



# Snow House News



Term 4 - 2021

## HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

Snow house has been through a disruptive time, as is the norm with people moving on to better things and some being blessed with retirement. With this in mind massive changes had to happen in the House, which were for the good reasons. With Mrs Landsberg reaching her retirement age, after so many years serving College, we welcomed Mr Orton as our new mentor. We would like to express our gratitude to Mrs Landsberg for her time and all the good things she did for the house. Her contributions were always of great value to Snow House. We salute her for her magnificent job and wish her a well-deserved break with her family at home.



Mrs Landsberg delivering her farewell speech

Mr Patterson was promoted to HOD of discipline. With him being moved to a new environment, it was time for me to take over the house as a Housemaster. A big thank you to Mr Patterson for all he did for the house and driving it to where it is today. We wish him a good and long stay in his new position.

One change led to another, as we welcomed Mr Croeser as our Assistant Housemaster. We are very happy to have him on board with his technology skills, that will help the house going forward.

At the end of this year, sadly, we are going to be bidding farewell to Mr Musasiwa as he is relocating back to Zimbabwe. His contributions will forever be missed in the house as well as the great relationship that he created with his S5 mentor class. I am confident, in saying, that his mentor class will miss him dearly. We wish Mr Musasiwa a good stay in his new carrier he is about to pursue.



The House captains, leaders and 6<sup>th</sup> formers are thanked for their contributions this year. We wish you well heading out into your next journey.

We eagerly anticipate 2022's leadership and wish them all the very best in their new roles. With such enthusiastic bunch we are sure to have a great year ahead of us.

Simelane has done us proud as he represented the province in Cricket, as well as many other boys. Well done to all of you.

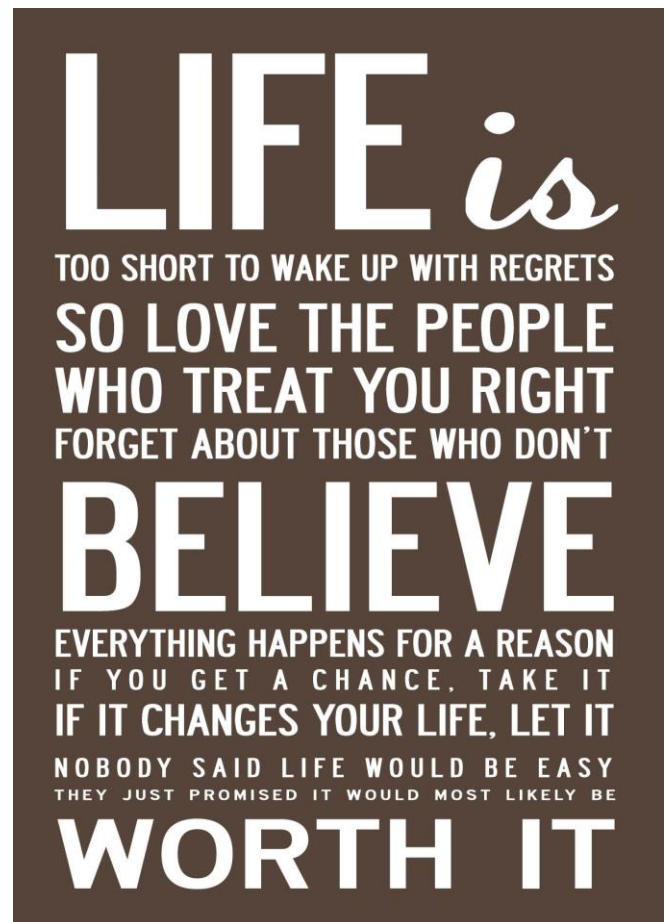
On the academic front, Snow house has repeatedly been represented in the top 10 for each form. With Declan Pillay in 4<sup>th</sup> form particularly excelled, as he claimed the first place in the grade. We would also like to thank Roux in 4<sup>th</sup> form who claimed 4<sup>th</sup> place, Moodley 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Naidoo in the 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This bodes well for our future.

As is our plan to have our boys motivated now and then, we have managed to invite B Smith and N Ngcobo (Old Boys) of 2014 and 2015 respectively who spoke very well to our boys. We thank them for their positive contributions to our boys.

On a final note I would like to challenge the house for 2022 to 'Redeem the Time'. Our time is valuable and precious, and we must make it count. "Life is like a notebook. Two pages are already written by God. First page is Birth. The last page is Death. Centre pages are empty. So, fill them with Smile and Love". Remember, life is beautiful, one day, one hour and one minute, will not come again in your entire life. Avoid fights, anger and speak lovely to every person.

Enjoy a well-deserved break.

Mr SJ MHLONGO



# OUR HOUSE

## Crunch Time!

On the 4 November, Ncedo Ngcobo (OC 2015), spoke to the house about how it is crunch time. That in sport the 4th quarter is when it counts, and that this is when



legends are made. The final stretch is when it all counts. Make it a successful one. Tell your friends it's the last stretch. Remove all distractions. Tell them it's crunch time this when legends are made. Be prepared. The 3 quarter may have been good or may have been bad. But that does not matter. The final quarter is when it matters. Be ready for the examinations and make them count.



## Outreach: Mental Health Awareness

In support of Mental Health Awareness Month this October, Maritzburg College initiated our Green Ribbon project aimed at increasing mental health awareness and working towards breaking down stigma.

Our boys and staff donned green ribbons - the international symbol for mental health awareness, to show those around us that we care about their mental health.

Maritzburg College staff and boys came together and raised over R8500, which was donated to the Pietermaritzburg Mental Health Society, a well-established non-profit organisation in its 76th year of operating which is a beacon of hope for persons with psychosocial and intellectual disability.

As the Maritzburg College community we commend the work done by Pietermaritzburg Mental Health Society and look forward to working together with the organisation in the future.

#collegecare  
#moveformentalhealth



# FROM THE BOYS

## Speech Day and Validictory Service 2021

During the Annual Speech day, Asphile Zungu, received the prize for first in grade for Music, as well as Honours for Choir. He has worked incredibly hard to get there, and will never stop working, as it's his passion and it's what he wants to do with his life. He also performed a very impressive rendition of Nessun Dorma, and had many people in the audience in tears and received a standing ovation.



Congratulations are also extended to TJ Guise-Brown who was awarded The Val Harley Trophy for Creative Writing and Academic Colours and Scarf.

## #Futureleaders

During the annual Passing of the Drum Ceremony, held on the 29 October, our house leaders, house captains and vice captains for the house were named. These young men are given various portfolios and assist the housemaster and staff in running the houses on a daily basis. Congratulations go to the following boys:

Wade Pillay (Captain and Prefect)  
Shaylin Pillay (Vice-Captain)  
Ezra Everton (Leader)  
Thandazani Sithole (Leader)  
Gareth Westerdale (Leader)  
Kuhann van den Berg (Leader)



From L-R: Ezra Everton, Gareth Westerdale, Mr S Mhlongo (Housemaster), Kuhann Van Den Berg, Mr N Croeser (Assistant Housemaster), Thandazani Sithole, Shaylin Pillay



From L-R: Shaylin Pillay (VC), Mr S Mhlongo (Housemaster), W Pilly (C)

Congratulations are to also be extended to Joshua Munn who was appointed as Deputy Head Prefect and head of Clark House in the boarding establishment.

To be appointed as a College Prefect is one of the highest honours that the school can bestow upon a pupil, and along with the honour, comes accountability and responsibility. These boys have endured a rigorous process to achieve this honour and they would not have been appointed without the wider College's pupil and support of the house.



### Top Ten Term 3 and Good Report Tea

Congratulations to the following boys for finishing in the Top Ten for academics in Term 3:

Milan Naidoo (Form 2, 7<sup>th</sup> place)

Ethan Moodley (Form 3, 8<sup>th</sup> place)

Declan Pillay (Form 4, 1<sup>st</sup> place)

Gerhard Roux (Form 4, 7<sup>th</sup> place)

These young men were celebrated for their achievements at the termly Good Report Tea.



(Pictured from L-R: G Roux, D Pillay, M Naidoo)

### Prize Giving 2021

On 03 December our annual prize giving was held and our top achievers in culture, sports and academics were acknowledged. Congratulations to the following boys who received the following awards:

#### Individual Sport Trophies

AO Simelane (Form 4) was awarded The Oscar Servant Trophy for Best All-Round Cricketer in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

#### Academic Prize Winners

Merit certificates were awarded to the following boys:

M Naidoo (Form 2), ER Moodley (Form 3), O Osman (Form 4), S Osman and W Pillay (Form 5)

#### Subject Prizes

G Roux was awarded with a Merit Certificate, the Prize for Afrikaans and the Prize for Third in 4<sup>th</sup> Form.

D Pillay was awarded with a Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Accounting, English, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Science and the Prize for First in 4<sup>th</sup> Form.

### Awards 2021

Over the course of Term 3 and 4 a number of our boys received various different awards for their academic, cultural and sporting endeavours. A hearty congratulations to the following boys:

#### Form 6

AM Dick – Large White Badge, Canoeing

BS Finlayson – Colours, Ensemble

CJ McKean – Colours, Hockey

DC Mumby – Tie, Academics

AS Thengwayo – Tie, Academics

CN Trodd – Tie, Academics

J White – Lapel Badge, Ensemble and Tie, Academics

C Williamson – Large White Badge, Rugby

### **Form 5**

SRK Arnold – Colours, Cross Country

## **Farewell House Leaders 2022**

Finally, I would like to bid our house leaders of 2021 a fond farewell and to thank them for all their hard work this past year. I wish them every success as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday and a happy Christmas and blessed New Year.

Mr N Croeser (Assistant Housemaster)