



Calder House News – Term 1

HOUSEMASTER'S **REPORT**

The start to the year has been one for the books as Calder House dove headfirst into the interhouse competition from the very first day of term 1, and for the form 2 boys – since departing for Tala Form 2 camp.

Much of the enthusiasm has been facilitated by the form 6 leaders of the house, and I would like to thank each of the young men mentioned below for their efforts. They are also each instrumental in coordinating the respective tasks within the interhouse competition. We commend these young men for their leadership efforts.

The following have assumed duty as **House Leaders** and **House Prefects**:



C Zondi (Captain)



E Bester (Vice Captain)



A Barnes



A Khumalo



T Pillay



A Tilbury



J Tilbury



R Venter

The weekend before the official start of term 1 was focussed on the **Form 2** learners, who went away on camp with their House Prefects to Tala Valley. It was a privilege to watch these boys' bond in such a short time, especially when there was so much information about College that was included in-between physical tasks.



At the end of the first school week, a Calder House Tie Ceremony officially validated that the form 2 boys, referred to as “Borvers” until that point, had succeed in enduring a challenging integration into Maritzburg College. This dedicated time demonstrated to the rest of the house and the rest of the school, that they have graduated from being just a “Borver” to being accepted as a form 2 Maritzburg College learner.



The very hot **Athletics Day** was a success for those who participated, and I would like to applaud all the Calder House boys who committed to their respective events. Special mention is made to the following athletes: A Khumalo, T Boshoff, J Burger and E Bester who were integral in accumulating points for podium positioning.





The **Virtus Challenge**, where ten challenges were presented to each house, was well supported by the Calder House boys. Each of the boys were able to compete in the cross country running, pool dash and 100m sprint; whilst others were able to participate in group challenges such as soccer, tug of war and the obstacle course. Congratulations to the senior team who displayed strength - specifically in the tug of war and managed to secure a position in the quarter finals. It was pleasing to note that even though points were needed to elevate the house position, all boys were encouraged to participate in the group activities and fostered inclusivity.



The **Interhouse Gala** took place a week after it was originally scheduled and despite the delay, the afternoon was filled with support and encouragement for the swimmers of Calder House. Special mention must be made to each of the Calder House swimmers who volunteered for the relay races. The Championship Gala aspect of the competition will take place in term 3 and I trust that these swimmers will further add to the house points.



The interhouse **basketball** and **cricket** was a fun opportunity for the junior teams to participate and showcase their skill and spirit. Unfortunately, the senior teams could not participate due to inclement weather conditions.





In the busyness of the term, the Calder House Form 5s attended the **Leadership Camp** in the beautiful Umkomass Valley. The boys were put to the test in extremely wet and uncomfortably rustic conditions. Each boy presented some form of leadership qualities, and we look forward to their progress throughout this year.

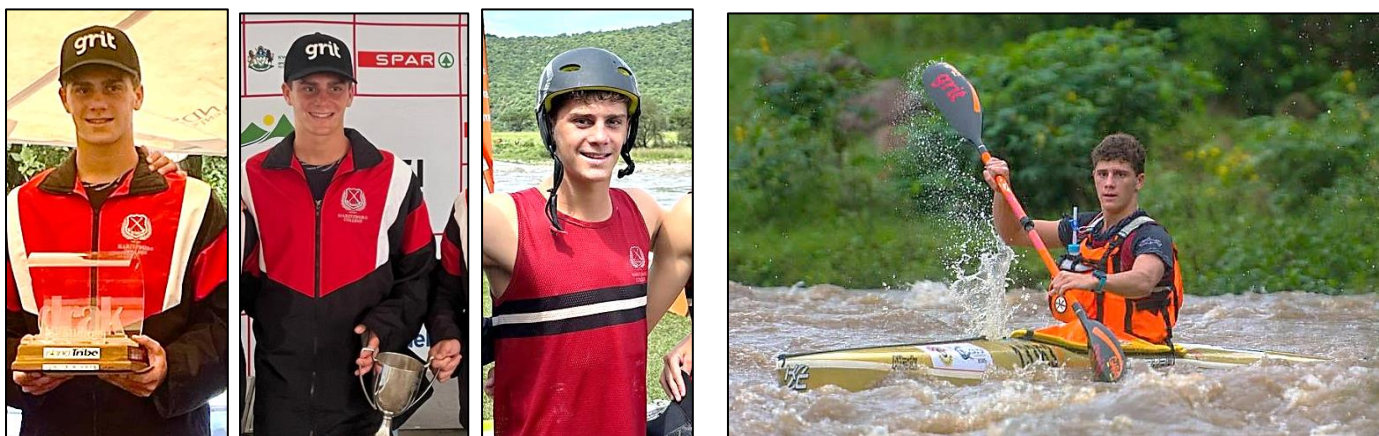


For the past month Calder House has been practicing **House Singing, Band and Soloist**. Special mention must be made to Ilonathemba Zwane who performed the solo on the final Thursday of term. He sang “*Do I Wanna Know*” by Arctic Monkey and he certainly set the standard high for the remaining house solo acts! Cebelihle Zondi and the band are also to be commended for their dedication to the practices and their performance. Well done, gentleman, on being committed to the process and completing this challenge!



At Calder House we try to understand the passions of the boys and we do acknowledge that some of the boys compete within the official school sports over and above the requirements; but also, in sports that are not always officially recognised by the school. The following individuals have excelled in their passions:

Keegan Vogt's Achievements:



Keegan won the U18 K1 Drak River Marathon, the U18 K1 Dusi River Marathon, the K2 KZN Sprints and completed the Umko River Marathon.

Adam Tilbury's Achievements:



Adam was Captain of the U19A uMgungundlovu Tennis Team that won the KZN Inter District Tournament held at Westridge on the 8th and 9th of March 2025.

Troy Pillay's Achievements:



*Troy swam at the Midlands schools' trials
50m, 100m, 200m breaststroke (1st place all events)*

*KZN High schools' trials 50m, 100m, 200m breaststroke
(2nd place all events)*

*Selected to represent KZN High schools in SA Schools
Champs in Bloemfontein, 04 - 08 April 2025.*

He also participated in 2025 Midmar Mile event.

Ilonathemba Zwane's Achievement:



*Ilonathemba has been selected as
the Head Boy of renowned
Midland's youth choir 2025. The
choir will be showcasing the talent
in the big national stage of Klein
Karoo Mossel bay from the 31st of
March to the 5th April.*

*Farhan participated in the Victoria
Country Club club championship
on the 08th and 09th of March.*

*For the second year running he
won the best junior category and
was 4th overall in the men's A-
division.*

Akhil Bharath's Achievement:

*Akhil was selected for
CSA U16 KZN Inland
Boys week that took
place in Pretoria.*

*He was man of the
match for bowling
figures against Central
Gauteng Lions. 10
overs, 1 maiden, 20
runs & 5 wickets.*

Farhan Pillay's Achievement:



Keigan Clarke's Achievements:



Keigan competed in the Natal Lifesaving Champs last weekend.

He achieved in the U15 age group: 2nd Long Run, 4th in Flags, and 4th in the beach sprint.



Cole Baxter's Achievement:



Cole placed 2nd in the Youth category and 3rd Mens overall at the Summer Series; as well as the selection to the Shongweni Cycling Club elite cycling team for the 2025 KZN XCO provincial series.

Alande Ngubane's Achievement:

Alande was awarded the Man of the Match at the hard-fought fixture against Northwood on Goldstones Field this past weekend.

Callum Frank's Achievements:

In February, Callum competed in the Titans 01 Tournament at his table tennis club, Titans, where he secured third place in his category. As part of the Jazz Band, Callum performed at the Open Day on 14 March 2025. He was also part of the lineup with the MC Jazz Band at the Epworth Rewind Revolution, held from 16-19 March at Epworth School in collaboration with Maritzburg College.

Muhammad Badat's Achievements:

Muhammad has for the first time led a small congregation of worshippers of the Muslim faith in the additional night prayers (called Taraweeh) during the month of Ramadaan. A few Muslim boys his age, in addition to school and their academic/secular education, are also pursuing the Memorisation of the Holy Quraan off by heart (The Quraan is in Arabic and has 30 chapters). Currently Muhammad is almost complete with 8 chapters!

**'Rest is not idle,
not wasteful.
Sometimes rest is
the most productive
thing you can do for
your body and soul.'**
- Erica Layne

Even though this holiday is a short one, please may I ask that your son does endeavour to get good rest before the busy second term.

This term is filled with winter sports fixtures, compulsory sports events, parent evenings, formal tasks, and the important midyear examinations.

Be safe on the roads if you do intend on travelling.

- Mrs K. Bartholomew