



**CLARK HOUSE 2023 | END OF TERM 1 NEWSLETTER**



There is a saying that states, "a parent is only as happy as their unhappiest child.". Each and every boy in Clark House must flourish. We're not interested in mere survival or simply getting by. We want each boy to live up to his God-given potential. This can only happen in an environment which is conducive to growth. Therefore, it has been a priority this term to ensure that such an environment is in place in Clark House. This cannot be done merely by creating a set of rules by which the boys must abide by. Rules are necessary, but rules without relationship and passion for the house will only become a source of discontent. Rules are far easier to follow if we understand the heart behind them. Meeting in our core groups is one place where relationships can be built between boys and masters, another is around a fire. The core group dinners this term were a wonderful success and has been a good starting point for fostering healthy relationships amongst the Clark House brotherhood. Creating an environment that has order and consistency is key to an environment in which boys feel safe and can express themselves. This does at times mean we need to show some tough love. We don't do this for the sake of making life difficult for the boys, but with the bigger picture in mind—for each boy to learn, to grow, and to flourish.

**– Mr. Kelvin Elder (Housemaster)**



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## *Important dates to remember for Term 2:*

- 11 April** – Boarders return.
- 12 April** – Start of term 2.
- 27/01 May** – Free weekend.
- 13 May** – Reunion day vs Westville.
- 19 May** – Mr. RD Clark's birthday.
- 20/21 May** – Free weekend.
- 30 May** – Mid-year exams start.
- 23 June** – Term 2 ends.



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## **DID SOMEONE SAY, 'NEW COMMON ROOM'?**

And NO, this is not it.....It's way cooler!

There has been much excitement regarding the new common room. This project is one that I strongly felt about when I took over Clarks as housemaster. I envisioned an area where boys can go kick their feet up and forget about all the pressures they face daily. An area for ALL to get together, and spend some quality time, be it in the capacity of a 3<sup>rd</sup> former or a mnumzane of the house, a prefect. An area which they don't have and so deserve.

This would not be possible if Mr. Emerson did not share my vision. Thank you, Sir, for the role you played in making this a reality. The boys and I are extremely grateful for your support.

The unveiling will take place in week 2 of term 2!



## DEPARTING DEPUTY HOUSEMASTER 2023 – Mr. Claude Pitout

Mr. Pitout will, unfortunately, be leaving College as he seeks new opportunities elsewhere. Mr.

Pitout was not only a mentor to the boys but became a good friend of mine and someone I could always rely on. He went above and beyond in ensuring his responsibilities are taken care of and that the boys' well-being and development are prioritized. He has a wise head on such young shoulders and will undoubtedly make a success no matter the destination. Mr. Pitout, we wish you all the very best as you continue to change the lives of those whom you come into contact with. Stay the special individual that you are and remember you will always have a place here at Clarks.



## NEW DEPUTY HOUSEMASTER 2023 – Mr. Wynand Greyling



Mr. Greyling is no stranger to Clark house. He is a committed individual with a deep sense of care for those around him. He guards the corridors with pride and ensures that the small things are done correctly. He brings many years of experience in education as he had the privilege and opportunity to work at many other institutions, and I'm sure he cannot wait to implement his knowledge into his new role. I look forward to working with you, Sir!

*"As someone deeply committed to helping others reach their full potential, I am dedicated to fostering a safe and nurturing environment for your child. I firmly believe that each individual has the power to make a positive impact on their surroundings and am passionate about instilling this mindset in every one of our students. Living by the golden rule that "the power of respect is to never disrespect," I strive to model this behaviour in my daily interactions with others, and encourage our students to do the same. Thank you for entrusting your child's care to me, and I am excited to work with you in supporting your child's growth and development".*



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"a few good men".