



Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Michaelhouse

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Rector's Message

Easily the best news that has reached us this week is that **Siyabongakonke Buthelezi** is about to be discharged from hospital after many days during which he has been gravely ill and there have been significant concern over the possibility of his recovery. Michaelhouse, his family and others, I am sure, have prayed for him and his doctors have worked with enormous expertise to bring him to this point. His bed in East is awaiting his return when he is ready to come back to school and his recovery to this point is very good news for us all.



Siyabongakonke Buthelezi about to be discharged



Siyabongakonke's bed awaiting him in East

A fortnight ago I began to comment on the *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens* and briefly commended the first habit – *being proactive*. The second habit, as you may recall, is to *begin with the end in mind*: it is important for teenagers, in particular, to understand that so often they are faced with a choice of positive or negative influences in their lives and that taking the wrong path because



they have not worked out their overall “game plan” can have serious consequences for them. As the author and commentator, Patsy Crisp, has suggested if **you** don't decide on your future someone else will – your friends or the media or other forces. Having the end in mind does not entail deciding on every little detail about your future, such as your career, but it does mean thinking beyond today to help you to decide on the overall direction you want your life to take. The idea is that you will still be able to “live in the moment” without “going with the flow”. One should never assume that the herd will know where they are going.

Having the end in mind with regard to the type of person one wishes to be, influences one's relationships with others, attitudes to academic study and other events at school and, indeed, leads one to attracting positive influences around one. Teenagers will not succeed all the time and they will certainly make mistakes, but **having an overall “game plan”** for the direction that they want to take and the people they want to be can help them when the inevitable challenges come along.

I comment on these matters, as I have indicated previously, with a view to parent-son discussions around the camp fire or on return trips to school!

Cultural & Sports News

Debating

Last Thursday, the fifth round of the Senior Pietermaritzburg League Debates took place at Maritzburg College. The motion was: *This House Supports the Animal Liberation Movement*. Well done to the MHS1 team who won their debate against The Wykeham Collegiate1, and to **Kwande Dhlomo** who was awarded the *Best Speaker*. MHS2 also won against *Girls High School*2, and **Reuben Baldry** was awarded the *Best Speaker* prize.

Canoeing

In the 18km Winter Surfski Series Race #03 held at Durban Marine Surf and Lifesaving Club on Sunday the following boys competed and were placed: U18 S1– 1st **Matthew Millward**, which makes him the winner of the U18 series with two races still remaining. Well done Matthew!
U18 S2 – 1st **Murray Behn** and **Jack Shooter**.

Chess

The Michaelhouse Chess players were on the rampage again last Monday, and were fired up for a repeat round of friendlies at Maritzburg College. The College boys did not disappoint, providing stiff competition at every turn. Some games were won quickly with tactical precision, others required stalking their well-encamped enemies, and sustained trench warfare. After a blistering campaign of 25 games played, our captain, Tristan Hoyle, reported 16 wins, 8 losses and 1 draw.



Cross Country:

The Midlands Cross Country League continued this week and both our senior and junior boys ran at Treverton with the following results:

Junior Boys: 1st **Ruben Visagie**, 4th **Damian Watson**, 6th **Mark Conway**.

Senior Boys: 5th **Theo Apteker**, 8th **Kyle McCoy**

Squash

Our squash teams had a mid-week fixture against Westville. The stayers team played Westville 1st Team on Wednesday and lost 0-4. On Thursday we hosted their U15 teams with the B Team winning 4-2 and the A team 5-1.

Yesterday, our 1st Team played their first two matches against Hilton College and St Charles College in the Midlands division of KZN Top Schools competition and won both matches 5-0.

Hockey

Our hockey teams played matches against Westville this last weekend, with fixtures being played both here at Michaelhouse and at Westville. The results are as follows: U14C won 1-0, U14B lost 2-1 and U14A drew 1-1; U16D lost 5-1, U16C drew 4-4, U16B won 3-0 and U16A lost 3-2; 4ths lost 3-2, 3rds lost 4-0, 2nds drew 0-0 and 1sts lost 3-2, having been 2-0 up for much of the game.

Rugby

It was another successful day for Michaelhouse on the rugby field at Westville, with Michaelhouse winning 13 of the 17 matches played. Our boys have thoroughly enjoyed being out on the rugby fields again and recorded the following results: U14D won 43-5, U14C won 50-7, U14B lost 13-28 and U14A lost 5-22; U15D won 41-13, U15C won 15-10, U15B won 7-0 and U15A won 13-8; U16C won 58-0, U16B won 51-7 and U16A won 28-7; our 3rd XV won 27-19, our 2nd XV won 29-21 and our 1st XV lost 10-17 after being level at 10-10 with a few minutes to go. (The U16D v Curro A Team lost 5-32)

Team Performance of the Week

Mr Strudwick, Director of Sport, would like to mention the Junior Cross Country team which is leading the Cross Country League at the moment, the U14C and U16B rugby teams which recorded 50 point victories, and **Matthew Millward** for winning the U18 Surf Ski Series. But **team of the week** accolade goes to a team which lost convincingly against Westville in their U14 year and then managed to record a victory by 58 - 0 this weekend – well done to the U16C rugby team!



Community Partnership Trust

Last Wednesday, *Partners for Possibility Midlands2* celebrated their leadership journeys. In this programme, an experienced leader from business/education teams up with a local Head of School. Their yearlong journeys were shared in the Schlesinger Theatre, under the banner “Nothing is impossible when we think together. Only the sky is our limit or not?” A wonderful sense of community, possibility and incredible change within each journey emerged. A special note of thanks and congratulations goes to Senior Deputy Rector, Paul Fleischack, who has partnered throughout the year the Curry’s Post Principal, Sibusiso (Patrick) Ndlovu.

On 8 and 15 May, Paul de Wet, Director of Maths, held revision sessions for Grade 12 Maths learners from Amahlubi Secondary, Asithuthuke Combined, Jabula Combined, Shea O’Connor, Doornkloof and Dabulamanzi as part of the Michaelhouse contribution to the broader community.



Next month, under the aegis of our CPT, six more Eduhelpers will be enrolled at six different partnerships schools, bringing the total number of interns at schools to sixteen. Eduhelpers not only gain teaching experience but help lessen the impact of the staffing shortage at such schools. For example, one school had Grades 1-4 in the same classroom taught by one teacher. The Eduhelper was able to take the Grade Four group independently so the school did not have multiphase teaching, and appropriate learning could take place.

Your use of the MySchool and SchoolDay cards supports the Community Partnership Trust projects, such as funding the Eduhelper project discussed above.

POPIA - Protection of Personal Information Act

The Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA) is the comprehensive data protection legislation enacted in South Africa. POPIA aims to give effect to the constitutional right to privacy,



whilst balancing this against competing rights and interests, particularly the right of access to information. You will shortly receive a form sent out by our Bursar's Department in which you are asked to indicate your support for information that the school may hold about you or your son being used in a responsible fashion by Michaelhouse. Please do help us by signing, ticking boxes and returning the form to us. It would be sincerely appreciated if you could do this "by return" to prevent our spending time following up on this. Thank you.

125th Anniversary Memorabilia

A reminder to anyone still wishing to order 125 caps and ties that orders will close at midday this Friday, 21 May. Follow this link to place your order: [follow this link](#)



Half – Term Transport Bookings

Please find attached, as a separate document to this newsletter, the details of the teachers travelling on the various buses over this half-term weekend.

E Block 2023 Registration

Please see attached again an invitation to register a younger son for E Block 2023. Tours and interviews for 2023 applicants to Michaelhouse will be starting this week to enable us to cope with the demand for places and ensure appropriate care is taken over each application.



Covid-19

Please could I ask parents to be helpful in assessing the health of your sons before returning them to school after half-term. We have spoken to the boys about avoiding high-risk situations and we are not asking every boy to have an Antigen Test before returning, but if your son shows **any** sign of being unwell or has been in a high-risk situation, please seek medical advice before he comes back to Michaelhouse.

May I end by wishing you a very happy half-term with your sons.

With my best wishes

ANTONY CLARK
RECTOR