

LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE



NEWSLETTER & HIGHLIGHTS
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The big news ...

our building extensions are complete – and we've moved in!!





We've also re-established Lawhill's 'post-building' gardens thanks to generous donations from Cape Dutch Nurseries in Noordhoek, Cape Town and the hard work of Mr Visser and his right hand man, Mpho!!





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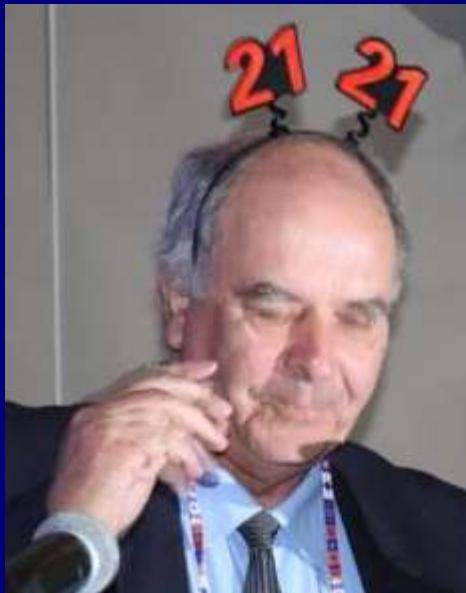
Our heartfelt thanks to all who supported us during the building project – and of course to the **TK Foundation** for making the building extensions possible.

Thanks to your support, we are able to accommodate even more students at Lawhill and give them an opportunity to enhance their skills in an Electronic Navigation/ECDIS Classroom and study a new subject, Marine Sciences.

More details and photos on these to follow in early 2017!

ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

This year's Lawhill **Annual Awards evening** was extra special as we celebrated **21 years of Safmarine support** as well as several student awards and achievements! It was an evening filled with pride, laughter, humour and song.



The Annual Awards programme included students reflecting on their **Lawhill experiences**, performances by our Lawhill Choir and the winners of our Lawhill's Got Talent competition winners – and more!



It was also a night in which we celebrated the **15 year** contribution made to Lawhill by our dedicated Nautical Sciences teacher, **Captain Godfrey Schlemmer**





BEYOND THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES



ANNUAL GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER!

The annual General Botha Old Boys and Master Mariners Golf Day fundraiser was a resounding success thanks to the wonderful support from the maritime industry. Thank you to all those who donated prizes and worked long hours to put together a fantastic day of golf. All proceeds from the day will be used to fund student bursaries. Thank you too to **Captain Nick Sloane** and **Resolve Marine** for being the key sponsor of this year's event. And congratulations to the winners!



MARINE INSPIRATIONS - SPAIN

Another three Grade 12 Lawhill students, **Phaphama Kepu**, **Saluse Tsengiwe** and **Gershwyn Poole** spent 10 days in Spain as part of the Marine Inspirations programme. An enormous thank you to **Captains Anthony Just and Phil Wade** and **Anne Wade** and all the **Marine Inspirations supporters and sponsors** for providing our students with yet another unforgettable, hand-on maritime learning experience.

(More photos on the next page and the full album on the Lawhill Facebook page)





PROUD NEW YACHT OWNERS!



Our year ended on a very high note with a successful **Big Bottle Wine Party organised by Marine Inspirations**. An incredible net total of **R170 000** was raised on the evening and will be used to support our new hands-on sailing programme.

A big part of the success of the fundraiser is the donation by **Maria Caimari** in Mallorca who paid outright for the boat in honour of her husband who passed away in July. The boat, formerly known as 'Bandito', is now named **'Homero'** in remembrance.

A big thank you too to all those who donated their time and talents, including uber-guitarist **Tony Cox**, organisers **Captain Phil and Anne Wade** and **Captain Anthony Just** and the **General Botha Old Boys** team as well as the owners of the magnificent **Ibis House** Guest House.

Thank you too to **Dorria Watt** for assisting with event arrangements and to our MC, **Denzel Pedro Smit**, as well as **AV Direct** for the sound, **Serveest** for the transport and **Salt and Pepper Caterers** for the food.

And of course, thank you to **our students**, who proved to be wonderful waitrons and ambassadors for Lawhill!







TOP GUITARIST TONY COX IN THE HOUSE!

Award winning guitarist **Tony Cox** visited Lawhill a few days before the BBWP fundraiser. He was joined by his wife Debra and daughter, Thuli.

We had the pleasure of hearing Tony sing and play songs from his new album, **Enormous Flowers** ... and a few days later, each and every student received their very **own copy of Tony Cox's new CD**, which will be launched in February next year.

Thank you Mr Cox for sharing your talent, for your generous gifts and for your inspiring visit – not to mention the music provided at the BBWP. We are huge fans!





SAFMARINE MENTORSHIP

Hands-on mentorship is of enormous value to our students and we thank Safmarine CEO David Williams for spending time with the five Safmarine mentees and for motivating our Class of 2016 ahead of their final exams. A big thank you too to Dirk Hoffmann and Lynn Elliot for their local support of the mentorship programme, and to all the global mentors for their encouragement and support.



The **Safmarine/Lawhill Mentorship programme** ended on a high note with the five mentees – pictured below - spending time at Safmarine offices in Cape Town and Walvis Bay. Our thanks to Safmarine for arranging the **five-day work experience** and for agreeing to continue mentoring the five into the new year. The five have graduated from Lawhill and will be studying at various tertiary institutions.

The five mentees are from left, Saluse Tsengiwe, Sushmita Nowases, Thandeka Duma, Thami Hoza and Gershwyn Poole.



Happiness
is...being able
to add
'Safmarine work
experience' to
your CV!





Safmarine's support went beyond their mentees - the entire Grade 12 class were given 'study treats', much needed 'fuel' for the final exams.

Thank you Safmariners!

FAREWELL GIFTS FROM LONDON

Our cycling sponsor Mark Hamsher also surprised our matric students with 'Farewell Hampers', donated and put together by his friends in London. Thank you to all the families who so generously provided the toiletry bags filled with wonderful gifts and cards!



ON BOARD THE BIG TUG

Smit Amandla Marine (which changed its name to African Marine Solutions – **AMSOL** – in December 2016) gave four Lawhill students the opportunity to experience life at sea. The Grade 11 students, Siphелеle Ncube, Lizwi Dlamini, Siphuxolo Mhlaba and Olwethu Maneli, spent time onboard a salvage tug. Our thanks to **Captain Ian Merriman, his officers and crew** for providing a fantastic learning experience.



SUBTECH GROUP



The **Subtech Group** came on board in 2016 as a new bursary sponsor and what incredible supporters they have been! They sponsored **three Grade 12** bursaries, provided gifts for the two bursary holders participating in the **Marine Inspirations** programme and have given one of their bursar holders, **Phaphama Kepu**, an opportunity to 'learn and earn' in 2017. He completed his STCW certificates in December and is currently with Subtech in Durban.

MATRIC RESULTS!!

Congratulations to our Class of 2016 on obtaining an incredible **42** subject distinctions!!

The top achievers were **Thami Hoza** and **Bokamoso Molale** who achieved distinctions in all **eight** subjects. They both achieved over 90% for **four** subjects! The female students were not be outdone - **Shanon Swarts** achieved **six** distinctions and Sushmita Nowases, **four**.



The maritime students once again featured prominently in the **Top 10** Term 4 students at Simon's Town School – **our matrices made it 10/10!**

LAWHILL STUDENTS IN TOP TEN - DECEMBER 2016			
	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
1	HELENA SEEBRAN**	BOHLALE MOTSIELOA	THAMI HOZA
2	MENELISI MKHIZE	LIZWE DLAMINI	BOKAMOSO MOLALE
3	MIHLE MAKOSONKE SINAZO VITI	SIPHELELE NCUBE	SUSHMITA NOWASES SHANON SWART
4		KAZI MTSHIXA**	
5	GUGULETHU KUBHEKA EUSTON KOCKERA		SALUSE TSENGIWE
6	SAMANTHA CHETTY**		BHONGO NGXOVU
7			OLOTHANDO TWALO
8	DUDU MLABA	UNATHI MAKUBALO	LEVONIA ARENDSE
9	NTSIKA JAMES	SANGO MATYILA	THANDEKA DUMA
10	L-K KANJUNGU	LUYOLO KONI	ASENATHI SODINGA
	10 out of 10	7 out of 10	10 out of 10

** NON-RESIDENT MARITIME STUDENT

** non resident maritime student

IN THE MEDIA

Our two Sean Day Scholars and 'shower inventors', BK and Thami, had quite a year!

They travelled to **Botswana** and Johannesburg to speak at events for young innovators and entrepreneurs – and were featured in the media on several occasions!



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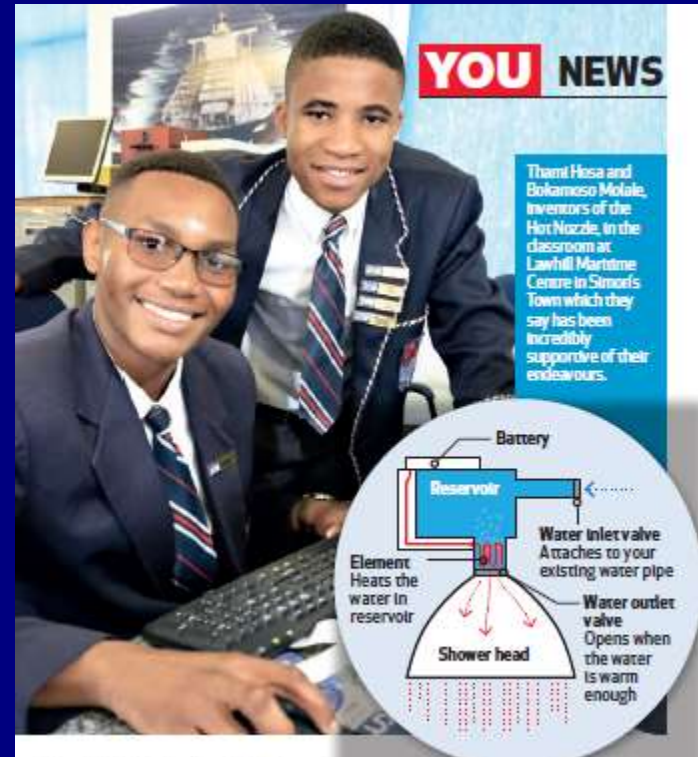
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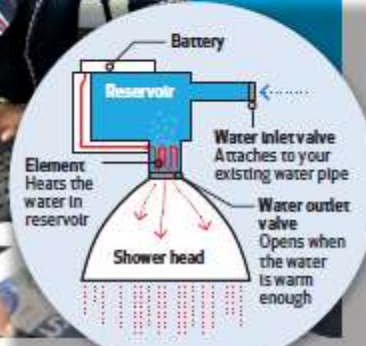
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YOU NEWS

Thami Hesa and Bokamoso Molale, inventors of the Hot Nozzle, in the classroom at Lawhill Maritime Centre in Simon's Town which they say has been incredibly supportive of their endeavours.



The diagram illustrates the Hot Nozzle shower system. It shows a battery connected to a reservoir. A water inlet valve attaches to an existing water pipe. An element heats the water in the reservoir. A water outlet valve opens when the water is warm enough, directing water to the shower head.

LAWHILL'S GOT TALENT

Season 1 of the Lawhill's Got Talent competition was great fun and full of surprises. Thank you to our Lawhill contestants, external judges and our prize donors, Two Oceans Aquarium, Table Mountain Cableway, City Sightseeing Red Bus Tours and Servest for making it an event to remember!





TABLE MOUNTAIN
▶ OFFICIAL
NEW 7 WONDER
OF NATURE



CAPE POINT OUTING

Our resident gumboot dancers, Grade 10 students Menelisi, Junias, Spha and Ndumiso, were treated to a visit to the Cape Point nature reserve as a 'consolation' prize for narrowly missing out on a place in the top three winners of our **Lawhill's Got Talent** competition.

They loved the outing, particularly the views from Cape Point, the visit to the lighthouses and the ride in the funicular – all firsts!



VISITORS TO LAWHILL

Hardly a day goes by without someone visiting Lawhill. This year we had a number of **past students** visit, including new and existing **supporters and bursary sponsors!**

And our students are always more than happy to show visitors their **'home from home'!**



Thank you to the two **Namport delegations** for supporting our Namibian students this year – your visits were highly appreciated.





We appreciate the visits by our **past students** as they inspire not only the Lawhill staff, but more importantly, our students! And, last but by no means least, it was an **honour** to meet some of our students' families – a special visit this year was that of the Maharajh family from Durban.



AND MORE PHOTOS OF OUR MANY VISITORS...



FROM TEACHER TRAINING TO FILMING FOR TV!

It was also a great pleasure to train four dedicated maritime educators from two schools in East London and help them prepare for **Grade 11**.



And our year ended on a wonderful note as we spent time with **Bruce Donnelly, a New York-based filmmaker**. Bruce was introduced to Lawhill by **Amy Kramer** (freelance producer for **Cape Talk's** Kieno Kammies show). Do look out for news on the Lawhill TV documentary!



SPREADING THE WORD

Lawhill staff and students used every opportunity to promote our school and our maritime studies programme. Two of our Welkom-based students, Bohlale and Thabiso, addressed young South Africans at a SAMSA-supported **Maritime Day** event in the Free State, Lawhill head Debbie Owen had the pleasure of meeting outgoing Public Protector, the inspirational **Ms Thuli Madonsela** as well as Professor Jonathan Jansen, while two Grade 11 students, Siphelele and Lizwi, attended the Cape Town Press Club launch of **Ms Helen Zille's** new book (a generous gift by Lawhill supporter, Ms Marina Petropolous)



EDUCATING AND MOTIVATING OUR STUDENTS

Recent speakers at Lawhill included Mr Steve Nell (Marine Data Solutions), Captain Andrew Walker (AIG) and Carl Uys (Bowline Security). We thank them for giving up time to address and motivate our students.



CLASS OF 2016 - IN UNIFORM ...



CLASS OF 2016 - IN CIVVIES ...



.. AND IN THEIR MATRIC FAREWELL FINERY!



Thank you to those who responded to our **Matric Ball Appeal** – our students looked fabulous!





AND SO MANY PEOPLE TO THANK ...



MR SEAN DAY

Mr Sean Day - a long-standing friend and supporter of Lawhill – provided a significant grant to the **Lawhill Maritime Educational Trust** to be used for future scholarships. The 2016 Sean Day Scholars were Bokamoso Molale (Grade 12), Thami Hoza (Grade 12) and Bohlale Motsieloa (Grade 11). Bohlale's Scholarship has been re-awarded for his Grade 12 year (2017) while Mihle Makosonke and Euston Kockera will also be Sean Day Scholars for their Grade 11 year next year.



THANK YOU

to all those who have supported the
new **LAWHILL EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

*A special thank you to **Mr and Mrs Peter Newall** for the substantial donation made to the Trust, as well as the donation by the **Maritime Lawyers Association** in aid of the Dai Davies Legacy Award.*

*Please contact info@lawhill.org if you wish to **donate to the Trust**.*



THANK YOU

Our programme continues to benefit from the support of a number of companies and individuals, among them those who have provided donations, grants, scholarships and bursaries to Lawhill in 2016, including.

- CHAIRMAN, GOVERNING BODY AND PRINCIPAL- Support
- SAFMARINE(MAERSK GROUP) - Major Sponsor since inception – 21 years
- TK FOUNDATION - Lawhill Maritime Centre Project/Building extensions
- DAY FAMILY - Scholarships
- FALSE BAY YACHT CLUB - Support and sponsorship
- CAPE COASTAL ROWING CLUB – Rowing

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THANK YOU

- GENERAL BOTHA OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION - Mentoring, Bursaries, Award, Sponsorships. Thank you to bursary sponsors Richard Masters, MDSol, Dockendale and other major contributors
- GRINDROD LIMITED - Grant
- HAMSHER FAMILY & FRIENDS- Various Sponsorships/Cycling/Support
- JOHAN AND KAREN SWART - Birthday Fund Sponsorship
- JEWISH MARITIME LEAGUE - Barney Sank Bursary
- CAPTAINS KEITH PLETSCKE/ANNE TILL - Bursary
- MAERSK FOUNDATION - Grant
- MOLLER FAMILY – Grant
- MSC - Internships
- PIL - Grant
- SAILORS' HOME COMMITTEE - Grant & Prize
- SERVEST MARINE - Subsidised Transport, Prize, Sponsorships
- SMIT AMANDLA MARINE- Grant, Prizes & Bursary (cont../)

THANK YOU

- SOCIETY FOR MASTER MARINERS
Bursaries, Prize & Grant
- SOUTH AFRICA MARITIME TRAINING ACADEMY
(SAMTRA) – Bursaries, Courses
- SOUTH AFRICAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY
(SAMSA) - Bursaries
- STURROCK GRINDROD MARITIME - Bursaries
- SUBTECH GROUP – Bursaries, Internship
- TABLE MOUNTAIN CABLE WAY COMPANY - Prize
- TRANSNET NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY - Bursaries
- TRUSTEES: LAWHILL MARITIME EDUCATIONAL TRUST -
Support
- TWO OCEANS AQUARIUM – Prize
- DAVID ABROMOWITZ AND FRIENDS – Transport and other
support related to the acquisition of the new L26 yacht for
Lawhill's new hands-on sailing programme

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THANK YOU

- The trustees of the Howard Davis Farm Trust for their grant which will be used for equip our new Marine Sciences classroom
- Mrs Elna de Jager and Mr Hugh James for extra mathematics and science instruction and to master mariner, Captain Iain Peddle for his seamanship and cargo stowage teachings throughout the term.
- To Kevin Freeman and Mike Want at advertising agency Optimus Cape Town for creative support
- To David Estment for his willingness to assist with a number of our 'technology challenges' – including our 'overused' TVs and smart board projector!... And thank you to

**.. each and every one who has helped us
invest in a future maritime generation.**

Your contribution is highly appreciated!



**Wishing you and
your loved ones
everything of the
best for 2017**

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