

# Strachan House News



#### Term 1 - 2024

#### HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

The first term of the year has come and gone in the blink of an eye. It always proves to be a busy one, filled with a host of exciting activities covering the cultural, sporting and academic spheres of the school.

We were thrilled to welcome our new 2<sup>nd</sup> Formers into our House, and they have quickly proved to be valuable additions, earning themselves a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish across all the Borver Week events and gaining the House some prized points in the process.

Capably led by our House Leaders and Prefects, Strachan has gone from strength to strength in the Inter-House competition, performing admirably in all events. The House has been held to a high standard by these young men, and they have fully embraced their roles as mentors. My heartfelt thanks as always goes out to you, the parents of our boys, always gracious in your support of our efforts as your son's mentors at school.

I hope and pray that your sons enjoy a restful holiday period and that you are able to spend quality time with them and that they return refreshed and rejuvenated for Term 2.

### Mr Warr and the Strachan House Team.



## OUR HOUSE

#### THE TERM IN REVIEW

The term started with the newly minted College Borvers attending an orientation camp at Tala Game Reserve. Battling the weather ranging from extreme heat to torrential downpours as well as one very early morning, our Borvers gave of their absolute best and quickly bonded under these circumstances.

After the first week of school had ended, we had a special Tie Ceremony where the 6<sup>th</sup> Form boys handed the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Formers their Ties. After a few stirring words from our House Captain, C Robinson, and Vice-Captain, B Gademan, the boys were warmly welcomed into the Strachan fold.

Numerous Inter-House competitions were held and our boys performed excellently, always giving of their best. We continuously had a plethora of volunteers and our young men were willing to step up even if the activities were not in their wheel house.

We plan on continuing in this manner next term.



## OUR HOUSE

The Inter-House competition was closely contested this term and Strachan managed to excel in a variety of events, summarised below:

- Borver week 1<sup>st</sup>
- Virtus Challenge 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Gala 4<sup>th</sup>
- Athletics 4<sup>th</sup>
- House singing & Music 5<sup>th</sup>
- Basketball 10<sup>th</sup>
- Cricket Juniors 1<sup>st</sup>

This excellent display and willingness to compete sees Strachan sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Forder Cup leader board, within striking distance of 1<sup>st</sup> place. The boys are highly motivated to continue giving of their best and I am confident they will do so into the next term.



## OUR BOYS

Term 1 saw a number of our boys receive recognition for their excellent performances in Inter-House competitions.

A number of our boys excelled during the Athletics Day with 1<sup>st</sup> places earned for the following:

C Sweetnam – U16 Javelin M Mogale – U15 200m O Hlophe – U15 long jump, high jump, 100m C Robinson – U19 shot put U14 100m relay team U15 100m relay team

For his successes, M Mogale was crowned the U15 Champion.

At the Inter-House Gala, R Lottering broke 3 records, one of which had stood for 28 years. He was duly awarded with the trophy for the Open Champion. Special mention must also be made of the U19 relay team who has won their respective age group relay every year since 2<sup>nd</sup> Form. The team has comprised of M Nel, B Gademan, R Lottering, C Robinson and M Gibson over the years.



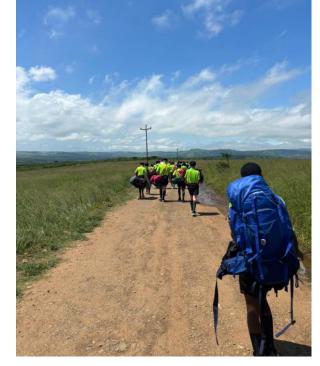














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