



CLARK HOUSE

NEWS LETTER

“A FEW GOOD MEN”



House Master's report

Term 3 has been a very, very, very busy term for the boys, and their dear families and supporters alike. The term began with the exchange to Affies, (Who were most generous in their hosting of our boys and staff) and then the following week our hosting of Pretoria Boys High. There have been common tests, day house lunches, what looks like moving season- boys walking all over the place with boxes- Project season! Just for good measure- trials, a few weeks of summer sport, Reunion weekend- yes it a full week and weekend leading up to, the school's main calendar event. In the background there was Athletics, the boarder run and family day festivities on the same day as the 7's competition, which followed the very long winter sports season. We were entertained by the Afrikaans play, a movie, and the prestige concert. And the cherry on the top was Vogue ball for the 5th form (the culmination of weeks of dance rehearsals- phew!!! With camps for the 3rd and 4th Form, still to come, and economics tour for the 5th Form, and work experience, as well as a history tour, not forgetting the overseas rugby tour...just tired typing all of that!

We had some wonderful light hearted moments in the house as well. One that springs to mind is whilst our new TV in the house has been on the fritz, we had a bunch of boys and masters squeezed into the study to enjoy the Cricket World Cup final. It was the 50th over, and if you watched the game, you will know what that means. At the most exciting, nail biting moment, the fire alarm was accidentally tripped. And to the boys and Mr Makhathini's credit they all headed out to the agreed upon assembly point in the case of an actual emergency- boys wrapped in duvets, bins being placed outside the rooms, and sir chasing the troops along- just as we had practiced. Was very proud of them, and delighted we could see the dying minutes of the match, not the house!

The beginning of the term also brought a new challenge, especially for our bell boy. Our beautiful old brass hand held bell had broken, and we were awaiting the arrival of the replacement bell when the term commenced. A plan had to be made, and so it was. We found too old pieces of sold steel piping to be banged together- a horrendous but effective cacophony of notes. Thankfully our new bell arrived but was alas smaller than we had anticipated. Another good example of why ordering things online can be somewhat disappointing. Boys have, shall we say...a special aroma about them, especially in a term with little rain, and a hotter than usual winter. So it was with many mixed feelings we confiscated all aerosol deodorants (as the instructions for application of said deodorant weren't clearly understood by all boys). Reunion came and went with much anticipation, and hopes, resting on the wearers of the white badges emblazoned upon those red, black and white jerseys. Only to experience the disappointment of yet another Green Machine encounter.

But on a much more positive note the Raw Cup (a traditional soccer match played against the boys from the Essenwood Road), allegedly the oldest fixture in the country, was historically played on the haloed Goldstones, for the first time. And came down to a very enthralling penalty shoot- out that was dominated in the end by the old school.

TERM 3



WHEN THINGS GET STICKY



WE TRY



STAND TOGETHER AS BROTHERS

Reddy- Head of House Report

As our last days go by its getting harder and harder to think of life after College, my stay in Clark house that has taken care of me for 4 years since form 3 is shortly coming to an end. I am really honoured that in my current final year as being a pupil at Maritzburg College i was given the opportunity and privilege to lead the boys of Clark's as head of house. There's no doubt that this is one of my major highlights in my schooling career and that i will keep with me where ever life takes me. The fact that this is basically our last term in leading the boys of Clark's is really a scary thought, but at the same time a big eye opener...people always say enjoy your time at College because before you know it, it's all over, and this couldn't be more true, i still feel as if we all have atleast two more terms of this year to go, where did the time go? Myself and fellow Clark house prefects who are close friends of mine, have been faced with many challenges throughout the coarse of the year that really took us out of our comforts zones, all this has contributed to the stronger characters that we are today. What im going to miss most about Clark house is the boys of Clark's and the friendships that has been built between myself and the boys, learning about them and their life stories does make you take a step back and see things from a different point of view, it has an affect on the way you live your life. This term has been interesting with a mix of emotions, from studying for trials/finals to pushing the thought of leaving school to the back of my head, so that i can do my last duties as a Clark house prefect. It really has been an amazing year,a big learning experience for us and this is all thanks to Mr Barbour and his team of boarder masters,who have helped and supported us through the year as well as given us some of their knowledge and life lessons to hold us steady in our future to come. Our main objective that we have reached successfully in Clark house is and has always been to pass Clark's on to the upcoming prefects in a better condition and place than when we recieved it in, leaving behind a Clark house family who have been greatly influenced in striving to maintain the standards and never say die attitude of a proud Clark house boy, and in doing so making sure to leave a legacy that will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Drummond –Reflections Advice for future generations of College boys.

Some advice for the future good men of Clark House. Throughout my time at college I've heard three things. 1- You'll be finished before you know it. 2- Get involved in everything you can and seize the day. 3- You only arrive when you leave. Like any other teenage boy I thought I knew everything and decided to disregard this wisdom however now that my tenure as a college and Clark House boy is drawing to a close I'd like to give the future boys the very same advice that I have heard a thousand times and I'd also like to give a small explanation. 1- You'll be finished before you know it. It may seem like time draws on forever at school and that each weekend takes forever to arrive but the older you get the faster time flies and the more you will cherish the memories made with your friends and the time spent together as brothers. 2- Get involved in everything you can and seize the day. You only have one chance at college so why not experience everything? Not everyone can be the classic rugby or hockey player however new rarer experiences such as being in a play or trying table tennis can bring more special memories and treasured experiences. 3- You only arrive when you leave. This was always the most cryptic piece of advice to me and unfortunately I think that understanding only comes with age. What college, the memories made and the value of the lessons learned here mean to you only becomes clear when you realize how limited your remaining time is. You only realize the value of something when you realize that it won't last forever. Enjoy your time. Enjoy the highs and lows. Work hard, play hard and represent your school well.

Knight- Reflecting on Highlights on my Time in the house

Clark House has many rules that ensure cohesion between both boys and masters. Although I'm sure there is such a thing as "safe fun", the highlights of my time in Clark's were not of this nature. There are, without a doubt, pleasant memories of times in which no rules were broken. But they are for gentle remiss, not raucous laughter and intrigued listeners. Stories for the latter, stories I hope to tell my children one day, are the ones I feel most privileged to have been a part of. They are what I will be most thankful to Clark House for having provided me with. From playing "bolt ball" at roll call, to waking up at five in the morning to the sound of Mr. Barber yelling at Van Heerzele for urinating out of the window — it seems to me that the most golden moments were the ones that came out of nowhere, the ones that nudged us into doing something slightly stupid which we had no logical reason for doing.

That did not mean, in any sense, that we were anti-Maritzburg College or the rules it confined us with. In fact, the true demonstration of College's teachings came afterwards, when we would own up and not complain about our punishments. We did not snitch. We did not lie. We did not complain. We were boyish enough to be naughty, but man enough to be honest.

This, I hope, is a fact that will never change about Clark House's boarders, for it — I believe — is perhaps its longest-standing tradition. Every other tradition, as small as waiting at doors or missing the front step of the staircase, is just a means to that end. Learning that, perhaps, was the greatest highlight of all.

"There are certain things that do not change and must not change."

This must never change.



ON THE FIELD



A modern preview of WORLD WAR II shown by Trollip

Beast Mode activated by Masviken



A rare image of Zunkel stressing about that MATHS common test on Monday.

Takata givin off Clark HOUSE fire at the KZN Grant Khomo Week

If we had to mention gems in the house off the BAT... we wouldn't forget Goedeke

ACHIEVEMENTS

"THERE IS NO MAGIC TO ACHIEVEMENT. IT IS REALLY ABOUT HARD WORK, CHOICES, AND PERSISTENCE."

~ Michelle Obama



A constant highlight in the year calendar, and in particular the third term, is the Sport and Cultural Awards, and we are always proud of our prize winners who never fail to represent the house with aplomb.

A reminder of some of our sports and Cultural highlights this year:

1. M Masviken - Large White Badge for Waterpolo
2. L Mosiea - Lapel Badge for Debating
3. C Schultz - Large White Badge for Swimming
4. T Trollip - Large White Badge for Rugby
5. A van Straaten - Large White Badge for Basketball
6. K Dlangalala - Honours for Rugby
7. T Drummond - Colours & Scarf for Academics
8. C Knight - Academic Tie for Academics
9. N Zondo - Large White Badge for Soccer **third term**
10. M Zunckel - Colours for Athletics

KZN REPRESENTATIVES

- D. Bruyns- KZN Hockey U/18*
L. Mtshali- KZN Grant Khomo
W. Takata- KZN Grant Khomo



Leaders for 2020

As is customary, It was a term of many expectations for our 5th Form boys who were hoping to be appointed to become prefects and house leaders for next year. The 5th form is a gifted and talented form with a number of natural leaders, and all round nice guys. They have been an absolute blessing in the house this year, and I think that is evidenced in the calibre of boy who have been selected as acting prefects, and house leaders alike . We look forward with much positive anticipation, to what they will achieve next year, as they have a had fine example in the outgoing prefects- who have thus far been the best team of prefects I have had the privilege of working with in Clark house. They have been lead by a true gentleman in Brad Reddy, who embodies the concept of servant leader, and who is the living example of what we are trying to achieve in our boys by the time they have reached this stage, in their time at College. We wish them everything of the best for their finals and last few weeks of life at College, and in our special home from home.

We are proud to acknowledge and congratulate the following boys who have subsequently been announced as acting prefects from Clark house, and who will for the most part be doing their duties in the house over the next year. They are: **D Bruyns, P Elliot, K Goedeke, J Robinson, C Nandh, M Zunckel.**

We are also very proud of the boys appointed from our Clark House 5th form to be day house leaders, **BM Mbanjwa and TM Masvikeni (Calder), LV Mosiea and N Zondo (Commons), CH Groeneveld (Fuller), JD Culverwell, and MC van Dam (Nicholsons), LJ de Rose, WA Horn, JD Watson (Pape), and R Klusener (Snow).**

A special thanks to the boarder masters Messrs R Paterson, M Ngcobo, J Greeff, S Mkhwanazi, L Booysen, and the bull dog Mr N Makhatini (who I must commend, as the boys have come to love and respect), that have helped maintain the discipline and keep the House running smoothly. Mr Makhathini must also be acknowledged for his latest promotion to Head of Department- Prefects. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable, all be it once again, very short 4th Term.

God bless,
Ron Barbour.

ACTING PREFECTS



P Elliot



C Nandh



K Goedeke



J Robinson



M Zunckel



D Bruyns