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THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

2019 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2019

“ As with every successive year, time seems to accelerate. It feels like just yesterday that I was standing here in front of you all, with the rain pouring down behind me and the lightening siren wailing. Those conditions led to the cancellation of all sport on Association Day 2018, and we as the PPA Committee took huge encouragement from the evident disappointment of our members that day.

Despite the weather, we hosted 2 reunions that day. The Class of 1978, with their 3 teachers in attendance, and the Class of 2008 whom we eventually had to request to move on to Stokers 6 hours after the Reunion began.

The Hands through Time podium and ceremony were new introductions that certainly added some tradition and gravity to the Matric Farewell assembly. Thanks to the excellent oratory skills of Colin James, the Class of 2018 truly felt the handprint that Thomas More College leaves on your soul.

The PPA are exceptionally grateful to MANCO for the relocation of the PPA Office. The larger and more inviting space has already been remarked on by every Past Pupil that has popped in.

Our database contains 7018 records which include Past Pupils, Board Members, Past Staff & Past Parents. Of these 63% are active contacts, which is a significant increase from the 56% of last year. Our Facebook Page has 2268 followers, representing 32% of our records.



#proudpastpupil



PPA HOCKEY

Our 3 hockey teams have had a blast this season. We are just over half way into our outdoor season. After every game we have a lass of the match awarded within each team to add a bit of fun.

LONG WALK



HOME GROWN (Act 3)

This, our third year of hosting Homegrown, we had 25 mentors spend 3 hours chatting to and engaging with the Grade 9 (subject choice) and 11 (career choice) students on Wednesday 19 June 2019. The pupils spent time with many of the mentors and it was wonderful to hear from the mentors during tea that they were impressed by the types of questions and the interest the pupils took in the various career paths. We do hope that we can offer the pupils more mentors in the coming years.



The **HOCKEY CLUB** is thriving under the excellent management of Kelsey Van Wyk, with 3 teams in the outdoor league, 2 teams in the indoor league, and 1 team in the summer league. On the other hand, the Water Polo Club has had a quiet year due to logistical changes in the local leagues and is awaiting the schedules for the 2020 season to establish whether or not they will continue to play. The Cycling Club, under the passionate leadership of Tim Keep continues to excel, producing top riders on a local, provincial and national level.

LONG WALK 2019 was a very hot, beautiful Durban Summer's day in which the PPA Stop made its presence felt. The position of our stop was moved to accommodate changes in the route, and we can only hope that our party stop brought a smile to all walkers as they re-entered the school via the Insala Rd gate. We would like to thank the many Past Pupil and Past Parent volunteers that assisted us that day - it is no small task to man a stop from 7am to 8pm and you all made it an easy, enjoyable day!

Lynn Bregmans' outstanding work in the **ARCHIVES** has allowed us to reach the point where we not only require more physical storage space but we also require 3Tb of digital storage space just to accommodate the records that we already have.

HOME GROWN 2019 saw 25 mentors engage with the Grade 9s and 11s to provide them with firsthand career advice as well as potential mentorship and work experience opportunities. We have also begun the planning for Phase 2 of the Homegrown project – an event called TMC Connect – which will engage our members with one another on a professional level.

COUNTRY FAIR 2019 was one of those days where being part of the TMC team was truly rewarding. To produce a joint PPA and TMC Marketing stand was not only an indication of the success of the PPA Country Fair Stand in previous years, but also an



indication that Thomas More College has as much pride in its past pupils as we have in them! We met 127 Past Pupils that day, all of whom were as happy to see us as we were to see them!



Mr John Batchelor



Mr Otto Hirzel



Mr Roy Alderdice

In May 2019 three long-serving members of the Thomas More Board of Trustees retired. Mr John Batchelor, who will be inducted as an honorary life member later this morning, Mr Otto Hirzel who is already an honorary life member, and Mr Roy Alderdice, who is not only an honorary life member, but who also served as PPA Chairman from 2001 to 2003. We offer the sincere thanks of our members to all 3 of these gentlemen for their immense dedication to Thomas More College, words are simply not enough to express our gratitude for your combined 62 years of official service to Thomas More.

In this forum it would also be remiss of me not to single out Mr Roy Alderdice. Roy was a founding pupil of Thomas More School. As I mentioned before he is also a previous PPA Committee member, previous PPA Chairperson, PPA Benefactor and PPA Honorary Life member. Most significantly Roy has served as Chairman of the Thomas More Trust Board of Trustees, at the unanimous wish of the Board members, for 15 years. I therefore feel that it is only fitting Roy that you know that the 7000 plus PPA members out there appreciate you for being the ultimate example of a **#proudpastpupil!**

A change in the structure and strategic focus of the Board of Trustees of Thomas More has led to the removal of the automatic appointment of the Chairperson of the PPA to the Board of Trustees. This has however been replaced by the requirement that three of the Board members must be Past Pupils. This has provided more Past Pupils with the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of the school of which we are so proud, and we thank the Board of Trustees for this consideration.

2019 has welcomed Steve Cromie and Stephen Tshuma to the PPA Committee. Their passion and enthusiasm for Thomas More has energised us all, and we cannot wait to work with them in the years to come. May God find us many more members like you!

The PPA Committee has also received the resignation of James Baker and Gary Green. James, your willingness to assist us, support

us and be the calm, wise voice at the table is indicative of your character. We are so grateful for your efforts and know that we may call on you whenever your valuable expertise is needed. Gary, we are going to speak more to you later when we have the pleasure of inducting you as an honorary life member, but since those words will not be mine I would like to say, just the other day, you told me that Thomas More isn't just a school for you, but rather a home, and that your fellow Thomas Moreians were not just classmates, but your family. I would like to paraphrase that. You have not been just a vice to my chair, or a mere colleague, you are a trusted and valued friend who has taught me the true meaning of loyalty! Thank you for the past 8 years!

As always thanks are due to Colleen and her team for not only keeping our finances in order, but presenting them to us in a format that we can understand! To René, Dave,

Kelsey, Amy & Bronwyn, those 7000 members I spoke of owe you a lot! Thank you for your tireless efforts! And to Rae, another trusted and valued friend, you are a trooper who could write a book about getting things done under adverse circumstances! The problem with being that trooper is that people can't get by without you! So thank you for always being our Rae – you may not be a past pupil, but we will gratefully claim you as one of our own!

In closing, it is a privilege to stand before you all this morning. At every turn in all my dealings with Thomas More College I am reminded of exactly why I am a **#proudpastpupil**. And when I look around this room, and see the faces of so many people who are as equally invested in and supportive of Thomas More College, I am reminded of exactly why Thomas More College is such a special place. ‘’

Melanie Küster - PPA CHAIR



PPA VICE CHAIR

We are excited to announce the appointment of our new Vice-Chair to the PPA, nominated and seconded at the AGM in September –

MISS AMY BALARIN
(Class of 2016).

Gallery



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SAVE THE DATE

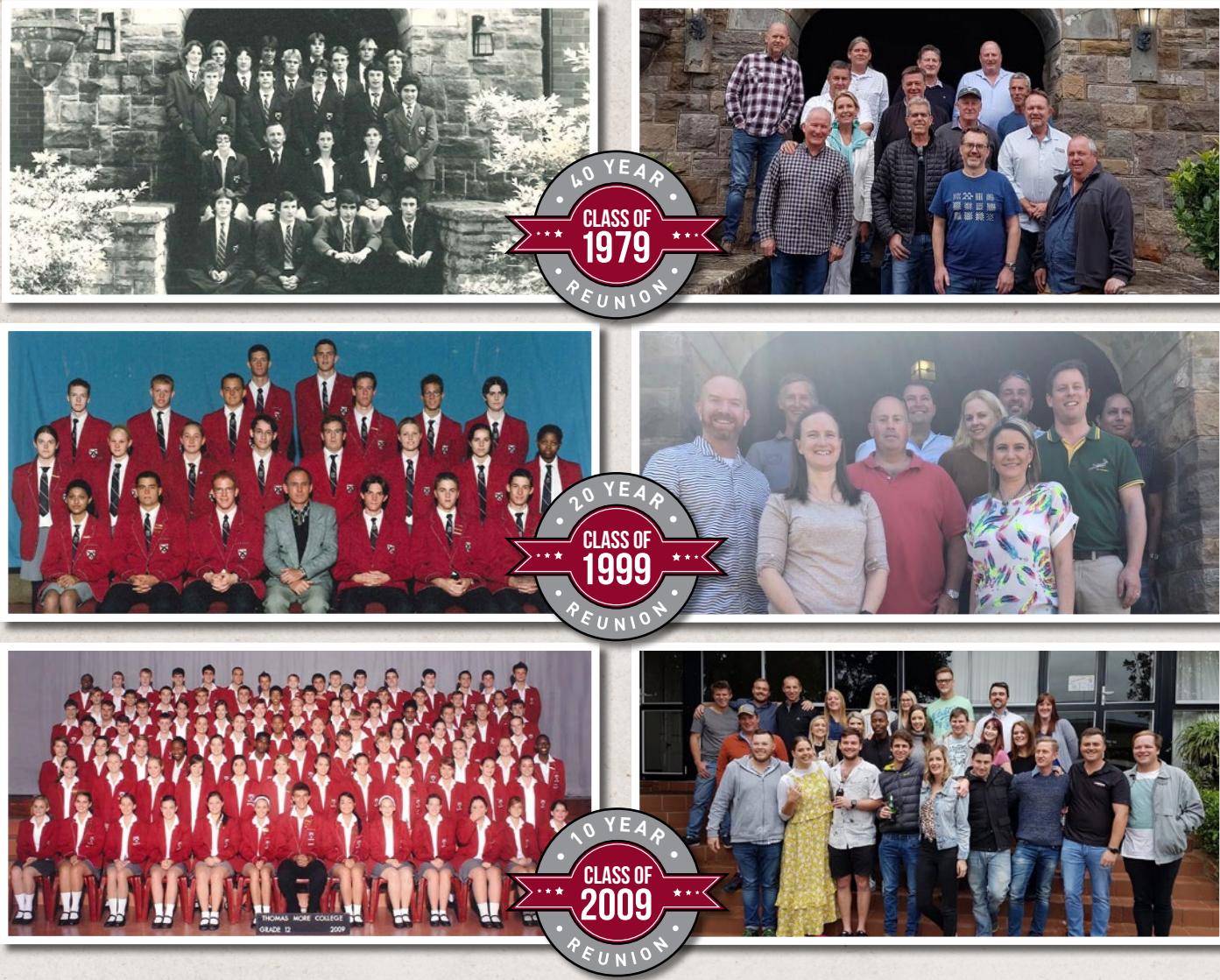
Association Day
2020
IS MOVING!!!

**FRIDAY
24TH
JANUARY**

**3 PM
ONWARDS**

ASSOCIATION DAY
24-01-20
15h00

We hosted the Class of 1979 for lunch in the Robin Savory Pavillion and Class of 2009 for a braai in the Ken Mackenzie Centre on Association day this year. We had a wonderful turnout from both these classes. They spent a wonderful afternoon together reminiscing and enjoyed the tour around campus with some having not been back for many years. The Class of 1999 joined us for drinks and snacks two weeks later together with a reminiscing tour of the campus and then off they went to have lunch at Stokers. Special thanks to those past pupils who travelled from abroad to attend their respective reunions and the members from the classes for co-ordinating their reunions with Rae.



PUB QUIZ EVENING

On Friday 31 May we hosted our Chinese themed Pub Quiz Evening. This year we had 175 avid pub quiz enthusiasts eager to hear from our legendary quizmaster Gary Green. The food prepared and served by McAllisters Catering was superb as always. To the committee members and members of our TMC functions co-ordinator's team who assisted with set up and décor, a huge thank you as a fun-filled evening was had by all.





GARY GREEN (Class of 1979)

“ If I had to simply sum up Gary... it would be, using his own words, in the dedication of the book he wrote on his time at Thomas More:

...to the Thomas Matric Class of 1979... So is his undying love of the school, and his former class mates, many of who are here this morning.

Anyhow... moving on:

I arrived at Thomas More in 1976, having done my Prep Schooling at Kings School in Nottingham Road. Upon my arrival that January, I was warmly received by my classmates, and immediately felt at home.

It didn't take me long to work out the different characters in our Class...

1. the "normal" guys
2. the good sportsmen
3. the (only) three girls... and
4. the "anarchists"! ...Gary being
... "leader of the pack"!!

In the 4 years I spent at Thomas More, there wasn't a fellow pupil or teacher who wasn't put to the ultimate test by Gary. I guess that Gary works you out long before you get the chance to work him out...

If you are the superficial/insincere and a non-team player, that becomes a quick departure point for Gary. But if you get his very special "Green Light" you have his loyalty and friendship for life.

Gary wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth... the Thomas More of yesteryear was vastly different from the school today. Gary and many of the boarders, adopted the school as their home, and the friendships he and

others made back then, have stood the test of time, are the best friendships today.

After completing his "entertaining stint" in the army, Gary started out on the very bottom rung of the ladder, in retail clothing. I remember him working as a dress suit salesman, at Nubian Notion in an arcade, off West Street in the early 80's. He then went on to serve his time in the corporate side of clothing manufacture, rising to Management level.

...and now Gary is a highly successful self-made entrepreneur, heading up his own company, which is situated at the top end of the retail clothing industry in the country. He is well known and respected in what is known as the "rag trade".

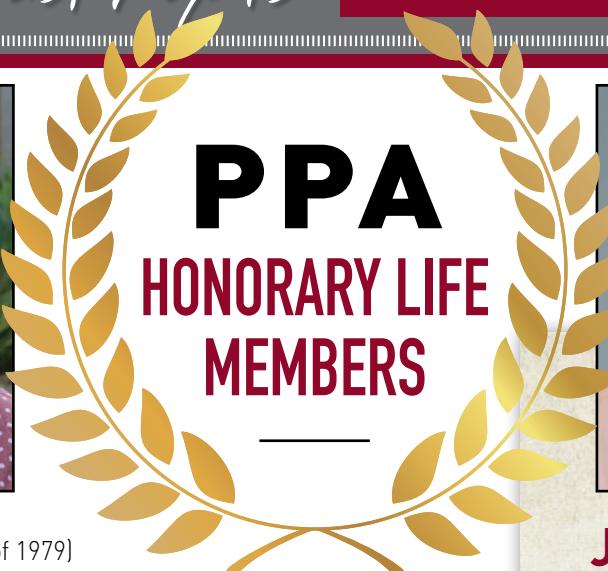
Gary's passion for Thomas More, and his old school buddies, has seen him organise the Class of '79s, 10/20/30 and now 40yr Reunions... with the help and loyal assistance of Chris Dalzell. Gary has served as Vice Chairman of the TMC Past Pupils' Association, and also serves on the Board of Trustees of Thomas More College, in both the Marketing & Finance portfolios.

As a recipient of the Thomas More Cup in 1979, together with the uninterrupted loyalty to both the school and past pupils since, makes him the true embodiment, of this School's legendary Past Pupils.

Thank you Gary, I am immensely proud to be able to call you a true friend of 44 years standing. ”

René Missen (Class of 1979)

Ex-Chairman TMC PPA
Board Member TMC



JOHN BATCHELOR

“ John was born in Germiston and attended St John Bosco College, whereafter he completed national service in the Parachute Battalion; and then graduated from the University of Natal with a BCom LLB. John married his soulmate Sharlene, and soon after, by his own words, his 2 greatest blessings were born.

Thereafter they made the decision to begin their children's schooling at Thomas More and John's passion for the school began. John was elected PC Chairman in 1997, and with that came a seat on the Board of Trustees. John served as Board Vice-Chairperson from 2003 until 2010, whereafter he continued to serve as a Trustee until May this year when he retired.

I have had the privilege to serve with John as a Trustee for the last 9 years of his 22 year long service, and even when surrounded by the true dedication of Otto Hirzel and Roy Alderdice, John's passion, love and devotion to Thomas More College was always front and centre. John's belief in the ethos of Thomas More was evident in every word he spoke, and those words are always fair, considered and wise.

Unfortunately due to a pre-arranged vacation John could not be with us this morning to receive our words in person, but it is a great privilege to convey them to Camilla and St John, his children. So if I can ask them to please come up, and accept the induction of John Batchelor as an Honorary Life Member of the Thomas More College Past Pupils' Association – it is but a small token of our immense gratitude for the time given to Thomas More by your father. ”

CLASS OF 2019 MATRIC FAREWELL

MATRIC PRIZEGIVING, FINAL ASSEMBLY, FAREWELL BREAKFAST MESSAGE & GUARD OF HONOUR PROCESSION

Class of 2019, I am very sorry that I could not be there this morning to celebrate your final rite of passage at Thomas More. Unfortunately, the demands of the working world have had to take preference this morning.

Last night, I listened to Ligudu speak of your legacy, and that is exactly the message that I would like to elaborate on.

You will find that when people speak of the schools that they attended there are certain attitudes that taint their words.

There are those that speak of their schooling with indifference or derision, and a negative attitude that they carry with them into their future lives.

There are those that speak of their schooling as a status symbol, with a complete lack of gratitude for the privilege of a level of education unavailable to many in our beautiful country.

And then there are Thomas Moreians. When we speak of our schooling, it is with respect and fondness. Respect for the opportunity provided to us, often at great personal sacrifice, by our parents. And fondness, not only for the institution, but for the over 100 staff members who have spent the last 5 to

12 years with the selfless goal of helping you to achieve your best individual outcome. In short, a reverent attitude that is quite frankly incomprehensible to anyone other than a fellow Thomas Moreian.

When you ring that bell today and step out into the big wide world as a **#proudpastpupil**, know that you do so carrying the best wishes of an extended family dating back 57 years.

Know that each of you forms part of each of our legacies, and that the steps that you take in your life will maintain that commitment to upholding the person next to you.

Lastly, know that we pray every day that you achieve your unique purposes, and that you will all find the opportunity to come back and share them with us!

Welcome to the Past Pupils' Association
Class of 2019, we are honoured to
have you as our newest members.



Goodbye to the MATRICS OF 2019

Ed's note: Class of 2019, we look forward to your visits, so please keep in touch!

#proudpastpupil

TMC Highlights



On Friday, 15th February, Thomas More College had their annual **SPONSORED WALK**. What a day to remember, this will certainly go down in the history books as one of our most memorable Sponsored Walks. The Thomas More College community rallied together - from parent lap counters, to admin staff working the tuck shops, mums in the coffee shop, class teachers encouraging children along the route and counting laps, grounds, maintenance, kitchen and functions staff going the extra mile, and of course the children - we think we may have a record Sponsored Walk with more children doing more laps than ever before. Our cherry on top, East Coast Breakfast broadcasting live from the campus!

The main purpose of the day - Outreach fundraising - thank you Thomas More College family for reaching out, and giving to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Our hearts are full today!

WATCH THIS SPACE

 **TMC**
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WE'RE BREAKING GROUND

INDOOR MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE

LOADING 2020

2 Cricket Nets • 1 Indoor Netball Court • 1 Indoor Hockey Court
250 Seat Grand Stand • Catering Facilities • Change Rooms • Parking

2019 is filled with many Highlights but 2 that will stand out for us are definitely the **SPONSORED WALK & MATRIC PRIZE GIVING**.

Thomas More College matric class of 2019 were acknowledged and congratulated at the **2019 MATRIC PRIZE GIVING** ceremony.

Internationally recognised documentary photographer, **MATTHEW WILLMAN**, (TMC past pupil '97) addressed the pupils, parents and invited guests.

Matthew concluded the evening with a thought provoking paradigm, “**there is only one sensible thing to do with this life we have been given... fill it. Learn as much as you can, have compassion, show love, be vulnerable, choose hope, choose adventure. You are only limited by your imagination. Money will come. God created an ordered universe, go in the way of seeking a full life and more will be added to you.**”

Matthew Willman is never one to do anything in half-measures, so to end the evening on a high he had arranged a very special message from none-other than, The Daily Show host and South African comedian, Trevor Noah – with a personal video message to the Thomas More College class of 2019 wishing them all the very best, and while congratulating them on their graduation - the school erupted with elation... most certainly a moment that will be cherished for years to come.



Introducing...
TMC HEADS & DEPUTIES FOR 2020



Congratulations to our 2020 Heads of School. We wish them all the very best for their year ahead whilst they continue to lead and serve their peers with humility, courage and conviction.

Left to Right: **Rory Camp** – Head Boy, **Anna-Rose Munn** – Head Girl, **Dale Harper** – Deputy Head, **Josh Hooper** – Deputy Head.



TIM RUSSELL (Class of 2001)

After leaving Thomas More Tim studied Geological Science at UKZN. He has been working as a Geologist at the Sishen Mine in the Northern Cape since 2010.

Tim and his wife Maretha welcomed their son Mark into the world at the end of 2017. In 2018 he received his MSc Eng. in Mining Engineering from Wits University.



KIRSTEN ELLIOTT [Class of 2017]

Kirsten has been Au pairing in America and will head off to UCT next year to complete her degree in Astrophysics.



JOHN LISTER [Class of 2012]

Studied in the great state of Texas in United States where I attended Texas A&M University Corpus-Christi from August 2013 through to December 2017. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Systems Engineering. Straight out of university John began working for a power company called Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative as a Geospatial System Architect/ Software Engineer, through the company. He has travelled giving presentations about how electric companies can use their data to power their decisions. John married Kaci Marie Lister on 6 January 2018 and they reside in a small Texas-Town called Bastrop.

We share our company with our rescued American-Pitbull-Terrier named Odie.



TRACY FLOWERS née Mackenzie [Class of 2008]

Since finishing Matric in 2009, Tracy got married to Ryan Flowers in 2013. She completed her MBChB at UCT (finished in 2015), completed internship and community service and now they are living in CT. Tracy is working for MSF (Doctors without Borders) in Khayelitsha as a Medical Research Manager in the field of HIV.



GRANT LAING (Class of 1977)

Grant resides in the Washington DC metro area, where he has lived and worked since 1993, following on from a 7 year stay in Darmstadt, Germany. Married to Amy, parents to two teenagers who are reaching college age. He regrets missing the 40 year reunion and has vowed to attend the 50 year one in 2027.





MATTHEW WILLMAN (Class of 1997)

It was announced by The National Academy of Television in the USA that the 30 minute film Documentary that Matthew Willman had the privilege to be a part of won an Emmy Award (regional) in the USA for Short Film Documentary / Education. Not only for the films recognition but more importantly the privilege to have our story told in America...

The documentary tells the story of Nelson Mandela adapted from a permanent museum exhibition which Matthew curated at 'The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center' in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. Matthew had the privilege of narrating and helping to tell the story of Mandela with his images and in front of camera on locations around South Africa and in the USA.

One rainy afternoon whilst Matthew was exhibiting in Cologne, Germany in 2013, Mr John Pepper telephoned Matthew from the US and said he had a vision to bring Mandela to America. His single minded determination realized a phenomenal 3000 sq foot exhibition on the life and times of Mandela as well as this short film documentary piece.

A trailer to the documentary has been released.....



KELSEY GÜHRING née Jourdan (Class of 2007)

Since leaving Thomas More Kelsey took a gap year in London, UK. Following which she then went on to complete her Bachelors degree in Print Production at the University of Cape Town, and then succeeding with an Honours in Marketing and Advertising communication.

In 2010 she met her now husband, Micha, who was working for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in Cape Town.

After a couple years in Cape Town, working in the advertising industry, they packed up at the beginning of 2017 and moved to Micha's home town in Germany, Stuttgart. Kelsey continued to work for a renowned advertising agency in Stuttgart before welcoming their newest addition to their family, Harper Grace (Sept 2018).



GRADUATIONS



LARA HORNBY (Class of 2012)

Lara graduated with a MBBch degree from UCT in December 2018. She is doing her internship at Mitchells Plain Hospital in Cape Town.



ELIZABETH ROSS (Class of 2013)

On 1 April 2019, Elizabeth Ross (Class of 2013) graduated from the University of KwaZulu-Natal with her Master of Social Science in Industrial Psychology, awarded Cum Laude. She studied her undergraduate degree at Rhodes University and her honours at UKZN. In January 2019, she relocated to Midrand, Johannesburg where she works for PwC as a Management Consultant. In addition to this role, she is an industrial psychologist intern completing her training requirements to register as an industrial psychologist in 2020.

ENGAGEMENTS



NICCI MAXWELL

(Class of 2005)
and Bryan Pietersen were engaged in April this year and will be getting married in May next year. Nicci is currently completing her honours in Inclusive Education, and will qualify early next year.



AIMEE BOSSE

(Class of 2005)
and Jonathan Bestel were engaged on 24 October 2019 during the best normal Thursday night at home ever.

Dayne Larson proposed to **SHELBY SALZWEDEL** (Class of 2009) on Christmas Eve (2018) at her Grandparents house. The ring was hidden in her Christmas present so it was a complete surprise and extra special as the whole family were there to witness the entire thing.



Births

PRIVANI HOWES

née Moodley (Class of 2001) and Alex welcomed Milana Kerrie born on 8 October 2019 in Auckland, New Zealand.

Privani was head of the then SEC and looks forward to showing Milana around the school campus one day and telling her about the wonderful experience she had at school.



KONRAD DORFLING

(Class of 2013)
and Miceala Brown were married at Haycroft Farm on the 10th of August 2019.



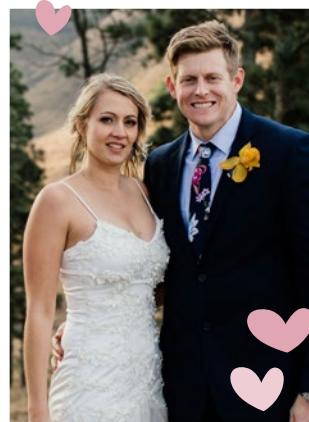
LARA HORNBY

(Class of 2012)
and Jordan Maze were married on 10 August 2019 at Kloof Methodist Church.



TRACEY ZIETSMAN

(Class of 2005)
and Clarke Bremner were married on 31 August 2019 at Forty Winks, Rosetta.



BRYCE BOSSE

(Class of 2002)
and Melissa Hofert were married on 19 October 2019 at Calderwood Hall, Boston, KZN.





OLIVE & WILDE

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AIMEE BOSSE

(not pictured) &

TRACEY ZIETSMAN,

both of the Class of 2005,
proudly displayed their clothing
range, Olive & Wilde, at a recent
Café de More Open Day.

Beach CLEAN UP

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2019

DANIELE PAVAN (Class of 1994), Annie Coetzee and Tania Quintiao, from Aqua Wild Africa, with the help from the Thomas More Grade 3s embarked on a Beach Clean Up on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

"A total of R720 was raised to donate to Project Aware. This will go towards conserving our Ocean worldwide. Thank you for playing a role in conserving our Ocean here in Durban."

The children were an absolute delight, so well behaved and contributed enormously towards picking up over 65kgs of rubbish on the day! Well done and thank you TMC Grade 3s."



CONDOLENCES



The Thomas More family
sends our deepest condole-
nces to the families of

**BRIAN RICHARD
DALBERG**

(01.03.1929 – 18.12.2018).
He will be remembered
always with fondness for
his hugely giving heart and
love for this institution.



The Thomas More family
sends our deepest
condolences to the families of

LYNN MOORES

(01.08.1959 – 13.12.2018)
and

NIGEL THOMAS SLOANE
(04.04.1963 – 03.12.2018),
both past staff.

Your imprints on our campus
will be forever remembered.



The Thomas More family sends our deepest condolences to the families of

RAEL PETER WILLIAM BAKER
(08.04.1994 – 22.02.2019)

LEANDER JAMIESON
(17.03.1961 – 10.04.2019)

DAVID FROLICK
(10.05.1951 – 14.07.2019)

ASHLEY CENTNER
(18.12.1980 – 03.10.2019)

who were all past pupils whose memories will live on in our hearts.



PINBOARD



PRIVATE SPACE

Matthew Willman



MATTHEW WILLMAN (Class of 1997)

'22 YEARS'

Celebrated South African documentary photographer & author Matthew Willman presents for the first time under one title a collective of over 280 images selected from out his 22 years as a photographer around the world.

At the relatively young age of 40, Willman's latest book '22 Years' is an extraordinary visual account of a photographer's lifelong passion to engage with the world. His images go beyond borders, they transcend boundaries exploring in intimate detail the lives of people and places few have ventured to discover. As a photographer Willman is undaunted by the unknown, his work explores the "human condition" wherever it is found. Each image in the book opens up a fascinating world, episodic moments that so many take for granted.

Working with over 65 organisations as a visual specialist in documentary photography, '22 Years' showcases the behind the scenes experiences, fleeting moments that go unnoticed, transforming the ordinary and mundane into extraordinary moments captured forever.

This book is a rich tapestry of life, a testimony of one person's determination to go beyond the confines of his own world to explore a rich cross section of life, genres, cultures, creativity, ability and geography. Matthew Willman does this not through words but by a remarkable collection of photographs documented over many years and now celebrated as our own.

A truly masterful collection of photographs brought together for the first time.

Pages: 284

Size: 22cm x 19cm

Retail price: R330

Available for purchase exclusively at:
www.matthewwillman.co.za/books/



'PRIVATE SPACE'

5 years, 88 dancers, 42 countries on 5 continents.

- a visual master piece 'an ode to ballet' by Matthew Willman.

This book is a personal journey of a photographer with his dancers. Every image is an intimate moment, a private love affair expressed by dancers from around the world.

ON SALE NOW

Monday, November 4 2019 | THE MERCURY

MASTERPIECE

GIFFY DUMINY (Class of 2012)



IN HONOUR of the Springboks winning the Rugby World Cup at the weekend, Durban artists Moekie Lion, Giffy, Danie Stoops and Rukwensay spray painted a mural on a wall of a house in Protea Glen. Pictured are Moekie, Giffy, Danie, Rukwensay, Bok captain Siya Kolisi, the Webb Ellis trophy and the emblem of the national rugby team, the springbok. | DOCTOR NGCOBO African News Agency (ANA)

It doesn't get any better than this: #proudlySA

JACQUES VAN DER WESTHUYZEN
jacquesvanderwesthuyzen.co.za

DIDN'T get much more emphatic

the Springboks, having won

the Webb Cup on Saturday for

the third time in four years.

Team of the Year, too,

and coach Rassie Erasmus, who

arrived with Boks from nearly

200000 spectators to Yokohama

in 2019, was named coach of the

Blindside flank Pieter-Steph du Toit

it was the first time at the annual

ceremony by honoured World

Player of the Year.

was a triumphant weekend in

for the Boks, who on Saturday

and 32-12 to make it three wins

attempts.

The Boks also lifted the Webb Ellis

Cup in 1995 and 2007.

Captain of the 2007 World Cup-winning

Bok team Francois Pienaar, who

attended Saturday's final in Yokohama,

echoed Bok captain Siya Kolisi's words

in his speech: "all is possible

in South Africa, if we work together."

"It's been the most amazing 24

hours. It's pretty emotional, seeing Siya

in the stadium to see what's happening

in South Africa since the final

whistle blew on Saturday," said Pienaar.

You see all that and you again realise

what a great team we have.

Tributes and congratulatory messages

for the Springboks continued to

dominate social media under the hash-

tag proudlySA yesterday.

Actress Charlize Theron tweeted:

"Spending so much love to these guys

for a hand-fought and well deserved

win. CONGRATULATIONS Springboks

- you've done our country proud!"

Meanwhile, the Boks will embark on

a "mini tour" of South Africa to show

off the Webb Ellis Cup and to thank

the fans.

Kolisi will lead the victory tour in

Gauteng on Thursday.

On Friday, they will visit Durban on Fri-

day, East London on Saturday and Port

Elizabeth on Sunday. They will conclude

their tour in Cape Town next Monday.

Further details and specific locations

will be announced closer to the time.

The Boks will arrive back in South Africa

(at OR Tambo International) from Japan

from tomorrow.

See pages 6, 22 and 24

Giffy opens first solo exhibit

GIFFY DUMINY (Class of 2012)



The talented Giffy's artwork was recently showcased at an exhibition at Woza Moya's art gallery. This was his first solo exhibition and it was a great success as his fellow artists, art lovers, family and friends gathered in Hillcrest-based gallery to celebrate Giffy and his work.

The art displayed in the gallery, much like his murals around Kloof and Hillcrest, were inspired by the beauty of the flora and fauna of the upper Highway area.

"...through appreciation comes pride, and through pride comes unity..."

Giffy has a passion for creating art in public spaces and for transforming plain and boring surfaces into places of interest and intrigue, a talent he has honed for more than 10 years.

The work displayed at the exhibition are pieces that depict explosions of bold colours in his landscapes, flowers and fauna as well as delicate feathers of owls' and kingfishers' hibiscus covers.

"I believe that appreciation is one of the most important building blocks for unity and inspiration. We need to appreciate more.

Appreciate others and appreciate the place we live in, because through appreciation comes pride, and through pride comes unity and through the sense of unity, comes conversation," said Giffy during his opening speech.

In addition to Giffy donating 50 per cent of all his sales to Woza Moya, the NPO also had wonderful support from Sam Clark, the owner of YNG GNS mobile bar.

He kindly donated proceeds towards Woza Moya's cause to help economically empower people

infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

"A big thank you goes to Tatum Holder for her beautiful singing of local and self-composed songs, Demi from Eats of the Earth for her delicious vegan patties, Keith and Lulu Edy-Roderick from Lulu Bee for coming along to sell their hand-made products and Stepping Stones Framing Studio for donating R200 gift vouchers for the framing any of Giffy's work," said Woza Moya's fund-raising and marketing manager, Wendy de Gaspari.

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Crow 2020 calendar roars with new beginnings



KAYLA DE CHALAIN (Class of 2015)

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JOERGES (CLASS OF 2014)

Hillcrest's 'Minister of Sound'

The young DJ/Producer has been in the music scene since he was in high school.

October 27, 2019

Hendrik Joerges is all smiles at his collaborator and Producer's studio, Tyrone Woods. PHOTO: Lusanda Luthuli

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THOMAS More Old Boy, Hendrik Joerges (23) is a DJ/Producer who works with all kinds of artists doing commissions and musicians who need their work to be mixed and mastered.

In 2016, he was added to the annual Ministry of Sound album in 2016.

Joerges isn't just a behind-the-scenes artist, he has been making music under his Hendrik Joerges brand since he was 17 years old.

"I started to see myself having a career in the field rather than seeing it as just a hobby," said the young and versatile beat-maker.

Joerges, who's of German descent, has worked with some of the best artists in the music industry, including collaborations with pop duo, Locnville, House djing duo Pascal and Pearce, Mark Stent, Kyle Deutch and is also being mentored and managed by 5fm DJ, Das Kapital. Joerges looks up to Das Kapital and recognises him as an influential person in his career and personal life.

"Das Kapital approached me when I was 17 after he saw some of my work on Soundcloud and signed me to his management and record labels," said Joerges, who was featured in GQ with Das Kapital, who's real name is Kyle Brinkman.

"After being signed to his label, I started gaining recognition from artists like Locnville and later on Kyle Deutch as well as getting bookings as a DJ all over the country," he said.



Joerges is also responsible for composing the jingle for the East Coast Radio Morning Show with vocalist, Cecil "Styles" Mbatha.

"Styles was approached by the producer of the show and as soon as we got the info, I started to work on the track, but we made it a little longer than it should've been because normally, a jingle is 30 seconds but this one was just under one minute, so it was almost like a theme song," he added.

Joerges made the jingle/theme song in three hours and the producers of the show were impressed with the effort.

"After that process we went to talk to them (East Coast Radio Breakfast show) in the studio and it's such a well organised show. Being there, in that environment definitely made me consider a future in radio," said Joerges.

Hendrik's sound is a hybrid of a lot of different genres and the Flume-inspired producer describes his sound: "It's a mixture of a melodic take on hip-hop and low-fi, especially with my latest work. There's a merge of future bass, drum 'n' bass and half time as well as hip hop that's organic."

The underrated producer has work lined up with John Casey from Pretoria and USA-based drum 'n' bass pioneer, A112 and Durbanite, Ross Charles.

Even with his impressive roster of his upcoming collaborations that could bring him commercial success, Joerges still wants to bring something unique to the music industry.

"If I can strike a balance between breaking into the commercial scene and still provide something that's unique to what is out there, that'll be perfect for me. I don't want to make music that's already out there," he said.

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SAMANTHA TAYLOR (Class of 2018)



PABLO HONEY our New Creative Hub

The brainchild of young-timers Sam Taylor and Liam Richards, Pablo Honey is a colourful and creative space adorned with fashion, art and expression of every kind.

"Pablo Honey was always a plan we had, starting as an Instagram page on which we would sell thrifted items. It snowballed into a pop-up shop in Hillcrest – a great start enabling us to learn the basics of retail," explains Liam. "When our current shop space became available we decided to go all in and give it our best shot."

The idea of the shop is to always will be to offer a

safe space where you can relax, have a wonderful conversation and meet like-minded people.

ever busier schedule has seen us record more and more, and now do more and more but we still have a safe space for now it's live music events, art/ceramics and quiz

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BILL & SALLY PICKERING

Bill and Sally Pickering celebrate diamond anniversary.

BLUEBIRD COFFEE ROASTERY: Local And Lekker

Dario Scilipoti's approach to building his company and passion project, BlueBird Coffee Roastery, was "let's have fun and make a difference!"

"Coffee is beautiful. Whether connecting friends at a cafe, caffeinating a long day at the office or the creative hobby of the home barista, it plays a massive role in our daily lives."

DARIO SCILIPOTI (Class of 2005)

Dario says BlueBird started by mistake. "I was an enthusiastic home barista. I tasted coffee a friend had roasted, and I was impressed. I eventually bought a small home roaster and one thing lead to the next," he smiles. "The purpose of BlueBird is to add value. This applies both to our supply chain as well as our customers. In every step I take in growing our company, I aim to make the correct decisions which are better for people, environment, quality and then profit."

Apart from offering a website, BlueBird Coffee Roastery supplies businesses. You can have a cup of their brew at City Roast Caravan and Good Source in Hillcrest, Makaranga Lodge in Kloof, The Talkhouse Cafe in Nelspruit, Florida Road, Salt Rock Coffee Company and Bench Coffee Co in Ballito.

FOR MORE INFO: For business owners, there's a wholesale programme; for home baristas, connect with BlueBird on social media and jump online to order some tasty coffees, bluebirdcoffeeroastery.co.za

They share a special bond

Sanelisiwe Tsinde

THE Pickering's vowed to love each other forever and kept that promise as after 60 years of marriage, they are still smitten with one another.

The love they share is evident by the twinkles in their eyes as they talk about the wonderful years they have had together.

Bill and Sally were both teachers by profession but met during a badminton game in Zambia and got married a year later (18 August).

"She was good looking. I could not let a good thing get away and I was getting old," said a very active 89-year-old Bill.

Sally was born in Zambia and Bill grew up in the UK. "It was just pure luck to be partnered with such a perfect husband, I truly

love everything about him and sometimes I think he came all the way to look for me," said Sally.

The warm and welcoming couple said they never had any reason to part, "we must be good for each other. When you truly love a person, you never get bored with one another as there is always an interesting side to them."

retired and looked after the children. "My husband continued teaching, he taught for many years at Thomas More College and was a headmaster at the school. After retiring, he also did some locum work and offered maths lessons for free."

"Bill has a big heart which is one of the things I like about him, he is a good teacher and he can teach any subject," said Sally.

Even though the couple have moved to the Greenacres Estate to relax, Bill said he doubts he will ever retire as his wife always finds something for him to do.

"He is an active man and always sees something that needs to be taken care of around the house."

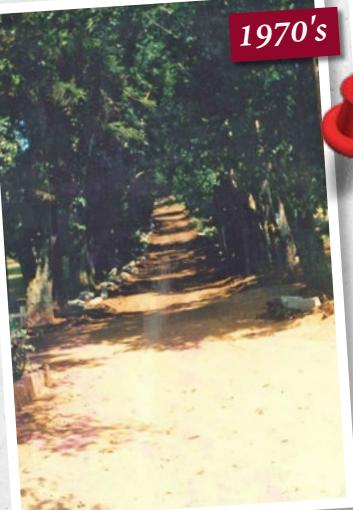


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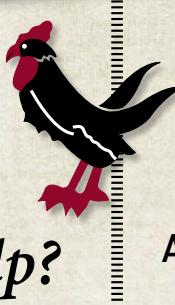


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GOLF DAY	Friday 15 May
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