



Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Michaelhouse

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Rector's Message

As the curtain came down on last term, it went up on the Matric Ball which was held in four marquees on the terraces in the front of the school. The main buildings were beautifully lit as guests arrived in an assortment of vehicles, ranging from tractors and trailers to emergency cars. The girls were wonderfully glamorous, but soon donned the jackets of their partners, whilst the boys went in search of blankets to combat the cold and rain. All in all it was a great evening, much appreciated by all present, and our thanks go to **Mrs Ilne Visage and Ms Marcel Cornelius** for planning and arranging the evening so beautifully.



Matric Dance 2021 – "Paint the Town"

As we reassemble for the Christmas Quarter, we do so for the first time in some months with the prospect of a degree of normality and the likelihood of inter-schools fixtures taking place. We are by no means out of the woods yet across the country, but the respite offers us a degree of relief and means that planning is somewhat easier across a range of activities. Speech Day, for example, may now be attended by prize winners, all of the A Block and all of the A Block and prize winners' parents; this will be, as usual, in the Schlesinger Theatre next Friday, 15 October and we look forward to welcoming the above parents back to Michaelhouse. A separate invitation will follow to the above parents in due course and the event will, in any case, be streamed.

On Thursday 28 October 2021 we will be having a D and E Block Open Day. This will provide the D and E Block parents with an opportunity to meet with the teachers and each other. We will start with registration and tea at 9:30 and then at 10:15 parents will have an opportunity to meet with their son's teachers. Many parents took the opportunity to meet with the teachers online during the course



of the year and so may not feel the need to meet with the teachers again. If this is the case please feel free to come and join us for tea anyway before you collect your son for the mini mid-term break. We would love to chat to you informally over a cup of tea. An invitation will be sent out by the end of the week.

There is a wonderful feeling in the school as the sunshine returns that we are very much on the move, that the term is going to be the best of the year and that we can all enjoy success and fulfilment. We plan to retain this momentum as I encouraged the boys to do in our assembly yesterday, to aim high but realistically so and to strive to meet our goals.

Staff News

Our warm congratulations go to Mr Allan Laing, Deputy Rector: Pupils, who after 17 years at Michaelhouse has been appointed College Head of Uplands from January 2022.

Similarly, warm congratulations go to Mr Linda Shezi who has been appointed Housemaster of East from January 2022: Linda is Head of Department of isiZulu, coaches several sports and has been an Assistant Housemaster in West. He is married with a young family.

We wish them both well in their new appointments.

Academic Achievements: Third Quarter

Top Ten

Based on their third quarter results, we congratulate the students below who earned a Top 10 placing in their Block at the end of last term:

Name	Position	House	Block
Alexander Brits	1	McCormick	A
David Ferguson	2	Pascoe	A
Callum Porrill	3	Tatham	A
Jaden van der Merwe	3	Farfield	A
Jadin Jordaan	5	Pascoe	A
Mitchell Flanagan	6	Tatham	A
Maqhawe Hoohlo	6	East	A
Gustave de Villiers	8	Pascoe	A
Kwande Dhlomo	9	West	A
Ross Keep	10	Pascoe	A
Peter Woodland	1	Farfield	B
Benjamin Frost	2	Baines	B
Adrian Hill	3	Ralfe	B
Joshua Hadley-Grave	4	Ralfe	B
Tristan Hoyle	4	Ralfe	B

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Name	Position	House	Block
Lusanda Mrasi	4	McCormick	B
Letlotlo Sekatle	7	Ralfe	B
James Kennedy	8	Farfield	B
Reuben Baldry	9	West	B
Lekgotla Kebonang	10	Baines	B
David du Toit	1	Baines	C
Kofi Asumaning	2	McCormick	C
Theo Apteker	3	McCormick	C
Aiden Jinnah	4	Pascoe	C
Nicholas Pitt	5	McCormick	C
Erich van Zyl	6	McCormick	C
Thomas Lahaye	7	Mackenzie	C
Andrew Woodland	7	Farfield	C
Marc du Plessis	9	Ralfe	C
Nikolaos Bratos	10	Pascoe	C
Ruben Visagie	1	Farfield	D
Carlyle Hawkins	2	Mackenzie	D
Patrick Lambert	3	West	D
Luke Kaufmann	4	East	D
Matthew Kennedy	5	Farfield	D
Max Rautenbach	6	Baines	D
Johannes Zietsman	7	Tatham	D
Luke Payne	8	Founders	D
Lucien Baldry	9	West	D
Sinnon Khosa	9	East	D
Kian Moses	9	McCormick	D
Reily Elliot	1	East	E
Roelof Rossouw	2	West	E
Oliver Bruyns	3	Ralfe	E
Justin Higginson	3	Ralfe	E
Mark Conway	5	West	E
Khwezi Dube	6	Tatham	E
Simon Bailes	7	Founders	E
Luke Marks	8	McCormick	E
Daniel French	9	Pascoe	E
Luke Sidebottom	10	Mackenzie	E

Economics Olympiad

Michaelhouse participated in the Proverto Economics Olympiad for the first time this year. Congratulations to the following Economics students who performed admirably in the final round of the Olympiad:



A Block:

Karl Rindfleisch	73%
Keemal Ramnath	70%

C Block:

David Du Toit	80%
Jordan Baxter	77%
James Gilson	77%
Oliver Walters	73%

David du Toit deserves a special mention for his overall third position in the country in the Grade 10 category. Well done to him on this special achievement.

Co-Curricular Achievements

Debating

Last term four boys were selected to participate in the KZN Provincial Debating Tournament which was a rigorous three day tournament with participants contesting eight debates. Well done to these boys who were placed as follows: 1st **Lucien Baldry**, 6th **Luke Kaufmann**, 7th **Damian Watson** and 8th **Seth Segal**. All four boys were selected for the KZN Provincial Team, an excellent outcome. Congratulations to them all!

Over the holidays we also had boys participate in the *National Individual Debating and Public Speaking Competition*. This competition required the boys to pre-record a reading and a speech, take part in online debates and deliver impromptu speeches.

In the junior section, **Lucien Baldry** finished with 1687 points, whilst Daniel **French** attained 1667 points and was 16th in the Public Speaking contest.

Amongst the seniors, **Frederick Waller** finished with 1720 points, and was 12th in debating and 18th overall. **Reuben Baldry** finished 14th with 1731 points, was placed 8th for Interpretive Reading, and 12th for Public Speaking. Reuben was also selected for the SA team which is due to participate in the World Debating and Public Speaking Competition next year in Romania.

Canoeing

On 11 September at the 2021 Standard Bank Liebenbergsvlei Day SA K1 Championships **Jack Shooter** was placed 20th overall and got a silver medal in the U18 category.



Jack Shooter at the SA K1 Champs



In the following week, at the Nobby Nel Memorial Race, **Jack Edmonds** and **Matthew Millward** came 1st overall to win the race.

On 3 and 4 October **Jack Edmonds** and **Mathew Millward** competed in the 2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships in Romania, and here is a brief description of their endeavours:

Matthew raced in the K1 event last Saturday. This was a 23 km flatwater course with 6 portages. He was well placed for most of the race in the top group. Unfortunately, he overheated towards the end of the race and required medical attention. Despite the disappointment of being out of medal contention he still chose to finish the race after he was stabilised – a resilient effort. He came 31st overall.

Jack and Matthew paddled the K2 event on the same course on Sunday. They had a good start, but misfortune struck towards the end of the first lap when Jack snapped a paddle. They were able to get a replacement after a while but had a mountain to climb to reach the top group. They succeeded in doing so and remained with this group for most of the race but their early energy expenditure proved costly during the final stages when they lost their position in the top group. Nonetheless, they still finished 10th – another gutsy performance.

Congratulations to our canoeists on a successful 3rd Term in their canoeing endeavours.

Basketball

Our 1st and 2nd Stayers' teams competed at a festival at Kearsney from 24 to 26 September. We are very proud of both our teams' efforts. The 1st Team finished 4th overall (out of 13 teams) losing to the other KZN side and eventual champions, Northwood, in the semi-finals. Some highlights were our 1-point victory over Hilton in the pool matches and another 1-point victory over the hosts, Kearsney, in the quarter-finals.

1st team match results were as follows:

Pool matches

vs Peace-Players International won 42-33, vs Hilton College won 31-30, vs Northwood lost 34-48, vs St Stithians lost 40-41, vs St Benedict's won 30-23 and vs St John's lost 37-48.

Knockout matches

Quarter final vs Kearsney won 41-40, Semi-final vs Northwood lost 33-43 and 3rd/4th playoff vs St Johns lost 46-54.

The 2nd team also excelled and finished 3rd overall, losing to Kearsney in the semi-final but beating St John's in the 3rd/4th playoff. Congratulations to all of our boys.

Cricket

The 1st XI travelled to Grahamstown during the holidays to play three schools, St Andrew's, Kingswood and Graeme, all of whom had been able to play fixtures for some time in a series of limited over fixtures, as preparation for Michaelmas week.

The boys narrowly lost two of the matches and then won the last convincingly.



St Andrews 241/7 (**Alexander Vermeulen** 3/50), Michaelhouse 208/9 (**Adrien Fisher** 36 and **Callum Porrill** 89). Lost by 33 runs.

Kingswood 143/7, Michaelhouse 131 all out. Lost by 12 runs.

Graeme 153 all out, Michaelhouse 154/1 (**Callum Porrill** 40 and **Adrien Fisher** 63*). Won by 9 wickets.

Michaelmas Week:

Michaelhouse 189/3 (**Callum Porrill** 68 and **Adrien Fisher** 61), Futura Cricket Club 3/1; the match was abandoned due to rain.

Michaelhouse 146/9 (**Max Latter** 40*), Jeppe 142 all out. Michaelhouse won by 4 runs.

KES 222/8, Michaelhouse 198/7 (**Adrien Fisher** 60 and **Max Latter** 57*). Michaelhouse lost by 24 runs.

Michaelhouse 188 all out (**Max Latter** 36), PBHS 189/8. Michaelhouse lost by 2 wickets.



First XI on tour about to take the field at St Andrew's.

During the holidays **Oyama Ntshona** was invited to an U19 World Cup training camp at the High Performance Centre at TUKS with 22 other U19 cricketers. It was a wonderful opportunity for him to learn from top cricket coaches.

Our U15A team played in a festival hosted by Pretoria Boys' High School and our boys played with great gusto and enjoyed all their games throughout the festival, notching up the following results:

St Johns 218 all out, Michaelhouse 219/7 (**Cival Rugbar** 66). Michaelhouse won by 3 wickets.

Michaelhouse 232/6 (**Cameron Strudwick** 55, **Luke Payne** 56), Cornwall Hill College 219 (**Murray Hall-Jones** 5/35). Michaelhouse won by 13 runs.



Michaelhouse 245 all out (**Sebastian Hofmeyr** 75), Northwood 246/6 (**Ross Moller** 3/33). Michaelhouse lost by 4 wickets.

In a T20, Michaelhouse 105 all out, Pretoria Boys High School 108/4. Michaelhouse lost by 6 wickets.

Our U14A team played in a festival hosted by Hilton, and although the first day was tough, the boys bounced back showing real determination and character and went on to win the next three games, for which they must be commended. The results of the Hilton Festival are as follows:

On Thursday 23 September in a declaration match vs Rondebosch, Michaelhouse lost by 241 runs. On Friday 24 September, in a 50 over game vs Clifton – Michaelhouse won by 46 runs (**Koketso Bopape** 40; **Radhesh Jhilmeet** 2/17 and **Harry Vickery** 2/20). On Saturday 25 September, in a 50 over game vs St Albans – Michaelhouse won by 117 runs (**Oliver Davis** 85, **William Russon** 59 and **Radhesh Jhilmeet** 3/13). The last game on Sunday 26 September was played with the 20/20 format vs St Johns, and Michaelhouse won by 4 wickets (**Radhesh Jhilmeet** 5/4 and **Koketso Bopape** 36*)

Water Polo

Our 1st Team boys played in the Clifton Tournament. Our boys played 8 games, winning 3 and losing 5, and came 12th amongst all the schools present.

The U15 boys finished 12th at the Wynberg Tournament, playing 4 games, winning 1 and losing 4, and the U14 boys attended the Hilton Festival, played a total of 8 games and won 4, lost 3, and drew one.

There is much on which to commend all our water polo boys.



The Michaelhouse 1st Water Polo Team



Golf

During the Michaelmas holidays the Michaelhouse, Hilton and College Golf Teams combined to form an Inland Team, whilst Westville, Kearsney and Clifton combined to form the Coastal team.

The Inland Team beat the Coastal Team by 21 matches to 15, and the following boys stood out:

Luke Jankowitz was the Michaelhouse star performer. **Mitchell Flanagan** won both his matches on Day 1. **Richard Upfold** had the biggest win of the festival, winning 7 & 6.

Matric Rage 2021

The Independent Schools' Association of South Africa (ISASA) has asked Heads of schools to circularise a letter from the Gauteng General Practitioners Collaboration (GGPC) on the above subject. The letter was written in response to enquiries which doctors have been receiving from parents as to whether to let their children go to the event above. The intention is to influence families to follow a safer and more responsible approach to post-examination and post-school celebrations.

Please see the letter from the GGPC attached as Annexure A.

The Meadows Online Shop - "The Todd"

The Todd, is a 100% customisable supporter's rugby jersey, as unique as the school, and the man who founded it.

James Cameron Todd was our Founder, visionary, and the first Old Boy. It was Todd who ruled in 1896 that rugby would be the school's major winter sport, and an iconic playing strip was born.

Generations of Michaelhouse boys dreaming of scoring the winning try with seconds to spare on Derby Day have since worn their heart on their sleeve; have sweated and bled, wearing their roasties as badges of honour; have stood, a tight band on the banks of Meadows listening to the rolling hills of Balgowan echoing their *siza bahlulas* – all bound by a single, powerful colour: red.

The Todd reminds us of where it all started, what it means to every Man of Michaelhouse, and of our own distinctive strand in the fibre of a great school.

Tap the NFC tag behind the 1896 badge on the left sleeve to register your jersey and stay connected with the school.

Make it your own by including your number (1-15), House, Matric Year and Laundry Number for us to create your custom detail tag. If you would like to include other text in place of the Laundry number please do. Remember to choose Customised "Yes".

Or just keep it plain.

To order your unique Todd rugby jersey, visit the [Meadows online shop](#)



125 Caps and Ties

Parents are reminded to ask their sons to collect 125 ties and caps which were ordered during the third quarter, between Rest and 4.30 from the Marketing Offices. For those who have not yet ordered, purchases can be made at www.meadowsclothing.com.

World School Awards

Don't forget to cast your vote on behalf of Michaelhouse in the World School Awards, in the categories: Top Boarding College AND Top School Africa. Voting closes in November, and you can vote as often as you want by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPNZCLV>

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