



**Term 2 - 2019**

## **HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT**

Greetings good people, and avid followers of the goings on of the Old Flagship,

We have reached the end of the second term which is always colourful – a roller-coaster experience, hurdles of public holidays, elections, bus strikes, raids and tirades. But a rewarding, and fruitful experience, and time of growing for our Clark house boys. The second term commenced with a BE Dedication service on the first Tuesday morning of the term, for all the BE resident staff and boys- always a special occasion of food for the soul, where we prayed for God's hand over everyone in the school, in particular our special place-the College BE. We prayed over the health, safety and protection of the boys in the house, and for the house herself, a veritable box of matches, and for the future reputation of the boys- which we are all so invested in securing and bolstering.

In that same week, the Friday night shout, was enjoyed as always, a fiercely held pastime, and that some might even call a ritual. The shout itself has just experienced a face-lift, tightening up and slight change of routine, thank you Mr Fraser. It took place, as tradition dictates, on the Clark House quad which is always exciting and inspiring, and we are certain the boys enjoyed it with even more gusto than usual, as on the next day, we would battle it out with our so-called 'green machine' rivals from Durban – Glenwood High School. As mentioned earlier, this term we were inundated with public holidays, that became free weekends. We had on average only four school days a week for the first seven weeks. And by week 8 we were hurled head first into the exams. Our boarder masters ensured that Clark House and its study routine, were being run, and inspected like a well-oiled machine. The boys themselves, especially the 5<sup>th</sup> form have been studying exceptionally hard for this round of the exams.

From the 26<sup>th</sup> April to the 2<sup>nd</sup> May there was a school production – *Fawlty Towers* (Based on the old British Comedy television series), in which one of our more charismatic, larger than life Clark House boys performed, TM Parsons. He is to be commended for his performance, as the mild mannered, bumbling man servant, Manuel from Barcelona. Well done and keep up the good work, Mr Parsons, we look forward to see what the stage has in store for you in the future.

In term 2 some few good men have excelled in a number of activities. To mention a few:

1. JD Culverwell was awarded with a Large White Badge for Swimming (March 2019)
2. LJ de Rose was awarded with Colours for Academics (Jan 2019)
3. DL Bruyns was awarded with Honours for Hockey

And we were enthralled by our 1<sup>st</sup> team rugger men Messers Dlangalala, Corbett and Zunckel.

The Clark House staff is so proud to see some improvements taking place this term. Especially the behaviour of our boys (- thanks largely to the formidable enforcer, Mr 'Makattack' Makhathini, who is as firm fair and consistent as they come), the ever developing sign out system, which staggered along in the beginning, is now in a much better place – we thank our IT wiz, Mr Mkhwanazi and his state of cool, calm and collectedness, for that.

It was a very touching gesture to witness, the over 50 boys going through, and standing with Ross Klusener and his mom, for Mr Klusener's funeral in Port Shepstone, in their number ones. Followed by a very emotional number one (shout) afterwards in his honour. Young Ross showed incredible strength in the wake of the loss of his dear dad. We are proud of you young man, and know that you will take care of your mom, the way you said your dad had taught you.

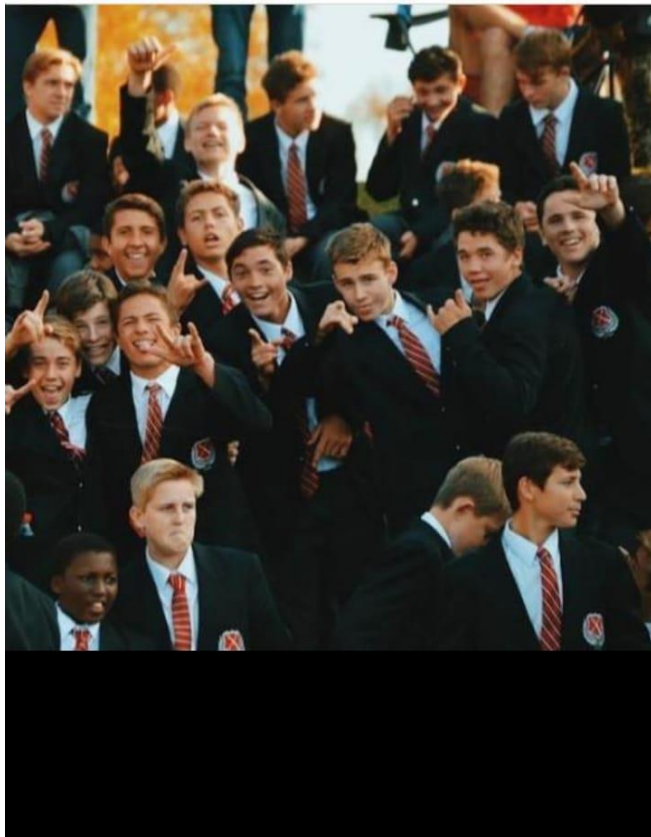
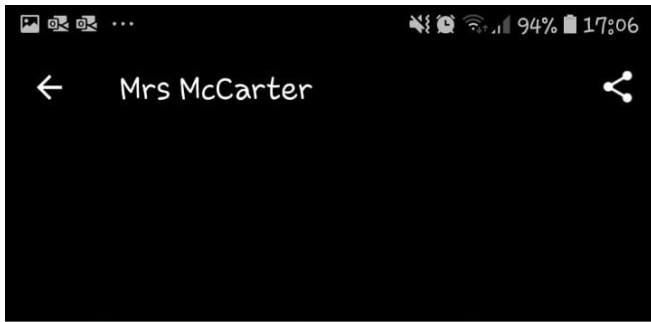
We had a series of drug tests in the house, and we are proud to say they all came back clean. The raid also took place, in search of any contraband, and we found some naughty stuff but thankfully nothing serious. The combination of the test and the raid, I believe have acted as a suitable deterrent to any temptation that may have tickled the minds of our youths.

The Clark house year is looking promising. The management and the prefects have, at this stage, done a wonderful job in ensuring that the house is running smoothly and the boys are enjoying and making this year a memorable one, as we mentioned at the beginning of the year that Clark House must at least feel like a home-away from home.

Next term will be a very interesting term academically as well as we only have 3/4 weeks of winter sport. We do however look forward to having another enjoyable term in our beautiful old house, as she is being dolled up, as we speak in anticipation of the arrival of the many IPT sportsmen embarking on the tournament to be hosted here at College over the holidays. Mr Ngcobo, my staff and I, wish you an exciting and enjoyable holiday with your sons. God bless you all.

Mr Barbour and Mr Ngcobo.

# OUR BE HOUSE



## HEAD OF HOUSE REPORT

The old walls of our beloved Clark house, our home away from home and the boys of Clark's have had a very slow start to this second term as most boys were still drowsy and recovering from holiday mode. Within no time this atmosphere changed, the combination of College rugby and exams brought about all the excitement, pressure, stress and adrenaline that is associated with a typical Clark house second term, it's as if a bucket of ice cold water was splashed straight into the faces of the boys of Clark's and holiday mode was switched off.

As time went on second term became very exciting as a number of boys excelled in their sporting and cultural codes, representing Clark house at a first team level as well as a number of boys making provincial teams, taking the status of a few good men and the name of Clark house to even greater heights, giving myself more of a reason to be proud of my smaller family of Clark house within my larger family that is Maritzburg College.

Within all this excitement along came exams, the lovely part of the second term that is enjoyed by many. The manner in which our house went about following the process of our exam routine and multiple study sessions was in my opinion the best that I have experienced within Clark house, this goes to show that with each year that passes by Clark house is constantly improving and this is all thanks to Mr Barbour and his team of house Masters, due to this on behalf of the prefects as fellow Clark house boys we are able to play a key role in maintaining the standards and never say die attitude of our house, even though our time spent in Clark's is shortly coming to an end, all we want to hear is that the new generation and those already apart of the Clark house family have been influenced and left with a positive legacy with a clear path, allowing our house to reach, overcome and go from strength to strength in the upcoming future.

