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# SHEPSTONE HOUSE

## NEWSLETTER TERM 2, 2019

Dear Shepstone House Parents & Guardians.

Whew! Another bustling and busy term has come to an end. Amid the rugby, hockey, soccer, cultural play and of course the mid-year exams we navigated the continuing teething problems in the house and here we are again safely at the end of another term. The Shepstone House team appreciates the continued support of you the parents, Mr Marwick and the Headmaster as we strive to turn the house into a home of excellence. Speaking of excellence, some boys flew the Shepstone House flag high this term, in the various facets of the College life and they are deserving of praise and mention. W Hlophe and S Ningiza were selected into the KZN U18 Craven Week side while K Hadebe made the Academy Week side. M Mdanda was selected into the South African Rugby legends Iqhawe U16 team that will be participating in the Grant Khomo week in White River, while C Williamson and S Radu played for the U16 reserve side before the capping ceremony. On to the hockey astro our head of house T Prinsloo was selected into the Inland U18A side, J Jansen into the U16A Inland side and T Connolly into the U16B side. S Arnold also showed good form in his running and was selected into the midlands cross country junior team.

The diverse skills of the house were also on show as AJ Westley, C Van Selm, W Hodgkinson and T Prinsloo were part of a hugely successful production "Fawlty Towers" where Mr Stickells was also involved. Westley, Van Selm and T Nkosi together with Mr Stickells helped the choir win gold in the ATKV Choir competition. We really have all the talent in Shepstone House, again "home of excellence".

Shepstone more importantly was found also in the top achievers academically after the end of term 1. CJ Prinsloo and AJ Westley were in the top 10 of their grades, 7 and 5 respectively while we had K Hough, T Mbatha, J Lowe, N Qwabe all coming in the top 20. Well done to these fine young men and we look forward to the results of the mid-year exam as we strive and continue on the path of excellence.

We ended off the term with two dinners that were split into junior and senior dinners, the boys enjoyed some good food with their peers from other houses and a few awards were handed out of which some were light-hearted and fun. The ones that were important to me, were the good fellowship or good citizen awards. These are particularly important as it carries on the spirit of being a good community member and someone who brings positivity in and around his sphere of influence, an all-round 'good oke'. This is something I touched on in my speech last term, the recipients of this award in the three forms were P Hauff, T Nkosi and T Mbatha, thank you boys for embodying the Shepstone House collegial spirit.

On a sad note we bid farewell to a very diligent and caring master in Mr Ryan Tooms who is moving to his family in Pretoria. Mr Tooms was a popular and loved master by one and all and he will be missed in Shepstone House. We wish you all the best Mr Tooms. His departure has opened up space which will be ably filled by Mr Shaun Sinclair OC 2012 who joins us with his wife Sarah and son Michael. He takes up the role of sports officer on the cricket side and will also teach Physical Ed and Lo. Welcome Shaun we wish you and your family a long and happy stay in the bosom of the BE and in particular Shepstone House.

May I also kindly remind parents to correspond with me using the Shepstone House email address and try to minimise the use of my personal WhatsApp or messages for official leave, notices and queries etc. I always try to ensure that I reply promptly, email is the acceptable official communication and this way information is officially on file. I wish you all a restful holiday break and look forward to seeing all the boys back and refreshed for the third term

Regards

Ricky Chirengende

