# Elliott House Term 1 2020 Newsletter

**MARCH 2020** 

### Dear parents

The 1st term has truly been a very busy time for Maritzburg College. The Elliott House boarders of 2020 settled in well and their behavior for the most part has been exemplary.

We are in the fortunate position to have a team of exceptional boarder masters. Messrs. Snyman, Bosch, Botha, Sparrow, Duvenage, Swart and Els have proven to be a profound component of the Elliott House structure and I would like to thank them for their diligence and hard work throughout the past term. A special mention to Mr Bosch Jr who has been toiling away to find means of making our boarding infrastructure more digitally advanced. His efforts are greatly appreciated.

# Mentoring 2020

This year we have decided to call mentoring "core-group" meetings where boardermasters meet with their core group on a termly basis. The boys have the night off with their core group leader where they braai and a manly skill is transferred to the boys. So far Mr Duvenage has met with his group and taught them how to make a camp light from raw materials. Mr Bosch showed the boys how to knock in a nail with the correct technique and Mr Sparrow indulged in his culinary expertise and marinated and prepared some meat with his boys. I have received great feedback from the boys and masters alike, so we have decided to make this a termly activity. The boys still set academic and co-curricular goals which is then collated by their Core group leader. The Core group leader will then do his best to help his group members to achieve these goals.

# Elliott House RCL 2020

Our RCL have also done a sterling job this term in assisting the boarder masters with their respective duties and taking initiative. The RCL has given the 6th form boarder a voice and a means to express the needs and desires of the Elliott House men. Reece Price is the Elliott's Head of House. Ben Jackson and William Horn have been elected as deputies.





LEFT: The Elliott House

RCL: R Price, B Jackson, W Horn

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## **Formal Dinner**

On Tuesday the 10th of March 2020 we held our termly formal dinner where our Heads and Deputy heads of house were formally acknowledged and inducted. Mrs Lawson and her staff once again outdid themselves and prepared a lovely meal for the boys to enjoy one last time before the end of term.

#### Holiday and Corona Virus update

As you all may have read in various forms of correspondence school will be closed until the 13th of April. Please stay up to date by checking notices around the COVID-19 CRISIS on the D6 if there is any uncertainty.

This term has been very taxing and we are hoping that the boys get an opportunity to rest well and come back rejuvenated for the 2nd term. The winter sports term is normally where the school comes to life and we hope to see that vigor and zest for College boarding life on their return. May you and your loved ones have a wonderful break and may you get countless opportunities to spend quality time with your families.

Best Wishes Ļ

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LEFT: Photos from our formal dinner.