



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

You will be expecting me to let you know of substantial progress related to the hockey incident of some 12 days ago in order to add to my comments in last week's eNews that the independent legal consultant appointed to investigate this matter would be reviewing video footage and statements of some boys and staff both at Michaelhouse and St John's and discussing matters related to those statements with relevant boys and staff. However, I can do no more than say that the consultant conducted interviews at Michaelhouse last Tuesday and was in Johannesburg at St John's yesterday; she is due at Michaelhouse again today to follow up with one person and will need to conduct one more interview online with a person at St John's. She will then need to write the report, which is due to be handed to the Executive Head of St John's and me by next Wednesday. Until we receive this report, it is difficult to establish precisely how we will proceed, and I believe that we simply need to be patient at present.

Last week, with much more pressing matters at hand, I aborted my discussion of the seven key elements which are important in the development of teenagers according to Robin Cox, the one-time Housemaster of Founders who, subsequently, became a renowned mentor of young people in New Zealand and Australia. We have covered his views that teenagers need to set clear and attainable goals, develop interests/passions outside of the academic realm and take responsibility for organising themselves. The fourth key element on which he bases his guidance is the notion that teenagers need to develop an understanding of the value of interdependence. On the one hand, there are increasing levels of anxiety and depression among many teenagers and this has, apparently, been exacerbated by the 2020 pandemic during which, not surprisingly, a greater degree of individualism has emerged throughout the world. Young people have become more used to being by themselves and, not surprisingly, have become more entrepreneurial and agile in relationships, but there is, within teenagers, he argues a natural aptitude for wanting to belong to a team and to playing an important role within that team of peers.

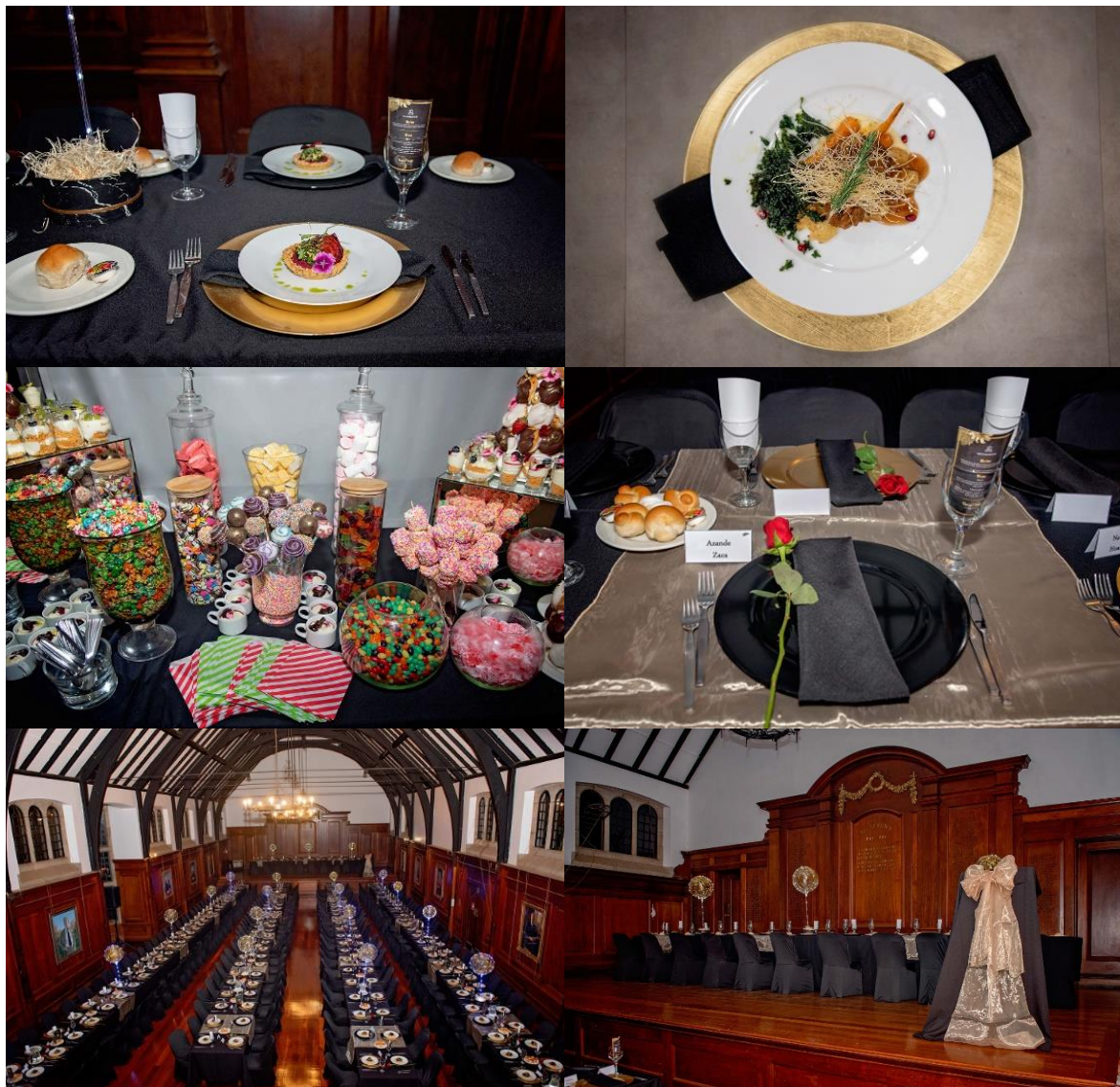
It is a natural phenomenon that teenagers begin to lean more on peers during adolescence and to push away, to a certain extent, from parents and other adults, but he underlines the importance for teenagers of having at least *three* significant adults in their lives. These adults ideally model values of respect, kindness, honesty and trust and guide teenagers to understand the benefits of embracing such values; the expression of these qualities by teenagers to others in their association leads to affirmation by their peers which, in turn, leads to their feeling content.



One of Cox's messages is that it is ironic that, whilst adolescents often seem to be distancing themselves from parents and other adults, those people continue to be of great significance in their lives *if* those adults can nurture and empathise with the young through guiding them in this way. I suspect that most parents have experienced that very phenomenon of being pushed away and yet valued at the same time. As teenagers mature, they demonstrate, to an increasing degree, the extent to which they value guidance of parents and other significant adults; and so the message for today is to "hang in" if your son (or daughter) is not there yet.

B Block Formal

The B Block Formal was held on Saturday, 28 May and the boys and their partners were treated to a 3 course dinner, beautifully decorated hall and dancing.





Integrated Studies

During the week of the 13 – 17 June the D and E Block will be involved in their annual Integrated Studies Programme. The E Block will be involved in the exciting project, *Superhero*, which is their first real introduction to meaningful senior school project-based learning, and where they will investigate the use of Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies to find business solutions to some of the world's most pressing current issues. The D Block will be involved in a variety of different programmes during the week including a comprehensive sex education workshop, the dangers of pornography and addiction, subject choice workshops, sports science, biomimicry and an introduction to their Pondoland cultural immersion which takes place from 17 – 22 September.

A Block Open Day – 17 June

The A Block Academic Open Day is on Friday 17 June. You should already have received your invitation from Mrs Wendy Kelly. If you have not replied, please RSVP by no later than 10h00 on Friday, 10 June.

Co-Curricular and Individual Achievements

Cross Country

Both our senior and junior teams took part in the Cross Country League at The Wykeham Collegiate last week and recorded some excellent results:

Juniors: 1st **Kyle Heyns**, 6th **Mark Conway**, 7th **Uyanda Magudulela** and 8th **Reily Elliot**

Seniors: 1st **Ruben Visagie**, 5th **Theo Apteker**, 6th **Damian Watson** and 8th **Mvelwenhle Guma**

Hockey

Some of our teams played against Treverton during the week with the following results:

Our 2nd team drew 2-2 to Treverton's 1st team and our U16C won 7-0 against Treverton's U16A

This past weekend, our teams travelled to Westville and played 12 games, winning one, losing four and drawing six. As the season has progressed so has the players' confidence and skill. The boys can be proud of their performances:

U14A won 2-0, U14B lost 0-2, U14C drew 1-1 and U14D lost 3-4

U16A drew 1-1, U16B drew 3-3, U16C drew 1-1

1st team drew 1-1, 2nd team lost 0-3, 3rd team drew 3-3 and 4th team lost 1-3.



The U14A hockey team after the win against Westville Boys' High School



Rugby

This was a great weekend on the rugby fields down in Westville with a lot of top results, especially at U14 level where we did not lose a game and the A side won their first game.

U14A won 28-17, U14B won 41-7, U14C won 41-0 and U14D won 24-14

U15A drew 7-7, U15B lost 19-28, U15C lost 5-10 and U15D won 32-10

U16A won 38-17, U16B lost 7-10, U16C won 28-12 and U16D won 22-10

1st XV won 31-21, 2nd XV lost 8-26, 3rd XV won 26-0, 4th XV won 14-8, 5th XV won 35-0 and 6th XV lost 7-17.

Squash

Congratulations to **Benjamin Harper** for being selected to represent the KZN U16B team for the ITP's in the June/July holidays.

Team of the week: Mr Ryan Strudwick, Senior Master: Sport

Team of the week is a little tough this week as there were so many good results. Special mention must be made of all the U14 rugby teams for their clean sweep, to the U14A hockey team for their solid victory and to the cross country teams as they continue to lead the league. So, after a lot of discussion, it was decided that the U14A rugby should be awarded "Team of the Week" for their first victory. Well done!

Service

Service visits to CPT partner schools continued during the last two weeks. Boys from Founders House visited Crystal Springs Primary School where they taught the Grade 7s some rugby skills, practised a few rugby drills and then played a game. **Sebastian Bailes** assisted **Mrs Roberts** in facilitating an art activity with the Grade 3s and Grade 4s. It was a most enjoyable and valuable afternoon for all involved.



Michael Weitendorf, Cameron Schwegmann, Christian Macpherson and Simon Bailes (left to right) after leading a rugby practice with the children from Crystal Springs Primary School



Sebastian Bailes helping the Grade 3s and 4s with their art activity



Feedem Menu – June 2022

Please find attached the catering menu for your sons for the current 4 week cycle (please note that we are currently in week 3). This four week menu shows the rotation of the meals. The boys are always welcome to 'secos'. 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. 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. *Bookings for gazebos are based on a first come first serve basis and are limited.* Please email Marius Henn to book your space at marhen@michaelhouse.org

Vehicles and Pedestrian Entry Fee

Vehicle tickets cost R100 each and can be purchased online at QUICKET via the below link : <https://www.quicket.co.za/events/177914-michaelhouse-vs-hilton-derby/>



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 flyer). 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#/>

End of Term Arrangements and School Transport

Term 2 ends on Friday 24 June 2022. The Cultural week program draws to a close on Thursday evening with the Inter-House Drama Evening in the Schlesinger Theatre. During this final week of the term, lessons continue as normal, and boys' examination papers are returned for the checking of marks.

The end of term Assembly and Chapel service will be at 07h30 on Friday morning- boys will be available to depart on holiday directly after this Assembly, and school buses will depart at 08h30.

Please ensure that all bus bookings for Johannesburg, Pavilion and King Shaka are made **before midday on Monday 20 June** through the online booking system.

For any queries please contact **Mrs Nirvana Naicker**, School Transport Co-ordinator:

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Office: (033) 234 1170

E-mail: opsadmin@michaelhouse.org

Operations/Support Staff

I wrote last week that several of our Operations/Support staff had staged a peaceful protest in our Main Quad to express their dissatisfaction at the delay in the finalization of their wage increases for 2022. These were members of NUPSAW, the union which had been representing the employees in wage negotiations which we had initiated in October 2021. The matter was in deadlock and was due to come before the CCMA on 20 June, but we were able to reach agreement within hours last Wednesday, and a happier atmosphere prevails.

Trade-Inn, Coffee Shop and Old Boys' Club

Please note that the following will be open at all **home fixtures** this quarter:

- Trade Inn: 09h00 – 14h00
- Heritage Centre: 09h00 – 12h00
- Coffee Shop 08h00 – 16h00

The **Old Boys' Club** will also be open for parents, staff, Old Boys and opposition parents. After the conclusion of all matches there will be a basic bar facility, with beer, wine and soft drinks and some light meals available to purchase.



Quote for the Week

“A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks, he becomes.” (Mahatma Gandhi)

With my best wishes

ANTONY CLARK
RECTOR