



Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Michaelhouse

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Rector's Message

In assembly last week I outlined, as you know, aspects of three of the most important qualities in the Michaelhouse Code: integrity, humility and compassion. This week I completed a commentary on the Code by referring to courage and service. I suspect that there are three identifiable types of courage: the first which springs readily to mind is physical courage; you may be smaller than the beast who is running at you on the rugby field but you square up to him and make the tackle. The second type of courage relates to the resilience people demonstrate when they are facing a significant difficulty or when they are suffering with a condition. This is the quality of mind which enables mental strength through difficult times. The third form of courage is moral courage. In essence, this is standing up for what is right even in the face of considerable challenges and the temptation just to follow the flow of things. It is a sort of Mandela-like quality of doing the right thing in the face of adversity.

I indicated that service is almost self-explanatory and that we should all do our best to support and help other people in the way that we would wish them to do to us. I also wanted to emphasise on Monday the fact that there is an obligation on those of us who are in stronger positions through wealth or status to support those who are less fortunate. This is the way forward for South Africa in the long run and I would like to see our boys becoming more involved in service activities. There is wonderful work done by the Community Partnership Trust and I challenged more of our boys to engage with this and not only to see it as a mechanism through which they complete 20 hours of service for their LO requirement. I do understand the time shortages they have but I wonder how many of our boys could say that they are making life better for other people.

In short, my overall challenge to the boys in terms of the Michaelhouse Code is whether they are currently a 20 percenter, a 50 percenter or an 80 percenter and where they envisage seeing themselves at the end of this term.

During the week ahead, all A and B block boys will be attending a motivation presentation on effective study techniques. This presentation is given by Paul Tosio who is acknowledged as one of the leading international learning specialists. He is a Psychology graduate of Oxford University and, though all A and B Block boys will be attending his presentation, there is also an opportunity for some boys to sign up to develop these skills more fully through private workshops at the end of the week. We have strongly advised your sons to sign up for these private workshops.



The New Boys' Admission Ceremony was held this week and is a meaningful rite of passage in the life of any Michaelhouse boy where all 128 E Block boys accepted and agreed to embody the principles of the Michaelhouse Way (<https://www.michaelhouse.org/about/michaelhouse-way/>), marking their first opportunity to wear the famous red and white school tie for the first time.



Congratulations & Individual Achievements

First Aid Committee 2020

Well done to these boys who play an important role in helping care for our boys in the year ahead: Chairman: **Luke Gilmore**, Vice-Chairmen: **Dean Hough** and **Josh Bergin**, C Block Co-ordinator: **Jonathan Segar**

Cricket vs Northwood

We had 14 fixtures against Northwood, spread between Michaelhouse and Durban. On the whole, it was a relatively successful day for our teams, with Michaelhouse winning 8 of these games. Our 1st XI, U15A and U14A were all in a commanding position at various stages but succumbed to pressure: the 1st XI lost by a mere 3 runs chasing 173 with **Luke Gammie** making 69*. **Murray Baker**, made a great 88 as his U15A team chased 266. The U14A team lost by 3 wickets.

Our senior teams excelled with the 5th XI winning by 9 wickets, the 4th XI by 10 wickets and the 3rd XI by 8 wickets.

Notable performances were:

Lazola Mayekiso 3/4 for the 5th XI; **Ross Fleming** 5/5 and **Vaughan Dorning** 4/1 for the 4th XI, with **Greg McGlashan** 75, **Harry Moller** 70 and **Jaden Anderson** 54 starring for the U16A; **Luke Hoekstra** made 31 & took 6/5 including an impressive hat trick in the U16B victory by 142 runs. **Liam van Aardt** took 3/7 for the U14Ds in their 5 wicket win and **Oyama Ntshona** 3/34 for the 2nd XI in their victory.

The 1st XI also played in the Cricket South Africa T20 competition at Hilton College on Monday and Tuesday this week beating St Dominic's by 177 runs with **Jared Meiring** making 105 off 56 balls.

Water Polo vs Northwood

It was a very good day in the pool down in Durban for the majority of our teams with Michaelhouse winning 5 of the 7 matches. Our junior teams performed really well, getting 4 wins out of 4. The mixed U14 team won 6-1 and the U14As produced a much improved performance and won 5-4. The U15As won 9-4, and U15Bs won 5-1. In the Senior Section, the 2nd and 4th teams had narrow losses, while the 3rd team managed to restore some pride and come out with a 6-3 win.

Basketball: vs Carter, St Charles, College and Northwood

It was a very busy and successful week on the basketball courts. We hosted Carter for some mid-week fixtures against all the A teams and won all four games with the following results: U14A: 26 - 23 U15A: 33 - 22 U16A: 25 - 16 1st: 44 - 40.

On Saturday we played against St Charles, College and Northwood: We won 2 out of 5 at St Charles, 2 out of 2 against College and 9 out of 15 (with 2 draws) against Northwood.



It was all not easy going at Northwood and the teams had to work hard for their wins. The teams found it challenging playing on an outside court in the Durban humidity and there was a strong cross-wind blowing which made shooting extremely challenging. The seniors did us proud once again by winning all their matches. Special mention must go to the 3rds for their win by 44 - 1.

On Sunday Michaelhouse hosted an U16 Tournament– we ended 3rd beating Treverton in the playoff 52 – 1.

Squash

On the squash courts, we had a few boys taking part in a KZN ranking tournament in Westville. In the U19 age group **Kameron Jinnah** came 4th, **Richard Upfold** 10th and **Raiffe Ingledeu** 11th while in the U16 age group **Anesu Nduru** came 17th.

Tennis

The tennis teams got their season off to a good start with the 1st team defeating the 2nd team and the 3rd team beating Maritzburg College 2nd team on their home turf.

Golf

The golfers also took on College but they were not as successful as the tennis boys and both our 1st and 2nd teams lost.

Athletics

Zola Sokhela continued his winning form, winning the U19 800m and 5000m at a KZN meeting in Durban. **Ashley Vere** took 3rd place in the U17 discus.

Swimming

During the week we also took part in the first inter-schools swimming gala at Hilton College. Our A team came 5th and the B team 3rd.

Canoeing

In the Inter-Schools' League race on the Lion's River, the following results were recorded:

U16: 1st **Reuben Baldry**, 2nd **Jack Shooter**

U18: 1st **Matthew Millward**, 2nd **Sam Butcher**, 3rd **Chase Leisegang**

Michaelhouse won the event overall. In the Ozzie Gladwin (Upper Umgeni): KZN K2 River Championship event, these boys excelled: U18: 1st **Sam Butcher** and **Matthew Millward** and 14th overall, 2nd **Ross Leslie** and **Chase Leisegang** and 15th overall, 3rd **Jack Edmonds** and partner were 16th overall.

U16: 2nd **Reuben Baldry** and **Jack Shooter** were placed 45th overall.

Individual/Team Performance of the Week

This was a very tough call this week, with a lot of good performances both in the water, on the court and on the field. Worthy of mention were the 3rd Basketball team for their 44 – 1 victory;



the U18 canoeists for their 1st, 2nd and 3rd placements on the podium and a number of cricket teams who had big wins: 3rd XI, 4th XI, 5th XI and the U16A; but the winners this week are the U16B cricket team who were victorious by 142 runs, bowling Northwood out for a mere 26 runs.

Bodies, Boundaries and Boarding

Last week all our E Block boys attended the 'Bodies, Boundaries and Boarding' workshop run by Dr Eli Rosen and Taylor Johnson from the company SexySmarts.

This is a course for new boarders, developed with Michaelhouse, to ensure they understand what to expect from living in a boarding environment and allay some common anxieties that first time boarders experience. It includes information on how to deal with puberty body changes and related hygiene matters and give guidance on what behaviour is expected from learners under the school code of conduct and South African law. It also empowers learners with knowledge about their right to bodily autonomy and how to seek help if they are harassed or coerced into unwanted behaviour. This is a 90-minute workshop for each separate class conducted over two 45-minute sessions on separate days. The theme for the two days is, 'Becoming Men of Courage and Integrity'

Prize Giving Invitation: Wednesday 12 February 2020

Please find attached, separate to this eNews, the invitation to attend the school's annual Prize Giving Ceremony. As indicated last week, this is *not* the Michaelhouse Speech Day which is held towards the end of the year. But it is an occasion in which we congratulate the boys who were successful in the B to E Blocks of 2019 on their year's work.

We remind parents that boys in the 2020 A to D Blocks will be able to leave for the Half-Term weekend with their parents after this event. All buses to airports, Durban and Pietermaritzburg, the Johannesburg bus and Pavilion bus *will depart Michaelhouse on Thursday 13 February at 08h30*. Please could you ensure that you book any flights accordingly.

E Block

A reminder that E Block boys do *not* attend the Prize Giving Ceremony (as opposed to Speech Day), as it is for A-D Block boys. The E Block have their Academic Open Day on Wednesday 12 February (to RSVP for catering and registration purposes, please click on the link : <https://forms.gle/doUhzoj388zLtKbq7> by Friday 31 January) and the annual Athletics Sports Day also takes place that afternoon from 14h00. The E Block may go home after the Athletics Sports Day is finished on that Wednesday. Should you have any queries about this please contact your Housemaster for clarification.



Parent Evenings

The first such gathering for current parents will be in Johannesburg on Monday 10 February from 6-8pm at the Bryanston Country Club and we will assess of the appetite of parents as to whether they would appreciate a similar event in future years.

The purpose of the get-together is to enable parents to get to know other parents in their son's year and House and it also gives an opportunity for brief interaction with the Rector, at least one senior member of staff and a pupil. It is not intended to be the same as an Open Day, but I will speak briefly to the gathering. Attending with me will be **Alan Adlington-Corfield** (Deputy Rector: Academic), **Katherine Cass** (who is in charge of our Learning Support) and **Michael Bradford** (Senior Prefect). (A similar evening will be held later in the year in Durban.)

Please see attached invitation. (Please note : that if you are able to attend you will need to *rsvp* on the link: <https://forms.gle/m19KhRJChsjvhHRW7>.)

With my best wishes

Antony Clark
RECTOR