

RECTOR'S eNEWS



MICHAELHOUSE

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Rector's Message

It is a pleasure to welcome the boys back to campus. I trust that the holiday break provided your families with a well-deserved opportunity to recharge and reconnect. There is a palpable energy in the school as we begin this new term, a term that, while academically rigorous, carries the incredible momentum of a successful holiday period.

The Easter break was an exceptionally busy period for our sportsmen. I had the privilege of travelling to Durban to support our hockey teams at the Coastal Cup as well as attending the U16A and 1st Team rugby festivals in Johannesburg and Pretoria. Beyond the results, I was moved by the grit, talent, and character our boys displayed across the country.

Our hockey programme continues its upward trajectory with some standout performances. The First XI secured 3 wins out of 4, with their only loss coming against Paul Roos who are currently one of the top sides in South African schoolboy hockey. Our U16A team remained unbeaten throughout their four matches and our U14A team showed immense promise, losing only one match. The 2nd team had a fantastic run to reach the semi-finals of their tournament.

At the St Stithians Easter Festival, our tennis players represented the school with great distinction, securing hard-fought victories in a highly competitive national field and the golf boys did us proud at the Affies Tournament ending ahead of all the other KZN schools.

The results on the rugby field this holiday were excellent. Our U14A and U15A teams were both undefeated in the festival hosted here on our home turf. I watched the U16As lose narrowly to Jeppe at the Jeppe Festival. They followed this up with a good victory over St Andrew's. Our First XV had truly memorable performances, securing a historic win over Affies and then going on to beat Jeppe at the Pretoria Boys High 125 Easter Festival. I was privileged to be there to watch both games.

While the scores are impressive, what struck me most was the spirit. It was great to see so many of you out in the stands with your sons, supporting the Michaelhouse teams.

None of this would be possible without the sacrifice of our staff. To the coaches, managers, and support teams who gave up their personal holiday time to be with the boys at these festivals, you have my sincerest thanks.

As we move into an exam-focused term, I have challenged the boys to bring that same "festival intensity" into the classroom. The bar has been set high; let us maintain that standard in every facet of school life while also remaining humble and working hard.

Staff News

At the end of this term, we will bid farewell to Mr Linda Shezi, Housemaster of East and Mrs Nolwazi Shezi, Housemother of West and Tatham, as they leave Michaelhouse for the big city lights at Jeppe High School for Boys. Linda will be taking up the position of Deputy Headmaster: Pastoral and Student Affairs. While we are naturally sad to lose such a valued teacher and dedicated Housemaster, this is a significant professional milestone for Linda and we are immensely proud of him. We thank them both for their service to Michaelhouse.

We also say goodbye to our HR Manager, Mrs Lynne Moore. After 10 years of dedicated service, Lynne has made the personal decision to step away from her professional role to spend more quality time with her family. We are hugely grateful for her dedication to Michaelhouse during her time here.

We welcome Mr Gareth Hudson and his family to Michaelhouse. Gareth joins our Economics Department after spending time teaching at Clifton Durban and before that Pretoria Boys High School. Gareth is also a talented cricket and rugby coach. Mr Cornelis Swart joins our Operations Department as the Maintenance Manager after spending time at Pretoria High School for Girls as their Facilities Manager. We look forward to both Gareth's and Cornelis' contributions to the Michaelhouse community.

Academic Achievements

Top 10 Academics

Based on the 1st quarter term marks we congratulate the boys below who earned a Top 10 place in their Block at the end of last term:

Name	Position	House
A BLOCK		
Thomas Wayne	1	Ralfe
Etienne Weyers	2	Pascoe
Tyron Kaufmann	3	East
Gabriel Isabwa	4	Pascoe
Graydon Leslie	5	Founders
Keegan Pattenden	6	McCormick
Rhys Watson	7	McCormick
Nate Ross-Kent	8	Founders
Jake McDonald	9	West
Chase Maskell	10	Tatham

Name	Position	House
B BLOCK		
Raif Jinnah	1	Pascoe
Luneziwe Mshengu	2	Pascoe
Oliver Thompson	3	McCormick
Zhengfei Li	4	McCormick
William Wadman	5	Pascoe
Griffon Erasmus	6	Founders
Daniel Pieterse	7	McCormick
Matthew Cassidy	8	Pascoe
Bernard Rossouw	9	Baines
William Aylward	10	East
C BLOCK		
Leonardo Van de Dronker Derbynew	1	Pascoe
Sam Porter	2	Farfield
Bright Matchaya	3	Baines
Matthew Godbold	4	Founders
Kayur Jagadasan	5	Mackenzie
Matthew Gerber	6	West
Campbell Freeman	7	Founders
Calvin Purdy	8	Mackenzie
Oliver Pluke	9	Tatham
Connor McMurray	10	West
D BLOCK		
Charlie Parham	1	Baines
Rohan Erasmus	2	Founders
Joshua Gruijters	3	McCormick
Mitchell Guy	4	Tatham
Charlie Porter	5	Farfield
Likhonkcolomzi Filtane	6	East
Finn Aylward	7	East
Jack Ralfe	8	Ralfe
Samuel Strachan	9	McCormick
Brett Roberts	10	East

Name	Position	House
E BLOCK		
Cole Cotton	1	Mackenzie
Dirk Arno Pretorius	2	McCormick
Xavi Smith	3	Founders
Luke Ross	4	Baines
Oliver Bell	5	West
Jack Denbury	6	Farfield
Oliver Harvey	7	Founders
Kiran Hattingh	8	Pascoe
Melikhaya Mthembu	9	Pascoe
Benjamin Meyer	10	Farfield

2026 Academic Open Day Reminders

C Block Friday 1 May
 E Block Friday 19 June
 A Block Friday 19 June
 D Block Wednesday 19 August

Mathematical Literacy – Mr Conrad Bubb

We are incredibly proud of the outstanding efforts and achievements of our C, B, and A Block Mathematical Literacy students during their recent participation in the *Banango Traders Business Simulation*.

Our C and B Block boys spent a highly engaging and challenging day exploring the realities of running a business. From making strategic pricing decisions to managing stock and responding to competition, they experienced first-hand the demands of entrepreneurship. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and commitment to learning were evident throughout.



Special congratulations to **Jim Brooke-Leggatt, Fabiano Fierro, Luke Farren and Evat Nghiyolwa**, who emerged as the top-performing team, achieving the highest profit.

At the end of last term, our A Block boys took part in an exciting collaborative challenge alongside Etham College and what followed was an exceptional performance that set a new benchmark.

The Grade 12 Mathematical Literacy Entrepreneurship Challenge reached new heights through the partnership between Michaelhouse and Etham College and together, the students did not simply compete; they excelled.

They successfully completed both Mathematical Literacy SBA projects with a high level of accuracy and insight as well as demonstrating outstanding strategic thinking and financial understanding.

The result was a remarkable first-place national finish, marking the first-ever two-school combined victory. This achievement is a testament to the boys' ability to apply classroom knowledge in a dynamic, real-world context, while developing critical skills in teamwork, problem-solving, and decision-making.



New National Leaders: **Victor North** and **Reece Cole** with their teammates from Etham College

Co-Curricular and Individual Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards at assembly recently:

Presidents Awards

Gold - Max Oliva

Silver- Ewan Logan

Bronze - Jayeon Connaway-Chang, Luke Farren, Callum Fly, James Hulett, Connor McMurray, Luthando Mxhego, Daniel Pieterse, Matthew Rees and Valentino Zedde



Silver and Gold Presidents Awardees: **Ewan Logan** and **Max Oliva**



Bronze Presidents Awardees:
 Back row: **Callum Fly, James Hulett, Jayeon Connaway-Chang** and **Luke Farren**
 Front row: **Daniel Pieterse, Luthano Mxhego, Matthew Rees** and **Connor McMurray**
 (absent: **Valentino Zedde**)

Service Awards

Half Colours – **Corban Chellan, Joshua Kesene, Rimuno Shirindza, Khulubuse Ngcaweni, Dylan Yorke-Smith, James Meyer** and **Nkanyezi Ndlovu**

Cultural Awards

Honours

Music - **Nate Ross-Kent**

Sport Awards

Half Colours

Squash – **Graeme Higginson, Cameron Hatfield, James Moodley** and **Kai de Klerk**

Swimming – **Connor Pattenden** and **Mitchel Rodgers**

Water Polo – **Luke Viljoen** and **Laird Hamilton-Brown**

Debating and Public Speaking news

Oliver Thompson (B Block McCormick) has had a very busy holiday. Having taken part in a 2nd team hockey festival in Pretoria, he then flew directly to Harvard where he participated in the Harvard World Schools Invitational tournament as part of the Apex Academy SA team, where he ranked in the top 80 out of more than 350 debaters.

Directly after that tournament, Oliver travelled to Bristol, UK to participate in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship 2026, having been selected as one of the top 13 speakers in the country at the National Championship last year. The competition is rigorous and features the best speakers and debaters from around the world, from Grade 8 to Grade 11.

Oliver took part in 4 rounds – Persuasive Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Interpretive Reading and Debating. The official rankings for each discipline have not yet been released, however Oliver made it all the way to the finals in Debating and was eventually ranked in the top 8 for Debating, out of 164 contestants. This is a remarkable, but not surprising achievement – Oliver was recently chosen for the SA Senior debating team and awarded his green blazer. Well done, Oliver!



Oliver Thompson in his green blazer

Water Polo

Congratulations to **Mitch Rodgers** (C Block Pascoe) and **Matt Shannon** (C Block Ralfe) on being selected to be part of the U16 Squad heading into the finals of the SA Water Polo trials taking place in May.



Well done Mitch and Matt

Swimming

Campbell Turner (E Block West) competed in the SA Level 3 Regional Championship Gala in Bloemfontein from 27-30 March 2026. He swam a personal best in all of his events and achieved the following outstanding results for the Boys 13 age group:

1st place - 50m breaststroke (35:33) and 50m freestyle (28:09)

2nd place - 100m breaststroke (1:23:38) and 200m breaststroke
6th place - 100m freestyle

In addition to this he participated in the following relay events and achieved the following results:

2nd – 13/14-year medley relay

3rd – 15/16-year freestyle relay

Bandile Mahaye (D Block East) and **Samuel Gilson** (D Block West) qualified to participate at the South African National Junior Swimming Championships held in Gqeberha from 21-25 March 2026. The following results were achieved:

Bandile Mahaye (Boys 14 Age Group)

4th place - 50m butterfly (27:39), 50m freestyle (25:35) and 100m freestyle (55:66)

6th place - 50m breaststroke (32:07)

Samuel Gilson (Boys 15 Age Group)

8th place - 50m breaststroke (31:26)

10th - 200m breaststroke (2:38:32)

100m breaststroke – PB (1:11:13)



Congratulations to **Campbell Turner** (above), **Bandile Mahaye** and **Samuel Gilson** (below)



Rugby

The U14 and U15A's played in our junior festival over the Easter weekend.

They both played three games and enjoyed a clean sweep of results playing some fantastic attacking rugby.

The U15's played on Baileys and beat St Albans (59-7) on the Thursday and then St David's (63-15) and Peterhouse (61-15) on the Saturday.

The U14's defeated St Davids (49-19) and then St Stithians (42-17) and Peterhouse (39-12) on Tarpeys.

The U16's travelled to Johannesburg and played two games. They went down to Jeppe (26-34) in a tough encounter on the Thursday and then beat St Andrew's (26-21) on the Saturday.

The First XV played in the Pretoria Boys 125 year Anniversary Festival beating Affies (29-27) in a thrilling encounter on the Saturday and then beat Jeppe (40-36) on the Monday.

A wonderful set of results and some brilliant rugby played by all the teams.



Nqubeko Zulu preparing to fend off a defender



Edward Carmichael going over on the corner



Matt Swan brushing off the defence



Zimile Mhlongo bracing for contact



Aphelele Chamane getting away from the Jeppe defenders



Nic Purdy on the hoof



Laird Hamilton-Brown scoring against Jeppe



Alex Jankowitz fending off the Affies winger

Hockey

The First XI delivered a high level of technical performance throughout the Coastal Cup, characterised by a dominant and mature midfield performance and a disciplined press. The tournament began with a dominant 2-0 win over St Alban's, showcasing superior technical skill. Despite an excellent start against Paul Roos, a period of intense pressure led to a flurry of goals, resulting in a 1-4 loss. However, the team rebounded with a tight, physical 2-1 victory over Paarl Boys, controlled by a dominant midfield. They closed the tournament with a 1-0 win against Garsfontein, where both the midfield and the back four were exceptional. Goals were spread between several players with **Elliot Springate** recording a brace of penalty corner conversions and **Henry Yeadon** a couple of field goals.

The U16A side maintained an impressive unbeaten record, highlighted by outstanding penalty corner execution and field goals. They opened with a dominant 5-1 win over St Alban's, defined by structured play. This was followed by a 1-1 draw against Paul Roos; unfortunately conceding in the final 40 seconds, the performance marked a significant turnaround from the previous year's U14 result. The team showed tactical growth in a 2-0 win over Paarl Boys, implementing a new press with great success, and secured a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Garsfontein thanks to a moment of individual brilliance from **Thibedi Mogoba**. **James Buys** secured two outstanding penalty corners while **Thabiso Nthoba** bagged two field goals. **Hayden Ravenscroft** secured three outstanding penalty corner variations.

The U14A team demonstrated great technical potential, though they experienced the inconsistency typical of younger sides in high-pressure environments. They started strong with a structured 2-1 win over St Alban's and followed up with a 4-1 victory against Paarl Boys, though the defensive effort was noted as a point for improvement. A narrow 0-1 loss to Paul Roos saw the team defend admirably under immense

pressure. Their final match against Garsfontein ended in a 1-1 draw, where a solid defensive showing was offset by a need for more clinical finishing in the attacking third.

Competing in the Eldoraigne Hockey Tournament, the 2nd XI displayed excellent structure and a potent attacking threat throughout their eight matches. They began with a great 7-0 win over Garsfontein and secured tight victories against Maritzburg College (1-0) and Waterkloof (4-0). After a scoreless draw against Jeppe and a narrow loss to Menlo Park, they showed great character to beat Affies 2-1 in the quarter-final. Despite a tough 1-2 loss to Garsfontein in the semi-final, they finished the tournament with a 0-0 draw against KES in the Bronze Final, ending with a commendable 75% non-loss ratio.



Ben Heuer deceiving the Garsfontein midfielder



Rourke van Rooyen made an impressive start for Michaelhouse with his aggressive ball carrying



Elliot Springate scoring one of his two magnificent penalty corners



Unflappable character is a hallmark for **Matthew Hunter**



Joshuah Hoskings rounds the Paarl Boys defence



Hunting in pairs - **Lindo Nene** and **Daniel Smith** effect another turnover



Thabiso Nthoba outstripping the Paarl defence



Hayden Ravenscroft and **Nishay Sudhoowa** deny the Paul Roos striker late in the game

Tennis

Over the holidays, Michaelhouse was invited to participate in the prestigious St Stithians U19 Tennis Festival, which featured some of the top school teams in the country. A balanced squad of both new and experienced players from our various senior teams were selected to represent the school.

The Michaelhouse boys competed with excellent spirit and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, achieving several impressive singles and doubles victories against strong opponents, including Grey College, Clifton College, Pretoria Boys High School, Maritzburg College and Trinity College. The team narrowly missed out on a place in the Plate final by just one match. However, they delivered a strong performance to secure third place in the Plate division, finishing on a high note with an overall victory over Pretoria Boys High School.



Back Row: **Lloyd Evennett**, **Raif Jinnah**,
Daniel Pieterse and **Matt Bennett**
Front Row: **Nathan Marshall** and **Farai Muronda**

Golf

The Michaelhouse 1st Golf Team travelled to the annual Affies Tournament in Pretoria, held from 30 March to 2 April. The team competed on premier courses across Pretoria and Johannesburg, including Waterkloof, Silver Lakes, Woodhill, and Serengeti. The boys faced a testing start that saw them fall behind the pace after day one; however, in true Michaelhouse spirit, the team staged a remarkable comeback, delivering strong performances on days two and three while playing some excellent golf. This momentum culminated in a dominant display on the final day at Serengeti, where the boys defeated Affies B 5–1 in a Matchplay format, finishing in an admirable 7th position overall.

Old Boys' Club News

On 16 April, the MHS Old Boys' Club & St Anne's Old Girls' Guild Spring Drinks took place in London. Storm Green (Mackenzie 2001) hosted the drinks at the Officers' Mess where he presides. A big thank you to the Chair of the Old Boys' UK Branch, Scott Wadeson (Farfield 2012) for his impeccable organisation and hard work to put this spectacular event together. We look forward to many more of these events in the future.



Parents That Pray



*An open invitation to C block parents
to pray for our boys*

1 May 9.45-10.15


In the Chapel look out for signage Parents that Pray

Hilton-Michaelhouse Derby Day – 2 May

Please click [here](#) to read about the Hilton-Michaelhouse Derby Day at Hilton College on 2 May.

Tickets will only go on sale on **Friday 24 April at 09h00**. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets

With my best wishes



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MICHAELHOUSE 1ST XI AND U16A HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Thursday 23 April - Monday 27 April 2026



MICHAELHOUSE

1ST TEAM POOL A

Michaelhouse
Affies
St Andrews College

Northwood
St Charles College

U16A TEAM POOL A

Somerset College
Rondebosch
Michaelhouse

U16A TEAM POOL C

Kearsney College
Paarl Boys
Hilton College

1ST TEAM POOL B

Hilton College
Maritzburg College
Paarl Boys

Kearsney College
Reddam Constantia

U16A TEAM POOL B

Clifton College
St Andrews College
Maritzburg College

U16A TEAM POOL D

Northwood
Affies
St Charles College

THURSDAY 23 APRIL

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
13:30	U16A	St Charles College vs Northwood	Punchbowl
15:00	1st XI	Hilton College vs Maritzburg College	Punchbowl
16:30	1st XI	Michaelhouse vs Affies	Punchbowl
18:00	U16A	Somerset College vs Michaelhouse	Punchbowl

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
13:30	U16A	Clifton College vs Maritzburg College	Aitkens
15:00	U16A	Hilton College vs Kearsney College	Aitkens
16:30	1st XI	Paarl Boys vs Kearsney College	Aitkens
18:00	1st XI	St Andrews College vs Northwood	Aitkens

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
08:30	U16A	Paarl Boys vs Kearsney College	Punchbowl
10:00	1st XI	Michaelhouse vs Northwood	Punchbowl
11:30	1st XI	Maritzburg College vs Reddam Constantia	Punchbowl
13:00	U16A	Rondebosch vs Michaelhouse	Punchbowl
17:30	1st XI	Kearsney College vs Reddam Constantia	Punchbowl
19:00	1st XI	Michaelhouse vs St Andrews College	Punchbowl

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
08:30	U16A	St Andrews College vs Maritzburg College	Aitkens
10:00	1st XI	Affies vs St Charles College	Aitkens
11:30	1st XI	Hilton College vs Kearsney College	Aitkens
13:00	U16A	Affies vs Northwood	Aitkens
17:30	1st XI	Northwood vs St Charles College	Aitkens
19:00	1st XI	Hilton College vs Paarl Boys	Aitkens

MICHAELHOUSE 1ST XI AND U16A HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Thursday 23 April - Monday 27 April 2026



MICHAELHOUSE

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
08:30	1st XI	Affies vs St Andrews College	Punchbowl
10:00	1st XI	Michaelhouse vs St Charles College	Punchbowl
11:30	U16A	Clifton College vs St Andrews College	Punchbowl
13:00	U16A	St Charles College vs Affies	Punchbowl
16:00	1st XI	Maritzburg College vs Kearsney College	Punchbowl
17:30	1st XI	Paarl Boys vs Reddam Constantia	Punchbowl
19:00	U16A	A3 vs D3 (RR Bottom 4)	Punchbowl

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
08:30	1st XI	Maritzburg College vs Paarl Boys	Aitkens
10:00	1st XI	Hilton College vs Reddam Constantia	Aitkens
11:30	U16A	Somerset College vs Rondebosch	Aitkens
13:00	U16A	Hilton College vs Paarl Boys	Aitkens
16:00	1st XI	Affies vs Northwood	Aitkens
17:30	1st XI	St Andrews College vs St Charles College	Aitkens
19:00	U16A	B3 vs C3 (RR Bottom 4)	Aitkens

SUNDAY 26 APRIL

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
08:30	QF1	A1 vs D2	Punchbowl
10:00	QF3	B1 vs C2	Punchbowl
11:30	U16A	B3 vs D3 (RR Bottom 4)	Punchbowl
13:00	Playoff 5-6	A3 vs B3	Punchbowl
14:30	Bronze	A2 vs B2	Punchbowl
16:00	Playoff 5-8	Loser QF1 vs Loser QF2	Punchbowl
17:30	SF1	Winner QF1 vs Winner QF2	Punchbowl
19:00	Gold	A1 vs B1	Punchbowl

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
08:30	QF2	A2 vs D1	Aitkens
10:00	QF4	C1 vs B2	Aitkens
11:30	U16A	A3 vs C3 (RR Bottom 4)	Aitkens
13:00	Playoff 3-10	A5 vs B5	Aitkens
14:30	Playoff 7-8	A4 vs B4	Aitkens
16:00	Playoff 5-8	Loser QF3 vs Loser QF4	Aitkens
17:30	SF2	Winner QF3 Winner QF4	Aitkens

MONDAY 27 APRIL

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
08:00	U16A	A3 vs B3 (RR Bottom 4)	Punchbowl
09:30	Bronze	Loser SF1 vs Loser SF2	Punchbowl
11:00	Gold	Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2	Punchbowl

TIME	AGE	TEAMS	VENUE
08:00	U16A	C3 vs D3 (RR Bottom 4)	Aitkens
09:30	Playoff 5-6	Winner PO 5-8 vs Winner PO 5-8	Aitkens
11:00	Playoff 7-8	Loser PO 5-8 vs Loser PO 5-8	Aitkens

RUGBY

Due to scheduling complexities involving both Kearsney and Michaelhouse, with the schools' A-teams being away on tour, we are unable to provide rugby fixtures for the remaining teams this afternoon. These details will be communicated tomorrow morning