



# THE FOYER

Shepstone House Newsletter

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## Term 1

This has been an exciting term, with a very successful summer sporting season and the start of our much anticipated winter sport season. We had some changes in leadership in the house, however we are stronger than ever.

## Important Dates:

- Tuesday 11 April - Boarders return to College by 19h00
- Friday 21 April - Inter schools exchange to PBHS
- Thursday 27 April - 1 May - Free Weekend
- Saturday 13 May - Reunion Day
- Monday 29 May - Mid-year Exams

*“It may be a mistake to mix different wines, but old and new wisdom mix admirably*  
*- Bertolt Brecht*



**UNITED IN OLD AND NEW.**

**ZAMA. TEMBA**

## From the Housemaster



Shepstone House had a great start to the year, with new additions of masters and a new prefect group who have been very keen to assist the masters in running the house and supporting the boys.

The first term has not been without some adversity, what with us losing our head of house and one of our prefects, however I am happy to announce that we are fully staffed and are stronger than ever. Many thanks to the remaining prefects who have ensured stability in the house.



The first term was a successful one for a lot of our boys, with them achieving in various disciplines including cricket, waterpolo, basketball and athletics. We are truly gifted to have such talented young men under our care, and it has been very exciting to see them grow in their various disciplines.

The winter sports program is upon us, and with it comes an extremely busy term with this also being an exam term; so I would encourage boys to put as much focus on their school work as they do on their co-curricular activities. While we as educators do our best to provide a supportive and stimulating learning environment, ultimately, it is your child's effort and dedication that will determine their success. That is why we need your help in motivating them to work hard and stay focused in the lead-up to the mid-year exams.

I would like to thank the Shepstone House team of Boarder Masters, their dedication and passion for our boys and their wellbeing is unequalled. They regularly go beyond the call of duty, and their care for the boys is truly genuine.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our Head of Boarding Mr Kyle Emerson, who is always on hand for support and guidance. Thank you to the SAN sisters, to the Granny Mac's our catering team and to the estates staff without all of whom this great boarding establishment cannot function. May this be a successful and fruitful year.

Finally, to the Shepstone House boys, always endeavour to hope. Zama, Themba.

Mr S. Zuma

## Staffing



Pictured on the left: Mr Hendre Marnitz who joined Maritzburg College as Director of Rugby and Duty master in Shepstone House



Pictured on the left: Mr Jaco Taljaard who joined Maritzburg College as mentor and Duty master in Shepstone House



Pictured above: On the left - Ivan Chirengende who has been appointed as Head of Shepstone House.

On the right: Joseph Kayembe who joins Shepstone House as a boarder prefect.



On the left: Our House Obstacle Course Team



Our boys enjoying various activities such as frisbee, soccer, touch rugby and a braai later

## General



Please could parents note the following:

- The second term starts on Wednesday, 12 April 2023 and all boarders are to return the night before, on **Tuesday 11 April 2023**. The House will be opened from 13h00 for those of you travelling from further away, and all boys must have returned by 19:00.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Please note that preferred communication is via email. Please use my personal email address: [zumas@mcollege.co.za](mailto:zumas@mcollege.co.za) for any Shepstone House matter
- Thank you for your patience and co-operation with regards to the Weekend Leave Form. It is a very easy program to use and makes our job a whole lot easier. There have been some hiccups, and some of them cannot be explained which has added to my frustration, but when it has worked it has been a pleasure. If you do not receive it in a week for any reason, please just send an email to me at [zumas@mcollege.co.za](mailto:zumas@mcollege.co.za)
- Please ensure that boy's hair is according to school regulation upon their return – boys who return with incorrect hair will be punished.
- Please read Mr Emerson's BE Newsletter which will be sent out as it contains necessary information regarding next term. Please could timeous planning and arrangements be made in line with this information for the term. Further, please consult the Term Calendar for various weekend fixtures etc. and plan **OPTIONALS** accordingly.