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Weekly Scripture "I (ALWAYS) HEAR YOU"

Kids can say the funniest things. One has to question though if their hearing is at fault or whether we, as adults, have actually expressed ourselves clearly enough. In a recent RE assembly we "taught" the children that Jehovah Tsurri (t-su-ri) means: "God is my Rock". To cement their knowledge of this lesson, we hid a piece of laminated paper with the words: "Jehovah Tsurri - God is my Rock" in the area where the SP enjoys their lunch breaks, inviting them to find it. A delicious slab of chocolate was the reward for whosoever found it first. In their search, the children could be seen crawling beneath benches, peering in amongst the flowers, walking the Savory fence line or ... begging the teacher on duty for clues! We even had to turn down a not-so-subtle bribe of a crumpled R10 note! Whilst most methodically searched, it was (in general) the Grade 4s who stuck closest to us, batting eyelashes or asking a million-zillion leading questions hoping we'd finally crack, and give in.

Before help was given though, I asked what name they were searching for. The first to ask shyly admitted not remembering God's name from the morning's lesson, but another ankle-snapper boldly shouted out that His name was easy: "It's Jehovah Chewy!"

Brilliant - don't you just love the simplicity of children? Their spontaneous utterances can certainly break a monotonous day.

God the Father, much like us, would probably burst out laughing if we called Him "Papa Chewy" instead of Tsurri. His patience and divine love for all is infinitely more than we could ever hope, dream or even imagine. May you be bold enough to call out His name, as a youngster may do, even if it's slightly inaccurate. The Bible says that God is always attentive, that He always hears you, and amazingly... He can answer you by name!

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News from the Editor

Renaming of The Newsletter 'AKA Horse's Mouth' will take place next week – apologies for the delay in announcing our winner. Submissions are now closed. Thank you to all who entered and submitted some very catchy options.

Mandela 27 Challenge

To book your 27 minute reflection time slot in the replica Robben Island prison cell, please book [HERE](#).

Golf Day

This Friday! We are still short of a few prizes please. You can contact Rae Griesel 031 764 8697.

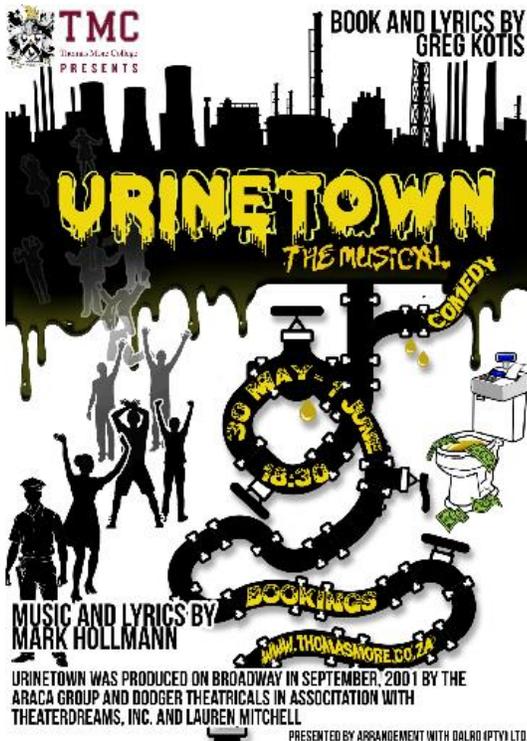
4 x 4-ball slots available. The weather is looking good, so if you haven't booked your 4-Ball yet, please do so. Book your 4-Ball [HERE](#).

Online Tuck Shop

We have relaunched our Online Tuck Shop. Please visit your Google Play Store or App Store on your mobile phone and download the following Apps: **QKR!** (pronounced Quicker) and **Masterpass** (ABSA, Capitec, Nedbank, Standardbank all have Masterpass Apps)

You need both the above mentioned Apps for the Online Tuck Shop to work.

Once you have uploaded your debit/credit card details to the Masterpass App (safe and secure managed by Mastercard), please visit the QKR! App to upload your child's details. The App is extremely easy to navigate, however if you have any queries, please contact Claudia Levarelli on 031 764 8646. For more info view [HERE](#).



High School Play: Urinetown

"A sidesplitting send-up of greed, love, revolution (and musicals!), in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. Urinetown is a hilarious musical satire of the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, municipal politics

and musical theatre itself! In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides that he's had enough and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom!" - MTI Shows

Dates: Wednesday 30 May – Friday 1 June

Venue: Habberton Hall

Time: 6pm

Ticket Price: R85pp

Tickets can be purchased via the QKR! App (as per Online Tuck Shop). Please feel free to contact Claudia Levarelli if you need assistance downloading QKR! & Masterpass from the App Store or Google Play.

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News from High School Headmaster



**"Give light and people will find the way."
(Ella Baker)**

This was the daily quote in my diary for Monday 7 May, and whilst it can apply to almost every facet of life, I found it a perfectly-timed nugget to express one of my fundamental philosophies about real, meaningful and impactful education.

The role of the teacher is exactly as expressed by Ella Baker – we shed light, and then must allow our young charges to find their way. Too often we lay blame on the teacher for a child's underperformance in – or indifference to – a subject or educational space. I am the first to accept that teachers, given their own very real humanity, can have "a bad day" or that personality clashes are almost invariable in a classroom over time given the many moving parts in a school. Nevertheless, the onus to maximise the educational journey lies squarely on every child.

It is a delight when a child is inspired by a teacher; when a child finds purpose through their teacher's passion for their subject or activity; when a child makes a connection with a teacher. Given the ethos of our school, coupled with our sincere effort to meet every child in their space, there is an almost guaranteed, daily opportunity for a child to experience these moments at Thomas More College if they open themselves to it.

Thus, whilst I undertake to continue to exhort our teachers to shine that light, so must we all encourage our children to will themselves to find their way.

In closing, I wish all of our golfers a wonderful Golf Day on Friday, and thank all of them, along with our sponsors, for supporting this wonderful Parents' Council event. Also,

I want to thank our team of staff, most ably facilitated by Mrs Cheryl Selley, for all the work and preparation afforded to next week's Christian Arts Festival. I know it will be another blessed week for our Thomas More community and, like me, I am sure you are looking forward to the bonfire evening.

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News from Primary School Headmistress



This is an exciting and busy week with lots of sport matches, and our cultural Rhythms of Africa being hosted in our hall on Thursday evening, 10 May, at 18:00. (Our musicians involved will however have to be at school earlier, at 17:00.) Refreshments will be available to purchase for those parents dropping off children and having to wait. Parents and supporters are welcome to attend.

"Honour thy Father and thy Mother that thy days may be long..." (Exodus 20 v.12)

Watching the concern of mothers for their sons and daughters on the side of sport fields makes me aware yet again of the love parents have for their children, and the way they do not want them to come to any harm. As this coming Sunday 13 May is Mothers' Day, I think of Mothers, and those in mothering roles, in particular, and the very special role they play in their children's lives. We truly want to honour Mothers and say thank you to them for all that they do. I want to share these thoughts on Moms with you:

One Flaw in Moms/ Women

Moms have strengths that amaze men.
 They bear hardships and carry burdens, yet hold happiness, love and joy.
 They smile when they want to scream; they sing when they want to cry.
 They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.
 They fight for what they believe in. They stand up to injustice.
 They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.
 They go without, so their family can have; they go to the doctor with a frightened child.
 They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel,
 Cheer when their friends get awards.
 They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding.
 Their hearts break when a friend dies and grieve at the loss of a family member,

Yet they are strong, when they think there is no strength left.

They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart. Women come in all shapes, sizes and colours.

They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care.

The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning.

They bring joy, hope and love.

They have the compassion and ideas.

They give moral support to their family and friends.

Women have vital things to say and everything to give.

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN WOMEN, IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH.
 (With thanks to Rebecca LaCount)

Reminders:

- The Bonfire Evening for families next Thursday 17 May in the SP car park, from 18:00 to 20:00 -during the Christian Arts Festival week.
- Also a civvies day – Thursday 17 May. "Payment"= an item/s of warm clothing for the underprivileged in the Valley of a 1000 Hills – to be dispensed at our Pop-Up store at the end of the term.

Wishing you all the very best for the remainder of the week.

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1B	Abigail Newmarch for her keen participation during shared reading and a lovely improvement in her sentence writing.
1R	Haydn White for catching up his work after being so ill!! Well done!
1S	Keeda Cunningham for her kind, caring nature and the lovely progress made with her reading.
2D	Caitlyn King for her determination and consistent effort with her daily work. She is also a blessing to her teacher in helping wherever she can.
2R	Mana Nhlanhla for her wonderful manners, kind gentle ways and for the effort she puts into giving of her best at all times. You are a delight Mana!

2K	Gabby Brophy for her concerted effort in all her work so far this term, as well as her interest in building her robot at Computers!
3B	Erika Cai for the good improvement in her work effort and in her neat presentation thereof.
3M	Emma Croucamp for working hard and making sure she completes her tasks on time. Keep it up Emma!
3R	Tahir van Ryn for listening carefully, being enthusiastic and for an improving work ethic.
4P	Will resume next week.
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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

IMAS
 Congratulations to Kieran Pearton who received a certificate of excellence and a medal in the Upper Primary division of the 2018 International Mathematics Assessment for Schools. Well done Kieran.

SPORT & CULTURE RESULTS

Bridget Theunissen – Morocco – African Triathlon Champs – Biddi shares her experience and highlights



“The African Triathlon Championships in Morocco also served as the Youth Olympic Games qualifier as well as to secure the SA Team slots for World Champs in Australia in September. Besides being an extremely long trip, with a stopover in Dubai and a long bus trip from Casablanca to Rabat, where we all arrived exhausted, the race couldn’t have gone better for me! After the swim in freezing water (15 Degrees), and a wet and slippery bike course, where two of my team mates went down owing to the tough conditions, the run was very fast and flat. I was beyond happy to have taken SECOND overall and also for my team mates Amber and Teagan, who were also on the podium, and thereby securing our slots needed for the SA Team to

compete in World Champs later in the year (with only a certain number of slots allocated to the African continent) Our team will be representing South Africa in Europe later in June where we will be competing in a series of races in Hungary and Netherlands. The competition in Europe is very tough, so after taking a week off on return from Morocco, my preparation for this tour started in earnest from this week.”
 We congratulate Biddi on her superb results and wish her all the very best for World Champs later this year.

SP Girls’ Soccer vs Winston Park

3rd Team – Lost 2 – 0
 2nd Team – Drew 3 – 3
 1st Team – Drew 1 – 1

SP Rugby vs Penzance

U10A vs U10B Won 50 - 0
 U10B vs U10D Won 20 - 15
 U11A vs U11A Lost 0 - 17
 2nds vs 3rds Lost 0 - 19
 1sts vs 1sts Lost 0 - 24

SP Tennis



Congratulations to Ashtyn Cason (pictured left) who competed in the Inter-Pro Schools’ Tennis Tournament. Ashtyn finished 3rd overall with the KZN A team, bringing home a bronze medal. Ashtyn played 16 Tennis matches over 4 days, winning all of her singles matches (6) 4 of the 5 doubles matches and 4 of the 5 mixed doubles matches. Awesome

achievement Ashtyn!

Congratulations to the SP Tennis team who won their section in the first term league. The following boys received medals:
 Nikolaos Bratos
 Aidan Hewitt
 Ryan Browning
 Ross Hoffman
 Ben Shepstone
 Daniel Linnett
 Unfortunately they lost to Reddam Umhlanga in the play-off between sections.

SP Cross Country

U10 - 2km run
 5th - Kai McCormick
 7th - Keira Browning
 8th - Alex Buchan
 9th - Jamie Buchan
 10th - Thomas Buchan
 12th - Emily de Klerk
 19th - Sean Cook
U11 - 3km run
 5th - Bjorn Bekker
 10th - Mackenzy Layden

11th - Stella Reinecke

U12 - 3km run

1st - Dayna Deeble

6th - Ryan Browning

12th - Damian Watson

16th - Jordan Trotter

18th - Jason Erasmus

Open girls – 3km run

7th - Kaelah Balarin

13th - Mthabiseng Mthethwa

18th - Taylor Muir

19th - Megan Brimelow

Open Boys – 4km run

1st - Liam Theunissen

7th - Ezra Haug

8th - Jarred Christie

12th - Philip Craig

Tin Man Triathlon

Congratulations to Dylan Tozer who competed in the above series on 22 April at Suncoast. It was a 200m sea swim, 6.5km bike ride and 2.5km run. Well done Dylan.

PADSSA Rugby

Congratulations to Alwande Mbonambi and Kgaogelo Mashiloane on being selected for the Pinetown & Districts Rugby Squad and will be going to KZN trials on 17 May. Well done and good luck boys!

PADSSA Hockey

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected for the PADSSA Hockey teams. The girls will take part in the KZN Hockey trials on 17 May, with the Boys on 22 May. Well done and good luck to you all:

U12 – Isabella Chetty & Ashtyn Cason

U13 – Kaelah Balarin, Tiaasha Naicker, Jarred Christie & Kgaogelo Mashiloane

HS Hockey

1st Boys XI	Ashton International College	Won: 2-0
Boys-U16A	Ashton International College	Won: 1-0
Boys-U16B	Westville Boys-U16D	Lost: 0-2
Boys-U14A	Ashton International College	Won: 5-0
1st Boys XI	Curro Hillcrest	Won: 5-0
Boys-U16A	Curro Hillcrest	Won: 6-0
Boys-U14A	Curro Hillcrest	Won: 5-0
2nd Boys XI	Kloof High School	Won: 1-0
Boys-U14B	WestvilleBoys-U14E	Lost: 0-2
Girls-U16A	Crawford College La Lucia	Lost: 0-2
Girls-U16B	Crawford College La Lucia	Drew: 0-0
Girls-U14A	Crawford College La Lucia	Lost: 2-3

HS Netball vs Kloof

2nd VII	Won : 10-7
U16A	Won : 22-16

U16B	Lost : 5-7
U15A	Lost : 5-17
U15B	Won : 20-8
U14A	Won : 26-4
U14B	Won : 9-3
2nd VII	Won : 10-7
U16A	Won : 22-16
U16B	Lost : 5-7
U15A	Lost : 5-17
U15B	Won : 20-8

HS Rugby vs Treverton

1 st XV	Won 38-15
U15A	Won 52-0

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 09 May	Bread Buddy
	SP Rugby vs Kloof - Home
	U10 Girls' Soccer vs Kloof - Away
	U11 Girls' Soccer @ Escombe Football Club
	U12/13 Netball vs Westville - tbc
	HS Cross Country League Run – Crawford LL
	HS Boys' Hockey vs St Henry's - Home
	HS Girls' Netball vs Gelofto - Home
Thurs 10 May	Grade 1& 3 Mothers' Day
	Senior Girls' Soccer vs Kloof - Away
	U10/11 Netball vs Westville - tbc
	SP Rhythms of Africa
Fri 11 May	Parents' Council Golf Day – Kloof Country Club
	PP & Grade 2 Mothers' Day
	Inter School Cross Country- Curro Hillcrest
	HS Boys' Hockey vs Grantleigh - Home
	HS Netball vs Glenvista - Home
	Grade 11 Social
Sat 12 May	HS Rugby vs Grantleigh & Curro - Home
	SP Rugby vs St Henry's – Home
	SP Netball vs St Henry's – Home
	Inter-schools' Equestrian
	HS Girls' Hockey vs DGHS - Home
Sun 13 May	Happy Mothers' Day to all our mums!
	Inter-schools' Equestrian
	Outdoor Climbing event
Mon 14 May	Christian Arts Festival begins
	HS Netball vs Westville - Away
	HS Tennis vs Curro & St Benedicts – Home & Away
Tues 15 May	HS Cross Country League Run @ Curro Hillcrest

QUICK LINKS

Academic Calendars



Sporting/Cultural Calendars



Portals

