



20th September
Newsletter, Term 3

SHEPSTONE HOUSE

Dear Shepstone House Parents,

Again another term has flown by and it is just one more short but very busy term before the year is over, I find myself again wondering where 11 weeks have gone. This is an indication on how busy this 3rd term has been and it is a much needed break for the boys - please indulge them, pamper and have them back with loins girded for a crucial last term of the year.

I will continue on the word 'excellence' which has been a theme for the house this past year. The house will continue to acknowledge boys that keep striving to fly the Shepstone and College flag high and the house has been blessed with a good spread of boys that are gifted in many different areas. Firstly, however I have to congratulate 6 of our current 5th formers who were appointed as acting prefects:

T Mbatha, B Emms, W Hodgkinson, W Hlophe, L Muller and K Hadebe are officially the first set of prefects the house produced. These six were among the 26 pioneers of the house and remarkably the house has produced the same number of prefects as Clark House! Our one-year-old house is definitely packing a punch and earning its place on the table with the rest of the senior houses. To our six new leaders of the school we say well done and good luck!

From leadership to academics, sport, culture and general good behaviour, the house has it all. A few of our boys came in the top 20 in their respective grades and for this I will extend these boys a special privilege to be revealed to them next term. They were acknowledged in the school but in their own 'home' they also need to earn something for their hard work. This privilege should spur the boys to maintain their top 20 position, after all excellency is not once of, it will be the way of a Shepstone House boy. I hope this also encourages the rest of the boys to push for their place in this upper echelon of high achievers. The following boys; S Manack, T Mbatha, AJ Westley, J Lowe, J Bense, K Hough should be excited about their upcoming 4th term were they will be duly rewarded for their mid-year examination achievements.



On the sporting front three of our senior boys were among the best the country has to offer in their respective sports. T Prinsloo was named in the SA U18B hockey side and W Hlophe made the SA U18 rugby side, while S Ningiza was selected for the U17 South Africa high performance rugby squad. This means we house premier sportsmen who are ranked as being the best their age group has to offer in the country! Bravo to you fine men. N Mosebi continues to break records on the athletics track and was recognised as the u15 athletics champion while B Webster was regarded as the most valuable water polo player and most improved rugby player. He is to be commended on how he led the 1st XV at the back end of the season. L Biyela and T Nkosi made the midlands soccer side and S Arnold made the district canoe side. Culturally our boys also excelled, T Prinsloo and AJ Westley received awards for their contributions to music and Afrikaans society respectively. Westley was also selected for the KZN choir and Hodgkinson continues to excel on stage with his acting, scooping the best supporting actor award.

The fourth term will be again a short but busy term starting with a dinner on Monday night the 30th October, in that regard boys are expected to be back by 1800hrs when the dinner starts. Please impress on the boys the need to hit the ground running as it will only be 4 weeks before end of year examinations begin, to continue on our mantra of excellence, boys will need to be well prepared and work hard before a long December break. With the 4th term being a shortened term, boys may only take one optional, with another on offer if you, as the parents attend the AGM.



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