

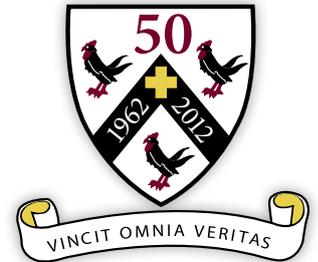
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THOMAS MORE COLLEGE *Jubilee Reunion Dinner*



FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

This will be the largest reunion that Thomas More College has ever hosted, with the College celebrating its Jubilee year. Responses have already been coming in, so be sure to book your spot to avoid disappointment.

The reunion will be hosted on Friday 14th September preceding Association Day and will cost only R200.00 per person. The first 200 people will receive a free copy of the book "Coming to Terms," by acclaimed author Gary Green (Class of 1979). Bring your partner/spouse, come alone, but be sure to book a spot to meet, greet, catch up and reminisce about your time spent at Thomas More College and see the exciting changes that have developed over the past few years. It's your school and you have contributed to where it is today in one way or another, pop in for a visit, with familiar (and perhaps not so familiar) faces over dinner, a drink and then once the formalities are over we can "hit" the dance floor.

Zuriel Naiker - PPA Member

DJ / PARTY

FREE COPY OF "COMING TO TERMS"
FOR FIRST 200 ATTENDEES

PARTNERS / SPOUSES WELCOME

CASH BAR

FULL BUFFET DINNER

10 MINUTE AGM

GUEST SPEAKERS

ONLY R200 PER PERSON



So make sure you come to the

Thomas More College **Jubilee** Past Pupils' Reunion

Date: 14 September 2012

Time: 19H00

Venue: Thomas More College

Cost: R200 per head (including dinner)

Dress Code: Smart Casual

RSVP: rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za

Cash Bar available



Free copy of
'Coming to Terms'
The new book by
Thomas More College
Past Pupil Gary Green
to the first 200 attendees.

ASSOCIATION DAY

Contact Rae Griesel for Sports Co-ordinator details if you would like to play in any of the following sports:

- Soccer – men
- Water Polo – ladies
- Water Polo – men
- Hockey – men
- Hockey – ladies
- Netball

E-mail: rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za



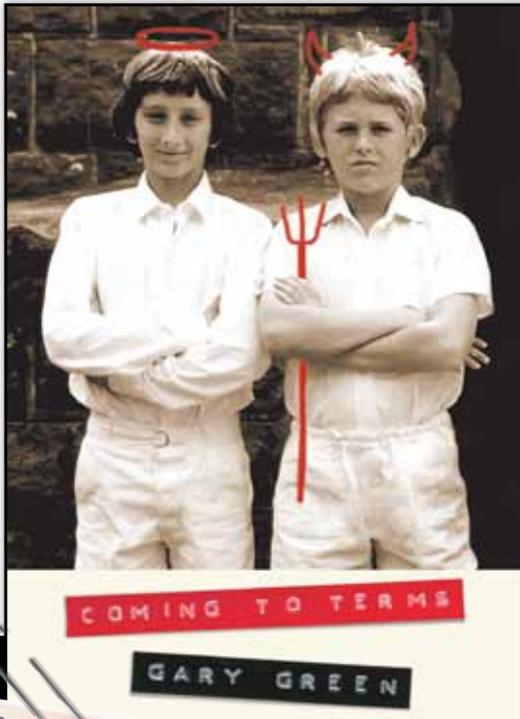
Memorial Wall

Thanks to the generosity of Mr Brian Dalberg, the first half of 2012 has seen the near completion of the Mike Leffler Memorial Wall, located on the school grounds, close to the Great House.



The Wall will, when completed, bear granite plaques engraved with the names of late members of the Thomas More Association. These names will include Past and Current Pupils, Past and Current Staff, Benefactors and other members, at the discretion of the Memorial Wall Committee.

The Past Pupils' Association, in conjunction with the Parents' Council and the Board of Trustees, are aiming for the Wall to be completed in time for the Jubilee Association Day on 15 September 2012. Should you be aware of any late member of our beloved family whose name should appear on this wall, please contact Rae Griesel on Tel: +27 31 764 8640 or Email: rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za. All names added to the wall prior to its unveiling will be free of charge, and names added afterwards will be at a nominal charge to cover the engraving.



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Highway Mail Bookshelf

Book explores lighter side of school life

LOCAL author Gary Green will be releasing his second novel, entitled *Coming To Terms*, which is based on his life at Thomas More College when it was still a boarding school.

"I originally started the book eight years ago and was halfway through writing it when John Van Der Ruit released his book *Spud*. I didn't want any comparisons between our two books, so I decided to shelve it," said Gary.

With the half-finished manuscript lying in the bottom of his drawer gathering dust, he eventually decided that 2012, the year Thomas More College would celebrate its 50th Jubilee, would be a great time to complete and release the book.

"The executive committee of the school all thought it would be a great idea to launch it in conjunction with such an auspicious occasion," said Gary.

The book follows his adventures from when he arrived at the school as a 10-year-old child until his final days of matric.

"Back then the school was viewed as having a rebel image as you could grow your hair as long as you wanted and there was an emphasis on a more alternate educational ethos," said Gary.

He goes on to say that the book has a strong sense of brotherhood but places emphasis on the fact that it is a lighthearted journey through his teenage years.

The book will be available at selected bookstores from 1 August at R150 each. It's also available for online purchase through amazon.com and kalaharie.net.

Gary Green, author of *Coming to Terms*.



The Thomas More Education Trust

ESTABLISHED 2009



"One of the greatest problems of our time is that many are schooled but few are educated."

THOMAS MORE, ENGLISH HUMANIST, STATESMAN & CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND, 1477-1535

The Trust offers donors the opportunity to invest in the education of previously disadvantaged individuals.

Funds donated to the Thomas More Education Trust entitle investors to:

- A tax deduction.
- Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) points in the socio-economic development category.
- A beneficiary assessment certificate and a donation certificate in terms of section 18A of the Income Tax Act.

The Trust offers:

- Bursaries to previously disadvantaged children and teacher interns.
- Aid to poor communities to improve educational facilities.
- Assistance to Thomas More College families in the case of short-term need.
- 75% of its income to needy black South African citizens.

Contact the Trust's Secretary Karen Colvin:
(031) 764 8685 or (083) 231 9734
 Email: trustinfo@tmeducationtrust.co.za



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BOOK LAUNCHED

Thomas More College pupils both past and present are bound to be entertained by the latest literary offering from past pupil Gary Green, which was released in July. Entitled 'Coming To Terms', the book is a highly amusing, satirical account of the author's time in the school's boarding establishment and its release has been well timed to coincide with the schools 50 Year Jubilee celebrations. From his arrival in the Great House as an impressionable 10 year old, readers will share his seven year sojourn from boyhood, through the proverbial minefield of puberty, to the advent of adolescence. A cast of exceptionally assuming classmates and equally eccentric educators provide a colourful backdrop to the author's hilarious journey of heart-warming successes and humiliating failures as he navigates the complex microcosm of boarding school life.

'Coming To Terms' will be available from the Rae Griesel on campus if you are local or you can order directly through amazon.com

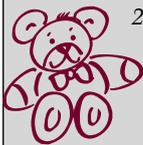


Births



Congratulations to MICHELLE (née Pringle - Class of 1995) and TREVOR BOSHOFF on the birth of their son, Tyler Ashley Boshoff on 30 May 2012.

Congratulations to RYAN (Class of 2002) and NICKY VAN LEEUWEN (née Foster, Class of 2003) on the birth of their son, Benjamin Pieter van Leeuwen, on 29 May 2012.



SIPHO NGCONGO (Class of 1999) and BONGIWE ZONDI were married on 10 December 2011, in Kloof.

Weddings



KELLY VAN LEEUWEN (Class of 2004) and RHYS JANSEN (Class of 1999) were married on the beach at Umhloti on 26 May 2012.

PAST PUPILS' NEWS SNIPPETS



Karin with her very proud mom and dad – Gisella and Wolfgang Fechter.

KARIN FECHTER [2007]

Karin has now finished her degree in Chemical Engineering degree at the University of Pretoria with exceptional results. She scooped the best Final Year Research Project Award, and was awarded runner-up for the best presentation last year. Karin and Jan Pieterse met during the Sasol bursary holder get-together at the end of Matric. They got engaged in December 2011. At the beginning of January Karin and Jan started working at Sasol in Sasolburg.

DAVID MISSEN [2003]

David finished the Land Rover "50 miler" two-day canoe marathon on Sunday 4th December 2012.



Class of 2001 Reunion



On 7th January 2012 the Class of 2001 were reunited and went back down memory lane with a welcome drink, a tour of the campus and a sit-down spit braai dinner at the Robin Savory Pavilion.



Blast from the Past

PICTURES

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CLASS PHOTO 1975



CLASS PHOTO 1977



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE



2012 Jubilee Year Celebrations

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- REUNION DINNER 14 September 2012
- ASSOCIATION DAY 15 September 2012
- WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION 18-21 September 2012
Cast representing pupils from each phase of the school.
- NIGHT RACING TBA 
- NATIONAL CO-ED WATER POLO FESTIVAL 4-6 October 2012

Thomas More College will be hosting the National Co-Ed Water Polo Festival with 16 schools participating.





Thomas More College

PRESENTS

PETER PAN

Books & Lyrics by Steven Stead
Music by Justin Southey

Based on the play by J.M. Barrie
Peter Pan was first produced by Kickstart Productions on 8 December 2009 in the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre, Durban

18-21 September 2012

BOOKINGS
031 764 8680
MORNINGS ONLY

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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

Archive Collection

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

LYN BREGMAN - DALBERG LIBRARY
031 764 8657
lbregman@thomasmore.co.za

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 8640, or Melanie Küster (co-ordinator of the TMC PPA Mentorship programme) on melanie@steritech.co.za or 082 852 9160

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