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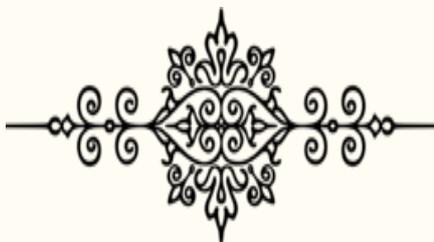
take care & God bless.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Place all your hope in the Heart of Jesus; it is a safe asylum; for whoever trusts in God is sheltered and protected by His mercy." – St Bernard

In the world at large and in our lives here there is a restlessness that cannot be satisfied with earthly things. The only place where we can find true safety and peace is in the Heart of God, which is unchanging and always available to those who seek it. May we look to God to ease our burdens and calm our fears and may His love guide our hearts today and always.

We are a community united.
Be safe. God bless



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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



Dear All

We will resume our newsletters next week and will report on the numerous accomplishments of our students over the last month next Friday.

However, it is opportune for me to wish you all the very best for our Trinity Term, to welcome Mrs Suanne Gerber to our Science Department and to welcome our new students.

If we reflect on our April holidays, which was a blessed month for many religions, it seemed like the world lurched from one crisis or tragedy to another. Clashes in Jerusalem, the continuing war in Ukraine, and natural disasters across the globe filled our newspapers and television screens.

There have been wars waged in Syria and Yemen and ongoing conflict in Mali and Libya and other places in Africa, yet these are no longer reported on or are afforded a few lines in our newspapers. Closer to home, we were confronted by the floods in KwaZulu-Natal and the concomitant destruction and passing of so many.

Just prior to our holidays and the Easter weekend, we were aghast to note the murder of a Zimbabwean national, Elvis Nyathi, but much of the anger in Diepsloot was sparked by the killings of at least five people believed to be South African which were not condemned (or at least not to the same extent).

This is not to suggest that any life is more valuable than another, but it is deeply disturbing when murders are reported virtually every day and we seem to be repeating the violence that divides and disturbs.



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It would be easy to become disheartened by the relentless onslaught of so many perplexing and distressing stories. However, there is an abundance of uplifting moments in our country and elsewhere in the world.

As I have mentioned in a previous newsletter, the stories that shock and shame are more likely to be published and it gives a skewed perception of our world.

I am staggered that we continue to harm our planet and its people, and I can recall being told that we should not repeat the mistakes of others, and this is why we should study history.

Yet, we seem not to have learnt the lessons and this is more confounding. Maya Angelou said it far better:

"History cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again".

If we pause and reflect once more, we should come to the realization that we are indeed fortunate that we have principled and courageous people in our communities and indeed, I am aware that I am privileged to be able to engage with staff members and students and parents who are upbeat and encouraging, who are determined to enhance the lives of others without expectation of reward or gratitude.

There is much to be grateful for and to quote from an article in the Daily Maverick: **"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together – for beauty, love and justice"**.

God Bless!

Michael McConnachie

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Use what you have.
Do what you can."
- Arthur Ashe



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