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Weekly Scripture

RUNNING THE RACE

After watching the highlights of the Comrades Marathon on TV this past weekend, the Lord reminded me that our everyday life in Christ is described as a race and He brought to mind a few sentiments I'd like to share with you:

- As I watched the winners of the Comrades Marathon cross the finish line, I thought of how they'd spent countless hours in focussed, determined training to achieve their goal.
Where is your race focus? *"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 3:14)
- Similarly, as I heard that the entry cap of 21 500 had been reached, I marvelled at the enthusiasm and commitment of all those runners to their training schedules leading up to this great event.
What training are you committed to? *"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."* (1 Timothy 4:8)
- As I watched strangers slowing their pace to run alongside, help and encourage another stranger struggling, I smiled at the 'comrade' spirit which shone through binding them together 'in love'.
Are you running alone or do you help others? *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow."* (Ecclesiastes 4v9-10)
- As I saw thousands of supporters along the roadside come to watch and cheer the runners on, I wondered whether if, for some, this could possibly be a distraction, a motivation or an added pressure...
Are you distracted by the busyness of life & those around you? *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith."* (Hebrews 12v1-2)
- Finally, as I willed those last few runners/stragglers/crawlers over the line before the final cut-off, watching in total angst as the officials insisted that each person finished the race independent of anyone's assistance, I sadly realised that some would not receive a medal and closed my eyes as that fateful gun went off...

As you ultimately have to finish life's race on your own, are you certain of your reward? *"...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling."* (Philippians 2v12(b))
"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." (James 1v12)

My heart's desire for you this week is that these questions will stir within you a deep realisation and sole-searching (pun intended) that our Heavenly Father longs to lead & guide you towards His finish line in this race of life. How's your race going...?

God bless.



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News from the Editor

Mandela 27 Challenge

To book your 27 minute reflection time slot in the replica Robben Island prison cell – slots available until 22 June [book here](#).

World Challenge

Luke Leppan, Christopher Jolly and Simon Daniel have purchased a popcorn machine and have been trying to raise funds for their World Challenge trip to Vietnam in 2019. They have been selling popcorn at various places including Fields Shopping Centre and Village Mall. If you see them out and about, even at school functions, please support them.

Country Fair – Tombola collection

Thank you so much to those families that **supported our Tombola** collection last week. I am sure your children enjoyed wearing civvies. As we have not received as many items as in previous years, we are putting out a plea until the end of this term to please hand in tombola items if you have not had the chance to do so as yet. This is **such a popular feature** at the Country Fair, and the queues start from 1st thing in the morning. Thank you for your support.

Stockshop Welcome

We would like to welcome Nicky Eggers to the Thomas More family. Nicky has joined us in the Stockshop. We wish her many happy years with us.

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News from High School Headmaster



This week has seen our Grade 8s, 9s and 11s depart for their respective Grade Camps after the Grade 10s left for Quest last Friday. It is a week of incredible self-discovery, challenge and building group cohesion for our children. I want to thank all the staff who sacrifice their own family time for our young people to enjoy this experience, and I look forward to the many camp stories when we all return.

I must also extend my gratitude to all the mentors who participated in Homegrown at school on Monday. The Grade 9s and 11s were treated to incredible insights, wisdom and experiences about the economy and how a wide array of careers and work environments are responding to our shifting economy. Our mentors gave selflessly of themselves to our young people who benefited significantly from this time gifted to the school from our mentors. I must record my thanks for the incredible amount of preparation and logistical planning undertaken by Mrs

Rae Griesel, our secretary of the Past Pupils' Association, along with our PPA chair, Mrs Mel Küster, for her support in putting this project together, along with Mrs Michelle Wight and her team for setting up the hall. Homegrown affords our young people an authentic opportunity to forge relationships with our own mentors who have so much to offer in terms of understanding the intricacies of life beyond the classroom.

I wish everyone a blessed, dynamic week ahead, along with strength to our Grade 12s as they continue to meet the demands of the matric academic year, and safe travels to all of our campers.

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News from Primary School Headmistress



Well done to all those who performed in our Cultural Community Showcase last Tuesday afternoon. It was truly heartwarming and uplifting and was thoroughly enjoyed not only by the audience but by all those participating. Our culture continues to soar to even greater heights! It was especially wonderful to hear our combined choirs whose voices filled the hall with harmonious sound. Thank you to the music teachers and all those involved for this superb experience which acted like a tonic to the soul.

Thank you to those who donated items for the tombola store at our Country Fair early next term. Should you not have "paid" for the privilege of letting your child wear civvies and still wish to contribute an item, this would be appreciated. Any new Tombola items such as stationery, toiletries, small toys or games, soft toys etc. are most welcome

Well done to all those who completed the challenging Comrades Marathon this past week-end. We salute you!

We are also exceptionally proud of all our young sportsmen-and women, and their teachers and coaches, on superb sporting results over the week-end! All of our first team age groups won their rugby matches against Ashton College, as did our first netball girls' team. This on top of last Saturdays' successful netball festival at St Mary's in all age groups. In addition, to crown it all, our first team U13 hockey girls tied for 1st place with Chelsea in the hockey festival at St Mary's against other top independent and government schools from the Greater Durban/Pietermaritzburg schools, which made us VERY proud.

We also look forward to the Grade 6 and 7 Sunset Proms on Thursday evening this week in the Habberton Hall at 18:00. There appears to be a plethora of varied cultural items on offer promising an enthralling evening not only

for our performers but all those family and friends who will be in the audience. Well done to all those who auditioned whether your item was selected or not.

We wish all Fathers, and those in fathering roles, a wonderful Father's Day this coming Sunday. Thank you for the role you play in your children's lives, for the childhood lessons you teach and the important beliefs and value systems you pass on. You are your children's role models and it is through your parenting that children learn the hidden curriculum of life. Enjoy Fathers' Day and be blessed! Never forget... *"To the world you may be just one person, but to one person, you might just be the world!"* We celebrate and acknowledge everything you are and for all that you do for your children, and also the way you support the family. My wish for you is a BIG dose of patience and a heart full of love, not just on this day but throughout the year.

Wishing you all the best for the week ahead.

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1B	Kallen Ganesh – for working quickly and accurately at his step sums.
1R	Blake Smith – for trying really hard to focus and complete all tasks. Well done.
1S	Evelyn Küster – for her delightful, expressive reading and for using lots of 'wow' words to make her sentences interesting.
2D	Zoe Rice – for her perseverance in overcoming obstacles with her broken foot and for waiting her turn during class discussions.
2R	Zoey Brophy – for her kind, gentle nature and wonderful effort that she puts into everything she does.
2K	Xu Ran – for the excellent questions he asked at Polar Day, and his improving self-control. Keep this up.
3B	Alegra Naidoo – for her consistency in working hard and for the kindness and care that she shows her friends.
3M	Christian Wiech - for working hard in all academic areas and making pleasing progress.
3R	Hayden Vincent – for answering our water cycle comprehension task so well.
4P	None to award from last week – to resume next week.
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Mathletics

Well done to Raquel Cairns who received her Gold Certificate for Mathletics.

SPORT & CULTURE RESULTS

SP Girls' Hockey

Congratulations to our SP 1st Team Hockey girls who participated in the Pre-Season Hockey Tournament hosted by St Mary's DSG, Curro Hillcrest, Reddam Umhlanga, Durban Girls' College, St John's DSG, Umhlali Preparatory, Our Lady of Fatima and Penzance Primary all participated in the tournament and Thomas More College placed 1st overall, drawing against Chelsea Preparatory in an 8 second shootout. Well done to all who participated, we are extremely proud of you all.



HS Cross Country

Well done to our High School runners who took part in the Cross Country event held on 6 June @ Kearsney College:

U14/15 boys:

7th Luke McDaniel

15th Hayden Jackson

28th Matthew Gerry

U16/17 boys:

21st Jordan Deeble

U17 girls:

1st Bridget Theunissen

U19 girls:

4th Estee Kotze

9th Lindi Crous

PS Cross Country

Well done to our cross country runners who participated in the ward cross country trials on Friday. All your hard work has paid off - we had excellent results:

U9 Girls

5th - Sarah Reed

U10 Girls

15th - Keira Browning

18th - Jamie Buchan

19th - Alex Buchan

U11 Girls:

3rd - Mackenzy Layden

5th - Stella Reinecke

U11 Boys:

3rd - Björn Becker

U12 Girls:

1st - Dayna Deeble

U12 Boys

10th - Ryan Browning

U13 Girls

4th - Kaelah Balarin

U13 Boys

3rd - Liam Theunissen



Toppies 'n Tots Golf Day



Congratulations to the winners of the SP Toppies 'n Tots Golf Day held at Camelot on Friday 8 June, Nic Bratos and his Grandfather, France Talbot. [pictured left with Mr Moolman and Mr Brimelow] Longest Drive Tots – Nic Bratos Nearest to the Pin Boys – Sam Schmidt

Nearest to the Pin Girls – Lucy Lee

U9 Rugby

Well done to our U9 rugby boys who played against Highbury C team and won 25 – 5.

SP Rugby vs Ashton College

U10A won 25 – 15

U10B lost 15 – 50

U11A won 24 – 5

2nds lost 5 – 35

1st XV won 54 – 10



Congratulations and good luck to KG Mashiloane who has been selected as part of the U13A Sharks Schools Rugby Team and will be travelling to Kimberley during the school holidays to compete in Craven week. All the best KG, we are very proud of your achievements [KG is pictured left with Mr Hartley at the recent Sharks Capping Ceremony.] We also extend congratulation to Jarred Christie for making the U13B Sharks side. Well done to both boys.

Equestrian

Congratulations to Naomi Easson who took part in a fun training show in Drummond and was placed 4th in the 40cm and 5th in the 50cm showjumping competition. Well done Naomi.

MTB

Congratulations to Jordan Bold who competed in the final round of the schools Mountain Bike Eliminator series on Saturday and won the Open age category.

BMX

Congratulations to Levi Smith who competed in the UCI BMX World Championships held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 5 – 9 June. Levi competed against world title holders and was unfortunately eliminated in the Semi Final. We are super proud of Levi's achievements having competed for the first time on an international level, and making it into the Top 16 BMX riders in the U8 age group. Well done Levi.



QUICK LINKS

Academic Calendars



Sporting/Cultural Calendars



Portals

