



Barns House News



Term 4 - 2025

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

2025 has drawn to a close, and the Barns House boys can proudly set aside the 'Greys' for a well-deserved summer break filled with sunshine and freedom. What a remarkable year it has been—one that overflowed with growth, courage, and moments that will stay with us forever.

This final term asked a great deal of everyone, yet the way our boys and staff rose to every challenge was nothing short of inspiring. From the intensity of examinations to the thrill of the last matches on the field, you finished the year with heart, grit, and a quiet determination that made the entire House immensely proud. You truly embodied what it means to "finish strong," and in doing so you showed the world the character that defines Barns House.

There were triumphs that lifted us all—personal bests, hard-won victories, and breakthroughs that reminded us what we are capable of when we believe in ourselves and in one another. There were also moments that tested us, times when the result was not what we hoped for.

Yet even in those moments, lessons were learned, resilience was built, and the foundations for an even brighter future were laid. Every experience this year, whether it shone brightly or asked us to dig deeper, has shaped you into stronger, wiser, and more compassionate young men.

To the extraordinary staff and mentors of Barns House—thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your wisdom, kindness, and unwavering commitment have guided these boys not just through a school year, but toward the people they are becoming. You lead with humility, care with passion, and inspire simply by being who you are. You have given more than duty required, and the impact you have made will echo far beyond these walls. Now it is time for you to rest, to reconnect with loved ones, and to return refreshed for the adventures that await.

To the house leaders and prefects for 2026—stepping into these roles is both an honour and a privilege. You have been entrusted with the spirit of Barns House because your peers see in you the qualities of true leadership: integrity, empathy, courage, and an unrelenting

desire to lift others up. Lead with joy, serve with pride, and never forget that the greatest leaders are those who inspire others to believe in themselves. The House is in brilliant hands.

As the holidays begin, carry with you the pride of all you have achieved and the excitement of all that lies ahead. Recharge, dream big, and come back ready to write the next unforgettable chapter together.

Wishing every Barns boy, every staff member, and every family a peaceful, joyful, and truly restorative holiday.

See you in 2026—stronger, brighter, and ready for everything the new year will bring.

Simon Brill
Housemaster.



OUR HOUSE

WELCOME HOUSE LEADERS

The 3rd term said goodbye to our valiant leaders, and welcomed a new group of House Leaders and Prefects for 2026.

Congratulations to the following Barns boys for being selected as School Leaders, as well as the other responsibilities that they have been selected for:

SCHOOL PREFECTS

Dom Du Toit (Head Prefect)
Thabang Lekhobo
Scott Venniker

HOUSE LEADERS

Reece Wilson (House Captain)
Tsoafo Qhobosheane
Tinashe Mafunga
Kaden Leonard
Pablo Desebrook
Keelan Chetty

'BLUE BLOODS'



INTERHOUSE EVENTS

Barns house continued to be a force to be reckoned with, but there is certainly room for improvement. This year, Barns finished in 8th place on the overall points table. The participation in house competitions has been impressive and I commend those who got "stuck-in".

GOOD REPORT TEA: TERM 3

Congratulations to the following boys for finishing in the Top 10 for academics in Term 3:

Form 6: Christopher Mundell

Form 4: Imran Mahomed

Form 3: Yashveer Singh

Form 2: Corban Emerson

"MEN OF CHARACTER. MEN OF VIRTUE. MEN WORTHY OF RESPECT"



FROM THE BOYS

House leader farewell: Lwandile Bhengu (Vice Captain)

The 6th form group of 2025 is immensely proud and grateful for the effort and dedication shown by the men of Barns from the track to the last minute preparations for the Inter House music. Throughout the years results may have not been on our side but the most important lesson we learnt from the defeats and disappointments was the importance of putting in effort and getting involved not only for results but for the people around you. I'm immensely appreciative for the countless opportunities that College has exposed me to and for the lifetime of memories that I will forever hold dear to my heart. To the leaders of Barns for 2026, we believe that Barns house is fortunate to have you guys as the leaders, young men that will most definitely steer Barns house in the right direction. It's not going to be easy and it will require a team effort.

All the best boys and the Forder Cup is yours.

Pro Aris et Focis

AWARDS CEREMONY

College was thrilled to hold the annual Sport & Cultural Awards Ceremony. The events provided an avenue for parents and peers to recognise and celebrate this year's outstanding achievements across the school's academic and sporting front. Congratulations to the following boys who received awards:

BARNs HOUSE PRIZE WINNERS

E. Mitewu	<i>Music Revival Trophy for Contribution to Music</i>
T. Lekhobo	<i>Arnold Moseya Trophy for Best Defensive Basketball Player</i>
CJ. Sukraj	<i>Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1st Soccer XI</i>
S. Ismail	<i>JH Snow Cup for U16 Athletics Champion</i>
E. Hanekom	<i>Warren Shuttleworth Memorial Trophy for U15 Swimming Champion</i>



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