



FEEL THE PRIDE

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We trust you are enjoying a restful and energising long weekend. If you are travelling, be safe and we look forward to welcoming our boys back on Monday!

HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and members of the Parktown Boys' High School Community

I thoroughly enjoyed joining the School proper from Monday morning this week, having fulfilled my end of term obligations at my previous school over the weekend, with final assembly and parent academic meetings on the Friday followed by a thirty-eight team Under 19 Volleyball Tournament which ran through to Sunday. The photograph of the scoreboard at the end of the 1st XV Rugby match soon after the match also added to my good spirits!

My thanks to the students, the staff and those parents I have met for their warm reception over the past few days. The students in particular have been friendly and engaging – though those who have not shaved have instinctively kept a low profile and have taken 'other routes' to their destination!

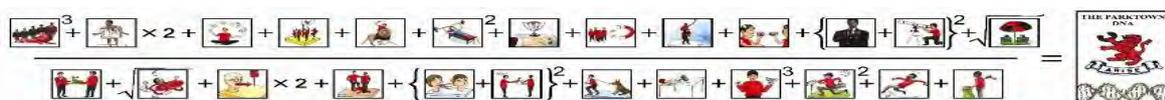
It is pleasing to join a School where things are happening on all fronts, and that there is quality in all areas also. The events outlined in this newsletter give you an insight into some of these activities/ achievements which include:

- The Junior Drama boys in their recent competition
- The Major Production, taking place next week: I popped in to their rehearsal on Tuesday night, and I urge you to buy your tickets to enjoy a very good evening's entertainment, and support all involved
- The guts and commitment of our boys in their final Winter Season fixture
- Luke Mok's excellent achievements in Shooting
- Recent achievements of our Alumni in Rugby, Hockey and Soccer
- The restoration of our sporting photographs
- Our Maths students selected to compete at national level
- Justin Otten's fine photographs of our lovely campus and buildings.

These achievements were celebrated in Assembly on Wednesday. In the next newsletter, we shall report back on our 1st XI Soccer team who last weekend placed 6th out of 16 teams at the St David's Annual Soccer Tournament, as well as the Academic Award recipients and Top Ten achievers, also recognised at Assembly on Wednesday.

We must be guided by our school's Core Values when considering the upcoming court case; our Values will be the foundation of the healing process we must undertake as a school community.

At Assembly, I also commented on the upcoming court case scheduled for Monday 13 August, involving a junior hostel master previously at the School. I reiterated points made by Mr Stippel in a previous Assembly where he commended those boys who had done the right thing by coming forward, and reporting actions which they felt were unacceptable; I make reference below also to comments I made in my letter to the School in the first week of this term.





As a community we must support those who have ‘spoken their truth’ in terms of their own experience, or as witnesses. Support has been provided for those directly involved; in addition, all members of the school community will have been affected in one way or another by these actions. Some may be required to appear in court, which will not be at all easy, especially for members of the student body.

We trust that all parties, including the media, will be sensitive to how daunting this experience will be for those boys, and others who are required to testify. It is imperative that any individual who has transgressed is brought to book and sanctioned, with proper processes being followed through to their conclusion. At the same time, it is not in the best interests of the boys who are part of this process for this matter to be debated in public fora – in any event, one may not do so in any matter before the courts.

In the School context, it has been made clear that this matter may not be discussed by boys or members of staff nor, we trust, by parents and other members of the broader school community. As mentioned above, we as a School defend the rights of those who have come forward. All students and staff have been reminded that any comments or speculation, directly or indirectly via any form of social or electronic media, on these matters, are contrary to the School’s Code of Conduct will be viewed in a very serious light.

Our values – our DNA – must guide us in our thoughts and our decision-making, especially when the pressure is on. The Governing Body of the School, and the School itself, have made it very clear that any actions by individuals that are contrary to the School’s Code of Conduct and Values are unacceptable. We will act in any cases of illegal or unethical behaviour brought to our attention, where there is evidence to support such charges. In addition, a number of processes have been put in place to ensure that boys are able to raise in confidence any concerns they may have. The School’s responsibility extends to the activities and behaviour of both boys and adults, in the classroom, on the sports field and in the hostel.

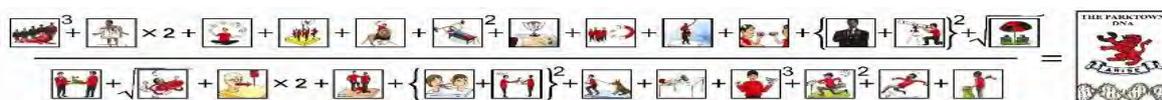
Our ‘Honesty, our ‘Courage’, our ‘Can Do Attitude’ must define us as a School

The unacceptable actions of some in the past – which go directly against the ethos and values of the school – do not, and cannot, define us as a school. There is much success in the School and much to be celebrated. Positive energy does not merely happen, it must be actively pursued: and that is our task going forward. We accept that the School may be again be focused upon in the media because of the actions of certain individuals, which will not be easy for our community.

However, we must not allow personal agendas to deflect us from our higher purpose, which is to focus on our Core Values as the foundation of the healing process we must undertake as a school community. I thank all members of the community – including the students, the staff, the parents I have engaged with to date, the SGB, the Parktown Foundation and the Old Boys Working Committee – for giving their full support to our attaining this goal.

Parents – your assistance with more mundane matters, please.

There were only one or two minor disappointments this week. I was concerned about the number of students who are late in the morning – on Monday there were over 60 boys late. Excuses included... ‘My little sister never got out of bed on time’ and ‘My mom’s alarm never went off’. I must admit these excuses are as good as ‘My dog ate my homework’! We expect High School students to be able to set their own alarm clocks and get the show on the road.





I also came across a number of boys who had not shaved. One particularly hairy fellow said on Wednesday, 'Don't worry, Sir, I'll be fine on Monday – I shave every Sunday'this from a young man who clearly needs to shave every day!

Thus parents, please would you assist us re the above by ensuring your sons comply with the School's expectations regarding punctuality and dress and grooming matters, including inappropriate hairstyles. With your support much unnecessary 'needle' will be removed from Staff- Student relationships.

Treasure Island: The Panto

Lastly – don't forget to book your tickets for this year's Major Production, *Treasure Island: The Panto*. We look forward to seeing you there.

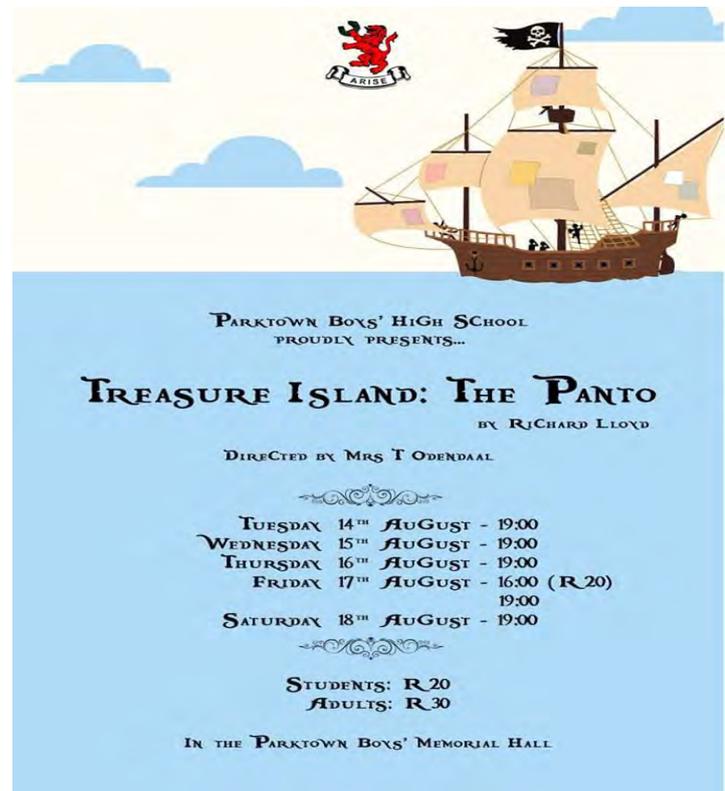
THE MAJOR PRODUCTION

Come and join Jim, Dame and the rest of Captain Long John Slither's band of pirates in their search for treasure! Find adventure, love and laughs during this year's Major Production- get your tickets at your earliest convenience to avoid disappointment!

Tickets can be bought after school in Mrs Gouws's Mathematics office.

DRAMA: EADS

On the 25th of May our Junior Drama boys took part in the EADS (Edenvale Acting and Drama Society) festival. With their comedy, *The Dane*, they entertained the crowd with great gusto. Congratulations to Scott Paton-Levin (director) for his nomination as Best Supporting Actor. Well done to the whole cast and crew that made Parktown proud!



Left: Scott Paton-Levin, Siphon Ntlatsang, Chael van Heerden, Matthew Patience, Aaron Roche





SHOOTING

Congratulations to Luke Mok on his outstanding achievements in Shooting. The awards he received are listed below:

Gold Medal for winning the U21 Springer section.

A Red Badge for shooting MQS at every competition this year.

The *Raymond Wissel Floating Trophy* for best Springer shot in Gauteng Provincial Colours.

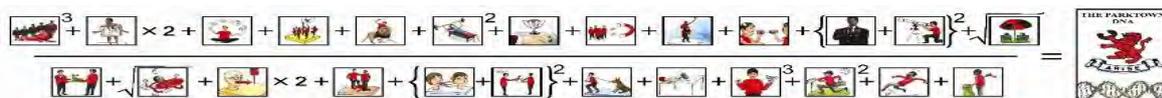
Luke has also been selected for the team to go to the SA Championships which will be held in Newcastle in October.



RUGBY

Thank you to all our boys and families who supported the Rugby and Hockey against Jeppe this past weekend. Well done to all of the teams. Special congratulations to our 1st XV on their outstanding win! The final score was 38-24. Many compliments were received about the boys' excellent behaviour and manners on the day. See the article in the Saturday Star School Sport section.

Below: The triumphant 1st XV Rugby team after its glorious victory!





OLD BOYS' NEWS

RUGBY

Well done to Old Boy, Michael Madosh Tambwe (photographed above) on being selected for the Emirates Lions Squad from whom the final travelling team to play in the final against the Crusaders in the Vodacom Super Rugby Final last Saturday was selected.



SOCCER

Congratulations to Old Boy Bradley Carnell on his latest achievement (taken from our FB page).

Bradley was the youngest South African pro-Footballer at the age of 16 and-a-half years and has enjoyed a successful Football career, both as a player for Bafana Bafana and as a coach, spanning at least two decades. He played, amongst others, for Wits, Kaizer Chiefs and went on to play for Stuttgart in Germany. He was also the assistant coach at Orlando Pirates and is currently the assistant coach at the New York Red Bulls. Bradley was also an outstanding Hockey player and played in our 1st XV team. Arise, Parktown!

Bradley makes it in New York

By MARC STRYDOM

Like Sting, Bradley Carnell is now a legal alien in New York. He's not an Englishman, but he is a "Saffers" Engelsman, and on a career path as assistant coach at the New York Red Bulls that could even take him back to the Bundesliga.

In Donald Trump's US, where immigration has been a crisis issue, New York remains the world's greatest immigrant city. "I've not delved into the politics," Carnell said from Washington, where the Red Bulls beat DC United 1-0 to ensconce themselves in third place in Major League Soccer's (MLS) Eastern Conference on Wednesday.

"My neighbours never say bad things. That's one of the beauties of America - whoever's in charge, they embrace America. Your Uber driver might be a foreigner, but he's, saying, 'America gives everybody a chance'."

45 minutes to Penn Station

"In every game, we play the national anthem and there's a real patriotic feel to being part of America. I'm not in the hub of New York, I live on the New Jersey side, about 40km out of Manhattan, on the other side of the Hudson. They call it the Garden State. It's tranquil, scenic, with a lot of forestation."

"For the city and bright lights, it's 45 minutes by train to Penn Station at Madison Square Garden. We go for dinner. When you get out of the station, the lights and bustle are unbelievable. It's nice for a few hours, then you want to head home to your quiet."

That all sounds a long way from Bethlehem, where Carnell began his professional coaching career with Free State Stars after a 12-year playing career in the Bundesliga.

At 40 (now 41), after his stint as assistant



Bradley Carnell in his new role at the New York Red Bulls. Picture: Bradley Carnell

to Mulsin Erutrag at Orlando Pirates, Carnell's old German ties, and reputation as the ultimate professional as a left-back, landed him the Red Bulls chance in March. It has opened a global network of opportunities.

The coach Carnell joined, Jesse Marsch, left this month to become assistant to Red Bulls' director of their football teams, Ralf Rangnick, also head coach at RB Leipzig. Rangnick, under whom Carnell had one of his best seasons at VfB Stuttgart in 2001, roped him in to RBNY. Red Bulls clubs' playing philosophy is overseen by Rangnick, the architect of Leipzig's phenomenal progress from the lower leagues to the Bundesliga.

NY Red Bulls have changed from the team who Thierry Henry retired at in 2015, when

Tim Cahill was also let go. The philosophy now is less about former European-based big names aiming to wind down in the MLS.

Bradley Wright-Phillips - younger, much lesser-known brother of Shaun - became the 11th MLS player to go to 100 goals against DC. He's the Bulls' most famous player. "Before, they brought the big names. Unfortunately, they never were able to win silverware - in terms of winning the MLS Cup, the ultimate prize," Carnell said.

"And that's the idea with making signings to a budget. We're, I think, the sixth-lowest spenders and we've been probably one of the most consistent teams."

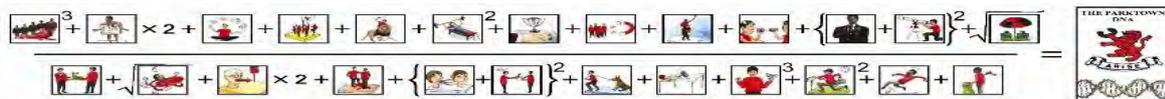
"We were in the US Open Cup final last year, and the year before won the Eastern

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Assistant coach at the New York Red Bulls

Conference, and this year reached the semi-finals of the Concacaf Champions League.

"I can't compare the MLS to the PSL [Premier Soccer League]. But it's about such close ties to Leipzig, and those daily interactions with guys from Europe, and here in America, where I talk about a higher level. "I know you're going to write a story about 'Bradley thinks the MLS is a higher level', and get me into trouble," Carnell chuckled. "But I'm growing every day and developing every day, and it's been a logical step for me and something that I could never repay anybody enough."

"This club has set up the structures for players to develop, coaches to develop and people to develop. It's a way of life."





HOCKEY

Last weekend we took on our traditional rivals, the Jeppe High School for Boys, in a much-anticipated final game of the season. The U14C side was the highlight of the weekend's hockey fixtures after drawing 1-1 in a hard-fought match. These players proved that they are the heart and soul of the school, showing great passion, determination and skill.

We thank Jeppe High School for Boys for being gracious guests and look forward to our fixture next season.

THE CTM PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE

The CTM Premier Hockey League (PHL) is an exciting hockey format, created to transform the sport in South Africa. This competition selects the best of the best players in the country to vie against one another in a heated competition that takes place at the Randburg Astro over the weekends of the 10th-12th, the 17th-19th and the 24th-26th of August 2018.

We wish to congratulate the following Old Boys on their selection to this prestigious event:

- Thabang Modise 2014 (Maropeng Cavemen)
- Ricky West 2002 (Maropeng Cavemen)
- Lance Louw 2004 (Maropeng Cavemen)
- Kingsley Botes 2013 (Maropeng Cavemen)
- Michael Marki 2012 (Mapungubwe Mambas)
- Matthew Brown 2010 (Mapungubwe Mambas)
- Miguel da Graca 2002 (Addo Elephants)
- Dylan Coombes 2001 (Garden Route Gazelles)
- Emmanuel Segale 2012 (Manager Garden Route Gazelles)

You can watch our Old Boys in action live on Super Sport or at the Randburg Astro.

We are immensely proud to have two Old Boys who are a part of the South African Hockey squad, namely, Lance Louw and Matthew Brown.

THE RESTORATION OF OUR SPORTING PHOTOGRAPHS

We would like to extend a word of thanks to Mr André de Wilzem, who has painstakingly undertaken and completed the refurbishment and restoration of the Parktown Boys' sports team photographs which at present covers the entire period from 1923 to 1982. The photos for 1983 onwards will be mounted on the top landing of the staircase to the right of the Media Centre. The period from 1984 onwards will be mounted on the first floor of the Old Wing and should be completed by next year. The first of the cultural photographs at the school, which start from 1983 onwards, will be mounted in a separate facility, hopefully in a new museum for the school!

