

# Commons House News



Term 2 - 2019

## HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

Term 2 has been a very busy term for all. Our Commons House boys were heads down in the books as they had to harness every academic opportunity available to them. The first seven weeks of the term, each had four school days for boys to achieve their goals. With the anticipation of the June exams, there was no time for messing around. The Commons House mentors pulled together and aided the allimportant task of providing the necessary support for boys who showed real grit and determination. The challenge was posed and Commons House rose to the occasion. The sporting scene was proudly represented on Saturdays as many of the Commons House boys ran onto their respective sporting fields as an integrated unit. The Inter-house events were all well attended with full teams fielding their events. Commons House maintains its strong points standing among the other houses. Well done Commons House!

The Commons House Leaders have finally seen the day of the much spoken about June Examinations. As once mentioned to the settled Maritzburg College second formers, their first examination at College has been experienced. We would like to applaud the 6<sup>th</sup> form Commons House gentlemen for holding their own in one of their last examinations at College.

## HOUSE LEADER REPORT

It has been a tremendous privilege to have the opportunity to lead Commons house this year along with my fellow prefects and house leaders. I am very grateful to have the support of the boys in the house who have made our job a whole lot easier by giving their best at all times. I would like to wish the 5th formers of Commons House the best of luck as they apply to be the future leaders of the school and this great House, I have no doubt that they will give of their best and take the House to new heights.

Diedricks

# **OUR HOUSE**

ouse representatives: Our very own Kailen Thaver and Christopher van Selm acted in the play 'Fawlty Towers'. We



would like to congratulate them on their great performances which will be a hard act to follow.



### **Competition:**

The House standing points sees Commons House maintain a strong point count among the other houses. A real struggle for points and strong competition from the other Inter Houses have seen Commons House standing drop ever so slightly. I would like to encourage the young men from Commons House to once again stand together and prepare themselves for yet another valiant push towards gaining back some of our lost ground. Term 3 will see new leadership jump into action and I am sure that they are going to want to flex their muscles in leading the House to a couple more victories within 2019.

### **Outreach:**

Much faith is restored in humanity when watching Commons House boys aiding their fellow human. The House initiative, helping a foster care organization's learners to study and complete homework. This project was eagerly attended. The rewards in performing this kind act was keenly spoken about by our boys. The Commons Outreach program set out to facilitate homework for a foster care organization based in Ashburton. This was initiated at the beginning of 2019. Children are transported to College where the Commons boys help with homework from 15:00 to 16:30. The Commons boys have been very positive and have volunteered their services for this venture. This program has been very successful to date and is greatly valued by the foster care organization. The children are also enjoying the relationships that are being created with the College boys. This program was put on hold due to the examinations at College. We hope to continue this program in the third term.

# FROM THE BOYS

### Achievements from Commons House in the last 6 months:

- Akoob MY Colours (Academics)
- Budke A AcademicTie
- **Diedricks LA Honours (Academics)**
- Dlamini SS Honours (Academics)
- Dlangalala KM Honours (Rugby)
- Emms B Colours (Athletics)
- Hadebe KM Colours and Scarf (Rugby)
- Kidsingh S Colours (Academics)
- Makanya NT Colours and Scarf (Athletics)
- Menezies LH Colours and Scarf (Academics)
- Mosiea LV Lapel Badge (Debating)
- Ndlovu S Lapel Badge (Service to Basketball)
- Raw KD Academics Tie
- Smith MH Colours (Academics)
- Van Heerden C Honours (Swimming)
- White CS Honours (Squash)
- Zimasa EM Academic Tie / Lapel Badge (Media Centre)