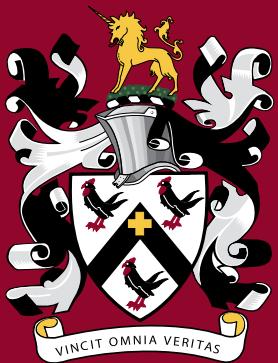


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WHY TMC?

- MORE** love, care & nurturing
- MORE** self-esteem
- MORE** value for money
- MORE** engagement in sport & equal opportunities
- MORE** cultural opportunities
- MORE** growth – proven academic track record in IEB
- MORE** young people equipped for the world of tomorrow!

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Ethos

Thomas More College is a Christian-based co-educational school with dedicated and professional staff, running classes from Grade 000 to Grade 12.

Through a balanced programme of academic, cultural and sporting activities as well as a measure of fun, the school prides itself on developing Christian love and self-esteem in children and a moral code as espoused in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, ensuring that they are able to make a meaningful contribution to an ever-changing society.

Focus is given to developing the whole child and equipping him/her with relevant leadership and life skills.

Mission Statement

Thomas More College is a School that:
Meets children where they are and strives to bring out the very best in each individual, whatever their ability.

Nurtures their social, emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual development.

Produces happy, confident, self-motivated individuals who strive to achieve their goals, whilst being sensitive to the needs of others.

Is always at the leading edge of educational thinking and development.

Endeavours to improve on its previous best.
Remains centred in Christian values.

CAMPUS



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Improvements in 2017

- GORDON BURNETT BLOCK – An extra storey was added to the Grade 7 block with a complete revamp of the ground floor providing a new home for the Grade 6 and 7 classes.
- RECEPTION MOVE AND UPGRADE to a lovely new reception lounge with flat screen TV
- A NEW SENIOR PRIMARY MUSIC OFFICE AND CLASSROOM were created in the Villa.
- THE SENIOR PRIMARY COMPUTER LABORATORY was given an extreme makeover.
- An additional storey was added to the HIGH SCHOOL “B BLOCK”, adding 4 new classrooms with a complete revamp of the 4 ground floor rooms.
- THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE was converted to a NEW BOARDROOM.
- Alterations were done to the VILLA OUTBUILDINGS to provide accommodation for teacher interns.
- A High School classroom was expanded and converted to a NEW SCIENCE LABORATORY
- A HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY LABORATORY was expanded and upgraded.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

ROY ALDERDICE

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Over the past 15 years that I have been Chairman I have often wondered whether in fact the parents and indeed the staff really know what the Board of Trustees actually do, so this year I have decided to give you an insight into what we are all about.

First and foremost, it is important to know that Thomas More College is controlled and directed by The Thomas More Trust which provides for the appointment of a maximum of 18 Trustees. Only the Chairman and Treasurer are subject to election or re-election as the case may be on an annual basis. The Chairperson of the Parents' Council and the Past Pupils' Association are automatically elected onto the Board. The remaining Trustees are selected by recommendations from within or they are Exco members from the College.

The main functions of the Board are as follows:

1. To develop short, medium and long term strategies which include the core elements of education, culture and sport.
2. To uphold and protect the Ethos which is the Pole Star of the College.
3. To ensure that the Mission Statement works in harmony with the Ethos.
4. To advise and give guidance to the Executive Members of the College.
5. To ensure the financial sustainability of the College.
6. To ensure that all stakeholders are treated fairly.

In order to uphold all of the above functions it is necessary to establish various portfolios which are allocated to an appropriate Trustee. The Board meets at least five times a year, however, the Chairman and Treasurer meet with the Heads and the Bursar on a regular basis to give advice and guidance when required, and importantly to know what is going on in the College.

The Board is well structured and well balanced which greatly assists with the achievements of our goals and objectives.

I trust that this brief summary has given you a better understanding of the functions of the Board of Trustees, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all Trustees for giving up their time and expertise to support Thomas More College.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWELVE PORTFOLIOS WHICH ARE CHAIRED BY THE FOLLOWING TRUSTEES:

**ROY ALDERDICE**

Chairman of the Thomas More Trust

Past Chairman of the Past Pupils' Association
Founder pupil in 1962
Joined the Board in 2001

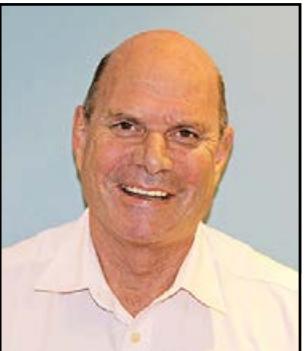
**LARRY RIDDLE**

Vice-Chairman of the Board

Parent
Serves on the Finance and Scholarship / Bursaries sub-committees
Joined the Board in 2007

**OTTO HIRZEL**

Custodian of the Ethos
Past Chairman of the Board
Past Parent
Chairman of the Thomas More Education Trust
Joined the Board in 1994

**JOHN BATCHELOR**

Legal Affairs
Past Parent
Joined the Board in 1997

**WAYNE JAGGARD**

Treasurer / Finance / Capital Development
Parent
Past Chairman of the Parents' Council
Joined the Board in 2011

**DR JUSTIN BARNES**

Strategies and Benchmarking
Parent
Joined the Board in 2013

**RENÉ MISSEN**

Human Resources
Past Pupil and Past Parent
Joined the Board in 2003

**PATRICK SMITH**

Capital Projects and Environmental Affairs
Parent
Joined the Board in 2008

**T C CHETTY**

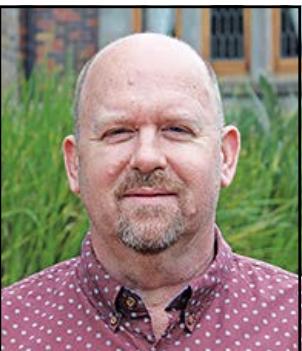
Chairman of the Parents' Council
Parent
Joined the Board in 2016

**MELANIE KÜSTER**

Chairperson of the Past Pupils' Association
Past Pupil and Parent
Joined the Board in 2011

**DAVID ROOME**

Christian Education
IT Specialist advisor
Parent
Joined the Board in 2015

**GARY GREEN**

Marketing
Past Pupil
Joined the Board in 2016

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE BELOW COLLEGE EXCO MEMBERS ARE TRUSTEES AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

**SHANE CUTHBERTSON**

Executive Principal
Joined the Board in 2002

**DAVE WIGGETT**

Headmaster of the High School
Joined the Board in 2016

**BARBARA TALJARD**

Headmistress of the Primary School
Joined the Board in 2009

**DENI HORNSEY**

Headmistress of the Foundation Phase
Ex-Officio joined the Board in 2016

**COLLEEN WOODLEY**

Bursar/ Business Manager
Ex-Officio joined in 2013

**KIM HOOPER**

Head of Marketing
Ex-Officio joined in 2009

SHANE CUTHBERTSON

Mrs Küster, Mr Alderdice and members of the Board of Trustees, Honoured Guests, Mr Wiggett, Mrs Taljard, Mrs Hornsey, Staff, Parents, guests, pupils and most of all Matrics of 2017. It is a great honour to address you this evening, particularly in this, my last year at Thomas More College.

I have been immensely fortunate to have spent the last 16 years at this wonderful school. I would not have wished to be anywhere else. Prior to coming here I was the Headmaster of Lowveld High School in Mpumalanga for 5 years. I was very happy there and absolutely loved the environment. It was an excellent school, but having attended one myself, I wanted to move to a well-funded ambitious independent school. The Chairman of my Board at Lowveld, had previously been a school headmaster and circuit inspector. He was a man for whom I had an immense amount of respect. He warned me that things might be very different in the private school environment. The parents who after all paid my salary, would be demanding and unreasonable, and the children would be spoilt.

Nothing could be further from the truth! I cannot remember a time when I have been unhappy at Thomas More College. This is a supportive and co-operative community. Parents are involved and the vast majority are prepared to work constructively towards helping the school. There has never been a time that a parent told me in anger that he pays my salary. This parent body sees themselves as part of the team. Although they do not get paid, I see immense levels of both emotional and physical commitment. I do not believe that there is another parent community in South Africa that would take on staging something as challenging as the Long Walk. Almost 600 parents are involved. The Country Fair is also on another level. I cannot imagine any other being as complex and well organised as ours.

My bosses, the Board of Trustees, have been immensely supportive. A number have been on the Board for longer than I have. Roy Alderdice, Otto Hirzel, John Batchelor, René Missen have all been on the Board for longer than 16 years. The other 8 trustees average about 7 years on the Board. Melanie Küster, our speaker tonight, who is the chair of the Past Pupils' Association was in matric when I started here in 2002.

Before I started in the January at Thomas More I came down to meet the staff for a few days. I remember a particular meeting with a very enthusiastic young man called Gavin Belman. I had been the Chairman of Gauteng Schools swimming and Gavin saw the gap. Within a few minutes Gavin wanted to know when we were getting our pool.

I should have known. Thomas More was going to be a roller-

coaster ride of new projects. There has hardly been a time when there isn't some new structure going up on campus.

I first moved in next door to the legendary Gordon Burnett, who sadly passed away last year. The new Senior Primary building is named after Gordon who was the Treasurer of the school.

That first weekend, Gordon and his wife Helen took a large group of us out to the Chantecler Hotel for drinks and then on to the Rob Roy Hotel for dinner. We were settling down to look at the menu when the flustered manager of the Chantecler rushed in to the dining room. We had apparently absconded from the Chantecler pub without paying our bill. I knew then that Thomas More College looked after its money diligently.

I soon had to adapt from being a teacher and Headmaster at Thomas More to more of a designer and project engineer. In the next 16 years we built 39 classrooms, the Akal Pool, the Astro, the Boardman Field, netball courts, the music school, the coffee shop, the stock shop and numerous car parks. Library revamps, tuck-shops, classroom and staffroom revamps were the order of the day.

I am definitely a bit ADD and hate sitting down for too long, so I have absolutely loved getting on my feet and out of my office to check up on the latest project or go to support the sport in the afternoons.

I simply love the Ethos at Thomas More College. In 2002, my first year here as Headmaster I had a weekly meeting with the Chairs of the Matric Leadership Council. James Lees and Zuriel Naicker. Melanie knows them well. James and Zuriel took it upon themselves to tell this new headmaster how the school should be run. To this day I truly believe that the Ethos is driven by the pupil body. The compassion, caring and emotional intelligence is endemic and doesn't have to be taught. This school truly understands that children need to be happy before they can learn properly. Relationships and self-esteem are given a huge priority. For us there is no doubt that happy children do better academically. We want our children to develop a sound moral compass, to sort behaviours, impulses and feelings into "appropriate" and "inappropriate" and be able to justify judgements about their choices. We encourage parents to not use rewards (like sticker charts, lollies, chocolates and TV time as "bribes") and punishments (taking away "privileges", time-out and

smacking) but to encourage good behaviour, for the sake of "doing the right thing". Rewards and punishments can override a child's natural inclination towards appropriate behaviour by teaching them to behave in certain ways purely to receive a reward, or to avoid punishment. We want our children to do the right thing because they know it is right, and because they want to do right.

We do not really know what kind of jobs we are preparing these children for. Research shows that most of the jobs that these children will do have not yet been invented.

If we cannot prepare them for a specific career then we can at least give our children skills and a value system that will give them control over their lives and help them to make the right decisions. Building character and resilience is our duty at Thomas More College.

I recently came across a fun article by futurist Deon Chang who was speculating about unusual careers.

HERE ARE SIX OF HIS FAVOURITES:

PROFESSIONAL SLEEPER: A hotel in Finland has a position for someone to test the comfort of their beds. The person is required to sleep in a different hotel bed each night and then write a review about his / her sleeping experience.

ODOUR JUDGE: To test the effectiveness of new products, some personal goods companies hire "odour judges" who are employed to smell volunteers' breath, feet, or armpits. The odour judges, in turn, have their sense of smell retested regularly.

FULL-TIME TV WATCHER: A company like Netflix hires someone to watch all their content before releasing it to the public. The watcher's responsibility is to review each programme and assign it its correct tag, which ensures viewers find exactly what they're after, by category.

HUMAN PET FOOD TASTERS: Ever wondered how they get to describe the taste of the pet food you buy? Pet food companies hire people to test the quality and taste of their products. Human pet food samplers also evaluate the nutritional value of the food, but I'm not sure how they do that, as they spit out the food once they've tasted it.

FRIEND FOR RENT: In Japan, Ryuichi Ichinokawa is a professional stand-in for a variety of roles, including fake spouse, best man, family relative, friend, work colleague and even boyfriend, to spare his clients embarrassment at



social or work functions. In the US, Samantha Hess is a "professional cuddler" and will cuddle you – platonically – for \$60 (R800) per hour.

PROFESSIONAL MOURNER: This one seems tailor-made for South Africa, although it is already a service provided in the UK and in south-east Asia, where it is believed that a loud funeral will help the dead as they travel to the afterlife. Professional mourners are therefore hired to weep loudly throughout the funeral.

If none of these jobs inspire you and you're thinking, "I'd rather watch paint dry", then your prayers have been answered. A man in the UK actually earns a living doing just that. He spends his days painting sheets of cardboard to test how long new paint mixes take to dry and watches for changes in colour and texture.

We say we need more entrepreneurs in South Africa, but not everyone has the skill, the means or appetite for risk. However, we can encourage and support initiative and you might just find work in the unlikeliest of places

Independent schools in South Africa have been riding the crest of the wave in the twenty years that I have been a Headmaster. This has been largely as a result of perceived declining standards in Government Education. Unfortunately, with more demand, the cost of independent schooling has sky-rocketed and school fees have been increasing well above the rate of inflation. Glamorous facilities like astros, heated pools and sports halls have sprung up and the provision of first world computer facilities with Wi-Fi has become the norm. Most private schools have however been non-profit and at least the increasing school fees could be seen to lead to improving academic results and facilities. Now there is a new threat as "for profit" chain schools have entered the market in search of getting their slice of the pie.

A part of these school fees go to the shareholders. 10 years ago I would never have thought that there was money to be made out of education. I still don't know how. Every cent that we make at Thomas More College has always been ploughed straight back into the infrastructure of the school.

The chain schools come in with complete campuses and certainly make a good initial impression. Shareholders are however their highest priority so there is no doubt that finally frugality has to be paramount. Academically many chain schools are yet to prove themselves and I have no doubt that with the quality of the staff that are at schools such as ours, the chain schools will not be able to match our results. We put a very high priority on hiring the best staff with the best experience, hopefully in the IEB. I do not see this happening in the for profit schools. It is simply not affordable to do this as well as to make a profit for the shareholders! The potential shortage of teachers in the near future is extremely worrying. Research has shown that in South Africa there are four times as many teachers in their late 40s than in their early 30s. Independent schools paying better salaries will hopefully be less affected. The staff here are great characters and I am not surprised that past pupils often come back to visit their teachers.

These are however very difficult times financially and Thomas More College is acutely aware of the financial pressures faced by our parent body. We have in the last few months taken a long hard look at our financial model. This is not the time for generous budgets and financial efficiency is the name of the game. Just a few weeks back we announced a fee increase of less than 5% for 2018 with Grades 11 and 12 increasing by only 3%. This is the smallest increase that I have seen in my 16 years at Thomas More College. We do not make enough of the fact that fees at Thomas More College are largely inclusive. There is no extra charge for things like personal accident insurance, grade trips and outings, printing, Wi-Fi etc. this is not the case as the vast majority of other private schools where your account at the end of the month is often more than expected. We hope to keep school fee increases at Thomas More very modest for the next few years.

What changes might we see in education in the near future?

Currently pupils are streamed in terms of ability, which generally means on a basis of their marks. The future may

see this change to streaming on a basis of how they learn. Children will be in classes with others who like to be taught in the same way.

Smart phones and tablets will be endemic as we concern ourselves more with the pursuit of skills rather than the accumulation of knowledge.

Classrooms which have looked the same for hundreds of years will look quite different as more emphasis is placed on collaboration than on working on your own. The new high school classrooms that are currently under construction will have a very different interior look to the classrooms that we are used to.

The curriculum might also change considerably. The South African curriculum is extremely broad with children doing far too many subjects in far too little detail. This has counted against us in international benchmarking tests. Children writing the Cambridge (A levels) examinations or International Baccalaureate examinations overseas or in fact in the rest of Africa do much better than we do because they do a lot fewer subjects than us in a lot more detail. While we have a broad education however we do look bad when comparing subject for subject.

I have wonderful memories of my time at Thomas More College. This is a magnificent environment to work in. The beauty of the buildings and gardens brings a calm and tranquillity and a very special feel. When you come onto this campus you get the feeling that things are cared for and nurtured here. They are!

I will always be immensely grateful that I met my wife Carolyn here. She has been just perfect for me. I needed a second chance and she gave it to me. I knew her as a parent here and off course as a head at St. Mary's. Having lost her first husband many years back in a tragic car accident, Carolyn had been on her own for some time. Her children who were finished school by then were threatening to sign her up for internet dating if she didn't find a partner soon. She actually had a deadline. One day the phone rang and Carolyn asked if I would join her for coffee. Seeing the gap I managed to convince her that lunch would be a much better idea, but for fear of being seen she refused to meet me within 20km of either of our schools, we eventually settled on Umhlanga.

Subsequent dates got slowly closer to home. But it did take quite a while for us to be seen in the suburb together.

The Matriculants of 2017 were born in 1999 and are the last group of pupils who will have been born in the 1990s.

They have seen the launch of YouTube, e-readers, Skype, iPods and even the Cloud. Smartphones, GPS and even Blue tooth have been invented since they were born. This is a very different world to the one that we adults grew up in. I am confident that the education that the Matrics got at Thomas More College has prepared them well for the next phase of their lives. I would like to thank the staff who have invested so much in these matrics over the years. Their commitment has been enormous and way beyond the call of duty. I know that the staff probably get just as stressed as the matrics about the exams.

I wish our Grade 12 students who are leaving us, every success in their examinations and future endeavours. You have been an outstanding group and have led the school magnificently this year. Your commitment and dignity will long be remembered, I hope you will remember your time at Thomas More College fondly. Don't forget that the gates are never closed and keep in touch.

I believe that you are well prepared to make a huge difference in this country and in the world. If there are two human qualities that I believe will mark you as you go forward from this school it will be the qualities of commitment and caring. Commitment is expected of you here and participation is obligatory. Yet so many of you have wildly exceeded our expectations and been totally involved. This value will get you a very long way in the future. Thomas More pupils are pupils that care.

Sadly, having come of age, I must retire at the end of this year. I will look back on my time here with very fond memories. The school is in very good hands with Mr Wiggett, Mrs Taljard, Mrs Hornsey and Mrs Woodley at the helm. With the Board and the outstanding staff, parents and pupils, I know that Thomas More College will continue to flourish. I will follow the progress of the school with a great deal of interest.

I was a Science teacher and not a great student of language. I am thus going to end with the words of a man who was much wiser and certainly a whole lot better at putting things

into words than I am. Rudyard Kipling: The poem goes by the simple title of:

IF

*If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:
If you can dream – and not make dreams your master;
If you can think – and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:*

If you can make one heap of all your winnings

*And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;*

*If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,*

*If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;*

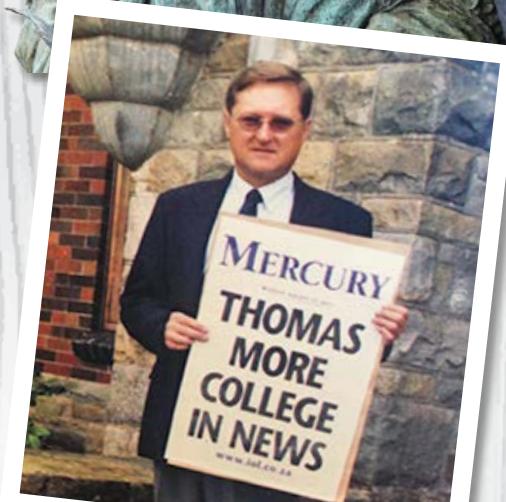
If you can fill the unforgiving minute

*With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!*

Thank you for giving me this last and very special occasion to address you.



Farewell Tribute to SHANE CUTHBERTSON



Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls.

It is indeed an honour for me as Chairman of the Board of Trustees to pay tribute to our Executive Principal, Shane Cuthbertson, whom I have enjoyed working with and learning from over the past 15 years.

It is fair to say that it took me a good two years to gain an insight into the position of Chairman and Shane showed patience and understanding, and he taught me a lot. We developed a good relationship and understanding over the years, which is a prerequisite for any Chairman and the Head of a school.

Shane's wise counsel at board meetings was ever present and he never pushed his own agenda, always allowing others to have their say.

Shane's mandate was to improve the IEB matric results and to develop the facilities on the campus and in so doing put Thomas More College on the map.

There is absolutely no doubt that he achieved all three objectives and more. Thomas More has become a school of choice as evidenced by the number of learners here present this morning. We have grown from 55 learners in 1962 to 1185 today.

During his tenure, he has implemented the Boards' master campus plan consisting of 39 new classrooms, the Ken Garside Centre, the Ken Mackenzie Centre, new and improved library blocks for the Primary and High School, a full sized heated pool, netball courts, an astroturf, music school, AEU facilities, coffee shop and stock shop. In addition he has expanded the pre-school programme from crèche to Grade 00.

On behalf of all the board members I thank you for what you have achieved for Thomas More College. I would now like to read to you a tribute from the Exco of the College:

"It has been an honour and a privilege for all of us to work with someone of the calibre of Shane Cuthbertson, who will long be remembered not only in the annals of ISASA history but also in the history of Thomas More College, as a visionary and initiator who is able to prioritise well and with humility, and has worked tirelessly and with principled dedication for quality education. He is a leader among leaders also known for his wisdom, integrity and commitment as well as his ability to uplift morale and communicate and interact with the people of all age groups and walks of life."

It is now my privilege to award Shane his Thomas More Honours Blazer – the Thomas More honours blazer is awarded to the Executive Principal for 16 years of noteworthy leadership, upholding the ethos of the college and his unwavering support of improved academics, sport and culture and for truly believing in every child who has formed a part of this tremendous Thomas More Family.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
Roy Alderdice



Dear Lord Jesus

We pray that this would be a wonderful new beginning for Mr Cuthbertson. Please lead him and guide him each day. May he take hold of new opportunities and explore the skills and gifts that You have given him, so that they may be used to glorify Your name.

We ask, Lord, that you would bless him today and always.

In Your name we pray, Amen.

Riordan Governder

The scriptures for today's assembly are being read from:

PSALM 40:5

Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; there is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count."



It has been an honour and privilege to work with someone of the calibre of Shane Cuthbertson. He will long be remembered, not only in the annals of ISASA history, but also in the history of Thomas More College, KZN as a visionary and initiator. He is able to prioritize well and has worked tirelessly and with principled dedication for quality education. He is a leader among leaders, also known for his wisdom, integrity and commitment as well as his ability to uplift morale and communicate and interact well with people of all age groups and walks of life.

Shane completed his entire schooling at St John's College, Houghton. He holds a B.Sc. and HDE through Wits, a B.Ed. through UNISA and has done the Wits Head of Schools LDP.

Shane started his career in 1981, teaching Biology and Science at Northview and then Bryanston High Schools. He then became HOD Natural Sciences at Northcliff High where he also became Chief Biology Matriculation Marker for the Central Rand Region (1994-1997). He also became Chairman of the Old Transvaal School Swimming Association (1983-1991), having been MIC of Swimming in his previous schools. In addition he coached cricket, rugby and athletics. In 1989 he was promoted to Deputy Principal of Bryanston High. In 1998 he became Headmaster of Lowveld High School, the then leading English medium school for both sport and academics at Nelspruit, now Mbombela. Here he finally realized his erstwhile errors in joining a co-educational school! During the four years of his Headship, the school grew to approximately 1060 pupils of whom 300 resided in hostel. Shane also became a member of the Executive of the South African Principals Association (1999-2002). He chaired the Mpumalanga Principals' Association. He also was the co-author of six General Science text books that were approved for use in South Africa.

In 2002 he was appointed Headmaster of Thomas More College and then Executive Principal in 2009. In his time in KZN he has risen from being Secretary for the KZN region for 7 years, from 2005, to being chairman of the KZN region (2011), National Vice Chairman (2013-2014) and part of the organising committee for the Durban ISASA/SAHISA conference in 2015. He is now National Chairman of SAHISA.

Shane's collegial, but strong style of leadership has impacted significantly on the growth of Thomas More College. He has also shared of his expertise in presenting many talks both locally, nationally and at Heads' conferences here and abroad. Furthermore he has served on the Governing Board of Umhlanga College when they were an ISASA School. Our own school has benefitted immensely from his leadership

strategies. It has grown both exponentially and in stature, acquiring 39 new classrooms, two teaching/ meeting Centres, new and improved PS and HS library blocks, a full size heated pool, netball courts, a Past Pupils' pavilion and Coffee Shop, an Astroturf, Music School, upgraded and expanded facilities for extra pupil support, an expanded Pre School programme from crèche to Grade 00. In addition to all of this, Shane has assisted vastly in improving our IEB matric results.

Shane has contributed much to the lives of pupils who have struggled and yet, sometimes against all odds, achieved a matric pass and gone on to shine in later life. He has also added value to those with great ability where they have been challenged, extended, and have achieved remarkable results. Past pupils always make every endeavour to pay him a visit - speaking volumes of his impact on them! Shane has the exceptional ability to see the "big picture" and to follow through projects meticulously to fruition. With his tireless energy and passion for what he does, he is also the only Head I know who has broken into a building from which he was locked out! He shimmied up the drainpipe to continue working in his office, after working late. There were however two secretaries who were most surprised to see his manner of entrance!

Shane has been a community builder who has truly placed TMC on the educational map and will be sorely missed when he retires at the end of 2017! We have benefitted from his friendship and input- and he has personally touched the lives of many at TMC whether staff, parents, pupils, or Board members!

Shane is happily married to Carolyn, Head of the Junior Primary of St Mary's DSG, in Kloof and has two step children, Mandy, a teacher, and Douglas, an accountant, as well as two much loved grandchildren, Adam (2yrs) and Ella (4yrs), who call him "Bumpy". He has gravitated from his earlier personal interests of scuba diving and mountaineering but still remains an avid hiker and lover of outdoor pursuits and the Bushveld, 4 x 4 trips, bird watching (the feathered kind!), photography and watching sport.

We thank Shane for being a leader among leaders! For his immense contribution to education also, and know he will continue to make a difference and embrace life with interest and purpose, remaining true to his values in the next stage of his journey. We salute you!

EXCO OF THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

Deni Hornsey, Barbara Taljard, Dave Wiggett, Colleen Woodley & Kim Hooper

JEREMIAH 29:11

*This is GOD's Word on the subject:
I know what I'm doing. I have it all
planned out - plans to take care of
you, not abandon you, plans to give
you the future you hope for."*





Good morning staff, friends and special guests. This morning I shall be speaking about this wonderful man, who is so special to each and every one of us here at TMC.

He walks around the school with his heart-warming smile and passion for what he does. His humble nature makes everyone feel warm and bubbly inside, knowing that he is at the helm of our wonderful school. Mr Cuthbertson, you are an inspiration and role model, not just to the students of TMC, but to the whole TMC family.

You are an amazing gentleman, with a heart full of love, which makes you an incredible Principal. You bring a smile to everyone around you, and you brighten up our day. I am sure that most children sitting here today will agree with me that we used to get so excited to have your warm, friendly hugs, and then we walked away with a huge smile on our faces, feeling super special, because the big boss remembered our names.

From our little Thom Teenies, to our studying matrics, we have all been so privileged to have had you as our Principal. You have always been there, supporting and motivating us from the front row at plays, and enjoying yourself, to standing on the side of the field, encouraging us to do our best.

On behalf of the Senior Primary, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done for us; by improving the facilities we learn in, and giving us the opportunity to continue to learn and grow. We are truly blessed at TMC, and appreciate everything before us.

Mr Cuthbertson, we wish you love, and God's grace for your retirement, as you take time to reflect on the special memories of your time spent with us at TMC. We will miss you dearly, and look forward to your visits on special occasions. Once again, your love and leadership will not be forgotten, as we walk in the legacy you have left.

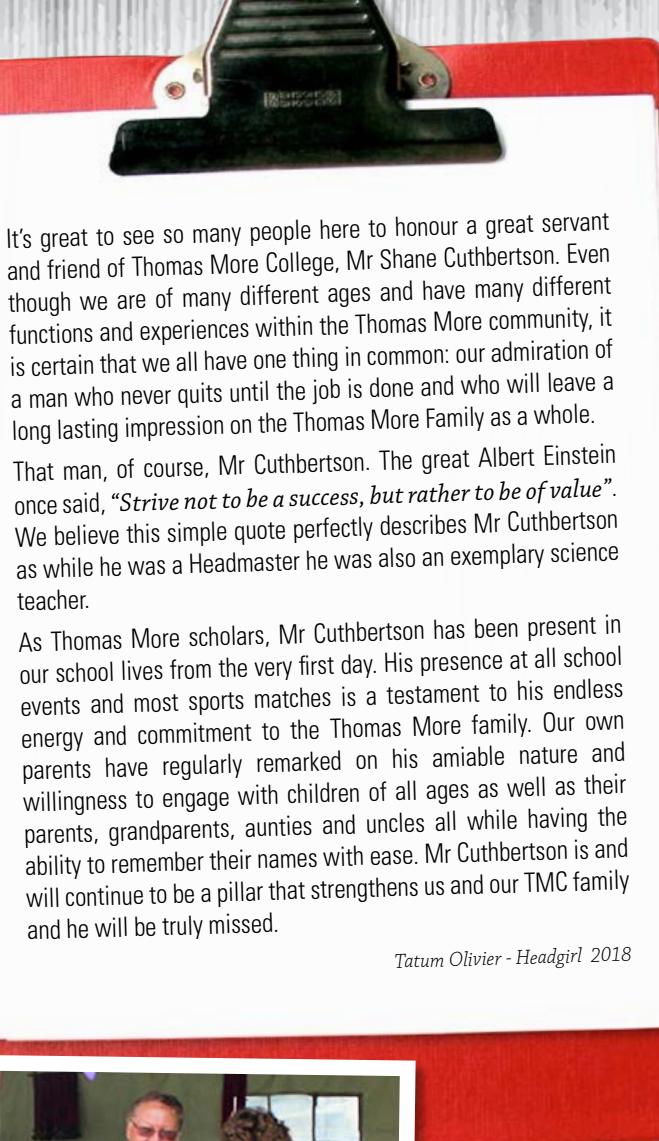
Micaela Wight - Grade 7

It's great to see so many people here to honour a great servant and friend of Thomas More College, Mr Shane Cuthbertson. Even though we are of many different ages and have many different functions and experiences within the Thomas More community, it is certain that we all have one thing in common: our admiration of a man who never quits until the job is done and who will leave a long lasting impression on the Thomas More Family as a whole.

That man, of course, Mr Cuthbertson. The great Albert Einstein once said, "*Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value*". We believe this simple quote perfectly describes Mr Cuthbertson as while he was a Headmaster he was also an exemplary science teacher.

As Thomas More scholars, Mr Cuthbertson has been present in our school lives from the very first day. His presence at all school events and most sports matches is a testament to his endless energy and commitment to the Thomas More family. Our own parents have regularly remarked on his amiable nature and willingness to engage with children of all ages as well as their parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles all while having the ability to remember their names with ease. Mr Cuthbertson is and will continue to be a pillar that strengthens us and our TMC family and he will be truly missed.

Tatum Olivier - Headgirl 2018



As all of you know, Mr Cuthbertson has been instrumental in a massive expansion of our wonderful school.

Take the time to listen to Mr Cuthbertson and one will learn so much from the man who is ever present and tireless. He can tell you what Thomas More Collage was like before we were enrolled and how the school has grown in such a short space of time as well as the place for the future of scholars of Thomas More. He keeps his hand on the pulse of the TMC community better than anyone I know and never seems rushed or flustered. We all know something else about Mr Cuthbertson, he sees possibilities where others see only difficulties. He doesn't just look around and see things that need attention, he takes action.

So Mr Cuthbertson, on behalf of everyone here, we would like to say thanks for being a man of action and not just words. Thomas More College will be poorer without you and you will be missed by us all.

So could I please ask the school to show our appreciation by giving Mr Cuthbertson a round of applause.

Brandon Davies - Headboy 2018



Mr Cuthbertson is a kind, gentle man who always gives us nice hugs.

He comes to watch all our sports and also watched our play and we think he is generous and supportive.

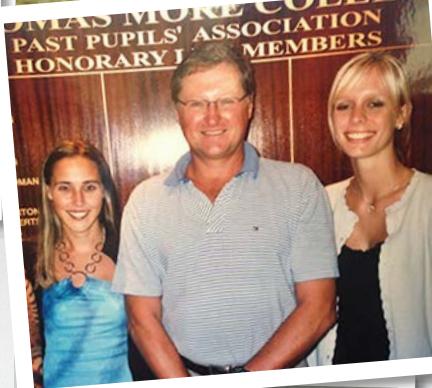
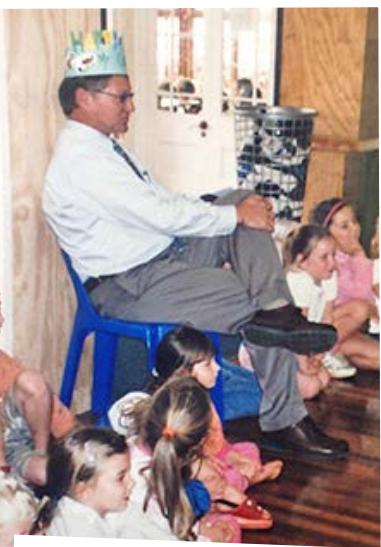
We want to thank him for looking after our school and helping to make it a special place where we can learn well and make new friends.

We love our fields, the tuckshop, playing hockey matches on the Astroturf, and visiting the library.

Mr Cuthbertson lights up Thomas More and his smile makes us happy. We will remember his kindness and sense of humour and we will miss him.

We hope that you will always have special memories of your Thomas More years, Mr Cuthbertson.

Emma Heslop and Gubhuza Mlambo - Junior Primary





PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION DAY

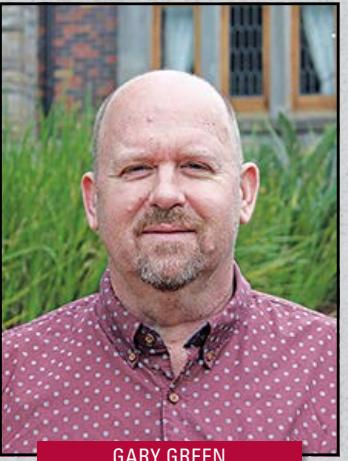
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MELANIE KÜSTER



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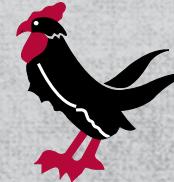


GARY GREEN



RAË GRIESEL

PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION Report



I believe that as an Association, there is no greater indicator of success than the anticipation of potential members when they join your ranks. As such, it is both with privilege and immense pride that I attend the Matric Farewell each year. The Past Pupils' Association has grown from being an unknown entity to our newest crop of members to an entity where they race to don their **#proudpastpupil** t-shirts as badges of honour. That simple beginning makes the years' work worthwhile and truly reinforces that our **#proudpastpupil** momentum is growing in exactly the right direction. Our newest members clearly think so, and we as a Committee can only hope that the rest of you feel the same.

Both 2017 editions of the **Moorcock Chronicle** were distributed to much success, with our main goal of highlighting changes to the campus and the staff achieved, much to the apparent enjoyment of our members. Yet another indicator of our momentum is that our July edition was distributed to over 3300 email addresses, from which we received not one response requesting removal from our distribution lists. When you compare this to a database of just shy of 2000 email addresses 5 years ago, and numerous removal requests, the momentum of our growth is obvious, as well as the fact that the growth is in the right quarters. We have migrated from a Facebook profile to a Facebook page with 2159 followers, which has

opened up the opportunities of using Facebook's paid promotions. Thus far our use of it shows that we reach on average 400 more members per post than we do via unpaid posting, and thus, as a communication tool for critical messages it is proving a very worthwhile step.

Our **Sports Clubs** are truly representative of the wider Thomas More Family. Each Club hosts members from the pupil, parent, teacher and past pupil bodies, alongside members from the greater Upper Highway community, and all Clubs are serving members of both genders. Our hockey ladies

are currently undefeated, and sitting at the top of their league. Our cycling team, made up of entirely current pupils won the KZN League at the end of 2016 and our Waterpolo Club, in its turn, hosts a very successful winter warm up league each year which draws schools as far abroad as Pietermaritzburg.

In response to the obvious marketing opportunity that these Clubs present for Thomas More College, we will be changing our sports-funding model to one where, instead of sponsoring money towards player subscription fees, we will instead provide fully sponsored or reduced-price Thomas More College branded kit for each Club. This will become effective in 2018.

2017 has seen our dedicated and hard-working part-time archivist, Lynn Bregman, spend 98 hours sorting and integrating all of the physical photographs. The archives are now a pleasure to visit as they are sorted, easily accessible, and easily decipherable wherever information was available. There are currently 2 active projects underway within the Archives. One is the ongoing identification of un-annotated or unidentifiable records, which is a very time-consuming job requiring the attention of someone with first-hand knowledge of the approximate era in which the record arose. The second is the collation of digital records, and the transferral of records from outdated media such as stiffy discs, floppy discs and VHS onto digital hard drives. Once that is completed, the next mammoth task will be the sorting and integrating of the unidentifiable and or un-annotated records of digital format. We are also collecting current material, as well as any old material our members are willing to part with.

Despite the last minute route change and the weather being better suited to aquatic life, **Long Walk 2017** was a huge success in our opinion. The camaraderie generated by the use of the campus, as well as the increased interaction between walkers on the different loops created an amazing atmosphere that was wonderful to be a part of. Logistically we also experienced a much smoother, faster supply and resupply process for the Past Pupils Stop. With our gazebos, new teardrop banners and energetic sound, we are confident that the Past Pupils' Stop was both memorable and successful. It was also 100% manned by Past Pupils and Board Members, with huge thanks going to Otto, Patrick and Roy for assisting us on the day. It has been said on many other forums, but the agility and outright class of the Parents' Council Long Walk Committee in adjusting to a difficult situation cannot be overstated, and our thanks go out to each and every one of them!

The **Madiba Exhibition** was a very successful last minute addition to the PPA and School calendar for 2017. Matthew Willman's loan of his Madiba Heritage Collection was an opportunity, to educate and enrich our community, that could not be missed. The programme began with an open evening, free to the general public, which drew an estimated 250 visitors onto campus, followed by tours of the exhibition for Thomas More scholars, parents and staff. Our thanks are extended to Lynette Dunlop and her History Department for their assistance throughout the week, but most of all, thanks is owed to Matthew Willman for his very generous offer, and his presence and assistance throughout the week.

Our **Proudly Mzansi Pub Quiz**, set to the backdrop of the Madiba Exhibition, was a wonderful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all 144 of our attendees. We are prodigiously proud that in just over 2 years we have managed to grow attendance of this event from 87 to 144, and have just successfully hosted our 4th edition! We hope that all of those who attended found it to be the value for money social event that we intended, and are proud to say that our audience was a delightful mix of Past Pupils, Staff, Parents and Friends of Thomas More! Our idea for this event has always been to position it as an event that will draw Past Pupils back onto campus, but that can also easily be elevated into a fundraising event if and when we should have need to, and we feel that we are very close to perfecting that recipe. Our thanks here are extended to Claudia Levarelli, Kerry White and Keryn Brophy for their assistance in setting up.

Our new kid on the block, the **Homegrown Expo** was a resounding success, and really it was never going to be anything but. Every adult sitting in this room has the lingering question in their minds, of how different their life may have been if they had experienced such an exposure to so many varied career paths, given by people who truly have their best interests at heart. Thomas More pupils need never have that lingering question from 2017 forward. The venues used on the day were a buzz of activity, with real, serious interest shown by the pupils in the 48 careers on display. In addition, many of the mentors present continued on to offer their assistance and facilitation during the upcoming work experience week for the Grade 11s. I personally believe that many a students' future choices were informed by the interactions facilitated that day, and that no PPA event will prove, in future, as valuable to the students of Thomas More as the continued success and growth of the Homegrown Expo. We can't thank Dave Wiggett enough for his passionate championing of this event and for



providing the PPA with a platform from which to turn our idealistic Mentorship Programme into something real and meaningful in the lives of the scholars.

Country Fair 2017 was a resounding success for the PPA. Our stand proclaimed our identity, and we saw in excess of 120 past pupils on the day – a record number for us, with 15 of them being members for which we previously had no contact details at all. Our **#proudpastpupil** mugs were well-received, and will be thoroughly enjoyed. What was wonderful to see were 2 brothers from the 1970s, who now live in Barcelona, but who had come out for a visit and used some of that time to attend the Country Fair. We see this every year, but not usually in our older members – yet another nod to the Parents' Council on the affection in which this event is held by our members!

As always, **Association Day** was our flagship event, and what a wonderful success 2017's edition was! In addition to our standard programme of events, 2017 saw us introduce a catch up session, hosted in Café de More, with those current and past staff that we were able to entice to attend the proceedings. A wonderful initiative from Dominic King, and Emily Barnes, the current Head Boy and Girl, saw the addition of a 'soundtrack' to the campus for the day. The PPA have worked towards revitalising Association Day for the last 6 years, and to finally see our plans bear fruit was a feeling of pride like no other!

Association Day 2017 was well attended and had such a happy, energetic vibe. We are very pleased to say that each and every **#proudpastpupil** and each and every teacher, past or present, who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly! We have definitely found our winning recipe.

In addition, Association Day saw us host two lunchtime reunions, for the classes of 1977 and 2007 respectively. What a privilege it was to host both of these events! The 40 year Reunion for the Class of 1977 was attended by **#proudpastpupils** from as far afield as Australia and Tanzania, and with the wonders of modern technology we also linked in more international jetsetters via Skype. We were all also blessed to have Mr Bill Pickering and Mr Peter Mackay join us for the festivities. Class of 1977, you are true **#proudpastpupils**! Thank you for sharing your memories and fun with us!

The 10 year Reunion for the Class of 2007 was an intimate luncheon, and such fun was had that we can only hope that by their 20 year Reunion we will see

many more of them! Thank you to the **#proudpastpupils** of the Class of 2007, we loved hosting you and your families!

In order to accommodate a class member on holiday from America, the 20 Year Reunion for the Class of 1997 was held on campus at the beginning of December. We were so privileged to enjoy the memories of those that attended and experience their joy in friendships re-united. Thank you Class of 1997, we are blessed to call you **#proudpastpupils**!

As far as the PPA Executive Committee goes, we were delighted to add Bronwyn Burnett to our ranks during the course of the year. Her passion for the school makes her a perfect fit for the PPA, and if I may take the liberty of saying this, would make her Dad, the late Gordon Burnett, incredibly proud. Sadly, we lose 2 members this year, Shane Cuthbertson and Reg Hoddinot, both due to retirement, both of whom were inducted as PPA Honorary Life members on Association Day – a small honour in return for their incredible commitment to Thomas More College. We also welcomed Dave Wiggett to our committee – his energy and enthusiasm are so welcome and we look forward to what we can achieve when our combined passion for Thomas More College is unleashed! To René Missen, James Baker, Kathryn Kure Steenkamp, Kelsey van Wyk and Colleen Woodley, thank you for a great year, your efforts for our **#proudpastpupils** do not go unnoticed! To Gary Green and Rae Griesel, I pray that the wider Thomas More College community may one day know just how much you do for this amazing school – the respect I have for you both is truly beyond words!!

I finish 2017 as a Chairperson who is incredibly proud of what we have achieved this year. I can remember in my very first Chairman's report I took great pride in its brevity, knowing that I was not going to bore all of the attendees... Well in 2017, I take just as much pride, but my Report is nowhere near as brief! We are now an active committee, with a repertoire of worthwhile, successful events; we are of interest to our members and have now also added real value to the offerings of Thomas More College, and the lives of its current pupils. Nobody is ever going to respond "Who are they?" when questioned about the PPA in future!

Melanie Küster



HOME GROWN



MADIBA EXHIBITION with Matthew Willman





PARENTS' COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TC CHETTY



Why your school needs YOU!

*I always like to begin by reminding everyone that as parents at TMC we are all members of the Parents' Council, which has two primary objectives – these objectives are to raise funds and to build *Esprit de Corps*.*

However, it is as important to understand that the Parents' Council is so much more than that in the impact that it has on the school, the broader school community and particularly on the learners – our children.

Yes, we have heard many times that children perform better when parents are engaged in their school and school activities. And yes we have heard that parental involvement boosts student achievement. By getting fully involved in all of your school's Parents' Council activities and initiatives, you are providing a positive example. Your children will see first-hand the importance you place on education, and on their school activities in general. I firmly believe that our TMC Parents' Council strives to create a positive and caring atmosphere in the school.

Involvement in the TMC Parents' Council also helps you as a parent. Such involvement helps you stay connected with the school and allows you to gain a broader perspective of how you can play a supportive role. You also network and make connections with other parents, business partners in your community and agencies that share a common goal of student achievement. Working in partnership together helps build a stronger foundation for our children, and our community, to grow and thrive. Volunteering with the TMC Parents' Council allows you to contribute your skills and knowledge. Not only will it benefit your children but your school community as a whole.

I like to think that our TMC Parents' Council is flexible and open to new ideas in order to ensure we can effectively represent the Thomas More College community and interests, and that we achieve the best results by working

closely together with Academic and Administrative staff of Thomas More in order to determine our projects and priorities. I urge you to share your ideas with us. Our Parents' Council provides an opportunity for parents to get involved in ways that suit them, and to support their school in getting the best environment for all the learners.

With the above being said, I must acknowledge the many members of the broader body of the TMC Parents' Council who unselfishly gave of their time, resources, and considerable talents in co-ordinating, volunteering, donating and participating in many other ways at all of our various events during 2017.

With your help, enthusiasm and dedication we raised over R570 000 in 2017, this ahead of our commitment of R550 000. Such an achievement would not have been possible without our regular band of co-ordinators, volunteers, participants and attendees throughout our programme of events during the year where such outstanding *esprit de corps* was displayed.

The **LONG WALK** was held on 25 March 2017 with an altered route, due to potential health issues to walkers as a consequence of the problems related to the environmental emissions in the area. Despite changes having to be made to the route just 2 weeks prior to the event, and poor weather during the event, the event was, once again, a huge success. Huge thanks must go to the Long Walk Committee for the way in which they handled the changes and the adverse weather conditions, which necessitated changes to the route during the event.

On 12 May 2017, another successful **GOLF DAY** was held. Despite poor weather conditions, a full field started the day and an enjoyable day was still had by all involved. The prize-giving dinner was again well attended and enjoyed and we were still able to ensure that all golfers received a prize, thanks to perseverance of our committee and the generosity of a number of donors.

Another hugely successful **COUNTRY FAIR** was held on 5 August 2017, once again show-casing not only our beautiful campus and array of facilities, but also the extra-ordinary ability of Gareth Curtis and his Country Fair team to stage a truly awesome event. A huge number of attendees enjoyed what turned out to be great winter weather (even though it became somewhat blustery) and the various activities on offer. The Country Fair certainly remains one of our flagship events and is testimony to what we can achieve as the Thomas More Community. The event goes from strength to strength and is an important element in marketing Thomas More College as we have numerous non Thomas More College visitors on the day.

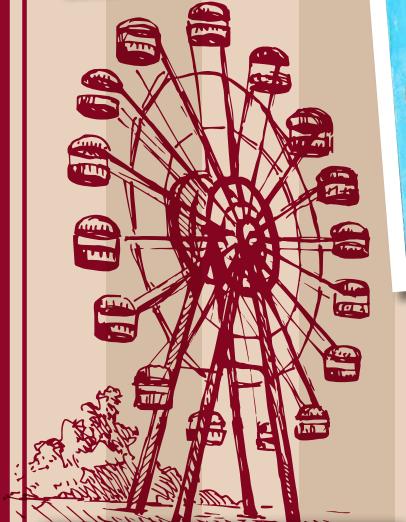
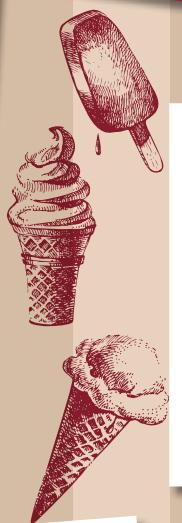
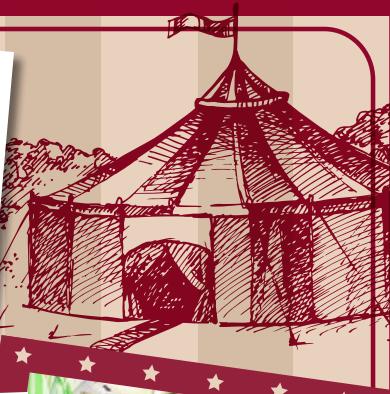
Last, but certainly not least, we held our year end **80'S PARTY** on 3 November 2017 where over 200 party-goers celebrated the achievements of 2017 and also celebrated the contribution to Thomas More College of our retiring Executive Principal, Shane Cuthbertson. A great time was had by all in a fitting send off for Shane. We wish Shane well on his retirement.

All of these events were reflective of the great sense of community and involvement within Thomas More College. For this we, the Executive Committee of the Parents' Council, are so appreciative and sincerely thank everyone who helped in one way or another and we thank you for your loyalty and support. It is also important that I acknowledge the committee, both the parent members of the committee and the executive staff who play a vital role and provide such insightful support. On behalf of the PC I would also like to acknowledge, as always, the tireless input of Rae Griesel, without whose support, dedication and passion the PC would cease to function. We look forward to your continued support in 2018.

TC Chetty



PARENTS' COUNCIL GOLF DAY



ADMIN & GENERAL STAFF



ADMINISTRATION STAFF

[L-R]: Mrs G. Marais; Mrs R. Griesel; Mrs U. Armitage; Mrs G. Doran; Mrs C. Woodley; Mrs D. Hardcastle; Sister B. Bentley; Mrs S. Kalacharan; Mrs J. Hartley; Miss C. Levarelli; Mrs A. Swanson.



CAFÉ DE MORE STAFF

[L-R]: Mr M. Khanyile; Ms Z. Mavundla; Ms N. Zungu; Mrs L. Moffat.



CATERING STAFF

[L-R]: Miss J. Lawson; Ms H. Dlamini; Ms M. Sikakan; Mr M. Hlengwe; Mrs L. Moffat; Mr J. Ngcobo; Ms S. Xaba; Ms V. Mohlokoane; Ms Z. Sithole.



MARKETING STAFF

[L-R]: Mrs K. Hooper; Mrs M. Wight; Ms Z. Shange.



TUCK SHOP STAFF

[L-R]: Ms .Z Mfazwe; Mrs B. Wadsworth; Ms J. Mgenge.



ESTATE STAFF - MAINTENANCE

1st Row [L-R]: Mr J. Mthelu; Mr I . Makhanya; Mr E. Sithole; Mr M. Wight.

2nd Row: Mr E. Mambo; Mr N. Moodley; Mr J. Laljeeth; Mr I. Msomi.



ESTATE STAFF - CONSERVANCY

[L-R]: Mr M. Wight; Mr C. Nomaghiza; Mr A. Wohlo; Mr S. Clark.



Farewell

TRACY MORGAN

We bid farewell to Tracy, after 10 years of service to Thomas More College. Tracy, who was a TMC mom at the time, with triplets, joined the Marketing Department in 2008, and then moved to front Reception in 2016. Her knowledge of the school and warm, endearing nature added great value to the positions that she held.

With Caitlin, Megan and Jonathan matriculating, Tracy has opted to pursue new adventures in her life. We wish her and her family well as they embark on this new chapter.

Kim Hooper



ESTATE STAFF - GARDENS

1st Row [L-R]: Miss F. Wohlo; Mrs P. Redding; Miss D. Madubane.

2nd Row: Mr A. Ntshangase; Miss M. Mbaniwa; Miss T. Zungu; Mr G. Mfeka.

3rd Row: Mr T. Mtungwa; Mr L. Mkhiza.



ESTATE STAFF - GROUNDS & POOL

1st Row [L- R]: Mr P. Ntshiliba; Mr T. Sibisi; Mr S. Magwaza.

2nd Row: Mr S. Clark; Mr M. Wight.

WOMEN'S MONTH Campaign

2017 welcomed the first 'Women's Month Campaign' in the High School. For the month of August the High School pupils were exposed to various issues pertaining to women in different forums. The campaign started off with a presentation by the Jess Foord Foundation giving the pupils practical advice if they or someone they know ever finds themselves in the unfortunate situation of being a rape victim. In support of Jess Foord, a past Thomas More pupil, and her Foundation, the pupils were encouraged to buy a green ribbon they could wear on their blazer during the campaign as well as bring in items for the Foundation's Handbag project.

The pupils were also privileged to hear the stories of influential women in our community, namely Mrs Melanie Küster, the Past Pupils' Association Chairperson and a mother at Thomas More College; Miss Megan Coleman, Miss South Africa 2006 and the co-owner of Image Insured and Mrs Giselle Buckley, a cancer fighter and aftercare facilitator in the Senior Primary.

The theme for the month was Proverbs 31 verse 25, 'She is clothed in strength and dignity and does not laugh without fear of the future.' Mrs Tracy Taylor, Dean of Girls addressed the junior girls and senior girls what it means to be a woman of dignity, strength and a woman who has no fear of the future. The junior boys were addressed by Mr Gavin Belman, Head of the Middle School on how to treat a woman and Mr Stephen Ireland, Deputy Headmaster invited the mothers of the Heads and Deputies of the Matric Leadership Council, namely Mrs Vanessa Barnes, Mrs Kirsten King, Mrs Kerry Harper and Mrs Lucy Smith to a panel discussion with the senior boys on how to treat a woman.

On 8 August the Matric and Grade 11 girls held lit candles in a darkened hall during assembly and the pupils were made aware of the historical significance of Women's Day in South Africa. The Matric Leadership Council Peer Support Committee facilitated a discussion highlighting the way boys treat girls and the way girls treat boys in the high school. It is hoped that this campaign made our boys and girls think about the various challenges that women in and outside of the Thomas More Community face daily. It is also hoped that as their awareness has been heightened they will take up the challenges that were put to them and that they will aspire to be a better person, a better citizen and make a positive contribution to their community and society in general.

Tracy Taylor



GENERAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Music School has had a wonderful year of growth. Children have excelled in Trinity school exams and Rock and Pop. We have also been able to start offering saxophone and clarinet lessons and music appreciation classes. Pupils are still enjoying the variety of violin, piano, drums, guitar and voice lessons. Each term we host two evening recitals where parents can see the progress that is being made.

The pupils have enjoyed playing in small groups / bands at our recitals too, which gives them experience that is very worthwhile. They are all encouraged to participate in recitals throughout the year.

It has been said that "Without music life would be a mistake." Thanks to all who have invested music into the life of their children as they are being richly blessed. We look forward to seeing many new faces in 2018.

Dee Clarkson



COMMUNITY Cultural Showcase





Christmas WONDERLAND CAROL SERVICE



Christian ARTS FESTIVAL



MESSAGE FROM REV. EAISON

The Chaplaincy at Thomas More has come to an end. Each phase of the school, from 2018, will be looking after your child's Christian Education. I bid you a fond farewell and, as **PSALM 2:12** encourages us, '*Blessed are all they that take refuge in the LORD*'.

Shalom
Rev. Martin Easson



MESSAGE FROM SHANE CUTHBERTSON

There has been considerable change in the focus of Christian education in the past few months.

Reverend Easson, who is an inspiring History teacher, has been taken into the High School teaching team, filling a gap vacated by Lynette Dunlop. Christian Education is now to be managed separately in the phases by members of the individual management teams. Heads of Department, Collette Jagles and Barbara Robb now head up Christian Education in the Foundation Phase. Deputy Headmaster Gary Balarin is in charge of this in the Senior Primary. In the High School, Head of Department Cheryl Selley will be taking the lead. All are highly committed Christians and are dedicated to ensuring that Christian values and practices continue to play a pivotal role at Thomas More College.

The appointment of young Christian interns will be a priority in the future with regard to creating a new energy at the level of the children. Two of these appointments are already in place with past pupils Josh Wiborg and Stephen Tshuma appointed as interns in the Senior Primary.

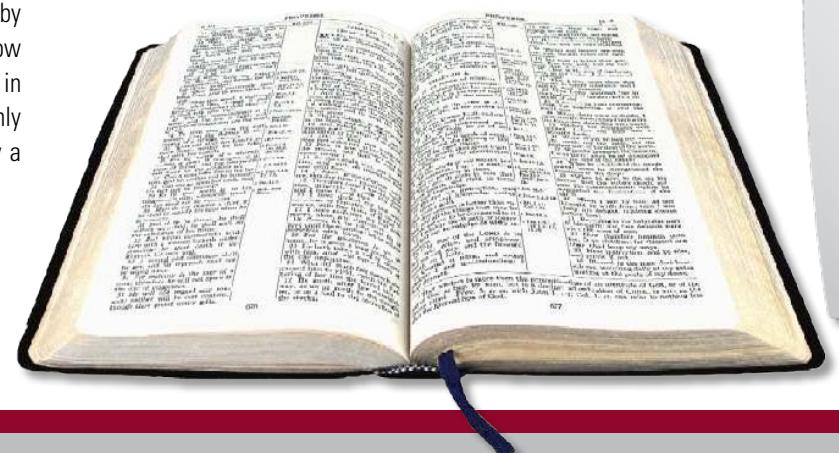
Shane Cuthbertson

Foundation Phase SCRIPTURE UNION

The Foundation Phase Scripture Union had a fabulous year – meeting together twice a month to learn and grow in Christ. We used the "*Armour of God*" as our main theme and the children embraced it with great enthusiasm and curiosity.

The highlight of the year was when the High School STIC team joined us to end off the theme where we enjoyed a song and creative activity together whilst also sharing our love for the Lord.

Collette Jagles



“IGNITE” Senior Primary Christian group

Our lunch time Bible study group, "Ignite", has been a great joy! Through this year we have covered; *2 Ways 2 Live*, *Kingdom Living (MATTHEW 5-7)* and *Parables of the Kingdom (JESUS' PARABLES)*.

I have been blown away by their wisdom, and their love towards one another. This group has grown a lot, had lots of laughter and become like a family to one another. It is wonderful to have seen some come to know Christ, mature in Christ and my hope is that they will continue to live brightly for Christ throughout their lives.

Barry Thatcher

Senior Primary RE ASSEMBLIES

Our Senior Primary assemblies this year highlighted the fact that "*There is nothing ordinary about Jesus*".

We looked at some of His miracles in the first term before exploring the fact that God prepared the hearts and minds of people to recognise His Son through the nation of Israel in term 2.

In the third term we learnt the importance of a mind-set change called "*From Me to We*" and how God wants us to be more community minded instead of "self-y" orientated.

Time was taken in our final term to highlight the brilliance of the star that the wise men or magi followed. So often we just read the words or take for granted that God placed "*a star over the [very] place Jesus was born*" to which the magi travelled. From the Old to the New Testament, from then until now and including tomorrow, God wants to connect with mankind because of His divine love for us.

Gary Balarin

SPONSORED WALK

On 19th February 2017 we held our Sponsored Walk and we were blessed with a beautiful hot day. The theme required walkers to dress up as their childhood dream job. The MLC also continued with Unity Day which saw the High School pupils walking with the grades that will be in Grade 8 when they were in Matric. Also a lot of the MLC walked with the JP and FP showing great leadership and unity between the phases at TMC.

The Thomas More College family showed they do care for those less fortunate than themselves by collecting over R185 000. By 2017 we have raised close to R 2.2 Million for our outreach from the Sponsored Walk alone. In these difficult economic times we showed that it is still COOL TO CARE. With this money we continue to run our very comprehensive Outreach program and support numerous ventures.

In the whole school Sponsored Walk Assembly pupils who had made significant contributions were rewarded with tuck-shop vouchers and the classes who brought the most in each phase with Pizzas (great excitement when these are announced). The second placed classes received treats and the whole school enjoyed a free civvies day.

THE SPONSORED WALK HAS BECOME A TRADITION AT THOMAS MORE COLLEGE AND LONG MAY IT CONTINUE.

Philip Lanz



VALENTINE'S DAY



SPRING DAY





Outreach OVERVIEW

We once again had a very good year with our various Outreach Projects. These are all reported on below but I would like to emphasise that over and above the projects that the various phases do we as a school also made a difference in many people's lives. In these difficult economic times the TMC family still reaches out to those less fortunate.

We have continued our **BREAD BUDDY** contribution on a Wednesday. We have also all contributed to the Christmas Hamper for our support staff and continued with our various projects. We have also funded Hlengiwe Msibi (Bursary student in 2013) as well as sponsoring Pamela Maphumulo with fees and transport for their studies at UKZN Westville and UKZN Edgewood. They are both doing very well in their BSC and Education degrees.

The **POP-UP STREET STORE** was once again a resounding success at Philangethemba in Lower Molweni. It was held on 1 July 2017 in partnership with St Agnes and Philangethemba.

Good second-hand clothing (400 big black bags) was collected at Thomas More College and we planned a simple meal for the shoppers of sandwiches and juice after they had shopped. We needed over 120 volunteers to run the store and once again parents, teachers and mainly pupils of Thomas More came to the party.

There were about 1400 shoppers which was almost double last years attendance and even though there were some logistical problems it was a very successful day where we blessed the community of Lower Molweni. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who donated clothes, helped make sandwiches, ran the various departments in the store or helped on the day, we could not have done it without you.

We also collected good second-hand clothes and shoes from the whole school but mainly the Matrics as they leave school and we distribute these to many needy communities.

Outreach is an integral part of the ethos and education at Thomas More College. Well done to the whole Thomas More community and in particular the MLC Outreach Portfolio for driving the Outreach this year

Philip Lanz



PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTREACH





GR. 8

The Grade 8's worked on a variety of projects during the year. The main project for term one was with the **KLOOF REST HOME**. Pupils blessed the elder folk with hand-made gifts and treats during an afternoon tea. This proved to be enjoyable not only for the residents, but our pupils as well.

BEANIES were collected during the second term and these were distributed to poor and homeless children through churches in and around Durban.

In the third term, pupils made bookmarks with inspirational thoughts together with a chocolate treat which were given to matric pupils to wish them good luck for finals. Our matric pupils were overwhelmed by the hard work and the thought that were put into these precious tokens.

Moreover, during the course of the year, our pupils co-ordinated the collection of food and visited the **KLOOF SPCA**.

We hope that by involving our children in a variety of needy causes that we will plant a seed that would enable our children to grow up as caring adults and to reach out to people that are less fortunate than them.

Vasantha Moodley



GR. 9

The Grade 9 pupils continued to work with Primary School children from the **EMBO COMMUNITY**. Every second week a group of Grade 9 pupils planned a program and then implemented it the following week when the Embo children visited our campus. The Grade 9 pupils enjoyed time with the children by providing a lunch time snack, playing games, teaching them a new craft and using some of their pocket money to give these children a treat when they went home. The Embo children enjoyed their visits to Thomas More. It was heartening to see that many of our Grade 9s enjoyed the time that they spent with those less fortunate than themselves and as a result they attended Outreach for the experience not just to gain points.

The year ended with a **CHRISTMAS PARTY**. The children were treated to a special lunch of hotdogs, fizzy drinks and cake followed by time playing games. The pupils left with a cake box of party food and gifts donated by a few of our Grade 9 pupils. Thank you to the pupils and parents who made this possible.

A special thank you to all the Grade 9 pupils and their families who made our Outreach Program the success that it was.

Tracy Taylor



GR. 10

The Grade 10 outreach programme involved our pupils assisting **GRADE 5 PUPILS FROM BAZAMILE HIGH SCHOOL** with their homework assignments on the computer. Our pupils helped them access information from the Internet and taught them how to use the Word program. This took place in the TMC High School's computer room after a snack of sandwiches, fruit and juice. The Grade 5 pupils loved the interaction with the "big boys and girls" and gained useful computer skills as well as getting to practice their English

Sandra Pooley



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

1st Row [L-R]: R. Gibson; M. Stott; Mrs. S Pooley; A. Roberts; L. Renard.

2nd Row: R. Kerdachi; J. Mac Dougall; T. Freese; J. Simpkins.





SMILE COMMITTEE

1st Row [L-R]: K. Kalicharan; Mrs P. Munian; J. Ireland; Mrs M. Vermaak; R. Nel.

2nd Row: G. Mayo; S. Alborough; S. Kelly; C. Blackbeard.

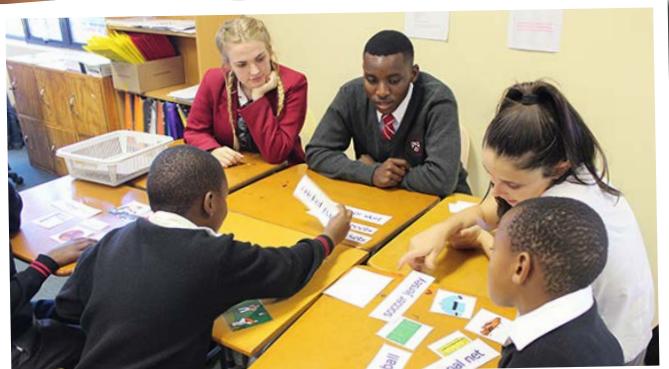


GR. 11

Our achievements with our Grade 11 Literacy Outreach programme was so impressive in 2017 that **LAMULA PRIMARY SCHOOL** approached us in 2017 and asked us to try and increase the number of Grade 4 learners who could benefit from the programme. As a result, we started teaching basic literacy skills to 60 learners who were divided into 2 Groups of 30 and taught over a 4 week period on a rotational basis.

The Grade 11's embraced this change with added zeal and achieved successful results with the little Grade 4 learners.

Petra Munian



GR. 12

In Grade 12, the Outreach programme is more in-reach than outreach, whereby the matrics bring in various items to bless our ground, cleaning and kitchen staff.



The Estate and Cleaning staff are also treated to **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** once a term. These take place on the lawns in front of Great House. Each staff member who celebrated their birthday in the specific term receives a special birthday card. The registration classes had a turn to host the parties.

There were a lot of laughs and cheers by the staff when the Matrics sang 'Happy Birthday' (Usuku olummandi lokuzalwa) in isiZulu. The staff were treated to cake, cool drinks and lots of sweet treats.

Thank you to the matric group for their generosity and we hope as they venture out into their chosen paths that they will remember to continue to think and give to those less fortunate than themselves.

Cheryl Selley

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SENIOR PRIMARY GRADE 4-7



FUN



GRADE 4 - 7

We invite you to enter the world of the Senior Primary child and to delight in the richness, happiness and variety of activities (academic, sporting, cultural and pastoral) which imbues the Senior Primary phase of Thomas More College. Through nurturing, fun and experiential learning, our aim is to develop each and every child to reach his/her potential in a non-threatening, stimulating yet balanced environment. As you peruse the many photographs and articles, you will feel the aura and ethos of Thomas More, where parents and teachers are partners in the education of our precious pupils, celebrating their uniqueness and empowering them to become tomorrow's leaders. We trust you will enjoy the wealth of life at Thomas More College, where we touch the future.



FRIENDS FOREVER



PRIMARY SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHT – DECEMBER 2017

HEADMISTRESS'S ADDRESS

BARBARA TALJARD

Sincere and warm greetings to our Executive Principal, Mr Cuthbertson, Mrs Cuthbertson, Board of Trustees members, Mrs Hornsey, special guests, staff, ladies and gentlemen, Skye Embleton and James Ireland, the HS deputy heads, who wish to show solidarity with our Grade 7s - and most importantly, the boys and girls, to whom this evening belongs.

2017 is fast drawing to a close, hard as it is to believe. Thus this evening is the culmination of this academic year, and all we have learnt. It affords us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate how each and every Thomas More pupil has progressed and developed as they have been provided with opportunities to participate and engage at their personal level of ability. We value each and every child and their dignity, worth and self-esteem remain paramount. We praise God that not only has much been accomplished in the classrooms, on the sports field and culturally – but that each one of you is celebrated for your own uniqueness and special qualities which adds to the rich tapestry of Thomas More. As the details of 2017 have been regaled in the Horse's Mouth and on Facebook, and will be further captured in our digital school magazine, I do not intend, therefore to elaborate on these. I do want however to say that this remains a very special, non-threatening school environment which champions and celebrates the individual.

Collaboration, teamwork and collegiality is what has enabled us to achieve this – and having fun together. It is with sincere and deep gratitude therefore, that I would like to pay tribute to my dedicated team, from my deputies and HODs to our teachers, interns and secretaries for your commitment, loyalty and support. It is indeed a privilege and blessing to work with people of your calibre, with our ethos as our polestar.

To each and every one of you, as well as to my super-efficient PA and digital marketing co-ordinator, Claudia Levarelli, thank you for playing a key role in all that has been achieved. Thanks is also given to our Business Manager, Mrs Colleen Woodley, and her team; and to our communications marketing co-ordinator, Mrs Kim Hooper; our IT team; our Chaplain, Rev. Martin Easson; Estate Manager, Mr Malcolm Wight, and his maintenance, support and ground staff; our Functions Co-ordinator Mrs Michelle Wight; Mrs Lisa Moffat and the kitchen staff; our cleaners, and Sister Belinda Bentley. Very special gratitude is extended to Mr Shane Cuthbertson, our Executive Principal, and to our Board for their steadfast commitment and the many, many hours of time they so selflessly give to Thomas More. Last, but definitely not least, my love and thanks to my husband, Currie, and daughter, Jeni for your loyalty and support. To our parents – thank you for the role you play at school and for being partners in your children's education.

We wish our interns leaving us God's richest blessings and also extend such to Mrs Caroline Jooste, who has added much value in the one year Grade 6 post

she occupied. We want to thank Mrs Leanne Grant for her zealous commitment to the Senior Primary and all she has done for us and our children and wish her all the best as she moves into the Foundation Phase AEU position, where she will use her remedial training and specialisation to the full.

This evening we pay tribute to our Senior Primary pupils and celebrate and recognise their achievements in 2017. These accolades and acknowledgments are a result of consistent effort and hard work by those who have applied the words of Thomas More, namely "*the grace to work for the things we pray for.*" To those who do not receive recognition tonight, do not give up, but persevere and give of your best in all you undertake. Many of you have already been congratulated at prior functions. We also pay tribute to those who tried their best throughout the seasons of Thomas More and were true ambassadors, staying loyal to our values and epitomizing our school ethos. Perseverance, dedication and improving your own personal best in all you do is achieving **More** and being a winner! You are all unique and have all achieved something special during this year- be encouraged by it and sustain your endeavours.

Grade 7s, the real benefit of our school will not be in the words you hear spoken, but rather in the messages you choose to hear; it will not come from the people you fleetingly meet, but from the friendships you choose to pursue; it will not be contained in the lessons you admire, but rather in the ideas you will actually practice; it will not be jotted in the notes you write, but in your heart and soul. The benefit will, hopefully, be in what impact you have on others as you move up into the next phase of our TMC family, and on what you do with your life.

As we go into 2018, may God's richest blessings be with us all. For those leaving the Thomas More family, we wish you every success and trust that you have been enriched by your education and experiences here.

I wish you all the best for the remainder of the year as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus! May we remember to give Him thanks for His blessings. We trust you will all have a truly blessed Christmas and a well deserved rest in the coming holidays. Thank you once again to you all for your loyalty and support.

Usually I would have a special message for you all, but tonight we are most privileged to have our respected and long serving Executive Principal, speak to you prior to his retirement, after 16 years of loyal, dedicated and significant contributions to our school. Mr Cuthbertson has been the best "boss" with



whom I have ever had the privilege to work. He is a humble and principled man of great integrity and wisdom, always willing to listen and offer helpful advice when asked, yet trusting and empowering. He has a genuine interest in all of you boys and girls and is frequently seen at matches, let alone attending every possible cultural event he can. His wife, Carolyn, also deserves commendation for the support she gives him in enabling him to spend so much time in the evenings and over week-ends at school. Boys and girls, he celebrates with you your victories, while being equally disturbed and saddened when there is adverse or tragic news.

It is truly an honour to welcome our guest speaker Mr Shane Cuthbertson, this evening.

In addition to the special concern and interest he has shown in each and every charge, whether pupil or teacher, Head, parent or Board member, he has had a real "Helicopter view" of the school and has pioneered many positive initiatives over the years. In addition, we have benefitted immensely from his strong leadership strategies. He has been "Mr Build it" and the campus has changed its look during his tenure, growing both exponentially and in stature, in addition to vastly improving our IEB matric results. Mr Cuthbertson has, in fact, contributed as much to the lives of pupils who have struggled and yet, sometimes against all odds, achieved a matric pass and gone on to shine in later life, as he has to those with great ability where they have been challenged, extended, and have achieved remarkable results. Past pupils also always make every endeavour to pay him a visit - speaking volumes of his impact on them! He has the exceptional ability to see the "big picture" and to follow through projects meticulously to fruition. He has truly placed TMC on the educational map and will be sorely missed when he retires at the end of this year!

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHT – DECEMBER 2017

EXECUTIVE PRINCIPALS' ADDRESS

SHANE CUTHBERTSON

Members of the Board of Trustees, Mrs Taljard, Mrs Hornsey, Staff, Parents, guests, pupils and most of all pupils of Thomas More College. It is a great honour to address you this evening, particularly in this my last prize giving at Thomas More College.

I came here in 2002, shortly after South Africa had been liberated. This was only 10 years after the school had announced in 1992 that it would close due to lack of numbers. That off course never happened and the school had begun a wonderful rebirth. Today we are flourishing in spite of considerable competition. This is definitely a winning formula!

An old African proverb states that "**It takes a village to raise a child**". In many African communities it is common for a child to be raised by its extended family, in many cases spending extended periods of time living with grandparents, aunts and uncles. Even the wider community sometimes gets involved, as children are seen as a blessing from God upon the entire community.

In Africa this is known as "**UBUNTU**": The essence is that "**through others we become ourselves**".

Today is the 4th anniversary of the death of Nelson Mandela.

Nelson Mandela once said:

"One of the most powerful ways of children and young adults acquiring values, is to see individuals they admire and respect exemplify those values in their own being and conduct. Parents and educators or politicians or priests who say one thing and do another, send mixed messages to those in their charge, who then learn not to trust them."

"Children are like wet cement: whatever falls on them makes an impression."

Pupils take subjects at school for two reason:

1. To learn about the world and how it operates
2. But almost more importantly, so that there can be topics that children can discuss with adults. Children need to see how adults react and behave in certain situations.
 - How do they think?
 - How do they react in certain situations?
 - What vocabulary do they use?
 - What behaviours do they permit?

Subjects provide the medium for pupils and adults to interact. Whether you go into formal employment or create a business of your own, there are certain patterns of behaviour that will be expected of you. If you continue to behave

like a child in the world of adults, you will not make the grade.

Professor B. F. Skinner, a renowned behaviourist said:

"Education is what survives when what you have learnt has been forgotten".

Clearly this doesn't mean that you don't have to remember anything about Biology and Geography. That too is very important. It is the skills that you learn about human communication that will help you to become valued and respected members of society.

Children learn values from people that they like and respect. From role models! Certainly some of the role models in our modern society are very questionable.

I believe that in the Senior Primary at Thomas More College the pupils have been provided with wonderful role models around whom to build their values.

At Thomas More we are a microcosm of society. Boys and girls of all ages are our children, and the diverse staff and parent body are united in their efforts to make this the best school that it could be.

This is a supportive and cooperative community. Parents are involved and the vast majority are prepared to work constructively towards helping the school. There has never been a time that a parent told me in anger that he pays my salary. This parent body sees themselves as part of the team. I do not believe that there is another parent community in South Africa that would take on staging something as challenging as the Long Walk. Almost 600 parents are involved. The Country Fair is also on another level. I cannot image any other being as complex and well organised as ours.

These are very difficult financial times and many families are struggling to make ends meet. Private education is expensive and with increasing technology it has been rising at above the inflation rate. The Board is acutely aware of this and is determined to keep increases to a minimum. Many workshops have taken place this year on efficient financial management. We are in a very healthy financial position and were delighted to announce that school fee increases for 2018 would be only 5%, with only 3% in Grades 11 and 12. In spite of this we are still able to continue with capital development projects as a result of the capital development levy and fundraising. Thomas More College thankfully does not have many of the "add on" charges that distress parents at many other schools. It has been an absolute privilege to have been part of this wonderful school over the past 16 years.



Thank you to the Board of Trustees for having the faith in me!

Thank you to the staff! Your commitment has been way beyond the call of duty.

Thank you to the parents. I was told when I chose to come to a private school that I would have 2000 bosses telling me what to do. It has not been like that at all. The support of the parent body has been immense. I always felt like I was part of a big team.

It is the pupils that make Thomas More what it is. The ethos actually lies within the pupil body. They know what is right and what is wrong and they simply don't put up with rude or selfish behaviour.

Before I joined Thomas More I had a High School background. I have absolutely loved my contact with Primary School children. They are enthusiastic giving and affectionate and an absolute pleasure to be with.

This is a truly balanced school of the highest order. I am immensely grateful to the whole team that made this possible. I have met many wonderful people here and I am going to miss you all a lot.

Dr. Seuss said – **"Don't cry because it's over.
Smile because it happened."**

May I wish you all a wonderful holiday, a blessed Christmas and much happiness for the future!

I will follow the progress of Thomas More College with much interest.

Thank you so much for allowing me to speak to you tonight.

SPEECH NIGHT AWARDS

INTER-HOUSE ACADEMIC AWARDS

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The winners in our annual Public Speaking competition were:

GRADE 4	Laura van Tonder [Hurley]
GRADE 5	Lucy Lee [Hurley]
GRADE 6	Nikolaos Bratos [Savory]
GRADE 7	Jack Bamber [Hurley]

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

The winners of our annual General Knowledge quiz were:

GRADE 4	Amber Allen [Dalberg]
GRADE 5	Taylor Muir [Dalberg]
GRADE 6	Jarred Christie [Dalberg]
	Gregory Roets [Dalberg]
	Jason Staples [Dalberg]
GRADE 7	Leo Barnes [Savory]

SPELLING BEE

The winners of our annual Spelling Bee Competition were:

GRADE 4	Laura van Tonder [Hurley]
GRADE 5	Jemma Ramlakan [Dalberg]
GRADE 6	Luke Bartlett [Dalberg]
GRADE 7	Jorja Robertson [Dalberg]

BOARDMAN TROPHY 2016

The final results for the coveted Boardman Trophy for 2017 are:

1ST PLACE	Dalberg
2ND PLACE	Savory
3RD PLACE	Hurley

GRADE 4P

Keith Anieto – Artistic flair, diligence and tenacity
Jaime Butler – Creativity and outstanding work in Maths and Zulu
Adam Essey – Diligence, effort in all he does and an excellent standard of work in Mathematics
Anna Springett – Pleasing progress, artistic ability and personal growth
Ethan Williams – Progress, personal growth and excellent work in Zulu
The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Ella Randle**

GRADE 4DL

Gregory Acklom – Perseverance and progress
Grace Brien – Diligence and perseverance
Elisabeth du Buisson – Self-growth and steady progress
Charlotte Howat – Consistent effort
Rekhotsfetse Tsomela – Diligence and enthusiasm
The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Laura van Tonder**

GRADE 4DP

Isabella Finch – For strength of character and tenacity
Leah Naidoo – Consistent effort and perseverance
Joel Newmarch – Self-growth and steady progress
Luke Patterson – Continued effort, diligence and tenacity
Aiden Smith – Progress and perseverance
The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Simone Cairns**

Academic merit certificates and academic colours for an aggregate of 80% or higher for the entire year for the Grade 4 group:

Amber Allen	Kirsten Moffat
Brunton Bigalke	Emily Morgan
Gregory Chatterton	Henna Ngubo
Meyka Chetty	Liam O'Loughlin
James Evans	Laura van Tonder
Lwazi Gumede	Tristan White
James Harrison	

The THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP SHIELD as voted by their peers for kindness and consideration.

4P	Meyka Chetty
4DL	Henna Ngubo
4DP	Amber Allen

GRADE 5M

Taya Brien – Perseverance, progress and self-growth
Izabella Chetty – Consistent effort and steady progress
Ben Hoogerheide – Perseverance and self-growth
Lucy Lee – Consistent effort and steady progress
Déanco Oberholzer – Perseverance, progress and self-growth
The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Zoë Bratos**

GRADE 5VL

Izabella Cahill – Perseverance and steady progress throughout the year
Sophia Goble – Consistent effort and diligence throughout the year
Adam Gray – Positive attitude as well as diligence and consistent effort
Taylor Muir – Self growth, perseverance and acts of kindness shown to others
Ben van der Walt – Consistent effort, perseverance and self growth
The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Caitlin McMurray**

GRADE 5L

Rachel Dedekind – Perseverance & growth in confidence
Joel Jooste – For consistent effort
Vasilios Kapnias – Mature attitude and excellent work ethic
Gemma Müller – For diligence and perseverance
Kaueren Naidoo – For diligence and consistent effort
The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Ashtyn Cason**

Academic merit certificates and academic colours for an aggregate of 80% or higher for the entire year for the Grade 5 group:

Ryan Browning	Jessica Kelly
Zoë Bratos	Rory Mazery
Ashtyn Cason	Caitlin McMurray
Taylor Cheary	Jemma Ramlakan
Anya Chetty	Anais Smith
Kiara Ganesh	Bethany Steenkamp
Hugo Gildenhuys	

The THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP SHIELD as voted by their peers for kindness and consideration.

5M	Jason Reed
5VL	Jordan Trotter
5L	Jessica Kelly

GRADE 6J

Courtney Cadle – Diligence and positivity
Grace Carson – Humility, Diligence and Gentleness
Jarred Christie – Sporting and academic vigour
Carlota Krumhoff – Consistent effort and positivity
Emma Simon – Excellence in Mathematics
The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Megan Brimelow**

GRADE 6M

Nicholas Butler – Positive attitude, consistent effort and diligence
Rachael Easson – Perseverance & growth in confidence
Ethan Ferreira – Growth and progress throughout the year
Jorden Goussard – Determination, diligence and continued effort throughout the year
Mackenzie Loxley – Personal growth, consistency and a positive attitude
The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Grace Youldon**

GRADE 6F

Simeï Bekker – Determination, diligence and excellent progress
Jasmine Curtis – Perseverance and commitment
Ezra Haug – Progress, positive attitude and reading
Thabiso Mthethwa – Positive attitude, perseverance and excellent progress
Saskia Munian – Positive attitude and commitment
The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Rebecca Ronald**

Academic merit certificates and academic colours for an aggregate of 80% or higher for the entire year for the Grade 6 group:

Kaelah Balarin	Karissa Paul
Luke Bartlett	Kieran Pearton
Nikolaos Bratos	Demi-Lee Penny
Stephanie de Moor	Samuel Renard
Blaine Dunbar	Erin Simpkins
Keegan Hutcheson	Liam Theunissen
Alexandra Lütz	Shannon Wilhelm
Darian Maclean	Michelle Williams
Aimee Maritz	Grace Youldon

The THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP SHIELD as voted by their peers for kindness and consideration.

6J	Kgaogelo Mashiloane
6M	Zama Dumakude
6F	Emily Swanson





THE AVICE DU BUISSON TROPHY

This trophy is awarded in perpetuity to commemorate a very special pupil, Chase Avice Du Buisson who had a zest for life, who impacted us with his positivity and honesty and was always looking out for others in his time that he was with us.

We award this trophy to a Grade 6 pupil who remains true, looks out for others, and throws themselves into all their activities with exuberance – a true Thomas More Ambassador:

Nikolaos Bratos

GRADE 7H

Chloe Buchanan – Determination and kindness

Suvay Naidoo – Kindness and perseverance in everything he does

Taija Olivier – Diligence and self-growth

Sally-Ann Pooley – Kindness, quiet leadership and diligence

Jarryd Penny – Indomitable spirit and enthusiasm for life

The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Nathan McDaniel**

GRADE 7M

Michael Bougardt – Growth in confidence and all-round achievement

Anvia Bredenkamp – Maturity and overcoming adversity

Caleb du Plessis – Unconditional care and respect for others

Victoria Neff – Growth in confidence and overcoming adversity

Daniel Upton – Maturity and growth in confidence

The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Jorja Robertson**

GRADE 7C

Megan Fowler – All-round progress and determination

Luca Fuini – Perseverance and self-growth

Matthew Gray – Enthusiasm and diligence

Tamryn Harland – Determination and kindness

John Robbins – Consistent effort and progress

The THOMAS MORE SERVICE AWARD for overall excellence, commitment and involvement in school life: **Sarah Simpson**

Academic merit certificates and academic colours for an aggregate of 80% or higher for the entire year for the Grade 7 group:

Electra Balidis	Kayla Nadauld
Talyah Chetty	Luke Riddle
Ethan Cook	Jorja Robertson
James Daniel	Sarah Simpson
Georgia Essey	Conall Steenkamp
Emily Gelder	Julia van Tonder
Connor Harris	Micaela Wight
Liam Mackinnon	

The THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP SHIELD as voted by their peers for kindness and consideration.

7H	Micaela Wight
7M	Lucy Hofmann
7C	Buhlali Mhlanzi

THE HENRY FAMILY TROPHY

This award is decided upon by the Grade 7 teachers. The recipient should be a child who has gone out of their way to help in every aspect of school life.

The worthy recipient of the Henry Family trophy for 2017 is:
Lucy Hofmann

BIG HEART TROPHY

This trophy is for someone who has had to overcome adversity in their life. The trophy is for someone who has had to show incredible strength of character in the face of very difficult circumstances.

The Big Heart Trophy winner for 2017 is: **Umika Nathoo**

PROXIME ACCESSIT

This year the award goes to a self-motivated, determined and balanced pupil, who has excelled in all aspects of school life: **Ethan Cook**

DUX OF THE SCHOOL

The recipient this year is an extremely diligent individual. Determination, commitment and self-discipline are words which can be associated with this pupil: **Electra Balidis**

THE HEAD'S AWARD

The Head's Award is for someone who epitomizes the values of Thomas More: the "Man for all Seasons". Someone who has contributed well in all areas of school life and in the correct spirit.

The worthy recipients of the Head's Award for 2017 are:
Micaela Wight and Buhlali Mhlanzi





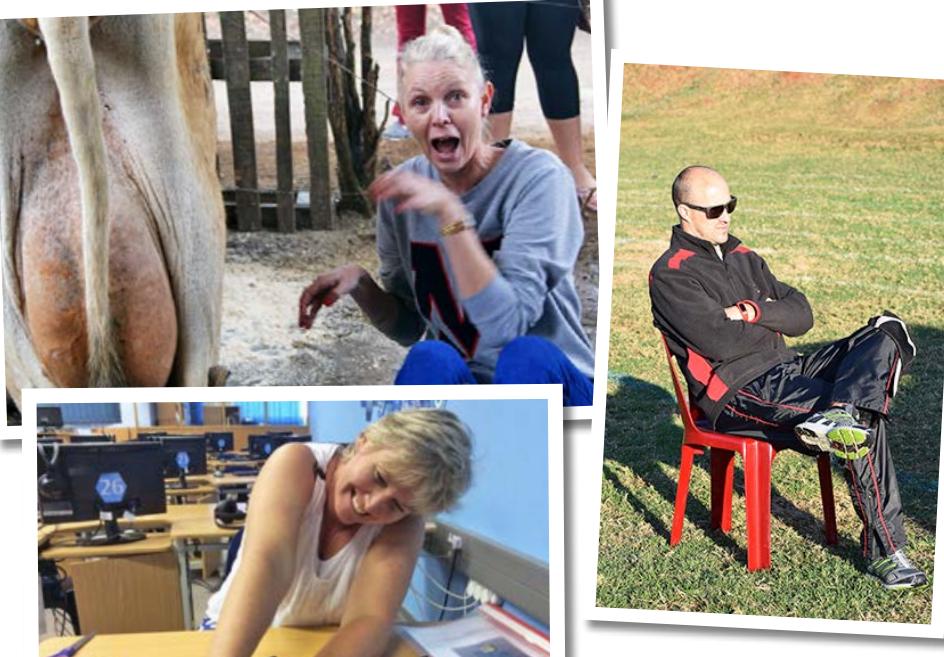
ACADEMIC STAFF

1st Row [L-R]: Mr G. Balarin; Mrs G. Purdon; Mr J. Brimelow; Mr G. Hooper (Deputy Head); Mrs B. Taljard (Headmistress); Mr S. Cuthbertson (Executive Principal); Mrs L. Grant; Mr M. Moolman; Mrs C. Vosters.

2nd Row: Ms K. du Plessis; Mrs R. Ramasamy; Mrs L. van Laren; Ms C. Mbili; Mrs B. McCready; Mr R. Lang; Mrs A. Sewchuran; Mrs W. Nzama.

3rd Row: Mrs E. Haynes; Mrs K. Nicholas; Ms C. Jooste; Mrs S. van Leeuw; Miss C. Barkhuizen; Mrs C. Barnard; Mrs V. Fuhri; Mrs T. Meikle.

4th Row: Mr D. Smith; Mr J. McGarry; Mrs M. Steyn; Mr B. Thatcher; Mr C. Hartley; Mr R. Conway; Mrs L. Parfitt; Mrs C. Mordecai-Jones.



STAFF Antics



FAREWELLS

CASEY BARKHUIZEN



Casey Barkhuizen was an intern in Grade 4 with us this year. The children were most fortunate to have such an organised and empathetic student teacher in their classroom and out on the sports field.

She showed great patience when dealing with the children and she brought an element of fun into many activities. We wish her well for a fulfilling and successful future.

Grade 4 teachers

BARRY THATCHER

We have had the privilege of having Barry Thatcher join us as an intern in Grade 7 this year. Mr Thatcher is a proactive individual who has embraced the Thomas More ethos with respect and pride and while doing so has created and implemented "Ignite", which was held once a week during break time. This initiative taught many children about the word of God, gave insight, appreciation and developed a greater understanding towards God and the Bible. Mr Thatcher taught an array of subjects as well as sport during his time. His knowledge, patience and respect for the children has made him a valuable member of the Thomas More team. We will certainly miss his fun filled, informative and creative Assemblies. All the best for your new adventure.



Ryan Conway

CANDICE MORDECAI-JONES

We say farewell to someone who now feels like a family member after just 2 and a quarter years here at TMC. We know she has loved her work here and poured herself into it, doing her best and has continued to build on the good work already done by Mrs Ramasamy and Mrs Chiles. We have been blessed to have her as our music teacher from Grade 4 to 7 and for drama in Grades 4 – 6. Although her stay with us has been relatively short, it has also been very rewarding. Our cultural department

has grown further in strength from introducing recorder groups to growing a number of marimba bands and working with the choir children. Mrs Mordecai-Jones has also been involved with the Shakespeare Evening, the superb production of "Frostbite" last year and all our many cultural performances in various events like our Open Day, Rhythms of Africa, Time of your Lives, the Queensburgh Festival of Arts where we excelled and all results were an A or higher and we took home the recorder trophy, to cultural assemblies, prize givings, outside cultural events at different schools and our Christmas Carol evenings. She also realized her dream when she had the beautiful, inspirational mural painted on the one wall of the marimba room.

We thank her for the role she has played in our Cultural team. We wish her and her family all the best in Australia and trust she will visit us when she gets the opportunity to return on a family visit. We have many special memories of Mrs Mordecai-Jones and will miss her very much. Bon voyage! And adieu!

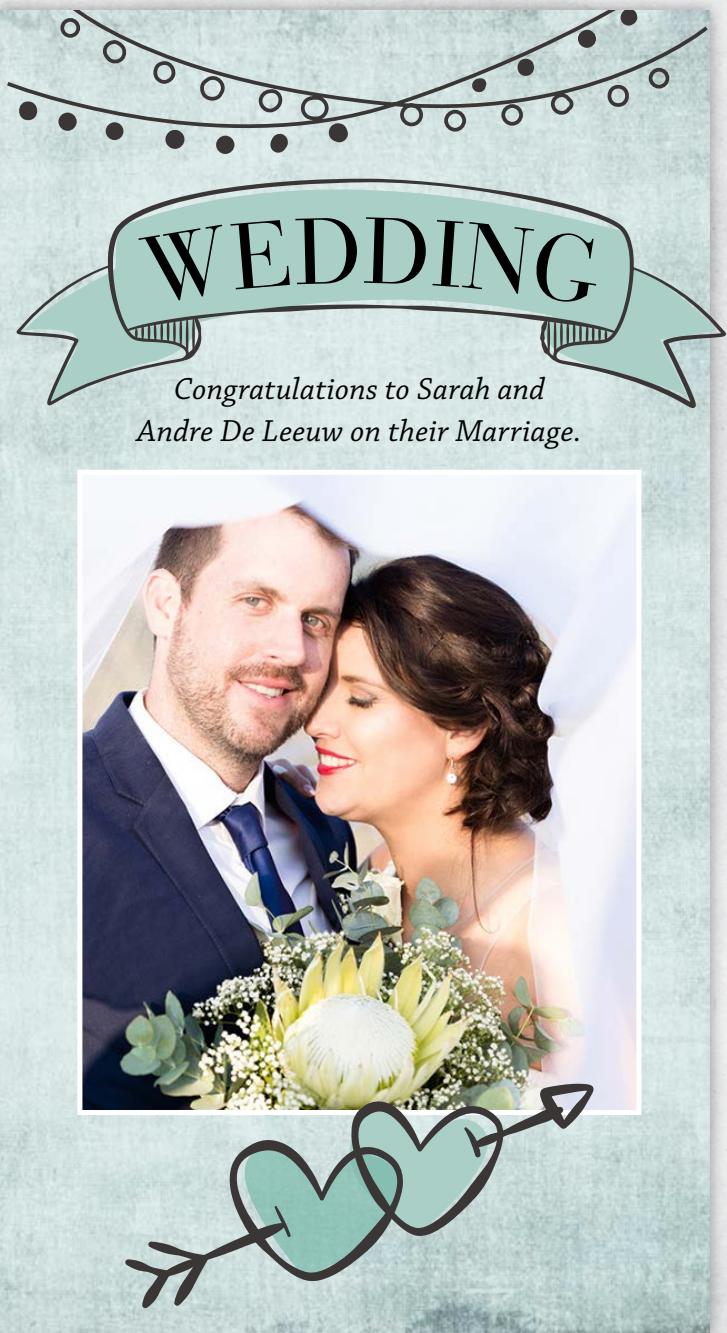
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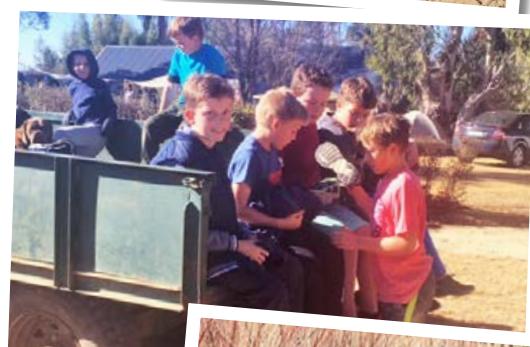
DANIEL SMITH

Daniel was an intern for Grade 5 for 2017. He was willing to get involved and always ready to help. He is passionate about the development of people and sport. He was an integral part of the Grade 5 Team. We wish him well for his future endeavours.

Rogan Lang



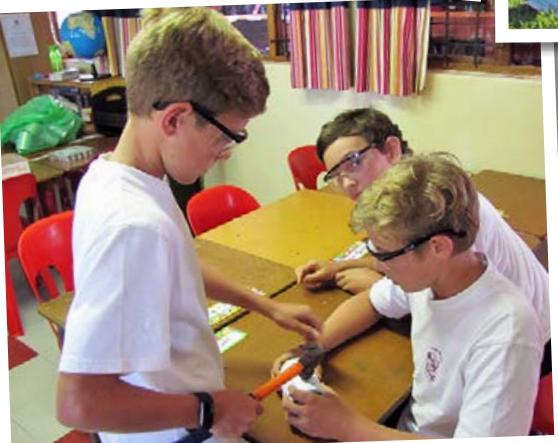
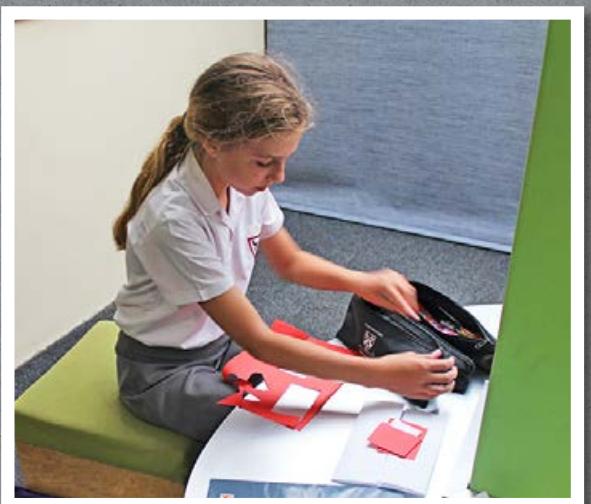
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OVERVIEW 2017



A large percentage of our children were actively involved in the numerous cultural activities of 2017. In March we sadly bade farewell to Mrs Candice Mordecai-Jones as her family relocated to Australia. As a proud past pupil Candice understood the school's ethos, adding great value to our full programme, and true to her nature, worked tirelessly for the staff and children's benefit. She will be sorely missed and we wish her well in their new adventure.

We were most fortunate to secure the services of Mr Sherwin Ganesen. His valuable contributions and enthusiasm has borne good fruit already.

We followed 2016's Frostbite play with a dynamic Grade 6 & 7 musical tribute to Michael Jackson called "This Is It!" Apart from the excellent standard of dance choreography and singing, we will long be remembered for the [small] burn marks on the hall floor when one of our pyrotechnic flames was accidentally knocked over.

It is true to say that the high standard of cultural performances continues to climb as witnessed by an ever increasing volume of children participating in private tuition and displaying greater levels of confidence and skill on stage.

Thank you to our ever faithful and diligent Senior Primary staff for their continued encouragement and dedication to all things cultural, as well as to our supportive parent body for their attendance and expressed enjoyment of all we have achieved as a school community. We look forward to a progressive 2018 in culture.

Gary Balarin



RHYTHMS OF AFRICA

We were privileged to celebrate our rich African heritage through poetry, music, dance and song by sharing the stage with the children from LIV Village, St Mary's and Hillcrest Senior Primary. The 21 strong Zulu choir of LIV were the opening and closing acts of a most enjoyable evening where djembes and marimbas were skilfully played and melodious voices filled our hall with rhythms from Africa.

Gary Balarin



SENIOR MARIMBA BAND

1st Row [L-R]: K. Nadauld; E. Balidis; J. Rice; Mr S. Ganesen; C. Buchanan; N. Bratos; J. Bamber.
2nd Row: J. Van Tonder; M. Brimelow; R. Ronald; D. Maclean; D.L. Penny; S. Renard.
3rd Row: M. Fowler; Z. Dumakude; J. Lang; G. Youldon; U. Maphumulo; K. Balarin.
4th Row: S. de Moor; L. Bartlett; L. Gieseler; J. Lilly; S. Simpson; A. Maritz.



JUNIOR MARIMBA BAND

1st Row [L-R]: I. Cahill; B. Doran; A. Cason; Mr S. Ganesen; I. Chetty; D. Watson; J. Ramlakan.
2nd Row: C. Howat; L. Shezi; A. Allen; M. Boertje; A. Conradie; L. Van Tonder.
3rd Row: S. Reinecke; L. Lee; K. Moffat; V. Kapnias; T. Naicker; E. Randle.
4th Row: L. Gumede; C. Human; Q. Madlala; T. Brien; Z. Bratos; N. Valentine.



SUNSET PROMS

The motivation behind splitting the "Stars Come Out To Shine" of yesteryear into two parts: a Grade 4 & 5 and Grade 6 & 7 performance, was to double the number of children being able to perform in public. This proved most successful when our junior children entertained their guests on the picturesque lawn below the Music School and our senior children performed mid-August in the Habberton Hall.

The junior evening was dedicated to our music and drama teacher, Mrs Candice Mordecai-Jones, who left our staff after two and a half years, to start a new life in Australia with her family. This was a most fitting venue and namesake given the setting March sun as the ideal African backdrop highlighting the talent of our children.

Gary Balarin



CHOIR



CHOIR

1st Row [L-R]: T. Naicker; S. Pryce Lewis; K. Balarin; Mrs R. Ramasamy; L. Pather;
Mr S. Ganasen; J. van Tonder; J. Cleland; N. Bratos.
2nd Row: L. van Tonder; E. Randle; J. Kelly; B. Steenkamp; M. Brimelow; J. Curtis;
D. de Necker; T. Naicker; J. Harrison; J. Sack.
3rd Row: Z. Bratos; A. Smith; R. Ronald; G. Meyer; A. Maritz; S. de Moor; S. Goble; N. Smith; H. Ngubo.
4th Row: M. Montague; C. McMurray; M. Wight; T. Gregson; G. Youldon; C. Krumhoff; J. Lang; A. Cason.
5th Row: Z. Dumakude; J. Robertson; S. Simpson; E. Balidis; J. Goussard; K. Heyns; J. McAllister; T. Harland.
6th Row: C. Millichip; K. Nadauld; J. Lilly; G. Carson; S. Munian; C. Buchanan.

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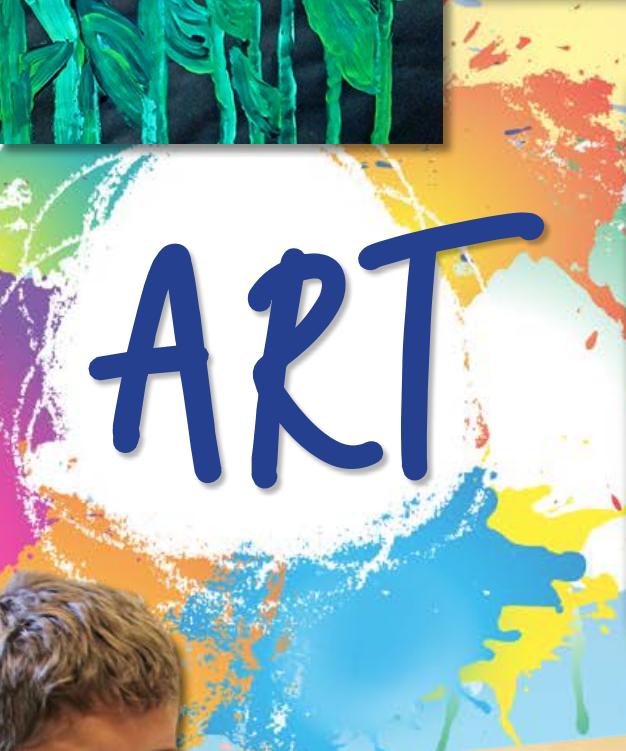
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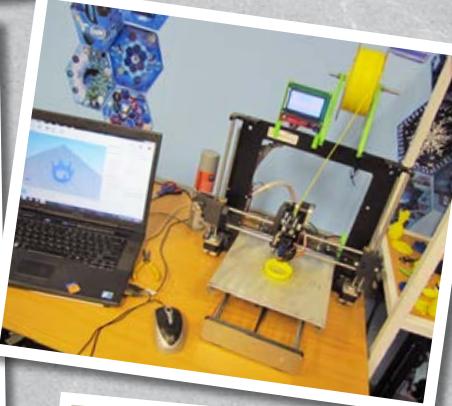
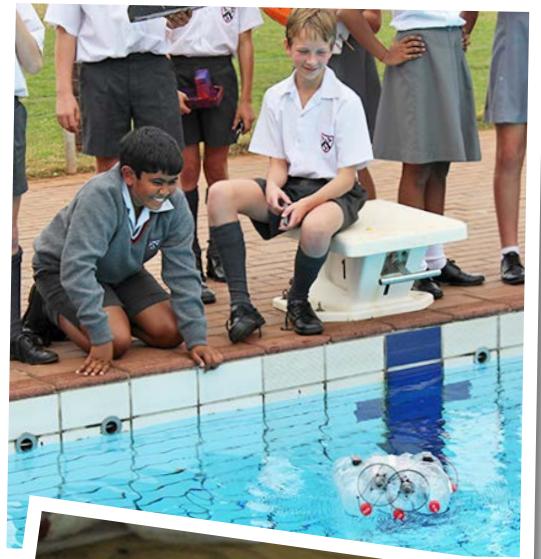
1st Row [L-R]: J. Van Tonder; R. Mazery; Mr S. Ganasen; C. McMurray; J. Lilly.
2nd Row: D. Maclean; S. Wilhelm; A. Maritz; M. Williams; R. Ronald; T. Brien.
3rd Row: K. Balarin; G. Youldon; Z. Bratos.



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2nd Row: H. du Buisson; J. Evans; T. White; A. Smith; D. Paul; L. Naidoo.

3rd Row: I. Finch; L. Patterson; J. Newmarch; A. Allen.

4th Row: M. Chonco; E. Kraut; J. Harrison; L. O'Loughlin; J. Lawrence; A. Mchunu.



GRADE 4P

1st Row [L-R]: A. Conradie; A. Springett; Miss C. Barkhuizen; C. Mackinnon; Mrs L. Parfitt; R. Montague; S. Ndawo.

2nd Row: K. Anieto; L. Chetty; I. Fuini; R. du Plessis; J. Sack; G. Chatterton.

3rd Row: E. Williams; E. Randle; A. Essey; J. Fitzpatrick; M. Chetty; L. Shezi.

Back Row: J. Butler; B. Dawe; B. Bigalke; D. Davidson.

ABSENT: D. de Necker



GRADE 4 DL

1st Row [L-R]: B. Bekker; L. van Tonder; C. Cadle; Mrs S de Leeuw; T. Wentze; C. Howat; C. Griffin.

2nd Row: G. Acklom; K. Lunt; E. Morgan; S. Reinecke; E. du Buisson; D. Kalicharan.

3rd Row: G. Brien; K. Moffat; H. Ngubo; D. Linnett; K. Tsomela.

Back Row: T. Naicker; J. Cole; L. Wynne; L. Oets.

ABSENT: M. Nomtyala.

CREATIVE Writing

There once was a boy who was late
He was rather late because he ate
No one could tell
Why he would yell
If anyone saw his plate!

James Harrison

LION

Active, loud,
Creeping, sneaking, running.
Roaring, soaring through the plain –
Awesome!

Simone Cairns



SERVAL

Big, spotty,
Hunting, stalking, pouncing.
Camouflaged in the bush –
Powerful!

Tristan White

SPIDER FILL (IT'S A DELIGHT!)

Ella Randle

Starters

- Gnat based pizza or fly salad R6,50

Salads

- Fly salad (Fly salad dressing) R10,10
- Mosquitoes (Mosquito legs with mosquito blood) R10,00

Mains

- Daddy long legs with fly salad R12,50
- Bug soup (All sorts of bugs, will fill the tum) R20,50
- Beetle soup (Christmas beetles, very delicious) R21,45

Desserts

- Cockroach malva pudding (comes with ant's legs) R20,50.
- Ant and gnat ice-cream (YUM) R15,25
- Chocolate cockroaches with ant chocolate sauce R19,99

Shares

- Bug soup (Has bugs in and comes with two spiders) R15,25
- Valentines kiss (Chocolate ants shaped hearts) R40,15

Drinks

- Mosquitoes blood R8,50
- Ant milk R5,10
- Gnat juice R10,10
- Beetle hot chocolate R15,99

My Journey to the MOON

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to travel to the moon? Well today I'm going to find out what it feels like to be weightless and move about the moon.

My name is Lucy and I will be taking off from the NASA space base in thirty seconds. I'm all set to go. I'm in my rocket called the Sky Streamer. Oh there's the speaker, "Sky Streamer are you all set to go?" "Yes sir I'm all set." "Take off in five, four, three, two, one... blast off." The rocket has taken off I'm flying to the moon. All of a sudden I'm in space. It is amazing! I can see the Earth getting further and further away! The journey was all going smoothly, when suddenly I heard a thud! I put the rocket on auto pilot and went to investigate. The thud turned out to be a meteorite that had hit the rocket. I was lucky that it hadn't caused any damage to the rocket.

About half an hour later as I was coming closer to the moon, the speaker went off and the chief's voice came through, "Earth calling Sky Streamer, Earth calling Sky Streamer, do you read me, over?" "Yes I read you loud and clear. I'm nearing the moon's surface over and out." I am so excited. Oh I can fly! I must have pressed the anti-gravity button, oops. I press the button and I drop to the ground. Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! That really hurt. Oh no, I just realised no one is piloting the rocket. I jump to my feet and race to the cockpit and jump into the seat just in time too, because the rocket was just above the moon's surface! I landed the rocket and got all my equipment ready. I was finally on the moon. I jumped out of the rocket but instead of landing on the moon's surface, I found myself floating around. It took me awhile to get back down to the surface.

When I was back on the ground I set up all my equipment and went to collect moon rocks. It was fun and I found a lot of new rocks. When I was done with the rock collection, I collected samples of lunar dust and put them in special little bags. I put the bags in the rocket. I did all the studies needed and put the equipment back into the rocket and then I said goodbye to the moon and climbed into the rocket. I left a little robot to do more studies and take pictures of the moon while I return to Earth. I was on my way back to Earth and nothing went wrong, thank goodness.

On the return to Earth my rocket landed in the ocean. A boat took me to shore where I got a big welcome. I changed out of my suit and into my clothes. I was so glad to be home!

That was an amazing adventure I gathered a lot of info and it helped scientists understand the moon better.

Emily Morgan



I am going to the moon. I have to go there to find out why the satellite that sends pictures of the moon to earth is not working. I am going in a spaceship called the Rock 123. It is a white and blue spaceship. I am not going alone though, I am going with another astronaut called Lola. She is going to help me fix the satellite.

I have never been to the moon before. I am hoping that everything goes well. From the Space Station there are people there that are going to help us and tell us what to do. I am very nervous because something could go wrong but I really want to go to the moon and see what it is like.

It is time for us to get in the spaceship. We get everything ready and buckle up, then we are ready to go. Five, four, three, two, one blast off. I felt like I had no tummy.

Finally my tummy came back and I was feeling a bit better. Lola seemed to be ok because she was eating an energy bar. "Are you feeling better," Lola asked me. "Yes, much better," I replied. "It isn't very nice the first time you lift off but once you get used to it, it gets a lot better, trust me," Lola said. "I trust you," I replied. The journey to the moon was smooth with no problems. Lola and I had a fun time in the rocket. We talked, ate energy bars, ate noodles and ate some more energy bars. Every two hours I checked that there were no problems with the spaceship while Lola drove. After a long three days, we got to the moon. Lola landed us very well. "Let's find the satellite," said Lola. We searched for two hours, then I found it right on the other side of where we landed the spaceship. "First we need to find out what the problem is," I said. I felt like I was now in charge. "Lola, could you get the tool box," I asked. "Where is it?" "It's right behind your seat in the ship," I replied. While she was gone, I found out what the problem was with the satellite. A crater had hit the camera that takes the photos.

When Lola got back I was busy talking to the Space Station and asking them how we should fix the problem. "Just replace the camera with a new one," they told me. Lola and I fixed it very quickly, so we were ready to go back to Earth in an hour. I told the people back at the Space Station that we had fixed the camera and were ready to come back to Earth. "Five, four, three, two, one, blast off," Lola and I said together. On the way back something terrible happened. Lola and I were both running out of oxygen. "Lola, what do we do?" I said nervously. "I don't know," she replied. "You go check the back of the spaceship." I went to check the back of the spaceship and found an oxygen container. I went back to Lola who was still driving the spaceship. "Lola, there is only one oxygen container," I said. "You use it and drive the ship, you are too young to die," she said. "But I can't just let you die," I said. "Don't worry," Lola told me. "Are you sure," I asked her. "I'm sure," she said. I took over the driving and Lola sat in my seat. Every minute I looked at her and saw her slowly growing weaker and weaker. "Hang in there," I said. "I'm going to turn the speed higher so we might just have a chance of getting home in time to save you." But we were too late. By the time we got home she had passed away. "She's gone," I told the boss at the space station. I was in tears because she had given up her life to save me. I was so grateful for that.

I had now become an astronaut and I was in charge of the missions. I'll never forget what Lola did to help me.

Laura van Tonder

A snippet from my IMAGINARY LAND

The only animals in Soccer Land live in the mountains and the sea but sometimes they venture into the village. The people then tame these animals and keep them as pets. Some people even have pet fish from the ocean. The biggest source of vegetation on Soccer Land is the Great Grasslands. With over seven hundred different types of grass, even more trees, flowers, carrots, potatoes and much, much more. Sometimes the mountains get snowed on and when they do the Soccernites rely heavily on the grasslands.

Brunton Bigalke

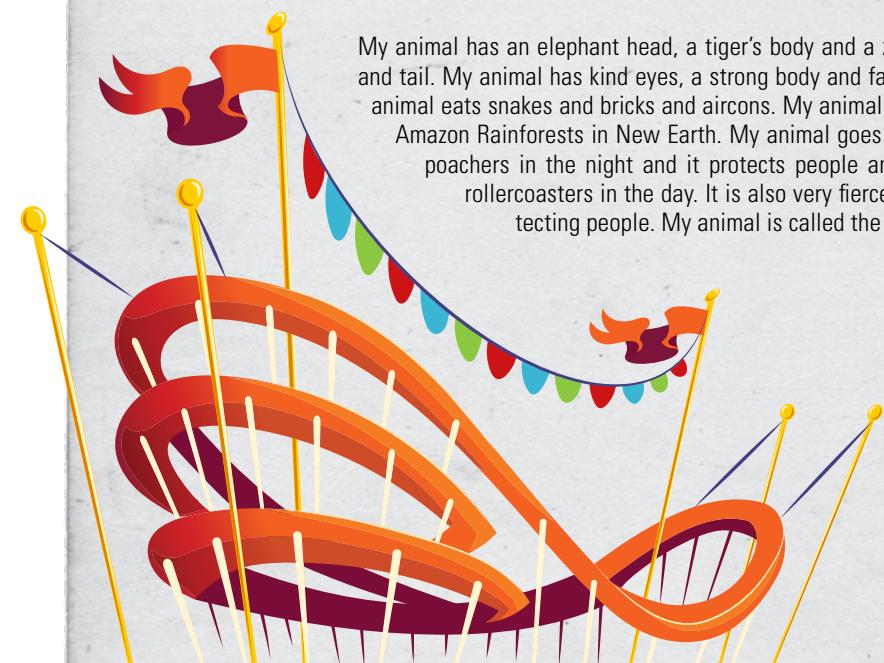
Candians are Troll-like creatures with sparkly and glittery skin. They have beautiful rainbow hair. Candians are kind and generous people. They are petite creatures. Candians love candy and every single Candian has a secret stash of candy. They all live at peace with each other. They are very happy and bouncy people. Their way of walking is skipping. They have very imaginative minds.

Meyka Chetty

The Sugerins live in Sugar Rush Valley with a small population of 3000 people. They have hair that ranges in all the greens and blues and it's spiky. They're short, muscular men with big feet and heads. They are intelligent and do not converse much. They provide for themselves. Their favourite food is chocolate squirrels. They wear red, blue, green or yellow t-shirts and purple, all made from unicorn skin.

Greg Chatterton

My Imaginary Animal... THE TIELEBRA



My animal has an elephant head, a tiger's body and a zebra's legs and tail. My animal has kind eyes, a strong body and fast legs. My animal eats snakes and bricks and aircons. My animal lives in the Amazon Rainforests in New Earth. My animal goes hunting for poachers in the night and it protects people and plays on rollercoasters in the day. It is also very fierce when protecting people. My animal is called the Tielebra.

Amber Allen

STELWERK

Dit is Ek

My naam is James en my van is Harrison en ek is 'n slim en sterk seun. Ek het kort bruin hare en pragtige blou oë. Op my tweede verjaarsdag het ek 'n Thomas die trein verjaarsdag partytjie gehad. My troeteldiere is twee katte en hulle name is Tigger en Socks. By die skool speel ek hokkie en by die huis speel ek skaak. My gunsteling stokperdjies is lees en Lego speel.

JAMES HARRISON

My naam is Levi en my van is Wynne en ek is 'n sterk en groot seun. Ek het kort bruin hare en pragtige blou oë. Ek is nege jaar oud en my verjaarsdag is op die 26ste Oktober. My troeteldiere is 'n hond en 'n kat. Hulle name is Elvis en Wynne. By die skool en by die huis doen ek rotsklim en muurbal. My gunsteling stokperdjies is rekenaar speletjies speel en video insetsels kyk.

LEVI WYNNE

My naam is Tahyesh en my van is Naicker en ek is 'n sterk en slim seun. Ek het kort swart hare en pragtige donker bruin oë. Op my vierde verjaarsdag het ek 'n maanmannetjie tema partytjie gehad. In my familie is daar my ma, pa en sussie. By die skool en by die huis speel ek graag sokker, rugby en krieket. My gunsteling stokperdjies is rekenaar speletjies speel en video insetsels kyk.

TAHYESH NAICKER

MY HUIS

My huis is baie groot. Dit het 'n bruin dak en veertien vertrekke. Ek maak ontbyt en ons eet by die tafel in die kombuis. In die aand stort ek en gaan slaap. In die kombuis maak ek lekker kos. In my slaapkamer het ek 'n stapelbed en ek slaap heelik elke nag. Ons eet graag in die eetkamer.

Tristan White

My huis is baie groot. Dit het 'n groot lekker warm vuurmaakplek. In die oggend kyk ek hoe die son opkom. In die aand speel ek sokker saam met my pa. In die kombuis maak ek lekker peuselhappies. In my slaapkamer het ek 'n Justin Bieber plakkaat op die muur. Ons eet graag in die eetkamer.

Simone Cairns

My huis is baie mooi. Dit het 'n rooi dak en ag vertrekke. Ek slaap in my lekker warm bed wanneer my ma dit wakker maak. In die aand eet ek aandete in die kombuis en ek maak ook lekker kos in die kombuis. In my slaapkamer het ek enkel beddens en ek slaap heelik elke nag. Ons eet ook graag in die eetkamer.

Henna Ngubo

My huis is baie groot. Dit het 'n rooi-bruin dak en elf vertrekke. Elke oggend speel ek op my tablet in my bed. In die aand kyk ek TV voor ek gaan slaap. In die kombuis soek ek vir kos in die kas. In my slaapkamer het ek 'n enkel bed en ek slaap heelik elke nag. Ons eet graag in die eetkamer.

Aidan Conradie

In die Tuin

Ek het 'n baie mooi tuin vol plante, blomme, bome en gras. In my tuin hou ek daarvan om bal te speel. Die Somer is baie warm en ek geniet die fontein in my tuin. Die bye en skoenlappers vlieg heelik in die koel lug. My pa speel graag met die hond in die tuin. Ek het 'n vlermuis in my tuin.

Ella Krautz

Ek het 'n baie mooi tuin vol bome en bosse. In my tuin hou ek daarvan om op die swaai te speel. Die Somer is baie warm en ek geniet ons swembad. Die voëls vlieg heelik in die koel lug. My ma lees graag op die bankie in die tuin. Ek het 'n baie lang tuin paadjie waar langs ons loop.

Elisabeth du Buisson

Ek het 'n baie mooi tuin vol blomme, plante en bosse. In my tuin hou ek daarvan om op die swaai te speel. Die Somer is baie warm en ek geniet die swembad en tuinslang in my tuin. Die voëls en skoenlappers vlieg heelik in die koel lug. My ma speel graag met ons hond in die tuin. Ek speel speletjies en het 'n rissietuin in my tuin.

Rachel Montague



GR. 4 OUTING

Roselands

The Grade 4's went to Roselands for a two night sleepover at the end of September. Some of the children were very nervous to leave home, but soon lost their trepidation once they began their fun filled learning experience. Their time at Roselands was filled with activities such as a truck ride, a hike to a beautiful waterfall, a foofy slide, canoeing, a very muddy obstacle course and milking a cow.

They learnt a lot about the endangered blue swallow which has its home in the grasslands at Roselands, the Khoisan people and indigenous and alien trees. They returned home bursting with stories to tell and songs to sing.

Kathryn du Plessis





GRADE 5L

1st Row [L-R]: P. Nkosi; E. Kure;
B. Steenkamp; Mr R. Lang; J. Kelly;
R. Mazery; R. Hofmann.

2nd Row: K. Naidoo; V. Kapnias;
G. Buchholz; G. Müller;
J. Jooste; A. Shiba.

3rd Row: A. Manci; K. Haug; T. Cheary;
G. Njilo; N. Smith; M. Buchan.

Back Row: T. Holmes; A. Serfontein;
C. Valentine; B. Doran;
A. Cason; B. Ireland.
ABSENT: R. Dedekind



GRADE 5M

1st Row [L-R]: J. Reed; D. Leighton;
Mrs T. Meikle; R. Browning;
Mr D. Smith; D. Deeble; A. Jackson.

2nd Row: M. de Freitas; J. Alexander;
B. Hoogerheijde; K. Wilhelm;
Y. Sibisi; S. Ngocongo.

3rd Row: D. Watson; L. Lee; Z. Bratos;
D. Oberholzer; E. MacDougall;
S. Smith; J. du Buisson.

4th Row: E. Roome; K. Ganesh;
I. Chetty; Q. Madlala;
T. Brien; L. Ndokewni.



GRADE 5VL

1st Row [L-R]: S. Dedekind; M. Bonsor;
C. McMurray; Mrs L. van Laren; T. Muir;
M. Folkes; A. Chetty.

2nd Row: J. Bass; J. Ramlakan; I. Cahill;
J. Tozer; S. Fernandes; T. Mngomezulu.

3rd Row: M. Jolly; K. Human;
J. Trotter; B. van der Walt.

4th Row: S. Goble; A. Mbonambi;
A. Gray; H. Gildenhuys;
J. Erasmus; J. Bezuidenhout.

LIMERICKS

THE DOG AND THE FROG

There once was a dog and a frog;
Don't forget the unmentioned hog,
While the hog ate some rice,
Dog and the frog weren't nice –
They hid from the hog in the log.

Damian Watson and Phila Nkosi



THE MAN FROM AUSTRALIA

There was a man from Australia,
Who absolutely hated failure,
He woke up at night
And saw an odd sight
He was in the land of Narnia!

Taylor Muir and Ashley Serfontein

THE LLAMAS

There once was a troop of Llamas,
Who went to live in the Bahamas.
They jumped out of a plane,
As they were all insane –
Landing on a pile of pyjamas!

Ben van der Walt

GRADE 5

Grade 5 is by far the best –
In grade five we never rest!
But don't be fooled,
We love our school
And we always pass the test!

*Keziah Haug, Rachel Dedekind,
& Naomi Smith*

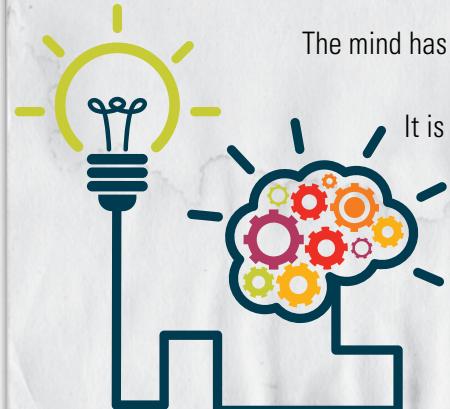


THE MIND

The mind has the power to break or to build,
It feels pride and it feels guilt,
It is stronger than a thousand men,
But some minds worry too
much about the trends,
Instead of family and friends.

The Mind

Jessica Kelly



CINQUAIN POEMS

MOM

Kind, helpful,
Loving, caring, cooking.
My thoughtful but strict Mom
Parent.

Bethany Steenkamp

HELEN

Hard working, caring,
Nurturing, encouraging, helping –
The best mother a child could have...
Mom!

Ethan Roome

BISCUIT

crunchy, sweet –
eating, chewing, tasting,
sweet surprise inside.
Choc-chip cookie!

Yandiswa Sibisi & Jenna Alexander

PEAKS

High, exciting,
Walking, sightseeing, camping.
Hiking for a while –
Mountains.

Travis Holmes

CRICKET

Sport –
Fun, fitness,
Bowling, batting, fielding...
Put your pads on –
Cricket!

Hugo Gildenhuys & Matthew Folkes

DAD

Humorous, cool,
Encouraging, hugging, caring,
The best dad in the world!

Adrian

Anais Smith

FAST FOOD

Delicious, hot
Slicing, eating, fattening –
Dough with toppings...
Pizza!

Cameron Valentine

Sweets from Heaven

With their faces pushing against the glass window, the children peered into their favourite sweet shop. The boys glanced at all the colourful oceans of sweets. It was almost as if they were sweet geysers with colourful lollipops to sugar coated sweets, to frosty mint flavoured gumdrops. They began to breathe heavily and their mouths watered. Suddenly they felt their hands pushing against the glass door and then the bell rang. The smell was magnificent with so many unique and delicious scents from all the aisles. A small man with coloured clothes said they could have anything and enjoy themselves. Before they knew it the boys were grabbing as much as possible like creamy fudge and gumballs with hard succulent shells and soft tasty insides. With their pocket money, the boys purchased their items and started to eat. Their taste buds began to burst and went on an extraordinary ride. Fruity lollipops with so many colours and soft chocolate which started to disappear faster and faster. To them it was like rainbow eruptions with all the tastes and was jaw breaking good. In a few minutes they were done and had to exit the shop. Sad and upset, but full, the boys walked home longing to go back to the sweet shop.

Ryan Browning



Candy Lane

With their faces pushing against the glass of their favourite sweet shop, the boys thought it was the dream, they pinched each other and they weren't dreaming. They found 10 pounds each in their pockets, they raced into the shop. As soon as they opened the door, they saw heaps of sweets, a mountain of chocolate and fudge. Suddenly there was a whiff of boiled sweets. A shopkeeper offered them some samples. When they tasted the sweets it felt like sugar geysers exploding in their mouths... the next sweet tasted like a chocolate volcano erupting! Sweets were wrapped in ribbons and boxed in boxes of multiple colours. Each of them bought creamy, bubbly and sugary flavoured chocolate. As they left, they longed for the next day so they could eat their chocolate.

Kiara Ganesh



Izindaba

NGIYABHAKA EKHISHINI:

Igama lami nguJordan. Ngibhaka amabhisikidi ekhishini. Ngithenga ufulawa noshukela namaqanda nobisi. Ngichitha ubisi etafuleni. Ngisula ubisi ngemfaduko. Ngigeza izindla. Ngihlanganisa ufulawa, ushukela, amaqanda nobisi. Ngifaka esitofini 2Hr. Ngibeka amabhisikidi epuletini. Ngidla amabhisikidi bese ngigeza ipleti. Ngipakisha ipuleti ekhabetheni.

Kubhale uJordan Bezuidenhout

ISIKOLE SAMI:

Igama lami nguJemma. Ngihlala eBothas Hill. Ngifunda eThomas More College. Esikoleni ngingena ngo7:30 bese ngiphuma ngo1:55. Uthisha wami nguNkosikazi van Laren. Umngane wami nguKiara noJess noTaylor. Esikoleni ngifunda uMlando noMcculo neziBaloneSayensi nesiBhunu nesiZulu nesiNgisi. Ngithanda ukufunda uMcculo neziBalo noMlando. Uthisha wesiZulu nguNkosazane Mbili. Unkosikazi van Laren ufundisa iziBalo nesiNgisi noMlando neSayensi. Uthisha wesiBhunu nguNkosikazi Barnard. Uthisha womculo nguMnumzane Ganassen. Ngekhefu ngidla i-lunch futhi ngiyadlala. Ekuseni ngidla i-breakfast. Ntambama ngiya ekhaya. Ekhaya ngibhala i-homework. Ebusuku ngifunda ibhuku. Ngilala ngo19:30.

Kubhale uJemma Ramlakan

EKHISHINI:

Ubaba usebenza ekhishini. UBryan usiza ubaba ekhishini. UBryan ushanela phansi futhi uwecwa ukherothi. Ubaba uyajabula ngoba uBryan usebenza kahle. Ubaba uthi uBryan udlala ngeComputer yakhe. UBryan untshontsha uR20, 00 uthenga amaswidi esitolo. Ubaba ushaya uBryan. UBryan uthi "Ngiyaxolisa baba ngeke ngiphinde". Ubaba uthi "Bryan uyaganga. UBryan ulambil udlala ukherothi namazambane nerayisi.

Kubhale uBryan Ireland

ESITOLO

Umama uya esitolo namhlanje uyothenga isinkwa noshukela. Uzobuya ekhaya ngo-12 emini. Mina nobhuti wami nobaba sizodlala ibhola engadini. Uma umama ebuya sidla ilunch. Uma siqeda ilunch sizodlala ithenisi nomngane wami eTennis Court. Umngane wami uhlala eHillcrest kanti mina ngihlala eWestville. Sidlala iTennis eKloof. Uma siqedile ukndlala ithenisi siphindela emakhaya. Uma ngifika ekhaya umama uyapheka esitofini kodwa ubaba ubuka amaNews kuTV. Ubhuti wami udlala ngamathoyizi akhe. Uma umama eseqedile ukupheka, uyaphaka sidle. Ngibuka iTV emva kokudla bese ngiyola ngo-8.

Kubhale uGosiame Njilo



Egyptian Events

The day after the Egyptian Evening the children were involved in a day of fun with Egyptian-themed activities. The children enjoyed the Egyptian art, sport (including the Mummy Race) and designing various edible pyramids using biscuits, marshmallows and icing. The highlight for the children was eating their marvellous pyramid constructions at the end of the day!

Rogan Lang

OP DIE PLAAS

Die pienk vark rol in die sagte modder onder die boom. Die bruin plaashuis word elke jaar versigtig skoongemaak. Die voëlverskrikker hou die kraaie weg van die koring in die veld. Die eendjies swem in die oggend in die blou dammetjie en die skape wei in die aand in die veld en eet die lekker groen gras. Die bruin perd stap in die middag verveeld rond in sy stalletjie.

Hugo Gildenhuys

Die rooi grassnyer sny elke dag die groen gras by die dammetjie. In die groot skuur eet die wit perd elke dag die hooi. Die ronde hooiballe is in die veld en wag vir die boer om dit met die trekker optotel. Die bruin en wit koei verskaf elke dag aan ons melk. Die mielies staan hoog in die veld en dit word elke oggend in klein stukkies gesny vir die koeie.

Brayden Doran

Die klein, bruin skapie staan elke dag langs die skuur met die mooi, rooi dak. Die groot, pienk vark rol in die modder langs die gras en blomme en word lekker vuil. Die swart en wit koei en die groot, bruin perd vreet elke dag die lekker geel hooi in die stal. Die mooi oranje sonsondergang is pragtig oor die graanveld. Die groot, groen trekker versamel die hooi van die veld vir die diere om dit te vreet en die boervrou pluk pragtige blomme vir die sterk boer.

Ashtyn Cason



GR. 5 OUTING

Twinstreams

The Grade 5 outing to Twinstreams was a successful trip enjoyed by each child. All the children made the most of each activity and new friendships were made.

Rogan Lang

TWINSTREAMS

Twinstreams was buckets of fun! There was so much to see and do! There is a beach, that is so beautiful you can walk for kilometres along it (as we did) and not get bored. We got covered in mud and learnt about our massive footprint on the planet. If you are tired of your normal, everyday life and want to re-connect with nature, then Twinstreams it is.

*Twinstreams –
Fun, beautiful –
Swimming, canoeing, learning,
re-connecting with nature.
Indigenous Forest.*

JESSICA KELLY



DIE PARTYJIE

Op my partytjie was ek nege jaar oud. Dit was 'n groot partytjie. By my partytjie was daar 'n glybaan en 'n lekker groot tafel vol eetgoed. Daar was oranje Fanta koeldrank, koek, suurwurms en water. Ek het baie geskenke gekry en daar was ook baie balonne. My beste geskenk het ek by my ouers gekry. Dit was 'n fiets! Dit was blou en pers en baie pragtig. Ek het die beste negende verjaarsdagkoek in die wereld gehad. Dit was pienk, rooi en blou. Dit was 'n sjokolade koek.

Izabella Chetty

Op my partytjie het ek tien jaar oud geword. Ek het 'n swempartytjie gehad by die waterglybaan in Gateway. My koek op my verjaarsdag was 'n roomyskoek. Ek het baie presente op my partytjie gekry maar my gunsteling was 'n hemp. Daar was baie om te eet en te drink, my gunsteling was die skyfies. My roomyskoek was in die vorm van 'n madeliefie blommetjie en dit was baie mooi.

Caitlin McMurray

Op my partytjie was ek vyf jaar oud. Dit was my verjaarsdag. Die tema van my partytjie was 'n Thomas die trein party en daarom het ek 'n Thomas die trein koek gehad. Op my partytjie was daar 'n springkasteel en dit was baie pret. Daar was ook skyfies en baie lekkers om te eet. Die Thomas die trein pinjata was my gunsteling.

Matthew Bonsor

Dit is ek

My naam is Zoë en my van is Bratos. Ek is tien jaar oud en my verjaarsdag is op die vyftiende Desember. Ek hou van hondjies, krimpvarkies, varkies en baba eenhorings. My gunsteling stokperdjie is om te sing, marimbas en blokfluit te speel en ek hou ook daarvan om netbal en sokker te speel. Ek het 'n borrelende en kreatiewe persoonlikheid en ek is 'n baie vriendelike persoon. My gunsteling kleure is pers, blou en pienk. Ek voel vry wanneer ek in die wind hardloop. My familie is my ma, pa, my broer en ek. My ma het lang, bruin hare, my pa het kort, swart hare, my broer het kort, bruin hare en ek het lang, blonde hare.

ZOË BRATOS

My naam is Dayna en my van is Deeble en ek is 'n pragtige meisie. My verjaarsdag is op die vyftiende Mei en ek is tien jaar oud. Ek het 'n liefdevolle broer en 'n gawe ma en pa. My gunsteling stokperdjie is musiek. Ek hou van ballet, gimnastiek, swem, hokkie, waterpolo en skool. Ek hou nie van sampioene en blomkool nie. Ek het baie vriende en vriendinne.

DAYNA BEEBLE

Ek is tien jaar oud en my naam is Izabella en my van is Cahí. My verjaarsdag is op die sewentiende Oktober. Ek hou van Jesus, my familie, my vriendinne, honde en vrugte. Ek hou nie daarvan om te swim nie en ek hou ook nie van groente nie. Ek het een broer en een suster. Ek het ook twee niggies en nefies. Ek het vyf troeteldiere wat twee honde en drie katte insluit. My gunsteling stokperdjies is om te sing en te dans. Ek is ook baie lief vir kuns. Vakansies by die see is ook baie lekker saam met die hele familie.

ISABELLA CAHÍ



GRADE 6F

1st Row [L-R]: S. Renard; S. Munian; J. Curtis; Mrs V. Fuhri; A. Lutz; N. Shezi; B. James.
 2nd Row: J. Staples; J. Linnett; E. Swanson; S. Bekker; R. Ronald; T. Mthethwa; L. Evans; E. Haug.
 3rd Row: S. Mdladla; B. Dunbar; J. Job; E. Simpkins; M. Williams; D. Chetty; D. Naidoo.
 4th Row: D. Thomas; K. Brand; D. Bell; K. Paul; R. Swanepoel; S. Schmitz.



GRADE 6M

1st Row [L-R]: N. Butler; M. Reinecke; Mrs B. McCready; G. Youldon; Mr J. McGarry; T. Steyn; D. Carey.
 2nd Row: D. Penny; R. Govender; J. McKenzie; E. Ferreira; T. Wright; R. Owens
 3rd Row: B. Shepstane; D. Maclean; M. Loxley; N. Mthethwa; S. Wilhelm; L. Theunissen.
 4th Row: T. Naicker; K. Hutcheson; R. Easson; J. Lang; A. Fenner; K. Pearson.
 5th Row: N. Launsbach; J. Goussard; Z. Dumakude; C. Peixoto.



GRADE 6J

1st Row [L-R]: J. Griffin; M. Brimelow; Mr J. McGarry; G. Carson; Ms C. Jooste; M. Olejniczak; A. Hewitt.
 2nd Row: E. Harris; E. Simon; S. De Moor; A. Maritz; S. Naidoo; E. McCormick.
 3rd Row: J. Daniel; K. Mashiloane; O. Thompson; U. Maphumulo; K. Balarin; N. Bratos; J. Christie.
 4th Row: J. Smith; L. Bartlett; C. Hornby; C. Millichip; Z. Mseleku; J. Verburg.
 5th Row: G. Roets; C. Krumhoff; C. Cadle; J. Cleland.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL POEMS

COURTNEY

Calm, clever, creative, curious.

I feel like a butterfly- free, unique and inquisitive.
People see me as quiet, but I am fun and talkative.

I live for cold ice tea, my friends and milk chocolate.
Someday I hope I will be an accomplished piano player,
playing enjoyable music,
but until then, I will just be
Me.

Courtney Cadle

NIKOLAOS

Helpful, happy, hearty, honest
Lover of food, sport, and school.

I feel like a lion – vicious, powerful and strong.
People see me as humourous, but I am exuberant and appreciative
I live to play tennis and love family
Someday, I hope to help the world become a better place,
But until then, I will just be
Myself.

Nikolaos Bratos

SHANNON

Fun, free, friendly, funny,
Lover of animals, hockey, and horse riding.

I feel like a light – glowing bright in everyone's lives.
People see me as calm, but I am crazy with my friends.
I live for horses, fun, family and loving friends.
Someday, I hope to make the world a better place,
But until then, I will just be
I, myself and me.

Shannon Wilhelm

THE UNTALENTED NO.10



The rugby player
Whispered a prayer
Before he kicked for poles.
He took a step to the right,
Then his face went white
As he stepped into a hole.
He struck the ball –
Then began to fall.
As he had feared
The ball had veered
Right past the left pole...
And no-one had cheered!

Ethan McCormick & Kgaogelo Mashiloane

CREATIVE Writing



THE OLD MAN AT THE PARK

The ex-sergeant stared thoughtfully into space. His dark eyes sparkled like a starry night sky and showed he had seen things many people wish not to see. His eyebrows, bushy caterpillars perched atop his face, rustled in the early morning breeze. A dark green shirt, washed and ironed neatly, covered his pale, old skin which was wrinkled from age. He wore striped pants, tucked into his black socks that were pulled up to the middle of his shins. Mr Corey paced across the field, a walk of military precision while his thin arms were tucked behind his arching back. His false teeth grinned and shone brightly against the sun.

Checkerboard shoes protected the old man's weak feet and although there was not much of it, his grey hair was combed meticulously downwards, not a single hair out of place. His long chin pointed at the floor like the hand of a clock. Reaching deeply into his pocket, he pulled out his ancient brick phone and dialled for someone to pick him up.

Luke Bartlett

GIRLS

Our favourite thing is pearls.
We love to wear our hair in curls.

We enjoy to pet cats,
Some of us wear flats.

We love sports –
Some of us play on tennis courts
Our eyes
Can be our best disguise!

Olivia Thompson
& Jessica Job



GR. 6 OUTING Camp Drakensville

The Grade 6 class of 2017 headed to Drakensville, a few kilometres outside Bergville, for an unforgettable experience.

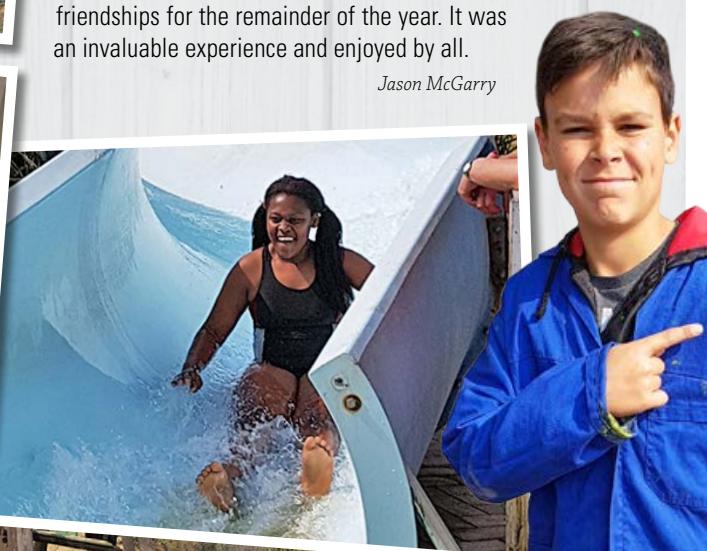
On arrival, we were introduced to the camp instructors and were led to the slip and slide and pool for a quick swim, after the lengthy bus trip to our destination.

The children were then split into their groups for some interactive team building activities. The groups were led to an exciting "Go Green" tour and a tough obstacle course. With the air full of excitement the first night was a rather late one.

The following day the groups were in for a full day in the sun. The instructors kept the children busy with exciting paintball matches and a quick "zip" across the dam on a zip line. During the afternoon the groups tried their hands at raft building. On the last evening great fun was had by all as after-dinner entertainment was "Stalking the Lantern" in the nearby field.

The Grade 6 trip ended with a wholesome breakfast and dorm inspection, ready for the trip back home. Children returned to school with focused attitudes and well bonded friendships for the remainder of the year. It was an invaluable experience and enjoyed by all.

Jason McGarry



A FEW SNIPPETS FROM THE CHILDREN REGARDING THE TRIP.

Drakensville was well worth the money because it is fun to see the resort and the activities require teamwork or teach you something.

Joshua Linnet

I did conquer some fears such as when we played 'Stalk the Lantern'. I did not make any new friends but became a lot closer to my good friends.

Alex Lütz

The dorms were big and nice and met my expectations.

Saskia Munian

There was lots of space in the chalets and the food was tasty.

Luke Evans

The transport was safe and comfortable.

Dayith Naidoo

I think the trip was very worthwhile.

I have benefitted in every way.

I have conquered my fears.

Demi-Leigh Bell

Izindaba

EPULAZINI:

Siyajabula uma sivakashela epulazini. Ekuseni sinisela izimbali notshani ngethumbu lokunisela. Sitshala ukherothi nobhontshisi nobhanana nophayinaphu. Epulazini sihamba ngebhakhi nogandaganda. Ubaba usika utshani ngomshini. Emini siyobheka zonke izilwane, nezinkukhu nezinkomo nezingulube. Izinkomo zihlala esibayeni. Sithola amaqanda nobisi kanye nenyama yengulube. Ntambama sida isidlo sakusihlwa, ngideka itafula. Ebusuku shiso imithandazo yethu bese siyalala.

Kubhale uLiam Theunissen

NGITHANDA UMNDENI WAMI:

Nginomndeni omkhulu. Umfowethu uneminyaka engu-15. Umfowethu mude futhi uthanda imidlalo. Umama wami uthanda ukwenza umsebenzi wezandla njengokudweba. Ubaba uthanda ukubuka iRabhi futhi adlale nezinja zethu. Mina ngithanda umsebenzi wezandla njengokudweba, ukudansa nokudlala iNetball kodwa ngithanda kakhulu ukukhuluma nabangane bami futhi ngichitha isikhathi nomndeni wami.

Ngithanda nesikole. Esikoleni ngithanda isiZulu noMculo neziBalo. NgoLwesibili ngifunda isiZulu eklasini. UNkosazane Mbili ufundisa isiZulu. Ngithanda umndeni wami nothisha bami.

Kubhale uDarian Maclean

NGOMQIBELO SAYA OLWANDLE:

NgoMqibelo ngahamba ngaya ebhishi nomfowethu nodadewethu. Kwakumandi kakhulu ngoba saya ukuyobhukuda olwandle isikhathi eside. Emva kokubhukuda sahamba sayothenga ukudla ngoba sasesilambile. Emva kokuqeda ukudla udadewethu wasithengela u-icecream, uyazi vele ukuthi ngiyawuthanda kakhulu u-icecream. Sasuka lapho sahamba saya e-UShaka Marine World sayobona izinhlobonhlobo zezinhlanzi. Sabona izinhlanzi ezinkulu nezincane. Sabona noShaka abasabisayo.

Usuku IwangoMqibelo Iwalumnandi kakhulu. Ntambama sabuyela ekhaya sikhathethele.

Kubhale uZama Dumakude

IMOTO KABABA WAMI ENTSHA:

Sisendleleni ukuyothola imoto kababa entsha. Saphuma emotweni kababa endala ngayiqabula ngathi "Usale Kahle". Sagijima sange-na phakathi sabuka imoto entsha sijabulile. Nansiya imoto encane esheshayo ephuzi. Ngayithanda, ngokukhulu ukushesha ngase ngiyqamba igama elithi "MAYA THE BEE".

Ngayivila izicabha ngifuna ukuzwa ngamakhala ami iphunga lemoto entsha. Ubaba wayesayogcwalisia imininingwane, waqedo sange-na emotweni entsha ubaba wayishayela ngokushesha emgwageni. Sasijabuke kakhulu. Ngiyazi sisazoba nesikhathi esimnandi ne "MAYA THE BEE"

Kubhale uDemi-Lee Penny

Stelwerk



MY GUNSTELING Wilde Dier

'n Luidier (sloth) is 'n baie stادige dier. Dit is baie harerig en dit woon in die reënwoerd. Dit kan ook baie goed boomklim. Luidiere eet vrugte en plante en hulle is soogdiere. Dit kan ook swem en lyk so bietjie soos 'n aap. Ek hou van 'n luidier.

Rylie Owens

'n Olifant is baie groot. Die olifant het groot ore en 'n lang slurp. Die Olifant is grys. 'n Olifant se gunsteling kos is blare en gras. 'n Olifant is 'n berbivoor. 'n Olifant is hardwerkend en hulle gebruik echo geluide om met mekaar te praat. 'n Olifant is baie beskermend teenoor haar baba.

Karissa Paul

Ek hou van die kameelperd. Wanneer ons na die wildtuin gaan sien ek altyd die kameelperd eerste. Ek weet hulle eet blare en hulle het 'n lang tong. Ek hou van die kleure van die kameelperd. Dit is baie mooi. Hulle nekke is ook baie lank. 'n Kameelperd kan ons nie byt nie.

Simei Bekker

GROMIT DIE HOND

Eendag was daar 'n hond en sy naam was Gromit. Hy was die koning se gunsteling hond, maar eendag kry die koning 'n nuwe hond. Sy naam was Spike. Die hond was 'n groot, nare hond en gou was hy die koning se gunsteling hond. Eendag het Spike vir Gromit gebyt en Gromit was baie ongelukkig. Hy was ook hartseer dat Spike nou die koning se gunsteling hond is. As Gromit probeer om by die koning te slaap, stoot Spike vir Gromit van die bed af. Op 'n dag val die koning se kleindogter in die swembad. Niemand kon haar red nie. Skielik spring Gromit in die swembad en red die koning se kleindogter. Daarna was Gromit weer die koning se gunsteling hond.

Torin Wright

DIE KONING SE HOND

Eendag lank, lank gelede was daar 'n hond en die hond se naam was Buddy. Hy was die koning se hond. Hy het net die beste kos geëet. Eendag vra Buddy die koning om 'n entjie te gaan stap. Die koning stem in en hulle val in die pad. Terwyl hulle stap sien Buddy 'n kat en jaag agter die kat aan. Die kat spring oor die muur en Buddy sien 'n man verbykom. Hy kruip weg agter 'n grapsel, maar die man sien home n tel hom op. Die man neem Buddy na sy huis toe en daar bly Buddy vir baie, baie jare. Hy het 'n lekker lewe. Hy word op Maandae sushi gevoer en Dinsdae hoender en vir die res van die week kry hy kattekos.

Eendag gaan die koning weer 'n entjie stap en sien 'n hond wat net soos Buddy lyk. Die koning herken Buddy en Buddy is baie bly om die koning te sien. Die man gee Buddy terug aan die koning en hulle gaan elke dag vir 'n stappie en hulle lewe lank en gelukkig saam.

Jethro McKenzie



SPROKIE

HOE DIE VERKEURMANNETJIE SY KLEURE GEKRY HET

Eendag was daar 'n verkleumannetjie. Verkleumannetjie was jaloers op almal, want hy was net een kleur. Hy was swart. Elke dag was hy deur Pou geterg. Jy is baie lelik! Ek is baie mooier as jy! het Pou gesê. Eendag was daar 'n reënboog en al die diere het gesê hoe mooi en vol kleure dit was. Ek wil ook mooi kleure soos die reënboog hê. Al die diere het gedink dat hy mal was. Verkleumannetjie het nie vir hulle geluister nie. Hy het die einde van die reënboog gevind en daaraan geraak!

Aidan Hewitt

DIE TWEE GESIG SEBRA

"Die koning gee oorheersing oor", Sé die apie vir al die wilde diere, "en hy hou Maandag middag onderhoude!" Om twaalfuur is almal baie opgewonde. Meneer Skilpad sé: "Ek sal die werk kry, want ek is slim!" "Almal weet hy het 'n woedende humeur." Die olifant sé: "Nee, ek sal die werk kry, want ek is sterk en ek kan goed baklei." Maar op die kant van die savannah dink Meneer Sebra aan 'n plan vir sy onderhoud. Uiteindelik kom Maandag aan. Almal staan buite die koning se huis om twaalfuur. Dit het lank geneem vir elke onderhoud om plaas te vind, maar uiteindelik was dit sebra se beurt. Sebra sé vir die koning: "My koning ek is diep vereer om weer vir jou te sien. Ek dink ek moet koning wees, want ek het twee gesigte. My swart strepe simboliseer krag teen my vyande, en my wit strepe simboliseer vriendelikheid teenoor my koninkryk." "Dankie sebra ek sal more die resultate blootstel" sé die koning. Die volgende more kom die resultate uit. Sebra met sy twee gesigte het gewen!

Kaelah Balarin

MY TROETELDIER

My hond se naam is Brodie. Hy slap op my bed onder die warm kombers. Hy is klein en hy kan baie vining hardloop. Hy is 'n dapper hond en hy blaaf vir die posman. Hy is 'n baie mooi worshond met 'n donkerbruin pels en bruin oë. Hy is 'n bietjie vet.

KEEGAN HUTCHESON

My kat is een jaar oud. Hy is wit en swart. Hy is dom en baie klein. Sy naam is Salvester. Hy is baie dapper en stout. Hy het lang hare. Hy het 'n lang stert. Hy is baie bang!

JASMINE CURTIS

My troeteldier se naam is Charlie. Hy is 'n klein en vet hondjie. Hy slaap elke nag in sy bedjie. Hy is grys en bruin en het bruin oë en 'n swart neus. Hy eet elke dag kos en drink water. Hy huil as hy kos wil hê. Hy is die beste hond in die wêreld.

MACKENZIE LOXLEY

Ek het sewe troeteldiere. Ek het twee honde; vier chinchillas en een bebaarde draak. Ek sal oor een van my honde Shikira praat. Sy is 'n meisie hond en sy is 'n groot hond. Sy het wit en swart sproete. Sy slaap op haar bed in my huis. Shikira is 'n groot oulike hond.

KEAGAN BRAND

Ek het 'n baie oulike varkie en sy naam is Dustin, maar ons noem hom Dusty. Hy eet groente en gras en hy drink water. Warneer jy sy maag krap, val hy om. Hy slaap in 'n bed met 'n kombers. Ek is baie lief vir Dusty.

Hy is die beste troeteldier in die wêreld.

JORDEN GOUSSARD



GRADE 7



GRADE 7C

1st Row [L-R]: K. Black; G. Gamble;
Mr B. Thatcher; I. Terblanche;
Mr R. Conway; L. McDaniel; J. Rice.

2nd Row: L. Fuini; C. Morck; O. Zulu;
T. Harland; M. Fowler; M. Dlamini;
V. Nathoo; T. Motsoahae.

3rd Row: J. Robbins; J. Bamber;
M. Montague; E. Grobbelaar;
S. Simpson; M. Gray; S. Venton.

4th Row: B. Mhlanzi; T. Singh;
E. Balidis; E. Gelder; G. Essey; T. Sibisi.



GRADE 7M

1st Row [L-R]: J. Robertson; E. Hughes;
V. Neff; Mr M. Moolman; L. Gieseler;
K. Higgitt; T. Chetty.

2nd Row: J. Smith; D. Upton;
T. Gregson; N. Riddle; L. MacDonald;
L. Hofmann; C. Harris; J. van Tonder.

3rd Row: J. McAllister; A. Ahlschlager;
L. Riddle; M. de Chasteauneuf;
K. Heyns; J. Cheary.

4th Row: M. Fitzpatrick;
A. Bredenkamp; K. du Plessis;
L. Mackinnon; M. Kiggen;
S. Pryce Lewis



GRADE 7H

1st Row [L-R]: M. Scott; S. Pooley;
E. Fallett; Mrs E. Haynes; K. Nadauld;
K. Singh; G. Serfontein.

2nd Row: M. Hoogerheijde;
E. Cooke; C. Steenkamp; T. Reddy;
J. Daniel; U. Nathoo; G. Meyer.

3rd Row : T. Olivier; M. Wight;
C. Buchanan; V. Oberholzer;
J. Penny; Z. Lawrence.

4th Row: N. McDaniel; J. Bass;
J. Lilly; L. Barnes; M. Escreet;
S. Naidoo; L. Pather.

ACROSTIC POEMS

ZERO

James Daniel

He is a real stargazer

He has no brain power

Zero enjoys lurking behind people

He's mysterious and not very loquacious

X-RAY VISION

Jack Bamber

X-ray is extremely small in size

And is very unreliable sometimes

He has an annoying attitude

And has poor eyesight

TWITCH

Liam McKinnon

Twitching and itching,

Waiting for the right time to strike,

Investigating the motionless and unguarded vehicle.

In a blink of an eye, instinct

Takes over and as soon as you can say 'TWITCH'
he's in the driver's seat, hand on the
Clutch and into drive. This boy needs

Help

HECTOR

Micaela Wight

disheartened

quiet as a mouse

descendant of Madam Zeroni

neglected from his mother

Zero is his nickname

secretive to his friends

CULTURAL TOUR to Cape Town

Wednesday, 29 March finally dawned and an eager group of Gr. 7 pupils arrived bright and early at King Shaka Airport. After a pleasant flight, we landed at Cape Town International Airport where we were greeted with a beautiful day to embark on our exploring of Cape Town.

First up on the itinerary was the impressive Rhodes Memorial situated on the lower slopes of Devil's Peak. After a delicious lunch at the restaurant there, we jumped on board our luxury coach and headed for Table Mountain.

The trip up to the top in the cable car presented us with spectacular views over Cape Town; although some of us preferred the view of the inside of the cable car a whole lot more! Once on top of the mountain, we were fortunate to experience a rare afternoon of live music out in the open while taking in the breath-taking views. Once off the mountain, we headed across to Signal Hill so we could view Table Mountain from a different perspective and watch a few paragliders taking off from Signal Hill and gliding to the beaches below.

After a long but fun-filled day, we finally headed to the Breakwater Lodge, on the V & A Waterfront, to unpack and freshen up for dinner.

Our second day began with a wonderful buffet breakfast, followed by a trip to Robben Island. Our guide was very informative so we were able to really appreciate the experiences of Nelson Mandela when he was a prisoner there. From Robben Island we travelled across Cape Town to the beautiful farm of Groot Constantia, to learn all about one of the oldest wine farms in South Africa.

The third day was another jam-packed day. After a drive along Chapman's Peak Drive, we arrived at Boulders Beach for some close encounters with the



CAPE TOWN CULTURAL GROUP

1st Row [L-R]: Mrs L. Grant; V. Neff; Mrs V. Fuhri; C. Gamble; Mr R. Conway; M Escreet; Mrs E. Haynes.

2nd Row: J. van Tonder; K. Singh; J. Rice; E. Cook; G. Meyer; U. Nathoo; L. Hofmann; M. Scott.

3rd Row: G. Serfontein; V. Nathoo; L. Pather; S. Venton; T. Reddy; M. Dlamini; J. Daniel.

4th Row: C. Buchanan; J. Robbins; S. Naidoo; K. Nadauld; J. McAllister; T. Singh; J. Cheary; Z. Lawrence.

5th Row: A. Ahlschlager; E. Hughes; C. du Plessis; J. Bass.

African Penguins. Simons Town was our next stop where fresh seafood was on the menu. With full bellies, it was then time to walk off our lunch with a stroll through the tourist market where we learnt a bit about the art of bargaining as we perused the stalls. From there it was off to a rather misty Cape Point but a trip up to the lighthouse on a funicular railway made up for the poor view.

Day Four started with a fascinating visit to The Heart Museum at Groote Schuur Hospital where we had the opportunity to step into the operating theatres where Chris Barnard performed the first successful heart transplant. We had an opportunity to step further back in history when we moved on to visit the Castle of Good Hope. After watching and listening to the sounding of the midday canon, we headed to the Eastern Food Bazaar; what a wonderful array of aromas and flavours as we sampled the vast variety of different foods. As soon as lunch was done, it was off to the South African museum.

A visit to Cape Town wouldn't be complete without a stroll through the beautiful Kirstenbosch

Gardens. However, the tranquillity at the start of Day Five was soon replaced by many an adrenalin rush as we screamed our lungs out through the twists and turns of the Cobra at Rotanga Junction! What a day of real contrasts!

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end but a visit to Hout Bay was a special way to end a great trip. Due to recent fires which destroyed the homes of many in the informal settlement in the area, and Emergency Relief Centre had been set up on sports grounds in the centre of Hout Bay. The local councillor took us on a tour of the facility and explained how such a facility functioned and how the families were going to be helped in the future. Once this eye-opening experience came to an end, we handed over the second hand books and clothes we had brought with us in order to help in some small way.

Our trip back to the airport was filled with both the anticipation of seeing family again as well as a cheerful reflectiveness on the wide variety of experiences we had shared that week. A visit to Cape Town never disappoints!

Leanne Grant



ENTREPRENEUR WEEK

STELWERK – Italië



Wat is die hoofstad van Italië?
Italië se hoofstad is Rome.

Waar is Italië? Italië is in Europa. Dit is by die Mediterreense See. Die land grens aan Frankryk.

Wie is die president van Italië?
Sergio Mattarella is die president van Italië

Hoe lyk die vlag van Italië? Die vlag van Italië is groen, wit en rooi met strepe. Die groen verteenwoordig hoop en die heuwels en vlaktes. Die wit verteenwoordig geloof en die sneeu bedekte Alpe. Die rooi verteenwoordig die liefdadigheid en die bloed wat in Oorloë van Italiaanse Onafhanklikheid gesaai is.

Wat is die nasionale dier? Die wolf is die nasionale dier van Italië.

Wat is die nasionale plant/blom? Die Lily is die nasionale plant/blom.

Wat is die nasionale boom? Die nasionale boom is die Olive Oak boom.

Wat is die nasionale voël? Die nasionale voël is die Blue Bird

Wat is die nasionale vis? Italië het nie 'n nasionale vis nie.

WEER

Die meeste van Italië het 'n Middellandse See-tipe klimaat, wat koel, reënigerige winters en warm, droë somers het. Wintertemperature langs en naby die kus van Suid-Italië val selde af in die winter, en somer temperature kom dikwels tot 32°C of hoër.

In Rome, Julie is die warmste maand met 'n gemiddelde temperatuur van 26°C en die koudste is Januarie teen 8°C met die meeste daaglikses sonskyn ure om 11 in Julie. Die natste maand is Desember met 'n gemiddelde van 9mm/6mm reën

KOS

Italië is bekend vir sy pizza, kaas en pasta. Die nasionale geregt van Italië is pizza en Ragu alla Bolognese.

KOÖRDINATE VAN ITALIË 41.8719° N, 12.5674° E

TEGNIOLOGIE

Italië is: Europa se tweede grootste vervaardigingsekonomie, en die tuiste van sommige van die streek se mees omgewingsdoeltreffende vervaardigingsisteme.

THE DARKNESS

The darkness, it consumes every living thing that enters this dark place, the only animals who dare to live here are the grey and gullible hyenas.

For most animals, mainly elephants, this will be the last time they walk on this unforgiving world, but for others, this is a place to meet their itchy desire for danger. Unlike most entertainment ways, animals who dare to enter this horrid "entertainment park" require the utmost bravery, for what they might see might be shocking or a frightening. When they walk through my dry, dusty paths what they might find could be a little "bony." If they get chased by my dearest friends (the hyenas) a great way to go would be "the slide" as it helps with the noise, and it can help you get away quick and efficiently, but do be careful and hold on tight! A few "visitors" have wondered about the rumors of an elephant graveyard, but thought otherwise", "there are too many bones" one said. Another "visitor" thought if anyone lived here but she quickly put the thought to rest, "besides who would want to live here", she said.

Then suddenly a bright light shines in my eyes, I close them and blink, it was just a YouTube video!

Luke Riddle

THE EDGE

The sun was completely blotted out at the edge. I tried to look down, but all I could see was darkness. Amazingly, after a few minutes, I convinced myself to step down to investigate this eerie place. What I saw left me dumbfounded. There were the bones of what appeared to be elephants all over the ground. Pensively, I reflected on the myth of elephant graveyards, but the sheer amount of skeletons made me think otherwise. It was as if a poisonous cloud descended upon here a long time ago, killing all of the elephants. This place was literally, as dry as a bone, with the light brown soil cracked all the way through, unyielding at my attempts to loosen it with my foot. Only then did I realize that I was unable to hear my own foot stomping on the ground, almost as if the fog was blocking out all of the sound. Now scared, I went back to the ledge, hoisting myself back to safety.

Conall Steenkamp



SCIENCE EXPO





ZENITH Public speaking

An exciting Graduation took place on the evening of 13th March 2017. After a 7 week course of the Zenith Programme for Grade 7's held at Thomas More Senior Primary, 21 participants delivered their own individual speeches which varied with inspiring, entertaining, thought-provoking, informative, mature content. This, our 17th year of presenting this course at Thomas More realized a total of 349 candidates trained in Public Speaking since inception at TMC in 2001. The Graduates of 2017 were:

AMY AHLSCHLAGER	CHLOE BUCHANAN
GEORGIA ESSEY	MEGAN FOWLER
LUCY HOFMANN	MICHAEL KIGGEN
JOCELYN McALLISTER	LUKE Mc DANIEL
MANDY MONTAGUE	UMIKA NATHOO
JARRYD PENNY	SALLY-ANN POOLEY
JOHN ROBBINS	JULIA VAN TONDER
MADYSON ESCREET	NATHAN Mc DANIEL
CONNOR HARRIS	TAJJA OLIVIER
JESSICA LILLY	JAMIE RICE
SHAYDYN VENTON	

They excelled, both in the preparation of their material and the delivery thereof. There is no greater reward than seeing a young mind develop, grow and gain confidence and we are proud to be a part of such an achievement. My fellow presenter Tracey le Merle and I wish you all a bright future.

Our sincere thanks to Barbara Taljard, Gail Purdon, Roberta Ramasamy and Grade 7 teachers, for continuing to give us the opportunity to run the Zenith Programme in the Primary School for the benefit of the Grade 7 learners.

Cynthia Petzer



GR. 7 OUTING Camp Anerley

This year's Grade 7 camp was an ideal venue for students and teachers alike. It provided a good balance between free time and well-constructed activities.

Situated close to the beach in Port Shepstone, Camp Anerley was a perfect choice when it came to the children learning about the various sea creatures, life in the rock pools and taking part in the fun beach activities that the energetic instructors had planned for them. Back at the camp, a challenging obstacle course tested many children's fears and muscle power, not to mention a strong emphasis on team work.

At night, campfire games were played amidst the call of insects and a blazing fire, the sound of laughter resounding in the quiet night sky. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the activities. Archery, the Pure Venom snake talk, zip line and rocket science, were amongst the many planned activities in which the children took part. The instructors are to be commended on their tremendous amount of energy and positive spirit with which they tackled every activity.

The class of 2017 were very well-behaved and polite. They participated well in all the activities planned. They were responsible and were great ambassadors for our school. The Grade 7 trip was a huge success. It was an invaluable experience for pupils and teachers alike.

Ryan Conway



Stelwerk

AMERIKA – VSA

Die naam van my land is die Verenigde State van Amerika. Die hoofstad van Amerika is Washington D.C. Die president van Amerika is Donald Trump, hy is 71 jaar oud hy. Die VSA het nie 'n minister nie. Die Amerikaanse bison is die nasionale dier. VSA het nie 'n nashionale plant nie. Amerika se nashionale boom is die eike boom. Amerika se nashionale blom is die roos. Amerika se nasionale voël is die bald eagle, en Amerika se nashionale vis is die stripped baars. Die weer in sommer is 27 grade celcius

gemiddeld. In herfs is die weer 11 grade celcius gemiddeld. Die weer in winter is 19 grade celcius gemiddeld. Die weer in lente is 21 grade celcius gemiddeld. Daar is nie nasionale kleredrag in amerika nie. Die Amerikaanse Sensus Buro het in September 2014 berig dat: Amerikaanse reëls (inflasie aangepaste) mediaan huishoudelike, tydsone, noem dit. "Gestandaardiseerde 12." Inkomste was \$ 51,939 in 2013. 68% van die Amerikaners het slimfone; 45% het tabletrekenaars. Eienaarskap van ander digitale toestelle het die afgelope jaar nie gegroeи nie. Amerikaanse studente woon primêre en sekondêre skool vir 'n gesamentlike totaal van 12 jaar. Hierdie jare word die eerste tot twaalfde grade genoem. Sowat ses jaar begin VSA-kinders laerskool, wat die algemeenste "basiese skool" genoem word. Sommige groot stede in die VSA bied verskillende metodes van openbare vervoer, soos busse, taxi's of treine. Amerika het baie natuurlike woude en bergreeks. Die 2 sportsterre is LeBron James en Michael Phelps. George Washington en Abraham Lincoln is bekende mense wat hulle presidente was. 'n paar van die besienswaardighede by Disney World en Central Park.

KEREN SINGH

NIEU-SEELAND

Nieu-Seeland is 'n eilandland in die suidwestelike Stille Oseaan. Die land bestaan uit die Noord-en Suid-Eiland. Dit het 'n baie verskillende dier-en plantelewé. Dit het ook hoë berge, vulkanse en soms aardbewings. Nieu-Seeland se hoofstad is Wellington, maar die meeste mense woon in Auckland.

Die simbole op die skild verteenwoordig die land se maritieme handel, landblou en nywerheid. 'n Europese vrou en 'n Maori hoofflank links en regs, wat NZ as 'n multikulturele nasie identifiseer. Die syfers word ondersteun deur die silwer varing, 'n heemse plant. Die St Edward's Crown is 'n herinnering dat NZ 'n konstitusionele monargie is. Van sangers tot akteurs, Nieu-Seeland het sy regverdigde deel van bekende persoonlikhede. Jy is bekend om 'n foto te kry wanneer jy hulle in die New World supermarket sien.

Peter Jackson is 'n nuwe rolprentregisseur in Zealand wat op 31 Oktober in Pukerua Bay gebore is. Hy is bekend vir die heer van die ringe en die hobbit. Richie McCaw is 'n afgetrede rugbyspeler wat in Oamaru, Nieu-Seeland, gebore is. Sy posisie is 'n flank voordat hy 'n afriger geword het.

1) Alhoewel dit omtrent die grootte van Japan is, is Nieu-Seeland se bevolking net meer as vier miljoen, wat dit een van die wêreld se minstebevolkte lande maak.

2) 2.5 miljoen motors vir 4 miljoen mense (insluitende die kinders) maak Nieu-Seeland se eiendomsbelasting een van die hoogste ter wêreld.

3) Die eerste persoon wat Everest in 1953 geklim het, was 'n Nieu-Seelander.

4) Nieu-Seeland het die eerste Wêreldbeker-toernooi gewen, wat in negentien-en-tachtig gehou is.

5) Daar is geen kernkragstasies in Nieu-Seeland nie.

LUCA FUINI

MOSAMBIEK

Die president van Mosambiek is Filipe Nyusi. Die hoofstad van Mosambiek is Maputo. Mosambiek is in Afrika. Die nasionale voël van Mosambiek is Tocororo, ook bekend as Kubaanse Trogon. Die Afrika-olifant is Mosambiek se nasionale dier. Die 3 hoofvoedselsoorte van Mosambiek draai rondom seekosse koring en stewels. In Mosambiek is daar meestal tussen Januarie en Maart reën. Die koordinates is 18.6657° S, 35.5296° E. Die Mosambiek vlag is groen, wit, swart en geel. Mosambiek het sedert die einde van die burgeroorlog ontwikkel en is steeds een van die wêreld se armste en onontwikkelde lande. Onderwys in Mosambiek word georganiseer deur drie hoofstadia: primêre onderwys, sekondêre onderwys en hoër onderwys. Tegnologie is wat mozimbiquians fokus op om te verbeter vir die kennis van die ekonomiese vermoedelike in Mosambiek sluit spoor, pad, water en lug in. Daar is baie ongeplaveide paaie en meer as een honderd ongeplaveerde aanloopbane. Mosambiek se omgewing is nog in goeie toestand. Meer as een duisend diere bel Mosambiek huis. Sokker of Sokker is een van die toeskouersport wat die mense in Mosambiek nogal opgewonde is om te waak en te wag. Daar is ander sportsoorte wat gewild is in die land soos basketbal en vlugbal. Tico-Tico is 'n bekende Mozambiese sokkerspeler, Cate Campbell is 'n swimmer van Mosambiek, maar haar gesin het na Australië verhuis. Sy het 2 goue medaljes by die Olimpiese Spele gewen. Maputo Elephant Reserve is die tuiste van 'n trop 350 olifante, waarvan die habitat bedreig word. Ongelukkig is Mosambiek nog steeds 'n baie arm land met die helfte van sy mense wat minder as R18 per dag leef. Mosambiek het 'n lang Indiese Oseaan-kuslyn met gewilde strande soos Tofo, asook buitelandse mariene parke. plekke soos malawi, eiland moazmikique en bazaruto is almal pragtige toeriste-aantreklikhede.



CHLOE BUCHANAN

MONACO

Die hoofstad van Monaco is Monte Carlo. Die vlag van Monaco het rooi bo-en wit onderaan, aangesien jy kan sien dit is nogal 'n eenvoudige vlag. Die President van Monaco is Albert die tweede, hy is die seun van Prins Rainier die derde en die Amerikaanse aktrise Grace Kelly. Die nasionale dier van Monaco is Europese konyn, Europese egel en die houtmuis, maar hulle is nie eintlik die scariest van diere nie, maar hulle is oulik. Monaco het 'n paar plante, maar het nie 'n nasionale plant nie. Monaco het ongelukkig nie 'n nasionale vis gehad nie, aangesien die land te klein is. Monaco het baie nasionale geregte. Dit is 'n paar Pan Bagnat - hoofsaaklik Salad Nicoise in 'n toebroodjie. Die nasionale blom van Monaco is die rooi papawer. Monaco het nie regtig tradisionele klere nie, maar dra gewoonlik 'n baie slim klere. Twee bekende persone is Daniel Elena motor racer en Prinses Grace prinses-konsortium van Monaco (gebore in die VSA). Die top-toerisme-aantreklikhede van Monaco is die Franse Riviera, die Oceanografiese Museum, die Prinsespaleis van Monaco, die Monte Carlo Casino, die jardin exotique de Monaco en Monaco self is die top-toerisme-aantreklikhede van Monaco. Bekend as Europa se belasting paradys, elke individu van Monaco geniet sedert die 1870's 'n belastingvrye leefstyl. Monaco het al dekades lank alleen op sy casino's geleef. Een van die interessante feite oor Monaco wat jy dalk nie van Monaco weet nie, is dat die casino net vir besoekers is: inwoners mag nie eens die casino betree nie. Die casino in Monte Carlo is in drie James Bond Movies gebruik Goue oog, Casino Royale, en Sê Noot Weer Noot. In negentien ses-en-vyftig-Amerikaanse-gebore Grace Kelly het die Prinses van Monaco geword toe sy met Rainier III, die Prins van Monaco, getrou het. Op die dag waarop hul eerste kind gebore is, het die hele nasie 'n vakansie geneem en selfs die casino gesluit vir die dag. Hul tweede kind Albert II is nou die huidige heerse van die prinsdom.



MANDY MONTAQUE

Izindaba

ISIKOLE SAMI:

Isikole sami sikhulu. Esikoleni kukhona othisha abaningi. Uthisha weMaths nguMnumzane Conway noMnumzane Hooper noMnumzane Balarin. Uthisha wesingisi nguNkosikazi Ramsamy noNkosikazi McCready noMnumzane Balarin. Esikoleni kukhona imidlalo eminingi. Abafundi bathanda ukudlala ihokhi netenball nebola lezinyawo futhi bathanda ukubhukuda.

Abafana badlala ibhola lezinyawo ngoLwesibili noLwesine. Amantombazane adlala ihokhi ngoLwesibili. Esikoleni siyacula futhi. Kukhona iMarimba Band neChoir. Ichoir inkulu. Kukhona abafundi abangamashumi amathathu ekhwayeni. Ngithanda isikole sami kakhulu.

Kubhale uGeorgia Essey

SIYA EBHISHI:

Namhanje izulu liyashisa. Ngidlala ebhishi nosisi wami. Umama ulala esihlabathi. Ngizobhukuda ebhishi. Sihamba ngemoto ukuya ebhishi. Umshayeli wemoto ngumama. Mina nosisi siyajabula ngoba imoto iyaggoma. Umama uthwele isiqqoko selanga. Mina ngifuna ukuthenga u-icecream. Umthengisi ka-icecream uthi uR15, 00. Ntambama siya ekhaya ngo5. Ngijalala ngo8.

Ngosuku olulandelayo umndeni wami uvakashela umkhulu. Sihamba ngemoto. Umkhulun unePool. Sidlala iVolleyball phakathi kwiPool. Ntambama sidle kakhulu. Kusasa ngizoya esikoleni. Endeleni eya ekhaya siya eWater Crest Mall. Ngithenga izicathulo eSports Scene.

Kubhale uCaleb Morck

EKAPA:

Ngo-Agasti 17 ngahamba nesikole ukuyoddala ihokhi ekapa. Ekapa bekummandi kakhulu. Ngesikhathi sifika saya eV&A Waterfront sadla ukudla okumandi. Saya eWotela elihle elibizwa ngeCape Town City Lodge. Othisha bafaka mina nomngane wami ekamelweni elilodwa esasizolala kulona. Ngajabolu kakhulu ngoba umngane wami.

Savuka ekuseni ngo6 sayodla isidlo sasekuseni. Sadlala itournament ePinelands sawina imidlalo yethu. Saqeda ukudlala sashintsha saya eHout Bay sayodla ufishi. Saqededa ukudla kwethu saya eBird Sanctuary sabona izinyoni.

Kubhale uMavuso Dlamini

GRADE 7H

MOTTOS TO LIVE BY

Leo Barnes



Conall Steenkamp



Why try to
be someone
you aren't?

Madysen Escreet



Zack Lawrence



Dream as if
you'll live forever,
live as if you'll
die today.

Megan Hoogerheijde



It is better to
aim for the moon
and reach the sky
than to aim for the
sky and reach only
the ground.

Jessica Lilly



Hard work
beats talent
when talent fails
to work hard.

Taija Olivier



Confidence
is the key
to success.

Umika Nathoo



When you
can't find the
sunshine, be
the sunshine.

Jodie Bass



Be the
reason
someone
smiles today.

Nathan McDaniel



When life
gives you lemons
squeeze it right
back into
life's eyes.

Tyrelle Reddy



The world is
full of nice people,
if you can't find
one, be one.

Morgan Scott



Be yourself,
everyone else
is taken.

Madysen Escreet



Jessica Lilly



OHANA means
family and family
means nobody
gets left behind
or forgotten.

Jarryd Penny



Life is short,
give it all
you've got.

Emma Fallet



Cupcakes are
muffins that
believed
in miracles.

Ethan Cook



Falling down
is part of life,
getting back
up is living.

Suvay Naidoo



Rather let people
think you're an
idiot than opening
your mouth and
proving it.

Viaan Oberholzer



Learn from the
past, live in the
present and plan
for the future.

Genna Meyer



Draco Dormiens
Nunquam
Titillandus (Never
tickle a sleeping
dragon).

Kayla Nadauld



Work for a cause,
not for applause.
Live life to Express,
not to Impress.

Chloe Buchanan



I can do all
things through
Christ who
strengthens me.

PHIL 4:13

Take
opportunities
when you get
them because you
might regret it if
you don't.

Sally-Ann Pooley



Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
and don't lean
on your own
understanding.

Keren Singh



You don't know
what's going to
happen tomorrow
so live today!

Gareth Serfontein



Don't let
your memes
be dreams

James Daniel



Strive to be...
rather than to
seem to be

Pallo Nomtyalo



Why fit in
when you
were made to
stand out.

Liam Pather



Your voice
is your
body's tree.

GRADE 7C

MOTTOS TO LIVE BY

Megan Fowler



Let your smile change the world but don't let the world change your smile.

Tapuwa Sibisi



You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

Caleb Morck



Never look down on someone unless you're helping them up.

Emily Gelder



Practice like you've never won, perform like you've never lost.

Luke McDaniel



Owami Zulu



Luca Fuini



Jamie Rice



To be inspired is great, to inspire is an honour.

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

Vishal Nathoo



Don't let anyone bring you down.

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

Jack Bamber



Sarah Simpson



Stay humble, work hard, dream big, and be kind, because the future holds wonderful things.

John Robbins



Katherine Black



You are never too short to reach the top.

Isabella Terblanche



If life gives you lemons, throw them back at life and demand oranges.

T're Imani Motsoahae



Celebrate the good times and make the best of the bad.

Electra Balidis



Every day is a second chance.

Cade Gamble



Mandy Montague



You can't live a full life with an empty stomach.

Don't count every hour, make every hour count.

Every second you're getting older so make the most of it.

Buhlali Mhlanzi



To be inspired is good but to inspire is truly great.

One light can light the path of many, but many lights can light the path of more.

GRADE 7M

MOTTOS TO LIVE BY

Jordyn Cheary



Nathan Riddle



Believe you
can and you're
halfway there!

Daniel Upton



Liam Mackinnon



The best
preparation for
tomorrow is doing
your best today!

Taylor Gregson



Learn from
the past, plan for
the future and live
for the present.

Lee Mac Donald



If you
believe you
can, achieve.

Lucy Hofmann



The
adventure
never ends.

"Vini
vidi
vici"

Be the
cupcake in
the world
of muffins!

Lauren Gieseier



Live long
and laugh

Ethan Hughes



Kaitlyn Heyns



One day or
day one?
You decide!

Victoria Neff



Never give up.
Keep on trying
and do your best
in all you do. Have
faith and pride in
what you do

Jessica Smith



Be yourself,
everyone else
is taken.

Luke Riddle



You miss
100% of the
shots you
don't take.

Michael Fitzpatrick



Julia van Tonder



Be the
best version
of you!

Jocelyn McAllister



Be yourself
because an
original is worth
more than
a copy

Anvia Bredenkamp



Keep calm
and ride
your bike.

Jorja Robertson



Don't compare
yourself to
others. There is no
comparison between
the sun and the
moon. They shine
when it's their
time.

Miguel de Chasteauneuf



"Do or do not
there is no try."

Kade Higgitt



Live every
day like
it's your last.

THIS IS IT

GRADE 7 End of Year GET-TOGETHER

Grade 7s, I have used titles from Michael Jackson's songs and the theme of music for my message to you this evening. Well, "**This is it**" – your end of the year party where you "**Rock my World**" and bid farewell to Primary School, become a "**Man in the Mirror**" gazing on where you have come over your years in the Primary School. "**Remember the time**" and all you have attained, the special memories and friends you have created and the progress you have made.

We wish you great music in your life so you never have to be "**Behind the Mask**" or trying to "**Beat it**" into a different space but can be true to what you have learnt and can "**Heal the World**". We wish you no "**Thriller**", but order in the chaos of life so that you will be able to harmonise with others and have rhythm that will leave a positive impact on others, so that they '**Can't stop loving you**'.

"Will you be there" so each note you create is a melodious one, so that you can reach the high notes and yet manage the low notes too? When faced with tribulations, stand up for what you believe is right and stand together. May you never be exposed to discordant sounds, but be filled with harmony so that "**You are not alone**". We need to be strong in the challenges and difficulties life imposes upon us. Many a battle has been won in life through sheer determination and perseverance.

Thank you for all the music you have created whether "**Black or White**," in your time in the Primary School. Know there was a never a time you could say "**They don't really care about us**" for you have all been nurtured and loved by your teachers and even your friends. "**Hold my Hand**" and remember those friends who have been trustworthy and loyal. Some of you have come a far distance with them, often from our Pre-Primary where you learnt your "**ABC's**". Remember, your friendships are valuable – stay in touch with your mates.

As you leave us for High School we wish you the "**Best of Joy**". May you "**Keep your Head Up**" and remember the values you have learnt: to be honest, to accept others and care for them, no matter how different they are from you. It is time for you to make a difference, be significant, make your life count; this world needs you so why don't you take a stand and "**Heal the World**." We shall miss you – the time is gone "**Much too soon**". God bless you, Grade 7s! "**We can never say good-bye**" but wish you God's richest blessings for the next phase of your life!

Barbara Taljard

As night fell the Grade 7 boys and girls "rocked their jeans" as they walked through the door into a night filled with fun, laughter, tears and love. The infamous Mackenzie centre, which was once used as classrooms and as an exam venue, was transformed into an elegant showpiece with fairy lights and old school records hanging from the ceiling.

As the room filled with a buzz of energy and hype, a quick welcoming from Matthew Gray to all special guests and staff and a heart-warming thank you to all the Grade 7's on behalf of Micaela Wight, plus a "**THIS IS IT**" message from the Headmistress, meant that the evening was under way. With dinner served, the children quickly scurried off to build their own mouth-watering burgers and fuel up on the endless candy bar which managed to starve off any sweet tooth.

With dinner and speeches out of the way the boys and girls took to the dance floor to impress one another, and even teach the older generation how to dance. With a rejuvenated sense of freedom, comfort and energy the party never missed a beat. With only the best songs being played by the resident DJ, the boys and girls could have danced all night long.

Unfortunately, like the year, **THIS IS IT** and the spectacular night had to come to an end. As the last goodbyes were said, the last hugs and handshakes done, the class of 2017 slowly ambled off into the darkness, reminiscing about their amazing night.

A big thank you to all the parents who played their part in making this star studded event a success. This night will never be forgotten. **THIS IS IT...**

Ryan Conway



SPORT & CULTURAL PRIZE GIVING

This is a very special evening! I congratulate all those who received certificates and/or trophies and commend you on what you have achieved in the different sporting codes and cultural pursuits. When I have had the opportunity to do so, I have derived much pleasure from watching you, and have been proud of your accomplishments, whether you were successful or not, your good sportsmanship and seeing how many of you take part. Well done to all of you for your involvement this year, whether you received an award tonight or not.

Never give up or water down your efforts! If you persevere, whether it be at sport or in practising your music, dancing or drama lines and movement, in the end you too may well be successful and also get recognition!

"There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake" ECCLESIASTES 7:20. There is no one who can say that he/she has never made a mistake. All of us have imperfections, all of us have failed, some or other time in our lives. No failure is final. Remember that your faults do not define who you are. You learn through them, ask for help, grow, try harder. It builds character and strength. You may not be as successful as you thought you were, but it gives a goal to work towards.

Taking short cuts, cheating or quitting does not lead to success. To succeed in sport or cultural activities requires dedication, hard work, commitment and practice. It is up to you to do this to realise your potential and produce a good result. You only really lose when you stop trying

or when you believe you will never fail. The trick is to rise and keep on persevering every time you make a mistake or fall and never to be disillusioned and give up. Choose to use your potential constructively, to build yourself up, to shine, to be significant, and to be the best you can be. FAILING THAT TAKE HEART FROM THESE STRANGE FACTS:

A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water and is fat.

A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.

A turtle doesn't run, does nothing... yet lives for 450 years

Congratulations on a good year of sport and culture. Thank you to all the teachers and coaches involved in both these key pillars of what we offer at Thomas More College. Particular thanks to our heads of culture and sport respectively, Mr Gary Balarin and to Mr Jason Brimelow, and to their teams, on all that has been accomplished. Behind the scenes for tonight's award ceremony, thanks to Mrs Meikle and Mrs McCready for setting up and handling the awards; to Mrs Marais for printing certificates, to Mrs White and her team for the hall set-up and Mrs Moffatt and the kitchen staff for the catering done over the year at so many varied functions. Thanks too to Mrs Hooper for taking the photographs.

Barbara Taljard

CULTURAL AWARD WINNERS

	CITATION	TROPHY	RECIPIENT
Art	Creativity, commitment and overall contribution to art	Purdon Trophy	Kayla Nadauld
Dance	Passion for Dance	P4D	Lucy Hofmann
Drama	Overall contribution to Drama	Bravo Award	Micaela Wight
	Backstage Commitment	Lights, Camera, Action Trophy	Jarryd Penny
Marimba	Commitment and dedication to Marimbas	The Sheila Chiles Trophy	Megan Fowler
Music	Overall contribution to Music	Allegro Award	Mandy Montague
Singing	Outstanding solo performances in Voice	The Voice	Kayla Nadauld
			Liam Pather
Culture	Outstanding contributions to Culture	Brooks	Julia van Tonder



ATHLETICS

CODE HEAD: SARAH DE LEEUW

All Round Achievement	The Jacovides Trophy	Jessica Smith
		Nathan Riddle
Champion of Champions	Marie Steyn Trophy	Qhawekazi Madlala
Girls	Liesel Röttcher Trophy	Buhlali Mhlanzi
Boys		
Junior Victrix Ludorum	Trophy	Mackenzy Layden
Junior Victor Ludorum		Ryan Browning
Senior Victrix Ludorum	Trophy	Kaelah Balarin
Senior Victor Ludorum		Ethan McCormick
Most Dedicated Athlete	Jourdan-Lind Trophy	Sarah Simpson
Athlete of the Year	Kirkwood Trophy	Sarah Simpson

CRICKET

CODE HEAD: MARK MOOLMAN

Most Enthusiastic and Dedicated (U10)	The Lanz Trophy	Tristan White
Player of the Year (U10)	Van Ellewee Trophy	Brunton Bigalke
Player of the Year (U11)	La Réserve Trophy	Ryan Browning
Most Runs Scored (1st Team)	Thomas Neadley Trophy	Nathan Riddle
Bowler of the Year (1st Team)	Arman Kara Trophy	Liam Mackinnon
Best Bowling Figures (Overall)	Levarelli Trophy	Phila Nkosi
Player of the Year (1st Team)	Robertson Trophy	Nathan Riddle
Man of the Tour (1st Team)	Daniel Hunt Trophy	Michael Kiggen
Commitment and Dedication (Open)	Botterill Trophy	Michael Kiggen
Best Overall Fielding Performance (Open)	Don't Drop It Award	Brayden Doran
Sportmanship (Open)	Ullmann Trophy	Liam Mackinnon
Mounted Cricket Ball	Hatrick vs Northdene	Tré Imani Motsoahae
100 Not out	100 no vs Curro Nelspruit	Max Buchan

CROSS COUNTRY

CODE HEAD: SARAH DE LEEUW

Commitment to Cross Country	Greg Brooks Trophy	Nathan McDaniel
Trophy for Perseverance and Dedication	Gibbings Trophy	Electra Balidis
		Luke McDaniel
		Dayna Deeble
		Jessica Smith
		Ryan Browning
		Buhlali Mhlanzi
Best Overall Performance Throughout The Year	Röttcher Floating Trophy	

HOCKEY – GIRLS

CODE HEAD: GARY BALARIN

Player of the Year (U10)	Trophy	Mackenzy Layden
Most Promising Junior Girl	Mama Smurf Trophy	Taylor Cheary

Player of the Year (U11)	Robertson Trophy	Ashtyn Cason
Sportsmanship (1st Team)	Jane Crosby Trophy	Sarah Simpson
Player of the Year (1st Team)	Trophy	Jorja Robertson

INDOOR HOCKEY – GIRLS

CODE HEAD: GARY BALARIN

Most Improved Player (Open)	De Kock Trophy	Jordyn Cheary
Player of the Year (Open)	Olivier Trophy	Jorja Robertson

HOCKEY – BOYS

CODE HEAD: GARY BALARIN

Player of the Year (U10)	Pike Trophy	Brunton Bigalke
Player of the Year (U11)	Simpson Trophy	Brayden Doran
Most Promising Junior Boy	The Clements Trophy	Ryan Browning
Most Improved Player (1st Team)	The Grays Award	Tapuwa Sibisi
Player of the Year (1st Team)	Simpson Trophy	Buhlali Mhlanzi
Sportsmanship (Overall)	The Rhodes Trophy	Buhlali Mhlanzi
Goal Keeper of the Year (Overall)	The Purdon Trophy	John Robbins

NETBALL

CODE HEAD: MARIE STEYN

Player of the Year (U10)	Giddey Trophy	Laura van Tonder
Team Player of the Year (U10)	Trophy	Meyka Chetty
Player of the Year (U11)	Giddey Trophy	Ashtyn Cason
Team Player of the Year (U11)	Trophy	Jordan Bezuidenhout
Player of the Year (U12)	Steyn Trophy	Zama Dumakude
Team Player of the Year (U12)	Trophy	Jessica Job
Most Improved Player (1st Team)	Uys Trophy	Jordyn Cheary
Sportmanship (U13)	McCann Trophy	Sarah Simpson
Dedication to Netball	Ayla Smith Trophy	Electra Balidis
Player of the Year (1st Team)	Trophy	Sarah Simpson
Team Player of the Year (U13)	Trophy	Jorja Robertson

RUGBY

CODE HEAD: CRAIG HARTLEY

Player of the Year (U10)	Ruck & Maul Trophy	Björn Bekker
Player of the Year (U11)	Greet Trophy	Adam Gray
Player of the Year (1st)	Simpson Trophy	Kgaogelo Mashiloane

SOCcer – BOYS

CODE HEAD: JASON BRIMELOW

Player of the Year (U10)	Trophy	Brunton Bigalke
Player of the Year (U11)	Jeremy Foord Trophy	Alwande Mbonambi
Most Improved Player (1st Team)	Whitelaw Trophy	Sanele Pryce Lewis
Player of the Year (1st Team)	Elfreda Burton Trophy	Tapuwa Sibisi

SOCER – GIRLS

CODE HEAD: JASON BRIMELOW

Player of the Year (U10)	Trophy	Laura van Tonder
Player of the Year (U11)	Trophy	Lucy Lee
Player of the Year (U12)	Wallington Trophy	Nthabiseng Mthethwa
Most Committed Player (U13)	Olivier Trophy	Amy Ahlschlager
Player of the Year (U13)	Taljard Trophy	Sarah Simpson



SQUASH

CODE HEAD: LEE PARFITT

Most Potential	Girl	Van Niekerk Trophy	Jemma Ramlakan
	Boy	The Paterson Trophy	Mavuso Dlamini
Player of the Year	Girl	Souter's Trophy	Rebecca Ronald
	Boy	Souter's Trophy	Tyrelle Reddy



SWIMMING

CODE HEAD: TRACEY MEIKLE

Junior Victrix Ludorum	Trophy	Mackenzy Layden
	Trophy	Dayna Deeble
Junior Victor Ludorum	Trophy	Björn Bekker
Senior Victrix Ludorum	Trophy	Simeï Bekker
Senior Victor Ludorum	Trophy	Nikolaos Bratos
Victor or Victrix Ludorum with most points (Junior/ Senior)	Goosen Trophy	Simeï Bekker
Swimmer of the Year	Yetton Trophy	Simeï Bekker



TENNIS

CODE HEAD: LEANNE VAN LAREN

Junior Boy Player of the Year	Trophy	Ryan Browning
Senior Girl Champion	Trophy	Ashtyn Cason
Senior Boy Champion	Ric-Hansen Trophy	Nikolaos Bratos
Sportmanship	Sportmanship Trophy	Emily Gelder
Most Valuable Player	La Reserve Trophy	Ashtyn Cason

WATERPOLO

CODE HEAD: TRACEY MEIKLE

Most Promising Junior	Boys	Von Bardeleben Trophy	Adam Gray
	Girls	Brimelow Trophy	Ashtyn Cason
Player of the Year	Open Girl	McCann Trophy	Jordyn Cheary
	Open Boy	Edwards Trophy	Ethan Hughes



SPORTSMAN & SPORTSMANSHIP

Runner Up – Sportswoman of the Year 2017	Certificate	Amy Ahlschlager
Runner Up – Sportsman of the Year 2017	Certificate	Buhlali Mhlanzi
Sportswoman of the Year	Sneakers Trophy	Sarah Simpson
Sportsman of the Year		Nathan Riddle
Sportsmanship	Girl	Whitfield Trophy
	Boy	Buhlali Mhlanzi



PROVINCIAL, NATIONAL & DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES



PROVINCIAL & NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

1st Row [L-R]: T. Olivier; C. Harris; Mrs B. Taljard; J. Smith; T. Harland; Mr J. Brimelow; J Penny; E. Balidis.

2nd Row: S. Ndawo; E. Randle; S. Reinecke; D. Penny; J. Trotter; A. Mchunu; D. Deeble; A. Jackson; B. Bekker.

3rd Row: N. Steyn; M. Olejniczak; L. Theunissen; E. McCormick; I. Motosoahae; D. Watson; J. Christie; M. Jolly.

4th Row: K. Mashiloane; C. Steenkamp; I. Chetty; S. Wilhelm; N. Bratos; N. Mthethwa; Q. Madlala; A. Serfontein; K. Brand.

5th Row: S. Bekker; K. Paul; G. Youldon; M. Reinecke; B. Doran; N. Riddle; A. Mbonambi; J. Köhne.

6th Row: T. Steyn; J. Robertson; J. Cleland; A. Lütz; A. Ahlschlager; C. Krumhoff; B. Mhlanzi; S. Simpson.

7th Row: T. Sibisi; N. McDaniel; L. McDaniel; C. Gamble; M. Kiggen; M. Fitzpatrick.



DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

1st Row [L-R]: A. Ahlschlager; L. McDaniel; Mrs B. Taljard; T. Sibisi; C. Gamble; M. Fitzpatrick; Mr J. Brimelow; N. McDaniel; J. Robertson.

2nd Row: B. Bekker; E. Randle; E. Haug; M. Jolly; N. Steyn; D. Deeble; S. Reinecke; E. Morgan; P. Nkosi; S. Ndawo.

3rd Row: J. Christie; L. Theunissen; I. Motosoahae; J. Smith; A. Serfontein; I. Chetty; U. Nathoo; D. Watson; A. Mchunu.

4th Row: E. McCormick; S. Bekker; C. Cadle; N. Bratos; N. Riddle; T. Reddy; K. Mashiloane; S. Mdladla; N. Mthethwa; Q. Madlala.

5th Row: A. Mbonambi; A. Cason; G. Youldon; S. Simpson; M. Reinecke; K. Paul; Z. Dumakude.

6th Row: T. Steyn; B. Mhlanzi; L. Riddle; J. Cleland.

ATHLETICS

We had a very successful athletics year in 2017 and the students did the school and themselves proud. They were great ambassadors for Thomas More. Thomas More joined the Christian Schools league which was hosted at Kings Park. We had thirty-four athletes in the Thomas More athletics team this year. From those thirty-four students 31 qualified and were selected to be part of the KwaZulu-Natal Christians schools team. They participated in the interprovincial games held up in Sasolburg – Free State. Our athletes came home with sixteen medals and four of our athletes were further selected to be part of the Interprovincial Sub-youth team. They were: Amy Ahlchlager, Buhlali Mhlanzi, Ashley Serfontein and Sarah Simpson. They competed in the Pilditch stadium in Pretoria. I am so incredibly proud of all the athletes.

Sarah de Leeuw



WARD ATHLETICS

1st Row [L-R]: A.Ahlchlager; Mrs S. de Leeuw; S. Simpson; J.Smith; Mrs M. Steyn; B.Mhlanzi.
2nd Row: S.Ndawo; E. Randle; J. du Buisson; N.Mthetwa; E.Morgan; S. Reinecke; B. Bekker.
3rd Row: E. McCormick; G. Youldon; A. Serfontein; I. Chetty; Q. Madlala; M.Jolly.
4th Row: C.Mackinnon; H.Gildenhuys; N.Bratos; N. Riddle; A. Mbonambi; D.Watson.
5th Row: K. Paul; J. Cleland; N. McDaniel; M. Fitzpatrick; C.Gamble; L. McDaniel; T. Steyn; M Reinecke.



INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

1st Row [L-R]: B. Mhlanzi; N. McDaniel; E. Balidis; Mrs S. de Leeuw; J. Smith; L. McDaniel; B. Doran.
2nd Row: G. Chatterton; J. Reed; E. Randle; M. Layden; E. Morgan; D. Deeble; A. Essey; J. Griffin.
3rd Row: A. Smith; J. Erasmus; D. Watson; A. Gray; M. Buchan; M. de Freitas.
4th Row: E. McCormick; J. Staples; N. Butler; J. Trotter; J. Christie; J. McKenzie; E. Haug; L.Theunissen.
5th Row: S. Schmitz; J. Daniel; K. Brand; T. Muir; K. Pearton; R. Browning; T. Holmes.

CROSS COUNTRY

I was very fortunate to be coaching the Cross Country Team this year, with the help and assistance of Mr Thatcher, Mr Smith, Miss Barkhuizen and Mr McGarry. We are all incredibly proud of the over 50 cross country runners we had competing and training with us this year. All the athletes were great ambassadors for Thomas More College and always competed with enthusiasm and determination at each Friday event. Many of our runners completed the events finishing in the top fifteen runners in their field.

A special mention must be made of Dayna Deeble, Jessica Smith and Buhlali Mhlanzi who made it through to the district trials.

Sarah de Leeuw



SWIMMING



GIRLS' SWIMMING SQUAD

1st Row [L-R]: I. Terblanche; Mrs. T. Loxley; M. Fowler; J. Cheary; Mrs. T. Meikle; M. Escreet.
 2nd Row: L. van Tonder; A. Allen; E. Randles; M. Layden; E. Morgan; D. Deeble; S. Reinecke.
 3rd Row: S. Cairns; M. Brimelow; D. Penny; K. Human; L. Lee; A. Chetty
 4th Row: T. Cheary; S. Bekker; C. Hornby; S. Wilhelm
 5th Row: Z. Dumakude; A. Ahlschlager; E. Balidis; C. McMurray.



BOYS' SWIMMING SQUAD

1st Row [L-R]: Mrs. T. Loxley; L. Riddle; Mr. B. Thatcher; N. Riddle; Mrs. T. Meikle; E. Hughes.
 2nd Row: N. Ndawo; A. Essey; D. Davidson; J. du Buisson; A. Conradie; B. Bekker.
 3rd Row: L. Oels; B. Bigalke; J. Christie; L. Theunnissen; V. Kapnias; S. Renard.
 4th Row: A. Gray; H. Gildenhuys; K. Pearson; J. Mackenzie; K. Brand; T. Wentzel; T. Wright.
 5th Row: N. Bratos; L. Bartlett; B. Doran; R. Browning.
 ABSENT: M. Gray.

The swimming season once again started with the Annual Championship Gala. The U9's from the Foundation Phase were included, so that they could prepare themselves for swimming in the Senior Primary.

The Gala was extremely tense with one race often being the decider. Congratulations to all who participated in this Gala.

CHAMPIONSHIP GALA AWARDS

U10 GIRLS	Mackenzy Layden	U10 BOYS	Björn Bekker
U11 GIRLS	Adam Gray	U11 BOYS	Dayna Deeble
U12 GIRLS	Simeï Bekker	U12 BOYS	Nikolaos Bratos
OPEN GIRLS	Madyson Escreet	OPEN BOYS	Luke Riddle Nathan Riddle

A few weeks later the Annual Inter house Gala was held in true Thomas More spirit. The cheerleaders were dressed in brightly coloured outfits and showed tremendous energy and enthusiasm. The races were closely contested and evoked incredible spirit.

Our inter-school results have improved this year! The children have been very committed in attending regular training sessions in order to become more competitive. We placed 5th out of 6 schools in the Highways 'A' gala, which made us extremely proud.

Thank you to all those children who never faulted and attended practices, even on those cold and rainy mornings. Thank you also to the parents who got them out of bed and had them at the pool by 06:00.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Sue Murphy for her continued commitment and enthusiasm towards swimming. Her support has been tremendous once again! I would also like to thank Mrs Tracey Loxley, for so willingly helping us with the coaching this year and in the years to follow!

FURTHER AWARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Valuable Contribution throughout the season:	Amy Ahlschlager, Björn Bekker, Keagan Brand, Nikolaos Bratos, Dayna Deeble, Megan Fowler, Adam Gray, Jethro McKenzie and Liam Theunissen
Most Improved:	Brunton Bigalke, Emily Morgan and Stella Reinecke
Enthusiasm and Consistent effort throughout the season:	Jodie Bass, Aiden Conradie, Rachael Easson, Ethan Hughes, Lucy Lee, Caitlin McMurray, Taylor Muir, Ella Randle, Luke Riddle and Laura von Tonder
Sportsmanship & Commitment:	Ryan Browning and Matthew Gray

CHAMPIONSHIP GALA AWARDS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	SPIRIT CUP
Dalberg	Hurley	Savory	Savory

Tracey Meikle



WATER POLO



GIRLS' WATER POLO – SENIOR

1st Row [L-R]: I. Terblanche; L. Gieseler; J. Cheary; Mrs. T. Meikle; A. Ahlschlager; J. McAllister; G. Essey.
2nd Row: J. Curtis; T. Naicker; S. Bekker; C. Hornby; D. Maclean; M. Brimelow.
3rd Row: Z. Dumakude; J. Bass; M. Escreet; C. Buchanan; E. Simpkins; M. Fowler.



BOYS' WATER POLO – SENIOR

1st Row [L-R]: L. Bartlett; C. du Plessis; Mrs T. Meikle; E. Hughes; N. Bratos.
2nd Row: J. Griffin; L. Theunissen; E. Harris; J. Christie; R. Govender; T. Wright.
3rd Row: S. Schmitz; K. Pearton; K. Brand; V. Oberholzer; T. Holmes.



This year we once again fielded a total of eight sides.

We fielded a 1st, 2nd and U 11A and B teams for boys and 1st, 2nd and U11A and B teams for girls.

Past pupils, Ross Belman and Barry Thatcher were responsible for coaching the 1st & 2nd team boys. Leah Sim and Casey Barkhuizen coached the 1st & 2nd team girls. The U11 boys and girls were coached jointly by Ross Belman, Barry Thatcher, Casey Barkhuizen and Mrs Tracy Loxley.

All teams played enthusiastically and with great courage. Our results improved with each game and lots of team spirit was shown by all!

A number of players went to the U13 KZN Trials for boys and girls but unfortunately none were successful.

AWARDS

Valuable Contribution throughout the season	OPEN BOYS	Nikolaos Bratos
	OPEN GIRLS	Amy Ahlschlager, Darian Maclean, Jamie Rice
	JNR BOYS	Max Buchan, Miguel de Freitas, Brayden Doran
	JNR GIRLS	Dayna Deeble, Naomi Smith
Most Improved	OPEN BOYS	Matthew Gray
	OPEN GIRLS	Simeï Bekker
	JNR BOYS	Déanco Oberholzer
	JNR GIRLS	Anya Chetty, Nicci Steyn
Enthusiasm & Consistent Effort throughout the Season	OPEN BOYS	Caleb du Plessis, Travis Holmes, Luke McDaniel
	OPEN GIRLS	Megan Brimelow, Isabella Terblanche
	JNR BOYS	Ryan Browning, Jake du Buisson
	JNR GIRLS	Caitlin McMurray, Yandiswa Sibisi
Most Promising Junior Girl Player		Ashtyn Cason Taylor Cheary
Most Promising Junior Boy Player		Adam Gray
Player of the Year (Girl)		Jordyn Cheary
Player of the Year (Boy)		Ethan Hughes

Tracey Meikle



GIRLS' WATER POLO – U11



BOYS' WATER POLO – U11



GIRLS' SOCCER – 1ST TEAM

1st Row [L-R]: Mr I. Wallington; E. Fallet; S. Simpson; Miss C. Mbili

2nd Row: J. Robertson; E. Balidis; A. Ahlschlager; J. Job; N. Shezi

3rd Row: T. Mthethwa; M. Brimelow; M. Escreet; M. Hoogerheijde; E. Simon



GIRLS' SOCCER – 3RD TEAM



GIRLS' SOCCER – U11



GIRLS' SOCCER – U10B



GIRLS' SOCCER – 2ND TEAM





BOYS' SOCCER – 1ST TEAM



BOYS' SOCCER – 2ND TEAM



BOYS' SOCCER – U11A



BOYS' SOCCER – 3RD TEAM



BOYS' SOCCER – U11B

BOYS' SOCCER

Our boys' teams enjoyed a successful season in 2017. Despite many disruptions, we still managed to get all our fixtures in. The soccer season is always tough as the boys only practice once a week due to the fact that there is also hockey taking place. Despite this, the strength of soccer in the Senior Primary continues to grow.

There were weekly Saturday fixtures as well as the odd mid-week fixture which were well supported by the boys and of course the parents who stood on the sides encouraging.

Our U13A, U11A and U10A boys also participated in the annual Northdene Preparatory 5-a-side tournament. Our U11A's made it to the semi-finals but unfortunately were knocked out after a narrow loss.

We would also like to congratulate Tapuwa Sibisi and Tré Imani Motsoahae who were selected for the PADSSA teams. Tapuwa Sibisi was also selected to represent the KZN Team at the annual Bill Stewart Tournament.

I would just like to thank the boys for their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment. To the parents, thank you for the support throughout the season. Finally, thank you to all the coaches for the effort that you put in to ensure that our soccer season was a success.

Jason Brimelow



BOYS' SOCCER – U10B

GIRLS' & BOYS' HOCKEY



GIRLS' HOCKEY – 1ST TEAM XI

1st Row [L-R]: I. Terblanche; Mrs T. Meikle; J. Robertson; S. Simpson; Mr R. Lang; T. Naicker.
2nd Row: S. Wilhelm; K. Balarin; T. Gregson; C. Krumhoff; Z. Dumakude; M. Hoogerheijde; J. Smith.
3rd Row: E. Balidis; L. Gieseler; A. Ahlschlager; J. Cheary.



BOYS' HOCKEY – 1ST TEAM XI

1st Row [L-R]: J. Robbins; B. Mhlanzi; Mr G. Balarin; L. Riddle; O. Zulu.
2nd Row: E. Harris; E. McCormick; S. Mdladla; T.I. Motosohae; L. Theunissen; J. Christie.
3rd Row: N. Bratos; N. Riddle; J. Penny; T. Sibisi; K. Mashiloane.



GIRLS' HOCKEY – 2ND TEAM



BOYS' HOCKEY – 2ND TEAM

During Term 3 we had 14 teams playing in the local league. Once again the children had an enjoyable season with some memorable fixtures and tournaments. Prior to the start of the season ten players were selected to represent the Kwasanthi Ward and of that group, six were selected to represent our province at the National IPT. Congratulations to our U12s: Kaelah Balarin, Jarred Christie and Kgaogelo Mashiloane, as well as our U13s: Buhlali Mhlanzi, Tré Imani Motosohae and Jorja Robertson.

The 1st XI Boys and Girls were fortunate to tour Cape Town in August where we played our traditional rivals: Somerset House, Somerset College and Reddam House Constantia.

We would like to thank our coaches for their dedicated work in training our players and our umpires who blew the numerous games. We wish all our Grade 7s the best in their High School hockey careers and thank them most sincerely for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship over the past four years.



Gary Balarin





GIRLS' HOCKEY – 3RD TEAM



BOYS' HOCKEY – 3RD TEAM



GIRLS' HOCKEY – U11A



BOYS' HOCKEY – U11A



GIRLS' HOCKEY – U11B



BOYS' HOCKEY – U11B



GIRLS' HOCKEY – U11C



BOYS' HOCKEY – U11C



GIRLS' HOCKEY – U10A



GIRLS' HOCKEY – U10B



GIRLS' HOCKEY – U10C



BOYS' HOCKEY – U10A



BOYS' HOCKEY – U10B



BOYS' HOCKEY – U10C

GIRLS' INDOOR HOCKEY



GIRLS' INDOOR HOCKEY – U13

1st Row [L-R]: J. Smith; M. Hoogerheijde; Mr G. Balarin; J. Robertson; I. Terblanche.
2nd Row: T. Gregson; E. Balidis; L. Gieseler; A. Ahlschlager; J. Cheary; S. Simpson.



GIRLS' INDOOR HOCKEY – U12



CRICKET – 1ST TEAM

1st Row [L-R]: E. McCormick; L. Riddle; Mr M. Moolman; N. Riddle; C. Morck.
 2nd Row: I. Motsoahae; B. Shepstone; E. Harris; L. Theunissen.
 3rd Row: J. Penny; L. Mackinnon; M. Kiggen; T. Reddy; N. Bratos.



CRICKET – 2ND TEAM



CRICKET – 4TH TEAM



CRICKET – 3RD TEAM



CRICKET – 5TH TEAM

CRICKET

This year, we were once again able to field 5 Open teams, 2 Under 11 teams, 2 Under 10 teams. This was extremely impressive for our cricket.

All the teams performed really well and against some strong opposition. Although people often determine success based on results, our goal is to develop a love for the game and get the basics right so that our children can go on to High School and continue with their cricket and hopefully even continue within club structures once they leave school.

Our 1st and U11A teams enjoyed a successful tour to Mpumalanga in October. The U11's were unbeaten and the 1st team performed admirably against some tough opposition.

We are extremely proud of the following children who went on to achieve higher honours in cricket for 2017:

CRICKET ACHIEVEMENTS

PADDSA U11	Phila Nkosi
GIRLS PADDSA U13	Umika Nathoo
	Nathan Riddle
PADSSA U13	Tyrelle Reddy
	T'relmani Motsoahae

A huge thank you must go to the coaches for the time and effort that they have put in during practices as well as umpiring in the afternoon and on Saturday mornings.

To the parents, thank you for your support and encouragement during the year to make our cricket season an enjoyable one.

Jason Brimelow

TOP 10 – CRICKET 2017

BATTING

	NAME	SCORE	TEAM	AGAINST
1	Max Buchan	100	U11A	Curro Nelspruit
2	Nik Bratos	99	1st	Penzance
3	Ethan McCormick	89	2nd	Crawford
4	Tyrelle Reddy	79	1st	Papplewick
5	Max Buchan	69	U11A	Hillcrest
6	Braydon Doran	67	U11A	Curro Nelspruit
7	Cade Gamble	64	2nd	Penzance
8	Caleb du Plessis	64	4th	Atholl Heights
9	Ryan Browning	62	U11A	St Henry's
10	Nathan Riddle	62	1st	Penzance

BOWLING

	NAME	FIGURES	TEAM	AGAINST
1	Phila Nkosi	5 for 7	U11A	St Henry's
2	Nathan Riddle	5 for 19	1st	Kloof
3	Liam McKinnon	5 for 20	1st	Papplewick
4	Nick Butler	4 for 8	2nd	Crawford
5	Imani Motsoahae	4 for 14	1st	Northdene
6	Tiaan Steyn	4 for 14	3rd	Atholl Heights
7	Phila Nkosi	4 for 16	U11A	White River
8	Connor McKinnon	4 for 17	U10A	Hillcrest
9	Blaine Dunbar	4 for 17	2nd	Northdene
10	Alex Jackson	4 for 25	U11A	Uplands

KEARSNEY T20 CRICKET FESTIVAL

The U11A cricket team participated in a T20 cricket festival held at Kearsney from the 29th September to the 1 October 2017. The boys had a great deal of fun and thoroughly enjoyed the different format of the game. It was a good experience for the boys, giving them the opportunity to get some match practice, in preparation for the upcoming tour. We ended third in our pool of 5 teams. Thank you to the parents for the amazing support throughout the three days.

Rogan Lang



CRICKET – U11A



CRICKET – U10A



CRICKET – U11B



CRICKET – U10B



MUPMALANGA CRICKET TOUR

1st Row [L-R]: L. Mackinnon; Mr R. Lang; C. Morck; Mr M. Moolman; J. Penny; Mr J. Brimelow; I. Motsoahae.

2nd Row: A. Jackson; R. Hofmann; M. de Freitas; M. Buchan; J. Reed; P. Nkosi.

3rd Row: L. Theunissen; A. Manci; T. McMaster; B. Ireland; A. Gray; E. McCormick; E. Harris.

4th Row: N. Bratos; R. Browning; B. Doran; M. Kiggen; L. Riddle; N. Riddle.

NETBALL

Netball is a popular girls' sport at Thomas More College and we had 13 netball teams this year. Team spirit and camaraderie are encouraged by all our coaches and we are proud of the way our girls conducted themselves on and off the netball court. We played against most of the highway schools during the first and second terms with enthusiasm, having some great victories. We took a few girls to the Margate Sport School for some coaching during the April holidays and the improvement of each player was remarkable!

Our 2nd team have done particularly well in the local league only losing their last game against Westville by one goal! In the third term the girls took part in evening netball matches hosted at HCA Curro which was a valuable experience and lots was learnt. Just recently the girls took part in an Action Netball tournament in Pietermaritzburg with our under 10 team winning a medal!

We also received some individual awards: Ohawekazi Madlala, Tiaasha Naicker and Anna Springett, Megan Brimelow and Stephanie de Moor were acknowledged. A special mention must also go to Electra Balidis for being selected for the Midlands Action Netball under 14 team to participate in an IPT tournament in 2018.

During the fourth term, we also played netball, in order to prepare our players for the subsequent year's season and this year we arranged two netball tournaments hosting 6 schools at TMC with great success. The girls thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these tournaments and the progress in each girl was visible in each match.

Congratulations goes to Sarah Simpson and Ashtyn Cason for being selected for the District team and Ohawekazi Madlala (Mumu) who was selected for the u11 Pinetown Regional Netball team. Our girls gained valuable skills from our coaches this year and have grown in confidence and skill. A huge thank you to all our coaches for their commitment!

Marié Steyn



NETBALL – 2ND & 3RD TEAM



NETBALL – U12A



NETBALL – 1ST TEAM



NETBALL – U12B



NETBALL – U12C

1st Row [L-R]: Mrs. M. Steyn; S. Simpson; J. Robertson; K. Paul; E. Balidis; J. Cheary.
2nd Row: K. Nadauld; I. Terblanche; L. Gieseler; E. Fallet.

RUGBY

The rugby in the Senior Primary has been stretched for another year as the number of players were low and challenged the coaches in putting teams together, having 2 x full U10 teams (bodes well for the future), 1 x U11 team and at times 2 x open teams. However, the boys did their best and proved that heart does count in a game of power, speed and skill. All the games, from our U10's up to our 1st XV, were played in high spirit and were commended on our sportsmanship by our opposition. We would like to congratulate the U10's for some really good results both with the A and B teams.

We would also like to congratulate Kgaogelo Mashiloane who was chosen for the Pinetown and District Rugby Team to go to the KwaZulu-Natal Trials which were held in Pietermaritzburg this year. He was then chosen to represent KwaZulu-Natal Primary Schools. What an achievement at U12's!

From the coaches and the school, we would like to thank not only the boys, but the parents as well, for all their encouragement and support throughout the season.

Craig Hartley



RUGBY – 1ST TEAM XV

1st Row [L-R]: Z. Lawrence; C. Morck; Mr D. Smith; L. Riddle; Mr C. Hartley; N. Riddle; C. Steenkamp.

2nd Row: K. Pearson; N. Bratos; K. Mashiloane; R. Swanepoel; S. Mdladla; E. McCormick.

3rd Row: L. Bartlett; L. MacKinnon; E. Hughes; C. Gamble; T. Sibisi; M. Fitzpatrick; T. Steyn.



RUGBY – 2ND TEAM



RUGBY – U11



RUGBY – U10A



RUGBY – U10B



TENNIS TEAM

1st Row [L-R]: E. Gelder; Mrs L. van Laren; A. Cason.
2nd Row: M. Buchan; A. Hewitt; R. Browning; E. Swanson; R. Hofmann.

TENNIS

Once again tennis proved to be most popular this year with social tennis being played in Term 1, 2 and 4. A beginners' day was also introduced in order to accommodate our new players and teach them basic skills. We entered a team into the League in Terms 1 and 2, where we were unbeaten!

Our top players were sent to the eThekini Trials in Term 1 and we congratulate Ashtyn Cason who made it through as a Non Travelling Reserve. Our Internal Championships were played in Terms 3 and 4.

Thank you to the parents for their continued support as well as to Luke Baker who helped with the coaching of the children.

Yours in Tennis
Leanne van Laren

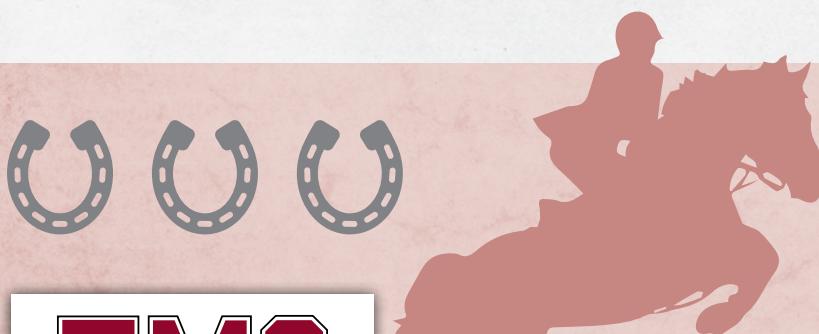


SQUASH



SQUASH

1st Row [L-R]: J. Daniel; D. Naidoo; M. Dlamini; Mrs L. Parfitt; S. Naidoo; R. Ronald; P. Nomtyala.
2nd Row: M. Folkes; S. Dedeckind; E. Randall; M. Layden; K. Naidoo; R. Tsomela; R. Dedeckind; J. Sack.
3rd Row: J. Ramlakan; J. Kelly; I. Cahill; L. Lee; D. Ric-Hansen; K. Wilhelm; S. Renard.
4th Row: D. Davidosn; J. Christie; R. Govender; J. Bezuidenhout; K. Haug; L. Wynne; E. Haug; N. Butler.
5th Row: J. Smith; H. Gildenhuys; B. Dunbar; A. Smith; K. Ganesh.



EQUESTRIAN

Refer to **PAGE 190** in the High School Section
for the Equestrian article



ROCK CLIMBING

Rock Climbing took place during the first and third term.

This was particularly well supported by our younger children who were able to climb for the first time. Under the supervision of qualified climbing coaches, the children learnt how to climb and how to use the necessary equipment.

Some of our older climbers regularly attend climbing sessions with Mr Camp and the High School climbers.

Jason Brimelow



ROCK CLIMBING

1st Row [L-R]: L. Ndokweni; J. Daniel; A. Bredenkamp; Ms C. Mbili; C. Harris; H. Gildenhuys; J. Köhne.
2nd Row: S. Dedeckind; E. Williams; D. de Necker; S. Ngcongo; E. Morgan; Y. Sibisi.
3rd Row: C. McLoughlin; N. Shezi; J. Bezuidenhout; E. Simon; E. Haug; R. Dedeckind.
4th Row: B. van der Walt; N. Steyn; R. Govender; N. Smith; J. McKenzie; J. Trotter.
5th Row: S. Goble; G. Njilo; G. Roets; D. Thomas; J. Smith; T. Holmes.