

# OLD MUIRITE UNION

2020 Founder's Weekend Special Edition  
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# 2020

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*Nec Pluribus Impar!*





**Andrew Binning**  
**OMU President**

The Old Muirite Union is happy with the recently-held Founder's Weekend. To see the effort that Reunion Classes put in and the resultant interactions was great and just reward for the organisers. The two new additions to the celebrations were the OMU Golf Day and the Remembrance Service. Both were very well received. A BIG thank you to Old Muirite, Joel Katz & BUCO for being our main sponsor for the Golf Day and a BIG thank you to Robbie Cairncross and the Class of 1980 for heading up and facilitating the Remembrance Service. Both these events will remain as part of future Founder's Weekends. Thank you to the School, Headmaster Robin Stephenson and all staff for hosting the Weekend and for all the effort that went into ensuring its success.

The Old Muirite Union greatly appreciates. This quarter's OMU Newsletter is dedicated to the 2020 OMU Founder's Weekend – enjoy!

Thank you to the OMU National & International Representatives who continue to be the Union's hands and feet throughout the world.

The Founder's Weekend was fortunate to have taken place just before COVID-19 arrived in South Africa. In these challenging times - stay safe and healthy.

The OMU Committee looks forward to welcoming the Reunion Classes in 2021.

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**NB:** The OMU AGM that was scheduled for the 7th April has been postponed. Further details to follow.



**Robin Stephenson**  
**Muir College Headmaster**

Firstly, allow me to thank all the "Old Boys" who returned at Founders – it was a memorable weekend, with the BUCO Golf Day and the Memorial Service positive additions to the programme. A special word of thanks to the Class of 1980 for their fantastic donation (not finalised) of approximately R100 000. Also thanks to Mrs Patty Coetzee (and the late Dene Coetzee) for the painting that was auctioned for R11 500. Thanks to the OMU Committee for an excellent weekend.

Some of the highlights of Term 1 have been:

- The introduction of a Marimba Band and Junior Choir for our Primary phase.
- Our Choir's appearance on Kyknet's television programme.
- One of our athletes, Isa Marola, made the East Cape Athletics team.
- Our First cricket and U15 teams' wins against Brandwag.
- Our First Rugby XV's victory against Dale College at the Graeme Rugby Day. Our U/13As beat Lorraine.

Obviously, our plans were to participate in the Grey Rugby Festival (seniors) and the Marlow Festival (primary) but these festivals have unfortunately been called off as you have gathered.

The 2022 Committee will meet next term to discuss our Bicentennial and we are also due start with at least one of our building projects.

Lastly, what an honour it was to receive a visit from old boy, Clive Bosman earlier this year. Clive presented me with his blazer and his cap. An inspiring meeting!

## Updated History of Muir College

Old Muirite Charles van Renen is updating the book entitled "The History of Muir College" and is calling for submissions to be considered. Interesting stories, hostel shenanigans, class and sports team photos are to be sent to Charles at cren@isat.co.za. The publication will be available at the school's 200 year Celebrations in 2022.



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The Old Muirite Union (OMU) would like to thank BUCO for their generous contribution and participation in the 2020 OMU Golf Day. The OMU would also like to thank Gert van Wyk and his Committee for all the hard work in organising the Golf Day.



Golf Day Video Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFhL0IPLqQU&t=29s>



# School Assembly

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The Old Muirite Union (OMU) would like to thank Muir College for hosting the 2020 Founder's Weekend School Assembly.



School Assembly Video Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAlgyd\\_Bri0&t=26s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAlgyd_Bri0&t=26s)



# OMU Annual Dinner

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The Old Muirite Union (OMU) would like to thank Twane Henman, Eileen van Schoor and their team for co-ordinating all catering and logistics for the Dinner. A massive thumbs up!



OMU Annual Dinner Video Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D\\_wYmKnDijc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_wYmKnDijc)



# Saturday Cricket Matches

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## Sunday Remembrance Service





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## *Other Class Reunion Activities*







## **The Old Muirite Union: 2021 Reunion Weekend Organisers: 4 – 7 March 2021**

### **Class of 2011**

Organiser: Ashley van der Nest  
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### **Class of 2001**

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### **Class of 1996**

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### **Class of 1991**

Nico Claassen  
Tel +27791365038  
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### **Class of 1986**

Organiser: Frank McFarlane  
themcfarlanes@telkomsa.net

### **Class of 1981**

Organiser: Lucian Nelson  
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### **Class of 1971**

Organiser: Robert Sharman  
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rvsharman53@gmail.com

### **Class of 1966**

Alan Giese  
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### **Class of 1961**

Organiser: Denis Pinnock  
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If any other Old Boys from these reunion years would like to help in the organising of their class reunion, please contact Josef Suti at josefsuti@gmail.com and +27 78 422 6525.

**2021 Advance  
Notice!**





**2022 Advance Notice!**

## **The Old Muirite Union: 2022 Reunion Weekend Organisers: 3 – 6 March 2022**

### **Class of 2012**

Organiser: Nathan Dennis  
Tel +27 731308384  
ndennis16@gmail.com

### **Class of 2002**

Organiser: TBC

### **Class of 1997**

Guy Wates  
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Duncan Evert  
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### **Class of 1992**

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### **Class of 1987**

Organiser: George Yerolemou  
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### **Class of 1982**

Organiser: Dave Snuggs  
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### **Class of 1972**

Organiser: TBC

### **Class of 1967**

Organiser: TBC

### **Class of 1962**

Organiser: Warwick Owen  
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### **Class of 1952**

Ian Clunnie  
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## Josef Suti

The OMU welcomes Joe Suti as its first ever full time Manager.

Joe will be dealing with all OMU affairs as well as the Muir Foundation.

Contact Joe at:  
[josefsuti@gmail.com](mailto:josefsuti@gmail.com) and +27 78 422 6525.

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### Instagram

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**Auctions:** Two auctions were held at the annual OMU Dinner, raising R 18 000.00 in total.



The late Mr. Dene Coetzee (Class of 62) and his wife Patty, have donated these incredible paintings of the old school building. Mr. Coetzee bought these paintings at his 50 year reunion in 2012, and stated in his will that upon his passing, that these paintings be returned to his alma mater.

The painting of the old hostel was auctioned off and raised R11 500. The painting was bought by the Hubsch brothers.

A holiday and a round of golf at Bush Baby Lodge and Nkonyeni golf course was auctioned off and raised R6 500. The auction was claimed by Leo Van Niekerk. We would like to thank Frans and Jacobus Pienaar for their generous donation



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# National OMU Representatives:



## Gauteng

**Lance Hilliard-Lomas**  
Class of 1988



## Gauteng

**Asanda Singata**  
Class of 1999



## East London

**Chris Lategan**  
Class of 1994



## East London

**Khaya Makaza**  
Class of 2001



## Cape Town

**Kevin van Tonder**  
Class of 1987



## Cape Town

**Buchule Sibaca**  
Class of 2009



## Durban

**Mpumzi Plaatjie**  
Class of 2000



## Port Elizabeth

**Mark Manlee**      **Runeshan Moodley**  
Class of 1988      Class of 2002



## Grahamstown

**Craig Cuyler**  
Class of 1996



# International **OMU** Representatives:

**New Zealand**



**Andrew Ramsbottom**  
Class of 1983

**Australia**



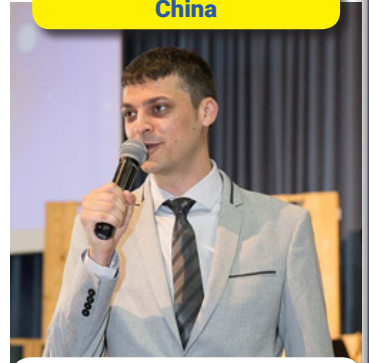
**Craig Potgieter**  
Class of 1989

**China**



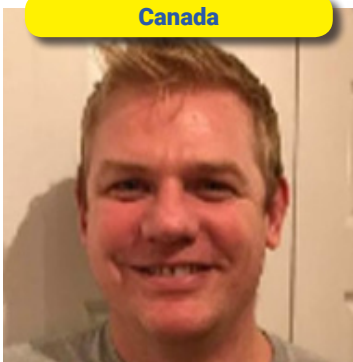
**Sikander Peer**  
Class of 2008

**China**



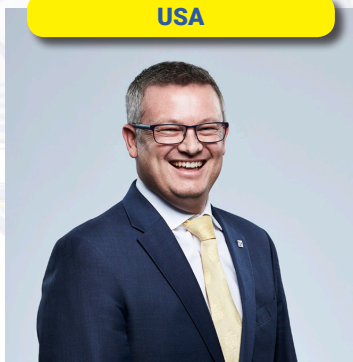
**Roscoe Ratangee**  
Class of 2008

**Canada**



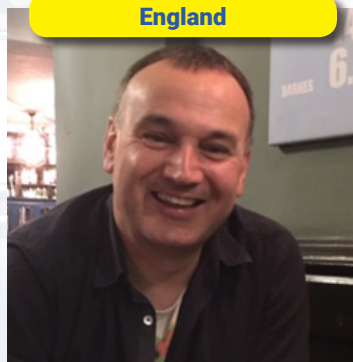
**Paul Frew**  
Class of 1991

**USA**



**Jonathan Hamp-Adams**  
Class of 1989

**England**



**Carl Harrison**  
Class of 1988

**Germany**



**Ricardo Suarez**  
Class of 1988

**United Arab Emirates**



**Neil Hamp-Adams**  
Class of 1987

**Scotland**



**Mark Beckett**  
Class of 1989

**Namibia**



**Graeme Ingram**  
Class of 1988

**Indonesia, Malaysia & Singapore**



**Mark Sims**  
Class of 1978



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Executive



**Andrew Binning**  
President  
Class of 1988

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**George Yerolemou**  
Vice President  
Class of 1987

Executive



**Mark Bakker**  
Secretary  
Class of 1988

Executive



**Joel Katz**  
Treasurer  
Class of 1988



**Vuyolwethu Dyan**  
Class of 2007



**Ross Heynes**  
Class of 2008



**Riaan Claassen**  
Class of 1987



**Lyntin Gouws**  
Class of 1998



**Mark Manlee**  
Class of 1988



**Thomas Terblanche**  
Class of 2008



**Leo Doria**  
Trustee



**Justin Fourie**  
Class of 2008



**Clayton du Plooy**  
Class of 2005



**Robin Stephenson**  
Headmaster

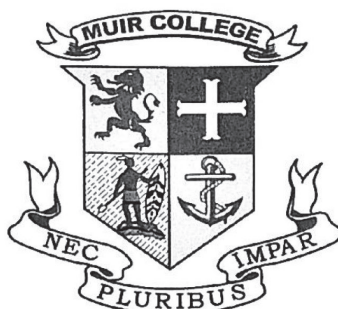


**Ricky Wedderburn**  
Trustee



**BREAKING NEWS!**

First match of the Season:  
Muir College 6: Dale College 5



**Muir College**

2020 Rugby Fixtures

Fixtures supplied by  
Muir College  
Sports Department

Day	Date	Opposition	Teams	Venue
<b>1ST TERM</b>				
Monday	02-Mar	Interhouse Cricket		
Tuesday	03-Mar	Interhouse Rugby		MCRF
Friday	06-Mar	Bersig Rugby Festival	1st, 16A	Bersig
Saturday	07-Mar	Founders Weekend		MCRF
	07-Mar	Kirkwood Sports Day	13A	Kirkwood
Wednesday	11-Mar			
Friday	13-Mar	Stirling	13A, 11A, 11B	MCRF
Saturday	14-Mar	Graeme Rugby Day	1st, 16A, 14A	Graeme
	14-Mar	Lorraine Festival	13A	Lorraine
Wednesday	18-Mar			
<b>20 Mar to 30 Mar</b>				
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>				
19 Mar to 23 Mar		Marlow Festival	13A	Cradock
Saturday	21-Mar	Grey Festival	1st, 16A, 15A, 14A	Grey
Monday	23-Mar	Grey Festival	1st, 16A, 15A, 14A	Grey
<b>2ND TERM</b>				
Wednesday	01-Apr			
Saturday	04-Apr	Union High	Primary & Seniors	HOME
Wednesday	08-Apr	Frans Conradie	13A, B, 11A, B	Away
Friday	10-Apr	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Saturday	11-Apr	LONG WEEKEND		
Monday	13-Apr	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Wednesday	15-Apr	Sussanah Fourie	13A, B, 11A, B	Away
Saturday	18-Apr	Seniors - Bye...	n.a.	n.a.
	18-Apr	Gill	13A, B, 11A, B	HOME
Wednesday	22-Apr	Innes	13A, B, 11A, B	HOME
Saturday	25-Apr	Nico Malan	Senior	Away
	25-Apr	Stulting	Primary	Away
Wednesday	29-Apr			
Friday	01-May	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Saturday	02-May	LONG WEEKEND		
Wednesday	06-May	Handhaaf	Primary	Away
Saturday	09-May	Brandwag	Seniors	HOME
	09-May	J-Bay Sports Day	13A, 11A	Away
Wednesday	13-May	Ankervs	13A, 11A	HOME
Saturday	16-May	Cillie	Seniors	Away
	16-May	Westering	Primary	HOME



Day	Date	Team (Opposition)		Venue
Wednesday	20-May	Claredon Park	Primary	Away (Exams...)
Saturday	23-May	Daniel Pienaar	Seniors	HOME (Exams...)
	23-May	Frans Conradie	13B, 11B	HOME (Exams...)
Wednesday	27-May	Albertyn	Primary	Away (Exams...)
Saturday	30-May	Seniors - Bye	n.a.	(Exams...)
	30-May	Lorraine	Primary	Away (Exams...)
Wednesday	03-Jun			(Exams...)
Saturday	06-Jun			(Exams...)
Wednesday	10-Jun			
<b>12 Jun - 6 Jul</b>		<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>		
11 Jun - 15 Jun		Union High Festival		Graff-Reinet
12 Jun - 15 June		Cambridge Festival		East London
<b>3RD TERM</b>				
Wednesday	08-Jul	Sussanah Fourie	Primary	HOME
Saturday	11-Jul	Woodridge	Seniors	Away
	11-Jul	Hurbert Hurd	Primary	HOME
Wednesday	15-Jul	Sundays River	Primary	Away
Saturday	18-Jul	Desaptch	Seniors	HOME
	18-Jul	Summerwood	Primary	Away
Wednesday	22-Jul	Handhaaf	Primary	HOME
Saturday	25-Jul	Otto du Plessis	Seniors	HOME
	25-Jul	Kirkwood	Primary	Away
Wednesday	29-Jul	Sonop	Primary	Away
Saturday	01-Aug	Graeme	Primary & Seniors	HOME
Wednesday	05-Aug	Winterberg	Primary	HOME
Friday	07-Aug	<i>Matric Farewell...</i>		
Saturday	08-Aug	LONG WEEKEND		
Monday	10-Aug	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Wednesday	12-Aug			
Saturday	15-Aug	Stulting Sports Day	Primary	
Wednesday	19-Aug	Innes U12 Festival	Primary	Away
Saturday	22-Aug	<i>Spring Festival</i>		<i>proposed...</i>
Wednesday	26-Aug	Primary Interhouse Rugby		MCRF
Saturday	29-Aug	<i>Spring Festival</i>		<i>proposed...</i>
Wednesday	02-Sep			
Saturday	05-Sep	<i>Pearson Cricket Festival</i>		
Wednesday	09-Sep			
Saturday	12-Sep	<i>Bun Hopley Cricket Festival</i>		
Wednesday	16-Sep			
<b>20-Sep to 01-Oct</b>		<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>		

**All local Old Boys are encouraged to support the school by attending local matches!**





### Walmer GOLF CLUB, the new home of the OMU Port Elizabeth Branch.

(Left to Right) OMU President Andrew Binning, OMU PE Representative Mark Manlee, Muir College Headmaster Robin Stephenson, Walmer Golf Club General Manager Gavin Cooper, Old Muirite and Club Professional Nicholas Bakker.

OMU President Andrew Binning gives the thumbs up to the OMU signage at the Walmer Golf Club in Port Elizabeth.



## Tips to prevent the spreading of Covid-19:

### Wash your hands frequently

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

### Why?

Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.

### Maintain social distancing

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

### Why?

When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.

### Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

### Practice respiratory hygiene

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

### Why?

Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19. If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

### Why?

National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.



Jamie Wates, Class of 1988, admires the collage up at the bar area of Walmer Golf Club.

## Update your Contact Information



The OMU is on a mission to update contact details of all old boys. Please send a mail to [josefsuti@gmail.com](mailto:josefsuti@gmail.com) with your Name, e-mail address, mobile number, city/country of residence, profession and name of employer ( Do it now !)

## Contact the Old Muirite Union:



Secretary Mark Bakker: [markbakker@bmi.za.net](mailto:markbakker@bmi.za.net)  
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Share this Newsletter with fellow Old Muirites!

PS: Please give us any feedback and any suggestions :D!







