Is MaP “Rooted in Botswana”? Yes. *Local is Lekker.*
MaP is known for its international opportunities and partnerships. Our students enjoy exchanges with over 25 schools in several countries. We have four Princeton in Africa Fellows who join us for a year. In our 2nd term, six Harvard undergraduate interns spend eight weeks here. Our staff and student body come from 40 different countries.

MaP offers the globally-recognised Cambridge IGCSE and A-Levels. Many of MaP’s alumni attend the world’s most selective universities in the US, UK, Europe, Canada and Australia. Orphan scholarships are largely funded by overseas donors through the American Friends of Maru-a-Pula (AFMAP) and the UK MaP Trust. Much of the school’s early construction was funded by the ASHA section of USAID.

And yet we do not see ourselves as an “international school”. Our school profile states that we are “a world-class school rooted in Botswana.” MaP is built on 20 hectares of land granted by the Botswana Government for “educational purposes”. Botswana’s first president, Sir Seretse Khama, warmly commended Maru-a-Pula as “an educational project in the heart of Africa”. Our mission is to serve the nation of Botswana, the continent of Africa and the world, by preparing leaders who will serve their communities.

More than ever at MaP, *local is lekker*, as they say in South Africa. Let’s count the ways:

1. **Local Enrolment:** MaP’s constitution mandates that at least 50% of our students should be citizens. Early on, this was a challenge. No more. Citizen enrolment is rising: in 2007, overall we were at 60% Batswana, in 2014, it is 64%. By contrast, most “international schools” cater primarily to the children of expatriates and typically, only a third of their pupils are citizens. Lynda Tosefsky and Ruwayda Khan have cultivated the trust of both citizens and expatriates in their admissions work.

   Incoming Form 1s = 65% Batswana  
   Current Form 1s = 56% Batswana  
   Current Form 2s = 69% Batswana  
   Current Form 3s = 64% Batswana  
   Current Form 4s = 64% Batswana  
   Current Form 5s = 64% Batswana  
   Lower 6th Form = 66% Batswana  
   Upper 6th Form = 62% Batswana

2. **Local Scholarships/Bursaries:** MaP offers generous financial aid – between P3m – P5m annually - to deserving, academically capable Botswana citizens. On top of this, as a result of a Public/Private Partnership we proposed in 2011, the Botswana Education Hub now fully funds 53 Top Achievers for MaP’s two-year A-Level programme. Our first full set of 18 Top Achievers wrote their final exams in June; the results will be received on August 12th. They all have university places, the majority at top institutions, and four have confirmed medical places. Jonathan Laverick and Sally Jobson have skilfully guided our first Top Achievers.

3. **Citizen Employment:** In all, of 149 positions available, Maru-a-Pula employs 100 citizens (67%) and 49 expatriates (33%). Currently 24% of our academic staff and 98% of our non-academic staff are citizens. Judy Brown and Labbeaus Peloewetse have devoted considerable time to producing drafts of a MaP Localisation Policy and MaP Localisation Plan for which we seek Council’s approval.
4. Local School Partnerships & Benchmarking: Just this term we launched six new partnerships with local government schools:

- MaP welcomed students and teachers from Naledi Senior Secondary and Motswedi Junior Secondary. We invited our student guests to make use of our library facilities and afternoon clinics.
- Judy Brown, accompanied by the Harvard interns, spent four Saturday mornings tutoring Naledi’s “Pledge 8 Students” (students who have pledged to seek 8 A*s) in Maths, Science and English.
- Mmadinare Senior Secondary spent a day here benchmarking MaP practices.
- Our student-inspired Visionaires Club hosted two one-day workshops for school learners from Ngwaketse Junior and Maoka Junior.
- Working with BIHL, Tebogo George and Judy Brown have helped start a library service at Tshwaragano Primary. (BIHL has refurbished the library as part of the Adopt-a-School initiative.)
- Our 19 new Top Achiever LM6 students helped with homework and reading skills.
- Two students – Kenanao Sithole and Moitiri Keapoletswe – spent a week touring government Senior Secondary Schools in the Central region selling the government’s Top Achiever programme and also giving advice to Form 4s and 5s on study habits.
- Three Top Achievers were interviewed for a 15-minute slot on BTV’s “First Issues” programme in which they gave advice on study habits.

A logical next step is to host a future teacher development conference for Botswana’s secondary school teachers and principals in partnership with the Ministry of Education.

5. Local Community Service: Our tradition of local community service is surely unparalleled for any school. Growing from a 42-year partnership with the village of Gabane, MaP students and staff now undertake over 30 weekly service projects in Botswana. MaP students teach in village primary schools; they feed destitute families in Old Naledi and in the remote village of Malwelwe; they work with orphans and visit the children’s ward of Princess Marina, to note just a few of our in-country projects.

In June, Mr. Augustine Makgonatsothe, Secretary for Defence in the Ministry of Defence, Justice and Security, "commended private institutions, among them Maru-a-Pula ... for sponsoring refugee children who excelled in their primary school leaving examinations,” according to the Daily News. Mr. Makgonatsothe was speaking on World Refugee Day at Dukwi Refugee Camp, the only refugee camp in Botswana.

6. Maitisong & Creative Arts National Outreach: The school’s theatre, Maitisong, is the premier training ground for Botswana’s creative artists. Community theatre groups attend workshops in arts management, performance and script writing. These groups include:

- Ba Ga Mmanaana Theatre Group (Moshupa)
- Mandy Promotions (Gaborone)
- Bana Ba Motho Theatre (Kanye)
- Bonang Koo Theatre (Lobatse)
- SEDYEL (Ramotswa)
- Phakalane Theatre (Gaborone)
- Tsoga Africa (Gaborone)
- Gaga Ja Pharing (Mankgodi)

The Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture sponsors the Maitisong Festival annually; this year in the amount of P300,000. Mogoditshane Senior Secondary, Naledi Senior Secondary and Maoka Community Junior Secondary attended performances of Blue, Black & White, the life story of Sir Seretse Khama. The play was written by MaP alumnus, Donald Molosi, and directed by Gao Lemmenyane. For this production we trained and employed 15 actors, musicians and dancers as well as eight interns from the University of Botswana.
7. Local Sport & Africa Youth Games: MaP’s coaches play a central role in organizing local leagues, hosting national championships and pioneering new sporting codes in Botswana. MaP’s impact was clearly evident when 2500 athletes from every one of Africa’s 54 nations converged on Gaborone for the second annual Africa Youth Games in late May.

Joining Botswana’s team were 13 MaP athletes and five MaP teachers. They listened to former MaP student Naomi Ruele, as she recited the Athlete’s Pledge on behalf of all participants. Naomi won two silver medals in swimming and qualified for the Summer Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, later this month.

The Africa Youth Games were a great success and MaP students and staff were there in force:

- Khaya Groth (karate)
- Eric Sentongo (basketball)
- Min Young Kim (silver, judo)
- Refilwe Seema (rowing)

- Kitso Matija (swimming)
- Tshepo Yane (rugby)
- Wada Maseko (tennis)
- Orefile Healy (rowing)

- Amantle Mogara (swimming)
- Obakeng Rapula (football)
- Emmanuel Molefi (rugby)
- Tara Matija (bronze, netball captain)

Former MaP Sports Director, Bruce Nkala, served as coach of Botswana’s Boys’ Basketball team while Namakando Shamabobo, Sally Jobson, Denise Moorad and Virginia Parker all officiated at the swimming competition by serving as marshals, stroke judges and timekeepers. Well done all!

8. Local Corporate Support: In recent years, MaP has sourced local corporate support for a variety of initiatives. Three examples stand out:

a) MASCOM funded our P2.5 million double-storey library seminar room and media centre.

b) BIHL Trust has just contributed a further P200,000 to our Orphans and Vulnerable Children Scholarship Fund which brings their contribution to P1million over five years.

c) Barclays commissioned The Company@ Maitisong to produce a financial literacy “edutainment” drama with a further P670,000.00 in funding. This builds on the previous grant in 2013 of P315,000. Maitisong Director, Gao Lemmenyane, Drama teacher, Tefo Paya and English teacher, Tlotlego Gaogakwe are the project’s creators. Communications Coordinator, Alastair Hagger is designing graphics and assisting marketing efforts for this production.

9. Self-funded Construction: In the 70s, 80s and 90s, if MaP needed to build a classroom, it applied for a USAID grant. Now, we are able to fund most building projects on our own. MaP’s move from dependence to self-reliance is made possible by our Capital Development Levy (CDL). Our two new Science labs, French classrooms, new changing rooms and office expansions have all been self-funded.

In short, if such a metaphor is permissible in a land-locked country, Maru-a-Pula has gone from being an island to a peninsula, reaching into global waters but firmly rooted in the mainland.

Botswana needs us to be creative educational leaders in the years to come.

Student Exchanges & Visitors

The 2nd term is our busiest for visitors and exchanges. MaP hosted:

- Brendan Ng and Jonah Deykin from Roxbury Latin (MA, USA)
- Dontae Christian and Matt Boudreau from Brooks School (MA, USA) which MaP students Mubeen Khan and Thabo Milton visited in April/May
- Constance Destais, Bianca Scali and Augustin Wong from Ecole Alsacienne in Paris
- Claudia Buermann (student) and Veronica Ledoux (Science teacher) from Catlin Gabel in Oregon
- 13 students and 3 teachers from Japan’s Tamagawa Academy on the school’s sixth visit.
Harvard Intern Programme

MaP’s students were inspired for eight weeks this term by the presence of six talented Harvard undergraduates: Haven Jones, Jennifer Leung, Ye Dam Lee, Betty Lema, Maya Park and Jesus Moran.

One of the students who benefitted from working with the “Harvards”, MaP Top Achiever Mercy Radithupa, commented: *The Harvard crew has shown me what a well-rounded student is. And one thing that I really take away from the sessions is challenging myself and taking risks, because they were never afraid of throwing themselves into any situation.*

Soon after returning home, Harvard intern Ye Dam Lee sent this message: *As I was telling my mom about everything, she remarked that she had never seen me talk about students with such joy and love, and she is totally right. You have a really special school with great kids, and I feel very blessed to have been there.*

On July 14, I hosted Dr. Sue Cook, Executive Director of Harvard’s Committee on African Studies, who oversees our Harvard intern programme. She said: “Giving MaP students a range of peers from whom to learn is exciting. When there is a mutual benefit, it’s a perfect storm of growth, learning and discovery.” Our Harvard connection is again made possible by Harvard’s Treasurer, Jim Rothenberg.

Sports

Apart from the Africa Youth Games mentioned earlier, sports highlights of the term included:

1. **Health Week**: 19-22 May: featuring activities such as American Frisbee, traditional games, Curves, Zumba, Kgale Hill Climb, check-ups on blood pressure, weight and cholesterol and, my personal favourite, Dodgeball.

2. **Silas Mabonga Basketball Invitational**: 14 June: the U19 and U16 Boys both won against strong local competition from both public and private schools, covering a full range of age groups.

3. **ISSSA Football & Netball**: 21 June: MaP’s U14 Boys Football overcame a long medal drought and claimed 1st position. Our U16 Netball team won gold and our U19s retained their position as reigning champions by winning for the 14th consecutive year!

4. **ISSSA Basketball**: 5 July: U19 Boys proved to be an unstoppable force yet again winning the ISSSA tournament as they have done since the association was formed in 1999. The U16 Boys are also reigning champions.

5. **ISSSA Rugby**: 12 July: Our U17 Boys’ & Girls’ teams scooped 1st position in the first-ever ISSSA 7’s Rugby tournament hosted at MaP.

6. **Form 5 student Eric Sentongo-Lukwago**: One of 50 boys selected from across Africa for an NBA camp, “Basketball Without Borders”, currently taking place 3-9 August in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Communications

Alastair Hagger, continues to do an outstanding job and reports the following developments:

- Two *newsletters* were produced, which covered a wide range of school stories. They are available to download from the website.
- Content about the MaP library (including downloadable booklists), Princeton in Africa fellows and Harvard students was added to the *website*. We have installed a system to monitor and improve web traffic to the site.
- MaP’s *social media* presence was strengthened and streamlined: the MaP profile was converted to a MaP Alumni page, to give Alumni a platform separate from the official Maru-a-Pula School page.
• Where possible, links were made with the Twitter accounts of every school, worldwide, that MaP has a connection with (currently, MaP now follows more than 20 of these schools on Twitter). All major MaP news stories, and some additional stories and photographs, were posted to MaP’s Facebook and Twitter accounts.

• Editorial assistance was given to MaP alumnus Barolong Mouwane and MaP students involved in the Sechaba Prime project: these students have been writing articles about the MaP Mini-Company for the Business Weekly and Review newspaper.

• The Maitisong website was completed and uploaded and is now online. Content is being uploaded to the site as soon as made available by the Maitisong Director. A major project for Term Three will be the online archiving of Maitisong events since the theatre’s opening; this project will involve TAs and some of the MaP Journalists team.

• The MaP Journalists team of twelve MaP students was managed and mentored, this term with the assistance of Harvard intern Maya Park, who did an excellent job of helping the students improve the quality of their articles.

• The Sports Department has been encouraged to begin collating all sports results for the term and year, so that these results can appear in the end-of-term newsletter and in a sports almanac to be included in the 2014 yearbook, on which work has already begun.

• Sally Jobson is lending her support to a proposed project which will link MaP to at least one school in every African country, by sharing correspondence details with the organizers of and participants in the African Leadership Academy programme. The project will begin in 2015, and will involve MaP teachers and students sharing ideas and content about a central topic with cross-curricular relevance. This content will then be uploaded to the website on a dedicated page.

• A multi-media presentation will be given to MaP staff at the beginning of Term Three to explain MaP’s powerful new online presence and encourage teachers to utilize the platform by uploading teaching content and students’ work.

• Support will continue to be given to Maitisong Director Gao Lemmenyane: new content will be uploaded to the website, the letter will be re-designed and printed quarterly, and strategies will be pursued that will aim to increase the number of events taking place at the theatre and the audience numbers that attend these events. Designed content will also be created specifically for the 2015 Maitisong Festival, including posters, banners, flyers and website content.

I seek Council’s approval to confirm the post of Director of Communications from January, 2015.

University Admissions
Sally Jobson, Director of Careers and College Counseling, highlights a strong admissions season:

Destinations of 2013 Leavers

L6 2013 The following students left after L6:
Collins CHAMBO University of Pretoria; Chemical Engineering
Rayan KUMARDEW University of Pretoria; BSc Biological Science
Leruo LEAGAJANG MacEwan University, Edmonton, Canada
Tumelo MOKGETHI UCT; Actuarial Science
Yumna TAJBHAI University of Pretoria; BSC Biological Science
Mohamed TAYOB University of Pretoria; BSc Biological Science, now in Medicine

U6 2013 The following have started their course or have firm offers:
Sipho ARNTZEN Erasmus University, Netherlands; Business School
Lindiwe CHARLES WITS; Journalism
Deborah FASHOLE-LUKE Mount Holyoke, USA
Asif GARDARI Birmingham University, UK; Medicine
Nikola GAYTANDJIEV  Eindhoven, Netherlands; Industrial design
Govind GOPIKUMAR  University of Pretoria; Architecture
Tshwanele HEALY  University of Western Cape; Dentistry
Elias KHONAT  UCT; BSc Accounting & Finance
Andrija KLARIC  NYU Abu Dhabi (full scholarship)
Paphiso MASEKO  WITS; Psychology
Jessica MOKGOSI  Rhodes; Journalism
Robyn PUDDEFOOT  Groningen, Netherlands; International Relations
Luther ROBERTS  Imperial College, UK; Biochemistry (Top Achiever)
Sakshi SINDHWANI  UCT; BSc Accounting & Finance
Shilpa THOMAS  LSE, UK; Actuarial science
Daniel WATTS  University of Pretoria; Engineering
Uvindu WIJESINGHE  Bristol or Sussex, UK; Electrical & Electronic Engineering
Oatile RAMSAY  (who took a gap year) NYU, Sterns Business School; USA

University admittance of students who studied grade 12 in the USA:
Maatla MOTSOSIEMANG  Brown
Opelo MATOME  Yale
Ingrid BETHUEL  Bryn Mawr
Marothodi NTSEANE  Stanford
Goitseone THEBE  Lake Forest
Mikambi NGONGGOLA  McGill
Refilwe MPAI  McGill
Natasha MBWANA  Gap Year (Smith)

UNIVERSITY OFFERS FOR CATEGORY B TOP ACHIEVERS (dependent on A2 results 12 August)

UK
Helen BADASU – Dundee for Medicine
Maatla TSHIMOLOGO – Keele for Medicine
Thato GASHA – London School of Economics for Actuarial Science
Tshiamo KGAME – Imperial College for Biomedical Engineering.
Finito SETLHARE – Leeds for Economics & Finance
Setshego PHUTI –York for Accounting & Finance
Winnie MOTSWAGAE – Nottingham for Engineering
Kanono LECHUTI –Bristol for Economics & Finance
Luther ROBERTS – Imperial College for Biochemistry
Eta MOSWEU – offers from Cardiff, Sheffield, Plymouth & Central Lancs for Biomedical Science. Intv, Medicine in RCSI Malaysia

USA, Canada & Caribbean
Thato MOPO – University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)
Unaswi MUDANGA – Boston University
Ratang SEDIMO – Middlebury
Moarabi KAKABALO – Duke
Morategi KGOMOKHUMO – Westminster
Mmusi MOTSUMI – Florida Tech
Tshiamo KEWAGAMANG – University of Toronto for Engineering
Kathy AMOS – Medicine at St George’s, Grenada
Alumni Office Update

Alumni Coordinator, Tebogo George, reports the following developments:

1. “Safari of a Lifetime” Raffle
   a. Draw was held on May 14, 2014, first day of term, during assembly. Winner is Mr. Kgomotso Sebina from Gaborone.
   b. Tickets were sold in Botswana, USA and UK. Thank you to AFMAP members and UKMaP Trust members for helping to distribute, sell and collect raffle tickets.
   c. Big thanks to Cherri Briggs and Explore, Inc. for offering the prize of an 8-day safari, staying at three luxury camps in Chobe and Okavango.

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2. BIHL OVC Donation
   a. Cheque handover on 8 July. Continued support for OVC program.
   b. This year’s P 200,000 donation brings the total donations since 2010 to P 1 million!
   c. This term, we started a library service with BIHL at Tshwaragano Primary School (BIHL has refurbished their library as part of the adopt-a-school initiative). Our students will help with reading skills and also with homework and tutoring. The MaP students are Top Achiever LM6 students that just started in June.

3. Job Shadowing for students
   Tebogo George, Sally Jobson and Jonathan Laverick are working to obtain job shadowing opportunities for students. Students have worked at Princess Marina Hospital and Kalagadi Breweries and we recently approached Deloitte and FNB. We intend to expand to other companies in different industries in future.

MaP Marimba Band USA Tour: 13 April- 2 May
The Maru-a-Pula Marimba Band is one of Botswana’s most celebrated musical exports. Every two years we tour the USA, alternating between the East and West coasts.

This year we started in Seattle, Washington, where we were hosted by families at Richard Kassissieh’s new school, University Prep. Just to remind you, Richard is a former MaP Science teacher, now serving as U. Prep’s Academic Dean and AFMAP Treasurer. This was his third -- and final -- superbly organized tour. Thank you Richard for your magnificent contribution.

In our first week, we explored Seattle’s famous Public Market, visited the original Starbucks, ascended the Space Needle, toured the fabulous EMP (Rock & Roll) Museum and played concerts at three schools – U. Prep, Overlake and Meridian -- where students and staff couldn’t resist the urge to get up and dance.
From Seattle we drove south to Portland, Oregon, to be hosted by our partner school, Catlin Gabel. Head of Upper School, Dan Griffiths, said, "It was the most joyous assembly I have witnessed in my time here."

From there we traveled to the famed Cozmic Pizza venue in Eugene, Oregon. One audience member, David Adee, Music Specialist River Road and Howard Schools, commented: 
*I just heard your fantastically wonderful and exuberant and inspiring marimba band play at Cozmic in Eugene, Oregon. I made a donation, bought a t-shirt, and danced my legs off. I need to listen to you guys on a regular basis. Doctor’s orders!*

After a brief stop in Ashland, Oregon, we proceeded to College Prep in Oakland, California. College Prep’s Music teacher, Susan Swerdlow shared this:
*I am so, so glad that you brought your kids here. The concert was unbelievable, truly an "intervention," in Andy's words; I have gotten countless raves from both faculty and students. Please put us on your 2018 tour! (Every four years, right?)*

While in the San Francisco Bay area we played concerts at the Menlo School, the College of San Mateo and perhaps most memorably at the Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, in Berkeley, California. Max Lopez, the venue’s manager praised our band’s efforts:
*Multiple people told me it was the best show of the year so far here! We had a great turnout, and there was a nice recording made that we are listening to in the office as I write. Sounds amazing.*

The success of our tour would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship of AT & T Travel who sponsored three return flights to the States and provided the band with transport to and from Oliver Tambo Airport in Johannesburg. Thank you AT & T!

Music HOD, Celine Matthee, kept our student musicians healthy while band leaders Michael Sibanda and Laone Thekiso thrilled audiences with their repertoire of traditional songs and original compositions. (My job was to drive one of the vans and speak briefly at the start of our concerts.) Finally, thanks go to band members Olorato Shongwe, Tyra Molosi, Goaba Mooki, Unami Ntsuke, Tatenda Jimere, Karishma Mahajan, Gobopa Mojaphoko, Eric Sentongo, Andrija Klaric and Faith Barrows. It was their exuberance and skill that won the hearts of audiences throughout the American northwest.

**Creative Arts**

**Tutti & Soli**
Nearly 100 students participated in our annual Tutti & Soli evening on 17th July. Inspiring group performances by the Marimba Bands, the Nteta singers, the MaP orchestra, numerous vocalists, and a wonderful accompanying band, in addition to riveting solo performances coupled with several duets and trios ensured that it was an unforgettable night. Laone Thekiso and the music department are to be congratulated on a high-spirited evening made even better by a professional sound system provided by Botswana Craft.

**Drama Department Visitors**
From the 16th to 20th June 2014, the Drama Department successfully hosted six Drama For Life Programme MA students from Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa. They engaged our F1s, 2s and 3s in the conventions of Drama In Education.

Mr. Grant Holmes who is the Chairman of AFDA (a film school based in South Africa) gave a vivid presentation on 29th July to our Form 4s & 5s about pursuing a career in film and/or stage acting.
Under the Baobab Tree and other Stories
On the 25th and 26th July 2014, all Form 2s, in Maitisong performed their folktales to friends, relatives and parents. The two-day festival celebrated African culture and history. It was a wonderful way to unplug for just a little while, to turn off the electronics and be entertained by the simple, ancient craft of storytelling.

Groton Staff Visit
We hosted two visiting teachers, Jon Choate and Kathy Leggat, from the prestigious Groton School in Massachusetts. MaP and Groton have a long history together: the current Groton headmaster, Temba Maqubela, started his teaching career at MaP, and MaP's first Principal, Deane Yates, visited Groton in 1971 before founding MaP. Jon and Kathy shadowed Maths classes and explored Botswana’s scenic beauty during their two-week stay.

Jon Choate is a world leader in geometry software development and its use – he passed on a lot of useful knowledge during his stay. Kathy told us about their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program and shared with us how she team-taught a class with a colleague from the Physics department focusing on common concepts between the two subjects.

The MaP/Groton partnership will continue when MaP Top Achievers Faith Ocitti and Mercy Radithupa attend Groton later this year.

Staff Arrivals & Departures
This term we welcomed full-time PE teacher Solomon Basele and part-time Music teacher, Akhutlelang Mogami. Earlier this term we said farewell to Fritz Siegert, our popular Princeton in Africa Fellow. Three of the four new Fellows have arrived: Lauren Richardson (Geography), Nada Ali (History) and Lavina Ranjan (Science). Sadly this means we will say good-bye to the remaining Fellows Kwame Gayle, Phoebe Carver and Riley Brigham at the end of this term. They have each made superb contributions to the MaP community.

We are also saying farewell to our outstanding English teacher and Exams Officer, Shirley Palframan; she is returning to the UK with her family. We are grateful for the assistance of Trupti Shah who filled in as a Junior Science teacher for the past two terms. Niki Legwaila and Lorraine Conway will be going on maternity leave in the third term.

The University of Botswana has sent us several student teachers this term: Sibusiso Nkambule in PE, Pearl Modise in the library and Keith Phetlhe in Setswana.

As always in the 2nd term, teacher aides arrived from all over and have made wonderful contributions: Pamela Mosetse and Kelly Lekobe in the front office, Lucy Long in Geography, Lydia Collier in Drama, Aisha Adam and Hannah Roels in Music, returning TA, Myles Paterson in PE and Science, and third-time TA, Mbatshi Mudanga in IT.

A few MaP staff have travelled outside the country this term. Maitisong Director, Gao Lemmenyane, visited the annual arts festivals in Harare and Grahamstown scouting possible future performers. Director of Careers and College Counselling, Sally Jobson, visited Canada’s Toronto University and I returned recently from a fascinating Global Connections conference focusing on peace education and great teaching in Macedonia, Greece and Cyprus.

There are many more stories of life at MaP in the latest edition of the Maru-a-Pula newsletter, produced by Alastair Hagger and his student journalists.

Andrew Taylor
Principal