

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

After a much-needed midyear holiday, the third term began very much where the second term left off ferociously busy and determined to maintain the high pace of activity from beginning to end!

Throughout August the gentlemen of Calder House, along with many generous parents and passionate teachers, contributed to the collection of comfort items and sanitary products for the Care Packs for Rape Victims Drive, which was introduced to Maritzburg College by the Social Awareness Committee (SAC) with the intention of bringing dignity and hope to victims who had faced sexual abuse.

This initiative, coupled with an appearance from LifeLine's Mrs Biyela, also highlighted that sexual abuse and gender-based violence is not gender or age specific. Thankfully the awareness campaign also brought knowledge and understanding about the importance of personal safety.



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#LifeLine

Thank you to the boys, parents and staff whose generosity allowed us to hand 100 rape care packs over to LifeLine Pietermaritzburg today.

At assembly Mrs Biyela, Director of Lifeline presented sobering statistics around the people being affected daily by gender-based violence. She commended the boys on their maturity in supporting this initiative.

#WomensMonth



Photos and screenshot taken from Maritzburg College Facebook page.

Halfway through the third term, the Interhouse Play Competition took place, and a small group of dedicated Calder House boys presented their South African play with aplomb under the creative direction of L Ndaba.

Their commitment to their roles and message of struggle was clear, which resulted in Calder House receiving several deserving accolades - C Zondi received recognition for Best Actor and Q Ngubane received Best Supporting Actor.

Whilst Calder House actors rehearsed for the interhouse play competition, the rest of the house was encouraged to sign up and participate in the "smaller" sport and cultural codes. Calder House boys were quick to sign up for table tennis, tennis, squash, shooting, debating and chess.

Each of the boys who partook added points to Calder House and for their efforts and combination of the interhouse play and the smaller sports and cultural activities results, Calder House tied first place with Lamond House at the end of third term.

Lamond House, Pape House, and Strachan House have made a determined effort to usurp Calder House, and one can only hope that the points from the leadership positions and term 3 academics will carry Calder House through for the win.

| House | Borver Week | Gala | Shooting | Culture House Sing | Debating | Hockey | Rugby | Soccer | Chess | Table Tennis | Bball | House plays | Tennis | Athletics | Squash | Virtus | Gala House Spirit | House Spirit | OVERALL POINTS |
|-----------|----------------|------|----------|--------------------------|----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Calder | 12 | 34 | 6 | 34 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 14 | 11 | 24 | 7 | 12 | 8 | 17 | 249 |
| Lamond | 5 | 22 | 12 | 28 | 6 | 14 | 6 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 11 | 17 | 10 | 20 | 9 | 20 | 12 | 9 | 249 |
| Pape | 9 | 12 | 14 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 17 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 18 | 17 | 34 | 14 | 14 | 244 |
| Strachan | 17 | 20 | 17 | 20 | 14 | 7 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 22 | 14 | 28 | 11 | 8 | 241 |
| Nicholson | 6 | 28 | 11 | 16 | 17 | 5 | 12 | 8 | 14 | 7 | 17 | 11 | 14 | 28 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 233 |

The much-anticipated excursions for **Compulsory Camps** have arrived and I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to each parent and guardian that submitted their son's consent forms timeously and for all those who paid the camp fee. It is reassuring to know that many parents and guardians understand the importance of these excursions for the personal and collaborative growth of their sons in Calder House.

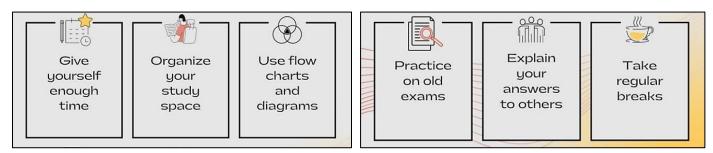
A special mention must be made to Mr S Maharaj, Ms N Gumede, and Mr D Joshua who all attended these camps to supervise and observe our future leaders.



These camps took place while the form 5 group was actively involved in their **Work Experience** and the form 6 learners finished writing their **Trials Examinations**.

As the form 5 boys prepare for their **End Year Exams** (which will most likely be used for tertiary education applications) and form 6 learners take a short break before their **Final NSC Exams**, it is important that we collectively assist them to effectively study.

Below are six useful tips your sons can use to help direct their learning process.



The following **awards** recognised those Calder House boys who have excelled in culture, and allowed **Calder House** to be awarded the *College Cup for Inter-House Culture* at the Sports and Cultural Prizegiving:













1 - Mary-Ann Hartley Trophy for Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist went to **I Zwane**

2 - Douglas Comrie Memorial
Trophy for Outstanding
Contribution to the Choir went to
LW Ndaba

3 - *McGibbon Trophy for Best Stage Actor* went to **LW Ndaba**

4 - Roger Heslop Memorial Trophy for Overall Contribution to Drama went to IO Jikijo & **LW Ndaba**

5 - Lood Muller Trophy for Contribution to the Afrikaans Society went to **E Bester**

6 - Graham Holder Trophy for Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College went to **C Zondi**

The following **awards** recognised those Calder House boys who have excelled in sports:











1 - *DJ* Berry-Jennings Cup for U18 Athletics Champion, College Shield & Victor Ludorum went to **ER Maynard**

2 - Lance Dobeyn Trophy for Junior Champion Canoeist went to **KG Clarke**

3 - Oscar Servant Trophy for Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon went to **KH Vogt**

4 - *Lance Dobeyn Trophy for Senior Champion Canoeist* went to MC van Heerden & **KH Vogt**

5 - Hattons Cycles Trophy for Most Promising Junior Cyclist went to **CB Baxter**

6 - Derek Howard Trophy for Senior Singles Tennis Champion went to **AC Tilbury**

The "culture vultures" and "sports jocks" of Calder House have made each of us - their peers, teachers, coaches, and parents - proud in their achievements. The constant efforts to summit the peaks of discipline and competition are evident and are to be commended.

We wish them everything of best in their journey to success from here on out and encourage others to seize the challenge to keep pushing to achieve in their chosen discipline.

The academic results at end of the second term showcased nine Calder House boys placing in the Top 10:



Luke Walker 9th



FORM 5

Kershlin Govender 9th Vashisht Ramdeen 9th





FORM 3

Malan Venter 4th



Yadav Budhu 7th

FORM 3

Luke Venter 9th

FORM 2





FORM 2

Advay Bagirathi 4th



FORM 2

Callum Frank 6th

Below is the list of Calder House boys who received merit certificates for term 3 - well done, gents:

Kau, Sifiso; Ndaba, Lisu; Baxter, Cole; Gabuza, Syamthanda; Gumede, Bayanda; Lembethe, Andile; Makhoba, Luthando; Ncanana, Kwenzakayise; Vogt, Keegan; Zondi, Cebelihle; Bagirathi, Advay; Barnardo, Mark; Clarke, Keigan; Dickason, Connor; Joubert, Trent; Kubheka, Luvuyo; Madzimure, Mufarowashe; Maistry, Joel; Mkhize, Sphelele; Moyo, Ntsikelelo; Mustard, Ryan; Ngubane, Lethuthando; Palmer, Riley; Riley, Rayne; Scholtz, David; Zwane, Ilonathemba

Matthew Clark 2nd

At the luncheon held for the Form 6 Calder House boys, the emphasis was placed on being a gentleman.

- A Gentleman knows that anything worth having, is worth working hard for.
- A Gentleman knows the difference between confidence and arrogance.
- A Gentleman is open-minded, but firm in his beliefs.
- A Gentleman is proof that chivalry is not dead.
- A Gentleman is always well-presented, regardless of company, situation, or occasion.
- A Gentleman has a firm handshake, always makes eye contact, and never judges.

A Gentleman means what he says and says what he means.

Esse virum: To be a gentleman

Calder's helmet, which is facing sideways with its visor closed, symbolises a gentleman - something that Calder House aims to teach to the young men in the house to be in school and in life.

Many of the Calder House boys have become gentlmen and we are certain that they will take these values forward into their later years, not only in academics, or sports, or culture but also in daily life.

I would also like to make mention of the following Calder House boys who have **achieved well elsewhere**:



Luke Walker was selected by the Husqvarna Racing Team, to participate as one of their factory National Racing Team riders. Luke competed in three disciplines of motorcycle racing - namely Cross-Country, Enduro and Extreme Enduro.

In the Cross-Country Regional (KZN) Championship, Luke won all six rounds and is the KZN Cross Country Champ.

In the Cross-Country National Championships, he completed the last and final round in Bloemfontein, becoming the National Champion in his class, OR3 and finishing 3rd overall.

In Extreme Enduros, he has completed four rounds of the Gold Class and is currently 6th overall nationally.

In the Enduro Championship KZN Regional, he has won the Championship for 2024.

For the National Championship, he is currently 2nd overall and the final round will be held in Pilgrims Rest at the end of September.



Keegan Wichmann has made the Club KZN U18 Duikers Rugby team.

This is the third year in a row that he has been selected:

2022: U16 - in Heidelberg

2023: U18 - in Pretoria

2024: U18 - in KZN



Adam Tilbury has achieved the following in tennis:

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



Advay Bagirathi played table tennis against Girls High School and won.

He also wrote the Hindi VEDA NIKETHAN exam and scored a welldeserved 91%.





Akhil Bharath was selected to represent KZN in the LMS SA Champs in June and was the youngest player in the squad of twelve who batted it out against twenty teams from all around South Africa.

Akhil was awarded Man of the Match for the game against the Golden Ducks, with an amazing 52 runs not out.

He displayed tremendous all-round skills that allowed him to be named Player of the Tournament for his team.



Connor Dickason has been selected for the KZN U19 Freshwater Angling team and will be taking part in Nationals at Bloemhof in December.



In August, Luthando Makhoba was selected for the KZN provincial team Cross Country.

He is to be commended on this achievement as this has required long hours of training.



Cole Baxter raced in the four KZN school series events and podiumed in three of the four races –the highlight was when he came first at the College event.

For his efforts he was also selected to be part of the KZN Cycling Team that participates in the Nationals from 19th to 23rd September at Wagpos, Brits.



Callum Frank participated in the Umgungundlovu District High Schools Selections and came first in his category.

Callum has been selected to represent at the South African Masters, Junior, and Senior Inter-Regional and Open Champs - to be held from 22nd to 29th September in Johannesburg, Gauteng.

This term has certainly been one filled with recognition of efforts and acknowledgment of foundations laid throughout the year. Each of the Calder House gentlemen have given good accounts of themselves.

I trust the short break will revitalise the boys for one final push towards the end of the year.

Rest well and safe travels!