

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

The second term has come and gone so quickly that it feels as if the upcoming midyear holiday break is the first time many of us are coming up for air!

From an elated end of term one, to a festival-filled school holiday, rushing back into a disjointed academic schedule, and finally into a rigorous examination session – this has been an exhausting period for all stakeholders of this dynamic school, but everyone appears to have shouldered the workload and emerged victorious in their own rights.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter and alluded to above, Calder House pulled out all the stops for the **Interhouse Singing Competition** resulting in a resounding win overall for this task. This win not only confirmed that Calder House has talent, but that collaboration and passion were necessary to ensure a resounding win. Fortunately, this success has pushed the house's rank position higher on the leader board.

Ilonathemba Zwane, who had performed the solo on the final Thursday of term 1, sang "*Do I Wanna Know*" by Arctic Monkey. His fantastic performance set the stage for the Friday where the **House Band** and **House Singing** raised the roof. Cebelihle Zondi and his dedicated team of singers, instrumentalists, and dancers pulled together a superb musical experience. Each boy who performed on the day can be proud of their efforts!











As the term comes to an end, we would like to wish Mr M Marwick - who was an avid supporter of Calder House - all the very best for his journey at Girls High School. The Calder motto **Esse virum: To be a gentleman** has undoubtedly been one the characteristics we have all admired in your journey with Calder House.



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:

Rugby Achievements:



Alande Ngubane has received colours and has also made it to the Craven week and the u18 Academy.





Hockey Achievements:

Theo Boshoff was awarded the Man of the Match at the highly contested fixture against Pretoria Boys High School.

He was also selected to play in the U17 Academy.



Akhil Bharath's Achievement:



Akhil Bharath was presented with the U16 Boys Player of the Year 2024 Trophy at the Tuskers & KZN Inland Awards Ceremony. He displayed outstanding results of 10 overs, 1 maiden, 20 runs & 5 wickets.

Callum Frank's Achievement:



Callum took part in the ATKV music competition held in May, performing with the Maritzburg College Jazz Band at Grace College. The band delivered a showstopping performance that closed the evening with critical acclaim.







Andile Lembethe in form 5(left) and Bunono Zitumane in form 2 (right) have been selected to play in the Inland Hockey u18A and u14A team respectively during the midyear holidays.



Keegan Vogt's Achievement:



Keegan Vogt won the S2 SA Surf Ski Champs held during the Freedom Paddle around Robin Island and won S1 KZN Surf Ski Champs held in May.



Oliver Production:

Ilonathemba Zwane, Lethuthando Ngubane, and Lewis Leslie-Jean were all heavily involved in the Oliver Production. Their prowess on the stage and in the musical department was exceptional. Job well done, gents!



Interhouse hockey, rugby and soccer competition:

The Calder gentleman participated in the term 2 winter sports' interhouse competition and their efforts were commendable, especially with several specialist Calder sportsman away at holiday festivals. The Calder teams had a mixed bag of results, but it was evident the soccer teams contributed greatly to the overall results.







Thankfully, with Calder House committing to the final day of term 2 and putting together teams, the overall points remain stable from term 1. Term 3 is the term that focuses on points for **individual sports** and **House Plays** – of which Calder House was allocated Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs – and we trust the Calder gentlemen will succeed in producing results that move them up the ladder.

2025												
House	Borver Week	Gala	Culture House Sing	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Bball	Athletics	Virtus	Cricket	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
Lamond	13	34	14	13	11	9	13	28	34	14	14	197
Snow	14	22	16	17	17	14	12	18	28	17	14	189
Nicholson	17	24	12	9	11	7	17	24	24	13	17	175
Strachan	11	20	28	13	9	11	14	34	12	8	12	172
Forder	6	28	20	11	14	6	9	12	22	12	8	148
Calder	7	10	34	8	6	17	7	16	14	11	11	141
Commons	12	12	24	11	8	13	11	10	20	7	9	137
Barns	9	18	18	6	14	10	8	20	18	9	7	137
Fuller	11	14	22	17	7	9	6	22	10	6	7	131
Pape	8	16	10	8	12	13	10	14	16	10	10	127



We also wish Cole Baxter good luck for his new chapter at Kearsney College!

Thank you, Cole, for cycling in the and participating in so many of the Calder House activities with such enthusiasm over the past two years.



Success isn't about the end result, it's about what you learn along the way. This term has been a jam-packed school quarter, and it has highlighted a variety of matters that need to be considered. Firstly, the boys of Calder House have been positively productive. Secondly, the examination results released should give an indication of the effort and commitment placed on studies. Finally, there is always room for growth and exploration in safe and fun environments provided within the House system.

- Mrs K. Bartholomew