



## NEWSLETTER NO.: 03/2022

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Dear Parents/Guardians

***“Respect for ourselves guides our morals,  
respect for others guides our manners.” ~ Lawrence Sterne***

It gives me good pleasure to report on a productive Third Term:

### **1. Reflection – 200Year celebrations (Founders’ Week)**

What an exhilarating time it was! Who will forget the Careers Exhibition, Business Breakfast, Founders’ Assembly and the weekend activities – it was really unforgettable! It is testimony to the creativity and commitment of our community and I must thank the OMU, the 200Year Committee, SGB, PTA, parents and staff for their involvement. Our Muirites must also be thanked for their excellent behavior and their assistance. All in all, we can all be proud of what we did, not only for our school, but also for our community.

### **2. Staffing**

Sadly, we bid farewell to Mr Jonas, in the Senior phase. Mr Jonas, an Old Muirite himself, has made an enormous contribution to his alma mater and he will be sorely missed. We wish him all the best for his future. Mr McAllister will act as a substitute teacher until a replacement for Mr Jonas can be found.

Regarding the Primary isiXhosa post, we will advertise the position in due course. Mrs Nesi will continue for the rest of the year. Ms De Lange (Senior Afrikaans) will take maternity leave and will be replaced by Ms Brown. We wish Ms De Lange all the best.

Lastly, we expect the Principals’ Bulletin to be published in October and that the process can start for my replacement.

### 3. **Academic Matters**

Some of the highlights were:

- Solid performance in various Olympiads that we entered. Kellan Reed (Gr 6) excelled by gaining the First position in the country for the Geography Olympiad;
- Careers' Symposium as part of the Founders' Week;
- Awards' Ceremony;
- Gr 12 Preparatory Exam and Gr 4 – 11 Test Series; and
- Gr 9 Subject/Careers meeting with Mr Pieter Botha from NMU.

#### **The following areas need attention:**

- The condition of the books of some of our learners. Learners must take pride in all their books!
- Homework is compulsory and we expect all learner to complete their work on a daily basis.

### 4. **Sport**

The winter programme has come to an end and we can report on a successful season. We thank parents for all the sacrifices made. We have already started with the summer programme and our teams will be participating in various festivals during the upcoming holidays.

A special word of congratulations to Lyle Meintjies and Oyintanda Maseti who participated in the prestigious Craven Week during the June holidays, while Ntandazo Mboniswa took part in the Academy Week.

### 5. **Culture/Clubs**

Our Senior Environmental Club has been particularly active this terms, while the Interact Club has also been involved with a fund-raising initiatives.

Our debaters enjoyed a successful season and the progress of the Junior Team is encouraging. The Choir performed very well at the Founders' Week while our Primary Marimba Band also impressed with their performances.

My thanks to our First Aiders for their work during the term. We appreciate your efforts!

Lastly thanks to the Dance Committee for hosting a fantastic Matric Dance in August.

## 6. **SGB**

Mr Adam Jeeva has resigned from the SGB. We thank Mr Jeeva for his valuable contribution to the SGB. A decision will be made soon regarding his replacement. Mrs Geraldene Minter will serve in Mr Jeeva's place on Fincom, while Mr Lewellyn Reed will take over the Buildings & Maintenance portfolio.

## 7. **Matrics**

We thank our Matrics for their contribution to the school and wish them all the best of the final stretch.

## 8. **Leadership**

### 8.1 **Prefects**

We thank our outgoing Prefects (Senior and Primary) for a job well done. Elections for new committees will be conducted soon.

### 8.2 **Leadership Camps**

Our Grade 6's had a most enjoyable Leadership Camp in September, while our Grade 11's will have a similar opportunity next month.

## 9. **Communication**

Should your son not be able to attend school, it is in order for you to contact the secretary. However, should arrangements need to be made for work that needs to be caught up due to illness, please contact the Grade Head via Class Dojo.

## 10. **Finance Matters**

- School fees have been coming in steadily and we thank parents/guardians for generally meeting their commitment. Hopefully this pattern will continue.
- Budget planning for 2023 is under way.

## 11. **Term 4 Highlights**

- **Start of Term 4 (DAY 8)** – Tuesday 11 October
- **Photographs** – Wednesday 12 October
- **Gr 11 Leadership Camp** – Sunday 16 & Monday 17 October
- **Senior Prize Giving** – Tuesday 18 October, at 18h30

### **Term 4 Highlights** (contd.)

- **Fincom Meeting** - Thursday 20 October, at 18h00
- **Shirt Signing** – Friday 21 October (*last day of school for matrics*)
- **Valedictory Service** – Monday 24 October, at 12h30
- **CAT Final Practical Exam** – Tuesday 25 October 09h00
- **Boarder Banquet** – Tuesday 25 October
- **Primary Prize Giving** - Wednesday 26 October
- **Start of NSC Exams** – Monday 31 October
- **SGB Meeting** - Tuesday 1 November, at 18h00
- **2023 Budget Presentation to parents & SGB meeting** – Tuesday 22 November, at 18h00

The Blue Card will contain a more comprehensive list of events.

Enjoy having your sons for the next while and please keep them motivated for the rest of the year.



**R.R. STEPHENSON**  
**HEADMASTER**