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Dear Parents

Following on from a fitting and moving Valedictory Ceremony earlier this term, the Old Boys' Tie Ceremony, while perhaps not as emotional and a bit more relaxed, was a wonderful occasion for our Matrics and their parents. My sincere wish is that every young man that graduates from SACS will look back on his time here with great fondness and pride, and that he will keep and cherish the links with his old school for the rest of his life.

OLD BOYS' TIE CEREMONY



UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Following a process which began in discussions between Alan Footman (Old Boys' Union (OBU) Chairman) and Anthony Storr Lister (Staff) during the 1980s, a plaque was unveiled in a simple and dignified ceremony on Friday 10 November 2017. This new plaque, placed to the right of the World War I and II memorials as one them, serves as a permanent memorial to those seven SACS men who lost their lives in conflicts of arms since World War II.

In keeping with the spirit of inclusivity and honouring of service and sacrifice to humankind, there is space on the plaque to commemorate other people intimately connected with SACS who have given their lives in service to their fellows. This is done to promote inclusivity and to take account of the fact that there may be people who have made the supreme sacrifice of whom we are not aware at present or who may do so in the future. It is conceivable, for example, that an Old Boy might die in service as a volunteer fire-fighter. We now have the capacity to honour such and it is right that we do.



The plaque was unveiled by Alan Footman immediately before the OBU Tie Ceremony and the day before Remembrance Day - highly fitting timing. As Anthony Storr Lister explained in his address explaining the process and thinking behind the installation of the plaque, every part of the SACS family was represented: High School boys, staff, parents and School Governing Body (SGB); Junior School boys, staff, parents and SGB, as well as the Old Boys' Union, thus cementing the growing rapprochement between the parts of the SACS family.

Mr Storr Lister used the opportunity to announce that, from 2018 on, the wreath to be laid at the new Memorial will be laid by the Junior School Guardians of the Banner who will join a representative of the OBU and the High School Head Prefect in this duty, further emphasizing the idea of the whole SACS family. The Old Boys' Union is to be thanked for funding the manufacture of the plaque.

MATRIC CLASS OF 1957 RE-UNION

Many Old Boys visit the campus each year. This year we were privileged to enjoy the company of the Matric class of 1957. Their 60th Re-union was celebrated with visits from across the world. In the accompanying picture, they are posing with an old and faithful friend, the fountain. These men attended SACS when they and the fountain was still in Orange Street and, as some of you will know, the fountain in our Memorial Quad was moved across from the old campus to its present site.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PROCEDURE

Promotion examinations end on Thursday 23 November at 12:30pm, followed by our annual inter-house quad race. Boys will be dismissed at 1:30 pm.

All boys must attend school on Friday 24 November to check their examination scripts for possible errors or unmarked questions. We will follow a special timetable on Friday, starting at 7:55 am and ending with final assembly. Boys will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

Dr Pieter Clase, representing the University of Pretoria, presents a framed certificate to our Head of Science, Mr Kevin Thompson, in recognition of SACS being one of the top-performing schools in South Africa in Physical Science in 2016.



2018 MATRIC EXAMINATIONS

As from January 2018, it will be compulsory for a learner registering to write the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations to produce a valid identification document. Failure to produce these will result in learners not being registered for the 2018 NSC examinations.

South African citizens must produce a South African Identity Document (ID) or Smart ID Card. Immigrants (non-South African citizens) must produce a passport and a valid study permit. Asylum seekers must produce the relevant documents from the Department of Home Affairs with a study permit.

The Western Cape Education Department has asked us to inform all current Grade 11 learners of this so that those who do not possess the required official documents can obtain same in the next few months.

Yours sincerely

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HEADMASTER