

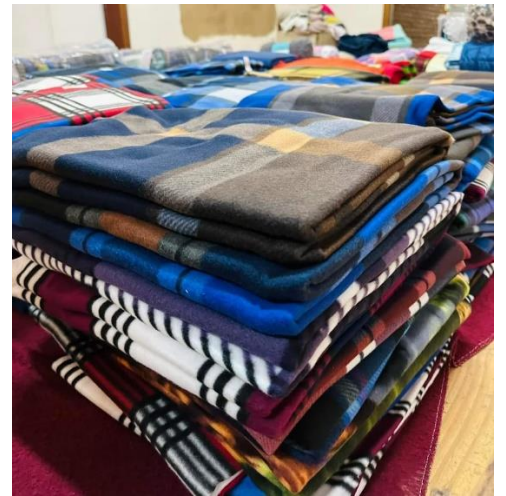
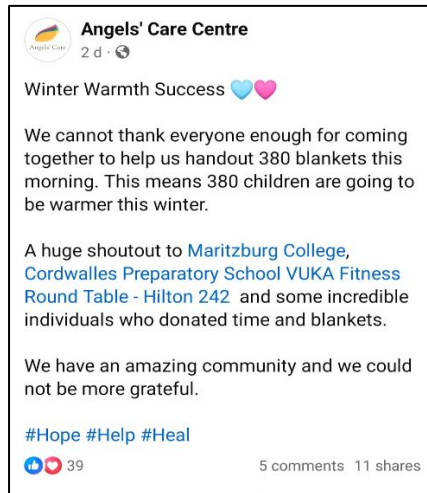


Calder House News – Term 2

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

The second term pounced on us with immense intensity and did not let up until the very last day of term!

Most of the efforts of Calder House, and the rest of the school, was directed towards collections for the **Blanket Drive**. Thank you to each family that donated a blanket or money towards the Blanket Drive – your generosity and selflessness means so much to those in need of warmth this winter, and winters to come.



Photos and screenshot taken from Maritzburg College Facebook page.

Another tangible aspect of the hype around Maritzburg College were the compulsory fixtures over several weekends, specifically the **Reunion Day**, and the **Pretoria Boys High School Exchange**.

As a Day Housemaster it is always pleasing to see how many Calder House boys do attend these compulsory fixtures, which adds to the overall experience of the fixture. My gratitude goes to those families who sacrificed their weekends, and to those parents who promptly informed the Calder House mentor teachers via email of their son's absence, either prior to the fixture or on the day of the fixture.



Photo taken from Maritzburg College Facebook page photographed by Ryan Doyle at 2024 Reunion Day.

In the third term there are still several compulsory fixtures that will be taking place in the first three weeks of term – Affies (Maritzburg College), Pretoria Boys High School (away) and King Edward School KES (away). I look forward to seeing more of the Calder House boys present at these fixtures, showing school spirit and making memories with their peers.



A third of the term was dedicated to the **Midyear Examinations** and for many boys, and their parents, this caused stress and anxiety as the term raced headlong into these assessments.

The consensus is that the boys could probably do better in their examination preparation and many teachers feel the boys have the capacity to produce work of a higher standard.

This may be the result of the boys being very busy or have found the jump from primary school to high school a big one. Or perhaps, one of the reasons could be that the boys themselves do not actually know what Learning Style they are, and how best to prepare for examinations.

The link attached may help your son understand what style of studying is best suited to his strengths and therefore better prepare for examinations after a busy day at school.

<https://vark-learn.com/the-vark-questionnaire/>

One of the highlights of third term is when the form 2, 3 and 4 Calder House boys attend **Compulsory Camps**. Details of these camps and consent forms for all three of these forms have been sent out in hardcopy and need to be returned at the start of third term. These camps take place during the term time while the form 5 group is actively involved in their **Work Experience** and the form 6 learners write their **Trials Examinations**.

On the final day of second term the **Interhouse Sports Day Competition** took place, and a big appeal was made to the Calder House boys to sign up and show up for the event – and that they did!

The house leaders were tasked with getting Calder House boys to sign up for hockey, rugby, or soccer. Each team was signed up by the end of morning house assembly on Thursday and on the Friday almost every boy who had signed up showed up to play against the other houses, who are fiercely competing for our number one spot on the scoreboard.



CALDER HOUSE HOCKEY, RUGBY & SOCCER JUNIOR TEAMS





CALDER HOUSE HOCKEY, RUGBY & SOCCER SENIOR TEAMS



Thanks to the collective efforts of the boys who participated in each sport, and who gave of their best on the day; and the commendable results of the senior hockey team placing first, the senior rugby team placing second, and the senior soccer team placing fourth – Calder House remains at number one on the scoreboard!

House	Borver Week	Gala	Culture House Sing	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Bball	Athletics	Virtus	Gala House Spirit	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
Calder	12	34	34	12	10	11	6	24	12	8	17	180
Fuller	12	14	22	17	5	14	14	34	14	9	10	165
Lamond	5	22	28	14	6	17	11	20	20	12	9	164
Strachan	17	20	20	7	14	9	5	22	28	11	8	161
Nicholson	6	28	16	5	12	8	17	28	10	10	13	153

The **academic results** at end of the first term showcased five Calder House boys' ability to place in the Top 10:

FORM 6



Sfundo Ngcobo 7th

FORM 3



Luke Venter 7th

FORM 3



Yadav Budhu 10th

FORM 2



Advay Bagirathi 1st

FORM 2



Callum Frank 10th

The following **awards** that have been made to date and recognise those Calder House boys who have excelled in sports, culture, or leadership were awarded to:



Becket, Daniel

Sport Awards

Large White Badge

(Swimming)



Bester, Ewald

Leadership

Leader

(Afrikaans Society)



Cox, Travis

Sport Awards

Lapel Badge

(First Aid)



Khan, Rayhaan

Sports Awards

Large White Badge

(Swimming)



Mkhize, Ntandoyethu

Leadership

Captain

(Gospel Choir)



Ndaba, Lisu

Leadership

Captain (College Cues)

Captain (College Choir)



Pillay, Farhan

Sport Awards

Large White Badge

(Golf)



Pillay, Troy

Sports Awards

Honours

(Swimming)



Soorajdin, Mehul

Leadership

Captain

(MC Ink)



Tilbury, Adam

Sports Awards

Large White Badge

(Tennis)



Zondi, Cebelihle

Leadership

Captain

(Tech Squad)

It has been a pleasure to see the Calder House boys excel in their academics, sports, cultural, and leadership portfolios. I trust that these positive accolades are maintained and inspire others to give of their best.

I would also like to make mention of the following Calder House boys who have achieved well in their own personal capacity:

Yadhav Budhu Academic Achievements:



Yadav was placed in the top 10 in his grade (for form 3 term 1) and has excelled in mathematics having obtained several academic merits during this term including obtaining 95% in mathematics class test, 92% in mathematics common test, 100% in mathematics common test and having obtained an A+ in mathematics June exam.

Keegan Vogt Paddling Achievements:



SA Sprint Champs - U16 Victorludorum
K1 1st 1000m, 1st 500m, 2nd 200m
K2 1st 1000m, 1st 500m, 1st 200m
K1 1st 5000m

His K1 & K2 times qualified for the Olympic Hopes international benchmark times, is the only U16 boy to qualify for K1 & K2 categories, placed 1st U18 and 1st U16 at the North Coast Surf Ski Challenge. Keegan also placed 3rd overall and 1st U18 & 1st U16 at the DUC Reef Challenge Surf Ski Race, as well as 2nd overall in the Umhlanga Pirates K2 Surf Ski Race.

We are proud to hear that he was selected as part of the SA Junior Team to represent South Africa in the World Marathon.

Keigan Clarke Canoeing Achievements:



Keigan represented Maritzburg College well at the KZN Marathon Canoeing Championship held at Dudley Pringle Dam.

He brought back a bronze and gold for his podium finishes (3rd in the K1 singles and 1st in the K2 doubles).

We wish Keigan all the best as he competes at the SA Canoe Sprint Champs during the first weekend of holidays.

Athletics Provincial Representation at the Aquelle Series:



- Luyanda Kunene in Form 6 achieved 2nd place.
- Ethan Maynard in Form 6 achieved two 2nd places and 3rd in the U20 category.
- Keegan Wichmann in Form 6 achieved one 2nd place and one 3rd place.
- Theo Boshoff in Form 4 achieved two 2nd places, two 3rd places, and 2nd in the U16 category.
- Luthando Makhoba in Form 3 achieved one 2nd place and one 3rd place.

Choir, Canoeing, Rugby, and Squash Provincial Representation:



- Ilona Zwane in Form 5 made it into the KZN Midlands Youth Choir and is travelling to Germany.
- Jayden Jansen van Rensburg in Form 5 placed 5th at the KZN Marathon Canoeing Championship.
- Alande Ngubane in Form 4 has been chosen to play in the Sharks U17 Rhino Week.
- Theo Boshoff in Form 4 has been chosen to play in the Sharks U16 Grant Khomo Week.
- Joel Maistry in Form 4 has been chosen to play in the KZN U16 Squash Team.

Hockey Provincial Representation:



- Esihle Dlamini in Form 5 was selected to play in the U18A KZN Inland Hockey squad.
- Andile Lembethe in Form 4 was selected to play in the U16A KZN Inland Hockey squad.
- Gomolemo Motswadire in Form 4 was selected to play in the U16A KZN Inland Hockey squad.
- Callum Le Court De Billot in Form 4 was selected to play in the U16B KZN Inland Hockey squad.
- Cole Baxter in Form 2 in Form 4 was selected to play in the U14C KZN Inland Hockey squad.

At the dedication assembly on Thursday 13th June the following Calder House boys received **Merit Awards**:

Bagirathi, Ayush; Barnardo, Mark; Budhu, Yadav; Clark, Matthew; Clarke, Keigan; Dlamini, Esihle; Frank, Callum; Gamede, Lizwi; Le Court De Billot, Callum; Mkhize, Ntandoyethu; Mncwabe, Phumlani; Mshengu, Bayanda; Ncanana, Kwenzakayise; Ndaba, Lisu; Palmer, Riley; Phakathi, Luyolo; Samuel, Joshua; Thompson, Joshua; Zondi, Cebelihle; Zwane, Ilonathemba

All in all, another successful term! May you stay safe over the holiday season and return refreshed for term 3.