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A SPECIAL FOUNDERS' WEEK PUBLICATION

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Beer Garden

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Happy hour



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Golf Day

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Time capsule

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Gala dinner



For 200 years Muir College has moulded gentlemen on the pillars of honesty, integrity, respect, accountability and courage.

We remain committed to creating an environment underpinned by these values, as well as instilling in our learners a thirst for knowledge and curiosity, in order for them to be successful in a rapidly changing world.

Join us as we celebrate this milestone from the 3rd to 9th of August, 2022



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EDITOR'S DESK



It's been 200 years in the making, and we have finally made it. As the oldest English speaking, boys' only high school in South Africa, Muir College and the Old Muirite Union will be pulling out the stops with a host of celebrations for old boys, current learners, past and current teachers and you, our community of families and businesses who have supported this institution from day one.

This publication will give you a glimpse of what we have planned, and it gives me great pleasure to invite and welcome residents of Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounds to visit the school campus between the 3rd and 9th of August and join in the festivities. You are all very welcome! Almal is baie welkom! Namkelekile Nonke!

Andrew Binning

Old Muirite Union (OMU) President

Thank you to Founders' Week 2022 Partners



BRIEF HISTORY

Of the single-sex schools that currently exist, Muir College is the oldest English-speaking boys' high school in South Africa, tracing its origin back to 1822, when a Scottish educationalist, James Rose Innes established Uitenhage's first Government Free School in a house in Cuyler Street in October 1822 with 60 pupils.

Over 2 centuries Muir College has seen girls come and go and finally became a boys' only school in 1873, with Riebeeck College for Girls (our "sister school") opening in 1877.

Muir College has been housed in various locations in Uitenhage / Kariega, starting off in Cuyler Street in 1822 then moving to Park Avenue in 1875 (the Old Red Brick building) and finally to it's current address in Vanes Estate.



ORIGIN OF THE SCHOOL BADGE



The school badge had its origin with the Proprietary School in 1864 and shows the Rampant Lion of Scotland in the left quadrant, which honoured the Scottish headmaster. Facing it is the Cross from Uitenhage's coat of arms (from the founder of Uitenhage), General J. Uitenhage de Mist's family crest. Below is the Xhosa Warrior, which represents the Eastern Cape. This figure appears on the seal of the proposed Eastern Cape Colony.

Although the division of the Cape Colony into East and West did not occur, a seal was prepared and is on view in the Cuyler Manor Museum. The last quadrant shows the Anchor, representing the Cape Colony.



HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all who have played a role in organising the Muir College 200 year Founders' Week. Planning has been ongoing for several years. Covid happened and the celebrations were almost cancelled, but we risked it and pushed the event out by a few months.

We would love to encourage and welcome all friends of Muir College to visit our campus during Founders' Week and to experience the "gees" and atmosphere. There will be some excellent rugby games at the Muir College 200 year Rugby Festival on Saturday and Monday, which includes seeing Muir College 1st team taking on Grey High School 1st team for the first time in many years.

Here's to the next 200 years of Excellence in Education.

Nec Pluribus Impar

Robin Stephenson

Muir College Headmaster



THE OLD MUIRITE UNION GOLF DAY



The annual Old Muirite Union (OMU) Golf Day will form part of the 200 year celebrations and this year it is bigger and better than before with over 200 participants from around the world taking the field at the Uitenhage Golf Course.

The big draw card is the prize of a Polo Tsi Life with Sunroof valued at R383k for a hole in one on the 13th hole, kindly sponsored by Kelston Motors. Vodacom have also partnered with the OMU for this event, along with many of BUCO's suppliers.

Here's to one of the players winning the Hole in One vehicle. Spectators are welcome.

Wednesday

3rd



KARIEGA CAREERS SYMPOSIUM

This inaugural Kariega Careers Symposium is being hosted by Muir College as part of the 200 year celebrations. It will take place at the school's premises, with over 200 Old Muirites plus other Friends of Muir giving of their time to share information on their careers.

The Symposium is open to all Grade 7 – Grade 12 learners in the Nelson Mandela Metro. The National Convention Bureau (an entity of South African Tourism) has made this project a possibility.

For school bookings please contact **082 558 1317**



Wednesday **3rd** & Thursday **4th**



TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY

Thursday
4th

The 2022 Matrics have been tasked with collecting items to go into three Time Capsules, which will be opened again in 10-, 25- and 50-years' time at their class reunions.

Items such as letters to themselves, technology that could be redundant in that time frame, and newspaper headlines, will be locked away for future years.

Prof. Jonathan Jansen



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200 LEADERSHIP LIFE LESSONS BOOKLET LAUNCH

Thursday
4th

The Old Muirite Union is proud to launch this Booklet which will include 200 Life Lessons from various Old Muirites, teachers, past teachers, headmasters, community leaders, Friends of Muir and national and international celebrities.

The aim of the Booklet is to offer a link to learners between high school and their future via words of wisdom from those who have been there and done that, and will be handed to the Muir College matric boys at their Valedictory service for years to come.

Prof. Jonathan Jansen, popular columnist, educator from The University of Stellenbosch and controversial speaker, will attend the launch as our invited guest speaker. Pre-Identified guests will be given the chance to share their words of wisdom at the event.

Tickets R100pp
Email oldmuiriteunion@gmail.com



INTERACTIVE SPORT & CULTURAL EVENTS FOR LEARNERS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND OLD MUIRITES.

Thursday
4th

Old Muirites have booked to participate in the following activities versus learners, teachers and parents. We wonder who will take the overall win..... Old Boys or current learners? Are you keen to participate? Email oldmuiriteunion@gmail.com

These activities will take place from 14h00 to 16h00

- Tennis** - Tennis Courts
- Squash** - Squash Courts at Indoor Sports Centre
- Debating** - One of the classrooms
- Chess** - One of the classrooms
- Choir** - School Hall
- Quiz** - Hostel prep Room

TEACHERS' HONOURING COCKTAIL EVENT



Thursday
4th

What would our lives be like without educators? Many teachers have made a big impact on the lives of Old Muirites over the last 2 centuries and we wish to honour them tonight.

Spar has partnered with the Old Muirite Union to host this private event, which is open to **current and past teachers** of Muir College as well as Old Boys.

The evening will be a casual fun event with live entertainment, fun prizes, a light meal, and lots of reminiscing and catching up.





MUIR COLLEGE 200yr BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Friday
5th



What better way to start the day than with a healthy, hearty breakfast, some networking and learning from an inspiring guest speaker?

Stephen McGown (South African journalist, global speaker and best-selling author) is the longest held and surviving Al-Qaeda hostage and will share his story during breakfast.

Local businesses have purchased tables for the event and contributed towards Eco Tanks for Muir College to alleviate the water restrictions currently in place. The Uitenhage Mental Health Society is the Muir College 200 Year Business Breakfast beneficiary.

Our partners include Goodyear, Eastern Cape Parks & Tourism Association, Algoa FM and EcoTanks.

FOUNDERS' DAY ASSEMBLY AND WAR CRY

Friday
5th

This is the moment that we celebrate 200 years of Education. 200 years of standing tall and proud. 200 years of Second to None (Nec Pluribus Impar). 200 years of Muir College Boys' High School.

Old Muirites from all corners of the globe, covering 7 decades, all age groups and races, will be arriving at the school hall to mark this momentous occasion.

In order to accommodate all Old Boys, current learners, teachers and staff,

the school will be temporarily extending the school hall into the quad, with additional chairs, a cover for weather purposes and a large screen and sound for all to see what is happening inside the hall.

After the assembly, all in attendance will move to the Ellis Sport Field where the school's war cry will be Shouted from the Rafters and captured via drones, videos and photographers.

NC DUGMORE REUNION

The NC Dugmore House is the hostel where many boarders enjoy their schooling years.

The reunion will be for ex boarders who will have a tour of the hostel and reminisce about their time as boarders.



SA RUGBY LEGENDS COACHING CLINIC

Yes... you read correctly.

The SA Rugby Legends will be on campus on Friday afternoon giving a coaching clinic to some of the local schools.

Please feel free to come watch these legends in action, teaching the younger generations some tricks and tips.



Friday
5th

1822 BEER TENT

The 1822 Beer Tent is the place to be during Founders' Week.

Located on Campus, next to the Muirite Clubhouse. Parking via Burton Ave on the school fields.

Opening times: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 14h00 – 23h00; Saturday & Monday: 10h00 – 23h00; Sunday 12h00 – 23h00

LIVE MUSIC DAILY

Drinks Specials on Castle Light, KWV3 & Coca Cola On Tap, Smirnoff & Cranberry On Tap, Jagermesiter, El Jimador Tequila.

BIG SCREEN – come and watch SOUTH AFRICA vs NEW ZEALAND Rugby on Saturday (17h00); Cross over to the Commonwealth Games daily.



MUIR COLLEGE 200yr RUGBY FESTIVAL

Saturday **6th** & Monday **8th**

Gates open at 08h00. Tickets at the gate @R20 per adult. Under 18 free.

U/13s and U/19 First Teams from various Eastern Cape Schools will take on each other in this 2-day festival.

Saturday sees the SA Rugby Legends taking on a very strong and excited Old Muirite Rugby Legends team. This is a once in a lifetime game you don't want to miss.

Look out for the helicopter flips on both days. As well as the food trucks and a kids' zone with inflatables.

Our thanks to BUCO and Standard Bank for partnering with the Old Muirite Union for this Festival.

FEATURE MATCHES

Saturday:

- 11h00 Muir College u/13A vs Westering u/13 A
- 11h30 Pearson High 1 XV vs Despatch Hoerskool 1 XV
- 12h30 SA Rugby Legends vs Old Muirite Rugby Legends
- 13h00 Lorraine vs Sussanah Fourie
- 13h40 Queen's College 1 XV vs Graeme College 1 XV
- 15h00 Muir College 1 XV vs Grey High School 1 XV

Monday:

- 09h00 Paarl Boys u/12 vs George Randall u/13
- 10h10 Muir College u/13A vs Sunridge u/13A
- 13h40 Brandwag High 1 XV vs Dale College 1 XV
- 15h00 Daniel Pienaar High 1 XV vs Ithembilile 1 XV



MUIR COLLEGE 200yr GALA DINNER



Saturday
6th



Over 800 guests will be attending this prestigious event at the Boardwalk Hotel & Convention Centre. Guests include Old Muirites from around the world, VIPs, companies who have partnered with the Old Muirite Union for Founders' Week and the SA Rugby Legends team.

Old Muirites have purchased 200 year Commemorative ties in either red or blue and will be proudly wearing them at the dinner.

Classes have booked tables so classmates can be seated together. There will be no long speeches, no guest speakers.... Just a chance to reconnect, relax and enjoy the evening and entertainment (with a few short speeches).

Our business partner for this event is VWSA.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE & SPIT BRAAI

Sunday
7th

The Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Muir College School hall. All denominations are welcome to attend to give thanks for education and to pray for learners, educators and education.

Entry is free and the service runs from 11h30 to 13h00.

This will be followed by a Spit Braai @R150pp. Bookings and payment to be made prior to the day (oldmuiriteunion@gmail.com)

Bring your family for a day of relaxation, companionship and catching up. Pack a picnic blanket to relax under the trees.

“ *Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.* ”

Ephesians 4 verse 2-3



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