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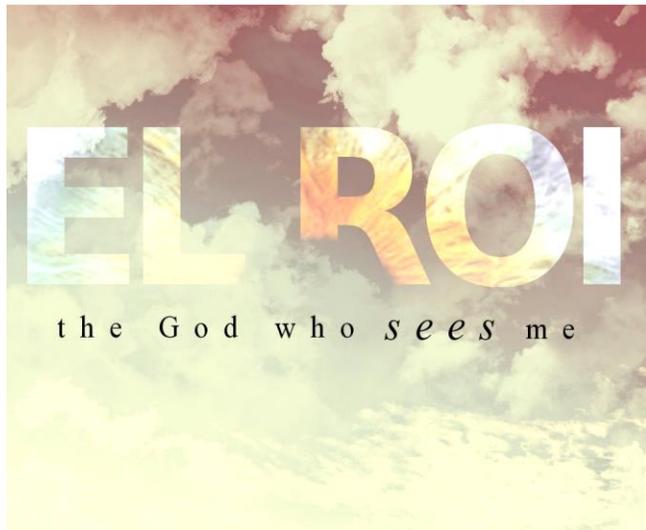
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Are you familiar with the story of Hagar, who referred to God as Elroi, which means 'The God who sees me?' Hagar was running away. She was alone in the desert, feeling betrayed and, I imagine, quite desperate. She was an Egyptian, a slave to Sarah who had been used as Abraham's concubine and found herself pregnant as a result. This is a complex story, but the fascinating truth in it is that the God of Sarah and Abraham, Yahweh, revealed himself to her in her crisis time of great need. She didn't know Him, but she knew of Him. He revealed Himself with intent - to rescue her and to redirect her. He knew her name, the situation she had found herself in, and He called her to Himself. And then, in pursuing and finding her, He gave her direction by calling her back into the situation she had found so hard with the promise that He would be with her and bless her. Although Hagar hadn't known Him, she knew she had been found by Him, Elroi, the God who sees.



Know that He is the God who sees you too and that, as you submit your heart to Him, He is the One who promises to lead you, to help and empower you, and to bless you even in the hard seasons you may find yourself in.

Genesis 16:7,8,13 The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" ...She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me."

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the Lord.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

Country Fair Raffle Winners – the winners will be announced next week and loaded on the communicator.

Wishing you all a safe and most enjoyable long weekend.

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NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL HEADMASTER



"...the age of artificial intelligence is going to have major implications for education.

"It is going to shift human skill development from knowing content to its application; from regurgitating facts to critical engagement with content to achieve a desired outcome. With artificial intelligence, facts are now available at the click of a button

or by posing a question to a machine. The result is that human “experts” are under threat, thanks to the information overload that is the worldwide web. This means that, increasingly, we are going to have to teach students to be critical thinkers.”

Lebogang Montjane (Executive Director, ISASA)

I have quoted this from the latest edition of *Independent Education* (Volume 20, ISASA Publishing). Mr Montjane’s article speaks to the urgent need of education to shift with the morphing economy. He further asserts that “ISASA schools must ensure that they are producing young people who are thinkers.” His discourse implores schools to promote an awareness amongst our young people of how they are thinking, and to develop a capacity to recognise possible limits in their thinking, and then to think beyond those limits, and in new ways.

Mr Montjane goes on to elaborate that “Teachers will no longer be the providers and students the recipients of knowledge. Rather, teachers will be the facilitators and students will be required to take responsibility for their own learning; it is students who must do the “heavy lifting” of learning. No longer should teachers carry the burden of spoon-feeding content to students, who then have to regurgitate their memorised information in high-stakes summative assessments. In short, the application of metacognitive techniques shifts the learning to the learner.”

In this context, I am once again reminded of just how blessed I am to be a member of our academic faculty at Thomas More College. Our teachers are not only highly qualified, but they are passionate about – and fiercely committed to – our young people’s learning journeys. Teaching has become a hazardous profession. Multiple expectations are placed on teachers by students, parents, government agencies dictating educational policy, and the school’s many, varied extra-curricular programmes. The EQ demands placed on teachers are immense. Adolescents have – and adolescence has – shifted significantly in the past decade. Yet, despite these burdensome and increasing pressures, our staff is committed to Mr Montjane’s exhortations about what education should be doing. This speaks of a highly committed and impassioned teacher body at Thomas More College, particularly evidenced this year in our Grade 8 and 9 Elective Programme initiative.

Upon my arrival at TMC in 2016, I shared a little of my vision for TMC during my tenure here at the Grade 8-11 Prize Giving. One of my hopes I shared was for TMC to be a place in which I had to curtail and contain creative thinking and thought leadership, and not to have to ignite it. I am the proud recipient of that for which I hoped.

HS Staffing News

We welcome Miss Mafiki Sikakane into the office of the High School secretary. She has now officially taken over from Miss Mkize. Similarly, we congratulate Miss Mkize who has now assumed fully her role as our Academic Administrator.

I am saddened (but excited for them) to share with you the resignations of Mrs Berné Edwards (Sports Administration Assistant) and Leanne Frisinger (Head of Visual Arts). Mrs Edwards has decided to shift into full-time motherhood at the end of the term. We wish her and her husband, Mark, every joy and blessing upon the arrival of their child later this year. Mrs Frisinger, on the other hand, is moving to America at the end of the year with her husband, Travis, and young Zenith. We wish them happy and blessed travels. I will bid both of these valuable colleagues farewell more appropriately closer to their respective departures.

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NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADMISTRESS



Well the booking for our long awaited SP Grade 6 and 7 2018 production, “*Into the Woods*” has opened. As there are limited tickets available, seating is allocated on a first come, first served basis.

You have all heard about Mr Graham Hooper’s promotion to that of becoming the Headmaster of Curro Primary School from 1 October this year. With Graham’s resignation, our Senior Primary management team and I have spent time debating the way forward. In addition, I have toyed with different scenarios in order for us to do what is best for our phase, as well as for Thomas More College. When one includes the rapidly changing educational landscape it is relevant to periodically review structures for appropriateness and relevance.

What has made this more complex, is that when we advertised for a second SP deputy, there was no discussion at that stage that Mrs Leanne Grant would be leaving us for the FP. During the process, it emerged Leanne would be involved in FP AEU work but it subsequently transpired that she would not be able to be involved at all in the SP nor do any of her HOD/ SP school duties as initially thought as she was needed full time by the FP. This was supported by Manco.

Due to these recent resignations or transfers within the Senior Primary School an opportunity has arisen to reassign some key roles and responsibilities that will provide opportunities for further growth and a more equal distribution of the work load, positioning us for the exciting opportunities that education is currently presenting. After much consideration and deliberation, we have thus decided not to appoint a second Deputy but rather to advertise two internal HOD positions as we have a very able staff. It also meant we could appoint three new teachers: to replace Mrs Edith Haynes (who leaves us at the end of the year to join her husband in Ireland) and Mrs Lee Parfitt (who has left us already and will be teaching at a private school in Surrey in the UK from the start of their new term.) One of the teachers

would also need to pick up some work from the newly appointed HODs as well as Graham's teaching load.

This has not been an easy decision to make but we do believe it is made with the best interests of not only our own staff, but also in the best interests of Thomas More College.

I am delighted therefore to announce the new incumbents:

- In Grade 4- Mrs Gemma Jansen (nee Coghill) a past TMC pupil, as is her husband. She has been teaching Grade 4 at St Mary's for the last eight years.
- In Grade 7 – Mrs Caroline Jooste, who has done locum teaching for us and in the High School.
- In Grade 7- Mr Lindo Mthlane, who is presently an intern with us but already has teaching experience from Cordwalles and Treverton during his studies. He also offers a lot on the sporting front
- HOD: Culture- Mrs Roberta Ramasamy, who needs no further introduction to you in terms of what she does in the cultural sphere
- HOD: Innovation and Leadership Development – Mr Ryan Conway, who is in his tenth year at TMC and has assumed a number of diverse leadership roles already.

I am sure you will join me in extending congratulations to them and welcoming them to their new roles in the TMC family.

To all the women in our community, we salute you for the multiple roles you play and the glue you are in keeping society together, for your warmth, courage, conviction and determination in molding young lives positively and making a difference. Women's month (not just day) is a reminder to fill your cup so that you can continue to fill the cups of others in your life. Have a fabulous Women's Day on Thursday 9 August – and enjoy the day off! Thanks to those rehearsing for our play on Thursday and to those teachers who have given up their day off in the best interests of our Grade 6 and 7s.

Wishing you all the best for the busy, but very short week ahead. School closes at normal time on Wednesday 8 August and there are still extra-mural fixtures. It re-opens on Monday 13 August.

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We extend our sincere thanks to our newly established Weekly Achiever Sponsor – Nick and Liz le Roux, owners of Roman's Pizza Kloof, who have kindly offered to support our efforts in recognizing the children who are giving of their best each week.

1B	Arya Boshoff – for always showing keen interest during teaching and applying what she has been taught with care.
1R	Emma Barends – for trying really hard to complete all her classwork and for her kind nature.
1S	Liam Thompson – for being a kind friend and for persevering with his written work.
2D	Megan Perritt – for her beautiful work and always being such a willing helper.
2R	Maria Hanekom – for the wonderful effort she puts into her work and the beautiful presentation of all tasks.
2K	Siya Madubela – for his determined approach to all tasks, as well as his valuable contribution to group work activities this week.
3B	Sienna Raath – for her attention to detail and her consistent, beautiful work presentation.
3M	Josh Pretorius – for all the effort he puts into academic tasks and learning to self-correct.
3R	Jane Bester – for all the effort she is putting into her class work.
4J	Ryan McKey – for trying to be more organised and keeping calm and more focused.
4D	Demi-Lee Clarkson – for being so helpful and organised.
4K	Isabella Nadauld – for good behavior and for co-operative work.
5McG	Nathan Valentine – for always giving of his best in the classroom and on the sports field.
5M	Ethan Williams – for his positive start to the term and for his kind, caring nature
5vL	Jaime Butler – for her consistent effort and positive approach to her school work.
6F	Amal Shiba – for his enthusiasm during lessons and for the positive energy that he exudes.
6L	Andrew de Klerk – for his improved focus and handwriting.
6McC	Ethan Roome – for his improved attitude and positive outlook towards the term.

7M	Luke Bartlett –for his growth in maturity and super contribution to play rehearsals.
7H	Benjamin Shepstone – for his lovely reading and continued hard work in class.
7CH	Rebecca Ronald – for her positive attitude to her schoolwork and extra murals.
7C	Uminathi Mphumulo – for her excellent manners and positive attitude.

Mathletics

Congratulations to Sophia Koen on receiving her Gold certificate in Mathletics.

SP Mathletics

Well done to the following pupils who received their gold certificates in Mathletics last term:

- Keira Browning
- Micaela Fernandes
- Shayna Fernandes
- Adam Gray
- Alwande Mbonambi
- Tahyesh Naicker
- Kaeuren Naidoo
- Stella Reinecke
- Shannon Wilhelm

SPORT & CULTURE RESULTS

Music

Congratulations to Megan Canning (12M) who has passed her final Grade 8 Trinity Classical Piano Exam. Well done Megan

Congratulations is also extended to the following pupils for their achievements in music:

- Caitlin McMurray – Merit Grade 1Piano
- Rachel Montague – Merit Theory of Music Grade 2
- Naomi Smith – Distinction Grade 1 Piano
- Rory Mazery – Distinction Grade 1 Saxophone, Distinction Grade 1 Music theory and an A+ for a recent performance at the Queensburgh Festival.

Swimming

Congratulations to Simeï and Björn Bekker on participating in the NDSA Gala on 27 – 29 July. Both performed well where Björn was awarded U10 boys winner and Simeï U13 girls winner. Well done to them both.

Poetry Slam

Congratulations to our Poetry Slam contestants, Skye Embleton, Justin Keep and Annie Comarmond who all received top scores against 30 other poets from 11 different schools last Thursday. Skye, who has held the title in the seniors category for the last 2 years finished with a score of 26, (1 shy of those who placed 1st), Annie finished with a score of 24 and Justin placed 2nd in the juniors category. Well done to you all.

Debating

Congratulations to the Grade 8 League Debating Team [pictured below] Shivy Seeraram, Lucy Hofmann and, Conall Steenkamp who progressed to the semi-finals of the league. Although they lost to Glenwood, they can be extremely proud of their achievement.



HS Golf		
HS 1st Team	St Henry's	Won 4-0
HS Boys' Indoor hockey		
U14A	Westville	Lost 0-10
U16A	Hillcrest	Won 8-1
U16A	Kloof U16B	Won 4-2
1st Team	DHS	Drew 3-3
HS Boys' Soccer		
U15A	Kearsney	Lost 0 - 4
U15B	Kearsney U15D	Drew 1 - 1
U14A	Kearsney	Lost 0 - 8
U14B	Kearsney U14D	Lost 0 - 4
1st Team	Kearsney	Drew 1 - 1
2nd Team	Kearsney U18D	Lost 1 - 3
3rd Team	Kearsney U18I	Drew 1 - 1
U16A	Kearsney	Lost 1 - 2
1st Team	St Henry's	Won 3 - 0
2nd Team	St Henry's	Won 4-0
U16A	St Henry's	Lost 0-2
U15A	St Henry's	Won 1-0
U14A	St Henry's	Lost 0-1

Cycling

The past weekend, some of our riders took part in the Illovo Eston Roag series and again achieved great results. Jonty Watts finished in 2nd place in the 18km race. In the 40km race, Tiffany Keep finished 1st lady and 5th overall and Matthew Rall was 17th in his age category. Well done to all our cyclists.

SP Girls' Hockey vs St Mary's DSG

- U10A 1 - 1 drew
- U10B 3 - 1 won
- U10C 0 - 3 lost

U11A 1 - 2 lost
 U11B 0 - 2 lost
 U11C 1 - 1 draw
 4th 0 - 1 lost
 3rd 1 - 1 drew
 2nd 0 - 0 drew

SP Girls' Hockey vs Kloof

U10A 6 - 0 won
 U10B 6 - 0 won
 U10C 5 - 3 won
 U11A 3 - 1 won
 U11B 6 - 0 won
 2nd vs 2nd 4 - 0 TMPS won
 1st vs 1st 7 - 0 TMPS won

SP Boys' Hockey vs Kloof

U10A 6 - 0 won
 U10B 5 - 0 won
 U11A 2 - 1 won
 3rd vs 4th 4 - 1 (internal game)
 2nd 2 - 0 won
 1st 0 - 1 lost

SP Boys' Soccer vs Kloof

U10A 2 - 3 lost
 U10B 2 - 2 drew
 U11A 2 - 1 won
 U11B 8 - 0 won
 U11C 2 - 2 drew
 5th 0 - 6 lost
 4th 0 - 11 lost
 3rd 1 - 1 drew
 2nd 2 - 1 won
 1st 0 - 1 lost

District Soccer

Congratulations to the following girls and boys who have made the Highway District Soccer teams in their respective age groups:

Girls:

U14 Kathleen Hastie, Saxon Kriese & Emma Fallett
 U15 Amahle Shangase, Danielle Rockey & Stephanie Tshuma
 U16 Lola Lee
 U19 Tatum Olivier, Courtney Sim and Carmen Vicent

Boys:

U14 Tapuwa Sibisi and Sanele Pryce Lewis
 U15 Kellen Coombs, Luyanda Mlambo & Lexi Criticos
 U16 Tyler Levarelli
 U19 Sibaphiwe Khanyile

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Jaymee Lang who has received a silver and bronze certificate for Integrated Artistic Acrobatics. Well done Jaymee.

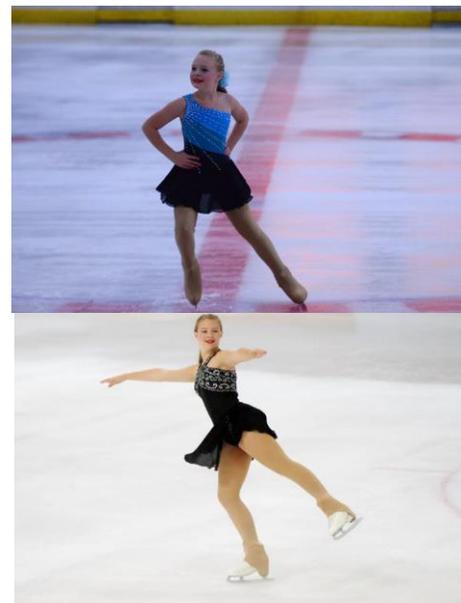
Congratulations to Dayna Deeble on receiving a bronze medal (3rd overall) in a competition hosted by Durban North

Gymnastics Club for level 7 all ages grouped together. Well done Dayna

Figure Skating

Caylee and Morgan Benson will both be representing TMC in the upcoming KZN Inter-schools figure skating competition. This is the first time that TMC will be represented in this competition. The competition will be held at The Durban Ice Arena on 21 August 2018

Caylee will also be participating in The KZN inter-provincial Figure Skating Championships which will be held at the Durban Ice Arena from 31 August to 02 September. We wish both girls the best of luck.



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