To the Andrean Community

The French word ‘terrior’ (terwa) is a term which, when literally translated means ‘earth’ or ‘soil’. In contemporary use it describes the unique specificity of place – the soil, the air, the water – any element that contributes to the growth habitat of a crop, imparting to it a uniqueness of character. If you are a devotee of fine wine, artisanal coffee, tea, or proper chocolate, you will have, at some stage, been snobby about its origin. For we know it to be true that the environment is as important in the formation of character as are genetics or process.

I was thinking these thoughts as I was driving along from Graaff-Reinet to Bedford last week, between the annual OA gatherings held in each of those quintessentially Eastern Cape towns.

St Andrew’s College
For the **terrior** of the Eastern Cape is as distinct and unique as is possible to find. Its vast open spaces, rugged beauty, and incredible contrasts (windy hill passes and long flat straights, dry scrubland and magnificent rivers and bays) shape not only the individuals that are its peoples, but so too they shape its places and its institutions.

Somehow, the Eastern Cape is a deeply humbling place – it is very hard to maintain airs and graces in such a down to earth place, and so, in as much as College works very hard to be a truly world-class example of excellence (and, I think, does so quite well), it could never be considered ‘fancy’ - that is just not in our DNA. Anyway, there is nothing worse than a puffed up arrogant ‘private’ schoolboy – a school that is blind to the potential of a commitment to excellence and creates the opposite – arrogance and entitlement - is a school failing in its formative duty. Luckily, our **terrior** helps keep us grounded.

And, as our boys venture out into the beautiful Eastern Cape wilderness for this year’s John Jones Fish River Journey, they will be exposed to some of the best **terrior** that our country has to offer. Out there, they will have opportunity to meet and embrace challenge - to, for a period that is just a bit too long to merely ‘soldier through’, step out of their comfort zones in a human dynamic that is completely new - and in so doing, they will live the school motto of Nec Aspera Terrent.

Once they set out, our boys’ journey will be a very literal one, but the experiences will provide much opportunity for growth - for them to discover unique aspects of themselves that have hitherto lain dormant, now lured, moth-like to the light through the experiences, relationships, challenges, and triumphs that can only be discovered when one steps so firmly from one’s comfort zone.

The journey through Journey is as much a human journey as it is a physical one, but there can be no doubt that the human interactions are rendered unique by the incredible setting. And, at the end of it all, our boys will be able to claim to have ‘completed’ Journey; but it might just be the case that Journey has completed them.

**Alan Thompson**

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Food Technology

Grade 8A completed their Food Technology unit in the D&T centre on Wednesday, cooking the dish they planned. They learned about the different food groups, nutrition, food packaging, costing and budgeting. Of course the best part was eating their tasty creations!

*Joha Dreyer*

“Sing in Harmonie” Broadcast

Episode 5: 25 November 2018

Hoërskool Uitsig, Jeugland, Reddford House The Hills, Diocesan School for Girls en St Andrew’s College (Grahamstad) ding hierdie week mee op Sing in Harmonie Hoërskole! Sondae, om 17:00 op KykNET NOU!
Geography Field Trip

The St Andrew’s College Grade 9 Geography field trip took place in Kenton-on-Sea recently. The pupils enjoyed a Coastal Features tour.

*Mandy Ladds*
Bedford Branch Function

The annual Bedford Branch Function was held at the Bedford Club on Friday 2 November.

There was a great turnout of OA’s, DSG Old Girls and staff, resulting in a record attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

Charles Wienand (Upper 2001) was elected Chairman of the branch, with Hugh Ainslie (Upper 1999) replacing Denham Pringle (Upper 1999) as Secretary.

St Andrew’s College Headmaster, Alan Thompson addressed guests followed by Shelley Stretton, who represented the DSG.

The evening concluded with a splendid dinner, prepared by the Butcherbird Restaurant, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Bridget Rippon

Remembrance Day Parade

– Sunday 11 November at 10:30 in Church Square.

“This Parade is held to pay tribute to, and remember all those who served their country so bravely and paid the supreme sacrifice. This year is a particularly special one in that we remember the centenary marking the end of World War I,” said MOTH member Graham Gooden.

The St Andrew’s College and Kingswood College bands will be on parade, as well as serving members of First City Regiment and the South African Police Service. The Parade includes a wreath laying Ceremony to honour the fallen.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this moving event.

“We would also encourage all those who have served in the armed forces to engage with our members after the Parade to find out more about the MOTH Order,” Gooden said.

“Makanakop Shellhole meets on the second Monday of each month in the Drill Hall, First City Regiment, and new members are always welcome.”

For more information email g.gooden@dsgschool.com

Special Choral Evensong – Sunday 11 November at 6.30pm in the St Andrew’s Chapel.

No fewer than 125 Old Andreans died in World War I.

“Many of them were present at the laying of the Foundation Stone of the present College Chapel in 1913, and little did they know that within five years, it would become a memorial to their lives and the price they paid in fighting for freedom and justice in the war,” said co-ordinator of the Evensong, Aidan Smith.

“The Choral Evensong is to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I, and to acknowledge the memory of the boys whose memorial stained glass windows and plaques grace the Chapel. A group of Grade 8 boys, who have been researching the lives of the Old Andreans who died in the war, will be presenting short talks about these extraordinary young men.”

Smith says the music has been specially chosen for this Choral Evensong and includes God shall Wipe Away All Tears (from the Armed Man) by Karl Jenkins and the Welsh Lullaby Suo Gan sung by treble, John Marshall, and accompanied by the Chamber Choir and Bagpipes. -Grocott’s Mail
DAVID WYLDE (OA, Armstrong 1958 – 1962) was the 17th Headmaster of St Andrew’s College from 2003 to 2008. During his tenure the school celebrated the 150th Jubilee in 2005 and raised more money than any SA school had done before, which led to many successful projects. He studied at Oxford University, was the Deputy Head at Pretoria Boys High School, Head of St Stithians College, appointed as the first Rector of St Stithians College, a Founder of Penryn College, first Chairman of SAHISA, IEB Board member, Chairman of the Board at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, and first SA President of the International Confederation of Principals. He presently mentors 14 Principals in Duncan Village near East London.

MARGUERITE POLAND is the author of *The Boy in You: a Biography of St Andrew’s College, 1855-2005*. She has written a number of award-winning children’s books, novels and academic works, including *The Abundant Herds* – a Celebration of the Cattle of the Zulu People based on her doctoral dissertation. She is the recipient of two national Lifetime Achievement Awards for English Literature, The Land of Legends Ingwazi Award, the Nielsen Award. In 2016 she was honoured with the National Order of Ikhamanga (Silver). Marguerite is an Honorary Old Andrean.

St Andrew’s College invites you to the DB Wylde Leadership Indaba featuring Marguerite Poland and David Wylde

Saturday 24 November | 18:00 | The Antony Clark Andrean Resource Centre
Dear All

We are rushing towards the end of another very busy year. All the senior boys are involved in exams now and the Grade 10’s are about to leave on the John Jones Fish River Journey. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Andrean community for another special sporting year. It is wonderful to have a situation where the vast majority of College boys love their sport and put the necessary time and effort into making a success of it. Thanks to the Matric group who have led by example and who have provided us with many sporting highlights during their years at College. Thanks, too, to all the boys that train and represent the school with such pride and passion. A special thanks to the numerous coaches and managers that give so much of themselves to ensure that all the boys have a meaningful sporting experience at College. Many of these people go way beyond the call of duty to ensure that boys develop to the best of their ability. Lastly thanks to the numerous parents and old boys that have supported College so enthusiastically wherever they may be playing. Whether it is on the side of the sports field, hosting boys in your homes or simply giving positive support to your sons and their teams, we are highly appreciative.

There has been some exciting sport in these last few days of 2018. Last Saturday the Cricket Club hosted Graeme College and it turned out to be a very good day for College. It was also extraordinary from the point of view that 4 centuries were scored, including a very special double with both Sam (U15A) and Callum (1sts) getting a century against Graeme College on the same day!

James Mullins 102 not out and Callum 101 not out, steered the College 1sts to an emphatic 8 wicket victory against a Graeme College side that had posted a formidable total of 244/7 in their allotted 50 overs. Wesley Donald also achieved a very good century for the U14A’s vs Graeme. This weekend the Cricket Club takes on Pearson High School, with the 1sts in Port Elizabeth starting ay 09h30.

The Basketball Club hosted a number of fixtures, including the DSG and Kingswood girls, in an action-packed but fun-filled morning of basketball. The College boys performed well throughout but it was a narrow, come-from-behind 37-34 win for the 1sts against their more fancied opponents, Kingswood that stole the day.
The Water Polo Club also played host to both Kingswood College and Graeme College on Saturday morning. It was a sombre occasion with the effects of the tragic passing of Aubrey Chauke being very evident. It was a glorious day for polo and the programme produced lots of action and goals. The 1sts put in a very solid performance to win 11-3 in front of a healthy and enthusiastic College crowd.

Also on the go is the Inter-House Football competition, which should draw to its conclusion this week. The Inter-House Water Polo is scheduled for Saturday morning and should see some keen competition.

I am going to be away on the John Jones Fish River Journey from next Thursday and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well as we work towards the end of another action year. Carl Bradfield will most likely be contributing to the Newsletter in my absence.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and good holiday time with your boys when they come home at the end of the term.

Kind regards

Pete Andrew
Director of Sport
Marguerite Poland

The St Andrew’s College Chapel
A history: 1855-2018