MATT MOFFATT

Heart transplant recipient Matt Moffat (2003, Sheffield), participated in the 2013 World Transplant Games held in Durban during August, which attracted 2 500 participants from 55 countries.

Matt said the Games created awareness for potential donors that recipients could lead full lives after transplantation; motivated recipients to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle; and gave hope to those waiting for transplants.

Whilst still at school Matt contracted the Coxsackie virus, resulting in his requiring a transplant. Although by his own admission he was not particularly sporty at school, he won medals in Durban and a gold medal in the 55m freestyle race at the 2011 Transplant Games in Sweden.

GRAHAM CLARKE

At the age of 26, while working as a meteorologist for the Department of Environmental Affairs on the remote Marion Island, Graham Clarke (1975, Pembroke) suffered a stroke, leaving him a quadriplegic. Unable to speak, Graham communicates by using an American computer (a Liberator) attached to his wheelchair, which he operates by directing a light pointer attached to a cap on his head.

He is a member of the Quadriplegic Association of South Africa and is involved with the development of eye/voice technology, assisting disabled people across the world via email.

Kearsney is one of a hundred Allan Gray Circle of Excellence schools which meet annually to focus on excellence in our schools. The 2013 conference was held in Cape Town with the theme being “From Excellence to Influence: Your school as an entrepreneurial pipeline”. Principals were exposed to the vision of the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation and the significant opportunity offered to pupils through the Allan Gray Fellowship.

Kearsney has one graduate Old Boy Blaise Dobson (2006, Sheffield), and two Old Boys Dom Koenig (2011, Finningley), son of KCOB Jean-Claude Koenig (1981), and Phakamani Zulu (2011, Pembroke) currently on the programme. This year Tom Hudson (2013, Finningley) has reached the final selection and will hopefully become Kearsney’s fourth Allan Gray Fellow. Significant opportunities for professional development and networking are available to successful students.

Candidates are selected for their exceptional intelligence, particularly in Mathematics, superb communication skills and innate ability to ‘think out of the box’. Once formal education is complete, the Foundation encourages work experience that complements personal passion, purpose and skills development, so that its Fellows move into areas of influence where they will effect lasting change and positive impact.

The Foundation believes that high impact entrepreneurial leaders will dramatically contribute to positive economic, social and political change.

Kearsney is privileged and proud to be a member of this group of schools.

Taryn Leon and Dylan van den Aarweg with Graham at the Cape Town branch Survivor lunch (August 2013)