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THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Past Pupils'

ASSOCIATION DAY

The ambition of the Past Pupils' Association has, for several years now, been to revamp and re-invigorate Association Day.

We wish to turn it into a day for celebrating your time spent at Thomas More College whilst providing the opportunity to catch up with staff members, fellow Past Pupils and Current Pupils. Association Day 2015 was the first step in this metamorphosis and the aspects that the weather allowed were a resounding success.

The day began with the PPA AGM, which was well supported, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those familiar faces that support us at this critical formality every year! This year we were privileged to induct René Missen and Allan Chandler as Honorary Life Members. Two more deserving and dedicated servants to both Thomas More College and the Past Pupils' Association you would be hard-pressed to find. On behalf of all of our members, as most of you do not know the extent of their service, I would like to thank both Allan and René for their exceptional and continued support! We unfortunately bid farewell to committee member, Denisha Maistry, who is unable to continue to assist us due to work commitments. Deni has been a valuable member over the last 6 years and she will be sorely missed. Lastly, we were pleased to add a new committee member to our ranks. As a former Head Boy we are certain that Ross Belman will be a valuable addition to our Committee and we look forward to working with him.

Unfortunately due to persistent rain which continued up until the morning of Association Day we were not able to move ahead with the introduction of the family day aspect we had planned, nor were we able to play Netball due to the slipperiness of the courts. However all other aspects were incredibly well-supported, none more so than The Coffee Shop, which did some fairly decent business as a result of the inclement weather!

For the first time in recent history, the Past Pupil Teams won in more of the sporting codes than they lost – Men's Hockey, Men's Waterpolo and Ladies' Waterpolo to be precise! Not bad for 'the old folks'! We were also incredibly pleased to see the number of Past Pupils who popped by just to meet others, or to visit the campus, or to try and catch up with old teachers. In essence this is the point of Association Day, so it was a pleasure to see it happen!

We hope to see many of you at Association Day 2016 where you will not only enjoy our new format, but rediscover many of the reasons why Thomas More College is such a special, unique school!



Mentorship & GRADE 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

After a period of dormancy, it was decided that the PPA Mentorship Program would be re-established in 2015. The program is designed to provide Grade 11 pupils with valuable work experience by placing them in businesses owned and run by past pupils. In October of this year, a number of TMC pupils undertook a 3 day internship under the watchful eye and guidance of past pupils. The feedback was both positive and encouraging and the program will be expanded during the course of 2016 and the network of participating past pupils will be widened to ensure a broader scope of potential careers are included.

If you are interested in supporting this programme please contact Rae Griesel: rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za 031 7648640



THANK YOU FROM **ALLAN CHANDLER** FOR THE SPECIAL EDITION MOORCOCK CHRONICLE DEDICATED TO HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THOMAS MORE COLLEGE...



Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

There are very few words to adequately describe the treasure chest of memories that you have put together for me.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! The special chronicle has already brought many tears and emotion and shall remain in my heart for the rest of my life.

Love and best wishes,
Allan



PAST PUPIL *Snippets*

WESLEY BOHATA (Class of 2010)

Wesley Bohata was selected to be a part of the SA men's water polo team to travel to Kazan, Russia to participate in the 2015 FINA World Aquatics Championships. Being his third world champs he was very excited to grow as a player and play a role in the country's success. In the group stages they played Argentina (won 10-6), Hungary (lost 14-7) and Kazakhstan (lost 14-3). Their win against Argentina was the first group stage match the men's side has ever won and this guaranteed them top 12. In the knockout stages they played Australia (lost 17-1), Brazil (lost 16-5) before playing their final placing game against Kazakhstan where they made a huge improvement only losing 11-7. The final placing of 12th was the highest any SA men's side has ever placed and being the only amateur side at the competition, this was a fantastic result.



Personally, Wesley felt the tournament was his best performance as a national player and being able to contribute more and more with each tournament is a great confidence booster. Kazan was an amazing experience and his favourite world champs thus far. He is extremely proud to have been a part of a record breaking side and looks forward to the exciting future their team has.



EMMA VON BARDELEBEN

Emma von Bardeleben immigrated with her family at the end of 2014 at the end of her Grade 10 year.

Dear Allan and staff of Thomas More College

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that Emma von Bardeleben was voted College Leader (Head Girl) of Mercedes College in Adelaide today. We are extremely proud of her achievements but wanted to thank you for preparing her and giving her the confidence to stand for this position. Her time at TMC has certainly made an indelible mark on her life and has allowed her to grow into a mature and loving young adult we see today. She will make you proud too.

*Thank you, warmest regards
Caron & Carl von Bardeleben*



JOHN BOULLE

Thomas More is a great school, where I learnt exactly what He stood for in the school motto "Vincit omnia veritas". I have tried to live this out my whole life and I am sure other scholars have benefitted, like me, from this great institution. I was at Thomas More 1964 to 1971 under Robin Savory, Chris Hurley and Bill Pickering.



ANDREW MCGIBBON (Class of 1999)

Andrew McGibbon (Class of 1999) has worked in SA, primarily in Durban, as a Professional Photographer and relocated to London a year ago.

Since then he has had his photos on all the London Billboards and underground as he did this year's Battersea Dog Campaign photos of dogs. Andrew will appear in the "Top 200 Advertising Photographers of the World" book which will be published later this year.



PAST PUPIL *Snippets*

JEFF TELFER (Class of 2002)

Jeff Telfer (Class of 2002) works for Rio Tinto as a Geotechnical Engineer based at the Paraburdo Iron Ore Mine in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, deep in the Australian outback! He works 9 days and flies back to Perth for 5 days off. "It is pretty warm out here, in mid-summer the temperatures regularly get up to 45°C and yes, there are quite a few flies."

Paraburdo mine is about 35 years old, has approximately 32 open pits and is continually growing. The pits extend over a distance of 35km's and as a geotechnical engineer my role is to carry out pit slope stability monitoring, identify geotechnical hazards (like rock fall or land slide failures) and optimise the open pit design.

For 6 months of 2014 Jeff was lucky enough to be selected for a secondment to Rio Tinto's Rossing Mine in Namibia based out of Swakopmund. He spent the 6 month period learning from the geotechnical team in Namibia and teaching them some methods that are used in Australia. It was an awesome experience for him. Namibia is a beautiful country with great people and excellent wildlife.

He is currently studying an MBA by distance learning as being based at a mine site provides a good opportunity to study because there is free time in the evenings to get through the course content. It makes for some busy, but productive days.



Engagements



JEFF TELFER (Class of 2002) and **ASHLEIGH WILLER** a fellow African (from Zambia) living in Perth, Australia got engaged recently.



JODI HODGSKIN (Class of 2002) recently got engaged to **RICARDO ARAUJO**. The pair live in London and are happily planning their South African wedding.



BIRTHS

Congratulations to **ZURIEL** (Class of 2002) & **LINDSAY NAIKER** on the birth of their daughter **MILA SOPHIE NAIKER** on 13 April 2015.



JENNA CHANG née **FOGARTY** (Class of 2002) along with her husband, **DAVID CHANG** welcomed their son **OLIVER DANIEL CHANG** into the world on 16 May 2015.



Congratulations to **DAVID & JODI HILL** née **BELL** (Both class of 2002) on the birth of their daughter **DAYNA ELIZABETH HILL** on 23 July 2015.



PINBOARD



Surprise visit to TMC by
Bryce Bosse
 (Class of 2002)
 Bryce with Gail Purdon
 – SP Teacher

GIFFORD DUMINY
 (Class of 2012)

Photos from Kloof and High...

Kloof and Highway SPCA added 2 new photos.
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A huge thank you to local artist Giffy Duminy who is 21 years old and in his final year of studying BCom Marketing at Varsity College in Westville. Giffy matriculated at Thomas More College and loves sharing his incredible talent with the local community by adding colour to the environment. Giffy spray painted this magnificent image of a Kingfisher on a wall at The Kloof and Highway SPCA. Your work is amazing Giffy and that thank you for sharing your talent with us. Watch this space as Giffy has promised to paint more beautiful images at The Kloof and Highway SPCA.



JAMES LEES
 (Class of 2002)

plan. The second year focused on how to get the technology to off to blended and online learning. This proved unfeasible and limiting, so they explored open source (intellectual property open to everyone) everything in-house established the business to launch innovative products and solutions quickly.

The first version of the click-and-learn course platform was released in March and achieved turnover of R1 million in six months.

AdvantageLearn.com allows students to purchase courses and study them online or in a blended form. It also allows quality teachers to partner with Advantage Learn to sell education material through the portal.

Since 2013, Advantage Learn has achieved consistent year-on-year revenue growth of 100%. A bootstrapping start-up, the business has funded its growth through operating revenue alone.

The learning and education technology market is expected to grow by more than 32% over the next three years and Advantage Learn aims to capture market share in the secondary-education market. To achieve this, more than 780 videos have been produced, with more than 233,000 views to date.

The core syllabus subjects are the main focus for now and include AP maths, core maths, maths literacy and science. When introducing computer...



ADVANTAGE LEARN

A three-year-old business that provides tertiary education to students (its revenue and is on...)

TEXT: BETH AT

Advantage Learn is a young, dynamic well-oiled business that was founded in 2012 by a family synergising intellectual, educational, technological, entrepreneurial skills. It's a tech company with an innovative approach to education.

The start-up was founded by brothers Jan and Clayton Lees (chemical engineers) and their mother, Trish Pike, a high school maths teacher. When the Department of Education decided to drop advanced programme (AP) maths, Kenneth known as add maths, as a subject, this passionate...



BRIDGING THE GAP: Philippa McCann in centre stage on a walkway bridge over the M13 in Pinetown.



WELL TRAINED: Hannah Obendorfer's backdrop is the city's train shunting yards.



DOUBLING UP: Kathrine Anderson makes a dramatic entrance at a city park.



SAILING FORTH: Nicola Volker cuts an impressive figure against the backdrop of the Durban harbour.

How his art serves others

Former dancer now documentary photographer Matthew Willman tells how Nelson Mandela made him the philanthropist he is today

BARBARA COLE

WITH access to the work of Nelson Mandela, Durban documentary photographer Matthew Willman once asked the statesman how he could also make a difference in people's lives.

"I asked him, 'What can I do as a white boy?'"

"If you want to make a difference, you must serve," Mandela advised him.

"It was as if a great weight had been lifted from my shoulders. It was then that I wanted to serve," Willman recalled.

It was then that Willman decided to set up the Matthew Willman Visual Arts Foundation, committed to making a difference to individuals and communities through the visual arts.

The foundation awards four or five scholarships a year, and gives financial grants to help dancers to realise their dreams.

"The foundation seeks to nurture and develop talent and ability where it is found."

He has produced a limited-edition 2016 calendar showcasing local and international dancers to raise even more funds for his foundation.

Having danced professionally for 20 years, he knew what he wanted from the dancers, who he called in for the calendar, and as a photographer he knew the look and mood he wanted to capture.

Mandela had Willman as having a "world-class talent, whose striking and evocative images deserve to be exhibited on the world stage."

Willman was a commissioned photographer for the Nelson Mandela Foundation, working with him for 10 years.

Pupil

The first time he saw Mandela, Willman was a grade 10 pupil at Thomas More College in Kloof. Along with nine other classmates, and pupils from other schools, he had been invited to attend the opening of the Durban International Centre in 1987, which Mandela opened.

"He came across as a grand-

father. I vowed then and there that I wanted to meet him one day," Willman said.

It was the start of an "incredible journey."

The determined Willman had gone overseas after leaving school where he worked as a waiter, making enough money to return home to study photography at the Natal Technikon (now DUT) for three years.

Since then, his clientele has included people such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dada Juma, Arnie Lennons, PV de Klerk, US presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, as well as 10 presidents and 10 prime ministers, eight Nobel Peace Prize Laureates and a host of personalities in the business and entertainment world.

But, perhaps one of his greatest achievements which has played a significant role in his and preservation of South Africa's democratic change he has worked as a commissioned photographer to the Nelson Mandela Foundation and document the life and work of Mandela. Willman's six best-selling books on the iconic leader. His collection of the work is now stored in the Mandela Centre of Memory and Presidential Library in Johannesburg.

● The calendar costs R200. To get it, contact Willman at matthew@willman.co.za



MATTHEW WILLMAN
 (CLASS OF 1997)



WATER WORKS: The serene musings of Casey Swales are captured in my shoot at the Knysnaoof Falls.

OUR FACEBOOK PROFILE PICTURE... led to these responses from past pupils



Chris Habberton

Oh yeah!



Gelson de Castro Days that will never be forgotten...
Mr. Habberton The best principal I have had man that guy
he was like father to us.



Ayanda Yogi Luthuli Mr Habberton dayz and Mr Brooks
..... Legend's For Life.....



Nsika Mbatha
Daamn I miss this place.



Briggitta Morck
Those were the days ...



Graeme Selvan
I slept in that house for 2 years!



Kate Visser
Part of my youth and going to be part of my child's ...



Dalisu Mncube
Third left window from the left was my view.



Genevieve Akal Tyron Akal - tell me the Great House
isn't begging to be a horror a movie set?



Kwame Mokoena
This brings back such fond memories.



Sandi Bird
What memories!



Leigh-Anne Bond Such a special place....More than
just a school.



Michael James Maxwell Those dormitory windows where
us boarders looked east to the freedom of the City...



Shelley Turner Steen SIMPLY THE BEST Look how
Class of 1983 turned out!!!!!! And we're all still friends
after 32 years!!!



Debbie Snyman
Those were good years.



Jonathan Gunthorp
A very, very good vintage.



Mark Francis Kirkbride
Who you calling "vintage" Jono?



Jen Tapsell We got up to some serious mischief in this place ...
As for "The Girls Room" ... Hahaha



Siphon Ngongo

I'm still at this place! Can u believe it?



James Becker Living in this building for 4 years were the
happiest of my childhood. I think Mr Holmes rotated me through
just about every dorm but DAMN the place was a pit on Sunday
even



Yvonne De Beer-Goorhuis I THINK I remember you, James
Becker! Certainly remember Mr Holmes... a man of distinction!



Howard Long My home for about 3 years. Best times of my
life. Mischief??? never. I also remember the dungeons at the
back. Really scary going down at night. Our art teacher at that
time was Mr Wilmot, aka Monkey.



Christopher Boast Here is a photo of boarders and day
boys taken by Mr Deeks during the first year the school
opened - 1962.



Laura Nutten Good times x



Merice Roopram Good memories!!! And Mr Holmes...



Trish Keogh Nichol Some really great years. If only I live
closer I would love my daughter to experience life at TMC.



THIS PHOTO FROM 1999... led to these responses on Facebook



-  **Sean Charteris** You guys are awesome. I went for a walk around TMC today. I miss those days.
-  **Sandi Bird** No ways!! Unreal. Wonderful times.
-  **Regan Stander** Oh man. Those were the days.
-  **Carol Gibbons** Omg Bridget Kearey Roath you haven't changed a bit!
-  **Aubs Dun** Nice tie sof, lol
-  **Shelley Turner Steen** Hey!!! Mimi!!! How come we didn't have a "Matric Dance Committee" in 1983? We just fought & argued in the classroom!
-  **Gerry Tanner** Lovely photo.
-  **Yvonne De Beer-Goorhuis** Oh great. So many happy memories of that place!
-  **Vicky Lawless-Mitchell** Tim Buckley what does a "Dance Committee" do?
-  **Joanna Fabian** Haha love this pic!! Good times xx
-  **Monica McAnally** Museler You look like u are up to something girlie!
-  **Joanne Venter** Great times, not a care in the world.
-  **Bridget Kearey Roath** Haha good memories from back in the day.
-  **Kerry Fontana** This made my day! So funny! Don't think anything was achieved the last meeting.
-  **Geraldene Victor du Plessis** Can always point a du Plessis out. Beautiful girl that she is and will always be.
-  **Mimi Wilms** A walk in the past BEST dance committee EVER!
-  **Nikki Mullins** Timmerman Blast from the past. Good times.
-  **Sofia Corral Dunifon** Woow. Time has flown by. Great memories. I miss RSA.
-  **Petra Conrads** What did we even do??
-  **Andrew Kerr Petra** we ran the Tuck Shop and Sean and I counted the money we made.
-  **Petra Conrads** That's hilarious!
-  **Sandi Bird** Special times! Great memories. x



THIS PHOTO OF THE CHOIR FROM 2000... led to these responses on Facebook



Sean Charteris Hello friends! It is awesome that I am still connected with almost all of you and can tag you in this picture. Please tag Patrick Dwyer, Lauren Cook, Lisa Scheepers, Fuzzy and the girl to the right of her as well if you are connected to them. Humongous love, Seano.

Hayley Stewart
Rejoice!

Mfanelo Buthelezi
That would be me Mfanelo Buthelezi

Kirsty Dewrance
Good times, good times.

Yvonne De Beer-Goorhuis And I thought you were the shy, quiet type... not the ones looking for BABES! Lovely, thanks Sean Charteris... There are a lot of faces here I remember well!

Lorna Jean Slowley
Stacey-Lynn Voges you have not changed!

Lee Berry
Wow. There are some old faces.

Tilisha Govender
from the archives!

Sean Charteris Rejoice, I remember now! I searched for "Joy" - I was so close. I also searched for "good looking" but Facebook doesn't selectively filter out the prettiest, but if it did, my search would have been made easier and I would have found you 😊

Michael Eberle
No Seanis. The babes were surrounded by you!

Nick Chadwick
looking good seaniserus.

Doreen Harvey Palmer
Gareth Moerdyk so cute!!!

Andrew Kerr
I was surrounded by Patrick D and yourself by Zuriel Naiker Sean!



Thomas More College

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2016

- LONG WALK Saturday 5 March
- GOLF DAY Friday 6 May
- PUB QUIZ Friday 13 May
- COUNTRY FAIR Saturday 30 July
- PUB QUIZ Friday 26 August
- ASSOCIATION DAY Saturday 10 September
- GREYVILLE NIGHT RACING Friday 18 November



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

Guest Book

Together

SINCE GRADE 0



Brendon Baxter; Bianca Smit; Hanna Denisiuk; Reece Coetzer;
Gaby Rautenbach; Shannon Young; Olivia Hamilton; Kayla de Chlain;
Lauren Gitelson; Jared Harker; Chris Joubert; Jeremy King;
Mark Orpwood; Lara Pantan; Travis Redman; Yvonne Volschenk;
Jonathan Maxwell; Devon Mackie; Tarryn Bell; Jason Petzer;
Leah Sim; Robyn Meikle; Lori Webster; Megan Willemssen;
John Banfield; Garason Griesel; Sheldon Hartmannsgruber;
Siphesihle Ngcobo; Wesley Parry.

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