



Calder House News – Term 3

HOUSEMASTER'S **REPORT**

As I look back over the past eleven weeks, this term has felt notably more settled. The rhythm of daily routines has fostered a welcome sense of consistency and cohesion among both the boys and staff in Calder House.

This stability is largely thanks to the steadfast commitment of our mentor teachers, the proactive leadership of our house leaders, the support of our house prefects, the cooperation of the Calder House boys, and the open, transparent communication between parents/guardians and house staff.



Early in Term 3, the Form 6 gentlemen of Calder House enjoyed a delicious **lunch in the Crystal Palace** dining room. The occasion featured a delightfully light-hearted “peer” awards ceremony, during which several boys were acknowledged and presented with certificates of recognition. The event concluded with a heartfelt speech of appreciation from House Captain C. Zondi, followed by a warm vote of thanks from the house staff.



Halfway through the third term, the **Interhouse Play Competition** took place and Calder House's reworked rendition of Snow White, and the seven dwarves was well-received. This resulted in Calder House winning this specific interhouse activity; as well as C Zondi being recognised as the "most successful director". It was also wonderful to see the diversity of boys and their respective talents being showcased in this fairytale.



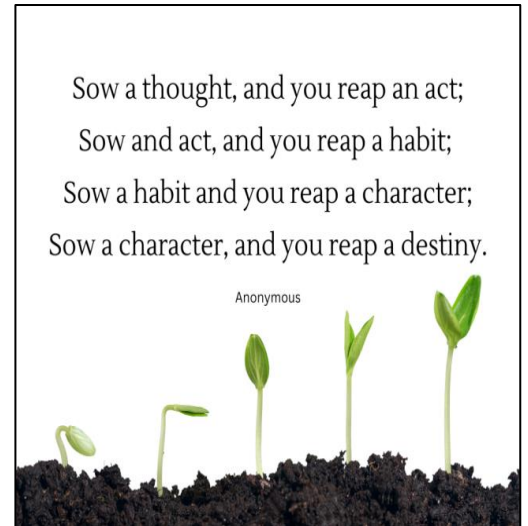
Whilst Calder House actors rehearsed for the interhouse play competition, the remainder of Calder House was encouraged to sign up and participate in the **individual sport and cultural** codes. Calder House boys willingly signed up for table tennis, tennis, squash, shooting, debating, and chess. Each of the boys who participated in these activities added points to the scoreboard, and we eagerly await the final tally after leadership and academics are added to the list of achievements.

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House	Borver Week	Gala	Shooting	Culture House Sing	Debating	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Chess	Table Tennis	Bball	House plays	Tennis	Athletics	Squash	Virtus	Cricket	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
Lamond	13	34	6	14	8	13	9	11	14	7	13	10	13	28	11	34	14	14	266
Strachan	11	20	14	28	14	13	11	9	10	17	14	14	7	34	14	12	8	12	262
Snow	14	22	8	16	14	17	14	17	11	10	12	12	8	18	7	28	17	14	259
Nicholson	17	24	12	12	17	9	7	11	8	8	17	9	14	24	10	24	13	17	253
Calder	7	10	10	34	10	8	17	6	17	17	7	17	10	16	9	14	11	11	231
Commons	12	12	13	24	10	11	13	9	9	17	11	13	17	10	6	20	7	9	223
Pape	8	16	17	10	12	8	13	13	12	11	10	12	12	14	12	16	10	10	216
Barns	9	18	11	18	12	6	10	12	13	10	8	7	11	20	17	18	9	7	216
Forder	6	28	9	20	8	11	6	14	8	12	9	6	6	12	13	22	12	8	210
Fuller	11	14	7	22	6	17	9	7	6	6	6	8	9	22	8	10	6	7	181

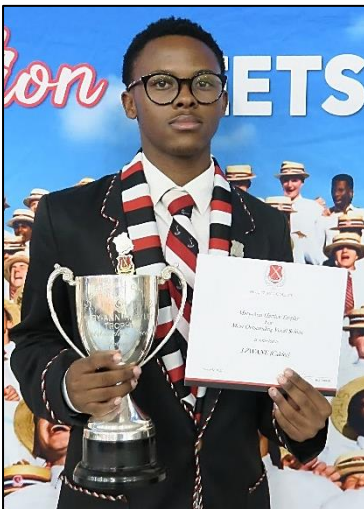
One of the standout moments of Term 3 was the **Sports and Cultural Awards** evening, which honoured top achievers across both sporting and cultural spheres. The event also paid tribute to those boys, parents, and staff, who have played vital roles as worthy competitors, enthusiastic supporters, and capable facilitators - all contributing to the spirit and camaraderie of the extensive cocurricular program that Maritzburg College offers.

Mr. Sandi Dlangalala, OC of 2009, delivered a reflective address that explored the efforts, setbacks, and triumphs that have shaped his journey through life. His message echoed the timeless principle: *you reap what you sow* - a humbling reminder that has stayed with me as the term draws to a close.

While we celebrate those who were formally recognised at the awards evening, I firmly believe that the contributions and achievements - both big and small - of many Calder gentlemen have not gone unnoticed by those around them.



Prize winners were as follows: *Mary-Ann Hartley Trophy for Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist - I Zwane; McGibbon Trophy for Best Stage Actor - LQB Ngubane; Director's Award - C Zondi; Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg Azalea Book Award for the display of qualities pertinent to the Rotary Four Way Test - P Mncwabe; H Johnson Cup for U17 Athletics Champion - TJ Boshoff; Oscar Servant Trophy for Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon - KH Vogt; Lance Dobeyn Trophy for Senior Champion Canoeist - KH Vogt; Ryan Clive-Smith Trophy for Highest Placed Senior in the Midlands Cross-country League - L Makhoba; Beck Cup for Matchplay Champion in Golf – F Pillay; Oscar Servant Trophy for Fellowship in Hockey - EUA Dlamini; Skonk Nicholson Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1st Rugby XV - TJ Boshoff; Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Promising Shottist - TJM Marwick; Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Tennis Player in the 1st Team - AC Tilbury; Justin Joubert Trophy for the Most Valuable Water Polo Player - KH Vogt Headmaster's Award for Highlight of the Year – KH Vogt*





Congratulations to all the boys who tried, and succeed, in giving of their best throughout the year!

We are delighted to announce that the much-anticipated excursions for our **Compulsory Camps** have commenced this week. These camps mark a significant milestone in our boys' journey of personal and collaborative growth, and we are grateful for your continued support in making them possible.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each parent and guardian who submitted their son's consent forms timeously and ensured the camp fees were paid. Your responsiveness and commitment are truly appreciated and reflect a shared understanding of the value these experiences bring to our learners at Calder House.

A special acknowledgement goes to the Spirit of Adventure staff and the College staff who generously gave of their time to attend the camps, supervising and observing our future leaders in action. Their presence and guidance has been invaluable.



Excursions and camps play a vital role in the **holistic development of boys**, offering opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom. These experiences allow boys to explore and strengthen their natural abilities in real-world settings, building confidence and deepening self-awareness. Equally important, they provide a supportive environment for those facing personal challenges—whether social, emotional, or physical—to confront and overcome them.

The growth that occurs during these moments is often transformative: a boy may discover resilience he didn't know he had, forge meaningful connections, or learn to lead and collaborate. Whether refining strengths or rising above obstacles, excursions and camps are powerful catalysts for personal growth, character development, and lifelong learning.

I trust that your sons return with renewed energy for the final term of the academic year and that they engage meaningfully in the opportunities presented to them. Have a blessed term 3 holiday!