



# STRACHAN HOUSE

## News



Term 3 - 2019

### HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

The third quarter of this year has been a very busy, but eventful one. Together with the privilege of seeing each boy growing into independent, exceptional young men, it has also been a term of great change within the House.

As per last terms newsletter, it was with a heavy heart that we say farewell to **Mr. N. Pillay**. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the exceptional work he has done over the last 6 years, not only in regards to developing our boys into gentlemen, but also for the enormous influence he has had on me as his Assistant Housemaster, as well as the mentors in our House. We will always be grateful for his input and guidance. We wish him well as he undertakes his new role as HOD Commerce.

Congratulations are also in order as we welcome a new member to our team, Mr. N. Duvenage. **Mr. N. Duvenage** has been appointed as the new Assistant Housemaster of Strachan House. I look forward to working with him in guiding our boys to achieve to the best of their abilities.

This term we also say goodbye to **Mrs. T. Schofield**, who, together with her husband, takes on a new position in Mpumalanga. We as Strachan House would like to thank her for the amazing contribution she has made to the House, as well as the impact she has had on the lives the boys she mentored. Her kind nature and willingness to place the needs of others above her own will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

This term also brought forth the announcement of the acting prefects and House leaders for 2020. These exceptional young men fully deserve their new roles and are to be commended for the dedication they have shown College and Strachan House over the last 4 years of their schooling career. I look forward to working with them in improving the dynamics of the House.

Apart from the inter house competitions our boys participated in this term, they have also excelled in various other sporting and cultural events. We would like to congratulate these individuals and to encourage them to maintain their efforts.

On the Outreach front, led by Mrs. W. Erasmus, Strachan House is still showing their support and commitment to the SPCA and Isabel Beardmore Old Age Home as part of our annual outreach



MR. N. PILLAY



MRS. T. SCHOFIELD



MR. N. DUVENAGE

# OUR HOUSE

## HOUSE EVENTS:

This term the boys of Strachan House have fully participated in all the House events at offer at College. Strachan House is extremely proud of our boys who formed part of the inter house play and and managed to secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of the 9 Houses which participated. The boys involved performed '**A beautiful day for a dual**', under the guidance of **H. Mewallal**. This comedy displayed the true talents of all involved, especially **S. Hutton** (*Best actor of the evening*) and **W. Hodgkinson** (*Best supporting actor of the evening*). We would like to thank H. Mewallal for taking over from B. Mothebe, as well as for his contribution and guidance, as well as to congratulate the boys who



H. Mewallal, W. Hodgkinson, S. Hutton,  
N. Mkhulise, R. Pitout

## COMPETITIONS:

As a House we have managed to improve our log position from the second term. The boys displayed great spirit and commitment during the 'Vurtis Challenge', which resulted us winning the 'Tug of war' competition. Our Junior Tennis boys also displayed great determination and managed to achieve a second position.



## OUTREACH:

Apart from the two-fold outreach program that Strachan House have embarked on this year, i.e. supporting the **SPCA** and the **Isabel Beardmore Home for the Aged**, we, as a House, have also been very fortunate to have had Mrs. Schofield and a number of our boys get involved with the Interact club (**Maritzburg College Community and 67 blankets initiative**). Mrs. Schofield, together with a number of our boys, embarked on this journey in the beginning of the year. This required a number of our boys being taught how to knit, a challenge Mrs. Schofield gladly accepted. I would like to thank Mrs. Schofield and the boys involved for embarking on this journey, which ultimately changed the lives of so many others.



# FROM THE BOYS

The following boys are to be congratulated for their achievements on the sports and cultural sphere of the school. They have achieved at a high level and are to be commended.

## RUGBY:



**D. Jacobsz** - 1<sup>st</sup> Team ('Sevens')

## CYCLING:



**M. McCleary**  
KZN Colours: Downhill & Enduro cycle



**A Mthlane** - SA U16 HP Team

## SOCCER:



**Z. Gxarisa**  
U19A Soccer – 50 caps



**K. Nene**  
U14 KZN Soccer



**T. Mthembu**  
Top goal scorer

## OTHER:



**B. Brooks**  
1<sup>st</sup> Team Soccer & Basketball



**Z. Gxarisa**  
Afrikaans production



**H. Mewalall**  
Rotary Leadership Camp





# ACTING PREFECTS AND HOUSE LEADERS 2020

## ACTING PREFECTS:



*The acting prefects for 2020 from Strachan House are:*

1. As. Zondi
2. CL. Van Rooyen
3. WR. Hodgkinson

***Congratulations boys!!***

## HOUSE LEADERS – STRACHAN HOUSE:



*The House Leaders for 2020 are:*

1. Z. Gxarisa
2. S. Ningiza
3. C. Dlamini
4. B. Brooks
5. M. Charfaray

***Congratulations boys!!***

### ***In conclusion:***

*I would like to thank the boys of Strachan House for their commitment, contribution and enthusiasm to the House this term. To each and every boy in Strachan House, thank you for all that you do. Never settle for anything less than your best, and always remember to treat others with respect.*

*On behalf of Strachan House, I wish you and your family an enjoyable and safe vacation.*

***Mr. J. Lyons (Housemaster)***

*Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.*

*Matthias Steynsiek*

