WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

#FallingPlates

With Easter approaching we are reminded of Gods incredible love for us that He sent His son Jesus to die for us and restore us to Him. This video displays how we have sinned and Jesus has paid the ultimate price for our sin by dying on the cross then rising from death to be reunited with God. We too can be reunited with God by acknowledging our sin, asking for forgiveness and accepting Christ into our lives.

" For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"
John 3: 16

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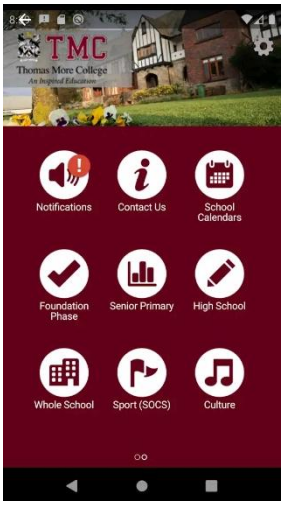
GENERAL NEWS



Thomas More College

Our Thomas More College App is almost ready to launch to our parent body – the app will be available for iOS and Android along with a web platform for those who do not want apps on their mobile devices. The app will allow all communication and info to be shared from one source. You will no longer need to visit various platforms to find info i.e. Fixtures, online Karri tuck shop, Website, Google Calendars etc. will all be housed within our own Thomas More College App. The D6 Communicator will be phased out in the first 2 weeks of term.

Please look out for the launch info which will be available at the start of the 2nd term. For now, we are ensuring that all the info you need is loaded and up to date. Stay tuned...

MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL HEADMASTER

We are living in volatile and uncertain times. Reality is shifting daily. The unthinkable is upon us. Uncertainty can engender within us responses of fear, disconnection from what we know to be true, anger, disillusionment, and an array of other unsettling manifestations. Our comfort zones have been variously challenged, stretched and, for some, shattered.

As a learning community, our own vision for our children to grow their capacity to be agile and critical thinkers, problem-solvers, exercising an innovative mind set, and being people of integrity who simply do the next right thing no matter how unpopular or difficult it may be, has been demanded of the collective leadership of Thomas More College. We are facing new challenges, and they are not static.

I know I sprout forth often about the critical importance of Character and Values education for our young people. Those of strong character and sound values, I believe, can face challenges with an open mind, even from a place of lack, and navigate said challenges with grit, commitment, a can-do attitude, empathy, conviction, and a fervent and passionate disposition of resilience, no matter the magnitude of the challenge.

And so, our country is exploring responses to COVID-19 as it morphs daily. So too we will remain vigilant as we assess the growing footprint and iterations of COVID-19 whilst keeping paramount in our decisions the safety of our children and community.

I want to thank the collective College leadership and you, the parents, for your ongoing support, consideration and calm as we continue to strive to provide our children with *An Inspired Education*, regardless of uncertainty.

On the staffing front, I wish to inform you that Mrs Tracy Richardson and Mrs Berné Edwards will be leaving us at the end of Term 2. Mrs Richardson, after a long and successful tenure here as an English teacher and Grade 10 Grade Co-ordinator, will be taking up an English position at Durban Girls' College. We wish Mrs Richardson every joy and success as she begins this new venture, and thank her for her loyal and selfless service to our children and community. Mrs Edwards has decided to commit herself to full-time motherhood for the foreseeable future, and we support her decision unequivocally. Although Mrs Edwards' tenure, most recently as Head of College Sport, has only been over the past four years, she has been an outstanding colleague and her organisation skills and wonderful efficiency will be sorely missed.

We will welcome Miss Angela Westermeyer (English) and Mrs Kayleigh Da Silva (English and Drama) to Thomas More College at the beginning of Term 3, both of whom are dynamic and passionate educators and who will add significant value to our vision of providing *An Inspired Education*.

I want to congratulate everyone's favourite intern, Mr TK Ngcobo, on his recent appointment as Manager of the KZN 18 Boys' Currie Cup Water polo Team. His appointment is thoroughly well-deserved and we are so proud of him. Similarly, I also want to congratulate Mrs Candyce Brehany on her appointment by the IEB to the position of Regional Moderator for Business Studies. Not only does this carry a weighty responsibility, but it strengthens and complements the already-pivotal role our school plays in both the provincial and national space in the IEB. Mrs Brehany, we are very proud of you indeed!

I wish everyone a safe and blessed weekend and week ahead.

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AUDITIONS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL MAJOR PRODUCTION: *SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE*

Any high school pupil interested in auditioning for next term's production of *Shakespeare In Love* must please join the Google Classroom with the following code: rscvcea

All the audition information is on the Google Classroom. The audition sheets will be up on the Drama Room door closest to the bathrooms by first break today (Friday).

Please read the instructions on Google Classroom before putting your name in a slot

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADMISTRESS

Sincere thanks to Mrs Cynthia Petzer and her team, Mrs Roberta Ramasamy as well as all those from the school who were involved in the organization, or offered support to our Grade 7s who took part in the 20th year Zenith Graduation on Monday evening. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and commend all of the speakers on the progress made and the expertise and confidence with which the speeches were executed. This is a life skill, which will stand them in good stead.

As explained in recent correspondence put out from the collective school leadership, the compulsory Long Walk destined for Saturday 14 March was proactively postponed due to it being an intense endurance activity which could potentially compromise an individual's immune system and put him/her at risk. Knowing this we took this decision as every child's health, safety and care is of prime importance to us, in keeping with our ethos.

All extra-mural activities ended on Thursday last week, unless by prior arrangement.

A few reminders:

- **Monday, 16, is a civvies day** to say thank you for the donations received for our Sponsored Walk.
- **Tuesday 17 March** the gala trophies will be handed out in assembly.
- **Tuesday 17 March are our Parent/ teacher interviews** from 15:30 to 18:30 in the Habberton Hall.
- **Thursday 19 March- SP NAD DAY**- pupils to wear Phys. Ed. clothes.
- **Friday 20 March**- school closes at 10:45 for the SP pupils

Senior Primary Parent teacher interviews take place on Tuesday afternoon, 17 March, from 15:30 to 18:30 in the Habberton Hall. The first term interim reports look at attitude, effort, behaviour, application to homework, work ethic and assessment (formal and informal) and are part of the first six month mark-order. This Ed-admin report (unlike the others for June and December) will be e-mailed to you from about 14::00 on Monday to allow you to peruse it before the parent teacher interviews. They will give you much insight into your child's progress thus far and guide you as to which teachers you should be seeing, if any. All children new to TMC and small group children's parents should ideally see their English and Mathematics teachers, unless they have already been recently contacted. There are no marks or aggregates in this report, as we want to do more in-depth work and it is not in the child's best interests to be on a mark chase at the expense of skills, quality and understanding, but teachers can advise you as to how your child is doing. The interviews are about 5 minutes in duration and are on a first come first serve basis, enabling you to see different teachers when there are gaps. Mrs King, who assists pupils who are exempt from Afrikaans or isiZulu, and does some individualized teaching will also be available, as will Mrs Larkan our AEU small group Afrikaans teacher.

Best wishes to our choir who take part in the Hillcrest Easter Festival on Thursday evening. We trust they will be well behaved and sing well, flying our TMC flag high. A huge thank you to our HOD: Culture, Mrs Ramasamy and to Mr Sherwin Ganasen for all the work that has gone into this, as well as to Mrs Gemma Janssen and to Mr Andile Madonsela.

Best wishes too to our staff and pupils going on the St Dunstan's rugby and netball tour with the HS children during the holidays. We trust they too will be ambassadors for our school and display good sportsmanship. Huge thanks to those staff accompanying them. We will stay in touch with those on the tour in terms of developments with the coronavirus and if necessary, in the interests of our children's safety, will withdraw our participation in such should it be deemed in the interests of our children to do so.

If you can please provide extra sandwiches, bread or peanut-butter for Wednesday so the children in the valley can still be fed when we are closed for the school holidays.

In closing I wish to pay tribute to our dynamic, hardworking and dedicated teachers for their unfailing commitment, loyalty and support and for all they have done and achieved, as well for our precious children over this short term. I do trust they will get some long-overdue quality family time and enjoy a good rest. Thank you too to you, the parents, for encouraging and supporting your children in their activities, commitments and functions. It is much appreciated.

Wishing you all the best for the short week ahead- and an enjoyable holiday and blessed Easter. If travelling, we pray for travelling mercies. Please take extra precaution and heed the special letter we sent out should you be travelling outside South Africa or be in direct contact with someone who has. If so, we urge you to have a 14-day quarantine period before returning your child to school. We look forward to having you all back at school on Tuesday 14 April. Sport starts on the first day back, Tuesday 14 April.

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ACADEMIC, SPORT & CULTURE ACHIEVEMENTS

Please remember to submit your child's achievements to the Deputy Head (re: Academics) cultural or sports HOD in your phase for inclusion in the weekly newsletter.

Weekly Achievers
Sponsored by Roman's Pizza (Kloof). We encourage our families to please support Roman's as a token of appreciation for all that they do for Thomas More College.

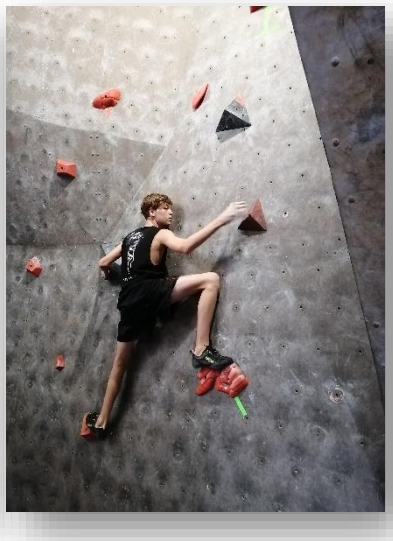
NB Please may we request that all children receiving a weekly achiever voucher make use of their voucher within the week of receiving it. Pizzas cannot be issued without a valid voucher. Thank you for your understanding

1M	Tori Bonandrini for her excellent manners and obedience. You are a wonderful example to us all, Tori.
1R	Lwandle Makaleni for her kind heart and her willingness to always try her best! I am proud of you!
1S	Shriya Shiba for her involvement and enthusiasm in our learning program and her kind, caring nature.
2D	Anathi Zondo for her good work in the classroom and lovely netball skills in the match this week.
2K	Siphokazi Zikhali for her hard work and the effort she has put into growing her understanding of numbers this year. I am very proud of you!
2R	Enoch Gwanzura for the effort he has put into his work this term and the wonderful progress that he is making.
3B	Quade McHardy for his honesty and his good manners. His positive attitude and good work ethic are wonderful!
3P	Evan Moodliar for his impeccable manners and for being a gentleman.
3V	Keira Swanepoel has shown a tremendous amount of enthusiasm during story writing and has written such interesting information. Good effort, Keira!
4J	Rohin Shiba for his enthusiastic approach to the school day.
4D	Chloe McMaster for her constant hard work and always offering to help the teachers.
4C	Lubanzi Dlamini for her bubbly, friendly nature and for always giving of her best.
5Mc	Sarah Reed for her cheerful nature and positive work ethic.
5M	Roxanne Storm for always trying hard in class and for her kind and friendly nature.
5vL	Tayla Summerford for her lovely English Oral as well as her keen sense of humour.
6F	Amy Hewitt for giving of her best at all times.
6L	Kalea Naidoo for her polite manners and excellent work ethic.

6M	Aaron Huson for his positive attitude and effort towards his academics.
7P	Leah Chetty for her commitment to Thomas More College in the SP. Best of luck in your new school in JHB.
7H	Kirsten Moffat for her positive attitude and friendly nature.
7M	Snqobile Ndawo for his consistent effort in improving and always having a positive attitude.

Irish Dancing

We had a number of TMC pupils dancing at the KZN Feis on 29 Feb 2020 with some great results:
In the individual dances:
Emily de Klerk received a 3rd, 4th and 5th place at beginner level and a 4th place at the intermediate level
Naomi Easson received a 3rd place at beginner level and a 6th place at intermediate level
Danielle de Moor received a 1st place at beginner level, and two 1st places and a 3rd place at the intermediate level, and
Stephanie de Moor received two 1st places and a 2nd place at Championship level together with a 2nd place at Advanced level.
Their studio teams did very well: Danielle and Emily won the two-hand ceili in the 12yrs and under section and Naomi and her partner were placed 3rd. Danielle, Emily and Naomi's team won the four-hand ceili in the 12yrs and under section while Stephanie and Hayley Parker won both their two-hand and four-hand ceilis in the 13-15yr section.
Emily was placed 6th in the Intermediate pre-championship, Naomi 5th and Danielle 1st.



KZN Bouldering League

Nicci Steyn 2nd U15 B league
Andrew De Klerk 2nd U15 B League
Jason Reader 1st u15 B league
Connor Mcloughlin tie 2nd u15 B league
Bethany Steenkamp 1st u15 A League
Jonty Thomson 1st u17 A League
Talon Duke 2nd u15 B league

HS Debating

The Junior league debaters (Zowe Curtin, Conall Steenkamp and Lucy Hofmann) won their debate against Maris Stella and Zowe received Best Speaker. Well done to our Junior Debaters.

SP Cricket

TMPS 2nd XI 92 for 7
Hillcrest 2nd XI 94 for 1
TMPS 2nd XI Lost by 9 Wickets
Aiden Smith 22 runs
PJ Snyman 33 runs

TMPS 1st XI 89 all out, James Evans 28
Hillcrest 84 all out, James Evans 3 for 5, Tristan White 3 for 12
TMC won by 5 runs

Kloof 1st 234 for 8, James Evans 3 for 44
TMC 1st 77 all out, Tahyesh Naicker 21
Kloof won by 157 runs

Equestrian

Jamie & Olivia van Rooyen [pictured right] recently attended the The Stokkiesdraai Cup 2020 & had a great show. In the Speed class Jamie placed 1st in the 1.20s and Olivia 3rd in the 1.30s.

Vaulting

Kyla Pretorius [pictured left] competed in the Vaulting KZN Graded show last weekend where she placed 1st D grade Barrel SANESA, 2nd in D grade Horse SANESA, 1st D grade barrel U12 VASA, 2nd in D grade Horse U12 VASA and 1st E grade horse VASA. Well done Kyla.

PADSSA Hockey

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected for their respective PADSSA Hockey teams:

U18A: Gemma Weeder, Stephanie Tshuma, Lola Lee & Chelsea Layden

U18B: Emma Cutts, Alexa Vicent

U16A: Megan Hoogerheijde, Kaelah Balarin

U16B: Christy Dorfling, Phoenix Cutts, Saxon Kriese, Sarah Simpson, Jorja Robertson

U14B: Isabella Chetty, Jenna Chessa, Junaya Moodley, Kendal Pattle, Naomi Smith, Taylor Cheary

Indoor Hockey

Congratulations to Mackenzy Layden who has been chosen for the U13A Girls' PSI Durban Indoor Hockey Touring Team. She is going on tour 27th to 29th March and Representing Durban at the PSI intercity Tournament being held in Johannesburg. We wish Mackenzy all the very best for the tour.

SP Toppies 'n Tots

Winners - Brunton Bigalke and Michael Sim

Hacker Award - Rogan Lang

Freshee Award - Robbie Smith

Longest drive Tot - Liam Lotter

Longest Drive Toppie - Dean Layden

Nearest pin Toppie - Antonio de Freitas

QUICK LINKS / WHATS ON

Meet the Biokineticists at TMC!!

What is a biokineticist?

Biokineticists are human-movement and exercise specialists registered with the health professions council of South Africa. They assist in improving people's physical condition and quality of life by means of physical assessment and the prescription of rehabilitative exercise including orthopedic rehab, chronic disease management, exercise testing and sports conditioning as well as promoting general health.

Megan and Niki will be at the Physio room in the music block to see pupils or parents for exercise rehabilitation by appointment on Tuesday's and Thursday's. To book an assessment, please contact Megan @073 633 7542 or Niki @079 505 0306.

Megan Steyn Niki Groenewald

HG|PHYSIO

Claire Weston from HG Physio is available to see YOU or your children at Thomas More College. Book an appointment and come see her after dropping off your kids or before your pickups. You can find her at the School of Music. She is available for the scholars on Monday and Wednesday afternoon. To book your physiotherapy appointment please contact 083 263 0760.

Physiotherapy can help you with your back and neck pain, sport injuries, growing injuries, overuse injuries much more. Young athletes are more susceptible to overuse injuries because their bodies are still developing. Overuse injuries occur over a period of time, usually due to repetitive activity and overloading a certain area or muscle. Without giving this area the appropriate time to heal the area can get inflamed, irritated or micro tearing can occur. Some common overuse injuries are shin splints, tennis elbow, ITB syndrome, Achilles tendonitis. Getting the right diagnosis and treatment plan is important to get you back to your sport as quickly as possible. The treatment plan may include adjusting your training load, teaching correct stretches and recovery strategies, strength and rehabilitation exercises hands on treatment to help with pain, inflammation and swelling. Please contact Claire with any queries that you may have.

Academic Calendars							
G05	G06	G07	G08	G09	G10	G11	G12
Sporting / Cultural Calendars			**Portals**				
FP	SP	HS	PARENT		STUDENT		