



Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Michaelhouse

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Rector's Message

Dr Isidor Rabi was a famous physicist who once won the Nobel Prize for Physics. This was principally for his discoveries on nuclear magnetic resonance; he worked extensively on radar, the development of the atomic bomb, the use of nuclear power in peace time and his impact on the development of microwave ovens was also enormous. On collecting him from school every day, when he was a boy, his mother used to ask him not what he had learned, but whether he had asked a good question that day. Perhaps the most important gateway to learning as an adolescent is to ask that very question of oneself: "Have I asked a good question today?" The inference is that one needs to have accumulated a fair understanding of a topic if it is to be a good question and, perhaps, that such a question might present an interesting starting point for debate and discussion. I have brought the Isidor Rabi question to our boys' attention as they ruminate on the topics and themes before them in their lessons this week. It may represent a shift from "knowing" to "learning to learn."

Congratulations & Individual Achievements

Academic News

South African Mathematics Olympiad

We congratulate **Tapiwa Chikwanda** on reaching the Third Round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad. This is an outstanding achievement as only the Top 100 learners from around the country qualify to go through to this round. We congratulate him and wish Tapiwa much success as he goes to Durban to write in this round later this week.

Cultural News

International Marimba & Steelpan Festival : 27-28 July 2019

Should you be in Johannesburg this coming weekend, please join the Michaelhouse Competition Marimba Band as they perform at the International Marimba & Steelpan Festival in Boksburg at St. Dominic's Catholic School for Girls. The band is entered into the following categories:

Saturday 27 July: "Proudly South African": performances start at 15h00; "In the Mix": performances start at 18h55; "Strictly Classical": performances start at 20h40.



Sunday 28 July: "Battle of the Bands": performances start at 10h00.

We wish our boys the very best as they compete at the festival. All information pertaining to the festival can be found at: www.internationalmarimbafestival.org



The Michaelhouse Competition Marimba Band in action

Sport News

Hockey Dinner Annual Awards 2019

The end of season Annual Hockey Dinner took place last Saturday evening where the following awards were made:

Most Improved Player in his First Season for the Team: **Kenton Melville**

Dowie Trophy for Skill, Humility & Service: **Rorke Melville**

Players' Player of the Season: **Mugabi Lubinga**

Player of the Season: **Ben Rebeck**

Soccer vs Westville Boys' High

Westville Boys' High, apparently the only other KZN school able to field more than 25 football teams on any given Saturday, were the visitors to a chilly Balgowan this past weekend. The games played produced a strong set of results for the visitors amongst the junior teams. The Michaelhouse First Team, buoyed up by solid home wins by the Second Team (3-2), Third Team (1-0) and Fourth Team (4-0) ended their game in a 1-1 draw.

Rugby: U18 Sharks Academy Week

Four of our players (**Brandon Jewell, Kwanele Khumalo, James Moodie** and **Luc Pousson**) represented the Sharks U18 Team that took part in the recent Rugby Academy Week at Grey College. The team was coached by **Mr Sam Mofokeng** (Michaelhouse U16A coach) and did exceptionally well



to win two (against Free State and South Western Districts) of their three games and scored 18 tries in the process. Kwanele Khumalo emerged as the top try scorer for the team with three tries, while Brandon Jewell and James Moodie contributed a try each during a successful week for the team. Luc Pousson was one of only three players who started all three games for the team. Well done to them all.

Rugby: U16 KZN Sharks Grant Khomo Tournament

The Grant Khomo Provincial U16 Rugby Tournament took place in White River during the recent holidays from 23-28 June 2019. Two of our players, **Alexander Vermeulen** and **Ayabonga Zakwe**, were selected to represent the Sharks Team, playing in all three games. The team kicked off with a solid win against Border (44-29) and drew against a very strong South Western Districts' side (20-20). These good results meant that the Sharks were chosen to play in the main game on the final day against a rampant Western Province team. The Sharks played very well and were only trailing by 14-7 at half-time before Western Province ran in two quick tries and ended by winning 34-10. A wonderful experience for our players; well done.



Brandon Jewell, Luc Pousson, Kwanele Khumalo and James Moodie representing the Sharks Academy Week U18 Team

Rugby 7s Festival: Crawford La Lucia

This past weekend Michaelhouse played in a Rugby 7s Festival at Crawford, La Lucia. Michaelhouse has enjoyed a consistently strong reputation in this format of the game since it became an entrenched



third quarter sports option a good number of years ago. The boys from Balgowan were in imperious form in the early stages of the festival, beating Amanzimtoti (45-7), St Charles (33-20) and St Henry's (62-0) before overcoming Kearsney College (31-15) in the semi-final. Michaelhouse met Westville Boys' High in the final where the Westville side, packed with Craven Week players, and having convincingly beaten Hilton College in their semi-final, were firm favourites to lift the cup. Michaelhouse, featuring three sets of brothers in the squad in the shape of the **Moodie**, **Zakwe** and **Oellermann** brothers, played a scintillating brand of seven-man rugby to defend their title and win the Cup 24-12. **James Moodie** was awarded Player of the Cup Final.



The Michaelhouse Rugby 7s Team successfully defended their title and claimed the Festival Cup

Canoeing: Upper Umgeni Race

Forty-two Michaelhouse paddlers took part in last Saturday's race. Congratulations to the seven boys who completed their very first canoe race. Notable K2 results were achieved by: **Jack Edmonds** and **Pierre van der Westhuyzen** who were 1st in the U16s and 6th overall, **Sam Butcher** and **Matt Millward** who were 2nd in the U18s and 4th overall, while **Ross Leslie** and **Chase Leisegang** were 3rd in the U18s and 7th overall.

Tennis: KZN Tournament

Joshua Heath played in the KZN Wilson Tennis Tournament this past weekend. It is a very competitive tournament with some of the top players in the country taking part. Joshua finished 5th overall in the Singles division and 2nd overall in the Doubles; congratulations to him.



Individual/Team Performance of the Week

There were some very good performances this past week; from the U14E and Fourth Soccer Teams which won their games 4-1 and 4-0 respectively, to the Staff Golf Team which convincingly beat the Boys' Team! However, the Team of the Week must go to the **First Rugby Sevens Team** for successfully defending their title and winning the Rugby Sevens Cup at the Crawford La Lucia Festival. Congratulations and well done to them.

Clubs & Societies' News

Surfing Club

The Michaelhouse Surfing Club is an active and well attended club and here is a glimpse into a recent outing involving a trip planned to Salt Rock. "Rough winds and huge swells being reported on the North Coast made us change our angle as we ventured for the protection of the piers on Durban's Golden Mile. The conditions were seemingly ideal, with slightly smaller waves than we envisaged. Nonetheless the crew paddled out at Durban's North Beach and held thumbs that the swell would get bigger as the tides turned. After a good few hours went by it was decided that we should move up the coast towards Umhlanga in search of the perfect A-Frame wave. To our shock, when we arrived, we were met with the most unlikely of flags hoisted high above the lifesavers' tower. It was the flag surfers' nightmares are made of, the dreaded 'Shark Flag', indicating that there had been shark activity spotted in the immediate vicinity. It was at that point that the surfers decided to call it a day and head back up the hill to Balgowan."



James Gush surfing with the Michaelhouse Surfing Club off Durban

Special Leave Requests

It is an opportune time to remind parents of the process of applying for a special leave consideration during the term time. **All leave requests or absence from school:** sleep out leaves, day leaves, special



requests for extraordinary events (significant family birthdays, anniversaries, matric balls, formal dances, etc.) or early departure at the end of a term, or late return, should be made to your son's Housemaster. The Housemaster in turn has a certain amount of authority to grant such requests, but he is also required to refer certain requests, especially those that fall outside of the normal weekend arrangements, to the Deputy Rector: Pupils, **Mr Allan Laing**. The reason for this is to ensure consistency in what is granted and what is not. All too often one hears of how things are done in "other Houses" and, by centralising special leave requests in this way, we take away the difficulty of inconsistency. So to clarify, all requests are to be sent to the Housemaster, he in turn will grant those he can and refer those he needs to refer. Your co-operation and understanding is much appreciated.

Mandela Day Community Partnership Blanket Initiative

On 18 July, Michaelhouse celebrated Mandela Day, and Madiba's memory, with the Community Partnership team joining forces with the "67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day Project". Knitted squares were donated to us, by KnitWits, and on what would have been Mandela's 101st birthday, the boys and staff had a table set up in Main Quad where they spent some time stitching a blanket together. The blankets will be passed on to vulnerable individuals. You can read more about the Michaelhouse Community Partnership programmes on the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/michaelhousecommunitypartnershiptrust/>



Staff and Boys stitched knitted squares together to create blankets in the Main Quad





Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club : Johannesburg Branch Dinner : 1 August 2019

All Johannesburg and Pretoria Old Boys, as well as past, present and prospective fathers in the Gauteng area, are invited to the Johannesburg Branch Dinner on Thursday 1 August 2019 to be held at the Bryanston Country Club. Please find the full details on the invitation at the end of this newsletter.

Condolences

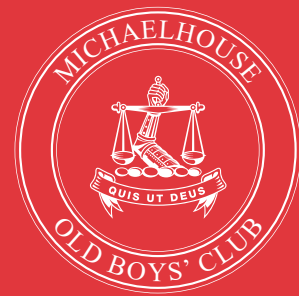
We were saddened to hear that the mothers of both **Mr Allan Laing** and **Mrs Trish Akal** passed away this last weekend. We offer our condolences to the Laing and Akal/Frost families at this sad time, along with our thoughts and prayers.

With my best wishes

Antony Clark
Rector

Michaelhouse Old Boys' Gauteng Branch Dinner

(Bryanston Country Club)



The Michaelhouse Old Boys' Gauteng Branch invites you to their Annual Dinner for 2019.

Our guest speaker will be Mr Herman Mashaba, the Mayor of Johannesburg. Rector of Michaelhouse, Antony Clark will also give an update on the school.

The evening will commence at 18h30 for pre-drinks, followed by a three-course meal in one of the main function rooms, starting at 19h15 sharp.

THE DETAILS OF THE EVENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Venue:	Bryanston Country Club	Date:	Thursday, 1 August 2019
Time:	Pre-drinks: 18h30 Dinner: 19h15 sharp	Cost:	R550 per head
Dress:	Suits / Jacket and Tie (<i>Old Boy tie preferred</i>)		
RSVP:	Tuesday 30 July 2019 to tracy@drs.co.za or michun@michaelhouse.org <i>Please send special dietary requirements with your RSVP.</i>		

We look forward to your company and hope to see you there.

PAYMENT METHODS

The following two payment methods are accepted. Please use the reference: **JHBD/Surname**

Option 1: Electronic Funds Transfer

Bank:	Standard Bank
	Msunduzi
Branch Code:	04 07 27
Account Number:	372213987
Account Holder:	Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club

Option 2: Zapper

Please scan the code below to make payment.

