



# Calder House News – Term 1

## HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

The start to the year has been fast and furious – to say the least – but it has been of term of many successes. These successes have been facilitated and coordinated by the following Calder leadership groups:

The following have assumed duty as **House Prefects**:



**O Da Costa**



**C Ferraz**



**E Maynard**

The following have assumed duty as **House Leaders**:



**T Blackburn**



**D Becket**



**L Kunene**



**L Ndaba**



**J Samuel**



**K Wichmann**

These form 6 Calder House gentlemen give the younger forms people to look up to, people to aspire to become, and a platform to guide and support others. They are also each instrumental in coordinating the respective tasks within the interhouse competition. We commend these young men for their leadership efforts.

The first week of term was focussed on the **Form 2** learners, who went away on camp with their House Prefects in the beautiful Tala Valley. At the end of the first school week, a Calder House Tie Ceremony officially validated that they, Borvers, had succeed in enduring a challenging integration into the mighty school of Maritzburg College and that they have graduated from being just a Borver to being a form 2 Maritzburg College learner.



The next task to be tackled was the **Virtus Challenge**, where ten challenges were presented to each house. Each of the boys were able to compete in the running, pool dash and sprints; whilst others were able to participate in group challenges such as soccer, tug of war and the obstacle course.



The **Athletics Day** was a fantastic day of shouting for all those who participated in the athletic events. The highlights of the day were when Calder House was awarded the Spirit Award, E Maynard was presented with the Victor Ludorum trophy, as well as being the U19 Champion, and also A Khumalo being the U17 Champion.



The **Interhouse Gala** was also a wonderful day filled with shouting support and encouragement for swimmers of Calder House. The House Relay Teams were consistent overall and secured the win for the day! A special mention must be made to each of the Calder House swimmers who volunteered for the relay races.



To add to the term, the Calder House Form 5s attended the **Leadership Camp** in the Umkomaas Valley. The boys were put to the test and had to learn to engage with each other in rustic conditions by completing tasks as a house. Each boy presented some form of leadership qualities, and we look forward to their progress.



For the past month Calder House has been practicing **House Singing, Band and Soloist** performances. The group of individuals came together, unified with high energy and anticipation on the day of the Inter-house Singing Competition and were victorious in their efforts winning the overall challenge as well as getting best Band Award for the fantastic performance. Well done, gentlemen, on yet another successful event!



At Calder House we try to understand the passions of the boys and we do acknowledge that some of the boys compete within the official school sports over and above the requirements; but also, in sports that are not officially recognised by the school. The following individuals have excelled in their passions:

**Jayden Jansen van Rensburg Paddling Achievements:**



*KZN sprints silver medal 5km Long distance, KZN sprints Bronze medal in 1000m, Drak Challenge 7th U18 K1, Dusi canoe marathon U/23 Jayden Jv Rensburg & (James Sharpe, MCOB) 12th and 58th overall, Pete Marlin Surfski race Bronze medals U18&U16 in Double Surfski with Keegan Vogt, Pete Marlin Surfski race 7th in Single surfski U16, Fish River Canoe marathon Bronze medal in K2 with partner Keegan Vogt, Schools K1 river championships Bronze medal, SA canoe marathons Cape St Francis 2023 Silver Medal K2 U16 and bronze U18 k2, College award Senior canoeist of the year*

**Keegan Vogt Paddling Achievements:**



*Drak challenge 1st u16 & 1st U18  
Dusi 1st U18, top 20 finish  
2023 KZN U18 and u16 surf ski  
champ  
2023 SA surf ski U16 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2023 SA Surf ski S2 2nd U18 2023  
KZN Marathon K2 1st U18 2023 KZN  
Marathon K1 u16 champ*

### Adam Tilbury Tennis Achievements:



College 1st team Tennis since Grade 8 (and recipient of several College Tennis awards since 2021), KZN B – U14 : 2021, KZN B – U16 : 2022, KZN A – U18 : 2023, KZN B – U18 : 2024 (this after a 5-month layoff due to injury), Progress up the SA rankings again and currently close to Top 50 in SA U18 Men's – his goal is to try and make it up to the Top 20, within the next 12 months, to where his peers are currently placed. He will be playing Nationals this coming holiday, 21 – 26 March, and then representing College at the upcoming St Stithians Tennis Tournament over Easter. He has a UTR of 8 and wants to try and get to UTR 9 (a minimum requirement for USA College Scholarships).

### Troy Pillay Swimming Achievements:



ETHEKWINI AQUATICS GALA 5 held 21/01 2024:  
16 years age group: 200 breast 2<sup>nd</sup>, 200 IM 4<sup>th</sup>,  
100 freestyle 8<sup>th</sup>.

Seals Club Champs held 2-3/03/2024 - Open  
men: 50 breast 3<sup>rd</sup>, 200IM 3<sup>rd</sup>, 100 breast 3<sup>rd</sup>, 200  
breast 3<sup>rd</sup>.

KZN SCHOOLS PROVINCIAL TRIALS held 17-  
18/02/2024. 16 years age group: 200 breast 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
100 breast 4<sup>th</sup>, 50 breast 5<sup>th</sup>, 100 back 7<sup>th</sup>.

Presently participating in the South African  
Nationals Junior Swimming Championships  
held 15-19/03/2024 Placed 2nd in College  
house gala 16 years age group 2024, and has  
represented College in all the interschool galas.

### Daniel Peckham Motorbiking Achievements:



First race Creighton extreme- Gold 7th position.  
National x-country, Rocky Bay – OR3 - 7th  
National and 4 Regional position.  
Stoney Hill, Regional Enduro – E1 - 3rd Position,  
7th Overall.

## Joel Maistry Squash Achievements:



*In 2024, Joel's hard work earned him a coveted spot on the first team at Maritzburg College, a significant accomplishment reflecting his progress and commitment to the sport.*

*His ambition led him to compete in the prestigious SA Schools Open in Bloemfontein, where he faced tough competition, but the experience of playing against the best in South Africa was invaluable.*

*Continuing to test his skills, Joel participated in the U17 PMB Open as an under 16 player, where he demonstrated his competitive spirit and determination, securing a commendable 6th place finish.*

We would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Mr J Wilcock to Calder House as Assistant Housemaster. Mr J Wilcock brings with him a quiet efficiency and I am certain he will help in many of the portfolios in the House.

A special thanks needs to be made to Mr D Solomon for his time and energy as Calder House A5 mentor. He will be leaving Calder House to focus on the music department, which is a highly demanding portfolio.

Mr D Joshua will be stepping into this mentor class, and we trust that his journey with Calder House will be mutually beneficial.



**Mr J Wilcock**



**Mr D Solomon**



**Mr D Joshua**

House	Borver Week	Gala	Culture House Sing	Basketball	Athletics	Virtus	Gala House Spirit	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
Calder	12	34	34	6	24	12	8	17	147
Strachan	17	20	20	5	22	28	11	8	131

Well done, Calder House gentlemen for staying in top position this term – you have worked with determination. I wish you and your families all the best for the holiday season and look forward seeing you all back in Term 2.