



Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Michaelhouse

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Rector's Message

Michaelhouse requires its staff to receive, *inter alia*, a police clearance before teachers and coaches are able to work at the school. This also applies to tutors and occasional coaches when they are not under the direct surveillance of a member of our staff. In addition to this, there might be occasions when individual tutors/coaches are asked by parents to give some extra help, support or coaching to their sons and, logically, such tutors/coaches should also receive police clearance prior to performing such a role. In any event, the school needs to approve such arrangements. Could I ask you, therefore, to consult with **Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield**, the Deputy Rector: Academic, should such an arrangement be required in the academic realm and **Mr Paul Fleischack**, Senior Deputy Rector, for co-curricular activities (ie: extra music lessons or sports coaching over and above those arranged by the school). This will enable us to maintain tight control over precisely who has direct contact with individual boys at Michaelhouse.

We will also be exploring ways of tightening up admission at the main gates of the school as we move towards 2020 and I wanted to give you a little warning of this. We need to strike a balance between the maintenance of tight security on the one hand and being over-zealous on the other. We plan to issue windscreen tokens to staff and parents who regularly come and go from the school to allow for a reasonably free flow of vehicles in and out of the gates, but to scrutinize visitors more carefully and to record their entry and exit more thoroughly.

With regard to parents coming into or leaving Michaelhouse, there will be further detail on this at a later stage, but I simply wanted to inform parents of our intentions. I am sure that you will understand the reasons behind moving in this direction and thank you for your support.

Congratulations & Individual Achievements

Sport News

Basketball vs Clifton College

We enjoyed excellent results on the basketball courts where all our teams, except for one, enjoyed wins against Clifton. Of the 11 games played, the outstanding performances this week came from our Second Team who won their game 48-11, the Fourth Team who won 50-16, the U14A Team in winning 44-12 and the U14B Team who won 35-4. The First and U15 Teams had to work a little harder for their victories, but both enjoyed wins by 56-42 and 31-25 respectively.



Canoeing: Lion's River Inter-Schools' Race & Umpetha Challenge

Last Saturday, a number of our canoeists paddled the Lion's River where our First Team won the Inter-Schools' event hosted by Maritzburg College. **Sam Butcher** finished 2nd overall, with **Ross Leslie** 3rd, **Chase Leisegang** 4th and **Jack Edmonds** was the 1st U16 and 5th overall. The following day, in the Umpetha Challenge on the Dusi River from Camps Drift to Bishopstowe, **Ross Leslie** and **Chase Leisegang** were prominent in the U18 K2 category coming home in 1st place (9th overall) and **Jack Shooter** and **Reuben Baldry** won the U16 K2 category. **Connor Leisegang** and **Max von Klemperer** paddled in the K1 section and were 2nd and 3rd respectively in the U16 category. Well done to our canoeists who presently continue to dominate KZN paddling.

Cricket vs Clifton College

Our Open cricketers returned a strong set of results but, unfortunately, all three of our A teams struggled against some very good Clifton bowling and were reduced in the end to small totals. In the First XI **Oliver Morgan** took 3 for 34, but we ended 25 runs short of the Clifton total. Fortunately our other teams performed really well and earned 6 victories. The 2nd Team had a 130 run win and the 3rd Team had a 9 wicket win – these considerable wins thanks to contributions from **Christian Brand** (48), **Ross Fleming** (5/30), **Alex Vermeulen** (48), **Rex le Sueur** (45) and **Ayanda Cele** (4/30). The U15B Team enjoyed a comfortable 7 wicket win with **Luke Hoekstra** and **James Asherson** both making 53, while our U14B Team had a close tussle edging out Clifton by 15 runs (**Liam Tibshraeny** taking 4/26). Our U15C Team also had a good win over a Maritzburg College U14C Team by 41 runs.

Water Polo: Provincial Team selections

Congratulations to **Ethan Stewart** and **Oliver Walters** (non-travelling reserve) who have been selected for the KZN U14 Water Polo Team.

Water Polo: First Team Stayers' Festival at St Stithian's

Our First Team have been away competing in the St Stithian's Stayers' Festival in Johannesburg where we played 7 games over the festival and were able to record a great 9-3 win over Parktown Boys. Nail-biters against DHS (8-9) and Pretoria Boys' High (6-7) were followed by losses to St Andrew's, Grahamstown (3-10) and St David's (3-12). Our team was placed 16th overall out of 20 schools, which is an improvement on last year's performance.

Water Polo vs Clifton College

Saturday morning in the pool against Clifton proved a tough assignment with five of our teams losing their matches, including our U14B team who eventually lost 7-10.

Individual/Team Performance of the Week

Our basketball players and canoeists continue to excel, as shown in the various results above, and there were some good wins on the cricket field. The Team Performance for this past week goes to the **Third Cricket Team** who enjoyed a 9 wicket win against Clifton College. Well done to them.

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



A Block arrangements over Half-Term

A Block pupils who choose to remain behind at school over half-term do so with the express goal of studying in a quiet environment. As such, should a boy opt to stay in, he will be expected to abide by normal **closed weekend** rules for the duration of half-term. Any deviation from this must be communicated to **Mr Bailey Coxon**, Housemaster on Duty, cell: 072 244 9304.

- A Friday Night Supper leave is **the only time** an A Block pupil can leave the campus for dinner and he needs to return before 21h00.
- If a boy has planned to leave the school for a leave during the weekend, he will **not** be allowed back until the Monday of half-term. That is, should a boy wish to study until Friday afternoon, he can leave then but may not return until Monday afternoon. If boys leave without permission, it will be viewed in a very serious light.
- Should parents wish to visit their sons, they can bring a picnic onto the school campus as they would during a closed weekend.
- Boys cannot return a day or so early if they have gone home at the start of half-term; once they have left the campus, they need to return on Monday.

Healthy studying includes good recreation and, therefore, boys will be allowed to use the school's facilities during the day in a respectful manner. Boys will need to be in the House at night and keep noise levels to a minimum.

Half-Term Bus Schedule

The bus schedule, detailing information of the staff who will accompany the various buses this half-term weekend, is included at the end of this newsletter for your information.

Please note that school transport to Johannesburg, Durban and the two airports (Oribi & King Shaka) will depart Michaelhouse as usual on Thursday morning, 31 October, at 08h30.

The Inter-House Cross Country event takes place this afternoon from 15h00. Boys can depart for Half-Term at around 17h00, after Roll Call has taken place in their Houses after the events.

Term Dates: 2020 & 2021

We include below, for your reference, the Term Dates for 2020 and 2021.

Term Dates: 2020

LENT QUARTER: Tuesday 14 January – Friday 20 March
(New Boys arrive on Sunday 12 January)

Half-Term: Thursday 13 February – Monday 17 February

PENTECOST QUARTER: Tuesday 14 April – Friday 19 June

Half-Term: Thursday 14 May – Monday 18 May



MICHAELMAS QUARTER: Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September

Half-Term: Thursday 13 August – Monday 17 August

CHRISTMAS QUARTER: Tuesday 29 September – Friday 27 November

Half-Term: Thursday 29 October – Monday 02 November

Term Dates: 2021

LENT QUARTER: Tuesday 19 January to Friday 26 March

(New Boys arrive on Sunday 17 January)

Half-Term: Thursday 18 February - Monday 22 February

PENTECOST QUARTER: Monday 19 April to Friday 18 June

Half-Term: Thursday 20 May - Monday 24 May

MICHAELMAS QUARTER: Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September

Half-Term: Thursday 12 August - Monday 16 August

CHRISTMAS QUARTER: Tuesday 28 September to Wednesday 01 December

Half-Term: Thursday 28 October - Monday 01 November

The first date of each term reflected above is the day all boys are expected back for Evening Service.

DISCLAIMER:

1. Should there be changes to dates of the State schools we reserve the right to reassess our dates.
2. We await the dates of ISASA Three Term schools i.r.o. half-terms and sports festivals. This may also necessitate appropriate changes to the dates.

Community Partnership Annual Art & Choir Competition

On 18 September the Michaelhouse Community Partnership Trust hosted 14 choirs, from primary and senior schools within the local Midlands' area between Lion's River and Mooi River for a choir competition. Each choir sang three songs: a prescribed song, a traditional one and a song of their own choice. It was a day filled with joy, dance and pride. The winners of an art competition were also announced on that day and the children's artworks were on display in the Schlesinger Theatre foyer. A short video reflecting the highlights of the Choir and Art Competition can be viewed at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_T31tKYbkl

You can follow the Michaelhouse Community Partnership Trust's many projects on Facebook at:

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



Junior Marimba Band to perform in Clifton Marimba Festival

Please join our Junior Marimba Band as they join other entertaining bands at the Clifton Prep (Nottingham Road) Marimba Festival. This is a wonderful evening of entertainment with all proceeds going towards Khazimula and Music Voyage. We hope to see you there.

Date: Thursday 7 November 2019

Time: 18h00

Venues: Clifton Notties Indoor Centre

Tickets: R30 donation

Bookings: at the door or contact Clifton Prep on Tel: (033) 266 8206



Michaelhouse Festival of Music 2020 : *Save the Date*

Next year's Michaelhouse Festival of Music will once again entertain what is expected to be a large audience with a number of exciting events, so save the date: *Sunday 10 May 2020*.

We wish you a restful half-term with your sons.

With my best wishes

Antony Clark
Rector



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BUS INFORMATION: HALF-TERM : 4th QUARTER 2019

JOHANNESBURG BUS:

DATE OF TRIP	TRIP	STAFF MEMBER IN CHARGE	DUTY MASTER ON THE BUS	CELL NUMBER FOR DUTY MASTER ON BUS
<i>THURS 31 OCT</i>	<u>MHS to JNB</u> Depart MHS: 08h30 Arrive Zoo Lake: 14h30	Mr Matt Higginson Cell: 076 637 2254	Mr Nkosinathi Dibakwane	079 543 0842
<i>MON 04 NOV</i>	<u>JNB to MHS</u> Depart Zoo Lake: 12h00	Mr Sibs Ncamani Cell: 065 635 8188	Mr Sifiso Vilakazi	061 117 9612

DURBAN BUS:

DATE OF TRIP	TRIP	STAFF MEMBER IN CHARGE
<i>THURS 31 OCT</i>	<u>MHS to DBN</u> Depart MHS: 08h30 Drop-off points: PMB McDonalds- Chatterton Rd, Kloof Maytime Café, The Pavilion King Shaka	Mr Paul McKay Cell: 083 233 9210 Mr Sihle Mdladla Cell: 083 619 2413 Mr Emmanuel Mkhize Cell: 071 073 6524
<i>MON 04 NOV</i>	<u>DBN to MHS</u> Depart Pavilion: 16h10 Kloof Maytime Café: 16h30 PMB McDonalds- Chatterton Rd: 17h30	Mr May Mazibuko Cell: 063 848 9253 Mr Emmanuel Mkhize Cell: 071 073 6524

- Please note: *All arrival/departure times are approximate*, due to traffic conditions en route.
- Boys going to the airports are accommodated separately, where necessary, and take into account flight times.
- Transport Co-Ordinator: **Ms Nirvana Naicker** e-mail: opsadmin@michaelhouse.org
Office number: Tel: (033) 234 1170