



# Strachan House News



**Term 2 - 2025**

## HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

The second term of 2025 was once again a busy and vibrant one, with our boys showing commitment, enthusiasm, and House pride across various events and activities.

From an Inter-House perspective, the term was relatively quiet until the final day, when the boys took to the fields for a spirited round of Inter-House rugby, soccer, and hockey. Sitting fourth in the overall Inter-House standings, our boys were determined and motivated, eagerly forming competitive junior and senior teams. Their effort, sportsmanship, and team spirit were commendable, and we await the final results with great anticipation.

One of the standout moments of the term was the much-anticipated Reunion Weekend. The boys conducted themselves with distinction, proudly representing Strachan House and the school as a whole. The blazer display was particularly striking—an embodiment of pride, discipline, and respect and I have no doubt that the memories made during Reunion will last for years to come.

This term also brought a change to our mentor team. We bid farewell to Mr Whatmore, who served as a valued mentor and positive presence in the House. His dedication to the boys and his steady guidance will be sorely missed, and we thank him for his service to Strachan House. In his place, we warmly welcome Mr Tshale, the school's choir master, whose energy, passion for the arts, and mentorship have already begun to make a strong impression. We look forward to the fresh perspective and enthusiasm he brings to the House.

The term concluded with the Mid-Year Examinations, and the boys are now eagerly awaiting their results. Looking ahead, Term 3 begins on 22 July and promises to be another full and exciting period, with new challenges and opportunities to grow. We trust the boys will use the holidays to rest and recharge, and we hope you enjoy some quality time together before the new term begins.

Pro Aris et Focis  
Mr Warr and the Strachan House Team

Mr Tshale in action at the Reunion Day Assembly directing the choir in a spirited performance.



# FROM THE BOYS

## House Achievements

The young men of Strachan House have earned numerous awards across a variety of sporting, cultural and academic endeavours.

Academically, two of our boys placed in the top 10 of their respective Forms at the end of the First Term. **T Sivenarain** placed 9<sup>th</sup> in 5<sup>th</sup> Form and **S Naidoo** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in 6<sup>th</sup> Form. We are incredibly proud of them and await their June Examination results with interest.



On the cultural front, **A Ngcobo**, **A Mhlanzi**, **D Gademan** and **N Luvuno** were selected to represent Pietermaritzburg in Debating, competing for Provincial Selection. In addition, **D Gademan** also had a starring role in the school production of Oliver!

### Representing PMBDL at Provincial Selection





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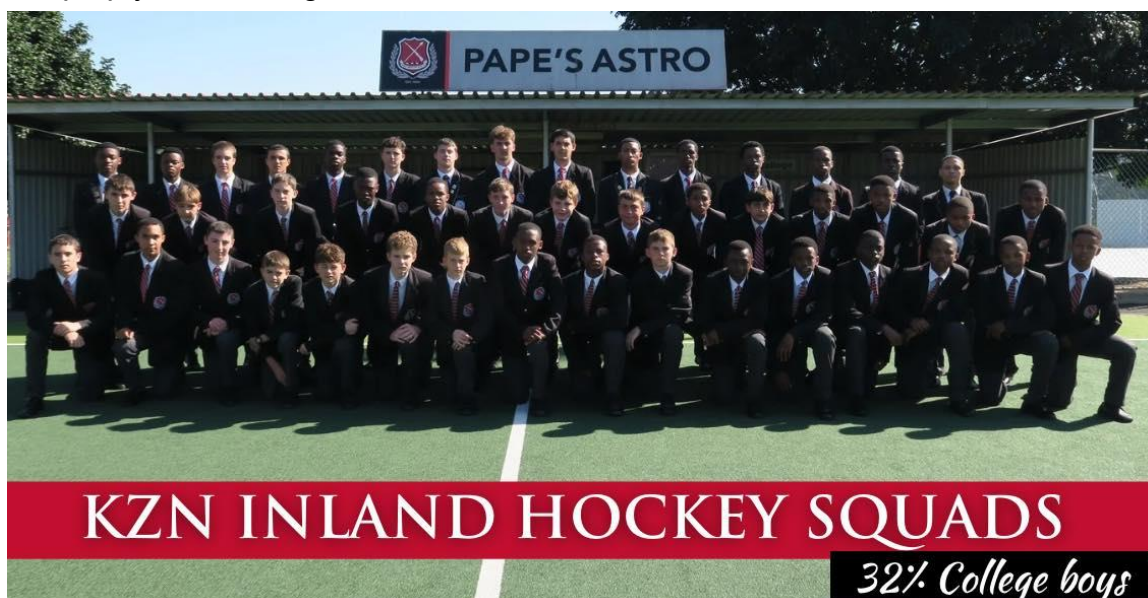
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On the sports field, we had Strachan boys excel in a variety of different codes.

**V Premchand** earned selection to the KZN Squash side on the back of his consistent and excellent performances. In rugby, the following gentlemen were selected for various provincial times: Sharks U17 AFGRI Week – **L Tsoko**, Sharks FNB U16 Grant Khomo Week – **M Mogale**, Sharks U14 High Performance Squad – **J Yobo**. Congratulations boys, we are proud of you!



We also had numerous boys gain selection to various Inland Hockey sides. Inland U18A – D Jackson, U18B – **A Mthlane**, U18 C – **H Hackland**, U16 A – **NG Ntshingila** and U16B – **N Jakatyana & L Shelembe**. Keep up your efforts gents!



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Our very own **J Knock**, who won the Inter-House Soloist competition last term, going a long way to helping Strachan achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall on the day made it through to the final round of the prestigious National Schools Jazz Band. We wish him all the best for his audition at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown on 1 July.



Lastly, many of our boys have achieved awards in many different spheres of school life. A sample of these can be found in the list below:

M Askham: Academic Colours, Lapel Badge and Large White Badge for basketball

J Fincham: Academic Tie

D Gademan: Colours & Scarf for debating

H Hackland: Large White Badge for hockey

A Mhlanzi: Honours for debating

B Mhlongo: Colours & Scarf for athletics

F Moula: Honours for First Aid

A Mthalane: Large White Badge for hockey

S Naidoo: Academic Honours

N Ngcobo: Honours for basketball

L O'Connor: Large White Badge and Colours for canoeing

O Radebe: Academic Tie

T Royappen: Honours for table tennis

C Sweetnam: Honours for Athletics and Large White Badge for swimming

G Thomson: Academic colours

R van Rensburg: Lapel Badge for Ensemble

W Zondi: Academic Tie