



Meet DAVE WIGGETT Thomas More College HIGH SCHOOL HEADMASTER

As the 'School for all Seasons', I am most buoyed and inspired by the sincere manner in which every child is nurtured, loved and celebrated at Thomas More College. Success is relative to each pupil's honest endeavour to surpass that which is their norm, thereby honouring their unique, God-given individuality.

Education must morph itself to propel our young people with relevance and purpose into their world. The key 21st Century skills of Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Creativity must assume prominence in our educational planning if we are, indeed, going to empower our children to be dynamic, value-adding citizens. As such, I have been privileged to join a staff which remains thoroughly and consciously committed to exploring how best to nurture these skills in our young people. We are, essentially, preparing our young people for a world that is constantly changing, exponentially.

Our educational journey must create opportunities for our children to grapple with knowing what to do when they don't know what to do. Being scratched by such ambiguous difficulty and challenge will hone their problem-solving skills. We do this through our remarkable academic, sporting, cultural, leadership and outreach programmes.

I am indeed grateful for the opportunity to be a member of this multi-faceted, multi-skilled and dynamic school family.

My first formal encounter at Thomas More College was the Prize giving at the beginning of the year. I was overwhelmed by the number of Past Pupils in attendance. For most, their attendance was two-fold: firstly, to celebrate their school; secondly, to "check out" the new headmaster of their beloved school. As a co-ed school, it is rare to find such an impassioned alumni group which are traditionally associated with monastic schools. I am proud to have joined the Thomas More family for many reasons, not least because of the deep connections enjoyed and expressed to me by so many in your number. I bristle with pride at the number of grey #proudpastpupil shirts at our sports fixtures. The PPA is an integral ingredient in our success journey. I look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Dave Wiggett
HIGH SCHOOL HEADMASTER



THE LONG WALK

The 54th edition of the annual Thomas More College Long Walk took place on Saturday 5th March 2016.

As has been the case in recent years, the Past Pupils' Association assumed responsibility for the co-ordination of Stop 9 which is situated in the heart of the sugarcane off Kassier Road. Whilst in previous years the PPA has been heavily reliant on volunteers provided by the walk organizers, this was the first year that the PPA undertook to man the stop exclusively with past pupils. This was executed successfully with a total of 22 past pupils undertaking shifts at the stop. What was exceptionally encouraging was the extensive scope of the volunteers, with past pupils from the 1960s working alongside pupils who matriculated as recently as 2013. The operation and management of the refreshment point went off perfectly with

well over a thousand walkers being refreshed, watered and encouraged on their journey. It was also pleasing to note the number of past pupils who undertook the walk itself. Comments that Stop 9 was "the most epic stop on the route" were welcomed.

Gary Green



The first PPA pub quiz of 2016 was held at the college on Friday 13th May. Due to the significant increase in competitors, the event was moved from its previous home at the Robin Savory Pavilion to the larger and more expansive Ken MacKenzie Centre. Rae Griesel and her band of energetic volunteers ensured that the venue was excellently decorated in keeping with the Mexican theme of the evening. Over 90 poncho clad guests, sporting multi-coloured sombreros, enjoyed an evening of Mexican cuisine and thought provoking questions. Congratulations go to **MEGAN HEYSTEK (Class of 2007)** who walked away with a bottle of authentic Mexican

tequila after being voted the best dressed competitor. Special mention must also be made of **ALAIN BARKER (Class of 1974)** for taking time out of a fleeting visit to Durban to join the evening's festivities. Despite some testing questions, it was ultimately the Nineteen Naughties team under the astute management of **MELANIE KÜSTER (Class of 2002)** who walked away with bragging rights and some awesome prizes.

The second quiz of the year is scheduled to take place on Friday 26th August and we look forward to another robust turn-out in the next battle of wits.

Gary Green

SURVEY

RESULTS & ACTION PLAN

I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to those of you that completed the survey. We received 449 responses which has truly enabled us to feel confident that the results are a true reflection of the feelings of our members. The only way in which the PPA can move forward is to have your opinions on who we are, the way we do things and the direction in which you believe we should head. Below is a summary of the results obtained, along with our proposed actions in order to grow from these results.

1. What purpose does the PPA serve?

A.	To keep members updated on Past Pupils & Past Pupil events	63.03%
B.	To act as liaisons between Past Pupils & TMC	54.79%
C.	I don't know	10.91%
D.	Other	2.45%

RESPONSE: We are proud that the majority of respondents seem to understand at least one of our two functions. The TMC PPA serves to keep members updated on Past Pupils and Past Pupil events as well as to act as liaisons between Past Pupils and TMC. We endeavour to foster that link forged during your time at Thomas More, whether it be between yourselves and your compatriots, yourselves and the staff members of your time and or yourselves and the school as a whole. The PPA is run by a purely voluntary committee who devote their free time (outside of full-time day jobs) to organising every event and publication on the PPA Calendar. We are fortunate to have the services of our secretary Rae Griesel, as our face on campus, whom we share with the Parents' Council. Therefore we appeal to all of our members that if you wish to help, have ideas to share or do not like the way we currently do things, please feel free to join our committee. All are welcome, and the more 'hands and minds' we have at our disposal, the better we can fulfil our function! We meet four times a year, and currently have seven mandatory functions per year, (not including the planning that goes into these functions). Should you wish to join us, please email either Rae on rriesel@thomasmore.co.za or myself on melanier@steritech.co.za

2. As a Past Pupil do you attend the following TMC or PPA Events?

A.	Long Walk	24.26%
B.	Pub Quiz	3.19%
C.	Country Fair	47.06%
D.	Association Day	13.24%
E.	PPA AGM	4.41%
F.	School Sport Matches	9.80%
G.	School Cultural Events	8.09%
H.	Derby Days hosted by other schools in which TMC plays no part	3.68%
I.	I would like to attend these events but I live abroad	15.69%
J.	I live abroad	6.37%
K.	None of the above	17.40%

RESPONSE: Please see articles in this edition of the Moorcock Chronicle with regards to the Long Walk in respect of Past Pupils' involvement.

3. Do you read & enjoy the Moorcock Chronicle?

A.	Yes I read it and enjoy it	45.59%
B.	Yes I read it, but I don't enjoy it	3.78%
C.	No I don't read it	50.63%

WHAT IS...

#proudpastpupil

#proudpastpupil was conceptualised by the PPA Committee as a means by which to both provide the PPA with a slogan, as well as to create a rallying social media campaign. It is intended to provide a byline with which photographs and memories can be tagged, thereby calling other proudpastpupils together. Our intention, along with the #proudpastpupil bumper stickers, t-shirts and caps that have so far been made and distributed at PPA events is also to include a #proudpastpupil feature in The Moorcock Chronicle whereby we can share stories from #proudpastpupils about why they are #proudpastpupils. It will be very interesting to compare the stories that are shared by the different generations – we suspect that the essence will be the same, whether you were a member of the Class of 1966 or a member of the Class of 2016. Whilst hashtags are definitely a modern trend, it is our intention that the campaign will link the generations of our members, and show that Thomas More College, whether it be historical or current brings out the Proud Past Pupil in us all!



ACTION PLAN: We will be increasing the Snippets Section of The Moorcock Chronicle as much as we are able to. Please bear in mind that since we are beholden to you for the information that we can publish, we ask you to please drop rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za an email with any news that you would like published. Births, Graduations, Engagements, Marriages, Deaths (and Obituaries), "Where Am I Now" Snippets, Immigrations, Promotions and any other interesting news snippets are all welcome. We remind you to please include a picture of yourself and/or your loved ones to publish alongside the Snippet. We will try to actively chase members from each decade for a story or two for each edition in order to dispel the theory that we are only interested in the younger generations news, however please note that we can only publish what we get given therefore if you don't tell us, we can't publish it.

4. Do you feel enough communication is distributed by the PPA?

A.	I receive too much communication from the PPA	2.94%
B.	I don't receive enough communication from the PPA	13.64%
C.	I would like to see more Past Pupil news distributed by the PPA	36.90%
D.	I would like to see more historical TMC information distributed by the PPA	22.73%
E.	I would like to see more current TMC news distributed by the PPA	26.74%
F.	I am happy with what I currently receive	37.43%

ACTION PLAN: Through the wonders of social media, we will be increasing our communication frequency in the interims between Moorcock Chronicle publications. We have already introduced a 'historical' section to The Moorcock Chronicle and will be working closely with our Archives to expand this section to feed your memories of what Thomas More was like over the years. We will also be introducing a current Thomas More section to show our members where the school is currently at. We will prove to you that whilst Thomas More College has come a long way since its founding days, it is not as far removed from its essence as some responders to this survey seem to feel.

5. What further benefits would you like to receive as a PPA member? (ranked in priority of response where 1 is most wanted)

More Moorcock Chronicles & Social Media communications	1
More Past Pupil events and opportunities to revisit the campus	3
The establishment of a Past Pupil Business Directory so that I can support other Past Pupils.	2
More #proudpastpupil items as attendance rewards for TMC and PPA Events	4
Mentoring Gr 11 TMC Students to assist the next generation in their career choices	5
I don't believe further benefits are necessary	6

ACTION PLAN: We are working hard to provide more Past Pupils' events on campus, whether they be for social purposes or to give back to the current Thomas More pupils. Please see the articles in this edition of The Moorcock Chronicle with regards to the PPA Pub Quiz, as well as Reunions and next years' new Homegrown Expo. In addition over the course of the next year we will be establishing a Past Pupils' Business Directory to help put our members in touch with one another on a professional and business development level. We hope to also link this to our Mentorship Programme and the launch of the Homegrown Expo in order to give back to the current pupils.

6. Are you aware that the PPA hosts the following Sports Clubs that have open & unrestricted membership?

A.	I am aware of TMC Hockey (Indoor & Outdoor)	14.92%
B.	I am aware of TMC Highway Waterpolo	2.03%
C.	I am aware of both the Hockey & Waterpolo Clubs	24.07%
D.	I am not aware of either of these	55.93%
E.	Other	3.05%

Past Pupils'

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

For over 2 years now the PPA Committee have toyed with the idea of creating a Past Pupils' Business Directory, and thanks to the favourable response from our Feedback Survey we have decided to action it.

The Directory is intended to provide our Members with an easy way of supporting their fellow Thomas Moreons by supporting their businesses, from GP's practices to plumbers, to restaurants – all are welcome. Let's keep it in the Family!

It will **not be a brochure**, or contain any advertising, of any sort. It will merely be a list of Past Pupil owned or operated businesses along with their contact details grouped by industry sector. It will be hosted in the Past Pupils section of www.thomasmore.co.za. There will be no charge associated to it, nor will any recommendations over the use of any business contained on the list be proffered.



Appearance in the Directory will be entirely on a request basis, where you as the Business Owner or Operator will authorise us to list your business with one phone number and one email address in the appropriate sector. The only qualifier being that the Business Owner or Operator must be an active member on our Past Pupils' Database. Should reports of 'conduct unbecoming' be reported to the PPA Committee it shall be at the discretion of the Committee to remove any business from the Directory at any point.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Rae on rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za

Melanie on melanie@steritech.co.za

RESPONSE: Please see the articles in this edition of the Moorcock Chronicle with regards to the PPA linked Sporting Codes – we will re-introduce those that currently exist, explain the demise of the Cricket Club and introduce the new Cycling Club. Please note that we are happy to affiliate with any sporting discipline that approaches us and functions through the correct channels.

7. Do you believe that the PPA should have a fundraising role?

A.	That should be at the discretion of the PPA Committee	36.55%
B.	The PPA should fundraise towards school capital development projects	12.76%
C.	The PPA should fundraise towards bursaries	31.38%
D.	The PPA should fundraise in general & allocate the funds towards projects as needed	24.48%
E.	The PPA should not fundraise but should rather serve the Past Pupils	19.31%

8. Are you interested in attending School Reunions?

A.	Yes	66.90%
B.	No	11.03%
C.	Only if they are free	7.59%
D.	I live abroad	14.48%

RESPONSE: Please see this edition of the Moorcock Chronicle for our new Reunions Policy and invitation.

9. Are you supportive of the #proudpastpupil campaign?

Please indicate your age in your response.

A.	Yes (18-30)	37.72%
B.	No (18-30)	12.46%
C.	Yes (31-40)	14.19%
D.	No (31-40)	1.73%
E.	Yes (41+)	19.03%
F.	No (41+)	4.15%
G.	Other	10.73%

RESPONSE: Please see the article in this edition of the Moorcock Chronicle on what **#proudpastpupil** is.

10. In response to some of the direct & other comments we received, please see the points below:

To those that provided their email addresses, year of matriculation and contact details, our database has been updated accordingly to ensure that you keep receiving our messages.

The PPA would like to remind all of its members that continued communication with us is purely voluntary. You may request at any point that we remove your name from our distribution lists and we will do so.

With regards to publishing more Past Pupil news we are restricted by the POPI (Protection of Personal Information) Act. We can only legally share information that is provided directly to us, thus giving us permission to publish it. Therefore we are 100% reliant on Past Pupils themselves to provide us with information to share. This can be done by giving it to us in an email (or private message), tagging us in a picture on social media, or commenting on a picture we post on social media. Legally we cannot publish information we see on social media outside of the above circumstances. Therefore one of the complaints/requests directed at us (to share more Past Pupils' news) is one where our hands are tied without your help and input.

CAREER GUIDANCE

for those needing to know, from those in the know!

The **PPA Mentorship Programme** was re-invigorated in 2015 with the usage of Past Pupils to place Grade 11 work experience students in the fields of their choice, either through the Past Pupils themselves or through the contacts of Past Pupils. It is the hope of the PPA that we can expand this programme even further and supply the current students with first-hand knowledge of the gap between the education they have received at Thomas More, and the career path of their choice. Enlighten them with not only the documented pre-requisites, but also more useful information that will inform their choices, such as personality type requirements, actual job opportunities, advice of avenues of tertiary study to name but a few.

We have our new High School Headmaster, Mr Dave Wiggett, to thank for a brilliant new concept that will expand the **Mentorship Programme** to reach more than just the **Work Experience** requirements. The **"Homegrown Expo"** is a proposal to all of the professionals, entrepreneurs, business owners, employers, employees, tradesmen, apprentices and students within our Past Pupil ranks to pass on some of your hard-earned knowledge to the current Thomas More students before they make that heavy career choice!

We will ask that you as Past Pupils consider any of the following options:

- Speaking to groups of interested scholars (& their parents) about the REAL requirements that a particular career path entails.
 - Have one on one display and or Q&A sessions for students & their parents contemplating career choices in an **Expo** type setting on campus.
 - Offer **Work Experience** slots for those Grade 11s who wish to trial a particular field or industry. (Work Experience will not take place during the Expo, but later during the year during the school's defined scheduling thereof – 26th to 29th September 2016)

This **Expo** is proposed for June of every year, and will be aimed at the Grade 9s who are contemplating their imminent subject choices, as well as the Grade 11s who are contemplating their career choices. It will be championed by the Past Pupils' Association in conjunction with the High School.

Further details will follow, if you are interested,
please contact rriesel@thomasmore.co.za



With regards to the request for increased publicity of event dates/schedules, please see the last page of every Moorcock Chronicle which hosts an Events Calendar for the year ahead. With regards to school sports and cultural fixtures we will be working harder to publicise these on social media and to include more of these in the Moorcock Chronicle. Also, please remember that a fixture and events calendar is permanently available on www.thomasmore.co.za

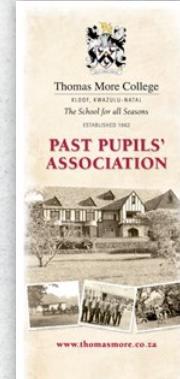
Many people seem to hold some confusion as to the difference between The Horse's Mouth and The Moorcock Chronicle. The Horse's Mouth is the School newsletter which is sent to all current families at Thomas More on a weekly basis. The Moorcock Chronicle is the Past Pupils' Association newsletter which is sent to all Past Pupils, Past Parents and Past Staff who are on our active database, on a bi-annual or quarterly basis dependant on content availability. They are not the same publication and do not contain the same information. The Moorcock Chronicle is distributed via an email which contains a link to the uploaded publication on the school website. The PPA also has a few printed copies which can be collected from our office on the school campus. We do not post printed copies to the entire database anymore due to the increased costs of printing and posting, as well as the unreliability of the Post Office. However we are very happy to post a copy to you if you request it from us due to an inability to receive emails. Please contact Rae Griesel on 031 764 8697 to arrange this. One very confusing thing is that many people who answered this survey stated that they do not receive the Moorcock Chronicle, but the link for this survey was distributed in the same manner as the link to The Moorcock Chronicle. We therefore request that if you are not receiving the Moorcock Chronicle, please contact rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za so that we can check your contact details on our database. In addition, just in case you miss the link for The Chronicle, mistaking it for spam or advertising, we will be including a small summary in the covering email in future to try and capture your attention.

A recurring theme is that not enough historical information is publicised and that we seem to cater only to the more recent generations. Through our current Archive Project we have been working to combat this for some time now and bring back more of this historical information. The more recent generations are easier to access, and from our experience so far seem to be more willing to share their memories and information from their time at Thomas More. In addition, we appeal to the older generations that we cannot publicise what we don't know. Please share your memories and stories with us - we do not mean to ignore any generation as the memories of all our members are important to us... Please also see the article in this edition of the Moorcock Chronicle for information about our Archive Project.

There was a request for a Past Pupils' Outreach programme. Our current committee does not have the capacity to add a programme of this nature to our portfolio at present. However we suggest one of two responses. One is that if you feel strongly that we should add this portfolio and are willing to be the driving force behind it, please join our committee and we will happily back you to the full extent of our abilities. In the absence of that, please see the article in this edition of the Moorcock Chronicle with regards to Outreach programmes currently run by Thomas More College, as well as how you can get involved as Past Pupils.

The largest criticism levelled at us (by far) is our perceived inaction when it comes to Reunion Planning. Whilst there are many factors that have affected this, we acknowledge your criticisms and requests and ask you to please see the insert in this edition of the Moorcock Chronicle with regards to our new Reunion Policy, as well as the invitation for the 'major' year reunions.

Melanie Küster – PPA CHAIRPERSON



PLANNING YOUR CLASS REUNION?

Class of...

1966 - 1976 - 1986 - 1996 - 2006

Why not hold your reunion at
Thomas More College on Association Day

Saturday 10 September 2016

Meal & welcome drink
(Approx. R100pp depending on menu)
cash bar/bring your own

Contact Rae Griesel for further information
rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za
031 764 8697

REUNION Policy

As much as we would love to throw everything we have at Reunions, our capacity in terms of available 'hands' is severely limited, as is our funding at this point. Therefore the below policy is intended to improve on what we are currently seen to be doing, whilst respecting the restrictions we do experience by having only one staff member at our (not full time) disposal.

DATE – In order to reliably draw the largest crowd, a standard date needs to exist within the school calendar. In addition, due to the huge difficulty with venue availability on campus, if the date is the same each year we will not run into scheduling conflicts in years to come. Therefore should attendees wish for an on-campus Reunion it must always be held on Association Day, which usually is scheduled by the school for the second Saturday in September. We can look at other dates off-campus should the need arise.

VENUE – If Reunions are not able to be held on Association Day, contact with Rae Griesel needs to be made to verify if any suitable venue on campus is available for this purpose.

TIMES – Late Breakfast (after the AGM, regardless of venue used)

- Lunch / Early Afternoon Braai (after Association Day)
- Dinner / Cocktail Party

ARRANGEMENTS – PPA to arrange venue, decor and catering; PPA to manage RSVPs and advertise via email and social media. The PPA will request a year champion to help create the buzz amongst their compatriots. PPA will focus on the decade reunions (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 etc) unless otherwise requested by a particular year.

RSVP LIMIT – Reunions will only be held provided a confirmed and paid RSVP of a minimum of 15 people is achieved.



FUNDING – Catering at Reunions will be self-funding for the foreseeable future.

The PPA will cover any costs related to advertising, décor or hiring as necessary.

#proudpastpupil

ARCHIVES

As those of you that attend our AGMs, and that read The Moorcock Chronicle will know, the establishment of the Thomas More College Archives has been a project that we as the PPA have been championing for the last year.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr Roy Alderdice and the hard work and expertise of Mrs Lynn Bregman, all archival documents and photographs that had been stored away in boxes, all over the school, over the last 52 years have now been sorted and archived in an easy-to-retrieve system.

There are 2 further stages to this current project:

1. The identification of unknown people, places, events and documentation within these documents. We will be enlisting your help through the use of emails and social media on this aspect. When we publish any of these pictures or documents, we will provide the information that we know about it, we ask that you fill in the blanks for us. Whether it be by providing a missing name, or any information related to an event or story that we do not have, we appreciate any input you may choose to have! We rely on your collective memories to ensure that what is lost in the school's history can now become found!

2. Most importantly, the Archives are now ready for new memories! Should you have any that will help flesh out the history of our beloved school, we ask you to please bring either the originals or copies thereof to Rae in the Past Pupils' Office. Failing which, there are Archive Collection boxes in Reception and all three staff rooms where the items can be dropped off. Please bear in mind that information is key, so covering notes with every seemingly insignificant detail would be so appreciated – the Thomas Moreons who access your memories fifty years from now will be so grateful for the extra effort you took!

The Official Thomas More College Archive Collection Policy

The Archive aims to collect all records relating to an activity or event and to any person with past or present connection to Thomas More College.

Records can be in paper, digital form or artefacts. For example, minutes, photographs, posters, team lists, programs, correspondence, invitations, newspaper cuttings, other publications, reports, reviews, results, school uniforms, team jerseys, awards and anything else (not forgetting shared stories or memories).

The record should, wherever possible, be accompanied by as much detail as is available, especially a date (d,m,y), author's name if applicable, the name(s) of persons involved, the name(s) of donors, the name(s) of individuals in a photograph and a brief description if this is not evident in the record.

Archive Collection

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

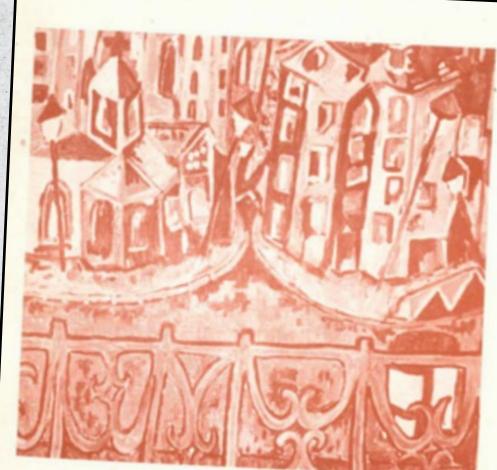
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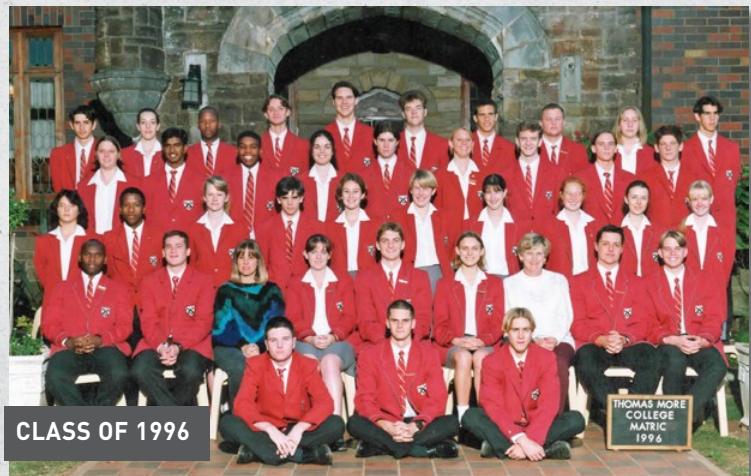
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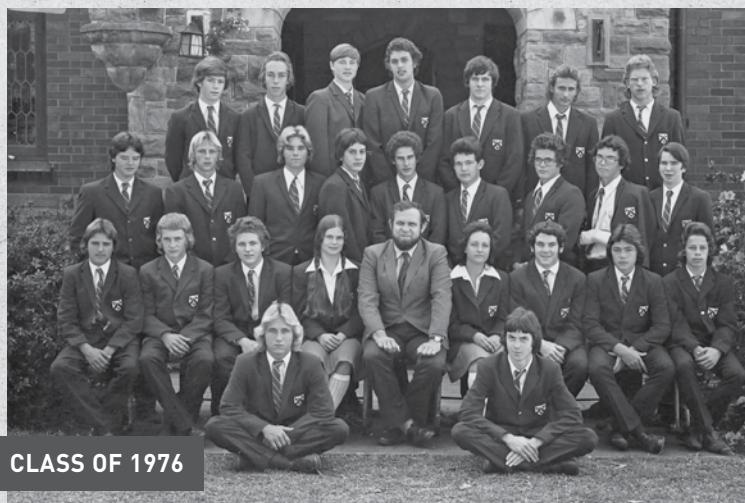
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CLASS OF 1976

HOCKEY

The indoor hockey season takes place in first three months of the year and the outdoor hockey season runs from April to September.

We have two men's sides (one is an Old Boys side run by Johann McLeod and the other a school boys side including some senior men run by a TMC staff member Steve Garrett). There is currently no men's side for outdoor hockey.

The Ladies run three indoor and three outdoor sides. Teams 1 and 2 practice on Sunday afternoons at Kloof High School's indoor centre for the indoor season and at the TMC Astro for the outdoor season.

Indoor matches are played in the evenings during the week and outdoor matches are on Saturday afternoons, either on our home turf, TMC Astro, or away.

Michelle Albers – HOCKEY CHAIRPERSON



WATER POLO

The Thomas More College Highway Water Polo Club has been running for 8 years now. We are based at Thomas More College and are open to current and past pupils as well as the public wanting to play league water polo.

We are currently in the "off season" at the moment so practice days and times haven't been decided on yet. Please feel free to contact us to find out more.

Starting on the 25th July we will be hosting our annual Winter league on Monday and Wednesday evenings, which will run for 6 weeks and is open to School and Club teams. Our Ladies team will be entered.

Our club has been well placed in the different Durban leagues with a few of our players making the different Provincial teams that took part in the National Currie Cup tournament earlier this year. We are looking forward to the new season starting in October.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

Gregg Higgs – 082 838 6175

gregg.higgs8@gmail.com

CRICKET

The Thomas More Old Boys' Cricket Club was formed in the early 1980's by the late Mike Leffler together with some legendary Old Boys, namely: Rob Brislin, Dave Frolick, Clive Ording, Rob Passara & Dominic Dalais. The side was organised and captained over its existence by Mike Leffler, Rob Brislin, Dominic Dalais and Dave Frolick.

The Club continued to play for over 14 years, but in approximately 1994 the Club was disbanded due to an inability to consistently field 11 players week in and week out for two sets of three month long seasons per year. Several attempts have been made to revive the Club, but to date the required level of commitment has not been achieved.

It should be mentioned that The Thomas More Cricket Club was a closed Club, drawing players only from within the ranks of Thomas More Past Pupils. This strategy was felt to be one of the major contributing factors to its demise, and thus the PPA have learnt a lesson from it, which is why none of our currently active Sporting Clubs are closed Clubs.

René Missen

INTRODUCING CYCLING

The club is an official Cycling South Africa affiliated club and covers mountain biking, road cycling, track cycling and BMX. The club is open to any cyclists (Thomas More College past pupils', TMC children and parents are all welcome) with the understanding that the clubs primary objective is to support and nurture cycling and family participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Tim Keep – tim@pureadventurewear.co.za



COURTNEY JONES – née Moore (Class of 2009)

Courtney visited us on campus in March 2016 and addressed some of the High School drama students on how she followed her dream all the way to the UK as she wanted to work in the film industry. This was not an easy road, but with very hard work, giving more than was expected of her, and doing real gopher work with a good attitude and determination, Courtney today, is a Feature Film Production Co-ordinator. Courtney also shared with the pupils that Thomas More College changed her life as she was nurtured by staff and pupils where she could grow and develop as an individual and become the person she is today.

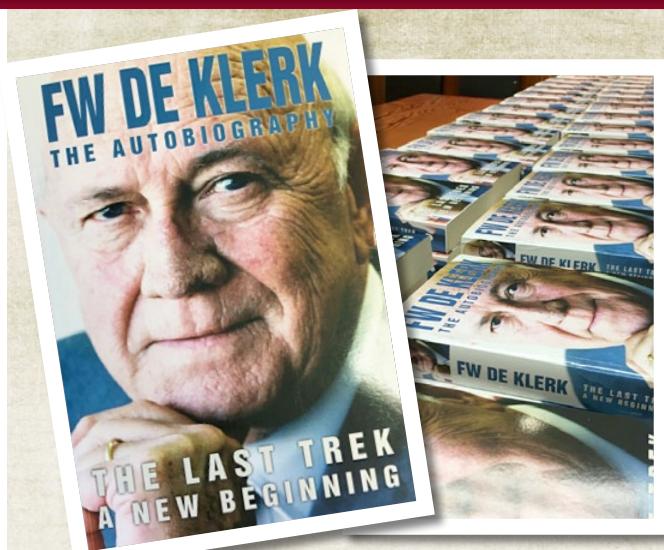
Courtney's latest feature film has just won the Cannes film festival. It was breaking news in the UK. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-36355313> Courtney says when people ask her what she does, she says "*I help tell stories, and this story was a truly touching one that made a huge impact on a lot of people, one I'm very touched by and proud of.*"



BELINDA BENTLEY – née Pickering, MARK PICKERING & JURGEN KAUTZ (All Class of 1983)

A brother and sister trip to Vietnam in February this year resulted in connecting with Jurgen Kautz. They have not seen each other in 30 years.

Jurgen Kautz is the Head Chef at a lovely restaurant El Vino in Hanoi, Vietnam and a very proud dad to his son JJ.



MATTHEW WILLMAN (Class of 1997)

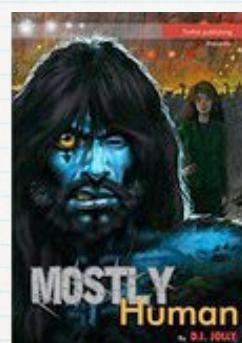
It's my privilege and pleasure to show you all the front cover of former State President of the Republic of South Africa and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Mr FW De Klerk newly launched biography.

My work was commissioned as the front cover and kept under wraps until now. I had the pleasure of spending 2 hours with Mr De Klerk discussing while we worked an array of topics with many candid moments.

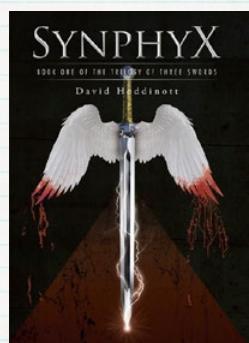
Opportunities like these almost never happen where ones work is recorded and used in such a way. My work for over 10 years with Nelson Mandela has filled its own space in the annals of history and now to make a mark, however small, with his opposite number during the most significant time in SA's history is very special.

MATTHEW WILLMAN

AUTHORS Amongst Us



DAVID JOLLY
(Class of 2004)



DAVID HODDINOTT
(Class of 2005)



JONTY SMITH (Class of 2009)

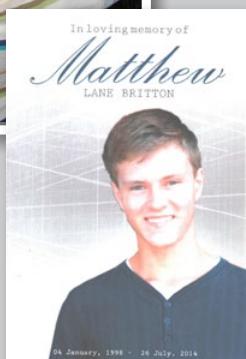
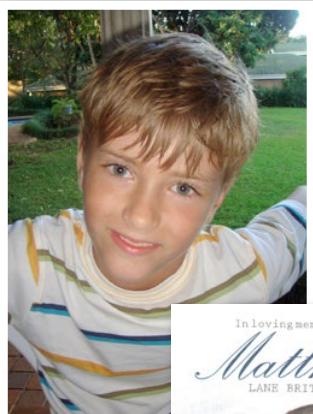
Jonty, with the rest of the South African Mens Four Rowing Team, won the Mens A Final at the Olympic Qualifying Regatta at Lucerne, Switzerland in May. This now qualifies their boat to compete at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in August this year.



ACHIEVEMENTS

KATHERINE WILLIAMS (Class of 2009)

Katherine graduated from Stellenbosch University with a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy Cum Laude in 2015. Katherine is currently doing her Community Service at Mseleni Hospital which is near Sodwana Bay.



OBITUARY

MATTHEW LANE BRITTON

4 January 1998 - 26 July 2014

Matt Britton started his schooling career in 2004 at Thomas More College in Grade 0. His Foundation years under the guidance of Mrs Deni Hornsey was probably his happiest and most memorable. Matt was lucky enough to have some incredible teachers and friends at TMC who left a lasting impression on his short life.

Matt would have been in Grade 12 this year. He left Thomas More for Clifton College in 2008 when I got a teaching post there.

Matt was always a quiet and shy boy. He was a gentle soul who loved people. He was described as a kind and understanding young man with a wicked sense of humour.

Sadly, Matt decided to end his own life in July 2014. There are no words to describe the loss that we as a family have experienced.

Thomas More College will always hold a special place in our heart because of the love and kindness we experienced from the wonderful staff and friends that both Matt and Ryan made.

Desiré Britton

Weddings



CAROLYN PURDON
(Class of 2007) and
WARREN DUNDAS-STARR
were married at the Highbury
Chapel on 7 May 2016.

LINDSEY FOGARTY (Class of 2004)
and ROSCOE CONCER were married
at Bellevue Café in Kloof on 26th March
2016 by Tim Kidgell of the Olive Tree
Church, Florida Road. They honey-
mooned locally at Sani Valley Lodge.



CLAIRE COLEMAN
(Class of 2003) and
WILLIAM RIC-HANSEN were
married at Our Lady of Mercy
in Kloof on 28 May 2016.

Births

Congratulations to KIRSTEN *née* HORNSEY (Class of 2005) & DEON MEYER on the birth of their daughter GRACE on 6 April 2016.

Congratulations to JAMES
(Class of 2002) & ALISON LEES
on the birth of their son CAMDEN
JAMES on 25 January 2016.



Congratulations to COURTNEY *née* MOORE
(Class of 2009) & PATRICK JONES on the birth of their
son ELIJAH PATRICK PHILLIP on 26 November 2015.



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SCHOOL TERM HOURS:

7am to 4pm
Monday – Friday

Some Saturday Mornings
(dependant on sports fixtures)

During the School Holidays

Moses – Manager
031 764 8705

CLOSED:

CONTACT:



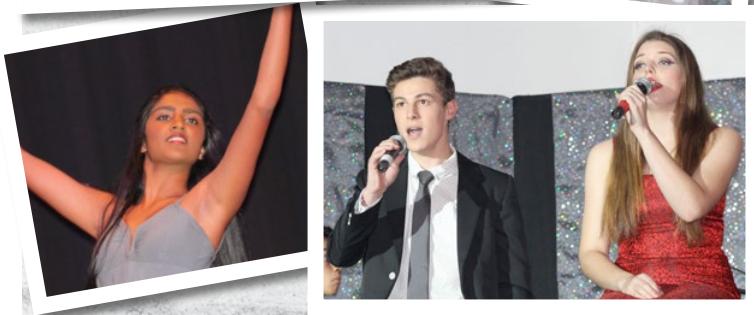
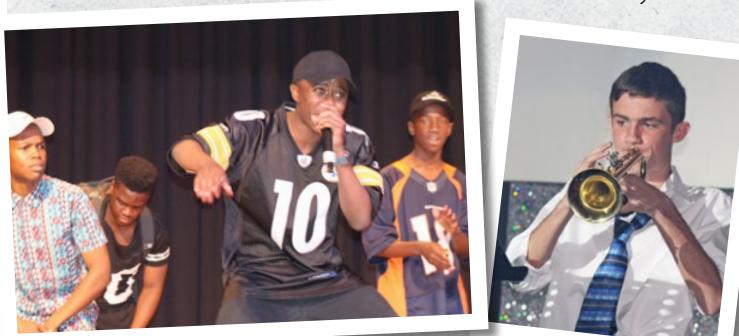
SUPPER & SONG

The 2016 version of the annual Supper and Song was held in Habberton Hall on Thursday evening 26 May and proved to be a resounding success. As a past pupil, I could not help but reflect on how these current productions have evolved from their humble beginnings in the early 1970's. An original piano score performed flawlessly by a hugely talented student was indeed a far cry from the 1976 production of Colin James and classmates miming their rather original interpretation of The Rocky Horror Picture Show's, Sweet Transvestite!

The highly appreciative audience was treated to a total of 50 highly entertaining acts that had had them either spell bound or in fits of laughter. Some excellent vocal performances were punctuated by Monty Python skits, various genres of dance, percussion, mimes and even a Michael Jackson impersonator. Special mention must be made of the guest appearance put in by High School headmaster Dave Wiggett who joined his daughters on stage in a highly memorable hip hop dance exhibition that had the entire hall on its feet.

It was extremely encouraging to see a number of past pupils in attendance and this event is certainly one that is worth marking down in your 2017 calendar well in advance.

Gary Green



#proudpastpupil

OUTREACH

AN ARTICLE FEATURED IN THE HIGHWAY MAIL ON THE 3RD OF JUNE 2016

Outreach is an integral part of the education at Thomas More College and the notion of giving back is instilled within each of its pupils. Each phase works on different organisations and communities during the course of the year.

The **Primary School** raises funds or does collection drives through Valentine's Day, Winter Woolies, Sunflower Bandanna Day, One Day Without Shoes and Love Boxes to name but a few. They support Kwadengezi, Project Dignity and the Kloof and Highway SPCA.

The **Grade 8** pupils support the Kloof and Highway SPCA along with old age homes. The **Grade 9s** work within the Embo community, **Grade 10s** help the pupils from Chief Lokotswayo School with computer literacy, the **Grade 11s** work with SMILE literacy with the pupils from Lamula Primary School in Molweni and the **Grade 12s** focus on in-reach, supporting the school's estate staff.

Each Wednesday the pupils donate a variety of perishable and non-perishable foods towards its Bread Buddy initiative, which is then donated to the 1000 Hills community helpers and is shared among its many beneficiaries.

"To fund many of our bigger projects we hold a sponsored walk each year and the pupils get sponsored per lap or give donations for taking part. Pupils, staff and parents walk a set route around TMC's grounds to help raise funds. This year the walkers raised R191 000 and since the school began the fundraiser a few years ago, it has generated more than R2-million for its outreach projects."

"Over and above the other work we do, we also sponsor the tertiary education of a past pupil, Hlengiwe Msibi, currently doing her second year BSC at UKZN's Westville campus, as well as a young lady Pamela Maphumulo, who is in her second year studying a



teaching diploma at Edgewood College. The outreach programme not only covers tuition but transport and books."

Shane Cuthbertson, Executive Principal at the school, said, "*The pupils at Thomas More College are made aware of just how fortunate they are and are encouraged to reach out to others less fortunate than themselves. In the younger grades we encourage a mentality of giving, but in the higher grades, the philosophy shifts rather to encouraging the pupils to give of their time and effort to ensure that others are able to learn to make a better life for themselves.*

"Where possible, opportunity for face-to-face interaction is created, whereby relationships can be built and teaching and learning can take place. Outreach is not an act of generosity, but rather an act of humanity. We encourage our pupils to genuinely care for those who have very little."

If you as a past pupil would like to participate in the following TMC outreach projects please contact Rae Griesel or Philip Lanz for more details or for your email to be forwarded to the relative person in charge.

- Bread Buddy Wednesday in Mr. Lanz's class (C27A) goes to 1000 Hills Community Helpers
- Love boxes contact Keryn Brophy - 031 764 8668
- Christmas Hampers contact - Philip Lanz
- Grade 12 school shoe collection

CONDOLENCES



The Kerdachi family on the passing of their son, Blake Antony Kerdachi on 25 March 2016.



The McKeown Family on the loss of Malcolm McKeown, husband to Margie, on 3 June 2016.



Thomas More College

SAVE THE DATE 2016

EVENT	HOSTED BY	DATE
COUNTRY FAIR	TMC Parents' Council	30 Jul
FROSTBITE	Senior Primary Production	17/18 Aug
PUB QUIZ EVENING	Past Pupil's Association	26 Aug
COMEDY EVENING	TMC Parents' Council	2 Sep
ASSOCIATION DAY / AGM / REUNIONS	Past Pupil's Association	10 Sep
CATS	High School Production	13-16 Sep

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 please pop in and I can add you to the Guest Book as well.

Rae Griesel



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GUEST BOOK

Mentorship

Should you be willing to have your details listed in the Mentorship Directory, please contact

RAE GRIESEL

(secretary of the TMC PPA)
rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za

031-764 8640,

or MELANIE KÜSTER

(co-ordinator of the TMC PPA
Mentorship programme)
melanie@steritech.co.za
082 852 9160

UPDATE Your Details

Please e-mail Rae on rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za if you have any personal details to update, or any news you would like us to publish in our chronicle.

ASSOCIATION

Day



The focus of **ASSOCIATION DAY** this year is to add to the TEAM SPIRIT by spending time socialising and catching-up with old school friends...



JOIN US ON THE
10TH OF SEPTEMBER
FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY...

- PPA AGM
- Sport
- Jumping Castle for the Kids
- 50 Years of Reunions (1966 – 1976 – 1986 – 1996 – 2006)
- Coffee & Memories - Catch-up at our new coffee shop, Café de More



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