



**NATHAN HOUSE**  
**Newsletter**  
**Term 1 2023**

**Sola Virtus Nobilitat - Virtue alone ennobles**



The Nathans boys sing "Oh Boys of Nathan's".



The end of isolation! Waiting for their cellphones and that first call home! What a day!

## From the Housemaster

The boys of Nathans enjoyed a successful term, getting to know the school in general and one another, specifically, as a band of 96 brothers in one boarding house. They have certainly done themselves proud. This is always a very big adjustment to a large and very busy school.

The term started with many activities from the team-building to the Tala Adventure Race and Tie ceremony. No one can forget that first call home and that first weekend at home after the isolation period. Experiences all designed to develop the boys' independence and unity. The masters, prefects and I always consider it a privilege to be a part of the formation of the next chapter of the Maritzburg College boarding establishment.

There have been some wonderful additions made this term. Various improvements have been made to the house including the installation of some 20 plus fans. The relentless heat of summer was of record breaking ferocity. The wifi upgrades have also ensured better connectivity for the boys.

Boarding life offers the boys the opportunity to develop independence, social skills, cooperation and tolerance. These lessons are well underway. One must also learn to grit through various challenges and learn to look after not only oneself, but also those around you. Valuable lessons for life indeed. Lessons the boys have already started to learn and apply.

It is our sincere hope that at Maritzburg College the boys will always be encouraged to pursue excellence. May they find their desired version of excellence and pursue it with all their hearts.

As my final goodbye, I wish the boys all the best for their College careers. What they put in, they will get out. Quality input equals quality output. Thank you to the incredible Ms Celliers starting as the first ever housemother of Nathan House, and what a blessing she is. Thank you ma'am, for your tireless efforts, passion and care. Thank you to the masters for your immense commitment to the boys and for your fine work done this term. All the best to Mr Barbour as he takes over in Term 2. He brings with him much passion and experience. Thank you to the parents for your support. May you always enjoy being College parents! These are five special years.

"Until we meet again..."

"Phambili. Phezulu....Onward and Upward"

**Mr M-J Smit**

**Housemaster: Nathan House**

# The many memories of Term 1



From the day of 'drop-off', through the isolation period to the first trip home and eventually the end of term, the boys of Nathans made many memories and shared many experiences as they forged their brotherhood in the first term.



## **Looking ahead: Term 2 dates to diarise**

- ◆ Boarders are to return on the **11th of April** for the start of Term 2 between 15h00 and 19h00
- ◆ Dedication Service for boys at 19h30 on 11th April
- ◆ Term 2 Starts on the 12th of April
- ◆ Week 1 Fixture is away against Clifton (Durban)
- ◆ Free Weekend one: 26 April – 1 May
- ◆ Free Weekend two: 18-21 May
- ◆ Reunion Day: 13 May
- ◆ **Examinations begin: 29 May**

Stay well and God bless!

**Mr M-J Smit**

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