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Dear Parents

HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

Last night I had the pleasure of attending the Cape Town Big Band Jazz Festival at the Baxter Theatre. What was remarkable, from a SACS perspective, is that from Junior School to Old Boys Bands no less than four SACS Bands performed in front of a full house and most appreciative audience. SACS Music provides such a healthy and impressive cornerstone of our school. Congratulations to all staff, SACS musicians, Old Boys and parents involved. It was a night to remember.

This weekend we take on our traditional rivals, Wynberg Boys' High School, in a derby clash. Tomorrow our First Team match is an FNB Classic Clash and a large crowd is expected. Competition will be fierce and I know our SACS men will give their all. We look forward to an enjoyable weekend of healthy competition.

Our mid-year examinations have progressed smoothly thanks to a great deal of hard work and preparation from our staff behind the scenes. I encourage our boys to give it a "full go" in this final week of examinations.

RUGBY NEWS: WESTERN PROVINCE CRAVEN WEEK SELECTIONS

Congratulations to Enos Ndiao who has been selected for the 2019 Western Province U18 Craven Week XV Team, as well as Rihaz Fredericks and Duran Koevort who have been selected for the Academy Week Team. They will participate in the 2019 U18 Craven Week and Academy Week which will take place at Grey College in Bloemfontein during the school holidays.



Our Rugby and Hockey Teams play against Wynberg Boys' High School this weekend at home. The First Rugby Team kick off at 12:15pm on Saturday (Memorial A Field) and our First Hockey Team play at 7:00pm on Friday (Brewery AstroTurf).

Yours sincerely

B.J. GRANT
HEADMASTER

FROM THE SACS ARCHIVES: ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

MR TONY WEAVER'S MEMORIES OF THE BOSS, MR ROBIN WHITEFORD

Anthony Weaver: Had work accepted for publication in "Dialogue".



[In 1974 Tony Weaver was Head Prefect of Rosedale and a School Prefect. For many years he wrote a column for the CAPE TIME - AN EDITED VERSION OF HIS COLUMN ON SEPTEMBER 26 2003 follows].

On Wednesday night I was back at my alma mater, SACS. It is about to enter its 175th anniversary year and the gathering was the launch by Archbishop Desmond Tutu of Neil Veitch's magnificently illustrated and researched book, SACS 175 - A CELEBRATION. The Hofmeyr Hall was filled with familiar faces, all of them 29 years older than I remember, but there was one missing - the personality who was my Headmaster for three years, the legendary Robin Whiteford. 'The Boss' passed on, to that great classroom in the sky, in 1986. He walked a fine line in his hatred of the apartheid system, and of Nationalist rule. When I was in the debating society, topics would inevitably be political, things like 'Can apartheid be justified on moral and religious grounds?' or 'Is communism necessarily a bad thing?'



PREFECTS — 1974
Front Row: W. Footman, Mr. D. J. R. Brown (Deputy Principal), N. Bodenstein (Head Prefect), Mr. N. M. Paterson (Headmaster), D. Edwards (Second Prefect), Mr. D. B. Dyssell (Vice-Principal), J. Schoeman.
Second Row: J. Gibson, D. de Jong, J. Maskin, A. Weaver, M. Oakman, D. Simon.
Back Row: R. Tindale, P. Dukas, C. Lessem, F. Davidson, D. Jamieson.

When I was a boarder at Rosedale, 'The Boss' was present at meals. Every evening at supper he would ask if there were any questions. One evening an indignant boy stood up and said, "Sir, I found a worm in my porridge this morning." The Boss replied, "Well keep it quiet boy, or else the others will also want one!" Latin and Greek were 'The Boss's' academic passion in life. He would always say grace in Latin at Rosedale meals, and if he or another senior master were not present, it would fall to one of the boys to say grace in their place. Such was my lot one day, and a bunch of other Latin students and I conspired to compose an appropriate grace.

I delivered a short homily in Latin, ending with *"cibus starkus erat"* - the food was awful. I hadn't realised that 'The Boss' was listening at the door, and as I walked out, he pulled me aside and said: "Hmmm. Weaver, not bad, but your grammar's up the pole: *cibus* is a neutral noun, it should have been *cibum starkum erat!*"