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Thomas More College



An Inspired Education

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News from the Editor

Welcome back, we hope you all had a well-rested Easter break.

Newsletter rebranding

As we find ourselves in a forward thinking environment, so to must we evolve our Marketing approach. The Horse's Mouth as we know it has run its race and has now been put out to pasture. We hope you enjoy the fresh new look of the newsletter.

Condolences

Our condolences are extended to Mrs Juliet Hartley (Admissions) and her family on the passing of her father during the school holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

Long Walk Bibs

If you still have Long Walk bibs, lights or timing chips, please can these be returned to Rae Griesel in the Great House.

Golf Day – 11 May

If you haven't booked your 4-Ball yet, please do so – space is limited. Book your 4-Ball [HERE](#)

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Weekly Scripture

*This is the day of the Lord's victory;
let us be happy, let us celebrate!*
Psalms 118v24

After enjoying a wonderfully blessed Easter break, it's time to settle down into the new term. This verse from Scripture reminded me about the way we should start our day – the disposition and attitude with which we get up in the morning, determines how successful our day is going to be.

Before you start your day, adjust your thoughts to be only positive. Wake with a hymn of praise in your heart. Thank God for a new day, the great opportunities and allow his Holy Spirit to guide you in glorifying Him right through the day. If you meet God joyfully and with gratitude early in the morning, you will convey gladness to all those who cross your way. Robert Louis Stevenson said: "When a joyful person enters the room, it is as if another candle is lighted." Christ did indeed say that we are like light for the whole world. How will you let your light shine in Term 2?

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News from High School Headmaster

I wish all members of our high school, and indeed the entire College, a warm welcome back after what was, I hope, a wonderful Easter holiday. I extend an especially warm welcome to our new families and staff.

On that note, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the following members of staff to the high school:

- Mrs Donné Gerry – Head of Life Sciences
- Mrs Suhana Moodley – Head of EGD
- Mrs Debbie Cotton – Counsellor
- Mr Andrew Browne – Head of Mathematics

We know that a dynamic journey awaits all of them at Thomas More College and we look forward to the incredible value they will bring to the lives of our children.

We also welcome Mr Grant Benson, our new Facilities Manager, and his family who have now joined us from Johannesburg. We wish them a happy tenure and journey here at TMC.

This term is an exciting one with the winter sports programme, Grade Camps, our annual Major Production and a vast array of other opportunities for our children to

learn, grow and shine. I trust they will make full use of the opportunities on offer to do exactly that.

I want to thank Mrs Steenkamp, Mr Drew, Mr Oberholzer, Miss Venter and Mrs Edwards for the time they spent away from home this holiday gifting our children opportunities at various sports festivals. Miss Venter is currently at the Commonwealth Games and is performing admirably with the whistle on the hockey field.

True to form, this promises to be another inspired, jam-packed term of education and growth at and for our wonderful school. As always, I am privileged to share it with you.

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News from Primary School Headmistress



Welcome back to all our Thomas More families after the Easter holidays and a warm welcome to those families who are new this term. We believe that all those new to TMC will soon feel at home in our warm, nurturing environment.

I hope you all had both a blessed time at this important time in our Christian calendar, as well as an opportunity to relax with your family and have an enjoyable break. We also trust that your children are rested and refreshed, ready for the challenges of a new school term. I certainly had a good rest and my husband, daughter and I spent meaningful quality time with my son, daughter-in-law and little granddaughter, who recently underwent a kidney transplant.

We all want what is best for our children! To do this we continue to need your support and input so that the children realise we are united in our desire to serve them best. Part of this was meeting you at the parent teacher interviews at the end of last term. If you were not able to meet with the teacher- for whatever the reason- and would still like to do so, please do e-mail and set up an appointment with the person concerned.

Thank you to all the staff involved in the rugby and netball training and development trip to the South Coast for the last few days of the holidays. From all accounts, the youngsters enjoyed themselves, improved their sporting skills in the different codes and learnt to work well with other team members. Sincere thanks to all those who organised and those who supported them.

The Inter-house Cross country takes place this week Thursday during school hours from 08:00 to 10:00. Children may come to school in their Phys. Ed. shorts, house T-shirts and takkies and do not have to change after the run. It looks set at this stage to be a cooler day which will make for good running.

SP sport began today. Please ensure your child remains committed to the sport they have chosen and ensure they are in the correct attire for all matches and practices.

All the best to you all for a busy and happy second term.

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News from the Foundation Phase Headmistress

Welcome back to what is sure to be another busy term! I trust that you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for our second term.

We have started the term well and children again have settled nicely. We welcome our new families to Thomas More and wish them a long, happy and fruitful relationship with us.

This term sees a whole host of activities again, amongst which we will be holding our annual, routine Grade 00 entrance assessments in the week of 21st May, as well as our Grade 1 to 7 entrance assessments on Saturday 2nd June, both for entry in 2019 or sooner if space allows. Please ensure that you have applied for your siblings.



Again this term we will be encouraging children to work hard and do their best, but not necessarily be the best. Hard work and effort wins the day in the long run.

Looking forward to a wonderful term together.

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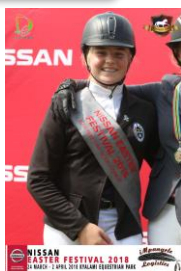


We are currently looking for a sponsor for our weekly achiever awards – if you would like to get involved in rewarding our achievers on a weekly basis, please contact Claudia Levarelli on 031 764 8646 or clevarelli@thomasmore.co.za

SPORT & CULTURE RESULTS

Equestrian

Sydney Swanson (pictured right) competed in the Nissan Easter Festival showjumping in Johannesburg over the Easter weekend. She received 1st and 2nd places in the Pony Rider Open 1.20m competitions. She was also awarded Victrix Ludorum at the show for the highest point scoring pony / rider combination. Well done Sydney.



Congratulations is also extended to Reine Marhsall who took part in the same Nissan Easter Festival in Johannesburg where she placed 2nd in showjumping. Well done Reine.

Triathlon

Good luck to Bidli Theunissen who will compete at the Rabat ATU African Championships in Morocco on 22 April. We know she will do her family and school proud.

HS Netball

Congratulations to the 1st Netball Team for finishing in 3rd place at the Treverton festival.

Congratulations to the following girls who were selected for KZN Midlands Netball teams and competed in an Inter-Provincial during the holidays.

- Kathleen Hastie (KZN Midlands B Team)
- Electra Balidis (KZN Midlands A Team)

HS Hockey

Boys' and Girls' 1st Hockey Team finished in 1st place at the Treverton Festival. A special congratulations to Carmen Vicent who was the top goal scorer.

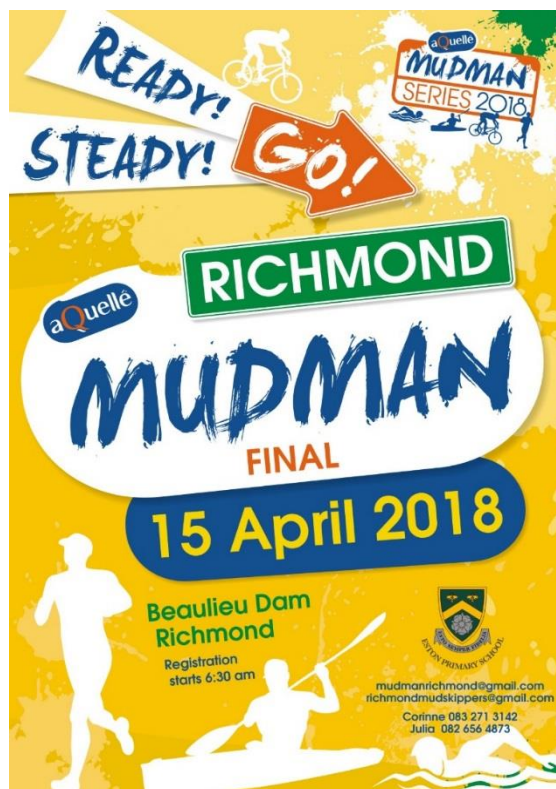
The Boys' and Girls' 1st team then competed in the Crawford La Lucia Tournament over the weekend and had a great tournament. The Girls finished in 3rd position and the boys won the tournament. A special thanks to Brian Riddle who gave of his time to umpire at both of these tournaments.

HS Baseball

Jarryd Schoeman competed in the Baseball Inter-Provincial tournament during the holidays and has been selected for the U19 South African Training Squad. A team will be selected to compete in a tournament in Japan next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Thursday 12 April | PS Inter-house Cross Country |
| Monday 16 April | Country Fair Meeting |
| Tuesday 17 April | Grade 8 & 9 Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 18 April | Bread Buddy (weekly) |
| Thursday 19 April | Grade 1 Inter house Gala |
| | PADSSA U13 Rugby Trials |
| Friday 20 April | Grade 2 & 3 Inter house Gala |
| | FP Care Day (weekly) |



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