL

24 June 2011 - First-year Vega Durban student Jessica MacLeod has won the prestigious Andalusian Centre of Photography and the non-profit organisation Al Tarab 4th PhotoAfrica Contest.



As part of the theme 'Urban Space', all finalists had to exhibit their photographic images on the streets of Tenerife, Spain. Jessica's winning image was entitled: 'You see a Shack, I see my Home' and she walked away with €1,500. The main criteria for deciding on a winner included quality, originality, innovation and the artistic investigation of the image. "Special congratulations are in order to the first place winner, as well as all the other Vega Durbanites. We are amazed at how much they have achieved in such a short period of time. We cannot help but show off and acknowledge the amount of talent that has been shown. Jessica's Higher Certificate in Photography stood her in good stead when entering this competition and she is a good example of the hardworking and pressurised creativity that Vega seeks," says Georg Knoke, Vega's National Brand Communications Navigator.

"We encourage all aspiring photographic enthusiasts to contact Vega to find out more about our exciting array of full- and part-time photography courses presented," remarks Knoke.

Please visit www.vegaschool.com to find out more.



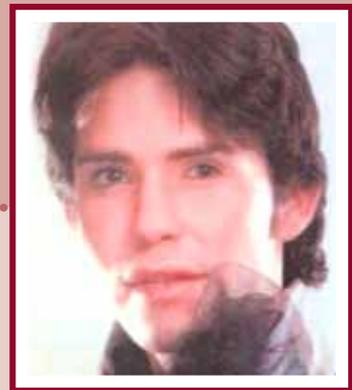
Obituaries



Timothy Jollands

(27.01.1987 – 29.07.2011)

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Jollands family who lost their son Tim (Class of 2005). Tim was a vibrant, friendly and committed part of the Thomas More family, and was loved and respected by staff and pupils alike.



Donovan Greg Bayley

(02.01.1986 - 24.09.2011)

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Bayley family who lost their son Donovan (Class of 2003). It is with sadness for those who knew, loved, befriended and cared about Donovan that we say goodbye.



CONGRATULATIONS

Weddings



SARAH MAHER (Class of 2004) married RORY PIPER at the Secret Garden in Ashburton on 20 March 2011.



ELIZABETH HOOGENDOORN (Class of 2002) & BARRY PLOMP were married in Woerden in the Netherlands in May 2011.



DAVID MISSEN (Class of 2003) & JAMIE-LEIGH WALKER (TMC past pupil and sister of Jason Walker) were married on 7 May 2011 at Zimbali.



ALI KALINOWSKI (Class of 2003) & WESLEY LANG were married on 30 April 2011 at the Parish of the Blessed Sacrament, with the reception being held at the Oyster Box Hotel.



GRAEME HODDINOTT (Class of 2002) & LIANA (nee Visser) were married on 6 August 2011 at Eden Lassie in Camperdown.



JEAN MASON (Class of 2000) married CHEYNE CHRISTIE on 14 May 2011 at Bhowani Game Lodge.

Births



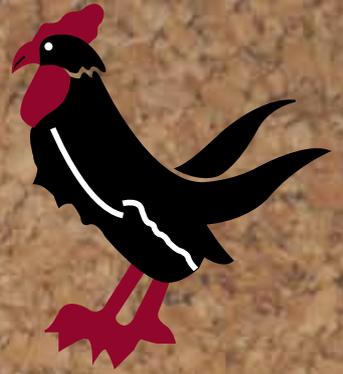
Congratulations to MELANIE (née Zietsman - Class of 2002) and MARK KÜSTER (Class of 2000) on the birth of their daughter, EVELYN GRACE, born on 26 May 2011.



Congratulations to CHANTAL (née Moerdyk - Class of 2004) and CUAN SAUNDERS on the recent birth of their daughter, SHAYLEE-MAY SAUNDERS.



PAST PUPILS' PRESS CLIPPINGS

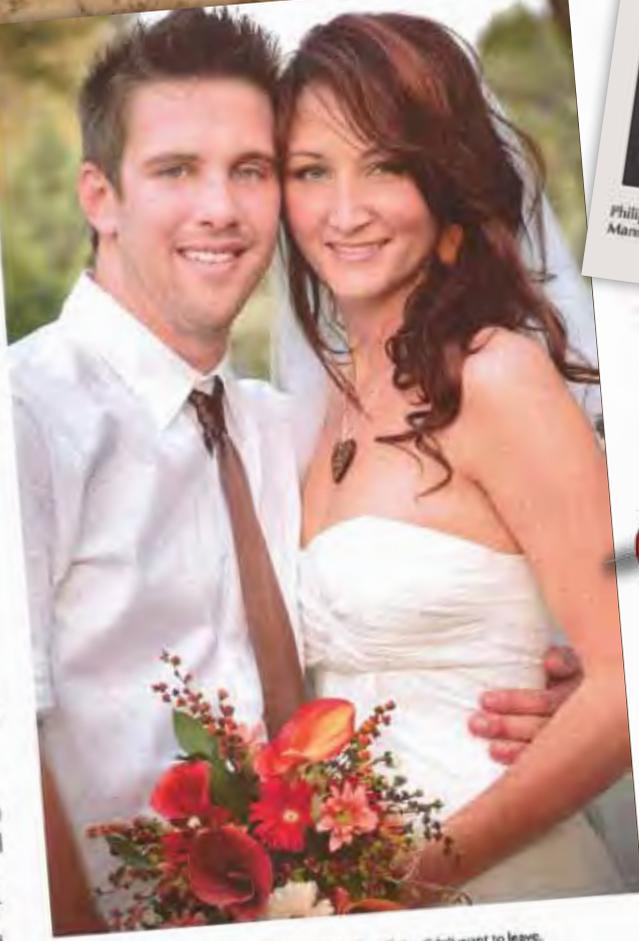


GET A LITTLE ROMANCE

... and they lived **HAPPILY EVER AFTER**

She's the darling of Hillcrest, the extraordinary young woman who took tragedy and turned it into opportunity and united a community. **Jes Foord** is living her own fairy tale, complete with handsome prince, a beautiful dress, a fabulous wedding and a future of happily ever after. She chatted to Wanda Daly about finding love, romance and her fairy tale wedding.

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I met Jono just over four years ago. He was a friend of my brother and would come over to the house to visit him. I remember thinking he was good looking and very sweet! First impressions obviously count, because some time later when Jes was with a group of friends at Farkin she spotted Jono who was having a boys' night out with friends. "I went over and we got chatting and we just hit it off." In fact, Jes was so taken with him that when her friends came to

drag her off she didn't want to leave. "I started to walk out and then went back to say goodbye. As I walked away again, he came up behind me, tamed me around and kissed me!" she says, giggling at the memory. "He looked at me and said he'd been waiting ages to do that!"

And so the fairy tale romance started, but it was when he sent her an sms with the words: "I'm trying to get my work done and I just can't get you out of my

dune and Jono produced two mini bottles of champagne and a packet of jelly babies so, my favourite sweets! We were just sitting and talking when he told me to stand up. I was a bit confused, but stood up and then he said: "Can I keep you?" "I was shocked. It's a line from the movie Casper and I have no idea how he knew it. I looked at him and said "pardon" and then he dropped to one knee and asked me to marry him." "I was shocked. It's a line from the movie Casper and I have no idea how he knew it. I looked at him and said "pardon" and then he dropped to one knee and asked me to marry him." "I was shocked. It's a line from the movie Casper and I have no idea how he knew it. I looked at him and said "pardon" and then he dropped to one knee and asked me to marry him."

The months after were filled with plans for the wedding and the only thing Jes was sure about is that it had to be an outside wedding and she was getting married barefoot. "We decided on April, and then because I was pregnant I just had to do my best."

With the wedding behind them, Jes and Jono have settled in their home in Waterfall. "We are having fun working from home and have been painting





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Mentorship Programme

The TMC PPA is creating a system whereby current TMC pupils can access a directory of TMC Past Pupils as well as Past and Current Parents, and their chosen avenues of study, career paths, trade apprenticeships and/or work experiences. In this way the pupil will have the opportunity to contact someone who has had a similar primary and secondary educational experience or exposure to theirs, in order to ask the relevant questions that no career counsellor ever answers – such as “Does my personality type suit the chosen field?”, “What are the hours involved, what real career opportunities does this qualification open for me?”, “What limitations will I experience?”, “Are apprenticeships or periods of experience required?” etc.

In so doing the TMC PPA aims to provide yet another ‘service’ to its members, by providing a channel of communication for the sharing of knowledge and experiences which will hopefully help future generations of TMC pupils in making one of the most difficult decisions of their lives.

Should you be willing to have your details listed in the directory, please contact Rae Griesel (secretary of the TMC PPA) on rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za and/or 031 764 8640, or Melanie Küster (co-ordinator of the TMC PPA Mentorship programme) on melanie@steritech.co.za and/or 082 852 9160. The TMC PPA assures you that you will not be contacted for any purposes other than those indicated above.

St Thomas More BRONZE SCULPTURE

The unveiling of the St. Thomas More bronze sculpture took place on Thursday 8th September 2011. This magnificent sculpture was created by well known artist Helena Vogelzang. She has previously completed similar works on Ghandi, Nelson Mandela, Pablo Picasso and Mother Teresa, as well as a number of wildlife bronzes. Helena, who was the guest speaker, gave an interesting talk on how the life sized bronze sculpture was created. The sculpture now stands proudly on the Great House lawn looking out towards the sea. A plaque with the following inscription appears on the plinth:



ST. THOMAS MORE ✝
7 February 1478 – 6 July 1535

...a classical scholar, a humanist, a statesman, a politician, a man of prayer, the author of the famed Utopia, a theologian, and a lawyer by profession.

Lord Chancellor of England 1529 – 1532

A model for us as we strive to serve God in our social, religious, and familial relationships.

St. Thomas More held firm to the teachings of the Catholic Church, despite knowing well that to remain steadfast meant certain execution.

He was imprisoned and beheaded in London in 1535.

“The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to work for.”

“I die the king's good servant, but God's first.”

LAST WORDS OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

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“Happy Days” – Andrew Thomson



“Greetings to all past pupils that I had such wonderful memories of @TMC and to all my hostel mates.”
– Kwame Mokoena



“Would be there in a shot but living in the UK. TMC did so much for me as a student & as a boarder. The best years of life without doubt” – James Becker



“If the Kearey family did not live half way around the world we would love to be there. What an amazing school!!!”
– Anthony C Kearey



“Class of 97 – legends . What a jol.” – Gareth Evans



“Class of 86. 5 years in the Big House boarding. Good times.” – Asheen Behari



“A rainbow.... God's Promise.” – Roy Hockey



“God really does shine on that school. I loved my 12 years there.” – Cliff Morris



“Magnificent Photo.”



“That school had something very special... and I was always a very happy person working there.”
– Yvonne de Beer-Goorhuis



“That's so pretty.” – Eleanor Wilson



“Incredible photo, incredible school, incredible people.”
– Michane Mostert



“Ah, Thomas More... very special school.”
– Tanli Lundgren



“Class of 81 and the best ever school years for me.”
– Mark Lewis



“It warms me up to see the Big House, it was our home as full term boarders and a back drop to some awesome plays directed by Jock – late 70's.” – Stuart Stirling



“The best school ever.” – Shelley Turner Steen



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE



2012 Jubilee Year Celebrations

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL	18 January 2012
BIRTHDAY BASH/ASSEMBLY	1 February 2012
BLARNEY BROTHERS	3 February 2012
(TMC Parents/Staff ONLY)	
LONG WALK	24 March 2012
DINNER / DANCE	14 April 2012
GOLF DAY	13 May 2012
COUNTRY FAIR	28 July 2012
ASSOCIATION DAY	15 September 2012
(aim to include whole school in sporting activities)	
WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION	September 2012
(involving children from each phase)	
NIGHT RACING	9 October 2012
CLOSING CEREMONY	17 October 2012
(before Matrics leave)	



Guest Book

*Wondering who has been to visit
me lately at Thomas More College?*

Go to www.thomasmore.co.za

*- Past Pupils - Guest Book
and have a look.*

*I would love to meet you,
so pop in and I can add you
to the guest book as well.*

Rae Griesel

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE PAST PUPILS
SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL**

REUNIONS

2012, the Jubilee year of TMC, will see the launch of annual Reunions, to be hosted on the night of Association Day. The Past Pupils' Association is looking for 'year ambassadors' to assist in the co-ordination of these highly anticipated social events. Should you be willing to assist us, please contact Rae Griesel (secretary of the TMC PPA) on rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za and/or 031 7648640.

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

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documents to donate.
Stories to tell... Please do so...

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