



Barns House News



Term 4 - 2021

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

2021 was a year where true grit, determination and character was called for. The Barns house boys answered this call with distinction. The boys went far beyond the call of duty to help and support each other and other boys. I am truly proud of each of them.

The 6th form, led by Captain C Baldrey and Vice-captain L Biyela lead the way with care and compassion; not just taking care of their peers but also of the new 2nd formers. Their actions spoke louder than words and 2nd formers have a great respect for each of them. Young men, the example you set and the humility you showed was something to behold. Our prefects, C Versfeld, L Tyler, D Botha, and house leaders S Khuzwayo, S Goebel, B Tarr, M Pearson and K Hope-Johnstone displayed true servant leadership. You certainly have all the qualities that represent the character and values of our house.

A group from Barns House went to the SPCA to offer their service to clean. Many boys also contributed with food and blankets.

Later in the year a collection was made for the Mental Health Society and all the boys again responded with vigour.

Although there were more inter-house competitions this year in comparison to last year, unfortunately we ended up in the last position. It is a situation that the new leaders under K Mthimkhulu and S Maharaj are eager to rectify.

I also faced a difficult year personally, therefore more responsibilities fell on my assistant, Mr S Botha and the mentors Mr B Dodd, Mr E Rajah, Mrs D Gademan, Mrs L Mtembu and Ms A Phillips. When I express my gratitude toward them, words fall far short. I appreciate each of them so much.

Every year I am even more overwhelmed by the quality of young men in this house and the support from my mentors. It is truly an honour and a privilege to be the House master of Barns House!

Mrs Mary-Ann Rembold



OUR HOUSE

HOUSE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

In a home filled with a lot of red, black and white you will find boys who bleed a bit of blue. What an honour and privilege it is to be amongst those young men and even more so, to be able to serve them as their new House Captain for the year 2022.

2018 Head Prefect, Ntuthuko Mchunu once said, "No man ever grew a good crop by simply sitting around and expecting the good crops to plant themselves. Hours were put in: early mornings, late nights and sacrifices were made to make sure only the best crops are produced." I know without a shadow of a doubt that each of Barns men have done exactly that and have done themselves and the House proud in some way this year: be it by moving up a place in their Form, receiving an award or by merely receiving a green slip for good conduct at some point in the year.

Thank you to our five mentors, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Rajah, Ms. Phillips, Mrs. Gademan and Mrs. Mtembu for the commitment which they have put into the growth and wellbeing of the boys of Barns house and for especially being parents and role models to all these young men, during a year where anxiety and uncertainty was at its most high. A special thank you to Mrs Rembold and Mr Botha for all their commitment and work put in to ensure that Barn's House is kept afloat and that it remains the best house in every aspect even during its darkest days.

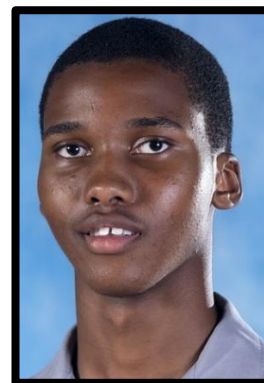
The leaders of 2018 to 2021 have set the bar high and the leaders of 2022 will give it our all to ensure that we keep raising the standard.

I am extremely excited to share my "Last Dance" at Maritzburg College as the House Captain of Barns, with Maharaj as Vice-Captain, Abramia as prefect, Mfeka, Laurens, Goebel, Campbell and Fulton as House leaders, as well as a group of exceptional young men representing the 6th Form of 2022.

I am certain that 2022 will be a year that will go in the history books as the year that Barn's House flourishes more than it ever has before. On behalf of the newly appointed leaders of Barns House, I would like to wish you the best of holidays. I trust that we will start the year 2022 with the drive to take our prestigious blue house to even greater heights.

Acta, Non Verba

K Mthimkhulu



VICE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I am extremely honoured to have been elected as the 2022 Barns House Vice-Captain.

I would like to thank all the boys and staff for granting me this opportunity. Thank you, Mrs. Rembold and Mr. Botha for the great effort you put into Barns House. Thank you, 6th Form of 2021 for your perseverance through lock-down and for your immense contribution to the successes of Barns House. I wish you the best for the future.

I am excited to work with our new Barns House Captain, House-leaders and all the Barns House 6th Form, this coming year. The unity that we have built together as 6th Form of 2022, will without a doubt carry Barns House to great heights.

I believe that working together is the key to working forward. Although lockdown has put many of us at unease, we will strive to rebuild the fortitude and unity within the boys of Barns House. The achievement of our goals will bring everyone together, create strength and better prepare us for the future of the House.

I firmly believe that the year ahead will be one to remember.

Shrivar Maharaj



FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF '21

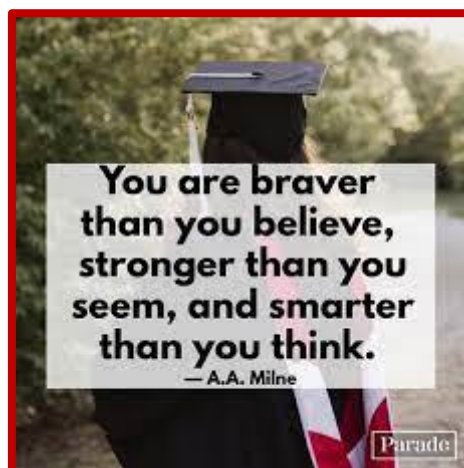


Front row: Mrs L Mtembu; Mrs D Gademan; Mrs M Rembold; C Baldrey (Captain); Mr S Botha; Miss A Phillips; Mr E Rajah

2nd row: R Patterson; K Thwala; L Tyler; L Biyela (Vice Captain); D Botha; C Versfeld; T Chili; T Patel

3rd row: T Maphasa; S Khuzwayo; C Naidoo; B Tarr; Q Mkhize; K Hope-Johnstone; M Akoo; M Pearson

4th row: W Jelf; F Johnstone; S Goebel; B Cotterrell; M Mouton; M Shaw





PRIZE WINNERS '21

Congratulations to the following boys who were awarded prizes at the final Prize Giving Ceremony.

Sport and Cultural awards.

Chess Player of the year.

AS Mfeka



Most improved Player in the 1st Hockey Team

C Fulton



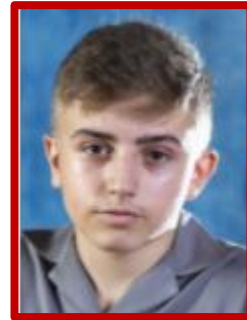
Most improved player in the 1st Soccer Team

G Mentory



Most committed player in the 1st Soccer Team

M Horstead



Most improved Squash player.

S Maharaj



Academic Awards

Merit awards

2nd form

E Mitewu



C Mundell



Academic Awards

Merit awards

2nd form (continued)

J Thackwray

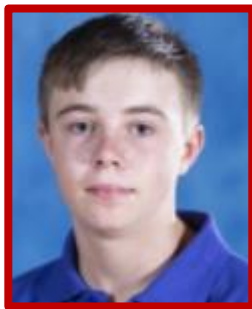


3rd Form

G Egberink



S Norton



4th Form

L Du Toit



K Steele



Merit Certificate and the prize for isiZulu

M Madlala



5th Form

Merit certificate and the prize for isiZulu

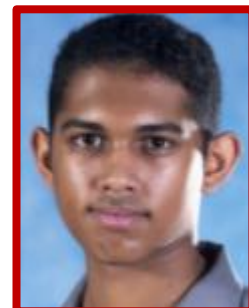
K Mthimkhulu



Merit Certificate, the prizes for English,
Information Technology & Mathematics .

First in Form 5

T Abramia

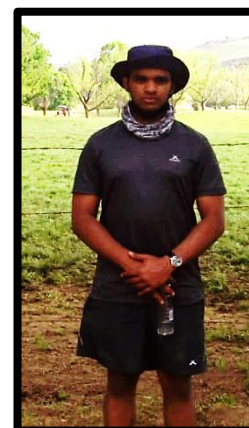
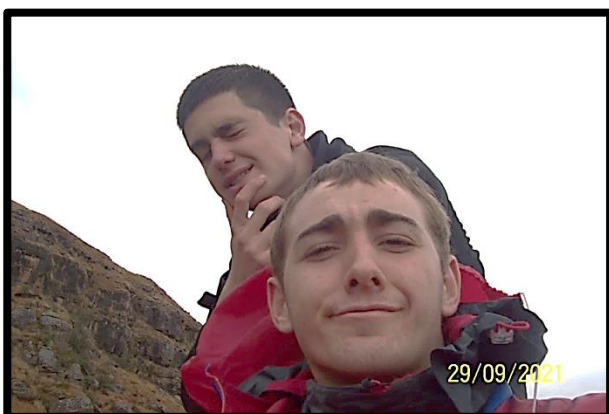


HOUSE EVENTS

4th FORM CAMP AT COBHAM

*"The mountains tranquil
And eternity behind
Now tyranny slaved."*

Z Desebrook



4th FORM CAMP

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"True friendship comes when the silence between two people is comfortable."

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28/09/2021



3rd FORM CAMP

The camp was a great success, considering the current COVID situation and the fact that things had to be done “differently” this year. Although this was the case, the overall objective of the camp was achieved, and we had a gruelling yet rewarding three days.

On the first day, the Barns boys showed an amazing sense of teamwork. The first task that the boys were assigned with was to navigate themselves to base camp and along the way find clues(words) to build up their arsenal of items to receive once they get to camp (i.e., the boys had to find words that had points allocated to them, and a certain number of points would award them specific items). The boys quickly came together and devised a plan so that they could gather enough points to have food, cooldrink and desert. The boys of Barns house showed incredible commitment and managed to gather over 200 points, which meant that they could afford all the items they wanted and didn't have to sleep on RICE alone that night.

On the second day, the theme was GRIT. The task was to relocate to our second camp site and this required the boys to embark on a journey infamously known as BOYS TO MEN (that's because the climb up the mountain will turn any boy to a man!). Although the second day did not require boys to travel in their house groups, the Barns boys still stuck together and assisted and motivated each other up the hill.

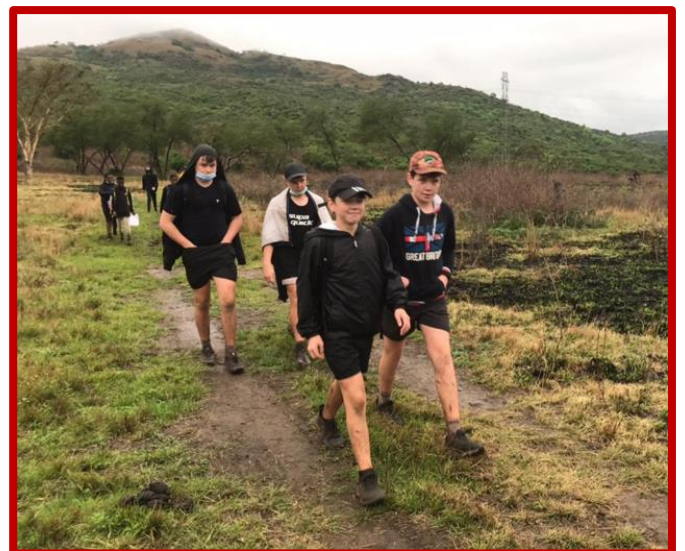
On the final day, the boys were tasked to come up with a war cry and cook an egg using the most basic of materials (8 logs and a firelighter with a few matches). The boys once again pulled ahead of the group, managing to come up with an innovative war cry and cooked their egg in record time.

The trip back to school was quieter than the trip to the camp, as the boys were worn out, however they all felt a sense of fulfilment, knowing that they had tackled all activities with enthusiasm, stuck together, never fought once, and built their brotherhood.



3rd FORM CAMP

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2nd FORM CAMP

The Form 2 camp provided an amazing experience, combined with constant engagement in various activities, which reflected their true brotherhood as college boys. This camp also imbibes new skills and develops their general knowledge of several issues. Rock climbing activities were part of the adventure. It added the thrill of physical engagement to the event.



2nd FORM CAMP

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“It has been another challenging, but blessed year for College and Barns House. We wish you all a very blessed Christmas, a reviving and joyous holiday season and we look forward to welcoming our boys back in 2022.”

Barns House Leadership team

