



Strachan House News



Term 3 - 2024

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

So ends another extremely busy term. This term saw us depart on exchanges, parent and subject information evenings, leadership voting and the announcement of Acting Prefects and House Leaders for 2025 and the commencement of Trial Examinations. At the end of the term we had the various leadership camps as well as the commencement of work experience. In between all of this we had normal day to day school activities.

Our young Strachan House men were extremely motivated and keen to take advantage of the many opportunities afforded to them, and they have excelled in a variety of disciplines, which you can read about in the pages below.

We would just like to offer our sincere thanks to the outgoing House Leaders. They have proven to be an effective and efficient team who has contributed massively to the day-to-day running of the House and have taken control of all Inter-House events.

We would also like to say thank you to our larger matric group. They have proven to be an inherently reliable and inspirational group, willing to show the way to the younger members of the House. They will truly be leaving behind a legacy of high standards as they begin to drift out of the House system and focus on their NSC Final Examinations. They will be missed!

We urge all of our boys to make the most of their holidays, using their time productively and to come back to school ready to face Term 4 with exams looming on the horizon. We hope and pray that they manage to enjoy some quality time with their loved ones, and return to us refreshed and re-energised.

Mr Warr and the Strachan House Team.

OUR HOUSE

This term saw the resumption of the House Competition with a variety of events including cross-country, debating, tennis, shooting, squash, table tennis and House plays.

The Strachan House men stepped up to the challenge and we had a surplus of volunteers come forward to offer their skills and talents.

We posted the following results:

Plays: 7th

Squash: 2nd

Tennis: 8th

Debating: 2nd

Shooting: 1st

Table tennis: 6th

Chess: 4th

Special mention must be made of **A. Ngcobo** and **A. Mhlanzi** who won Best Speaker in the Junior and Senior debates respectively, helping to earn us a close 2nd place. Our Shooting team were laser focused and managed an excellent 1st place overall. Our squash teams, both senior and junior, came an admirable 2nd. With only a handful of House points left up for grabs, we are sitting in 4th position, just 8 points off 1st so the Championship Cup is still within our grasps!



The Strachan House play
cast



FROM THE BOYS

Term 3 saw a number of boys receive recognition for a variety of contributions to the life of College.

The start of the term saw a very pleasing number of boys attending a Good Report Tea for coming in the top ten of their respective grades at the end of Term 2.

We also saw a vast number of Strachan House men receive awards at the recently held Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony, a highlight of which can be found below:

- 6th Form Cup for Shooting – **Strachan House**
- Calder Trophy for Public Speaking – **C Robinson**
- John Geekie Cup for U15 Athletics Champion – **M Mogale**
- Craig Joubert Trophy for Most Improved Rugby Referee – **AD van Wyk**
- Shaun Olley Cup for Most Consistent Shottist – **JK Martin**
- Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1st Soccer XI – **LK Matshoge**
- Bill Hendry Trophy for Open Swimming Champion – **RM Lottering**
- Maritzburg College Trophy for Senior Table Tennis Champion – **TS Royappen**
- Sean Burgoyne Fellowship Trophy for Watern Polo – **C Robinson**
- Headmaster's Award for Sportsman of the Year – **RM Lottering**



We are incredibly proud of all these young men.



FROM THE BOYS

The Third Term also saw the eagerly awaited voting and announcement of the various Leadership portfolios for 2025. After a rigorous and comprehensive voting process, both the Acting Prefects as well as Acting House Leaders were announced.

Strachan House Acting Prefects:

J Steyn

Strachan House Acting House Leaders:

J Fincham

J Harris

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Mazibuko

V Premchund

O Radebe

W Strachan

We are extremely proud of all of these boys and look forward to seeing their positive contributions over the course of the next year. With the 6th Form busy with their Trial Examinations, the Acting Prefects and House Leaders have already assumed duties in the school.



L O'Connor continued to excel in Triathlon, recently competing with 2 other College boys in the Splash Tri Dash, finishing 2nd in the school's competition.



J Harris hard at work learning all he can in Cape Town during the recent 5th Form Work Experience week.

Some of the Strachan House boys
eagerly waiting to leave for the Berg
on the 4th Form Camp.

