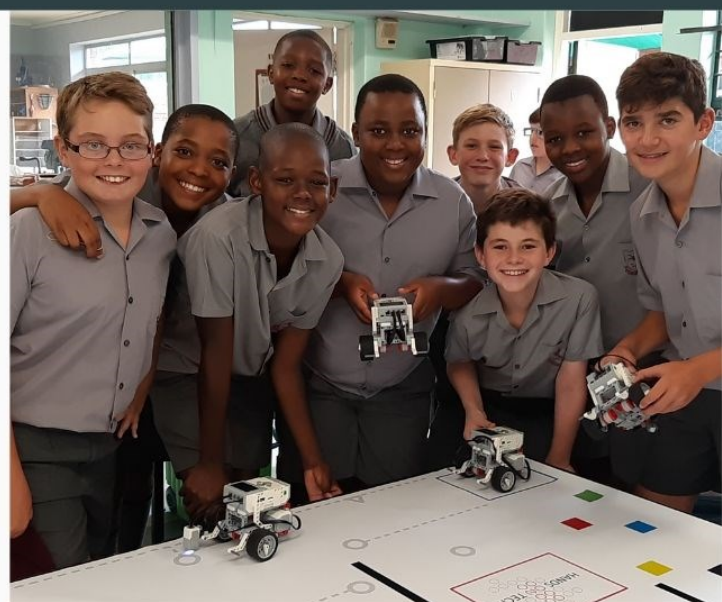


OLD BOYS' CHRONICLE



WORK HARD, PLAY STRAIGHT



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From the Chairman



I think a number of us are suffering from communication fatigue from this pandemic. We are inundated with email from the school, work colleagues and unknown bequests from recently deceased 'family members' requiring bank account details

to deposit millions of Dollars into (for a small initial fee, of course) into our bank account. An abundance of information (and disinformation) relating to the impact of the pandemic, has created a paucity of attention in some meaningful aspects of our lives. In fact, many of us, understandably so, won't have the time for even a cursory glance at this report but, for those that do, I will do my best to keep it short, sweet and purposeful.

Times are tough and we need to support one another in novel ways. The School has done its best at ensuring the WHPS community stays positive, gets creative and learns from this difficult epoch in our history. Many aspects are out of the School's control (evidenced by the numerous occasions when the Department of Education made U-turns on pupils returning to school). This has caused a number of unintended consequences - primarily, that teachers and parents had to put in additional work-hours and re-schedule, or suspend calendar events. The added workload and general frustration felt by all and sundry has, notably, been dealt with professionally and with the necessary due care it deserves. On this front, the Old Boys commend the School staff and parents who have sacrificed much to ensure the well-being of all WHPSians. We continue to pray for some miracle to get back to some form of normality. Until then, 'the best way to predict the future is to invent it'.

In keeping with innovation and invention, I am pleased to announce that our Alumnet platform has come to fruition and ask that you all register (<https://whpsoldboys.alumnet.co.za/>). The platform incorporates a directory for Old Boys and promotes business within the WHPS community. The need to connect and transact with one another is especially important

given the precarious situation we all find ourselves in. I urge you to recognise its potential in your day-to-day endeavours. A secondary consequence of the platform comes from the income derived via advertising banners. This income provides much needed financial support to the Old Boys' Bursary Fund. As you know, the bursary fund supports boys whose parents have fallen on hard times. The financial assistance given enables these boys to finish their schooling at WHPS. We are always humbled by the generosity of Old Boys and parents that selflessly assist. We cannot thank you enough.

In closing, I would like to add that schools are often evaluated and epitomised by the quality of their Old Boys. Several headmasters, and erudite scholars, have often cited an intangible degree of excellence that distinguishes good schools from great schools. WHPS Old Boys have time and again proven to put the school's interests before their own to ensure the continuity of the institution which we so dearly love. We aspire to epitomise the ethos that differentiates us from all other preparatory schools in the country. As Mr Neil Smith so aptly puts it, "It's the WHPS Way".

I truly believe that WHPS Old Boys are cut from the same cloth. Our affinity will continue to bind us and cultivate a much needed, and relevant, Association for future generations. All of us have played a critical role in ensuring that the WHPS flag continues to fly high. This on-going commitment by the Old Boys is the very hallmark of our existence. We love our school and the people that make it WHPS.

"For they are WHPSians".

In Memoriam: The Old Boys would like to express their most sincere and profound condolences to Jason Roberts on the passing of his beloved wife Jade. We were all truly devastated by his loss and pray that God brings comfort and healing to the families. Jade will always be in our hearts and minds.

Stay safe and God bless.

Andy Papadopulo

WHPS Old Boys Chairman

Scholarship Winners 2021

Congratulations to the following boys who have been awarded scholarships

Michaelhouse



Exhibition - Academic

Luke Marks

St Andrew's College



Oriaikhi-Sao Scholarship

Asante Chivere



Charles Mullins Scholarship

Alastair de Kock

St Alban's College



Exhibition

Mahlatse Thema

St Stithians College



Academic Scholarship

Melusi Kganakga

In Memoriam



Sir Brian Crowe Class of 1947

Brian Crowe sadly passed away in March 2020. He had been ill for some time. He attended the UK Reunion in 2019 with his son Alex.

William 'Liam' Muller Class of 1954

Liam passed away on 23 May 2020. He attended PBHS for a short time and went on to finish his schooling in Lusaka where he also began his teaching career. In 1967 he moved to Australia. He continued teaching in Perth, the Gold Coast and Ballarat before becoming Deputy Principal of Townsville Grammar School until his retirement in 1999. He is survived by his wife Julie, sons Jonathan and Liam, and grandchildren Henry and George.



Michael Bush Class of 1955

Mike Bush passed away on 11 June 2020 after suffering a heart attack.

Memories & Successes...

Neil Taylor

Class of 1984

After leaving WHPS, Neil attended high school at Hilton College and completed his matric there in 1989 and his post-matric in 1990. He then completed his economics and law degrees at UCT in Cape Town. He was admitted as an attorney in SA in 1999 and as a solicitor in the UK in 2001. Neil lived and worked as a solicitor in the UK for 11 years and returned to SA in 2009. He now runs his own boutique law firm (called "Taylor Attorneys") which specialises in corporate, commercial and company law, as well as non-contentious employment law. The firm's ideal clients are SMME's, family offices and entrepreneurs. Neil has been married to Helen for more than 15 years and they have 2 sons who are third generation WHPSians, Dylan (now a WHPS OB, Class of 2019) and Vaughan (who is in Grade 5 at WHPS).

Neil completed his first ultra-marathon and ultra-trail race in 2019 with his wife, being the Two Oceans Ultra Marathon (56km) and the Ultra Trail Cape Town (UTCT) trail run (35kms with almost 2,000m in climbing). They also successfully qualified for the Two Oceans Ultra Marathon (due to be 58km in 2020) and the Comrades Marathon (90kms), but sadly both races have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 lock-down.

Memories: Standard 5 shenanigans with his classmates, the legend who was Jim Fish, as well as his soccer, rugby and cricket matches for WHPS.



Louis du Preez

Class of 2017

After leaving WHPS at the end of 2017 I joined St Alban's College. The best decision I made, was when I joined St Alban's in 2018 I joined their Life Support Club and worked my way up to being Deputy Chairman. Not only that but I am also a senior member of Public Relations. I also represent the boys and staff in our St Alban's Parliament and CSP College Support Programme. I recently completed a BLS paramedic Qualification with a amazing 100%. I plan to complete a few more qualifications later this year or in the years to come.

Memories: Giving previous Headmaster Mr Herringer as well as Mr Whitelaw and staff grey hairs as I was quite a handful. My fondest memories are break time at the tuckshop with friends, Grahamstown and Botswana tour and the amazing WHPS staff who taught me everything that I know today.



Gavin Sinclair

Headmaster 1990 to 1999

Retired and living in White River. Headmaster of Uplands Prep School from 2000 to 2010 until my retirement.

WHPS is a great school and it is a privilege to be an Honorary Old Boy.



Brendan Dunn

Class of 2001

Brendan attended St Alban's College and obtained Academic Honours in Matric. After high school he attended the University of Pretoria (Tuks), where he met Jacqui. They got married in 2015. He obtained an Honours degree in Accounting from Tuks. Qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2016 and has moved into Financial Planning where he has qualified as a Certified Financial Planner. Now living and working in Johannesburg after 3 years in Cape Town. He completed his third Comrades Marathon in 2019.

Memories: My first cricket match for WHPS: against the Ridge, away. My dad was there to watch. I took a wicket. I took a catch. I batted 10 and I was run out! We won a nail biter by 1 wicket!

2001 - 4th Cricket Team



Standing: K. Taylor-Memmore, N. Puckrin, Mr. S. Smith (Coach), M. Germishuizen, H. Breedt, C. Spencer, D. Scorgie, R. Mukansi
Sitting: B. Dunn, N. Cretikos, M. McDonald, K. Mokale, J. Whitehouse

Memories & Successes...

Nathan Meyer

Class of 2015

I left WHPS to attend the school on the hill (PBHS) where I have excelled in the sporting sphere. I played u14A cricket and hockey and captained both teams. The following year I played for U16A hockey and u15A cricket. In 2018 I was selected to play for the first team cricket and hockey respectively. I am currently the first team cricket captain and first team hockey vice captain.

Memories: Being able to try out everything on the sports field.



Neil Stainton

Class of 1975

Neil went to St Martin's where he matriculated. Completed two years national service. Attended ML Sultan Technikon and received a NHCICC certificate. He worked for Wimpy for 2 years. Wimpy franchisee with 2 stores in Durban for 15 years. Neil started the first 24 hour drive-thru, take away and sit down Wimpy in South Africa. He moved to the United Kingdom in 1998. Worked for Pizza Hut and Burger King. Changed direction and went into retail and worked for Tesco for 6 years. Changed direction again currently work for East of England Ambulance Service. Getting remarried in 2021.

Memories: Jim Fish. He worked in the kitchen - lovely man. He used to call us to come and get tea and peanut butter and jam sandwiches. Remember the dormitories with no glass windows, just roll down blinds. Freezing in the winter and you had to move your bed when it rained. My friend Ralph Bousfield lived in Botswana and brought a python back to school after the holidays. No doubt the school was not impressed.

I have so many memories of the school I could go on and on.

3rd Cricket Team - 1975



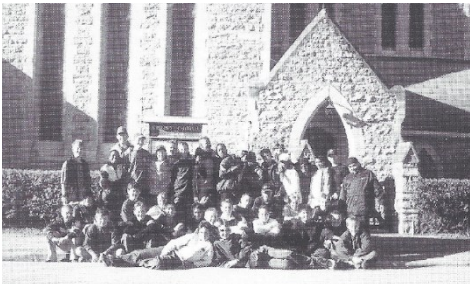
From left to right: Luigi Sussman, M de Lisle, Peter Adams, **Neil Stainton**, Herman Olivier, Denis McCarthy, Mrs. Knight, Peter Strait, Steven Dümmer, Danny Monis, Paul Katil, Steven Ridgway, Robert Gemmeken, Stuart Sinclair, Ralph Bousfield and PJ Thom

Andile Setloane

Class of 2000

I went to work in Canada for 2 years, UK for 9 years and I am currently living in Canada. Been here for a year and a half now.

Memories: Inter-house sports and Grahamstown festival



Dr. Hugh Brathwaite

Class of 1953

Hugh went to Bishops and studied Medicine at University of Stellenbosch. Worked at Frere Hospital then in a private practice in East London 1968 - 2019. Director of Student Health at Walter Sisulu University. Retired after 50 years of Medical practice for same firm. Founder of Famcare. President Medical Association SA. Founder of Vocational Training & CME Eastern Cape

Memories: Won many swimming medals. Played cricket in Eddie Barlow's team. Wilf & Marion MacRobert. Still called him "Sir" even after I was married and qualified as a doctor.

Richard Siebert

Class of 2010

Went to PBHS. Enjoyed it there and did rather well academically. Started MBChB my first year out of school at TUKS. Still currently studying MBChB medicine at TUKS 5th year.

Memories: Playing soccer during break with my friends and getting in trouble for consistently not having a hat on.



Memories & Successes...

Collin Mico

Class of 2002

Since leaving WHPS, I joined St Alban's College where I matriculated. I ended up at University of Cape Town and studied BCom in Management Studies and Finance. After graduation I left South Africa and went to work for Unilever East and Southern Africa office in Nairobi Kenya. I worked and lived in Kenya for 2 and a half years then decided to head back home (Rwanda, Kigali) to contribute to the growth and development of my country. Got engaged to a wonderful girl, started a business and my journey through entrepreneurship.

Memories: One of many amazing memories at WHPS was winning the High Jump competition and having my name forever engraved onto the trophy. Other great memories involved playing in the 1st team hockey and the break time four square tennis and soccer.

First Team Hockey - 2002



Standing: K. Waters, P. Mennen, C. Mico, S. Smith, J Tager, Sitting: J. de Beer, D. Lourens, E. Conradie, C. Knoll, J. Moolman
Front R. Mukansie, A. Rundle Coach: Mr. T. Ward

Gavin Fernie

Class of 1949

I left WHPS at the end of 1949, at the end of Standard 3. I started at WHPS in 1946.

Turned 80 in June, 2020. Still in touch with Don MacRobert.

Matriculated in 1956. Studied accountancy at UCT and Unisa. Articled at Deloitte. Long career as commodity trader and senior executive in chemical fertilizer industry. Travelled extensively in career activities. Currently consulting for USA and UK clients on socio-economic and political issues in South Africa.

Memories: Fond memories of 4 wonderful years at WHPS with Eddie Barlow, John and Peter Begg, Pat Hamilton, Keith Norman and others.

The unique ethos of WHPS, the special camaraderie, the excellent tuition, the friends I made at WHPS. WHPS set me up for life.

Graham Miller

Class of 1953

Elizabeth and I celebrated our 55th year of marriage. Still play competitive golf three times a week and walk the steep course. Wrote a book (biography) named "In Search of Shade". Have two wonderful daughters and two grandsons. We travel abroad and I still enjoy deep-sea fishing.

After matric I competed a Learner Official Course at Stilfontein Mine, then went to Rhodes University to study Geology and Chemistry. Worked internationally in geological exploration, and after retirement as a consultant, I joined the UN - based five years in Ethiopia, five years in Cambodia and five years in Geneva. Retired in 2004 after working in 43 countries, mainly in Emergency Response. Now happily retired in Queensland.

Memories: Playing cricket and soccer in the same team as Eddie Barlow and Pat Hamilton. Mr. MacRobert was a fine Headmaster. Among many WHPS friends was Bill Muller. We stayed constantly in contact. Unfortunately he passed away some weeks back in Townsville, Queensland.



1st XI Cricket - 1953

Sitting Left to right: G. Miller, A. Dodgson, P. Hamilton, Mr. W.H. MacRobert, E. Barlow, P. Olie, M. Howells
Standing: W. Muller, B. Dawson, D. Aylward, J. Westwood, M. Hall

Kabelo Matlala

Class of 2000

Haha not a fan of tooting my own horn but our Old Boys team made it to the final in last years Old Boys Soccer Day *haha*. I went on to St Alban's College, and finished my Matric there, took a gap year and worked at a primary school in the UK called Wycliffe College as a stooge. Returned to study a BA Law and Politics and then an LLB at Rhodes University. Moved to Cape Town for a couple of years and then started my migration back home. I opened and ran a management consulting firm for a couple of years before starting my MBA at Wits Business School and then relocating back home to start the next chapter of our family business and that is it in a nutshell.

Memories:

The whole thing was amazing, I remember one moment when I was cast in the Just WHPS play which included staff, parents and a few students. But the memories are endless.



Memories & Successes...

THE MATHIESEN HUG

Halvar became a Boarder at Waterkloof House Prep School, Pretoria in 1987.

Patrick Hamilton was the young progressive headmaster. I motored from Mafikeng to bring him home at the end of a school term. Arriving at the school a little early I looked around until I found him sitting on the outside steps leading into the school. He was among a group of classmates and Patrick was guiding them in discussion. On seeing me approach Halvar stood up and stepped over to shake my hand. Patrick said: "that's no way to greet your dad, Halvar, give him a hug". I had never hugged a male before and I do not think Halvar had either, or his grandfather Halvar senior. I felt a little embarrassed, but Patrick had put us on the spot and there seemed to be no escape. Awkwardly we exchanged the hug and saved face. I did not want to appear as an old-fashioned stick-in-the-mud in the eyes of headmaster and senior scholars.

The ice had been irretrievably broken – we were both released for life from our inbred stiff upper lip behaviour. Since that day we have always greeted each other with hugs, and this lovely habit has been adopted by some of our male family and close friends. Good on yer, Patrick!

In similar spirit I have recently considered the opening and closing greetings of letters and emails. How to make them friendly but not too intimate. I have read that some females have objected strongly to being addressed as "Dear" by a male they are not close to. I have recently been ending letters to all family with "Love, Colin" on the basis that 'why should I be embarrassed to love all my family'. This is a work in progress and I need family input.

Colin Mathiesen father of Halvar Mathiesen

Class of 1988

Prefects - 1988



Standing: G. Taylor, S. Tunmer, R. Johnson
Sitting: W. Smith, Mr. P.G. Hamilton, H. Mathiesen (Headboy)

Happy Birthday!



Dave Stegmann

Class of 1953

Turned 80 on 11 April.

Trevor Moore

Class of 1963

Celebrated his 70th birthday on 8 June.



Gordon Delaney

Class of 1972

Celebrated his 60th birthday on 13 April.

Please keep us updated by
sending an e-mail to:

oldboys@whps.co.za

John Richards

Class of 1973

Memories: Playing
uphill or downhill
on the main
football pitch.

Mark Rwabyomere

Class of 2006

Memories: School
trips and my time
spent in boarding
with the guys!

Memories & Successes...

Shaun Keeny Class of 2000

Married in 2015. Run a hunting safari company and farm with Dorper and White Dorper Sheep and Kalahari Red goats and Boergoats.
Memories: Making the first 11 cricket team



Standing: D. Soglanich, J. Hepburn, Mr. C. Solomon, D. van Blommenstein, T. Allison, K. Koma, M. Smal, M. Fourie
Sitting: M. Tanner, D. Nupen, E. Bekker, T. Potgieter, **S. Keeny**
Front C. van Rooyen

Putukwane Madisha Class of 1995

Attended St Alban's College and matriculated in 2000. Completed my Bachelor of Business Science at UCT in 2004. Completed my Post-Graduate Diploma in Accounting at UCT in 2005. Joined Deloitte in 2006. Qualified as a CA(SA) in 2009. Joined Sasol in 2009 as an internal auditor. Joined the National Empowerment Fund in 2011 as the Chief Audit Executive. Completed my MBA in 2016 at the Rotterdam School of Management (Netherlands) and Rotman School of Management (Canada). Joined Housing Investment Partners as CFO in 2017. Appointed CEO at Housing Investment Partners in 2018. Housing Investment Partners (www.hiphousing.co.za) is in the affordable housing finance business, giving home loans to customers earning below R30 000 per month.



Source: LinkedIn

Memories: Bushman's River Mouth trip with Mr Herringer in standard 5. Being exposed to legends like Mr Hamilton, Mr Kirkbride and Mr McGrady.

Adam Smeddle Class of 2008

I just started my own company called 'My World Ahead'. We develop motor and social skills in children with disabilities.
Memories: Definitely being a part of the boarding house.



Lereko Khaueo Class of 2019



I started at WHPS in grade 3 as a small nine year old clueless of the amazing journey I was about to embark on. It was full of small and big victories. All my best memories were in Hamilton House. Mr. Ross Wolfaardt and Ms. Denise van der Merwe did the best in being parents to 18 children and I will be listing my favourite memories as follows. My last year at WHPS was full of music. My fellow brothers and I would make beats, rap, sing and dance with style and great prowess. My second one is when The Springboks brought us the Webb Ellis Cup - my brothers that stayed in that weekend would know. It was the most stressful and exciting 80 minutes I've ever sat through. The last 20 minutes were amazing as Cheslin Kolbe scored a great try - to which we went crazy! And as full time came about the celebration was massive, empty cups were flying, high fives everywhere and the screams and shouts of joy were enormous. My last memory and most favourite memory was my last braai at WHPS. We played cricket and soccer while eating perfectly braaied meat, wors and my personal favourite garlic bread. WHPS boys, please believe me Hamilton House is the place to be. I have fitted right into St. Alban's. It's been an awesome experience to be part of St. Alban's as well as WHPS.



*What we
learn with
pleasure we
never forget*

*- Alfred
Mercier*

Memories & Successes...

Tiego Magnus Mufamadi

Class of 2003

Completed high school at St Alban's College. Started my tertiary studies at UCT, 2 years later I decided to move to Australia. I live/lived in Australia for 10 years, to recently come home to help out and get in touch with my country. I have been a mining engineer in Western Australia, Private Banker at Investec, and now a Credit Analyst at Caterpillar. I also co-manage a Private Game lodge with my two siblings. Successes: First Class Mining Engineering Honors from the Western Australian School of Mines, 2016. Masters in Commerce Specialising in Finance from the University of Western Australia 2017.

Memories: Sports days, hand tennis, and just the atmosphere.



Source: LinkedIn

Boipelo Ntsoane

Class of 2019

Memories: "It was a fun school." Boipelo also remembers the Grahamstown tour fondly.



Dean Lourens

Class of 2002

Attended Pretoria Boys High from 2003/2007. Completed a BA in Humana Movement Sciences at TUKS in 2014. Completed a PGCE at UNISA in 2017. Sports Coordinator at Curro Waterfall from 2017 - 2018. Moved to China in 2018. Currently the HOD of Physical and Health Education at Maple Leaf World Schools.

Memories: One of my favourite memories was the trip to Grahamstown in grade 7.



Source: LinkedIn

Francis Thackeray

Class of 1964

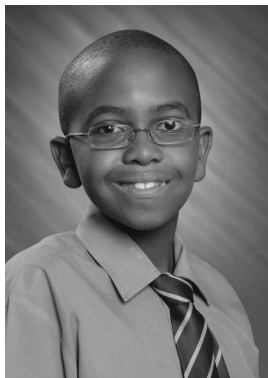
IN QUARANTINE IN 1964

In the winter of 1964 at WHPS, when I was 11, I was instructed by the Thackeray family's doctor to stay at home in quarantine, because of some minor infection. (I don't remember exactly what it was. In any case it wasn't serious). I was in quarantine for about a month, with time on my hands (like now!). As it so happened, The Pretoria News was raising funds for a Blanket Fund. For a month I baked biscuits in the kitchen at home at the old Radcliffe Observatory on Waterkloof Ridge. The biscuits were sold at the tuckshop (now Wilf's Pub). They were very popular and were sold as fast as they were baked. They were inexpensive, and costs were covered for all ingredients. I had time on my hands in quarantine, so there were no costs for "labour"! It was a labour of love. Quite a handsome amount of money was raised. It was donated to The Pretoria News for winter blankets. The editor was impressed. When I was out of quarantine I was asked to go to the offices of the newspaper. A photograph was taken, with a short account of "How a schoolboy raised funds for the Blanket Fund". That was my first "media coverage" (Ha Ha!).

Thabo Mahlare

Class of 2003

Newly admitted as an Attorney of the High Court of South Africa. Memories: Grahamstown Festival, playing sports with my mates and just enjoying my time there.



Jeffrey Lewis

Class of 2008

Studied Electrical engineering at Stellenbosch, Now working at Capitec. Memories: Eating Pizza in the trees in between the fields with the rest of the boarders.



Andrew Webb

Class of 1993

Our family has grown by the addition of my son. Memories: Playing cricket in the afternoons and weekends. The spirit and the fun of it all.



Source: LinkedIn

Memories & Successes...



Mr. F. W. McLachlan, chairman of the board of trustees of the Waterkloof House Preparatory School handing over a cheque to Mr. W. MacRobert, principal of the school.

POPULATION POSER FOR KENNEDY

A STUDENT at Columbia University yesterday asked Mr. Robert F. Kennedy what he plans to do about the population explosion if he is elected to the U.S. Senate.

Mr. Kennedy replied that he did not know, if he was the right person to answer the question.

His wife, expecting their ninth child, joined in the laughter.

Mr. Kennedy said it was a personal matter in the United States, but critical and demanding of a solution in certain other countries. Sapa-A.P.

Threat To U.S. Exports

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, yesterday warned that protectionism in U.S. trade policy would seriously threaten American exports. He urged that the country maintain its liberal trade policies. Let us remember that those who cannot sell to us, cannot buy from us. He said that a major threat to our economy is the loss of markets in Europe and Japan. He said that the major threat to our economy is the loss of markets in Europe and Japan. He said that the major threat to our economy is the loss of markets in Europe and Japan.

A City School Changes Hands

THE WATERKLOOF HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL has been sold. A cheque, described as the down payment on a deal of sale, was last night presented to Mr. Wilfred MacRobert, the principal and former owner of the school.

The school is to be taken over by a new council, which last night elected Mr. N. J. MacRobert, brother of the principal its new chairman.

Mr. N. MacRobert said that after the trust had been formed the response to a call for funds was very good. The Ernest Oppenheimer Trust fund donated a considerable sum.

A spokesman for the Oppenheimer Trust said that when a body of people were prepared to go ahead on their own initiative on an educational project, the trust was prepared to lend a great deal of assistance.

A formal party will be held towards the end of the year as a "thank you" gesture by the school council for all those who helped the fund.

It was also stated that the fund was not yet closed. Any donations would be gratefully accepted.



Dr. S. Mering Naudé

Don MacRobert's tribute to Francois Junod

Francois' funeral was a delightful affair. Over 3 hours. And well worth it. It was on their farm, near Mooi Nooi. In a glade in the forest. Camp chairs were set out in rows. There were so many people who came from different places, and organisations. And everybody spoke - from the heart.

Starting with the nearby people, the farmers came to pay their respects. Followed by the local church and choir - singing in Afrikaans. Then came the boys from Pretoria Boys High, in their smart uniforms, and they called Francois: Oupa.

The Mountaineering Club recorded the huge donation of that whole farm on the Magaliesburg - Given by Sheila and Francois.

Then came the lawyers who gave good tributes - he called a spade a spade. No argument there.

Followed by a few Judges - mentioning his reputation.

Then Neil Smith gave a lovely message from WHPS, Francois' Prep school, and where later Francois was Chairman of the Board.

Then the people from Gazankulu came - a further language. It didn't matter--the people were very moving.

The next group had travelled all night to be there. Such upright gentlemen in their suits, and ties. They had driven all the way from the Transkei. Spoke in Xhosa. Another language. Through an interpreter they mentioned Francois had done so much for their community. In particular they told about each year when Francois and Sheila went there, they would take food parcels, but they chose to give to widows - quite a lot of them.

Then John Patchitt spoke—and he later showed Marianne and me a picture taken of the Michaelhouse First Rugby Team, in their Red and white hooped rugby jerseys, and the white Colours and Honours blazers. John in his last year, and Francois in this second last year, both playing for the school First XV.

A wonderful send off - For a great man

Former Council member, Anton Hofman, sent the attached Pta News Article dated 6 October 1964 - the picture shows Archie MacLachlan, on behalf of the Trust, handing over the cheque to Wilf MacRobert, with Anton looking on.

#Throw Back Thursday

Over the past few weeks we have been looking back through the decades and sharing some Throwback Thursday posts on our Social Media pages. Please let us know if there are any specific years you would like to see next.

WHPS Throwback Thursday - Class of 2010

What a year it was... 2010, the year South Africa hosted the World Cup... The year WHPS turned 87! The opening of the Dawie Chamberlain Music block.

The Grade 7 boys went to Camp Discovery for their leadership camp. Later in the year they went on the much awaited Grahamstown Tour. The Grade 5, 6 and 7 boys took the audience on a magical carpet ride with the musical production that year, Aladdin.

The year's theme was "Making a Difference". Can you remember the Protest against Rhino Poaching?

What was your favourite WHPS memory for 2010?



WHPS Throwback Thursday - Class of 2000

The new Millennium. On the Sporting front WHPS performed very well. The First Soccer Team started their season with an unbeaten record at the St Stithians' six-a-side. The swimming team won the Inter-Primary at Hillcrest. The first Rugby squad also enjoyed a wonderful season.

The Senior Play was Tselane and the Giant with a cast of more than 80 Grade 6 and 7 boys.

Do you remember all the Clubs? Cookery, Bible, The Senior Wildlife Club and the Computer Club. Were you part of any club?



#Throw Back Thursday

WHPS Throwback Thursday - Class of 1990

Mr. Gavin Sinclair took over the reins from Mr. Patrick Hamilton. A big first for WHPS that year, was the fact that the Magazine was compiled by the Standard 3's, 4's and 5's and all of the graphics were done on the School's new computers. The year was filled with some exciting camps. The Standard 5 Camp to the scenic Dome Kloof in the Magaliesberg, The Backpack Club made the journey to Jwala Lodge in Botswana and the 6th trip to Bushman's River Mouth. Please see the photos for excerpts from diaries of the boys who went along.

What are some of the memories you still have of the School Camps?



Bushman's River Mouth

This was the 6th trip to Bushman's River Mouth. The following are excerpts from diaries of the boys who went along.

DIARY FRIDAY 6th

We arrived at school and began our long, grueling journey. I travelled in the Henninger's basket. When we arrived at Bushman's, everybody expressed and unpacked. Mr Henninger gave us permission to do what we wanted so while Durbin and Angus chased chicks Jason got down to some serious fishing. That day we mostly spent on the beach and we all relaxed.

The second day we organised our rods and travelled to a huge boat. On this boat the adults brought 3 coolboxes of beer. As we travelled upriver everybody enjoyed looking at all the bird life and green vegetation. As a dry point on the bank we stopped and basked in the sun and cracked. Soon we ate back and rode the waves of the Bushman's Sea. After that we came home. It was a very enjoyable day.

James Thickett



Crabbing



Out at sea

SATURDAY 7th

I woke at about 5:45 and got dressed. I was to fish at about 6:30 in Angus's boat. But the line had gone and had to give it a miss. We then left and got into a long boat which was owned by Mr But. I travelled with R. Joubert's swimmer upstream for skipjack. We caught nothing and then changed our class from fishing to crabbing. We caught 5 crabs but kept only 2. On the way back we travelled again. Richard had a line but his line snapped. I fished on and the stream fell off. I was assisted by another fisherman but this time it was a pro. I had my first Henninger's 'Pasta King'. I ate and after a while I was into my first fish. Unfortunately a rubber dinghy ran into my line and the fish got away. Some boys did not want to go out to sea and we unloaded any loose equipment and left. The boys that didn't want to go were forced to.

We went out to sea for the first time in my life. Scorpions vomited over the seats and handbags. The boat was coming in the mouth of the river. There was a couple kissing and everybody started to vomit. We came back home and played cards. Supper was hamburgers and chips (Bushman's style). Mr Henninger then gave us an assignment to make up this diary.

Jason McCormick



Who's green?

SUNDAY 8 APRIL

The boys woke up with lightning splits. Everyone was excited to go on the trip to 'Swamp Kloof'. The boys had to walk a fair distance. The boys looked morose when the 4 wheel drive speed boat. We finally reached our destination. Then we explored our rock pools. The boat part at the beach was a 60 foot dance. I had a hard time trying to fall like the other guys. I had a hard time trying to cook food. Mr Henninger decided to take us home. I am missing my family.

D. Helwick



Having a whale of a time

MONDAY 9 APRIL

Today we went to Grahamstown. We first went to the ichthyology department where we learnt a lot about the conchifers. After that we went to St Andrews College where we had a guided tour of the school. It is beautiful. Of that gave us permission to do what we wanted but before that we had to look at an amazing camera obscura.

It shows the whole city from a mirror. It is amazingly clear. So then we had our free time where we really enjoyed ourselves. We met back at St Andrews where we enjoyed a good, delicious lunch. We then walked to an inn where we drank coffee. Then sadly we went home and Durbin and I went grave pumping. We then had supper and went to sleep.

James Thickett



Concentration



Fashionista

TUESDAY 10 APRIL

Today we went to Portofelie to get sand mussels. Portofelie has one of the most succulent populations in the world. On the way back from Portofelie we popped in at the Alexandria forest. Then back at home we decided to go check out the beach. At the beach the wind picked up so we called off our bonfire on the beach. And so we just ate the fire at home.



Burns up

WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL

The trip to Port Elizabeth was long, but when we arrived there we were all relaxed. At the museum we had a lesson and went down to look at the aquarium. Then we took a look around the museum and watched the seals and dolphins in action. It was great. After that we went for lunch at the Red Windmill then we came back to the museum. The trip home was alright because we had a 1 litre coke. Overall I enjoyed the day it was not too bad. When we got back home we went to a bonfire on the beach. For a minute I thought it was going to rain but the clouds held in. And we had a rave.

Angus Henninger



Admission



Relaxation



Landlubbers



The Gang

Bushman's River Mouth

THURSDAY 12 APRIL

We woke up the next day feeling fresh, we went in Angus' boat and I fell in the water thinking it was shallow but found out that it was deep. My sweats were all wet, so I put them in the basket to dry out and the basket dived off with them so that was bad, hey. We then went in Mr Keller's boat. We then went home to change out of the wet clothes. I then went to the shops and bought myself some dry sweats. Andrew and I stayed at home instead of going fishing. At supper time I had to say a speech thanking the Henninger's for their kindness. I then handed them their presents that was sorry. We had supper and went to bed.

I really enjoyed myself here at Bushman's and hope to visit it soon. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Henninger and Mr and Mrs Thiele and Mrs Thickett and Angus for his patience. It was a wonderful holiday. But if I was not for Mr and Mrs Thiele, Mrs Thickett and Mr and Mrs Henninger, I will miss Bushman's and I hope I can come again.



Land Alky



Supper



Going Home

PREFECTS - 1980



Standing: R.C.H. Jackson, K.W. Graham, G.A. So.

Sitting: D. Viljoen (Headboy), Mr. M.H. de Lisle (Headmaster), T.C. Mitchell

WHPS Throwback Thursday - Class of 1980

When the School Magazine was still an A5 book with no colour photos. The library boasted a whopping collection of 5000 books. That is an addition of 2774 new books between 1970 and 1980.

The Standard 5 camp went to the Magaliesberg. The Senior Play of Tom Sawyer treated the audience to a fun-filled night with murder, mayhem, mystery and oaths sealed in blood... there was buried treasure, blackmail and chivalry. All the ingredients of a rollicking play. Squash was added to school activities and the First Cricket Team won the Pretoria league for the first time in 8 years.

Jim "Fish" Manala passed away in 1980 after a short illness. The boys and staff at WHPS were very fond of Jim and he has a special place in our hearts and memory. What is your favourite Jim "Fish" memory?

1ST XI CRICKET TEAM 1980



Standing: K. Steyn, L.M. Baillie, C.M. Marais, R.M. Dreyer, A.D. Bivell, G.E. Dero
Sitting: J. Louw, F.P. Conradie, D. Hlobo, G. Coetzee, T.C. Mitchell, N.S. Robinson
Photo: J.A. Webb

1ST XI SOCCER TEAM 1980



Standing: J.A. Webb, A.B. Brown, F.P. Conradie, A. Bullock, C.L. Bivort, A.M. Bivort, G.E. Dero
Sitting: T.C. Mitchell, J. Louw, D. Hlobo, G. Coetzee, G.A. So, B.L. Paterson, A.D. Bivort
Photo: K. Steyn

#Throw Back Thursday



WHPS Throwback Thursday - Class of 1970

The renovation of the Old Block alongside Nicolson Street represented an important milestone in the school's development. Seven new classrooms had been built and a few demolished to make space for them. These spaces were turned into much needed extra room for woodwork, art, changing, science and exhibition. Another change at WHPS was that the Standard 6 year was dropped.

A School Prayer was included in the yearbook. It is still as relevant now, as it was to the school then.

This is our school
Let peace dwell here
Let the room be full of contentment,
Let love abide here
Love of one another
Love of mankind,
Love of life itself
And love of God.
Let us remember
That as many hands built a house
So many hearts make a school.

WHPS Throwback Thursday - Class of 1960



We would like to treat you to some extracts from the boys' work documented in the 1960 yearbook.



I THINK

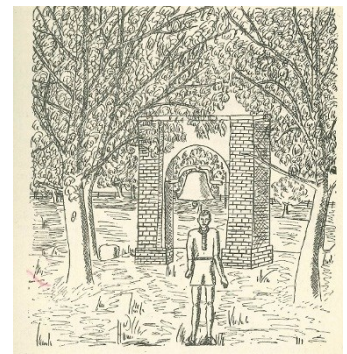
(Extracts from boys' compositions)

- I think that everyone should have a hobby – B. Von Witt
- I think that one day Carter will win Sports Day – J Pfundt
- I think the school play will be the best it has ever been this year – A Macdonald
- I think I would like to own a Cabin Cruiser. With it I'd travel round the world's seven seas – A Kwaan
- I think that we will win the Rugby and Soccer matches on Friday and Saturday – R.L. Metcalfe
- I think that I should try and do all my prep. this afternoon so that I may have a happy week-end – F Pitout
- I think that the Springboks are going to win the fifth cricket test at the Oval – A McLuckie
- I think that our tuck shop is a very nice one – B. Clarke
- I think that when I grow up I would like to qualify as an Aeronautical Engineer – C. Edwards
- I think South Africa is a very nice country to live in – R. Arnold

What do you think?

WHPS Throwback Thursday - Class of 1950

Quoted from the 1950 yearbook: "The harsh and grating notes of the old railway sleeper have now given way to the melodious tones of a new bell (I am sure our neighbours must be grateful!). For this handsome and welcome gift we are most grateful to four Old Boys who left at the end of 1948: K. Allwright, M. Meijer, M. Stegmann and T. van Schaik. Apart from its sound, the bell, in its setting under the trees, is an attractive addition to the school buildings."



THE NEW SCHOOL BELL.

J. Sandenbergh

Some WHPS Facts...

WHPS FACTS

Some things you might or might not know about WHPS!

Classrooms and Dormitories were designed to be open-air - they had one side completely open! It was proved that open-air treatment of delicate children was so beneficial that it restored them to health. The Ruddells decided that this could be equally beneficial to strong and healthy children.



When the winter sunshine poured into the open North side, it was always a constant source of delight and a test of one's skill to reflect the rays by any piece of suitable metal directly into the master's eyes.

- Mr. Wilfred MacRobert

When the boys attended church, they had to walk to Christ Church in Arcadia. Mr. Peter Peacock (one of the original pupils in 1923) remembers on one very hot Sunday, when walking back from Church, one of their Masters jokingly feigned lameness in the hope of getting a lift, and though in those days cars were few and far between, it was not long before someone took compassion on him and gave him a lift back to school. This made some of the boys wish that the "bright idea had been theirs.



Did you know, that the four WHPS Houses used to be called

- Scott
- Kingsley
- Dickens
- Stevenson

In 1947 the four houses were combined into two houses. The names were changed to **Ruddell** after Mr & Captain Ruddell, and **Carter** after Mrs. Ruddell's maiden name.

The first WHPS pets were three Crows. Moenia, Mabele and Matata.

Where does the Whippet come from?

The Whippet is part of the Ruddell's Coat of Arms



The first Boarding house pets were three chameleons. Claud, Chaka and Hercules

Did you know? It was customary for every boy who entered WHPS to plant a tree.



(We could not continue this tradition due to space)

In 1953 **Lloyd** House was formed in Memory of Miss Lloyd

1983, **MacRobert** was named after Mr. Wilfred MacRobert.

Mr. Wilfred MacRobert recalls that the outside walls had one or two loose bricks in them... these provided valuable secret hiding places for leaving messages for other members of one's gang.

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WHPS' nickname used to be Ruddells.

How many bells have there been?

THREE

The first bell was donated by 4 pupils in 1948. The second bell was donated by the leavers of 1998. The third and current bell was donated by the Taylor family



Originally, the Old Boys Dining room was the School Hall. (1925)

WHPS has had a few shuffles over the years

The library used to be housed in Mrs Theunissen's class..

With some new development, the Ruddell Theatre was built. (1985) It is now the Ruddell Library and Learning Commons (RLLC).

School Subjects (1923)

- Scripture
- English
- History
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Latin
- Dutch
- Drawing

Mrs Sass's classroom, used to be the after-care facility (1989)

WHPS was first called Brooklyn House Prep School and started in 1923 with only 12 day pupils and 2 boarders



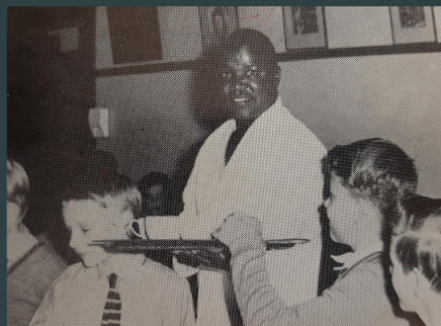
To mark the occasion of the School's 75th Anniversary, the Nicolson Street side of Pop's field was named Anniversary End. The north end is called Memorial End.

Pops Field was leveled and hand planted by boys, staff and parents (1961)



Who was Jim Manala?

Jim was a very special man to many Old Boys. He worked at WHPS for 52 years! His nickname was Jim Fish. When you asked Jim what was for dinner, he would always reply, "fish, yes, you got fish for supper"



Did you know, Boxing used to be a school sport.



And until the 1970's, WHPS used to have classes up to Standard 6 (Grade 8).

News From

St Alban's College

Merit, Colours and Honours are awarded to any boy that has shown outstanding commitment and service to their sporting codes, their academics or clubs and societies.

Congratulations to the most recent Colours recipients.



Full Colours - Service to Music

Full Colours - Basketball

Isaac Khelo (Class of 2015)



Full Colours - Service to Clubs and Societies

Justin Sweetlove (Class of 2015)

Hilton College



Congratulations to **Lebo Legodi** (Class of 2018) who was ranked in the Top 7 of Grade 9 at the end of the 1st Term.



Congratulations to **Stephan Liebenberg** (Class of 2015) who was ranked in the Top 7 of Grade 12 at the end of the 1st Term.

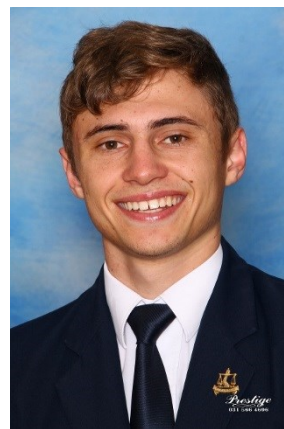
PBHS



Gianmarco was selected for the U18 South African National Ice Hockey team who would compete in the Division III tournament in Luxembourg in March 2020. Unfortunately the tournament was cancelled but they received the official recognition from South African Ice Hockey Federation. Congratulations!

Michaelhouse

Michael Ross and Gus de Villiers both placed in the top 10 of their respective grades at the end of the second term academic quarter.



Grade 12
Michael Ross
(Class of 2015)



Grade 11
Gus de Villiers
(Class of 2016)

From the Editor



Another successful but VERY different term has come to an end. The staff at WHPS have learnt a few new and interesting skills. They have become traffic officers during morning drop off, they have developed ninja skills while taking temperatures, and their presentation skills have been honed with zoom meetings and online teaching. But, one of the most important things this year has taught us, is that even when we are apart, we are still part of the WHPS family and technology keeps us connected.

Thank you to every Old Boy or family member who has kept us updated with memories, achievements and successes. Please continue to forward information on Old Boys' achievements, news and photos are definitely welcome! (Please [click here](#) to submit your memories via Google form)

At the end of last term, we reported that we had added LinkedIn to our online presence. We can now list another platform - AlumNet. Please take some time to set up your profile and list yourself on the Network. Please note that to be contactable by other members, you need to be listed on the network (Your details will not be visible). If you require assistance with regard to Alumnet, please contact Natasha Hauptfleisch (oldboys@whps.co.za)

As always, we are looking for some willing and able Old Boys to assist us in updating our database. Ideally, we would like an Old Boy from each year group to assist in obtaining any missing details. We would greatly appreciate it if you would take a moment to help us with the following:

- ◆ Request to join the WHPS Old Boys Group
- ◆ Connect with us on LinkedIn
- ◆ Check that your family members are receiving Old Boys Communication

Hope to see you at WHPS soon!

Work Hard Play Straight

Natasha Hauptfleisch

WHPS Old Boys Administrator

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS / MEMORIES

Mr. Gordon Delaney is currently working on the sequel to W.H.I.P.S. - The Story of a Preparatory School.

If you have any photos dating from 1970 to current, or have any interesting facts or stories we may not be aware of, kindly forward them to:
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