



Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Michaelhouse
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Rector's Message

As everybody is aware, the past few days have been a very difficult time for our Michaelhouse community and there have been a number of disparaging comments made about our school through the extensive and exhaustive dialogue on social media. Whatever may have been said, those who know Michaelhouse well have testified to the fact that we are generally a very happy school where excellent relationships exist between boys of all races and backgrounds. This ambience is something we have actively worked hard to promote over several years and, indeed, more recently through the work of Deputy Rector: Pastoral, Sibis Ncamani, and others who have been at the forefront of engendering a climate of trust and engagement amongst all boys and staff. Board members and Old Boys such as Ray Mkhulisi, for example, have supported our initiatives in many areas and have contributed wholeheartedly to our common approach to life in which a tolerant and anti-racist ethos prevails. And so it was unexpected to find ourselves in the eye of a storm at the weekend, but it serves as a reminder to us to continue our work of building an inclusive ethos.

We are looking forward at this point and acting very swiftly to address matters in the following way: with the agreement of St John's, Michaelhouse has appointed an independent legal consultant to lead an investigation into the alleged incident. For various reasons, it is not prudent to name her here, but she is an experienced practitioner, having been, inter alia, a partner at a leading national law firm, and a member of the South African Legal Practice Council . She is currently an Acting Judge of the Gauteng High Court Division in Johannesburg. Her Terms of Reference will be to review the video footage of the incident, to interview all witnesses, potential witnesses and stakeholders concerned, to review statements of the boys and personnel of both schools here and in Johannesburg, to establish the veracity of the statements received and to consider whether there are grounds for disciplinary action before submitting a report to me as the Rector of Michaelhouse and to the Executive Headmaster of St John's. She was appointed on Monday, started work yesterday and will continue with as much purpose and haste as possible.

I need to explain that, should there be grounds for disciplinary action, then the matter will need to progress under our own Disciplinary Code and Procedures with a different and similarly independent Chairperson. At the conclusion of that process, if it were to run, the Chair would make a recommendation to me about the outcome. As you can glean from this, the process may take time to complete, but we are taking the lead in resolving this matter expeditiously as you may judge from the appointment and progress of the investigating officer who has already conducted interviews at Michaelhouse.



Today the senior boys have moved into “exam mode” as they begin with the first papers of their mid-year examinations this morning. We have a busy weekend ahead with matches at Westville and we look forward to those.

Co-Curricular and Individual Achievements

Debating

Last week, three of our debating teams (one E Block, one Junior and one Senior team) travelled to Hilton College to participate in the quarter-final round of the Pietermaritzburg debating league. All three teams came up against some stiff competition. Our Junior team lost to St Charles in a debate in which they argued against the romanticisation of villains in movies and pop culture. The Senior team lost in a very close debate against Maritzburg College, which hinged around tech magnates and whether they should be glorified as advocates for social change, or not. The Grade 8 motion centred around the idea that employees still working from home should return to their places of work. Our novice E block boys are congratulated on winning that debate against Maritzburg College and therefore progressing to the semi-finals of the league, which take place next term – a fantastic achievement! **Jack Stevenson** was named as best speaker.

On Friday afternoon, three debating teams took on St John's. The E Block and D Block boys did well to prepare a debate with very little time but unfortunately both teams lost. The Senior team, consisting of **Luke Kaufmann, Frederick Waller, Muako Maepa and Rueben Baldry**, were victorious against the St John's senior team in what was a robust debate. **Reuben Baldry** was awarded 'Best Speaker'. Thanks go to **Mrs Peta Roberts, Rev Chris Meyer, Mr Anele Cebo** and Mr Ray Barrow, of St John's, for their assistance with adjudication.

Finally, our hearty congratulations go to the following boys who, after a successful debating season in the Pietermaritzburg league (which consists of ± 15 schools), have been selected to represent the Pietermaritzburg district at the KZN Provincial Debating Tournament in July:

Daniel French, Boitumelo Motsepe, Andrew Woodland, Lucien Baldry, Luke Kaufmann and reserves:

Muako Maepa, Damian Watson, Nathan Strachan, Seth Segal, Roelof Rossouw, Jack Stevenson, Matthew Longmore and Nicholas French.

Marimba Band

The Competition Marimba Band was in the limelight again this past weekend. Our boys were invited to perform at an outdoor picnic concert that was hosted by Cowan House in Hilton. They shared the stage with the SAMA award winning duo, *Qadasi & Maqhinga*, performers of traditional Maskandi music. This group previously performed with Ladysmith Black Mambazo and are heading to Germany for a tour towards the end of June. The boys played a programme that consisted of seven different pieces – all ranging in style. The boys and their music made a huge impact on the audience of children and parents. Proof of this came in the “fan club” of prep school children who overwhelmed our boys with request for autographs and photographs. It was a truly splendid afternoon that showcased our boys' talents, courage and spirit to the full. Below is an excerpt of a message that was sent to the coach, Ms Carika de Swardt, by an audience member: “I was totally blown away by your boys. They were so well-mannered and absolute gentlemen. Your boys should be commended on being amazing ambassadors for your school.” The team consists of **Gqamile Mbuyazi, Kofi Asumaning (solo saxophonist), Tomas Szudrawski, Xihluke Marhule (Deputy Leader), Isa Shabalala, Ben Cheales, Mayenziwe Nene, Joshua Hadley-Grave, Sinnon Khosa,**



Max Chapman (Leader), Sandiso Hlongwa, Jordan Baxter, Sentso Tlelai, Campbell Ridl, Sibonga Buthelezi, Angelo Nkosi, Michael Dalglish and Letlotlo Sekatle.



The Competition Marimba Band with Ms Carika de Swardt at the Cowan House outdoor picnic

Cross Country

Our senior team ran at Epworth this past week and the results were as follows:

1st **Theo Apteker**, 3rd **Damian Watson** and 7th **Mvelwenhle Guma**.

Both our teams are still leading the overall standings in the league. Well done to all the runners!

Tennis

The 1st team won 6-3, and the 2nd team won 5-3 against St John's. Well done to the boys involved!

Golf

Unfortunately, the golf players only got to play half their matches as they were meant to continue on Sunday. On Friday we played the Pairs Format at Gowrie Farm and we ended up 1 down after the five matches.

Hockey

Several hockey games were played on Friday against St John's with the following results:

U16A won 4-2, U16B lost against St John's U15A 2-3, U16C lost against St John's U16B 0-1, U16D lost against St John's U15B 0-2 and the 1st team lost 1-2.

Rugby

We played 3 games against Maritzburg College on Saturday with the U14C team losing 38-7, the U16D team losing 24-5 and the 7th XV also losing 24-5.

Squash

Our squash teams played against St John's on Friday afternoon, winning 13 out of 18 games:

1st team drew 3-3, 2nd team won 5-1 and the 3rd team won 5-1.

Nathan Hoatson played in the final KZN tournament of the season this weekend and finished second. Congratulations, Nathan!



The following boys have been selected to represent KZN at the Inter Provincial Squash Tournament in the July holidays:

U19A - **Joshua Hoatson** and **Nathan Hoatson**

U16A - **Justin Higginson**

U16B - **Anesu Nduru**

U14 - **Matt Stanistreet**



The KZN Squash representatives from left to right: **Nathan Hoatson, Joshua Hoatson, Anesu Nduru, Justin Higginson** and **Matt Stanistreet**

Mountain Biking Club – Karkloof Classic

The following members of the Michaelhouse Mountain Biking Club participated in the 20km event at the Sappi Karkloof Classic on Sunday, 29 May:

Matthew Carolan 1:04:58 22nd overall and 1st Youth rider

Rhys Watson 1:15:49 43rd overall and 18th Sub Junior rider

Gregor von Mayer 1:24:53 68th overall and 5th Youth rider

Ian Graham 1:30:15 79th overall and 7th Youth rider

Members of the Mountain Bike Club met Philip Buys of the Pyga Eurosteel professional team. Philip won the Marathon National Championships (85km) which was held on the same morning at Karkloof.

Well done to all who participated.



From left to right: **Gregor von Mayer, Matthew Carolan, Ian Graham, Philip Buys, Ramon van der Byl, Rhys Watson** and **Ashton McCormick**



Feedem Menu – June 2022

Please find attached the catering menu for your sons for the next 4 week cycle (please note that we are currently in week 2 and will start with week 3 on Monday, 6 June). This 4 week menu shows the rotation of the meals. The boys are always welcome to 'seconds'. This menu is also placed in the dining halls for the boys to see.

Michaelhouse - Hilton Derby Day : Friday 17 June and Saturday 18 June 2022

As you know the **Michaelhouse - Hilton Derby** takes place in the middle of this month. We look forward to seeing the **A Block Parents** at their Academic Open Day on Friday 17 June, and then at the hockey fixtures on Friday and rugby and hockey fixtures on Saturday, 18 June.

The following guidelines are in place to help parents and guests understand our planning and to have an enjoyable weekend.

Match Times

Will be confirmed as soon as they are finalised by both Michaelhouse and Hilton.

Playing Fields

All spectators are kindly requested to remain behind the red lines and ropes around the playing fields at all times. Spectators are asked not to walk onto the playing field during and between matches and during the performances of the school war-cries prior to the 1st XV kick off. This is a BOKSMART regulation and we ask for your full co-operation in this matter.

Tea Times

Will be confirmed as soon as the fixtures are finalised.

Drones

Please note that drones are not permitted to be used on any of the playing fields during the course of the day unless official permission has been granted in writing from Michaelhouse. Our security guards have been asked to monitor this.

Reserving Space

Booking of seating spots on the side of the field and laying out of blankets/chairs etc **may only commence at 14h00 on Friday 17 June**. Security guards and Michaelhouse staff will be monitoring this, and we ask you to please respect their instructions.

Please do not use stones or bricks to anchor your blanket. These play havoc with our mowers and other machinery. Tent pegs may be used, but please remove these when you depart on Saturday after the matches. Please note that areas may not be 'fenced off' with tape. Security guards will be on site to ensure that your site, once marked, is not invaded and also to ensure that no sites are booked before 14h00.

Gazebos may be erected only on the tarmac behind the post and rail fence in Forde Avenue or behind the posts on Vlei.



Vehicles and Pedestrian Entry Fee

Vehicle tickets cost R100 each and can be purchased [online](#). If you decide to walk onto the premises, your ticket will cost R50. This can be purchased from our security at the Michaelhouse entrance. These fees are charged in order to help cover the extra expenses incurred including security, toilet facility hire and the extra staff required to ensure a safe environment.

To facilitate the expected pedestrian and vehicle traffic numbers associated with various events starting on Friday and over the weekend, we need to close off certain roads. Warriors' Walk and Forde Avenue (next to the Trade-Inn) will be closed to all vehicles for the entire day on Saturday 18th June.

Parking

Hockey: Parking for the Astro will be in the front of School on both Friday and Saturday.

Rugby: Parking on Saturday for the Rugby will be available on Willows, Vlei, Tarpeys and Holleys as directed by our staff at various times, depending on the finishing time of matches.

VIP Parking: next to the squash courts.

Disabled Parking: in Forde Avenue.

Live Streaming

All sport played on Meadows and Punchbowl will be live streamed. Please go to <https://supersportschools.com/>. You will have to register, follow the instructions and login in order to view.

Trade-Inn

Michaelhouse memorabilia will be available in the Trade-Inn which is situated opposite the Heritage Centre on:

Friday: 09h00 – 16h00

Saturday: 09h00 – 15h00.

Heritage Centre

Opened in September 2018, the Heritage Centre pays tribute to our 126-year history through a permanent, chronological exhibition, a structure based on the five pillars of Michaelhouse as well as a gallery space including art from Old Boys. The Heritage Centre will be open on Friday from 08h00 - 16h00 and on Saturday from 08h30 - 14h00.

Food Vendors and Coffee Shop

In addition to the on-site coffee shop, there will be a range of food stalls available over the weekend.

The Coffee Shop will be open on Friday until the conclusion of the hockey fixtures and on Saturday from 07h30 - 17h00.

A coffee vendor will be open on Friday at the Punchbowl Astro from 15h00 until the conclusion of the hockey fixtures and on Saturday there will be various food vendors who will be available from 08h00 - 16h30.

Toilets



Ladies and Gents toilets are located in the Centenary Centre, the Heritage Centre, the Indoor Centre, Squash Courts and in the Main Quad. A toilet for wheelchair visitors can be found in the Indoor Centre, signposted to the left hand side.

First Aid

The First Aid Centre, manned by the Michaelhouse San Sisters and Dr Cook is located at the First Aid Room which is situated in Forde Avenue, next to Meadows Field. All fields will be manned by St Michaels Ambulance Service and boys from the First Aid Society.

Security and Lost Property

Please note that schools are by law firearm and dangerous object free zones and visitors are, therefore, requested to ensure that they do not bring such items onto the school property or we may be obliged to ask you to leave the premises.

A Security headquarters is located inside the school, and those responsible for security have been instructed to remove anyone who abuses alcohol, or who causes a danger to students and staff, from the Michaelhouse grounds. *No alcohol* is allowed on the open side of Meadows where the boys sit.

The main school campus is surrounded by a live electric fence which may cause serious injury or death if tampered with.

Please be advised that Michaelhouse will not accept liability for any damage incurred on the property due to fire, theft or any other cause whatsoever. Kindly lock your vehicle and take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of your belongings during your visit.

Ballid Security will handle all security issues and lost property. They can be contacted on 082 669 2172.

Emergency Sirens

LIGHTNING ALARM – This is an ALARM sound.

Pulse Tone - ^^^^: DANGER – Seek Shelter Indoors or in a vehicle.

Continuous Tone - ----- : All Clear.

The Lightening Siren runs from 06h00 – 18h00 every day.

FIRE EVACUATION SIREN – This is a HORN sound.

Evacuate: Long Burst Horn Sound – Evacuate to the lawn in front of the school at the Chapel or onto the closest sports field.

The Fire Evacuation Siren is a 24-hour siren.

Cleaning of Campus

Please make use of the bins provided.

Pets

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY DOGS/PETS ONTO THE SCHOOL CAMPUS ON SATURDAY.

We hope that you will enjoy your day at Michaelhouse, and trust that you will feel welcome, please support us by adhering to the above points in order to ensure that the day is enjoyed by all.



Should you have any queries regarding sports events this weekend, please contact the Senior Master: Sport, Ryan Strudwick, at: RyanS@michaelhouse.org

Two Schools in Concert – Michaelhouse and Hilton

The bookings for the Two Schools in Concert with Hilton College are now open (see attached). Please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets usually sell out very fast.

Follow this link to make your booking:

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/176238-two-schools-in-concert-hilton-college-and-michaelhouse/?ref=events-list#/>

Community Partnership Trusts – Partners for Possibility: Ms Amy Webster

Partners for Possibility (PfP) is a globally recognised leadership programme affording ordinary people like you and me the opportunity to partner with school principals of under-resourced schools in our community, jointly to address challenges in education and to unearth gifts in the community.

Between 2019 and 2022, 16 schools and Michaelhouse parents (past and present) have said YES to a PfP journey of partnership, organised over two leadership circles, known as Midlands1 and 2. Even through lockdown, we have remained in community (initially online) and managed to support principals with real connection to their leadership, learner nutritional needs and teaching support. We, and they, are deeply indebted to the support from the Michaelhouse Community Partnership.

What is the ask for Midlands3 – the next PfP leadership circle?

Share with colleagues and family (even outside your Michaelhouse network) and join us at any **1-hour online information session**.

WHAT IF WE COULD BRIDGE THE GAP...TOGETHER?

The KZN Midlands is home to some of the very best schools in South Africa. It is also home to some of the most under-resourced schools in the country. We urgently need to close this gap. But how?

Bring your curiosity and a thuma mina spirit and come and hear what exciting steps are being taken by local members of our community – and how you can possibly get involved too.

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL CONVERSATIONS:
Date: 1 June, 8 June, 15 June and 22 June
Time: 8am - 9am
Venue: Zoom (link will be sent when you RSVP)
RSVP: karen@symphonia.net or 083 709 8525

 **PARTNERS FOR POSSIBILITY**
SYMPHONIA | for South Africa



We launch on 16 August and are looking for at least **8 development partners** for principals situated between Howick and Mooi River. You are enough as you are! Between the partners we will have financial, educational, psychological and much knowledge on which to draw. Abundance mentality is not difficult to find in this community; we just need hands to be raised.

Most of our funding has been sourced, yet social investment opportunity still exists, with your potential contribution earning equity recognition, including a Section 18A certificate.

PfP have been blessed with the recent “Broadway” style musical production *The Signs* showcasing amazing talent at Michaelhouse and “excavating” talent at neighbouring Shea O’Connor Combined School. This is what working in a community enables - bringing tremendous gifts into the benefit of the whole community. Thank you, once again, to the Mbuyazi family and Michaelhouse for enabling this. LOVE HOWICK, LOVE NOTTIES and LOVE MPOPOMENI have showcased how delivery in community becomes deeply effective, but most importantly, what is possible when people feel as if they belong and can make a meaningful contribution, be it through hands, funds or time. We would love you to immerse yourself in a Partners for Possibility journey.

KZN Inland Matric Art Exhibition - 2022

Please see below, an invitation to the KZN Inland Matric Art Exhibition. Michaelhouse has two of the 2021 Matrics exhibiting, Thomas Walters and Daniel Johnson.



The Director and Board of Trustees
of the Tatham Art Gallery
invite you to the opening of

KZN Inland Matric Art Exhibition 2022

on Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 18h00

The exhibition will be opened by
Mary Ovendale

Exhibition closes
Sunday 24 July 2022 at 17h00

To avoid double bookings,
booking is essential for all activities
contact pinky.nkabinde@msunduzi.gov.za
or 033 392 2811



Gallery Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 09h00 - 17h00
Chief Albert Luthuli (Commercial) Road
Opposite City Hall, Pietermaritzburg
P.O. Box 211 Pietermaritzburg 2000
Phone: 033 392 2812, www.tatham.org.za



Operations/Support Staff

This morning several of our Operations/Support staff gathered peacefully in the main quad to express their dissatisfaction at the delay in the finalisation of their annual wage increase. Representatives of the employees have met and will engage further with the Operations Manager and me to review their concerns and to try to address the way forward.

Most employees are members of the trade union, NUPSAW, who have been representing the employees in the wage negotiations which we initiated before the end of last year. There is a deadlock in the negotiations and the matter is currently before the CCMA for conciliation. The gathering held today is, therefore, irregular and not provided for in the negotiation process.

Given the significant rise in costs in recent months and the delay in finalisation of the wage increase the frustrations of the employees can be understood. The school has at all times endeavoured to engage with employees with a view to settling wage increases at a reasonable and sustainable level. We will keep you informed of any significant further developments in due course.

Quotable quote for the week

“Disciplining yourself to do what you know is right and important, although difficult, is the high road to pride, self-esteem and personal satisfaction” (Margaret Thatcher, 1990)

With my best wishes

ANTONY CLARK
RECTOR