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Rector's Message

Just after we broke up for the holidays, we received the news that Mr Brendan Gittins has been appointed Headmaster of Jeppe High School for Boys, starting in January 2026. Brendan has made a great contribution to Michaelhouse and I know how much he has valued and enjoyed his time at Michaelhouse contributing in so many ways in a wide-ranging portfolio encompassing the operation of the school and including an oversight of discipline. He will be sorely missed, but we understand how, as a previous Headboy of Jeppe himself, it is an opportunity that he could not turn down. And so we wish him every success in his new role and hope that he may be in a position to return to us at Michaelhouse at a later stage of his career. A search began immediately for his successor to the role of Deputy Head: Pupils and some progress has been made in this regard. Applications close next Tuesday. So we wish Brendan Gittins, his wife, Charnê and young Jack well as they head north to Johannesburg in December.

Following the enormous success of the C Block Journey, the D Block Pondoland Experience and the E Block Outdoor Education Week, the Michaelhouse campus was a busy place over the holidays with a number of academic activities, music and sports festivals and training camps taking place here. Having a two-week holiday was hugely beneficial to our boys and staff as they also travelled to a variety of different venues for these activities. You will read more about these later in the eNews.

As we move into the Christmas Quarter with exams coming at the end of this term for all Grades, it is important for the boys to sharpen their academic focus. This may require, in some instances, better organisation of their time and a reduction of thought and energy spent on frivolous things. But it should not detract at all from a commitment to those areas in the cultural, sporting and service realms which usually occupy them. It is an absolute fallacy to think that teenage boys can be taken out of their normal programme of all-round activity and achieve success in doing so. Our research at Michaelhouse shows that those who are used to a programme of sport and suddenly stop it decline in their academic performance. The reasons are not only related to the consequences of the reduction of exercise and the adverse effect on their concentration and well-being, but also because they often find that their lives lack all-round purpose without the camaraderie and sense of direction that exists in the sort of activity which allows for a release of energy. I understand that a number of boys in their matric term wish to “give up” sport in order “to work” and this seems to be the common practice in many schools, but our



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experience at Michaelhouse is that it is entirely possible and, in fact, easier to maintain one's academic focus at the same time as engaging in the normal activities outside of that focus.

Sharpening academic focus actually means doing simple things well: concentrating in lessons, asking questions when material is not understood, being productive in prep time by consolidating material or getting ahead of the game by exploring the next topic of study, planning revision sessions, meeting deadlines, handing work in on time and, overall, being an active learner. There is the old adage that those who fail to prepare should prepare to fail: boys can create their own success in all spheres of life at Michaelhouse by adopting a dedicated approach in class and in prep, as well as in co-curricular activities and striving to meet the targets which they set for themselves.

Snell Society

The top academic boys in the B Block group were invited to submit a proposal concerning a paper on a particular topic which they are to read at a gathering of their peers and staff under the auspices of the Snell Society. These topics are wide-ranging in nature and, in general, make an interesting commentary on an area which is outside the standard syllabus of any subject followed at Michaelhouse. The boys present an argument over the course of 10-15 minutes on their chosen topic and then answer questions from students and staff.

The purpose of the Snell Society is to prepare pupils for interview situations at top universities or simply to broaden their interests and those of their peers or our TARPS.

The following B Block boys have been elected to the Snell Society for 2025 to 2026:

Alexander Bothner, Laird Hamilton-Brown, James-Patrick Hayward-Butt, Matthew Hunter, Gabriel Isabwa, Tyron Kaufmann, Graydon Leslie, Matthew Longmore, Sihle Ludonga, Khashane Maenetje, Rendani Nonge, Thomas Pakendorf, Keegan Pattenden, Mulisa Phungo, Harry Porter, Troy Rautenbach, Elliot Springate, Brent Tayengwa, Benjamin Viljoen, Rhys Watson and Thomas Wayne.



The Snell Society 2025/2026, with the Rector

Awards

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

Academic Awards

Honours

Matthew Butcher, William Gilson, Seth Harie, Dillon Lahaye, Ross Markham, Michael Pitt, Tinashe Simelane, Nicholas Smithers and Adrian von Klemperer

Colours

Thomas Charlton, Boitumelo Motsepe and William Russon

Half-Colours

Ross Askew, Nicholas Baker, Rhys Barry, Franko Bocking, Brian Brits, Christopher Gilson, Jacques le Vieux, Stefan Moolman and Dannel Nel

Sport Awards

Honours:

Athletics – **Kyle Heyns and Thomas Peach**
Cricket – **Ethan Muir and Thandanani Zuma**
Golf – **Connor Brown and Matthew Carolan**
Soccer – **Asande Nkosi**
Water Polo – **Oliver Guy**
Polo – **Harry Latter and Christopher Gilson**
Equestrian – **Simon Reeve**

Colours:

Athletics – **Jarrold Frost**
Cricket - **Benjamin Heuer**
Squash – **Sumeshin Naidoo**
Water Polo – **Tane Greene and Jess Webber**

Half-Colours:

Cricket – **Wonga Mlonzi, Cody Sander and Rex Wardlaw**
Water Polo – **Jed Reilly**

The Service and Cultural Awards were only given to the A Block at the assembly yesterday. The B to E Block will receive their awards in the coming week.

Service Awards

Honours

Kyle Indeché

Half Colours

Sithsaba Simukonda

Cultural Awards

Honours

Music - **Joe Gilson**

Colours

Music - **Lerotholi Seeiso**
Debating and Public Speaking – **Jonathan Boesak**

Marimba Band

We are delighted that Michaelhouse recently had the honour of hosting the inaugural National High School Marimba Competition on 29 and 30 September. This exciting event brought together 23 talented bands from across the country, showcasing a wide variety of musical styles and performance skills.

Our boys participated enthusiastically, with both the Competition Marimba Band and the Marimba Second Team representing Michaelhouse. The competition was open to both premier bands, who entered in all four main categories, and developing bands, which participated in three or fewer categories. There was also a special section for primary school bands who were keen to play alongside their senior counterparts. The event featured five different categories, with each band presenting pieces from a variety of styles and genres, highlighting the versatility of the African marimba.

A special highlight was the inclusion of a concert by the renowned professional marimba band “Woezor” from Makhanda, which added a wonderful cultural dimension to the event.

This competition not only celebrates musical talent but also reinforces our commitment to preserving and promoting African musical traditions. We are proud of all our students who participated and look forward to seeing this event grow in the years to come. Based on the success of this year’s competition, we are pleased to announce that it is set to become a regular feature on the cultural calendar of marimba schools nationwide and the second competition is scheduled for 29 - 30 June 2026.

The results of the Michaelhouse marimba bands were as follows:

Category 1 (Timeless Classix) – an arrangement of a work by one of the prescribed classical composers

2nd place: Michaelhouse Competition Marimba Band (“Pathetique” by Beethoven)

Category 2 (Rhythm Fusion) – a piece in which another melodic instrument plays a significant role in the song

1st place: Michaelhouse Competition Marimba Band (“Spain” by Chick Corea): featuring soloists **Ben Viljoen** (keyboard) and **Brent Tayengwa** (saxophone)

3rd place: Michaelhouse Second Marimba Team (“Saudi” composed by the band members): featuring **Thabiso Nthoba** (trumpet)

Category 3 (Global Harmony) – a piece from any continent, except Africa

2nd place: Michaelhouse Competition Marimba Band (“Sirens” by Travis Scott)

Category 4 (Mzansi fo sho!) – a piece by any South African musician or band

1st place: Michaelhouse Competition Marimba Band (“Toca” by Mi Casa)

Category 5 (Compose your Vibe) – an optional category in which bands could play original compositions

2nd place: Michaelhouse Second Marimba Team (“Saudi”)

The second team was placed 2nd overall in the high school development section. The band members are: **Katleho Ramosunya** (captain), **Simphiwe Kona** (deputy), **Jabulani Nyenywa**, **Minenhle Shinga**, **Likho Filtane**, **Mikahael Geemooi**, **Oliver Thompson**, **Eneko Mwakio**, **Kai de Klerk**, **Caleb Lennert**, **Nathan Ndolo**, **Thabiso Nthoba**, **Kwanda Dumasi**, **Michael le Roux**, **Luthando Mxego**, **Khumo Ntumba** and **Harry Steyn**

The competition band was placed 3rd overall in the premier band section. The band members are: **Louis Ayo** (captain), **Musumbandila Tshivhase** (deputy), **Joe Gilson**, **Brent Tayengwa**, **Dimo Papadopoulos**, **Tyron Kaufmann**, **Ben Viljoen**, **Mvelo Zondo**, **Nate Ross-Kent**, **Khwezi Dube**, **Michael Ngorima**, **Nkgwete Tlailane**, **Reese Hill**, **Ziyanda Hlongwa**, **Thembekile Ntuli** and **Nyiko Mboweni**.



Jazz Band

On 27 September our Michaelhouse Jazz Band competed against some of South Africa's most promising young musicians in the School Jazz Band category in the finals of the Stellenbosch University National Ensemble Competition 2025. We are thrilled to announce that they were crowned Best Jazz Ensemble - a prestigious win that reflects their talent, dedication, and musical brilliance!



The Michaelhouse Jazz Band

Debating and Public Speaking

This year, two of our Michaelhouse debating teams were invited to participate in the National Debating League tournament in Durban, following their very impressive performance at regional league level. This is a competitive event and it is a significant achievement simply to have been invited. The tournament included 36 teams from 27 schools across South Africa. All teams present were either finalists or semi-finalists in their respective leagues. This created an exceptionally strong pool.

Team Rankings

Our Michaelhouse 1 Senior team (**Daniel French, Tumi Motsepe, Jono Boesak and Oliver Thompson**) were placed 2nd in South Africa's Senior division. They won 5/5 preliminary rounds, the semi-finals, and lost in the finals. Our Michaelhouse 2 Junior team (**Connor Wilson, Tanaka Chinyoka and Nivan Royappen**) won 3/5 preliminary rounds and were ranked 5th in South Africa's Junior division. Two of them ranked in the top 20 of all Junior speakers. Huge congratulations to both teams, which did us proud.

Additionally, the following boys were ranked in the Top 10 of all senior speakers:

- 3rd place - **Tumi Motsepe** (A Block West)
- 7th place - **Jonathan Boesak** (A Block Pascoe)
- 8th place - **Daniel French** (A Block Pascoe)
- 10th place - **Oliver Thompson** (C Block McCormick)

Special thanks goes to Mr Reggie Davidson who accompanied the boys and served as an adjudicator at the tournament.

As a result of our teams' outstanding results, Michaelhouse has been automatically included in next year's tournament and we look forward to representing the school proudly in the future.



Both of our debating teams, and Mr Reggie Davidson, with their medals

Well done to **Kai de Klerk** who obtained 1st place in the KZN provincial round of the Radikale Redenaars Public Speaking competition for his English experimental speech. He has qualified to participate in the national round to be held in Boksburg this weekend. We wish him the best of luck at Nationals

Water Polo

The Michaelhouse 1st team travelled to Durban for the 20th edition of the prestigious Clifton U19 Water Polo Tournament. Drawn into the formidable "Pool of Death" alongside Hilton College, SACS and KES, the boys faced a tough challenge from the outset.

They opened with a fiery start against Hilton, leading 5-1, but Hilton rallied in the second half to win 14-8. Undeterred, the team bounced back against water polo giants SACS, storming to a 6-1 lead and securing a historic 9-6 victory, Michaelhouse's first ever win over SACS.

Next up was KES, who applied relentless pressure, but Michaelhouse's fitness and composure sealed a 10-8 win, placing them second in Pool D. In the knockout round, we faced Northwood. With just seconds left, Northwood equalised, forcing penalties. Calm finishes from **Nic Smithers**, **Tane Greene**, and **Oliver Guy**, plus clutch saves by **Elliot Springate**, saw Michaelhouse through to the quarterfinals.

St John's proved too clinical, and despite a spirited comeback from 9-1 down at halftime, the team lost 12-8. A rematch with SACS followed for a shot at 5th place. At 8-8 at halftime, the game was on a knife's edge, but SACS held firm to win 14-11.

In our final match, Michaelhouse defeated Reddam Constantia 11-7, finishing 7th overall, our best result at this tournament in over a decade. A fitting send-off for the A Blockers, whose dedication and commitment shone throughout.

Special mention must be made of **Elliot Springate** for being selected for the Tournament All Star Team: one of the top 14 players across 16 competing schools.



Snap shots of the Michaelhouse 1st team at the Clifton Durban Water Polo Tournament

Michaelhouse hosted the second annual U15 Snow Cup Tournament at the Michaelhouse Aquatics Centre from 26–28 September. Ten teams from across the country — including one from Zimbabwe — took part in this exciting event. Despite the name, the weather was perfect for water polo, with warm temperatures and no rain until the conclusion of the final.

In the pool rounds, the Michaelhouse U14 team (competing as the Invitational Team) produced the upset of the weekend by defeating a very strong King Edward VII School side, securing a spot in the semi-final. Meanwhile, in the other pool, the Michaelhouse U15 team secured a clean sweep of victories, setting up an all-Michaelhouse semi-final against the Invitational Team. The clash lived up to its billing, with both teams showing their quality. The U15s managed to edge ahead in the final chukka to claim a tightly contested 6–4 win.

St Stithians Boys' College were the other in-form side, advancing to the semi-finals against King Edward VII School. In a thrilling, end-to-end match, St Stithian's prevailed by the narrowest of margins, 5–4.

In the 3rd/4th playoff, the Michaelhouse U14s could not repeat their earlier win over King Edward VII School, going down 4–6 and finishing in a commendable 4th place overall – a phenomenal achievement for such a young side.

The gold medal match carried high expectations, and the Michaelhouse U15 team rose to the occasion. After a tight opening half, we pulled away in the final stages to secure a well-deserved 8–5 victory.

Tournament director Mr Justin McDougall congratulated all the teams on their spirit and sportsmanship throughout the weekend, before proudly awarding the Snow Cup trophy to the victorious Michaelhouse U15 team.



The victorious Michaelhouse U15 team

The U14A team competed in two tournaments over the September break, the Snow Cup and the Hilton Tournament. Playing up in the U15 division at Michaelhouse at the Snow Cup, the team showed no fear and impressed with their enterprising play – notably beating King Edward VII School in the pool stages. After finishing second in our pool, we overcame Woodridge College in the quarter-final before meeting our U15A side in a thrilling semi-final. A few late goals saw the U15A team edge a 6–4 win. The U14s finished a commendable 4th overall after a close 4–6 loss to KES in the playoff: vs Kingswood College U15A won 16-5, St Stithian's Boys' College U15A lost 6-9, St Charles College U15A

won 22-6, King Edward VII U15A won 6-5, Woodridge College U15A won 7-5, Michaelhouse U15A lost 4-6 and King Edward VII U15A for the 3/4th playoff lost 4-6.

Just three days later, the team regrouped for the national U14 tournament at Hilton College. Drawn in the “pool of death” alongside Rondebosch, Kearsney, and Bishops, we performed superbly to end second in the group, including a win over Kearsney (eventual winners). Despite a disappointing semi-final loss to St Stithian's, we bounced back to beat Hilton and Wynberg, finishing 5th nationally out of 20 teams.

vs Bishops lost 5-7 (penalties, 5-5 draw), vs Kearsney College won 12-11 (penalties, 9-9 draw), vs Jeppe won 18-3, vs St Stithians Boys' College (Quarter Final) lost 1-3, vs Hilton College (5th/8th placement) won 5-4 and vs Wynberg (5/6th Playoff) won 4-3.

This group of players continues to impress with their skill, courage, and team spirit — hallmarks of an exciting future for Michaelhouse water polo. Many thanks to Mr Allderman and Mr McDougall for giving up their holidays to accompany the team.



Action shots of the U14 team at the Snow Cup

Swimming

Congratulations to **Bandile Mahaye** (E Block East) who participated in two swimming galas this past holidays, namely the Bombela SA National Championships and the Super Seals Annual Gala in Bloemfontein. His results were as follows:

200m Individual Medley - 1st place, 100m Breaststroke - 3rd place (with a personal best), 50m Butterfly - 1st place, 100m Freestyle - 1st place (with a personal best), 50m Breaststroke - 1st place (with a personal best), 100m backstroke - 3rd place and 50m Freestyle - 1st place (with a personal best)



Bandile Mahaye with his medals after the Super Seals Annual Swimming Gala

Congratulations to **Samuel Gilson** (E Block West), who took part in the one day Seagulls Winter Championships held at DHS these holidays. Samuel swam the 100m breaststroke, finishing 3rd in the 14–15 age category and 1st among the 14-year-olds - an outstanding effort!



Well done, Samuel!

Canoeing

Michaelhouse had nine boys and three staff members take part in the annual Fish River Canoe Marathon, held over 2 days and covering 82km of the Fish River in Cradock.

Notable results were achieved by **Craig Cribbins** who finished 3rd in the U18 group and 12th overall, narrowly missing a top 10! **Duncan Roberts** finished 5th in the U18 category.

After leading the U16s on the first day, **Sam Hoy** and his partner **Jamie Grantham**, claimed 2nd place in the U16 age group. Michaelhouse celebrated victory in the K3 category with Mr Paul Snyman, **Griffon Erasmus** and Mr William Hodgkinson taking line honours.

Congratulations to **Ethan Perry** and **Brett Roberts**, racing in the father and son category, as well as to **Ivan Nel**, all of whom successfully completed their first Fish River Canoe Marathons.



Sam Hoy and Jamie Grantham
canoeing off the weir



Mr Paul Snyman, Griffon Erasmus
and **Mr William Hodgkinson** on the
Orange River

Athletics

Some of our boys took part in the National Christian School Championships in Pietermaritzburg on the first weekend of the holidays with the following results:

U14 High Jump - 2nd place **Kgosi Ogotseng**

U14 Discus – 2nd place **Keegan Bezuidenhout**

U14 Javelin – 1st **Keegan Bezuidenhout**

U15 Discus – 2nd place **Thembekile Ntuli** and 3rd place **Henco van Loggerenberg**

U15 Javelin – 1st place **Henco van Loggerenberg**

Tennis

During the recent holidays, Michaelhouse was invited to take part in the annual St Anne's Mixed Doubles Tournament, which featured 16 schools from across the country.

Michaelhouse was paired with our sister school, St Anne's, as their mixed team partner and together they produced some outstanding tennis throughout the event. The combined team finished a commendable fourth overall, narrowly missing out on a podium finish by just one match.

Well done to all the boys who took part and represented Michaelhouse with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm both on and off the court.

Rugby

Well done to **Ben Hughes** and **Jaydon Jubber** who attended the U16 High Performance Rugby camp over the holidays. This was a huge opportunity for them and we look forward to their continuing to make a significant impact on Michaelhouse rugby and rugby further afield.



Ben Hughes and Jaydon Jubber at the rugby camp

Cricket

Our cricketers played in various festivals around the country with the following results:

Our 1st XI cricket team delivered a historic performance at the Michaelmas Festival hosted by Maritzburg College played on the RG Oval at Michaelhouse, achieving a remarkable clean sweep – winning all four matches for the first time in over a decade.

vs Affies - the festival opened with a comprehensive 52-run victory. After posting 128-6 in 25 overs, with **Rex Wardlaw** anchoring the innings with 48 off 63 balls, our bowlers dominated. **Ethan Muir** (2/4), **Benjamin Heuer** (2/10), and **Rendani Nonge** (2/12) shared the wickets as Affies were dismissed for just 76 in 20 overs.

vs Paul Roos - Chasing 180, the team secured a 5-wicket victory with 12.4 overs to spare. **Ethan Muir** produced a masterful 94 off 102 balls, supported by **Benjamin Heuer's** 32. Earlier, **Thandanani Zuma** starred with the ball, claiming an impressive 5/30, while **Rendani Nonge** added 3/30.

vs St Alban's - in a thrilling encounter, Michaelhouse chased down 218 with two wickets and two overs remaining. **Hayden Hewlett** led the charge with a brilliant unbeaten 68 off 77 balls, while **Preston Greene** contributed an invaluable 43. **Ethan Muir** added 39 in what proved to be a nerve-testing victory.

vs St John's College - the festival concluded with an enthralling 6-wicket T20 victory. After restricting St John's to 153-5, with **Radhesh Jhilmeet** taking 3-24, **Hayden Hewlett** (55 off 36) and **Benjamin Heuer** (54* off 37) guided the team home in the 20th over, capping off their unbeaten Michaelmas Festival.

Our sincere thanks to coaches Messrs Vincent Jordaan and Evan Mickleburgh for their exceptional preparation and leadership throughout this outstanding festival performance.



The 1st XI with Mr Gilson, professional cricketer at KZN Inland and Michaelhouse Old Boy

Our U17A cricket side hosted a highly competitive four-day festival at Michaelhouse, providing invaluable exposure against quality opposition.

vs Bishops - after being sent in to bowl, Michaelhouse restricted Bishops to 279-8 in their 50 overs, with **Nathan Simons** claiming 4/56. In reply, despite a strong start, Michaelhouse fell short at 239 all out in 35 overs, losing by 40 runs. **Victor North** played a blistering innings of 50 off just 25 balls.

vs Jeppe - Michaelhouse produced a dominant performance, posting an imposing 292-6 in 50 overs. **Henry Love** top-scored with an excellent 73 off 88 balls, well supported by **James Mallett** (61 off 71) and **Ruan Pretorius** (61 off 81). The bowlers then dismantled Jeppe for just 109 in 29.2 overs. **JJ van Niekerk** starred with exceptional figures of 3/8, while **Cameron Jones** (3/24) and **Nathan Simons** (3/49) assisted in creating a commanding 183-run victory.

vs St Alban's and Hoerskool Kempton Park - Michaelhouse continued their winning form in the T20 format. The bowlers restricted St Alban's to 98 all out in 17.2 overs, with **Nathan Simons** claiming 3/15 and **Victor North** taking 2/9. Chasing 99, **Matthew Southwood's** brilliant 54 off 42 balls guided Michaelhouse to a comfortable 8-wicket victory.

In the afternoon game, a T20 fixture against Kempton Park saw **Victor North** smash an unbeaten 80 off 42 balls, supported by **Wonga Mlonzi's** solid 36, before rain ended proceedings.

vs St Benedict's - unfortunately the game was cancelled due to wet conditions.

Our sincere thanks to coaches Mr Garth Quiate, Mr James Kiln, and Mr Caiden Laing for their dedication and guidance throughout this excellent festival, which provided crucial development opportunities and important lessons for our cricketers.



U17 XI after their win against Jeppe

The Michaelhouse U15A cricket team travelled to Pretoria Boys' High School for a challenging four-day festival. The tour provided invaluable experience for our young cricketers, exposing them to the demanding highveld conditions.

vs St Alban's (declaration format) Michaelhouse lost by 7 wickets on first innings. Michaelhouse batted first and were bowled out for 97. **Gareth D'Oyley** top-scored with 28. St Alban's achieved the total with 3 wickets down. **Jose Sserwanga** had the best bowling figures of 2/26.

vs Affies (Declaration format). Michaelhouse lost to a very good Affies team. **Adam Cooke** delivered an outstanding bowling performance, claiming 6 wickets for 74 runs to restrict Affies to 254. **Daniel De Freitas** produced a resilient innings of 43 off just 17 balls, including 3 fours and 3 sixes, while **Mark Benfield** tried his best to anchor the first innings with 32.

vs St Stithian's - lost by 6 wickets despite posting a competitive 245 runs in 49.4 overs. **Cameron McCleary** led the batting with a composed 72 (72 balls), while **Daniel De Freitas** contributed a quickfire 44 off 43 deliveries, and **Mark Benfield** added a steady 39 (78 balls).

vs Waterkloof (T20) Michaelhouse fell short, scoring 107/6 in reply to Waterkloof's imposing 205/6. **Gareth D'Oyley** top-scored with 28, and **Nishay Sudhoowa** impressed with 2/28.

Despite the challenging results, the boys demonstrated significant improvement throughout the festival. The experience gained in highveld conditions will prove invaluable for their development. We extend our sincere thanks to Messrs Christopher Felix and Jason Syce for their guidance and dedication throughout the tour.



U15 team at Pretoria Boys' High School

Our U14A cricket side travelled to Hilton College for a competitive four-day festival, providing excellent exposure for our young cricketers against quality opposition.

vs St John's College - rain interrupted play and ended in a draw

vs Rondebosch - Michaelhouse posted 205/10 in 49.5 overs. **James Buys** top-scored with a well-crafted 49 off 61 balls, while **Luke Mallett** contributed a patient 43 from 78 deliveries. Unfortunately, Rondebosch chased down the target with relative ease, reaching 209-5 in just 29 overs, **Cameron Cahill** was our best bowler with 2/30.

vs Grey Bloem - Grey Bloem posted an imposing 294/6. **William Rattray** showed fighting spirit with 3/60, while **Finn Aylward** claimed 2/45. In reply, Michaelhouse were bowled out for 139, with **James Buys** again leading from the front with 46 and **Luke Mallett** adding 32.

vs St Alban's - after restricting St Alban's to 100/7, **Cameron Pluke** produced an outstanding spell of 4/19. Chasing 101, **Daniel Rees** starred with a magnificent 68 off 55 balls, guiding Michaelhouse to a comfortable 6-wicket victory with overs to spare.

The improvement throughout the festival was encouraging, culminating in a convincing win. Our thanks to coaches Mr Darryn Mortimer and Mr Jeremy Cahill for their guidance and support throughout this valuable development opportunity for our U14 cricketers.



U14 Team celebrating a wicket



Daniel Rees setting off for a quick single



Cameron Cahill demonstrating an excellent follow through

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected for KZN Inland Cricket:

U19: **Ethan Muir** and **Thandanani Zuma**

U19 Non-Travelling Reserves: **Benjamin Heuer** and **Radhesh Jhilmeet**

U16: **Cody Sander**, **Rex Wardlaw** and **Wonga Mlonzi**

U15 Blue: **Jack Campbell**, **Adam Cooke** and **Nishay Sudhoowa**

U15 Blue Non-Travelling Reserve: **Lloyd Evennett**

U15 Black: **Mark Benfield**, **Michael Pieterse** and **Jose Sserwanga**



Back row (R-L): **Radhesh Jhilmeet**, **Thandanani Zuma** and **Rex Wardlaw**

Front row (R-L): **Benjamin Heuer**, **Ethan Muir**, **Cody Sander** and **Wonga Mlonzi**



Back row (R-L): **Adam Cooke**, **Jose Sserwanga** and **Michael Pieterse**

Front row (R-L): **Lloyd Evennett**, **Mark Benfield**, **Jack Campbell** and **Nishay Sudhoowa**

Basketball

Our U14A basketball team participated in the Junior NBA tournament held at Maritzburg College on 13 and 14 September. They played 5 matches, winning 3 and losing two and lost by 1 point in the semi-final to Maritzburg Cubs after beating Hilton and Kearsney earlier in the tournament.



Our U14A team which narrowly lost in the semi-final of the Junior NBA tournament held at Maritzburg College

The Michaelhouse 1st Stayers basketball team competed in the Kearsney Independent Schools Stayers Basketball Tournament, held from 26 to 29 September 2025. The team played a total of 8 matches, securing 4 wins and suffering 4 losses. This performance resulted in a commendable 6th place finish out of 14 teams. The results were as follows:

vs Clifton College won 43-23, vs St David's Inanda lost 24-42, vs Hilton lost 24-43, vs Kingswood College won 43-24, vs St Benedict's College lost 33-36, vs St Stithian's won 46-42, vs Kings School Linbro Park won 50-37 and vs St Charles lost 40-52

This strong showing underscores the potential of our young squad. We look forward to seeing further promising results as they head off to the St David's Inanda Hoops tournament on Thursday.



Valuable experienced gained by our 1st Stayers basketball team at the Kearsney Independent Schools Stayers Basketball Tournament



Ben Knoetze and **Joel Reinhardt** show the true meaning of 'double-team' in some excellent defensive play against St Benedict's College



Anesu Mutongoreya finishes with a stylish left-hand layup under pressure from a St Stithian's defender

The Michaelhouse U15A basketball team participated in the Northwood U15 Basketball Tournament, held from 10 to 12 October. The team played a total of 7 matches, securing 3 wins and suffering 4 losses. This resulted in a respectable 8th place finish out of 20 teams.

The detailed match results were as follows:

vs Northwood (Pool Stage) won 39-35, vs Kings Linbro (Pool Stage) lost 22-35, vs Ashton College (Pool Stage) won 51-16, vs Jeppe (Pool Stage) won 38-26, vs Maritzburg College (quarter final) lost 15-37 and both placement matches vs St John's and Kearsney lost 19-35 and 24-27 respectively.



Our U15A basketball team showed great tenacity at the Northwood U15 tournament to beat the hosts and finish 8th out of 20 teams

The Michaelhouse U14A and B basketball teams participated in the Michaelhouse U14 Basketball Festival, held from 10 to 12 October. The festival format with no eventual champions saw 12 of the best basketball playing schools from around the country bring their A and B teams to the 3rd edition of our

popular tournament. Most coaches agree that at this age level it is not all about the results but rather about getting these youngsters playing as much as possible to develop their skills. To this end, each of our A and B teams played 9 full-length matches. The U14A team won 3 and lost 6 whilst the U14B team won 2 and lost 7. Some valuable lessons were learned by our boys – many of whom first bounced a basketball in January this year.

Skeet Shooting

Congratulations to **Harry Hughes** (C Block West), who has been selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Men's Skeet Shooting Team. He will represent the province at the prestigious national competition, *The Chairman's Cup*, taking place in Cape Town over the weekend of 22 November.

Grandparents Day – 19 October

Please see below the programme for Grandparents Day. If you have any queries or questions please contact Ms Nicky Kidgell on nickid@michaelhouse.org.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY



19 OCTOBER



PROGRAMME

- 9am** Registration and tea in the main quad
- 9.55am** A carillon of bells welcomes you to the chapel
- 10am** Chapel
- 11.15am** Schlesinger Theatre
- 12pm** Lunch in the Junior and Memorial Dining Halls
(seating available in the Main Quad)

***Reminder: lunch is for Grandparents and their
grandsons (who will be their chaperones), only**



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Annual Choir Competition 2025

The Michaelhouse Community Partnership Trust's Annual Choir Competition 2025 brought voices, joy and community spirit to the fore as learners from our 16 footprint schools gathered for a day of music, friendly rivalry and celebration. From bright-eyed soloists to full-bodied school choirs, the event showcased the talent, hard work and collaboration of the participants.

Beyond trophies and applause, our annual choir competition is about nurturing the talents of young children - pushing boundaries, lifting spirits, and restoring hope and pride which can be seen through the smiles of the participating learners. The event also added to the vibrant Heritage Day atmosphere last term, where we celebrated South Africa's rich diversity of cultures through the universal language of music.

A heartfelt thank you to the choir directors from the 16 schools, accompanists, volunteer adjudicators Themba Ntuli, Lubanzi Mzinyane and Mandla Mvelase, the stage crew, MC Sifiso Zuma and school leaders whose dedication turned logistics and long rehearsals into a seamless, uplifting event. Most importantly, thank you to the learners: whose discipline, courage and joy on stage were the heart of the day and this is what the Michaelhouse CPT aims for when hosting these events.

West Service Initiative



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Join us in supporting our partnership schools by purchasing a raffle ticket (or a few). Every ticket brings us closer to creating real and lasting change.

WEST RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are available at R20 each.

Funds raised this year will go towards:

- Planting more trees
- Building a much-needed bus shelter
- Repairing soccer nets that bring joy to so many pupils

There are also fantastic prizes to be won, including hampers, vouchers, nights away, and much more.

Your generosity helps uplift schools in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands. Together, we are growing stronger, greener, and better.

Thank you for helping us make a lasting difference.



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The poster features a scenic background of a golf course with a pond and trees at sunset. A large circular logo is centered at the top, containing a crest with a balance scale and the text 'MICHAELHOUSE OLD BOYS HUDSON BENNETT GOLF DAY Since 1936' and 'QUIS UT DEUS'. The text 'THE PIETERMARITZBURG OLD BOYS CLUB INVITE YOU TO JOIN IN THE' is written in white on a red background. Below this, the main title '88TH HUDSON BENNETT GOLF DAY 2025' is prominently displayed, followed by the date '24TH OCTOBER 2025'. The poster lists several trophies and their details: Hudson Bennett Trophy (Teams of 4), Rhys Evans Trophy (Individual gross medal), Ken Drysdal Trophy (Individual Stableford), and Kehla Trophy (Individual Stableford for golfers aged 65+). It also mentions 'Many more prizes to be won on the day'. The location is Victoria County Club, and the first tee off is at 11H00. The format is four competitions played simultaneously. The cost is R600 per person or R2400 per 4-Ball (including golf snacks and drinks). A note states that individuals will be allocated a team if they enter a 4-Ball. Bookings and shirt sizes are handled by Jamie Wichmann, with contact details provided. A limited edition Hudson Bennett Golf Shirt (R350) is available for purchase before 17th October. A small image of the shirt is shown next to the text.

THE PIETERMARITZBURG OLD BOYS CLUB
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88TH HUDSON BENNETT GOLF DAY 2025

24TH OCTOBER 2025

Hudson Bennett Trophy: Teams of 4 playing in a 4-Ball Stableford Alliance with two scores to count on each hole
Rhys Evans Trophy: Individual gross medal for players with handicaps of 12 or lower
Ken Drysdal Trophy: Individual Stableford
Kehla Trophy: Individual Stableford for golfers aged 65+

Many more prizes to be won on the day

Where: Victoria County Club (170 Peter Brown Drive, Town Bush Valley, PMB)
First Tee Off: 11H00
Format: Four Competitions played simultaneously
Cost: R600 per person or R2400 per 4-Ball (incl after golf snacks and drinks)

You may enter A 4-Ball, or if you wish to enter as an individual you will be allocated a team

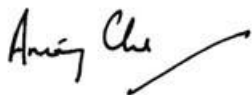
Bookings and Shirt Sizes: Jamie Wichmann
jamie@albidaholdings.co.za | 079 696 6567
By 12 noon Friday 17th October 2025 (after making payment)
(Nedbank Savings Account | Acc No 9005168926)

Limited Edition
Hudson Bennett
Golf Shirt
R350
Pay before 17th October

The Todd Cup

The Todd Cup is the Inter-House Trophy reflecting success and participation in the academic, cultural, sporting and service spheres. The 2025 Cup goes to West House, with Ralfe in second place and Founders third.

With my best wishes



ANTONY CLARK
RECTOR