

THE Moorcock Chronicle

THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Allan Chandler (1996 – 2015)

As a former pupil of Allan Chandler's, I have had the privilege to experience him both as a teacher and thereafter I would be honoured to call him a friend. That being said, the extent of his passion for life and teaching that I discovered when preparing this tribute is truly awe-inspiring.

Prior to taking up the post of Deputy Headmaster at Thomas More in January 1996, Allan Chandler, or Snakes as was his nickname, had previously held the post of Headmaster at Rossburgh, as well as Deputy Headmaster at DHS. In 2006 he became Senior Master of the High School at Thomas More College, followed by the promotion to Headmaster in 2009.

Allan is a hugely passionate History teacher who holds the lofty position of History subject convener for the IEB. In the words of one of my questionable compatriots 'He showed his calibre as an amazing teacher by making such a boring subject entirely memorable for me'. Allan will feel the full force of that obtuse compliment when I relate that the lady in question is now a teacher herself, who teaches history, amongst other subjects to Primary School pupils. In addition, Allan also teaches Drama to Grade 8 pupils and has always been a fervent supporter of the cultural aspects of education. To complete the educational ideal that he embodies, Allan has also coached cricket, hockey and rugby all at first team level, and is a huge proponent of an active outdoor lifestyle.

In 2012 Allan further served Thomas More College by authoring the addition of the latter 10 years (2002 - 2012) to the History of Thomas More College to Mike Leffler's original history (1962 - 2012) which was republished in 2013.

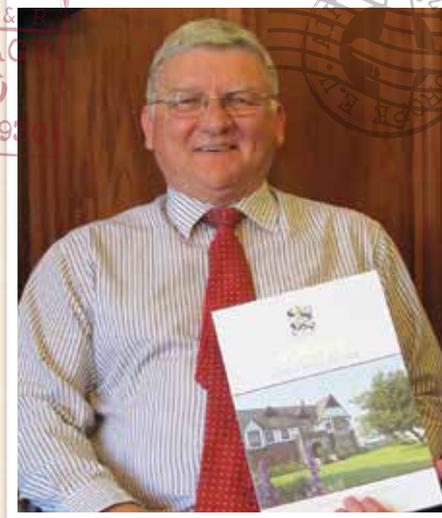
Allan's success is well known in the teaching profession where he is currently the KZN representative on the IEB National Executive Committee.

Allan has been married to his wife Angela for 36 years. Together they have contributed even more to the Thomas More College family by educating their son, Michael at Thomas More. With his father as an example it is no wonder that Michael is now a qualified Mechanical Engineer, living and working in Johannesburg.

My husband and I both owe our very different careers to Allan Chandler for the same reason. In standard 8, having chosen History as one of my subject choices, I sat down in Allan's class and was told we were to write essays from now onwards. As an 'A' English student, and a cocky one at that, I was not worried. I proceeded to turn in a completed essay only to have it marked and returned with the only 'E' I have ever received. It was the shock of my life. Allan then spent the next 3 years painstakingly teaching us how to compose a justified, logical, scientific essay based in fact that would support our points.

It is one of the most meaningful lessons I have ever learnt. When preparing this tribute I asked Mark for his memories of Allan and he proceeded to tell me a very similar story. I am now a BioMedical Scientist, and Mark is a CAD Draughtsman with a Diploma in Nature Conservation. That one skill that Allan taught us both has without doubt enabled us to get to where we are now, and if you questioned Allan's other students I am certain you would hear similar stories.

Allan will complete 2 decades of service when he retires at the end of the year. In those 20 years he will have used Basil,



Mertyl and their Peanut Butter Sandwiches to explain many vastly different concepts to thousands of students. He will have forced those students to take a different view on learning by standing on top of their desks, or goose-stepping around the campus. He will have left his memory ingrained as a strict, but fair teacher and will leave an indelible mark on those pupils, as well as the very fabric of Thomas More College.

I would like to end by saying that such was and is my respect for him that it has taken me 13 years and many raised eyebrows and pointed Ms Zietsman's from him to call him Allan instead of Mr Chandler. He will forever figure in my mind and the minds of my compatriots and his colleagues as a passionate, dedicated and truly loyal educator.

Allan we are privileged to honour you as a truly loyal servant to this beautiful school of ours. You figure prominently as a major contributing factor to the Proud Past Pupil in all of us and we cannot say thank you enough. You will be sorely missed!

MELANIE KUSTER (née Zietsman)

PPA CHAIRPERSON **CLASS OF 2002**



Allan in Action...



CHERISHED MEMORIES



Things end,
but memories
last forever



That's
TOTALLY
YOU



Good Times
& Great Friends



pieces of the past



The Savory family thank you Allan with great regard for all you have done for Thomas More over the years. I know Robin would be proud to call you one of his. Have a super retirement, always in our memory.

Peter Savory

Dear Allan

I would like to wish you the very best for your retirement. Congratulations on your many years as Headmaster and the progress of the school under your leadership. My warm thanks for the day spent with you visiting the school and the happy memories of that day.

With sincere thanks and best wishes
Ursula Hurley

Dear Allan

Thank you for your kindness and graciousness in giving of your time to take my mother and myself around the school. Your enthusiasm and passion and your dedication to the school was most uplifting and I am sure the pupils that have passed through Thomas More College during the years you were at the school benefited from your influence. Congratulations on your retirement and I wish you every happiness and fulfilment in the next phase of your life. With best wishes.

Mikaela York (née Hurley) **CLASS OF 1977**



With the rapid growth of the school, by 1996 we needed to employ additional staff and establish a management team. We were fortunate to identify and attract people of the quality of Allan Chandler, Philip Lanz and Derek and Lynette Bradley. Allan, Phil and Derek, together with Mimi Wilms, joined Deputy Head Ken Garside to form the secondary school management team of 1996. It was a major transition, both for the new staff members who had come from state schools to this 'school with a difference', and for the students! The fact of the matter was that it had become necessary to establish somewhat more formal disciplinary standards and Allan was given the task of pastoral care and discipline, a portfolio that was raised to the level of Deputy Head the following year.

Allan had spent the majority of his teaching career at the all boys' Durban High School where, according to Allan, 'things were done properly'! But I believe that after Allan had barely survived a difficult period in charge of a former 'model D' school, Thomas More was exactly what Allan needed... and truth be told, we needed Allan! It did mean that I spent a good deal of time trying to pacify his irritation with students and staff alike – he was especially annoyed by the music coming out of the art room during lessons and he could never understand why certain teachers were unable to get their marks in on time! But it was heart-warming to see Allan mellow into the Thomas More ethos and gain his strength and enthusiasm. His

organisational skills and the high standards he set for himself and the students were integral to the growing status of Thomas More College at that time.

Although I relied on the management team to establish a semblance of decorum and discipline, they knew how to have a good time – usually at my expense! Management meetings were usually after hours in my office... at the recent SAHISA conference, Allan reminded me of one occasion I was called away and they helped themselves to the cache of beers I kept in the walk-in cupboard (for hospitality purposes after KZN cricket meetings, I must add). When I walked into my office the following morning I was met by a carefully constructed pyramid of empty beer cans!

But perhaps the most memorable of my escapades with Allan was a trip we took to Johannesburg together – if I remember rightly it was for a cricket meeting. Frugal as we were, we booked into a room at a Formula One hotel in Kempton Park. Little did we know that the rooms were tiny, with walls made of little more than cardboard – someone had punched a fist through the wall in our room – and bunk beds. The beds were designed for people of Chandler height, and so narrow that it was impossible to turn over without risking life and limb. Talking of limbs, imagine the view Allan had lying on the bottom bunk staring at my legs dangling over the edge from above!

Worst of all, the shower and toilet were actually in the room. The shower was a unit that seemed to balance on some sort of fulcrum, so in order to stand steady without the entire cubicle rocking from side to side like a ship in a storm, one had to stand legs askance and arms outstretched like Da Vinci's drawing of the perfect proportions of man! And when the water was switched on it shot right over the person showering and onto the toilet! My, how we laughed...

To cap it all, it turned out the hotel was utilised by ladies of the night – and when Allan ventured out of the room to investigate a hullabaloo in the passage he walked straight into a buxom woman clad in nothing but a towel – she was bellowing loudly into the pay telephone situated directly outside our door!

Please pass on my best wishes to Allan in his retirement, together with my thanks for all he has done for Thomas More and its students – and for good times had by all!

Peter Habberton - HEADMASTER (1992 - 2001)



A Tribute TO ALLAN CHANDLER

from The Parents' Council of Thomas More College



If one were to pick a word to describe Allan Chandler there would be many positive, affirming words to choose from. I hasten to add that there would be a few negative ones, from past pupils from the good old days where caning was a way of school life. I dare say however that those past pupils were too immature to identify that they got what was coming to them!

The word that I would chose to describe Allan is wise. Wisdom is defined as sage, insightful, discerning, prudent and intelligent. Indeed it is the nexus, the meeting point, of all of these attributes such that common sense prevails and choices that are beneficial to all are made that I submit demonstrates wisdom. Allan certain excels in this! The guidance that he has provided many, and in particular the Parents' Council which he has steadfastly served for many years, has been just that – wise. Allan rarely speaks, but when he does it is with a conviction, people sit back listen and take in his words with a deep respect of his wisdom.

A classic example of this beneficial outcome for all is encapsulated in the following anecdote. I mention to a past pupil of Allan's that I was in regular contact with Allan. The person in question unashamedly, and with the utmost pride and respect relayed to me how Allan had been the effective fatherly figure in his (and his brother's) life after their father had passed away. He said that Allan had hauled them

back onto the straight and narrow and had been such a positive influence in their lives – such that both are respected professionals, and probably more importantly, good fathers themselves. Allan's care, his willingness to help and his wise council helped these youngsters in their hour of need.

The relationship between Allan and TMC has certainly been mutually beneficial. Allan has toughened up certain elements, practices and people within TMC; and there is no doubt that TMC softened him as a professional teacher and headmaster. This softening was not in his principles, nor in his beliefs and deep rooted commitment to education, but more in the way he delivered his message, in the way he imposed himself on a situation. He was too wise for the core of his beliefs and outlooks to be diluted.

Allan, your service to education has been remarkable, and as the parents of pupils who have flourished at TMC, we thank you as your influence has been marked, and has been instrumental in forging many fine adults. For this we are both truly blessed and most grateful. We wish you all the best as you take up new challenges and opportunities. We are comforted by the fact that you will remain in touch and that your legacy will continue to guide TMC. Thank you for sharing your wisdom with us.





“A MAN APART”

Thomas More is not a school, it is a home. The students are not just children, they are all members of a large, close knit family. The teachers are not teachers, they are surrogate mothers and fathers for a fair part of many children’s lives. As an institution that has always stood up for what is right, what is fair and what is true, Thomas More is quite spectacular; when you look under the hood and see the calibre of people working there, it is plain to all why this is the case.

If I think back to my school days, there is one person in particular that stands out. The term role model is tossed around quite lightly these days, but this is because in our modern times it is so hard to find someone with integrity, values and an ethical code that is exemplary and timeless; Allan Chandler is the exception to that rule. He more than embodies these qualities and when combined with his fair and warm way with people you have a man who is exactly that: a role model. When Mr Chandler leaves Thomas More he will be taking a small part of it away with him, but leaving behind a legacy and school that has become a home for many and more. Mr Chandler, here’s wishing you a most rewarding retirement for many years to come and a most heartfelt thank you for the role you played in all of our lives as Thomas More children.

BRYCE BOSSE CLASS OF 2002



I heard that Mr Chandler was retiring, sad to hear, but he has made a positive impact on so many pupils in his time.

JEFF TELFER
CLASS OF 2002

Congratulations on your retirement. You definitely deserve it. TMC will be losing an inspiring individual.

RICHARD WORTMANN
CLASS OF 2000



Mr Edmond Mack see me after assembly in my office LOL.

DENNIS EDMOND MACK
CLASS OF 1999

Love how we all remember the ceiling fan incident. That is 1 that I will always remember. Great teacher sad to see him go!

JO WILD (née Englefield)
CLASS OF 2009





Mr Chandler : you inspired me every day, even when I didn't know it. History quickly became my favourite lesson. In 1997, (I was in Std 8 at the time) I was the only girl amidst 8 boys in our class. You always knew how to rile us up and teased me and Ashley Centner constantly about getting married!!! We worked hard, and we also laughed pretty hard. Thank you so much. You're an amazing teacher, and I'm so blessed to have been taught by you. May you have a wonderful retirement. All the very best to you!!

MELISSA THOMAS (née Singh) CLASS OF 1999



Whenever I saw him coming, I'd hide because he always shouted at me for my hair. Mr. Chandler, you'll be happy to know that it's neat nowadays because I'm super lazy. Hope your retirement is a wonderful one!

JEN CROSSLEY CLASS OF 2011



One of my favourite memories of my time spent at Thomas More College is Mr Chandler. As my History teacher from 1997 to 2000, he was the first person who truly believed in my potential. He was the most amazing and inspirational teacher and ignited a passion for History that still lives within me today.

Class was never boring, topics were never off the table and our classroom was NEVER confined to a prefab of just 4 walls. I owe so much of who I am today to my favourite teacher and I wish him a very happy retirement. Thank you sir for challenging me and helping me soar above my hopes and expectations :)

ZOE MUNSIE (née Barnett) CLASS OF 2000



Kim Coppen-Watkins, Lauren Kate Kruger and History with Mr Chandler was where our friendship started! He tried his best to separate us but alas we are still friends today! My favourite memories were of him standing on a desk shouting out something about the Nazis from WW2.

LISA NEL (née Wiegand) CLASS OF 2002



Mr Chandler was the best teacher ever. I will never forget in History class when he was acting out the war and jumped off the desk straight into the ceiling fan. He had to have stitches as a result. Never felt so bad about laughing. He was a great inspiration especially on the Long Walk where his words drove me to the finish line. Have a great retirement, you really deserve it. xxx

AMELIA COLLINS CLASS OF 1999

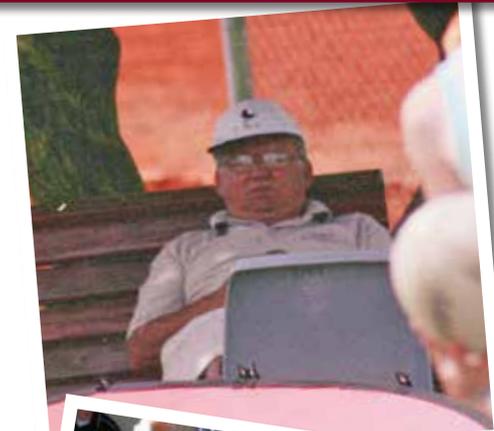


Mr Chandler was a sweet and gentle teacher and Headmaster BUT don't get on his bad side. Lol. I remember we girls would hide from him due to our hair being untidy, socks not rolled, make up and piercings.

MISHKA GOUNDEN CLASS OF 2012



Allan
ON THE FIELD





WOW! Mr Chandler was an awesome teacher! He was stern but extremely fair and passionate about teaching!

JONATHAN JAMES HUDSON

CLASS OF 1999



He is an honourable man that can move mountains and make the impossible possible!!!

BRUCE EALES

CLASS OF 2004



I'll never forget the torturous Headmaster's detention HAHA

CHRYSTAL VOLKER

(née Swarts)

CLASS OF 2012



"The disciplinarian".

NSIKA MBATHA

CLASS OF 2000



"The 5 percent" HAHA

MELLORY BLYTHE PHILP

CLASS OF 2010



I learnt a lot from this "Chap".

AYANDA YOGI LUTHULI

CLASS OF 1999



Shoo I was petrified of Mr Chandler in High School. #Matric2003!!!

BRON MEG JONES

CLASS OF 2003



So sad to see him go.

SARAH AUTANZA BLAIR

CLASS OF 2010



In Matric, Mr Chandler was my home class teacher and when asking us what our extra-curricular activities were, I told him that I did SMILE and outreach. Being a bit of a cheeky girl in High School, Mr Chandler didn't believe I undertook these activities and questioned my honesty. In my usual cheeky way, I responded "No sir, I just made them up because I thought you would be impressed" Fuming, Mr Chandler turned to me and said, "Miss Paroni, sarcasm is not becoming of you!". Strangely, it is one of my fondest memories of Mr Chandler.

Mr Chandler called me into his office and asked me whether it was true. Feeling absolutely horrified that not only had I been caught out, but I had also disappointed Mr Chandler, I was completely honest with him and admitted that it was true. Mr Chandler didn't punish me because I had been honest and warned that there would be consequences if he heard that I had been smoking on school grounds again. I always treasure that moment because the way that Mr Chandler dealt with the incident, in the true spirit of Thomas More College, is one of the reasons I remain an incredibly honest person to this day.

Mr Chandler was such an instrumental part of my time at Thomas More College and helped to shape the person I am today. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to attend such a wonderful school with so many passionate dedicated teachers.

I wish him all the best in his retirement.

Following on from my usual cheeky, mischievous self, someone had reported to Mr Chandler that I had been smoking on school grounds.

TARYN-JADE PARONI

CLASS OF 2001





I remember a very enthusiastic, informative and enlightening History lesson that Mr Chandler was giving us. Mid-way he decided to climb the lockers to demonstrate the position of a rifleman. He then proceeded to jump off like a ninja. A loud earth thundering BANG sounded. The whole class, eyes as big as saucers almost fell off their chairs. Thinking it was a bomb, Mr Chandler then proceeded to ask what the matter was? Within seconds blood was gushing from his head. A massive cut on his forehead appeared. The fan from the ceiling had stern words with his head... Cool calm and collected he said "What this, this is a scratch". Some stitches later and a few panados he returned and finished his lesson. A man of INTEGRITY PASSION AND LET US NOT FORGET DISCIPLINE. Thank you for your service.

LUCKY XOLANI MAJOLA CLASS OF 1999



Mr Chandler is such a great teacher. I loved his classes. He made History come alive: whether we were divided into groups of serfs or noblemen under one of our classmates' Kingships; marching around in SAS troops; or whether I was in American style isolationism to stop me from talking so much in class unless I had "persuasive economic reasons". It was really one of my favourite classes, and although we gave him enough grief as a year group, I think we all respected him deeply for his commitment to making us reach our potential, not only in class but also in life. Also who can forget the many times Mr Chandler ended up in a dress in one of the Supper and Song teachers' performances! He's been such an asset to the school and after all of us, he's earned a very peaceful retirement!

JOELLE BARNES CLASS OF 2003



Dear Mr Chandler
Thank you for all your years of hardwork, stress, friendship and love, all of which are greatly appreciated.
"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively"— Bob Marley
Thank you for being great!

MATTHEW CROMIE CLASS OF 2012

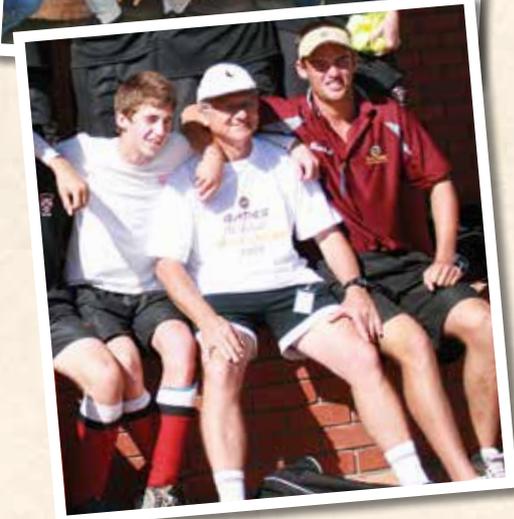


Mr Chandler, as your career comes to an end, just know that your legacy carries on.
Countless lives have been changed through the passion and the love you have for the pupils. Wishing you all the best for your retirement and that it is everything you want.
Thank you for everything you have done for us.

NICOLETTE CROZIER CLASS OF 1996

#proudpastpupil





Spending most of my schooling career at Thomas More College, my experience in learning from Mr Chandler are some of the best memories I have. Being my History teacher from Grade 10 to 12 (2003 – 2005), Mr. Chandler exceeded my expectations of a teacher and piqued my interest in the History subject so much that I still reference his teachings to this day. After departing from Thomas More, and spending many years studying and working, I was able to look back and appreciate Mr. Chandler's understanding with my difficulties, learning and applying myself in my studies.

When I received word that Mr. Chandler became the new Headmaster of the school, I was confident of his abilities, as the school had chosen the best candidate to perform the many duties and responsibilities of a Headmaster. His ongoing dedication and commitment towards education has always been respected through the years, and I knew that he would do what is required to keep the school running optimally.

I wish Mr. Chandler well on his departure from Thomas More. Thanks Mr. Chandler for your all guidance and teachings – it has been and will always be greatly appreciated.

Warm Regards

SUDEAV SUNILCHUND CLASS OF 2005



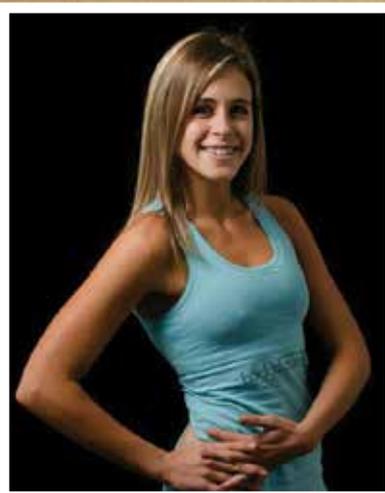
An absolute legend!! I will never forget those piercing looks we would get from Mr Chandler in assembly which would instil immediate fear into every pupil and straight afterwards we would be in hysterics listening to his stories in History class.

Unfortunately being so far away (in Australia) I am unfamiliar with TMC at present but have no doubt Mr Chandler has been an excellent Headmaster who's students would have certainly have loved and respected...and feared.

Mr Chandler always had a way with students and I'll never forget that! And will always be grateful for making History fun...who thought that was possible...kidding.

Enjoy your retirement Sir!!

CALVIN MASSON CLASS OF 2005



I would just like to briefly write about how influential Mr Chandler was during my years at Thomas More College 2004 – 2006.

Mr Chandler made a huge impact on my school life. No matter the outcome of my results – he kept believing in me, never judged or compared me to anyone. By being in his classes – my marks just kept improving due to his positive and persistent influence.

I always felt challenged in his classes. Mr Chandler allowed each one of us to stretch forth our minds into a new dimension and believed in our abilities.

Mr Chandler has impacted many people's lives including mine and I am grateful for that. Not to mention that he has a great sense of humour :)

I wish Mr Chandler well in his future endeavours and believe that He will succeed in all He encounters. Thank you Mr Chandler.

ADELE LOUW CLASS OF 2006 #proudpastpupil



Dear Mr Chandler...



I would like to wish you the very best on your retirement from Thomas More. I would also like to express my thanks in keeping us 2003 pupils in line. Your passion and ability to make a student rethink their actions, with just a glance is admirable.

I will always remember High School assemblies on the stairs, no unshaven chin, unpolished pair of shoes went unnoticed by you.

Nothing evoked more fear from students then those famous words, "come see me in my office". Well that and hearing one's name being called from across the quad. Know that you were a force to be reckoned with Mr Chandler but a force we are now so grateful we had.

You never let us, as students forget what it meant to be part of the Thomas More family and I would like to acknowledge that the sense of pride I feel when putting on the Thomas More blazer, is partly due to you and other Thomas More teachers at that time, who actively helped shape us as students.

I wish you all the best on your retirement and thank you for the memories, trust me they are not all laden with fear and trembling. God Bless

NATALIE JOLLANDS

CLASS OF 2003



Your contribution to Thomas More College extends far beyond your role as Headmaster. In addition to your dedication to the school, you also committed yourself to each and every pupil, including myself. Thank you so much for your patience, and furthermore for taking me seriously, even though I was just a short-tempered teenager who pestered you on an almost weekly basis. From listening to my endless debates about matters that now seem trivial, to being chased by my mother as you tried to drive home, I cannot thank you enough for all that you did. Your efforts were, and still are, very much appreciated.

Thank you, Mr Chandler, for making my High School experience that much better. I wish you all the best for your well-deserved retirement

BELINDA DUKE

CLASS OF 2011



Although you were one of the more "feared" teachers at school, I always adored your class. You made us laugh with your witty jokes and were always able to make History seem so much more exciting than what it actually was haha :) You have such a loving and a soft heart and I thank you for everything you did for me as a student. Thank you for tolerating all the unnecessary chatter between myself and Jeska Pike. I know you often pretended not to see us chatting away!

All the best for your retirement!

MICHANE STEAD (née Mostert)

CLASS OF 2007



I will never forget how I used to look forward to Mr. Chandler's History lessons.

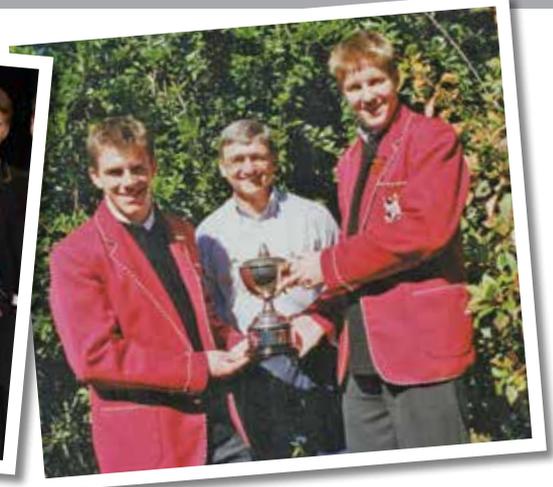
There is no one else that could make any subject as exciting as he did, and you could tell he loved what he did - it showed in the way he would jump up on a desk whenever he got really passionate!

He really knew how to get our attention, to explain things on our level and with his command of the classroom, you could not help but respect him.

KATE CARTER-BROWN (née Harris)

CLASS OF 2005





TMC is losing an incredible and very special person... I am so sad that he won't be around to share his knowledge and values with my kids... Lotsa love and luck in your new adventure... I have PLENTY stories to share xxx

TESS HODGSON

CLASS OF 2000



DEAR ALLAN

The effect that History has on who we are today began for me in your History classes. The reality and relevance of its impact on what community means is something I face daily as I continue to forge a career in documentary photography across this continent of ours.

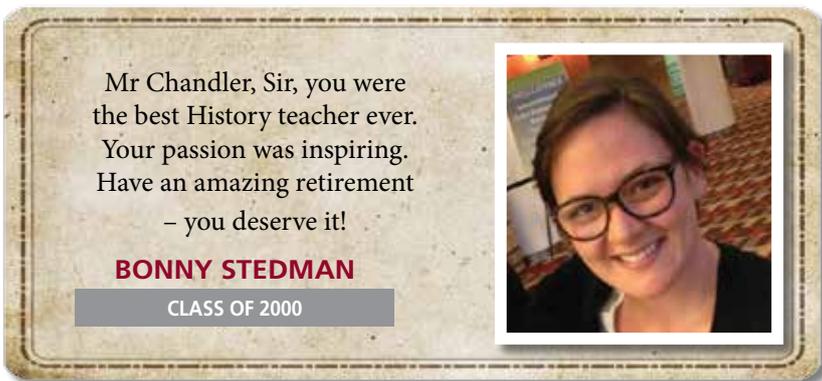
As you once told your History class back in 1996, "Accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative", words I've lived out ever since.

On a lighter note, may ceiling fans never cross your path again, and may you continue to explore the many people and places that make up this incredible country of ours.

Wishing you all the very best in this, the next chapter..

MATTHEW WILLMAN

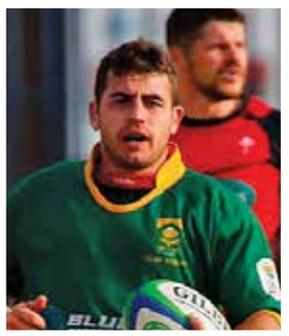
CLASS OF 1997



Mr Chandler, Sir, you were the best History teacher ever. Your passion was inspiring. Have an amazing retirement – you deserve it!

BONNY STEDMAN

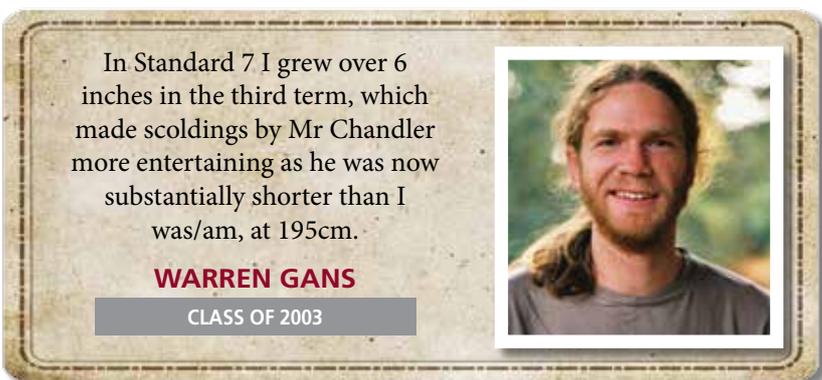
CLASS OF 2000



I'm sure he won't forget the 2008 fountain incident in a hurry. Nor that I had to tell him I thought of getting him a bottle of bubbly as a farewell gift when I finished matric, but figured wine was safer...

MARK DENZIL BARNARD

CLASS OF 2008



In Standard 7 I grew over 6 inches in the third term, which made scoldings by Mr Chandler more entertaining as he was now substantially shorter than I was/am, at 195cm.

WARREN GANS

CLASS OF 2003





Mr Chandler arrived at TMC when I was in standard 7, and it was immediately evident that he had a very different approach to teaching. I have some distinct memories of our History lessons... The first was Mr Chandler (his tie tied hippie style around his head) standing on a desk pretending to be an allied soldier attacking German soldiers with a machine gun, sound effects included! The other was the class being sent around the school in pairs on treasure hunts, which challenged us and always ended with some historical lesson.

There was also the time Mr Chandler decided that he wanted to see what was stronger... His head or the ceiling fan... No prizes for guessing which came out tops.

And of course, if there was an important cricket match on during school time, Mr Chandler was the teacher you could always rely on for a current update. Mr Chandler was always there to help, whether academically or just for general support, and I know that his teachings and little life lessons not only had an impact on my school career, but also on my ability to study at University, and still to this day ("don't sweat the small stuff!"). Enjoy your retirement Mr Chandler!

KERRI RADEMEYER (née Gillitt) **CLASS OF 1999**

I think one of my favourite TMC memories will always be Mr Chandler and Mr Garside being "back up dancers and singers" to Mrs Conradie singing "Under the Boardwalk" in the 2004 play "Onstage". It was such an experience. Enjoy your retirement Mr Chandler!

NICCI MAXWELL **CLASS OF 2005**



Our family would like to thank Mr Allan Chandler for his most valuable contribution to TMC.

Thank you for your involvement with pupils and parents alike, your disciplined yet fair approach, your encouragement, your devotion and dedication. Thank you for your patience and tolerance, and most of all for guiding, inspiring and believing in our children. The impact you have had on many young lives is immeasurable.

We are extremely grateful and appreciate your many years of service and commitment. Congratulations on your retirement and best wishes for the next chapter of your life. May you have a happy and fulfilling retirement.

ANDREW, DEBBIE, BRENDAN & WARRICK REYNOLDS **CLASS OF 2011 & 2013**



*Say goodbye to these corridors
Say goodbye to that lobby
Say goodbye to the tuckshop
Say goodbye to everything you see
Say goodbye to your classroom
Say goodbye to your chair
Retirement will bring sweet pain
Which you will love to bear
Happy retirement Mr. Chandler*



MONICA DLAMINI
CLASS OF 2000





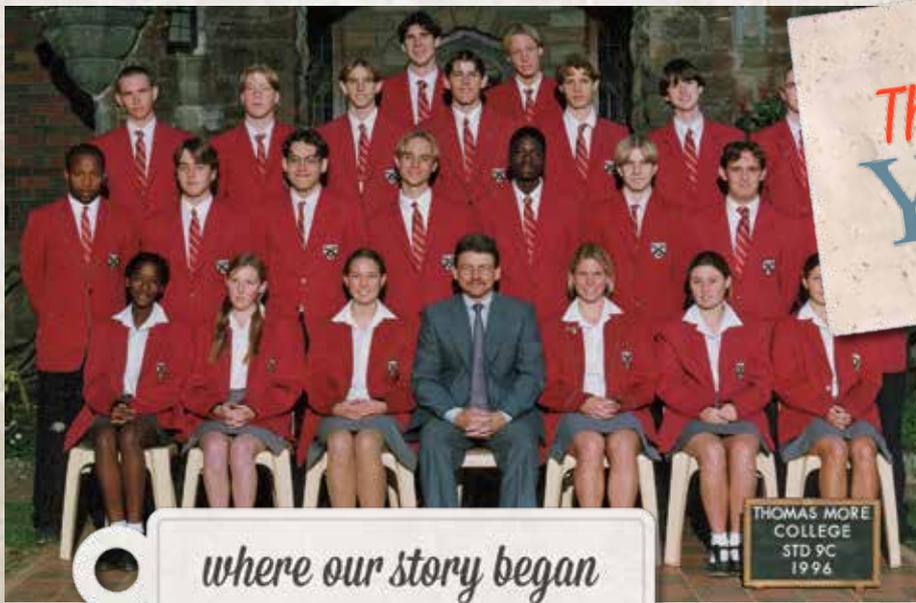
Retirement only means it's time for a new Adventure...



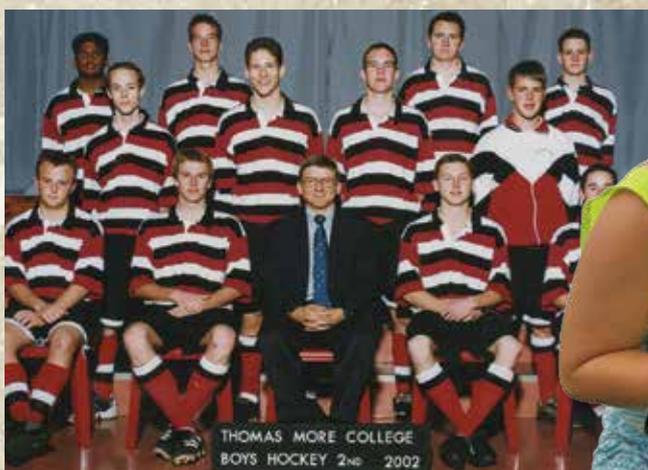
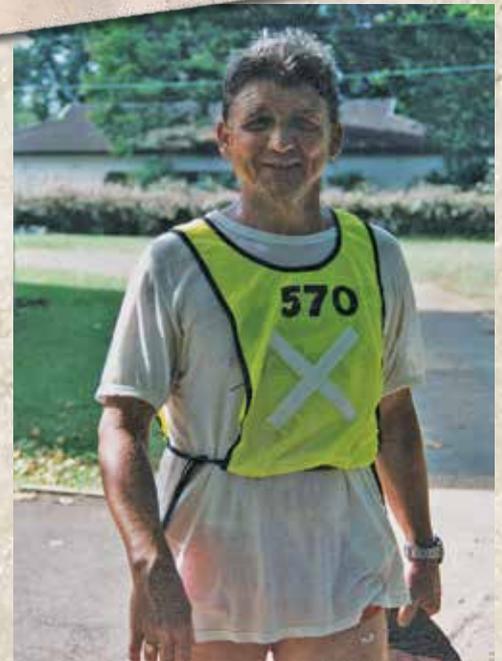
CHERISHED MEMORIES



Through the YEARS



where our story began





We will always be so grateful for the care he gave our boys as well as the highest calibre of teaching - you really are a legend Allan and will be a huge loss to the school. But enjoy your retirement!

CHRISTINE DALAIS
(née Weinburger)

CLASS OF 1977 / PAST PARENT



My Kids, Zoe, Toni & Alex Jacovides are very fond of Mr Chandler.

When Zoe was in High School in year eight, I went to see Mr Chandler on parents evening with some concerns. Zoe was quite nervous of one of her teachers, Mr Bernard Langton.

This is how the conversation went:

Joanne: Mr Chandler, I am concerned. Zoe is quite scared of Mr Langton.

Mr Chandler: (Shrugging his shoulders and putting his arms out wide) Who isn't?

JOANNE DALY PAST PARENT & STAFF IN SP



Thanks to Allan from a non-pupil.

I really would like people to know (and Allan to know) of his kindness to Ken in the last weeks of his teaching career just before he passed away was much appreciated. Thank you

RENÉE JG GARSIDE PAST PARENT

As an ex-employee of TMC, I wish him a retirement as great as my own!

YVONNE DE BEER

RETIRED STAFF MEMBER



From my Headmaster, to my Boss, thank you Mr Chandler.

BIANCA JOINER

CLASS OF 2007 & STAFF



Brilliant guy. Had such a brilliant attitude to everything.

BARBARA BUCK MOWATT

PAST PARENT



One of my favourite people at TMC! Awesome History teacher to Sean, thank you for your input into many of our sons' lives!

ANDREA O'CONNOR

PAST PARENT & JP STAFF

Bon Voyage!

