



Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Michaelhouse

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## Rector's Message

One of the most interesting aspects of being the Rector of Michaelhouse lies in meeting the broader Michaelhouse community across the country and even beyond our borders. This weekend, I travelled to Cape Town with Paul Fleischack whose role now extends to overseeing the activities of the Old Boys. We had two memorable gatherings in the Western Cape, the first of which was at the Villagers Rugby Club in Cape Town and the second at Klapmuts at the lovely home and wine estate of **John** (West-1989) and Lara **Hooper**. **Charles Phillips**, the long-standing Chairman of the Old Boys' Club in Cape Town, was very supportive in managing both occasions, the first of which drew some hundred Old Boys to the event where, *inter alia*, there was a toast to Michaelhouse and a number of war cries. At the latter event, a slightly more senior group reminisced about old times at the school and looked out over the vineyards on a bright sunny day.

A special thanks goes to **Charles Phillips** and **Justin Fletcher** for their huge contribution to a successful weekend and also to **Reverend Jaques Pretorius** who led and preached at a Eucharist for our Old Boys on Sunday in the Bishops Chapel.

## Staff News

### *Appointment: Director of Mathematics*

We are very pleased to announce that **Mr Paul de Wet** has been appointed to the position of Director of Mathematics at Michaelhouse as of January 2020. The position will encompass being the Head of Mathematics as well as starting and running a centre for Mathematics teacher training and innovation. Paul has taught at Michaelhouse before, first as a Maths teacher, then the Housemaster of Farfield and finally the Senior Master: Academic. He comes back to Michaelhouse from Hilton College where he was the Director of Academics and Second Master, more recently stepping down from those roles to focus on his passion for teaching Mathematics and developing Mathematics resources. We congratulate Paul and look forward to welcoming him back to Michaelhouse.



## *Farewell*

This Friday we bid farewell to **Mr Mdu Mthembu** who has been an Intern teacher with us for the past two years teaching in the Mathematics Department. Mdu leaves us to take up a full-time Maths teaching position at Christian Brothers' College in Mount Edmund, Pretoria. We thank Mdu for his contribution to Michaelhouse and wish him much success in his new position.

## **Congratulations & Individual Achievements**

### *Academic News*

#### *B Block Accounting Tour*

Last week our B Block Accounting pupils went on tour to Johannesburg where they visited a number of companies and businesses and gained some insight into a variety of corporate issues such as how value can be added and profit yields. They visited Deloitte, Alpha Wealth, Standard Bank, Karan Beef (feedlot, abattoir and processing plant) and Sesisonke Farming. It was a most beneficial learning experience for our boys.



*B Block Accounting pupils on tour in Johannesburg visiting a business*

### *Sport News*

#### *Canoeing*

A number of canoe races have taken place recently. At the Lance Park Memorial Night Race **Jack Edmonds** and **Pierre van der Westhuyzen** were the 1st U16 K2 boat and 6th overall while **Matt Millward** and his partner were the 2nd U16 K2s and 8th overall and **Chase Leisegang** was the 2nd K1 boat in and 13<sup>th</sup> overall. The Alex Caruthers Upper uMngeni Race took place on Sunday and, in this, **Jack Edmonds** and **Matt Millward** were the 1<sup>st</sup> U16 K2 and 7th overall.



## *Cricket*

The Michaelhouse First XI played a friendly against Kearsney at Michaelhouse where we won by 6 wickets. **Jared Meiring** scored 72 not out, **Ryan Stringer** 70 and **Oyama Ntshona** took 5/23.

## *Cross Country*

**Zola Sokhela** has been selected for the U17 KZN Team and will compete in the South African Championships in Pretoria in September.

## *Rugby 7s Skonk Nicholson Festival at Maritzburg College*

Our players showed some real grit and determination at this festival with our U15 team making it through to the Shield Final where we narrowly lost 21-19 to Kearsney. The First team had a good day getting some well-deserved results in the pool stages and making it through to the Cup Final after defeating Northwood and drawing against Glenwood in the semi-finals. In the finals we met Westville Boys' High and unfortunately lost 24-12.

## *Soccer vs Kearsney College*

28 matches took place against Kearsney last Saturday. We won 14 matches, drew 1 and lost 13. Goals for were 68 and against 59. The U15E and U14G teams deserve special mention for their respective 10-0 and 8-1 wins! The Michaelhouse U15 and U14 teams enjoyed the best results of the day, and though our Open teams lost most of their matches, our First XI won 2-1 which rounded off a good day of soccer.

## *Squash*

Our squash players enjoyed a friendly against Howick High and won 12-0.

## *Tennis*

The U15A Team beat St Charles in a mid-week match 11-1.

## *Individual/Team Performance of the Week*

This week we had a number of sports putting their names in the hat for commendable performances, from the sevens rugby players and canoeists to the soccer and tennis players. The Team of the Week goes to the **U15E Soccer team** for their excellent win over Kearsney as noted above. Well done to them.

## *Cultural News*

The Michaelhouse Chapel Choir recently recorded a music video with Drakondale Girls' Choir School and Leon Schuster for a new Rugby World Cup song. Five of the Michaelhouse choristers did the vocal recordings: **Barry Bierman, Neil Bierman, Maye Nene, David Nienaber** and **Christopher Silk** and twenty six of the boys joined in as part of the music video.



*The Chapel Choir with Leon Schuster (centre) at Drakondale Girls' Choir School*

Please visit the Michaelhouse Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/pg/michaelhouse.org/posts/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/michaelhouse.org/posts/) to see more information and photographs on events at the school and achievements by our pupils.

## Enrichment Speakers

Over the last week we have welcomed two enrichment speakers to Michaelhouse. Mr Brendan Botha's talk was titled "*Breaking Free*" and formed part of the school's ABC theme for this term. The presentation looked at the dangers of pornography and the effect it can have on the brain and relationships. International Motivational Speaker, Mr Paul Tosio, gave a talk to the A, B and C Block pupils on learning, practical tips and motivational study skills.

## Opening Week : The Schlesinger Theatre presents : "Little Shop of Horrors"

*Thursday night is the opening night of the school's annual musical production. If you have not secured your tickets yet we encourage you to do so and come along to Michaelhouse to enjoy an evening of music and laughter.*

A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, "Little Shop of Horrors" has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for over 30 years. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Aladdin*) are the creative geniuses behind what has become one of the most popular shows in the world.



Meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his co-worker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination! One of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows, "Little Shop of Horrors", the charmingly tongue in cheek comedy, has been produced worldwide to incredible success. Produced by Michaelhouse with St John's D.S.G., direction by **William le Cordeur**, music direction by **Abri Venter**, puppets by KickstArt's Greg King, a professional live orchestra and lead actors played by Drakensberg Boys' Choir old boys, Michaelhouse hopes to bring laughter to Balgowan with a man-eating plant and a fun-loving cast.

**Dates: 29, 30, 31 August at 19h00 and 1 September 2019 at 14h00**

**Venue: Schlesinger Theatre**

**Tickets: R120 per person / R100 scholars and pensioners**

**Bookings: <https://www.tickethut.co.za/michaelhouse>**

Group bookings or queries: Please call **Angela Jonsson** at Tel: (033) 234 1238 (8am-1pm daily) or e-mail: [angjon@michaelhouse.org](mailto:angjon@michaelhouse.org)

## Michaelhouse & Treverton Grade 10 & 11 Art Exhibition : 4 September 2019

We warmly invite parents and friends to attend the opening of the Michaelhouse/Treverton Art Exhibition on Wednesday 4 September 2019. This exhibition is chiefly aimed to encourage those pupils in the B and C Blocks of both schools. Please note that no RSVPs are required. Refreshments will be served. Should you not be able to join us at the opening, the exhibition will run until 4 October 2019 and we encourage you to pop in to the Theatre foyer to view the wonderful artwork on display.



The Visual Art departments of  
**TREVERTON & MICHAELHOUSE**  
cordially invite you to attend the opening of their

## 2019 Combined Grade 10&11 Exhibition

Tom-Tom Walters (C Block Tatham) Plum (2019) PVA and charcoal on pattern card

Schlesinger Theatre Foyer Gallery, Michaelhouse, Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 6 for 6.30 pm  
Guest Speaker: Joy Preiss



## Fathers & Sons : “Courage To Connect” Weekend : 26-28 October 2019

It is often difficult for fathers to stay connected to their sons during their adolescent years, but this is perhaps where a father's effective involvement is most crucial. To this end, the Michaelhouse Counselling Department, will be running the Fathers and Sons Weekend during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. The course is limited to Michaelhouse fathers and their sons who are currently in C or B Block. The aims of the weekend are as follows:

- To open and/or develop the lines of communication between fathers and sons
- To provide experiences for fathers and sons to build trust
- To explore ways in which fathers can support their sons as they become men
- To give opportunity for sons to speak, be listened to and understood by their fathers
- To give opportunity for fathers to speak, be listened to and understood by their sons

<b>Dates and times</b>	Starts on Saturday 26 October 2019 (16h00)
	Ends on Monday 28 October 2019 (15h00)
<b>Venue</b>	Glengarry : in the foothills of the Drakensberg
<b>Cost</b>	R3 150 per person (R1 500 per person non-refundable deposit) This includes all accommodation, activities and meals <i>We will debit your school account</i>
<b>Facilitators</b>	Tim Jarvis, Rob Pluke, Jaques Pretorius
<b>How to book</b>	<b>Contact the Counsellor's Administrator, Caryl Ballance, for a booking form.</b> Email: <a href="mailto:carbal@michaelhouse.org">carbal@michaelhouse.org</a> Phone: 033 234 1014 (Please be advised that places are limited. On receipt of the completed booking form, your place will be confirmed by return letter from the School)



## Midlands' Old Boys' Branch Invitation : Wednesday 2 October 2019

The Midlands' Branch of the Old Boys' Club will host an informal evening and talk by Guest Speaker OM **Keith Begg**. Please find the invitation and full details of the event at the end of this newsletter.

With my best wishes

**Antony Clark**  
Rector



Old Boys, partners & friends are invited to join us for an

## INFORMAL DRINKS AND SNACKS EVENING

hosted by the Midlands Branch of the Michaelhouse  
Old Boys Club.

**GUEST SPEAKER: KEITH BEGG (BAINES, 1985 – 1988)**

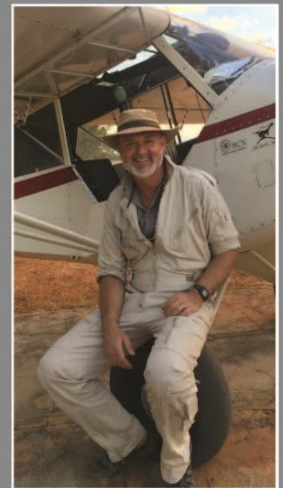
**Date:** Wednesday 2 October 2019  
**Time:** 17h30  
**Venue:** Farm Village Venue, Fordoun  
*Cash Bar Available*

*RSVP: Michelle Huntley: [michun@michaelhouse.org](mailto:michun@michaelhouse.org) | 033 234 1139  
or Brett Moller on 083 650 2754, by 20 September 2019.*

## KEITH BEGG (BAINES, 1985 – 1988)

Keith Begg along with Colleen and their home-schooled children Ella & Finn, currently live alongside the Lugenda River in a simple tented camp in the Niassa National Reserve, Northern Mozambique.

Keith spent 12 years as a filmmaker and honey badger researcher and conservationist in both South Africa and Zimbabwe. He successfully established the "Badger Friendly" campaign in South Africa to help beekeepers protect hives from badgers and developed incentives through marketing honey. They have lived in Niassa for the past 17 years, mentoring and leading a team of over a100 Mozambican conservationists involved in the Niassa Carnivore Project ([www.niassalion.org](http://www.niassalion.org)). Twice the size of Kruger, this reserve is one of Africa's largest. It protects globally important populations of wildlife but is afflicted by illegal wildlife trade and mining.



Passionate about securing African wilderness areas by inspiring conservation actions that are transparent, collaborative and directly include local people who live in the area, the Begg's work is funded by their South African Not-for-profit Foundation.



R120 to R100

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

Presented by  
St John's D.S.G.  
&  
Michaelhouse

29, 30 & 31 August @ 19h00  
& 1 September 2019 @ 14h00  
**Schlesinger Theatre,  
Michaelhouse**

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