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THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



TMC

Thomas More College

Official Opening of the GORDON BURNETT BLOCK

The official opening of the Gordon Burnett Block took place on Friday morning 5 May 2017. It was lovely to see Helen, Ghita and Bronwyn officiate the opening of the building. Gordon will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him, and the legacy he has left behind will always stand tall and proud.



THE LONG WALK

Long Walk 2017 was an experience that will live in the memories of those privileged to take part. Despite the last minute route change and the weather being better suited to aquatic life, the day was a shining example of the camaraderie that is so uniquely Thomas More.

For the **Past Pupils' Stop**, the use of the campus, as well as the increased interaction between walkers on the different loops created an amazing atmosphere that was wonderful to be a part of. From laughing interchanges with our members and school staff, to interacting with and encouraging current pupils, many more indelible memories were added to our Long Walk treasure trove – with our favourite being the young couple who held hands through all 7 of their laps!

We highly recommend that anyone wishing to remind themselves of the value of camaraderie, or the morale lift that a few kind words or a smile can provide, join us at the **Past Pupils' Stop** on Long Walk 2018.

We also take the opportunity to thank all the **#proudpastpupils** and their families who helped us, with a special mention to the TMC Board Members who volunteered their time.

In closing, it has been said on many other forums, but the agility and outright class of the Parents' Council Long Walk Committee in adjusting to a difficult situation and pulling off a truly successful Long Walk cannot be overstated, and our thanks go out to each and every one of them!



#proudpastpupil

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The annual PPA Pub Quiz, themed '**Proudly Mzansi**' was set to the backdrop of the Madiba Exhibition and was a wonderful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all 144 of our attendees.

With a delicious menu, full of local flavours, and our thirsts whetted by Standeaven Breweries, our Quizmaster put all 22 teams through their paces and ensured that our knowledge of all things Mzansi was put to the test! Congratulations to team "Alice knows her stuff" for besting the Quizmaster and taking 1st place!

We are prodigiously proud that in just over 2 years we have managed to double the attendance at this event, and have just successfully hosted our 4th edition! We hope that all of those who

attended, found it to be the value for money social event that we intended, and are proud to say that our audience was a delightful mix of Past Pupils, Staff, Parents and Friends of TMC.

Our thanks are extended to Claudia Levarelli, Kerry White and Keryn Brophy for their assistance in setting up, and as always, Melanie Küster, Gary Green, René Missen and Rae Griesel for their assistance with everything else, from prizes, to set-up, to serving food and clean-up after the event.

We hope to see more of our members joining in the fun in future – we promise you a fantastic time!



homegrown

cultivating success

Dear Alumni,

It is with significant gratitude that I appreciate the enthusiastic support we have received from many of you for our inaugural Homegrown Exhibition this year. In short, the Homegrown initiative has been created to facilitate opportunities for parents (both present and past) and alumni to engage directly with current pupils to share their professional/career experiences. As I'm sure you'll readily acknowledge, formal schooling simply does not have the capacity or means to introduce pupils to the real world beyond the superficial. Homegrown, therefore, brings this real world to our pupils, and by folks who share a common point of reference: Thomas More College, *The School for all Seasons*. Homegrown will allow (and encourage) our pupils to network with the "real world". It will contextualise their subject choices and challenge perceived ex

pectations or misgivings about tertiary education. They will gain a plethora of insight from those in the know. This may well lead to Silverbacking (no, I'm not referring to you as gorillas, but the principle applies whereby the young are taught by the experienced and wise) opportunities in the future whereby they are afforded opportunities to visit your places of work to experience the look-and-feel of the world of work.

In closing, it remains my singular privilege to be in this position of stewardship at this remarkable institution. It is an institution which has experienced and celebrated much change over the decades. It will continue to do so; this is inevitable. But, may it continue to do so whilst never losing sight of the intrinsic value of the individual.

Yours in education

Dave Wiggett
HEADMASTER: HIGH SCHOOL

A SIGNIFICANT LIFE THE MADIBA EXHIBITION



The privilege offered to the PPA by Matthew Willman of displaying his Heritage Collection on Thomas More College grounds was an opportunity not to be missed. To be presented with a chance to proudly display the life's work of one of our own, whilst at the same time being able to educate our future members was truly a bonus that few alumni associations as young as ours are afforded.

The week-long exhibition consisted of guided tours for the scholars and staff by Matthew himself, a general viewing evening open to the public, and the PPA 'Proudly Mzansi' Pub Quiz to close out the week.

Our thanks are extended to Matthew for the opportunity and his valued presence, Lynette Dunlop and her fellow teachers for their assistance throughout the week, and lastly to all those of you who joined us for a truly enlightening experience.





DANIELE PAVAN
(Class of 1994)

is a Padi Diving Instructor and runs a successful and popular 5 star Padi Dive Centre, Aqua Wild Africa, in the Upper Highway Area. He gave up a career in Refrigeration to pursue his passion for the sea. He teaches Scuba Dive courses from Bubblemakers for the little ones to Open Water, right through to Dive Master. He also runs the

only Dive Club in the Upper Highway Area where the club gets together to dive every month and also shares dive experiences and expertise.

To read more on Daniele check out this link

<http://durban.getitonline.co.za/2016/06/27/diving-with-sharks/>.

DOMINIQUE HARDY
(Class of 1996)

Dale recently took part in the Cape Epic MTB race in Cape Town to raise funds to help handicapped sports people in Mauritius.



ANNABELLE DA COSTA
- née Pilcher (Class of 1997)

Annabelle studied Commercial Administration at DUT for 3 years after leaving TMC. She then started work for a firm of attorneys and decided to rather be one, so studied her LLB degree.

In 2005 she qualified as an attorney, notary and conveyancer. After working as a conveyancer for a Durban firm and opening up an office in Ballito for them she decided to go on her own.

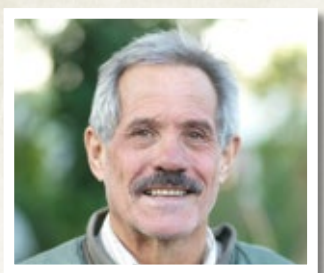
Annabelle now has a law firm called Da Costa Incorporated which is 8 years old and specialises in property. She has offices in Ballito, Mount Edgecombe and Cape Town.



Annabelle is married to Carl and they have two gorgeous girls, Abby (2 years old) and Mia (4 and a half years old). They live in Mount Edgecombe.

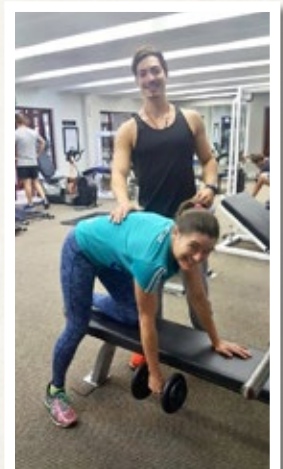
HILTON HEALY
(Class of 1968)

Hilton has recently settled in Australia, living on a 5 acre plot outside of Perth. He is about to go into the drone business to keep himself out of mischief and is looking forward to hearing what the other Golden Oldies have been up to.



CURT WATTS
(Class of 2014)

is a Certified Fitness and Personal Trainer and Owner of Le Physique Private Gym in Kloof. His passion is to get young and old strong, healthy and fit. He motivates and inspires people especially the youth to eat healthy and to make exercise part of their daily lifestyle. He believes that a healthy body inspires a healthy mind!



MICHELLE COLE
- née Fischer (Class of 2001)

Michelle studied a B-Ed and then taught in JHB and at Hillcrest High School before going to teach in the UK for 2 years. Upon her return she went back to teach at Hillcrest High School. Michelle and her husband have two beautiful children, Scarlett-Lyla and Jack. This year her 'dreams came true' with a promotion at Hillcrest High School to HOD of Academics and Leadership.

Michelle will always remember her days at TMC fondly and will definitely attend the next open day now that she has to choose a school her two little ones!

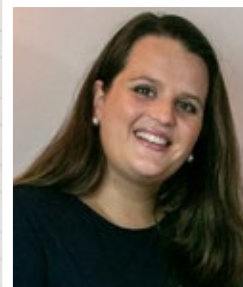




MICHELLE BISSET
– née Crichton (Class of 2010)

Michelle was admitted as an Attorney in the KZN High Court. She has been retained as an Associate at Cox Yeats Attorneys, Umhlanga.

KIRSTEN MINNAAR
– née Saunders
(Class of 2008)



Kirsten married Lionel on the 8th October 2011 and they have 2 children, Layla-Hope who is 4 months old and Eli who is 4 years old.

Kirsten qualified as an intermediate and senior phase teacher through UNISA and Embury College in 2014, and taught for 2 years before deciding to be a stay at home mom with her kids for a season.

STUART CRICHTON
(Class of 2013)

Stuart graduated from UKZN with a BSc Computer Science degree (Cum laude). He is currently working at Derivco.



ANJA KUNZLER
– née Schramm (Class of 2004)

Anja graduated from Rhodes University in Grahamstown with a LLB degree. She currently lives in Kloof where she specialises in family law at Anja Schramm Attorneys. In 2013 Anja married Roy Kunzler and in February 2015 beautiful Mia Ella Kunzler was born. (ED'S NOTE: We look forward to welcoming Mia to our pupil body very soon. The children of our **#proudpastpupils** hold a special place in our hearts.)



RYAN REDMAN
(Class of 2003)

Ryan is a Director at PIMS (Personal Investment Management Services). He is a Certified Financial Planner with a degree in Business Science and a postgraduate diploma in financial planning. Despite a knee injury sidelining his triathlon career he is still an active sportsman completing Comrades 2017.

CONDOLENCES

PETER SAVORY



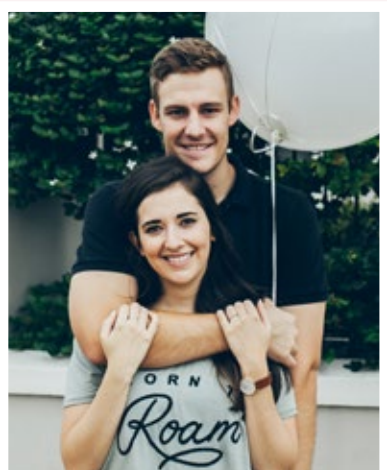
“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

PSALM 34:18

The Thomas More College community is deeply saddened by the loss of a great supporter and friend Peter Savory. Peter, brother of founder headmaster, Robin Savory, passed away on 12th December 2016. A memorial service for Peter was held at the Rosebank Catholic Church, Keyes Avenue, in Johannesburg on Thursday, 15th December 2016.

Although he had a successful career and many responsibilities, Peter and his wife Anna maintained a passionate interest in the welfare of Thomas More College. For more than 50 years he kept up regular contact with the school and paid many visits to the campus. The Savory family were generous benefactors with large contributions to projects like the Robin Savory Pavilion, the Joan Savory Art Block and the Primary School Savory Media Centre.

We will never forget his kindness. May God give him eternal rest and the family the strength to bear the great pain of this great loss.



ENGAGEMENT

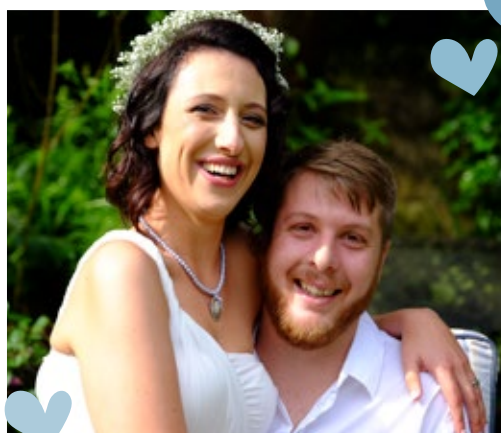
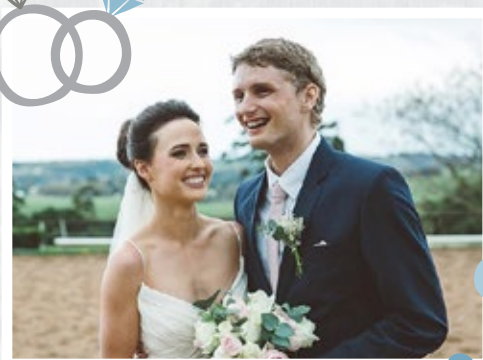
Congratulations to **JUSTIN LANZ** (Class of 2010) and Roxy Dode who got engaged on the 27th of November 2016 at Makaranga Gardens.



WEDDINGS



Congratulations to **RYAN REDMAN** (Class of 2003) and Rainie (née Kietzmann) who were married in May 2016.



KEEGAN FREER WHITTON (Class of 2005) married Susan Amiee Matthews on the 12th of November 2016 in a garden wedding at his family home just down the road from Thomas More College. They are now living in Taichung, an hour south of Taipei, where Keegan teaches English to adults and children. He is also studying a degree in Consumer Science (food and nutrition) through correspondence.

Congratulations to **MICHELLE BISSET née Crichton** (Class of 2010) and Jonathan who were married on the 28th of January 2017 at Waterwoods Wedding Venue in the KZN Midlands.



Congratulations



Welcome

KIRSTEN MINNAAR *née SAUNDERS*
(Class of 2008) and **LIONEL** welcomed Layla-Hope
into the world on the 20th of January 2017.



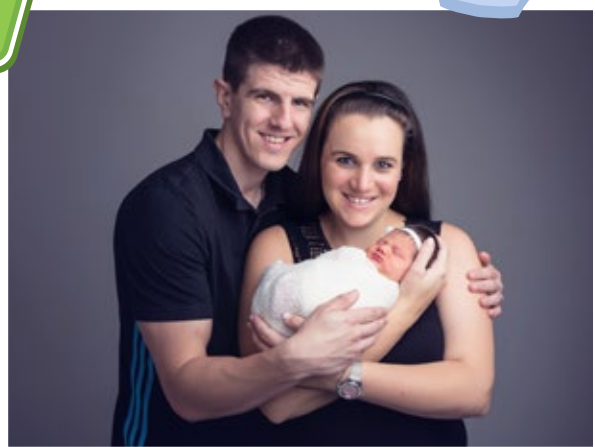
LEANNE FRISINGER *née SPENCE*
(Class of 2004) and her husband **TRAVIS**
are proud to announce the birth of
their daughter, Zenith Mae, on the
28th of October 2016.



BECKY MARAIS
née HICKEY
(Class of 2004) and **CONRAD** celebrated
the birth of a
beautiful baby boy,
Axl Marais, on the
10th of April 2017.



ELSA TSILIMIGRAS *née DUPEN*
(Class of 2001) and **GEORGE** (at TMC
from Gr6 – Gr10) would like to announce
the birth of their second daughter, Adley
Rose, on the 8th of December 2016.



LISA IMPEY *née CHELIN* and **JUAN**
(both Class of 2007) had a baby girl,
KATIE, on the 16th of February 2017.



PINBOARD

14 Friday, 26 May 2017

highwaymail.co.za/Community



Chris Dalzell (KKBA chairman) with Lynne Askew (KKBA member) and Giffy Duminy (local artist). PHOTO: Deshni Ramkissoon-Pillay

Weaver bird painting to generate funds for KKBA

KEEP Kloof Beautiful Association is auctioning a beautiful Weaver Bird painting by local artist, Giffy Duminy, to raise much-needed funds for the non-profit organisation.

KKBA is a group of local residents determined to educate residents to take full responsibility and pride in their community. The residents meet monthly in a voluntary capacity to identify and find practical solutions for issues using available resources.

Chairman of KKBA, Chris Dalzell, said the organisation's special areas of interest

is the overall aesthetics and desirability of Kloof as a suburb to live, work and shop in. He added that spin-offs to this are directly related to home values and a unique standard of living.

"This covers the state of the roads and signage, illegal posters, graffiti, litter, and any untidiness which detracts from the on-going programme of the central business district beautification. We educate residents to take full responsibility and pride in the state of their verges, over and above the municipal department services," said Dalzell.

If you or your family would like to get involved with the KKBA, all you have to do is sign up as friends of KKBA with a modest annual fee (less than R10 per month), and respond to pleas for assistance on special projects.

You can also like their Facebook page [Keep Kloof Beautiful Association] to keep updated with news. If you own a local business, you can offer prizes, products or services that could help their cause and benefit the community directly. You can also start a family chore roster, to ensure your verge is always a good

first impression of Kloof and your home, attend and support all fund-raisers and consider joining the committee - which is a great way to make friends and impact positively on your community at the same time.

Local artist, Giffy Duminy, recently completed the bridge renewal project with the full financial support of Cooke Fuller and Garrun from across Village Road in Kloof. He has also donated a life-size Weaver Bird Painting to KKBA, which will be auctioned off to raise much needed funds.

How to bid

TO get your bids rolling in, comment with your contact details and your bid amount on the Highway Mail's Facebook page. The auction will run for two weeks. KKBA will choose the highest bidder who will be announced on 7 June at noon.

Giffy Duminy
(Class of 2012)

#PROUDPASTPUPIL SUPPORTERS

Wonderful to have #PROUDPASTPUPILS supporting current Thomas More College sport. These were taken at a recent rugby game vs. Hillcrest



Ladies PPA Hockey Team
2017

Official opening of the Rondavel - October 1972



THEN & NOW

The Rondavel



June 2017

Country Fair
Saturday 5 August
09:00 – 16:00

#proudpastpupils
Come find the PPA in the Habberton Hall for your free coffee, gift & a catch-up!

The map shows the layout of the Habberton Hall with various rooms labeled: D1, A6, A10, A11, A7, A3, A8, A2, A9, A1, D2, B2, B1, C1, C2, E1, E2, E3, B5, B4, B3, and a STAGE area.

Classes of 1967 □ 1977 □ 1987 □ 1997 □ 2007

We proudly invite you to your respective decade reunions
9 SEPTEMBER 2017

Please contact Rae on rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za to indicate your interest!
Each decade reunion will be hosted in separate venues on campus at the year's preferred time.
We ask anyone willing to act as a liaison for their year to please contact Rae ASAP, as above.

YOU & YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO

ASSOCIATION DAY 2017

JOIN US ON THE 9TH SEPTEMBER FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

JUMPING CASTLE

PPA AGM

SPORT

COFFEE SHOP

REUNIONS (1967, 1977, 1987, 1997, 2007)

#PROUDPASTPUPIL

Grab some breakfast at the AGM, re-connect with old school friends, watch past pupils take on the school kids in sports, bring the kids to play, cycle through the cycle track and experience the Thomas More spirit again.

For enquiries please contact Rae at rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za

SAVE THE DATE 2017

EVENT	DATE
COUNTRY FAIR	5 August
ASSOCIATION DAY / AGM / REUNIONS	9 September

Have you found us on Facebook yet?!

Our original Facebook Profile will be shut down in July 2017 as we have migrated to a FACEBOOK PAGE.



PLEASE LIKE OUR PAGE

www.facebook.com/proudpastpupil
to continue getting our feeds and updates and please spread the word!



WANTED



We are looking for a **#proudpastpupil** to join our committee to manage our SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

Anybody willing to commit please contact Melanie Küster on melanie@steritech.co.za

WE NEED YOU!

How can you help?

Please send us your updated information for our **ALUMNI PORTAL LAUNCH** in August 2017.

If you are in contact or have PAST TEACHERS as friends on Facebook, Please send any contact information you have to rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE - MOMS WHO PRAY

We are a group of everyday moms who have a heart to pray for our school. We are a group of all shapes and sizes but all love the Lord and He us, the way we are. Please join us on a Wednesday morning 7.30 – 8.30am in the Indaba Room in the Great House - be Blessed as we Bless.

CONTACT TRACY LOXLEY
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