



Keegan Black

Keegan was an incredible person. Imagine a person that would die for you, that would sacrifice his life for yours. Imagine someone that would be there with you when you are in the thick of things, that would stand up for you no matter what. Imagine someone that when you hated them you still loved them and hated yourself for hating them. This is what Keegan was like. My brother was the most incredible person I have ever known. Just a few of the attributes that belonged to him were that he was generous, kind, competitive, funny and intelligent. I look forward to seeing him again.

Wesley Black (Form V)

Keegan was one of my best friends. I knew him from Grade one. As he grew up Keegan was very much loved throughout the school. He was always cheerful and happy, and because of this we said that there was a happy gas leak at his house. The first time I ever saw Keegan angry was when he played hockey but this was only because he was passionate about sport.

At Boys High Keegan opened my eyes to the thrilling and adventurous sport of climbing. Without a doubt he was the best climber in our form. He always pushed himself to the limit, never giving up. Climbing was not his only sport, he also enjoyed hockey and cricket. Sport played an important role in his life, but so did academics. Keegan strived for perfection in Maths and Science, his favourite subjects. He was always busy and never complained if more homework was given. To me and many other Boys High boys Keegan's legacy will live on forever. Keegan was and always will be a legend.

Tommie Greyling (Form III)

I first met Keegan in Grade 5 and I liked him instantly. His never-ending positivity made him instantly likeable. Whenever he needed help he always asked and one always wanted to help him. Whenever one was sad or depressed his "happy aura" would cheer one up, and the day went by quicker. He always encouraged me when I wanted to give up and I achieved many things, thanks to him. I enjoyed working with him and the dullest project would be fun when I worked with him. He was very generous and always gave of his time and effort to help others. He always made me laugh and once I started laughing with him, it was hard to stop. I couldn't believe it when my friend called me to say that Keegan had passed away and I was in denial until I attended the funeral. I miss him everyday and I will always remember him as Mr Happy.

Chris Jooste (Form III)

Never have I met a more extraordinary family: three boys which have the determination and heart to do anything with two amazing parents guiding and supporting them .

The tragic day that Keegan lost his life, they lost a son and a brother and I lost a friend. Keegan was a bright and intelligent boy, his knowledge of worldly matters was phenomenal. He was enthusiastic about anything new and one could never make him back down for a challenge. The boy had the energy levels of about five boys his age, and because of that there was never a dull moment around him.

Keegan was passionate about many things, but his devotion to the Lord was inspiring and I will always be grateful to him for opening up my eyes to the Lord. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Geoffrey Dore (Form V)

Keegan Black was not an ordinary "average Joe". He was a one-in-a-billion boy!

Keegan had personality traits, characteristics and a take on life unlike any other boy. Some of his attributes will always amaze me: his way of uplifting someone's spirit from rock bottom to a more joyful mood with just a few words of encouragement and one of his wide goofy smiles; his never-ending supply of energy, while I might be flat on my back gasping for air, he would still be running around as if he were on a Red Bull trip. Where he got it from will always be a mystery to me.

He never used to have an off-day. He would always be contented and happy, no matter what life threw at him; he would never let it get him down. It was as if he treated every day as if it were his last. He did get angry and frustrated from time to time and when he did, everyone ran for cover. Any object within arm's reach was a deadly missile.

Keegan never held a grudge, he always forgave; he treated everyone with absolute respect, like a true gentleman, be he a brother or a complete stranger. He never discouraged or put anyone down; he would always find a way to uplift others. If anyone needed help, without hesitation he was always the first on the scene.

Keegan has left us with an example of a life which we can all learn from and live by. He set a benchmark for us all, to live life to the full, to love our neighbour like a brother, to be kind and humble and positive, no matter what. No Excuses! (as the climbing boys would say.)

Joshua Nel (Form IV)

A tribute from the Bush School

Michael's untimely death early in April this year left us at Maretlwane shocked and numbed. It was hard to believe that Michael's last footprints at the Bush School had been left only four weeks prior to his ghastly accident. No less of a shock was the death of his father, Rob, who was one of the most passionate and supportive parents we have ever had at the Bush School. Rob spearheaded the donation to Maretlwane of a magnificent telescope at the end of the pilot project in 2005 of which Luke, Rob and Fran's eldest son, was a part. He also arranged the transport of planks from Tzaneen which now form the walkways at the Bush School and provide a fitting remembrance, directing the paths of our boys' lives.

Mr Alex Junod wrote in Michael's report at the end of the term, "His dedication to his studies was commendable and showed that he took full responsibility for his learning, yet he always

About my brother, Michael Peter

A man once walked this earth. His slow and peaceful stroll carried confidence in its heel, and love and laughter in its heart. A man whose shoes, only 15 years worn, had been many places and had seen and done amazing things. This man, my brother, no longer walks this earth, but I know his footprint will always enchant the people he met.

My brother, Michael Peter Harrison's character was to always put in 100% and he did not come short in his life story. I remember him pursuing any goal with fixed concentration and determination, a trait I myself had misplaced and have always admired. Although younger, my brother possessed

A tribute from Mark Russell to his best friend, Michael Peter Harrison

Michael Peter (The Rock) Harrison is my best friend. I use the present tense on purpose because his friendship and the impact it had on my life will last forever and cannot be erased by anything, not even death.

Michael and I grew up and became friends in the small mining community just outside Gravelotte. The days we spent together were filled with sun, fun, lots of laughter and of course, adventure. Those of you who knew Michael well, will know that he had quite an imagination. We often became lost in a world that Michael created ... a world where every stone became a gemstone or a fossil and every tree a fortress against the enemy.

When we moved to Pretoria and Rustenburg respectively, our friendship changed in the sense that we didn't see each other as much and yet when we did come together, it was as if the time apart

appeared to have the time to make the most of all the other opportunities that Maretlwane offered." In his tutor report, Mr Malcolm Armstrong wrote, "I enjoyed the tutor sessions with Michael. I found him to be mature and a deep thinker. His diary was a joy to read." Michael also earned himself the reputation of being the hardest working member of his cluster, the Hornbills.

Michael had an exuberant nature and a keen wit but also possessed a certain quietness and depth about him which one had to take time to explore. One had the feeling that he had much to offer. He never had a simple answer to any question but would come up with an interesting comment which one would not expect from the average 14 year old. The image of his blonde hair, blue eyes and quizzical smile will always remain at Maretlwane.

Les Richardson

a heightened maturity and intellect which I often used to my advantage, by strategically putting him in my 30 Seconds team or asking him to call people I would rather have avoided talking to.

Memories made with my brother and my father will always be kept in the most special place in my heart and although it burns to face the day without them, we always will, as courage was the foundation of their beliefs and I know it should be ours too.

Here is a poem my brother found inspirational after his time spent at Bush School. We can all take a feather from his cap because his dash will always be remembered.

didn't matter. Like two pieces of a puzzle we fit together. It is strange actually because Michael and I were complete opposites. I am quiet and reserved whereas Michael could not stop talking, especially when he was nervous or when he had to please explain himself out of a situation. Michael was the intellectual ... always pondering about issues, thinking of ways to save the world.

Michael enjoyed reading. In fact he was reading Frank Herbert's Dune on the day of the accident. In a way his life became just like that book that he did not get to finish, a young life interrupted. As his friend I feel cheated somehow because Michael had so much to offer and his own book of life could have had so many different endings. I am honoured that I have known him and that I can call him my friend.

Michael, I salute you.



A tribute from the Bush School

Shaun was with us at the Maretlwane Bush School for Term III of 2006. He arrived as a quietly spoken gentleman and left as a quietly spoken gentleman! What happened in between during the two months was that Shaun emerged as a true Bush School boy, grabbing life with both hands. He was ever appreciative of having been given the opportunity of living in the bush, "my best", for two months.

The news of Shaun's death on 07 April this year came as a tremendous shock to us all. It was one of those moments in time that makes one feel that everything has come to a standstill.

Shaun was in my tutor group, the Hadedas. As there was a shortage of staff accommodation at the time, I was living in a tent. I have very clear memories of Shaun coming to sit with me outside my tent under the *Celtis africana* and *Berkemia* trees for his weekly tutor interviews. He never failed to be wearing a bright yellow peak cap from under which his small, twinkling eyes penetrated deep into one's being. I quote from my tutor report written at the end of his term here: "Shaun came to Maretlwane as an unknown entity. His quiet, unassuming manner made one wonder whether he was either extremely happy and had no problems right from the start of the Bush School, or whether he was covering up well.

Shaun

Shaun was someone who saw the lighter side of life. He enjoyed the outdoors immensely and he had a vast knowledge of wildlife. Very often while walking between classes, Shaun would point out and identify various species of birds, while the rest of us were quite oblivious to even their presence. Wildlife like this often went unnoticed by most of us, but not by Shaun.

While seeing the lighter side of life, Shaun was also responsible. Well, ... as responsible as a Man. United supporter could be.

Shaun loved sport overall, but he had a passion for climbing and soccer. He would have us playing soccer at break with whatever was available, whether it was a sponge ball, a cold drink can or even a pip from our tree where we all sat everyday.

A day didn't pass without Shaun making us laugh in class. There wasn't a dull moment when you were in his company. And I'm sure all his friends and classmates will miss that. But having said that, when it was time to work, he worked, and that's what made Shaun such a well-balanced guy.

It soon became evident in our weekly interviews that Shaun was truly happy and fulfilled here, enjoying every moment of every day. He made the best of every possible opportunity offered to him, taking each day fully in his stride. Shaun has an even temperament, showing no signs of irritation or impatience. He is good humoured, helpful and kind."

I remember Shaun particularly enjoying making others feel good and making his friends laugh. He was totally dedicated to the Hadedas cluster, being up before anybody else every morning and starting the cleaning chores for daily inspection. He was reliable and honest, not afraid to stand up for what he believed was right and going against the flow if necessary. He lived for his Bush School soccer team, "Bush United", enjoying friendly games against other teams like "The Big Boys"! He took it upon himself, with a few friends, to build soccer posts on our "dust bowl" of a soccer field. Shaun was never heard to complain and was very easy to please. He always saw the bright side of life.

It is difficult to believe that Shaun is no longer with us. I have a happy picture in my mind of him bringing a smile to those around him.

Les Richardson

Shaun was always himself, and he called a spade a spade and people respected him for that.

There were three things in life that made Shaun most happy:

Number one was his climbing. Whenever Shaun had a bit of spare time he would climb anything he could find him. I remember while waiting for our parents to fetch us after school everyday, Shaun would climb the stone wall next to car park and set new routes on it. Number two was his soccer. Well ... what can I say! Manchester United. The guy had Man. United written all over his school hymn book, so I guess you could say it was almost part of his religion. And last, but definitely not least, family time and holidays spent in the Kruger Park and at the coast. Shaun often told us a bout how he enjoyed being so close to nature ... close enough to chase irritating monkeys away with his ketty, or as Shaun would say, his "kady".

Shaun's last Kruger holiday was a real driving experience.

Sean Mackrell

My Brother – Shaun

I don't recall a best moment with my brother, Shaun, because actually all our moments spent together were fantastic. Our special times were probably watching soccer matches together as well as playing soccer on the grass and destroying Mom's garden in the process. Our neighbour did not appreciate the soccer ball going over the wall and warned us numerous times, telling us not to climb over the wall. Shaun would scheme out all kinds of moves to retrieve the ball using the swimming pool net.

Climbing with Shaun at the Barn and at school was always lots of fun. His help and advice helped to improve my moves on the wall. He even made a route to climb along the carport at home. Climbing was his second passion. His first passion was supporting Manchester United and all who knew him knew that.

His nicknames included Cottrell, Cotti-factor, Cotti and Costas, but to me he was and always will be a Brother.

I will always miss Shaun, he was a legend and legends go on forever. I look forward to the day I meet him again. I salute Shaun Cottrell.
Your brother

Gareth Cottrell



Shauno

My best friend was Shaun Cottrell. He had an amazing zest for life and always lived life to the fullest. He was very spontaneous and always had a smile on his face.

Shaun was my climbing partner and I fed off his enthusiasm and energy for the sport. He often said to people that he was competing against, or to guys who were trying to beat him, that they lacked the Cotti Factor and without it they would surely lose. I think it is this factor that kept us motivated to push ourselves to have more fun and train harder.

When Shaun was around there was never a dull moment. We were either laughing at something he did or something he said. No matter what the situation, everyone was always bound to end up laughing.

His love for soccer was equally as passionate as his love for climbing. His support for the team he loved, Manchester United, was unrivalled. Every game and every weekend, Shaun would be watching them.

Shaun was also a top academic student and he proved this by getting high marks for Science. He seemed to do this with ease which always amazed me. His love for nature and wildlife was incredible. He loved being outdoors and could spot and identify animals with amazing accuracy.

Shaun brought out the best in people, especially me. I am glad to have shared some of the best moments of my life with him. I will, forever, miss him.

Your friend

Wez (Wesley Black)

He is gone

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all he has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



Abernethy House

Senior Housemaster: *Mr M Badenhorst*
Tutors: *Form I: Ms E Donaldson*
Form II: Mrs A van Straten
Form III: Ms K Bezuidenhout
Form IV: Mrs A Robinson
Form V: Mrs G du Plessis

Head Prefect: *Tiaan van Wijk*
Deputy: *Paul Makwinja*
Prefects: *Marc Hatton*
Morné Kahts
Tumi Skosana
Shaun van der Walt
Chris Baron
Tewie Wessels

Abernethy House has experienced a year of both triumph and tragedy.

It is a House that has such an abundance of talent and charisma. This year has been a superb one in this respect.

The spirit of the House has been outstanding throughout the year. It all started at the Inter-House Gala in the second week of school – never have I heard a Day Boy house cheer their swimmers more loudly and with more enjoyment than in 2008.

In April 2008, the Boys High community was shattered to learn of the tragic death of three of its members as well as a parent. Abernethy House had to come to terms with the brevity and unpredictability of life as we mourned the untimely death of Keegan

Black, youngest son of Mrs Sandy Black and brother to Wesley and Warrick. The amazing outcome of this tragedy was the wonderful courage displayed by Mrs Black and Wesley, as well as the whole family. Their dignity in the midst of their immense loss, their strength, acceptance of God's will and above all, their unflinching faith in the living Christ, have brought peace and comfort to our hearts and inspired those who remained behind, "to turn to life again and smile" and to complete Keegan's unfinished tasks.

The rest of the year was about participation, commitment and consistency. Thank you to all the Abernethy boys for their contribution in all the Inter-House activities despite some difficulties. After every event the boys held their heads high with the knowledge that they had done their best.

Thank you to the matric group for a good year. You led the House with passion. To all the prefects who sacrificed a lot of their time to help make all the events successful, assisting with registration periods, taking part in House assemblies and dealing with boys in their unique ways, thank you!

I would like to thank all the House tutors for the support, kind words and advice they gave me. Without competent tutors it is impossible to run an efficient house. Let us keep up the good work and make Abernethy an even happier House in 2009.

M Badenhorst
Mrs A Robinson

Abernethy House Form V



Front Row L-R: J Schoeman, G Falkson, S van der Walt, T van Wijk, Mrs G du Plessis (Tutor), P Makwinja, M Wessels, M Hatton, T Mampuru.
Second Row L-R: Mr M Badenhorst (Housemaster), S Akoojee, C Fynn, A Procopos, N Symeou, C Fourie, P Kabini, Q Cao Xuan, A Pillai.
Third Row L-R: L Engelbrecht, Y Alkayyali, W Yates, D van Wyk, S Harvey, C Bitzer, K Sales.
Back Row L-R: C Minnaar, T Sekwele, C Horn, J Xu. **Absent:** C Baron, M Kahts, D Pretorius, R Schmidt, T Skosana, S Smuts.

Senior Housemaster: *Mr C MacDonald*
 Tutors:
 Form I: *Mrs L Georgiades*
 Form II: *Mr O Vermeulen*
 Form III: *Mrs E Dreyer*
 Form IV: *Mrs K Stenos*
 Form V: *Mrs C Olivier*

Head Prefect: *Donnovan Marais*
 Deputy: *Tshepang Makofane*
 Prefects:
 Marco Balducci
 Anthony Bulling
 Bryan Bulling
 Dikgang Kotsedi
 Vickus Nel
 Yongama Mxiweni
 Colin Stanley

2008 got off to a great start with Arcadia House finishing 5th in the School's Inter-House gala. The result was a drastic improvement on previous years' performances, and this prepared the House for a year of great sporting results. Arcadia House became a force to be reckoned with. Immense support and a winning mind-set shown by Arcadia's matrices were vital in the formula for the House's success. Their attitude of leading by example and getting thoroughly involved in all activities was an inspiration to me and was certainly felt throughout the House. It was indeed an honour and a privilege to lead alongside young men of their calibre.

The Tutors of the House are far too often the unsung heroes. It is they who work very hard at ensuring that the needs of the boys in their charge are taken care of: from their emotional, to their academic and extra-mural needs. A very special

"Thank You" must thus be extended to the Tutors of 2008. Without their dedication and enthusiasm Arcadia House would not be what it is today.

This year's House Prefects were outstanding. Not only did they tackle their duties with fervour and dedication, but they were always willing to go the extra mile for the House. They showed absolute commitment in arranging the various teams and managed to juggle their many commitments successfully without neglecting their responsibilities. These young men quickly grasped the concept of servant-leadership and implemented it with great success. I will forever cherish the relationships that we built.

2008 was not all sunshine and roses, and the House suffered a huge blow with the tragic news of Daniel Lombard's devastating injury. He was visited in hospital by many and both Daniel and his father noted and acknowledged the unprecedented support shown by the boys. Upon his return to school, many of the boys rallied around Daniel and gave him the encouragement he needed at such a trying time in his life. Daniel showed bravery and determination above and beyond what anyone could have expected, which culminated in him successfully completing matric. Daniel is a true Arcadian and Boys High boy, and remains a shining example of what can be achieved if you put your mind to it.

With the example set by the matrices of 2008 and the incredible talent that we see coming through the ranks, Arcadia House will certainly go from strength to strength.

C S MacDonald

Arcadia House From V



Front Row L-R: D Kotsedi, D Lombard, C Stanley, T Makofane, Mrs C Olivier (Tutor), D Marais, V Nel, M Balducci, Y Nxiweni.

Second Row L-R: A Frisby, N Baloyi, A Waldeck, A Bulling, B Bulling, A Louw, D Patterson, K Oxley-Oxland.

Third Row L-R: S Yu, K Mnisi, J le Roux, D Koma, L Kruger, J Goodman, P van Rooyen, S Eagle.

Back Row L-R: T Hopf, H Dreyer, R Meiring, M Thomas, B van Duiker, R Hessel, G Forrest, D Hendey, Mr C MacDonald (Housemaster).



Armstrong House

Senior Housemaster: Mr P Franken
Tutors: Form I: Mrs D Albers
 Form II: Mr C Fowler
 Form III: Mrs T Ronga
 Form IV: Mrs T Millar
 Form V: Mr A de Kock

Headprefect: Charl Cilliers
Deputy : Neil van Biljon
Prefects : Stanley Twiname
 Dean Redgate
 Greg Tucker
 Omphile Molokoane
 Simphiwe Petros
 Marc Sauer

Armstrong has been one of the top Houses throughout 2008. We have grown into a House of renewed strength, passion and loyalty. We started off with a bang in fighting our way to first place in the Inter-House Swimming Gala, only to lose narrowly in the final race. This was a disappointing loss but I know that it brought us together and gave us a hunger to dominate in whatever else we did. We also competed strongly in the Inter-House Rugby, Soccer and many other activities. We even

had our first House run this year, which proved the great amount of commitment that existed amongst the boys.

I thank all the matrics for their support and loyalty to Armstrong. For the matrics, these have been five amazing years. I thank Neil and all the House Prefects. Armstrong's success and growth this year can be attributed largely to their input and hard work. I thank Mr Franken for being a competitive and determined Housemaster who has always believed in us and encouraged us always to give of our best in everything we do. I thank Mr de Kock for his strong support as our tutor and for all his hard work in keeping us organised and together. It has indeed been an honour leading Armstrong House this year.

In 2009 Armstrong will do even better than in 2008. I wish the House the best in achieving this. As the pen is mightier than the sword, Armstrong is mightier and more determined than the other houses. We departing matrics will miss Boys High, but will be proud old boys of both Armstrong House and Pretoria Boys High School.

Charl Cilliers

Armstrong House Form V



*Front Row L-R: M Sauer, S Petros, G Tucker, N van Biljon, Mr de Kock (Tutor), C Cilliers, S Twiname, O Molokoane, D Redgate.
 Second Row L-R: C Petrou, D Dafel, M Wright, I Carpenter-King, L Brumer, J Tromp, R Mmekoa, D Phalane, Y Scott.
 Third Row L-R: Mr Franken (House Master), R Peters, T Masipa, D Trollip, R de Souza Serradinho, P van der Merwe, L Hughes, M Bhana.
 Back Row L-R: C Haynes, E Coccia, D Poultney, B Meyer, S Skhosana, H Botha, S Pillay. Absent: K van Rooyen.*

Senior Housemaster: Mr M Smuts
Tutors: Form I: Mrs H Baptiste
 Form II: Mrs M Prinsen
 Form III: Mrs R Wortmann
 Form IV: Mr P Ewart-Phipps
 Form V: Mr R Blackmore

Head Prefect: Jason Webber
Deputy: Murray Lynch
Prefects: Donovan Bosman
 Boipelo Motlathlego
 Kgosi Mabotja
 Tumiso Lebelo
 Tiwonge Tembo
 Nicholas Ewart-Phipps

2008 has been a year in which we maintained and improved on last year's achievements. We started off by producing the Head Prefect and Deputy Head Prefect of the School and another four School Prefects. From the start it was seen that the strong leadership of the prefects and matric group would rub off onto the rest of the House. They led by example with enthusiasm and passion for the House and School.

As always, our first obstacle for the year was the Swimming Gala. As at last year's gala, we improved another position to eighth position. I must commend the boys on their attendance at all the Inter-House events this year. I was very proud to be part of Hofmeyr House. As a result of the commitment shown by the boys we achieved first place in the Inter-House Debating and set a new record by winning the Junior and Senior Inter-House Basketball. Hofmeyr achieved a second place during the Inter-House Play Festival, showing that we have talented boys who

can achieve in different spheres of School life. We also came fourth at the Inter-House Athletics and were the top day-boy House in the School.

I would like to thank Jason and Murray who managed to find the time to run the House and the School at the same time and did an excellent job of both. We appreciate the loyalty that you and the Prefects had towards the House and the love and passion that rubbed off onto your tutor groups. We value the input into your tutor groups and the sacrifices you made for them and each other. To our two inspirational Form 3 Prefects: "You guys were special!" The Form 3s enjoyed every tutor lesson and the time they spent with you.

I would like to thank all the staff of Hofmeyr House for the dedication, passion, time, effort and patience you showed towards the House. A special word of thanks must go to the tutors for their commitment, taking of roll call and making announcements every morning and for never being absent. The boys noticed and respected you for it. Thank you for your friendship and unwavering support during the past three years. You people are amazing!

Good luck to the matrices of 2009. I know Niku Kruger will lead you with the same passion and commitment as did Jason. To Mr Tucker, who will be taking over the reins, I hope you enjoy a House full of character, tutors with uncompromising love for the boys and boys who will go to war for you if you love and care for them. May your time in Hofmeyr also be as enjoyable and rewarding as mine has been over the past three years.

Mike Smuts

Hofmeyr House Form V



Front Row L-R: D Bosman, T Lebelo, N Ewart-Phipps, M Lynch, R Blackmore (Tutor), J Webber, B Motlathlego, K Mabotja, T Tembo.
Second Row L-R: N Taljaard, T Sedibe, S Naidoo, J Powell, S Feenstra, S Mendes, H Snyders, T Coetzee, I Mulder, J Leonard, R Durand.
Third Row L-R: R Norton, PL Liao, W Smith, PH Liao, S Prinsen, B Bredenkamp, N van Wyk, M du Plessis, M Smuts (Housemaster).
Back Row L-R: D Vanhout, R Zhao, R Muller, J Diepering, A Higgs.



Matheson House

HOUSE REPORTS

Senior Housemaster: Mrs Matthews
Tutors
Form I: Mrs C Brennan
Form II: Mrs S Singh
Form III: Mrs U Naudé
Form IV: Mr van Reenen
*Form V: Mrs A le Roux/
 Mr H Dorlas*

Head Prefect: Christiaan Ehlers
Deputy: Hansie Vermooten
Prefects: Dean Callanan
Costa Drepaniotis
Thomas Dreyer
Waseem Jeenah
Brandon le Roux
Patrick Ndou

Five years ... five years, this is the time I have spent at Pretoria Boys High, my school!

If I had to do my five years at Boys High all over again, I would, undoubtedly, choose Matheson House as my House and my family.

The spirit and atmosphere at the various Inter-House activities were tremendous throughout 2008, especially at the Inter-House gala. This was, once again, a Matheson highlight. Our success this year is largely due to Mrs Matthews' leadership, the tutors'

involvement and the boys' participation.

The year 2008 has most certainly been the most enjoyable year, as well as a very successful year, both on and off the sports field. The passion and loyalty towards Matheson House was reflected on all the 'MATHESON SOLDIERS' faces at every single Inter-House event! We won some events and lost some, but what counted was the spirit in which we competed and the loyalty and support we enjoyed! I will always cherish the memories and friendships made in our maroon house shirt.

I would like to thank Mrs Matthews for her wonderful support and guidance throughout the five years. She is a success story in her own right and has made an impact on all of our lives. To all the tutors we had the privilege of meeting and encountering over the five years, to all the House prefects and all the matrics of 2008, a very big thank you for making it a very special year.

Good luck to next year's Head of House and all the House prefects! Wear the Matheson shirt with pride and let the maroon flag fly high! I will always remember House Assembly on Thursday mornings under the old Jacaranda tree!

Christiaan Ehlers

Matheson House Form V



Front Row L-R: T Dreyer, P Ndou, B le Roux, C Ehlers, Mrs A le Roux (Tutor), H Vermooten, C Drepaniotis, D Callanan, W Jeenah.

Second Row L-R: Mrs A Matthews (Snr. Housemaster), E Hudson-Lamb, N Fidler, G Nkwashu, A Yenana, O Rannona, G Boshoff, A Marques, C Muhl.

Third Row L-R: A Roodt, S Wang, T Ramakgoakgoa, N Shinga, S du Plooy-Naran, A Theodosiou, R Picton-Turbevill, D Burger.

Back Row L-R: J Martin, A Laing, W Rich.

Senior Housemaster: Mr M Southwood
Tutors:
Form I: Mr M Evans/Mr M Nesbitt
Form II: Mr N Brennan
Form III: Mr M Murray
Form IV: Mr R Köhne
Form V: Mr M Southwood

Head Prefect: Daryl van der Merwe
Deputy: Ryan Lancefield
Prefects:
Max Rath
Ryan Azzie
Jason Williams
Kyle Middleton
Gomolemo Segabutle
Oageng Mpipi
James Ferguson

With regard to Inter-House activities we were once again as competitive as always. The cultural highlight of the year was the outstanding performances given by the House in the Inter-House Play Festival. Max Rath and Chase Kearns-Eastwick did an outstanding job in ensuring that the Rissik play made a clean sweep of the awards on offer during the Play Festival. We once again ruled the roost in the Water Polo pool with the Seniors putting on a polished display in winning that title. Other successes during the year were garnered by the Williams-led Senior Rugby side and the outstanding effort by all the boys in convincingly winning the Inter-House Athletics. Rissik boys still need to work on some Inter-House activities in which they are not as competitive. Activities such as Basketball come to mind here.

Rissik House has seen many changes this year, particularly amongst the staff. Mr Dave Murray started off as a tutor at the start of the year and, after one term, left for greener pastures to be replaced by his brother, Mr Mike Murray. Mr Evans left, after three years of fine service, halfway through the year and was replaced by Mr Nesbitt. With Messrs Murray, Brennan and Southwood leaving at the end of the year, the boys can be forgiven for being a bit confused about whom the boarding house staff were.

The spirit of the boys was most evident again this year. The House has been ably led by Daryl van der Merwe and his prefects. They have set the tone and made the House a friendly and harmonious place which is enjoyed by the majority of boys. I am sure that the House is in good hands for 2009 with a very good group of senior boys to assist Mr Smuts and his new masters deal with and enjoy the centenary year.

Mark Southwood

Rissik House Form V



Front Row L-R: H Dunlop, J Ferguson, O Mpipi, R Lancefield (Deputy Head Prefect), D van der Merwe (Head Prefect), D Middleton, G Segabutle, R Azzie, J Williams.

Second Row L-R: C Paull, S Aphane, T Bowker, S Bhana, J van Bylevelt, G Bates, W Kraak, G van Buuren.

Back Row L-R: C Kearns-Eastwick, J Vermaak, J Solyom, N Oehley, L Raseroka.



Senior Housemaster: Mr A Simmons
Tutors: Form I: Mr P Harold/Mr J Kelly
Form II: Mr C Fielding
Form III: Mr J Tucker
Form IV: Mr L Randall
Form V: Mr A Simmons

Head Prefect: Nii Mills
Deputy: Christian van der Westhuizen
Prefects: Mitchell Sharman
Nicolas Nel
Scott Sharman
Warrick Trotter
Dean Gericke
Joubert Malan
Martin Annandale

2008 started with huge promise within the House as we had five School prefects. This was a very good platform from which to work. I do believe that our House prefects were outstanding in their duties and played a significant role in the success of the House. Each and everyone of you needs to be commended on a job well done, especially Nii and Chris, who put so much into the House and made sure that the House ran effectively on a day to day basis.

The Form 1 group arrived wide eyed and somewhat shell-shocked. The vast majority settled down quickly and soon bought into the values and ideals of the House.

Our first major Inter-House activity was the Gala. This is an area where we normally struggled, however, our swimmers did an outstanding job and we managed to come third. This was a great

result considering our previous efforts. As a whole, School House performed exceptionally well in all the Inter-House activities. We were never short of representatives and the boys took great pride in representing their House. There was not more we could have asked for. Well done to each and everyone of you for your efforts in the Inter-House.

Special thanks must go to the School House Parents' Association, who continuously keep on improving the House. The gardens are looking amazing and I do believe that with further development in this area the boys will have the neatest looking boarding House. With the old tennis court being grassed, it gives our boys an extra area to hone their soccer skills. It will also serve as a fantastic area for boys and parents to enjoy a braai with each other. These braai facilities were kindly donated to School House by the 2008 Matrics. For this, we as a House, are extremely grateful.

Overall, School House boys achieved great success on the sports field, academically and culturally during 2008. We would like to congratulate all the boys who did so well. Special mention must be made of Christian van der Westhuizen who shared the honour of Dux Scholar for 2008.

I would like to thank the Housemasters for all they have done this year in the House. This is often a thankless job, but you were all amazing in what you did this year and I am truly grateful.

Finally, I would like to wish all the boys everything of the best for 2009. I know that you as a House will keep the flag flying high.

A Simmons

School House Form V



Front Row L-R: A Annandale, W Trotter, S Sharman, C van der Westhuizen, N Mills, M Sharman, J Malan, D Gericke, N Nel.
Second Row L-R: J van der Bilt, S Robertson, X Bezuidenhout, L Newby, R Engelbrecht, D Sutherland, J Guy, C van Rooyen.
Back Row L-R: A Mbethe, T Maphatane, J Hosking, A Mabeta, D King, A Tumba.

Senior Housemaster: Mr M Smith
Tutors: Form I: Mr P Botha
 Form II: Mr K Petje
 Form III: Mr N Loupos
 Form IV: Mr G Jelley
 Form V: Mr M Smith
Head Prefect: Juan Jardim
Deputy: Alex Jansen
Prefects: Donovan Brand
 Dean Engelbrecht
 Luke Harrison
 Nick Korb
 Reinhardt van Wyk

2008 turned out to be a successful and exciting year for Solomon House. The year started off with the great achievement of bringing back the swimming trophy. All the boys, parents and housemasters were thrilled to see the trophy lying back in its rightful place.

The year continued on an incline as we won another seven events these being senior cross country, junior and senior hockey, junior rugby, senior climbing and junior chess. Thanks to all those boys who contributed to these great achievements.

The luxury that the boys live in could not have

been made possible without the aid of the Parents' Committee who did a great job in all fund raising events and always supported the House in its needs and wants. Thank you so much.

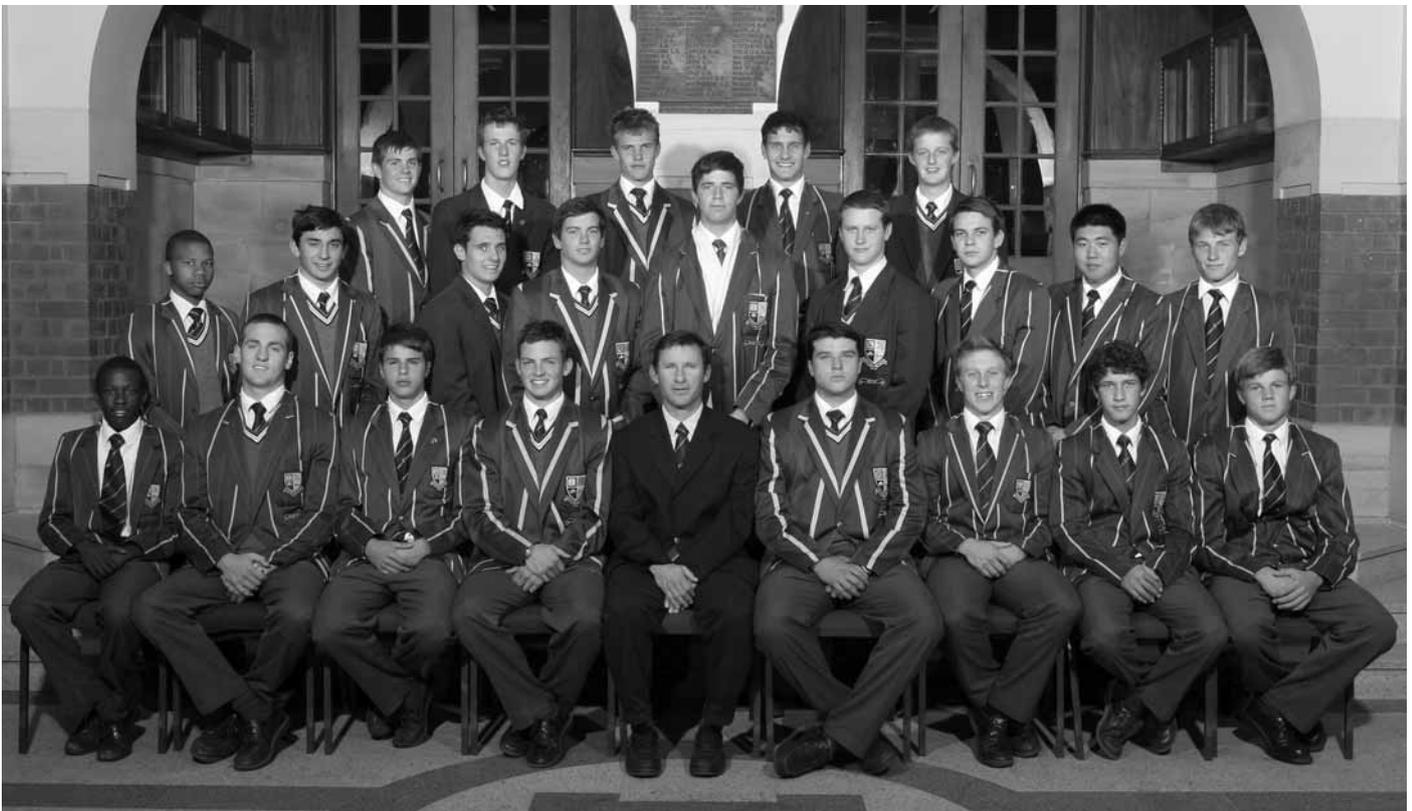
The 2008 Solomon House prefects showed sound leadership qualities, always presenting the House and School in a great manner, thus setting an example for the younger boys to follow. I would also like to thank all the matrics of 2008 for an outstanding year: their hearts proved to be made of black and gold and they always backed up decisions made by the leaders of the House. Thank you all for making the job easier.

The House could not have been run without the help of the Housemasters who gave so much of their time and effort to ensure that Solomon remains the best House, thank you. Special thanks must also be given to Mr. Smith for being a positive, firm and understanding senior housemaster in his first year in office. We know that the following years will be just as good, if not better, than his first year.

We all know that 2009 will be another successful year for Solomon House and I thank you all for an amazing and unforgettable 2008.

Juan Jardim

Solomon House Form V



Front Row L-R: T Rasebotsa, A Jansen, R van Wyk, N Korb, Mr M Smith, J Jardim, J Wicksteed, E Keys, D Engelbrecht.
Second Row L-R: O Seane, P Randall, R Janse van Rensburg, L Stocken, C McGuire, C Young, D Brand, K Tsai, W Stone.
Back Row L-R: B de Klerk, L Harrison, C Bester, R Hunter, M Clowes.



Senior Housemaster: *Mr D Wright*
Tutors: *Form I: Mrs H Coetzee*
Form II: Mrs M MacDonald
Form III: Mr M Moodley
Form IV: Mrs S Ward
Form V: Mr A O'Brien

Head Prefect: *Andries Pretorius*
Joshua de Kiewit
Claudio Barreiro
Anton Scholtz
Philip Parrock
Xander McKillop
Keoagile Mmekwa
Leon van Dyk

Going into this, my third year as the Senior Housemaster of Sunnyside House, I was a lot more relaxed than I had been at the start of the previous two years. The team of tutors and House Prefects with whom I work was outstanding and greatly influenced the success of the House as a whole.

I use the word 'team' because that is exactly what being a day boy house is all about. We do things and participate in activities as a team on a one-for-all and all-for-one basis. Without the collective commitment of everybody who takes part, the House would not run as effectively as it does. Every boy and every member of staff in this House is important to us and they are the sole reason for the successes we enjoy as a House.

Able led by Head of House, Andries Pretorius, there was a clear purpose of getting the most out of the Sunnyside boys. I would like to congratulate Andries and his team on a job well done. I do realise that sometimes leadership seems thankless and nobody seems to notice what you are giving. We do notice and we do appreciate all your efforts throughout the year.

The boys deserve a lot of praise. Their love for the School and for the House is evident in the enthusiasm and commitment they show at House events. I believe that if every Sunnyside House boy got involved in a facet of the House competitions of which he is capable, we would be unstoppable. To those of you who are always here and always keen to be involved (and you know who you are), I thank you.

Each tutor in Sunnyside House is an asset in his or her own way – both to the boys and me. Their caring attitude is what sets them apart. I challenge any other school in the country to produce a member of staff who is willing to go the extra mile as unselfishly as the tutors of Pretoria Boys High School. Mr O'Brien, Mrs Ward, Mr Moodley, Mrs MacDonald, Mrs Coetzee, Ms Wroth and Mr van Zyl – you are the backbone of the House. Thank you.

Finally, to Mr O'Brien, we wish you all the very best in your new career. Please don't be a stranger – Sunnyside House will welcome you back with open arms, even if it's just for a visit!

D Wright

Sunnyside House Form V



Front Row L-R: K Matang, K Mmekwa, C Barreiro, A Pretorius (Head of House), Mr A.M. O'Brien (Tutor), J De Kiewit, P Parrock, A Scholtz, N Muller.
Second Row L-R: R van den Berg, K Mentis, V Baird, G Buys, B Roebert, R Bosch, L Bekker, K Zoller.
Third Row L-R: H Swanepoel, B Fong, I Leyds, T Engelbrecht, S Stephan, S Haskins, D Coetzee, J van der Zwan.
Back Row L-R: X McKillick, M Wesigye, N Coetzee, J van Bergen, Mr D Wright (Senior Housemaster), L van Dyk.

Senior Housemaster: *Dr J Lombard*
Tutors: *Form I: Ms T Fairall*
Form II: Mrs H Stuart
Form III: Mr L Keeton
Form IV: Mrs G Kruger
Form V: Mr K McEvoy

Head Prefect: *Jared Tulloch*
Deputy: *Barry-Jay van Wyk*
Prefects: *Kevin Barnard*
Thapelo Mmushi
Rick Kotze
Michael Mole
Andries Nieuwoudt
Wayne Davison

Basketball, third Rugby, fourth Squash and fifth Soccer. Two junior athletes were medallists at the Top Ten Athletics meets. Reflecting on these results, we believe Town House has the potential to become a giant of a House in years to come.

The successes of the Juniors were made possible by a strong prefect body and matric group. The Seniors in the House conducted themselves like gentlemen and were by and large very sensible and supportive of the House this year. The effective and efficient administrative skills of Tutors and Prefects made for full teams in all Senior and Junior Inter-House activities. The leaders of the future will have a tough act to follow.

The House has committed itself to build on the successes of 2008 and to make 2009 an even more successful year. The boys in Town House must be allowed the freedom to explore their talents without fear of failure and to be part of a House that they experience as caring and supportive. The Tutors and Prefects appointed for 2009 will surely provide for this.

2008 will be remembered as a year in which Town House made giant strides on the Boys High campus. We set for ourselves the goal of raising the profile and performance levels of the House. In many ways we reached those goals this year.

The all-Round performances of the Juniors in the Inter-House competitions were very pleasing and included the following: first Water Polo, first Charity Sports Day, first Climbing, second Hockey, second

J Lombard

Town House Form V



Front Row L-R: *T Mmushi, M Mole, K Barnard, J Tulloch, Mr K McEvoy, B van Wyk, R Kotze, W Davison, A Nieuwoudt.*
Second Row L-R: *T Mbonzana, O Mogomotsi, J Semono, R Chabalala, N Kruse, J Kampman, H Haupt, H van Rensburg, K Boustead.*
Third Row L-R: *L Boustead, L Kyriacou, D Ribeiro, J Green, D Pallikarides, C Slabbert, D Raubenheimer, Dr J Lombard (S.H.M.).*
Back Row L-R: *W van Rooyen, J Sithole, V Motswi, M van Straten, G Kapikul, D Kyriakou.*
Absent: *T Broom, M de Kock, S Kuisis, M Oosthuizen.*



Matric Dance

ANNUAL EVENTS



Invitation

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO SHARE IN THE MYSTERY
OF THE 2008 PRETORIA BOYS HIGH
VENETIAN BALL

WHEN: 9 AUGUST 2008
TIME: 18H30 FOR 19H00
WHERE: DESMOND ABERNETHY HALL
DRESS: FORMAL
RSVP BEFORE 23 JULY