



# Hudson's Herald

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*'Confido et Conquiesco' — Rest in Confidence.*



## FROM THE HOUSEMASTER

The first term of the year often finds boys in new environments, new niches and uncertain areas where they are trying to understand where they fit in to the bigger picture of the school and BE. They usually don't take too long to settle in and find their way, but amongst all of this the boys must keep going as the year gets off to a busy start.

This year has been a unique start in many ways. From our water problems, to no electricity and the generator failing, to COVID-19... The boys have certainly had to deal with real issues and be true to their resolve to overcome the challenges they have faced. The life-lessons, opportunities and set-backs they encounter during these years will, I am certain, help turn them into young men of influence. What is important is that they learn from these experiences and learn valuable life-lessons from them; life-lessons that would contribute to their emotional intelligence. Amongst these external issues they face, they will also have many internal and social conflicts to navigate through. They will have conflict with their peers, have disappointments, face frustrations and through all of this they will develop confidence and self-worth as they figure things out during their teenage years. Loving your child means guiding them, protecting them and supporting them. It doesn't mean smothering them and over-protecting them so that they cannot cope with challenges. But, they certainly do need your support and for you to reinforce that which makes you proud of them.

In the last few days there has been much said about the crisis we face as a country and as an entire world. This affects us all and in many different ways. It will take a huge commitment from us all and I encourage you to show your sons hope. Do your best to cultivate hope and positivity during an uncertain time and embrace the moment we are in with the gravity it deserves. It is important for us to help our boys appreciate the conditions of those less fortunate than themselves. Our inconvenience of not being at school, having functions cancelled or not being able to play sport, these pale into insignificance when compared to the struggle that many will face in the coming weeks. As we enter this period I encourage you and your family to approach it wholeheartedly and allow it to be a learning opportunity for us all. We do not know how long we will be off from school or how long the social distancing will be in place but it is a great opportunity to spend time as a family; cooking a meal, playing board games or taking a walk together.

Enjoy reading through the newsletter and have I hope you have an enjoyable holiday.

**Kyle Emerson**



# FORMAL DINNER

In the second to last week we had our Formal Dinner. It was a great occasion and I wanted to share the 3 speeches that were made on the night with you. I have attached the accompanying power point presentation to the email that went out for you to view. I asked former Hudson House boys to send a video of encouragement and to share a memory or two of the House with the boys. Unfortunately, I cannot share the videos with you but the boys certainly enjoyed them.

## Housemaster's Address

You boys that live in Hudson House, know what a special House it is and none more so than the 5<sup>th</sup> formers and prefects sitting here. The reason I say that is it seems that the longer you spend in it, the more the fabric of the House and the history of the people that have gone before you start to take over a piece of your heart.

Some of you may have watched the cricket on Saturday, between the Proteas and Australia. Can anyone tell me why this was significant for us?

Not only 2 College Old Boys, but two Hudson House Old Boys were playing. Dave Miller and Darryn Dupavillon. And interestingly enough, Dupavillon took his first International wicket in his first spell, and it was caught by Dave Miller. 2 Hudson House boys combining on one of the biggest stages.

In 2016 we had 6 Hudson House boys compete in the Hockey Junior World Cup together. And more recently, we currently have 9 OC's in the Olympic squad for the SA Men's Hockey team, 8 of whom are Hudson House boys. Any one of them could be attending the World's biggest Sporting Event....

Why do I tell you this? Not to brag about Hudson House or show you the great sportsman we as a school have produced..... The reason I tell you these stories is that Hudson House isn't just about these 3 years, and where your bed is situated. It isn't just about where you do prep or how many bolts you may or may not accumulate. Its more than the fact that you follow a routine every day and that you may not be so stoked with the bloke sleeping next to you... Being in Hudson House is a chapter of your life that you must not overlook. It is my job, and those of the boarder masters and prefects, to ensure that when you enter these walls in 3<sup>rd</sup> form, and you leave them in 5<sup>th</sup> form or a year later as a prefect, that you are a young man of influence who has made a difference. But more importantly, that you will go on and make a bigger difference in the next chapter of your life. The boys that share your dorm or prep room, or sometimes irritate you in the dining room or whilst waiting for the showers, those are the guys that you are going to remember and believe it or not, miss the most. College has had many high achievers of the past few decades, and Hudson House can certainly claim some of these. I got in touch with some of them, and asked them to share a few words with us this evening.

The reason I wanted to share these with you, is that it is important for you to realise that there is so much waiting for you once you leave these walls. I know most of these were sportsman, and there are plenty other past Hudson House boys who have been successful in other areas of business or commerce or the cultural scene, but you need to make sure that you align your goals with what you are passionate about. I can promise you some of these lads that were on the screen, never dreamt they would be where they are now when they were younger lads like you sitting here now. But look how far they have come. The years you are here at College and in Hudson's are your formative years, where we want to ensure that you get a head start with good life lessons, that your character is refined and that you make friends for life.

## Deputy Housemaster's Address

When Mr. Emerson gave me the opportunity to talk to you guys, I spent some time thinking about what I was going to say. Mr. Emerson's idea of getting past Hudson's boys who have excelled on the sports field, to send through some words of wisdom, got me thinking about what inspires me.

Motivation cannot be forced onto you, is not a switch that you can turn on and off when you need it. Rather, motivation is something that is always around us, regardless of where you are. Motivation and Inspiration are two very similar concepts...

Let me give you an example of what I'm talking about. When I call your name, please stand up.

Junior Mndaweni: Junior chose to step down from one of the most recognizable positions to hold at Maritzburg College because you recognized that academics were more important to you.

That might seem like an easy-out excuse to most of you, but as Albert Einstein said "strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value"

Ayaka Mthalane: Upon his recent induction into the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey side, he proposed a bet that if he can score a goal every game for the entire hockey season, he could take the Ranger for a spin and have my South African tracksuit.

As crazy as it may seem, unambitious people have never achieved anything. That's the type of confidence that wins million dollar deals in business. Your passion and enthusiasm is captivating.

Josh Glyn-Cuthbert: You spend your days reminding me of a Jack Russell... you never stop running, you make more noise than most and your never-dying enthusiasm for adventure and hard work, inspires me every morning, because I know that at 5am you'll be waiting at the gate for training.

Wosiyana and baby Mkhize: All it took was Heydenrych and the gang of prefects, to bring out the crazy in these two guys... you guys inspire me with how your quiet demeanours are quickly transformed when you are in a happy space, so as a message to everyone, never underestimate how important you are to someone else's happiness.

Mr Nevay: Mr Dorling's cigarettes have more of a filter on them than you do, but that is what makes you, you. Your ability to speak your mind is a skill very few possess. Very few people say what they feel, because they are scared of ridicule and what other people may think of them. Thank you for inspiring our boys to have the freedom to speak freely.

Never doubt your ability to inspire someone, because if you are true to yourself and strive to be the best possible version of yourself, there is no doubt that that will inspire someone else to do the same.

Mr van der Walt

## Head of House Address

Good evening Mr Luman, Mr Kyle, Mr Emerson, Boarder masters, fellow prefects and men of Hudson House.

Brotherhood is an association or community of people linked by a common interest. In Hudson House we have a common interest! We are interested in hierarchy of this school being upheld, we are interested in how our first teams perform every weekend! We are interested in each other's journey as college boys! We take the pride and initiative to learn for our team testing, we run where we supposed to run, jog where we supposed to jog, talk where we can talk, and why do we do all of this, is because of the pride and passion these 157 years has dented into our resilient bodies!

To 3rd form, you guys started the year off really well, fulfilling your duties to the correct standard, although some of you got into the prefects and masters bad paths these past 2 weeks, you were able to overcome those and improve! Don't lose that respect and the dignity of what a Hudson House boy should be like!

4th form, you guys like to cross the boundaries sometimes, trying to pull the wool over us prefects, but always end up coming second best! Your mischievous behaviour will always give us a laugh! Keep up the work and start to work hard on your academics from now!

5th form! You men are the leaders of this house, 3rd and 4th form look up to you individually and you don't actually understand the impact you can make by something so small! You guys have achieved many things this term already from academic honours and colours to first team sports, you guys can be proud, but never stop working and grafting for anything that you have set your eyes on!

Thank you to Mr Emerson and his Team for all the support and laughter they input into these walls! Nights of Mr Nevay's words of wisdom and the smile of Mr Musasiwa when he gives his punishment will always be remembered! Without you Masters, this house would not be able to run efficiently so thank you for all you do for us and the house

Thank you to my fellow prefects for all the work and commitment they have put into this house! Without you gents, I don't know what would be the procedure and I think the masters would have a tough time too!

Enjoy the rest of your dinner and hope you enjoy the time with your fellow brothers.

Kaid Morsink



# Outreach; Kenosis Community Trust

Many of you will remember we began our Outreach Programme last year with Kenosis Community Trust. I believe it is important for our boys to look outwardly, and not just worry about themselves, even at a young age. I would like to create a few easy opportunities for the boys to interact with the kids from Kenosis, whose ages range from 8 to 20, and opportunities to contribute or serve the Kenosis Community.

Last year we raised money for Kenosis and took some of our boys to play in a soccer match at their site, which the boys really enjoyed. We would like to start an Easter Egg donation for Kenosis and then take it out to them early in the term. I'm sure they will be excited to play some soccer with our boys again.

Pictured below is the group after playing soccer at Kenosis last year.



# Obstacle Course Champions!!



Pictured on the left is the Obstacle Course Team that won the Challenge on the first weekend of the year. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row that the Hudson House Team has been the quickest through the Course. We certainly have the bragging rights!...



# First Sunday

