



# Calder House News – Term 4

## HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

As the year ends, and the frenetic energy and constant buzz of the school quiets, the opportunity to reflect on the final term of the year is welcomed and brings about a sense of bittersweet finality.

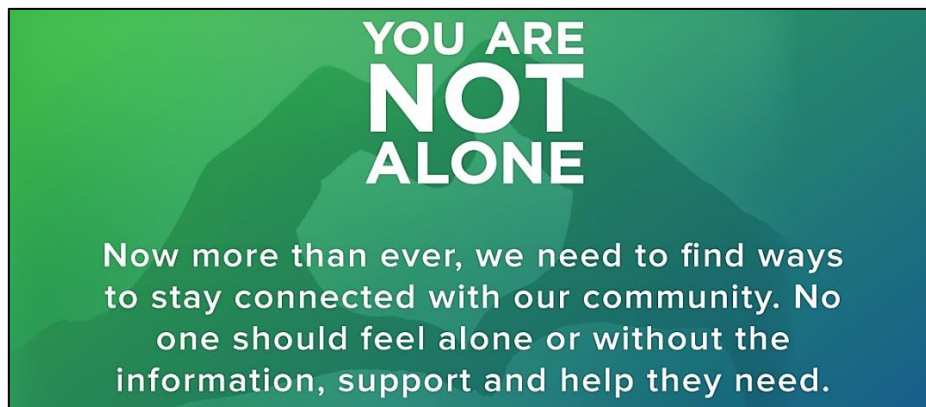
The Calder House gentlemen were very supportive during the month of October which focussed on “Going Green for Mental Health Awareness”, and much of this support stemmed from parents and guardians.

Green ribbons were purchased and pinned to the chests of boys and staff, delicious cupcakes were bought by the tray, and many of the learners and staff enthusiastically participated in the colour run. It was wonderful to witness the smiles and laughter on Barns Field and the school surrounds during the colour run, ribbons being worn as badges of honour, and the sugar rushes from cake sales bringing extra energy to the campus - all indicating the immense support and value placed around peoples' emotional and intellectual wellbeing.

Thanks to each boy who bought a ribbon, parent who baked or provided cupcakes, and participants – runner, walker and volunteer - who contributed to this special awareness campaign.



Screenshot taken from Maritzburg College Facebook page and additional photos taken by Mrs K Bartholomew and Ms S Campbell.



At the start of November, the last charity drive of 2024 officially started, and thanks must be made to those who have already donated towards this collection. The link below will direct you to an online platform to donate and the closing date will be towards the end of November.

<https://maritzburgcollege.co.za/product/maritzburg-college-food-sock-drive/>

## Maritzburg College Food Sock Drive

As the year draws to a close, many of us start to gear up for the festive season and look forward to time with family and friends. Many of us will enjoy presents and good food closer to the 25<sup>th</sup> of December and into the new year.

We are asking you, after a full year of many of you giving to worthy causes, to again consider doing so. For just R45 you can feed a family of 4 for a day and give hope to those who might not have as joyful a festive season as we might. By simply considering putting one less luxury item into your trolley over the next two weeks you can make a very real difference to families in need.



### ***“Savour the Taste of Eco-Friendly, Nutritious, and Affordable Meals!***

*We prioritise providing delicious, affordable, meal options for the budget conscious South African consumer. Our soya protein ensures that you can indulge in your favourite dishes while minimising your carbon footprint and supporting sustainable food practices.*

*By choosing our meal kits, you not only treat your family to a scrumptious, nutritious dinner but also contribute to a healthier planet. Discover the benefits of soya protein and taste the delectable, sustainable meals Food Socks has to offer. Experience the perfect blend of nutrition, affordability, and eco-friendliness with Food Socks – where great taste meets green living.”*

<https://www.food-socks.com/>

The results of the **Interhouse Competition** are finalised and the tussle for first place has been won by Lamond House. Lamond House’s well-deserved efforts and commitment to the competition is to be applauded! It has been a rewarding year in so many of these activities, and Calder House is proud still to be in the top three. The Calder House prefects, house leaders and mentor teachers eagerly look forward to a rematch in 2025.

House	Borver Week	Gala	Shooting	Culture House Sing	Debating	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Leadership	Chess	Table Tennis	Bball	House plays	Tennis	Athletics	Squash	Virtus	Academics	Gala House Spirit	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
Lamond	5	22	12	28	6	14	6	17	17	17	14	11	17	10	20	9	20	14	12	9	280
Calder	12	34	6	34	10	12	10	11	8	10	11	6	14	11	24	7	12	12	8	17	269
Pape	9	12	14	20	10	6	7	6	8	12	17	8	9	17	18	17	34	12	14	14	264
Strachan	17	20	17	20	14	7	14	9	6	11	9	5	8	7	22	14	28	12	11	8	259
Nicholson	6	28	11	16	17	5	12	8	14	14	7	17	11	14	28	6	10	7	10	13	254
Fuller	12	14	8	22	7	17	5	14	6	8	14	14	6	9	34	9	14	8	9	10	240
Commons	9	10	10	24	12	9	9	14	10	5	8	8	12	12	14	10	16	17	6	11	226
Barns	9	18	9	12	10	11	11	11	14	8	10	9	10	6	10	12	24	6	17	7	224
Forder	17	16	7	16	5	8	8	8	11	6	7	10	7	5	16	12	22	5	7	12	205
Snow	5	24	5	10	11	10	17	5	10	10	5	14	5	8	12	5	18	9	13	6	202

School **leadership** portfolios play a vital role in assisting with the multitude of activities at Maritzburg College, as well as maintaining structure and order in a large and busy school. This year's Form 6 prefects and leaders have done well to encourage and set good examples to the Form 5 group. Gentlemen of Calder House who have unwaveringly served Maritzburg College, your dedication to your leadership portfolios was commendable!

It has been a privilege to watch the Form 5 gentlemen assume roles of responsibility since being appointed into their leadership portfolio. The process undergone to select these individuals has been a rigorous one and each of the boys elected to these positions will undoubtedly add value to the school – in the prefect body, the boarding establishments, and in the day houses.



**CALDER GENTS WHO ARE SCHOOL PREFECTS FOR 2025:  
E BESTER (DEPUTY) & A TILBURY**



**CALDER GENTS WHO ARE HEAD OF HOUSE (BE) FOR 2025:  
E DLAMINI (ELLIOT HOUSE) & E BESTER (CLARK HOUSE)**



**CALDER GENTS WHO ARE HOUSE LEADERS FOR 2025:  
C ZONDI; T PILLAY; A BARNES; A KHUMALO; J TILBURY; R VENTER**



**GENTS WHO ARE CALDER HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2025:  
E BESTER (DEPUTY) & C ZONDI (CAPTAIN)**

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



*During the September holidays, Keegan Vogt, represented South Africa in the World Marathon Championships in Croatia. He placed 4th in the Junior (U18) race, even though he only turned 16 in October!*

*Keegan was also selected to play in the U16A KZN Water Polo team, which travel to East London to compete in the interprovincial tournament in December.*

*Congratulations, Keegan, on your grit and determination to constantly achieve in such competitive events!*



*Farhan Pillay was selected to represent KZN schools golf in the annual interprovincial SA Schools golf tournament.*



*A proud moment for Akhil Bharath who played in the U16 KZN Inland Cricket Festival in Pretoria.*



It is also with great delight that I share the wonderful news that Ms L Udal married Mr S Pieterse on Sunday the 22nd September 2024.

We wish you many happy years together!



May this **festive season** be one filled with family and friends! Once again, your contributions to the pastoral care of the Calder House have been admirable and I look forward to welcoming you back in 2025.

To the form 6 Calder House gentlemen – all the very best for when you receive your **NSC Exam results**.