



Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Michaelhouse

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## Rector's Message

During this week we have been preparing for our **Speech Day** on Friday when, traditionally, we have a very clear focus on the A Block and the vast majority of the prizes are awarded to our outgoing matriculants. There is a further prize-giving early next year where boys in the other Blocks are the chief recipients of awards. I mention this because this format differs from that which many other schools adopt, and I simply wanted to point this out to parents who are new to us. The person who is addressing the boys is David Scott who is a "young Old Boy" of the band, *The Kiffness*, and he has previously engaged with our boys at various levels. I hope that the boys will value having somebody who is well-known throughout the country, but very much in touch with their thinking, to address them. We look forward to seeing the parents of matrics and the prize winners in the Schlesinger Theatre on Friday. The proceedings will be streamed and the link can be found on the invitation attached as Annexure A.

On Monday a Government Gazette appeared in which it was indicated that up to 2000 **spectators** would be allowed at sports meetings outdoors and a smaller number in indoors. Whilst supposedly this stipulation has yet to be implemented by the Department of Basic Education, I don't believe that we can wait any longer for this to happen. However, some of the schools against whom we play may still be awaiting the alteration in the procedures laid down by the Department of Basic Education and, therefore, might not admit parents to those games when we are playing away from home. I will contact the Head of our opposition schools on a weekly basis to establish whether our parents and spectators would be welcome there or otherwise if teams are playing away from home. This Saturday, our opponents, DHS, will allow parents/spectators to watch the games as we, of course, will.

As we revert to inter-schools' matches, the opportunity has arisen for us to use the **Old Boys' Club/bar facility** at the Heritage Centre on occasion for socialising after sports matches. Whilst we appreciate that summer sports matches end at different times depending on the nature of the sport, we propose to open the bar facility at the Heritage Centre which is, after all, for the use of everyone in the Michaelhouse Community (including parents) on two occasions over the next few weeks: those times will be on Saturday 23 October after our Westville matches and on Saturday 6 November after our Kearsney fixture from 4.30 to 7pm on each of those days. A bar facility and some light meals will be available for parents and Old Boys, along with your friends and also our opposition parents. We will experiment with a ticketing system, and we hope that there will be sufficient support for this to make the whole venture worthwhile.



It was really such a pleasure to see our boys playing their inter-schools' matches this past week, and the boys had many successes and some very enjoyable encounters as you will read below.

## Academic Achievements

### *Academic Awards*

The following boys were congratulated in our Assembly on Monday on their significant achievements in this realm:

**Honours:** Murray Behn, Jack Edmonds, Maqhawe Hoohlo, Luke Hooker, Simon le Vieux, Keemal Ramnath, Karl Rindfleisch, Joshua White and Alejandro Sartini-Kruger.

**Colours:** Thomas Deist, Matthew Gibson, Hilton Giles, Dominic le Sueur, Jason Makhele and Anthony Turner.

**Half-Colours:** Matthew Browse, Lawrence Hawke, Kyle McCoy, Matthew Millward and Stephen Perkins

## Co-Curricular Achievements

### *Sports and Cultural Awards*

Warm congratulations to the following on their recent awards:

**Rugby - Honours:** Andrew Davis

**Rugby - Colours:** Thomas de Lange, Colm Geraghty, Scott Kirk, Nqobile Manyara, Jaden van der Merwe, Alexander Vermeulen and Ayabonga Zakwe.

**Polo - Honours:** Hunter Whittle and Max Latter.

**Hockey - Honours:** Kamohelo Rathepe

**Hockey – Colours:** Anothile Nzimande, Hilton Giles and Jason Williams.

**Water Polo - Honours:** Samuel Berchowitz

**Squash - Honours:** Richard Upfold

**Tennis - Honours:** Joshua Heath

**Debating & Public Speaking – Colours:** Xihluke Marhule, Mayenziwe Nene and Frederick Waller

**Debating & Public Speaking – Half Colours:** Muako Maepa and Andrew Woodland.

**Art – Colours:** Leo Baber

**Art – Half Colours:** Daniel Johnson, Nicholas Holt, George Scott, Khabane Jonathan, Tristan Hoyle and Byron Mitchell-Innes.

**Service – Honours:** Alexander Brits

**Service - Half Colours:** Liam Tibshraeny, Lawrence Hawke and Andrew Woodland

### *Athletics*

Some boys travelled to Durban to compete in the KZN League Meeting over the weekend in very windy conditions which made running very difficult. However, **Ruben Visagie** won both the 800m and 1500m races and **Damian Watson** won his 3000m race. Well done, in particular, to these boys.



## *Tennis*

On Monday 11 October 2021 we hosted Hilton College for the annual De Wet Cup. In the De Wet Cup we play 10 singles matches and 5 doubles matches. Michaelhouse narrowly lost 7-8 in what was a very closely contested match. It was an absolute pleasure to see the boys back on the courts playing an inter-school fixture and we are excited to try and turn the tables in 2022.



Mr Paul de Wet (left) along with the tennis players that competed in the De Wet Cup and Mr Herman Visagie (right)

## *Canoeing*

Our Michaelhouse canoeists took part in the Fish River Canoe Marathon which doubled as the South African K2 River Championships.

The results were as follows:

U18 – 1<sup>st</sup> **Matthew Millward** and **Jack Edmonds** and 6<sup>th</sup> overall, which earned them a gold medal. They also broke the U18 K2 course record, which was previously held by Michaelhouse Old Boy, Stephen Bird. All this, fresh from the World Marathon Championships in Romania a week ago. A big accolade goes to them!



Jack Edmonds and Matthew Millward shooting Keith's Flyover

U18 - **Jack Shooter** and **Murray Behn** were 29<sup>th</sup> overall, 14<sup>th</sup> **Reuben Baldry** and **Lucien Baldry** and 100th overall.



U16 – 1<sup>st</sup> **Rob Butcher** and **Dom Furby** and 43<sup>rd</sup> overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Matthew Louw** and **Peter Hein** and 176<sup>th</sup> overall, 4<sup>th</sup> **Stuart Nielson** and **Rourke Murray** and 177<sup>th</sup> overall and 5<sup>th</sup> **Jaden Adam** and **Ethan Cockram** and 201<sup>st</sup> overall.



Matthew Louw and Peter Hein shooting Keith's Flyover

K3 – 13<sup>th</sup> **Matthew Nel**, **Craig Cribbins** and partner and 121<sup>st</sup> overall. Paddling with an U23 partner, **Harrison Field** and partner were 11<sup>th</sup> (U23) and 110<sup>th</sup> overall.

Michaelhouse also won the Schools' Trophy again.

Congratulations go to all our canoeists for their outstanding results in this challenging marathon.

### *Basketball*

Our teams played against St Charles College with these results:

U14A won 36-14; U14B won 12-6; U14C won 22-2; and U14D lost 8-18.

U15A won 17-15; U15B won 14-10; U15C won 24-13 and U15D won 11-10.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Team won 45-44, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team lost 21-34, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team won 24-14, 4<sup>th</sup> Team lost (SCC U16A) 12-25, 5<sup>th</sup> Team won (SCC U16B) 26-15, 6<sup>th</sup> Team lost 6-17 and 7<sup>th</sup> Team lost 6-20. So the boys won 10 games and lost 5.

### *Cricket*

We had 11 fixtures against St Charles College, spread between Michaelhouse and Pietermaritzburg. It was a very successful day for our teams, with Michaelhouse winning 9 of these games. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI won by 24 runs, our U15A won by 1 wicket and the U14A drew their match.

Our senior teams excelled with the 5<sup>th</sup> XI winning by 8 wickets, the 4<sup>th</sup> XI by 160 runs and the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI by 4 wickets and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI by 6 wickets.





Notable individual performances were:

**Grant Leslie** 50\*, **Brad de Klerk** 4/15 and **Huntley Price Moor** 3/12 for the 5<sup>th</sup> XI; **John Yeadon** 116, **James Gilson** 73 and **Kyle Walker** 4/22 for the 4<sup>th</sup> XI; **Harry Moller** 4/19 and **Luke Hoekstra** 3/15 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI; **Joe Price** 52, **Luke Jankowitz** 4/34 and **Stephen Perkins** 3/34 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. In the U15C game, both **Luke Fellner** and **Callum James** impressed with the bat notching up 62(33) and 57(25) respectively. **Oliver Davis** 58 in U14A, and **Thabo Mashego** 4/11 and **William Gilson** 3/23 shone for the U14B team.



1<sup>st</sup> Cricket XI after their winning match against St Charles

### *Water Polo*

The U16A team played in the Durban High Schools' Festival and fared well, playing 6 games, winning 3 and losing 3.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> and Junior Teams played St Charles College over the past weekend, and we won both our games 22-1 and 20-1 respectively.

### *Mountain Bike Society*

On Sunday morning we had four riders who participated in the Sappi Karkloof Classic. Their results were as follows:

#### 20km:

5<sup>th</sup> Sub Junior **Matthew Hardie** (1:03:19) and 4<sup>th</sup> overall, 8<sup>th</sup> Sub Junior **Ashton McCormick** (1:15:33) and 34<sup>th</sup> overall.

#### 45km:

1<sup>st</sup> Sub Junior **Matthew Carolan** (3:36:15) and 142<sup>nd</sup> overall and 9<sup>th</sup> Junior **Karl Rindfleisch** (2:50:07) and 79<sup>th</sup> overall

**Jonathan Segar** recently participated in the Ride the Karoo 3-day stage race. His results for each of the stages were:

Stage 1 – 21km night ride: 9<sup>th</sup> male and 14<sup>th</sup> overall.

Stage 2 – 76km: 17<sup>th</sup> male and 33<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Stage 3 – 48km: 12<sup>th</sup> male and 22<sup>nd</sup> overall.



Jonathan also participated in the Cape Town Cycle Tour and finished in a time of 4:19:25 coming 85<sup>th</sup> in the U19 category.

Well done to all who participated.



Jonathan Segar participating in the Ride the Karoo Race

## *Polo*

**Max Latter** and **Hunter Whittle**, who also captained the team, represented South Africa in Polo in a tournament at Karkloof in September. Their team did extremely well and won the tournament convincingly. Well done to both Max and Hunter!



Hunter Whittle (far left) and Max Latter (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with their SA Polo Team

## *Team of the Week*

A comment from Ryan Strudwick, our Head of Sport, is that it was a great first week back with all our teams performing really well. This week, however, the Team of the Week accolade must go to our two senior paddlers for competing so well in Romania last week and then winning the Fish River Canoe Marathon in record time. Well done to Mathew and Jack!



## Mini Break Transport Arrangements

Parents are reminded of the mini break taking place from 28 – 31 October. Bus transport will be available on Thursday, departing from Michaelhouse at 11h00 to Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Durban and various airports. Boys are expected to return to Michaelhouse on Sunday 31 October no later than 21h00. Airport collections will be between 12h00 and 17h00 on Sunday 31 October, while the return buses from Johannesburg (12h00), Bloemfontein (11h00) and Durban (16h10 plus other collection points) will be at the normal times.

For any queries please contact **Mrs Nirvana Naicker**, School Transport Co-ordinator:  
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## 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 <https://mhs.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. Please find attached pdf with link to vote. (Annexure B)

With my best wishes

**ANTONY CLARK**  
RECTOR