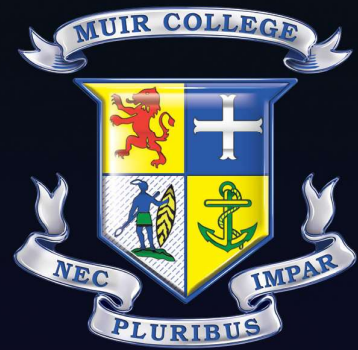




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Muir College 200 Year Founders' Week

3 – 9 August 2022

FEEDBACK REPORT



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The week 3 – 8 August was the week that Muir College Boys' High School officially celebrated their 200th anniversary.

The Significance of the Week:

- Muir College Boys' High School is the oldest boys high school in South Africa.
- The anniversary is a landmark event in the history of education and an ideal moment of reflection and celebration of the power and hope of education in South Africa.
- The Old Muirite Union (the old boys of Muir College) and Muir College Boys' High, with partners, orchestrated a series of activities with national and international interest to mark this milestone.

Objectives of the Anniversary Week:

- To highlight the essential role of education in South African society and to acknowledge the contribution of educators. Highlighting also education's great inequalities;
- To underscore the role of key stakeholders (community and parents) in supporting education and employment'
- To showcase the value of quality education and its potential to develop post apartheid South Africa;
- To provide an opportunity for community stakeholders, inclusive corporate SA, past learners, the department of education and others to support and be associated with this initiative;
- To provide an opportunity for corporate citizens to allocate CSI funds for legacy projects attached to Muir College in order to perpetuate its contribution to society.
An 18A tax certificate can be provided

Achieving the Objectives:

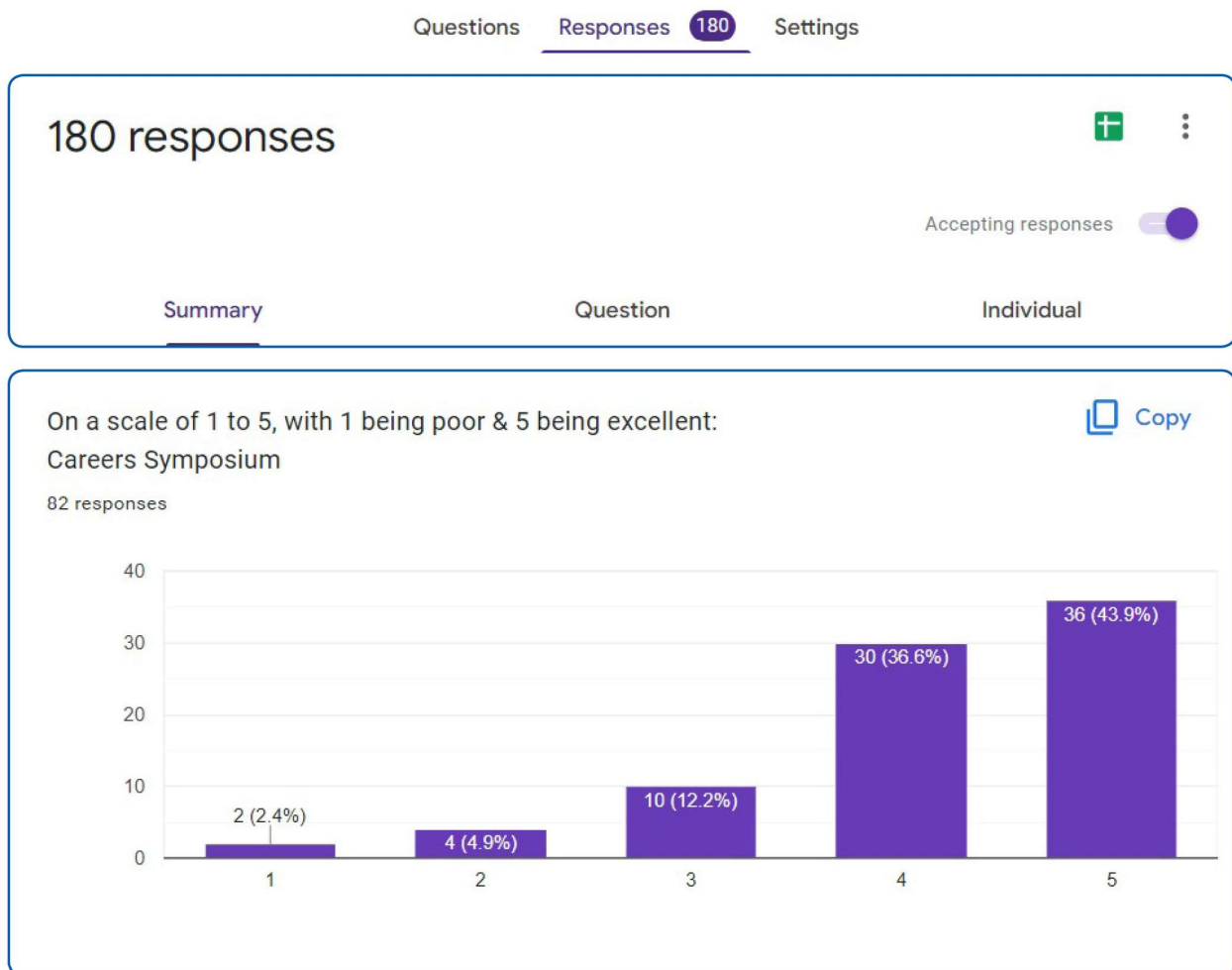
The following activities were held to achieve our objectives (see body of report for full details):

- Golf Day
- Careers Symposium for learners
- Launch of the 200 Leadership Life Lessons Booklet for learners, with Prof Jonathan Jansen
- Honouring current & past teachers' cocktail event
- Business Breakfast
- School Assembly
- 2-Day Rugby Festival
- Gala Dinner
- Remembrance Service

Feedback Survey

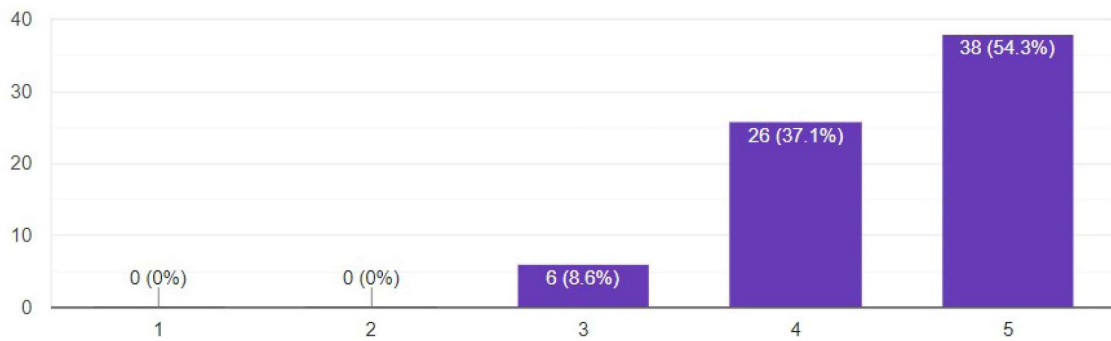
An electronic survey was conducted post event with a response rate received of 30% of all attendees.

Below is a breakdown of the feedback received graphically. Refer to attachments for detailed feedback via the survey and also via email. Respondeees were requested to rate the overall event as 1 being terrible and 5 being outstanding:



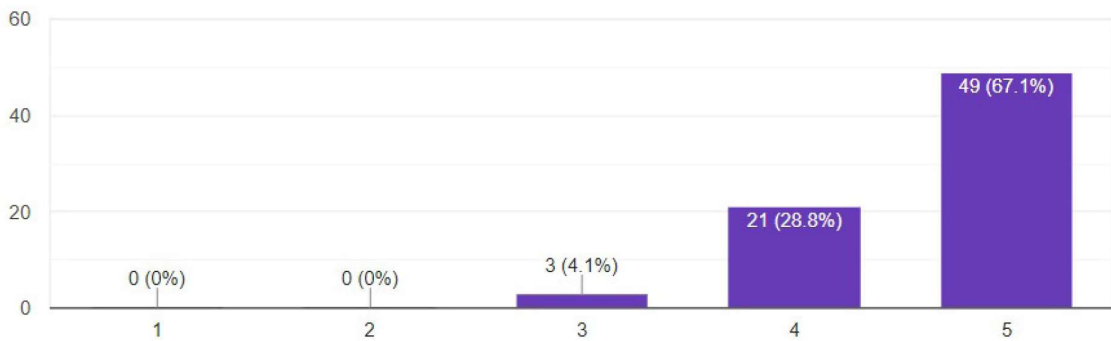
Golf Day

70 responses



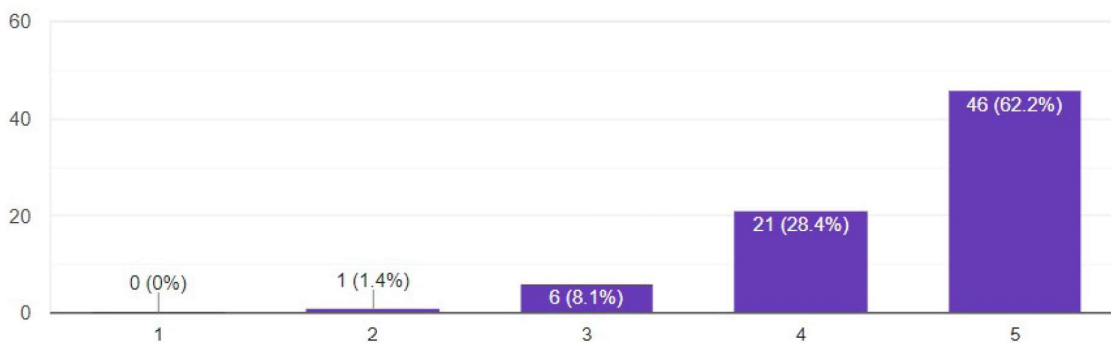
Launch of the 200 Leadership Life Lessons Booklet, with Prof Jonathan Jansen

73 responses



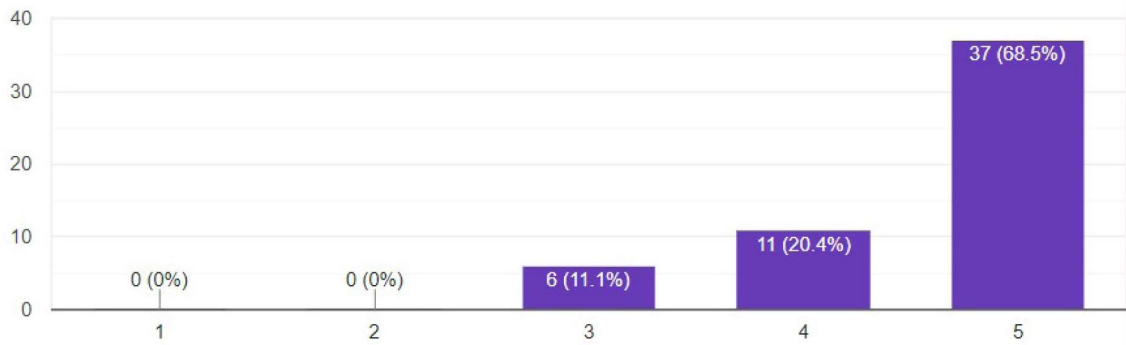
Honouring Current & Past Teachers' Cocktail Event

74 responses



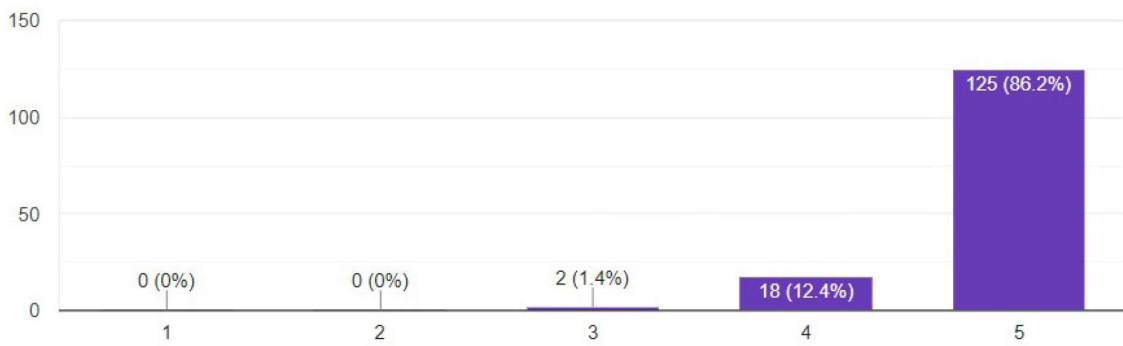
Muir College 200 Year Business Breakfast

54 responses



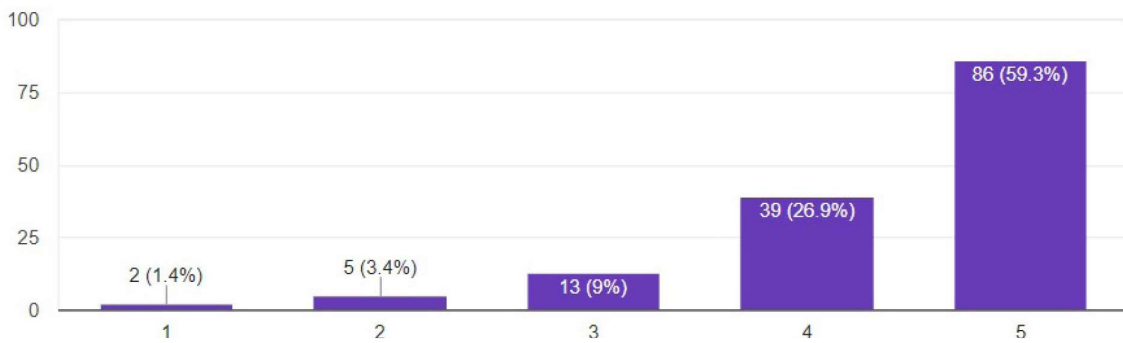
Founders' Week Assembly

145 responses



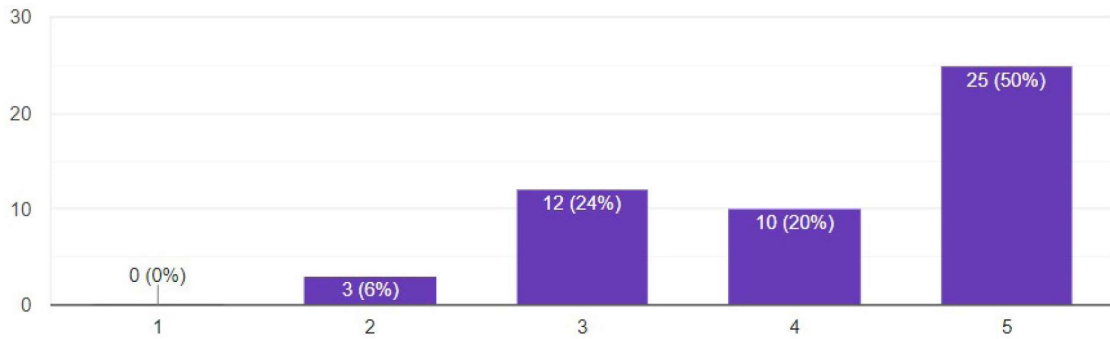
War Cry

145 responses



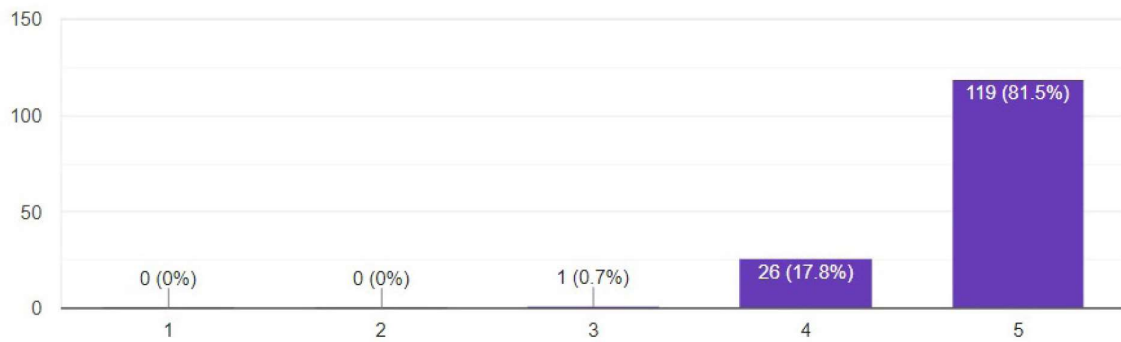
NC Dugmore Reunion

50 responses



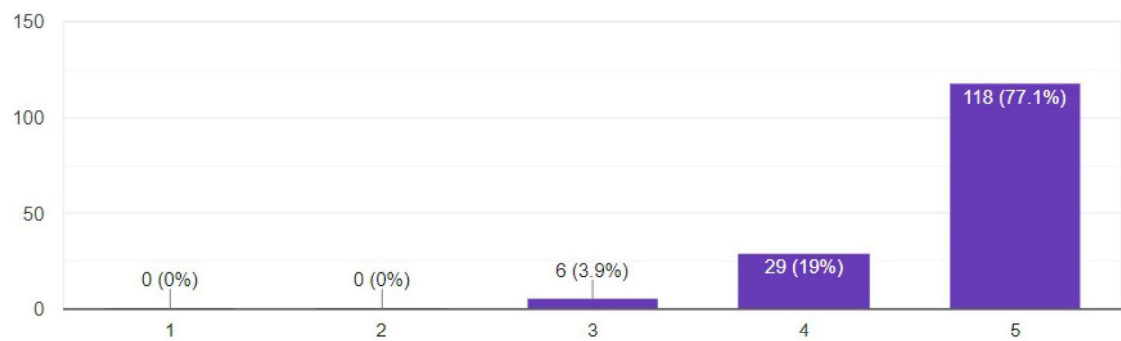
Saturday Rugby Festival

146 responses



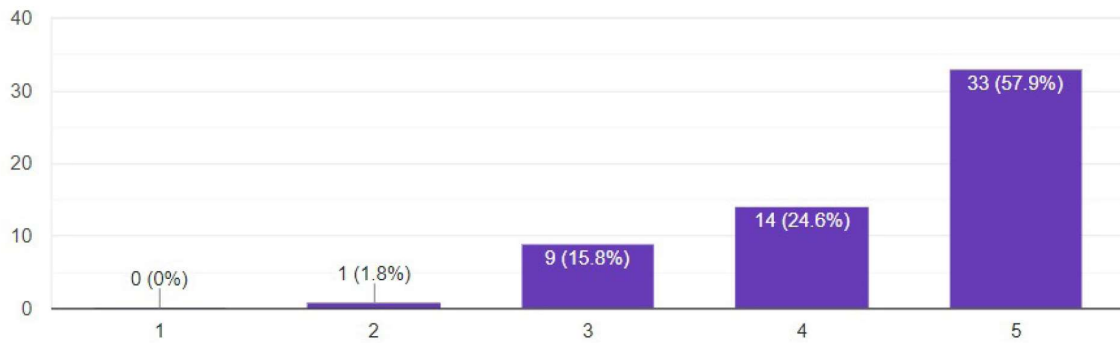
Gala Dinner

153 responses



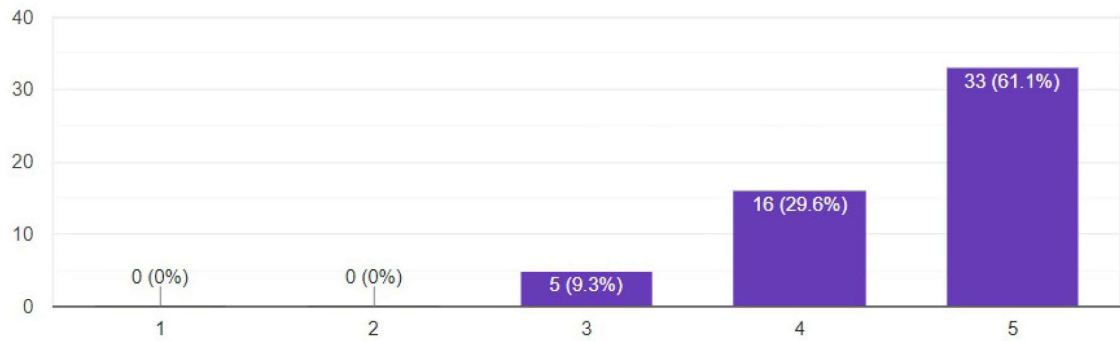
Remembrance Service & Spit Braai

57 responses



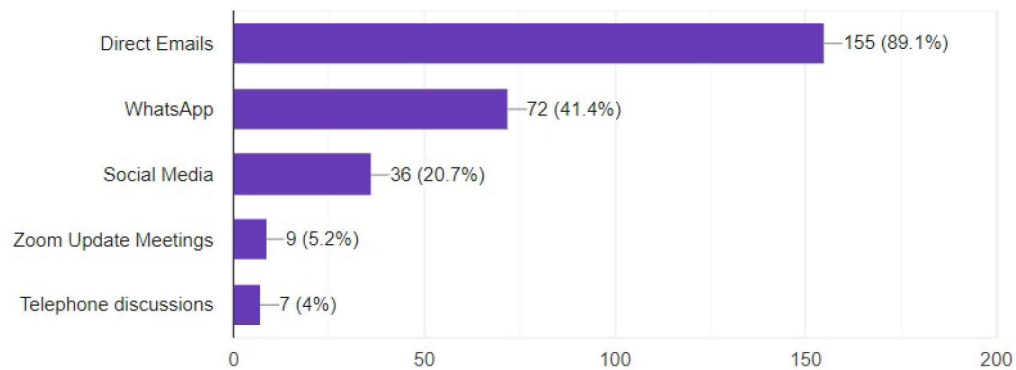
Monday Rugby Festival

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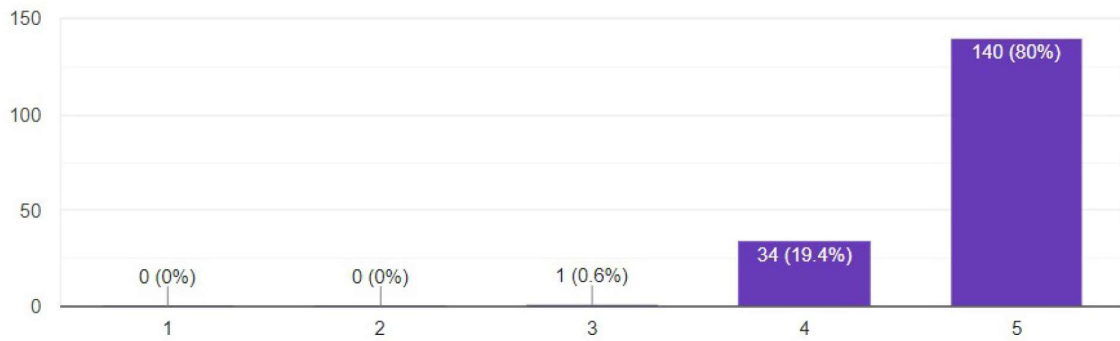
Which method of communication did you rely on the most (select one or more)

174 responses



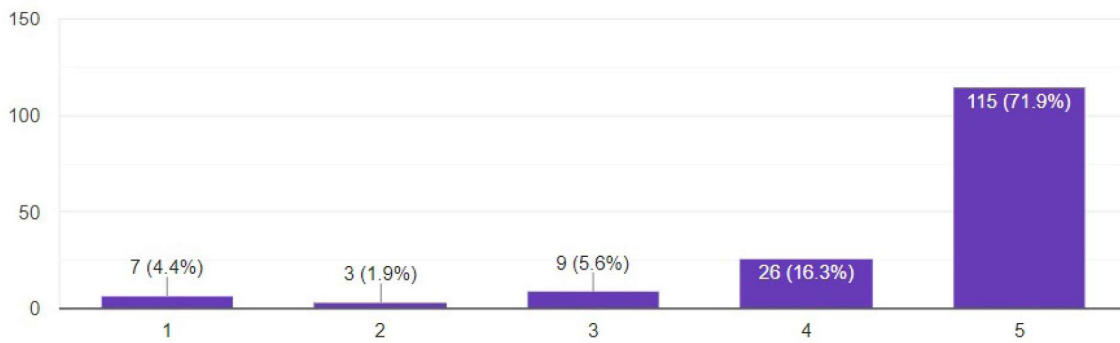
Your overall experience at Founders' Week (1 being poor & 5 being excellent)

175 responses



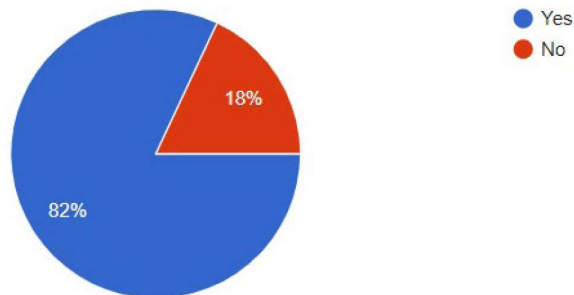
The communication by your OMU Class Rep

160 responses



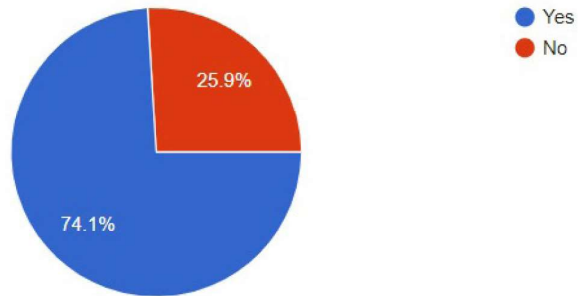
Did you order / purchase any 200 Year Clothing & Memorabilia

172 responses



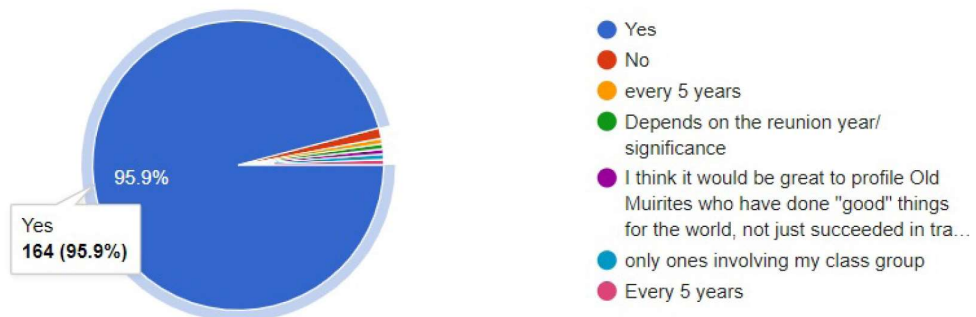
Would you like the OMU to offer more clothing / memorabilia going forward?

158 responses



Would you attend future School Celebrations / Class Reunions?

171 responses



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SYMPOSIUM

The inaugural Kariega Careers Symposium took place from Wednesday 3 August to Friday 5 August 2022.

This event was made possible by the National Convention Bureau, an entity of South African Tourism.

Various high schools from Nelson Mandela Bay were invited to attend with 11 schools in attendance and 630 scholars. Scholars were transported to Muir College courtesy of the National Convention Bureau.

The Old Muirite Union approached Old Muirites from across the globe to give an hour of their time at this event to share information on their career with the learners. Over 400 gents came forward from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, China, UK, USA, Belgium, Namibia, France, Holland, Dubai and Germany.

The following were Exhibitors at the Careers Symposium:

- SAIMI
- EDUVOS
- IEE Varsity College
- ACS 360 Academy
- MANCOSA
- East Cape Midlands
- CTU
- International Hotel School
- Mandela Bay Development Agency
- Standard Bank
- Capsicum Culinary Studio



OLD MUIRITE UNION GOLF DAY - Wednesday 3 August 2022



Old Muirite Union Golf Day
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The annual Old Muirite Union Golf Day took place at the Uitenhage Golf Club in the format of a 4-Ball Alliance with two scores to count.

We saw over 150 players taking to the field between 10h30 and 13h00, all vying for the Hole in One prize of a VW Polo, offered by the Kelston Motor Group.

The event was kicked off with invited VIPs, our corporate partners, doing an honorary tee off before the rest of the golfers came through.

Prize giving took place after the game with many of the teams obtaining prizes.

Corporate partners for this event were Kelston Motor Group, Vodacom and Buco.



TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY – Thursday 4 August 2022

The Matric class of 2022 attended this event along with the Headmaster, some teachers and other invited guests.

Each matriculant was asked to write letters to his future self and place them in 3 Time Capsules, which will be opened at their 10th, 25th and 50th reunions.



LAUNCH OF THE 200 LEADERSHIP LIFE LESSONS BOOKLET – Thursday 4 August 2022

200 Individuals (Old Muirites, community leaders, sporting heroes, cultural experts, educational experts, celebrities.... The list goes on) were approached to write a short Life Lesson that they have learned since leaving school. These were collated and published in an A5 booklet format and handed to each 2022 Matriculant at Muir College. The aim is continue handing this booklet out in future years.

The purpose of the booklet and the life lessons is to bridge the gap for the young gentlemen between school and going into the working world or continuing their studies going forward.

This launch included all who contributed towards the book as well as the 2022 Matrics and totaled over 100 guests.



Kathryn Balshaw was the programme director and Professor Jonathan Jansen, controversial columnist and educator at the University of Stellenbosch, the invited guest speaker at the event. He was suitably impressed by the manners of one of the Muir Scholars that he changed his presentation at the last minute to incorporate institutions with good values and manners.



HONOURING TEACHERS' EVENT – Thursday 4 August 2022

Teachers have played a big role in moulding adults into who they are. The purpose of this event was to acknowledge and honour their input into the creation of Muir Men. Current and former teachers were invited as VIP guests, with their partners. Old Muirites purchased tickets to attend.

We saw 65 teachers, with 31 partners and 56 Old Muirites in attendance at the Walmer Golf Course in Gqeberha. A light bowl food meal was served along with refreshing gins.

Guests were encouraged to dress up as something starting with the first letter of their name and there were a lot of very clever outfits.

The business partner at this event was Spar Eastern Cape.



MUIR COLLEGE 200 YEAR BUSINESS BREAKFAST – Friday 5 August 2022

Our headline business partners at this event were Goodyear and the Eastern Cape Parks & Tourism Agency (ECPTA).

Other partners included Algoa FM, Airlink, City Lodge Group, Eco Tanks and Soga Fruit Juice.

The target audience at the event was businesses from around the Nelson Mandela Bay area who were encouraged to purchase a table at this breakfast and invite their staff and / or clients. The Old Muirite Union’s objective was to introduce the business world to Muir College Boys’ High School and the fact that it is the oldest English speaking boys only high school in the county and the values that the school has maintained for two centuries.



Between the corporates and the VIPs and other invited guests, over 150 people arrived at the school hall early in the morning to the smell of fresh coffee coming from the baristas.

The hostess for the breakfast was entertainer Nicqui Cloete-Barrass.

Stephen McGown, published author and longest surviving Al Quada captive was the guest speaker and spoke about his captivity and release.



Algoa FM kindly donated a lucky draw prize of radio coverage.



FOUNDERS' DAY ASSEMBLY – Friday 5 August 2022

This was the moment that many Old Muirites, current scholars, staff and friends of Muir were waiting for.

Because of the large numbers in attendance (approximately 1200), the school hall was temporarily extended into the quad with an overhead tent to protect from the elements.

The assembly opened with a procession of Old Muirites, who live in various countries, carrying the flag of their current country into the hall.



Each of the classes who were celebrating large reunions, were acknowledged. Also in attendance was an Old Muirite who is 91 years of age who came specifically for the Assembly.

Various Old Boys were invited to say a few words:

- Ron Dugmore, Class of 1948
- Brett Botten, Class of 1982 and current CEO of Spar Southern Africa
- Lloyiso Gijana, Class of 2017 and international musician / artist



One of the highlights of the Assembly was the singing of the school anthem with a cross over to Algoa FM at the same time, thus broadcasting the song to listeners throughout the Eastern Cape.



After the assembly the Laying of the Wreaths took place, with The Last Post being played on the bugle and the flags raised to mark the moment.

The Heritage Association of South Africa awarded Muir College with a plaque to officially recognize the school on reaching 200 years of education.



WAR CRY – Friday 5 August 2022

Immediately after the assembly all 1200 plus guests gathered at the sports field to participate in the War Cry. The Scholars formed the inner circle with the Old Boys forming a ring around them.



SA RUGBY LEGENDS COACHING CLINIC – Friday 5 August 2022

The SA Rugby Legends descended on Kariega for the weekend as part of the Founders' Week celebrations. Their first activity was to host a coaching clinic for schools in the immediate area for their u/13 teams. There was a total of 80 scholars in attendance and the coaching was well received by the scholars and their coaches.

Old Muirites and parents enjoyed watching the coaching from the Muirite Clubhouse and 1822 Beer Tent.

The SA Legends were filmed during the Coaching Clinic as well as during their match on the Saturday. This was televised, on Legends TV, as follows:

- Wednesday 17 August 17h30 on Rug/Rug A
- Wednesday 17 August 20h30 on CSN
- Thursday 18 August 21h00 on Rug / Rug A
- Friday 19 August 18h30 on Rug / Rug A
- Tuesday 23 August 10h20 on CSN
- Wednesday 24 August 20h45 on Rug / Rug A
- Thursday 25 August 20h15 on Rug A
- Tuesday 30 August 12h00 on Rug A
- Thursday 1 September 12h30 on Rug / Rug A



LAUNCH OF THE RUGBY FESTIVAL – Friday 5 August 2022

Headline sponsors, participating team coaches, SA Rugby Legends, the OMU Committee and staff from Muir College attended the launch event on the Friday evening.

The headline sponsors for the Rugby Festival were BUCO, Standard Bank, and Eastern Cape Parks & Tourism Agency (ECPTA).



RUGBY FESTIVAL – Saturday 6 August & Monday 8 August 2022

The rugby festival saw 23 schools participating in the Rugby Festival, from the Nelson Mandela Bay area, the broader Eastern Cape and even the Western Cape. Out of town schools were hosted at the Hostel on campus.

There were a variety of age groups participating: Under 13s, under 15s and First Teams.

Highlights on the Saturday included the SA Rugby Legends taking on the Old Muirite Rugby Legends as the curtain raiser for the main games. Sadly, the SA Rugby Legends beat the Old Muirite Legends 12-34.

The Old Muirite Rugby Legends were led onto the field by Old Boy and ex-Springbok Rugby Player, Garth Wright. The lead referee was Jeremy Schauder, Class of 1978 and referee for Israel's National Team.

After this game Queens College took on Graeme College for their annual Derby Game, with the score being 22-19 for Graeme College.

The last game of the day, and the most anticipated game, was between Muir College first team and Grey High School first team. This is the first time that these 2 schools have played against each other in almost 2 decades. Muir was well in the lead up until the nail-biting 2nd half when Grey came back strongly to win 29-23.

Just before the start of the game, as the crowd was singing the National Anthem, a fighter jet plane did a fly by a few times, swooping in low over the school.



MUIR COLLEGE 200 YEAR GALA DINNER – Saturday 6 August 2022



This prestigious event took place at the Boardwalk Hotel and Convention Centre, located along the Port Elizabeth / Gqeberha beach front.

89 tables of 8 people per table were booked by guests, including:

- VIPs
- Headline Partners
- Old Muirites
- Spouses / partners
- Visiting rugby coaches
- SA Rugby Legends

The Business Partner for the evening was VWSA, with them showcasing vehicles in the room, supplied by Kelston Motors.

A group of 75 Muirites, both junior and high school learners, lined the passage as the guests arrived for the dinner. They were in their school uniforms with special edition 200 year scarves.

MC for the evening was local businessman, Alan Stapleton.

It was decided not to have any guest speaker in order to allow Old Muirites to catch up and network.

On arrival entertainment was provided by 2 drummers welcoming the guests to the event. As guests entered the main venue, they were welcomed by the Muir College Choir and the Nelson Mandela University Choir. Additional entertainment for the evening consisted of an Old Muirite and his band, as well as a comedian, Carl de Stadler. The very first trophy for attendance by a class at both the assembly and the gala dinner went to the Class of 1997.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Sunday 7 August 2022

The Remembrance and Thanksgiving service took place in the school hall and was open to all Christian denominations in the Nelson Mandela Bay area.

Pastor Robbie Cairncross lead the service, with words from various others in attendance.

Pastor Cairncross, Old Muirite Kevin Wakeford and OMU president, Andrew Binning handed over a 200 year commemorative bible to headmaster Robin Stephenson.

A spit braai was enjoyed under the tented quad due to inclement weather.



MUIRITE CLUBHOUSE & 1822 BEER TENT

The Muirite Clubhouse, situated on the school campus, was temporarily extended with a large tent to form the 1822 Beer Tent.

There was live entertainment daily, as well as specials on certain beverages. This facility was well supported during the week, particularly on the Friday and Saturday.



POP-UP COFFEE SHOP, CLOTHING SHOP & REGISTRATION OFFICE



The Teachers' Staff room was transformed into a pop-up coffee shop and clothing shop, as well as the office and registration area.

Coffee was supplied by Jack's Bagels, and the clothing shop was run by the Old Muirite Manager with the assistance of moms from Muir College as well as the wives of some Old Muirites.

Registration for all the events was done in the space too, with the assistance of the ladies mentioned previously as well as a few of the Old Muirite Committee members.



Number of Visitors

During the week the following number of visitors attended the events:

- Careers Symposium:
 - 630 Scholars from the Nelson Mandela Bay area
 - 100 Old Muirites gave of their time
- Golf Day:
 - 164 Players
 - 20 VIP guests
- Launch of the 200 Year Life Lessons Booklet with Prof Jonathan Johannsen
 - 115 Old Muirites
 - 40 Educators and other guests from Nelson Mandela Bay area
- Honouring Current & Past Teachers' Event
 - 100 current & past teachers & partners
 - 60 Old Muirites
 - 10 VIPs
- Muir College 200 Year Business Breakfast
 - 160 guests attended the event, which includes:
 - Guests from various corporate companies in the Nelson Mandela Bay Area
 - VIPs
 - Muir College LO teacher and the Interact Chairs and Headboy of Muir College.
- Founders' Day Assembly
 - 1200 people consisting of current Muir College learners (Grades 4 – 12), Muir College Educators & staff, Old Muirites, Parents of Muir College.
- Muir College 200 Year Rugby Festival
 - 4500: Day1 = 3000, Day 2 = 1500
 - Consisting of Muir College learners, teachers, staff, learners from schools in the Eastern Cape participating in the festival, Old Muirites, families and friends of Muir College, VIPs, Media
- Muir College 200 Year Gala Dinner
 - 700 guests consisting of Old Muirites, Muir College educators, VIPs
 - 100 Muir College learners welcoming the guests
 - 40 in the Muir College Choir, who opened the event with the Nelson Mandela University Choir
- Remembrance Service
 - 100 guests including Muir College educators and learners, friends and family of Muir College, Old Muirites