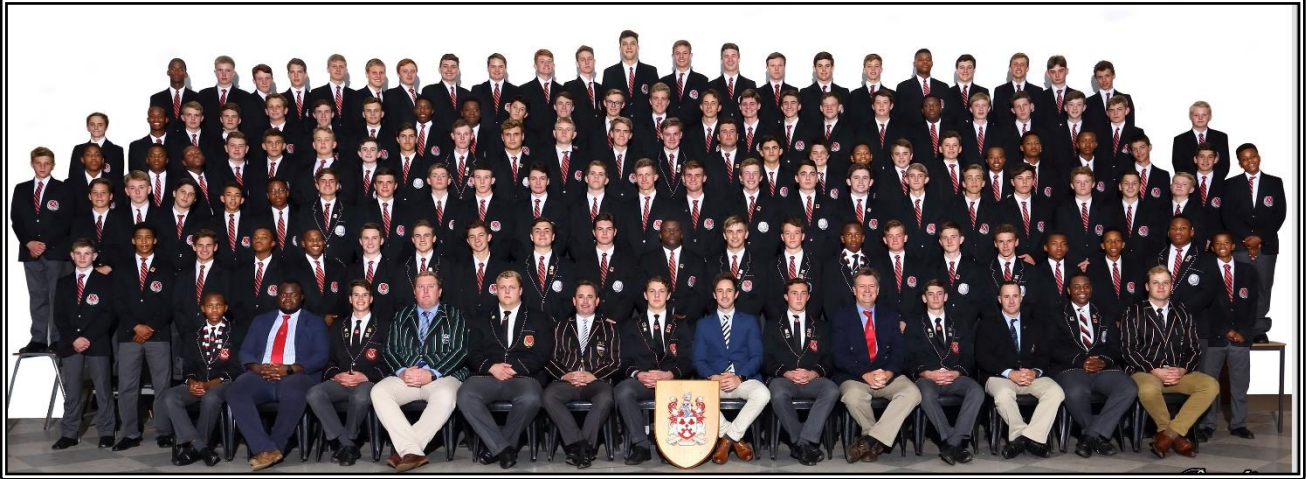




Hudson's Herald

Term 4/ 2019

'Confido et Conquiesco' — Rest in Confidence.



FROM THE HOUSEMASTER

2019, done and dusted! Another year ends, a nice long holiday begins and a new chapter starts for us all. This year has been a busy one, as we seem to always say, but as we look back we have much to be thankful for and many good memories were made. For some, they will be moving off to Elliot House and assuming new responsibilities, for others they move further along the corridor as they enter Form 4 or make their way downstairs to the 5th form area of the House. As I mentioned to these groups of boys, with more freedom and privilege, comes more responsibility. It is important that they conduct themselves in a way that the lower formers can look up to and that a clear, good example is set by them, especially as we welcome a new herd of 3rd formers at the start of the year.

It is important at a year end to take stock and evaluate how things have gone. As I reflect I have mixed emotions, for the most part, the year has gone well and the boys have grown and matured and achieved certain levels of success through the year. On the other hand, there have been some situations that have disappointed me and needed a firm hand to bring correction and boys have had to rethink their actions and deal with the consequences. Some of this has been "boys being boys" and getting up to some fun with their mates, but some has been a bit more serious. I believe there is space to improve on a number of smaller things in the House, things that concern more the fabric and make-up of the boys, their attitudes, mind-sets and responses to each other, socially and in community living.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hudson's parent community for their support and engagement during the year, as well as the way in which you are raising your boys at home. For the majority, Hudson's boys are great young men and that is testament to the values and beliefs that come from home. To those parents moving on to the Elliot House experience – enjoy!

I must thank my excellent team of Boarder Masters who carry out their duties with excellence and make my job that much easier. You, as parents, can rest assured that your boys are in good hands and that the men caring for your boys are doing so with distinction.

I wish you and your families a blessed and safe festive season. Enjoy the holiday together, it is a nice long one.

I hope you enjoy catching up on what has been happening around the House this past term.

Kyle

The end of 2019...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the **Hudson House Prefects** of 2019 for the role they played in a successful year. Their energy and attention to detail has been outstanding. They ensured that the Hudson House boys maintained a high standard and were held accountable so that the House ran smoothly and that they lived and acted in a manner that will make their House proud of them. Hudson House is a home away from home, and it would not have functioned and been all that it was without their input and guidance during the past year. We are certain that they learnt a great deal over the past 4 years and hope that they hold many fond memories of their time in Hudson House.

The prefects enjoyed a dinner at my house to celebrate the end of their journey and were presented with Hudson House ties, a new tradition.



Hudson House Prefects - 2019



THE CAPTAIN...



It is not easy for an 18-year-old boy to embrace all the roles which the Head of House position brings. Leading 120 boys and 5 prefects is no easy task! As well as being one of the Deputy Heads of School. Raw has led his prefect team with confidence and strength, and led by example. He guided the House and set a tone which can be followed for years to come and I strongly believe this group of prefects have raised the bar. He had to discipline, reprimand, sometimes raise his voice, encourage, praise and be a comfort to many boys. This is no easy task as he had to go about his normal 6th form year of academics, sport and the other prefect responsibilities he had. All this, whilst he had to deal with his own personal misfortune when he had such a serious neck injury. However, this certainly did not slow him down or make him take his foot off the pedal. His strength of character is something that has challenged and encouraged me. He doesn't like the words 'no', but he is willing to listen and reason. He backs himself and his opinion, probably more than most do. But his mature approach to leadership has allowed him to take his team, and the House, forward this year. I have enjoyed our conversations through the year and our debates over a few issues, but none more than the football banter, as his biggest downfall is that he is a Manchester United fan... Kei, thank you for making a difference. Thank you for taking the lead. Thank you for being a remarkable Head of House.

The New Captain in the Cabin...

At the Passing of the Drum Ceremony this term, Kaid Morsink was appointed as Head of Hudson House for 2020. The announcement was well received by the boys and staff of Hudson's. Kaid is a product of Izotsha Primary School and lives in Shelly Beach down the South Coast. This year he played 1st team rugby and waterpolo. He is admired by his peers for his genuine nature, loyalty and friendship. He is an approachable boy who has an even temperament. We have no doubt that these qualities will equip him to lead the House with confidence in 2020. During his 4 years at College he has gained the respect from his peers and the boys in higher and lower forms than him, which shows his maturity and kind nature.

Kei Raw, outgoing Head of House, handed over the keys to "Captain's Cabin", the Blazer that is symbolic of the Hudson's Head of House, as well as the shirt which hangs in the dorm which has been signed by each Head of House for the past few decades. (pictured right)



Below is a picture of our Leaders in the BE for 2020 (Left to Right):

Reece Price, Head of Elliot House

Thabo Mbatha, Senior Prefect & Head of Shepstone House

Kaid Morsink, Senior Prefect & Head of Hudson House

Payton Elliot, Head of Clark House

James Muggleton, Head of Nathan House



Zusiphe Gxarisa was selected as one of the Shouting Captains for 2020. He is pictured above in the white blazer after the Passing of the Drum ceremony with Kaid and James.





Hudson's will have eight prefects for 2020, each one doing duties in the House and ensuring it functions well. Each prefect will have a particular form to look after with a focus on discipline and a pastoral role. Pictured below from left to right; Campbell van Rooyen, Henry Trodd, Kaid Morsink, Hayden Askew, Arno Heydenrych, Corben Stubbs, Rorke Anderson and Naledi Mndaweni.

Nathan House Crew...



Four Hudson's Prefects will make their way across to Nathan House in 2020 where they will take up duty and fly the Hudson's flag in the important roles as Nathan House Prefects. Whilst they leave the walls of the House—they are but ambassadors on other fronts. We wish them well and our support in their vital roles next year as they welcome the new boarders to the school and ensure that they settle into College and learn the ways of BE.

Pictured above Left to Right: James Muggleton (Head of House), Matt Veenstra, Oliver Beauclerk and Matthew Smith.

Boarders of the Year...

The Boarder of the Year Award is voted for by the boys in each form. They vote for and choose a candidate for displaying qualities that are the essence of a Hudson's boy: "for displaying camaraderie, loyalty, friendship, commitment and achievement".

The 2020 recipients were;

FORM 3: James Laurens



Form 4: Mpendulo Dube



Form 5: Kaid Morsink

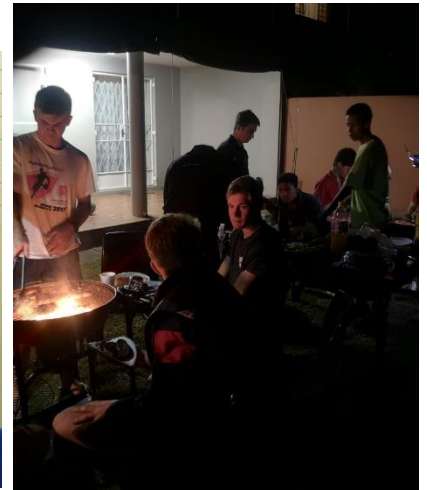


Ethan March was presented **his Old Boys Tie** by Mr Brandon Swart. Ethan is emigrating to Australia and so leaves us at the end of his 4th form year. Mr Swart encouraged Ethan to do his best to return for his class' 10 year Reunion and to wear his Old Boys tie on a Thursday, a tradition held by many an Old Collegian.



Mentorship...

Many of our boys were treated to braais, hot chocolate and even some PlayStation by their boarder mentors. Each boarder master is assigned a mentor group and it was great to see them find some time, in a busy term, to press pause and relax around a braai.



Rugby World Cup Final

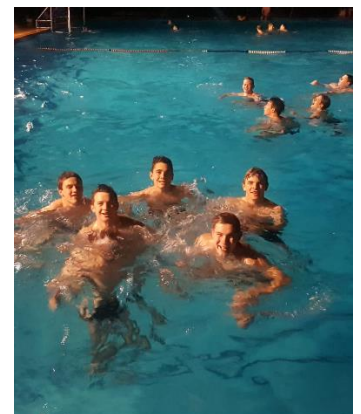
Boys that were in for the weekend watched the game in the Olivier Cultural Centre.



Some of our boys were lucky enough to go down to Durban to see the Springboks on their Trophy Tour



We had a lot of rain, and we had a lot of heat. From night swims to duck-diving to soccer and touch on Barns under flood lights.... We did our best to keep the boys busy and happy despite the weather.



Kenosis Community Trust



A group of 9 boys from Hudson House visited Kenosis one afternoon this term where we handed the money over which we raised for them from the Amashova Bike Race. We raised an incredible R19 310! Thank you again to all who so generously contributed towards this initiative. A fun yet hotly contested soccer match ensued. I look forward to launching our Outreach Program with Kenosis next year.



GENERAL

Please could parents note the following:

- The first term starts on Wednesday 15 January 2019. Boarders must all return **by 19:00 on Tuesday 14 January 2019.**
- The first weekend of the year, 17 - 19 January, we be a closed weekend for all boarders.
- The Free Weekend in the 1st Term is 14 – 16 February.
- Winter Sports begin on the 2nd of March, with the first fixture vs Northwood on the 14th of March.
- Term 1 ends on the 20th of March.
- Please ensure that boy's hair is according to school regulation upon their return – boys who return with incorrect hair will receive a 'number 4' on the first night, no exceptions.

