



Dear Parents, Old Boys and Friends of Michaelhouse

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## Rector's Message

On Sunday we held our solemn **Remembrance Day** service at which we considered the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in conflict, notably in the First and Second World Wars. However, our service was not only about remembering those who died in these and other wars; it was also about remembering those who were close to any of us and who have been taken from us. We were privileged to have Michael Cassidy, one of the world's most celebrated evangelists, in the pulpit. He is an Old Boy and has had much to do with reconciliation in this country. He spoke movingly of his days at Michaelhouse and of the importance of boys answering the call of God; he spoke from his own experience in an amusing and direct way and we are grateful to him for his giving of time to be with us.

You will see, below, a picture of **Thomas Kuhn** playing the Last Post on Remembrance Day (11 November) whereafter we observed a minute's silence. You may be interested to know that the period of silence was suggested by a South African, Sir Percy Fitzpatrick (of *Jock of the Bushveld* fame) to King George V in 1919 as Sir Percy was grieving so greatly for his son, Nugent, who was killed on 17 December 1917. George V took up the idea and implemented it from November 1919.



*The Last Post* played on Remembrance Day



On another matter, our boys are now very much into the revision or **examination** mode with the B and C Block exams underway and the D Block exams starting on Monday. E Block exams will start next Wednesday. Many of our matrices will be finished with their papers next Thursday, but their results will only be announced on Wednesday 18 January 2023.

An invitation to the **Carol Service** at the year end is below and we hope to see many parents there. We ask you kindly to **respond to this invitation for catering purposes**. There is also information about the end of year arrangements, the storage of trunks and Trade Inn hours. These are repeated from previous editions of the eNews in order to ensure that matters of uniform and other related issues have our attention. Boys need to be smart in their dress and may have grown significantly over the year, so trousers may be too short and blazers may need to be replaced with larger ones. Thank you for your attention to detail in this matter.

## **Dell 2023 Laptop Purchase Offer – Gavin Erasmus, Head of Digital Strategy**

We would like to offer you the opportunity to take part in our bulk order for the **standard Dell 3420 laptop** for the start of 2023 for which we have secured a R2k discount.

We are also including the option of the 2in1 device that next year's E Block have received. Both devices come with a 5 year warranty and accident cover with next business day repair which is essential to ensure your son's learning is not interrupted by a computer repair delay. We will be placing a bigger 2in1 order in July for the 2024 E Block class for 125 devices which will receive a large bulk discount compared to this 2in1 price and will also open it up to the Michaelhouse Community.

As part of our digital transformation journey we are incorporating stylus based note taking for next year's E Block. The recommendation for current pupils historically has been to assess which subjects are chosen in C Block and to purchase a separate tablet at that point if required. If your son is in need of a new laptop and stylus then the Dell 3330 2in1 is an ideal device to carry through to university. If he has a tablet and would like a laptop then the 3420 is a good option.

The prices indicated below are based on our current order size – any further volume discount based on additional devices will be applied to all devices in the order so this is the worst case price for the device.

### **Dell Latitude 3420 Laptop**

R20,699 inc VAT

#### Specs:

Dell Latitude 3420, BTX

CPU: Intel i5-1145G7, Intel Iris Xe Graphics CY22

RAM: 8GB, 1x8GB, DDR4 Non-ECC

Storage: M.2 256GB PCIe NVMe Class 35 Solid State Drive



Example:



**Dell Latitude 3330 2in1 including stylus**

R34,118 inc VAT

Specs:

Dell Latitude 3330

CPU: Intel(R) Iris(R) X(R) Graphics for i5-1155G7 with 8G memory for 2-in-1

RAM: 8GB 4266MHz LPDDR4x Memory

Storage: M.2 256GB PCIe NVMe Class 35 Solid State Drive

Example:





If you would like to take part in this bulk purchase please email [itdept@michaelhouse.org](mailto:itdept@michaelhouse.org) before Friday the 25 November so that we can place the order in time to ensure that the devices arrive before the start of the new term. The device will be billed to your son's account.

## Co-Curricular and Individual Achievements

### *Water Polo*

A total of 7 matches were played on Saturday against Maritzburg College. Michaelhouse managed 2 draws, 2 wins and 3 losses. The U14A and U15B teams had good wins. The U15A side lost narrowly (with five players having moved up into the 1<sup>st</sup> Team). The 3<sup>rd</sup> and U14B Teams played up – with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Team drawing to their 2nd side and our U14Bs losing a close game against Maritzburg College U15B team. The 1<sup>st</sup> Team took a four-goal lead twice in the game, yet failed to convert this dominance into a win, despite the superb support coming from the Michaelhouse supporters. The team results are below:

U14B lost 4-7, U14A won 7-2, U15B won 11-2, U15A lost 2-3, 3rds drew 7-7, 2nds lost 4-8 and 1sts drew 9-9.



1st Team in action vs Maritzburg College – clear skies and a stand with Michaelhouse supporters



## *Squash*

Two teams went down to play Maritzburg College on Friday afternoon, with the following results: Senior Team won 19 – 6 and the Junior Team lost 7 – 20.

## *Basketball*

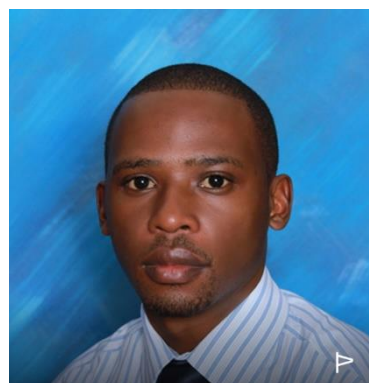
Our teams played at Michaelhouse against Maritzburg College, playing 17 games, winning 8 and losing 9 with these results recorded:

U14A won 29-24, U14B won 29-28, U14C lost 23-36, U14D lost 3-24 and U14E lost 3-56  
U15A won 38-34, U15B lost 16-27, U15C won 40-16, U15D won 26-22 and U15E lost 22-24  
U16A won 30-16, U16B lost 17-24, U16C lost 19-25 and U16D lost 17-27  
1<sup>st</sup> team won 51-45, 2<sup>nd</sup> team won 42-41 and 3<sup>rd</sup> team lost 24-51



The 1<sup>st</sup> Basketball team in action against Maritzburg College

We were saddened to hear of the tragic passing of the Maritzburg College 1<sup>st</sup> Team basketball coach, Mr Bongani Khumalo, this past week. Bongani was a respected basketball man and former Michaelhouse intern and 1<sup>st</sup> team basketball coach here from 2017 to 2018. The First Teams observed a minute's silence prior to their match on Saturday. We would like to express our heart-felt condolences to his loved ones. I have included a photo of Bongani.



Mr Bongani Khumalo



## Cricket

Our cricketers also played against Maritzburg College and their skills, determination and good sportsmanship were on show for the Michaelhouse community to see:

U14A won by 96 runs, with **Heath Turner** taking a hattrick and ending the day with 4/20, U14B lost by 13 runs with **Thomas Pakendorf** also taking a hattrick in his impressive 3/27, **James Mallett** and **Tristan Barker** made 45 and 30 respectively; U14C lost by 9 wickets.

U15A won by 1 wicket with **Jean-Luc Rey** taking 5/27, U15B won by 5 runs with **Mark Conway** making a half century, and U15C lost by 8 wickets.

U16A lost by 7 wickets, with **Murray Hall-Jones** making 36 runs.

1<sup>st</sup> XI lost by 3 wickets with **West Mitchell-Innes** making 77 and **Jeremy Foss** 59 in an incredibly exciting game in which we posted 227 all out; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won by 3 wickets with **Matt Kennedy**, starting with both bat and ball, making 47 (57) and taking 4/57, **Thomas Griffin** making an impressive 83 off 76 balls and **Jack Walters** 66, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI won by 7 wickets with **Edwin Miller** making 47 and **Josh Hoatson** 57\* and the 4<sup>th</sup> XI won by 6 wickets.



1<sup>st</sup> XI opening batsmen **James Kennedy** (left) and **West Mitchell-Innes** (right)



2<sup>nd</sup> XI after their win against College, having chased down 250

## Team of the Week – Senior Master: Sport Mr Ryan Strudwick

There were a lot of good performances this week across the board with the A team basketballers leading the charge followed by the U14A water polo boys. Some of the cricket teams must also get a mention: U14A, 4<sup>th</sup> XI and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI for their big wins. The Team of the Week accolade however goes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket team, who had to chase down 250 to win and they did this with ease getting the runs in 43 overs. Well done!



## End of Term Arrangements

This year the Michaelhouse academic year for the boys ends on Thursday 1 December. The boys write their last exam in the morning. Thereafter, house clean up and packing commences, and the final Assembly for the year begins at 13h00 with the Carol Service for parents and the Michaelhouse Community beginning at 14h00. At the conclusion of the Carol Service, Christmas holidays begin for the boys, and they may depart immediately after the service. It is important to note that there are **no buses to Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, or Durban on that day**. The only School transport available is to take boys who are flying home to the airport (international students), bearing in mind that **all possessions must be removed from the school for the holiday period** (see storage notice below). The school transport to the airport will depart on Friday at 07h30 so flights should be booked accordingly.

## Storage of Boys' School Trunks during the holidays

Should you be an out of country parent, or even an out of province one, and would like to have your son's clothes washed and his trunk stored in Nottingham Road during the holidays rather than take it home, please contact Georgie Carter or Thuli Khanyile. Georgie and Thuli offer the service of collecting, washing, ironing and returning the trunk to your son's House at school at the beginning of the school year. Mending of clothes such as loose buttons and hems can also be arranged as well as storing of other items such as sporting equipment and washing of additional clothes or bedding. All dealings in this regard must please be done with Georgie or Thuli directly as this will be a private arrangement between parents and Midlaunder/GezaGeza Cleaning Services. For all arrangements please contact them directly on [sandgcarter@gmail.com](mailto:sandgcarter@gmail.com) or via whatsapp on 082 882 7202 or 072 623 9450.

Please note the following important points:

- Boys' trunks will be collected from the school laundry on break-up day, Friday, 2 December, between 08h30-12h00
- Boys leaving earlier must ensure they leave their trunks at the school laundry before they leave
- Trunks that are not left at the school laundry will not be taken by Midlaunder/GezaGeza
- Trunks of prefects returning earlier for the Prefects' Camp will be delivered to their House dayroom on Friday 13 January 2023
- Trunks for all other boys will be delivered to their House dayroom on Monday 16 January 2023

## Term Dates - 2024

In consideration of term dates, a number of factors need to be taken into account and we do discuss such dates with the Heads of other schools, especially those with whom we have a close relationship. However, at times, our needs are very different, or we may have a different view on a particular issue. Considerations in our discussions include the term dates of the State schools against whom we play fixtures, the proposed dates of our sister school (St Anne's) and prep schools close by, the timing of IEB examinations, our own examination period and the fact that our boys are often



involved in sporting activities in the holiday between the third and fourth quarters. This often precludes their going home for a reasonable break during that holiday unless we have a two week (as opposed to one week) holiday. We are also aware that the fourth quarter is shorter than the other quarters. Given all of these considerations our term dates for 2024 are attached (Annexure A) and you may note that the main difference in relation to schools which are close to us revolves around the fourth quarter.

Please also find the 2023 term dates.

## End of Year Carol Service Invitation: Thursday 1 December 2022 @ 14h00

We warmly invite parents and members of the Michaelhouse Community to join us for our annual Christmas Carol Service.

  
MICHAELHOUSE

*We extend a warm invitation to you to enjoy  
a Michaelhouse Community*

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**CHRISTMAS  
CAROL SERVICE**

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on **Thursday 01 December at 14h00**  
in the Chapel

*Please join us for refreshments immediately afterwards.*

*Kindly email your RSVP before Friday 25 November  
if attending to Brigitte Brown (acceptances only, please)  
to: [bribro@michaelhouse.org](mailto:bribro@michaelhouse.org)*

## Trade Inn (School Shop) Hours

Please note the change in opening times:

The Trade Inn will be open for all parents and boys five days a week from 08h00-16h00 until **Wednesday 30 November**. Following this the Trade Inn will be closed for the holiday period and will re-open on **Monday 16 January 2023** from 08h00 – 16h00. We will also be open for new, incoming pupils and their parents only on New Boys' Day on **Sunday 15 January 2023** from 08h00 – 14h00.





**Remembrance Sunday Quote – applicable also for those whom we have loved and lost**

They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them

With my best wishes

**ANTONY CLARK**  
**RECTOR**